

Events & Announcements

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

'CALL MR. ROBESON' AT PORTLAND COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER: Tayo Aluko revives one of the 20th century's most impressive but overlooked figures in this powerful performance. This journey through Paul Robeson's life highlights his pioneering activism as forerunner of the civil rights movement. 7:30 - 9 p.m., Portland Community Music Center, 3350 SE Francis St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11

PAN-AFRICAN FESTIVAL: Come celebrate the resilience, strength and influence of Pan-Africans (Africans, Caribbean and African Americans) in Oregon. The Pan-African Festival will include live entertainment, cultural foods, arts and crafts, and much more from 12 - 8:30 p.m. downtown at Pioneer Courthouse Square, 701 SW 6th Ave.

'IS THE HONEYMOON OVER?' PassinArt: A Theatre Company presents 'Is the Honeymoon Over,' a staged reading by Leasharn M. Hopkins. Meet the playwright, and stay for a book signing and conversation with popular relationship coach and author. \$15, 2 p.m., Curious Comedy Theater, 5225 NE MLK Jr Blvd.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

SUMMER IN THE CITY NEIGHBORHOOD PARTY: All are welcome at this free outdoor event celebrating the diversity of our city and featuring a BBQ, book sale, and music provided by Marilyn Keller and other notable jazz musicians. There will be a jazz/gospel worship service beginning at 6 p.m. Neighborhood party is from 4 - 7 p.m. at Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 NE 14th Ave.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

CANDIDATE FORUM, JOANN HARDESTY & LORETTA SMITH: Race Talks presents the first candidate forum with Loretta Smith, Multnomah County Commissioner, and Jo Ann Hardesty, civil rights activist and former Oregon State Rep., who are vying for Portland's City Council Position 3. Free, doors open at 6 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

BROWN BAG TALK: Visit the Oregon Historical Society where Kenneth Coleman presents, "A White Man's Democracy: The Drafting of the Oregon State Constitution in the Era of Dred Scott." Coleman will discuss the historical context of the Oregon Constitutional Convention and the debates surrounding slavery, racial exclusion, and woman suffrage. Free and open to the public, 12 - 1 p.m., Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

BLACK PARENT INITIATIVE CONCERT IN THE PARK: Join BPI at Dawson Park, for a performance by Embrace. Come early, bring your blankets, lawn chairs and the whole family. Mingle with community organizers, enter a raffle and check out the food trucks. Starts at 6:30 p.m., Dawson Park, 2926 N Williams Ave.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

THE HOMECOMING: The Homecoming is a free musical event celebrating family, community and quality of life. Live music, dancing, a children's play area, food and a marketplace. Music by local artists Larhonda Steele, Zouful Muzic, Speaker Minds, Nafisaria, DJ Juggernaut and celebrity artist Lakeside. 1 p.m. - 8 p.m., Denorval Unthank City Park, N Kerby Ave. & N Shaver St.

PDX ADULT SOAPBOX DERBY: Watch bizarre gravity-powered vehicles race downhill at Mt. Tabor Park to win awards. More than 40 teams of racers hurdle down a closed-course, powered only by a single push at the top of the hill. No dogs permitted. Free, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Mt. Tabor Park, SE Reservoir Loop Dr.

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 10

SOUTH LAKE UNION BLOCK PARTY: South Lake Union Block Party offers music, a children's play area, steamroller printing, a beer garden, food trucks and more. Community booths will feature more than 80 local businesses and organizations. From 12 - 11 p.m. at South Lake Union Discovery Center, 101 Westlake Ave N.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 - 19

RAILROAD FESTIVAL: Celebrate 80 years of trains, timber and tradition! Snoqualmie Railroad Days draws 10,000 people for train rides, a pancake breakfast, a parade, a car show, kids' entertainment, music, arts & crafts, beer and wine garden, and food. Free admission. Northwest Railway Museum, 38625 SE King St., Snoqualmie

PassinArt Presents 'Is the Honeymoon Over?: A Staged Reading'

PassinArt presents a staged reading and book signing of 'Is the Honeymoon Over?' at 2 p.m. Aug. 11 at Curious Comedy Theater, 5225 NE MLK Blvd. Admission is \$15.

This comedy play about love, relationships and communication is about four couples in varying stages of their marriage. The Casteras - happily married for over 40 years; the Savoy - married 30 years but going through a rough patch; the Ramseys - married five years (his second marriage/her first); and the newlyweds, the Girls--May/December whirlwind romance. When the couples come together for a festive party we see the drama unfold. Everyone will be wondering, is the honeymoon over?

Afterward, meet the playwright Leasharn M. Hopkins and enjoy a compelling conversation and book signing with Debrena Jackson Gandy, popular relationships coach, national best-selling author of "The Love Lies" and founder of "The Love Academy."

