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"Bridging Portland's Communities"

Good in the Hood Festival Celebrates Diversity

Weekend event will bring out city's best ethnic food, dance and music

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It's music and food galore at this weekend's Good in the Hood festival that celebrates the inner city's cultural diversity. Talented performers will take the stage for this four-day party event.

A kick off celebration with some entertainment begins on Thursday, June 27 at McMenamins Kennedy School, located at 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave.

The following day, the celebration moves to Holy Redeemer Area School Campus, 127 N. Portland Blvd., and continues through - Sunday, June 30, featuring a mix of ethnic dancing and the summer's "hottest" music.

Groups like Mexico's Ballet Folklorica de Woodburn, African Reggae with Chatta Addy, blues played by Norman Sylvester and other local acts are performing. Everyone is encouraged to bring their lawn chair and blankets for the shows.

Besides good music and dancing, goods can be purchased at the international marketplace and everyone can taste different cuisines offered by many food vendors.

Also featured is the annual Good in the Hood Parade that will go along Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. It begins on Saturday, June 29 at 11 a.m.



Motivating last year's Good in the Hood crowd are the Lions of Batucada, a group of drummers and dancers who play African-influenced dance music of Brazil. This year, the tradition of good music and dance performances continue with the 2002 Good in the Hood festival beginning Thursday, June 27 and continuing through Sunday, June 30.

Community Calendar

Yoshida's Sand in the City

Watch 17 corporate teams shovel, stomp and carve - mixing 270 tons of sand, fun and community spirit as they create giant sand sculptures for a contest that's on Friday, July 12, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Pioneer Courthouse Square. Awards given at 5 p.m. Enter to win a giant package of goodies. Lots of family fun all weekend, especially for the kids.

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.

Blue Lake Regional Park

Wednesdays are special this summer at Metro's Blue Lake Regional Park when Naturally for Kids offers young visitors lots of things to do. Spend the day at the park beginning with nature crafts from 10 a.m. - 11 a.m. at the Clatsop picnic shelter. Youngsters will learn about nature and make a craft to take home. Cost is \$2 per child for materials. Call 503-797-1850.

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.

Lead Poisoning Prevention Workshop

The most common sources of lead poisoning are found in and around homes. Come to a workshop and learn about the effects and sources of lead poisoning; how to test for lead; and prevention tips. The class will be on Saturday, July 24, from 6:30 p.m. - 8

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Jefferson Artist Reflects on Community

Jerald White unveils artwork that reflects his community and the changes being brought about by light rail at the future site of a light rail station at North Killingsworth and Interstate. The Jefferson High School student took part in a Tri-Met public art program to create temporary public artworks for Interstate Max. The study included art field trips, creating conceptual designs and building site models.

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City Puts New Electronic Parking Meters Online

Portland's new parking meters went on-line Monday dispensing receipts for curbside parking along designated downtown blocks as a replacement to the manual turn key meters at each parking space.

The new "SmartMeters" accept coins, credit and debit cards, and prepaid "SmartCards." The user must select the amount of parking time and adhere the parking receipt to the window of their vehicle.

The city is installing 50 of the parking gadgets over the next couple of months, with 6,000 of the old-fashioned parking meters scheduled to be replaced over the next four years with 900 SmartMeters.

To operate the new device after parking the vehicle, walk to the nearest SmartMeter (usually located near the center of the block on the same side of the street) and insert payment. When the time that is needed appears on the display,



A representative for the city of Portland demonstrates a "SmartMeter" that dispenses receipts for curbside parking along a downtown block, a replacement for the manual turn-key meters that were situated at each parking space.

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press the green button. The machine will print out a receipt showing the amount paid, the date and the expiration time. The larger portion of the receipt must be stuck on the inside of the vehicle's curbside window. The smaller portion can serve as a reminder of the expiration time.

When using a credit/debit card or SmartCard, the minimum purchase is \$1.

If the maximum time for that parking space is desired, press the "Maximum Time" button or press the blue "15 minute" button for parking time in increments of 15 minutes. Press the green button to complete the transaction. You must purchase the full amount of time you desire before pressing the green button. You cannot purchase two tickets at the same time as they will have the same expiration time.

If there is time left on the receipt, it may be taken to use while parking in a different metered space elsewhere. The expiration time still remains the same.