

# Events & Announcements

## Community Calendar 2018

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### Portland Metro

#### SATURDAY – SUNDAY, JUNE 9 – 10

**DRAGON BOAT RACE:** Held on the Willamette River near the Hawthorne Bridge, the races feature exciting four-team heats held every nine minutes. More than 80 different teams – local, national and international – compete in boats graciously provided through the Portland-Kaohsiung Sister City Association. This event is FREE to the public. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 9

**GRAND FLORAL ROSE FESTIVAL PARADE:** Spectacular all floral floats, bands, equestrians march from the Memorial Coliseum to downtown Portland. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Parade starts at Memorial Coliseum and goes 4.2 miles to downtown Portland.

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 10

**VIKING PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Viking pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit and drinks. \$8 adults, \$4 children 5 – 12, children under 5 are free. 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Norse Hall, 111 NE 11th Ave.

#### TUESDAY – SATURDAY, JUNE 12 – 16

**OPERATION KIDSAFE SAFETY EVENT:** Free digital fingerprint and a photo safety program, free child safety kits and safety tips to help set up a family safety action plan. Kidsafe Booth. Noon to 6 p.m. weekdays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday. Town & Country Honda of Gladstone, 19400 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Gladstone.

#### WEDNESDAY – FRIDAY, JUNE 13 – 15

**2018 FESTIVAL OF FLOWERS SALE:** Each year the square works with a local artist or design firm to create a masterpiece of vibrant color utilizing nearly 20,000 flowers and other plant materials. Plants and plant materials used to design will be offered for sale to the public at the annual flower sale. This is an all-day event all three days until all is sold. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 14

**FLAG DAY AT THE FORT:** This is an opportunity for young people, families, scouts and others to hear about the history of the American flag, and participate in patriotic arts and craft activities. All of this held on the parade grounds of Fort Vancouver. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Fort Vancouver Parade Grounds, 612 E. Reserve St., Vancouver.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 16

**11TH ANNUAL TOUCHMARK CAR SHOW & BARBECUE:** Mark your calendars so you don't miss this opportunity to take a stroll down memory lane as you check out the selection of vintage, restored and unique cars. Every year there is something new! 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Touchmark at Fairway Village, 2911 SE Village Loop, Vancouver.

### Seattle Metro

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 8

**SPRING MUSEUM FUN DAYS – BEST FRIENDS DAY:** Have a playdate at the museum with your best friend or make a new friend during your visit. Pay as you will. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Children's Museum of Tacoma, 1501 Pacific Ave., Tacoma.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 9

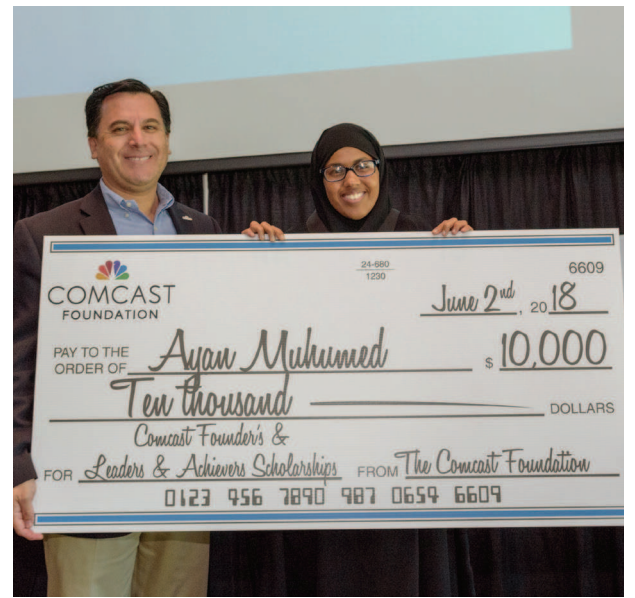
**GEORGETOWN CARNIVAL:** Please join us for our annual Georgetown Carnival. Love entertainment, Hazardfactory's World Famous Power Tool Drag Races, Vendors, food and beer garden. Noon – 10 p.m., Georgetown District.

**SUPER SATURDAY – PAULSBO EXPERIENCE A SPECIAL PROGRAM WITH YOUR KIDS:** Students will explore hands-on, inquiry-based science with their parents. Program includes a lesson, craft and a movie all related to a marine topic, plus time to explore the touch tank. Free. 10 a.m. – noon. SEA Discovery Center, 18743 Front St. NE, Poulsbo.

