

Community News

St. Johns Racquet Center receives upgrades

Phase I of the Portland After School Tennis and Education's (PAST&E) master plan to convert the St. Johns Racquet Center into a viable center for their after-school program has been completed. The center is a 30,000 square foot metal building constructed in 1979 and leased from Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R).

Hidden behind the original metal siding, and not noticeable to the casual passerby, the St Johns Racquet Center has had its deteriorating structural skeleton and leaking gutter system upgraded so that the public and the local kids of the PAST&E program can have a structurally sound and dry environment in which to play and learn the game of tennis.

A team comprised of PAST&E, a



non-profit, Portland Parks & Recreation, R&H Construction, TM Rippey Structural Engineers, and LRS Architects worked together to create what is hoped to be a springboard for PAST&E Executive Director, Danice Brown's dream to convert this aging facility into one that gives their Scholar Athletes access to quality instruction both on and off the court and to make them successful in their academic and athletic pursuits. Future phases seek to provide upgraded restroom and locker room spaces and accessibility to future upstairs family dining area, conference spaces, and classroom spaces.

Cathedral Park Jazz Festival announces poster competition

By Arthur Marx

As was done last year, and was an outstanding success, the Festival Organizers have announced the opening of the request for proposals from the general public to submit artwork to be used on the 2015 Cathedral Park Jazz Festival poster. There are no formal guidelines, but historically the selection has included a graphic or photo of the St. Johns Bridge (arches, etc.), a jazz music theme, whether an instrument or portrait/silhouette of a musician, and anything else that identifies with Cathedral Park.

There is no cash award for the winner, but as long as the art work is released to the Festival it is being discussed to provide a small percentage of any poster sales to the submitter. The deadline to submit will be May 11 and you can email your interest, questions

or your entry to arthur@wastex.com. So, if you or someone you know has a good eye for this type of artwork and would like their piece go down in history as the 35th annual poster, then get an entry submitted.

In other developments, a tentative date is being considered to hold a Festival fund raiser on Sunday June 28 at Cathedral Park Place, 6635 N. Baltimore near the Park. The event will be from 2 PM to 5 PM with entertainment provided by the fabulous Carolyn Joyce Quartet.

Ms. Joyce is not as well known to some, but she is a very accomplished Portland scene Jazz artist, along with her popular backup group. Those that have attended her performances have reported her talent is no less than world

class, as is most of the Jazz artist that Cathedral Park Jazz Festival presents. At the gathering will be plenty of food, beverages and fun so mark June 28 on your calendar and look for more details in upcoming St. Johns Reviews or go online to cpjazz.com.

Speaking of cpjazz.com, within the next few days the Festival should have a brand new web page up and running with a whole new look and design. At cpjazz.com you will find all the information regarding the bands that will be playing, a festival schedule, a list of the extremely generous sponsors, history of the Festival, a tab to make a donation to the festival and other pertinent information. Also you will find a link to the parent organization of the Festival, the Jazz Society of Oregon, at jsjazzscene.org, which features a calendar of club listings, CD reviews, Artist interviews and volumes of other resources.

So make sure you've marked your calendar for the 35th Annual Cathedral Park Jazz Festival as always on the 3rd weekend in July 17, 18 & 19.

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St. Johns Parade Update:
Parade just one month away!!!

With the St. Johns Parade just weeks away, the Committee is in "countdown mode," according to co-chair Barbara Legge.

She said, "The Parade still needs volunteers of all sorts, clean up after the parade, judges, security and convertibles."

If you have a convertible and would like to drive a dignitary in the parade, contact her at 503-515-1287. She said, "If you are not sure what you would like to do please call, we have many opportunities."

The Parade Committee would like to apologize for any inconvenience accessing their website. It has been under construction with

Stjohnsparade.org changing from Stjohnsparade.com. Legge said, "We are sorry if you have had any problems, everything should be up and running currently."

Date: Saturday, May 9 @ noon
Downtown St. Johns
Info: 503-515-1287

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