

Revenue Department Urges Delinquent Taxpayers to File

The Oregon Department of Revenue has just four words to those Oregonians who haven't filed their returns over the years: "Let us help you." That's right. You won't hear any lectures from the department if you are in this situation.

"We want those who haven't filed to get in touch with us to settle their tax debt," said Margaret Loftis, manager of the department's Filing Enforcement program. "Even if you don't know how much you owe, or you haven't filed in 10 years, give us a call because we can help you."

By making that initial call to the department, Loftis said, the weight of owing back taxes will begin to lift. "We have assisted a lot of people who have been out of compliance," she explained. "Don't worry if you are strapped for funds to pay your taxes because we can work with you to

set up a payment plan."

Loftis said that most people who are in this predicament don't purposely ignore tax return filing. They may not have filed for many reasons: job loss or layoff, illness or death in the family, divorce, or a move out-of-state. When one return isn't filed, chances are the taxpayer will let subsequent filings go by as well. "We find, through our experience with taxpayers, that once one year goes by, it quickly snowballs to include the next year and the year after that," Loftis explained.

This is the cycled the Department of Revenue wants to break. Piling up large tax debt not only hurts the individual taxpayer, it puts an unnecessary burden on those taxpayers who do file year after year.

The department's Filing Enforcement program works to ease the burden by diligently seeking taxpayers who haven't filed. Information about

non-filers comes from a variety of sources including other state agencies, and the Internal Revenue Service.

To contact the department for assistance in filing, call a Tax Help representative at 503-378-4988. From January through April, you can call toll-free in Oregon at 1-800-356-4222. Taxpayers also can write the department at 955 Center St. NE, Salem, OR. 97310-2501. Spanish speakers may call 503-945-8618. For TTY (hearing or speech impaired only), the year-round toll-free number within Oregon is 1-800-886-7204. In Salem the number is 5203-945-8617. These numbers are answered by machine only and are not for voice use.

"The sooner you contact us, the sooner you can stop the interest and penalties from adding up," reminded Loftis. "You may even be entitled to a refund."

Transition Projects needs Meal Providers at The Clark Center


On March 1, 1998 Transition Projects (TPI) will open The Clark Center, a 90-bed shelter for homeless men. The Clark Center is named in honor of former Portland Mayor Bud Clark and former Multnomah County Sheriff Don Clark. With the addition of the Clark Center, TPI will rely more than ever on the gen-

erosity and compassion of the community.

One of the many ways volunteers can help at The Clark Center is through the Meal Provider Program. The Meal Provider Program is an excellent way for groups, businesses and religious organizations to get involved in direct client ser-

vices. Meal Providers are responsible for assembly of the ingredients, preparation, delivery and service of a complete meal for the 90 men in the shelter. At the Clark Center there is a full kitchen to prepare and serve the meal. Groups can serve on a regular date each month (i.e. Every 2nd. Friday), or

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become a Emergency Meal Provider where they can be called on short term notice if another provider cancels. There is also a need for groups to serve on random dates that other meal providers are not able to cover. Please call Natalie at 823-4930 for additional information.

Paul McCoy to run for Multnomah County board

Portland businessman Paul McCoy officially announced his candidacy for Multnomah County board of Commissioners, District 2 seat. The North-Northeast Portland district is now represented by Gary Hansen whose term ends this year. The primary election will be held on May 19, 1998.

McCoy has demonstrated experience and skill in analyzing complex issues and then developing sound, workable solutions. He has served his community, the city of Portland, and the State of Oregon in various capacities for most of his life.

"Multnomah county is faced with many important challenges," said McCoy. "Public safety, health services, sustained funding for education, and bridge and road repairs are all priorities that must be addressed now. I have the will, experience and desire to help resolve these issues. My hope is to serve all the people of Multnomah County. I will ask the North-Northeast voters to give me the opportunity."

In 1990, McCoy was unsuccessful in his bid for the Multnomah county chair position. In 1996, his last minute entry into the Portland City Council race fell short. However, McCoy received much public support; nearly 30 percent of the vote in the City-wide election against a

well-funded incumbent.

