

# Events & Announcements



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## Free Day Celebrating Jeffrey Gibson's Exhibition at the Venice Biennale

On Sunday, Nov. 24, the Portland Art Museum will host a free all-day celebration to mark the closing of Jeffrey Gibson's exhibition the space in which to place me in the U.S. Pavilion at the 2024 Venice Biennale in Italy. Visitors are invited to immerse themselves in a day of art, community, creativity, and conversations about the impact this will have on museum programs and exhibitions to come. Since its opening in April, nearly 450,000 visitors from around the globe have visited Gibson's exhibition, about which *The New York Times* wrote, "Jeffrey Gibson's history-making turn at the Venice Biennale brings the gay and Native American artist center stage with works of struggle and freedom."

## Portland & Seattle News Briefs

### Multnomah County Library breaks ground on expanded St. Johns Library

Multnomah County Library is starting construction on one of its vital renovations and expansions this week. St. Johns Library will grow to approximately 8,500 square feet, preserving the original Carnegie building and adding a new addition.

The library has one of the smallest footprints (approximately 5,600 square feet).

To amplify the community's vision, Community Design Advocates were part of a paid program to connect with their communities about how this library can represent them.

New features will include:

- A large play and learning space for children and families.
- Flexible meeting spaces for community use.
- A teen area with space for technology, homework and creative expression.
- Updated technology and internet.
- New art that represents the community.

St. Johns Library closed to begin construction processes on October 11 and is scheduled to reopen in spring 2026.

### Nkenge Harmon Johnson honored with PCUN's Cipriano Ferrel Award

Harmon Johnson recognized for civil rights work in Oregon and the Pacific Northwest

Oregon farmworker rights organization, PCUN, has honored Nkenge Harmon Johnson with the Cipriano Ferrel Award. Named after the late PCUN president, the award committee "hopes to honor a true steward of our work the movement, someone that is a leader striving to uplift and empower others in the work while providing the necessary support to develop those leadership skills."

Harmon Johnson is the president and CEO of the Urban League of Portland. She delivered a speech addressing the current state of civil rights, unity, justice and community.

The award was presented at PCUN's Harvesting Justice Gala on Nov. 8.

### Portland Winter Ice Rink opens Sat, Nov 16

The Portland Winter Ice Rink is a family-friendly outdoor ice rink located at the west end of the Morrison Bridgehead (499 SW Naito Pkwy) on the waterfront.

Building on the success of its 2023 inaugural sea-

son, the Portland Winter Ice Rink is back for another season, running Saturday, November 16 through Sunday, January 5.

With a larger rink, fun theme nights each week, a variety of great local food and beverage vendors, and an observation deck right next to the rink for non-skating friends and family, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Visit [wintericerinkpdx.com](http://wintericerinkpdx.com) for ticket information and full schedule of events.

### Grand Opening Pdx Pop-Up Shops and Snow Day Village

As the holiday season approaches, downtown Portland is set to sparkle with two exciting grand openings from Downtown Portland Clean & Safe. The PDX Pop-Up Shops and Snow Day Village at Director Park will officially open Friday, November 15th at 11am.

PDX Pop-Ups: The beloved pop-up shop program transforms vacant retail spaces in downtown Portland into vibrant, temporary retail destinations for local designers and artists.

Downtown Portland Clean & Safe is thrilled to unveil this year's holiday PDX Pop-Up lineup, featuring an exciting range of businesses. From an Indigenous Marketplace, hot sauces, ceramics, and vintage clothing to a spooky-themed coffee and dessert bar, this season's selection promises something for everyone.

Highlights include oral storybook boxes and the magical artistry of Public Joy Creator Mike Bennett. Reverend Dr. Leroy Barber returns this year to bring Black Santa and his team of helpers to Downtown.

### Executive Constantine Announces He Won't Seek Re-election in 2025

King County Executive Dow Constantine announced today that he will not seek re-election in 2025, issuing the following statement:

"It was 15 years ago this month that I was sworn in as executive, and it remains an honor, every day, to serve the people of King County. I ran for executive because I care deeply about this region where I was raised and the people who live and work here. My priority was then – and still is today – that every person should be able to thrive, be economically secure, and contribute to the life of our community.

