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"Bridging Portland's Communities"

Community Calendar

Summer Fresh Salsa

Preserve the summer fresh and flavorful salsa at Kruger's Farm Market, located at 17100 S.W. Sauvie Island Rd., where visitors can learn the basics of canning on Aug. 18 and 19, with classes taught by master food preservers on site at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day. Call 503/621-3489. There will be live music and hayrides.

A Holy Ghost Block Party

The Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church Youth Anti-Gang Ministry will be presenting "A Holy Ghost Block Party" on Saturday, Aug. 18, from Noon - 6 p.m. at 4009 N. Missouri Ave. There will be BBQ, games, music, dance, rap, balloons, prizes and more. All are welcome.

Sailing the San Juan Islands

Portland Parks and Recreation is offering a six-day sailing trip this month and next aboard the 124 foot historic tall ship, Zodiac. Costs involved cover the six days of cruising and all meals. Call 503/823-5132 for a complete information packet.

Caribbean Music in the Park

Have lunch at the Eastbank Esplanade and a free noon-time concert. You will suddenly feel as though you are lounging on a Caribbean Island. There will be steel drum music on Friday, Aug. 10 and marimba music on Friday, Aug. 17. All concerts are from Noon - 1 p.m. Call 503/823-5596.

Preparing for Childbirth - A-Z

Learn about labor preparation, birthing from within, breastfeeding basics, coping techniques, medication, anesthesia, baby care and postpartum care for the mother and family. Includes tour. The Center for Women's Health Classes at OHSU is sponsoring the event which will be held on Aug. 8, 15, 22 and 29, from 6-8 p.m. Call 503/494-8231.

Stories of the Eastbank

Explore the un-natural history of the Willamette River with Paul Fishman, environmental consultant. View and discuss how the Esplanade design incorporates many features to protect and enhance fish and wildlife habitat and how past land use practices compromised the integrity of the river's ecological balance. Meet at the west end of the Steel Bridge walkway at the north end of Waterfront Park. Call 503/823-5596 for more info. This is a free event.

Libraries Closing on Aug. 9

All Multnomah County libraries, the Title Wave Used Bookstore and the Library Administration building will be closed on Thursday, Aug. 9, while library staff attend training. Normal hours will resume on Friday, Aug. 10.

Teen Summer Kayak Experience

Portland Parks and Recreation is offering a chance for teens to try out several kinds of boats, from sea kayaks to racing boats. Interested participants will have the opportunity to continue paddling at the regular summer practice sessions of the Portland Kayak and Canoe Team. Participants must pass a basic swim test. Participants must meet at the Sellwood Pool, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on July 29. Call 503/823-5132.

Museum Place Passes Design Review

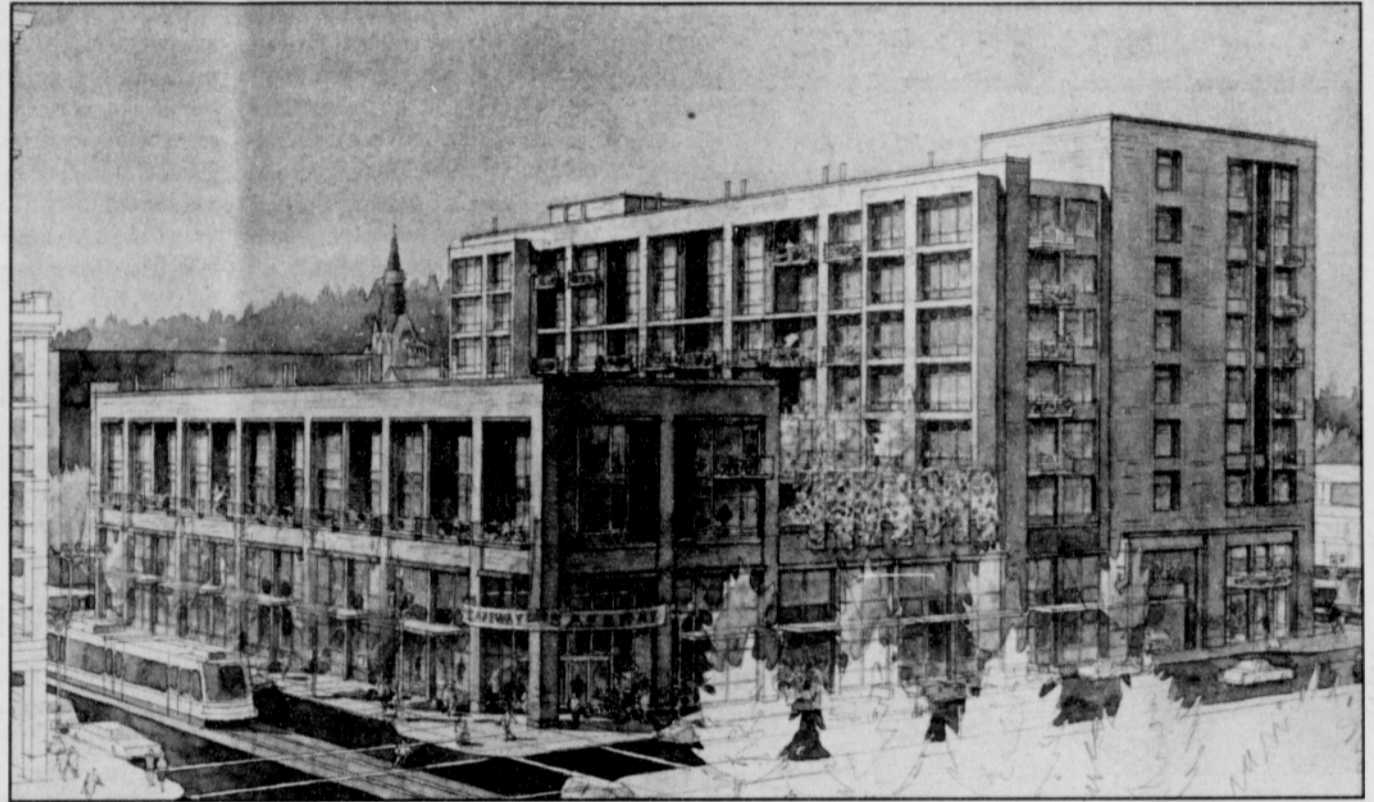
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The Portland Design Review Commission has approved the first phase of Museum Place, a three square block mixed use, mixed income project in the heart of downtown.

