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Community Calendar

World Cup Broadcasts

Catch the final games of the World Cup at the St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central, and Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott, through Sunday, July 9. Games are broadcast live at 6 a.m., 9 a.m. and noon, with lots of giveaways and prizes, and free Starbucks coffee on select days. The broadcasts are free.

Music at the Parks

Enjoy free summer concerts throughout Portland parks, including Dawson Park, North Stanton and Vancouver; Peninsula Park, North Portland Boulevard and Albina; and Fernhill Park, Northeast 37th and Ainsworth. Other concerts are happening throughout the city, each beginning at 6:30 p.m. For information on performers and dates, visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/>.

Teen Summit at IFCC

Every other Saturday this month, the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center will host Teen Summit, a live television show by and for African American teens. To be a member of the studio audience, call 971-235-5197.

'Cirkus' Author Reading

In Other Words bookstore, 88 N.E. Killingsworth St., presents Patti Frazee, author of the novel "Cirkus" at 7:30 on Thursday, July 6. Vividly drawn characters in a devastating work of heartbreaking loveliness populate Frazee's lyrically graceful novel.

Al-Anon Meeting

"Solutions and Serenity" for anyone affected by another person's drinking. Every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 N.W. 19th at Everett. Enter through the courtyard for this free event. For more information, call Julianna Tassone at 503-367-6115.

Bradley-Angle House

The Bradley-Angle House needs volunteers to help its outreach against domestic violence. Women of color and bilingual women are encouraged to call. For more information, call 503-282-9940.

Interstate Farmers Market

The Interstate Farmers Market features a variety of fresh local produce, baked goods, cut flowers, artisan cheese, meat and fish each Wednesday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., next to Overlook Park across the street from Kaiser Permanente Interstate Campus.

Homebuying Classes

Portland Community Land Trust helps first time and low-income homebuyers purchase homes at below market price. Attend a free, one-hour class to learn more about the program. Contact Kelly@pclt.org or call 503-493-0293 to sign up and ask questions, or visit www.pclt.org.

Write Around Volunteers

Are you interested in becoming a facilitator for Write Around Portland's volunteer-run ten-week workshop? The workshop is for low-income adults, homeless or mentally disabled people or others who face barriers to writing workshops. Contact Jill Tuleya at 503-796-9224.

Creative Space For Dance

Aurora Dance Studio, 5433 N.E. 30th, offers an array of classes for children, teens and adults at all levels of ability. Call 503-249-0201 or visit online at www.hevanet.com/auroradance for more information.



Fountains Beat the Summer Heat

Neal Bryan finds the water just right on a hot day at the fountain in the Rose Quarter Commons area, in front of the Rose Garden Arena.

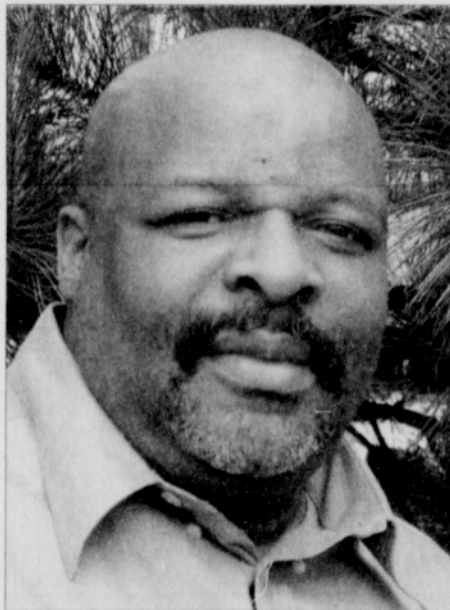
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Cleanup a Cause to Celebrate

Neglected intersections will get some TLC

If you've ever imagined the potential of a rundown corner lot you've passed a dozen times before, Saturday, July 8 is a special day to help revive some neglected corners of our community in a "Day of Re-tilling the Soil".

The newly organized non-profit People of Purpose and Portland resident Larry Collins are asking residents to come together in three specific locations, to stop pointing a finger and start lending a hand.



Larry Collins

Organized volunteer clean-up groups will meet beforehand at different locations. The group targeting Northeast Failing and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard will meet at Hughes Memorial Church, 111 N.E. Failing St.; those cleaning the intersection of North Albina Avenue and Killingsworth Street will meet at Jefferson High School gymnasium, 5210 N. Kerby; and volunteers who will target Northeast 15th Avenue and Killingsworth will meet at Cornerstone Church, 2216 N.E. Killingsworth St.

A celebration will follow the hard work, from noon to 6 p.m. at Irving Park at Northeast Seventh and Fremont. Participants will be treated to free hot dogs and hamburgers, ice cream, soda

and other snacks, and a family fun area will feature child-friendly activities. Look for lots of giveaways, including a bike courtesy of G.I. Joe's.

The celebration's musical acts include Linda Hornbuckle, Kurt Green, Andy Stokes, The Jefferson Gospel Choir and "The Light" from Bethel Temple of Eugene.

This community celebration is made possible by partnerships with Positive Youth Development, SOLV, Albertson's, Providence Hospital and The Portland Observer.

The event begins with registration and breakfast at all three locations from 8:15 a.m. to 8:45 a.m., following with clean up at 9 a.m. For more information, call Larry Collins at 503-752-8356.

Natural Area Begins Summer Tours

Wildlife abundant minutes from city center

North Portland's Smith and Bybee Natural Area has opened its summer schedule of tours, walks and paddle trips.

At nearly 2,000 acres, the open space is the largest protected wetlands within an American city.

Because the beautiful natural area is surrounded by port terminals, warehouses and other commercial developments, most visitors are surprised to find beaver, river otter, black-tailed deer, osprey, bald eagles and western painted turtles living only minutes from downtown Portland.

On Saturday, July 15, two free guided tours are scheduled, including a painted turtle walk and summer bird watching. Oregon's turtles are rare, but the Natural Area is home to one of the largest populations of Western painted turtles in the northwest. Also, expect to see young birds that have left the nest and family activities such as feeding and flocking.

Twilight Tuesday walks are held through August. Metro naturalist James Davis teaches the basic techniques of wildlife watching and identification. All ages are welcome, but participants must be quiet, sneaky and patient.



Metro Naturalist James Davis and a Smith and Bybee Natural Area visitor view wildlife along the universally accessible paved Interlakes Trail.

Traveling by canoe or kayak is the best way to explore the wetlands. Advance registration is required for paddle trips on Saturday, July 8 by calling Emily Roth at 503-235-6272 or Saturday, Aug. 12 by calling Dale Svart at 503-285-

3084.

Smith and Bybee Wetlands Natural Area is located on North Marine Drive between the Expo Center and Kelley Point Park. The area is free and open to the public every day from sunrise to

sunset.

Parking, restroom, paths and the Interlakes Trail are wheelchair accessible. For more information, call Metro Parks and Greenspaces at 503-797-1850 or visit metro-region.org.

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