

## Events & Announcements

### Community Calendar 2016

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### Portland Metro

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

**PERCEPTIONS OF JUSTICE LISTENING SESSION:** We believe it is important to explore Perceptions of Justice, and to acknowledge that communities of color are over represented at each stage of the criminal justice system. Comments and questions about the event can be sent to [mul.court.listening@ojd.state.or.us](mailto:mul.court.listening@ojd.state.or.us) 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. (Doors open at 6 p.m.) Portland Community SE Campus, Community Hall, 2305 SE 82nd Ave.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**GIRLFEST 2016!** Grab your friends and family and join us for non-stop fun at GIRLFEST 2016! Explore hands-on booths, learn something new at a free workshop, and dance and sing along at the live entertainment stage, and so much more. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Doors open at 9 a.m. Portland Expo Center, Hall D. 2060 N. Marine Dr.

**VETERANS PARADE AT FORT VANCOUVER:** This year marks the 30th anniversary of the community celebration honoring veterans of all service branches. The public is encouraged to attend this free event and line the streets of Officer's Row in Vancouver to support our Veterans and active service members of the military. The ceremony at the Marshall House kicks it all off at 10 a.m. Parade begins at 11 a.m. rain or shine. Fort Vancouver Officer's Row, 1301 Officer's Row, Vancouver.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

**A CLASSIC AFFAIR BRIDAL SHOW:** Come plan your wedding with the help of some of Portland's finest. The first 50 engaged guests will get a swag bag filled with all sorts of goodies. Special activities are planned all day long. Presale tickets are \$8 or \$10 at the door. Get tickets early at [www.aclassicaffairpdx.com](http://www.aclassicaffairpdx.com) Noon – 4 p.m. The Colony St. Johns, 7525 N. Richmond Ave.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10

**BLACK LEGACY PROJECT HISTORY SYMPOSIUM:** This symposium is in honor of the historic role of African American's in Portland. Program is free and all ages. Doors open at 6 p.m. Program runs from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Billy Webb ELKS Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook St.

**DRESS FOR SUCCESS OREGON HONORS WOMEN VETERANS:** Shop 'til you drop at Acey's Closet Fall Sale. Fabulous deals on new and gently used women's designer clothing, shoes and accessories (all Starting at \$5) will all proceeds supporting Dress for Success Oregon. 8 a.m. – 8 p.m., Dress for Success Oregon, 1532 NE 37th Ave. Suite B.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**PORTLAND VETERANS DAY PARADE:** All Veterans are welcome to participate in the parade! Participants can register t [www.veteransdayparadepdx.org](http://www.veteransdayparadepdx.org) The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. at NE 40th Ave. and NE Hancock St. and travels east on NE Sandy Blvd. to NE 48th Ave. where a memorial flag ceremony will be held. "We especially hope to have a contingent of women veterans this year to march behind the grand marshals".

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**NAACP BLACK LEGACY PROJECT: ART EXHIBIT!** Join us as we celebrate five local African American artists who will be exhibiting and selling their artwork. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a meet the artists open exhibit until official program begins at 7:30 p.m. followed by music. Billy Webb ELKS Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook Ave.

**ST. THERESE 35TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR!** Talented craftspeople and artists, cookies, used books, raffle, café & Santa. Free admission. St. Therese, 1260 NE 132nd Ave.

### Seattle Metro

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

**ONE DAY BETTER BOOK SALE:** Just in time for the holiday season! Friends of the Seattle Public Library is hosting a one-day Better Book sale. Featuring like-new, gift-quality "better books," DVDs, art prints, paintings and posters. All items will be individually priced starting at \$3. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., North Seattle Community College, 9600 College Way.

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### Homeownership Fair

The 18th Annual African American Homeownership Fair took place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 29. The fairs have attracted over 4,900 prospective homeowners who attend to meet with the 400 housing professionals who have participated throughout the years. The fairs offer free workshops throughout the day, activities for children, testimonials, and door prize drawings. Pictured here are John White, Leonard Brightman and Constructing Hope executive director Patricia Daniels.

