

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

FVRL FOUNDATION USED HARDBACK FICTION BOOK SALE: FLASH FICTION SALE: The foundation is overstocked with thousands of hardback works for just \$1 each. This is a one-day sale only from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Please bring your own box or bags to carry your books in. Library Hall downstairs at the FVRL Headquarters, 1007 E. Millplain Blvd., Vancouver.

THURSDAY - SATURDAY, AUG. 24 - 26

FIESTA ITALIANA RETURNS TO PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: Italian food, entertainment, vendors, opera and two 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.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

BIG SCREEN ON THE GREEN PRESENTS: SING! Grab your blankets and lawn chairs for a fun and relaxing evening outside, while watching a movie under the stars. Entertainment begins at 6 p.m. with several kid friendly activities. 6 p.m. - 10:30 p.m., Glendover Golf Course.

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: Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave.

ROOSEVELT COMMUNITY CARE DAY: Please come and join community members, Roosevelt & PPS staff in preparing our grounds and outdoor spaces for the new school year! Please bring gloves and yard tools, light refreshments will be provided, volunteers need to be high school age or older! 9 a.m. - noon. Meet on N. Burr near the football field.

SURF CITY CAR SHOW: That's right it's time again for our tribute to and celebrating of the coolest classics and the hottest rides. It's better at the beach with a beer garden, music, food and fun. 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Chinook Winds Casino Resort, 1777 NW 44th St., Lincoln City.

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

INTERNATIONAL ROSE TEST GARDEN (IRIG) 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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

CHAMPIONS BACK TO SCHOOL CUT-A-THON: Free haircuts and styles for all students. Haircuts & styles, school supply giveaways, food and fun. Call or make an appointment online today at www.cbi.life or call 503-477-5616 9 a.m. - 9 p.m., Champions Barbering Institute, 424 NE Killingsworth St.

FRIDAY - MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 - 4

ANNUAL DAHLIA FESTIVAL: A must see for the Dahlia lovers, or if you just love flowers. View over 400 floral arrangements of dahlias over 15,000 cut dahlia blooms on display. The largest display put on by one grower anywhere in the United States. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. All Days: Dahlia Farm, 995 NW 22nd Ave. Canby, OR 97013. Free admission and free parking.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

SEVENTH ANNUAL ARAB FESTIVAL: "Mahrajan," the largest celebration of Arab heritage and culture in Oregon. This day long, alcohol-free event showcases the arts, entertainment, food, tra-

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Rose Test Garden Celebrates Centennial

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R)'s iconic International Rose Test Garden in Washington Park is celebrating its centennial this year. PP&R welcomes everyone to the International Rose Test Garden Centennial Celebration held from 11am through the special Concert in the Park by Pilon d'Azucar at 6:30pm Aug. 26. In 1917, Portland received official notice the American Rose Society had selected the city as the location for the national test garden, in part to help preserve European roses threatened by World War I. Now, a century later, the renowned site is the oldest continuously operating public rose test garden in the United States. Around 700,000 visitors come to the world-famous rose garden each year.

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IT-Ready Career Program for Adults Returns to Portland This Fall

After a successful pilot class last spring, Creating IT Futures will bring its free IT-Ready career program back to Portland, OR, this fall, allowing adults to get trained for their first jobs in tech. The eight-week IT-Ready class funded by Worksystems and the Urban League of Portland will be hosted at CENTRL Office on NW Everett in Portland starting Oct. 23. Applications will be accepted through September 27 at www.ITReady.com.

At no cost to students, IT-Ready assesses, trains, certifies and places unemployed and under-employed adults in entry-level tech jobs. Since Creating IT Futures launched IT-Ready in 2012, 85 percent of its students have earned their CompTIA A+ certification and more than 80 percent have landed paid IT jobs.

In the IT-Ready program, students get hands-on labs taking apart and building desktop computers and other hardware; learn to configure, troubleshoot, and secure operating systems, computer networks, and peripherals. Students also receive targeted professional development in key business "soft" skills such as professional communication and presentation, teamwork and collaboration, and critical thinking and problem solving. IT-Ready graduates are grounded in these key skills and prepared to apply them on day one of their new jobs. After completing their training, the students sit for the CompTIA A+ certification exam which covers desktop and helpdesk technical support duties and skills.

IT-Ready students receive free tuition, books and learning materials, more than 240 hours of classroom and hands-on tech and soft skills training, and certification vouchers toward the CompTIA A+ exam. To demonstrate their commitment to the training and pursuing an IT career, IT-Ready students are allowed only one absence and two late days during the program. The next Portland class starts Oct. 23 and runs through Dec. 15, and is held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every weekday.

Beyond recruiting for participants for IT-Ready training, Creating IT Futures is looking for Portland businesses to consider the resumes of CompTIA A+ certified IT-Ready graduates and interview qualified candidates for entry-level IT positions. Dozens of participating IT-Ready employers in other cities include such recognized names as HealthPartners, JP-Morgan Chase, TEKsystems, Time Warner Cable and US Bank. These companies have received the benefits of skilled workers and simultaneously helped their communities. Interested employers should contact Tom Pinger at tpinger@comptia.org.

IT-Ready in Portland is made possible through funding from the US Department of Labor. To qualify for training, applicants must complete a screening

process through WorkSource Portland Metro to determine eligibility for funding.

Potential employers, mentors, students and community partners can learn more at www.ITReady.com.

AG Rosenblum Announces \$192M Settlement for Student Loan Debt

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum announced a multi-state settlement worth \$192 million with Aequitas Capital, an Oregon-based financial firm that financed over \$400 million in private loans to students attending the now-bankrupt Corinthian Colleges.

In total, 683 Oregonians will benefit from the settlement, amounting to \$2.1 million in student loan relief. Broken down more, 358 Oregonians will get 100 percent loan forgiveness, and 325 Oregonians will get 40 percent principal reduction for active loans.

"Here in Oregon, more than 650 students took out considerable loans to attend Corinthian Colleges, largely based on their slick promises of high paying jobs upon graduation. This deal can now help these young people move on from a terrible chapter in their lives, without being stuck with the obligation of a lifetime," said Attorney General Rosenblum.

The agreement, which Oregon collaborated with several other states and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, will be subject to approval by the Oregon federal court overseeing the Aequitas receivership.

The settlement will cancel all outstanding balances for former students who have both fallen into default and whose campuses were closed as a result of the Corinthian bankruptcy while they were students there. All others will receive a write-down of 55 percent on outstanding loan principal.

As part of the settlement, all former students will have any negative reporting associated with the loans' repayment erased from their credit reports.

Once the federal judge approves the settlement, Oregon will file a stipulation and judgment in Multnomah County Circuit Court.

TriMet Opens Hop Fastpass to Apple Pay, Android Pay and Samsung Pay

In addition to paying a fare with the tap of a Hop card, riders can now just tap their phone to pay using a mobile wallet app with a linked credit or debit card. It's the newest feature of Hop. All you need to use it is a smartphone and a mobile wallet app with a linked credit or debit card.

Phone taps can be used to purchase adult fare only, but as with Hop cards, the fares are good for riding TriMet and C-TRAN buses, MAX Light Rail, WES Commuter Rail, C-TRAN's Vine Rapid Transit and

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