

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Delta Community Center Opens With August Reception

The June Key Delta Community Center is celebrating its opening in North Portland with a reception on Wednesday Aug. 10 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. It will feature light refreshments, children's activities, music and a chance to tour the center's eco-features and products.

The center is owned and operated by the Portland Alumnae Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and Piedmont Rose Connection, Inc.

The Delta Community Center is the first African-American-owned commercial building in the United States to pursue the Living Building Challenge (a building standard that goes beyond LEED certification in its pursuit of eco-friendliness) and has the potential to be the first commercial Living Building in Oregon. This project serves as an example of how a wide range of diverse stakeholders can work together to develop and achieve a "greener" future for the communities most affected by these environmental and health disparities statistics.

The Portland region is known around the nation for being ahead of the curve in sustainable, environmentally friendly development. But those developments have not always provided opportunities for the communities in most need of empowerment and most affected by climate change.

The Delta Community Center, located at 5940 N. Albina St. in Portland, will include a number of sustainable development features upon completion. Solar and geo-thermal energy sources on site means the building will achieve net-zero energy consumption. Storm water will be stored, processed to potable standards and used on site. Only nontoxic, sensitively sources recycled materials will be used in the structure. And a portion of the property has been transformed into a community garden.

Prison-Mural Documentary Premieres at OAME

"Concrete, Steel and Paint," a documentary film about a prison mural project, is making its Portland premiere Wednesday, July 27 at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs headquarters (4134 N. Vancouver Ave. in Portland).

The movie explores a program undertaken in the Pennsylvania prison system where prisoners joined together with victims of crime to paint a mural about healing. Tony Heriza, the film's producer, and Jane Golden, executive director of the Philadelphia Mural Arts Program, will both be on hand at the July 27 screening to answer questions and share their thoughts on mass incarceration and the growing number of youth and minorities among America's prison population.

Other speakers at the event include

Clariner Boston, executive director of the nonprofit Better People; David Rogers, executive director of the Partnership for Safety and Justice (PSJ); Harold Briggs, Ph.D, a Portland State University professor and author; and Tawna Sanchez, director of family services at the Native American Youth and Family Association.

The free event is co-hosted by the Portland city government's Office of Human Relations and the Partnership for Safety and Justice.

Clark County Seeks Community Input for Growth Management Plan

Officials from Washington's Clark County are seeking feedback on health issues from community members. Residents can share their ideas by taking a 10-minute online survey through the Clark County Web site.

Results will be incorporated in Clark County's 20-Year Growth management Plan, which, for the first time, is being specifically designed to promote and protect health. The Vancouver NAACP is encouraging its members to take part in the survey. "It's important that communities are designed in ways that promote health," says Dolly England, the group's vice president. "For example, communities where residents have easy access to healthy food, nearby

parks where they can get exercise, safe neighborhoods with sidewalks, and nearby jobs that reduce the need for long car commutes."

For more information, contact Jonnie Hyde at (360) 397-8122 or visit <http://www.clark.wa.gov/public-health/living/growinghealthier.html>.

Third SummerWorks Campaign Offers Job Experience to 100 Young People

SummerWorks, a public-private partnership that offers local youth with barriers to employment an opportunity to gain meaningful work experience, got its 2011 program underway on Monday, July 11, welcoming more than 100 youth to the program through a seminar at the Portland Building Auditorium.

This is the third year the city of Portland has invested in SummerWorks, which is managed by Worksystems, Inc., a nonprofit organization whose mission is to coordinate a regional workforce system that supports individual prosperity and business competitiveness. Through its network of youth providers, Worksystems provides all youth in the program with work-readiness training prior to being placed in a position and ongoing support from a job coach while they are working. Demand for the program far exceeds the number of available positions.

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Thursday July 14

SUNDOWN AT ECOTRUST! Join us at the National Capital Center, a hub for ideas and urban community for a unique series of outdoor concerts. Free for all to enjoy. 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. EcoTrust Building, 720 NW ninth Ave.

Friday - Sunday July 15 - 17

SAND IN THE CITY: The greatest beach party in the country is coming to Portland's living room. Fun for all ages with majestic sand sculptures, interactive youth exhibits and much more. \$3.00 per person before 6:30 p.m., \$5.00 per person after 6:30

p.m. \$10.00 per family at all times. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

62ND ANNUAL SALEM ART FAIR & FESTIVAL: Ranked 20th in the nation, the Salem Art Fair & Festival offers something for everyone. Friday and Saturday hours are 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. admission to get in. Bush Pasture Park, 600 Mission St SE, Salem

Sunday July 17

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY LIBRARY GRAND OPENING: Grand opening of the new library. Speakers and ribbon cutting from 1 p.m. - 1:35 p.m. Library opens for self guided tours and regular usage at 1:45 p.m. to 6 p.m. The new location is at 901 C. St. in Vancouver.

Friday July 22

FLICKS ON THE BRICKS RETURNS TO THE SQUARE! Pioneer Courthouse Square will kick-off this year's FREE five-week outdoor movie series. Top Gun will kick-off the start of this season. Each event starts at 7 p.m. with live entertainment followed by the movie at dusk. Bring blankets, pillows, cushions or low back beach chairs. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Saturday July 23

19TH ANNUAL DIVISION/CLINTON STREET FAIR/STREET DANCE! All are invited to join in the community parade starting at 10:45 a.m. from 50th and Division and traveling to SE 27th and Clinton St. Among other highlights will be music, entertainment, sidewalk sales and much more SE Division St, SE 12th to 60th and Clinton St. to SE 20th to 27th.

PRAYER - SONG- SHARING- REFLECTION: Identifying and celebrating the continuing ministries we share as women in the tradition of Mary Magdalene, the first woman called by Christ to serve the community. 5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. sign in hospitality. 5:30 to 7 p.m. Mary of Magdala event at St. Philip Neri, Calvin Hall, 2408 SE 16th Ave.

FIRE IN THE PARK! A day of fun with a firefighter challenge, chili cook-off, live music, kids fun zone, fire trucks on display and much more. FREE to all and fun for the whole family. Esther Short Park, 301 W. Eighth St. Vancouver, WA

Sunday July 24

CONNIE BIEBERAH & ARMONIA LATINA CONCERT! Don't miss the free Sunday McCoy Park Concert! All concerts start at 6 p.m. This is a fun time for the whole family to enjoy. McCoy Park is located at N. Fiske between Trenton and Fessenden.