

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2017

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

STIMSON LUMBER TREE ARRIVAL: Come downtown and welcome the arrival of Portland's Christmas Tree. Noon. Pioneer Courthouse Square, Downtown Portland.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

THE DESTRUCTION OF ALBINA: Back by popular demand. Due to the high level of response and requests, we are presenting the first lecture again. 2 p.m. Free, The Elks Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook St.

AFRICAN COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR: Health screenings, flu shots/Immunizations, vision, medical and dental care, OHP application enrollment and assistance, refreshments and gifts. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., IRCO Community Center, 10301 NE Glisan St.

PUBLIC INVITED TO ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CEREMONY: This veterans celebration will take place rain or shine, with covered seating available. Event includes guest speakers and the singing of the National Anthem and more. 11 a.m. - noon, Washington County Veterans Memorial, NE Veterans Dr. and NE 34th Ave., Hillsboro.

17TH ANNUAL PRETTY KITTY HANDMADE HOLIDAY CRAFT BAZAAR: House of Dreams no-kill cat shelter's popular, fun bazaar features handcrafted gifts for people and pets, many using recycled content. Free admission for all to enjoy. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Taborspace, 5441 SE Belmont St.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARD/AUCTION CEREMONY: The Muslim Education Trust, will recognize the dedicated individuals for their positive contribution to MET and the Community. Potluck dinner, please bring your favorite dish to share. Free and open to the public. MET, 10330 SW Scholls Ferry Rd., Tigard.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

GENTALK AT THE GFO: Paper and Spit: DNA + Genealogy and how to make that first contact. Presenter: Don Anderson, author & GFO member. This GenTalk will focus on using Don's story to illustrate what to say when making contact with new matches. Free and open to the public. 2 p.m., GFO, 2505 SE 11th Ave.

HARVEST ARTISAN FAIRE: The Harvest Artisan Faire will feature handmade gifts. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., West Hill's Friends Church, 7425 SW 52nd. St.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

3RD ANNUAL MILWAUKIE HIGH SCHOOL SWIM TEAM BAZAAR: This event will feature food, fun and fabulous vendors. There is also a raffle and silent auction, and participants will be entered to win the door prize just by walking in the door. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Milwaukie High School, 2301 SE Willard Rd., Milwaukie.

Seattle Metro

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DONATIONS NEEDED FOR KIDS' COAT DRIVE: With temperatures dropping, staying warm can be challenging for some families.

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RACC Announces Support for Four Organizations

The Regional Arts & Culture Council (RACC) has approved the addition of four nonprofit organizations to its roster of "General Operating Support" organizations that receive annual unrestricted funding from RACC in support of their mission. The four new "GOS" organizations are: August Wilson Red Door Project (\$12,000); CoHo Productions (\$12,800); Oregon BRAVO Youth Orchestras (\$14,600); Polaris Dance Theater (\$12,300). These organizations bring to 55 the number of arts organizations in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties that receive annual, unrestricted operating support from RACC. GOS grants range in size from \$8,000 to \$427,000 per year depending on the size of the organization. A list of other GOS organizations and their historical funding amounts is available online at <http://bit.ly/2y79puH>.

Portland News Briefs

Enrollment for Affordable Care Act Opens

Oregon's U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley reminds Oregonians that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) open enrollment period began Nov. 1 and lasts until Dec. 15. During the enrollment period, Americans can sign up for health coverage through the ACA marketplace.

Oregonians can visit healthcare.gov to shop, compare, and see if there's a plan that will meet their health care needs and save them money. Millions of Americans qualify for tax credits that ensure affordability. With tax credits, policies are available for \$50 to 100 per month. Call 1-800-318-2596 or visit local-help.healthcare.gov for assistance.

This is the ACA's fifth open enrollment period. About 10 million Americans have coverage through the ACA marketplaces, but millions more remain uninsured. This year, experts are encouraging people to plan ahead and make sure they set aside time to enroll, since the administration has shortened the enrollment period and has said it will shut down the healthcare.gov website nearly every Sunday for 12 hours at a time.

Travel Portland, Prosper Portland, Partners in Diversity Host My People's Market

My People's Market, a vibrant gathering of nearly 100 local multicultural vendors, will take place from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Nov. 9 at Head to The Redd at Ecotrust to meet, network and experience multicultural vendors - all while enjoying live music, artwork and food.

A collaborative event between Travel Portland, Partners in Diversity and Prosper Portland, My Peo-

ple's Market is aimed to advance opportunities for business owners of color, connecting them with the travel industry and other professionals who can help to expand and scale their businesses. This event is one of a series of connection opportunities for the Mercatus platform and Inclusive Business Resource Network of Prosper Portland.

Admission for the event is free, but reservations are encouraged. Visit www.eventbrite.com/e/my-peoples-market-tickets-38052743781.

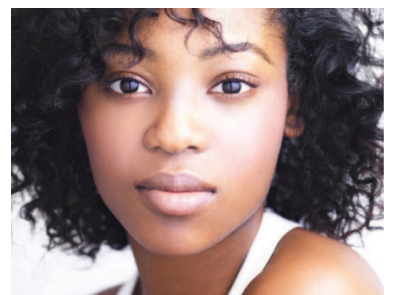
Supporting Our Society Holds Coat Drive

Supporting Our Society is holding its fourth annual winter coat drive. Gently used and new winter coats will be collected between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Spare Room, 4830 NE 42nd Ave.

The group, which distributed more than 600 coats to homeless people last year, is also crowdfunding to buy hats and gloves. For more information visit www.gofundme.com/r2nm9-keeping-the-homeless-warm.

Applications Open for 2017 August Wilson Monologue Competition

Applications for the August Wilson Monologue Competition are due Nov. 30. Open to all high school students in the Portland Metropolitan Area, the competition is presented in Portland by the August Wilson Red Door project, whose mission is to change the ra-



Hailey Kilgore, 2015 August Wilson Monologue Competition Participant

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