"I learned from those elections that it can be very difficult to get your true ideas and qualifications out to the people," says McCoy. "I will meet face to face with as many citizens in District 2 to ensure that I know their concerns and they know that I'm able to help address them. I continue to believe that leadership should listen."

McCoy, 41, is owner of Rose City Parking, Inc., a parking management and transportation services company located in North Portland. Prior to that, he served as a special projects administrator and community-business liaison for the Portland City Council. He also served as legislative assistant to the late Oregon State Senator William McCoy, public affairs programming director for KECH-TV in Salem, and sergeant at arms for the Oregon House of Representatives. McCoy also supported his mother, the late Gladys McCoy, who served on the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and was Multnomah County Chair.

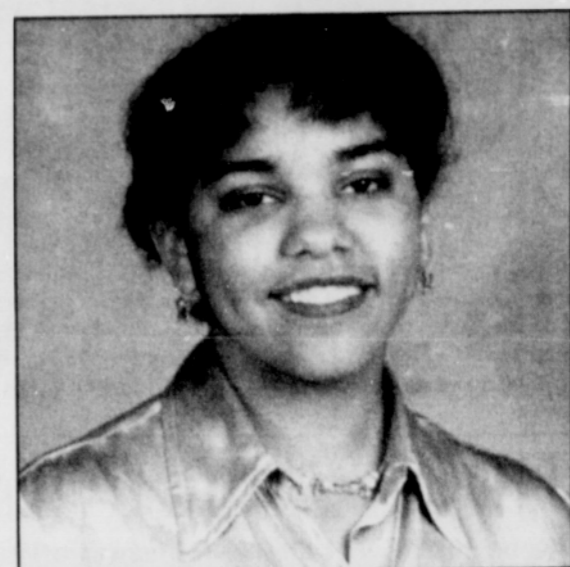
Volunteering his time to the community has been a big part of McCoy's life. Currently, he serves on the board of directors of the Northside Family YMCA and the Catholic Charities Organization. Previously, McCoy served on the board of directors for

Habitat for Humanity and Soccer in the Street program, vice chair of the Piedmont Neighborhood Association, vice president of the Eastside Democratic Club, communications chair of the NAACP of Portland, and as a member of the North-Northeast Booster Association, St. Vincent

DePaul Development Committee, Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs, and the House of Lights AIDS Hospice.

McCoy, a graduate of Willamette University, resides in Northeast Portland with his wife, Maria, and their five children.

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We'd like to salute a spirited community.

We're proud to receive the Mayor's Spirit of Portland award as a Business of the Year. But we're even prouder to be part of a community where people work together to make this a nice place to live. That's what community spirit is all about. And that's why we consider it a privilege to help sponsor events like the Cathedral Park Jazz Festival, Seed the Future tree plantings and the St. Johns Parade.

PGE congratulates all the dedicated Spirit award recipients including the Kenton Neighborhood, volunteers Don and Mary Gilbertson, and Lila Estes. We're honored to be counted among them. And to be in a city where community spirit is alive and well.

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Preview the Ancient Egyptian Treasures

Know what you're seeing before you see it. Join **Splendors of Ancient Egypt-Preview**, a one-evening primer on the grand exhibit coming to the Portland Art Museum, to be held on Thursday, March 19 at Lincoln High School.

Led by a Portland Art Museum docent, the Portland Community College class offers a walk through one of the largest exhibitions of ancient Egyptian treasures to visit the United States in decades, coming to Portland at its only West Coast stop. Showcasing more the 200 master-

pieces, the exhibition offers a panoramic view of Egypt from the predynastic period to the seventh century AD.

Best of all, the \$15 cost of the preview class includes a ticket, a \$12 value, to attend the exhibition on Saturday, March 21.

The non-credit class meets on Thursday, March 19 from 7 to 8:30 PM in Room 144, Lincoln High School, 1600 SW Salmon St. For more information, dial PCC Community Education at 614-7308.

Orion Collins and his sister Zakari Newton team up for the North Portland Caring Community Rose Festival Parade outing, sponsored by PGE's Our Neighborhoods First.



PGE helps Seed the Future at a tree planting in Portsmouth.

Brenda Addy takes part in the Homowo African Harvest Festival, sponsored in part by PGE's Our Neighborhoods First.



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