I am grateful for the progress we have made, striving for a better government and a fairer, more just society. We have built more access to opportunity, taken action to safeguard the health of our environment and our people, and set ourselves to the task of identifying and dismantling the systemic racism, sexism, and all the injustices that hold our nation back.

The work is constantly challenging and often daunting, but it is also extraordinarily rewarding to be able to help others. It has been the honor of a lifetime to serve in this role, but it's time to let a new leader take the reins and build on the work we have done, and so I will not be seeking re-election."

## Community Calendar 2024

### Portland Metro

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 11AM-3PM

**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES MARKET:** This vibrant market will showcase the talents of 14 local Indigenous vendors. Internationally recognized Native American flutist Dr. Sharie Davis will perform live. The museum will be free throughout the day. Attendees will also have the chance to win prizes. 1511 Main St., Vancouver.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2:15-3:45PM

**HOLISTIC HEALING FOR BLACK MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS:** This workshop will provide participants an opportunity to learn about the benefits of holistic healing and culturally specific modalities for improving Black individuals mental health and wellness. We will engage in discussions pertaining to generational, ancestral and racial trauma. Multnomah County Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave.

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

**NAACP GENERAL MEETING:** General Membership meetings are not only an opportunity to hear updates on projects that NAACP Vancouver committees are working on, but an opportunity for members and the public to discuss the happenings in our community. There will be a potluck from 10am-10:30am. Bridgeview Resource Center, 505 Omaha Way, Vancouver.

#### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2-3:30PM

**REACH UP: MY BEAUTIFUL JOURNEY WITH JAMES DEPREIST:** The remarkable story of legendary Oregon Symphony conductor James DePreist is told in a new memoir by his widow Ginette. Ginette will be joined in conversation by OHS Boyle Family Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk. Free. Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 3-5PM

**TRIBAL HISTORIES OF THE WILLAMETTE VALLEY:** Meet the venerated researcher, scholar, and Oregon State University professor, David G. Lewis. He shares the profound Indigenous story of the Willamette Valley, the impact of colonization by settlers and what the First Nations experienced living on the Grand Ronde reservation. Dr. Lewis is a member of the Grand Ronde tribe. Multnomah County Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 3:30-6:30PM

**TEACHER RESOURCE HAPPY HOUR:** Local teachers, please join Arts for Learning NW and the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts at the beautiful Reser Center for the Arts to share snacks and drinks and to learn about art resources and opportunities available to school staff and students. We will showcase of local arts-based classroom experiences, field trip opportunities, and funding resources. Patricia Reser Center for the Arts 12625 SW Crescent St., Beaverton

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 9AM-5PM

**AAA'S HUD-APPROVED HOMEBUYER EDUCATION CLASS:** Come join us at African American Alliance For Homeownership for our informative HUD-Approved Homebuyer Education Class! This class is focused on first-time homebuyers, with small class sizes, so you have the opportunity to get all of your questions answered. Our experts will cover everything you need to know about the home buying process, from budgeting to closing. All materials, refreshments, snacks, and lunch provided. African American Alliance For Homeownership, 825 NE 20th Ave #100

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 3:30-5:30PM

**MUDBONE GROWN FREE FOOD MARKET:** Visit Randall Children's Hospital to access free, fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables from Mudbone Grown! Food is free and anybody in need is welcome! No name, ID, or address is needed. Please bring your own bags or boxes. We will be there from 3:30-5:30pm or until food runs out. Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, 2801 N Gantenbein Ave.

### Seattle

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 4-6PM

**CAKE & CONVERSATIONS:** Love Offering is Wa Na Wari's community meal program that pays Black and Indigenous chefs to provide culturally-relevant meals to the community, free of charge, every Tuesday & Thursday. We also started Coffee & Cake every Wednesday, 4-6pm. Enjoy a free beverage and slice of cake as you take in the beautiful artwork. Wa Na Wari, 911 24th Ave.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 7-9PM

**BLACK TO MY ROOTS—AFRICAN AMERICAN TALES FROM THE HEAD AND THE HEART:** The personal, social, and political implications of Black women's hair and how it affects our self-esteem, social interactions, and career status. This 25th Anniversary production is directed by Tyrone Brown. Pay-what-you-can. Langston Hughes Performing Arts Institute, 104 17th Ave S, Seattle