

## Events & Announcements

### Community Calendar 2017

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### Portland Metro

#### SATURDAY, JULY 1

**NATIONALITY MATTERS SYMPOSIUM:** Moorish Science Temple of American presents "Nationality Matters Symposium" on the effects of citizenship and statelessness (specifically to people of African descent). Keynote speaker: Minister Emmanuel Braswell Bey. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N. Foss Ave. Suggested donation \$10. For more information go to [msta.portland.oregon@gmail.com](mailto:msta.portland.oregon@gmail.com).

#### MONDAY, JULY 3

**20TH ANNIVERSARY EAST PORTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION:** 10:30 a.m. free activities on the front lawn, 11:30 a.m. parade. 1 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Safety Splash fun day in the pool. Pre-parade activities include crafts, face painting and more. Snacks and lunch items will be available to purchase. Fun costumes or decorated bikes/strollers are welcome. No registration required. East Portland Community Center and Pool, 740 SE 106th Ave.

#### TUESDAY, JULY 4

**INDEPENDENCE DAY AT FORT VANCOUVER:** Celebrating over 50 years of providing our community with an exceptional fireworks display - and the best is yet to come. Bring chairs, food and drinks (please no alcohol) and your family for this beautiful show. Food will be available for purchase at the fort. Bags will be checked at entry gates. \$5 suggested donation to keep the fireworks coming back every year. 6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, 612 E. Reserve St., Vancouver.

#### THURSDAY, JULY 6

**CURTIS SALGADO - FREE RIVERVIEW SIX TO SUNSET CONCERT:** Bring a lawn chair or blanket and your dinner or purchase food from local vendors in the park. Enjoy an evening with Curtis Salgado. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St., Vancouver.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 8

**BEACH BILL BIRTHDAY BASJ CONCERT:** 50th anniversary of the Beach Bill Birthday. Join us for a concert featuring Slater Smith. All activities are free and the public is welcome to come and have fun. 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m., State Capitol State Park, 900 Court St. NE, Salem.

### Seattle Metro

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 29

**WOMEN IN BUSINESS EXPO GROUP SOIREE BRINGING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER:** The soiree is an evening of fun that will energize, empower, and inspire attendees to build relationships, develop businesses, and work together to strengthen communities - and it's a fundraiser. Tickets are \$25 and available at <http://WIBEG.brownpapertickets.com>. For additional information call (206) 778-7911. 6 p.m. - 8 p.m., New Holly Gathering Hall, 7057 52nd SO.

#### THURSDAY - SUNDAY, JUNE 29 - JULY 1

**VINTAGE SALE:** The Vintage Sale will feature quality collector, antique, and home décor items. Proceeds will benefit the non-profit Bellevue Botanical Garden Society. Free admission, cost of items will vary. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. all days, Bellevue Botanical Garden, 12001 Main St., Bellevue.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 30

**KID'S SAFETY DAY:** Fun safety related kid's activities and a great opportunity to see fire trucks and police vehicles up close. Visit with fire fighters, police officers and special guests. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., Museum of Flight, 9404 E. Marginal Way S.

#### SUNDAY, JULY 2

**RAGGAE BY THE SEA:** Start your Sunday with the sweet sounds of reggae. Local people bring Jamaican music to the waterfront

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## Avel Gordly Receives Honorary PhD

Former District 19 Representative and Oregon Senator Avel Gordly, a Portland state university alumna and faculty member, received an honorary PhD from Portland State University at the university's graduation ceremony June 18.

Gordly, pictured here with Dr. Patricia Schechter, was appointed to fill a vacancy in the Oregon House of Representatives in 1991, and was elected to the position. In 1996, she became the first African American woman in state history to be elected to the Oregon Senate; she served until 2008. Gordly holds a degree in administration of justice from PSU, and became an associate professor in PSU's Black Studies department in 2008.



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## Portland News Briefs

### The Skanner Wins NNPA Award for Best Layout and Design

The Skanner's graphic designer, Patricia Irvin, took home the first place National Newspaper Publisher's Association (NNPA) Merit Award for "Best Design and Layout" last week.

The win was based on two 2016 issues, from July 6 and July 13.

The NNPA is a trade association of the more than 200 African American-owned community newspapers from around the United States. The Merit awards were presented June 22 at the annual convention held at the Gaylord Hotel and Resort at National Harbor, Oxen Hill, Maryland.

### Local Governments, Employers to Welcome Youth to SummerWorks Internship Program

On June 30, Multnomah County and the City of Portland will join local governments and businesses in welcoming a record number of youth who will participate in SummerWorks internships during a kickoff event at Portland State University.

About 1,150 youth, ages 16 to 24, will take part in the SummerWorks internship program at job sites across Multnomah and Washington counties. As a result of increased investments and partnerships, about 115 more young people will participate than in 2016. Youth will work at about 200 job sites representing the public, private and nonprofit sectors.

"SummerWorks is about more than just a paycheck," Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith said. "For many of the participants, it provides a first opportunity to explore career paths, to test their potential, and to learn about responsibility in the workplace. I am proud to have championed the resources for the SummerWorks program at Multnomah County over the past six years. I had a dream that we could one day support 500 youth to get their first job opportunity. That dream has come true and we have grown our youth participation from 25 to 650 participants that we invest in annually."

"I'm proud to kick off another season of SummerWorks, an amazing program that gives young people real-life experience in the workforce with access to mentoring that will help prepare them for the high-skill jobs we know are coming to our region," Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler said.

SummerWorks is a public-private partnership that is locally supported by Worksystems, Inc., Multnomah County, the City of Portland, Washington County, the City of Beaverton, TriMet, Portland Public Schools, the Hillsboro School District, the Oregon Department of Human Services, and local private

businesses.

Young people work in paid 180-hour internships and also receive mentoring and job training. The program primarily serves young people who are low income or from diverse communities.

At the kickoff event Friday, SummerWorks youth will network with employers and can sign up for bank accounts. They will listen to speakers including Commissioner Smith; Maurice Henderson, Mayor Wheeler's Chief of Staff; Gresham City Councilor Jerry Hinton; and this year's keynote speaker, Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge Adrienne Nelson.

For more information about SummerWorks, visit <http://www.worksystems.org/summerworks>.

### SummerWorks Internship Program Kickoff

Friday, June 30, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. at Portland State University Lincoln Performance Hall, 1620 S.W. Park Ave., Portland.

### Computer Programming Training Available at No-cost to Unemployed and Underemployed through WorkSource

Individuals who have been out of work for more than six months and those that are underemployed may qualify for free computer programming training through WorkSource.

Between now and July 19, WorkSource is hosting orientations every Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. to meet with job seekers interested in learning more about the basic programming training that will give them a foundation for growth as a programmer or web developer. The orientations will be held at WorkSource, 204 SE Stonemill Drive, Suite 215, Vancouver 98684.

The computer training in HTML, CSS and beginning JavaScript will take place July 24 - August 11.

For more information, contact WorkSource Career Coach Jacob Miller at [jamiller@esd.wa.gov](mailto:jamiller@esd.wa.gov) or (360) 735-5084.

### Multnomah County Library Hosts 'We Refuse to Be Enemies' Workshop

Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Muslim Educational Trust, First Congregational United Church of Christ, Congregation Neveh Shalom and the Multnomah County Library will host "We Refuse to Be Enemies," a series of social justice leadership workshops for youth, in June, July and August. Participants will use art, education, and peer collaboration to build skills to become more powerful advocates and allies and build bridges between communities. Register online at: <https://multcolib.org/events>.

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