

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

New Columbia's Village Market Opens

Grand opening of Village Market at the New Columbia Neighborhood will take place at noon on June 25 at 4632 N. Trenton St. in Portland.

Village Market, part of Janus Youth Programs' Village Gardens, was created by North Portland residents to provide walkable, local access to a full-service grocery store as well as creating new employment opportunities for residents. Join us for an opportunity to talk with government/city officials, Janus Youth Program members and community residents about this unique project.

Freedom School This Weekend

The Northeast Coalition Of Neighborhoods will host the Jacqueline Lunch Holmes Summer Freedom School for Youth Undoing Institutionalized Racism from June 23 to 24 with a cultural field trip on the 25th.

The workshops, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., will take place at 4815 NE 7th Ave. next to King Elementary.

This event is free and made possible by the City Of Portland Youth Action Grant Program and American Friends Service Committee Portland. Bus tickets and meals are provided.

Please share this event and remem-

ber to RSVP, space is limited. Contact: Mireaya Medina mmedina@afsc.org or call 503-933-1048.

Freedom Schools were temporary, alternative free schools for African Americans mostly in the South. They were originally part of a nationwide effort during the Civil Rights Movement to organize African Americans to achieve social, political and economic equality in the United States. The most prominent example of Freedom Schools was in Mississippi in August 1964.

Sunday Parkways returns to North Portland

Sunday Parkways is coming to North Portland from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 26. The event transforms a loop of Portland streets into a community event free of motorized vehicles where people may walk, bicycle, run, roll and get to know their neighbors.

This week's Sunday Parkways route connects Arbor Lodge, Peninsula, Kenton and McCoy parks, where activities, food, music and vendors are available. In addition, Mayor Sam Adams and Rep. Tina Kotek will be hosting a coffee meet and greet at Kenton Park from 11 a.m. to noon.

Motorized vehicles will be allowed to pass through the route at designated crossings and allowed on the route for resident access only. The event is

free-of-charge.

The eight-mile North Portland Sunday Parkways route will have two loops, connecting Peninsula, Arbor Lodge, Kenton, and McCoy parks, plus the Willamette Bluff. Food, music and activities are located in the parks and along the route. Please see the attached map for details.

Guided Tour of Pollinator Plantings

Pollinators are essential to our environment. Pollinating bees, butterflies and birds are critical for the reproduction of nearly 70% of the nation's flowering plants, including over two-thirds of the world's crops.

Join local plant and insect experts to learn about the concepts of pollinator plantings, what to plant for specific species and how to group them together in hedgerows for greater impact. A guided tour will cover urban (Montgomery Park) and rural plantings (Sauvie Island) from 2 to 5 p.m. on June 24.

Transportation will be provided but seats are limited so those interested are urged to register by checking "Events" at www.wmswcd.org and filling out the online form. For more information about the tour, call Mary Logalbo at WMSWCD; 503-238-4775, ext. 103 or mary@wmswcd.org.

30 Kittens a Day!



The Oregon Humane Society today received 26 kittens from an overwhelmed household. Most of the kittens are only four weeks old. "This is the case of a family that lacked the funds to care for the kittens," said OHS Humane Investigator Wendy Reimer. Most of the kittens will not be available for at least one month. For more information on adopting kittens, and a gallery of available pets, go to www.ohs.org.

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Thursday June 23

PEDALPALOOZA 2011! Pedal through Time: 2011 Pedalpalooza bike festival will take place from 6 – 7 p.m. Meet at the Eastbank Esplanade Parking lot under the Hawthorne bridge.

Friday June 24

GOOD NEIGHBOR NIGHT! With live music by N' Touch. Special performances by Abduel Hall and Saeeda Wright. 6 – 9:30 p.m. at King School Park.

FREE POLLINATOR GUIDED TOUR: Join local plant and insect experts to learn about the concepts of pollinator plantings. 2 – 5 p.m. Begin at Montgomery Park, 2701 NW Vaughn St.

Friday & Saturday June 24 & 25

NOFEST 2011: Interarts presents NOFEST 2011 in St. Johns. Music, dance, early bird kidz fest and much more. For times and more events go to www.nofest.net

Saturday June 25

GOOD IN THE HOOD PARADE: Parade starts at 11

a.m. at Dawson Park.

Sunday June 26

FREE MOVIES AT THE PARK! 'Despicable Me,' pre-movie activities begin at 6:30, movie begins at dark. Peninsula Park.

Saturday and Sunday June 25 & 26

GOOD IN THE HOOD FESTIVAL! Ethnic food, marketplace, kidspace, 3-point basketball shoot-off and much more. Both days hours are Noon to 9:30 p.m.

Monday June 27

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET AT THE SQUARE! The market will operate every Monday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the square through Sept. 26. (except for holidays July 4 and September 5)

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