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Community Calendar

Juneteenth

June 20th is Juneteenth. The celebration is the anniversary of 126 years of freedom from slavery. This day is celebrated because it marks the time of the year when Black Americans first got news of the Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Abraham Lincoln months before on Jan. 1, 1863. Bethel A.M.E. Church (located at 5828 NE 8th) will have a special get together for the event on June 20th at 9 AM.

Learn to Meditate

Learn how to meditate - it's simple, effective and powerful. Develop peace of mind, confidence, and happiness. Create a life of inspiration and infinite possibilities. A free workshop will be offered on Sunday, June 20 from 1:30 - 3 PM at the Central Library (801 SW 10th). No registration required. For questions, call 206/324-3294.

Oasis Senior Housing Fair

OASIS (Older Adult Service & Information System) will host the second annual Senior Housing Fair in the Meier & Frank Auditorium Downtown, 10th floor on Wednesday, June 16th from 11:00 to 2:00 p.m. An educational organization, OASIS offers classes, trips and activities to adults over 55. To become a member and receive an OASIS catalog of current offerings, call 241-3059.

Soul Food Classes

Neighborhood Health Clinics (NHC) will hold a series of two-day Soul Food Modifications Workshops and Hands-on Cooking Classes. Workshop participants are asked to bring a favorite soul food recipe, a friend and enjoy an evening of learning, fun and food. There will be no food for the classes. NHC will sponsor three classes on Wednesday evenings at Self-Enhancement Incorporated, 3920 North Kerby Avenue in Portland. The sessions will take place on June 16 and 23, and September 22 and 29. All classes will be held from 6-8 PM. Call 503/288-5995.

Osteoporosis Risk Assessment

Healthtek Mobile Services, a mobile health care provider under contract with Albertsons, will be offering osteoporosis risk assessment at select Albertsons stores in the Portland area until June 12th. The exam, which is done with an ultrasound machine, takes just a few minutes, does not require a physician's referral, and costs only \$25. Call Dr. Don Underwood or David Kelly at (800)932-5388.

Youth Volunteer Corps

On June 25 the Youth Volunteer Corps, a program of Campfire Boys and Girls, will host Volunteer Day at Sellwood Park from 9:30 AM to 3 PM. Volunteer Day is a nationwide, yearly event that celebrates and promotes youth's contribution to the community. This year the theme is Community Collaboration Across the Nation. From 9:30 - 1 PM there will be registration and service projects which include non-native species removal. From 1 - 3 PM, there will be lunch, games and the reggae band Earth Force will perform. There will also be an inspirational speaker. Youth ages 11-17 are invited to attend.

Sandy River Gorge Preserve

The Nature Conservancy of Oregon invites anyone interested in preserving the Sandy River Gorge Preserve (located just twenty miles east of Portland) to join a volunteer work party on Saturday, June 12 at 10 AM. Volunteers will maintain trails and remove the non-native species English ivy. Participants are encouraged to bring appropriate clothing for the weather, a lunch, water and weeding tools if possible. Call Molly Dougherty at 503/230-1221.

SUBMISSIONS: Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.

USS MT. HOOD Readies for its Last Voyage



Visit the MT. HOOD ship at the Willamette Port for its last voyage. The present MOUNT HOOD was launched on July 17, 1968, in Sparrow's Point, Maryland, and was commissioned on May 1, 1971, in Norfolk, Virginia. On August 14, 1971, MOUNT HOOD sailed under the Golden Gate Bridge enroute to its homeport of Concord, California. The "Good Hood" as it is called by the ships it serves, was deployed to the Western Pacific for the first time on April 27, 1972, and has completed three war-time and thirteen peace-time cruises since that time.

Public to Review Rosemont Housing Proposal

By LEE PERLEMAN

The Portland Development Commission is inviting the Piedmont neighborhood, and the general public, to one last critical look at their plans to redevelop the Rosemont School property.

PDC, and a committee composed of community representatives, has developed criteria for the redevelopment of the 7.6 acre former Catholic girls school at 597 N. Dekum St. The agency is holding an open house to discuss the criteria beginning at 7 p.m. June 14 at Holy Redeemer School, 127 N. Portland Blvd. After a brief presentation by consultant Sumner Sharpe, the public will be invited to discuss their reactions with members of the committee.

Later this summer, PDC will issue a Request For Proposals, inviting developers to submit their ideas for redeveloping the site in accordance with the criteria.

The property's R2 zoning calls for from 167 to 253 units of housing. An important criteria is preservation of the historic former convent building, "if feasible," possibly as senior housing, and here there could also be "neighborhood-serving community services, e.g., a small day care center, community meeting space, etc."

Other criteria call for at least half of the housing to be for owner-occupied, and for it to reflect the income level of the surrounding neighborhood. They also call for "variety through a range of housing types

and designs," all of which should be compatible with the historic Piedmont neighborhood.

A number of people in the neighborhood, including former Piedmont Neighborhood Association president Tom Markgraf, had preferred to see the property used as a private high school. At times during the year-long planning process there was friction between them and PDC representatives, who said that the property had been acquired primarily for housing development. The matter resolved itself when LaSalle Catholic School of Milwaukie, which had previously expressed interest in using the property as a satellite campus, indicated that they were giving up on the venture.

An invitation letter to the open house, co-written by Markgraf and Steve Rudman, director of the Portland Office of Planning and Development, says, "This leaves housing as a very acceptable alternative for the entire property, including the convent building."

