

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Do You Qualify for Internet at \$9.95 a month?

If you have a child who qualifies for the schools' free lunch program, Comcast will enroll you in its Internet Essentials program, offering broadband Internet service for just \$9.95 a month. And that's not all. The deal comes with a \$150 voucher for a notebook-type computer and Internet training.

Any family on the SNAP (food stamps) program, or with an income of less than 130 percent of the federal poverty level can get free school lunches. And so long as a family has a child in the free lunch program, Comcast will give them the Internet Essentials deal, Fore said.

Offered around the country in Comcast service areas, the program is already up and running in Chicago and the East coast.

Oregon's Internet Essentials program will be launched at Roosevelt High School in North Portland, Sept. 7. Internet Essentials also is available throughout Washington state from September. It will enroll new families for three years. Families can stay in the program so long as one child is enrolled in the free lunch program. To enroll, sign up for free school lunches then call 1-855-846-8376 or visit [InternetEssentials.com](http://InternetEssentials.com)

### Livability Summit Sept. 14

The Coalition for a Livable Future holds the 2011 Regional Livability Summit from 8:30 am to 6 pm, Sept. 14 at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Student Union.

Equity and social justice are key themes of the summit. The keynote speaker is

Angela Park, a writer, independent consultant, and the founder of the national non-profit, Diversity Matters. Park wrote the 2009 report, *Everybody's Movement: Environmental Justice and Climate Change*, and is researching a forthcoming report analyzing 20 years of progress and setbacks in environmental justice.

Sessions include:  
A Climate Justice Framework: Designing a Social Justice and Health Equity Lens for Local Climate Policy, Multnomah County Health Department

Affordable Housing Resources: The Next Campaigns, NW Housing Alternative

Bus Riders Unite: Transit, Health and Climate Justice, OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon

Climate Action Plan and Equity, City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Climate, Transportation, and Equity, 1000 Friends

Environmental Justice and Equity in Social Work, National Association of Social Workers Oregon Chapter, Sustainability Network

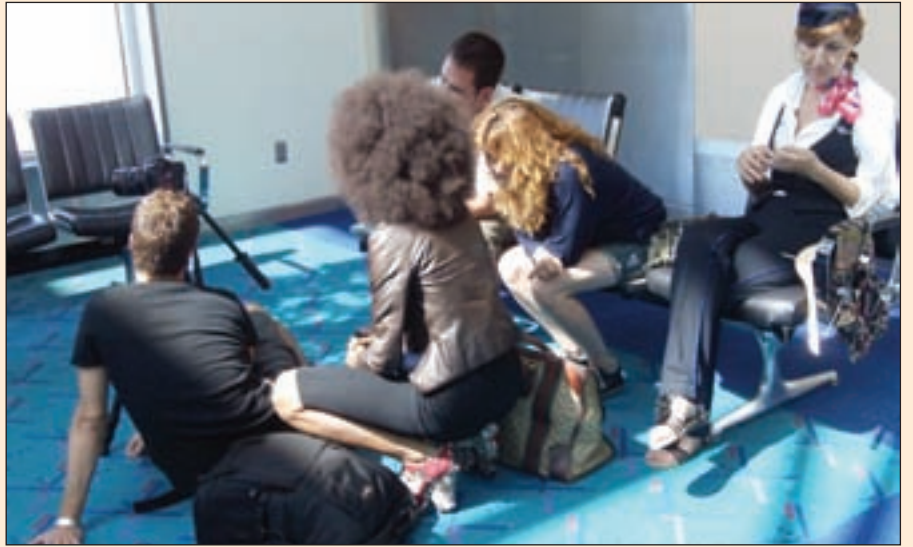
From Cochabamba to Portland: Climate Justice Perspectives from Latin America, Portland Central America Solidarity Committee

Healthy Active Living in Portland's Affordable Multi-Family Housing Settings, Oregon Public Health Institute

June Key Delta Community Center Case Study: How an African American Sorority Turned an Abandoned Gas Station into Oregon's First Grassroots Living Building - Portland Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and Piedmont Rose Connection, Inc.

Water Saving Solutions From Around the World: Utilizing the Collective Knowledge, THA Architecture.

### Esperanza: New Video



LISA LOVING PHOTO

Esperanza Spalding and a crew of film makers and actors were spied last Friday afternoon at the Portland International Airport filming a new music video around her Portland tribute song, 'City of Roses,' a benefit for The American Music Program founded and led by local jazz icon Thara Memory. The Grammy-winner and her crew spoke entirely in Spanish during their session. Here they review what's in the frame so far.

### Small Business Symposium in Beaverton

Entrepreneurs and small business owners in the Beaverton area will have free access to expert start-up and business growth resources at the Small Business Administration (SBA) Symposium on Sept. 14 from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Sponsored by the City of Beaverton and the Beaverton Downtown Association, the training session will focus on how to grow a business, get access to capital, seek federal contracting, and receive counseling and training.

For more information or to register for the Small Business Symposium, please visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/ECD/SBAForum](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/ECD/SBAForum) or call Alma Flores, Economic Development Manager, at 503-526-2344.

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### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## PORTLAND SEPTEMBER 2011

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#### Thursday September 1

**FREE OREGON SYMPHONY CONCERT AT PORTLAND'S WATERFRONT PARK:** The Oregon Symphony kicks off its new season with their 16th annual concert at the Waterfront Park. The event includes music, dancing, fireworks, cannons and much more. Plus it is all FREE. 5 p.m.

#### Friday - Monday September 2 - 5

**2011 PEARL DISTRICT SIDEWALK SALE!** This sale will have the finest Pearl merchants offering unbelievable offers to the public. In the heart of the Pearl District. NW Portland.

#### Saturday September 3

**THE ULTIMATE THRILLER - A TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL JACKSON.** The most authentic and exciting musical bow to Jackson's legacy. For those who missed the opportunity to see his magic on stage, this is it. Reserve your seats - Chinook Winds Casino 16 years and older. 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$20 Lincoln City, OR.

#### Saturday - Monday September 3 - 5

**OREGON DAHLIA FESTIVAL!** There is plenty of parking, and the event is free. Come and enjoy the blooms. Over 400 floral arrangements, refreshment booths, walk through 40 acres of beautiful dahlias. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Swan Island Dahlias, 995 NW 22nd Ave. Canby

**REPTILE AND AMPHIBIAN SHOW RETURNS TO OMSI LABOR DAY WEEKEND:** Crawl, creep and slither your way to one of the largest gatherings of reptiles and amphibians show. Entrance will be

\$3 in addition to museum admission - OMSI is located at 1945 SE Water Ave. For general information and times please call 203-797-4000.

#### Thursday September 8

**THE VOLUNTEER EXPO RETURNS TO PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE:** This annual event provides the public and employees of The Standard unparalleled opportunities to learn about local nonprofits and discover how to make a difference in the community. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

#### Saturday September 10

**BELMONT STREET FAIR:** Local musicians will perform on multiple stages, with a main stage lineup. Art on every corner, community pot luck dinner and much more. Belmont Street between 33rd and 37th will be car free once again.

**SUMMER GARDEN PARTY: YOU'RE INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT.** Join Impact Northwest from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Portland Nursery (SE 90th and Division). Live entertainment, fabulous auction items, and a wall of spirits will make this an evening to remember.