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Rose Fest Parade June 4

Starlight run, Fleet Week all add to festivities this month

It's that time of year again. Rose Festival season. The time of year when people from across the Portland metro region descend into downtown and pray that it doesn't rain.

So far for this weekend's big Starlight Parade, the news is looking upbeat with meteorologists predicting sunny skies across the region. This will hopefully make it a lot easier for people to bike, bus or take the train into the city center for the festivities.

The festival is running all week, with the CityFair open from June 2 to 5 in Tom McCall Waterfront Park. On June 4, the KeyBank Starlight Run will kick off at 8 p.m. at Lincoln High School (ontherun-events.com/starlight). Thirty minutes later, the PGE/SOLV Starlight Parade will begin in Downtown Portland. The route will snake from the Park Blocks at Burnside, east to 4th Avenue, south to Salmon, west to Broadway, north to Stark, west to 10th Avenue, and south to Taylor, where the parade will disband at Lincoln High School.

As always, you are encouraged not to drive into the City Center and expect a parking spot. With the good weather prediction, it should be much easier to bike, bus or take a train to enjoy the festivities. Buses and trains will continue to run through Fifth and Sixth avenues throughout the weekend and during the parade.

Next week, on June 8, the Fred Meyer Junior Parade will begin at 1 p.m. on 51st at Sandy Boulevard in the Hollywood District. The parade features 30 area marching bands, Grand Marshal Scooby Doo, the bumbling cartoon dog detective. The parade will end at 40th Avenue and Sandy.

After the parade, make it downtown for the first day of Fleet Week, which runs until June 12.

Fleet Week features U.S. Coast Guard and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, joined on June 9 by U.S. Navy and Canadian Maritime Forces ships. The ships – at the

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Seattle Library Appoints New Director

Marcellus Turner says he looks forward to returning to the Northwest

By Helen Silvis
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The Seattle Public Library board has named Marcellus Turner as its new City Librarian. Turner, who comes to the job from Jefferson County library system in Colorado, will manage a budget of \$50 million and 640 employees in 26 branches. Originally from Mississippi, Turner earned his master's degree from the University of Tennessee. He has 20 years of

experience in libraries including three years supervising the reference library in Tacoma. The Skanner News caught up with him this week in this phone interview.

The Skanner News: What are your thoughts about coming to Seattle?

Marcellus Turner: Professionally it is a wonderful opportunity to come and work for and with a group of staff and citizens and community who love libraries and the role that we play in the community. I

think the city is right for what libraries do and I'm just excited to be in that environment. Personally I am really excited to be returning to the Northwest. I lived and worked there from 1997 to 2000 I think and I just fell so in love with the Northwest. I don't mind the rain at least I didn't in the three years I lived there. It's a wonderful city and I'm fortunate to be part of such a successful library program.

The Skanner News: Have you plans for what you want to do.

One of the first things I want to do is get out and meet with the staff and visit the libraries. Being in the library field I've heard about the libraries but I've not visited all of them, so that will be one of the first things that I want to do. I also want to get to know the staff and get to know what they are interested in and what they are trying to do. Third, I'd like to understand the culture in Seattle. Every library system has its own culture which is a combination of how

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WWII Vet Recalls Fight in South Pacific

Russell Jones, 90, endured abuse, but still loved his military career

By Brian Stimson
Of The Skanner News

At 90, Russell Jones is a portrait of health. The World War II vet is spry and could outwalk most 80-year-olds in his downtown Vancouver apartment building.

While he's been retired for some time now, Jones spent a considerable amount of

time serving in the U.S. Army.

Enlisting in the months prior to the outbreak of the United States' involvement in World War II, Jones said his time in the military shaped his life.

Despite mistreatment from southern White officers, having ammunition confiscated before battle and watching tons of food go to waste as Black soldiers were told their rations sank at sea, Jones says he stuck

with the military.

Now living in downtown Vancouver, Wa. near his daughter Sandy, the veteran decided to tell at least part of his story to The Skanner News.

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