

Events & Announcements

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

ROOSEVELT HIGH SCHOOL HOMECOMING: Parade starts at RHS and runs through the St. Johns Business District at noon. 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. tours of the new facilities led by students, 4:30 p.m. BBQ community tailgate party (donations welcome), 7:30 p.m. game at against Jefferson High School.

CASCADIA COMMUNITY GROUNDBREAKING CELEBRATION: Groundbreaking ceremony & community celebration, art, dance, food, music & puppies! 2 p.m. - 5 p.m., Cascadia's Garlington Center, 3034 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

THE NAACP PORTLAND BRANCH INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: This is an opportunity connect with Portland's NAACP's work in advancing racial justice in the community. Noon - 2 p.m., American Red Cross Oregon Chapter, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave.

MEDITATIONS IN BLACK: NURTURING OUR WELL-BEING IN THE MIDST OF RACIAL TRAUMA: Speaker Crystal Marie Fleming, Ph.D. She will discuss how meditation and relaxation techniques might help minorities cope with and transcend the difficulties of being Black in a racist society. 2 p.m. - 4 p.m., June Key Delta Center, 5940 N. Albina Ave.

HEALTH HAPPENS HERE RESOURCE FAIR! Family Care Health will host its first-ever Health Happens Here Resource Fair. The event will offer health and wellness resources and education and free health services and screenings along with much more. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Clackamas County Public Works Courtyard, 150 Beaver-creek Rd., Oregon City.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

"GAINING GROUND" SCREENING: This film presents personal stories of farmers and activists confronting the challenges of feeling their local communities sustainably grown food. Tickets are \$9, \$7 seniors, student and children under 12. Hollywood Theater, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

"WITHIN THESE WALLS": Big House Kite presents an evening of thought provoking presentation and conversation on solitary confinement and its role in both the Oregon Penal System and the United State as a whole. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at www.bighousekite.org. 7 p.m. Cerimon House 5131 NE 23rd Ave.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

QUAKE UP! EARTHQUAKE PREP FAIR: Attendees will receive information about how to prepare for a major earthquake, including what steps to take during and immediately after the quake itself and what to do in the following days and weeks. 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Beaverton Farmers Market, SW Hall Blvd. between Third & Fifth streets, Beaverton.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

WOODSTOCK APPLE FESTIVAL: We will have booths hosted by Woodstock Elementary and Hosford Middle Schools, caramel apples, bounce houses and lots more games. This is a fundraiser for Shu-Ren of Portland. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Chase Bank - Woodstock, 4700 SE Woodstock Blvd.

Seattle Metro

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7TH ANNUAL ETHNIC MEDIA MEET THE CANDIDATES: The meet and greet is here. Suggested donation of \$10 per person. The donation assists Sea Beez with the event expenses. If you have any questions please call 206-334-5200. 5 p.m. - 7 p.m., Nagomi Tea House, 519 6th Ave. Suite 200.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 - 25

THE BITE OF BROADWAY: The Bite of Broadway is an annual

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PHOTO BY KATE SZROM.

'Little Shop of Horrors'

With a score that is part rock 'n' roll, part doo-wop and part Motown, Alan Menken and Howard Ashman's "Little Shop of Horrors" - which opened at Portland Center's Stage's U.S. Bank Main Stage last week - is the story of the shy and love-struck florist's assistant Seymour, who finds fame, fortune and a whole lot more when he nurtures a strange little plant with a strong - and scary - thirst. Based on the darkly comic Roger Corman film of the same name, Menken and Ashman created a unique musical that swept the Off-Broadway awards when it premiered, and has continued to be a crowd favorite ever since. The PCS production is directed by Bill Fennelly. Pictured here are Johari Nandi Mackey as Chiffon, Ebony Blake as Ronnette, and Alexis Tidwell as Crystal in "Little Shop of Horrors" at Portland Center Stage. For more information, including ticket prices, visit www.pcs.org/littleshop.

