

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

The Salvation Army
Portland Metro Throws
'Something Grand'

Something Grand is a benefit concert for much needed after-school music programs in under-privileged communities. The concert will take place on a grand stage and will feature ten grand pianos, several professional pianists, and several sensational youth pianists, Saturday, March 30, at 1 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Each year, The Salvation Army provides music for hundreds of underprivileged kids in the Portland Metro. To meet this need, Michael Allen Harrison and The Salvation Army have partnered for the second year in a row for "Something Grand" - a benefit concert for after-school music programs.

Tickets are \$10-\$40, for info go to www.SomethingGrandPortland.com.

Beaverton Senior
Citizen Forum

The Beaverton Senior Citizens Advisory Committee invites the senior community to the Senior Housing Forum on Saturday, March 30 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW 5th St. Various housing topics and issues affecting seniors will be shared during the forum.

Representatives from the following programs will present information on:

- Unlimited Choices: Resources available for critical home repair and maintenance
- Community Partners for Affordable Housing: Options for affordable rental housing in Beaverton and the surrounding area
- Portland State University's School of Community Health: Institute Aging: How to downsize for retirement
- Oregon Law Center: Housing and tenant rights issues impacting seniors
- Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon: Shared housing as an affordable housing option

Healthy snacks will be provided. Please RSVP to the SCAC phone line at 503-526-2595. For more information, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov/SCAC.

Safe Routes to Schools

Join us for our 3rd annual Safe Routes Spring Kick-off to celebrate walking and biking on Saturday, April 6, at Cesar Chavez School. This is a family-fun event that celebrates health, safety, and physical fitness.

There will be activities for parents, students, and younger children:

- Bike activities and walking games
- Walk and bike art projects
- Bike Rodeo
- Map reading and safe route planning activities
- Learn to ride a bike class
- Free bike repair
- Helmet fitting and giveaway
- Free healthy lunch
- Community bike ride (with bikes and helmets available to borrow)
- Raffle
- ...and more, all for FREE!

For more information, email saferoutes@portlandoregon.gov or call 503-823-1189.

Health Care for All
Oregon

A meeting of citizens regarding single payer healthcare in Oregon, featuring keynote speaker, Rep. Michael Dembrow, at St. Andrew Church, 806 NE Alberta St., 7 p.m., April 9.

Dembrow is sponsor of HB 2922, to establish a health care plan for all Oregonians, which will be operated by the Oregon Health Authority, according to policies established by the Affordable Health Care for All Oregon Board.

The program includes a short film detailing Vermont's successful efforts to establish single payer. Hear from city residents who have first-hand experience with our failing medical insurance industry, to understand

Soroptimists



Tamara Young, left, a student in Mt. Hood Community College's Mental Health and Human Service program, has been honored by Soroptimist of Portland with a \$5,000 first-place prize in its annual Women's Opportunity Program; now she goes on for the chance to win \$10,000. Program Director Shelley Gibson bestowed the honor. For more information on MHCC's Mental Health and Human Service program, go to www.mhcc.edu/mentalhealth.

the current crisis and how it affects individuals, small businesses, and all who live and work in Oregon.

Sponsored by the District 45 - NE Portland Action Group, and co-sponsored by Health Care for All Oregon, and Portland

Jobs with Justice. Further action will be provided, including tools to make your voice heard to your Oregon state Representatives and Senators.

Reach Dembrow's office by phone at 503-281-0608.

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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

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

Monday – Friday March 25 – 29

LOOKING FOR WAY TO ENTERTAIN YOUR KIDS DURING SPRING BREAK? The Oregon History Museum will be offering family activities from 10 A.M. – Noon. Stop by the museum to make your own corn husk doll, and explore our exhibits in a daily scavenger hunt. Admission is \$5 for children under 17. Admission is free to all residents of Multnomah County. Regular adult admission is \$11. 1200 SW Park Ave.

Friday March 29 thru Sunday May 5

WOODEN SHOE TULIP FESTIVAL – OREGON'S LARGEST SPRING EVENT. Festival goers will find acres and acres of colorful tulips and daffodils. You will find a whole range of family activities

once you arrive at the festival. 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. daily. 33814 S. Meridian Rd Woodburn, OR \$10 per car load.

Saturday March 30

THE BUNNY HOP RETURNS TO THE PEARL DISTRICT FOR ITS 5TH YEAR WITH 22 PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES. This is a free family event in the Pearl District. As you hop around the Pearl don't forget to bring your basket, visit The Easter Bunny, pick up yummy treats and join in some fun activities along The Bunny Trail. Noon – 3 p.m.

IT'S YOUR BEACH: LOVE IT, OWN IT, SOLVE IT. Come out and join thousands of volunteers from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for the SOLVE Spring Ocean Beach Cleanup. Sign up to volunteer and receive more information at www.solveoregon.org or by calling 503-844-9571.