

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Police Accountability in City Charter?

A Charter Commission hearing on police accountability is Wednesday, Feb. 22, at the Portland Building Auditorium, 1120 SW Fifth Ave. – 2nd Floor.

Written testimony and oral comments via telephone will continue to be accepted for one week after the public hearings. Telephone testimony can be provided at 503-823-4151. Written testimony can be provided: by email to Alexander Villarreal, by mail to 1221 SW 4th Room 230, Portland, OR 97204 or on the Charter Commission's website at <http://www.portlandonline.com/chartercommission/index.cfm?c=54375>

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US Department of Justice Meeting on Police Investigations

Officials from the U.S. Department of Justice will be in town to seek community input on Portland police use of force as they continue a federal civil rights inquiry to determine if the police bureau engages in a

pattern or practice of excessive force.

The meeting is Feb. 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the St. John's Community Center, 8427 N. Central St.

If anyone has comments or concerns but are unable to attend the town hall meeting this month, they're encouraged to contact the federal investigators at community.portland@usdoj.gov or 1-877-218-5228. Anyone can also call the U.S. Attorney's local civil rights hotline at either 503-471-5577 or reach it by email at usaor.civilrights@usdoj.gov.

Albina Ministerial Alliance Candidates Forum

Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice & Police Reform holds its Candidates Forum on March 1, 6-8:30pm at the June Key Community Center, 5940 N. Albina St.

Candidates for City of Portland Mayor, Portland City Council, Multnomah County District Attorney & Oregon Attorney General will be asked to respond to community questions regarding police accountability. What is broken within Portland Police bureau? What type of leadership is needed? How will the candidates for officer see their role in this effort?

Senior Studies Institute of PCC

Scholarship Winners



Three seniors on Grant High Football team are celebrating after signing with Portland State University. Pictured from left are: Daniel Halverson, Jamarr Graves and Paris Penn, who all received athletic scholarships. They're not alone. Athletic director Jackie Sage says seniors this year got scholarships in swimming, basketball and other sports.

Classes for senior citizens at PCC, subjects for Spring Term, which begins April 2, include: Poetry; Movies, Magic and Memories; Averting the Next War; A Visit to Cuba; Islam; Saving Butterflies; New Energy Sources; Beaverton Civic Theater; and tours to OPB and the Japanese Garden.

Newcomers are welcome to attend two classes free and annual membership fees are \$30 which covers all classes at all locations. The only extras are the luncheons, parking and occasionally a small fee for a tour. For info go to www.pcc.edu/ssi, or call Tony at 503-228-2488.

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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 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

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND WIND SYMPHONY AND ORCHESTRA CONCERT. Winter into Spring a concert at Buckley Center Auditorium on the U of P Campus, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public.

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. Firstenburg Community Center, 700 NE 136th Ave. Vancouver, WA

Monday February 27

ELIZABETH TAYLOR'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION. The party and the screening of the film *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* is open to the public with a suggested donation of \$10. The proceeds of this event will support The Cascade AIDS Project. 7

p.m. Portland Historic Hollywood Theatre, 4122 NE Sandy Blvd.

Tuesday February 28

15 HOURS OF FREE FLAPJACKS AT IHOP. National Pancake Day returns to benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. Guests are invited to make a voluntary donation to Children's Miracle Network Hospitals. 7 a.m. – 10 p.m. (15 full hours) Participating IHOP Restaurants in the Portland area.

Saturday March 3

FREE HEALTHY MEALS AND SNACKS SEMINAR, AND FREE SNACKS. Why eat healthy? Lose weight, Boost your energy and much more. All seminars this year will include our new kids club programs. So bring your kids ages 7 to 13 years old. 10 – 11:30 a.m. New Columbia Community Center, 4625 N. Trenton.

Sunday March 4

PURIM CARNIVAL PRESENTED BY BETH ISREAL BROTHERHOOD. Enjoy an afternoon of games and fun at this beloved carnival, a tradition stretching back for generations. Noon – 2 p.m. Blumauer Auditorium, 1931 NW Flanders St. Admission is free