

Events & Announcements



PHOTO COURTESY PORTLAND JAZZ FESTIVAL

Portland Jazz Festival: February 16 - March 2

Festival includes 30+ venues and 60+ events featuring local Portland talent, renowned Jazz Masters, conversations, and diverse community events across the city. This year's festival showcases a stunning lineup, including a host of Grammy® Award Winners and NEA Jazz Masters, an impressive array of local Portland talents, free community events, a world-premiere of a jazz-inspired dance, a jazz film screening, and masterclasses and conversations that further enrich the festival's educational and cultural depth. (Pictured: Five-time Grammy winner Dianne Reeves performs on February 29 at Revolution Hall with opening artist Portland's Lo Steele.

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

Oregon Blue Book Cover Photo Contest Open

Which images will cover the 2025-2026 Oregon Blue Book? The Oregon Blue Book cover photo contest kicks off today, giving amateur photographers the chance to submit their photos to answer that question. Photo contest winners will be selected in October 2024 by Secretary of State LaVonne Griffin-Valade.

The contest is open to Oregon residents of any age who earn less than half their income from photography. Images must be Oregon related and should be submitted in the portrait, rather than landscape, orientation. Two images will be selected for the cover: one for the front and one for the back. Visit the Oregon Blue Book Photo Contest guidelines for more information.

Images can be submitted through the Oregon Blue Book website portal or via U.S. mail. The deadline to submit photos for consideration is October 27, 2024.

Learn About Small Business Loans and Grants

Join Portland Small Business Hub's business advisor to learn about the loans and grants available to help Portland small businesses grow. There are two upcoming sessions:

- Español - 12 de febrero a la 1 p.m.
- English - Monday, February 26 at 1 p.m.

Register at <https://pdxsmallbizhub.com/funding-webinar#register>.

Can't make it to a webinar? Schedule a free appointment with a Portland Small Business Hub advisor to learn about available support. Schedule at <https://pdxsmallbizhub.com/schedule-an-appointment>. This program is supported by American Rescue Plan funds allocated by Portland City Council to help Portland businesses recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic recession.

King County and Compass Housing Alliance Announce the Grand Opening of Health Through Housing's Don's Place in Auburn

King County Executive Dow Constantine celebrated the grand opening of Don's Place, a Health Through Housing building providing 81 units of supportive housing for people exiting chronic homelessness, including veterans and seniors. Compass Housing Alliance, a long-time provider of supportive housing

and services for people experiencing homelessness, operates Don's Place in partnership with the City of Auburn.

In addition to highlighting the partnerships involved in establishing and operating Don's Place, the celebration featured the unveiling of the building's newly renovated second and third floors. Over 50 new people are expected to move into the upper floors, joining the 28 residents currently living at Don's Place – a mix of individual residents, adult couples, and self-identified domestic partners.

Lemonade Day Greater Vancouver Opens Registration

Lemonade Day Greater Vancouver, an empowering youth entrepreneurship program, is thrilled to announce the opening of registrations for area youth aged 6-16. This fun-filled learning experience is brought to the Southwest Washington community by the Greater Vancouver Chamber (GVC).

In 2023, young entrepreneurs generated an impressive \$40,000 in sales, with profits going in part to a charity of their choosing and directly into the pockets of 300 young CEOs. Parents, mentors, teachers, and youth leaders are encouraged to register their aspiring entrepreneurs online at <https://yourchamber.typeform.com/to/kJ6qYzgi>.

FVRL Foundation Fundraiser: 50% Give Back Day at Beaches Restaurant

Beaches Restaurant will host a 50% Give Back Day to benefit Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation on Thursday, February 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Beaches will generously donate an amount equal to 50% of each guest check back to FVRL Foundation to help support programs and services at FVRLibraries.

When you visit Beaches at 1919 SE Columbia River Drive in Vancouver, be sure to tell your server that you are dining in support of Fort Vancouver Regional Library Foundation in order for your purchase to count towards the fundraiser.

Portland Trail Blazers Host Annual Celebration of Black History Night on February 10

Join the Portland Trail Blazers in their annual Celebration of Black History on February 10 as they take on the New Orleans Pelicans. The night will be filled with exciting activations highlighting Black culture and impactful nonprofits in Portland.

