

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Visions for East Portland Development

Groundwork Portland hosts a youth-led Community Visioning Workshop with visioning specialist Jim Wadell to establish priorities for the development of vacant, under-utilized space in East Portland. The event is Saturday, August 25, from noon to 3 p.m. at the East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave. near SE Cherry Blossom Street in southeast Portland.

Groundwork Portland invites all community members and interested parties to attend. The Community Visioning event is free to the public and includes lunch. To reserve a seat and to request interpretive or childcare services, call 503-662-2590, or email cassie@groundworkportland.org.

Black United Fund Higher Education Programs

Do you have a child who is going to be a junior or senior in high school next year? Do they need help planning their post-secondary education? The BUFOR's Think to the Future education program can help provide financial resources and information from financial aid, loans, scholarships and applying to colleges for students.

BUFOR's most recent addition is the Mentor4Success with the ASPIRE curriculum offering one-on-one mentoring for high school juniors and seniors to guide them through the process of applying for college. BUFOR is now accepting student applications for:

SAT Preparation Sessions: Study help for the SATs. \$10 per student, Sept. 8, 15 and 22 from 9-12 p.m. Please RSVP by Aug. 27. Visit www.bufor.org for additional SAT sessions.

Scholarship Writing Workshop: Six hour workshop designed to help guide youth through the scholarship writing process by giving them step-by-step tools they need, help them prepare a scholarship portfolio, and providing them an opportunity to write an award winning essay. The upcoming workshop is Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. -4 p.m. at Warner Pacific. Please RSVP by Sept. 24.

College Fair: BUFOR's third annual college fair is Dec. 8. For more details visit www.bufor.org.

ACCESS Scholarships: BUFOR awards multiple scholarships yearly to local university partners who include: University of Portland, George Fox University, Lewis and Clark College, Reed College, Concordia University, and Willamette University. Application available online.

Looking to give back in the commu-

nity? The Black United Fund is currently in need of volunteers to help mentor, writers and event helpers. If you want to make a difference in your community and help guide a child towards receiving high education please contact Marshawna Williams at mwilliams@bufor.org.

Volunteers Needed at Clark County YWCA

YWCA Clark County is currently seeking volunteers to start in September. Discover where your skills and passion meet the community's greatest needs! Attend our free Introduction to Volunteer Service on Tuesday, September 11th from 6:00-8:30pm. No reservation is needed.

YWCA Clark County has a strong need for volunteers to:

- advocate for adult and youth victim-survivors of sexual assault,
- advocate for victim-survivors of domestic violence,
- provide encouragement and information about community resources to women in jail,
- represent the best interests of abused and neglected children in the court system.

Find out more at www.ywcaclark-county.com or contact Stephanie Barr at 360-906-9112 or sbarr@ywcaclark-county.org.

PCRI Deputy Director



Portland Community Reinvestment Initiatives, Inc. (PCRI) has hired Portland native Greg Brown as deputy director, in charge of daily operations for the organization. He will also be responsible for the organization's fundraising activities. Prior to joining PCRI, Brown worked at Albina Community Bank, and he has spent over 29 years in the banking industry. Brown currently volunteers as Board Chairman for the Maurice Lucas Foundation. He is a former board member of the Urban League of Portland, Portland Schools Foundation, Oregon Food Bank, YWCA of Greater Portland, Ethos Music School, Portland Jazz Festival, and the Oregon Sports Authority. Brown previously served as Board Treasurer on PCRI's Board of Directors.

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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 – Saturday August 23 – 25

FESTA ITALIANA AT PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE. Piazza Italia the 21st annual Festa Italiana Portland. There will be several events for children, a big raffle and vendor booths, live entertainment & music with much more. Free admission 11 a.m. – 11 p.m.

Friday August 24

BITE ON THE BLUFF. Offering a variety of local restaurants and food carts for family and friends. Come grab a bite before the Pilot women's soccer game at 7 p.m. We will be celebrating after the game with a fireworks show. 4 – 7 p.m. University of Portland, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

Friday – Saturday August 24 -25

LOCAL SOUL FOOD HOSTS 5TH ANNUAL CRAWFISH FEED FUNDRAISER. Po' Shines will feature a variety of crawfish inspired dishes. The festival will also feature local music, artists and honor community members and businesses who are also striving to make a true difference in the Kenton area. For more info and to reserve your plate please call Po'Shines at 503-978-9000. Po' Shines is located at 8139 N. Denver.

Saturday August 25

OPEN COCKPIT DAY. This day offers the rare chance for kids and adults alike to climb into the cockpit of select vintage aircraft. Weather permitting, free airplane rides will be given to children 8 to 17 on a first come first serve basis. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Regular museum admission applies. Pearson Air Museum, 1115 NE Fifth St. Vancouver, WA

POWELL'S BOOKS CELEBRATES 41 YEARS WITH A BLOCK PARTY. As part of the month long celebration the block party will take place on Couch St. between 10th and 12th Ave. from 2 to 9 p.m. It will be an event filled with authors, music and games. This party is free and open to the public.

Sunday August 26

3RD ANNUAL 42ND STREET FAIR. Come join the

fun! Head to 42nd and Alberta Court for live music, kids activities, vendor booths and much more. Noon – 5 p.m. Parade gets it all started off at noon at 42nd and NE Killingsworth.

Thursday August 30

OREGON VOICES CONVERSATION PROJECT SERIES. Emily Drew, "White Out." The future of Racial Diversity in Oregon. Event begins at 6 p.m. in the Oregon Historical Society Pavilion Free Admission.

PLAZA PALOOZA PRESENTS PORTLAND'S OWN QUARTERFLASH. Quarterflash will perform at the last Plaza Palooza. Free live music, ice cold drinks of all kinds and wonderful food. 5 – 7 p.m. Oregon Convention Center, 777 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Friday August 31

END OF SUMMER BASH! Enjoy open swim, outdoor water activities, food, music, crafts and much more. Then end the evening with a movie in the park. 1 – 10 p.m. Mt. Scott Community Center and Park, 5530 SE 72nd Ave.

Saturday September 1

LABOR DAY PICNIC, PROPER STYLE @ KENTON Park. Uniting Community Across All Lines event. BBQ, Potluck bring your own drinks. Then enjoy acoustic entertainment, face painting, games & activities for all ages. Noon – 4 p.m. Kenton Park. Free and open to the public.