

COMMUNITY LIFE

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4 Independence Day Fireworks

Display at the Waterfront Blues Festival. This will be the largest fireworks display in Oregon. The fireworks start at 10:05 p.m. after the evening's final performance and the National Anthem, sung by Linda Hornbuckle.

The Oregon Food Bank produces the Waterfront Blues Festival, including the fireworks display, to raise food and funds for people who are hungry in Oregon and Clark County, Washington.

The Blues Festival will be held Thursday through Sunday, July 2-5, on the south end of Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park. Admission to the festival (including the fireworks show on July 4) is a donation of \$10 and two cans of non-perishable food. To see the exciting list of performers and a complete list of sponsors visit www.waterfrontbluesfest.com.

7 Stormwater Retrofit Workshop

The City of Portland holds free workshops to show ratepayers how to manage stormwater on their property. The next workshop is Tuesday, July 7, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m., Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. For more information call 503-823-1371 or visit www.CleanRiverRewards.com.

11 Multnomah: 100 years of photos

Come stroll along Capitol Highway as it winds through Multnomah in its early days as a station on the Oregon Electric Railroad to the present (1908-2008). Multnomah Historical Association will be presenting a viewing of its "Multnomah Centennial" DVD at the Hillsdale Library on Saturday, July 11 at 2:00 p.m.

MHA is promoting a survey of homes and commercial buildings built before 1945 in Southwest neighborhoods, which they will identify and add to their collection. The Mary Lyman Becker History Center collection is open Thursdays 2-4 p.m. and by appointment at 2929 SW Multnomah Blvd. For more information about MHA visit www.multnomahhistorical.com.

14 Multnomah Neighborhood Association

Interested in the new housing project at the Sears Armory, landscaping in Multnomah Village Park, Multnomah Outdoor Cinema, Capitol Hill Road speed bumps, Multnomah Day Festival participation, or other happenings in the neighborhood? Then don't miss this meeting, Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Call 503-823-4592 for more agenda details or more information.

18 Bradley Trio rocks the Buffalo Gap

Will Bradley (guitars, vocals), sister Christie Bradley (percussion, vocals), with Danny Ard on bass guitar, provide the indie rock sound of this three-piece Portland band. They play the Buffalo Gap Saloon, 6835 SW Macadam Ave., on Saturday, July 18, at 9:00 p.m. Listen to some cuts on their website www.myspace.com/thebradleytrio.

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Saturday, July 18, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd, 503-988-5388. For teens and adults. Registration required; register online or in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

Wilson Class of 1984 25-Year Reunion Alumni only meet Saturday,

July 18 at MacTarnahan's Taproom, 2730 NW 31st Ave., at 6:00 p.m. Alumni and families meet Sunday, July 19 for a picnic in Gabriel Park at 12 noon. Questions? E-mail Julie Wallace at jwallace@wallacebooks.net. P.S. Faculty and staff are welcome at the picnic as well. What about your reunion? Visit www.wilsonalumni.com for a complete list of upcoming events.



Jim Lynch is author of "Border Songs" (Photo by Cortney Kelley)

23 Author Jim Lynch reading at Annie Bloom's Books

Jim Lynch ("The Highest Tide") reads from his latest novel, "Border Songs," about a dyslexic, bird-watching Washington state patrol officer on Thursday, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. at Annie Blooms' Books, 7834 SW Capitol Hwy. For more information visit www.annieblooms.com.

31 Swing to the sound of Stolen Sweets

Check out this popular Portland jazz sextet at two upcoming events. The Sweets specialize in the Boswell Sisters repertoire of the 1930s. The first concert is part of a burlesque show at 8:30 p.m. at the Mission Theater, 1624 NW Glisan St., on Friday, July 31; the second a free Music on Main Street concert from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. outside the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1111 SW Broadway on Wednesday, August 5. For more information, visit www.stolensweets.com.

Aug. 15 Multnomah Day Celebration

Looking for a terrific community event this summer? Bring the entire family to Multnomah Village on Multnomah Day, Saturday, August 15. Parade starts at 9:30 a.m. with the Dog Parade, followed by the Grand Parade at 10 a.m. Street festival (sidewalk sale, artisan booths, food vendors, and live music), follows until 4:00 p.m.

Please contact Joan Steinbach at 503-245-3936 or at multnomahparade@gmail.com if you have a group that wants to be in the parade. To volunteer please contact Tye Steinbach at 503-245-3936 pr tyesteinbach@yahoo.com. For additional information about the Multnomah Day festival contact Gail Anderson at 503-953-8114 or ganderson@lfcpx.org. Also check out the website at www.multnomahvillage.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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of Neighborhood Involvement, with a 10 percent cut in last year's funding levels, rather than a 16 to 18 percent cut as originally proposed by the Office of Finance and Administration.

For the Southwest Neighborhood office, it will mean an allocation of \$249,000, a cut of \$6,300 from last year, executive director Sylvia Bogert told the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. board in May.

The budget preserves the popular Neighborhood Grants Program. Even a \$205,000 cut to ONI's Graffiti Abatement Program proposed under the Right Budget, which would have eliminated graffiti removal by City employees, was restored at the last minute. Also restored was a proposed cut to Metro's voucher program that subsidizes neighborhood cleanups.

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