

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2024

Portland Metro

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 11AM-2PM

FREE BACK TO SCHOOL HEALTH FAIR: Join Us at the Back to School Health Fair! Enjoy free health services, community booths, tasty food, and fun activities for all ages. This event is hosted by Wallace, East County Community Health, & Multnomah County Health Department and sponsored by Trimet, Health Share, and Oregon Health Insurance Marketplace. Rockwood Market Hall Plaza, 458 SE 185th Ave

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 11:30AM-1PM

SUMMER PARK BOOK GIVEAWAYS: Join us this summer for our annual Park Giveaways! Starting June 28th, find us every Friday in parks across Portland where we'll provide hundreds of free books for kids to choose from and take home! Kids can choose from books on a variety of topics and interests. Books provided will range from Birth to Middle School age levels as well as books in Spanish. Additionally, kids can enjoy free lunches and activities at all locations provided by Portland Parks and Rec! Irving Park, 707 NE Fremont St

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10, 12-3PM

URBAN LEAGUE OF PORTLAND SUMMER CELEBRATION: Join us for a day filled with good vibes and good food at the Urban League of Portland's main office on August 10th from 12-3 PM! We will have music, games, and resources for everyone - all for free while supplies last. Registration is not required. Urban League of Portland, 10 N Russell St

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10-SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 6-9PM

WASHINGTON PARK SUMMER FESTIVAL: A weekend of live outdoor performances by Dance Church and Rejoice! Diaspora Dance Theater with live music by Darrell Grant and his ensemble on Saturday, August 10. Sunday, August 11 will feature Ballet Papaloti and Edna Vazquez with Mariachi Portland. Washington Park Amphitheater, 410 SW Kingston Ave

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, AUGUST 10-11, 10AM-3PM

PORTLAND INDIGENOUS MARKETPLACE: Portland Indigenous Marketplace will host the Indigenous Marketplace. Over 30 vendors, food, art exhibits, and more will be present. A marketplace specifically for Indigenous/Black vendors, all the artists/entrepreneurs featured on Indigenous Marketplace have Indigenous/Black ancestry. Vendors sell their hand made and original designs. 21224 NE Blue Lake Rd Fairview Oregon/Shahala Shelters

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 3-8PM

FAMILY FUN DAY AND BACK 2 SCHOOL GIVEAWAY: Come to Alberta Park (Ainsworth Side) for an end of summer celebration! Our biggest all family community event in partnership with I Summer Free For All Concert in the Park. Enjoy kid activities, family giveaways, resources, food and music! Plus, come grab backpacks and school supplies from our Back 2 School giveaway (first come first serve - if kids are not present there is a household 2 bag limit). Alberta Park, 1905 NE Killingsworth St

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 7-10PM

PETALS AND THORNS FILM SCREENING AND POETRY SHOWCASE: Join us for an unforgettable evening celebrating excellence in the arts at the Petals and Thorns Film Screening and Poetry Showcase. The brainchild of first-time filmmaker La Toya A. Hampton, MSW aka The Poet Lady Rose and commissioned by Portland Playhouse as part of their Return to Wonderland 2022 short film festival, follows the experience of a group of Black Portland teens in a 1-week intensive writing and spoken word camp. The screening will be followed by a Q&A with the filmmaker and a curated open mic and poetry showcase. Alberta Abbey, 126 NE Alberta St

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17, 6-10PM

MOVIE IN THE PARK: Unite Oregon will be screening Radical, a film about a teacher in a Mexican border town who tries a radical new method to unlock their students' curiosity, potential, and genius. There will be food trucks, free popcorn, drinks, and paletas, and a raffle so you won't want to miss this! The event starts at 6pm and the movie will begin at sunset. This event is FREE to the community! Reserve your spot online. Knott City Park, NE Knott Street and NE 117th

Seattle

SAT & SUN, JULY 27-AUGUST 17, 10AM-5PM

NAAM BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE: Help NAAM bring new back packs and/or accessibility toys for students of Thurgood Marshall Elementary. We will be running the Back to School Drive for four weeks! Get free admission to NAAM with the donation of 1 new backpack for the NAAM Back to School Drive. Donations will

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COURTESY OF PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION

Samoan Festival Part of Summer Free For All

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R)'s amazing series of Summer Free For All events for 2024 continues this weekend and throughout the summer. The wildly popular annual program, made possible by the 2020 voter-approved Parks Local Option Levy (Parks Levy), includes free movies and outdoor live concerts in parks. In addition, the Free Lunch + Play program is running at 20 parks citywide - including eight in East Portland. Schedule available at <https://www.portland.gov/parks/arts-culture/summer-free-all/cultural-events>.

