

Community News

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space, as their original dream continues to unfold.

On April 11, 2015, the community can be a part of this dream, still in the making, when The Aspire Project celebrates the grand opening of its St. Johns' Performance Arts and Dance Space.

In their new home the classes will have sliding scale and scholarship ballet, jazz and tap classes for children 3 1/2-14 years old and classes rich with quality instructors caring to each child's artistic, physical and mental health. Additionally, adult ballet, jazz and tap classes will be offered on a donation basis, and yoga and Pilates for \$5 classes so adults too can invest in their personal health.

Sue Darrow said, "As our dream continues to unfold, we welcome all members of the community to enjoy in this celebration, to dance, and to feel inspired."

Because Sue and Dan Darrow know that with encouragement and opportunity, children can sustainably improve their situations and also to inspire those around them to pursue their own dreams.

The Grand Opening Celebration will be April 11, 2015 from 3:00-6:00pm at 8426 N. Lombard.

They invite the community to come meet The Aspire Project and have a fun-filled day of dancing with your child, watching performances and short class demonstrations, explore the four new studio spaces, enjoy complimentary snacks and refreshments, and participate in a fun raffle.

To register for The Aspire Project spring classes (on a sliding scale basis,) start April 4 and runs through June 12, 2015. Register at: www.theaspireproject.org or call 503-505-0382.



The Aspire Project has a new location at 8426 N. Lombard and offers classes on a sliding scale basis. See more at: www.theaspireproject.org. Pictures courtesy their website.



Interstate DMV moves to new location

Office will be closed week of Mar 23, reopen at new location on Mar 30

The North Portland DMV Field Office on N. Interstate Avenue will be closed the week of March 23 and will reopen March 30 at its new location 1186 N. Hayden Meadows Drive in the Delta Park Center.

The new office will provide a larger lobby area and more parking spaces for customers who need in-person services. It will also have additional counter spaces to increase capacity to serve customers. The North Portland office had been at the North Interstate Avenue location for over 30 years.

When the office reopens March 30, its business hours will remain the same: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except on Wednesdays when the office opens at 9

a.m. If you need to visit a DMV office in person during the closure, check OregonDMV.com for the nearest locations. You may visit the Southeast Portland office located inside Mall 205, next to Target on the back side of the mall. The Mall 205 office opened in February so that the ODOT-owned building on Southeast Powell Boulevard can be expanded.

Before going to any DMV office, the agency suggests that you first check www.OregonDMV.com to make sure you have everything you need for your business at DMV. Common transactions such as renewing vehicle registration, changing your address, and reporting the sale of a vehicle can be done online.

PP&R offers two Arbor Days fun

Portland Parks & Recreation's Urban Forestry division, stewards of nearly 1.5 million trees across the Rose City, is proud to partner with amazing volunteers to present Arbor Day 2015: TREES ARE FOR EVERYONE!. It's a free, family-friendly festival.

The event will take place in the Park Blocks between SW Harrison and Montgomery (the Portland Farmers Market at Portland State University.)

On Friday, April 10, 11am-1pm there will be FREE squirrel-eye views of the city with bucket truck rides for everyone and on Saturday, April 11, 2015 free family fun, games, and activities are planned

from 8:30am-2pm.

The bucket rides, courtesy Urban Forestry, will offer views of downtown Portland in the same equipment they use to keep trees healthy and beautiful. People of all ages are welcome to have a ride.

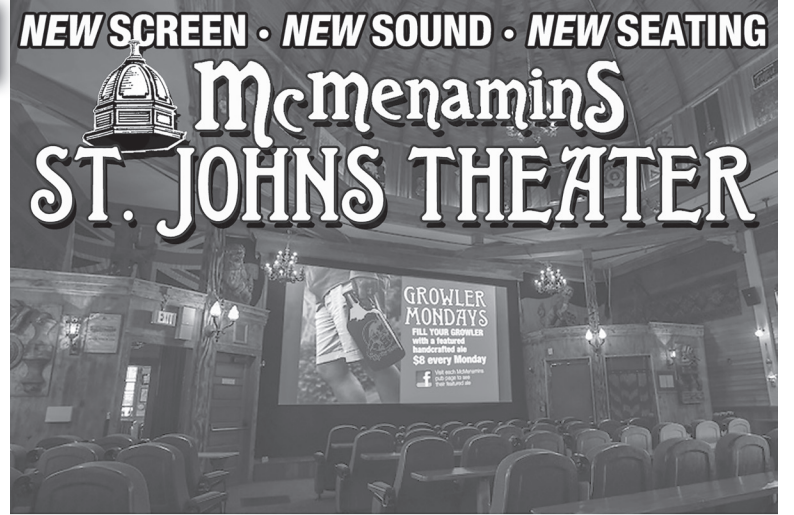
On Saturday, April 11, the full Arbor Day celebration kicks off and Portland will be named a Tree City USA for the 38th consecutive year.

Enjoy family-friendly crafts, tree games, environmental education, nature stations and more opportunities to learn about trees and their amazing benefits, what they do for the environment and more! Share stories and questions about trees.

Activities include: Face painting,

hands-on nature activities with mystery boxes of natural materials, learn what trees do for you, your city and the environment, take a picture next to our environmental education teens who will be decked out in totally awesome tree costumes, and much more.

"The theme of Arbor Day 2015 is 'Trees are for Everyone.' The benefits we receive from trees are well known," says Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz. "We have a unique city, with nature and our urban life intertwined like few other places. Arbor Day is a wonderful chance for people to connect with nature through a wide variety of fun and educational activities."



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