

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2017

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### Portland Metro

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

**NIKKI BROWN CLOWN PRESENTS KWANZAA – UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY:** A special Kwanzaa story time with Nikki Brown Clown. Special appearances, a market place to shop with local Black Businesses and much more. 10 a.m. – noon, Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 NE Knott St.

#### THURSDAY – SATURDAY, DEC. 21 – 23

**THE MIRALCE OF A MILLION LIGHTS:** See more than a million lights, more than 36 decorated trees and themed rooms, nightly music and entertainment, hot chocolate and s'mores with Rudolph -- and so much more. Adults (18 – 64) \$8, students (4 – 17) \$5. Seniors (65+) \$4, children under three are free. Bring a non-perishable food item and receive \$1 off admission. 6 p.m. – 10 p.m., 1441 N. McClellan St.

#### FRIDAY – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 – 23

**CRAFT MARKET:** Find one-of-a-kind gifts for friends and family, discover top independent maker talent from around the country, and enjoy a memorable holiday weekend of local food vendors, seasonal cocktails, music, workshops, photo ops and more. 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, Pure Space, 1815 NW Overton St.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

**MIDWINTER MIDSOMMER:** Midwinter, Midsommer is Portland Metro Arts' annual children's holiday show. The event starts at 2 p.m. with cookie decorating, face painting and Santa visits. At 3 p.m. the show starts. Free. 2 p.m. – 4 p.m., Portland Metro Arts, 9003 SE Stark St.

**THE BEAT GOES ON MARCHING BAND HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE:** Join The Beat Goes On Marching Band with their high-energy brass, rock and roll style for this performance in the square. 11 a.m. – noon, Pioneer Courthouse Square.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Each year Potluck in the Park hosts an annual free Christmas dinner. This year our meal will be served on Christmas Eve. Location is the Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Ave. 1 p.m. – 4 p.m. Volunteers are also needed.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

**UMOJA UNITY:** First day of Kwanzaa celebration. Libation, Umoja candle, lighting ceremony, drumming, poetry, guest speakers, special performances, African Market Place, refreshments. 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 Knott St.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

**SOUTH SALEM CAREGIVER CONNECTION:** Join other caregivers in a caring relaxed and confidential setting to meet and explore ways to cope with the challenges of caring for a loved one. 2 p.m. – 3:30 p.m., Terrace Lake Park, 2120 Robins Lane SE, Salem.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

**KWANZAA FAMILY CELEBRATION:** Story time, candle lighting with Joyce Harris, Kwanzaa Family Crafts, light refreshments. 10:30 a.m. – noon, North Portland Neighborhood Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

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## 'Astoria: Part 2' Opens Jan. 26

The world premiere of "Astoria: Part Two" – the conclusion of a two-part stage adaptation of Peter Stark's best-selling book "Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's Lost Pacific Empire; A Story of Wealth, Ambition, and Survival," adapted and directed by Chris Coleman – begins preview performances at The Armory on Jan. 20, opens Jan. 26 and closes Feb. 18. Prior to the opening of "Astoria: Part Two," special reprise performances of "Astoria: Part One" will be presented on Jan. 13, 14, 16 and 17. During the run, three opportunities will be offered to see both productions together as a one-day marathon, on Feb. 11, 15 and 17. Tickets may be purchased at [www.pcs.org](http://www.pcs.org), (503) 445-3700, or in-person from the box office (128 NW Eleventh Avenue, Portland, OR).

## Portland News Briefs

### Deadline to Register for Jan. 23 Election is Jan. 2

Multnomah County Elections reminds voters that Jan. 2 is the voter registration deadline for the Jan. 23 Special Election. All eligible voters in Multnomah County will receive a ballot in the first week of the new year. Oregon voters can register online at [www.oregonvotes.gov/my-vote](http://www.oregonvotes.gov/my-vote) or fill out a paper Oregon Voter Registration Card available from the elections office, public library, Oregon DMV, or post office. Voters who will be away from home on election day should contact the elections office to request an absentee ballot as soon as possible.

Multnomah County Elections will be opening an additional location in Gresham for this election. The Voting Center Express will be open Jan. 8 – Jan. 23 inside the Multnomah County East Building. Voters will be able to replace a lost ballot, get help voting, ask questions, or vote in person at the Voting Center Express in downtown Gresham.

Voters with disabilities can request help with voting from a friend, family member or someone else they know. If needed, voters can also call and request voting and elections related help from Multnomah County Elections. Elections Voter Assistance Teams can help a voter in their home, at the facility they live in, or at an elections service location in SE Portland or Gresham. This help is always free of charge. Legally, employers or union representatives cannot provide assistance.

Voters with limited English proficiency can also request assistance. Multnomah County Elections provides an interpreter, free of charge to anyone who needs help in voting or elections processes in a language other than English. Telephone interpretation is available in any language and there are bilingual elections staff.

#### Main office:

Multnomah County Duniway-Lovejoy Elections Building  
1040 SE Morrison Street, Portland OR 97214

\*The elections office will be CLOSED Monday, December 25, 2017 for the Christmas Day federal holiday.

#### Gresham location:

Open Jan. 8, 2018 – Jan. 23, 2018

Voting Center Express at the Multnomah County East Building

600 NE 8th Street, Gresham OR 97030

Phone: 503-988-3720

Email: [elections@multco.us](mailto:elections@multco.us)

Website: [www.mcelections.org](http://www.mcelections.org)

### Lowenstein Trust Board of Directors Presents Dr. Leroy Haynes and Dr. T. Allen Bethel With Lowenstein Trust Award

The Steve Lowenstein Trust Board of Directors announced Dr. Leroy Haynes and Dr. T. Allen Bethel as the 2017 Lowenstein Trust Award recipients at Portland City Council's Dec. 13 meeting.

For more than a decade, Reverend Dr. LeRoy Haynes, Senior Pastor and Presiding Elder at Allen Temple CME Church and Reverend Dr. T.A. Bethel, Senior Pastor at Maranatha Church, have actively initiated and supported local efforts to address community needs. As committed social justice and social change advocates, both have inspired others to collaboratively create a more equitable society – one march, one meeting, one food basket, one prison visit, one decent pair of shoes at a time.

Pastors Bethel and Haynes have served as advisory members for the City of Portland and Multnomah County, offering their experience, insight, understanding and wisdom on issues of racial justice, violence and gang issues, gentrification and minority contracting. Each pastor has actively worked to end inequities in the criminal justice system and bring about reform. Their dedication includes working with prisons to support families, reduce recidivism and assist former inmates in their return to a constructive community life.

Even during re-building following a fire, Allen Temple's homeless assistance program continues to operate. Homeless individuals have access to clothing and other essentials for everyday life and more importantly, receive support for self-stabilization efforts. These services include job interview preparation, training programs and housing application assistance. Allen Temple also partners with the Oregon Foodbank to provide meals to struggling community members.

Pastors Bethel and Haynes also actively support efforts to address health care inequities by providing HIV/AIDS education, outreach and support. In particular, Pastor Bethel has advocated for a healthier community by supporting environmental protection and strengthening public investment in urban parks for everyone.

The Lowenstein Trust is part of the legacy of Steve

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