Portland News Briefs

Local Small Business Repair Grants Available

The Local Small Business Repair Grants are emergency funds that use funding allocated by City Council to provide support of up to \$10,000 to local small businesses needing immediate repairs. Grants are available throughout the city where businesses have sustained physical damage as a result of vandalism—such as broken windows or doors, graffiti, or sign damage. Grants are intended to help the eligible business remain open and operational and should contribute to maintaining a healthy street environment. Prosper Portland will provide the grant on a reimbursement basis, with no required match.

Questions? Email RepairGrants@prosperportland.us.

Act Now to Secure Summer EBT Benefits

As summer begins to wind down, families have a limited window to secure essential food assistance through the new Summer EBT program. The program offers \$120 per child to help cover grocery costs when school food programs are not as easy to access. With the application deadline quickly approaching on Sept. 2, 2024, it's crucial for eligible families to act now.

Thousands of families may be unaware that they qualify for this essential benefit. The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) and the Oregon Department of Education (ODE) are urging families to check their eligibility and apply before the deadline. Remember, once benefits are received, you have 122 days to use them.

Most eligible children received their benefits automatically on June 28, 2024, if their households:

- Participate in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Participate in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Are Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) members in households with incomes under 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Level
- Children in foster care also automatically received Summer EBT.

However, families who did not receive benefits automatically, particularly those with children in Head Start programs that participate in the National School Lunch or School Breakfast Programs, should still apply to determine their eligibility.

Families are encouraged to visit sebt.oregon.gov or contact the Summer EBT Call Center at 833-ORE-SEBT (833-673-7328) to verify their eligibility and apply. ODHS Director Fariborz Pakseresht said, "Making

sure children have access to nutritious food throughout the summer is critical. This small action could provide significant support to families in Oregon."

Since June 28, 2024, more than 329,000 eligible school-aged children have been issued \$39.5 million in Summer EBT food benefits. More than 60 percent of families receiving benefits in the initial issuance were able to immediately use benefits on existing Oregon EBT cards; the rest received new cards in July.

"The results of the Summer EBT launch so far have far exceeded our expectations, but we know that there are many more families out there who have children who may be eligible for the \$120 Summer EBT benefit," ODE Director Dr. Charlene Williams said. "We encourage our schools and Summer Meals providers to have flyers on site to raise awareness and get our families the benefits they qualify for."

Act now and don't let this opportunity pass by. Make sure your family receives the assistance it deserves by applying for Summer EBT before Sept. 2, 2024.

To learn more call 833-ORE-SEBT (833-673-7328). The call center is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time.

Visit sebt.oregon.gov.

Commission on Aging Wants You to "Know Your Community"

The Clark County Commission on Aging continues its "Prepare in a Year" discussion series. Last month you met your neighbors. This month, join us to learn about the communities where you live, work, and play. Experts from CRESA, Clark County's regional emergency services agency, will discuss the topic and answer questions from the audience.

The meeting will be 4:30 pm Wednesday, Aug. 14.

Commission on Aging meetings are currently held in a hybrid format with both in-person and virtual participation options. Attend in the sixth-floor Training Room of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin St., or join by phone or computer through information provided at: <https://clark.wa.gov/community-planning/commission-aging-meetings>.

Commission meetings are carried on CVTV Channel 23/323 and online at www.cvtv.org. To see replay times, go to www.cvtv.org.

Dr. Joseph Chiovaro of VA Portland Health Care System Honored

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced July 30 that Joseph Chiovaro, an attending physician at the VA Portland Health Care System, received THE VA's highest honor for health professions education, the David M. Worthen Award.

Chiovaro is also the curriculum director for the Rural Interprofessional Faculty Development Initiative.

The Worthen Award, named for the former VHA head of academic affiliations, the late David M.

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