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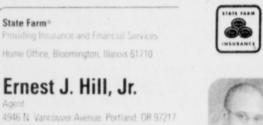


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Farmers Market Proves Popular

More than four thousand community members visited the Portland Farmers Market on its opening day May 3 in northeast Portland.

The market will open each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2p.m. through Sept. 27 at the King Neighborhood Facility on Northeast Seventh Avenue next to King School Park and south of Alberta Street.

dance was twice as many as expected for this time of year. In fact, there was a run on produce and the farmers ran out of product by noon.

To meet the needs of produce-loving north and northeast Portland neighbors, farmers in attendance were planning on doubling the amount they bring on future Sundays. In addition, Portland Farmers Market will be adding three or four more vegetable growers and additional fruit producers.

Commissioner Nick Fish was

"This will be the place where families buy their fresh produce for the week, where neighbors get to know each other, and where everyone can learn something new - maybe it's a new recipe, or a cultural tradition, or maybe an opportunity for civic engagement," Fish said.

The commissioner also thanked the many farmers and artisans.

"Food is what brings us together, around the dinner table, at the community potluck, during school lunch. We all must eat to live and nourish one an-



Big crowds fill opening day at the Portland Farmers Market at the King Neighborhood Facility next to King School Park. The Sunday market will be expanding as the growing season gets underway. Hours are each Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through Sept. 27

Bicycle Tips, Help at PSU Market

A bike booth featuring bike displays, bike inspections and biking experts will be in place each Saturday this month at the Portland Farmers Market at Portland State University, downtown.

Bicycle and market-goers will get the information and inspiration needed to tote their produce and artisan foods home on two wheels instead of four.

"Based on recent customer surveys, we estimate that about 60 percent of our regular shoppers drive to our Saturday PSU Market every week. We've organized this month-long initiative to inspire more shoppers to consider

biking to the market and elsewhere around town," says Anna Curtin, education and events manager of Portland Farmers Market.

The organization hopes to reduce traffic and congestion in the area as well as demonstrate how enjoyable and easy it is to choose an earth-friendly option to visit the market.

"Our shoppers believe in supporting farmers, buying local, and planting gardens," Curtin said, "Why not encourage them to make another considered choice by biking and using car-free transportation? We want to highlight for shoppers that convenience isn't confined to the automobile."

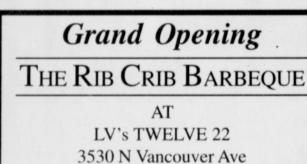


ENTERTAINMENT

Organizers said the atten-

on hand to ring the opening bell. He welcomed the site of a community- based farmers market in a historically underserved area of the city and one of Portland's oldest and most diverse neighborhoods.







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other. Let this be a place where we continue to nourish ourselves, our families and our community."

Smothers Brothers Live -- The legendary



Smothers Brothers will be performing their slapstick style of comedy at Chinook Winds Casino. Resort in Lincoln City on Friday, May

22 and Saturday, May 23 at 8 p.m. both nights. For tickets or more information, call 1-888-624-6228.

Teen Dance -- CHILD Inc, a local group

providing childcare and transitional support to local residents is having a teen dance at the Mississippi Ballroom on May 22 as a fundraising event and outreach opportunity for teens ages 13 to 18. For more information, contact Troy Tate at child.inc.pdx.@tmail.com.

Art Beat -- An extensive collection

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Tues. Reagge Night

8-12:30 Guest DJ's and Bands

Weds. Ladies Night- Twelve 22 All-Stars Band Guest DJ

Rehearsal 5:00-7:00 Live

Thurs. Jazz Band -- coming Soon-Happy Hour 6-9

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of visual art, dance, music, theater and literary events take place this week during Art Beat across all three main campuses of Portland Community College and the Southeast Center. Admission is free. For more information, visit artbeat.pcc.edu.

Live Jazz -- Every Friday and Saturday from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m., the Third Degrees

Lounge at the RiverPlace Hotel, 1510S.W. Harbor Way. No cover or minimum purchase. For more information, visit pdxjazz.com.

Portland's Dance Halls -- The history of Portland' dance halls, many built in the 1920s, is the subject of the art show "Once Upon a Time in Portland, We

Danced" at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center in north Portland.

Afro-Latin Night of Jazz -- International star Arturo O'Farrill and the Portland Jazz Orchestra host a night of Afro-Latin jazz, Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Crystal



Ballroom, 1332 W. Burnside. O'Farrill is a Grammy winner from New York City and son of the late composer and jazz trumpeter ChicoO'Farrill.

Get Intimate with Storm Large -- Storm Large brings here in-your-face sexuality, raw musical talent and breathtaking emotional honesty to Portland Center Stage in the autobiographical world premier musical Crazy Enough, now playing through June 28 in the Ellyn Bye Studio at the Armory, downtown.

