

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Vancouver NAACP to Co-Sponsor Mini-Leadership Advocacy Training

NAACP Branch 1139 and YWCA Clark County co-sponsor a free mini-leadership advocacy training on Saturday, Sept. 15, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., in the YWCA Community Room, 3609 Main Street, in Vancouver. This training will take place during the NAACP monthly membership meeting time and is open to the public. Light refreshments will be available.

Emijah Smith, Community Organizer for the Children's Alliance, will conduct the training, which will cover how to communicate with lawmakers, get your message in the media, build community and get others involved, and related topics. Her presentation will focus on advocating for children, but the knowledge and skills can be applied to any issue.

Anyone interested in learning about basic grassroots advocacy is welcome at this training. The NAACP is especially eager to involve people of color, lower income community members, and others who tend to be under-represented in the electoral and legislative process.

For more information, please contact Emijah Smith, Community Organizer at emijah@childrensalliance.org or 1-800-KIDS (5437) x25.

A Town Hall Meeting on Housing Justice: 'They're Not Heavy, They're My Neighbor!'

Interested community members are gathering to create a community agreement on housing justice. The event is Thursday, Sept. 27, at Moriarty Hall 104, Portland Community College Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St., from 7 to 9 p.m.

The purpose of this agreement will be to develop community standards for supplying housing for all who need it, regardless of how it conflicts with the interests of the banks, property owners, developers, and the legal system they control through their massive lobbying efforts.

Join the town hall meeting that will include all of the local organizing segments around housing justice e.g. homeowners in foreclosure, so-called "squatter" community members, tenant rights advocates, and the houseless community, who will all come together to issue a call to action for the community to create and enforce a city wide agreement that provides housing space as a right for every human being.

For more information call 360-980-1409 or write umifam@gmail.com.


Benefits & Job Fair for Veterans

Veterans and their families are invited to attend a Veterans Benefits and Job Fair on Thursday, September 27. The free fair will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Willow Creek Center, located at 241 SW Edgeway Drive in Beaverton.

Eric Belt, Veteran Services Program Supervisor for Washington County, says, "High unemployment rates put veterans at risk of becoming homeless more quickly than veterans of any other era." The Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that Iraq and Afghanistan veterans who become homeless do so in three years, compared with 13 years for Vietnam-era veterans. Belt goes on to say, "Connecting veterans to benefits they have earned in honorable service to our country is critical to preventing this from happening to our newest generation of heroes."

The Veterans Administration, other governmental and community-based agencies, and employers will be on hand to provide services and information such as health screenings, job opportunities and the chance to register with the VA for medical care and

Hospital School



Back to school day on Sept. 5 at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel saw brothers and sisters of patients – including Dominique, above — studying math, reading, grammar and social studies in the classroom on the hospital's 7th floor. The classroom is staffed by teachers from the Multnomah Education School District. Last year Barnes & Noble donated 1,000 books to the school, which now has 2,000 books for kids to read in their inpatient rooms.

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other benefits.

The event is hosted by Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Services (DAVS), WorkSource Employment Beaverton and the Western Washington County Employer Council.

For more information, call 503-846-3060.

Clark College Presents 'Mental Health Mondays'

From stress and anxiety to helping veterans get help, Clark College's "Mental Health Mondays" series returns this fall, offering insights on important social issues.

The series will begin on Oct. 1 when Robert McLellarn, Ph.D., discusses anxiety. The series will continue throughout the

fall, covering a wide array of social issues.

"Mental Health Mondays" discussions take place from noon to 1 p.m. in the Penguin Student Lounge, located in the college's Penguin Union Building on Clark's main campus. All events are free and open to the public. Clark College is located at 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver. Driving directions and parking maps are available at www.clark.edu/maps.

The "Mental Health Mondays" sessions are sponsored by the Clark College Counseling and Health Center. Additional information can be found at www.clark.edu/cc/mhm.

Individuals who need accommodation due to a disability in order to fully participate in this event should contact Clark College's Disability Support Services Office at 360-992-2314 or 360-991-0901.

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Thursday September 13

OREGON VOICES CONVERSATION PROJECT SERIES CONTINUES. Elliot Young, Borderless Migration Globalization and Changing Communities event begins at 6 p.m. in the Oregon Historical Society Pavilion. Free Admission.

Saturday September 15

STURGEON FESTIVAL. This free, fun family event offers opportunities for the entire family to learn about fish and other animals in and around the Columbia River. Join us from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Water Resource Center, 4600 Columbia Way, Vancouver, WA.

Sunday September 16

PORTLAND CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS 25TH ANNIVERSARY FAMILY DAY. Celebrate 25 years of Portland's premier arts venues with free performances theater tours and a variety of children's activities. This is a free event. Noon – 5 p.m. 1111 SW Broadway (at SW Main). Portland.

Thursday September 20

AN EVENING WITH DR. JANE MCGOIGAL. Dr. Jane McGonigal, is a world renowned designer of alternative reality games – or games that are designed to improve real lives and solve real problems. Concordia University invites the public to attend this free event. 7 p.m. 2811 NE Holman.

Saturday September 22

CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CRAFT CARNIVAL. Environmentally friendly hands-on craft activities for families and children under 12. Hear music from The Alphabeticans from 1 – 5 p.m. Lents Park, SE 92nd Ave & Holgate Blvd.

HARVEST FUN DAY 2012. It's almost that time again. We're excited to announce this year's Harvest Fun Day – our annual free family-fun-on-the-farm event. Pie-eating and corn shucking contest plus much more. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Heritage Farm, 1919 NE 78th St. Vancouver, WA.