

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Day of Re-Tilling the Soil

Join People of Purpose & Associates (P.O.P.A.) for the 7th Annual Z-Man Basketball Tournament and Day of Re-Tilling the Soil, Saturday, July 21. The event is a unique opportunity to uplift North and Northeast Portland as well as getting together for a free barbecue – all during a basketball tournament for youth.

The Z-Tournament, named in honor of deceased Portland Police Officer Mark Zylawy, runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Irving Park, NE 7th and Fremont Street.

To sign up for the tournament call 503-839-1701, or 503-839-8676.

From 8:15 -8:45 a.m. is registration and breakfast; at 9 a.m. the clean-up begins. From noon to 6 p.m. is the free barbecue celebration at Irving Park.

Clean-up group locations include the Maple Mallory Apartments 3720 NE Mallo-ry Ave.; Jefferson High School 5210 N. Kerby Ave.; and the Truevine Church 1601 NE Killingsworth Ave.

Portland Copwatch Celebrates Anniversary

Peace and Justice Works and Portland Copwatch are inviting the community to come celebrate 20 years working for a better world. Join PJW/PCW on Saturday, July 21 at 7 p.m. at the Peace House, 2116 NE 18th (at Tillamook) for a fun and education-

al fundraising event.

There will be entertainment (including music by “Shaky & Larry”), refreshments, memorabilia, information about PJW and PCW’s first 20 years, and items for sale.

Peace and Justice Works, a 501-c-3 non-profit dedicated to promoting nonviolent conflict resolution on local, national and international levels, was founded in March, 1992. Its project group Portland Copwatch first met in May of that year. For more information go to www.pjw.info, or call 503- 236-3065.

Relay For Life Ceremony to Honor Cancer Survivors

A special Luminaria Ceremony to be held during the American Cancer Society Relay for Life of Vancouver will remember those lost to cancer and honor those who have survived. Luminaria will be lit at Columbia River High School on Saturday, July 21 at 10 p.m. to represent these individuals.

Anyone desiring to make a luminaria donation may do so by contacting Stephanie Elmore at 503-795-3993 or by visiting vancouverrelay.org.

Prior to the Luminaria Ceremony, the Survivors Lap will kick off the 2012, Relay For Life event in Vancouver on Saturday, July 21 at 10:15am as survivors will circle the track, surrounded by friends and family cheering them on.

More info at www.vancouverrelay.org.

Milestone



Longtime Portland Public Schools administrator Carolyn Leonard retired last week after 37 years in Portland schools working on multicultural education and civil rights issues. Her well-attended retirement party included an announcement by Albina Head Start Director Ron Herndon that Leonard plans to run for the Portland Public Schools Board. Front row, from left: Dunya Minoo; Dr. Carolyn L. Moilanen; Dr. Wei-wei Lou; Carolyn Leonard; Marta Guembes; Herman Washington; Portland Schools Superintendent Carole Smith; Dr. Mariam Baradar; Craig Kurath. Back row, from left: Josie Hashemian and Ron Herndon. Julie Keefe photo

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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 July 20

WEEKLY FARMER'S MARKET AT MUSLIM COMMUNITY CENTER. Open to the public. Produce, berries and much more. 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. 3801 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd.

Saturday July 21

HEALTHY KIDS FAIR. Family fun and it's free. Bring the family and friends to a summer street fair right outside the new home for Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 2801 N. Gantenbein Ave.

4TH ANNUAL FIRE IN THE PARK FUNDRAISER – FIRE STATIONS TO COMPETE IN CHILI COOK-OFF. Fire in the Park which is a benefit event for SHARE. The event is free and open to the public in Esther Short Park in Downtown Vancouver. In addition to the cook-off there will be children's activities, firefighter's competition and much more. Noon – 9 p.m.

CONSTRUCTION KICK-OFF AND FRIENDRAISER AT THE SITE OF NEWEST AFFORDABLE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT. Come enjoy a lively neighborhood celebration with live music, food vendors, activities for the kids, and fun for all. The event is free. Eliot Neighborhood, MLK, Jr. Blvd & NE Cook St, just North of Fremont. Fun starts at Noon.

Saturday & Sunday July 21 & 22

ROCK THE BALLOT VOTERS REGISTRATION EVENT. Rock the Ballot 2012 is aiming to be the biggest voter registration drive in Oregon history. There will be two days of music, cultural dancers, and guest speakers. The event kicks off at Noon until dusk both days. NE Alberta and NE Sumner, NE MLK, JR. Blvd. and NE Garfield.

Tuesday July 24

DOWNTOWN RIVER RUMBLE. Enjoy an hour-long

stroll in Waterfront Park, and learn about the intertwined history of our City and River. Bring a lunch & top-off the walk with a picnic by the Willamette. Meet at noon at the Bill Naito Legacy Fountain.

Saturday July 28

THE 4TH ANNUAL NW BOOK FESTIVAL. Critically acclaimed and award winning authors will be at the square to showcase new books & sign autographs. From Travel to romance, poetry to health sci-fi and memoirs. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Sunday July 29

COLUMBIA SLOUGH REGATTA. The Columbia Slough regatta returns for its annual festival in honor of Portland's hidden waterway. Individuals and families are welcome to bring their own boat anytime from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. or you can reserve a complimentary 45 minute rental. A \$7 suggested donation helps to support the Council's Education, restoration and recreation programs. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. 9387 N. Columbia Blvd