

**COMMUNITY LIFE**

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**6** A group show of artwork by youth taking classes at Multnomah Arts Center will be on view in the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery beginning May 6. An opening reception with live music and an art activity will be held Friday, May 6, 5-7 p.m. at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. The exhibition may be seen through June 1. For more information contact Jaye Campbell at 503-823-2787 or visit [www.multnomahartscenter.org](http://www.multnomahartscenter.org).

**10** Multnomah Neighborhood Association will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 10, at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Get updates on plans for Safe-way, Fred Meyer, the Sears Armory, Multnomah Boulevard and other important projects affecting the neighborhood. Call 503-823-4592 for more information or visit [www.swni.org](http://www.swni.org).

**15** A celebration honoring the woodpecker, one of Tryon Creek State Natural Area's most industrious residents, will take place on Sunday, May 15, from 2 - 4 p.m., following the Tall Tale Writing Contest Award Ceremony at 1 p.m. The event is free and the public is invited to attend.

Hosted by the Friends of Tryon Creek, this fun family-oriented event features woodpecker-themed activities on the park's Trillium Trail and in the Nature Center. Children can look forward to making a toy woodpecker; having their face painted woodpecker-style; spotting snags up close with a scope; and other great nature activities.

Winners of the 2011 Tall Tale Writing Contest will read selections from their original essays on the theme, "Why Woodpeckers Must Make Holes," at an awards ceremony at 1 p.m. prior to the celebration. Writing submissions have been received by over 400 first through sixth grade students from around the Portland Metro area. Nineteen winners have been selected. Refreshments will be served.

The Celebration of Woodpeckers and Tall Tale Writing Contest Award Ceremony are free and open to the public at Tryon Creek State Natural Area, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd. Enrollment is limited so pre-registration is requested at [www.tryonfriends.org](http://www.tryonfriends.org). Call 503-636-4398 for more information.

**18** "Scenes From the Dream" is a collection of vignettes that reflect Portland's Civil Rights struggle from the beginning of Oregon's history to recent times. As a part of their study of the national Civil Rights Movement, Southwest Charter School's middle school students examined the history of the black community in Portland.

Students gained knowledge from a scavenger hunt that took them all over the city, interviewing elders who experienced it first hand, visiting the Urban League and the Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church, watching videos and reading texts.

Over the past two months, students



Pileated woodpeckers will be celebrated May 15 at Tryon Creek Natural Area. (Photo courtesy of Friends of Tryon Creek)

worked with director/playwright Bruce Hostetler to translate eight different topics and events into a collection of short plays. The plays are linked together by music from the Civil Rights Era and the words of Martin Luther King.

The Middle School students will be offering a free performance of "Scenes from the Dream" on the evening of Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30pm at the Artists Repertory Theatre located at 1515 SW Morrison St. For more information call 503-244-1697 or visit [www.swcharter.org](http://www.swcharter.org).

**31** Retired university professor Arnold Panitch will conduct his walking tour in the Lair Hill neighborhood, site of the early settlements of Jewish and Italian immigrants. The tour is split into two one-hour segments and walkers can leave after the first hour. Meet the tour at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 31 at Lair Hill Café and Grocery, Southwest 1st Avenue and Meade Street.

Free on-street parking is available or take TriMet buses #43, #44 or #35.

Arranged by Ride Connection. Contact [apanitch@comcast.net](mailto:apanitch@comcast.net) for more information.

**Oregon Humane Society**  
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"Animals are microchipped, spayed or neutered, and receive all their vaccines," Lytle said. A large room off the main lobby dedicated to OHS includes a counter for paperwork and a "get to know your new pet room."

Suzanne Hein, who owns LexiDog Boutique & Social Club, sees the OHS connection as a natural. "We've been adopting dogs and cats for years, but just a few," she said.

Photos of animals and success stories covered the wall, including Hein's own miniature pinscher Lexi. "Here's Rex," Hein said. "He was our first adoption in 2007. And, he still comes to daycare every day."

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