

Events & Announcements

Portland & Seattle News Briefs

August 31: In My Shoes Community 5K Walk

Saturday, August 31st, 2024
9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (5K begins at 10!)
1661 N Wheeler Ave (Star Park Parking Lot)

Register now for the 3rd annual Word is Bond 5K. Enjoy delicious food, friendly vendors, and fun activities for the whole family in the parking lot. Throughout the event, hear inspiring stories from community members, local business owners, and elected leaders about their belief in Portland and discover ways to get involved in our community.

Free breakfast and lunch thanks to F.R.I.E.N.D.S. of the Portland Fire Department and Old Town Pizza.

This year's theme is "Believe in Portland." Wear the shirts during event, purchase at event or online (<https://www.otbrewing.com/shop>). Some of the Proceeds goes towards Word is Bond.

Open to folks of all backgrounds and walks of life. Wheelchairs, strollers, and all other wheeled mobility devices are encouraged as needed. No bikes, skateboards, or other wheeled sports equipment, please.

This event is free. Donations are tax-deductible and encouraged and can be made here. All proceeds go towards leadership programs to empower young Black men.

Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/word-is-bond-3rd-annual-in-my-shoes-5k-community-walk-tickets-969502627457>.

The League of Women Voters of Portland Presents a Panel Discussion: Ranked-Choice Voting: Moving Portland Forward with Confidence

LWV of Portland's next Community Education program, "Ranked-Choice Voting: Moving Portland Forward with Confidence," will be held on September 11 from 7 to 8:30 pm via Zoom.

This November, Portlanders will experience a new voting method when the city introduces ranked-choice voting (RCV) to elect its top elected officials. Although RCV is not new — 43 other American cities 2 states and 3 counties now use it — its unfamiliarity to local voters has raised a number of questions and concerns. Are the voters and the election system prepared for this major change? Can I trust the outcome? What has happened in other cities that have instituted RCV? What will it mean for the future direction of

our city?

This webinar will feature local and national voting experts who will address those and other questions. It will offer viewers a deeper understanding of the new voting system and what they can expect, so that they can cast their ballots with confidence.

To receive the Zoom link, members of the public should register at <http://lwvpx.org/election-2024/>. Attendees can engage with panelists by asking questions in the Zoom chat.

Financial Help to Meet Domestic Violence Survivors' Critical Safety Needs Increases to \$3,200

Domestic violence survivors are now able to receive up to \$3,200 for assistance with safety related needs including moving. Previously, financial help for survivors was capped at \$1,200 within a 90-day period.

This support may be used for items such as:

- Deposits for rent or utilities
- Replacing items left behind such as clothing or furniture

- New locks, security cameras or alarms, and
- A post office box.

The Oregon Department of Human Services (ODHS) is implementing the increase this month after receiving a one-time investment from the Oregon Legislature to raise the maximum grant amount for Temporary Assistance for Domestic Violence Survivors (TA-DVS).

Families and pregnant individuals receiving TA-DVS on or after Aug. 11, 2024, will have access to the increased grant amount to support their safety and stability.

Individuals may apply for this support by phone, in person, or by submitting an application. For more information go to <http://oregon.gov/odhs/dv>.

2024 Washington Governor's Smart Communities Winners Announced

The Washington State Department of Commerce is pleased to announce the 12 winners of the 2024 Governor's Smart Communities Awards. Presented annually since 2006, the Governor's Smart Communities Awards recognize local governments and their partners for exceptional land use planning and development.

Awards are organized by category with special recognition given to the Judge's Merit award.

Two local jurisdictions each received more than one award this year. Clark County will receive a housing award and a Judge's Merit award. The city of Bellevue will also receive a housing award and share a Judge's Merit award with King County Parks.



Big Service Changes

On August 25, we'll have new bus lines.



Learn more at trimet.org/servicechange or call 503-238-7433 (RIDE).



Community Calendar 2024

Portland Metro

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 5-7PM

OPENING RECEPTION - COLOR OUTSIDE THE LINES: The exhibition features the work of 18 contemporary artists who have used color to question institutions, beliefs, and expectations. This program is free and open to the public. Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art at Portland State University, 1855 SW Broadway

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23, 11:30AM-1PM

SUMMER PARK BOOK GIVEAWAYS: 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. Kids can enjoy free lunches and activities. Lincoln City Park

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 10AM-2PM

HOUSE PARTY - HOMEOWNERSHIP RESOURCE FAIR: You will also have the opportunity to meet with lenders and learn about FHA loan and other loans, and there will be HUD-Certified Housing Counseling onsite for prospective homeowners and renters. New Holly Gathering Hall, 7054 32nd Ave S

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 12-5PM

PEACE AND UNITY FEST: This free, family-friendly event will feature a range of community activities and services including free school supplies, backpacks, food, music, haircuts, a bouncy house, and more! 16126 SE Stark St

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2-2:45PM

CLOWNIN' AROUND WITH NIKKI BROWN CLOWN: Portland's favorite clown is back with a story time that is a culturally creative blend of picture books infused with sounds and activities for all. Participation is encouraged, and all ages are welcome! Hollywood Library, 4040 NE Tillamook St

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 6-8PM

TIME SOUND - SOUNDS OF ALBINA REIMAGINED: The TIME SOUND concert series was founded by Albina's musicians in 1981. Since that time, the program has exposed audiences to the legacy of our community's Black music on a variety of stages. This iteration of TIME SOUND features director Noah Simpson presenting new arrangements of compositions crafted by Albina's historic musician community, as well as music composed by the man himself. This concert is part of the Friends of IFCC's Summer Free for All event where activations throughout the park and inside the IFCC building will inform visitors about the remarkable work happening to restore this historically Black home for the arts and culture in Albina. Patton Square City Park, 5304 N Interstate Ave

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30, 12-4PM

RECLAIMING BLACK JOY EVENT: Every summer, Multnomah County REACH works with the ACHIEVE Coalition and local organizations to host a series of gatherings celebrating Black and African culture, resilience and joy. Reclaiming Black Joy events offer a range of free activities including music, poetry readings, hair braiding and haircuts, information on community resources, face painting, photo booths, vaccinations and more. These events provide no-cost family-friendly fun at a variety of local parks and community hubs. Dawson Park, 1 N Stanton St

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30-SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

MONTAVILLA JAZZ FESTIVAL: Celebrate new frontiers in jazz with the best of PDX Labor Day Weekend! The 2024 Montavilla Jazz Festival is brimming with Portland's rising stars and forward-thinking musicians at the forefront of original music. From the festival's nexus in Montavilla, find more than 30 concerts and events all over East Portland. To reserve your free tickets and see the full schedule of events and locations, visit www.montavillajazz.org or contact hello@montavillajazz.org.

Seattle

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 10:30-11:30AM

THE ABCS OF JAZZ AND BLUES: Join us for an end of summer celebration! Enjoy an educational Jazz performance, "The ABCs of Jazz and Blues," performed by local musician Michael Powers. This event is free and open to the public. Registration is not required. West Seattle Branch, The Seattle Public Library, 2306 42nd Ave SW, Seattle

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 10AM-5PM

MEOT COMMUNITY OPENING DAY: The Seattle Asian Art Museum is bringing back Wednesdays, and the whole community is invited to celebrate at the opening of the new exhibition, Meot: Korean Art from the Frank Bayley Collection. It's thanks to the support of the whole community that the arts in Seattle continue to thrive, and we're throwing the doors open for free to say thank you. Seattle Asian Art Museum, 1400 E Prospect St