

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2016

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### Portland Metro

#### THURSDAY, JULY 21

**PORTLAND HARBOR SUPERFUND PRESENTATION:** Come join the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods for the Portland Harbor Superfund Presentation. 6 p.m. - 7 p.m., 4815 NE 7th Ave.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 23

**THE NAACP INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** President JoAnn Hardesty and executive leadership will provide updates about current and future initiatives. Noon - 2 p.m., American Red Cross Oregon Chapter, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 24

**CURTIS SALGADO AT COLUMBIA TECH CENTER SUNDAY SOUNDS CONCERTS:** With a career spanning forty years award-winning soul, blues and R&B vocalist/harmonicist/songwriter is a one-of-a-kind talent. Bring your lawn chair or blanket and your dinner or purchase food from vendors in the park. Free family fun. 6 p.m., Columbian Tech Center Park, SE Sequoia Circle at SE Tech Center Drive, Vancouver.

**A MUSICAL SUMMER BREEZE MOVES THROUGH ESTHER SHORT PARK:** Vancouver's "6 to Sunset Series" features The Vancouver Symphony in a free concert. 6 p.m., Esther Short Park, W 8th & Columbia St., Vancouver.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 29

**FLICK ON THE BRICKS:** Tonight's showing will be Aladdin with pre-movie entertainment by Common Dear. Admission free and attendees are encouraged to bring low back lawn chairs, pillows, cushions, blankets or bean bag chairs. 7 p.m. - 11 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown Portland.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 30

**FOURTH ANNUAL ROX IN SOX FESTIVAL AT PORTLAND'S KING PARK:** Rox in Sox will host a free festival of children's music and reading. Admission to Rox in Sox is free with donation of new shoes, socks or books for children in need. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., King School Park, 4906 NE 6th St.

**8TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST BOOK FESTIVAL:** Over 100 critically acclaimed local and national authors will be featured at this annual event. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown Portland.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 31

**WILLAMETTE RIVER FESTIVAL: FREE:** All are welcome! Live bands, Bluegrass, Blues, Zydeco, with dance lessons, Food carts, Beer Garden, Environmental Fair, Guided Walks, Children Dance Troupes and much more. Noon - 7 p.m. Cathedral Park Waterfront, N. Philadelphia & N. Crawford St.

### Seattle Metro

#### THURSDAY, JULY 21

**5TH ANNUAL PICNIC IN THE PARK:** Grab your picnic, blanket and join us for fun for the whole family. Featuring live music, entertainment, food trucks and much more. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Volunteer Park, 1247 15th Ave. E.

#### FRIDAY, JULY 22

**LOVE, POWER, AND PURPOSE:** Inspired Child presents Love, Power, and Purpose summer. Exploring the power of our words and actions through spoken word, tap dance, art and activism. 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Judkins Park, 2150 S. Norman St.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 23

**FREE AUTO LEAKS WORKSHOP:** Participate in our FREE Auto Leaks Workshop and learn from a certified Instructor. Have your car inspected, learn where most leaks occur and much more. Register for a workshop by visiting [www.seattle.gov](http://www.seattle.gov) or call (206) 615-1222. Three dates for this free workshop July 23,

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## Teletha Benjamin Steps Down

Teletha Benjamin, the creator of the Summer in September Jambalaya Festival & BBQ, will step down in September after 11 years. Teletha created the event in 2006 as a small fundraiser for Meals on Wheels People Martin Luther King, Jr. Center in 2006. The event has quickly outgrew the Center and has been held at Dawson Park the last several years. Summer in September has raised more than \$250,000 over the years to provide hot meals to homebound seniors in northeast Portland. Summer in September is set for Sept. 10, from noon to 6 p.m. at Dawson Park. The menu includes authentic Creole-style jambalaya (a vegetarian version is available) or BBQ Ribs, along with cornbread, salad, beverage and dessert. This multi-generational event will feature a children's area, games and activities and door prizes, including a flat screen television and a tablet. Admission to the event is free. The meal is \$15 for adults or \$45 for a group ticket for four. Tickets are available in advance at [summerinseptember.org](http://summerinseptember.org). Meals are available for take-out.



