

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2017

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#### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

**63RD ANNUAL YMCA USED BOOK SALE:** Thousands of quality books are sorted by category. Hardbacks, audio, DVD's, children's and thousands more. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., Salem Family YMCA, 685 Court St. NE, Salem.

**2ND ANNUAL #EACHONETEACHONE FUNDRAISING RECEPTION:** Benefitting the United Negro College Fund Pacific Northwest. Keynote speaker: Howard White, VP of Jordan Brand, silent auction, cocktails, appetizers. Please RSVP TO INFO@PORTLAND@UNCF.ORG. This is a free event and complimentary parking available w/RSVP. 6 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., Moda Center Rose Room, 1 N. Center Ct. St.

**ALLIED ARTS: A SOCIAL JUSTICE SOCIAL:** All are invited to come and spread awareness and support for locally-led Social Justice. The Allied Arts show brings together visual and performing artists who donate their talents to raise money and spread awareness for non-profit organizations that support social justice and the groups affected by the current administration. \$12 gets guests admission, a drink ticket, and a raffle ticket. 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. The Lagunitas Community Room, 237 NE Broadway St., Suite 300.

#### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

**JOHNSON CREEK WATERSHED-WIDE RESTORATION EVENT:** The Johnson Creek Watershed Council invites you and our community to join us on our largest watershed restoration event of the year. This is a family friendly event and all experience levels are welcome! We will provide tools, snacks, and a fun time! 9 a.m. – noon, 10 locations in SE Portland, Happy Valley, Gresham and Clackamas County. Pizza Part from 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in 2 locations. Sign up at <http://jcw.org/events/www> or call (503) 652-7477.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

**ALLEN TEMPLE CME CHURCH CELEBRATING 68TH CHURCH ANNIVERSARY.** Theme: "Going Forth with GOD." Rev. J. Walter Hills II, Senior Pastor of New Hope Missionary Baptist Church will be the keynote speaker celebrating the 68th anniversary at the family and friends worship service. 4 p.m., Maranatha Church, 4222 NE 12th Ave.

#### TUESDAY, MARCH 7

**KENTON PARK OPEN HOUSE:** All are welcome. View three design concepts and give planners your input. Kids are welcome also! 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Historic Kenton Firehouse, 8105 N. Brandon Ave.

#### SATURDAY MARCH 11

**AFRICAN MARIMBA CONCERT:** Six Marimba bands will be performing high-energy music from Zimbabwe, Botswana and South Africa. Put your dancing shoes on and come for any part of the concert. There will also be an amazing raffle and silent auction to raise money for the Kutsinhina Center and Africa Aids Resource. All ages welcome. 11:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Evangel Baptist Church, 2830 NE Flanders St.

**ST PADDY'S FOR KIDS:** Families come join us for some great fun! St. Paddy's for kids is a free, public event that offers fun activities for children. Your child will follow the rainbow on his or her journey through Ireland to discover amazing arts and crafts, hands-on activities and much more, a pot of gold filled with prizes awaits at the end of the journey. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Luepke Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver.

#### SUNDAY, MARCH 12

**CONCERT OF REMEMBRANCE:** Presented by Cascadia Composers, commemorates the 75th anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, which uprooted over 100,000 people of Japanese ancestry who lived on the U.S. Pacific Coast and placed them in internment camps. 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

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## Produce for People

Portland Community Gardens' Produce for People program donated more than 31,500 pounds of fresh, nutritious, organic, locally grown produce to Portland's hunger relief agencies this past year. Gardeners from 48 Portland Community Gardens across Portland participated in 2016. The 2016 growing season saw the development and construction of a new Produce for People garden bed at the NE 72nd Ave. Community Garden, in the future Thomas Cully Park. Young NE 72nd community gardeners join Elia Bracamontes Pulido (left), Juan Herrera, Susana Pacheco, Laurie Payton and Pedro Mercado at the groundbreaking / work party for the garden's Produce for People plot.

## Portland News Briefs

### Musician Thara Memory Charged With Sex Abuse, Harassment

Portland jazz musician and teacher Thara Memory, 68, was arraigned in Multnomah County Court Monday after a grand jury indicted him on eight counts of third-degree sex abuse, two counts of attempted third-degree sex abuse and harassment. He was booked and released following his arraignment.

*Willamette Week* has reported Memory's next court date is April 17, and according to *The Oregonian*, while Memory is out of custody he won't be permitted to have contact with children.

According to the Portland Police Bureau, the bureau's sex crimes unit started investigating Memory in Sept. 2016 after receiving a complaint involving a student. A press release from the Bureau said detectives later learned of other victims, both girls and women, with complaints going back to 2014.

Police think there may be other victims and have encouraged members of the public with more information to contact Detective Jeff Myers at (503) 823-0595, [jeff.myers@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:jeff.myers@portlandoregon.gov).

Memory won the 2013 Grammy for Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying Vocalists with his former student Esperanza Spalding for the song "City of Roses" from her album "Radio Music Society."

According to the bio on his website, Memory has taught at Portland State University, Portland Community College and Marylhurst University, as well as working with Portland's Wilson High School band programs and Beaverton's Arts and Communication Magnet Academy. In 2005 he organized the American Music program, a regional youth jazz orchestra, which has won the Next Generation Festival in Monterey and the Savannah Music Festival's Swing Central Music competition.

—Christen McCurdy

### City Club of Portland Releases Legislative Agenda

City Club of Portland's Legislative Task Force is advocating for the Oregon Legislature take action based on findings and recommendations made in recent City Club research reports. City Club reports are produced by diverse committees of Oregonians who carefully study each issue, consult with experts and develop practical recommendations.

City Club's recommendations include:

- Ending the ban on local rent regulation.
- Supporting health care reform that helps Oregon's most vulnerable residents.
- Restricting the operation of older, dirtier diesel technology and accelerating the adoption of newer diesel engines.

- Empowering localities and homebuyers to prepare for a catastrophic earthquake.

- Allocating dedicated funding to subsidize GED testing for qualified persons with demonstrable need.

Specifically, City Club notes that the following bills align with the recommendations of its research recommendations.

#### Housing Affordability

City Club's Position: Housing affordability affects everyone, regardless of income. Fewer federal dollars are available to fund affordable housing projects, forcing developers to navigate a patchwork of state and local funding sources. The Legislature has limited what localities may do to encourage affordability, provide tax sunsets and enforce tenant's rights. At a minimum, they need to end the ban on local rent regulation as recommended in the report.

#### Bills Supported:

- SB 191: Requires increased transparency on state website re: affordable housing.
- HB 2004: Prohibits landlords from terminating month-to-month tenancy without cause, under certain circumstances, within 90 days written notice and payment of relocation

Report: [pdxcityclub.org/housingaffordability](http://pdxcityclub.org/housingaffordability)

#### Earthquake resilience

Note: City Club of Portland's earthquake resilience committee issued its report on Feb. 15. Until the Club membership adopts the report, the Club has no official position on the issue. The result of the vote will be announced on March 2.

CCOP's Pending Position: A catastrophic earthquake could strike Oregon at any time. The Portland area – with local, regional and state support – 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. There are several bills under consideration that address these important issues.

#### Bills Supported:

- SB 311: Allows localities to grant temporary property tax exemptions to buildings that install seismic retrofitting.
- SB 312: Requires seller of real property to disclose seismic risk in seller's property disclosure statement.

Report: [pdxcityclub.org/earthquake](http://pdxcityclub.org/earthquake)

#### Health Care Reform and Homelessness

CCOP's Position: The combination of negative institutional experience and disproportionate trauma rate exacerbate the problem of obtaining health care for homeless Oregonians.

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