

COMMUNITY LIFE

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The Southwest Portland Post

All aboard the Oregon Electric!

This year Multnomah Village community is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the opening of the Oregon Electric Railway's Multnomah Station in 1908. Transportation provided by the interurban railway enabled many people to settle in the southwest area of Portland. Businesses soon followed, clustering around the station.

A program entitled "Rolling Down the Oregon Electric Railway" will be presented by Bob Melbo of the Oregon Department of Transportation on Tuesday, May 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Capitol Room of the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Entrance to the building will be from the back parking lot where parking is available.

The event is sponsored by the Multnomah Historical Association. Visit the MHA website at www.multnomahhistorical.com

nomahhistorical.com for more information about this and other Centennial events or call 503-244-9238.

Connecting Green, Wild In The City

Paddle Around Ross Island, Saturday, May 10 from 8 to 11 a.m. Join naturalist **Mike Houck** on a three hour paddle around Ross, Hardtack, East and Toe Islands. The paddle will acquaint participants with the natural history of this four island archipelago and the issues concerning public ownership and long term management of the islands. The trip is appropriate for beginning paddlers. Pre-registration is required at: www.audubonportland.org (click on field trips, then wild in the city) or call 971-222-6116.

Hayhurst School Rummage Sale

Spring is here and rummage sales are in the air!

This year's sale is Friday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Vermont Hills United Methodist Church, 6053 SW 55th Drive. Donations are accepted on Thursday, May 8 at the church. All sales benefit Hayhurst School Enrichment Programs.

Alpenrose Softball Cup

All are invited to a new community, the First Annual Alpenrose Softball cup scheduled for Tuesday, May 13 at 7:15 p.m. at Alpenrose Dairy's main field. The event features the rival Lincoln and Wilson high school girls' varsity softball teams playing one of their regular season games. The event will celebrate the season by bringing together local softball players that play for Mt. Sylvania, Southwest and Sunset Park leagues.

Grauer Project Plant Sale

A plant sale benefiting the Grauer Back-to-School project will be held Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and Sunday, May 11 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St Luke Lutheran Church, 6835 SW 46th Ave. Vegetable and flower starts, grasses, small trees, and cut flowers will be featured along with trellises and garden art. The Grauer Project is a cooperative effort to help low-income Southwest Portland students start the school year with backpacks filled with school supplies, as well as new shoes and clothing.

Southwest Neighborhoods Spring Cleanup and Litter Patrol

The annual SWNI Cleanup is Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Portland Christian Center, 5700 SW Dosch Road. Cost is \$10 per carload (additional costs for TV and computer monitors).

Items accepted include yard debris and wood items, bulky items like furniture, scrap metal, computers/electron-

ics. Reusable items for charity such as used, clean clothing in good condition, furniture, antiques, books, small electric appliances, etc. Litter patrols will be cleaning surface streets like Multnomah Boulevard.

Curbside pickup is available for seniors and disabled citizens. Volunteers with trucks are needed for this service. For more information, contact the Southwest Neighborhoods office at 503-823-4592. Or visit their website at www.swni.org.

Letters to the Editor



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Community benefits from local school coverage

Just wanted to pass on a big thanks to Polina Olsen and the Southwest Portland Post for the great article in this month's issue on our school ["Place-based learning key to new Southwest Charter School," April 2008].

We so appreciate you're taking time and valuable space to let folks know about what we are doing here. Starting a new school is a gargantuan task, but thoughtful and complimentary coverage in the media is uplifting for our whole community.

Thanks again!

Anne Gurnee, Education Director,
Southwest Charter School

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Join the Mayor and City Commissioners to Provide your testimony about the Mayor's Proposed Budget!
The City Council will vote on an Approved Budget May 14!

WHAT? WHEN? THURSDAY EVENING MAY 8, 2008 6:00-6:30 Community Fair 6:30-8:30 Budget Hearing <i>Testimony only!</i>	WHERE? KING SCHOOL 4906 NE 6 th Ave Parking: Lot and On-Street Bus Routes: 6 & 72
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View schedules, budget decisions, & submit comments/testimony online at:
www.portlandonline.com/communitybudget

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