

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Montavilla Neighborhood Clean Up

Friends and neighbors, let Metro take your unwanted junk for free! You can bring plastics, mattresses, furniture, tires, scrap metal, yard debris, returnable cans and returnable bottles. These items can be dropped off at the Montavilla Baptist Church parking lot, located at 9204 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Call 503/255-0141.

### Cardio Kickboxing or Martial Arts?

The Portland Athletic Club is looking for people who are serious about their fitness and want to work up a sweat. Along with your kickboxing or martial arts class, you can get a FREE membership to Portland's premiere sports and fitness club. Call 503/292-2649.

### N/NE Loaves & Fishes

Billy Reed's Restaurant and Bar will be having a fundraiser for N/NE Loaves & Fishes Senior Center on Monday, April 9, from 5 p.m. until closing. Half of the evening's profit will support Seniors in YOUR neighborhood. Call Tyesis Gamble at 503/988-5211.

### Easter at the Oregon Humane Society

The Oregon Humane Society will be having an Easter celebration. Remember Easter with a fun photo of you, your child, or your newly adopted pet with the Easter Bunny. Shop at OHS Best Friends' Corner Retail Store and enter to win a Rabbit Care Pack. Kids can crack open an Easter egg revealing a discount on the normal adoption fee. Call 503/285-7722.

### MAXimizing Neighborhood Stability

In an effort to fight involuntary displacement in the Interstate Urban Renewal District, 11 community groups have joined to form MAXimizing Neighborhood Stability. As part of this effort, the Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) will be leading a training and doorknocking effort on April 14, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at Albina Youth Opportunity School at 3710 N. Mississippi.

### Dances with Universal Peace

The Oregon Peace Institute (OPI) will sponsor a workshop on Dances with Universal Peace with Devi DeJardin. The Dances of Universal Peace are a form of multi-cultural folk dances dedicated "toward one world, within and without." This will take place on April 19, from 7-9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1011 SW 12th, Rm. 134. Call 503/725-8192.

### Ujima Day

The Ujima Education Office (UEO) is hosting its 4th annual African/African community outreach event. "Ujima Day" which will be held at Self Enhancement Inc., located at 3920 N. Kerby on Saturday, April 14 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Ujima Day" is to continue to emphasize the importance of post-secondary education and highlight the opportunities offered by OSU. Call 1-800-291-4192, ext. 9032.

### 3rd Annual Race for the Roses

Volunteers are needed for the 3rd Annual Race for the Roses, April 22 at OMSI. This half-marathon, 5K race/walk and 1/2 mile kids' dash, "Bridging the Gap for Kids in Crisis," benefits Albertina Kerr Centers and The Boys & Girls Aid Society of Oregon. Food, fun and t-shirts provided! Call Carol Hardwick at 503/222-9661.

### Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshops

To help our community keep their homes and families safe from lead, Community Energy Project (CEP) offers Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshops. Participants will receive free Lead Poisoning Prevention Kits valued at approximately \$45. Workshops are free and open to the public. Call 503/284-4962.

### Joints in Motion Marathon Team

Join the Joints in Motion marathon team for an evening of good food for a good cause. This group of women is participating in the Vancouver, B.C. marathon on May 6th, and needs your support! There will be a silent bid auction as well. The event will be at the Augustana Lutheran Church, located at 2710 NE 14th, on Saturday, April 7, from 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Call 503/282-6925.

## Youth Opportunity Block Party



Food and entertainment brings a Jammin' good time to the Youth Opportunity Center at 3034 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Friday. The center was hosting a Spring Break Block Party for Portland kids. The center offers skill building, job training, internships, long-term employment and other services to area youth. (PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

## Memorial Service For Josiah Hill III

A memorial service will be held for the late community activist Josiah Hill III Sunday at 10 a.m. at Natures, 3535 NE 15th Ave.

Hill, the first formally trained Physician Assistant to be trained in Oregon, was active in many community organizations, including Physicians for Social Responsibility, the Coalition for Black Men and the Education Crisis Team.

