

## Events & Announcements

### Community Calendar 2018

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### Portland Metro

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

**JADE INTERNATIONAL NIGHT MARKET:** Visit the Jade International Night Market for international cuisine, cultural performances, and to celebrate the vibrant community that resides in the Jade District neighborhood and in East Portland. Free admission, 5 - 10 p.m., PCC SE Campus, 2305 SE 82nd Ave.

**OREGON BIGFOOT FESTIVAL:** The festival features Bigfoot exhibits, special presentations, guest speakers, food carts, merchandise vendors, and carnival-style games. \$5 suggested donation, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., Glenn Otto Park 1102 E Historic Columbia River Hwy, Troutdale.

#### SATURDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 18-19

**MONTAVILLA JAZZ FESTIVAL:** Attendees will hear musical pioneers exploring new frontiers in jazz as Portland artists gather from across the spectrum of expression. Both days the doors and box office open at 1:00 pm, with the festival starting promptly at 1:30 p.m. General admission day passes are \$15, youth 12 and under are admitted free. Portland Metro Arts, 9003 SE Stark St.

**VIVA VANCOUVER LATIN FESTIVAL:** Viva Vancouver features live Latin music, DJs, dance lessons, arts & crafts, beer, piña coladas, and more. Weekend passes are \$10. From 1-10 p.m., both days. Ester Short Park, 605 Esther St., Vancouver

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

**SEED SAVING FOR GARDENERS:** Learn how to integrate seed saving into your garden. If you have a garden, come with a garden plan to work with. If you do not have a garden plan, come and make one! From 2 - 4 p.m., Kenton Library, 8226 N Denver Ave.

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 20

**ANIME & ORIGAMI AT ROCKWOOD MAKERSPACE:** Come and fold paper into your favorite anime or manga character in a collaborative learning environment. It's fun and easy, no folding experience necessary. Free workshop from 5 - 6 p.m. at Rockwood Library, 17917 SE Stark.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

**DNA FOR BEGINNERS:** Genetic genealogy is the most accurate tool a genealogist has. If you are prepared to discover whether your genealogical paper trail is accurate, the Genealogy Forum of Oregon's Beginners DNA Interest Group is for you. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., Genealogical Forum of Oregon, 2505 SE 11th Ave., Suite B-18

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

**PORTLAND HIP-HOP DAY:** This year's theme is "Legends: The Future of Now & Then." Free to the public and includes a line-up of live performances by artists, DJs, and more. 2 - 8 p.m., Portland City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave.

**OHS SPECIAL EVENT, "WHAT'S IT WORTH?":** Local experts will be examining and estimating the value of your art, jewelry, vintage thingamajigs, and more at this annual event. Evaluations are \$10 per item, admission is free. 12 - 4 p.m., Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

#### FRIDAY-SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 - SEPTEMBER 1

**ICONOCLAST, OLD TOWN PDX STREET FESTIVAL:** The festival features more than 40 local vendors, artists and makers, live musical performances and a sneaker-themed fashion show. Free, 4 - 10 p.m. on Friday and 2 - 10 p.m. on Saturday, NW 3rd Avenue between Burnside and Everett.

### Seattle Metro

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

**BRASILFEST:** Watch a demonstration of capoeira martial arts, see glittering costumes, eat authentic food, hear classical guitar and traditional folk music, and dance Samba - all at BrasilFest! 12 - 7 p.m., at Seattle Center's Fisher Pavilion, Armory and Mural Amphitheater, 305 Harrison Street.

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

**FREE STATE PARK DAY:** Celebrate the 102nd birthday of the National Park Service with free admission to all Washington State Parks, no Discovery Pass required! Please note free days apply only to day use (not overnight stays or rented facilities). All Washington State Parks, Saturday, August 25.

## Portland News Briefs

### Air Quality Upgrades Slightly Thursday, But Advisory Continues for Sensitive Groups

Beginning Tuesday and continuing through Wednesday, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality issued an air quality advisory for the Portland metro area, as well as northeastern Oregon and portions of the Willamette Valley, due to wildfire smoke. As of Wednesday afternoon the forecast predicted air quality would be downgraded from Unhealthy to Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups, with smoky conditions continuing through the weekend.

The DEQ advised that residents with heart or lung problems, as well as young children, should stay indoors while smoke levels are high.

"If smoke levels are expected to remain high for more than two days, they might consider leaving the area until air quality improves. Others can avoid smoke by staying indoors with windows and doors closed. True high efficiency particulate air (HEPA) and non-ozone producing electrostatic precipitator (ESP) air cleaners and filters can help keep indoor air cleaner," the agency advised in a press release.

