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out of their manhole hibernation to get your rides fur-buffed for the sunshine. This year's theme is "Under Construction," fittingly.

This benefit event for Our House and the Oregon Bears Titleholder Fund includes your chance to dunk some local celebrities and surprise guests while your car gets worked on by beaming bears. DJ BradPDX mans the faders while Zora Phoenix provides the laughs. For more information, visit [oregonbears.org](http://oregonbears.org).

## Community News in Brief

• This year's sold-out Red Dress Party—held in April—raised a whopping \$45,000 with an evening of "Red Hot" hijinks and a lot of heart. On Thursday, July 21, the Red Dress board presents a check of \$15,000 each to this year's beneficiaries: Q Center, Pivot and the SafeChoice Domestic Violence Program of YWCA Clark County.

The check presentation takes place at Hobo's (120 NW Third Ave.) 5:30–7 p.m. Those interested in attending should RSVP by Wednesday, July 20 to Reid Decker at [reidecker@yahoo.com](mailto:reidecker@yahoo.com). For more information about this year's Red Dress Party, visit [reddresspdx.com](http://reddresspdx.com).

• Summer construction takes center stage Sunday, July 24 at Starky's (2913 SE Stark St.). The Oregon Bears are hosting their annual Suds 'n' Studs Car Wash and Celebrity Dunk Tank from noon to 4 p.m., highlighting Oregon's hottest bears coming



Suds it up, Bears!

• You've still got time to support Basic Rights Oregon's push for marriage equality while enjoying tasty libations from Absolut Vodka. Through July 30, Absolut Vodka will donate 50 cents to BRO for all Absolut Wild Tea and Orient Apple Cocktails, available for purchase at Red Cap Garage and Scandals.

Adding to the myriad entities helping BRO realize its goals are Brian and Saskia Thomson, a straight married couple. The Thomsons host a joint fifth wedding anniversary and BRO benefit party Friday, August 5 at 8 p.m. at the Bossanova Ballroom (722 E. Burnside St.). "Share the Love" features performances by 3 Leg Torso, Mid-night Serenaders, Boy & Bean, DJ Anjali, and others. There will also be a photo booth and raffles. Tickets are \$15, doors open at 7. For more information on Basic Rights Oregon's work toward marriage equality, visit [basicrights.org](http://basicrights.org) or turn to p. 16. For more on Share the Love, visit [sharetheloveportland.com](http://sharetheloveportland.com).

## Events of Note

• Portland's Q Patrol is seeking proactive LGBTQ citizen and allied volunteers for training and volunteering to help keep the streets safe from anti-gay discrimination and violence. Q Patrol was formed by concerned citizens, anti-violence organizations, city officials and more in 2010 in response to an increased number of gay bashings in downtown Portland. But it only works if dedicated volunteers can make time to make the difference needed.

"The current problem is the lack of people actually volunteering any time outside of the

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