

MLK Dream Run is Back

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entertainment from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m., teen and youth entertainment from 4 to 6 p.m., and activist-related speeches and activities in honor of Dr. King from 6 to 9 p.m.

There will be food, a beer garden, raffle prizes, and music. Admission is free and donations are accepted at the gate.

Runners are encouraged to wear red, white to Sunday's race on Aug. 2, which opens at 6 p.m.

on the same site, and has staggered start times from 7 a.m., 7:10 a.m., to 7:20 a.m. All runners will receive a bag full of discounts, goodies, and a complimentary grilled cheese sandwich from Dave's Killer Bread and Tillamook Cheese along with a Widmer Brothers beer and a free raffle ticket to win more prizes from local businesses.

To learn more about the weekend celebration or to register to participate in the walks and races, visit mlkdreamrun.org.

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Rents at the McCoy Village on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard are not going up to market rate, despite a shocking letter to residents that was sent out by mistake, according to Catholic Charities, the non-profit that owns the complex.

Low Income Rental Sticker Shock

Non-profit says notices were sent out by mistake

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A local non-profit is trying to make amends after an error caused nearly two-dozen residents to receive shocking rent-increase notices. Catholic Charities, which owns McCoy Village on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, says that error came from an employee of their rental management company who may have not been properly trained.

Residents were told through a form letter last week from Cascade Management that their rent would be increasing more than \$1,000 a month. For one renter, Alesha Steward, the shock was so upsetting she went to social media for help. There, she shared the letter indicating that her three-bedroom apartment would go from \$921 to \$1,926, far out of her range, starting Oct. 1.

"This increase will help meet rising costs to maintain our community," read the letter. Normally, rent

increases do not exceed 3 percent at income-restricted apartment complexes, officials said. More than doubling the rent would be "just about impossible," said Richard Birkel, executive director of Catholic Charities.

Birkel went on to explain that the error was especially grievous and that he hopes the community understands it was not the intention of Catholic Charities to frighten its residents.

"The whole purpose of affordable housing is to protect people from these kind of rent increases," Birkel said.

Steward, the mother who took the story to the news and social media, said she had heard of residents of another income-restricted Cascade Management property receiving similar notices.

I trust Catholic Charities, but I don't know about Cascade Management," she explained. "They made the mistake before, so why would they do it again?"

Catholic Charities says that they are investigating the issue and that they will be monitoring notices released to residents more closely from now on.



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Murder Case Needs Public's Help

Portland police are asking for the public's help to solve a homicide that occurred in southeast Portland on Sunday, July 12 around 3:24 p.m. That's when officers responded to sounds of gunshots at the Shalamar Apartments at 137th Avenue and Powell and found Anthony Quincey Jackson, 19, suffering from life-threatening gunshot wounds. He was taken to a Portland hospital and later died



Anthony Jackson

of his injuries.

The investigation has neither a suspect nor motive, and investigators are asking for anyone in the community with more information to come forward. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of \$1,000 for any tips that lead to an arrest in this case, or any unresolved felony, and tipsters can remain anonymous. To call in, dial 503-823-HELP.