

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2016

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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. Event starts at 1 p.m. (21 and older only after 9 p.m.), the Vancouver Landing Amphitheater, 100 Columbia St.

SATURDAY - MONDAY, SEPT. 3 - 5

ART IN THE PEARL: The 20th Annual Festival will occur Labor Day Weekend 2016. The festival is free and requires no tickets for entry. Our festival fills the NW Portland Park Blocks with art, theater, music and hands-on activities for people of all ages. All-day event all three days. Between NW Davis and NW Flinders at NW 8th Ave.

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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

PORTLAND'S NOONTIME SHOWCASE: VanPort Jazz Band: Vanport Jazz Band performs big band music ranging from the 1920s through the '50s along with some contemporary charts. Noon - 1 p.m., Antoinette Hatfield Hall, outside on SW Main St.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

CASUALTIES OF ENDLESS WARS! Lives, Compassion, The Economy, Privacy and The Environment. Rally/March 15 years since 9/11. 5 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, SW Yamhill & Broadway St.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

MEALS ON WHEELS PEOPLE HOSTS 11TH ANNUAL SUMMER IN SEPTEMBER JAMBALAYA FESTIVAL & BBQ: Live musical entertainment. The menu includes authentic Creole-style Jambalaya or BBQ ribs along with corn bread, salad and beverage. The event will also feature a children's area, games and also door prizes. The meal is \$15 per person or \$45 for a group of four people. Proceeds from this event will provide hot meals to seniors in NE Portland. Noon - 6 p.m., Dawson Park between N. Williams and N. Vancouver Ave.

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JAPAN FAIR 2016: Explore the traditional and pop culture of Japan at Japan Fair. This free two-day event features a marketplace with cultural arts, food and merchandise from Japan, as well as live performances all day long. Admission is free. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday.

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PHOTO COURTESY OF VANCOUVER AVENUE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Drum Major Scholarship Fundraiser

At 2 p.m. Sept 4, the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, 3138 North Vancouver Ave., will commemorate its 72nd Anniversary and benefit fundraiser for the Annual Drum Major Scholarship Fund. A Community Golden Jubilee of a Heartfelt Welcome Reunion Homecoming Celebration -- an event that will catch the authentic heart and soul of the message, the music and the memories of this historic church. Vancouver Avenue is known for its African American and multi-cultural experiences through family and community driven programs and annual events that enhance the spiritual, social, civic and academic well-being of the greater Portland community. The church and its contributions are being recognized and considered as a National Landmark by the United States National Park Service.

Portland News Briefs

WorkSource Holding Information Sessions on No-Cost Training Available for Tech and Manufacturing Jobs

WorkSource is holding information sessions for a training program to help individuals get jobs in technology or manufacturing.

Individuals interested in learning more are encouraged to contact a career coach immediately and attend an information session as soon as possible.

Information sessions are held Thursdays, 1-2:30 p.m. at WorkSource, 204 SE Stonemill Drive, Suite 215, Vancouver. Contact Jacob Miller at jamiller@esd.wa.gov or 360-735-5084.

To be considered for the program, an individual must:

- Be unemployed for at least 27 consecutive weeks or underemployed, meaning they lost a job and have not been able to obtain a new one with similar pay
- Be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma or GED
- Be a resident of Clark, Cowlitz or Wahkiakum counties
- Be interested in information technology, software, manufacturing or engineering positions

The program, called RebootNW, offers individualized training, job shadowing, education and networking opportunities to Southwest Washington residents. Learn more at www.RebootNW.org.

Action/Adventure Theatre Presents 'Star Work'

While some might be exceptional enough to go where no one has gone before, others have to settle for the thankless tasks that keep a galaxy-spanning bureaucracy running if they want to leave the planet at all.

Follow the crew of the Griffin 23J as they gather soil samples from distant worlds, make copies of important space documents, and play board games by the light of foreign stars.

In the second season of Star Work, witness more adventures of the Griffin 23J as this small craft and her crew travel across the galaxy to further the mission of Space Command.

Will they explore uncharted worlds and contact unknown alien species?

They might eventually, if a more prestigious ship doesn't get the assignment, and space travel sure seems to involve a lot of paperwork and downtime.

The show runs Thursdays through Sundays, Sept. 15 through Oct. 9. All shows begin at 9:30 p.m. at Action/Adventure Theater, 1050 SE Clinton. Tickets are

\$10 online and \$12 at the door. Thursdays are always pay-what-you-will.

Seattle News Briefs

Seattle Public Library Offers Free Citizenship Classes

This fall, The Seattle Public Library is offering several free classes to help individuals prepare for the U.S. Citizenship Test at the Central Library. Classes begin Monday, Sept. 12 and go through Saturday, Dec. 17.

Library events and programs are free and everyone is welcome. Parking is available in the Central Library garage at the regular rates on weekdays and \$7 on weekends.

The classes will cover all aspects of the citizenship test, including U.S. history and civics, reading and writing practice, and the questions covered on the Application for Naturalization.

Citizenship Class: Beginner (for Chinese language speakers) - Learn about U.S. history and government and other information to prepare for the Citizenship Test. Enrollment is ongoing. Attendees may register in class and should bring a copy of their permanent resident card, along with a driver's license or identification card. This class will be offered in Chinese and English.

- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 12 through Dec. 7 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 4, PACCAR Inc. Meeting Room 5, 206-684-0849.

Citizenship Class: Intermediate - Learn about U.S. history and government and other information to prepare for the Citizenship Test. This class is for those that attended the Library's Beginner-level citizenship class, or have some basic knowledge of the working of the U.S. government, constitution and history. Enrollment is ongoing. Attendees may register in class and should bring a copy of their permanent resident card, along with a driver's license or identification card.

Two classes are available:

- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 12 through Dec. 7 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 4, PACCAR Inc. Meeting Room 6, 206-684-0849.

- 10:30 a.m. to noon every Saturday, Sept. 17 through Dec. 17 at the Central Library, 1000 Fourth Ave., Level 4, PACCAR Inc. Meeting Room 6, 206-684-0849.

The classes are presented in partnership with the Asian Counseling and Referral Service.

For more information, call The Seattle Public Library at 206-684-0849 or Ask a Librarian.

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