

COMMUNITY LIFE

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7 Alpenrose Dairy will be hopping during its 50th annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 7. Attendees should arrive early because thousands of people attend the holiday fete at the dairy farm (6149 SW Shattuck Road) each year, and traffic is heavy.

The Easter bunny will accompany the children during their quest for chocolate eggs: The egg hunt for ages 3 to 5 kicks off at 10:30 a.m., and ages 6 to 8 begin searching at 12:00 noon.

Radio Disney will be on hand, transmitting tunes from the dairy, and a concessions stand will offer hot dogs and ice cream for purchase. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 503-244-1133 or visit www.alpenrose.com

10 The Southwest Candidates Fair will take place Tuesday, April 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 S.W. Capitol Hwy. Sponsored by Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., this year the forum will not include mayoral candidates.

With 23 mayoral candidates registered for the primary election, SWNI

leaders felt they could not be inclusive and still have time for a meaningful discussion.

They have invited candidates for Portland City Council positions 1 and 4 as well as speakers for and against Multnomah County Measure 26-125 on library funding. For more information visit www.swni.org or call 503-823-4592.

14 Second Saturday Family Dance means fun dancing for kids and families with live music and Janet Trygstad calling! It's happening Saturday, April 14, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles St. \$6/adults, \$5/kids, \$20/family max. For more information call 503-775-6537.

Kid & Habitat Friendly Yards: Kids and nature can coexist without a plastic play structure! Education Director Matthew Collins will introduce participants to "Nature Play" as they create a backyard habitat that supports ecological health while allowing children to explore and play. Saturday, April 14, at Tryon Creek Natural Area, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd. Adult workshop 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$29/person. To register visit www.pcc.edu/registration. Visit www.tryonfriends.org or call 503-636-4398 for more information.

26 Join Southwest Trails PDX for their next meeting where retired ODOT traffic engineer and Southwest Portland resident Ed Fischer will present a slide show and talk about his recent trip to Europe with the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials.

The purpose of the trip was to look

at traffic calming, pedestrian and bike facilities in Europe and get creative ideas for possible implementation in the US. The meeting is Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Watershed Building in Hillsdale (6388 SW Capitol Hwy).

Jillian Daley and Lee Perlman contributed to this calendar.



Gibbs Street pedestrian bridge. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)

Gibbs Street pedestrian bridge on schedule to open in June

Jean Senechal Biggs of the Portland Bureau of Transportation says that the Gibbs Street pedestrian bridge, spanning Southwest Barbur Boulevard and Interstate 5, is due to be "substantially complete" by April 30 according to the City's contract with the builders, and the project is on schedule to open this June.

After April 30, a month will be set

aside to complete a "punch list" of minor items still needing work. No operational or ceremonial "grand" opening had been set at press time.

The bridge, already visibly in place, extends from the east side of Southwest Macadam Avenue to Southwest Kelley Avenue, providing a direct pedestrian link from the South Waterfront to the older South Portland neighborhood.

— Lee Perlman

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