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Community Calendar

5th Avenue Street Fair

Thursday, Aug. 2, from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., the Fifth Avenue Street Fair takes place between Burnside and Glisan Street, downtown. The public is invited to celebrate the completion of a segment of the new TriMet Max line on the Portland Mall.

Providence Bridge Pedal

The one chance a year to bicycle across all 10 of Portland's bridges, from the Sellwood to St. Johns Bridge, kicks off Saturday, Aug. 11. The mail-in registration deadline is Wednesday, Aug. 4. Visit providence.org/bridgedpedal or call 503-281-9198.

Score One for Safety

Saturday, Aug. 4, PGE Park, downtown, will host this family fun event filled with prizes, safety tips, special guest and baseball. The gates open at 5:30 p.m., first pitch at 7:05 p.m. Tickets available at ticketmaster.com. For group tickets call 503-553-5555.

Teen Swim Parties

Portland Parks is teaming up with Jammin 95.5 to bring the Teen Swim Parties to neighborhood pools throughout the city through Thursday, Aug. 9. For more information, visit portlandparks.org.

Haitian Project Garage Sale

Friday, Aug. 3, and Saturday, Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 5, from 9 a.m. to noon, the Madeleine Parish Hall, 3123 N.E. 24 Ave., will host a garage sale to support and educate the children in Port Au Prince, Haiti.

Summertime Rummage Sale

Saturday, Aug. 4, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth St., host a rummage sale to raise funds for the Freedom Socialist Party.

Say Hey, NW!

Thursday, Aug. 9, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Partners in Diversity host the networking meet and greet to welcome new professionals of color to the business community, event to be held at Two World Trade Center-plaza level, 121 S.W. Salmon St. Call 503-516-3505.

Creole Jambalaya Dinner

Saturday, Aug. 11, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Loaves & Fishes Center, 5325 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., will host a delicious authentic Creole Jambalaya Dinner. Meals are available for take out. Call David Lomax at 503-988-5211.

The Hubble Hubhub

Monday, Aug. 13, at 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., the MHCC Planetarium Sky Theater, explores the mysteries discovered by the Hubble Telescope. This is the last scheduled showing for the season. Admission is \$1.

Benson 1996 Reunion

Wednesday, Aug. 15, the Benson class of 1996 reunion will be at the Kennedy School McMenamins from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. For more information, call ReShawn Lewis at 971-219-7871.

Tax Help in Rockwood

VITA tax aide for low-income families will begin to assist clients at the Rockwood Community office, 18709 S.E. Stark. Clients are seen by appointment only. Appointments will be made on Wednesdays only from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., by calling 503-816-1530.

Neighborhood Farm Stand

Locally grown vegetables and bouquets of fresh flowers will be available to the public, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Sunday, at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, NE 20th and Killingsworth. The stand supports local refugees and immigrant farmers.

Relationship Transformation

Peace-Making, a local group based on non-violent communication and conscious awareness, hosts a seminar that includes information on how to have better relationships both personally and professionally. For more information, call 503-228-7256.

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 TriMet fare applies.

Raising the Wall at Humboldt Gardens



PHOTO BY SARAH BLOUNT/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The first wall at Humboldt Gardens is raised in a ceremony drawing Housing Authority of Portland commissioner Lee Moore (from left), James Faison of Faison Construction, former Iris Court resident Pete Luca and his son Anthony Denero, future Humboldt Gardens homebuyer Leslie Eisinga, HAP commissioner Jeff Bachrach, Portland City Commissioner Erik Sten, Bob Walsh of Walsh Construction and architect Michael Willis.

The Housing Authority of Portland gathered with the community last week to celebrate the construction of Humboldt Gardens, a five-acre, \$35 million residential project to replace Iris Court, a 60-year-old housing project in

the Humboldt neighborhood of north Portland.

Humboldt Gardens is patterned after New Columbia, a much bigger housing effort that marked Portland's first foray into federal grant money invested by

the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to revitalize aging and structurally unsound urban communities.

By August 2008, former residents of Iris Court and new renters and

homeowners will make the move to Humboldt Gardens, which by that time will be a tree-lined neighborhood with 130 apartment units, 21 owner-occupied homes, green spaces, commercial spaces and a community center.



Local high school and college graduate Shara Brazzle (right) shares her experience on the basketball court and as an ambassador with Campus Crusade for Christ with campers in Brazil.

Local Athlete in Crusade for Christ

Portland native Shara Brazzle was a member of the nine-player Athletes in Action Campus Crusade for Christ basketball team that competed in Brazil this summer.

Prior to their South American departure, the team underwent training camp in Xenia, Ohio on June 18 at the AIA's World Training and Resource Center to learn how to apply biblical principles to sports.

Once in Brazil the squad played games against Brazilian club teams and against the Brazilian under-20 women's national

team. Their record was 6-1, which included winning the championship of a Brazilian tournament.

The AIA group also helped run AIA Brazil Sports Camps, put on basketball clinics, and helped the AIA Brazilian staff prepare for the Pan-American Games in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Athletes in Action, the sports ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, regularly use the unique platform of sport to help people around the world with questions of faith.

While involved with the team Brazzle, a

graduate of Cascade College where she played on the women's basketball team, was able to use her love of basketball to share her Christian faith with opponents and fans alike.

"I loved visiting another country and doing two things that I enjoy: playing basketball and serving God," said Brazzle who also graduated from Jefferson High School in north Portland.

Athletes in Action has been sending men's and women's teams of this nature for almost three decades.

Food Bank Chili Warning

Donated cans
may be tainted

The Oregon Food Bank, which has distributed three Castleberry canned food products through its member network agencies, is asking anyone who received Morton House Chili (15 oz. cans) from an emergency food pantry or other hunger-relief program to return the product immediately to the same agency or program from which they received it.

Castleberry Food of Augusta, Ga., announced a nationwide recall last week of canned food products due to possible botulism contamination.

As a precautionary measure, Oregon Food Bank is also asking recipients to return Morton House Beef Stew (20 oz. can) and Castleberry Beef Stew (24 oz. can), which are not currently on the recall list but are being investigated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Food and Drug Administration.

"Food safety is always our top concern, and we work hard to ensure the safety of the food we distribute," said Rachel Bristol, CEO of Oregon Food Bank. "At this time, we have not heard any reports of illness due to these products in the area we serve—Oregon and southwest Washington. But we take this recall very seriously."

"We ask anyone who has received food from one of our member agencies to check their cupboards," Bristol emphasized. "If you have these products—Morton House Chili (15 oz.), Morton House Stew (20 oz.) or Castleberry Beef Stew (24 oz.) on your shelves, return the product immediately to the non-profit program or agency from which you received it."

Oregon Health officials are also urging consumers to check their cupboards for any of 90 different canned food items recalled in the wake of the

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