

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, JULY 28

VANCOUVER SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA LAUNCHES 38TH SEASON WITH ANNUAL FAMILY-FRIENDLY OUTDOOR CONCERT AT ESTHER SHORT PARK: The concert, with familiar and lively classical music will feature a 70+ member orchestra. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Esther Short Park, 605 W. Columbia St., Vancouver.

FRIDAY, JULY 29

FLICK ON THE BRICKS: Tonight's showing will be Aladdin with pre-movie entertainment by Common Dear. Admission is 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 Ave.

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.

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's dance troupes and much more. Noon – 7 p.m., Cathedral Park Waterfront, N. Philadelphia & N. Crawford St.

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WORKSHOP: Free workshop where participants learn how to prevent lead exposure in their own home. Qualified participants receive a free kit of safety and testing supplies. 2 p.m. – 3 p.m., East County, WIC, 600 NE 8th St., Gresham.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY PICNIC & NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: The Fircrest Neighborhood invites you to come get to know your neighbors and celebrate National Night Out. Free activities include a movie ("Zootopia"), corn hole games, turtle scooter and much more. Food will be available for purchase, tons of information booths and fun for the whole family. 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. Haagen Park, NE 9th St. W. of NE 136th Ave., Vancouver.

KERNS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION CELEBRATES NATIONAL NIGHT OUT WITH A PICNIC: Kerns Neighborhood Association is hosting our annual picnic for National Night Out and invite our neighbors to join us for food, music and fun. Anyone who lives, owns property or works in the Kerns neighborhood is invited to attend. 6 p.m. – dark. Oregon Park, NE 30th and Oregon St.

CLASSIC CRUISIN: 6th Annual Classic Cruisin – benefitting the Good Samaritan Food Bank of St. Johns. Live music, dancing in the streets in downtown St. Johns, food vendors, wrestling & raffles. 3 p.m.-9 p.m. Pattie's Home Plate Café & Fountain, 8501 N. Lombard St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

LEGACY'S COMMUNITY WELLNESS FAIR: Free fun and educational activities for all ages. Bike helmets for \$6, child car seat checks plus recycling of old seats, health & wellness ideas and much more. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, Randall Children's Hospital, 2801 N. Gantenbein Ave.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

22ND ANNUAL COLUMBIA SLOUGH REGATTA: Join our on-the-water festival and celebrate the Columbia Slough! Over 400 people will meet at the St. Johns Launch to launch into the safe slack water of the Columbia Slough. Individuals and families are welcome to bring their own boats. A donation of \$8 per person is requested. No one is turned away! 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Borrow a boat or bring your own. 9837 N. Columbia Blvd.



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Black Parent Initiative

On Saturday, the Black Parent Initiative held a "Cultivating Culture" BBQ and garden launch party outside their headquarters in Northeast Portland. Pictured here are Jon Isaacs, Oregon Public Affairs Manager at Uber, Charles McGee, President and CEO of the Black Parent Initiative and Heather English with Uber at the Cultivating Culture BBQ and garden launch party by the Black Parent Initiative. The Cultivating Culture BBQ and garden launch party was sponsored by Uber. Uber shared information on how to earn extra income as an Uber Driver-Partner and gave interested attendees the opportunity to begin the driver on boarding process on site.

Portland News Briefs

Portland Heroes Unite to Support Innovative Lung Cancer Research

Hundreds of local residents are joining forces to fight lung cancer, united in the belief that surviving lung cancer should be the expectation, not the exception. These everyday superheroes will be meeting at the Portland Free to Breathe 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile Walk on Sunday, August 21 at the Eastbank Esplanade – Main Street Plaza. All proceeds from the event support Free to Breathe, a lung cancer research and advocacy organization dedicated to doubling lung cancer survival by 2022.

It's easy to join the ranks of these lung cancer heroes. Simply register, raise funds, and run or walk. "More treatment options are needed, and the innovative research we're funding can help ensure everyone diagnosed with the disease has a fighting chance," said event chair Glenna Marshall of Portland.

The Free to Breathe events community has raised over \$14 million to support groundbreaking research and educational programs since 2005. This year the organization will be funding two new lung cancer research grants totaling over \$1.2 million dollars.

Last year, participants raised \$34,900. Event chairs hope to surpass that total in 2016, which will go a long way in supporting programs specifically designed to ensure that more patients become survivors. Every dollar counts to the more than 224,000 people diagnosed in the U.S with lung cancer each year. In Oregon alone, an estimated 2,970 residents will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2016.

This year's event will feature a 5K Run/Walk and 1-mile Walk. The day will also include kids activities, the musical stylings of a local DJ, the chance to win prizes and fun for the whole family. Special recognition will be given to top finishers and fundraising heroes. Gather your superhero squad, and join us for an inspiring day focused on doubling lung cancer survival. To register and begin fundraising, visit www.freetobreathe.org/portland.

Portland Underground Graduate School Hosts Class on African American Poetry and Protest

The Portland Underground Graduate School (PUGS) is offering a 4-week course, *Elegizing Black Lives*, on African American poetry of mourning and protest. Targeted at anyone interested in learning the history behind recent racially-charged killings and the African American community's poetic responses to those losses, the course will read poetry through a historic and contemporary lens. The class will read poems by Jean Toomer, Gwendolyn Brooks, Langston Hughes and Claudia Rankine, among others.

African American poetic elegies protest a long history of racist violence, from slavery and lynching to recent police killings and incarcerations. Reflecting on the death of Michael Brown, the poet Claudia Rankine wrote: "national mourning, as advocated by Black Lives Matter, is a mode of intervention and interruption." Our discussion of poems from earlier eras will give participants tools to better appreciate contemporary artistic responses to racial violence, from poetry to Beyonce.

The PUGS class will meet Wednesdays, August 10-31 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the People's Food Co-Op in SE at 3029 21st Ave. The course costs \$100, and space is limited to 28 students. This course is for everyone—those who love poetry and those who have never read a line. Facilitated by Gabriele Hayden, the class will bring to bear her experience teaching African American poetry at Reed College and her scholarly research, including her discovery of an unpublished poem sequence by Langston Hughes on racism, policing, and incarceration.

For more information, visit the PUGS website: <http://www.pugspdx.com/elegies>.

The Portland Underground Graduate School is half learning, half community and operates an 11-month rotating calendar of 4-week courses designed to provide affordable ways to never stop learning.

For enrollment queries, scholarship requests and general inquiries, contact Valerie at coordinator@pugspdx.com

North Portland Library Announces August Computer Classes

The North Portland branch of the Multnomah County Library announces the following computer classes in August:

iPad Part 1*

2-part class to learn to use your iPad.
Mon, August 1 & 8, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Start Here: Code Your Own Website*

This class will give you an understanding of how HTML, CSS and JavaScript work to make a webpage display and function.

Tues, August 2, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Beginner's Guide to the Cloud*

Everyone's talking about "the cloud," but what do they mean? Take this class to find out.

Wed, August 3, 10:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

Start Here: Game Programming*

We will be learning some of the basics of programming by writing code for a game!

Tues, August 9, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Gone Blogging*

A blog (web log) is a great way to share your knowledge, practice writing and to express yourself.

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