

Events & Announcements

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

Welcome Back to the Heart of Portland Weeklong Event Kicks Off Friday, July 23

The City will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday, July 24 at 1:30 p.m. for the Cart Blocks food cart pod on S.W. Burnside and Park. Later that day, at 3 p.m., legendary local music group Pink Martini will put on a free singalong in Pioneer Courthouse Square.

During the weekend, visitors can also participate in these free, all-ages events:

- Paint a mural with local youths and the Portland Street Art Alliance
- Roller skate with the Rose City Rollers
- Help recreate the hit movie Princess Bride (costumes and wigs provided)
- Attend concerts from a variety of BIPOC and LGBTQIA artists along Waterfront Park, Pride Plaza and other locations
- Explore a pop-up market and fashion show at the Portland Art Museum

Under the citywide Here for Portland banner, the City of Portland Action Tables, a group of roughly 300 community members dedicated to championing Portland's future, has partnered with local businesses, artists and nonprofit organizations from around the city to put on this series of events.

Visit the Here for Portland website for more information and updates: <https://hereforportland.com/welcomeback>.

Seattle Announces \$10.4 Million to Community Organizations Focused on BIPOC Safety

Mayor Jenny A. Durkan and the Seattle Human Services Department (HSD) announced awardees of the 2021 Community Safety Capacity Building RFP. The City is providing \$10.4 million in one-time funding for 18 months for 33 organizations working toward community-led solutions to end violence and increase safety in Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities. These investments will support organizations providing an array of programs, services, and upstream investments meant to improve outcomes and contribute to overall commu-

nity safety and wellbeing. The community organization's focus and work include several community safety strategies. The RFP was designed to promote community-led solutions, allowing community members and agencies to define safety investments. Most applicants and awardees self-reported in their applications that their agencies work in spaces dedicated to interrupting the cycle of community violence, expanding trauma-informed practices, and youth, family, or community engagement. Community organizations primarily submitted proposals for prevention and restoration efforts rather than creating alternatives to 9-1-1 calls and policing.

33 organizations will be awarded funding through the RFP. Funding awards will range between \$123,068 to \$585,410 per organization. The funded organizations span a range of services and focus areas, with some agencies receiving City funds for the first time and other programs expanding existing services. HSD received over 70 applications, totaling \$40 million in requested funds. Many proposals also aligned with other City of Seattle programs and investments focused on food security, education, homelessness, and re-entry.

- In general, services and strategies include:
- activating neighborhood-based strategies to reduce crime rates at hotspot
 - de-escalation support in response to shots fired
 - re-entry services
 - case management
 - community awareness about disproportionality in criminal legal services
 - family support to prevent youth from entering the criminal legal system
 - supports to address family and gender-based violence

All awards are pending final appeals, which will conclude on July 27. Following the appeals process, HSD will share additional information on program details and final investment figures.

Wildfire Smoke Clouds Sky, Hurts Air Quality on East Coast

GILLIAN FLACCUS, Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) - Smoke and ash from massive wildfires in the American West clouded the sky and led to air quality alerts Wednesday on parts of the East Coast as the effects of the blazes were felt 2,500 miles (4,023 kilometers) away.

Strong winds blew smoke east from California, Oregon, Montana and other states all the way to other side of the continent. Haze hung over New York City, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

The nation's largest wildfire, Oregon's Bootleg Fire, grew to 616 square miles (1,595 square kilometers) - just over half the size of Rhode Island. Fires also burned on both sides of California's Sierra Nevada and in Washington state and other areas of the West.

The smoke blowing to the East Coast was reminiscent of last fall, when large blazes burning in Oregon's worst wildfire season in recent memo-

Community Calendar 2021

Portland Metro

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 7 PM

MEASURE FOR MEASURE: Free Shakespeare in the park! Lord Angelo takes over Vienna while the Duke's in disguise, and sentences Claudio to death for an out-of-wedlock tryst. Claudio's sister and the Duke-In-Disguise trick Angelo with a bedroom switcheroo, save Claudio with an execution switcheroo, and justice is served...? Irving Park, 707 NE Fremont St.

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 10:45 AM

MEDICARE FOR ALL: Portland will be one of dozens of cities around the country holding events to demand Medicare for All! Come out and join us - bring a friend, a mask and a water bottle. Meetup at Waterfront Park (Oregon Battleship Memorial) to march to the rally site. Rally at noon, family-friendly - speakers, music, silk screening, and informational tables. Shemanski Park, 1010 SW Park Ave.

MONDAY, JULY 26, 7 PM

VOCALIZE & SOCIALIZE: Join the Portland Symphonic Choir outdoors at the Multnomah Arts Center for an evening of musical fun! All are welcome. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/psc-presents-vocalize-socialize-july-26-august-23-tickets-158013670141>. Proof of vaccination will be required. Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 4 - 8 PM

PARKS & REC POP-UP PARTY: This event is part of a series of free, pop-up gatherings designed to help neighbors connect and have fun while enjoying their local parks. There will be music, games and crafts for the whole family. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets, chairs and picnic meals to enjoy during the festivities. Washington School Park, 2908 S St, Vancouver

Seattle Metro

SUNDAY, JULY 25, 9 - 10 AM

THE MARKET EXPERIENCE: Immerse yourself within the colorful ever-changing soul of Seattle, our beloved Pike Place Market. The 11-acre market district has a rich history and is brimming with delicious food and vibrant characters. Expect local farmers, lively vendors, storied history, and a great guide to lead you to the Market's hidden secrets. Victor Steinbrueck Park (Between the 2 totem poles), 2001 Western Ave. To reserve a spot ticket, go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-market-experience-tickets-156281138091>.

THURSDAY, JULY 29, 8:30 - 10 PM

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT: Join us for an outdoor movie night in our beer garden! You can bring camp chairs and blankets to make your viewing experience as comfy and cozy as possible. Movie: Indiana Jones, Raiders of the Lost Ark. Admission: Free, all ages. Peddler Brewing Company's beer garden. Food: Grab a Mean Sandwich from next door or BYO! Movie Series webpage: <https://www.peddlerbrewing.com/movies>.

ry choked the local sky with pea-soup smoke but also affected air quality several thousand miles away. So far this year, Seattle and Portland have largely been spared the foul air.

"One of the things about this event that makes it so remarkable is that the smoke is affecting such a large swath of the U.S," said Jesse Berman, an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health and an expert on air quality. "You're not just seeing localized and perhaps upstate New York being affected, but rather you're seeing numerous states all along the East Coast that are being impacted."

Oregon on Wednesday banned all campfires on state-managed lands and in state campgrounds east of Interstate 5, the major highway that is commonly considered the dividing line between the wet western part of the state and the dry eastern half. The regulation includes the designated fire rings at campsites, as well as candles and tiki torches.

The Oregon fire has ravaged the sparsely populated southern part of the state and has been expanding by up to 4 miles a day, pushed by gusting winds and critically dry weather that's turned trees and undergrowth into a tinderbox.



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