

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2017

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THURSDAY, JUNE 15

INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON THE FOOTBRIDGE OVER BURNSIDE: Learn about the community fundraising campaign and construction plans for an elegantly designed pedestrian bridge to create a safe passage over the busy road along the Wildwood Trail between Washington Park and Forest Park. Free and open to all that are interested. 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., World Forestry Center, Cheatham Hall, 4033 SW Canyon Rd.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17

SENIORS, DO YOU WANT TO REMAIN IN YOUR OWN HOUSE OR APARTMENT AS YOU AGE?: If you want to learn more about North Star Village, part of the nonprofit Villages NW, attend this meeting. You'll learn all about North Star Village, including membership, programs, services and volunteer opportunities. Noon – 1:30 p.m., Good Neighbor Pizza, 800 NE Dekum St.

ECOFEST: PARTYFOR THE PLANET: Ecofest, free community event! Celebrate sustainability and environmental awareness. This family-friendly outdoor festival at Salem's Riverfront Park. Festival includes, healthy food & beverages, kid's activities, performances & yoga. Lots of fun activities for the whole family. \$5 suggested donation, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Riverfront Park, 200 Water St. NE., Salem.

2017 JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION: "Education is Empowerment". Celebration includes: Grandma's Best Pie Contest, Spoken Word, Hip Hop Music, Family fun and much more! 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Clark College, Foster Hall, 1933 Ft. Vancouver Way., Vancouver.

TASTE OF TIGARD FOOD FESTIVAL: Sip, Stroll and Savor! Come meet the entrepreneurs who create food & beverage products in Tigard. Then sample and share their unique offerings. This festival is free & open to the public. You may purchase a pre-ordered tasting passport for \$15 which entitles visitors to a sample from every vendor. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., Tigard Heritage Street Trail, 12345 SW Main St., Tigard.

MONDAY, JUNE 19

FAMILY GAME DAY: Play with our "Giant Game Sets" including big chess, connect four and tic tac toe. Add to the fun and bring your swimsuit to play in the Teacher's Fountain! 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Director Park, Downtown Portland.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

CAREER FAIR! Please join us at the Hilton Portland and Executive Tower for this Career Fair. Please bring 10 to 15 resumes, dress business professional. This is a free event for job seekers. Parking across the street Tower \$5-\$6. 9 a.m. – noon, Portland Hilton and Executive Tower, 521 SW Sixth Ave.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 23 – 25

25TH ANNUAL GOOD IN THE HOOD MULTICULTURAL MUSIC, ARTS & FOOD FESTIVAL: The GITH music and food festival is the largest multi-cultural festival in the Pacific Northwest. This three-day festival opens with a community parade that travels through NE Portland and ends at Lillis – Albina Park, N. Flint St. & N. Russell St. 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

2017 GOOD IN THE HOOD PARADE: Starting at King Elementary school through Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. the parade ends at Lillis – Albina Park. 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

THE NAACP PORTLAND BRANCE INVITES THE COMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: President Jo Ann Hardesty and executive leadership will provide update on current and future initiatives. Noon – 2 p.m. New location: Concordia University: Luther Hall, 2811 NE Holman St.

"OUR SONS" – A THREE PART "ART IMPACTING COMMUNITY SERIES!" Art, exhibit, theatre and community dialogue. Explored impact and solutions to youth and gun violence. This is a free event and no reservations are required. Simply attend and participate if you'd like! 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. Concordia University, Hagen Campus Center, NE 27th & Holman St.

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Darrell Grant Wins Emmy

Oregon Public Broadcasting received 13 Emmy Awards from the Northwest Chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, which took place on June 3 in Seattle. Among the winners was Portland-based jazz pianist Darrell Grant, who won Best Musical Composition/Arrangement for Oregon Experience - 'Jazz Town.' Portland's Golden Jazz Age. Grant has released eight albums as a bandleader, along with numerous recordings as a sideman, and continues to be both an educator and leader in the arts. As a tenured professor of jazz studies and the associate director of the School of Music at Portland State University, Grant is also the founding director of the Leroy Vinnegar Jazz Institute.

Portland News Briefs

Community Organizations Hold Bystander Training

In the wake of the May 26 stabbings of three men who came to the aid of two young Black girls on a MAX train in Portland, several community organizations are holding workshops to train participants in bystander intervention and de-escalation.

The Skanner has learned of two upcoming events.

June 17 Bystander Intervention Training at Oregon Peace Institute

The Oregon Peace Institute, in collaboration with Students United for Nonviolence will lead a three-hour introductory bystander intervention training to help community members address potential violence in public spaces. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 17 at the Oregon Peace Institute, 3315 N Russet St. in Portland.

Trainers will teach participants how to de-escalate situations using proven methods that give support to individuals who are being targeted by hate, oppression, and even violence.

If you do not know what to do when you see others being targeted, or you are being targeted yourself, this will be a great opportunity to learn strategies and share ideas.

For more information, email oregon.peace.institute@gmail.com or visit <https://www.facebook.com/oregonpeace/>.

June 25 Bystander Intervention Training at Living Room Realty

Living Room Realty will host a bystander intervention workshop facilitated by Teressa Raiford of Don't Shoot Portland from 2 to 5 p.m. June 25 at 1401 NE Alberta.

The goal of this workshop is to learn how to be an ally when encountering threats to others, and how to reduce danger for the most vulnerable while keeping ourselves and others safe. Organizers are asking for a suggested \$5 to \$20 sliding scale donation to benefit Don't Shoot Portland, with no one being turned away for lack of funds. Space is limited to 70 people. Please RSVP at www.facebook.com/events/1986912874871316.

Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church to Renovate Lower Level Spaces

The Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church is pleased to announce its Capital Campaign Improvement Project to renovate its lower level spaces of their

Historic Church site listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Through this endeavor, the church is committed to fostering community livability and greater communal participation among its neighbors, by connecting cultural engagements, along with providing adequate spaces for educational programs for youth, and social service programs offered by the church.

On June 7, Prosper Portland awarded the renovation project \$62,500 through its Livability Grant Program to support the capital improvements; other grant opportunities are being sourced to support the project. This vibrant venture includes a major renovation of the Public Assembly Fellowship Hall; once finished, the hall will be one of the largest venue spaces available in the heart of North Portland community for rental for weddings, receptions, company gatherings or meetings, bar/bat mitzvahs, workshops, rehearsals, or community performances. A community conference hall will also be designed and made available to community groups and small non-profits looking for a meeting place.

Other property improvements include the enhancements of an enlarged commercial grade kitchen area, the redevelopment of the public entrances, Two ADA Restrooms, the installation of two educational classrooms designated for the afterschool iUrban Teen Program, and the installation of the first Portland permanent exhibition hall that features the history of African Americans in Portland and the Albina area; a 900-square foot museum that seeks to highlight, and bring to understanding American history through the lens of the local African American experience. The museum will become a popular educational spot for local school field trips, and tourists visiting Portland.

The renovation project has many community supporters that include Legacy Emanuel Hospital, Oregon Black Pioneers, Travel Portland, New Seasons Market, Portland Public Schools, Portland Parks Bureau, The LINKS, Inc, the World Arts Foundation, Inc., Avalon Flowers, Vanport Mosaic Project, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Portland State University Black Studies Department and many others.

Seattle News Briefs

Department of Financial Institutions Warns Public of Property Buying Scam

The Washington State Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) urges consumers verify that any escrow agent they do business with is authorized to do business as an escrow agent. DFI received a report that a Washington State consumer lost more than \$30,000 in a scam involving a fake escrow agent.

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