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Community Calendar

"Save a Life Summer"

Portland Trail Blazer Damon Stoudamire hosts his fourth annual "Save a Life Summer" for American Red Cross Pacific Northwest Regional Blood Services. This fun, family and youth-oriented celebration focuses on educating youth about the importance of blood donations and participating in their communities. The event will be on Saturday, July 29, from 7:30 am to 1 pm at the American Red Cross Pacific Northwest Regional Blood Services (3131 N. Vancouver Avenue). Call 503/284-0011, ext. 152.

2000 Cooking Demo Season

The farmers are back in the park and so are the chefs. Beginning Wednesday, June 7, the South Park blocks will once again play home to the Portland Farmers' Market. The Wednesday season, complete with live chef demos, will be sponsored by Southpark Seafood Grill & Wine Bar and The Heathman Restaurant & Bar. Chefs from those two restaurants will appear each Wednesday through September 27 with special guest appearances from other restaurants. Call 503/241-0032.

Volunteers Needed at Sandy River Gorge Preserve

Sandy River Gorge Preserve, located just twenty miles east of Portland, includes an old-growth Douglas-fir forest and provides a home to native salmon, river otter and other wildlife. The Nature Conservancy of Oregon invites anyone interested in preserving this unique area to join a volunteer work party on Saturday, June 24. Volunteers will maintain trails and remove non-native Scots broom and blackberry. Call 503/230-1221.

Tiles, Tiles Everywhere!

Add brilliance to your garden, kitchen or tabletop—or make a beautiful mosaic to hang as a piece of art. A wide range of techniques including stencil, molding, masking, and glazing are introduced. \$8 supply fee to instructor for firing tiles. The special class will be held on Monday, June 26-July 31, from 6:30-8:30 pm. The cost is \$40.

Women Coming of Age

Our Turn, Our Time is written by everyday women for everyday women. Here are 25 stories to inspire those who are contemplating the aging process. Topics range from women's groups, voluntarism, and crone ceremonies, to creative expression, changing bodies, and the confidence that comes from success in later life. A reading of this book will be on Wednesday, June 21 at In Other Words (3734 SE Hawthorne) at 7 pm. Call 232-6003.

You can donate old stuff and get some great new stuff! We need your donations. You can drop anything off on Saturday 6/3, 6/10, 6/17 from 10 am to 1 pm at the Orlo office (115 NW 9th, between Couch and Davis). Proceeds from the garage sale will go to benefit the environment through Orlo and Earth and Spirit Council. If you really can't make a drop off and have to arrange a pick up, or you have further questions, call 242-2330. Donations are tax deductible.

Senior Art Show

The Mittleman Jewish Community Center and Cedar Sinai Park is announcing their first annual Senior Art Show and Exhibit to be held the weekend of June 23-25 at the Rose Schnitzer Manor, (part of the Cedar Sinai Park complex) 6140 SW Boundary St., Portland. The opening party will be held on Friday, June 23 from 1-3 pm at the Rose Schnitzer Manor. All senior artists are welcome to submit their artwork for this show, which will be juried by local artists. Awards will be given out. Call 503/452-3428.

Concordia neighborhood struggles for enhancement



BY LEE PERLEMAN
FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The Concordia neighborhood has yet another chance to put a grocery store back at Northeast 33rd Avenue and Killingsworth Street—if they can vault two hurdles in the next year.

The first is to win the approval of neighbors on Northeast 34th Street, who have opposed

redevelopment of the former Wilshire Park Sentry Market at 5322 N.E. 33rd Ave. in the past, and still have some lingering concerns. A bigger obstacle is to convince the city of Portland to approve street changes associated with the project.

Nicholson Development of Richland, Wash., which purchased the property last year from United Grocers, has secured a potential developer and store operator in New Seasons

Markets. Brian Rohtor of New Seasons told the Concordia Neighborhood Association last week that his company proposed to build a 29,000 square foot store at the south end of the property. The store will have an emphasis on natural and organic foods, but will also stock conventional items—"everything from Blue Sky Soda to diet Pepsi," as Rohtor put it, especially if non-organic items are available at a cheaper price. It will offer prepared foods

and a 50-seat dining area to consume them. There will be butcher and seafood departments that can provide special orders on request, a bakery that will produce fresh-baked breads and pastries daily, and a produce section that will be "the shining star of the store," he said. A "wellness" section will provide homeopathic and conventional drugs. Rohtor said that he wanted to sign a good neighbor agreement before the store opens, and that a draft proposed "for the most part" was acceptable.

Dan Taylor of Nicholson says a second retail store will be built at the corner of Northeast 33rd Avenue and Killingsworth Street. This will be home to several existing retail tenants of the site, and perhaps a pharmacy in the future. Nicholson had originally proposed to build a 15,000 square foot Rite Aid drug store on the site, a deal that eventually fell through. One catch is that, according to Rohtor, the store has to open by next summer if it is to succeed economically. To do so, construction must begin no later than January, according to Bill Fuller of Sienna Architects. Both depend on first moving Northeast Emerson street northward from its current location. Vacating a city street normally takes a year to accomplish. Fuller said it might be possible to do an "expedited" closure process in seven months.