He was co-chair of Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker's Chief's Forum.

A plaque will be placed on the bench where Josiah Hill was sitting when he had a heart attack and died on Oct. 12.

Members of community who knew Josiah Hill and his family are invited to attend this event.

For more information, call A. Halim Rahsaan at 503-249-8082.

## Piedmont to Vote on a New Neighborhood Affiliation

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Like the early pioneers who settled the community, the leaders of the Piedmont community think their future lies to the north and west - and not with their longtime neighbors to the south and east.

The Piedmont Neighborhood Association, the official group representing people in the area between the I-5, Northeast Martin Luther King Boulevard, and Columbia and Portland boulevards, want to change its affiliation from the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods to that of the North Portland Neighborhood Office. The association intends to put the matter to a formal vote of the membership at its April 26 meeting.

The change would make Piedmont the first neighborhood east of I-5 to be affiliated with the North office, and the only neighborhood

touching on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard not to be part of the Northeast Coalition.

Piedmont officially notified the Northeast Coalition and the city's Office of Neighborhood Involvement director David Lane, of the proposal in a Jan. 22 letter from spokesperson Barbara Fisher. In a Jan. 29 reply, Lane called on Piedmont and the two coalitions to proceed in accord with established city procedures.

These procedures call for formal votes of the neighborhood association membership, and the boards of the two coalitions. If all three favor the change, it takes place. The policies are less clear about what happens if there is a conflict, but they state that Lane can veto the change if there is not unanimous agreement and he feels that "further discussions will not lead to resolution."

Although none of the groups involved have taken formal positions as yet, there appears to be general support for the move in the north neighborhoods, and substantial unhappiness with it among Northeast Coalition members.

The Northeast Coalition is a non-profit agency that contracts with the city to provide services to volunteer groups. It is governed by a board of representatives from participating volunteer neighborhood associations and other interest groups. They also discuss and take positions on significant issues.

The North Portland office plays a similar role, but it is run directly by the city through ONI. Its neighborhood representatives meet regularly, but officially are merely advisors to a city staff.

The change would mean the transfer of \$1,000 for Piedmont's printing and mailing

assistance from the Northeast office to the North office, and could affect future funding for the two groups.

Piedmont chair Betsy Radigan downplayed the significance of the move in discussions with her membership.

"We're just formalizing a situation that has existed for several years now," she said. "We've been meeting regularly with North Portland for two years now, and we haven't been participating with the Northeast Coalition board for five."

She later told the Portland Observer, "We never said we're refusing henceforth to work with other northeast neighborhoods," and noted that Piedmont is currently working with the Woodlawn and Humboldt associations on matters of mutual concern.

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## Columbia Park Receives New Playground



Community volunteers review a newly installed playground at Columbia Park in north Portland's Portsmouth neighborhood Saturday. Funds for the project were raised by Friends of Columbia Park and Peninsula Community Development Corp. (PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER)

## PDX Says 'Sayonara' to Asia Flights

(AP) - About 200 people gathered Saturday to say goodbye to the last flights between Portland International Airport and Japan.

Delta Air Lines started the nonstop service in 1987. The final two routes, to Tokyo and Nagoya, Japan, have been moved from Portland to New York and Los Angeles, respectively. For Delta's 1,250 employees in the Portland-Vancouver area, Saturday was the last day they will work together.

"It's pretty depressing for everybody involved," said Mike Collins, who was a copilot on the last flight arriving from Narita Airport in Tokyo. "We've all been working together all these years; everybody knows everybody," said Collins, 57, of Olympia. "We have a limited number of flights, and we work with everybody frequently, so we know each other's habits. It's like a family... and now they're going to be scattered to the four winds."

Shortly before noon, about 40 Delta pilots marched in two lines down Concourse D, where international flights arrive and depart. They stood at attention, forming two lines of 10 people in front of the gate for the Tokyo departure and another pair of lines at another gate for the Nagoya departure.

A bagpipe player led the pilots to each gate. They saluted the processions when they arrived. And continued onto the planes.