

COMMUNITY LIFE

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10 Shopped at the new Walgreen's lately? Skippy's closure, traffic calming along Barbur Boulevard, and summer events at Dickinson Park are among the items on the docket at the Crestwood Neighborhood Association meeting on Wednesday, July 10 at 7:00 p.m. at West Portland Methodist Church (library), 4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd. Contact chair John Prouty for further information at 503-246-7366.

Honeybees: Are you afraid of bees? You won't be after learning about their magical ways with Brian Lacy, apiarist and bee enthusiast since the age of 14. This visual presentation is filled with filmed clips and stills that surround children with the sights and sounds of bees.

After the presentation, children can taste honeycomb, look into a real hive (no bees) and handle equipment that beekeepers use in the field. Free tickets for seating will be available at the reference desk 30 minutes before the program. Wednesday, July 10, 3:30-4:30 pm_Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd, 503-988-5388

17 If you think your pet is talented... come and see what these dogs can do! Border Collie International is a performing canine team of rescued border collies. This team entertains audiences with sports tricks and demonstrations including Frisbee, soccer, football, baseball and basketball. Free tickets for seating will be available at the reference desk 30 minutes before the program. Wednesday, July 17, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd, 503-988-5388.

20 Creative Correspondence: In an age of texting, e-mails, Facebook and phone calls, snail-mail letters have become rare treats. Join artist Anya Hankin in reviving the art of letter writing. During this workshop, participants are invited to make decorative envelopes, collage and paint papers, embellish writing with calligraphy pens and transform written messages into works of art. For teens and adults. Saturday, July 20, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy, 503-988-5385.



Swimmers or wannabes in Southwest Portland can get wet outdoors this summer at Wilson Pool, 1151 SW Vermont. For an open swim schedule, to register for lessons or participate in other activities, call 503-823-3680. (Photo courtesy of Portland Parks and Recreation)

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House passes legislation to protect privacy of college students

On June 3, the Oregon House of Representatives passed legislation to protect the privacy rights of college students. Senate Bill 344A would prevent colleges and universities from demanding access to the private social media pages maintained by current students or applicants.

"As social networking sites grow in popularity, we need to make sure that students are confident that their personal pages are protected," said

Rep. Margaret Doherty (Democrat, Tigard), who championed the bill along with Senators Ginny Burdick (Democrat, Portland) and Bruce Starr (Republican, Hillsboro).

"It's unacceptable for colleges to access a student's private information, just as it would be inappropriate for them to demand access to a diary or other personal notes."

Doherty also worked to expand social media privacy for Oregon's workers this session. House Bill 2654B, which prevents employers from requiring employees or applicants to provide access to their social media accounts, was recently signed by Governor Kitzhaber.

Under SB 344A, colleges and universities are still able to investigate

reports of illegal activity by compelling a student to share specific information. The legislation won support from a broad coalition including higher education institutions, privacy advocates, and students' rights groups.

"Many students are choosing to share more of their personal information online, but they still have the right to privacy," House Majority Leader Val Hoyle (Democrat, Eugene) said. "We need to make sure that students don't lose their rights simply because they are growing up with the changing realities of new media."

SB 344A passed the House and Senate with bipartisan support and now heads to the Governor for his signature.

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