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## Community Calendar

### Wellness and Beauty Unite

WomanTree's January speaker series focuses on health and healing with a class on lead poisoning prevention from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Jan. 6 and Whole Body Radiance from 6 to 7 p.m. Jan. 20. 2641 NE Alberta St. For more information, call 503-335-5800.

### March for the Cause

Sisters of the Road Café will hold its 12<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Day march for peace and justice on Monday, Jan. 19, gathering at Sisters of the Road, 133 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. and the Lorenzen Conference Center, Legacy Emanuel Hospital, N. Graham Ave. at 5:30 p.m. and converging on the Oregon Convention Center at the Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial. For more information, call 503-222-5694 or visit [www.sistersoftheroadcafe.org](http://www.sistersoftheroadcafe.org).

### Effective Weight Loss

New Seasons Market teaches a workshop on Why Diets Don't Always Work from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 5320 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave. For reservations, call 503-288-3838.

### Home Improvement

The Community Energy Project holds free workshops on water conservation and weatherization. A self-help weatherization workshop is from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 8 at Montavilla Community Center, 8219 N.E. Glisan. For more information, call 503-284-4962.

### Swap and Meet

Art on the Peninsula's 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Art Supply Swap and Sale is from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24 at the Kenton Firehouse, 2209 N. Schofield. This free event offers tables for people to buy or swap art supplies, tools and craft items. For more information, call 503-823-4099 or e-mail [mkelley@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:mkelley@ci.portland.or.us).

### Kitty Kollege

Learn what Problem Pooch and Finicky Feline are thinking at the Oregon Humane Society's Cat and Canine 101 classes at 11 a.m. Jan. 3 and 17 for dogs and 1 p.m. Jan. 11 for cats at the Human Society, 1067 NE Columbia Blvd. Suggested donation is \$10. For more information, call 503-285-7722 or visit [www.oregonhumane.org](http://www.oregonhumane.org).

### Raise a Ruckus

Radical Women hosts a commemorative meeting in honor of Roe vs. Wade reproductive rights at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14 at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth. A hearty buffet is available at 6:30 p.m. for a \$6 donation. Bring ideas on how to keep abortion safe and legal by joining the April 25<sup>th</sup> March for Freedom of Choice in Washington DC. For more information call 503-240-4462.

### Social Socialists

The Freedom Socialist Party hosts a reading and discussion of Helen Gilbert's "Leon Trotsky: His Life and Ideas" at 7 p.m. Mondays, starting Jan. 5 through Feb. 9 at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth. A hearty supper is available at 6:30 p.m. for a \$5 donation. For more information, call 503-240-4462.



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## SHARING KWANZAA TRADITIONS

Patricia Welch, manager of the North Portland branch library, 512 N. Killingsworth, sets a table recognizing kujichagulia, or self-determination, as L Londyn Elliott looks on at the "Kwanzaa Kwest" children's Kwanzaa program.

## Old High School Wanted for Reuse

### Neighborhood sees site for recreation, housing potential

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI  
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After almost 25 years of waiting, residents of an inner-southeast neighborhood will know the fate of a building that once housed Washington High School, by the end of January.

Architects presented three plans for the 7-acre campus bordered by Southeast Stark and Morrison streets and 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> avenues at a neighborhood meeting earlier this month. Popular with the neighbors is a plan including a community center with a pool, a playing field, 130 to 210 housing units, parking, open space and possibly retail outlets.

A Portland Public School Board resolution set Jan. 30 as the deadline for Portland Parks and Recreation to agree to purchase a portion of the property for a community center.

But even if city officials make that commitment, it could be a long time before residents step foot on the proposed state-of-the-art facility.

"This project is in the early stages of discussion, since the school district declared the property a surplus last summer. We're in the concept plan stage now," said Cece Hughley Noel, coordinator for Southeast Uplift, under contract with the school district to provide public involvement services.

The Project Advisory Committee developing the concept plan for the property sought public input at an open house on the campus earlier in December. According to project planners, further refinement of design elements, environmental impacts, traffic studies and other issues need to be addressed before builders break ground.

