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Community Calendar

Race for Justice

St. Andrew Legal Clinic will hold a Race for Justice to raise donations for legal services for low-income families on Saturday, June 30 at 10:15 a.m. starting from Madeleine Parish, 3123 N.E. 24th Ave. A post-event party at the parish hall will include free pizza, beverages, live music and awards. For more information or to register, call 503-281-1500, extension 24 or visit salgroup.org.

5K Tram Run & Walk

A 5K run and walk to benefit for the American Cancer Society takes place Saturday, June 30 at 9:30 a.m. Participants will ride the tram to OHSU and then run to the finish line. After the race, there will be a free health fair complete with children's activities, games, food and live music. To register for the race visit www.racecenter.com/tramrun.

Re-Tilling of the Soil

People of Purpose and Associates are recruiting help and donations for a Re-tilling of the Soil neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, July 7. Clean up locations include Maple Mallory Apartments, Jefferson High School and Cornerstone Community Church. To find out how you can be a part of this event, call Larry Collins at 503-752-8356.

Zoo Concert Series

A diverse roster of bands will be performing as part of their summer World Music Wednesday concert series. On Wednesday, June 27, come see the reggae group The Wailers. Also on June 22, as a part of the Zoo Beat concert series catch Derek Trucks and Susan Tedeschi with Soul Stew Revival featuring Scrapmatic. Tickets are available at any Ticket West location or at the Oregon Zoo. For more information visit oregonzoo.org.

Stroller Class for Moms

Are you a new mom or have a toddler? Get some exercise and meet other moms at the free Stroller Strides class, 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursday at Peninsula Park. All you need is a stroller, water, a mat or towel and comfortable shoes. Call Helen at 503-260-5018 for more information.

Youth Summer Sports

July 5 through July 27, the summer youth sports program is held on the Portland State University campus, providing low-income youths ages 10-16, with sports instruction, field trips, a free medical exam and two free meals daily. Registration is open now. Visit palkids.org.

Washington Park Shuttle

Summer service is every 15 minutes from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. with more than 10 stops including the Oregon Zoo and the Japanese Garden. The shuttle runs daily through Labor Day. Regular Tri-Met fare applies.

Interstate Farmers Market

A farmers market is held each Wednesday through Sept. 26 from 3-7 p.m. just off Interstate Avenue between Overlook Park and the Interstate Kaiser Permanente Campus. The market is known for its variety of quality fresh local produce, baked goods, cut flowers, artisan cheese, meat and fish.

Planet Jupiter

On the second Monday of each month through August, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., the MHCC Planetarium Sky Theater explores the planet that outshines every other planet in the sky except Venus. Visitors will learn how to locate Jupiter and its four moons as well as other planets. Admission is \$1.

Women in Community Service

Volunteer female mentors are being sought by Women in Community Service to work with incarcerated women at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. The women provide support and encouragement for inmates transitioning from prison back into the community. For information, call 503-570-6614.

Parenting Classes

Newborns don't come with instruction manuals but parents and parents-to-be can attend classes through Providence Health Systems to learn about a variety of topics from pain and childbirth to breastfeeding to infant CPR and much more. For a schedule of events, call 503-574-6595 or visit: providence.org/classes.

Foot Patrol Welcomed in Parkrose

Officer's outreach builds a better community

When Portland police officer Rob Slyter talks about reducing crime and the fear of crime on his beat, he not only talks the talk, but he actually walks the walk.

The 15-year veteran patrols his Parkrose beat in northeast Portland the old-fashioned way, on foot.

"I like the way police work was done in the old days," said Slyter, who is assigned to the Portland Police Bureau's East Precinct. "Walking through an area day after day, you get to tell the bad guys from the good guys."

Slyter, along with Officer Jeremy Anderson, patrols from Northeast 102nd to 122nd and from Marx to Prescott. Slyter said that along with remaining active, there are other benefits to walking the beat.

"The best part of my job is really just being out of my car and getting to walk the neighborhood," Slyter said. "The residents, workers and business owners are always waving, giving a thumbs-up sign, or just stopping and telling us how happy they are to see us out walking the area."

In early 2007, Slyter picked two areas that would most benefit from a walking beat, Parkrose and Gateway areas. He got together with crime analysts, who collected the areas' daytime crime statistics for burglaries, car prowls, vandalism, drug-related arrests and prostitution.

"With those numbers in hand, and the fact that the precinct was receiving complaints from business owners and residents in the Parkrose area, I selected Parkrose," Slyter said.

For Charlene Phillips, manager of



Portland Police Officer Rob Slyter makes a stop at Bob Brown Tires on Northeast Sandy Boulevard to speak with store manager Kelly Brown.



Portland officers Rob Slyter (left) and Jeremy Anderson walk their beat in the Parkrose neighborhood of northeast Portland.

Maddy's Tavern on Northeast Sandy, she feels fortunate that he made the choice.

"When the officers are here, it's so much nicer," said Phillips, whose main

problem was having prostitutes working close to the tavern. "When there's a problem, the officers take care of it because they understand what we're going

through. I used to be afraid coming to work in the morning, but not now. It's only when the officers aren't out there that we see the problems resurface."

