

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Free Eye Exams and Glasses by Oregon Lions

The Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation launched a new component to their Lions Eyeglass Assistance Program this year. In addition to distributing used readers to people in need, now through a partnership with Vision Service Plan and Prevent Blindness America, OLSHF and the 175 Oregon Lions Clubs will provide free eye exams and eyeglasses to qualified people in Oregon and Northern California.

U.S. residents 18 and older living at 200 percent or below the Federal Poverty Level are eligible for service. Individuals seeking help must call the Lions in Service Referral System by leaving a detailed message at 971-270-0203 or they can e-mail their contact information and request to lionsclubsreferrals@olshf.org. Lions volunteers will route these calls to the appropriate club, who will then begin the application process. Eligible applicants will be notified within 10 business days.

OLSHF serves more than 100,000 people a year at an average cost of less than \$10 per person. For more information, go to www.olshf.org.

Legislators Host Town Hall

Sen. Jackie Dingfelder and Reps. Alissa Keny-Guyer and Michael Dembrow invite residents to join them for a town hall and

open forum to discuss the current legislative session and issues of concern.

The meeting will be held Saturday, March 23 from 10-11:30 am in Rooms 139-140 at Portland Community College Southeast Campus, 2305 SE 82nd.

Public Hearings on Portland City Budget

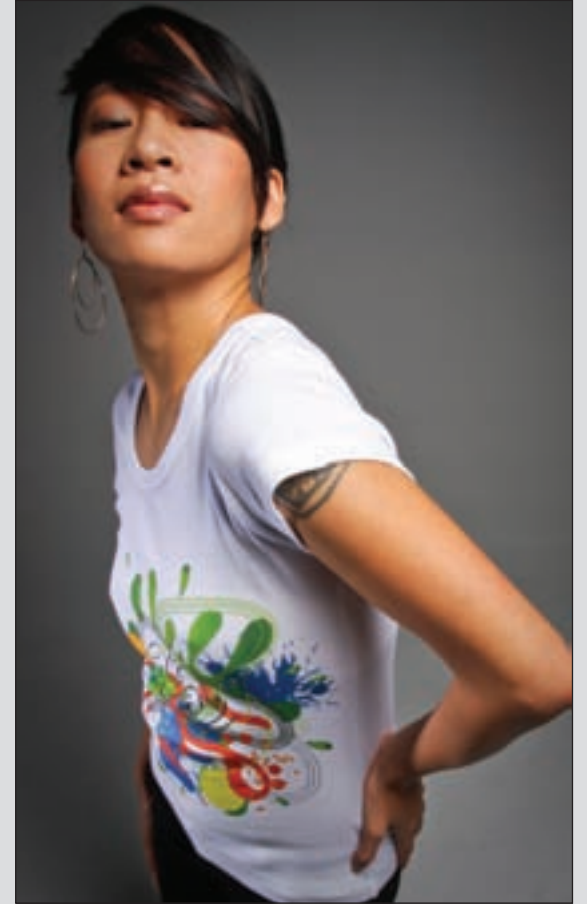
A public hearing on the city budget March 6 packed the conference room at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization in East Portland. Speakers urged the council not to cut support for the East Portland Action Plan, including early childhood education and a family resource center at Earl Boyles Elementary; and sidewalks on N.E. 136th Avenue, where Morgan Maynard-Cook, 5, was killed last week crossing the road.

City Commissioners had also asked for suggestions of where they should cut, but fewer people had ideas to share. Among the suggestions offered were: furlough days for city staff and not hiring to replace empty positions.

Other hearings will be held:
Thursday, April 11, 6:30 -8:30 p.m.
Montgomery Park
2701 NW Vaughn Street
Portland

Thursday, May 16, 6:30 -8:30 p.m.
City Hall – Council Chambers
1221 SW 4th Ave.
Portland

Marquee Diversity Poet



Spoken-word artist Kelly Zin-Yie Tsai performs at Washington State University Vancouver's Marquee Diversity event, 7 p.m. March 27 in the Dengerink Administration building, room 110. Hosted by Student Diversity, the event is free and open to registered guests on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, visit www.vancouver.wsu.edu/mde.

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Thursday March 14

JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF AFRICAN DRUMMING. The performers are PK – 2nd graders, they will be drumming and dancing. It is a beautiful event which happens through the help of OBBO ADDY GROUP and Right Brain. 6 – 7:30 p.m. Beach School Gym, 1710 N. Humboldt St.

Friday March 15

FAMILY FRIDAY NIGHT CONCERT. Your musical night out with the kids. Free with suggested donation. Refreshments are sold at the door. Local musicians in a live, informal setting. Appropriate

for all ages to enjoy. 7:15 p.m. Community Music Center, 3350 SE Francis St.

Saturday March 16

LLOYD LIONS CLUB PRESENTS: FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS. Don't miss this opportunity to check your health. Screenings include vision, glaucoma, blood pressure, hearing, and diabetes (with 3 hour fasting) 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. PCC Cascade Campus, in front of the cafeteria, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

BEAVERTON HOSTS ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION DURING BEAVERTON'S FARMER'S WINTER MARKET. The city of Beaverton is helping host the St. Patrick's Day celebration for this weekend event. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Beaverton City Park, SW Washington and Fourth St in Beaverton.

Sunday March 17

SAVE AMERICA'S POSTAL SERVICE. Save Saturday delivery & door-to-door mail delivery march and rally: Rally is at Pioneer Courthouse Square. March to Portland's main Post Office. 2 – 3:30 p.m. Meet at Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Monday March 18

CELEBRATE THE START OF MARCH MADNESS AT MONDAY'S ON THE MALL WITH THE NIKE HOOP SUMMIT AND MORE. Portland mall Management, INC. will be celebrating the start of March madness NCAA Basketball Tournament season at PSU's Urban Plaza SW 6th and Montgomery from Noon – 1 p.m.

Wednesday March 20

GIRLS NIGHT OUT... WITH FRIENDS CONCERT! University of Portland presents: University of Portland's Women's Chorale will be joined by Women's choirs from Clark College, and Portland's Lewis and Clark College and Lincoln High School for Girl's Night Out... With Friends. 7:30 p.m. in Buckley Center Auditorium, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. Concert is free and open to the public.

Saturday March 23

FREE HANDS – ON RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP. Want to learn by doing? Join the Watershed Stewards and Clark County to build a rain garden at a new built Habitat for Humanity home. 1 – 4 p.m. 9717 NE 25th Ave. Vancouver, WA