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Community Calendar

Gumbo Extraordinaire

Everyone is invited to a grand opening celebration for "Rice in the Middle," a new restaurant on Saturday, Oct. 5, from 2-4 p.m. There will be free cajun gumbo samples, prizes, face painting and balloons. The event will be located at 4711 N. Interstate Ave. Call 503-260-6877.

Canoe the Slough

Join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council paddling guides for a tour of the slough. Bring your own canoe or kayak, paddles and Personal Flotation Device. Tree-lined banks of the lower slough will make for a scenic evening paddle. Everyone meets on Tuesday, Sept. 17, 6 p.m. at the St. John's Landfill Boat launch, 9363 N. Columbia Blvd. Call 503-281-1131 or go online to www.columbiaslough.org.

Portland Memory Walk

Join the 11th annual Portland Memory Walk at the World Trade Center on Sunday, Sept. 29, starting at 8:30 a.m., to raise pledges to support the programs and services of the Alzheimer's Association. For more information and registration, call Jessica Currier at 503-413-6850.

Oregon Beach Cleanup

Saturday, Sept. 28 marks the date for the 19th annual Great Oregon Fall Beach Cleanup. The event will take place from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. along the entire Oregon coast, from the Washington to the California borders. Volunteers may check in at one of 42 meeting sites, pick up a litter bag and head down to the beach to help improve the coast for wildlife and winter visitors. Call 800-333-SOLV or go online to www.solv.org.

Housing Authority of Portland

The Housing Authority of Portland is offering a free seminar, "Why Section 8?" on Oct. 1 for landlords interested in participating in the Section 8 rent assistance program. The course, taught by current Section 8 landlords and HAP staff, will cover a variety of topics. Training will be on Tuesday, Oct. 1, from 2-5 p.m. at the East Precinct Community Room, located at 737 S.E. 106th Ave. Call 503-802-8459 or email reannew@hapdx.org.

Multnomah County Library

Multnomah County Library will expand its Cyber Seniors classes to six libraries throughout the Portland area in November and December. The classes are designed for senior citizens with little or no computer experience and are offered free of charge. The November series of classes are at the Capitol Hill Library, located at 10723 S.W. Capitol Way, Nov. 6, 13 and 20.

Back to Scrap

The School and Community Reuse Action Project is planning the second annual Back to SCRAP festival on Saturday, Sept. 28, from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. to introduce teachers and families to their programs. At the event, parents and children will learn to reuse materials creatively. The event is free and open to all ages. The festival will take place in the yard of the Rebuilding Center, located at 3625 N. Mississippi. Call 503-294-0769 or go online to www.scrapaction.org.



Community Energy Project coordinators John Hartog and Amber Spradlin show how to install a fill cycle device to make a toilet run on less water.

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Residents Get Help Lowering Energy Bills

Goal is to stay warm this winter without paying a high price

BY WYNDE DYER

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Get ready for winter. The cold is coming. So are the inflated heating bills.

The Community Energy Project is ready to help.

The non-profit agency kicked off the beginning of its season of self-help workshops with a daylong open house in conjunction

with the Alberta Street Fair. The lure of free hot dogs and door prizes drew quite a crowd. CEP Outreach Coordinator Amber Spradlin said between 50 and 60 people stopped in to take advantage of free switch-plate thermometers, lead tests and water conservation devices.

"It really excites me that people want to learn," Spradlin said. "The phones have

been ringing off the hooks. People aren't just going to take a fatalistic view about high bills this winter."

CEP offers free Self-Help Weatherization Workshops for Portland residents who make 50 percent or less than the median monthly income. The primary goal of the workshops, which will run through February, is to educate the public about ways to stay warm

during the winter months without paying a high price. Everybody who attends a two-hour session will receive home weatherization instructions and a free kit worth \$150. Kits include plastic storm windows, silicone and acrylic caulking and all other supplies needed to draft proof a home.

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Jefferson to Open Campus at Killingsworth

Students, community volunteers to tear down laurel bushes



The 12-foot high laurel bushes that block Jefferson High School from the community will be torn down by students, alumni, and volunteers intent on beautifying the school and connecting it with the neighborhood.

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BY SEAN P. NELSON,
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A small army of volunteers will gather at Jefferson High School this weekend to cut down the 12-foot high laurel bushes that completely block off the north Portland school from its surrounding neighborhood.

Students, school staff, school administrators, and members of the Humboldt Neigh-

borhood Association will begin the work at 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 27. Completion is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 29, according to Marshall Haskins, the Jefferson High School athletic director and basketball coach who is organizing the project.

The volunteers also are scheduled to pressure wash the football stadium and pick up garbage underneath and around it.

Haskins described the laurel bushes as a psychological barrier that isolates Jefferson High School from the community.

"As you move down Killingsworth, you wouldn't even know there was a school here. We're trying to open up to the community to show them that Jefferson is viable," Haskins said.

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Grant High School

Homecoming to Build Pride

Generals host rare game at Grant Park

BY LEE PERLMAN/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

On Friday, Sept. 27, Grant High School will hold a first time ever homecoming varsity football game at Grant Park.

The Generals will play host to the Jefferson Democrats beginning at 4 p.m. Parking will be available in the school's faculty parking lot on Northeast 36th Avenue. The event will feature barbecue food for sale, a halftime parade featuring the homecoming king, queen and court, and bleacher seating for 700 people.

"We know of one game that was played at the park in 1951 or 52 - it was called the mud bowl," school athletic director Bob Kennewell said. "That was the only one we were able to find."

"We wanted to have a game here to boost pride in our school and gain community support," he said.

Grant normally plays its home games at PGE Park, downtown.

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