



Yvonne Deckard, new director at Matt Dishman Community Center.

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Meet Matt Dishman Community Center's New Director

Although raised in Southern California, Yvonne Deckard decided to make Portland her home after graduating from Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon. In 1982, she began working for the City of Portland, Bureau of Parks and Public Recreation and in 1984, joined Matt Dishman Community Center under past director, Vidi Simington.

Like Mr. Simington, Deckard places a high emphasis on the community's young people; many of whom participate in the center's athletic programs. The values we teach include self-discipline, reaching personal potentials & making friendships in a positive atmosphere. Our youth basketball, boxing, and weight training programs have received city-wide praise. "I have every intention of continuing the goal of obtaining excellence from our young people," said Deckard.

Matt Dishman Community Center's staff plan to extend programming beyond the current level to encompass the entire community. Matt Dishman is a place where people can come together and participate in a variety of recreational activities. People of all ages, preschoolers through seniors, can congregate, take fitness classes, participate in sports, use our excellent weight room, or take any of our full schedule of crafts or educational classes. This term, we are offering more programs for small children, such as preschool woodshop, trampoline, and cooking classes. Adults are being offered more health & fitness classes, as well as specialized classes such as fishing and holiday craft workshops.

Matt Dishman Community Center is also a gathering place. We welcome community and civic organizations to use our facilities for meetings, retreats, social functions, or receptions. There are special events for the public to enjoy, too. These include a Halloween haunted house, boxing shows, and bodybuilding show, as well as senior citizen socials.

Deckard and the staff have adopted an open door policy. We want to meet the needs and interests of this community. Volunteers are always welcome to coach, teach classes, assist with transportation and building supervision. Matt Dishman Community Center is a place every-

Program For The Scouts

The new Cub Scouts program is for all 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade boys regardless of age. A new Tiger Cubs program is starting for 1st graders, Thursday, October 30, 7:00 p.m. at Faubion School.

Dens 1 & 2 are forming from kids at Faubion Grade School area. Den 3 is forming from kids in the Vernon Grade School Area. A possible Den 4 and 5 are under way but lack Adult Leadership to start. Let's not leave boys without Cub Scouting, let's all help out!!!

Adult volunteers are needed for some Den positions, a Tiger Club Leader, and a Webelos Den Leader.

The Pack meeting will be on Nov. 20th, 1986 at 7PM in Faubion Grade School near 31st and Portland Blvd.

Northeast Senior Center Reopens

The Northeast Senior Center, located at 4128 N.E. Union Avenue, will operate to provide information of resources available to seniors, such as health information, recreational activities, educational information and workshops.

The Center will provide, with the help of volunteers, participants, staff, professionals and community leaders, outreach activities to address the needs of the seniors in the area.

Planning for these activities will reflect individual differences in the group to be served, taking into account such factors as life styles, values, experience, needs, interests, abilities and age.

The Center's programs will complement other agencies in the community serving the senior adults with ongoing activities to meet constant changing needs and new activities to meet those changing needs.

Those wishing to contribute funds, grants, or assistance, please call 281-3668 or 285-3322 evenings.

YWCA News Line

The YWCA invites teen parents and expectant teen parents, 13-17 years of age to meet, discuss topics of interest, and participate in social, educational, and recreational activities with the Northeast YWCA's Teen Parent Support Group.

The group meets on a weekly basis at the YWCA's Northeast Center, 1829 N.E. Alberta Street, Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. YWCA membership is required.

Morning Star Presents

On Sunday, October 26, 1986, there will be a Women's Day at Morning Star Church, 106 N.E. Ivy St., Portland, OR, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our guest speakers will be Patricia Latrece Hunter, M.Div., a full-time staff pastor at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Seattle, Washington, as well as guest churches.

Our theme this year is "The Wise Woman Builds Her House" (Proverbs 14:1).

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