

# Events & Announcements

## Portland & Seattle News Briefs

### Free First Thursday Returns to the Portland Art Museum

The Portland Art Museum announced today the return of Free First Thursdays, thanks to generous support provided by the Art Bridges Foundation's Access for All Program. Beginning January 4, 2024, Museum admission will be free on the first Thursday of every month from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and programs at the newly opened PAM CUT Tomorrow Theater in Southeast Portland will also be free. Additionally, the Museum announced new hours starting with the new year—Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

### \$8.7 Million to Washington State to Improve Safety on Roadways

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has announced grants to two Indian Tribes in Washington State totaling \$8.7 million aimed at reducing collisions between vehicles and wildlife. Under the grant program, the Stillaguamish Tribe will receive \$8.5 million, and the Puyallup Tribe of Indians will receive \$216,000.

Washington State is one of 17 states selected to receive funding in the first round of \$110 million grants for 19 wildlife crossing projects, including four Indian Tribes.

### Commissioner Ryan Directs Nearly \$60M in Development Fees to North Portland Aquatic Center

Vibrant Communities Commissioner Dan Ryan, who oversees Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R), has allocated \$59.8 million in additional Park System Development Charges (SDCs) to accelerate the construction timeline of the new North Portland Aquatic Center. This means the project has now secured \$91.5 million of the \$102 million, its estimated cost.

## Community Calendar 2023

### Portland Metro

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

**RUBY BRIDGES WALK TO SCHOOL DAY:** RBWTSO gives children the opportunity to celebrate Ruby's courage by walking to school. PPS will be celebrating on December 14 due to school closures in November. Schools are encouraged to select another reschedule date if it works better for their school community. Posters and RBWTSO bingo cards available at <https://www.oregonsaferoutes.org/rbwtsd/>.

#### THURSDAY, DEC 14, 6-7:30PM

**WRITE AROUND PORTLAND'S WINTER READING & BOOK RELEASE:** Celebrate all of the writers published in our winter anthology! Hear stories and poetry by writers rarely heard in our society -- people experiencing homelessness, people living on low-incomes, burn and wound survivors, and more! Refreshments provided. First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson St.

#### FRIDAY, DEC 15, 6-8PM

**BLACK SANTA:** Black Santa is making Christmas dreams come true for kids and adults all over the city. He is also on a mission to spread cheer and inclusivity during the holiday season. Metropolitan Family Services, 525 SW Broadway.

#### FRI-SUN, DEC 15-18, 11AM-8PM

**THE WINTER MARKET:** A pop-up, shopping experience proudly joining the pop-up movement at the Lloyd Center. Daily Shopping and Nightly Happy Hours. 2201 Lloyd

Center.

#### SATURDAY, DEC 16, 10-11AM

**NAACP GENERAL MEETING:** The NAACP general meetings are open to all that want to be connected with their community. Hear updates on projects that NAACP Vancouver committees are working on and discuss the happenings in our community. Bridgeway Resource Center, 505 Omaha Way, Vancouver, WA.

#### SUNDAY, DEC 17, 5-7PM

**CHRISTMAS SHIP PARADE:** The combined fleet (Columbia River and Willamette River Fleets) assemble in front of RiverPlace Marina, (1750 SW Harbor Way, Portland). The fleet will make their way upriver, then turn and travel downriver to the St. Johns Bridge / Cathedral Park Area, arriving approximately 6:45PM. The ships will remain in the St. John's area for about 30 minutes (weather and conditions permitting). Cathedral Park, St. Johns.

#### SUNDAY, DEC 17, 11AM-4PM

**FREE SUNDAY AT THE DISCOVERY MUSEUM:** Located in Portland's forested Washington Park just steps from the MAX Light Rail, World Forestry Center's Discovery Museum invites visitors to examine forests and consider all the ways they impact our lives. The dramatic 20,000-square-foot wooden building is filled with new exhibits and familiar favorites that explore people's relationship to the woods. Visit between 11am and 4pm for no cost. World Forestry Center, 4027 SW Knights Blvd.

#### MONDAY-THURSDAY, DEC 18-21

**EAST PORTLAND COMMUNITY CENTER POOL FREE SWIMMING LESSONS:** Free morning swimming lessons at East Portland Community Center! December 18th-21st morning time slots are available. Register for

Free Week at EPCC starting December 11 at 8:30am. 740 SE 106th Ave.

## Seattle

#### SAT-SUN, DEC 16-17, 10AM-5:30PM

**NATIVE ARTS MARKET:** Come join us for our December Native Art Market from 10:00 AM to 5:30 PM on December 16th and December 17th. Parking will be in our North Parking Lot and across the street in the park. Volunteers will be available to guide you for parking. Food vendors will be on site! Duwamish Longhouse & Cultural Center, 4705 W Marginal Way SE.

#### SAT, DEC 16, 11:30AM-7:30PM

**BLACK ARTISTS MARKET:** Join us for our holiday craft market featuring an array of unique treasures from Black artists, artisans, and Black-owned small businesses. Thoughtfully curated in partnership with Intentionalist, ARTE NOIR, and Wa Na Wari, discover exquisite handmade gifts, one-of-a-kind decorations, and delectable treats, all while supporting local artistry and celebrating community. Opera Center, 363 Mercer St.

#### SATURDAY, DEC 16, 4-7PM

**WINTER BONSAI SOLSTICE:** Pacific Bonsai Museum will illuminate its world-renowned collection in a serene display of holiday magic. Visitors can take a stroll and explore bonsai by night in a peaceful, woody setting. Sip hot chocolate and shop for holiday gifts at pop-up shops. 2515 S 336th Street, Federal Way.

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