

Community News

Local churches plan Good Samaritan Food Bank dinner benefit

Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N. Rose Parks Way, is the location for all members of the community to attend the 10th annual Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Pancake Dinner Benefit on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 between 5:30-7:30pm.

There will be food, music, mask designing and a lot of fun for those

who attend.

Involved in the event is Bethel Lutheran Church, Blessed Temple Community Church, and Peace Lutheran Church. Monetary and food donations are for the Good Samaritan Food Bank at 8160 N. Jersey. There is a matching grant from Thrivent Financial.

Community of Hope

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By Barbara Quinn

munity of Hope opened with little money or volunteers at the Hub, a building near N. Chicago and N. Leonard, which Red Sea church generously offered rent-free. The shelter is open to single mothers and children and heavily depends on the help and contributions of community members, local churches and businesses.

The problem of distressed families at risk for homelessness, has long affected the learning environment at north Portland schools and by extension the entire community. The quality of teaching is hard to maintain when students are stressed, move and change schools often. With safe shelter and support, children are more able to engage in learning and more positive family inter-relationships are possible.

According to Devlaemick, creating a safe, healing environment is a priority at the shelter since many of the women and children come from traumatic circumstances and some have been affected by domestic abuse. While at the shelter, residents provide support for each other and take classes in trauma recovery, parenting, communication and life skills. The shelter helps mothers gain skills so they can maintain a stable home for their children. The average stay is four-six months and by

the time they leave, residents often have a job and a place lined up. Devlaemick said, "It's making a difference in the lives of people. People change when they come here."

"The Community of Hope is a ministry of presence," she added.

There is a need for consistent volunteers and a staff person is present around the clock. St. Johns activist, Babs Adamski was recently added as a shelter tender on Saturdays. "I check in with residents, to see if they need some support. Sometimes I host house meetings," she said. Another staff person tends the shelter overnight, giving Devlaemick a more reasonable schedule.

There is a great need for volunteers and donations for the Community of Hope shelter. Donations can be made online at www.communityofhopepdx.org.

Volunteers are needed for occasional childcare or to provide an evening meal. Volunteers can stay and have dinner with the families or if they prefer, drop off a dinner around 5:30 or 6pm. Contact Linda Jo Devlaemick for more details at 503-852-1070 or by email at linda-jo@communityofhopepdx.org. There is a newsletter sign up on the website to follow the project.

Parade

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Legge said, "If you or your group are interested in placing an order for a large number of T-shirts, or would like to special order some hooded sweat shirts, to email information@stjohnsparade.com."

The Review will continue to have updates regarding the Parade. Watch for them in each issue, or email or call Barb at 503-515-1287 for more information.

St Johns Main Street presenting business seminar

The St. Johns Main Street is presenting a seminar: *Covering Your Assets: Limiting Liability in Small Business*, on February 12 at St. Johns Living Well, 7441 North Leavitt.

Main Street invites current and aspiring business owners to come learn about small business legal issues. Tricia Juettemeyer, a business attorney with Immix Law Group PC, will talk shop on avoiding pitfalls regarding:

- Entity formation – why it REALLY matters (hint: protecting your personal assets from business assets)
- Intellectual property – yours, theirs, and how to play nice with each other
- Employees – a whole new world of awesome/disastrous possibilities

The seminar is FREE and will take place from 8:30 am - 9:30 am with an optional half-hour Q&A session from 9:30 am - 10:00 am.

Coffee from St. Johns Coffee Roasters and baked goods from Sweetheart Bakery will be served.

For more information, visit: stjohnsmainstreet.org. Contact: Lindsay Jensen, Executive Director at 360-450-9892 (cell), or Email: lindsay@stjohnsmainstreet.org

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By Kay - the Light Bulb Lady

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