

Blue Lake Stocked with Trout

Area residents are invited to visit Blue Lake Regional Park for fishing and other recreational activities. The Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife has stocked Blue Lake with 1,500 legal-sized rainbow trout, just in time for good weather and good times.

The catch limit is 5 fish per day for licensed anglers. The

fish need to be at least 8 inches in length; only one fish per day over 20 inches is a "keeper." Refer to the Oregon fishing regulations for additional rule details.

Besides fishing, the park offers swimming in the lake and paddleboat, canoe and rowboat rentals to explore the water-

way. The park also offers a network of paths to take you to places for basketball, softball, volleyball, horseshoes and three play yards for children.

The park is located between Marine Drive and Sandy Boulevard off Northeast 223rd Avenue. Admission to the park is \$4 per vehicle.

Libraries Serve as Ballot Drop-off Sites

Multnomah County's Central Library and its 16 neighborhood libraries will serve as official ballot drop-off sites for the Tuesday, May 18 primary election.

The ballots can be received and counted in the election if they are delivered to the libraries by 8 p.m. Tuesday. Ballots put into the regular mail too late to be delivered to

elections officials by 8 p.m. on Election Day do not count.

Libraries normally closed on Mondays will be open May 17 to accept ballots only.

GET OUTDOORS AND MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS ON THESE GREAT NORTH PORTLAND WALKS!

City of Portland transportation staff and neighborhood volunteers will be leading these eight walks in the next six months.

There will be short walks (2 to 2.5 miles) on Thursdays and long walks (3.5 to 5.5 miles) on Saturdays.

DATES	WALKS
MAY 22 SAT	Going to the River
JUNE 3 THU	Sunken Rose Garden
JUNE 19 SAT	Walkin' Wild
JULY 8 THU	Paul Bunyan to Parks
JULY 17 SAT	Overlook Views
JULY 22 THU	Willamette Bluff
JULY 31 SAT	Going to the River
AUG 5 THU	N Mississippi Historic District
AUG 14 SAT	Walkin' Wild
AUG 19 THU	Sunken Rose Garden
AUG 28 SAT	Overlook Views
SEPT 9 THU	Willamette Bluff
SEPT 18 SAT	Univ. of Portland to MAX
SEPT 23 THU	Paul Bunyan to Parks
OCT 7 THU	N Mississippi Historic District
OCT 16 SAT	Overlook Views

TIMES

THURSDAYS at 6pm, SATURDAYS at 9am

MEETING PLACES

N Mississippi Historic District
Overlook Park, corner of N Interstate and Fremont

Walkin' Wild
Paul Bunyan statue, corner of N Interstate and Denver

Sunken Rose Garden
North Portland Library, corner of N Killingsworth and Commercial

Going to the River
Craftsman Cafe, corner of N Interstate and Skidmore

Paul Bunyan to Parks
Paul Bunyan statue, corner of N Interstate and Denver

Overlook Views
Overlook Park, corner of N Interstate and Fremont

University of Portland to MAX
Corner of N Willamette Blvd and Main Campus entrance

Willamette Bluff
Patton Park, N Interstate and Emerson



A Fighting Chance

Posey pushes beyond critics' expectations

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In the final days of Portland's hotly contested mayoral race, an African-American business leader has earned respect and endorsements that have broken traditional barriers and exceeded expectations. James Posey of northeast Portland declared his candidacy in October to provide voters with options he didn't yet see in the election.

Seven months and \$20,000 in campaign funding later, Posey is gaining public support for running a fair and serious campaign. What's more, he's kept issues affecting minorities on the forefront.

In a poll conducted by the Portland Tribune/KOIN, Posey is supported by 12 percent of Portlanders,

including world-class education, stimulating an economy that is unfriendly to small businesses and minorities and including kids in various stages of city government.

He says citizens have been receptive to his common-sense approach to solving problems plaguing the city.

