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Grants Help Neighborhood Associations Identify Resources

Vancouver Heights, West Minnehaha and Arnada Neighborhood Associations are the recipients of a grant to conduct a survey identifying the assets and resources available within their neighborhoods. A total of 3,852 residences including apartments, single-family homes and commercial businesses will be surveyed.

The Neighborhood Asset/Talent Survey asks neighborhoods the question, "What resources do we have to solve our problems ourselves?" Because a community is made up of people not houses, the process starts

by mapping available human resources. All citizens have valuable skills to contribute. The ability to create databases, cook or plant a garden is valuable to people who do not possess those skills.

The Neighborhood Talent/Asset Surveys are made possible by a grant from the Clark County Department of Community Services. Each neighborhood will plan, create and implement its survey in a manner they feel they will get the best results. The neighborhoods were selected base upon the following criteria:

- Ability to identify preliminary uses for the survey information
- Understanding the benefits of conducting a talent survey in the neighborhood;
- Ability to generate enough enthusiasm within the neighborhood to conduct their survey (e.g. volunteers).

All surveys are expected to be completed and tallied by the end of August. Vancouver Heights mailed its survey June 17. For more information please contact Angela Mickler at 360-696-8222 or angela.mickler@ci.vancouver.wa.us.

POLICE NEWS

CRIMESTOPPERS

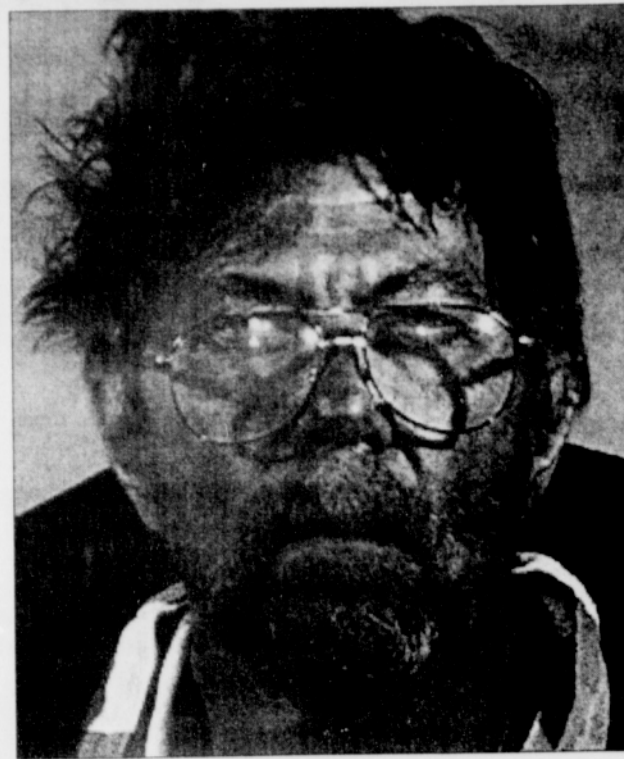
WANTED SUBJECT

The Portland Police Bureau Auto Theft Task Force, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending William David Plantz.

Felony arrest warrants are on file charging Plantz with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle and Parole violation.

William David Plantz is described as a 52-year-old white male, with a date of birth of June 16, 1946. Plantz is 6'4" tall, weighing 200 pounds with blue eyes and brown hair. The name "Bill" is tattooed on his right arm. Plantz has family ties to the Portland area and is known to frequent the Prineville area.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.



What Do You Want In A Police Chief?

Mayor Vera Katz Seeks Public Input Regarding Desired Traits of New Police Chief

With a national and local search for a new Chief of Police about to begin in response to Charles Moose's resignation, Mayor Vera Katz seeks public input regarding his successor.

"Portlanders feel deeply about public safety, and have definite ideas about what they want from their Chief, so I look forward to hearing from the," said Katz.

Katz is asking citizens to let her know what characteristics, attributes, qualities and traits they would like to see the next chief of police bring to their job and the city. The input will be used to help us design a list of desired qualifications for the position recruitment materials.

To have your say, go to the Mayor's website at <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/mayor>

and submit your suggestions in the "Pulse Poll" by Monday, June 28. Responses will be posted for others to read.

For those citizens without a computer, they can access the internet free of charge at all Multnomah County library branches, which are listed in the government pages of your local "White Pages" telephone directory.

City Supplies Paint For Neighborhood Homes

Since 1990, over 500 homes in neighborhoods across Vancouver have received a free, fresh coat of paint thanks to the Neighborhood Self-Help Paint Program. Vancouver residents may apply for a home improvement grant through the Neighborhood Self-Help Paint Program which is funded by the Community Development Block Grant program (CDBG). The Neighborhood Self-Help

Paint Program provides the paint and supplies for painting the exterior of homes within Vancouver city limits (labor not included). To qualify, homes must be a single-family residence, or a rental with one to four units, within the city limits; be a permanent structure; and occupants must be within the gross income limits as indicated in the following chart.

