

Good in the Neighborhood

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gan in the early 1990s on the grounds of Holy Redeemer Catholic School. Several years ago it moved to King Park and the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods became the event's main sponsor.

When the festival first began, organizers wanted to highlight a community that was safe and one that embraced its ethnically diverse roots, but the mission as changed, according to veteran lead organizer Cheryl Roberts.

"Now we provide a chance for old residents to interact with newcomers who have new expectations. We bring them together, and we've done a really good job of that," Roberts said.

Another change is the economic

hard times. Roberts says that finding sponsors for last year's event was a major challenge, "and it was even harder this year," but somehow enough of them stepped to the plate. It has also given added emphasis to other missions of the festival.

"The Information Village gives people a chance to access the available resources, and with economic conditions the way they are, we need them more than ever," Roberts says. "The Ethnic Marketplace is a venue for local entrepreneurs. And during these times, it's good for people to be able to have some free entertainment."

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PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER
Portland's Kirk Green Band is part of the fun at Saturday's annual Juneteenth celebration



Celebrating John Winters

Do you know these guys? Highland boys basketball team, 1965. Join the celebration of John Winters at Beaches Restaurant, 1919 S.E. Columbia River Drive, Vancouver, Wash. The event takes place between 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

No Closures for Now

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have allowed (and sometimes forced) communities to negotiate their own trade-offs among advanced and support classes, arts and career exploration. We have pitted schools against each other for enrollment," she said.

In order to equalize the number of students at each comprehensive neighborhood high school, the redesign as first proposed, would have required the closure of Marshall High

School, in southeast Portland, and would significantly reduce the enrollment at Benson High School in northeast. The move drew emotional appeals from supporters of both schools at recent board meetings.

Earlier this month, a majority of board members, took a turn by expressing support for making Jefferson High School a specialized magnet school in order to cope with budget strains.

Backers of Jefferson had supported Smith's original plan since it

would have boosted enrollment and funding, while establishing an academic priority zone that would give it even more resources.

Jefferson community supporters drew a line in the sand over possible closure at a board meeting on June 16.

"It seems that when we play fair, this is the end product," said Tony Hopson, prominent alum of Jefferson who heads the public charter school Self Enhancement Inc., which serves low-income and minority students.

Hopson said that supporters of Jefferson were fighting for a school that had steadily lost investment by the district over decades.

He added that if the district planned to move forward with plans to close the school supporters would grow increasingly confrontational at school board meetings, jumping on desks, just like during protests end forced busing efforts in the 1980s- and he didn't care if they called the police.

On Monday, Smith specifically addressed Jefferson, calling it a "central dilemma in this process for a host of valid, compelling and conflicting reasons," and seemed to have heard the concerns expressed from Jefferson supporters.

"The question about what happens at Jefferson demands that we address our school district's long-standing failure to deliver on its promises at the Jefferson campus and to Portland's African-American community," said Smith. "It also means that we need to recognize the school's historical connection to the identity of that community and accept that we must move forward in a way that builds community trust and support."

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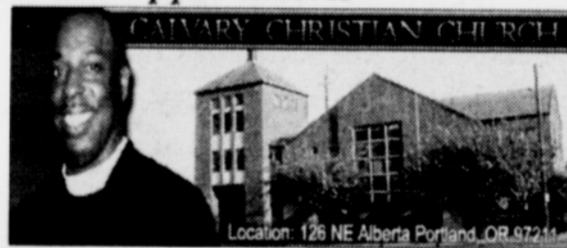
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