A first step is getting signatures of support from two-thirds of property owners within 400 feet. These include Christopher Schmidt and Steve Makinster, who have opposed previous attempts to relocate or vacate the

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PAST presents black tie and tennis shoe fund raiser

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Portlanders will have a chance to meet such celebrities as Portland Trailblazers Michael Thompson, Kenny Carr, Steve Jones and Darnell Valentine when Portland After School Tennis, PAST, presents "A Black Tie and Tennis Shoe Affair" on Saturday, June 24 from 6-10 p.m. at the Irvington Tennis Club, located at 2131 N.E. Thompson.

The Black Tie and Tennis Shoe Affair fund raiser is a benefit for the Portland After School Tennis program. This program helps grow the sport of tennis in schools.

The Program will include a reception, followed by music and dancing, special presentations, and raffle drawings with tickets available for \$5.00 each. Raffle prizes will include a week in Mazatlan, a week at the Oregon Coast, tennis club memberships, dinner and more.

"The Trailblazers will be there to network with guests and give their verbal support to the organization," said Rufus Dean, owner of Concepts Unlimited, the firm planning the

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Residents sample riches of cultures at 8th Annual Good in the Hood

BY GIDEON LANTZ
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Portlanders can enjoy this year's 8th Annual Good in the Hood Multicultural Music Festival, a three day event scheduled to take place on the campus of the Holy Redeemer Area School at N. Portland Blvd. and Vancouver Ave. on June 23rd, 24th and 25th. It is a production of the Good in the Hood Community Outreach Project, a non-profit organization run totally by volunteers who seek to present the positive aspects of the North and Northeast Portland neighborhoods.

These positive aspects include the rich cultural resources of residents of the area including cultural and artistic projects that will be presented as well as traditional dances from more than 13 different cultures, according to Good in the Hood Community Outreach Committee Chair Adriana Carr.

Countries or cultures dancers at the festival will include those of Native Americans, Spanish, Brazilians, Chinese, Cambodians, Ghanians, Zimbabwe, Javanese, Mexican, Japanese, South Indians, Turkish and Irish,

Carr said.

"The festival appeals to ethnic groups and generational groups across the board. We have something for everyone ages 2 to 100. The Arts and Kidspace for children ages 2-18 have been a big draw," Carr said.

The Festival showcases the culturally rich resources inherent in the area. It also educates and builds bridges with the greater metropolitan area. Good in the Hood strengthens cultural self identity, presenting a stage for all groups to explore, present, and teach their arts, dances, music, and storytelling to other segments of the population. The Festival also brings contemporary performers and artists to the neighborhoods to educate the residents of the larger opportunities available to them.

This year marks the 8th Anniversary of the event. Last year attendance increased by more than 20 percent to more than 6,000 attendees. Festival organizers also raised \$25,000 to underwrite 60 percent of costs.

"This year attendance is expected to increase. Eight thousand are expected to attend," Carr said. She added that the proceeds were only intended to cover costs.

"We have no expectations about the amount of money to be raised. We really look to cover our bills, for everything over and above that we consider applications from community outreach projects so that the Good in the Hood Community Outreach Association can be involved in community projects in some way," Carr said.

Major media sponsors for the event for 2000 include KGW-TV and U.S. West communications, who will provide over \$5000 in advertising coverage along with a number of promotional mentions.

On the Festivals 2000 Main Stage will appear Michael Alan Harrison and Friends, the Linda Hornbuckle Band, Boka Marimba, Nueva Era, The Norman Sylvester Band, Five Guys Named Moe, the Patrick Lamb band, and Obo Addy & Okropong as some of the 22 acts which will entertain audiences.

On the event's Multicultural Stage, groups performing will include those from the abovementioned 13 ethnic groups.

Kidspace activities will feature live animals, jugglers, clowns, puppet theater, hands-on arts and crafts by professional artists, wild animal face paintings, calligraphy, storytelling

and games galore throughout the event.

The Ethnic Marketplace will feature arts and crafts from around the globe with an emphasis on ethnicity.

A 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament taking place for the 2nd year in a row will be for junior high players.

There will also be a Food Court featuring indigenous foods from such areas as the Caribbean, Hawaiian, Cajun, Italian, Laotian, and Mexican communities, as well as good ol' fashioned BBQ and American food.

The Parade for the Festival will include more than 70 entrants including several marching bands, fire trucks, humvees and an antique car extravaganza. The Parade, which will be staged at N. Williams and NE. Russell Streets will then proceed to NE. Russell and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, and go from there to Portland Boulevard. Notables in the Parade will include The Rose Festival Court, The Buffalo Soldiers and the 2000 Jefferson High School Basketball State Champions.

Admission at the doors is \$5 for families, \$3 for Adults and \$1 for Children. For more information contact Kathy Chellis at (503) 247-2917.