

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Portland State Students Hold Food Drive for Other Struggling Students

Portland State University students are holding a food drive to fill the shelves of the student-run food pantry for spring term, noon-4 p.m. Thursday, April 4, at the Viking Game room, basement of Smith Memorial Student Union, 1825 S.W. Broadway.

The pantry in Smith Memorial Student Union stocks donated non-perishable food and personal items such as deodorant and toothpaste. The shelves are often nearly empty, because the food goes out as fast as it comes in.

To encourage donations, Associated Students of Portland State University (ASPSU, student government), KPSU (student-run radio station), The Portland State Vanguard (student-run newspaper) and the Viking Gameroom are hosting free, unlimited bowling, pool and games for faculty, staff and students in exchange for a suggested donation of two food items or \$3.

The public can drop off donations in the ASPSU office (Smith 117) or at the pantry (open noon-2 p.m. Monday-Friday in Smith 325). To make a monetary donation, please contact Katie Jundt, 503-725-5745 or [kjundt@pdx.edu](mailto:kjundt@pdx.edu).

Free Head, Neck and Skin Cancer Screenings

Oregon Health & Science University Knight Cancer Institute offers free screenings for cancers that develop on the skin (face and scalp) as well as in the mouth, throat and neck, from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Friday, April 19, at the OHSU Center for Health & Healing lobby, 3303 S.W. Bond Ave., Portland. (The Center for Health & Healing is near the base of the Portland Aerial Tram.)

Health care professionals will also pro-

vide participants with information about symptoms and risk factors associated with these forms of the disease. Physicians at the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute and elsewhere are seeing larger numbers of younger patients who are suffering from cancers that develop on the head (face and scalp) and neck.

No appointments are necessary. Screenings are first come, first served. Translation services in Mandarin and Spanish will be available from noon to 3:30 p.m.

on the face and scalp, thyroid cancer and cancers of the mouth, throat and neck.

Information: For additional questions about the screening, call 503-418-9235.

Snowcap Accepting Gardening Sign-Ups

The nonprofit group SnowCap offers no-cost educational workshops for gardeners in East County.

Sessions will be limited to the first 25 persons reserving space by calling SnowCap at 503-674-8785 (ext 17) or emailing [amanda@snowcap.org](mailto:amanda@snowcap.org). Topics will include creating healthy soil, planting suggestions and harvesting tips.

SnowCap's community garden, which includes raised planting beds and a greenhouse, is located at the agency's headquarters behind the Rockwood United Methodist Church at 17805 S.E. Stark Street. Gardeners are provided free seeds and soil to get started. Seeds include tomatoes, lettuce, beans, peas and cucumbers. SnowCap Community Charities is a philanthropic organization founded 47 years ago to provide food, clothing, advocacy and other services to the poor in much of East Portland, including the communities of Greesham, Fairview, Wood Village, Troutdale and other areas in East Multnomah County.

Write Around Portland Hosts Saturday WRITE!

Giving Up Is Not An Option

The amazing, dynamic and anointed speaker, Elder Sharon L. Grant from the Bishop I.D. Jakes The Potter's House. Elder Grant is a phenomenal woman who is anointed and appointed servant of God. As Founder and CEO of Sharon L. Grant Ministries the Lord has allowed her to travel nationally and minister to those in need of healing from life's most difficult challenges. Her gifts flow from a place of experience and overcoming life's struggles. Elder Grant's mission is one of teaching, mentoring, counsel and empowerment. She touches many through the Word of God and inspires us to find God's purpose for our lives.



She is the best selling author of Giving Up Is Not An Option: The Purpose for the Pain. In addition to being a minister and author, Elder Grant has received her Bachelors in Computer Science and Masters in Theological Studies. She is a member of Theta Alpha Kappa, Honors Society for Religious and Theological Studies. Join the Allen Temple C.M.E. Church Family for three inspirational nights of praise and worship.

Workshop

Write Around Portland hosts free community writing workshops open to adults and young people (age 13+). Everyone is welcome—first-time writers, full-time writers and everyone in between, at the event coming up Saturday, April 13, 1-2:30 p.m. or 3-4:30 p.m., at the PCC Southeast Center, 2305 SE 82nd at Division St. in Mt. Tabor Hall, Room 140.

Due to construction, enter PCC campus

on SE 82nd. Free parking in the PCC lot. (Do not park on neighborhood streets.)

Pre-registration is required. Call 503-796-9224 or email [saturday@writearound.org](mailto:saturday@writearound.org) with your name, phone number and preferred workshop time. Bring a journal or notebook. Workshops are ADA-accessible. Call by April 10 if you need specific accommodations.

For more information go to [www.writearound.org](http://www.writearound.org)

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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](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

Saturday April 6

SAFE ROUTES KICK – OFF. Join us for our 3rd annual Safe Routes Spring Kick-Off to celebrate walking and biking. This is a family-fun event that celebrates health, safety, and physical fitness.

There will be activities for parents, students, and younger children. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Cesar Chavez School, 5103 N. Willis Blvd.

KIDS EARTH MONTH ARTS AND CRAFTS CLASS. A fun arts and crafts class for kids using recycled materials. We will be making mobile clouds with rain drops. Free 10 a.m. Whole Foods Laurelhurst, 2825 E. Burnside St.

Saturday – Sunday April 6 – 7

33RD ANNUAL TRILLIUM FESTIVAL & NATIVE AND HARDY PLANT SALE. As always the Festival will feature guided interpretive nature hikes, children's nature activities, a marketplace for local craft environmental groups, and food & coffee vendors. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Both days. The Friends will offer a free shuttle from Riverdale High School and Lewis & Clark College, (Both located just north of the park.)

Thursday – Friday April 11 – 12

EASTER SEALS OREGON BLOOMFEST. Each April Easter Seals Oregon sells tulip bouquets to raise funds to change lives of Oregonians with disabilities and special needs. 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Saturday April 13

59TH ANNUAL HOOD RIVER VALLEY BLOSSOM TIME & FESTIVAL. Nothing compares to Spring in the Hood River Valley. Come to the annual Blossom Festival and tour the Hood River Valley. Take exit 64 off I-84 and follow festival signs. Hood River, Oregon. 10 a.m. – 10 p.m.