Household Size	Gross Income Limits
1	\$29,350
2	\$33,550
3	\$37,750
4	\$41,900
5	\$45,250
6	\$48,650
7	\$52,000
8	\$55,350

To request an application, call the 24-hour program hotline at 735-8866

Two Legacy Parks Projects To Launch With Groundbreaking

Clark Parks and Recreation Services is scheduled to begin construction of the first two neighborhood parks to be developed under the Parks Legacy Program: Bella Vista Park and Biddlewood Park.

The public is invited to a groundbreaking ceremony at Bella Vista Community Park Wednesday, June 23 at 4 p.m. The 5.3-acre park is on Bella Vista Road

south of SE McGillivray. Improvements will include new curbs; sidewalk and street trees along Bella Vista Road; play equipment; site furnishings; 2300-linear feet of asphalt trail; sports court; fencing and new lawn.

Residents are invited to a groundbreaking ceremony at Biddlewood Community Park Thursday, June 24, at 4 p.m. The

5.7-acre park is at SE 119 Avenue and Riveridge Drive. Improvements will include a new concrete sidewalk and street trees along Riveridge Drive, play equipment, site furnishings, 1650-linear feet of asphalt trail, fencing, evergreen trees along Interstate-205 and new lawn.

The Bella Vista Neighborhood Association and Riveridge Neighborhood Association will join Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services to host the groundbreaking events.

Completion of both parks is anticipated for November.

The Parks Legacy Program will develop 19 neighborhood parks by the end of the year 2000, and three community parks by 2002. Construction is made possible by funding from the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), implemented in 1996. All funds from this tax are designated for the development of parks.

Film Features Diverse Cowboy Heroes

As a child, Cedric Wildbill listened to George Fletcher's stirring stories of long-ago rodeo days. Only as an adult did Wildbill realize the significance of the cultural history embodied in the stories of Fletcher and other forgotten rodeo heroes. "American Cowboys," a film documentary produced by Wildbill and his wife Tania, is a tribute to two legendary rodeo performers who struggled against the racial prejudice typical of the early 20th century West to achieve membership in the Pendleton Round-Up Hall of Fame.

Cowboys Fletcher and Jackson Sundown faced enormous obstacles. Fletcher, an African American, was acknowledged as the best bronco rider in the 1911 Round-Up, but the judges resisted awarding the prize saddle to a black man. Sundown, a Nez Perce, was likewise not the judges' favorite in 1916, but a fervent public outcry won him the saddle bronc championship.

The film tells these stories with rare photos, restored film footage, narratives from historians, accounts from family and tribal members and narration by Oscar winner William Hurt. Oregon Public Television was executive producer.

The first Vancouver-Portland area showing, presented by City of Vancouver Heritage Education, is Thursday, June 24, at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Vancouver Barracks in the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. The auditorium

is at 721 Fort Vancouver Way. The Wildbills will introduce the film and lead a discussion afterwards. Admission is free.

City Council To Discuss Outside Review Of The Police Bureau

The Portland City Council voted to accept a final report issued by the Institute of Law and Justice regarding the Portland Police Bureau at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday, June 16, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall. Mayor Vera Katz and Police Chief Charles Moose will present the plan to Council. Testimony from community and Bureau members is also planned.

The report represents findings and strategies gleaned from more than 40 focus groups conducted in the fall and winter of 1998-99. Focus groups were held with Police Bureau employees, community groups, government agencies and a panel of national community policing experts. The report also includes an analysis of the demographics and population data from Portland

the metropolitan area.

Ten vision statements of what the Bureau should achieve in the future, along with accompanying strategies of how to achieve them, are outlined in the plan. They cover increasing the use of new technology, improving selection and training of personnel,

expanding the role of police officers, and increasing the focus on crime analysis and prevention.

Copies of the final report, along with a summary, will be available at the Council meeting. For more information contact Jane Braaten, Planning and Support Division, 823-0283.

Victim Identified In Max/Pedestrian Fatality

The Washington County Medical Examiner has identified the young man who was killed yesterday after being struck by a MAX train in Beaverton.

Police and witnesses report that

Christopher James Joseph Roberts, 14 (DOB 12/29/84) of Aloha was crossing Baseline at 170th around 3 PM. The MAX crossing arms were lowered, lights flashing and bells were ringing as a westbound train

cleared the intersection. Roberts crossed the street walking towards the tracks and was struck by an eastbound train. The operator hit the emergency brake and honked his horn, but was unable to stop in time.

Gun Show Background-Checks Likely

Customers might NOT be able to buy firearms free-and-clear at Oregon gun shows much longer. Gun-control advocates have been pushing for background checks at the shows, and that element sur-

vived in a bill that was otherwise heavily modified by an Oregon House committee. Lobbyist John Hellen, with the Oregon Gun Owners Association, doesn't like the bill, but is resigned to the fact that

some sort of gun-control will probably pass. Hellen says the legislation would penalize law-abiding citizens. But police say a lot of criminals pick up weapons at gun shows too.



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