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## Oregon Students Receive Comcast NBCUniversal Scholarships

Comcast NBCUniversal announced last week that it has awarded \$78,000 in scholarships for the 2018-19 school year to 60 Oregon/SW Washington high school students as part of its annual Leaders and Achievers® Scholarship Program. The program, funded by the Comcast Foundation, is a one-time, \$1,000 scholarship awarded to the best and brightest high school seniors for their community service, academic performance and leadership skills. Since 2001, more than \$28 million has been awarded to nearly 27,000 high school seniors across the country as part of the Leaders and Achievers Program.

Pictured here are Rodrigo Lopez (left), Regional Senior Vice-President of Comcast Oregon/SW Washington, Felix Songolo, and Oregon State Senator Mark Hass; and Lopez with Ayan Muhumed.

Ayan Muhumed of West Salem High School was one of two students selected to receive the additional scholarships. Muhumed is the editor of her school newspaper, works at a local food product processing plant, tutors children and will be the first woman in her family to go to college. She plans to attend Portland State University for a career in social work.

Felix Songolo, from De La Salle Catholic High School in Portland, plans to attend Stanford University to study sociology.

## Portland News Briefs

### 13th Annual Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive Highlights Need for Diverse Blood Supply

The American Red Cross announces the 13th annual Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive, highlighting the need for a diverse blood supply, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. June 16, at the Red Cross Portland Blood Donation Center, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. All those coming to donate will receive a commemorative Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive attendees can take part in family-friendly events including a scavenger hunt, line dance performances by the Sistahs4Life and a sickle cell disease discussion panel featuring Marcia Taylor, executive director of Oregon's Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation.

Diversity among blood donors is important because red blood cells carry markers that determine blood type, and certain blood types are unique to specific racial and ethnic groups. Patients are less likely to experience complications from blood donated by someone with a similar ethnicity.

The Dr. Charles Drew Blood Drive occurs at a time when the Red Cross urges those who have never given blood before – as well as those who haven't given recently – to make an appointment to give. The Red Cross needs donors of all blood types to help ensure a sufficient supply for patients. All those who come to donate from May 14 to June 10, 2018, will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Suburban Propane. (Restrictions apply; see amazon.com/gc-legal. Additional information and details are available at RedCrossBlood.org/Together.)

Drew, known as the “father of the blood bank,” was an African-American surgeon, educator and scientist who helped shape the blood services industry. In the 1940s, he laid the groundwork for today's modern blood donation program through his innovative

work in blood banking. The Red Cross blood program started in 1940, under the leadership of Drew who became the Red Cross' first medical director in 1941.

Many sponsoring community groups make this event possible through their partnerships, promotion and recruitment efforts. The Dr. Charles Drew Blood drive is sponsored by Omega Psi Phi, Zeta Phi Beta, Phi Beta Sigma, Colas Construction Inc., Alpha Kappa Alpha, Alpha Phi Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Kappa Alpha Psi, Sigma Gamma Rho, Self Enhancement, Inc., Electrical Workers Minority Caucus, Oregon Coalition of Black Trade Unionists, Kaiser Permanente LEAD, Urban League of Portland, The Portland Chapter of the Links, Inc. and Sistahs4Life.

To schedule an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS, use the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, or visit RedCrossBlood.org.

### OSF to Celebrate Juneteenth

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival will host its annual Juneteenth Celebration on Monday, June 18. The day's activities include a variety show, a play reading, a tribute to G. Valmont Thomas and a roundtable discussion. All events are free or pay what you can, though donations will be accepted for the Juneteenth Scholarship Fund and future Juneteenth celebrations.

The 2018 Juneteenth theme is “Activate: A Roll Call & Response.” This year's theme asks participants to reflect on and represent their individual stake in the conversation, regardless of race, and delve into how emancipation and equity, diversity and inclusion improve the community.

Juneteenth is the oldest-known commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Major-General Gordon Granger led his Union soldiers into Galveston, Texas with the news that the Civil War had ended and that the enslaved were now free. This was two years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation became official on January 1, 1863. Today, Juneteenth commemorates African-American freedom and emphasizes education and achievement. In cities across the country, people of all races, nationalities and religions come together to acknowledge a period that shaped our history and continues to influence our society.

This year's Juneteenth Celebration starts on June 18, with a number of events commemorating the holiday. The day kicks off at 10:00 a.m. with a roundtable discussion entitled “Black Joy and Pain: Why be an Ally?,” presented by the OSF Leadership Alliance and led by Kamilah Long, OSF director of capital campaigns and leadership alliances.

The afternoon continues at 1 p.m. with a pay-what-

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