

COMMUNITY LIFE

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7 Spring Garden Park: Come give your opinion on the design for the new Spring Garden Park on Thursday, Jan. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. in Room 30. Refreshments and childcare provided. For more information, contact Hun Taing at 503-825-5596.

Trail work party: Join the Thursday, Jan. 7 work party to improve the George Himes Park trail. They'll replace degraded stairs, trail armoring, and install grade dips. Meet at 9 a.m. at Southwest Iowa Street, one block west of Corbett Avenue. Any questions? Call Dave Manville at 503-753-8186.

9 Take a hike: Start off your New Year's resolution to exercise on the right foot. Join the SW Urban Trails walk on Saturday, Jan. 9 as a guide takes you on a 5.8 mile walk through Multnomah Village and beyond. Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School (Southwest Sunset Boulevard and Capitol Highway) and be ready to go at 9 a.m. Bring a snack and water and dress for the weather. Well-behaved and leashed dogs are allowed. For more information, contact Sharon Fekety, fekety@hevanet.com, or visit www.swtrails.org.

15 Family Clay Night is a great chance to bond with your family over clay. No pre-registration

needed, just come to the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. on Fridays, Jan. 15, 22 and 29 at 6 p.m. and get creative! Cost is \$20 a session per adult/child pair and \$10 for each additional family member.

16 Dyslexia 101: Do you, or someone you know struggle with Dyslexia? It affects up to 20 percent of the population. Come to the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. on Saturday, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. to learn the warning signs, causes and treatment available to help. Registration required. Register online, in the library, or by calling 503-988-5234.

19 The Jewish Frontier: Come to a special screening of OPB's "Oregon Experience: The Jewish Frontier" at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy. on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. Learn how Jewish pioneers were among the earliest settlers in the Northwest. Free and open to the community. "The Jewish Frontier" airs on KOPB-TV on Jan. 25 at 9 p.m. For more information call 503-244-0111 or email mjcc@oregonjcc.org.

Seismic retrofitting: Learn the basics of how to retrofit your home to withstand earthquakes and be ready for the Big One. This event takes place Tuesday, Jan. 19, 6-8 p.m. at Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy. Topics will include the goal of a seismic retrofit, basic load calculations, earthquake insurance, permits, tools and more. Registration required. Register online,

in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

26 Garden Home writers: The Garden Home Community Library, is starting a new writers group. Members will decide the focus of the group and what activities it will participate in. Come to the first meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the library, 7306 SW Oleson Road. For more information call 503-245-9932.

31 Four centuries of guitar: Hear a performance of guitar styles spanning the 1600s to the 21st century. Steve Adams incorporates fingerstyle and plectrum technique showcasing works from the Renaissance, Baroque, classical, jazz, loops, and beyond. Hear him perform on Sunday, Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. Free. For more information call 503-988-5388.



Erika Bartlett's show, "Pneuma," is a series of 28 digital images of clouds cropped, repeated, then printed on transparency film. The film is adhered to acrylic sheets, allowing light to shine through. It is on display through the month of January at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery.

Comprehensive Plan

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letters were sent, almost 1,800 signing petitions gathered, and 700 written comments submitted in the last several months.

"No center more than three stories and certainly no canyon effects," said Stewart Rounds who lives near the proposed 75-unit apartment building across from the Multnomah Arts Center.

With some time left over at the end, Fritz allowed additional time

for six striking photos of the "canyon effect:" large towers of buildings overshadowing the old bungalow or Victorian home, blocking sunlight and overlooking backyards without regards to privacy.

The crowd of yellow-shirted activists filed out one by one. They will have to wait until the city council votes on the plan sometime this year.

The draft 2015 Portland Comprehensive Plan can be located online at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/57352>.



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