

Events & Announcements

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

SWEET JAM CELEBRATES A SECOND 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 food from 6 p.m. - 9 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

2017 PORTLAND CONSTRUCTION: One of the most visually stunning demonstrations of talent and creativity within the architectural and engineering communities benefitting Oregon Food Bank. This is a unique competition where teams of architects, engineers, and contractors compete to build giant whimsical and wildly inventive sculptures made entirely out of full cans of food. This is an all-day event. 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Pioneer Place, 888 SW Fifth Ave.

STURGEON FESTIVAL 2017: The Water Resources Education Center's annual Sturgeon Festival will bring a splash of excitement to kids of all ages with hands-on-activities. This free, fun event offers opportunities for the entire family to learn about fish and other plants and animals in and around the Columbia River. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Water Resource Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver.

EL GRITO, A LATIN AMERICAN CELEBRATION OF INDEPENDENCE: El Grito Y Fiestas Patrias Si the celebration of Independence from Spain by 7 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.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

COMMUNITY GATHERING FOR SE 150TH AND DIVISION STREET PARK: Join us to celebrate the park design you helped create. Tour the park space, tell us what you think, and learn about the next steps. Everyone is welcome, children's activities and food provided. 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., SE 150th and SE Division St.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

"TAKE THE RIGHT STEPS" Fall prevention for older adults. Have you fallen? Do you have a fear of falling? This workshop is for you. This is a one-hour fall prevention workshop. It is free and open to the public. 11 a.m. - noon, Immaculate Heart Church Community Hall, 2926 N. Williams Ave. For more information please call (503) 287-3724.

MICRONESIAN ISLANDER COMMUNITY CELEBRATION: The second annual Micronesian Islander Festival will feature multicultural performances including dancing, music and singing. There will

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Schoolhouse Supplies

My Father's House Ministries made a \$1,000 donation to Schoolhouse Supplies, a nonprofit that supports public education in Portland by giving students and teachers free classroom supplies, Sept. 6. Pictured here are Alicia Dittman (left), Emerald Kelly, Hailey Roberge, Alice Forbes, Pastor Jerry Gutierrez and Sarah Smith.

Portland News Briefs

Loretta Smith Announces City Council Run After Saltzman Bows Out

Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith announced Tuesday afternoon that she plans to run for Portland City Council Position 3, currently occupied by Dan Saltzman. Her announcement came two hours after Saltzman announced he would not seek a sixth term.

In August, former state legislator and current NAACP Portland branch president Jo Ann Hardesty filed to run for the position 3 spot. Hardesty announced her candidacy publicly after meeting with Saltzman and asking him to retire. Smith faces term limits for her current position and cannot file for candidacy until January without losing her seat on the commission.

"Our next leaders need build a shared vision for Portland's future that ensures it remains affordable for working people, stand up for progressive values, and provide every community a meaningful voice in City Hall," Smith wrote in her press statement Wednesday.

"I have enjoyed the myriad duties of City Commissioner, and I am very proud of my accomplishments and the relationships I have built while achieving them. But with respect to things I am passionate about, the items on my 'to do' list largely have check marks next to them. Meanwhile, there is much more I wish to do in areas such as child welfare, foster care and domestic violence. I have come to the conclusion that I can accomplish more on those issues if they be-



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Dan Saltzman

come my primary focus, instead of their having to share my attention. And I would enjoy working on those causes in a less scheduled life," Saltzman wrote.

EMO Hosts Public Forum on MLK's 'Beloved Community'

The Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) is hosting the third installment of its Beloved Community Forum on Sept. 24.

From 4 to 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, community members are welcome to join a public discussion around Martin Luther King Jr.'s notion of the "Beloved Community."

As articulated by King, the Beloved Community is a society based on justice, equal opportunity, and love of one's fellow human beings.

The forum initially launched in July in response to the Trump presidency. Yet EMO's commitment to the series was reinforced by the disturbing report that Oregonians had documented the most hate crimes per capita.

The inaugural forum this summer highlighted the work of the Oregon Justice Resource Center and how its efforts relate to King's vision.

Each monthly forum includes a discussion and a meal centered on a shared responsibility to the Beloved Community.

"It's an intentional effort to bring together members of diverse communities who might not have found themselves at a table together," EMO executive director, Jan Musgrove Elfers, told *The Skanner*.

On Sept. 24, EMO will welcome guest speaker Ronault "Polo" Catalani, policy advisor of the New Portlander Policy Commission for the City of Portland. The commission works to integrate ambitious immigrants and refugees into Portland life.

His speech, titled "Families Move," will explore how Portlanders can do their part to welcome immigrant communities which, said Elfers, have recently been

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