Portland News Briefs

Ruling in Eugene Taser Case Strengthens Right to Records

The Oregon Supreme Court ruled last week that the City of Eugene must turn over records to the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon in their inquiry into the high profile use of force against Eugene protester Ian Van Ornum. In 2008, Van Ornum was twice tased while peacefully protesting against the use of pesticides in downtown Eugene.

The City of Eugene relied on an exemption to the public records law to deny the release of documents in the case.

In the unanimous decision, the court said that the public has strong interest in police oversight.

The decision reinforces the strong public interest in disclosure of information about the use of force by officers, alleged police misconduct, and the process by which those allegations are reviewed.

Oregon law says that when an investigation does not result in discipline of any public safety officer then the records will not be released except "when the public interest requires disclosure of the information."

With this decision, the court places significant value in the public interest exceptions in Oregon's public records laws. This will be very important in future public records requests, particularly requests that relate to video captured by police body cameras or dashboard cameras on patrol cars.

Unsatisfied with the ruling, the ACLU of Oregon asked the district attorney to release "all documents used by the Civilian Review Board in reviewing and deciding." The request was denied and the ACLU of Oregon filed suit against the City of Eugene and the Civilian Review Board to force the documents out.

The trial court ruled against the release of the documents and that decision was upheld by the Oregon Court of Appeals. The ACLU appealed to the Oregon Supreme Court, who ruled in their favor today.

McCullough said the ACLU looks forward to having the opportunity to review the Citizen Review Board's findings. She also said the case highlights the critical need for public records reform in Oregon.

The decision is online at <http://www.publications.ojd.state.or.us/docs/S063430.pdf>.

This release is online at <http://aclu-or.org/content/eugene-taser-case-strengthens-public-right-records>.

Spirit of Portland Award Nominations Due Sept. 26

The City Council present Spirit of Portland Awards each year to individuals and groups who make outstanding contributions to communities in Portland. Nominate those who have helped Portland shine. Ten

additional awards (one individual and one organization each) are chosen by the Mayor and four City Commissioners. This year's ceremony will take place Dec. 13.

To nominate individuals and groups who make outstanding contributions to our community, download forms at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/63225>.

Send completed nomination forms to:
Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Attn: SOP
4747 E Burnside Street, Portland, Oregon 97215

Questions about the award may be submitted to spiritofportland@portlandoregon.gov.

U.S. News recognizes Linfield for ethnic diversity

Linfield College tied for first among liberal arts colleges in Oregon and Washington in the 2016 U.S. News and World Report Best Ethnic Diversity list released Tuesday.

The magazine uses a formula to create a diversity index based on the proportion of students of color to the overall mix of the student body. Linfield joined Willamette University as the only Pacific Northwest liberal arts colleges to qualify for the rankings. Nationally, Linfield is 27th among liberal arts schools on the list.

Linfield has seen significant growth among students of color in recent years. This year's incoming class is approximately one-third students of color, a figure that matches the overall student body.

This fall, the college opened two new multicultural centers, one at the McMinnville campus and one at the nursing school in Portland. It also offered a Spanish-language orientation program for new students and their families for the second consecutive year.

In the overall U.S. News and World Report list of top national liberal arts colleges, Linfield was once again in the top tier. It landed fourth among liberal arts colleges in Oregon.

Washington County Officials Explain Wood Stove Exchange

Washington County's Office of Community Development, in partnership with Washington County Department of Health and Human Services, will host five public information sessions to discuss their recently launched Wood Stove Exchange Program.

Through this program, qualifying residents can receive a rebate of \$1,500-\$3,500 when they replace their old wood stove with a cleaner heating device, such as an electric ductless heat pump, natural gas stove, pellet stove or gas furnace. Some households may qualify for a full-cost (free) replacement, depending on their income.

All information sessions will start at 7 p.m. and last about an hour.

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