

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Malcolm X Birthday Weekend with Journey to Freedom Project

The Journey to Freedom Project Foundation presents Malcolm X Birthday Celebration Weekend, May 19-20.

Events include, on Saturday, the 2nd Annual Black Men Breakfast with speaker Dr. Rick Lee, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the Umoja Center, Northeast 17th and Alberta. His theme is healthy living. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. there is a community service project to clean up the Umoja Center, then from 6 to 8 p.m., a screening of the Spike Lee film “Malcolm X,” with a rawfood/vegan potluck, also at the Umoja Center. On Sunday is Poetry Night at the Yolo Lounge, starting at 7 p.m. For more information contact Karanja Crews at info@journeytofreedomproject.org or call 503-489-READ.

Beaverton Mayor's Youth Advisory Board Hosts Youth Involvement Fair May 19

The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board (MYAB) is hosting “The Next Step,” a Youth Involvement Fair on Saturday, May 19 from 2-4 p.m. at the Beaverton City Library (12375 5th Street) in Meeting Rooms A and B.

This free event helps high school students connect with local organizations and businesses to learn about volunteer and internship opportunities. Prizes will be raffled off at the event.

Businesses and organizations attending this year's event include Maryville Nursing

Home, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Metro, Beaverton City Library, Edwards Center, Beaverton Hispanic Resource Center, Girls, Inc., and more.

For more information about MYAB or this event, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/MYAB or contact Elaine Orcutt, Staff Liaison, at 503-526-2299.

The Skin I'm In & The Hair I Wear: A Hands On Workshop For People Parenting Black And Multi-Racial Children

The Black Parent Initiative (BPI), is hosting a hands on workshop on Sunday, May 20th from 12:30 – 4 p.m. at Champions Barbershop, 3827 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Please register by midnight on Friday, May 18. There is a \$30 fee for this workshop and scholarships are available. Child-care and refreshments will be provided.

Parents and caregivers of Black and Multi-racial children will have the opportunity to connect with each other in a supportive environment.

On the day of the event, stylists and barbers will be available to teach parents simple ways to take care of the various textured hair of children of color. They will receive hands on viewing and sampling of hair products to use, lessons on proper brushing and combing, simple ways to maintain a hairstyle or cut, night time routines and take home tips that will help keep your child looking and feeling great about who they are.

BPI is currently the only culturally specific organization in Portland focused solely

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Some 2,000 Portland Public Schools students marched on Pioneer Courthouse Square last Friday against the lack of stable school funding statewide. While two schools were closed in this year's budget cuts, the city of Portland brokered a deal – announced days after the rally – to preserve 110 teacher positions that had been on the chopping block. The two closed schools, the Harriet Tubman Girls Academy and Humboldt Elementary, will remain shuttered despite a widespread outcry.

on supporting low-moderate income parents in Portland as a vehicle for enhancing the lives of Black youth.

For further information about BPI, please visit www.thebpi.org.

Find out more from Carmen Butcher at carmen.butcher@thebpi.org, or call 503-875-3099.

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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

Saturday May 18

PORTLAND PARKS AND RECREATION 4TH ANNUAL WATER SAFETY DAY. Enjoy an evening of swimming with fun activities, games and prizes, as well as water safety information. There will be a free drawing for life jackets. \$4.50 adults, \$3.75 teens/seniors, \$3.25 children 3-12. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 SE 72nd Ave.

FREE ROLFING & CLINIC FOR CHILDREN. Rolfing provides gentle bodywork to insure healthy growth and movement patterns. Treatment for concerns such as scoliosis, growing pains, pigeon toes and more. Reserve a space on-line at www.portlandrolfer.com or call 503-230-0087. 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. People's Food Co-op Community Room, SE 21st and Tibbets, just North of Powell.

Saturday May 19

MAY FAMILY DAY – ALL THINGS ARCHITECTURE. Take a walking tour at noon led by historian William F. Willingham of buildings in downtown Portland. Space is limited to reserve a spot please call 503-222-1741. Kids can also design their own architectural creation out of yummy building materials. Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PRESENTATION. Learn what to do during an emergency big or small.

Our Fire & Police Departments, the Red Cross, Homeland Security & area NET Team will be present to answer your questions. Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Ave. Seating is limited. RSVP to bsimonen@yahoo.com

Sunday May 20

POLITICS OF PUGS COMES TO PORTLAND FOR THE PUG NATION PUG CRAWL. Pug Nation 1 – 4 p.m. Parade of Pugs begins at 2:30 p.m. register on-site for the parade beginning at 2 p.m. (no fee for entering parade) which is open to all Pugs! Leashes required. MacTarnahan's Taproom, 2700 NW 31st Ave.

Wednesday May 23

KBOO'S YOUTH COLLECTIVE TURNS 10. The public is invited to join the celebration of their 10th anniversary at the KBOO studio, 20 SE 8th Ave in Portland for an evening of radio production, community engagement and refreshments. 6 – 8 p.m.