

## COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

### East Portland Food Co-op Looking for Board Members

The Montavilla Food Co-op is soliciting nominations for its first ever Board of Directors.

The MFC is growing fast, gaining members and momentum towards opening a cooperative grocery store in the Montavilla neighborhood. The group has reached a membership milestone and is now seeking to assemble a development board - a distinctive body of Co-op members focused on and committed to making the cooperative grocery store a reality.

The unique diversity of the neighborhood and desire for inclusivity will be reflected in the board's composition. "We seek to attract people of all ethnicity, culture, background and experience to wholeheartedly serve as a representative of our membership," organizers said.

To learn more about how you can become a driving force behind an exciting movement to provide healthy and sustainable foods to a diverse neighborhood, visit [www.montavilla.coop](http://www.montavilla.coop) or request an application at [core@montavilla.coop](mailto:core@montavilla.coop)

### Po'Shines Hosts 'Good Old Fashioned Holiday Fish Fry'

Po'Shines hosts a Fish Fry Weekend, with Spades and Biz Whiz competitions, Friday and Saturday Dec. 14 - 15. The event is from noon to 10 p.m. in the exclusive "Po-Room" at Po'Shines Cafe. First place teams receive a \$100 cash prize.

The menu includes Buffalo Fish, Catfish, Cod, Spaghetti, Hush puppies, Pan Fried Potatoes & Onions, Baked Beans, Salmon and more. It's time for good old fashion fish fry while playing Spades and Bid Whiz call and reserve your table today 503.978.9000 space is limited!

Since Po'Shines opened its doors in the summer of 2007, its mission, in addition to providing great food and service, was to give at risk youth and young adults an opportunity to get job training and experience in the culinary world.

With the help of community sponsors and donations, Po'Shines looks to update their facilities and launch the program in the spring of 2013. For more information please call 503-978-9000.

### December Race Dialogue on 'Walking Our Talk'

Join Race Talks and representatives of many local non-profit organizations for a social and informational gathering, great for networking and having fun, on Tuesday, Dec. 11, Doors open at 6 p.m., and the talk starts at 7 p.m. Come early to meet, network and eat dinner with friends. You can also listen to multi-ethnic music, win part of the over \$1,000 in raffle prizes, book sales, sign-ups for book clubs, and more. This will be a great opportunity to take a more active step in bringing about racial equality and understanding by volunteering with the non-profits.

Mark Tuesday, Jan. 8 on your calendar for next month's Race Talks: "Growing Up Multi-Racial in Oregon."

The event is at the Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave., 503-249-3983.

### Here Comes Santa



TriMet driver Bob Foster drives the number 52 line, but he does it his way—dressed like You Know Who. A more than 30-year TriMet veteran, each December, Foster plays Santa to families across the Portland metropolitan area. He's been moonlighting as Santa for more than 25 years.

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#### Friday December 7

9TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AND HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE. The Holiday open House begins at 5 p.m. inside Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW 5th St. Followed by the tree lighting at 6 p.m. across the street in Beaverton City Park.

3RD ANNUAL FREMONT FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS. Santa's Village will be near The Arrangement on NE Fremont at 42nd. There will also be children's craft activities at Umpqua Bank, near Santa's Village. Families can enjoy live music, entertainment, sidewalk vendors, food and beverages during the evening. 5 - 9 p.m.

#### Saturday December 8

SING, DANCE, PLAY AND EXPERIENCE A FUN TRADE HOLIDAY AT FORT VANCOUVER NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE. Experience the sights and sounds of the 1840's holiday season at Christmas at Fort Vancouver from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost \$3 adults/15 and under free. Fort Vancouver, WA

THE BLACK UNITED FUND'S THIRD ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR. 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Concordia University. Open to all parents and high school Juniors and Seniors. Doors open at 8 a.m. Free admission.

22ND ANNUAL TUBA CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Downtown will pulse with the melodic sounds of big brass led by Chuck Bolton as over 225 tubas play in unison at Pioneer Courthouse Square. 1:30 p.m.

#### Sunday December 9

SPECIAL HOLIDAY MOVIE TO SUPPORT THE OREGON FOOD BANK. Milagros Boutique Portland's Natural Baby Boutique is hosting a special screening of ELF (rated PG. Starring Will Ferrell) Suggested donation is \$5 per family or a canned food item per person. 1 p.m. Milagros, 5433 NE 30th Ave.

#### Monday December 10

PET NIGHT WITH SANTA. Come get your pet photo taken with Santa. All pets must be on a leash or in a pet crate. 5 - 8 p.m. Lloyd Center mall.

#### Tuesday December 11

JEFFERSON HIGH SCHOOL 12TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL/FILM FESTIVAL- HERE TODAY- WHERE TOMORROW? Join us at 6 p.m. at the North Portland Neighborhood Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. As always, our presentations are informative family friendly and free. The film showing will be Bhutan - The Height of Happiness.

#### Friday - Saturday December 14 - 15

PO'SHINES WILL HOST A FISH FRY WEEKEND WITH SPADES AND BIZ WHIZ COMPETITIONS FROM NOON - 10 P.M. BOTH DAYS. A good old fashion holiday fish fry with good people, good food and prizes. Po'Shines. 8139 N. Denver For more information call 503-973-9000. Space is limited call early.

#### Saturday December 15

WINTER CHEER CONCERT: OREGON PRO ARTE YOUTH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA. Program, Mozart Symphony No. 38, Von Suppe, Poet and Peasant Overture and much more. Tickets at the door are \$10 adults, \$5 students, 4 and under free. 7 p.m. Parkrose High School, 12003 NE Shaver St.

FREE BRATWURST BBQ AND PLANT GIVE AWAY. Bring your shovels to the Portland Community College Campus at 705 N. Killingsworth. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more info call 971-722-8423.