

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2018

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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 a wonderful community event 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

JUNETEENTH OREGON 2018: Free and open to everyone. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and family to enjoy local music, food, retail vendors and a kids' area. Noon – 6 p.m., Legacy Emanuel Field. N. Williams & N. Russell.

CITIZEN ACTIVISM 101: MAKING CHANGE HAPPEN: Want to improve life for yourself and your neighbors or have a concern about local, state or federal laws? Learn about strategies for change at this free workshop. 2:30 p.m. – 4 p.m., Multnomah County Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave.

11TH ANNUAL TOUCHMARK CAR SHOW & BARBECUE: This is an opportunity to stroll down memory lane and check out a 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.

THURSDAY – SATURDAY, JUNE 21 – 23

BOOKFEST '18 – SUMMER SALE: Great selection at amazing prices. Kick-off summer with this incredible opportunity to stock up on all your summer reading material, for those long lazy days. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. all three days. Library Hall downstairs at the FVRL Operations center, 1007 E. Mill Plain Blvd., Vancouver.

THURSDAY, JUNE 21

WERE ALZ! SUMMERTIME BLOCK PARTY: The longest day of the year and summer solstice, thousands of people will join together to show their love for those affected by Alzheimer's Disease. You can be one of the thousands. There will be raffle prizes, games, food vendors, educational booths and more. 2 p.m. – 7 p.m., Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St., Vancouver.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23

VANCOUVER NAACP ANNUAL JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION: Vancouver NAACP has teamed with community partners to host a job fair and celebrate community activists, fun and entertain-

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OSF to Celebrate Juneteenth

The Oregon Shakespeare Festival will host its annual Juneteenth Celebration on 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 us all to reflect on and represent our individual stake in the conversation, regardless of race, and inspires us to delve into how emancipation and equity, diversity and inclusion improve our community. It is also an invitation to explore where our community and our nation still struggle and need work.

Portland News Briefs

Literary Arts Offers Writers of Color Fellowship

As part of the application for an Oregon Literary Fellowship from Literary Arts, writers can also choose to be considered for the newly established Writers of Color Fellowship. The goal of the Writers of Color Fellowship is to promote perspectives from a variety of cultural, ethnic and racial backgrounds, and encourage diverse writers to apply for Oregon Literary fellowships.

The Writers of Color Fellowship is intended to fund writers of color to initiate, develop, or complete a literary project in poetry, fiction, literary nonfiction, drama, or young readers literature. One Writers of Color Fellowship will be offered each year. All applications for the Writers of Color fellowship will also be considered for an Oregon Literary Fellowship. Self-identified writers of color who are current, full-time Oregon residents and who meet the eligibility requirements for Oregon Literary Fellowships are eligible to apply. Full guidelines can be found at <http://www.literary-arts.org/what-we-do/oba-home/fellowships/fellowships/>.

Oregon Literary Fellowships are intended to help Oregon writers initiate, develop or complete literary projects in poetry, fiction, literary nonfiction, drama and young readers literature. Writers in the early stages of their career are encouraged to apply. The awards are merit-based. Fellowships are also awarded to support Oregon's independent publishers and small presses. They are awarded to presses or magazines that demonstrate a commitment to literary publishing. The deadline to apply for a 2019 Oregon Literary Fellowship is Monday, July 9, 2018. Fellowship will be awarded in the amount of \$3,500.

Contact Susan Moore for more information at susan@literary-arts.org.

Red Cross Launches Missing Types Campaign

As part of an international movement, the American Red Cross launched the Missing Types campaign June 11 to recruit new blood donors – and those who have not given recently – in order to ensure lifesaving blood is available for patients.

During the Missing Types campaign, the letters A, B and O – the main blood groups – will disappear from brands, social media pages, signs and websites to illustrate the critical role every blood donor plays. When the letters A, B and O vanish from everyday life, the gaps are striking. And when A, B and O blood types are missing from hospital shelves, patient care could be impacted.

To donate blood, simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Blood and platelet donors can save time at their next donation by using RapidPass® to complete their pre-donation reading and health history questionnaire online, on the day of their donation, before arriving at the blood drive. To get started, follow the instructions at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass or use the Blood Donor App.

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