

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Rally for Jefferson Cluster Schools

The Portland Public Schools has announced its plans to close another school in Jefferson Cluster in North and Northeast Portland, and the group Portland Area Social Equality Educators is holding a rally Saturday, Jan. 26 at noon at Jefferson High School, just before a school board meeting on “rebalancing” strategies which is slated for 1 p.m. inside Jefferson.

Last year, two schools, Tubman and Humbolt, were fast-tracked for closure. Critics charge that the district’s transfer policy has created a segregated school system, and “its plans for ‘balancing’ the cluster will only intensify this problem.”

Marijuana Policy Project Town Hall with Rep. Earl Blumenauer

The Marijuana Policy Project, the nation’s leading advocacy organization dedicated to reforming state and federal marijuana law, hosts a free, public town hall meeting Sunday, Jan. 27, from 4-5:30 p.m. at the Matt Dishman Community Center.

The town hall, “Marijuana: Setting a Path Toward Regulation in Oregon,” will feature special remarks from U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-OR).

The panel, moderated by MPP’s Oregon representative Roy Kaufmann, will also feature insights and comments from Steve Fox, MPP’s Director of Government Relations and the key architect of the successful 2012 Colorado Amendment 64 campaign, which won with 55 percent of the vote.

For more information, contact Roy Kaufmann at Oregon@mpp.org.

Portland Y.O.U.th Summit Feb. 7 at PSU

Youth Organized and United to Help (Y.O.U.th) focuses this year’s Portland Youth Summit on families building their mind, body and soul.

The event is Saturday, Feb. 9, with registration at 11 a.m., daylong events and a youth talent show at 6:30 p.m. It’s at Portland State University Smith Memorial Union, 3rd Floor, 825 SW Broadway, Portland

The theme is, “Be Healthy or Die Trying,” acknowledging that racial disparities can lead to obesity, substance abuse, teenage pregnancy, and other education health and social problems.

This year, both youth and adults are welcome and encouraged to attend the exercise workshop Soulfly Groovement, which will feature a workout CD produced by rapper and activist stic.man from the political hip-hop duo Dead Prez. This workshop will teach the necessity for meditation, holistic health, and natural body movements. Another workshop will address mental health and the societal stereotypes and resources for families.

The additional workshops topics vary from social justice, youth and leadership empowerment, and metaphysics. On Saturday night, a Youth Talent Show, featuring rappers, dancers and singers, will be hosted by Vursatyl, an MC from the Portland hip hop group Lifesavas.

For information and to register go to www.PortlandYouthSummit.org.

Partnership for Housing



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Felicia Tripp (third from right) accepts a \$50,000 check from Wells Fargo on behalf of the Portland Housing Center (PHC). Representing Wells Fargo are, left to right: branch manger Angelique Newman, District Manager Michele Givens, Community Affairs Manager Bernie Kronberger, Diverse Segments Consultant Manuel Delgadillo, Community Development Officer Cobi Jackson, Area President Kellie Grant and Regional President Don Pearson. The PHC will use the funds to create a public-private partnership that will make home ownership a reality for more low- to moderate-income Portland families. Jackson chairs the PHC board.

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Friday January 25

FAMILY FRIDAY CONCERT CLASSICAL REVOLUTION PDX. Your musical night out with the kids. Free with suggested donation of \$5. Refreshments are sold at the door. Limited seating doors open at 6:30 p.m. House opens at 6:50 p.m. Community Music Center, 3350 SE Frances St.

Saturday January 26

SAVING MONEY FOR THE NEW YEAR WITH COUPONS. Come learn easy techniques that will bring down your debt, and save you money in

2013. 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. Free Event.

ANNUAL TEEN SUMMIT: Aims to inform and Insight Action: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The African Methodist Episcopal Zion churches of the Oregon-Washington annual conference will hosts. Please bring a pair of gently used or new jeans and toiletries for males and females to donate to local homeless shelter. Clark Public Utilities Building, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA

FIX-IT-FAIR: HEALTHY FAMILIES, HEALTHY HOMES. Fix-It-Fair is a free event where you can learn simple ways to save money and be healthy at home this winter. 9:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. Self Enhancement, Inc. 3920 N. Kirby Ave.

Sunday January 27

THE RAILROAD MEN AND FAMILY LIFE: LET THE OFFSPRINGS TELL IT. Lorenzo Conference Center at Emanuel Hospital, 2801 N. Gatemen Ave. 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY JAM NIGHT VARIETY SHOW. Jam Night is a friends and family night setup as an SNL show gone clean, featuring local recording artists, and Celebrations Sketch Improve comedy troupe. 7

p.m. Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave.

Tuesday – Wednesday January 29 & 30

ORCHARD SUPPLY AND HARDWARE TO HOLD HIRING EVENT AT THE OREGON ZOO. An event to fill approximately 80 full – and part-time positions at each of two new stores opening in Washington County. To apply for a position please head to The Oregon Zoo – Cascade Crest Banquet Center, 4001 SW Canyon Rd. From 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday February 1

2013 OREGON BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION: WHOLE NEW WORLD. 4-8 p.m. at The Hotel Monaco, 506 SW Washington.

Friday – Saturday February 1 & 2

23RD ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF ART: BUCKMAN ART SHOW & SELL RETURNS TO SE PORTLAND. The longtime fixture in the Portland art scene benefits Beckman Arts Focus Elementary PTA. Children activities and much more. Friday \$5 per person age 5 and older. 5 – 9 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. \$2 suggested donation. Buckman Arts Elementary School, 320 SE 16th Ave.