

## PGE Employees Enriching Education One School At A Time

Portland General Electric Co. (PGE) is expanding a school program introduced last year in hopes of providing needed resources for schools being pinched by the ever-tightening budget squeeze.

Portland's Holy Cross Elementary, Lent Elementary, Hartley Elementary and Grant High School were among 20 schools selected this year by PGE to participate in its educational outreach program called One School at a Time. Franklin High School and Ockley Green Middle School are other Portland schools already involved in the program. They were selected among six schools last year.

Embracing a holistic approach, One School at a Time focuses on providing students, teachers and parents with the types of resources that may not be covered under ordinary school budgets -- from supplying volunteer readers and assistance with other tutorial programs to coordinating student internship opportunities.

One School at a Time is spearheaded by PGE employees. Employees nominate schools they believe would benefit by being in the pro-

gram. Very often, but not always, employees making the nominations have children who attend the targeted schools and they are very involved in school activities already. If the school is selected, that employee is charged with implementing the program in that school. Generally, each employee has a pretty good idea of the school's needs and can act as the go-between in getting the right resources to meet those specific needs.

The employee volunteers will work with teachers and administrators at each of the schools and will suggest ways that PGE can help. Assistance could include:

- Employee volunteers to help tutor reading.
- Teacher workshops and resources such as learning kits, videos, tours and classroom programs.
- Workshops to help parents develop understanding, confidence and skills needed to support their children's education. PGE would provide funding for skilled non-profit groups to conduct workshops.
- Special programs like Junior Achievement, Birds of Prey energy and environmental awareness program, hydro plant tours, Stop Oregon Litter and Vandalism

## Crime Stoppers Assault On Police Officer

Gresham Police Department investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the subjects responsible for intentionally striking a police officer with a motor vehicle.

On Saturday, November 19, 1994, at 2:30 in the morning, Officers responded to a report of cars being prowled in the parking lot of an apartment complex at 16431 NE Glisan Street.

The victim, a Gresham Police Officer, saw a blue Toyota Celica, occupied by two subjects, attempting to leave the scene. The officer was standing in the apartment driveway when he was intentionally struck. The car, which had been reported stolen, fled the scene. A chase fol-

lowed, leading to the area of NE 148th Avenue and Airport Way, where the suspects abandoned the car, and escaped on foot.

The officer was transported to a local hospital, where he was treated and released for numerous injuries.

Suspect #1, is described as a white male in his 20's, 6'0 tall, weighing 200 pounds, with curly shoulder-length hair.

Suspect #2, is described as a white male, 5'8" tall, weighing 150 pounds.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

(SOLV) and others.

- Penpal programs between students and PGE employees to improve writing and communication skills.

While some of these ideas are not new, what is different is PGE's approach.

"We've had a lot of good school programs, but they were structured more generally and took on a 'one size fits all' approach," says Kathy Wyatt, PGE Community Resources Manager. "One School at a Time is much more targeted at meeting the specific needs of each school. And it's intended to be self-sustaining through employee support."

Other schools participating in the program include Hollydale Elementary, West Gresham Elementary, Troutdale Elementary, Hiteon Elementary, Bethany Elementary, Ainsworth Elementary, Mill Park elementary, Beavercreek Elementary, McBride Elementary, Peterson School, View Acres Elementary, Warren Elementary, St. Helens Junior High, Cascade Junior High, Gervais High School, Englewood Elementary, Sheridan High School, Highland Elementary, John Wetten Elementary, and Edwards Elementary.

## Holiday Happenings With Portland Parks & Recreation

Every year you vow to be more prepared for the Holidays. Well this year the kids can help you be prepared! Portland Parks and Recreation will show them how to make unique personal presents, beautiful decorations for you home and enough holiday goodies for the entire season. Not only will this save you time around the house, you will have time to do your last minute shopping! to register for classes, call the Parks Reservation Center at 823-2525. Phone registration with Visa/Mastercard only. For more information on these classes or others, call the Portland Parks and Recreation Hotline at 823-2223 V/TT.

## OMSI Offers Holiday Magic A New Laser Light Matinee

Colorful laser lights and laser images will dance to favorite holiday music during Holiday Magic, a new laser light show matinee at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. Shows will run daily beginning Nov. 24 in OMSI's planetarium, the Murdock Sky Theater.

Holiday Magic begins at 2:30 p.m. every day. Other shows are scheduled at 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays, Sundays and holiday. Admission to day time planetarium shows and laser light matinees are \$4.50 for adults; \$4 for seniors; and \$3.50 for youth, age three through 17.

## Senior Program Serves Medical Consumers

Washington County residents can get help and information with Medicare and private insurance claims from 14 new volunteers joining the ranks of Oregon's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance program.

About 200 volunteers statewide provide insurance information, counseling and assistance to medical beneficiaries including claims filing assistance, policy comparisons and referrals to appropriate state and federal agencies.

They assist in the areas of Medicare, Medicaid, Medicare supplement insurance, long-term care insurance and medical Health Maintenance Organizations.

In Washington County, consumers who need the help can call the Washington County Department of Aging at 640-3489. In other parts of the state, consumers can call toll-free 1-800-722-4134.

The service is paid for by a health care financing administration grant to the Oregon Insurance Consumer Advocacy in the Department of Consumer and Business Services.

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## Informational Meeting On Parks Improvement Projects Scheduled for the Design Community

Tuesday, December 20, 1994

4:30 - 6:00 pm

Portland Building - Second Floor Meeting Room C

1120 SW Fifth

Parks Commissioner Charlie Hales and Parks Director Charles Jordan will host this informal meeting to provide the design community with detailed information on the 114 park improvement projects resulting from passage of the Parks General Obligation Bond measure on November 8.

Participants will learn details about the project schedule and which projects will require consultant services. The selection process for design consultants will also be described. Representatives from the Parks & Recreation Design and Construction Unit and the Bureau of Purchasing will participate in the presentation and be available to answer questions.

For additional information, contact Zari Santner, Portland Parks & Recreation, 823-5119.



# Walnut Park

NEIGHBORHOOD RETAIL CENTER



On the corner of N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. & Killingsworth St.

## Open December 17!

Over the next few months, the Walnut Park Retail Center will come to life as eight new retailers open their doors for you. We invite you to stop by, meet your new neighbors and experience **your** neighborhood retail center.

### Open December 17

#### It's My Kind of Face!

Professional Photographic Services  
Chris Johnson, Photographer

#### Mother Dear's Tasty Pastries

Homemade Pastries & Lunch Specials  
Anorvia Hardy, Pastry Chef

#### Videoland

Video and Equipment Rentals  
Stanley Streeter, Manager

#### Woods & Reid

Bridal Fashions & Accessories  
Sandra Woods & Marion Reid,  
Wedding Fashion Consultants

### Opening in spring 1995

#### J.P. Custom Framing & Gallery

Framing, Gifts, Ethnic Art  
Jerome Polk & Charles White,  
Master Framers

#### Key Bank Community Services

Larry Iverson, Manager

#### Reflections

Coffee Shop, Flower Shop,  
Book Store & Gifts  
Eddie Bryant, Manager

#### Super Wok Chinese Food

Fresh Fast Food  
Woo Kyung Sung, Chef

Look for a community celebration in spring 1995!