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MONDAY – SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 – 21

"THOSE SINGING PREACHERS" CONCERT: Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church is celebrating its 125th Session of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference. For more information please call 503-810-4958. Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church 5828 NE 8th Ave. The concert will begin promptly at 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY: Hosted by East Portland Community Center. Join us for our summer ending party! 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., 740 SE 106th St.

THE NAACP PORTLAND BRANCH INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY GENERAL 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.

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY, DIVERSITY AND THE POLICE: There will be music and a buffet. Sit down and share stories. Everyone in the community is welcome to join. 6 p.m. – 9 p.m., Noho's Hawaiian Café on Fremont. 4627 NE Fremont St.

SATURDAY – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – 4

COUVFEST NW 2016: Couvfest NW is a festival showcasing Vancouver bands which are some of the best talent in the Pacific Northwest. This year the event will take place at the Vancouver Landing Amphitheater. There will be food vendors, a beer garden and of course live music. Admission to the festival is free to all ages. 1 p.m. After 9 p.m. the event is 21 and older. The Vancouver Landing Amphitheater is located at 100 Columbia St., Vancouver.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

VANCOUVER AVENUE BAPTIST FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH WILL COMMEMORATE ITS 72ND ANNIVERSARY: This community gathering will set a significant milestone in the church's 72-year history as a prominent historical African American community landmark. 2 p.m., 3138 N. Vancouver Ave.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

BROWN BEAR CAR WASH CELEBRATES 59TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FREE "BEARY CLEAN" CAR WASHES: Brown Bear Car Wash celebrates their 59th anniversary by offering free car washes at 22 tunnel wash locations from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Check your local area for the closest one to you.

STATE PARKS ANNOUNCES "FREE DAY": Special day honors 100th anniversary of the National Park Service. In honor of the National Park Service Centennial the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission is offering free entrance to State Parks. This is for day use only. No overnight camping! All Washington State Parks, day use areas only.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

FREE HOMEBUYER WORKSHOP: Learn about the steps in today's buying process. The common mistakes many buyers make, tips on what lenders are looking for first time homebuyers and much more! 10:30 a.m., Marysville Public Library, 6120 Grove St., Marysville.

13TH ANNUAL SUSTAINABLE BALLARD FESTIVAL: As always this fair is free to the public and perfect for families. Eclectic, artsy, earthy, urban and committed to be a better future. You'll find all this and more. 11 a.m. – 4 p.m., Ballard Commons Park, 5701 22nd Ave. NW.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

4th ANNUAL KITE FESTIVAL: The entire family will be captivated by amazing kite demonstrations, family kite flying, face painting and more. The first 250 kids will have an opportunity to

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Produced by Her

On Aug. 28, there will be a screening at the historic Hollywood Theater at 5 p.m. of Produced By Her and POW girls films. The girls films explore sex trafficking, LGBT safe spaces, women graffiti artists and experiences of Black girls in Portland. A panel discussion with the filmmakers will immediately follow the films. Tickets are \$9 each and are available at www.facebook.com/events/1129523327085832.

Portland News Briefs

COAB Cancels August Executive Committee Meeting, Calls Recess

The City and DOJ have come to an agreement on a 60-day COAB recess. During this period, the City will seek community stakeholder input in evaluating the community engagement and oversight provisions of the Settlement Agreement and propose and discuss amendments with the DOJ team with an eye toward strengthening the community engagement process.

During this period, there will be no full COAB, Executive or subcommittee meetings. Additionally, the COCL-COAB office will not be available, as staff will be detailed to other duties and not available to staff the office.

The COCL maintains that community input and engagement are critically important to the process of implementing the Settlement Agreement and reforming the Portland Police Bureau. The COAB recess signals an opportunity to assess, retool, and strengthen the structure and process of community engagement.

Due to the 60-day recess, the Aug. 24 Executive Committee meeting was cancelled.

Portland Mayor-Elect Ted Wheeler Appoints Top Leadership

Portland Mayor-Elect Ted Wheeler today announced his choices to fill two top positions in his upcoming administration, which begins Jan. 1, 2017.

Maurice Henderson, the current Assistant Director of the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), was named Chief of Staff and Director of Strategic Initiatives. In this specially designed role, Henderson will have responsibility for the mayor's policy agenda and staff as well as responsibility for coordinating the work of key initiatives with multiple bureaus, including the Smart Cities program and process improvements.

Henderson will begin integrating himself in Wheeler's transition immediately. No official start date has been determined.

At PBOT, Henderson has been recognized for his excellent leadership within the bureau and for his innovative and effective approach working with city leadership and community leaders on the Smart Cities effort.

Before arriving in Portland in 2015, Henderson served in a variety of top roles in the administrations of three mayors of Washington, DC, and was a top press aide to then-Virginia Governor Tim Kaine, currently the Democratic nominee for Vice President.

Tom Rinehart, Wheeler's longtime Chief of Staff, will become Portland's Chief Administrative Officer and the Director of the Office of Management and Finance. In this role, Rinehart will oversee revenue, fi-

nance, human resources, internal business services, technology and other core functions of city government.

In addition, he will have responsibilities for cross-bureau efforts and regional initiatives as assigned by the Mayor.

Rinehart will begin transitioning into this role on October 1 and will work alongside current CAO Fred Miller until January 1.

Rinehart has served as Wheeler's Chief of Staff for more than eight years, first when Wheeler was Chair of Multnomah County and now as State Treasurer. Prior to his time with Wheeler, Rinehart was the Executive Director of broad-based organizations teaching people how to effectively organize to address issues in their communities. After a year with a farmworkers' organization in rural Mexico, Rinehart was Director of Rhode Island Organizing Project and, later, Metropolitan Alliance for Common Good in the Tri-County Area of Portland, Oregon.

Kelley Point Park Closed Until Further Notice

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) has temporarily closed Kelley Point Park (N. Marine Drive and Lombard St., at the confluence of the Columbia and Willamette Rivers).

The closure comes on the heels of two recent drownings and is supported by Portland Fire & Rescue (PFR).

PP&R expects the closure to last at least a couple of days as the bureau works to install additional and larger "No Swimming" signs. The signs will have a swimming icon surrounded by the familiar red circle and line, as well as messaging in multiple languages stating that swimming is not allowed at the park.

"No Swimming/No Wading" signs have been installed at Kelley Point Park since 2012 (following drownings in 2011), but the Bureau aims to increase signage, and asks the community to help get the word out.

Abbaté and Portland Fire & Rescue officials also stressed that there is only so much that signs can do. Portland Parks & Recreation estimates that there is roughly one mile of shoreline at Kelley Point Park, and signs at every water entry point are not feasible.

Portland Fire & Rescue works diligently to rescue swimmers in trouble, but says prevention and awareness are the most effective tools to keep people out of danger.

Portland Parks & Recreation will consider long-term solutions in addition to immediate signage; possibly including measures resulting from scientific data on the depth and topography, current, and/or other conditions of the area off Kelley Point Park.

The agency will also ask websites which count Kelley Point Park as a swimming destination to remove the park from their listings.