

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Ride Connection Serving Veterans

Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services Division recently teamed up with Ride Connection to address the unique transportation needs of veterans living in Multnomah County. The two organizations are actively seeking volunteer drivers who are veterans with a desire to serve their community and fellow veterans.

This volunteer transportation program will help buffer the loss of independence by providing no-charge, personalized transportation to veterans who can no longer drive or use public transportation. The trips taken through the program may include visits to the doctor or dentist or for other personal needs such as grocery shopping.

Please support this effort by spreading the word about the opportunity to drive as a volunteer to help your fellow veterans in Multnomah County. Volunteer drivers could choose to use their own car or a Ride Connection vehicle to transport veterans to and from essential appointments.

In some cases, the only way our riders get out of their home is with the assistance of dedicated volunteer drivers. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering, please call 503.528.1738 and identify yourself as wanting to become a veteran volunteer driver.

Evergreen Habitat for Humanity Opens Applications Process

Public homeowner orientations are the first step in the partner-family selection process that Evergreen Habitat for Humanity undertakes on a yearly basis. The orientations will be offered this June and July at three venues in Vancouver. A homeownership orientation must be attended in order to receive an application for homeownership through the Habitat program.

The first homeownership orientation will be held on Thursday, June 16, at the Clark County Habitat for Humanity Store at 5000 E. Fourth Plain Blvd. in Vancouver at 6 p.m. The second orientation will be held on Thursday July 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Vancouver Housing Authority, at 2500 Main Street in Vancouver, in the Community Room. The final orientation will be held on Saturday, July 16, in the Community Room of the YWCA at 3609 Main Street in Vancouver at 1 p.m.

"We hold orientations to get potential homeowners familiar with the requirements of the program, to answer their questions and make sure that Habitat's program is the right fit," said Josh Townsley, executive director of Evergreen Habitat for Humanity.

The Habitat for Humanity homeownership program is aimed at offer-

ing families and individuals with incomes falling between 30 and 50 percent of the median income the opportunity to obtain a home with an affordable monthly mortgage payment at zero to one percent interest. A family of four with an annual income of between \$20,300 and \$34,000 would qualify based on income.

The homeowner orientations will include an informational PowerPoint presentation detailing the program and applicant qualifications. Time to address questions about the Habitat program will follow.

For more information call Melissa Edwards at 360-737-1759 or email melissa@ehfh.org.

Cully Green Street Event with Mayor Adams is Friday

Mayor Sam Adams presides over an opening celebration for the Cully Boulevard green street project on Friday, June 10, at 12:15 p.m., place in the Grace Presbyterian Church parking lot at 6025 NE Cully Boulevard. Parking will be available there and at the Albertsons across the street.

The Cully Boulevard green street project rebuilt NE Cully to add sidewalks, planting strips, cycletracks and stormwater management capabilities to a new roadway. Streetlights, a new traffic signal, street trees and crosswalks were also added.

Meow Madness



Good news, in honor of the fact that June is Adopt-a-Cat month, The Oregon Humane Society extended Meow Madness — adoption fees for all adult cats (1 year old and older) are lowered to just \$25 the entire month of June. For more information go to www.oregonhumane.org or call 503-285-7722.

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Thursday June 9

OREGON PAY NOW OR PAY MORE LATER: Better People invites you to attend our semi-annual education forum: 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. (BYOB brown bag lunch – water and soda provided). Irvington Covenant Church, 4046 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd. Open to the public and no cost.

Friday June 10

CULLY BLVD. GREEN STREET EVENT WITH MAYOR SAM ADAMS! The project rebuilt Cully Blvd. and added sidewalks, planting strips and more. The event will begin at 12:15 p.m. and will take place at Grace Presbyterian Church parking lot, 6025 NE Cully Blvd.

2ND ANNUAL CARNIVAL AND SILENT AUCTION! Calling on the community to support the Humboldt Elementary Carnival and Silent Auction. 5:30 p.m. Humboldt Elementary School.

Saturday June 11

GET OUTDOORS AT THE WATER RESOURCE CENTER IN VANCOUVER: Families are invited to this free event at this year's annual National Get Outdoors Day! Join Smokey Bear, Woodsy Owl and Ranger Rick for this fun filled day. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA For more info call 360-484-7111.

KING NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE DAY! 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Individual sales subject to various hours. For more info, contact info@kingneighborhood.org

Sunday June 12

ART BIKE PARADE FEATURES WILD FREAK BIKES & CLUBS! The largest Art Bike Parade in the country is coming to Mississippi Ave. Small and large groups are welcome to enter and there is no admission fee. The Art Bike Parade begins at 2:30 p.m.

Tuesday June 14

PLEASE JOIN SNJM & FWW TO: STOP NESTLE IN THE GORGE! Food and Water Watch is proud to partner with The Sisters of the Holy Names to protect one of our most sacred common resources: Water in Oregon. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. St Andrews Community Center. N.E. 8th and Alberta.

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