

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Bus Riders Unite Day of Action on TriMet Fares

On Aug. 30, OPAL's Bus Riders Unite will hold a New Orleans-style funeral march in downtown Portland in response to TriMet's Sept. 1 fare increase, service cuts and the elimination of the free rail zone. The event is from 2-6 p.m. at Pioneer Square.

For more information go to www.opalpd.org.

Free Backpacks & Health Checkups

Everyone knows "free" is a good thing. And on Saturday, Sept. 1 is the First Annual Free Community Health & Back-to-School Extravaganza, by The Salvation Army Moore Street Center, KiDazzle, Self Enhancement Inc., and several local health organizations. This health and back-to-school extravaganza will be held at The Salvation Army Moore Street Worship & Community Center, at 5335 N Williams Ave., from 2 to 5 p.m.

The theme is "Path to Wellness Head to Toe," and participants will be able to visit local health and wellness provider booths for various check-ups, and children will receive a back-to-school backpack filled with school supplies. A free BBQ will also be provided by the Freemasons of Portland.

KiDazzle, a non-profit that supports youth wellness and education, along with support from Target, Freemasons, and Self-Enhancement Inc., will be handing out backpacks filled with school supplies in

anticipation of the new school year.

For more information go to www.salvationarmymooresstreet.com.

Beaverton Celebration Parade Travels New Route

The city's 55th annual Beaverton Celebration Parade will follow a new route on Saturday, Sept. 8 starting at 10 a.m.

The parade begins at the corner of SW Wilson Avenue and Allen Boulevard. It then takes SW Erickson Avenue to 5th Street, passing by the Beaverton City Library. The parade ends at Griffith Park near Beaverton City Hall.

This year's grand marshals will be local Olympians, including Mariel Zagunis, a two-time gold medalist fencer and team USA's opening ceremonies flag bearer.

For more information about the 2012 Celebration Parade, including a route map, or to see pictures from previous Celebration Parades, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Parade.

Senior Studies Institute Offers Classes for Retirees

"Learning never exhausts the mind." So said Leonardo Di Vinci and so say the more than 325 member of Senior Studies Institute of Portland Community College.

Now in its 21st year, SSI offers 35 classes and six current events sessions at six sites

Shop With a Cop



Portland Police Bureau's annual Shop with a Cop brought schoolkids and officers together last week at the Gateway Fred Meyer. The Sunshine Division was the most significant funder to the event and provided 65 percent of the funds through its Izzy's Kids program that year round pairs children in need with officers for a unique shopping experience.

each term. The classes are, unlike most college programs, each only 2 hours long so joining at any time is possible and welcome.

Fall terms offerings include Greek Theater, Scottish Clans, WWII Espionage, Genealogy, Folk Art, A Parkinson's Disease forum, Maps, Internet Security, a voter information program by the League of

Women Voters and a host of others. Offered every term are Poetry Fun, Book Potpourri, Current Events and Playreading.

And all this for only \$30 a year. For information check the website at www.pcc.edu/ssi or call Tony or Kathy at 503-228-2488.

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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.

Friday - Monday August 31 - September 3

ART OF THE BOULEVARD FESTIVAL. The festival is a four-day event of performers by local artists as well as the unveiling of Bobbi Foucher's commissioned paintings for the Regional Arts and Culture Council. Noon - 6 p.m. McCoy Academy, 3802 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Saturday September 1

GRAND OPENING OF THE PORTLANDIA MAIZE. The maize will open its pathways in conjunction with the 20th Annual Harvest Festival at the Pumpkin Patch during this Labor Day Weekend. There will be all kinds of family fun including free hayrides, hay pyramids, the animal barn and much more. Entrance admission required for the maize. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 16511 NW Gillihan Rd. Portland.

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.

Thursday September 6

THE STANDARD VOLUNTEER EXPO. The Standard supports many local and regional non-profit organizations at the Standard Volunteer Expo, the Portland community has the opportunity to learn about them all. Come sign up to volunteer with the organization of your choice. 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Friday September 7

PHINNEY FARMERS MARKET. There is always a wonderful array of fresh fruit, vegetables and other locally made food as well as several exciting options for on-the-spot enjoyment. 3 p.m. Phinney Neighborhood Center Gallery, 6532 Phinney Ave. N.

Saturday September 8

THE GIFT OF LITERACY 2012. Come celebrate International Literacy Day with organizations that can help you with Reading, citizenship, GED preparation & learning English. Central Library, 801 SW 10th Ave. 1 - 4 p.m.

MADISON FESTIVAL IN THE PARK. This is a fundraiser that will benefit participating organizations in Madison High School. Enjoy a concert, craft fair, and a families market and much more things for kids to do and enjoy some good food too. Noon - 5 p.m. Glenhaven Park.