

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Natural Gardening Workshop: Call Now to Register

Ready to take your veggie gardening to the next level? Learn how to plan for year-round harvests with careful crop choices, vertical gardening and techniques to stretch the growing season. Plus, explore the principles of nontoxic weed and pest management to boost your harvests and reduce the amount of time and money needed for a healthy, productive garden. Led by garden expert Jen Aron, at Metro's Natural Techniques Garden, 6800 SE 57th Ave. Portland, 10 am to 11:30 am St. June 25, this free event includes complimentary coupons and publications. Advance registration required. Call 503-234-3000.

### Statewide DUI Patrols June 24 Through July 4

Traffic deaths that involve a drunk and/or drugged driver are highest during the summer months in Washington. From 2005 through 2009, more than 20 percent of all impaired driver-involved traffic deaths occurred during June and July. That is why extra DUI patrols will take place throughout Clark County from June 24 through the 4th of July Holiday. In Clark County, DUI Patrols will be increased through a grant funded by the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC) and supported by the Clark County Target Zero Traffic Safety Task Force. Law enforcement officers statewide advise everyone to choose their ride carefully. Plan ahead – designate a sober driver, take a taxi because if you drive impaired, your ride may well

be a police car taking you directly to jail.

### Free Heart Disease Symposium in Salem

The public is invited to learn about their risk for heart disease – and what to do about it – this Saturday at a free symposium: “My Heart, My Life: Heart-Healthy Living.” The event is June 25 at Willamette University’s Truman Wesley Collins Legal Center, 245 Winter St. SE, Salem. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to Noon. The rest of the series includes: Aug. 13, “We speak baby: Healthy pregnancy and parenting,” PCC Willow Creek, Beaverton; and Oct. 29 – “Living successfully with diabetes,” Clark College, Vancouver. All will include free screenings, clinical consultations, educational resources, and updates on the

latest in medical research. To RSVP, go to [www.KPHealthSymposium.org](http://www.KPHealthSymposium.org).

### Disaster Zone Book Drive: Joplin Schools

Scores of educators from across Washington State are collecting thousands of books to ship to schools devastated by recent tornadoes in Joplin, Mo. Coordinated by the Washington Education Association (WEA), this is the second year in a row that Washington educators have donated books to schools in a disaster-designated region. Now the goal is to ship 15,000 books to Joplin, where the high school will have classes in a local shopping mall next year. They're accepting books for ages 5 - 18 years. Members of the public interested in assisting with this book drive can contact David Phelps at WEA, 253-765-7040.

### Big Chess! - All Ages



Come play “Big Chess” at Director Park downtown Portland with 25 inch pieces on the parks 16 x 16 foot built in chess board. All ages & abilities welcome for a super sized drop-in experience.

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## PORTLAND JUNE - JULY 2011

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at [info@theskanner.com](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

Thursday June 30

**PORTLAND JOB FAIR** Anyone looking for work in Portland is encouraged to attend this free event. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Red Lion Hotel on the River, 909 N. Hayden Island Dr.

Friday thru Monday July 1 – 4

**THE 24TH ANNUAL SAFEWAY WATERFRONT BLUES FESTIVAL!** Watch fireworks, learn to play a harmonica or blues piano, hear the best talent or

dance and clap to the music. Entry is a suggested donation of \$10 per person and two cans of food. This is an all weekend event. For times of events please go to [www.waterfrontbluesfest.com](http://www.waterfrontbluesfest.com)

Saturday July 2

**FREE PANCAKE BREAKFAST AND MURAL PAINTING KICKOFF!** Join the street party! City of Abundance mural at IGA Grocery Store in the Rose Village Plaza in Vancouver. 9 – 11 a.m. 2109 St. Johns Blvd. in Vancouver, WA

Monday July 4

**INDEPENDENCE DAY AT FORT VANCOUVER:** There is always something for everyone at this once a year event. Come early and get your spot for the best fireworks display. Gates open at 8 a.m. Fort Vancouver National Site, Vancouver, WA

**14TH ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE!** Fun for all ages: Pre-parade activities start at 10 a.m. Parade starts at 11:30 a.m. at East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave.

Tuesday July 5

**PORTLAND BY CYCLE RIDE!** Sweet summer cycle: Everyone's favorite ride – visit sweet shops, have a treat on your bike. Helmets required. Water and lights recommended. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Unthank Park, N. Failing St. at Commercial St. in Portland.

Friday July 8

**2011 ICE CREAM CHURN-A-MENT:** Free ice cream. Local chefs will compete to see who will be the first to freeze their ice cream using old fashioned ice cream churns. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Saturday July 9

**MISSISSIPPI STREET FAIR CELEBRATES THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY.** Free music all day! The festival spans from N. Mississippi Ave. from Fremont to Skidmore and is now Portland's largest street fair. For times go to [www.mississippiave.com](http://www.mississippiave.com)

**FOURTH PLAIN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL!** Food, live music, dancing and a whole lot of fun. There is something for everyone. 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. at Warrior Field 4th Plain & Norris, 2000 Norris Rd.

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