Under the direction of Sockeye Development, the company will transform the area bound by Southwest 10th and 11th avenues and Columbia and Main streets. It currently includes a Safeway grocery and the main branch of the YWCA. The finished project will include a new 47,000 square foot Safeway - twice the size of the current store, including another 1,200 square feet of retail space, 250 owner-occupied condominium units, 150 market rate apartments, 100 units for very low income residents, a refurbished YWCA with a domestic violence shelter and swimming pool, and 500 underground parking spaces.

Phase One of the project, located between Columbia and Jefferson Street, will contain the new grocery and 220 underground spaces. It will also have 12 owner-occupied town houses above the store, and a six-story, 126-unit apartment building, with a roof garden connecting the two structures.

The project is cited as a microcosm of the city and a developer's vision for downtown's West End, an effort to add middle and upper-income housing and



An architectural drawing of Museum Place South shows a mixed use, housing project, including a new Safeway store, at the West End of downtown Portland, a few blocks from the Portland State University campus.

retail to the area while preserving its existing stock of low-income housing and institutions.

Sockeye's Doug Oblertz told the Design Commission that the project "will continue to demonstrate Portland's commitment to do things a little differently and a little better."

The Phase One design, and a series of code adjustments received a rare, unanimous vote of approval from the Commission at its first hearing.

Commission member Lloyd Lindley said that combining housing, retail, groceries and social services made Museum Place "a tough project to put

together. It's good to have another model that says this can be done."

Commission member Bridgid Flanigan called the proposal "a wonderful project with a very complex program."

The Commission will review the next phase of the project on Aug. 16.

Community Activist and Entrepreneur Dies at 84

Charles Maxey was a pillar of the community



The interior of the former Maxey's Barbershop with Charles Maxey cutting hair is captured in an Oregon Historical Society photo.

Charles Britton Maxey, a well-respected contributor to both the north/northeast Portland community and

the state, died July 29 at the age of 84. Funeral services were held Friday at the Bethel AME Church, where he

was a member of the congregation.

An activist, businessman and family man, he was active in many organizations including his church, the NAACP, Urban League, Young Republican Party, the Texas Social Club, Little League and Connie Mack Baseball.

He was also active as a member of the Parent Teachers Association, Jefferson and Benson High School Dad's Clubs, the Barbershop Connection, Leisure Hour Golf Club, the African-American Advisory Council to the Portland Police Bureau and his beloved fraternity Kappa Alpha Psi.

Maxey was born Feb. 13, 1917, the fourth child of five sons and two daughters, parented by Robert and Virgie Maxey.

He resided with his family in Longview, Texas prior to graduating from Texas College with dual degrees in economics and secondary



Charles Maxey

education. Maxey secretly married his Kappa Alpha Psi sweetheart Johnnie Obina Samples on Oct. 15, 1939. Their relationship was the start of a romantic liaison which lasted over 61 years; not unlike that of the

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Catering to the Clean and Sober

One of the best-kept secrets in Portland is a social club for the clean and sober called Miracles Club, located at 4069 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. It is the first African American owned facility of its kind in the United States.

Founded in 1992, Miracles Club was created for the intent of supporting recovering addicts and a source of social activities. The club was incorporated in 1995, and received nonprofit status in 1996.

Miracles remains committed to housing 12-step meetings and providing other services to assist recovering addicts to maintain a clean and sober lifestyle. The organization also provides activities directed towards allowing their clientele an opportunity to socialize in a drug and alcohol free environment.

Although Miracles' primary clientele consists of individuals mainly from the north, northeast and southeast areas of Portland, their meetings and events draw people from all over Portland as well as the surrounding cities; some of their members are from Beaverton, Washington, Tigard and Parkrose.

The club also provides educational workshops and serves as a social club providing a variety of fun social events that can be enjoyed by all, from their talent shows to community picnics and family night held every Friday.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Helping direct activities at the Miracles Club are board members Curtis Burris (left) and Sam Brown.

For more information on the Miracles Club, call 503-249-8559.

Gas Company Seeks 20 Percent Rate Hike

Despite a drop in wholesale prices, Northwest Natural Gas wants to increase residential rates by 20 percent in October.

If approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission, the increase would mark the second double-digit rate hike in the last year by Oregon's largest natural-gas utility. Northwest Natural has about 500,000 customers in Oregon and southwest Washington. The company will formally ask for the increase in mid-August. Northwest Natural last raised rates by 21 percent in October 2000. If approved by the Oregon Public Utility Commission, rate changes from all three utilities would take effect Oct. 1. Commission Chairman Roy Hemmingway declined to comment on potential increases until utilities formally filed requests. "Any general rate increase is subject to very intense scrutiny," he said.