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THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

SUMMER FREE FOR ALL CONCERT: Free concert featuring Wamba (African Contemporary/World Beat/Afrazazz) 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. McCoy Park.

NATURAL GROWERS 62ND ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: NaturalGrowers is 62 years old and celebrating with a 1950s-inspired birthday bash: there will be giveaways, great prizes, including a grand prize Alaskan Cruise. Enjoy a free Ice Cream Social from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. Local vendors and community partners will be there giving free samples and prizes. 9 a.m. -8 p.m., Natural Growers, 7604 NE 5th Ave., Vancouver.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

ECLIPSE HATE RALLY IN SOLIDARITY WITH CHARLOTTESVILLE: Portland's Resistance will be holding a peaceful rally and march in solidarity with the community of Charlottesville, Virginia. Organizers are calling on supporters to gather at 5:30 p.m. at Salmon St. Fountain in downtown Portland.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL & NEIGHBORHOOD WORK PARTY: Join the Friends as we host our family-oriented summer social in the Rose Garden. Grown-ups check in for 30 minutes of rose care with our volunteers, kids can complete an activity at the craft booth. Once all is completed, get your ticket for a free Ruby Jewell Ice Cream Sandwich. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Peninsula Park Rose Garden, North Rosa Parks Way.

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, AUGUST 18-20

HOOPS 360 3ON3 PRESENTED BY SHOOT 360: Hoops 360 3-on-3 will be the most entertaining 3-on-3 event in all of southwest Washington. 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday, Marshall Park, 1069 E. McLoughlin Blvd., Vancouver.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

JADE INTERNATIONAL NIGHT MARKET! Celebrate the multiracial Jade District with cultural performances, food, neighbors and local businesses. 5 p.m. – 10 p.m., Portland Community College SE, 2305 SE 82nd Ave.

VANCOUVER NAACP MONTHLY MEETING: After a short potluck, the business meeting will begin and guests will speak. All are welcome. 10 a.m. – noon, Vancouver Housing Authority, 2500 Main St., Vancouver.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

CELEBRATE CHOCOLATE CAKE SMACK DOWN: Back by popular demand, the Oregon Historical Society will host its third annual Celebrity Chocolate Cake Smack Down. Come and watch as local community leaders and media personalities present their best recipes for judgement, and join in the tasting once Gerry declares a winner. Free and open to the public. Noon – 1:30 p.m., Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

THURSDAY AUGUST 24

FVRL FOUNDATION USED HARDBACK FICTION BOOK SALE: FLASH FICTION SALE!! Come shop for your next favorite novel at The Flash Fiction Sale. Thousands of hardback works are just \$1.00 each. One day only 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Please bring your own box or bags to carry your books. Library Hall downstairs at the FVRL Headquarters, 1007 E. Millplain Blvd., Vancouver.

THURS.-SAT. AUGUST 24-26

FIESTA ITALIANA RETURNS TO PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE! "PORTLAND'S PIAZZA" Get ready for non stop Italian! Italian food, entertainment, vendors, opera and 2 wine/beer gardens. The Fiesta is a family event with no admission charge and right on the bus lines. All day event 9 a.m. – 8 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, downtown

Portland.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

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., NEW LOCATION – Concordia University, Luther Hall, 2811 NE Holman St.

NORTHEAST BLOCK PARTY: Open Signal together with Eliot Neighborhood residents, businesses and artists present a day long multicultural block party, featuring live music on porches, family friendly activities and more! The event is free and all are welcome. 2 p.m. – 10 p.m., NE Graham St. between MLK, Jr. Blvd and 7th Ave.

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TEST GARDEN CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION: Celebration highlights: 11 a.m. kickoff with free cupcakes, multicultural music and performances at five stations among the roses all day, crafts for adults and kids, enjoy rose ice tea samples, food vendors and other free family fun all day! 11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., International Rose Test Garden, 400 SW Kingston Dr.

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PETE'S DRAGON! CROSSROADS MOVIES IN THE PARK: Grab a blanket or a lawn chair and family, friends and neighbors to watch the blockbuster film "Pete's Dragon" movie under the stars on a huge screen. Movie will be cancelled if it is raining! All ages, free, 7:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m., Crossroads Park, 16000 NE 10th St., Bellevue.

HAPPY HOUR IN WESTLAKE PARK: Unwind from the day, listen to live music and enjoy a glass of wine during Happy Hour in the park. There are also other activities to unwind with. 4 p.m. – 7 p.m., Westlake Park, 401 Pine St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

WINDERMERE SUMMER SPLASH AT GREEN LAKE: This free day-long event will celebrate summer fun and active lifestyles for young families. The event will offer live entertainment, kid friendly activities, food booths, free giveaways and much more! 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Near Small Craft Center in SW corner of Green Lake, 5900 W. Green Lake Way North.

