

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Oregon Queer Youth Summit this Saturday in North Portland

The Oregon Queer Youth Summit is Saturday, May 11, at Jefferson High School. OQYS is a free, day-long conference presented by and for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex, Queer & Questioning youth and their allies, sponsored by Cascade AIDS Project, the Sexual & Gender Minority Youth Resource Center (SMYRC, a program of the Q Center), the Portland Gay Men’s Chorus, and the Oregon Safe Schools and Community Coalition.

The 2013 theme for OQYS is “Dream It. Speak it. Do it.” This year’s summit will include recreational workshops ranging from “Lights! Camera! Werq!: Diva Drag 101” to “Breaking Down The Binary: Identity As a Spectrum.” LGBTIQ youth and their allies facilitate all workshops. OQYS is the premier opportunity for young queer leaders from across Oregon to meet, share their incredible accomplishments, and find the resources they need to turn their passions into action.

The conference welcomes LGBTIQ youth and their allies ages 12-24 as well as their adult allies, such as Gay/Straight Alliance advisors and counselors to attend this conference. The Oregon Queer Youth Summit offers support and provides tools for youth to create change in their communities.

Find out more at www.cascadeaids.org.

Humboldt Neighborhood Association Spring Cleanup

The Humboldt Neighborhood Association Spring Cleanup will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per carload or \$15 - \$20 for trucks and trailers. Walk/bike up by donation.

Cleanup location is 5308 N. Commercial Street (behind the Chapel Pub next to the Masonic Lodge).

Reuse areas including household goods and rebuilding supplies.

For more information contact Cleanup@humboldt-neighborhood.org or 503-8225. Or visit www.humboldtneighborhood.org.

Event sponsored by Metro and North East Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN)

Empower Yourself for Health at African American Chamber Event

Janice Vaughn is not your typical medical doctor. For one thing she’s convinced that no matter what ails you, you can recover completely.

“What I really believe is that everybody can be cured of their disease process,” she says. “And I mean everybody.”

For another thing, Vaughn takes a spiritual approach to health and believes that you are the source of your own healing.

“The power to heal comes from within each one of us,” she says. “As a physician everything I do is supplemental to that.”

A board certified anesthesiologist for more than 25 years, Vaughn worked in the operating suite at Providence Medical Centers before opening her own practice. Now, from her office close to Washington Square, she focuses on wellness and healthy living.

Dr. Janice Vaughn will speak as part of the African American Chamber of Commerce After-Hours Program: 6:30p.m. -9 p.m. May 14, at the Ambridge Event Center, 1333 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd.

PCC Diamond



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The five graduates of Portland Community College named 2013 Diamond Alum Award-winners include Martina Clemmons, who attended PCC for three years studying African-American literature and history courses before transferring to PSU. Since January 2012, Clemmons has worked with the Burdine-Rutherford Collection, on a project titled, “Say We Are Here: Culture Community and Activism Across Four Generations of Black Oregonians.” Clemmons currently works as a tutor at PCC.

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Saturday May 11

GUN TURN – IN. For each workable gun you turn in, you will receive a gift certificate. (Limit of three gift certificates per person while supplies last.) No questions asked. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Lynwood Friends Church, 835 SE 162nd Ave.

URBAN TEEN SUMMIT. Come experience a hands-on, fun-filled day of cool workshops, thought-provoking discussions and interact with new people. This event is 100 percent free, snacks and lunch are provided and there will be plenty of chances to win awesome prizes. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (Registration opens at 9 a.m.) University of Portland, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

IRVINGTON COVENANT CHURCH WILL HOST SHARED. An oral history of Portland during the 1940s through the 1960s. 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. 4046 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more info call 503-287-5226

NEW TALGO TRAIN AND HISTORIC STEAM ENGINE TO BE DISPLAYED ALONG WITH LOTS OF FAMILY FUN. Family-friendly National Train Day will draw huge crowds to Union Station. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Portland’s Union Station, 800 NW 6th Ave.

Sunday May 12

THE MIND-BODY FAIR. The mind – body fair is a great opportunity for mother’s and daughter’s to learn together about keeping their bodies healthy and strong. There will be all kinds of activity booths & a challenge course. 1 – 4 p.m. Laurelhurst Park, SE Portland.

Tuesday May 14

JOIN THE JHS ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL TEAM. 6 p.m. North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. to view Biophilic Design and see what you are missing when you overlook what nature has to offer. This presentation is family friendly and free.

Wednesday May 15

LEARNING FROM HISTORY: A CONVERSATION WITH LOIS LEVEEN. Educator and author of *The Secret Life of Mary Bowser*. The book is based on the true story of a woman born into slavery, freed and educated in the North, who returned to the South and became a Union spy in the Confederate White House. The event is free to attend call 503-228-7231 ext.110. 6 – 8:15 p.m. Allen Temple CME Church, 4236 NE 8th Ave.

Friday May 17

GRAND OPENING OF THE FIELDS PARK. Native American blessing of the land, poetry reading by Barry Sanders, music, light refreshments & much more. Noon. NW 10th & Overton.

24TH ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN PROM: A NIGHT UNDER THE STARS. Adults 50 and better will spend a “Night Under the Stars.” Featuring live music, dinner served by celebrity waiters, Mayor’s dance, door prizes and more. \$13 per person includes a special evening of food, dancing and fun. 6 – 9:30 p.m. Luepke Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. For more info or to register call 360-481-7100.

Saturday May 18

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY: STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY. Pull together to remove invasive English Ivy and to protect the forest at Tyron Creek.