

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2017

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FRIDAY, JULY 14

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & NEIGHBORHOOD WORK PARTY: Join the friends as we host our family-oriented summer socials in the Rose Garden. Grown-ups can check in for 30 minutes of rose care with our volunteers, while kids can complete an activity at the craft booth. Once you have completed your rose care or creating a beautiful craft, we'll give you a ticket for a free Ruby Jewel ice cream sandwich. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Peninsula Park Rose Garden

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, JULY 14 – 16

37TH ANNUAL CATHEDRAL PARK FREE JAZZ FESTIVAL: This is a free, non-profit festival! Come and listen to the best jazz, blues, R & B and soul performances for all three days. Friday 5 p.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday 1p.m.-10 p.m. Sunday 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. Cathedral Park, under the St. Johns Bridge.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

CRUISE THE COUVE: Join us as we celebrate the classic Vancouver tradition of cruising Main Street. Grab a lawn chair watch the show from the sidewalk. There will be entertainment, giveaways, food and more. The event officially starts at 10 a.m., but people tend to show up as early as 6 a.m. to claim a great viewing spot. Main Street in downtown and uptown Vancouver between 6th St. and 28th St., Vancouver.

FIRE IN THE PARK: Join us for Vancouver's family friendliest fun filled event! Check out fire trucks, ambulances, police cars and learn about fire safety, emergency preparedness, 911 and much more. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St., Vancouver.

BEACH, BACON AND BREWS: 3rd Annual Beach, Bacon and Brewfest in Lincoln City. Charity cooking teams will be competing and serving up "Bacon Bites" for you to enjoy. More than 20 breweries will be represented serving microbrews. Enjoy live music all day long at the beach. This is a 21 & older event. For tickets and information please call 1-888-624-6228. Noon – 6 p.m., Chinook Winds, 1501 NW 40th Pl., Lincoln City.

ALBINA HEAD START AND EARLY HEAD START OPEN HOUSE 2017: Join us for fun, snacks, crafts, community resource services and prizes. This is a community event for families in North, Northeast, and Southeast Portland with young children. Prenatal moms and children birth to age five may apply for services on-site. To apply please bring proof of last year's income and proof of child's age! 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Garlington Center, 454 SE. Flavel Dr.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

NORMAN SYLVESTER TO PERFORM FREE CONCERT AT COLUMBIA TECH CENTER: Norman Sylvester has been performing in the Portland area since 1985. Come to the free concert sponsored by The Columbia Tech Center and the City of Vancouver. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Columbia Tech Center Park, SE Sequoia Circle at SE Tech Center Dr., Vancouver.

MONDAY, JULY 17

1ST ANNUAL BARKS AND BREWS: A benefit for Deaf Dogs of Oregon. Sponsored by Rogue Brewery. Adoptable dogs, food and drinks, raffles, photo booth, live music and more. Admission is free and all ages are welcome. 11:30 a.m. – 10 p.m., The Village Ballroom at The Oregon Public House, 700 NE Dekum St.

SATURDAY, JULY 22

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

SUMMER FESTIVAL AT IRCO: Join friends & neighbors for arts & crafts, local resources and social services, vision & lead testing & other direct care, entertainment, free food and fun for everyone. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. IRCO Gym, 10301 NE Glisan St.

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Parks & Rec Kicks Off Summer Free for All

Portland Parks and Recreation, along with sponsors and community partners, kicked off its Summer Free For All this week. Summer Free for All programming consists of a broad portfolio of culturally diverse music, movies, and recreation programs. Through the Free Lunch + Play program, PP&R expects to serve more than 110,000 free, healthy lunches to children in parks across the city. Fifty-seven percent of young Portlanders qualify for free or reduced-price lunch during the school year. Portland Parks & Recreation supports families by offering nutritious meals and recreational activities during the summer recess. The Free Lunch + Play program is accompanied by sports, games, crafts and family activities. Free Lunch + Play programs are offered Mondays through Fridays through August 25. A full list of schedules and locations (in nine different languages – Arabic, Burmese, English, simplified Chinese, Nepalese, Russian, Spanish, Somali and Vietnamese) is available at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/67985>.