8TH ANNUAL TAILGATE ROCK SALE AND SWAP: Shelton Rock and Mineral Society presents its annual Tailgate Rock Sale and Swap. Rocks, minerals, fossils, rock crafts and equipment, food concessions, raffle, door prizes and more! Free admission! 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Mason County recreation Area, 2100 E. Johns Prairie Road, Shelton.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

WEST SEATTLE FARMERS MARKET: West Seattle Farmers Market closes the streets and brings over 40 local vendors selling seasonal fruits and produce, meats, dairy and so much more. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 4561 California Ave.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

BROWN BEAR CAR WASH CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY WITH FREE CAR WASHES: During their 60 years celebration, two lucky customers will be selected to receive free car washes for a year, an annual membership to Brown Bear's Unlimited Car Wash Club. Enter to win by take a picture of your newly washed vehicle and post it on twitter at @brownbear or Instagram at @brownbearcarwash with #freecarwashday. Free car washes at all 24 locations in the Seattle Area.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

MUSIC IN THE PARK IN CENTRALIA WASHINGTON: Live music in George Washington Park. Proceeds will benefit the George Washington Bicentennial Celebration. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., George Washington Park. S. Pearl St., Centralia.

4TH ANNUAL 2017 HILLTOP STREET FAIR: This year's event promises to be bigger than ever and is themed as "Unity Through Diversity." Family friendly activities, food, games and music will be featured. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., People's Park, South Ninth St. and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way, Tacoma.



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Pan African Festival

Giana Laurine applies make up to Kijana Winchester before the fashion show at the Pan African Festival in downtown Portland's Pioneer Square Aug. 12.

News Briefs

Portland's Resistance Holds 'Eclipse Hate' Rally in Solidarity with Charlottesville Aug. 18

On Aug. 18, Portland's Resistance will be holding a peaceful rally and march in solidarity with the community of Charlottesville, Virginia after the recent acts of domestic terrorism by White supremacists left one person dead and dozens injured.

The community action will feature inspirational speakers, collaborative banner making, and a strong showing of the strength of community response to the threat of violent, White supremacist terrorism.

Portland's Resistance is calling on supporters to join them on Aug. 18 at 5:30 p.m. at the Salmon St. fountain in solidarity to stand against white supremacy.

Self Enhancement, Inc. Brings the Dazz Band to a Free Community Festival Aug. 19

Self Enhancement, Inc. (SEI) will host their 2nd annual summer music festival at Unthank Park (N. Kerby & N. Failing) on Aug. 19. The Homecoming will include live music, children's play area, food carts, community organizations and much more. Musical artists include: DJ Quaz, Blossom, Mighty, Jae Lava, The Othership, Saeeda Wright, Kimberly Monique, Tony Ozier, Ocean 503, and The Dazz Band. Free food will be provided to attendees between 3 and 6 p.m.

This event will also include a park dedication to Dr. Denorval Unthank. Dr. Unthank was Portland's only African American doctor in the 1930s, during a time when African American families were being turned away from Portland hospitals. He served as an advocate for African Americans and civil rights leader. Dr. Unthank became the first African-American member of the City Club, served as president of the NAACP local chapter, and was a co-founder of the Urban League of Portland.

In 1981, while North Portland was heavily impacted by the presence of gang activities and violence within the community, Tony Hopson, Sr., SEI's president and CEO, used male basketball camps as a vehicle to provide hope and peace into African-American

youth. These students and their families called the Center for Self Enhancement their second home for nearly 35 years. As a result of the increase in housing rates and the mass reconstruction of the neighborhood, many SEI students and families were displaced further east and north. No longer in walking distance of their second home, a number of students have been forced to decrease the amount of time spent in the SEI program. So, SEI looks to this event to celebrate the communal society so many have strived to cultivate amidst distance. SEI will create a homecoming for a community to gather and celebrate a culture that is rooted upon family, integrity and respect.

Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/1397470630373558

Vancouver NAACP Releases Statement on Charlottesville

The Vancouver NAACP released the following statement Monday regarding this weekend's events in Charlottesville, Va.:

"The Vancouver NAACP is saddened by the action of the terrorist groups in Charlottesville. We should all be concerned that these groups have decided to unite and terrorize citizens of the United States.

"A terrorist is a person who uses unlawful violence and intimidation, especially against civilians, in the pursuit of political aims. Derrick Johnson, interim president and CEO of the NAACP stated, "The blatant racism on display in Charlottesville is absolutely disgusting. It's hard to believe that in 2017 we are still plagued by so much race-based hatred. The NAACP will always stand against hate and any persons who threaten the moral right of our community."

"These groups, like most terrorist groups, recruit the young according to Dr. John Horgan, a forensic psychologist and expert in analyzing terrorist behavior at Georgia State University in Atlanta [It's] that feeling we all had as teenagers: "I don't fit. I don't belong here. I want something bigger. I want to do something better with my life," explained Horgan. "Those are the types of things recruiters latch onto and exploit, and they're very good at it." They are able to exploit teenage angst and the fact that adolescents are still finding their place in the world."

"The Vancouver Chapter encourages citizens and communities to continue moving forward in a positive direction to stand and live stronger together."