

### Black & White Ball Benefits Sunshine Division, Raphael

The Black & White Ball is Thursday, Dec. 15, at the Classic Foods Showroom, 817 NE Madrona St., in Portland.

The event, which benefits the Portland Police Sunshine Division and the Raphael House, features food, drinks, and local fashion designers showcasing their clothing alongside representatives from Banana Republic, 1/35 Clothing and Gap for Kids.

Doors open at 6:30 and the show starts at 7 p.m. For more information call 503-227-2322.

### Small Business Help at PCC

Portland Community College and its partners are helping small businesses build their business in under-served areas of Portland and Multnomah County.

The Small Business Development Centers at PCC and Mt. Hood Community College as well as the Micro-Inventors Program of Oregon and the Oregon Microenterprise Network, have been selected by the Portland Development Commission to bring technical assistance and training to small businesses in underserved Portland-area neighborhoods.

In October, Multnomah County Chair Jeff Cogen and Portland Mayor Sam Adams announced the Portland Development Commission initiative to grow and strengthen existing small businesses through technical assistance and training. A total of \$450,000 will be allocated among five non-profit organizations, which includes PCC's CLIMB, to support assistance for approximately 150 to 200 businesses during the course of the next year.

The initiative is a non-credit, 10-session business training program that combines 30 hours of training with 20 hours of business advising - a \$1,600 value. The consortium is targeting businesses in Northeast 42nd Avenue, Southeast Division and 82nd Avenue, Northeast Cully Boulevard, Southeast 124th to 148th Avenue, Parkrose and Rosewood. Others small businesses outside these areas may be eligible as well. The small businesses will receive training on how to build and formalize their business, and gain professional development.

To get the scholarship application, visit [www.bizcenter.org](http://www.bizcenter.org), or call (971) 722-5081. Applications are due by 5 p.m., Friday, Jan. 13.

### Noted Civil Rights Leader Speaks in Portland Synagogue for MLK Celebration

David Dennis, one of the original CORE (Congress of Racial Equality) members from New Orleans, will be the featured guest speaker at a special Shabbat service at Congregation Beth Israel on Friday, Jan. 13, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the historic main sanctuary.

Since 2007, Beth Israel has collaborated with the African American communities in Portland to present this lecture and Shabbat service honoring the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his life and achievements. This highly anticipated annual celebration also features performances by members of the NW Community Gospel Chorus and Beth Israel's congregational choirs.

David Dennis was one of the first waves of Freedom Riders that went from Montgomery to Jackson and was arrested in Mississippi. With Robert Moses in the state


## Happy Holidays

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from 1961-64. In the 1980s he reconnected with Robert Moses, who had gone on to start The Algebra Project, a national, non-profit organization that uses mathematics as an organizing tool to ensure quality public

school education for every child in America.

David now works for The Algebra Project, splitting his time between his home in South Carolina and Petersburg, Va.

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#### Thursday December 15

**CELEBRATING SUSTAINABLY: HOW TO KEEP THE GREEN IN YOUR WINTER HOLIDAYS?** Come and learn about ways can keep the green in your holidays, saving cash while also taking care of the environment. Pre-registration required 360-882-0936 ext 225. 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m. Columbia Springs, 12208 Evergreen Hwy, Vancouver, Wa.

Thursday December 15 thru Thursday December 31

**PORTLAND'S PEACOCK LANE TRADITION CONTINUES!** Residents plan light displays, pedestrian – only night to accommodate Portlanders of all ages. Schedule: Dec 15 – 16 Pedestrians Only, Dec 24 thru Dec 31 Lights on at 6 p.m. to midnight for automobiles. Peacock Lane is located East of 39th and Belmont.

#### Friday December 16

**RADICAL WOMEN VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION Day!** Seasonal social to thank community volunteers and friends who helped with various fights and public education throughout the year. 7 p.m. Bread and Roses Center, 6834 NE Glisan St.

#### Monday December 19 & Wednesday December 21

**SANTA AT THE OLD CHURCH:** You your children and/or your favorite pet can be photographed with an Authentic Victorian Santa. Proceeds to benefit the Keep the Old Church Cool Fund. \$9 to \$20. 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Old Church, 1422 SW 11th Ave.

#### Wednesday December 21

**WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION:** Sister Caravan will bring urban tribal dance, Sky in the Road will share world/folk/celli musical riches and lead everyone in song. Suggested donation \$15, but all our welcome.

#### Thursday December 22

**NORTHERN ALLIANCE DRUM CIRCLE:** Enjoy sounds of the Northern Alliance Drum Circle: Noon – 1 p.m. and 5:30 – 6:30 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

#### Friday December 23

**FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** Oh Come All Ye Faithful. Emmanuel Adult Choir in full concert. 7 p.m. Emmanuel Church, 1033 N. Sumner St. For more info call 503-287-2223.

#### Sunday December 25

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!**