

NEWS BRIEFS

Volunteers Needed at Foreclosure Event

NeighborWorks America is looking for about 80 volunteers to help staff an important family foreclosure-prevention event happening in Portland on Saturday, Dec. 3. They are a great, effective organization so we are helping them get the word out. If you're feeling thankful for a warm roof over your head, please consider grabbing your senior/student/community/church/business group and joining them (individual volunteers are welcome too of course)!

They are holding this event in conjunction with the U.S. Treasury, HUD, Fannie Mae, and major lenders. Homeowners in danger of losing their homes to foreclosure can meet with their servicer and/or a housing counselor in an attempt to resolve their issues. They hope to see at least 500 families.

Forty volunteers are needed in the morning from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and another 40 in the afternoon from noon to 4:30 p.m. No experience is needed, just a willingness to help people.

Sign up by calling Bonnie Wolferd at 713-819-3156.

Occupy Wall Street and Inner Northeast Portland

Two dialogues including the Occupy Movement and inner North and Northeast residents are scheduled at Reflections Coffee and Books Saturday, Dec. 3, 3-5 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 10, 3-5 p.m.

The questions on the table are: What do we think about the Occupy movement? And how should we relate to this movement?

The event is free and open to the public.



"Pride and Passion: The African-American Baseball Experience," traveling exhibit comes to the Portland Central Library on Saturday, Dec. 3. The exhibition will be on display at the library until January 22, 2012. Here is the Pittsburgh Crawfords in front of their team bus at Greenlee Field, Pittsburgh, 1935. The library sponsors free programs and other events as part of the baseball show, for more information, visit www.multcolib.org. Courtesy of National Baseball Hall of Fame Library

Free Homeownership Retention Program for Seniors

Are you a senior homeowner, 55 or older, living in the city of Portland, need assistance to avoid foreclosure, need help finding resources? If so, there is a Free Homeownership Retention Program available to help you.

Portland Housing Bureau has extended and expanded funding for the Minority Homeowners Assistance Collaborative (MHAC) which consists of Portland

Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI), the African American Alliance for Homeownership (AAAH), Hacienda CDC and NAYA Youth and Family Center.

Due to the success of last year's program serving seniors in N/NE Portland the program has been expanded to provide services to seniors living in the City of Portland.

Last year the MHAC Homeownership Retention Program served over 100 clients living in N/NE Portland providing resources and referrals that connected seniors to organizations that offer free services that can help seniors maintain homeownership. The types of resources and referrals

included assistance with: free home repair, utility assistance, tax deferments, free legal assistance and free foreclosure prevention service.

If you are: a senior homeowner over the age of 55 years of age or know senior homeowners that need support and resources to maintain homeownership, please contact Shalonda Menefee at 503-288-2923 x 123 or by email at Shalonda@pcrhome.org.

If you missed the Cully Main Street Open House in October at Rigler School, you can still view the information that was presented and share your thoughts and comments about the future of the neighborhood.

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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 December 2

THE HOLIDAY SEASON AT BEAVERTON'S TREE LIGHTING AND OPEN HOUSE! This is a great family-friendly event that continually brings our community closer together during this special time of year. 5 - 7 p.m. Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW 5th St. Followed by tree lighting beginning at 6 p.m. across the street in Beaverton City Park.

PORTLAND CAREER FAIR! Meet local companies in your area that are hiring. Bring resumes and dress for an interview. 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Red Lion Hotel on the River, 909 N. Hayden Island Dr.

Saturday December 3

BLACK UNITED FUND COLLEGE FAIR! Session include: college 101/college life, financial aid and scholarships, visiting with over 10 local colleges and universities and much more. Free admission. Portland State University registration at 7:45 - 8:30 a.m. Fair begins at 8:30 a.m. For more info call 503-282-7973 or visit www.bufor.org

100 YEARS BIRTHDAY PARTY: Celebrate the birthday of "Stell" Colbert, who was 100 years old on Nov. 28. A party in her honor will be held from 2 to 5 pm in the Crowne Plaza 1441, N.E. 2nd Ave.

MIND BODY SPIRIT: How what we eat impacts us. Fresh Start offers a presentation on food from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at New Columbia Community Center, 4625 N. Trenton. (freshstarthealth.org)

More info from Robin Gordon 503-890-5393

Wednesday December 7

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE WITH IN OTHER WORDS. You and your friends, and family are invited to come in out of the cold and enjoy warm drinks and snacks with In Other Words volunteers. 5 - 9 p.m. 14 NE Killingsworth St.

Saturday December 10

HAWTHORNE BOULEVARD'S HOLIDAY STROLL! The 2nd annual holiday stroll features neighborhood business sales and parties, live music and entertainment, complimentary snacks and hot drinks & much more. Noon - 7 p.m. All of Hawthorne main tent on 36th & Hawthorne.

Sunday December 11

Ice skate for the sunshine division! From 12:15 to 6:15 p.m. anyone who brings 8 cans of food for the Sunshine Division can go ice skating for free. Lloyd Center Ice Rink.