"My approach is a common sense approach to dealing with issues by getting at the causes of problems rather than the symptoms, whether that be in the police bureau or paving the streets," he said.

Posey sees potential in Portland. "Out of all the places I've been in my life, Portland has the closest potential of being a great city that all the world can look up to because we have so many elements, with good people, a good environment,

Formerly, Posey has worked as a probation officer, drug treatment and mental health counselor, and community center and health center executive director.

He has been involved with the National Association of Minority Contractors, NAACP, Urban League, and the City Club of Portland. He is a member of the Coalition of Black Men and the National Black Chamber of Commerce.

Posey says his three major endorsements bring him great pride.

The African American Alliance, the local Green Party Chapter and the Portland Observer have pledged their confidence in Posey for mayor.

"I'm really proud of all my endorsements, but especially proud of the African American Alliance. It



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Mayoral candidate James Posey (right) and campaign assistant Cordell McKenzie hand out campaign brochures on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard next to the Ainsworth Safeway Food and Drug parking lot.

with former Police Chief Tom Potter at 16 percent, Phil Buss, managing editor of the Portland Mercury with 6 percent and City Commissioner Jim Francesconi earning 27 percent support. Failing more than a 50 percent majority, the top two candidates will advance to the November General Election.

Frontrunner and fundraising giant Francesconi has run an unprecedented million-dollar campaign.

Posey says he entered the race to win. His vision for Portland includes new approaches to providing affordable housing, implement-

good universities. All we need to do is take it to the next level."

For Posey, this means inclusion of all its citizens. Speaking the agenda of the minority community has changed the face of the race by keeping all candidates mindful of diversity.

Posey says his ego will lay low when he hands back City Hall to its citizens.

"The typical politician thinks they become omnipotent and God-like when they're just common everyday people who have the privilege to serve voters that allow them to provide a leadership service for them. They misconstrue that as mandate to follow their own inclinations as opposed to really seeking out what the citizens want."

Posey's lack of experience in government may protect him from providing more of the same, his greatest qualm with opponents whom he views as City Hall insiders.

A northeast Portland resident for 22 years, Posey has made strides in minority inclusion in business. He currently owns two small businesses, Workhorse Construction Metro Inc. and Eliot E-mat Cafe.

means a lot that black people, who have been taught to think so poorly of themselves and have low expectations of their own people, would look to somebody within their own ranks to make a significant impact on their lives. To be endorsed by this group, I was ecstatic."

An endorsement from the local Green chapter was also notable, he said.

"People in the Green Party crossed racial, cultural and stereotypically embedded ideas about a candidate. They took a giant leap of faith on my behalf and chose to do something that's remarkable. For me, it was living what you believe."

Looking ahead, Posey says his campaign will not be a wasted effort, regardless of the Election Day results on Tuesday, May 18. He says he's too battered by campaigning to commit to another run for public office, but he'll remain in the public eye.

"We'll be trying to take the resources and structure of what we've developed in the campaign, and we'll put it in another package in a way that it will benefit this community."



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Toddler Killed by Car

A toddler was killed after being struck by a car on Northeast Ainsworth Street, near 31st Avenue.

The child, 21-month-old Imani Tate, was playing on the sidewalk in front of a house last Saturday at 5 p.m. when she apparently saw someone with a dog across the

street and darted out between two cars onto Ainsworth.

Tate was struck by a 1992 Acura Legend driven by 30-year-old Paula Jordan. Police said no charges were made because there was no indication of excessive speed or impairment.

Black Church Hit with Graffiti

Authorities are still trying to determine whether a congregation in northeast Portland is the victim of repeated hate crimes.

Members of the primarily African-American International Fellowship Family church arrived for services on Saturday to find swastikas and SWP,

denoting a known white power group, tagged along every outer wall of the building on Northeast 122nd Avenue.

After volunteers spent much of the day repainting the church, vandals struck again, painting more swastikas on the church's sidewalk, Sunday night.

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