

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### Ceasefire Oregon Gun Turn-In

On Aug. 18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., citizens may turn in unwanted firearms at a gun turn-in at the Memorial Coliseum at the North Benton Parking Lot, 300 North Winning Way in Portland's Rose Quarter. Gun owners will receive a \$75 Fred Meyer gift card for turning in a working gun (limit 3 gift cards but gun owners may turn in more than three guns). Inoperable guns, BB guns and pellet guns may be exchanged for a \$5 Burgerville gift card. All firearms must be unloaded and stored in the trunk of your car. No questions asked.

When asked why people would turn in a gun, Ceasefire Oregon Education Foundation President Julie Wheeler stated, "People relinquish firearms for many reasons. Some would rather have the \$75 gift card, some are unable to securely store the firearm. Some families are concerned about children or depressed family members accessing weapons, and many folks understand that a family is actually much safer without a firearm in the home. This year, we are encouraging people to turn in their firearms as an expression of sorrow and outrage over the suicides, homicides and mass shootings like the one we just witnessed in Aurora, Colorado."

Ceasefire Oregon Education Foundation has collected more than 7,500 weapons since 1994. All weapons collected are melted down.

For more information call Ceasefire Oregon at 503-220-1669 or visit [www.ceasefireoregon.org](http://www.ceasefireoregon.org).

### Red Cross Needs Donations Boost

The American Red Cross is encouraged by a boost in donations since the organization issued an emergency appeal for blood donors. However, additional donations are

needed to ensure an adequate supply is available through the end of the summer.

To keep up the momentum, the organization encourages anyone who has not yet given blood this summer to schedule an appointment and bring just two friends or family members along with them.

Donors of all blood types are needed, but eligible donors with blood type O negative, O positive, A negative or B negative are especially encouraged to give at this time. Anyone who gave blood at the start of summer may be eligible to donate again as summer comes to a close.

Simply call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

### Softball Tournament Benefit for HIV-Impacted Youth

Cascade AIDS Project (CAP) and Peacock Productions will host the first ever Bat 'n Rouge softball tournament, sure to become an annual must-attend event. The family-friendly tournament—featuring drag queens, music, and general hilarity—will take place 11 AM to 3 PM on August 12 at Lillis-Albina Park. Bat 'n Rouge will raise funds to send HIV infected and affected kids to Camp Starlight and build scholarships for the Audria M. Edwards Scholarship Fund.

The exhibition tournament features a team of drag queens, each dressed as Marilyn

### Compassion



Rev. Frederick Woods was one of dozens of volunteers at the Compassion North Portland healthcare event. More than 400 people received medical, dental, vision and social services through the event. Here Rev. Woods assists senior Bonnie Davis.

Monroe, as well as a three other archetypical LGBT groups, including: Beach Boys (yes, men in speedos); Ambiguously Gay Super Heroes (think tights and capes); Construction Lesbians (hard hats and caution vests). The tournament is the vehicle though the fun is anticipated to come from

the good-natured spectacle of the characters, peppered with comedic relief and spicy banter. At the focus however, is the goal to raise \$25,000 for the kids. To donate before the event and to check out the team captain photos, visit [www.batnrougepdx.org](http://www.batnrougepdx.org).

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#### Saturday August 11

**ALBERTA STREET FAIR.** The 15th annual Alberta Street Fair with over 250 vendors, 3 stages of entertainment, kids' parade, children's corner and much more. 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. On Alberta Street.

**FRANCIS STREET FIREHOUSE CENTENNIAL 100TH**

**BIRTHDAY OPEN HOUSE.** Join musicians, firefighters, community leaders, family and other friends for a celebration of the century. 1 – 4 p.m. Community Music Center, 3350 SE Francis St.

#### Sunday August 12

**FOR THE LOVE OF DOGS.** Party for the community and their dogs. Vendors, music and food. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Esther Short Park Downtown Vancouver, WA.

#### Tuesday August 14

**SUMMER STORY TIME AT CONCORDIA University.** Summer story time for our neighborhood. Bring your children and enjoy stories and songs from 10 – 11 a.m. Concordia University's George R. White Library & Learning Center, 2800 NE Liberty St.

#### Friday August 17

**SUBS ON THE SLOUGH.** Join the Portland Water

Bureau and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for a free lunchtime tour, learn about protecting Portland's underground drinking water course. This is a free event for children 10 and up. 11:30 a.m. — 1 p.m. Columbia Slough Trailhead, 16650 NE Airport Way.

#### Saturday August 18

**SEAPORT CELEBRATION.** Seaport Celebration is presented by Gunderson. You will enjoy live music and entertainment, interactive displays, demonstrations and much more, plus \$5 jet boat rides free giveaways activities and excitement for all ages. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Port of Portland, 11040 N. Lombard St.

#### Sunday August 19

**INDIA FESTIVAL.** The India Festival is filled with tastes, sounds and sights of India. Come down and enjoy live music, dancing, food and entertainment throughout the day. This is an all day event for all ages to enjoy. 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square. Downtown Portland.