

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Impact NW Needs Puppeteers

Be an educational puppeteer! Are you a kid at heart? Do you want to make a difference in a child's life? Kids on the Block Awareness Program, a service of Impact NW, is looking for a few good volunteer puppeteers. Through the art of puppetry, the program educates elementary school children on topics like bullying prevention, making healthy food choices, respecting diversity and more.

No experience is needed - just a willingness to perform and expand your puppetry skills through in-depth puppeteer training. Volunteers perform 1 to 2 school events a month with a 1-year commitment. You can make a difference and help give children a voice. For more information, contact kblackmore@impactnw.org.

Join CIO for the July First Friday Summer Reunion Picnic!

Friday, July 6, 6 - 9 p.m. at Peninsula Park, 700 N Rosa Parks Way, at Picnic Site B, on the N Albina Ave side, in between the wading pool and play area.

At the upcoming First Friday Event, CIO is having a picnic to reunite members as well as honor volunteers, interns, and staff. It'll be a potluck event, so bring food and drink if possible, non-alcoholic beverages only please.

To add to the entertainment, you'll have the opportunity to sing, dance, tell your immigration story, or simply show off whatever talent you want (limited to three minutes of stage time).

Please RSVP to Carmen Madrid, carmen@interculturalorganizing.org, or (503) 287-4117, extension 102.

Free Health Checkups at the Waterfront Blues Festival

How's your health? Stop by the Health Net Pavilion for FREE health screenings during the 2012 Safeway Waterfront Blues Festival, presented by First Tech Federal Credit Union, July 4-8, at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

The Caring Ambassadors Program will offer free screenings for hepatitis C. The Lions Club Mobile Testing Unit will provide free health screenings for glaucoma, hearing, blood pressure, blood glucose (a test for diabetes) and visual acuity. You'll also find ear plugs for sensitive ears.

Staffed by Lions Club volunteers, the Lions Club Mobile Testing Unit is air-conditioned and provides a clean, private and quiet environment for health screenings. Staff will recommend health and preventive measures based on test results and will also conduct interviews on heartburn and heartburn treatment. A pharmacist diabetes educator will be available for consultation to discuss diabetes care and treatment.

Hepatitis C affects four to five million Americans. One in 33 baby boomers has hepatitis C and about 75 percent are unaware of their status. CDC recommends every baby boomer get tested once. Hepatitis C can go undetected for many years, resulting in severe liver disease and liver cancer. Early detection and treatment can lead to a cure. Visit with one of the Caring Ambassadors' volunteers to find out how easy it is to know your status.

Celebrating their 10th year at the festival, Bridge City Massage will offer chair and table massages. Cost is only \$1 per minute, and Bridge City Massage will contribute 50 percent to Oregon Food Bank to help fight hunger.

Participants must sign a release form to receive health screenings.

NNPA Awards



The Skanner News staff won two second place awards in the 22nd. annual A. Phillip Randolph Messenger Awards. News editor Lisa Loving placed second in the Breaking News category for her story, "Oregon's First-Ever Survey of Black Mothers Sheds Light on Poor Birth Outcomes." Multimedia editor Helen Silvis placed second in the Sustainability category with her story, "Is Portland's Bi-Weekly Garbage Pickup a Future Health Hazard?" The awards come with a \$500 prize.

The National Newspaper Publishers Association Foundation and MillerCoors, which sponsors the awards, announced the winners at the NNPA's annual conference in Atlanta. The competition acknowledged outstanding journalism in categories such as Breaking News, Commentary, Feature and Sustainability. The 2012 competition also recognized the Best Online Presence saluting publishers with outstanding digital platforms. The winners of each category received \$5,000 and each finalist received \$500 for a total of \$30,000 in monetary awards.

The 2012 award winners were: Jennifer French-Parker, CrossRoadsNews; Lekan Oguntoyinbo, The Atlanta Voice; Thelma Sardin, The Chicago Citizen Group; Christian Morrow, The Pittsburgh Courier; and The St. Louis American. Pictured above are (from left) Karl Rodney, NNPA Foundation; Natalie Cole, Our Weekly; Thelma Sardin, The Chicago Citizen Group; Bernie Foster, The Skanner News; James Washington, The Dallas Weekly; Kenya Vaughn, St. Louis American; Larry Waters, MillerCoors; Janis Ware, The Atlanta Voice; Rod Doss, New Pittsburgh Courier; David Miller, Our Weekly; Larissa Tyler, The Chicago Citizen; Sonny Jiles, The Houston Defender; and Jeffrey Boney, Houston Forward Times.

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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

Thursday June 28

THE OREGON KINDERGARTEN READINESS ASSESSMENT. A tool to help Oregon's children enter kindergarten and be ready for school. Join us at a community forum where you will participate in a work session at Self-Enhancement, Inc. 6:30 - 8 p.m. 3920 N. Kerby Ave.

Friday June 29

ICE CREAM SOCIAL. Join us for our annual Ice Cream Social, held this year at the June Key Delta Community Center. We will have ice cream and plenty of toppings as well as family friendly activities. Free for everyone. 5 - 7 p.m. Across from Peninsula Park Rose Garden.

Saturday June 30

THE 3RD ANNUAL PORTLAND HAT PARADE. Ladies and Gentleman are invited to come attend in a new vintage hat or one of their own hat creations (all hats are welcome except baseball caps) Meet at Lulu's Vintage, 916 W. Burnside St. at Noon. The parade departs at 1 p.m.

MOVIE IN THE PARK AT KING SCHOOL PARK. The King Neighborhood is having a movie in the park showing "E.T: The Extra Terrestrial." Bring a blanket to sit on. The movie will start at dusk, space alien costumes encouraged. NE 6th Ave. & Humboldt St.

Sunday July 1

FREE FAMILY SUMMER FUN RETURNS TO ALPENROSE DAIRY. Families can come enjoy the various buildings that make up this quaint little town. Lots of activities for the kids. Then you can go to the ice cream parlor and treat yourself to some Alpenrose Ice Cream. 1 - 4 p.m. 6149 S.W. Shattuck Rd.

Tuesday July 3

15TH ANNUAL INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE. Join in as the colorful procession of all ages takes to the streets at 11:30 a.m. No pre-registration required. There will also be pre-parade activities. Everyone is welcome. East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave.

Wednesday July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT FORT VANCOUVER. There's always something fun for everyone. Party down with friends or grab the kids and enjoy! Get there early for your best seat. Events start at 8 a.m. and finish the night off with fireworks at 11 p.m.