To learn more or purchase tickets, visit passinart.org.



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Portland News Briefs

Gresham Cooling Center to Remain Open Through Thursday

The National Weather Service issued a heat warning Tuesday as temperatures are forecast to reach the high 90s beginning today, Aug. 7 and lasting through Thursday.

Multnomah County will open a cooling shelter at the East County Building in Gresham on Tuesday, Aug. 7 through Thursday, Aug. 9. The shelter, at 600 NE 8th St #300, Gresham, will be open from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For information about the cooling center, contact 2-1-1 info. Transportation assistance is available to those in need.

Day centers serving neighbors experiencing homelessness will be open as they are most days of the year.

A heat warning of prolonged hot temperatures could be dangerous for older adults, children and people who work outside. If you work or spend time outside:

- Schedule strenuous activities to early morning or late evening
- Wear light weight and loose fitting clothing
- Drink plenty of water
- Take frequent breaks in the shade or in air conditioned space

Know the signs of heat-related illness

Visit <https://multco.us/help-when-its-hot/summer-2018-heats-here-s-how---and-where---stay-cool> and <https://multco.us/help-when-its-hot> for a list of resources for riding out high temperatures.

Portland Art Museum Exhibition Highlights Homelessness

Portland has a housing crisis. Rent increase or illness can lead a person to be one step away from homelessness. "One Step Away," a new exhibit at the Portland Art Museum, is a focused look at the compound and growing issue of housing insecurity in the city. There will be a community opening from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Portland Art Museum at 1219 SW Park Ave. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit <https://portlandartmuseum.org/objectstories/one-step-away/#about>.

Personal objects and individual testimonies make up the exhibition, and each is an account of lived experience with homelessness. "One Step Away" is a collaboration where participant storytellers directed development of the exhibition. Local social service agencies and artists defined the theme and nominated participants. Outside the Frame, an arts organization mentoring at-risk young people, created media for the exhibition.

"One Step Away" is also an opportunity for visitors to listen to the stories and become familiar with the support resources provided. Visitors are also encouraged to play a game called "Perspective," where like life, everyone begins with different resources, abilities, and privileges that inform our point of view.

The museum received creative support from Outside the Frame, Our Bold Voices, and Pixel Arts Game

Education. Additionally, the museum would like to thank Penelope Cruz, local artist Cleo Davis, Street Roots, NW Pilot Project, Multnomah County Library, Portland Meet Portland, and Outside the Frame for their expertise during the community planning session for this exhibition.

Seattle News Briefs

Mayor Durkan Announces Leadership Team to Help Lead City's Census Efforts

In an effort to ensure a fair and accurate census accounting, Mayor Jenny A. Durkan announced the leadership of Seattle's Census Task Force. Led by Councilmember Teresa Mosqueda and Refugee Women's Alliance (ReWA) Executive Director Mahnaz Eshetu, the City will be creating a coalition of community organizations and elected officials that will organize Seattle's preparation for the 2020 Census. The Seattle task force will be working in coordination with King County, regional partners, and community leaders to ensure a complete count in our city and across our region, within the framework of a countywide Complete Count Committee. In addition, the City of Seattle submitted its public comment opposed to the citizenship questions. Two weeks ago, a federal judge rejected the Trump Administration's attempt to dismiss several elements of the multi-party lawsuit challenging the Federal Government's intention to add a citizenship question to the U.S. 2020 Census.

The task force will be comprised of representatives from immigrant communities, organized labor, the education community, and other community organizations with members announced in the coming weeks. Meetings will be bimonthly during the remainder of 2018 and throughout 2019, working in coordination with King County as they make sure all cities within the county are accurately counted.

In the lead up to the City's Census preparation, City officials submitted public comment to the U.S. Department of Commerce, opposing the addition of a citizenship question on the 2020 census. In addition, the City of Seattle was part of a lawsuit brought by a coalition of more than 30 Attorneys General, counties, cities, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors to block the administration from demanding citizenship information on the survey form. In 2010, 20 percent of Seattle residents did not fill out their Census form, triggering an in-person visit from Census Bureau staff. Including the citizenship question on the survey could result in this number skyrocketing, endangering the accuracy and function of the Census itself, and placing undue burdens on our immigrant residents or residents from our communities of color.

In 2015, Washington State received approximately \$13.7 billion dollars from federal assistance programs based on 2010 Census data. In terms of annual allocation this amounts to approximately \$1900 per person for housing, education, health care, infrastructure, transportation and other federal programs. Additionally, at stake for Seattle is how the base for the state population estimates are used to determine the allocation of funds to counties and cities.