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## SUMMER FUN GUIDE



A team effort makes the Martin Luther King Jr. Loaves and Fishes Center Jambalaya Festival and Barbeque an annual success. This year's festival takes place on Saturday, Sept. 8 at Dawson Park.



## Jambalaya Festival a Sumptuous Feast

The Martin Luther King Jr. Loaves Jambalaya Festival and Barbeque land. and Fishes Center will host the sev- on Saturday, Sept. 8, from noon to 6 enth annual Summer in September p.m. at Dawson Park in north Port-

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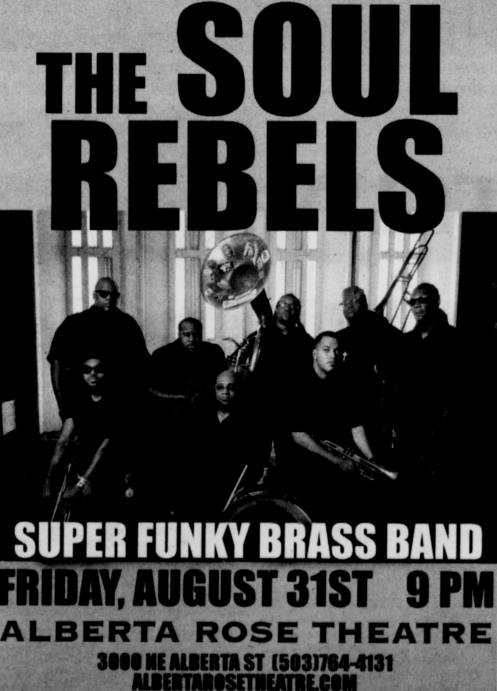
Live musical entertainment will be featured, as well as dance lessons by the Cascade Zydeco Club. Key Bank is the presenting sponsor. Additional sponsors include the Northeast Coalition of Neigh-

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The festival's culinary team is headed by Teletha Benjamin and Joan Smith who will be using a traditional Creole-style jambalaya recipe passed down from Teletha's southern Louisiana family. Proceeds from the event will provide hot meals to seniors served by the Martin Luther King Jr. Loaves and Fishes Center in Northeast Portland.

"The daily menu at the Martin Luther King Jr. Center has evolved to include a variety of soul food entrées," said center manager David Lomax. "The food has received such good reviews that we decided to make it available to the general public for one special night. We guarantee a sumptuous feast to delight the tastebuds!"

The menu includes authentic Creole-style jambalaya (a non-seafood version is available) or BBQ Ribs, along with bread, salad, beverage and dessert. Cost is \$15 for adults or \$45 for a family ticket for four. Tickets are available in advance at feedseniors.org, from the MLK center or at the event. Meals will also be available for take-out.