

Honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Community Calendar 2024

Portland Metro

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 6-7:30PM

A FAMILY FOR EVERY CHILD OPEN HOUSE: This month at A Family For Every Child we are holding a virtual Information Night! You can attend in your pajamas and from your own living room! To RSVP, (541) 343-2856 or adoption@afamilyforeverychild.org.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1-3PM

DNA Q&A: Lisa McCullough leads a discussion on various DNA related subjects, with each meeting focused on a particular subject. General questions are welcome at the end of each planned discussion. Questions? dna_lm@gfo.org. Genealogical Forum of Oregon, 2505 Southeast 11th Avenue, Suite B-18.

THURSDAY-SUNDAY, JANUARY 18-21

THE BLACK CIRCUS OF THE REPUBLIC OF BANTU: An enveloping performance ritual by avant-garde South African artists Princess Mhlongo and Albert Ibokwe Khoza. Performances will begin at 7:30pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and at 2pm on Sunday. BIPOC community members can purchase sliding scale tickets starting at \$10. Ellyn Bye Studio Theater, 128 NW 11th Ave

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 5PM-10PM, AND SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 11AM-5PM

BLACK EARTH UNITED PRESENTS ROOTS OF A REVOLUTION: Please come through and be a part of an experimental journey! Engage with art, enjoy delicious bites, and share your thoughts, creativity and imagination to shape future projects. Mercury League, 959 SE Division St, Suite 140

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3-27, 10AM-5PM

PDX CONTEMPORARY ART PRESENTS "OUT OF SALEM: D.E. MAY & FRIENDS": An exhibition featuring work by D.E. May alongside many of his Salem friends— Brad Ford, Bonnie Hull, Craig Klyver, Natalie Laswell, Bryan Null, Dan Schmidt, Terry Schneider, Monte Shelton and John Van Dreal. Admission is free. PDX Contemporary Art, 1825 NW Vaughn St, Suite B

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 10AM-12PM

RESTORATION STORYTELLING: "A STORY OF PLACE AND TRADITION": This free event is for folks who identify as Black, Indigenous, and people of color. Participants will hear about the history of Oxbow Regional Park, followed by a panel of storytellers who will speak to traditional storytelling. Dragonfly Shelter at Oxbow Regional Park, Gresham

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 10AM-11AM

NAACP GENERAL MEETING: The NAACP general meetings are open to all that want to be connected with their community. Bridgeview Resource Center, 505 Omaha Way, Vancouver

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 12PM-2PM

AFRICAN AMERICAN SIG DIGS INTO FINDING AIDS: This presentation will help genealogist sread, follow, and use a finding aid to find their ancestors in archives. Genealogical Forum of Oregon, 2505 Southeast 11th Avenue, Suite B-18

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 11AM-1PM

SECOND ANNUAL BLACK AND BROWN HERB EXCHANGE SEED SWAP: Join Black and Brown Herb Exchange with Black Food Sovereign Coalition and Black Futures Farm for our second annual seed swap. 1526 SE 20th Ave.

Seattle

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 1PM-7PM

GEORGETOWN ART ATTACK: Held every second Saturday, ART ATTACK highlights the best from local artists, makers, and retailers. Wander through the beautiful old brick buildings and see ink, paint, fabric, weaving, photography, forged, dimensional art and more. Georgetown Neighborhood, 917 S Nebraska St

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 7:30PM-10PM

PAINTING THE TOWN RED, A MLK DAY TRIBUTE TO BILLIE HOLIDAY: Listeners can expect selections from Holiday's illustrious career, in a fitting celebration of both Holiday's life and work, and the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Admission by donation to the South Hudson Music Project. The Royal Room, 5000 Rainier Ave S, Seattle

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 10AM-5PM

FREE ADMISSION DAY AT SAAM: The 1933 Art Deco building in Volunteer Park is SAM's original home. Today it is the location of SAM's extensive Asian art collection. Through exhibits and events, visitors can experience diverse perspectives on Asia's many cultural traditions and contemporary issues. FREE admission to everyone last Friday. Tickets available onsite and online. 1400 East Prospect St.



