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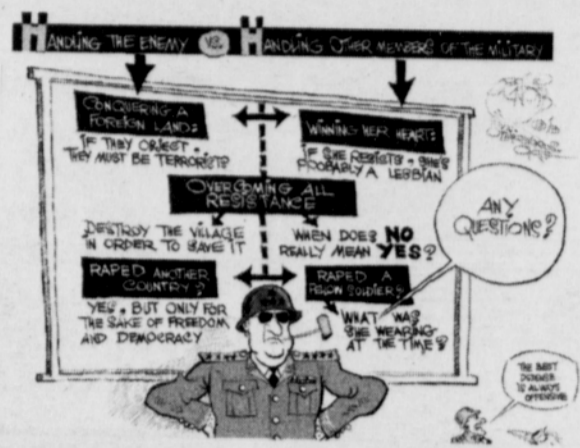
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LOCAL NEWS

Good in the Hood

Plans made for annual neighborhood party

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Summer is approaching and so is north and northeast Portland's annual seasonal rite of passage: Good in the Hood.

The 31st edition of this community festival will begin with a free kick-off concert on Thursday, June 20, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. June 20 at McMenemy's Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave. There will be live music, and profits from food and drink sales will go toward financing the festival.

Good in the Hood will cover three days, June 28-30, at Lillis Albina Park at North Flint Avenue at Russell Street, just north of the old Tubman Middle School property. There will be a free concert on Friday, June 28 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Things will get serious on Saturday, June 29, with a Good in the Hood parade of community leaders, organizations and businesses start at 11 a.m. at King School Park and proceed down Northeast Martin Luther King Jr., then west on Russell to the park.

The festival will continue with two concert stages at Lillis Albina from noon to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 29, and from noon to 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 30.

The entertainment includes such notables as Sheree Lewis, Tamara



Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester joins a group of favorite entertainers returning to the lineup for Good in the Hood. Planning is underway for the annual neighborhood celebration coming June 28-30 to Lillis Albina Park.

Stephens, the Boogie Brown Band and Norman Sylvester. Food vendors will offer a variety of dishes. A covered beer garden courtesy of McMenemy Brothers will let you enjoy the food, the music and your favorite beverage in comfort, regardless of the weather.

A Kids Zone will offer face painting, information and games. An Ethnic Market Place will contain items for sale by local residents, craftspeople and artists. An Information Village will have a variety of public and private agencies and organizations offering useful information about their services. All of

this is free.

Longtime Good in the Hood organizer Cheryl Roberts has stepped down from the volunteer organization, but a committee of newcomers has stepped forward to take her place. The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods remains a sponsor, and is providing office space.

Organizers need help, including donations from sponsors, and volunteer participation by other entertainers, vendors, and parade participants. Practitioners of natural hair get restrictions eased. Visit goodinthehood29@gmail.com or call 971-302-6380.

Last Thursday Safeguards Added

Kick-off event to include security and toilets

Last Thursday on Alberta Street kicks off the summer season May 30 with its monthly celebration of the arts bringing big crowds and street closures.

"Friends of Last Thursday," a volunteer neighborhood group, has come forward with new safeguards to curb complaints from neighbors over rowdy crowds, noise and

overflow parking.

In an agreement with Mayor Charlie Hales, the group has agreed to add 15 certified security guards, two port-a-potties every other block, and pledge that performers

obey the city's noise ordinance, with a prompt end to the festivities at 10 p.m.

For the 16th year, the Last Thursday Art Walk aims to draw attention to local artists and businesses congregated along a 15 block stretch of Northeast Alberta Street.

