

EAST PORTLAND PARKS COALITION MEETING NOTES 5/4/2023

Announcement flyer:

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MAY 4, 2023

Join us with special guests

Jarrell Hosely and Kimberly Holt of PP&R Summer Free for All Cultural Events and Alicia Hammock and Stephanie Madrid from PP&R Summer Free for All Free Lunch + Play and Gateway Discovery Park recreation for info about summer fun in our parks!

Summer Free For All Summer Activities

Cultural Events - Jarrell

Jarrell Hosely updated us on the progress of organizing the 46 events for this year's lineup of Cultural Events in Portland Parks. Of that number, 17 of the events will be in East Portland!!! The flagship event, the East Portland Arts Festival, kicks off the season on July 8-9. This event is planned to have highly accessible acts that embrace the character of East Portland's diverse community. The activities will include a movie, dance performance, art activities for children, and possibly a grammy-award winning recording artist. More details to come!

Other events will include a reenactment of the TV show the Jeffersons, Dance United, productions by the Portland Slavic community, and a drumming performance. The SFFA calendar will be available in mid to late May. Carol will be producing a simplified calendar for East Portland that will be accessible on the EPPC Facebook Page and the Hazelwood NA Facebook page – please share to the community.

Wilkes neighborhood will also be hosting a concert this year and they are planning several pre-concert activities, according to Kathi Holmes. Kathi asked Jarrell if the tablers need to be vetted through the SFFA staff. Jarrell responded that the sponsors can have a group of up to 5 non-profit tablers at their events and that they must vet them through the SFFA producer for their event, which will be either Kimberly Holt or Jed Arkley.

The concerts will be scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm.

Events Schedule for Gateway Discovery Park – Stephanie

Stephanie has produced quite a lineup of activities for GDP this summer. Her emphasis this year on both activities and events is to pull more of these into the daytime slot – both for ongoing safety concerns in this area and more in line when folks with children are at the park – especially since this is a Free Lunch + Play site. These events will all be posted in 2 weeks on the (new) [City of Portland website page for the park](#). Do not be confused about which page is on the new site – the old City of Portland website has a green background and nothing on its schedule for the park. Make sure you are accessing the new GDP page.

Her lineup includes these performance acts:

- Prismatic, July 5

- Shakespeare, July 12
- DJ George the Mixologist every Friday
- Portland Taiko: People of the Drum, July 22
- Tonga Day Festival, August 12

The Free Lunch + Play program will be entertained by:

- Rose City Rollers
- Sounds Truck NW
- Bookmobile Babe
- ...and More!

SFFA events at GDP will include:

- Micah and Me, July 19
- Olive & Dingo, July 26
- DJ Anjali and the Incredible Kid, Wednesday August 2
- Ballet Folklorico Corazones Alegres, Wednesday August 9

Free Lunch + Play - Alicia

This year the program will be shifting their sites somewhat after carefully reviewing the results of the last years' programs. The 24 park sites will operate from 10am-2pm, except for Gateway Discovery Park, which has activities and events programming and will be open from 10am-4pm. Parks adjacent to Portland School District schools will run the program from June 21 through August 18, and East Portland schools outside PSD will run the program from June 26-August 25. East Portland Parks include Gateway Discovery, Luuwit View, Lents, Lincoln, Raymond, Ventura, Verdell B Rutherford, and Wilkes.

The mobile Free Lunch + Play Program will run with 2 vans visiting one site each per day. East Portland sites will include Mill Park, Arbor Glen Apts, Bellrose Station Apts, Eastgate Station Apts, and Vine Maple Apts.

Announcements

[Youth Conservation Crew \(ages 14-18\) | Portland.gov](#) The Youth Conservation Crew (YCC) provides employment opportunities for a diverse population of Portland-area youth. Crews protect, restore, and manage Portland's parks and natural areas while developing job skills and exploring environmental career paths. Apply by April 10 for this summer's jobs. Crews include No Ivy League West, Tree Crew, Trail Crew, Community Gardens Crew, and City Nature East. Pay for new hires starts at \$16/hr. Minimum ages for crews is 14 and for crew leaders is 20.

[Aquatics Training Programs and Employment Opportunities | Portland.gov](#) Portland Parks & Recreation is looking for team-oriented, enthusiastic and qualified staff to operate our year-round indoor and summer outdoor swimming pools. This is a great opportunity to learn leadership skills and help others stay safe and enjoy being in the pool.

- Lifeguard
- Swim Instructor
- Water Fitness Instructor

Pay starts at \$18.50. Closing date is June 30, 2023. As of October 18, 2021, all City employees must be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. This is required for all positions at the City of Portland. Proof of being fully vaccinated is required by date of hire. You may request an exception, for health or religious reasons, from getting the COVID-19 vaccine at the time a position is offered.

You must be 16 years old to apply. Certification must be current through the duration of employment. Hours may vary and are based on program needs and job classification.

[Summer Recreation Employment - Summer Day Camps \(Ages 15+\) -](#)

Seasonal Recreation Support Staff positions may organize, plan, and lead a variety of youth activities including art, craft, music, performance, science, games, and sports as well as support various community recreation and arts programs that serve and engage the public within the Portland Metro area

Camp Counselors organize, plan, and lead a variety of activities including art, crafts, music, performance, science, games, nature, and sports in addition to supporting the physical, social, and cognitive development of preschool and school-aged participants

[Solve Cleanup in Ventura Park - Friday, May 5, 2023, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm](#)

[Saturday, May 6 – Groundbreaking Ceremony at Parklane Park, 11am – 12pm](#)

[SUNDAY PARKWAYS](#), East Portland – Sunday, May 7

[WEED WARRIORS](#) Welcome back to another fun weeding season at Luuwit View Park! The next installment is on Tuesday May 16 at 9:00 am. We hope the weather will be nicer than it was in March and April! The work party is scheduled for 1 hour, although people are welcome to stay for a bit longer. Kirsten Provenzano of PP&R will sign up participants and supply tools and gloves. Participants may also bring their own supplies. Clothing should be weather dependent and will get dirty. For more information, email Kirsten at Kirsten.Provenzano@portlandoregon.gov.

[John Luby Disc Golf Exploration Project - Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 9am to 4pm](#)

Come play disc golf at John Luby Park!

A temporary 9-hole beginner-friendly course will be set up for one day in John Luby Park on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 9am to 4pm. Please join us to play disc golf and share your thoughts about a permanent course in John Luby Park. The course will start at NE 127th Ave and NE Brazee St. Discs and snacks provided. See you then!

[July 8 – Bicycle Event at Gateway Discovery Park](#) – stay tuned on the East Portland Parks Coalition page for more information

[July 8-9 – East Portland Arts Festival – Ventura Park](#)

[July 14 – Concert in Lincoln Park sponsored by Hazelwood NA](#)

[August 18 – Movie in the Park sponsored by Argay Terrace NA](#)

[August 19 – Concert in Wilkes Park sponsored by Wilkes Community Group](#)

Next meeting July 6. The topic will be Learning Landscapes – Urban Forestry projects that team schools with UF trees.

The group was enthusiastic about engaging Bruce Nelson to lead a tree walk in mild weather.

Look for easy to read schedules posted on those events for Summer 2023 in our Facebook page:

[East Portland Parks Coalition | Portland OR | Facebook.](#)

Look for these notes in the East Portland Action Plan website:

[East Portland Parks Coalition | East Portland Action Plan](#)