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## Portland News Briefs

### Black Parent Initiative to Host Garden BBQ Launch Party

The Black Parent Initiative will host a Cultivating Culture garden barbecue and launch party from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday at 2915 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

There will be a live DJ, food, children's activities, raffles, and office/program tours.

### Portland Parks & Recreation Continues Drinking Water Testing

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is continuing testing that began in June 2016 at several of its properties as a voluntary precautionary measure. PP&R is adhering to the guidance put forward by Oregon Health Authority and the Environmental Protection Agency that lead in drinking water at schools and day cares should not exceed 20 parts per billion (ppb).

Working with our partners at Portland Water Bureau, PP&R is moving forward with testing at all PP&R facilities that host preschools, regardless of date of construction. This will total more than 20 sites. Because of the high number of samples to be collected at each facility, testing will likely take most of the summer to complete. PP&R's focus continues to be on any likely prolonged drinking water access by children, as this testing moves forward.

Here is the full list of sites that will be tested this summer (CC = community center):

#### COMPLETED TESTING:

PDX Children's Museum  
Multnomah Arts Center  
Fulton Community Center  
Mt. Tabor Annex  
Charles Jordan CC

#### PENDING TESTING:

Hillside CC  
Matt Dishman CC & Pool  
Montavilla CC & Pool  
Portland Tennis Center  
Sellwood Community Center  
Woodstock Community Center  
St. John's Racquet Center  
St. Johns Community Center  
Mt. Scott CC & Pool  
Pennisula Park CC & Pool  
Laurelhurst Dance Studio  
Columbia Pool  
Community Music Center  
Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center  
Southwest CC & Pool  
East Portland CC & Pool  
Grant Pool  
Creston Pool

#### Pier Pool

\*Wilson Pool

Sellwood Pool

\*Buckman Pool

\*pending coordination with PPS

On July 18, PP & R received results from testing at our Charles Jordan Community Center; results are posted here. All water tested below the threshold of 20 parts per billion (ppb).

Consistent with guidance from the Portland Water Bureau and the Environmental Protection Agency, samples were taken from fixtures commonly used for drinking or cooking.

PP&R will continue communicating about the test results directly to site patrons, and results will be posted on this website for all Portlanders to see: [www.portlandoregon.gov/LeadInfo](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/LeadInfo).

Multnomah County health authorities say they have conducted more than 15,000 blood tests over the last three years on children and teens. The County says that of those 15-thousand-plus tests, elevated blood lead levels were found in 190 of those people. No cases were traced to lead in drinking water from any source.

### Grants Focus on Housing Stability for Families

A roof over your head is a key sign of whether you can take care of your health. That's why CareOregon is awarding \$365,000 in grants to six groups that help keep families in their homes and make it easier for them to access health care.

CareOregon supports these organizations working to preserve housing for vulnerable people.

Helping Hands, \$75,000 to support housing in Clatsop and Tillamook counties. Coastal Oregon has few emergency shelter beds and this organization makes housing a priority.

Clackamas County Social Services, \$75,000 to expand the Senior Companions program into Multnomah County. Senior Companions will be able to talk to Korean or Mandarin Chinese speakers in their language and help them get health care. The program targets residents of affordable housing complexes, many of whom are CareOregon members.

Transition Projects, \$65,000 to support peer-based outreach to people who are homeless in Portland, to help them get health care.

Catholic Charities, \$50,000 for a health and wellness coordinator. The coordinator will work with people in affordable housing developments, all of which house some CareOregon members. Goals include helping people through events, such as job loss or serious health issues, that could cause them to lose their housing.

Living Cully/St. Charles Church, \$50,000 to support Northeast Portland community groups to preserve mobile home parks and help residents exercise their

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