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Charge Station First of its Kind

PGE helps usher in new service for electric cars

Portland General Electric and NEC Corporation, a leading network, communications and information technology company, have opened North America's first public-use, quick-charge station for electric vehicles.

The station, located in the Two World Trade Center parking garage at 121 S.W. Salmon St., is specialized for recharging electric vehicles with lithium-ion batteries and requires only 20 to 30 minutes to recharge a battery to 80 percent of full strength.

PGE and NEC officially opened the quick-charge station Thursday with Gov. Ted Kulongoski, who charged up an all-electric Nissan LEAF. Portland and the state of Oregon have been designated as top-tier launch markets for the Nissan LEAF when it goes on sale in December.

"Quick-charging stations are an exciting advancement in our effort to bring electric vehicles to Oregon," said Gov. Kulongoski. "By making charging convenient and available for public use, we are telling car manufacturers that Oregon is ready for the next generation of electric vehicles — and we want our state to be a leader in introducing these cars to the rest of the country."



Gov. Ted Kulongoski plugs in the all-electric Nissan LEAF to a quick-charge station available for public-use at the Two World Trade Center parking garage at 121 S.W. Salmon St., downtown.

Volunteers to Spruce Up Area Schools

Portland Public Schools invites students, staff and families as well as community members and partners to participate in Project Community Care, a series of landscaping and groundskeeping events occurring at more than 50 schools

and other district buildings throughout August.

Most events will run from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 28. Afterward, everyone is invited to a free barbecue from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Clarendon-Portsmouth K-8 School,

5103 N. Willis Blvd. It will include live music, back-to-school information, community booths and registration for free health programs for those who qualify.

Tasks vary from school to school, but include painting,

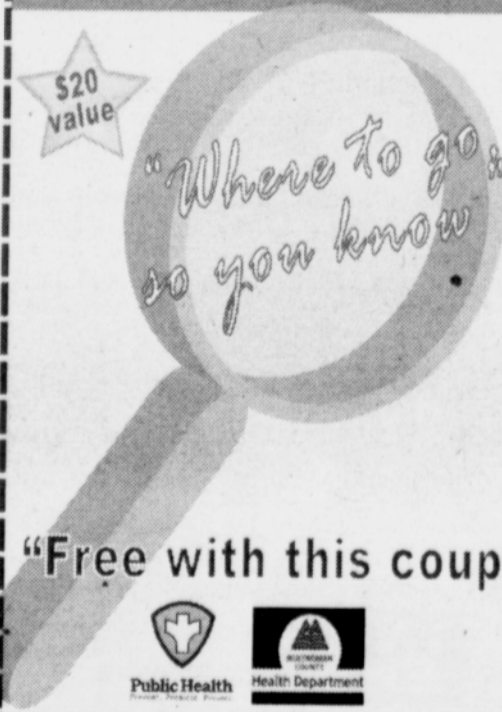
weeding, edging and laying bark chips. The work is vital to Portland Public Schools, which employs only two year-round groundskeepers to care for nearly 100 sites.

There is no pre-registration. Vol-

unteers should bring gloves, weeding tools, shovels or anything else that would help the effort (please be sure tools are labeled). Water and snacks will be provided.

For more information, call Andre Jackson at 503-916-3078.

Take Action. Get Tested!



Multnomah County Health Department's HIV Community Test Site offers confidential HIV testing with or without your name at these locations:

Downtown Community Test Site
Call 503.988.3775 for an appt.
Mon | Thurs | Fri
426 SW Stark St., 6th Floor,
Portland, 97204

Northeast Health Center
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5329 NE MLK Jr. Blvd, 2nd Floor,
Portland, 97211

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