

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

VOLUNTEER - VANCOUVER VOLUNTEEN: Vancouver VolunTeen is a community service effort inspiring teens ages 14-19 in Clark County to give back their time, earn volunteer requirements for graduation and meet new people. Volunteers will meet at Heritage farm, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., 1919 NE 78th St., Vancouver.

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP: We will start with some chow of hot dogs, tasty sides and drinks, then mosey on over to the classrooms where the kindergarten teachers will give a preview in what to expect in kindergarten at Cornerstone Christian Academy. While you're with the teachers your preschooler will be in the gym playing games with trained ECE Staff. Free. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Cornerstone Christian Academy, 7708 NE 78th St., Vancouver.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

VIEWING OF MLK, JR. BREAKFAST ON COMCAST: The Skanner Foundation's 31st Annual MLK, JR. Breakfast will be televised on Comcast Channel 22 at 6 p.m. If you were unable to attend the breakfast you will be able to view it from the comfort of your own living room.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 - 19

KIDFEST AND SPORTFEST: This winter festival features sports demonstrations, live stage performances, games, fun zones, laser tag and so much more! Sat 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., \$6 each. Or \$25 for a family pass, Children under 3 are free. Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN AT MIDLAND LIBRARY: Fiction and non-fiction for children, teens and adults will be featured in a special gathering of good words from great writings. 1 p.m., Midland Library, 805 SE 122nd Ave.

FREE EVENT TO EXPLORE FOREST PARK AT ST. JOHNS COMMUNITY CENTER: Free food, interactive activities, door prizes, family-friendly, all ages welcome. Experience environmental science activities from PP&R's Environmental Education Team and much more. 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central St.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

VIEWING OF MLK, JR. BREAKFAST ON COMCAST: The Skanner Foundation's 31st Annual MLK, Jr. Breakfast will be televised on Comcast Channel 23 at 7:30 p.m. If you were unable to attend the breakfast you will be able to view it from the comfort of your own living room.

EAST MEETS WEST: Mae Yih, who made history in 1976 when she became the first Chinese American woman elected to a state legislature in the United States, and who would go on to serve twenty-six years in the Oregon House of Representatives and Oregon Senate, will host a book talk and signing to discuss and sign her new autobiography, "East Meets West: A Bridge to Understanding Friendship, Trust, Peace and Prosperity Between My Mother and Adopted Countries." Free and Open to the public. 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

VIEWING OF MLK, JR. BREAKFAST ON COMCAST: The Skanner Foundation's 31st Annual MLK, Jr. Breakfast will be televised on Comcast Channel 11 at 4:30 p.m. If you were unable to attend the breakfast you will be able to view it from the comfort of your own living room.

SMALL BUSINESS OPEN HOUSE: Register now! Come mingle with Metro and Multnomah County staff at an early evening open house. Educational workshops: How to do business with Metro and Multnomah County, upcoming projects showcase, back office operations and much more. For more information send email to tracy.sagal@oregonmetro.gov to register for this event please go to <https://metro-multco-openhouse.eventzilla.net>. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m., Oregon Convention Center, Lobby E, 777 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd.

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'His Eye is on the Sparrow'

Portland Center Stage's production of Larry Parr's "His Eye is on the Sparrow," a musical biography of Ethel Waters starring Maiesha McQueen (pictured here), opened Feb. 10 and will continue through March 26 at The Armory in the Ellen Bye Studio. After a rough and spirit-breaking childhood, Ethel Waters became a Vaudeville success, a recording sensation and crossed racial barriers to emerge as a Broadway and Hollywood star - and later a gospel performer. This story is filled with the greatest hits of a lifetime, including "Stormy Weather," "This Joint is Jumpin" and "Am I Blue?" Regular tickets start at \$25. Tickets may be purchased at www.pcs.org, 503.445.3700, or in-person from the box office (128 NW Eleventh Avenue, Portland, OR).

Portland News Briefs

Correction

The caption for a standalone photograph in the Feb. 8 issue of *The Skanner News*, headlined 'Champions Barbering Institute,' contained two errors. Owner Jamaal Lane was teaching the group, and the institute is the first licensed facility in the state to focus specifically on barbering. *The Skanner News* regrets the errors.

Metro-Multnomah County Joint Small Business Open House Feb. 22

Multnomah County is teaming up again with Metro Regional Government to host its third annual Small Business Open House event from 3 to 6 p.m. Feb. 22 at the Oregon Convention Center.

Organizers are inviting business owners, large and small, from across the region to come learn about the business needs and opportunity projections of Metro and Multnomah County for the current and upcoming fiscal years. Both agencies purchase everything, ranging from office supplies, veterinary services, health coaching, and various forms of counseling and personnel development services. We also purchase construction and construction related services.

Both agencies will have purchasing and contracting staff on site, along with project and program managers from the various departments to discuss program needs and projections with business owners. There will be representatives from the State of Oregon to provide information on ORPIN and how to become certified as a Minority-owned, Woman-owned, Emerging Small Business or Service Disabled Veteran-owned business.

There is no cost to attend; but organizers do ask that participants register, especially for the workshops and presentations at the event. For registration, please visit: <http://metro-multco-openhouse.eventzilla.net>.

Kaiser Presents 'UNITY' Celebration

In honor of African American History Month, Kaiser Permanente African-American Professional Association presents "UNITY: A celebration of family, community, history and culture" from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23 in the Kaiser Permanente Town Hall Ballroom, 3704 N. Inter

This family-friendly, all-ages event is catered by Kee's Loaded Kitchen and will include a music performance by Lasana Kanneh and artwork and jewelry by local community vendors.

The event is free but seating is limited. To reserve your seat or seats, send your full name and number of seats requested (maximum six per request) to NW-KPAAPA@kp.org.

City Club Releases Report on 'Big Steps Before the Big One'

City Club research committee offers resilience-oriented recommendations in its report released Wednesday.

City Club of Portland on Wednesday released its Earthquake Resilience Research Committee report titled "Big Steps Before the Big One: How the Portland area can bounce back after a major earthquake." The committee concluded that the Portland area must pursue strategies that focus on creating systems to preserve social and physical infrastructure. Immediate and ongoing investment will help the region bounce back after an earthquake.

The report recommends that public and private leaders work together to improve standards for buildings and transportation systems with new code requirements and incentive-based policies. The committee also advocates coordinating and expanding public awareness by creating inclusive community networks that will increase social resilience.

View the full report online at pdxcityclub.org/earthquake.

On Thursday the committee will discuss the report and answer questions at Migration Brewing. Learn more and RSVP at bit.ly/QuakeQA.

City Club will devote its Feb. 24 Friday Forum at the Sentinel Hotel to discussing the report and its recommendations. Those who wish to attend can reserve a seat online at bit.ly/QuakeFF. After a panel discussion, City Club members will vote whether to adopt the report. Members not in attendance will have an opportunity to vote online.

City Club of Portland brings together civic-minded people to make Portland and Oregon better places to live, work and play for everyone. For more information about City Club of Portland, visit pdxcityclub.org or call (503) 228-7231.

Non-Profit Organization is Seeking Local Host Families for High School Exchange Students

ASSE International Student Exchange Programs (ASSE), in cooperation with your community high school, is looking for local families to host boys and girls between the ages of 15 to 18 from a variety of countries: Norway, Denmark, Spain, Italy, Japan, to name a few.

ASSE students are enthusiastic and excited to experience American culture while they practice their English. They also love to share their own culture and language with their host families. Host families welcome these students into their family, not as a guest, but as a family member, giving everyone involved a rich cultural experience.

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