Washington High School merged with Monroe High School before closing in 1980 and has been "underutilized" by the school district ever since. The building houses some district offices and a small Child Services Center.

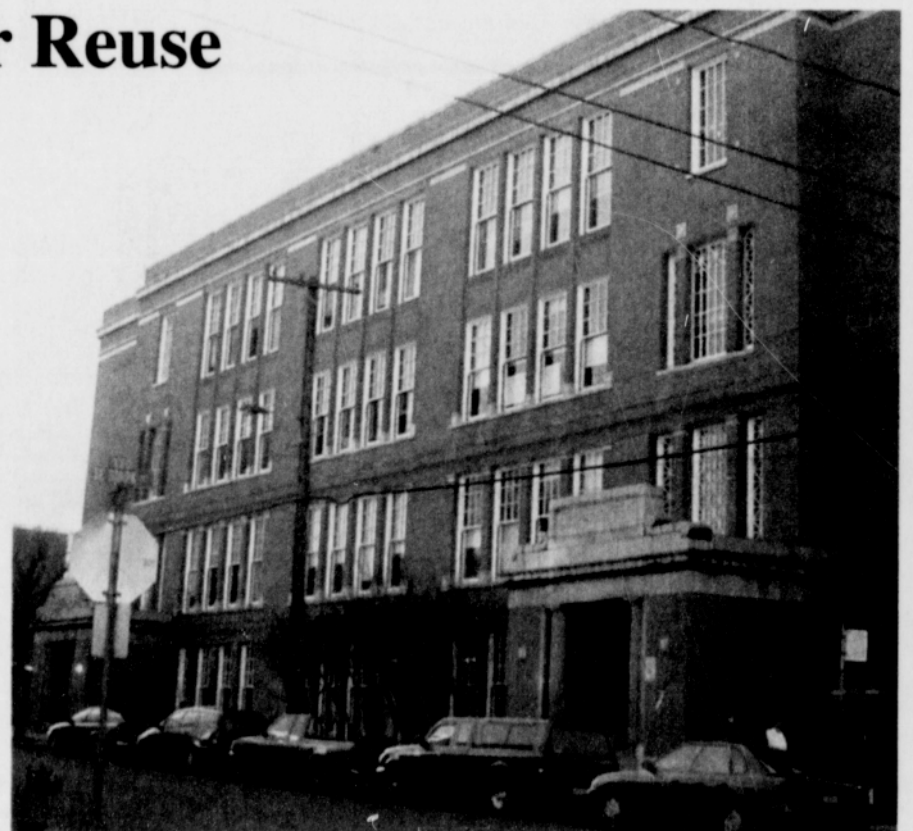


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Inner eastside residents would like to see the former Washington High School on Southeast Stark become a community center with recreation, housing and new businesses.



James Posey

## Posey Elected Mayor at Madison

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI  
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If Madison High School students are the gauge, mayoral hopeful James Posey will lead the city in 2005.

The northeast Portland business leader won a mock election in Matt Sten's natural resources and public policy class after they heard from Posey and two other candidates for mayor, Tom Potter,

a former police chief, and City Commissioner Jim Francesconi.

Sten said his students gave Posey 30 votes, Potter 20 votes and Francesconi 12 votes.

Posey said he felt "pleasantly pleased" about his victory, although not surprised.

"I think they understood that I'm a regular guy, not a talking head," he said. "I hope that the broader community

will take a lesson from young people. Some people might say that these are just kids, but the truth is, these kids are the future."

Posey said he promised the students a say in crafting what the city looks like in the future and a pledge to narrow the school achievement gap.

"Portland needs to gain a reputation as a city providing world-class education to its

young residents," he said.

Posey plans to create a Department of Youth Development to involve college and high school students in city government by holding decision-making positions.

"Young people can see through a lot of things. They're not as twisted as adults are in terms of their perceptions," said Posey. "Kids have a clearer eye."