

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Waterfront Blues Festival

While the clouds and rain may be here to stay for a few more months, it's never too early to be thinking about the 2011 Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival. Organizers announced this year's headlining acts, which include Buddy Guy, Maceo Parker, Robert Cray, Lucinda Williams, Chubby Carrier, Steve Riley, James Harman. The 2011 festival will return from July 1 to 4 to the (hopefully) sunny banks of the Willamette River at Tom McCall Park. Last year, more than 100,000 people attended the four-day festival. Now in its 24th year, there will be an estimated 120 acts on four stages, in addition to fireworks, river cruises, music workshops, dances and excellent food. The primary purpose of the festival is to raise money and collect food for the Oregon Food Bank. "The festival is proud to announce this year's world-renowned artists, including the strongest zydeco line-up ever," said Peter Dammann, festival talent coordinator. "Overall, this festival will be amazing." Rock and Roll Hall of Famer Buddy Guy – considered by many to be one of the greatest guitarists alive – will be performing on opening night, Friday, July 1, along with James Brown's former sax man and music director Maceo



Buddy Guy to headline Blues Festival

Parker. The July 2 line-up will include a range of zydeco Grammy Award-winners songwriter Lucinda Williams, Chubby Carrier & the Bayou Swamp Band and Grammy-nominated accordion player Steve Riley and the Mamou Playboys. Sunday, July 3 will see another Grammy Award-winner and Northwest native son Robert Cray, along with locals Curtis Salgado, Linda Hornbuckle and Karen Lovely. For more information, visit www.waterfrontbluesfest.com. **Somali Youth of Oregon** Somali Youth of Oregon will hold a launch party and fundraising event for our newly founded

organization, from 6:30 to 9:30 pm, March 12, at PSU's Multicultural Center. This night of celebration will feature keynote speakers, poetry, a short documentary, information about Somalia and—most importantly—a night of conversation about our community and common interests. After the events of November 2010, Somali youth gathered to unite and create a positive image of our community and offer support to our fellow young people. We discussed how Portland, Oregon is changing and how we, as Somali youth, can be agents of change, acting as a positive force. We want to alter the course of those 'changes' so that our beloved City will retain its core values as it evolves into a more diverse and colorful place. The result is Somali Youth of Oregon, a broad-based nonprofit organization that values strong community support, leadership, and empowerment for all. Somali Youth of Oregon's launch party and fundraising event has been organized to collect some funds to help us begin to fulfill our mission. We envision offering youth mentorship, sports tournaments, and educational activities in the near future. Every one of us is pillar and a foundational stone that makes up our community. We have sacred duty to hold each other up. The younger generations will learn through our example, and through this example we will

teach and lead them. Visit our Website at www.somaliyouths.org.

Fashion Support Kidney Health

The MIKE Program will hold a Fashion Show, Saturday, featuring local designer fashions, including clothes by Portland's own Kenneth Doswell. The show will take place Saturday, March 12 at the Ambridge Event Center, 1333 NE MLK Blvd. Portland. Proceeds will benefit the MIKE Program (Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program) Reserve your space now by calling 503-296-7705 or register online at www.mikeprogram.org.

Urban League of Portland

Join the Urban League of Portland and partners from the African American community across the state on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 for Our Voices United Legislative Action Day. The 2011 Oregon State Legislature is making policy and budget decisions that impact our lives and communities. We want to ensure decisions are made that promote access for African Americans to family wage jobs, greater educational achievement, health and wellness, stable homes and income, and culturally profi-

cient services. Let's speak with Our Voices United. We hope you will join us on Tuesday, April 19 for Our Voices United Legislative Action Day. It will be an opportunity to share the concerns and priorities of the African American community, meet with your state representatives and senators and make a strong presence in the Capitol.

Safe Sidewalks?

How safe do you feel walking, biking or driving the streets of Northeast Portland? A team of graduate students at the Portland State University Masters of Urban and Regional Planning Workshop wants to know. The Vision Zero project has identified the Boise, Humboldt and King neighborhoods for their relatively high number of pedestrian traffic fatalities dating back to 1995, and are conducting a survey to figure out possible solutions. The group will be holding Stakeholder Advisory Committee meetings for the public to attend from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on March 23 and April 20 at the OAME building, 4134 N. Vancouver Ave. in the Amelia Room. Printed copies are available at NECN (Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods) office at 4815 NE 7th Ave., OAME office and the Bicycle Transportation Alliance office at 233 NW 5th Ave.

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Thursday, March 10

PORTLAND PLAN FAIR! Come share your ideas about Portland's future: Booths, games, presentations, discussions and much more. 6:30 – 9 p.m. De La Salle North High Catholic High School, 7528 N. Fenwick Ave.

Friday March 11

INDIE CELLO ORCHESTRA: Portland Cello Project performs at Family Friday concert series, a free concert for families. 7:15 – 8:30 p.m. Community Music Center, 3350 SE Frances St.

Saturday March 12

THE EYES OF THE RAINBOW: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FILM! In this film Assata Shakur tells her story of being a leader in the Black Panther Party and in the Black Liberation Army. 7 p.m. A Latin American buffet with vegetarian option available at 6 p.m. for a \$7 donation. Door donation \$2. Bread & Roses 6834 NE Glisan. For more info call 503-240-4462.

Friday & Saturday March 11 & 12

21ST ANNUAL BUCKMAN ART SHOW & SELL: The Buckman Art show & Sell will feature more than 140 artists, designers and crafts persons. Friday 5 – 9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday admission is \$5 per person age 5 and older. Saturday \$2 suggested donation. 320 SE 16th Ave.

Sunday March 13

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DASH! More than just a race. There are many activities throughout the day. All proceeds of the dash will support The Detlef Schrempf Foundation. All day event at The Seattle Center 305 Harrison St.

Tuesday March 15

FREE SCREENING: A STORY OF SCHIZOPHRENIA: The one-hour documentary gives a moving first-person account of producer director Delaney

Ruston's relationship with her father. 6 p.m. OHSU Old Library Auditorium.

Wednesday March 16

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE PLANNED FOR GRANT FIELDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT: PPS and PP&R and friends of Grant athletics will hold an open house, that will allow the public to view the current designs for the Grant Fields Improvement Project. 5 – 7 p.m. Grant High School Foyer.

PUBLIC OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITIES IN SEATTLE: Join us for an evening discussion about the future of Seattle Parks and Recreation outdoor facilities. 7 – 8 p.m. Jefferson Community Center, Beacon Ave. S.

Friday March 18

WELLNESS TOUR KICK-OFF: The National Urban League and Walgreens are partnering with the Urban League of Portland to host the 2011 Wellness Tour. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square 701 SW 6th Ave.

Saturday March 19

TRIPLE GRIP ON YOUR MIND, BODY AND SOUL. Diabetes Awareness Day! Music, guest speakers, Walgreens vehicle and more. PCC Cascade Campus 705 N. Killingsworth St. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.