

Portland park bureau offers summer concerts and movies

By Lee Perlman
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South Portland now has the distinction of being the only Portland neighborhood to host two free summer parks concert series. Willamette Park will be host to concerts by **Tony Furtado** on July 6; **Linda Hornbuckle** on July 13; **Dirty Syncopators** on July 20, and **Lisa Mann and Her Really Good Band** on July 27.

Meanwhile, the newly-minted Elizabeth Caruthers Park in South Waterfront will have concerts with the **Water Tower Bucket Boys** August 19, and **Blue Cranes** August 26. The Willamette Park concerts start at 6:30 p.m., the Caruthers Park events at 6 p.m.

The Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation is the main sponsor of the concerts, but it requires that local community groups come up with part of the financial backing, an increasingly challenging task in these economic times.

South Portland Neighborhood Association by now has the advantage of experience and past successes in gathering support, while those associated with the South Waterfront include individuals and groups with

deeper than normal pockets.

Elsewhere in southwest, the park bureau is offering free movies, in every case preceded by some sort of live entertainment until the night gets sufficiently dark.

The schedule is as follows: *The Social Network* will be shown at the Multnomah Arts Center on July 1. *Imagine That* will be shown at Dickinson Park on July 3.

Ferris Bueller's Day Off will be shown at DeWitt Park on July 29. *Free Willy* will be shown at Holly Farm Park on July 30. *E.T.* will be shown at Caruthers Park on August 11.

James and the Giant Peach will be shown at Dickinson Park on August 13. *North by Northwest* will be shown at Caruthers Park, September 8.

Toy Story 3 will be shown at Multnomah Arts Center on September 9. *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang* will be shown at April Hill Park on September 10. Music begins at 6:30 p.m. and the movies will start at dusk.

At each of these events the park bureau will have vendors on hand from whom you can purchase food, or you can bring your own along with a blanket and/or lawn chair. Patrons are asked to be courteous and helpful to those around you, and otherwise enjoy the shows.

MULTNOMAH NOTEBOOK

Friends of Spring Garden Park wins \$10,000 grant from Umpqua Bank

By Moses Ross

The July meeting of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association will be held on Tuesday, July 12 at 7:00PM at the Multnomah Arts Center, Room 30. Please join us!

Congratulations to the Friends of Spring Garden Park for being chosen as the recipients of a \$10,000 grant to build a nature playground at the park. The grant was the grand prize of Umpqua Bank in Multnomah Village's Build Your Block Challenge.

Spring Garden Park's Nature Playground was one of three projects that had made it to the final selection stage of the contest. The other two projects were a community mural and installation of benches throughout the neighborhood.

The community mural and the benches projects received much support in the voting and so the neighborhood association would like to "adopt" these projects to make sure they are followed up on and implemented. If you would like to assist us in implementing these projects, please contact Moses at mnachair@gmail.com and I can give you more details.

Do you live on a street that is unmaintained? Your chair is working on a project to identify and map

all the unmaintained streets in the Multnomah neighborhood. If you live on an unmaintained street, please help out by emailing me at mnachair@gmail.com and let me know the location of the street.

Its summertime in Multnomah and that means its time for the Multnomah Outdoor Cinema. Sponsored by the MNA and our friends at SW Neighborhoods, Inc, O'Connor's Restaurant, Food Front Grocery and Portland Parks and Recreation, this has become a summertime tradition in our neighborhood.

Come join everyone at this free community event on Friday, July 1 starting at 8PM with live music courtesy of the Shannon Tower Band. At dusk, the PG-13 rated movie "The Social Network" begins.

Enjoy bottomless bags of popcorn, the good company of your neighbors and friends as well as music and movies under the stars. The event is held outside under cover at the Multnomah Arts Center so bring a blanket and make an evening of it! We'll see you there!

The Oregon Legislature recently tackled the redistricting of House and Senate districts, as mandated every ten years due to the census and adjustments for where people within Oregon live.

The Multnomah neighborhood was dramatically affected by this shifting of boundaries. Previously, the entire neighborhood was within the bound-

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