Kelly Brown, whose family owns Bob Brown Tires up the street, sees the police presence as not only good for business, but good for the entire area.

"We get customers who are not from the area," said Brown, manager of the store. "They drive down Sandy and see the ruffraff. It's a reflection on us. But with the officers out here, we don't see the problems as much. The officers always come in and ask how things are going, and ask how they can make things better. They're good guys and I believe they're genuinely concerned with the area."

Teri Poppino, crime prevention coordinator for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, said that the residents and businesses along Slyter's beat are reaping the benefits of an officer pounding the pavement just outside their doors.

For one homeless family living in Senn's Dairy Park on NE Prescott, Slyter was an angel dressed in blue. Last March, a couple and their three children had fallen on hard times and were kicked out of the motel where they stayed.

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Restaurant Cements Changes along MLK

Terroir replaces King Food Market site

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There's a new restaurant at Northeast Fremont Avenue and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, the site of the former King Food Market and a McDonald's Restaurant years before that.

Terroir opened June 16 with its "taste of the Pacific Northwest." It is the first business to open within the Portland Development Commission's King's Crossing, an Urban Renewal Area project made possible by through Portland New Markets Fund I, LLC New Markets Tax Credit allocation in conjunction with the Portland Family of Funds.

Terroir, a French word meaning earth, is located in the historical center of Portland's African American community, but unlike any businesses formerly at the site, Terroir wants to appeal to a crowd hungry for small, specialty dishes

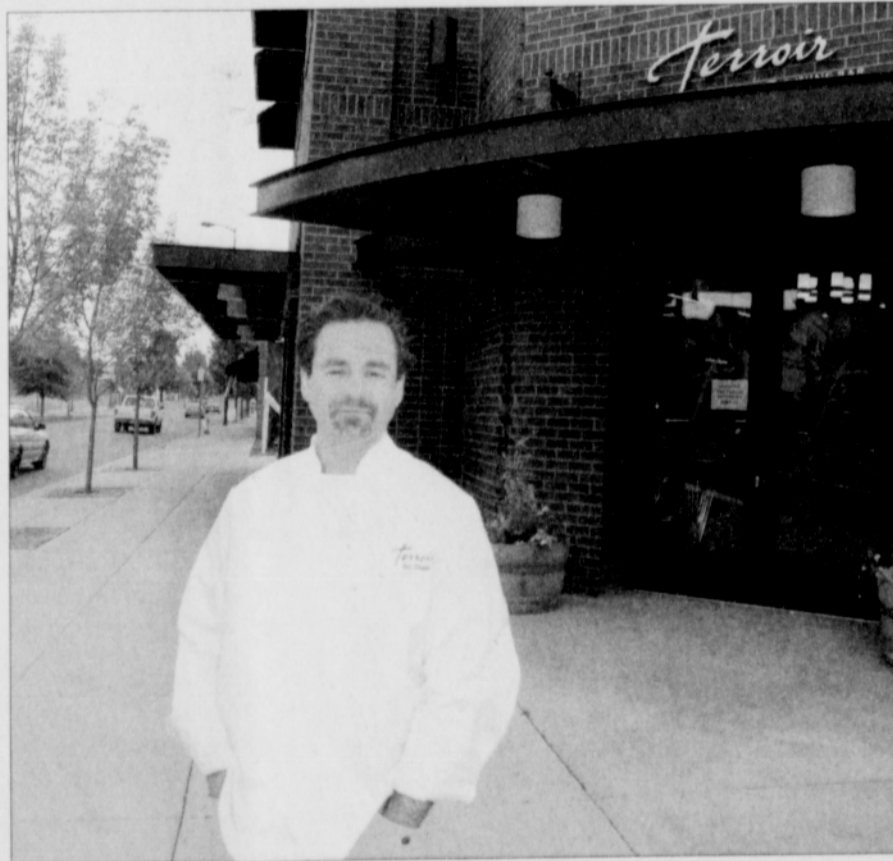


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Terroir owner and chef Stu Stein stands in front of the new restaurant and wine bar at 3500 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

and large wine lists.

Terroir falls in a spot between the fancy kitchens of Irvington's neighborhood and the funky cafés of Mississippi Avenue, filling a gap between these gentrifying northeast neighborhoods that are beginning to spread to the vacant lots along MLK.

Stu Stein, chef and co-owner with his wife Mary Hinds, says Terroir won't contribute to gentrification because he won't charge high prices for his Pacific Northwest meals that will "serve a cross section of the neighborhood."

"This is an underserved area," he said. "I'm able to tap into a range of people, and you can get something here for a very low price."

Terroir's menu will offer a range of small dishes, described by Stein as not just one bite, but not an entrée, priced from \$4 to \$12 per plate.

The restaurant will occupy 2,400 square feet of the building's first floor and is expected to employ 25 staff.

The King's Crossing development contains another 1,300 square feet of retail space on the ground floor and 5,600 square feet of office space on the second floor.