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"Bridging Portland's Communities"

Community Calendar

Splendors of Imperial Japan
From June 20 – 30, Pioneer Courthouse Square will be transformed into a Japanese garden for the 17th Annual Festival of Flowers. During the 10-day festival, the Square will overflow with thousands of Japanese iris, bamboo trees and ornamental grasses.

Juneteenth Celebration
This year's annual Juneteenth celebration will feature a parade, historical presentation, music and carnival. Special guest is Cedric the Entertainer. The event will be from June 19 – 23, starting noon time every day at the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Highland St. This year's parade is on June 22, 1 p.m., starting at N.E. Broadway, going along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and ending at N.E. Highland. For more information, call 503-449-3685 or 503-285-8898.

Portland Farmer's Market
More than 2,000 fresh berry shortcakes will be given free and dozens of berry farmers will be selling pints and quarts piled high with fresh raspberries and strawberries during the Berry Festival on Thursday, June 27 and Saturday, June 29 at the Portland State University's campus in the Park Blocks, between Montgomery and Harrison Streets.

Hike Northwest Portland
Mazamas leads casual hikes exploring the streets and trails of Northwest Portland at 6 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. This is a great way to meet other hikers, plan a weekend trip or just to maintain your fitness after work and see some hidden parts of Portland. Meet at Mazamas at 909 N.W. 19th Ave. Call 503-227-2345.

Hollywood Senior Center
The Hollywood Senior Center will be offering a talk on Veteran's Benefits. Survivors and dependents of veterans can find out what benefits are available for them. Learn more about the application process. A representative from Multnomah County Veterans Services will be available on Tuesday, July 23, from 10a.m. – 11:30a.m. at 1820 N.E. 40th. Call 503-288-8303.

Alberta Cooperative Grocery
Every Thursday, the Alberta Cooperative Grocery, located at 1500 N.E. Alberta, will be having a Farmer's Market featuring organic and environmentally-grown produce and garden starts. Come and take advantage of the opportunity to purchase your food direct from the source. Learn what it means to grow sustainably, every Thursday from 2-7 p.m. Call 503-287-4333.

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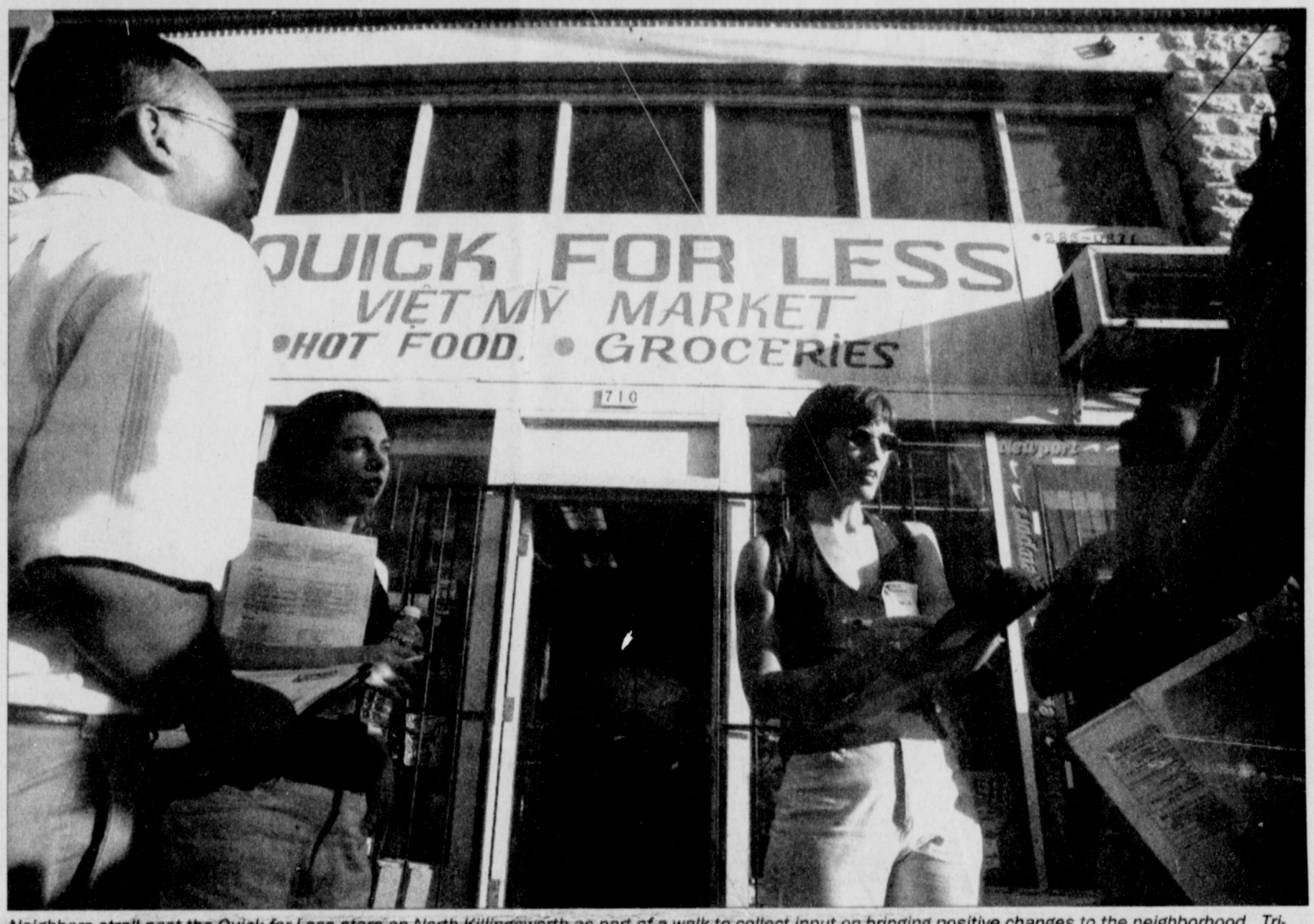

