

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2018

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#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

**50 YEARS OF KBOO AT THE OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** Join us for the exhibits opening event, featuring speakers, music and family friendly activities that showcase and celebrate KBOO's rich history and ongoing influence on Portland's culture. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

**EAST COUNTY COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA WINTER CONCERT:** East County Community Orchestra begins celebrating its 40th year with its winter concert. Meet and greet the director and musicians while enjoying free refreshments during intermission. 3 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., David Douglas High School, Homer Performing Arts Center, 1400 SE 130th Ave.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

**LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WORKSHOP:** Attend this free workshop and learn how to prevent lead exposure in your home. Great for households with children and pregnant women, especially those living in homes built before 1978. Qualified participants will receive a free kit of safety and testing supplies. Registration for workshop at [www.communityenergyproject.org](http://www.communityenergyproject.org) or call (503) 284-6827 x 109. 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., 5329 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

**WHERE DO YOU GO WHEN YOU GOTTA GO?** This presentation and dialogue will focus on homelessness and the lack of access to human necessities. Sisters of the Road believes that everyone has the right to a dignified place to use the restroom. 1 p.m. - 3 p.m., 4775 N. Lombard St.

**THE NAACP PORTLAND BRANCH INVITES THECOMMUNITY TO ITS MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP GENERAL MEETING:** President Jo Ann Hardesty and executive leadership will provide updates about current and future initiatives. Noon - 2 p.m. Lloyd Center Mall, north of ice skating rink, former Deb's retail store.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

**PUBLIC TRIBUTE TO VERA KATZ:** Loved ones, colleagues and admirers of the late great Portland Mayor Vera Katz will have a chance to celebrate her life. Doors open to the public at 1:15 p.m., Portland Art Museum, 1219 SW Park Ave.

**GROW PORTLAND ENERGIZES LOCAL SEED SHARING BY HOSTING A SEED SWAP:** The seed swap will take place on National Seed Swap Day. The event is free and open to the public. Gardner's who save seeds in their gardens are encouraged to participate in the community event. 10 a.m. - noon, Midland Library, 805 SE 122nd Ave.

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## Welcome Lunch at Sweet Jam

Members of the Albina Ministerial Alliance and other community members met with Police Chief Danielle Outlaw at Sweet Jam Jan. 10. Pictured here are Joyce Harris (left), Ashlee Albies, Shauna Curphey, Kristen Chambers, Police Chief Danielle Outlaw and Dr. LeRoy Haynes.

## Portland News Briefs

### Last Day to Mail Ballots is Thursday

Jan. 18 is the last day for voters to safely mail in their ballots for the Special Election on Jan. 23.

Multnomah County Elections encourages voters to return ballots promptly due to the possibility of inclement winter weather. Ballot envelopes must be signed and ballots received by the elections office no later than 8 p.m. Postmark dates do not count in Oregon.

All registered voters should have received their ballots, and voters who have not received ballots or need replacement ballots should contact the elections office.

The Order Ahead Replacement Ballot Service allows voters to go online request a replacement ballot and have it ready at Will Call. Voters can then pick up replacement ballots at either the Multnomah County Duniway-Lovejoy Elections Building or the Voting Center Express inside the Multnomah County East Building at 600 NE 8th Street, Gresham, 97030. Voters can also call Multnomah County Elections at 503-988-3720 or visit the SE Portland or Gresham location in person to get assistance or a replacement ballot.

Multnomah County Elections provides an interpreter, free of charge, to anyone who needs help voting in a language other than English.

Additional voting and elections information in nine languages is online at [multco.us/education-and-outreach](http://multco.us/education-and-outreach).

### Humboldt Neighborhood Association to Hold Community Meeting on Renaming Jefferson High School Jan. 29



Jefferson High School

The Humboldt Neighborhood Association will hold a community discussion from 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. at the North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth Jan. 29 to discuss existing memorials in the community that perpetuate systemic racism and exclusion.

The most recent Humboldt Neighborhood Association (HNA) meeting led to a discussion surrounding movement to renew a motion to renew the neighborhood policy stating:

"This board is opposed, as a matter of policy, to retaining names of schools and other public institution names for former slave owners or others who did not

respect equal opportunity for all." - Clifford Walker, Humboldt resident and HNA Historian.

The HNA discussion was focused on Thomas Jefferson and the local high school named after him. While Jefferson is revered as a founding father, the author of the Declaration of Independence and a successful president, many choose to overlook his behaviors as a slave holder (and abuse, including sexual abuse, toward those he enslaved) as well as writings suggesting he favored eugenics and White supremacy.

These conversations are happening throughout the country and world; anyone interested in these questions or this is invited to join the Humboldt Neighborhood Association and other community members Jan. 29 to discuss next steps.

Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments from Coffee House 5 will be offered.

### Charles McGee Launches Campaign for Multnomah County Commissioner of District 2

Last week community leader and activist Charles McGee filed to run for the Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners, District 2. The district includes much of North and Northeast Portland east of the Willamette River and north of I-84.

McGee grew up in Northeast Portland attending Portland Public Schools. As a sophomore at Franklin High School he presented a petition to the PPS Board with more than 200 signatures calling for race sensitivity training for teachers.

In 2005, as a freshman at Portland State University, McGee ran for the PPS Board. Although he didn't win, the campaign channeled his drive to create change for Portland's underrepresented students.

In 2006, McGee co-founded the Black Parent Initiative (BPI), where he continues to serve as executive director. BPI works to help Black parents achieve financial, educational, and spiritual success and advocates for public policy to address educational disparities for young people of color in Portland schools.

McGee is actively engaged in statewide advocacy for laws that support communities of color, encourage police reform, and assist educational equality. He is also vice-chair of the Black Invest Corporation for Economic Progress and Just Portland. He lives with his wife and two children live in Northeast Portland.

### Multnomah Bar Foundation Invites Letters of Inquiry for 2018 Grants Cycle

The Multnomah Bar Foundation (MBF) is seeking letters of inquiry from local nonprofits interested in receiving grant funding for programs that promote understanding of the justice system, the importance of voting, the political process or civic involvement.

In 2017, the MBF awarded a total of \$47,320 in grants

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