

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

THE STANDARD'S VOLUNTEER EXPO: Oregon's longest-running and largest volunteer expo returns to Pioneer Courthouse Square for its ninth year. Volunteer Expo brings more than 120 nonprofits together in one place so they can connect with thousands of Oregonians eager to make a difference in their community. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse square, 701 SW 6th Ave.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

OABA 3RD QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING: The Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs will hold its third Quarterly Membership Meeting. The meeting is open to the public. It will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, New Song Community Center Room, 200 NE Russell St.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

MINISTRY FAIR: Come join us for a spirit filled worship service at 10 a.m. featuring music from our four district services. Then stay for the Ministry Information Fair at 11:30 a.m. All our welcome to this free outdoor event featuring food, a cake walk, children's activities and much more! Augustana Lutheran Church, NE Knott St. and 15th Ave.

VIKING PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Join us for delicious all-you-can-eat Viking Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit and more! Adults \$8, children 5 – 12 \$4; children under 5 are free. Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th Ave.

SUMMER'S END FESTIVAL WITH BIKE RIDE AND PARADE: You are invited to the Summer's End Festival with Bike Ride and Parade hosted by Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. Festival starts at noon and concludes at 5 p.m. Whether you ride or not, many activities will be available at the festival's funland. If you would like to ride please sign up at <http://ollparish.com/summers-end-festival>. Festival will be located at 650 A Ave., Lake Oswego.

PORTLAND PICNIC: Throw down your picnic blanket and taste from a lineup of more than 75 delicious wines from around the Portland & the world at the Portland Picnic. Live music, grape stomping and family friendly activities round out the day. 11 a.m. – 9 p.m., Westmoreland Park, SE Bybee & SE 22nd Ave.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

SWEET JAM LOOKING TO CELEBRATE A SCEOND OPENING ON MLK, JR. BLVD. Sweet Jam, a Portland jazzy breakfast restaurant will be opening its second location to the public. The restaurant invites guests to enjoy music, and a sampling of its wonderful food. 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., The new Sweet Jam will be located at 5237 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd.

COMEDIAN, MENTAL HEALTH ACTIVIST, SUICIDE PREVENTION SPEAKER & STIGMA FIGHTER FRANK KING COMING TO VANCOUVER: Columbian River Mental Health Foundation will welcome Frank King, as guest speaker at their 2nd Annual Luncheon and Behavioral Health Community Service Awards at the Vancouver Hilton. This is a free luncheon but the Foundation is asking for donations to support their New Hope & Dreams Grant Program. To attend you must save your seat at www.crmhfoundation.org 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Vancouver Hilton, 301 W. 6th St., Vancouver.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

EL GRITO, A LATIN AMERICAN CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE: El Grito Y Fiestas Patrias Si the celebration of independence from Spain by seven Latin American Countries. The festivities include live music, ethnic food, traditional dances and much more. Free to the public. 11 a.m. – 11 p.m., Rose Quarter, One Center Court.

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**Tony Award-Winning ‘Fun Home’ Kicks off
Portland Center Stage’s Anniversary**

Portland Center Stage at The Armory's 30th anniversary season opens with the groundbreaking, Tony Award-winning musical "Fun Home." Created by Jeanine Tesori (music) and Lisa Kron (book and lyrics) and based on the celebrated graphic memoir by Alison Bechdel, "Fun Home" will begin preview performances on Sept.16, open Sept. 22, and run through Oct. 22 on The Armory's U.S. Bank Main Stage. "Fun Home" ushers us inside Bechdel's head – at three different ages – as she struggles to process the chain of childhood events that made her the adult she is today. Growing up in a funeral home as the closeted lesbian daughter of a father with secrets of his own was complicated. But by looking back on her family life, and remembering all the loving, silly, and even shameful moments, Alison learns to see her parents – and herself – for who they really are. Regular tickets for "Fun Home" start at \$25 and are on sale now. Tickets may be purchased at www.pcs.org, by calling (503) 445-3700, or in-person from the box office: 128 NW Eleventh Avenue. For more information visit www.pcs.org/funhome.

Portland News Briefs

**Oregon Health Authority Urges
Residents to Protect Themselves
From Smoke**

As wildfires continue to affect many parts of the state--including most recently the Columbia River Gorge--the Oregon Health Authority is encouraging people to take steps to protect themselves from smoky air.



Poor air quality due to wildfires can cause health problems for people with chronic lung or heart conditions, the elderly, and children. Fine particles in smoke also can affect people suffering from asthma and other respiratory conditions.

OHA offers the following smoke-prevention tips:

- Residents can check the current local air quality conditions on DEQ's website (oregonsmoke.blogspot.com). Avoid outdoor activities when air quality is unhealthy and hazardous.
- Avoid smoke either by leaving the area or by staying indoors, closing as many windows and doors as possible without letting your home overheat, and using a filter in your heating/cooling system that removes very fine particulate matter.
- Avoid strenuous outdoor activity in smoky conditions. Those with heart or lung problems, as well as young children, are especially vulnerable.
- People suffering from asthma or other respiratory problems should follow their breathing management plans or contact their health care providers.

For more information about wildfires and smoke, visit www.healthoregon.org/wildfires.

**Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation
Hosts Walk, Benefit Dinner**

"Walk a Mile for Sickle Cell," hosted by the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation of Oregon, will take place at 9 a.m. Sept. 9 at the American Red Cross, 3131 N. Vancouver.

The foundation will also host a sickle cell awareness benefit dinner and silent auction from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at Mercy Corp Action Center, 28 SW 1st Ave. There will be door prizes and music. Tickets are \$100 per plate or \$800 per table.

For more information, please contact the Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation, 4927 NE 55th Ave., at (503) 249-1366 or visit www.sicklecelloreign.org.

**Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs
Holds Membership Meeting**

The Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA) will hold its 3rd Quarterly Membership Meeting on from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 9.

The meeting will be held at the New Song Community Center Room 9, located at 220 NE Russell. The meeting is open to the public.

The agenda includes the OABA Financial Status, the 2017 OABA Election, the 2018 Oregon Black Political Convention (OBPC), and more.

For more information, visit www.oaba.us or email oaba@peak.org.

**PSU Researcher Seeks Black
Community Gardeners for Study**

A graduate student from Portland State University is conducting research on Portland's community gardens, specifically the experience of Black, African, and African American gardeners in the city's community gardens program.



David "Doc" Billings is interested in speaking with any Black, African, or African American gardeners about their experiences in Portland's community gardens, and ideally interviewing them at the garden or a location of their choice.

In return for their time, Billings is offering a cash incentive or help in their garden plot. Interested gardeners should contact him at DRB3@pdx.edu or (503) 725-8447.

**Muslim Educational Trust to Host
Exhibit on Japanese Internment**

The Muslim Educational Trust will host a traveling exhibit, "Architecture of Internment: The Build Up to Wartime Incarceration" highlighting the rule of Oregonians in the decision to incarcerate Japanese Americans. 120,000 people of Japanese ancestry, two-thirds of them U.S. citizens, were incarcerated during World War II.

The exhibit will open with a reception at 6:30 p.m. Sept. 11 at Muslim Educational Trust, 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Road, Tigard. Light refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be on display through Oct. 14. Please contact Rania Ayoub for group reservations by calling (503) 579-6621 or emailing rania@metpdx.org.

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