

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Learn How to Create a Co-op

We Are Oregon hosts a co-op workshop in response to community members looking for economic alternatives and mutual aid in hard times.

The event is Saturday, Oct. 29th, 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N Central St.

Come learn about worker-run businesses and consumer co-ops, discuss barter networks and neighborhood mutual aid projects.

Free lunch and child care are provided, please RSVP by contacting Danyel Johnson 541-517-3598.

Senior Property Tax Deferral Program Town Hall

Elders in Action and the Hollywood Senior Center host a Senior Property Tax Deferral Program Town Hall, 2 -3:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 31, at the Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th Ave.

As the Multnomah County property tax deadline approaches, area seniors will come together for a town hall on the devastating changes the Oregon Legislature made to the Senior Property Tax Deferral Program. Thousands of seniors have been removed from the program with little more than six weeks notice that they are responsible for their property tax bill.

Confirmed presenters include Sen. Jackie Dingfelder, Sen. Ginny Burdick, Rep. Michael Dembrow, Rep. Alissa Keny-Guyer, County Chair Jeff Cogen, County

Commissioner Loretta Smith, County Tax Assessor Randy Walruff, and John Phillips from the Oregon Department of Revenue. For more information contact Tara Krugel 503-235-5474, or Amber Kern-Johnson 503-288-8303.

Community Forum on the City's 2012 State Legislative Agenda

Commissioner Fritz is inviting you to participate in a Community Forum regarding the upcoming 2012 State of Oregon Legislative Session, Thursday, Nov. 10, from

6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Portland Building, Room C, 2nd floor, 1120 SW 5th Ave.

This event is designed to inform the community about the City's process for developing the legislative agenda, provide an overview of the upcoming 2012 legislative session and have the opportunity for community members to share the issues that their neighborhood and communities are facing with the Commissioner.

The 2012 Legislative Session will begin on February 1st and cannot exceed 35 days, according to the Oregon Constitution. Legislative leadership has restricted each member to two bills each, which will limit the session's scope. In addition to providing forum participants information about the 2012 session, the forum provides an opportunity to begin setting the stage for the community's participation in the development of the City's 2013 Legislative Agenda.

RSVP to Max Bernstein at max.bernstein@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-3992. For more information, visit: www.portlandonline.com/oni/townhall.

Health Coalition



The African American Health Coalition held its 7th annual Health Disparities Luncheon last weekend, bringing together health professionals, organizations, and community members. The luncheon is also a kick-off event to the annual Wellness Village which takes place the following day. Pictured are Steve Bullock, AAHC board chair; keynote speaker Steve Pemberton, divisional vice president of Diversity and Inclusion for Walgreen's; Corliss Mc Keever AAHC president and CEO; Nate Miles, corporate director of State Government Affairs, Northwestern U.S., for Eli Lilly and Co.

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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

Friday October 28

HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACULAR: Lots of fun games, prizes and food. Don't forget to wear your costumes. Ages preschool to 5th grade. Admission is free. Game tickets are 5 for \$1. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central.

SPOOK-TACULAR DANCE JAM! If you 7 to 11 years old and looking for a fun and safe night out here is the place to be. You will dance the night away in Howl-O-Ween costumes, with a D.J. dance contest and games. Dessert will be served at intermission. Children must be accompanied by an adult for check-

in. Cost is \$9. 7 - 10 p.m. Firstenburg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Ave. Vancouver, Wa. For more info call 360-487-7001.

Saturday October 29

THE RELEASE OF LEON MCCOY'S FIRST BOOK. "FIRST IMAGES" Join Leon for a low key but high tone affair to celebrate the release of his first book. 6 - 9 p.m. The Talking Drum Bookstore at Reflections Coffee House, 446 NE Killingsworth.

DRUG TURN IN EVENT TO BE HELD AT P.S.U. Portland State University Center for Student Health and Counseling will host a prescription drug turn in event. Bring you unwanted medicines and have them disposed of in a safe, environmentally, friendly way. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. In front of P.S.U's Student Health and Counseling Office, 1880 SW 6th Ave.

THE 13TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HOME-OWNERSHIP FAIR: Free and open to the public. Attend free workshops, visit over 40 housing professionals and much more. 10 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium, 501 N. Graham St. For more details please call 503-595-3517.

Sunday October 30

WORSHIP IN PINK CELEBRATION: The event will celebrate the work of the Worship in Pink congrega-

tions, honor breast cancer survivors and warriors and share the breast health message with broader community. Legacy Emanuel Medical Center (In the Atrium), 500 N. Graham Ave. 2 - 6 p.m.

Sunday October 31

HARVEST HOOPLA: Celebrate the Autumn Season with the community campus activities. Face painting, games, costume contest & much more. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Community education Center, 4801 N. Trenton. 5 - 7 p.m. Regence Boys & Girls Club, 4430 N. Trenton. 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. University Park Community Center, 9009 N. Foss.

HALLOWEEN SPOOK-TACULAR CONCERT: The University of Portland Wind Symphony and Orchestra will perform a Halloween Spook-tacular concert at 3 p.m. on the University of Portland's campus, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. The concert is free and open to the public. The concert will be in the Buckley Center Auditorium.

Saturday November 5

VETERANS DAY PARADE: The Parade starts with an Air Force fly-over and a 21-gun salute from the Parade Ground of the Fort Vancouver National Site. Bands, military and veteran units, community organizations and dozens of scout troops continue marching along Officers Row. 11 a.m. Vancouver, WA.