

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Support the African American Health Walk

The African American Health Coalition will hold its annual 9th Annual Health Walk this Saturday, Aug. 20, starting from Dawson Park at the corner of N. Vancouver and N. Stanton at 8:30 am. Grand Marshall this year is Baruti Artheree.

A fundraiser for the coalition, which works to improve the health of Portland's African American community, the walk brings people together to celebrate, raise awareness of health disparities, and support the coalition's physical activity program. The entire family is invited to turn out for free food, music, dancing, massage, and fun. The cost to register which includes your t-shirt is \$20.00 per person or \$150 for each team of 10.

<http://www.aahc-portland.org/Event.aspx?recordID=14>

Gospel Street Party

A Gospel street party Saturday August 20, will honor several bishops, ministers, pastors and elders, who have made important contributions to Portland. Live music, a DJ and food vendors will make the celebration a day to remember.

Organized by Ms. Deetta Parker, the party will run from 1 to 8 pm, Saturday Aug. 20 in the 5900 block of Northeast 13th Avenue between Ainsworth and Jarrett. Ms. Mary Alice Parker, 90, is one of the guests of honor. Two bands already are scheduled to play: the Lloyd Allen band and The Lite, along with the Ronnie Wright singers, and Barbra Jean MacFarlane.

Ms. Parker says she wants to recognize the service and dedication of ministers past and present, during the afternoon. Some are no longer alive; others are still serving the community, and some will be at the celebration. Among the ministers she plans to recognize are:

Bishop Charles Mason, founder of the Church of God in Christ; Bishop W.G. McKinney; Bishop Wright

Bishop W.G. Hardy Sr.; Bishop Moray Irving; Bishop Marcus Pollard; and Bishop J.C. Foster; Matt Dishman Sr.; Bishop Clifton Wells Sr.; Bishop Clifton Wells II; Elder Brewer; Bishop A. A. Wells; Pastor J.W. Friday; Pastor Clay; Pastor Freddie Woods; Bishop Mary Overstreet Smith; Pastor Jimmy Hill;

Ms. Parker said she wanted people to remember that these ministers created networks of support, some nationally and others in the Portland community. For example, she said. Bishop A. A. Wells supported alcohol and drug rehabilitation efforts during his tenure.

"I don't know how long they all served, but I do know that Bishop Hardy served over 50 years, Bishop Irving served 21 years and Bishop Marcus Pollard served 15 years."

Jefferson High School's Booster Club Needs YOU

Jefferson High School's Booster Club will meet for the first time at 7 pm Thursday, August 18, 2011, in the CommUnity Room south of the football stadium on the ground

floor near Commercial Avenue.

Athletic Director Mitch Whitehurst said the club needs team captains and players to lead support for student athletes and 'the NEW Jefferson.'

"We're calling upon Jeff alums and fans with time, energy, and commitment to help launch this important community effort. We're looking for people with vision to serve as officers and workers to go the distance for the Athletic Department," he said. Principal Margaret Calvert, will be on hand to explain how the changes at Jefferson.

Volunteers are needed for: fund raising, recruiting volunteers to work at games, supporting student athletes, and to design and maintain a web site to promote games, team spirit, and events.

North By Northeast Health Center Celebrates Five Years

North by Northeast Community Health Center is celebrating five years of providing health services to uninsured neighborhood residents. The celebration will run from 2 to 4 pm August 20, in the Garlington Center's parking lot, 3030 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Opened in August 2006 through a partnership between a local pastor Mary Overstreet Smith and a doctor, Jill Ginsberg, the clinic is privately funded. More than 5000 North and inner NE Portlanders have received medical visits and life-saving medication for conditions like diabetes and high blood pressure.

Health center patient George Allen said

the clinic has been important to him: "I've been working my whole life but all of a sudden there are no jobs for a man over 60. My sugar went real high after I lost my insurance and I didn't even know it. Since I've been going to North by Northeast my sugar and my pressure are both back down. The volunteers and staff are a blessing. They'll wait on you with open arms."

Tear Up Pavement to Make Way for Garden

Join Portland Community Gardens and the nonprofit Depave to help create Portland's next community garden at Frazer Park, on Northeast 52nd Avenue at Hassalo Street.

Community volunteers will transform Frazer park by removing 10,000 square feet of asphalt to make way for a huge new community garden.

What: Asphalt removal for new community garden

When: Saturday, August 20, 2011

Volunteer registration begins at 8:45 am for 9 am start.

Where: Frazer Park - NE 52nd Avenue & Hassalo Street

Depave will provide volunteers with all the necessary tools, safety gear, and water. Snacks and lunch will be provided as well. Volunteers should wear long pants and closed-toe shoes.

Sign up for a garden plot at <http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?c=39846>

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Thursday August 18

GET A TASTE OF ST. IGNATIUS SCHOOL SUMMER BBQ! Attend a BBQ to learn about our complete K-8 education academics, small class sizes, arts & PE and much more. 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. 3330 SE 43rd Ave.

Saturday August 20

WOMEN'S RIGHTS DAY FORUM: THE FIGHT TO SAVE PUBLIC EDUCATION. Eyewitness reports from National Save Our Schools Conference and March. 7 p.m. Dinner with Vegetarian option available at 6 p.m. Door donations \$2.00, Dinner donation \$8.00 Bread and Roses, 6834 NE

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THE SECOND ANNUAL LEBANON ALOHA FESTIVAL! Free admission and free parking. You will experience The Polynesian Village with demonstrations, Hula and Tahitian dancing lessons, Hawaiian items and food. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Luau begins at 5 p.m. Cheadle Lake Park, Weirich Drive off HWY 20 in Lebanon, OR

Sunday August 21

REVAMPED FESTIVAL CELEBRATE NEW PIONEERS OF LENTS: Leaders in one of Portland's most diverse neighborhoods have re-imagined a decades-old festival into a celebration of the areas cultural diversity. The events start at 3:30 p.m. with a parade through Lents; food and music at Lents Park starts at 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday August 24

PORTLAND CAREER FAIR: Meet companies hiring in your area. Bring your resumes and be ready for an interview. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Hilton Hotel Portland 921 SW Sixth Ave.

Thursday - Saturday August 25 - 27

20TH ANNUAL FESTA ITALIANA PORTLAND: On Thursday night local opera musicians perform. Several local Italian restaurants offer food. Nonstop entertainment and dancing. Thursday

11 a.m. - 11 p.m. In from of Pioneer Courthouse on SW 6th Ave between Yamhill & Morrison

Friday - Sunday August 26 - 28

VANCOUVER WINE AND JAZZ FESTIVAL: Recognized as the #1 cultural event in the City of Vancouver and SW Washington. All weekend event. Esther Short Park, 6th & Columbia downtown Vancouver.

Saturday August 27

SE UPLIFT HOSTS FIRST ANNUAL SUMMER BLOCK PARTY: Join us for a night of great music, tasty food, delicious wine and the kids corner will be hosted by The Portland Mennonite Church. 4 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. 3534 SE Main St. Portland

ANNUAL COMMUNITY FAIR: Uniting the youth today to create a better tomorrow! Spokenword, dance, theatre, music, free food: This is a free for all ages community networking celebration. Kenton Park Noon - 4 p.m.

Sunday August 28

THE LABOR AND LGBT MOVEMENTS ONE WORLD, ONE FIGHT: Basic Rights Oregon Labor Team hosts a speaker and movie showing: Emphasizes the need for solidarity between the labor and the LGBT movements. 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Q Center, 4115 N. Mississippi Ave.