Event includes music celebrating Black culture, raffle, pregame parade, dance performances, live Black history painting, photo booth, exclusive Rip City clothing collection (25% of all profits will go to POIC + RAHS), choreographer and dance artist Durante Lambert halftime show and more.

Community Calendar 2024

Portland Metro

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 6PM-8PM

DISTRICT COALITION OFFICE INFO SESSION: Join Civic Life at an info session to learn more about the District Coalition Office (DCO) model change. Civic Life's DCO model will move from 7 to 4 service areas which will all be supported by nonprofit-run district offices. 737 SE 106th Ave

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 6:30PM-7:30PM

BLACK REPRESENTATION IN BOOK PUBLISHING: As Oregon's largest Black-owned independent bookstore, Third Eye Books has a unique perspective on the publishing world. Hear from Charles Hannah, one of the co-owners of the store, as he shares information about the creation of their bookstore, trends and other obstacles/discoveries in the book industry. Happy Valley Library, 13793 SE Sieben Park Way, Happy Valley

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2PM-7PM

PORTLAND INDIGENOUS MARKETPLACE PRESENTS MARKETPLACE OF LOVE: There will be 10 or more different vendors each day at Bar Carlo, a Native guest chef in the kitchen, and so much more in the neighborhood! The first 50 Elders each day get a FREE GIFT! (60yrs and older). Family, Children and ALL are welcomed. This is an ADA Accessible space. Bar Carlo, 6433 SE Foster Rd

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 11AM-2PM

COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR AT HARRIET TUBMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL: Join Community Services Network PDX for a community resource fair on Saturday, February 10 from 11am - 2pm. There will be access to employment info, healthcare resources, utility assistance, food pantry supplies, lunch and much more! Harriet Tubman Middle School 2231 North Flint Avenue

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1PM-3PM

CLOWNIN' AROUND WITH NIKKI BROWN CLOWN: Portland's favorite clown is back with a Black History Month storyline that is a culturally creative blend of picture books infused with sounds and activities for all. Participation is encouraged, and all ages are welcome! This event is funded in part by The Library Foundation. Rockwood Library, 17917 SE Stark St

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 6PM-9PM

CASCADE FESTIVAL OF AFRICAN FILMS PRESENTS MAMBAR PIERRETTE: Join us for a screening of Mambar Pierrette presented in partnership with the Cascade Festival of African Films. The film is complemented by a performance by Habiba Addo and a discussion with visiting filmmaker Mmakgosi Anita Tau (For Them That Prey). This screening requires FREE tickets for reserved seating. Tomorrow Theater, 3530 SE Division St

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 4PM-6PM

TRAIL BLAZERS RESTAURANT TAKEOVER--TRAP KITCHEN: Rip City can join the Trail Blazers in supporting an amazing Black-owned restaurant throughout Portland during February restaurant takeover. Members of the organization will open a tab to cover the cost of select items for fans, provide giveaways and chances to win prizes. Additionally, a limited supply of special edition HBCU hoodies will be available for purchase at a pop-up retail shop. Trap Kitchen, 8 NW 6th Ave

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2PM-3PM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH--STONES, BONES AND BLACK-EYED PEAS: Multnomah County Library's Black Cultural Library Advocates presents: Black History Month - Stones, Bones and Blacked-Eyed Peas. Join chef and owner of Finer Things Events and Catering, Michelle Guinn, along with her daughter, Sable Askew and take a trip back into history. Woodstock Library, 6008 SE 49th Ave

Seattle

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 6PM-7:30PM

ADVANCING RACIAL EQUITY--REVISITING DR. KING'S LOST SPEECH: Program will feature a discussion of a lost speech by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The panel includes Eighth Generation CEO Colleen Echohawk, County Councilmember Jorge Barón, Glover Empower Mentoring's Marcus Boston, and moderator Gordon McHenry, Jr., of the United Way. There will also be a performance by the Rhapsody Project. Tickets are \$10, or, if ticket price is a barrier for you to attend this event, email eventregistration@uwkc.org for a free ticket code. Rainier Arts Center, 3515 S Alaska St.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 6PM-8PM

BLACK HISTORY MONTH KEYNOTE WITH DR. DORETHA WILLIAMS: Join NAAM for our Black History Keynote with Dr. Doretha Williams and her family history team from the Smithsonian Museum. Dr. Doretha Williams will discuss Black family history and genealogy. Northwest African American Museum, 2300 South Massachusetts Street.