

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Register Now for the August MLK Dream Run

The Portland North/Northeast Business Association (NNEBA) will host the inaugural MLK Dream Run/Walk aimed at promoting equity and economic development in the Soul District of inner North/Northeast Portland, on Sunday Aug. 5.

The annual race will feature three events – a 5 kilometer fun walk and run, a timed competitive 10K and a timed 15K Geoff Hollister Tribute competitive race – along a USA Track & Field sanctioned race course throughout the N/NE Portland neighborhoods of Humboldt, King, Piedmont, Woodlawn, Boise, Eliot, Vernon, Grant Park, Sabin, Woodlawn and Irvington.

The MLK Dream Run is expected to attract thousands of local amateur runners and dozens of international elite racers. The event begins at 6:30 a.m. and the race starts at 7 a.m. Post-race festivities begin at 9:30 a.m. and conclude at 11:30 a.m.

For more information go to [www.mlkdreamrun.com](http://www.mlkdreamrun.com).

### Multnomah Democrats' Annual Picnic Coming Up

Multnomah County Democrats holds its Annual Summer Picnic at Red Sunset Park in Gresham, Thursday, July 12, from 6 - 8:30 p.m., at 2400 NE Red Sunset Dr., in Gresham. The event is free and the public is invited.

Multnomah County Democratic Party provides burgers and hotdogs (and the buns, condiments, etc) as

well as soda and water. All else is a potluck, so feel free to bring chips, salads, dips, desserts, veggie/fruit trays, anything else you'd like to eat. **NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED** and please mark any containers you bring with your name.

### Join the Surfrider Foundation and Barefoot Wine

Saturday, July 14 from 11a.m. – 1 p.m. for a public beach cleanup at Bob Straub State Park in Pacific City.

Now in its sixth year, the Project calls on community volunteers to participate in local cleanups and seeks volunteers to help clean debris washing up on the shore due to the tsunami in 2011.

Following the cleanup, participants 21+ are invited to an appreciation celebration at the Salishan Hotel for their time and efforts. The celebration features Barefoot Wine & Bubbly, tasty beach treats and live performance by musician Joshua Radin, who will be releasing his new album, *UNDERWATER*, on July 31.

RSVP for the free event at [BeachRescue2012.com](http://BeachRescue2012.com).

### Peace Festival for Youth

On Sunday, July 15 youth from across Multnomah County share their music, song, dance and spoken word at the first Peace Festival for youth, at Portland Center for the Performing Art's Dolores Winningstad Theatre, 1111 SW Broadway, at 4 p.m. It is a free event.

The Peace Festival is the inaugural event of Black Women for Peace, an

## New Position



Portland Parks & Recreation has hired Hasan Artharee as the Portland Park Ranger supervisor. Artharee will be responsible for the day to day operations of the Park Ranger Program. He assumes his duties on July 16. Artharee most recently served as the President and CEO of Safeguard Security Enforcement. In addition, he has served part-time as the Community Programs Manager for the Salvation Army. Artharee rose up the ranks to serve at the executive level with Coast Industries. While at Coast Industries, Artharee was responsible for the oversight for 125 employees and the sales and operations of commercial contracts. He worked with law enforcement and private businesses in the Portland area and in several cities across the United States. Artharee is a graduate of Portland State University, with a Bachelor's degree in Marketing and Social Science. Hasan played Division I basketball at Portland State University, where he was an all-Big Sky conference player.

organization of Black women who came together after a rise in youth violence took the lives of several young black men and women in the North/Northeast Portland community.

Among the performers will be students from Benson High School, Reynolds High School, Da Vinci Performing Arts, Native American Youth and Family Center, Mt Olivet Youth Choir and others.

Participants and guests will be asked to support the Black Women for Peace - Peace Pledge to end violence.

The free event requires advance tickets. For ticket information contact: [mpurcell@ulpdx.org](mailto:mpurcell@ulpdx.org) or [harris.cynthia18@gmail.com](mailto:harris.cynthia18@gmail.com). Tickets will also be available at the Urban League of Portland, 10 N Russell St. For more information call 503-280-2600.

### Portland-Area Legislators Hold Foreclosure Town Hall

During the February session, the Legislature passed SB 1552 with significant protections for homeowners facing foreclosure. The new law went into effect July 11.

Join Portland area legislators for an informational Town Hall to learn what these new provisions can mean for you and your neighbors.

The event is Monday, July 16, 6-8 p.m., SEIU 49, 3536 SE 26th Ave., at the SE corner of SE 26th and Powell. For more info check the website, [www.mltcdems.org](http://www.mltcdems.org) and the MultcoDems Facebook Page.

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#### Friday July 13

3RD ANNUAL ICE CREAM CHURN-A-MENT AT PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE. Ice cream lovers of all ages welcome to enjoy free ice cream and milk shakes (while supplies last) Noon – 1 p.m.

#### Saturday July 14

THE BLACK FATHERHOOD PROJECT. A documentary film about fathers and fatherhood and its relationship to community. Meet the director. Have a question and answer forum and more. 11 a.m. Genesis Church, 5424 NE 27th, RSVP to 503-281-9472 or email: [www.blackfatherhoodproject.com](http://www.blackfatherhoodproject.com). FREE

MISSISSIPPI STREET FAIR. The annual Mississippi Street Fair is a community building event that celebrates the neighbors, businesses and organizations that make their home in the Mississippi Ave. Neighborhood (from N. Fremont to N. Skidmore on Mississippi Ave.) This is an all day event.

#### Sunday July 15

2012 COMMUNITY HEALTH & WELLNESS EXPO. Live demonstrations, Vemma Zumba, Baby Boot Camp and much more. Drawings. Free Admission, free parking. 2 – 6 p.m. Firstenberg Community Center, Community Room, 700 NE 1365th Ave. Vancouver, WA

FIRST NATIONS CELEBRATION. Native American dancing, drumming, food & fry bread, arts, crafts and much more. 1 – 7 p.m. 1523 SW Sunset Blvd. For more info call 503-293-1790.

#### Monday July 16

SAND IN THE CITY. Many sand artists will be on hand carving and sculpting away at Union Plaza on SW 6th and Oak St. from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Sand sculptures will be built in summer themes. Spectators can cast their votes throughout the day to help determine the winning sculpture.

#### Tuesday July 17

SUMMER STORY TIMES FOR OUR NEIGHBORHOOD. Multnomah County library and Concordia University are event sponsors. A children's librarian from the Albina Branch will lead songs and stories for young children. 10 – 11 a.m. Concordia University's George R. White Library & Learning Center, 2nd floor, 2800 NE Liberty St.