Cultural Business Hubs in N/NE Portland

Prosper Portland is currently seeking expressions of interest from property owners, private firms or community-based operators interested in establishing one or more Cultural Business Hubs within the Interstate Corridor Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District in support of the N/NE Community Development Initiative Action Plan. This is an opportunity for like-minded mission and community-focused firms to develop commercial space that serves as a gathering place offering business opportunities, technical assistance, and access to financial resources for businesses and individuals who have been historically disadvantaged and/or economically excluded. Its offerings will be culturally specific for small businesses owned by African Americans and other people of color to grow and thrive. Responses due February 16, 2024. Learn more at <https://prosperportland.us/request-for-expression-of-interest-for-establishing-cultural-business-hubs>.

News Briefs

Become a Rose Festival Clown, It's No Joke

The Portland Rose Festival is looking for a few fun people, ages 13 and up, to join the zany and wacky Rose Festival Clowns, now in its 16th year. The Rose Festival Clowns are the festival's elite amateur entertainment core of volunteers specializing in practices and acts of wonder. No prior experience required.

Local physical comedian, actor and Rose Festival Official Clown Prince, Angel Ocasio, is directing the Rose Festival Clowns for the Portland Rose Festival. "What I'm looking for is the classroom cutup who entertained their friends with feats of wonder, silliness and clowning. I'll show them how to turn it into a circus act and train them to become a part of our volunteer circus program," said Ocasio.

Application deadline is February 29. Auditions are on March 13, by appointment only to tell a joke, do a magic trick, play a musical instrument, juggle or spin a yo-yo. Think outside of the box or play in the box.

Clown workshop is on April 13 and 14. Accepted applicants must participate in a 2-day clown workshop. They will receive a makeup kit, a clown nose, costume, and learn various circus and theater skills. For any questions email Angel Ocasio at angelo@rosefestival.org.

For more information and an application, go to RoseFestival.org and click on programs.

Carmen Rubio Announces Campaign for Portland Mayor

Commissioner Carmen Rubio Tuesday announced her candidacy to be Portland's next mayor. Her decision follows months of thoughtful conversations about what this city and community members need from their next mayor.

"I made my decision with the full recognition of where we are as a city. And we need a mayor who will take responsibility for the way forward. One with a track record of building bridges, focusing our city's energy into a force for change, and getting results," Carmen said. "Portlanders deserve a mayor who will take us into our future without drama – just hard, collaborative work, especially on community safety, homelessness and housing. That's how I've led as a commissioner, and how I will do so as Portland's next mayor. This is our opportunity to do so much more."

"I know that Portland's best days are still ahead – that solutions are within reach. When government, nonprofits, businesses and individual Portlanders work together, we can do amazing things for our amazing city," Carmen said. "And building a vibrant, thriving and economically healthy Portland must

include all of our neighborhoods and communities aligned and moving forward in the same direction."

TriMet Seeking Riders' Input

This spring, TriMet will be putting the finishing touches on a plan to run more frequent buses along routes where they see high demand, extend service hours and days on multiple bus lines, adjust schedules to keep buses on time, and more. Riders will start seeing some of those improvements on Aug. 25, 2024.

It's the next piece in their Forward Together service concept, which will guide bus service improvements over the coming years.

The goal is to increase ridership and expand and improve service and connections for people with low and limited incomes.

To accomplish that goal, they are counting on feedback from the public. They've already made changes to their earlier proposals based on public input and available staffing. Heading into Forward Together planning for 2024-25, they want to hear from you.

For upcoming open houses and information on how to submit comments, visit <https://news.trimet.org/2024/01/forward-together-trimets-bus-service-will-improve-further-in-2024>.

King County Operations Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions 30% and Other Milestones in Updated Climate Action Plan

Last week King County published a progress report on its 2020 Strategic Climate Action Plan, a five-year blueprint for county climate action, highlighting advancements made towards emission reduction goals and achievements across county departments to address the climate crisis.

The report gives an update on King County's progress in effectively advancing climate action to reduce emissions, leading on climate equity, and preparing for the impacts of climate change.

"Defeating the climate crisis demands we rethink everything – across government, business, and our daily lives," said Executive Constantine. "We are steadfast in fighting this existential threat."

Some 2021–2023 successes highlighted in the report include:

- King County lowered its own governmental greenhouse gas emissions by 30% from 2007 to 2022.
- King County and its 39 cities strengthened shared greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets to 50% below 2007 levels by 2030, 75% below 2007 levels by 2040, and 95% below 2007 levels and net carbon neutral by 2050.
- King County is leading decarbonization of government operations by electrifying one of the nation's largest bus fleets.