## Portland News Briefs

### PSU opens centers for Asian American, Pacific Islander and African American students

Portland State University will have a grand opening celebration on Wednesday, Nov. 2 for its two newest cultural resource centers: the Pan-African Commons and the Pacific Islander, Asian & Asian American Student Center.

There will be a formal presentation at 5 p.m. followed by dinner, entertainment and dancing at the Smith Memorial Student Union Ballroom (1825 S.W. Broadway). The event is free and open to the public.

PSU has three other cultural resource centers: The Multicultural Center, the Native American Student & Community Center and La Casa Latina.

In recent years, students had been requesting similar centers for African American and African students as well as Asian American, Asian and Pacific Islander students. Last December, students convened a Speak Out event in Smith, so that they could publicly describe their experiences and challenges.

Shortly afterward, PSU President Wim Wiewel announced the formation of the two new centers. In the months since, the Cultural Resource Centers Leadership Team has been engaging with students and soliciting feedback to determine the role that the centers should play in the community; even the names of the centers were chosen by public discussion and vote. This fall, PSU students, faculty and staff are invited to continue that effort and help craft the missions for the new centers.

All of the cultural centers offer resources such as computer labs, lounges and study spaces. They also provide event and program facilitation, as well as opportunities for student leadership, employment and volunteer work.

### Transition Projects Seeks Clothing, Monetary Donations for Veterans Day Drive

Operation Got Your Back, a coat, rain gear and warm clothing drive, will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Veterans Day, Nov. 11 at Transition Projects in NW Portland. This event will provide critically needed support for homeless veterans throughout the Portland metro area as temperatures begin to drop. Operation Got Your Back seeks to fill the void created by the complete destruction of a U.S. Department of Defense warehouse in a fire earlier this year.

That warehouse normally provides new winter clothing, sleeping bags, backpacks and other supplies to homeless veterans through "Stand Down" events across the country. The 2016 Portland Veterans Stand Down took place Sept. 9 and served more than 350

homeless veterans and their families.

Monetary donations are also welcome and will be used by Transition Projects' Veteran Services team to help homeless veterans find and successfully retain permanent housing.

Donated items and monetary contributions may be dropped off at the Transition Projects main office at the Bud Clark Commons – located at 665 NW Hoyt Street, between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Nov. 11. Donations may also be made on-line (<http://www.tprojects.org/>).

### BOLI's 32nd Annual Employment Law Conference Will Help Employers Navigate Rules

The Bureau of Labor and Industries will hold its 32nd Annual Employment Law Conference on November 15th and 16th at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, the agency announced today.

The state's premier employer training event will feature 25 sessions on frequently requested topics such as workplace harassment, rightful discharge, recent U.S. Department of Labor overtime changes, Oregon's sick time law and mental health accommodations in the workplace.

The conference agenda and registration information can be found on BOLI's website. Registration is nearing capacity, so organizers encourage potential attendees to make reservations soon.

The full conference is available for \$499 per attendee, with one-day conference passes also available for \$369 per person. Interested employers can also email the agency at [bolita@boli.state.or.us](mailto:bolita@boli.state.or.us) or call (971) 673-0824.

In the past five years, BOLI has nearly tripled the number of public and on-site compliance seminars, with more than 250 now held each year. In addition, the number of employers calling the employer hotline has increased by 65 percent. Attendance at the Employment Law Conference has seen a forty percent since 2013.

This year's conference will answer questions such as:

- How long am I required to keep employment records like applications, I-9 forms or payroll records?
- How do I handle a request for workplace accommodation?
- What are the most common employer mistakes that lead to employment claims and how can I avoid them?
- What does my business need to know about the new I-9 form and immigration law compliance?

In addition to training sessions, the conference will

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