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Community Calendar

Killingsworth Street Plans Addressed

Over 500 community members have identified areas of North Killingsworth between Interstate and Williams in need of street lights, better road crossings, curb ramps, trees, traffic signs, bike parking, trash containers and bus service. A public open house for the project will be held Thursday, Nov. 14 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the North Portland Branch Library, 512 N. Killingsworth. For more information, call 503-823-7238.

Buy Green at Holiday Gift Fair

The ReDirect Guide Business Association and the Students of the Environmental Middle School will host an event where the public can purchase gifts that are ecologically wise, socially responsible and health oriented. The event will be held at the Environmental Middle School, 2421 SE Orange St. from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16. For information on hosting a booth or sponsoring a low-income child, call 503-231-4848.

ACORN Community Lending Fair

Oregon Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now will hold a free, public lending fair to connect low and moderate-income families with quality lending agencies on Saturday, Nov. 16 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Carpenter's Local 247 Union Hall located at 2205 N. Lombard. Workshop topics include how to refinance an existing mortgage, buy a home, repair a poor credit record and evaluate insurance. For more information, call 503-788-4362.

Hospital Career Day

On Saturday, Nov. 16 local high school students interested in learning more about health care professions can attend a career day event from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center located at 9205 SW Barnes Road. Students will get to deliver a baby from a mannequin, perform an ultrasound on a turkey to find a hidden olive, suture a wound and remove a 'gall bladder' with a laproscopic instrument. For more information, call 503-216-7192.

Consumption Awareness

Come to the Beaverton City Library Auditorium at 12375 SW 5th St. in Beaverton on Tuesday, Nov. 19 to learn about fast foods, genetically modified foods, where the American food dollar goes, what foods are safe and how six companies monopolize the worldwide food supply. Jason Reynolds, Executive Director of the Oregon Consumer League, will speak from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Adopt a Pet

The Oregon Humane Society is extending its outreach efforts to several area pet stores this month. Help the Humane Society bring homeless pets into the community, call 503-285-7722, extension 204 for more information.

Computer Help for Seniors

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.

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Better People Boasts Better Results

Danielle Von Jaeger is clean and sober and ready to turn her life around with the help of Better People. "It's hard to get a job if you're an ex-felon," she said, "I just want to be able to take care of my family."

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When Nate Moreland came to Better People three years ago he had just been released from prison. He was down and out, but ready to turn his life around. The program got him back on his feet and gainfully employed.

Troubled lives find success, employment, through education

BY DAVID PLECHL THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Nate Moreland came to Better People a little more than three years ago. He was desperate. He has just spent 30 days in jail and was eager to turn his life around.

On the advice of a friend, Moreland called Clariner Boston, lead facilitator for the program that helps former prisoners find living wage jobs in and around Portland.

"She called me on my stuff immediately," Moreland said. "I had a selfish attitude before I went to Better People. They teach you to stop blaming others and start looking at yourself."

Since its conception in 1998, Better People has helped 262 people find work in five counties.

"The success of what we do is attracting clients," Boston said.

There is no typical profile among those

that seek out help with Better People. Some clients have never been incarcerated, but the program caters to those that have been in jail 10, 20, even 30 years. Some are in recovery.

"We don't discriminate, we allow anyone into our program," Boston said.

The idea is - If you can change the way a former prisoner thinks, you can change his or her behavior.

Moral Recognition Therapy (MRT)

classes stress the importance of honesty, trust and responsibility for oneself.

"Many of the difficulties they have in life is the result of their own thinking process and how they view themselves," Boston explained. "We get them to recognize that the things that have happened in their lives are of their own doing."

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Tanisha Harris Awarded 2002 General George C. Marshall Leadership Award

Vancouver Mayor Royce E. Pollard announced on behalf of Celebrate Freedom and the Marshall Selection Committee, that Tanisha Harris, Multicultural Program Coordinator for Heritage High School, is the recipient of the 2002 General George C. Marshall Leadership Award.

The award ceremony, which was presented by Celebrate Freedom, honored Harris on Wednesday, Nov. 6, at 4 p.m. at the Marshall House on Officers Row.

The George C. Marshall Leadership Award is part of the Celebrate Freedom - a program of the Vancouver National Historic Reserve Trust. Celebrate Freedom is a program of festive and educational events that inspire all generations to strengthen the community values of leadership, public service, lifelong learning and vision.

This is the 14th anniversary of the Marshall Leadership Award - the only award of its kind in the country. The Marshall Award was started in 1989 to honor the legacy of General George C. Marshall and recognizes a local individual's commitment to leadership and public service. General Marshall was U.S. Army Chief of Staff during World War II, Secretary of State under President Truman and 1953 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate.



Tanisha Harris, Multicultural Program Coordinator for Heritage High School, receives a Leadership award from Vancouver Mayor, Royce E. Pollard. PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Leaf Depots to Open This Weekend



With the recent cold temperatures and wind gusts, leaves are covering yards, streets and catch basins. The City is offering it's popular Leaf Depot program for recycling of leaves ONLY beginning this weekend. Citizens

can deposit their leaves for a minimal fee at six different locations on the designated dates.

Street trees and the leaves they produce are the responsibility of the homeowner. If not recycled regularly, the leaves will clog catch basins in the street and cause street flooding and further deterioration of the street. Citizens are encouraged to recycle leaves at the leaf depots or curbside with their garbage hauler but not to rake or blow the leaves into the street.

Only leaves, no other yard debris, pine needles or brush clippings, will be accepted between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on the des-

ignated dates at these locations:

- **Saturday, November 16:** Lents Park and Floyd Light School
- **Sunday, November 17:** Westmoreland Park and Gabriel Park
- **Saturday, November 23:** Cathedral Park and Lents Park
- **Sunday, November 24:** Gabriel Park and Stanton Yard
- **Saturday, November 30:** Lents Park and Floyd Light School
- **Sunday, December 1:** Gabriel Park and Westmoreland Park
- **Saturday, December 7:** Gabriel Park and Stanton Yard

- **Sunday, December 8:** Westmoreland Park and Cathedral Park
- **Saturday, December 14:** Westmoreland Park and Gabriel Park

COSTS FOR LEAF DEPOTS ARE:

- \$1.00 per car
- \$3.00 per truck or trailer
- \$5.00 per truck and trailer
- \$20.00 per commercial load (maximum 5 yards - Larger loads will be referred to commercial recycle centers)
- \$1.00 discount for senior citizens

City of Portland's Leaf Line is 503-823-1784.