Neighbors stroll past the Quick for Less store on North Killingsworth as part of a walk to collect input on bringing positive changes to the neighborhood. Tri-Met plans to use the information as it prepares to link bus transportation to the Max light rail line being built on Interstate Avenue.

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Creating a Vision for Killingsworth Corridor

Some think light rail will spur development from Interstate to Williams

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Representatives from the Portland Office of Transportation along with Tri-Met, invited local residents to "let their imaginations go" on a boisterous walk down Killingsworth last week. The event was designed to collect community input on the future development of the corridor as it prepares to link Max light rail service from North Interstate to Killingsworth foot and bus traffic.

The area under consideration stretches a dozen blocks from Williams Avenue to Interstate Avenue.

Transportation office facilitators recorded suggestions in words and architects captured ideas in pictures.

"Don't let your ideas be confined by money," Jason Franklin, a transportation office worker, told the group of local business owners, ministers, and residents.

Killingsworth is composed of a hodgepodge of ethnically owned restaurants, campus buildings, historic apartments, shops and empty lots.

The viability of the district is strong. Neighbors come to shop, catch buses, hang out, and access community resources.

But everyone in attendance Thursday evening agreed that there is plenty of room for improvement.

Much of the talk centered on making the area more pedestrian friendly. Neighbors want green spaces, not more concrete.

Jaime Lim of "The Asian Reporter" imagines a beautiful tree-lined corridor.

Myleen Roberts, a senior at Jefferson High School, suggests opening up the northern boundary of her school to the

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Esquire Club Settles with OLCC

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has announced a fine that settles an old complaint against the Royal Esquire Club, 3530 N. Vancouver Ave.

According to OLCC officials, the establishment has agreed to pay a $1,980 civil penalty for having a history of serious and persistent problems, including disorderly or intoxicated patrons, drug activities and other incidents dating from October 1999 to March 2001.

However, during the last 16 months, there have been no serious incidents reported at the club, OLCC officials said.

Officials said the improvement is due to better lighting and signs, parking lot and restroom monitoring, better-trained security personnel and cooperation with police officers.

Club management has also taken precautions to eliminate possible drug activity in or around the premises.

Hard Work and Kindness

Volunteers from Washington Mutual prepare the ground for a new lawn at Jacqueline Potts' home at North Columbia Boulevard and Charleston. More than 300 volunteers from the company recently spruced up over 20 yards in the St. Johns neighborhood in a national campaign to help people who are struggling with rising housing costs meet basic home maintenance and other needs.

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