

Community News

St. Johns Riverfront

than an agency restoring the site as habitat according to a BES staffer. Clean up could be daunting and expensive even so.

One should ask: Is the property safe for future residents? In the rush to development, no one seems to be asking that important question. Also, with less clean up required of the site, it could continue to be a source of contamination to the Willamette River.

Though the neighborhood association's heart is in the right place, the need for effective clean up should temper enthusiasm for intense housing at the site. Tall buildings also may not be the best use of the riverfront that could create a connected greenway and help restore the health of the lower Willamette River.

Feedback about the project is still welcome. Contact PSU planning student Violet Brown at vibrown@pdx.edu or learn more by attending the Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association meetings on the second Tuesdays of every odd month. The next general meeting is July 14, 7pm at the BES Water Lab.

St. Johns Farmers Market to open Saturday, May 30

St. Johns Main Street has announced the opening of the seventh season of St. Johns Farmers Market on Saturday, May 30 from 9am-2pm.

"We have a lot of exciting new additions this year," said Sydney Leonard, Community Programs Manager. "We have new vendors, expanded space, theme days, a new coupon each week from a local business, and many of your favorite vendors returning!" Opening day will feature the Roosevelt High Jazz Band at 10:30am and a baby chick demo by Linton Seed & Feed.

The St. Johns Farmers Market

accepts SNAP (food stamps/"Oregon Trail"), WIC, and Farm Direct. "We're thrilled to be able to offer a SNAP Match program this season, doubling the SNAP funds you spend at the market, dollar-for-dollar, up to \$10; spend \$10 in SNAP funds and get \$20 in tokens at the market information booth.

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Vanport Flood Commemoration Tour Friday, May 29, 2015 4:00-6:00PM

On May 30, 1948 at 4:17pm a levee burst and the Columbia River flooded Vanport City, once the second-largest city in Oregon. This tour features speakers, visit to three sites with public art and informational signs and generally includes sharing by Vanport residents and families.

A World War II housing project, Vanport was home to nearly 100,000 people during its existence, hosted Vanport College (now PSU) and many innovative educational and social programs. It housed a large African American community as well as returning Japanese internees and World War II veterans.

Historians Dr. James Harrison of PCC's Cascade Campus and Ted Kaye will share their unique perspectives on the community and its relationship to Portland. This outdoor tour begins at the Delta Park/Vanport Park & Ride and continues by carpool. Suitable for adults and children aged 10+; RSVPs appreciated.

Location: Delta Park / Vanport Park & Ride -Look for the sandwich board sign that says "Columbia Slough Event" at 1940 N Victory Blvd.

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