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Pirates-themed Water Festival

What do pirates and groundwater have in common? This question is asked every year at Aquifer Adventure, a family festival that celebrates both pirates and groundwater protection and water conservation tips that can be implemented at home.

"Pirates are known for seeking hidden treasure and groundwater is a natural hidden treasure. We challenge kid pirates to discover the mysteries of groundwater through fun hands-on activities, such as making edible aquifers," said organizer Rebecca Geisen. "Besides, the staff and volunteers really enjoy saying things like 'avast' and 'shiver me timbers'."

Co-sponsored by the Portland Water Bureau and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Aquifer Adventure will be held on Saturday, Sept. 18, from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the water bureau facility at Northeast 166th Avenue and Airport Way.

Activities include a treasure hunt, live music, and hands-on activities for all ages. Free children's t-shirts will be available while supplies last as well as eye patches and other prizes.

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A pirates theme brings some fun to Aquifer Adventure, a family festival that focuses on groundwater and water conversation. The annual event returns Saturday to the Portland Water Bureau facility at Northeast 166th Avenue and Airport Way.

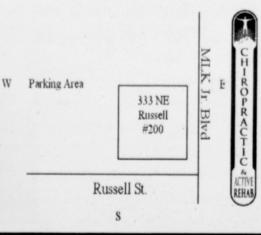
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"Portland's residents and enreaching its goal of signing up trepreneurs answer the call to 1,000 new green power cus- action when it comes to our and economy," said Portland Mayor As of Aug. 31, more than Sam Adams. "The success of 725 residential customers and the Green Power Challenge so 25 business customers had far shows just one more reasigned up for renewable en- son why we should be proud to

Carol Dillin, PGE's vice goal, set by Portland City Coun- president of customers and cil, is 1,000 customers by the economic development agreed. "It's great to see so many Port-The challenge, which offi- land residents and businesses cially began Aug 1, is the larg-signing up for renewable power est attempted nationally and and furthering their commit-