

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### African American Homeownership Fair

If you want to own your own home some day, you can start taking steps toward your goal at the African American Homeownership Fair, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 27, at Emanuel Hospital Atrium, 501 N. Graham St.

More than 50 housing professionals will be on hand to answer questions, point you to resources and lead workshops for first-time homebuyers, and seniors interested in reverse mortgages. Professionals say that despite the housing crisis, homeownership remains an important way to build family wealth.

Homeowners who have suffered during the economic downturn, and are struggling to avoid foreclosure, will also find free advice and assistance at the fair. Chase foreclosure advisors will be available all day to talk to homeowners with Chase loans. To view the schedule of events visit [www.aaah.org](http://www.aaah.org)

### BBB Sponsors Free Document Shredding to Protect Against Identity Theft, Oct. 20

What can people do to protect personal information?

On Oct. 20, 2012, BBB, ECO Car Wash, ClearPoint Credit Counseling Solutions and Shred-it will be hosting Secure Your ID Day at 5020 SE 82nd Ave. in Portland from 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. Drive up to drop off three bags or boxes of unwanted documents and have them securely shredded on-the-spot for free. Shred-it can not accept cardboard, three-ring binders or damp materials.

BBB will also be collecting unused cellular devices for Verizon's HopeLine, which wipes the data from phones and allocates them to victims of domestic abuse.

Visit [akorww.bbb.org/secure-your-id](http://akorww.bbb.org/secure-your-id) for more details or contact BBB serving Alaska, Oregon and Western Washington at 503-212-3022 or [events@thebbb.org](mailto:events@thebbb.org).

### Portland Area Residents Invited to Comment on State's Long Term Care Plan

The state is evaluating its long term care system and how it can meet the growing demands as Oregonians live longer and healthier lives. The public is invited to provide input and direction on the future of long term care services at a series of public meetings around the Portland area in early November.

The community meetings are designed to be interactive, with state staff presenting its values, goals and visions for the future. The public will be invited to participate in the conversation on how those goals can be met.

Representatives from the Department of Human Services, Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) will be seeking public

### Gentrification Tour



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The Dill Pickle Club and Hazina Management lead a North Portland Gentrification Tour Saturday, Oct. 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event starts with a walking tour of downtown and wraps up at the former Vanport City, with stops at the Hughes Memorial United Methodist Church and Billy Webb Elks Lodge in between, and more. General admission tickets are \$20, sign up for the trip at [www.dillpickleclub.org](http://www.dillpickleclub.org).

input at the following locations and times:

Monday, Nov. 5: Southeast Portland, Multnomah County Building Commissioners Board Room, 501 SE Hawthorne, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Monday, Nov. 5: Gresham, East County Center, Blue Lake Room, 600 NE 8th St.,

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Northeast Portland Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th Ave., 10 a.m.-Noon

Wednesday, Nov. 7: Milwaukie Center, Trillium Room, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Dr., 2-4 p.m.

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#### Friday – Saturday October 19 – 20

MY FRIENDS AND MORE BAZAAR TO BENEFIT SNOWCAP CHARITIES. Bazaar shoppers this year will find a diverse group of artisans. The Fourth annual seasonal event is planned at the church location at 1700 NE 132nd Ave, Friday hours will be 4 – 8 p.m. Saturday hours are 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

#### Friday - Sunday October 19 – 21

NAACP IS HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER, WASH. The conference will begin on Oct 19. There will be a meet and greet from 7 – 8 p.m. The conference will be held at the Vancouver Hilton, 301 W. 6th St. For more info and a schedule of events that will be taking place please call 503-282-0537. All is encouraged to attend.

#### Saturday October 20

COSTUME CARNIVAL. Join us for the 15th annual East Portland and Montavilla Community centers combined carnival – a great evening of games, face painting, and crafts. Appropriate for preschool and grade school age children. 5 – 7 p.m. East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave.

FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS. Spread the word on this very valuable community service for NE PDX. Free health screenings, dental exams and tons of health fitness nutrition demos. Fun for the whole family. 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Ambridge Center, 1333 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd.

#### Saturday – Sunday October 20 -21

RAISE A RUCKUS RUMMAGE SALE. Come shop at Radical Women and the Freedom Socialist Party's biggest annual fundraiser and support community activists. Saturday Oct. 20 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Sunday Oct.21, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. At the Bread and Roses Center, 6834 NE Glisan.

#### Tuesday October 23

OREGON VICES CONVERSATION PROJECT SERIES CONTINUES: JACKSON B. MILLER, THE VOTERS HAVE SPOKEN OREGON'S CONTROVERSIAL BALLOT INITIATIVES. Jackson B. Miller is an Associate Professor of Communication Arts and the Director of Forensics (speech and debate) at Linfield College. This is a free event for all. 6 p.m. Oregon Historical Society Pavilion.

#### Wednesday October 24

VOLUNTEER PLANTING OF 20,000 CROCUS BULBS IN PP&R'S CHAPMAN AND LONSDALE SQUARES. PP&R will welcome the help of volunteers to beautify the parks, especially during the rainy and early spring. Meet at 8:30 a.m. and planting starts at 9 a.m. All volunteers need to meet at Chapman Square. PP&R will provide all tools, gloves and training.

#### Friday October 26

HALLOWEEN SPOOKTACULAR. Carnival, concessions, prizes and more. Appropriate for ages 5 to 12. Purchase tickets at the door. 6 – 8:30 p.m. St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central

HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASH. Join PP&R for a frighteningly fun (and free) family event. Games, crafts, food, prizes and more. 6 – 8:30 p.m. Peninsula Park Community Center, 700 N. Rosa Parks Way.

#### Saturday October 27

THE 14TH ANNUAL AFRICAN AMERICAN HOMEOWNERSHIP FAIR. Free and open to the public. Visit over 40 housing professionals, attend free workshops, enter to win a \$1,000 grant giveaway and other great prizes! 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium, 501 N. Graham St. For more info call 503-595-3517.