

## Events & Announcements

### Community Calendar 2016

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#### Portland Metro

##### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER IN THE PORTLAND AREA:

Proper Thanksgiving Feast, noon – 4 p.m. PoShines Café, 8139 N. Denver St.

United States Mission Thanksgiving Meal: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m., United States Mission, 4545 NE Garfield Ave.

Celebration Tabernacle – Noon – 4 p.m., 9131 N. Denver Ave & Kilpatrick.

##### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25

**32ND ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY:** The day after Thanksgiving thousands of Portlanders will gather at the square to celebrate the lighting of the spectacular 75ft Douglas Fir Tree. Festivities include a holiday sing-a-long with Thomas Lauderdale and members of Pink Martini, The NW Community Gospel Choir, Pacific Youth Choir and friends. 5:30 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square, 555 SW. Yamhill Ave.

**COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING:** Be there when thousands of lights come alive on Vancouver's community tree in Esther Short Park. Santa will be there! Will you! The festivities start at 3 p.m. and the tree lighting is at 6 p.m. Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St., Vancouver.

**MY MACY'S HOLIDAY PARADE:** 29th Annual My Macy's Holiday Parade. This year's parade features 25 inflatable floats, local middle and high school marching bands, nearly 650 costumed characters and community drill teams, and the one and only SANTA. Parade begins at 9th Ave. and w. Burnside then travels the downtown streets Stark, Broadway, Alder and 4th, 5th, and 6th. Parade starts at 10 a.m.

##### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

**7TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING:** Featuring Concordia Brass Ensemble and Concert Choir. The lighting takes place outside the George R. White Library & Learning Center, 2800 NE Liberty St., 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

##### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

**CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK:** Come to Esther Short Park for Activate Church's 5th annual free Christmas at the Park event, where we will give away 100 free Christmas trees. Other activities include Christmas caroling, costumed characters, a cookie making tent and much more. You don't want to miss this holiday event. All are welcome, rain or shine and everything is free! 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St., Vancouver.

**ASSUMPTION VILLAGE HOLIDAY BAZAAR:** Arts and crafts, unique gifts, baked goodies, plants, handmade knit & crochet items, hot beverages and much more. Admission is free and all proceeds go to Assumption Village Residents. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., 9121 N. Burr Ave.

##### FRIDAY – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2 – 4

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY PRESENTS ITS 66TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHORALE:** a SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS: More than 100 Concordia student vocalists and musicians participate in the traditional Service of Lessons and Carols. Admission is free and the event is open to the public. Seating is limited and on a first come, first seated basis. 7 p.m. Dec. 2 & 3, 3 p.m. Dec. 4. St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 6700 NE 29th Ave.

#### Seattle Metro

##### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24

**FREE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER AT HALL AT FAUNTLE-ROY:** Tuxedos and tennis shoes host's its 18th annual free community meal. The sitdown dinner of turkey and all the trimmings will run until 3 p.m. and is open to anyone who needs a hot meal or just a warm and festive place to be for the holiday. Noon – 3 p.m. Hall @ Fauntleroy, 9131 California Ave. SW.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER:** Free holiday meal with all the trimmings on Thanksgiving Day. Festivities also include fun and

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### Native American Marketplace

Portland Parks & Recreation will host a Native American Marketplace & Family Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at Mt Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave. The 2016 Native American Marketplace & Family Day will feature 30 artisan vendors, as well as activities and crafts for kids, and a special musical performance by Cedar Rose.

## Portland News Briefs

### NAACP Portland Branch Meets Saturday

The NAACP Portland branch invites the community to its monthly general membership meeting (fourth Saturday of every month):

**DATE:** Saturday, November 26, 2016

**TIME:** Noon to 2 p.m.

**LOCATION:** American Red Cross Oregon Chapter, 3131 N. Vancouver Avenue, Portland, OR, 97227

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Current and prospective members of the NAACP.

**WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND:** President Jo Ann Hardesty and executive leadership will provide updates about current and future initiatives. This is an opportunity to connect with Portland NAACP's work in advancing racial justice in the community.

**ABOUT THE NAACP:** The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The vision of the NAACP is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

**CONNECT WITH PORTLAND NAACP:**

- **WEB:** [www.portlandnaacp1120.org](http://www.portlandnaacp1120.org)
- **FB:** [www.facebook.com/PDXNAACP](http://www.facebook.com/PDXNAACP)
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### Southminster Presbyterian Church of Beaverton to Host Forums on Building the Beloved Community

Southminster Presbyterian Church of Beaverton has begun hosting a series of forums titled on consecutive Tuesdays, Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, & 13 from 7-8:30 p.m.

It is an important time now to think about MLK's vision for the Beloved Community as the United States transitions into a Trump presidency. Join Southminster Presbyterian Church for an open forum to address equality, politics, and most importantly—love and peace within our changing community. The series is open to the public.

The church will study the King Philosophy as found on the King Center website [www.kingcenter.org](http://www.kingcenter.org) and practice non-violent communication and action. The rhetoric of violence and discrimination that has arisen from this election has caused alarm and concern across our nation. The Trump presidency can be an opportunity to learn about the challenges facing us, resist any kind of discrimination, and work across divisions and boundaries to build the "Beloved Community" where all are welcome and valued. This series will use resources from the King Center, feature

speakers from the larger community, and encourage conversation to put our words into action. This is an open series for anyone. The larger community is welcome.

Southminster Presbyterian Church is an inclusive, welcoming community. Southminster people come from all kinds of religious backgrounds, including none, and all are seekers. Southminster has been affiliated with the "More Light" Network (Queer Justice) since 1995 and is a member of the Welcoming Congregations of Portland. The church's goal is to include, not exclude. More information about Southminster can be found on its website [www.southmin.org](http://www.southmin.org).

### OJRC Calls on Gov. Brown to Commute Death Sentences

Oregon Justice Resource Center, a Portland-based nonprofit is calling on Gov. Kate Brown to commute the sentences of the 35 people on Oregon's death row to life without the possibility of parole. The call comes after an academic study of the financial cost of the death penalty that was funded by OJRC revealed death sentences cost Oregon as much as a million dollars more or four times more than life sentences for comparable crimes.

In October, Gov. Brown reaffirmed the moratorium on executions that began in 2011 under her predecessor, Gov. Kitzhaber, and was continued by her when she took office in 2015. At that time, she was reported as having "serious concerns about the constitutionality and workability of Oregon's death penalty law." While the moratorium does prevent anyone being executed in Oregon, cases are still making their way through the appeals process and new death sentences can be issued, so it does not address the financial costs associated with the death penalty.

OJRC is urging Gov. Brown to take swift and decisive action that will end or greatly reduce the costs associated with the cases of those who are on death row. The organization believes the time is right for the governor to commute all Oregon death sentences to life without the possibility of parole.

### Wyden, Merkley Announce Job Training in Health Care Industry

This week, Oregon Senators Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley announced that the U.S. Department of Labor has awarded \$6 million to help educate and train Oregonians for jobs in Oregon's growing health care industry.

The grant, awarded to Worksystems Inc., is part of America's Promise, which helps cover education and training costs for workers looking for middle-to-high-skill jobs in high-demand industries, such as health care and information technology.

The funding will be used to launch NW Promise, a

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