

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY – SATURDAY DEC. 15 – 31

PEACOCK LANE LEGENDARY LIGHT DISPLAY: One of Portland's most beloved holiday traditions. As always Peacock Lane does not charge admission. Light on Dec. 15 through Dec. 31 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. (midnight on December 24th and December 31st). **PEDESTRIANS ONLY THURSDAY – SATURDAY DEC. 15- 17 SE Stark St. and SE Belmont St., one block East of 39th Ave.**

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

KIDS COMPANY NW HOLIDAY SHOW: The year, join Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Peppermint Patty and the rest of the Peanuts gang as they travel through the year together, pondering life from a child's point of view. 10:30 a.m. Admission is \$10.75 for non-members, Free for members. Portland Children's Museum, 4015 SW Canyon Rd.

HEALTH EQUITY 2016: What do we want? What must be done? The African American Health Coalition, Inc. presents this event. You will leave with a better understanding of the: Principles of Practice Towards Equity, Rationale for Equity, Facilitators of Change. To reserve your tickets contact: makdab@aaahcportland.org or michelle@aaahc-portland.org or you may call 503-413-1850. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. New Song Community Center, 220 NE Russell St.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

JOIN AAHC AND AETNA AT THE VILLAGE FOR FREE HEALTH INFORMATION AND PRIZES! Where do you start to improve your health? How do we get sedentary kids active? How do I eat to live? And so much more! 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. New Song Community Church, 220 NE Russell St.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

"TA-DAH" HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE: "Ta - Dah" performs holiday songs as part of the Square's seasonal event series. Noon – 1 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, Downtown Portland.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

COME ADORE HIM: Make memories as a family during our "Come Adore Him" Christmas service. Come hear the Christmas Story and sing carols together. Please bring new packages socks and gloves for those in need in our community this winter season. 4 p.m. Heritage Church, 8808 NE 76th St. Vancouver, WA 98662

CHABAD OF OREGON MENORAH LIGHTING: 1st Night Celebration! For the 33rd year, Chabad of Oregon will hold a public Menorah Lighting. All are welcome to come and enjoy. 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Director Park, 815 SW Park Ave.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

CHABAD OF OREGON GRAN MENORAH LIGHTING: Please join us for the Grand Menorah Lighting in Director Park. There will be entertainment and children's activities and much more. 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Director Park, 815 SW Park Ave.

Seattle Bulletin

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

HOLIDAY FUN AT REDMOND TOWN CENTER: Enjoy holiday activities for the entire family, extended shopping hours and special events. Ride the holiday train, listen to Santa story time and Princess story time and so much more fun activities while you shop. 8 a.m. – 9 p.m., Redmond Town Center, 164th Ave. NE & NE 74th St., Redmond.

SAM LIGHTS: For one night, experience the park and its monumental sculptures lit with the glow of temporary art installa-

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Gingerbread Adventures

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry will host a Gingerbread Adventures exhibit through Jan. 2, highlighting the innovation, engineering and food science aspects of assembling elaborate gingerbread sculptures. Activities include DIY gingerbread building workshops, cookie lab experiments, paper gingerbread man creation, interplanetary structures, local architecture and one-page folding house origami. Facilitated demonstrations offered Wednesday through Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. include odors aloft, science of ginger, spaghetti tower and building with your brain. For more information or to buy tickets, visit <https://www.oms.edu/gingerbread-adventures>.

Portland News Briefs

Transition Projects Accepting Donations for Clothing Drive

Throughout the month of December, Transition Projects is collecting much needed winter coats and clothing items for Portland's most vulnerable citizens - people who are experiencing homelessness. During the annual Winter Coat & Clothing Drive, donors can drop off items to five of Transition Projects 24/7 facilities (listed below) or at any Windermere offices throughout the Portland metro area. In addition, a special drop-off day will take place Dec. 14 at Transition Projects' main offices located in Bud Clark Commons.

Transition Projects provides needed clothing items for individuals experiencing homelessness and living on the streets. Winter days and nights are now at freezing temperatures with the addition of snow and freezing rain, and people are in dire need of warm coats, clothing, and boots to survive. Items needed for adult men & women: coats, pants, shirts, socks, shoes/boots, underwear, gloves.

Donate items at any time at the following locations (open 24/7):

- Transition Projects: 665 NW Hoyt St.
- The Clark Center: 1431 SE MLK Blvd.
- Jean's Place: 18 NE 11th Ave.
- Hansen Shelter: 12240 NE Glisan St.
- Willamette Center: 5120 SE Milwaukie Ave.

Workforce Southwest Washington Seeking Proposals

Workforce Southwest Washington (WSW), formerly the Southwest Washington Workforce Development Council, is seeking proposals for the delivery of services to out-of-school youth ages 16-24 in Clark, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties under the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Title I.

The purpose of this solicitation is to identify and fund organizations that will design innovative programming and comprehensive services that ensure Southwest Washington youth are prepared for post-secondary success and to serve as a skilled and qualified pipeline to fill local area workforce demands.

Bidders must specify the counties to be served (Clark and/or Cowlitz/Wahkiakum counties). Respondents are encouraged to submit consortium proposals that leverage resources and build coalitions that result in an innovative, responsive and cohesive youth system.

Proposals will be accepted from any combination of private for-profit agency, state or local unit of government, private nonprofit organization, business

service organization or educational agency that can demonstrate the administrative capability to successfully provide the services identified in this RFP.

A bidder conference will be held from 1-4 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Port of Kalama, 110 W. Marine Drive, Kalama, WA 98625 in the Commission Room.

Proposals are due by 5 p.m. PDT Jan. 20.

Clark College Launches Pre-Apprentice Program

For many individuals, a career in the trades can lead to a newfound financial stability. But getting a job in fields like construction, welding, and machining these days takes more than just walking onto a job site with a "Help Wanted" sign in one hand. That's why Clark College has developed a new Pre-Apprentice Program that allows interested individuals to explore and prepare for careers in the trades.

The program, which takes 11 weeks to complete and costs just \$25, prepares adults age 18 and over to go to work, enter an apprenticeship, or attend Clark College. (An additional one-time \$25 application fee to Clark College is also required.) Graduates earn certifications in First Aid, Flagging, Occupational Health and Safety (OSHA 10) – certificates that would normally cost at least \$300 to earn separately.

Clark introduced the program with a small pilot cohort in the 2016 fall quarter. Already, some students from that cohort are successfully transferring to the next phase in their careers. Now Clark is looking to broaden the reach of the program to help more individuals in the region. The program was made possible through a grant from Washington State Workforce Training and Education Board.

Anyone interested in the Pre-Apprentice Program can visit www.clark.edu/cc/pre-apprentice or call Monica Wilson at (360) 992-2780.

Community Energy Project Hosts Weatherization Workshops

Free workshop where participants learn how to stop drafts in their home to save energy and increase comfort. Great for renters too! Qualified participants receive a free kit of weatherization supplies. Register at www.communityenergyproject.org or call (503) 284.6827 x108

- Dec. 15, 5:30-8 p.m., Reynolds Middle School, 1200 NE 201st Ave., Fairview
- Dec. 15, 2-4 p.m., Community Energy Project, 2900 SE Stark St Ste A
- Dec. 19, 6-8 p.m., Community Energy Project, 2900 SE Stark St Ste A
- Dec. 19, 6-8 p.m., Community Energy Project, 2900 SE Stark St Ste A

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