

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2017

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

CLARK COLLEGE JAZZ PLAYS FULL CONCERT: The Clark College Jazz Ensemble performs their full concert with, special guests, the Prairie High School Jazz Band. The concert is free and open to the public. The concert begins at 7 p.m. in Gaiser Student Center at Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

GEN TALK 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: There will be food, fun, fabulous vendors as well as a raffle and silent auction. Attendees are 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.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 THANKSGIVING DAY

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER AT ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH: This will be the eighth year St. Andrew's has hosted this Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings. The church has parking available and wheelchair access. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 7600 N. Herford Ave.

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER: This event is free and all are invited to come share a meal with others in our community. We will provide a full traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings and desert. Noon - 3 p.m., St. John The Apostle Catholic Church, 417 Washington St., Oregon City.

BEING A HERO IS EASY AS PIE AT ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY BLOOD DRIVE: The American Red Cross is sweetening the incentive to give blood and platelets this Thanksgiving Day at the Portland and Clark County Donation Centers. In the spirit of the season, the Red Cross will thank all those who come to donate at the annual Thanksgiving Day blood drive with a free pie, while supplies last. Two locations: 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Red Cross Portland, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., & 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Red Cross Clark County, 5109 NE 82nd Ave., Vancouver.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

TREE LIGHTING AT PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE: Catch the 75-footer as it lights up for the first time and sing some carols with neighbors. 5:30 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square, 701 SW Sixth Ave.

COMMUNITY TREE LIGHTING + POPS CONCERT: The Vancouver holiday season will kick off on Friday. Tree Lighting in Esther Short Park and Vancouver Pops Orchestra concert at the Hilton Hotel. From 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. there will be live holiday music with children's choirs and Santa in Esther Short Park. At 6 p.m. Santa illuminates the tree with 10,000 lights. Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St., Vancouver.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

2018 TIMBERWOLVES ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR: The funds from this event are used to throw the graduating class a safe, drug and alcohol free party after graduation. Come and start your holiday shopping at this huge Annual Holiday Bazaar. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Heritage High School, 7825 NE 130th Ave., Vancouver.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, NOV. 25 - 26

2017 PDX BLACK HOLIDAY BAZAAR: Join Portland alumnae chapter for our annual holiday bazaar in support of local Black businesses and creatives. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. both days. June Key Delta Community Center, 5940 N. Albina Ave.

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MCAS Waives Adoption Fees Nov. 17

Zappos For Good and North Shore Animal League America are teaming up with Multnomah County Animal Services for "Friends on Us Fridays" Nov. 17. All adoption fees for pets in the shelter will be waived for adopters. That means Multnomah County residents will only have to pay the license fee to take their forever friend home. The special runs from 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Multnomah County Animal Services, 1700 W Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale. For more information, visit <https://multcopets.org> or call (503) 988-7387.



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Portland News Briefs

PGE, Pacific Power, NW Natural Alert Customers to Utility Scams

On Nov. 15, Portland General Electric, Pacific Power and NW Natural are recognizing Utility Scam Awareness Day. Together they are urging community members to be aware of ongoing attempts to defraud utility customers.

Many utility customers throughout Oregon are being targeted by impostor utility scams. Scammers typically use phone and in-person tactics to target these customers. Scammers pose as electric or natural gas company employees, and threaten customers with disconnection if they fail to make an immediate payment - typically using a prepaid card or other non-traceable form of payment.



Scammers can be very convincing and often target those who are most vulnerable, including senior citizens and low-income communities. They also aim their scams at small business owners during busy customer service hours. However, with the right information, customers can learn to detect and report these predatory scams.

PGE, Pacific Power, and NW Natural urge customers to be aware of these signs of potential scam activity:

- **Threat to disconnect:** Scammers may make contact by phone and aggressively tell the customer his or her utility bill is past due and service will be disconnected if a payment is not made - usually within less than an hour.
- **Request for immediate payment:** Scammers may instruct the customer to purchase a prepaid card - widely available at retail stores - and then call them back supposedly to make a bill payment to his or her utility company.
- **Request for prepaid card:** When the customer calls back, the caller asks the customer for the prepaid card's number, which grants the scammer instant access to the prepaid funds and the victim's money is gone.

In order to protect themselves, customers should know:

- Customers should never agree to immediate purchase of a prepaid card to avoid service disconnection or shutoff. Legitimate utility companies offer a variety of ways to pay a bill, including accepting payments online, by phone, automatic bank draft, mail, or in person. Depending on delinquency, certain forms of payment may no longer be an option. However, payment via a prepaid card will never be demanded.
- If someone threatens immediate disconnection or shutoff of service, customers should contact their utility company immediately. Customers with delinquent accounts receive a disconnection notice in

advance by mail. Companies never send a single notification one hour or less before disconnection. A legitimate utility company employee will allow the customer to call the office to discuss arrangements.

- If customers suspect someone is trying to scam them, they should state that they are calling their utility company for verification. They should then call the number on their monthly bill or the company's website, not the phone number the scammer provides. If customers ever feel that they are in physical danger, they should call 911.

Customers who suspect that they have been victims of fraud, or who feel threatened during contact with one of these scammers, should contact local law enforcement authorities.

PGE has information about how customers can protect themselves from scams at: <https://www.portland-general.com/our-company/news-room/fraud-alert>

Pacific Power has customer education materials at: <https://www.pacificpower.net/scam>

NW Natural has information about customer protections at: 800-422-4012

Cascade AIDS Project Awarded \$50,000 To Start HIV & Aging Program

Cascade AIDS Project ("CAP") announced this month that it has been awarded \$50,000 from Gilead Sciences, Inc. to create a program to work with individuals aged 50 years and over who are living with HIV.

The grant will fund CAP's HIV and Aging Program for one year. CAP will invest additional resources to develop permanent staff capacity and produce a robust resource library for clients that will be accessible after the grant period ends.

Cascade AIDS Project is the oldest and largest AIDS Service Organization in Oregon and Southwest Washington. Prism Health, a primary care health center, an integral part of CAP's expanding mission to serve the broader LGBTQ+ community and will help remove barriers and improve access to health care for all LGBTQ+ individuals. For more information about CAP visit www.cascadeaids.org. For more information about Prism Health visit www.prism-health.org.

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 racial ecology of Portland through the arts.

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