

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Groundwork Portland, MCC Host River Service Project

Groundwork Portland and the Muslim Community Center of Portland (MCC) host a special event to help enhance urban food sites and improve stormwater management in low-income and minority neighborhoods in North and Northeast Portland.

The River Rally Service Project will convene on Sunday, May 6, at the Seeds of Understanding farm, 5325 N. Vancouver Ave., from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

Participants will remove invasive weeds, install rain barrels, plant fruit trees and berry vines, construct an eco-roof kiosk, and build raised garden beds at two locations: the MCC-owned Seeds of Understanding urban farm and Groundwork Portland facilitated Emerson Street Garden, located at 822 NE Emerson Street.

For more information call 503-662-2590. For information about the group, go to [www.groundworkportland.org](http://www.groundworkportland.org).

### Emergency Preparedness Workshops Coming Up

Are you prepared for an emergency? The American Red Cross is hosting free monthly preparedness classes where Oregonians can learn how to get ready for unforeseen disasters. Free community education classes take place 6-7 p.m. at the American Red Cross Oregon Trail Chapter on the last Tuesday of every month.

The classes cover many facets of disaster preparedness. Participants receive information on

how to prevent, prepare for, and respond to disasters through making personal disaster plans, establishing family meeting places and addressing emergency communication strategies. You'll learn how easy it is to assemble a disaster kit and have the opportunity to ask questions related to your own preparedness plan.

More info at American Red Cross Oregon, 503-284-1234. Or go to: [www.oregonredcross.org/getprepared](http://www.oregonredcross.org/getprepared)

### STEM Education: Pipeline to Productivity

The fastest growing career fields all need graduates with skills in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math: also known as the STEM subjects. In fact, Mike Green, co-founder of the America21 Project that seeks to build wealth in urban communities calls STEM education Black America's Pipeline to Productivity.

But many students and parents don't know much about the kinds of careers available and what students should do to prepare for these valuable, high-paying jobs. That's why the Urban League's Young Professionals are holding the first of a series of "STEMinars," this Friday to tell students how they too can get into the pipeline to productivity.

Parents and students are invited to attend and learn more about the exciting careers. The event is free and you don't need to register. Simply show up to hear from young professionals who already work in STEM professions. Urban League of Portland's Young Professional's STEMINAR set for 6pm Friday, April 27 at Jefferson High School. Pizza dinner included.

### All In One



Jeffrey Ta is launching his new line of t-shirts at All In One Boutique, 10410 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Here's just one of his range. At the same location, Andre Miller, is offering a Trailblazer fan line of teeshirts. The store is one of three stores using the All in One brand. Next door Daniel Parks has opened all in One styles, a barbers shop. Opening soon is All in One Music.

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Thursday April 26

**CONGREGATIONS CARING FOR WATERSHEDS & WILDLIFE WORKSHOP.** Join this hands-on workshop to learn how to improve the stewardship of congregation lands to benefit watersheds and wildlife. 5:30 – 8 p.m. Holy Redeemer Church, Clare Hall, 25 N. Rosa Parks Way. Registration is free but donations are appreciated.

Saturday April 28

**YOU'RE INVITED: FREE COMMUNITY WORKSHOP FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT. "BE FINANCIALLY FIT."** Do you have a retirement plan? Do you have a savings plan? The answers to these and many more questions will be answered by two leading financial experts. 9:30 a.m. – Noon. June Key

Delta Community Center. 5949 N. Albina. Space is limited please RSVP to 503-285-5555.

**GOLDIES BBQ FOR VETS.** Free fun for everyone. Live entertainment all day long and wonderful BBQ food. Noon – 10 p.m. 15640 NE 4th Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA. For more details call 360-253-2836.

**ANNUAL 82ND AVENUE OF ROSES PARADE, MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY FAIR AND CARNIVAL DAYS.** Free pony rides, face painting, live music and much more. Parade starts at 10 a.m. followed by the carnival until 3:30 p.m. Parade starts at 82nd & Holgate. Fair located at Eastport Plaza Shopping Center.

Sunday thru Friday April 29 – May 4

**TAKE PART IN SCREEN FREE WEEK.** Portland Parks & Recreation offers activities instead of the tube. It's the week you and your family turn off the TV, Computer and other electronic devices and engage in healthy movement based activities. Contact your local parks community center for their list of events.

Monday April 30

**INNER NORTH AND NE PORTLAND RESIDENTS ARE INVITED TO A FREE SEISMIC HOME IMPROVEMENT CLASS!** Area residents are invited to learn the basic steps involved in reducing the likelihood of earthquake damage to their homes. 7 – 8:30

p.m. Harriet Tubman Leadership Academy for Young Women, 2231 N. Flint St. Free.

Tuesday May 1

**DAVID DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL 3RD ANNUAL PTSA SPRING CRAFT FAIR.** You will find something special for that special someone at our wonderful Spring Craft Fair. All profits go to the David Douglas High School PTSA College Scholarships Program. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1001 SE 135th Ave. Portland.

Saturday May 5

**THE 11TH ANNUAL NORTHWEST PET AND COMPANION FAIR.** At this unique fair pets are welcome to come inside the Portland Expo Center and shop with their owners. \$8 adult admission, \$6 Senior, \$4 kids 6 – 12, \$20 family pass, free for active military and kids 0-5. 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. 2060 N. Marine Dr.

Sunday May 6

**WINTER, SPRING, SUMMER, FALL CELEBRATE THEM ALL.** The National Association of Miniature Enthusiasts invites you to join them for their Public Day of Activities: Along with the exhibit and sales rooms our hospitality room will offer free "Make It, Take It" projects for children. Red Lion Jantzen Beach, 909 N. Hayden Island. No cost however, will ask if you can bring a blanket for donation.