Portland News Briefs

National Hunger Hotline Seeks to Reach More Children in Need

Given that humans must burn more calories over the summer to keep cool, record temperatures this summer will further increase the need for free summer meals for low-income children funded by the federal government.

That is why the nonprofit group Hunger Free America is now ramping up its efforts to publicize the USDA National Hunger Hotline – which can be reached at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (for Spanish) – through which callers can locate summer meals sites for kids, food pantries or soup kitchens for families, and/or other government and private meals programs near them.

Even though children need just as much, if not more, nutrition during the summer months, in Oregon, only 16.2 percent of kids who receive free and reduced school meals, receive summer meals. Raising awareness about this program is the single greatest barrier to participation. Summer meals are available to all kids 18 and under, and no identification is required.

Hunger Free America also just launched, www.hungervolunteer.org, a state-of-the-art volunteer matching portal to make it easier to mobilize the unique talents and skills of each individual volunteer in order to take the biggest bite out of hunger.

Artist and filmmaker Elijah Hasan Presents '12 Degrees Black' at the Portland Building Installation Space, July 10 – August 4

The Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC) is pleased to present an installation by artist Elijah Hasan in the exhibition space adjacent to the Portland Building lobby. Hasan's installation, which runs from July 10 to August 4, combines a set of the artist's stunning films with a suite of still images. The two mediums work together to poetically explore themes of race, place, and social consciousness.

Using Portland as his stage and backdrop Hasan's work comments on universal themes, but is rooted deep in the African American experience in Portland and the Northwest. The three films on view at the Portland Building, all written and directed by the artist, are united by their ability to reframe and freshen critical conversations about social injustice, social consciousness, and who records history. The delicate, non-verbal sound tracks (written and performed by Hasan) that accompany the visuals complement content that is at turns challenging, comedic, dramatic and poignant.

Portland artist Elijah Hasan is an award-winning

filmmaker, photographer, writer and composer. While primarily known for his films and still photography, he describes what he does more universally – as "making art." His films often employ experimental techniques that work to blend complex concept with powerful, graceful storytelling. Hasan is also an educator and has taught videography, 3-D animation, and photography to inner city youth for many years. His film *Is That Me*, which is included in *12 Degrees Black*, was honored at the 36th Northwest Film Festival with both the Judges Choice Award and the Audience Choice Award for Best Experimental Film. www.elijahhasan.com

There will be an opportunity to meet Elijah Hasan and discuss his work in person at the Portland Building Installation Space on Thursday, July 20 at 4 p.m.

The Portland Building is located at 1120 SW 5th Ave. and is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday. *12 Degrees Black* opened July 10 and runs through Friday, August 4. For more information on the Installation Space series go to www.racc.org/installationspace.

NAACP Portland Branch to Meet July 22

The NAACP Portland branch invites the community to its monthly general membership meeting (fourth Saturday of every month). This month's meeting will take place from noon to 2 p.m. at Concordia University: Luther Hall, 2811 NE Holman St.

All current and prospective members of the NAACP are invited to attend.

President Jo Ann Hardesty and executive leadership will provide updates about current and future initiatives. This is an opportunity to connect with Portland NAACP's work in advancing racial justice in the community.

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination. The vision of the NAACP is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights and there is no racial hatred or racial discrimination.

For more information, visit www.portland-naacp1120.org, www.facebook.com/PDXNAACP or email pdxnaacp@gmail.com.

The Portland African American Leadership Forum Announces New Executive Director

Following an extensive national search, the Portland African American Leadership Forum (PAALF) Executive Committee announced this week that Joy Alise Davis has been selected as its executive director.

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