Residents can view current air quality conditions at DEQ's Air Quality Index <https://oraqi.deq.state.or.us/home/map> The index is also available on smart phones through the OregonAir app. The agency is also posting daily updates at <http://oregonssmoke.blogspot.com> and advises members of the public to call 211 for updates or to be connected to resources.

Portland Parks & Recreation announced Wednesday that this week it is modifying activities at its facilities to focus on indoor, low-exertion activities as feasible. Free lunches will continue to be served citywide. Changes to PP & R activities will be posted on the Inclement Weather page at [www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/142862](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/142862) and other portland-parks.org sites, on Facebook.com/PortlandParks, on Twitter @PDXParksandRec.

### U.S. Department of Labor Conducting Wage Survey Of Oregon's Building Construction Projects

The U.S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division (WHD) is conducting a building construction survey statewide in Oregon to collect data to establish prevailing wage rates, as required under the Davis-Bacon and Related Acts.

The survey is not limited to federally funded construction projects, and covers active building construction projects in all counties between March 1, 2017, and February 28, 2018.

Notification letters and data collection forms (WD-10s) are being sent to interested parties and contractors known to the Wage and Hour Division. Data must be postmarked by December 21, 2018, to be included. If you would like to participate, or have questions regarding the survey process and forms, contact Sylvia Lee at (415) 241-3540 or Rose Huynh at (415) 241-3539.

To complete the survey electronically, visit [www.dol.gov/whd/programs/dbra/wd10/index.htm](http://www.dol.gov/whd/programs/dbra/wd10/index.htm)

## Seattle News Briefs

### Clean Air Agency, Health Jurisdictions Issue Air Quality Alert for Puget Sound Area

The Puget Sound Clean Air Agency and the local health jurisdictions of King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties issued an air quality advisory Wednesday. Air pollution is increasing due to wildfire smoke and may cause health problems.

Currently, the air quality has reached levels that are UNHEALTHY for everyone in the Puget Sound region. Although we could have some clearing tonight, with so much smoke around it will likely linger through Thursday. The outlook for early next week shows smoke could return. Check the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's website ([www.pscleanair.org](http://www.pscleanair.org)) for the most recent conditions.

Wildfire smoke can cause a range of health problems:

- Asthma attack
- Trouble breathing



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### Matt Dishman's Annual Block Party Takes Place Aug. 18

Portland Parks & Recreation's Matt Dishman Community Center will present its annual Community Block Party from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 18. 77 NE Knott St. The goal of the celebration is to continue to build and celebrate the Matt Dishman Community. This free, family-friendly event includes food, live music performed by Speaker Minds, other live entertainment, crafts, games, cotton candy, snow cones, a variety of community resources and much more.

- Coughing
- Stinging eyes
- Irritated sinuses
- Headaches
- Chest pain
- Fast heartbeat

Everyone should take precautions, especially children, older adults, and people that are pregnant, have heart or lung issues (asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease COPD), or that have had a stroke:

- Stay indoors when possible.
- Limit your physical activity outdoors, such as running, bicycling, physical labor, and sports.
- Close windows in your home, if possible, and keep the indoor air clean. If you have an air conditioner, use the "recirculation" switch. Use an indoor air filter if available.
- If you do not have an air conditioner, consider finding a public place with clean, air-conditioned indoor air like a public library or a community center.
- Avoid driving when possible. If you must drive, keep the windows closed. If you use the car's fan or air conditioning, make sure the system recirculates air from inside the car; don't pull air from outside.
- Schools, camps, sports teams, and daycare providers should consider postponing outdoor activities or moving them indoors.
- N95 or N100 rated masks can help protect some people from air pollution. These masks are usually available at hardware and home repair stores. Please check with your doctor to see if this appropriate for you. More information is available at [www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/334-353.pdf](http://www.doh.wa.gov/Portals/1/Documents/Pubs/334-353.pdf).

For more information on ways to reduce your exposure, see the Washington Department of Health's Smoke From Fire tips at [www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/AirQuality/SmokeFromFires](http://www.doh.wa.gov/CommunityandEnvironment/AirQuality/SmokeFromFires).

As always, check with your health care provider for more specific questions and concerns.

To learn more about wildfire smoke, and to subscribe to updates, visit the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency's website at [www.pscleanair.org/517/Wildfire-Smoke](http://www.pscleanair.org/517/Wildfire-Smoke).

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