

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Legislative Day with the Urban League

Urban League Legislative Day is Wednesday, Feb. 15. Come meet, greet or speak with staff. Last year was very informative. This year is a short session. Issues include: Jobs, Education and Health, Contact Ty for further info at the Urban League, 503-280-2600.

As the saying goes - If you're not at the table, you could be someone's appetizer (Roy Jay). P.S. The next US DOJ meeting will be in North Portland on Feb. 28, 6:30-8:30pm at 8427 N. Central St. Stay involved.

### The Restorative Action Project

Speaker Sharif Abdullah talks on 'Understanding and Transcending the Wounds of Our Society.' Dr. Abdullah is a renowned educator, author, consultant and a leading catalyst for inclusive social, cultural and spiritual transformation. Dr. Abdullah teaches groups to understand and practice inclusivity—the connection with all beings.

His books include the award winning 'Creating a World That Works for All.'

The event is Monday, Feb. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Genesis Community Fellowship, 5425 NE 27th (at Killingsworth).

Call 7 days in advance to request special assistance for ADA accessibility or language interpretation. TTY, 503-823-6868. The church has an elevator and is fully accessible.

### Landlord Training in Gresham

Gresham's Community Revitalization Program and Rental Housing Inspection Program are hosting a free Fair Housing Training for Gresham landlords. The workshop is Feb. 23 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Gresham City Hall, Oregon Trail Rooms. The workshop covers everything a landlord or property manager needs to know about fair housing law relating to rental properties. Fair housing is the name given to federal, state and local civil rights laws that protect individuals against housing discrimination based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, physical or mental disability, familial status, marital status, sexual orientation, source and level of income, citizenship status, gender identity and age.

The workshop is limited to 60 attendees. Contact Louise Dix, community revitalization program coordinator at 503-618-2618 or Louise.Dix@Greshamoregon.gov to register by Feb. 17.

### Occupy Portland Leaders to Meet with Faith Leaders

Leaders of the Occupy Portland movement will meet with Portland-area faith leaders at First Congregational United Church of Christ, Portland, Feb. 26, at 4:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall of First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1126 SW Park Ave., Portland. More information is

### Vernon Food Drive



PHOTO BY LISA LOVING

Vernon School's Leadership Club collected a mountain of food during its recent canned food drive. The kids presented the food at the monthly meeting of East County Rotary, held at the school in January.

available on the website, [www.uccportland.org](http://www.uccportland.org), by contacting the church office, 503-228-7219. In this informal gathering the Occupy leaders will talk about their

experiences and discuss with clergy and laity how faith communities have been involved in the movement to this point and how they might be involved in the future.

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#### Friday February 17

JOIN US! CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH! Please join us at our first Black History Open House. The purpose is to give our youth an opportunity to be educated by local heroes and much more. 6 p.m. Put on by (PAL) Portland Activities League. Come see the exhibit at 424 NE 172nd, Portland.

#### Saturday February 18

BRING YOUR KIDS TO MUSIC MILLENNIUM DAY! We will host a special event that day called Kids Record Hits. All kids under 18 will get a free bag containing music and other gifts from businesses in the community. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Music Millennium 3158 E. Burnside. For more details call

503-231-8926.

JOIN US AT REFLECTIONS BOOKSTORE FOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH! Find 'The Flower that Blossoms' book reading. The book is a provocative tale of racism and sexism in present day America. 3 - 5 p.m. Reflections Bookstore, 446 NE Killingsworth St.

#### Sunday February 19

YOU ARE INVITED TO A DOCUMENTARY 'HIDDEN COLORS' BY TARIQ NASHEED. A doc expanding brilliantly on the major evolutionary impact that Africans have had on this planet that is omitted in the mainstream history docs, books and speeches as we all know. 4 - 5 p.m. Portland Community Media, Suite A. 2766 MLK Blvd. FREE

#### Monday February 20

FREE SCREENING OF THE DOCUMENTARY FOOD STAMPED! Food Stamped is an informative and humorous documentary film following a couple as they attempt to eat healthy well-balanced diet on a food stamp budget. 7 p.m. Baghdad Theater, 3702 SE Hawthorne. Admission with donation of cans of food for the Oregon Food Bank.

#### Friday February 24

FREE BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HUNGER! Featuring

contemporary Christian music performed by West Coast Pianist Kit Taylor and the St. Stephen Worship Team. An offering will be taken to help feed the hunger through The Ministry of World Vision. 7 p.m. St. Stephen Lutheran Church, 2920 W. Gloucester St. Gresham, OR For more info call 503-656-8194.

#### Saturday February 25

FIX-IT-FAIR: Healthy families, Healthy Homes! Fix-it-Fair is a free event where you can learn simple and affordable ways to save money and be healthy at home. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby Ave.

HEART HEALTH DAY! Take the first step to a healthier heart with a free 45-minute appt. That includes a heart/lung exam. This free event is open to the public and includes clinic tours, refreshments and much more. 1 - 5 p.m. National College of Natural Medicine, 3025 SW Corbett Ave.

#### Sunday February 26

FIRSTENBURG'S 4TH ANNUAL BRIDAL SHOW! Free admission and entry, free drawings every hour for gift bags and wedding related products and services. Free man cave for future grooms to watch movies, play video games and etc. Noon - 5 p.m. Firstenberg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Ave. Vancouver, WA