

Family

NE Portland residents parade down MLK during 'Good in the Hood'



Representin' & stridin' in pride as Portland Observer Newspaper walks to the beat at Portlands Annual "Good in the Hood" Parade on Saturday June 24, 2000.

(Trina Barber, Anthony Huff, Maggie Gibson, Cynthia Washington) Parade steppers feelin good in the hood. Precious Lawson, Adora Butcher, Felicia Brown, Kayla Davis, Good in the Hood Chairman: Paul Knowles, Toni Taylor, Shay Washington, Trina Barber)



City moves to acquire three new park sites

CONTRIBUTED STORY FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Neighborhood leaders from Parkrose were present today as the Portland City Council took the first step in acquiring three new park sites - two in park deficient NE Portland and one site near the Pittock Mansion in NW. Combined size of the three sites is 1.56 acres.

The properties are all on a list of tax foreclosed properties which the City

will now request from the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners. Transfer of the properties is expected sometime after June 30, 2000

The Parkrose site (1.08) acres is the former Senn's Dairy at NE 112th and

It will eventually be developed as a small local neighborhood park-after it is cleaned of reported contaminations and is released by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

A 5,000 square foot corner lot at NE 14th and Summer in the Vernon neighborhood will be maintained as an open field with tall grass mowing until funding is secured for community garden development and maintenance.

The Pittock property will be included within the Pittock Acres Park.

"We are very grateful to get this additional acreage for parks," said Jim Francesconi, Park Commissioner. "Parkrose, in particular, needs more

parkland to address the needs of a growing population. Parks do not have any money to buy land, so we're willing to try creative ways to acquire it before it's all gone," he stated.

The tax foreclosed property list is one way for parks to acquire land without having to buy it.

Now they will have to find money for one-time fix-ups, which total \$19,600 for all three properties and money for ongoing annual maintenance, which

Grant awarded to Oregon Dept. of Community College & Workforce Development Inc.

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The U.S. Department of Labor awarded a \$1,691,682 grant to the Oregon Department of Community Colleges and Workforce Development in Salem to help Oregon

workers upgrade skills. The grant is one of six totaling \$9,214,051 awarded for demonstration projects in six states to upgrade the skills of workers employed in low-skill jobs, who have obsolete job skills or have been dislocated by a company layoff. These grants also are designed to

recruit and retrain workers inn hightech, high-skill occupations

"The dislocated or incumbent workers who will be assisted by these we efforts include groups such as agricultural workers, low skilled workers and those needing assistance in overcoming barriers for

employment," Secretary Herman said. "The focus of these grants will be on skills training in occupations in new and growing high-tech industries." Specific barriers to employment: include living in rural communities,, having limited options for: transportation to work, having; inadequate skills in declining occupations.

The grant awarded to the Oregoni Dept. of Community Colleges and Workforce Development includes: five local projects to train approximately 250 workers in English as a Second Language (ESL) and seven projects to train another 350 workers in skills needed for occupations in which small and medium-sized employers have identified skills shortages. Industryspecific training varies by region, with dental hygienists. In addition, workers will receive foundational skills such as communications,

Ranging from orchard supervisor and nursing assistants to computer systems analysts and dental hygienists. In addition, workers will receive foundational skills such as communications, interpersonal, and problem-solving. These skills are intended to particularly help minorities, limited-English speakers, and women that remain comparative in their jobs or advance to higherlevel jobs with their current employers.

These grants will support projects that further retention; provide career development for employed workers, especially those most vulnerable to job loss; help companies increases their ability to accesses and retain skilled worker; and increase employers' understanding of incumbent worker training.

Sisters in Action rally



Over 100 people rallied in front of the Tri-Met's downtown office to lobby for free transit to and from school for students. Tri-Met's general manager proposed Sisters in Action plan to allow the free transportation of students.

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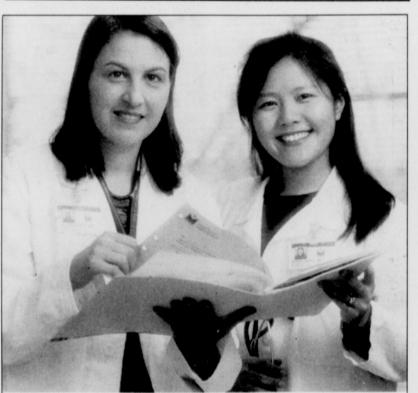
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