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Celebrating Heritage of Lone Fir

The Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, typically a solemn place, will be site of celebration on July 24.

The City of Portland is designating three trees in the 30-acre cemetery as Heritage Trees because of their historical significance. The event will be marked with two short films about the cemetery's history as well as live music, lasting from 6 to 10:30 p.m.

The three trees include the Douglas Fir, the General Joseph Lane, and a 100-foot incense cedar.

Buddhist masters from the Hui Lin Buddhist Temple in Los Angeles will perform a cleansing ceremony on section of the cemetery known as "block 14", which was the resting place for populations once considered less desirable in Oregon, including pioneer-era Chinese set-

tlers and mental health patients from a nearby asylum.

Featured performers will include Onnie Irby and the Emmanuel Temple Gospel Choir, and Portland musicians Leigh Marble and Matt Sheehy who will perform songs from the "Dearly Departed" compilation CD about residents buried at the cemetery.

When it gets dark, two short films



on the history of the cemetery will be shown.

Sponsors of the event include Metro, the City of Portland, Hui Lin

Temple, the Multnomah County Cultural Coalition, Ferguson Wellman Capital Management, and the Oregon Cultural Trust.



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