

Multnomah Days includes street fair, parade, live music, petting zoo and more!

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For a business district that claims to be more than 100 years old, and is such a success, the Multnomah Village Business Association's Multnomah Days Festival and Parade – 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. August 18 – still manages to change and evolve.

A safe, consistent starting point is the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast, 8 to 11 a.m. at the Key Bank parking lot. \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids, with proceeds to the Kiwanis camp for children with disabilities.

Then there is “the biggest little parade” in Portland, with an assembly point at Handy Andy's, a kickoff time of 10 a.m., and Timber Joey as mascot. This year, for the first time, organizers are asking participants to make a cash donation to Neighborhood House.

Neighborhood House will also be doing some other collecting – in a unique way. Up to and on Parade Day they will have been collecting non-food items of use to the needy – hygiene supplies, paper towels, cleaning supplies, toiletries – obvious necessities that can NOT be purchased with food stamps.

On Parade Day the supplies will be formed into a sculpture called the Snap Gap that you can view at the Neighborhood House booth at Southwest 35th Avenue. After the event, the items will be put to use.

There will be a Kids Zone at the Multnomah Arts Center basketball courts from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The attractions will include a petting zoo. For the adults, there will be a beer garden and wine garden, courtesy of Sip D'Vine, at Southwest Moss Street from noon to 10 p.m., with live music after 6 p.m.

There will also be live music on the Main Stage, also at Moss, with the following lineup at press time: The Beat Goes On Marching Band at the conclusion of the parade; The Magnets at 1:30 p.m.; and the Renegade String Band from 2 to 4:30 p.m. This year there will also be a Community Stage, featuring local talent, at Southwest 36th Avenue.

Along Southwest Capitol Highway there will be more than 100 street vendors selling everything from food to art to the unique as well as free information. (If you

want to be one of them the fee is \$100, and you should immediately contact mikeradakovich@comcast.net)

Finally, individual businesses and institutions will have their own activities. For instance, the Lucky Lab will have their annual Dog Wash, with donations going to Dove Lewis animal clinics. Umpqua Bank is co-sponsoring an Energy Fair. The Multnomah Arts Center will have their annual Crafts Sale on the front lawn.

For more information about Multnomah Days visit www.multnomahvillage.org.

Vine and Dine benefits Village; MHA sponsors community picnic

This year the fun spills over into Sunday, August 19. Sip D'Vine will be host to Vine and Dine, with participants treated to tastings of fine wines and food donated by shops and restaurants. Tickets are \$40.

For \$60 you can have an “early entry” at 1 p.m. (everyone else gets in at 3 p.m.), and listen to renowned geologist Alan Busacca speak on “Ex-



Police Chief Mike Reese was grand marshal for the Multnomah Days Parade in 2010. (Post file photo by Polina Olsen)

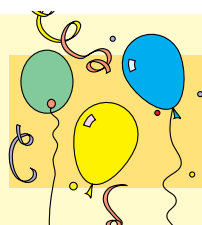
ploring Washington's Ice Age.”

Proceeds will go to the Multnomah Village Bloc Initiative to install vintage light fixtures and street furniture. For tickets visit <http://vineanddinetickets.eventbrite.com>.

Also Sunday, the Multnomah Historical Association is hosting a free

community picnic, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Gabriel Park.

MHA will be providing hot dogs and cold drinks. Don't forget your blanket, lawn chair and picnic lunch! For more information call 503-893-5549 or visit www.multnomahhistorical.com.



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According to Chisek, “In the Southwest, that's kind of a challenge because a lot of the residential streets, they don't have sidewalks, so you have bikes and pedestrians on the street. You have cars on the street.”

Maplewood Neighborhood Association president Jill Gaddis said she is excited about the changes.

“It's so that our streets are safer to walk on and ride our bicycles,” Gaddis said. “Children can walk safely to school; we can walk safely to the park; we can walk safely to exercise, go to our neighbor's house.”

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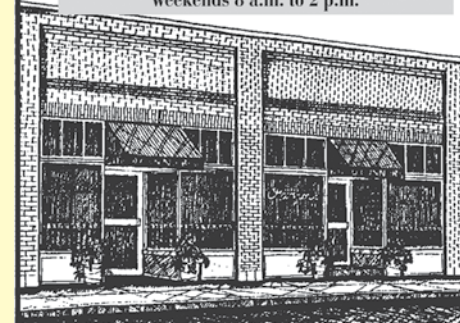
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