

Activists Make Call to Mothers

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Bradford Holman of the Coalition of Black Men calls for more trust between police and area residents to solve a string of bloody shootings.

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uniforms and dismantling concerns they have," she said.

During her time with the Gang Enforcement Team, Elsmore said she built trusting relationships with gang members, and treated them with respect.

"More importantly, I got to know their parents, to let them know we are concerned about the safety of their children."

Carter and other neighborhood leaders vowed to recommit to the Northeast Rescue Plan of 1990, for the next year, to regain a safe hold on northeast Portland neighborhoods.

A community discussion is planned from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 14 at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, 4134 N. Vancouver Ave.

Anyone with information about the recent shootings is urged to call 503-823-4636.



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Tax Scam Warning

Tax scammers are on the prowl this season, according to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, ACORN.

The group is holding demonstrations nationwide demanding an end to aggressive sales of overpriced tax refund loans.

Statistics from the Brookings Institution indicate that firms offering clients refund anticipation loans are charging taxpayers triple-digit interest rates to briefly loan them the tax refunds they are already owed, sometimes only a week sooner than they would without taking a loan.

For more information, visit www.acorn.org.

Family Tax Credits

Low-income families have a lot to gain by filing taxes this year, according to the Oregon Tax Credit Coalition and the Commission on Children, Families and Community working in partnership with the Women's Law Center.

Qualified working parents are urged to file for these credits to lower their taxes or increase their refunds.

"Many families don't know that there have been significant increases in federal and state tax credits that can mean thousands of dollars to help them meet their child care and other expenses," said Nancy Duff Campbell, co-president of the National Women's Law Center.

Some of the tax credits low-income families may be eligible for include the federal earned income credit, federal child tax credit, Oregon working family child care credit and Oregon earned income credit.

For more information, call 503-988-3707.