

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Support Victims of the Boston Marathon Bombing by Giving Your Old Kicks to PSU

Portland State University’s Student Recreation Center is collecting used tennis shoes to recycle as a way to show support for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombing.

“It was important for us, at Campus Rec, to find a way that would both show our support for those affected by the events in Boston and also offer a way to give back,” said Alex Accetta, director of campus recreation.

Donations will be accepted through April 30 at the PSU Academic and Student Rec Center, 1800 SW Sixth Ave (second floor at Member Services), Portland, OR. Give your used pair of shoes to the Member Services staff and they will be displayed through the end of April.

“In our mission to serve students’ health and well-being through recreation, such as running, we thought that Nike’s “ReUse Shoe” recycling program was a great fit and a way of trying to make something positive out of this tragedy.”

The used shoes will be donated to Nike’s “ReUSE a Shoe” recycling program. Nike turns them into athletic surfaces like tracks, playgrounds, and new shoes.

GMO Blessing or Curse?

Do you know what GMO food is? What can you do to avoid GMO products? Do

genetically modified organisms affect your longevity?

These questions and more can be answered at this two hour special event, Saturday, April 27, 2 p.m. at the First A. M. E. Zion Church, 4304 N. Vancouver Ave. in Portland.

Screening of the award-winning documentary “Genetic Roulette” will be followed by a panel discussion

Transportation Town Hall with Legislators, Transportation Officials and Mayor

East Portland legislators are holding a Transportation Town Hall, Saturday, April 27, at noon at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, 10301 NE Glisan in Portland.

Sens. Jackie Dingfelder (D-Portland), Rod Monroe (D-Portland), and Chuck Thomsen (R-Hood River) will be joined by Reps. Jeff Reardon (D-Portland), Michael Dembrow (D-Portland), Shemia Fagan (D-Clackamas), Chris Gorsek (Troutdale), Alyssa Keny-Guyer and Jessica Vega Pederson (D-Portland) in Each legislator’s district includes East Portland.

Legislators will be joined by Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, Oregon Department of Transportation Director Matt Garrett, ODOT Region 1 (including Portland) Director Jason Tell, TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane, and other transportation officials to speak to and answer questions about transportation issues in East Portland.

Diamonds and Denim



The “Diamonds and Denim Gala” is the Portland Chapter of The Links major fundraiser to support their scholarship fund and programs. This event will be held at the Sheraton Airport Hotel on April 27. On March 29, The Links, Incorporated donated new and slightly used jeans to the Janus Youth Programs for needy and homeless youth. Get involved at www.portlandlinksinc.org.

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Tuesday – Thursday April 23 – 25

ALLEN TEMPLE C.M.E. CHURCH ANNUAL SPRING REVIVAL. This year’s theme: Transforming Lives, Families and Communities. Join the Allen Temple C.M.E. church family for three inspirational nights of praise and worship. 7 p.m. at 4236 NE 8th Ave. For more information call 503-679-4253.

Friday – Saturday April 26 – 27

7TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE. Just in time for Mother’s Day. The Rite Aid Distribution Center in Wilsonville is holding their Seventh Annual Plant Sale. Thousands of plants and shrubs that are donated by more than 40 nurseries. There will be

children’s activities, arts and crafts booths and much more. All proceeds from the event benefit Doernbecher Children’s Hospital Foundation. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Both days. Rite Aid Distribution Center, 29555 SW Boones Ferry Rd. Wilsonville.

Saturday April 27

EMERSON STREET GARDEN MONTHLY WORKSHOP. Come support Jefferson High School youth who will be joining Groundwork Portland at the garden for a potluck community engagement and planting. All ages welcome, 822 NE Emerson St. 1 – 3 p.m.

Sunday April 28

FREE JAM NIGHT COMEDY SHOW. Jam night is a friends and family night with an SNL format. 7 p.m. Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. (at Kilpatrick)

PORTLAND TO TREEPHORIA: BIKE RIDE. Join the City Forester, Jenn Cairo and Urban Forest Education Specialist, Karl Dawson on this 30 plus mile bike ride along the Springwater corridor to Treephoria. 16 and older please, helmets required, for experienced riders. Be sure to bring plenty of water. 9 a.m. – 25 p.m. meet at Lents Park, SE 92nd & Holgate Blvd.

Tuesday April 30

FOUTH ANNUAL GARDEN HOME SUSTAINABILITY FAIR. Free and open to the public. Booths on various sustainable topics and businesses from gardening to recycling to water and saving money in your home, 4 – 6 p.m. Rose Garden Arena, One Center Court. Something for everyone kids activities and raffles.

Friday – Sunday May 3 – 5

29TH ANNUAL CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA. Enjoy live entertainment, authentic food, rides, family fun and much more! Adults \$8 13 and older, 6 – 12 and seniors 62 and older \$4, Children under 6 free. Friday hours, 11 a. m. – 10 p.m. Saturday hours 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. Sunday hours 11 a.m. – 11 p.m. Waterfront park downtown Portland. Saturday May 4

DIABETES EXPO! The Expo is free and includes health screening, cooking demonstrations, product and service exhibitors as well as experts talking about diabetes. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Oregon Convention Center.