

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Pets Scared of Fireworks

With Fourth of July fireworks often frightening pets so badly they run away from their homes, Multnomah County Animal Services is making licensed pet owners a special offer through July 12.

Starting this week any pet licensed in Multnomah County that ends up at Animal Services' shelter (1700 W. Columbia River Hwy. in Troutdale) through July 12 will be reunited with its owner at no cost. Ordinarily, the cost is \$50 to recover a dog and \$30 for a cat.

Animal Services is providing this benefit through July 12 for licensed pet owners because fireworks season usually increases the shelter's intake of animals by 25 percent, and because the shelter wants to encourage licensing.

Oswald noted that pet owners can reduce the chances of fireworks scaring their animals by keeping their pets inside and in a room without windows when fireworks are exploding outside.

Anybody who finds a pet with a license can go online to multcopets.org to look up the owner by clicking on "Lost & Found."

5th Annual Vancouver Fire Fighter's Fundraiser to Benefit SHARE

The Vancouver Fire Fighters Union will host its 5th annual Fire in the Park on Sat. July 20, Esther Short Park, to raise money for Share and the hungry and homeless in Clark County. Fire in

the Park is free and open to the public; activities will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"Fire in the Park has become a much anticipated community event for hundreds of individuals and families," said Diane McWithey, Executive Director of Share. "We'd like to thank the Vancouver Fire Fighters Union for once again partnering with Share. Mark your calendars for July 20 - The Fire is coming!"

This year's activities include: fire fighter competition, chili cook-off, kid's zone featuring Home Depot's Kid's Workshop, NW Regional Fire Pipe & Drum bands, fire apparatus display, featured bands include High Point and One of A Kind Drum Line. For complete event details, visit fireinthepark.com.

Taste some chili and you'll be eligible to vote in several categories including 'Judges Choice,' 'People's Choice' and 'Best Decorated Booth.' Chili is \$1 per tasting cup; all proceeds from the chili tasting benefit Share.

Current contestants include: Goldies BBQ, Foody Blues, Philly Bilmos, Brewed 360, Red Lion Inn at the Quay, Red Lion Jantzen Beach, Vancouver Fire Training, Friends of Station 6, Ephiphany Crossfit, Camas Fire Department and Gray's at the Park.

Space is still available to compete in the Chili Cook-off; visit: www.fireinthepark.com for more information and registration forms.

For sponsorship opportunities, please contact Sue Warren at 360-952-8227.

Grand Stories

Multnomah County library is taking applications for a five-week summer program where youth aged 13 to 18 will make a video about their grandparent, or another important elder in their lives.

The "Grandparents Grand Stories," media camp will teach youth 13 to 18 years how to make a video showcasing the stories and spirit of the elder they choose. Teens can sign up at any county library. "I think it's a wonderful thing that the library is doing," says Carolyn Smith, at right, who is signing up for the program with her grandson Alvin Hicks. Teens who sign up for the program will learn filmmaking and interviewing skills while having fun with other young people and deepening their relationship with their grandparents and elders. Midland and North Portland libraries will host the media camps. The Midland Library program will run every Wednesday at 5 p.m. from July 3 through July 31. The North Portland program will run every Thursday at 11 a.m. from Aug. 1 - 29. Both libraries will host a premiere party on or around Grandparents Day on Sept. 8. The program comes from a partnership the library has made with the Black Caucus of the American Library Association and MetroEast Community Media's Get Reel program. Sign up online (<https://multcolib.org/grandparents-grand-stories-media-camp-application>) or ask at your library. Space is limited, so please answer thoughtfully to ensure your best chance at a spot.



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Thursday June 27

PENINSULA PARK CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION. Come celebrate 100 years with us! This event is free and family friendly. Join us for circus performances, live music, food, an ice cream social and much more. We start the festivities at 11 a.m. For a schedule of activities please call 503-823-3620 Peninsula Park, 700 N. Rosa Parks Way.

Friday June 28

SOUNDS OF THE WORLD. Community gathering.

Friday – Sunday June 28 – 30

GOOD IN THE HOOD – KEEPING UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY. Friday June 28 Lillis Albina Park/Harriet Tubman Middle School. Good Neighbor Night 6 – 8 p.m. Saturday June 29 Parade 11 a.m. Leaves King School. Sunday June 30 Kids space noon – 10 p.m. all events takes place at Lillis Albina Park.

Saturday June 29

FIRST ANNUAL SUMMER AFRICAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL SERIES. The series showcases four free family-friendly classic African American films and will take place at Portland Community Media's Parking lot in the Eliot Neighborhood in NE Portland. Food carts will be visiting. The showing will take place at sunset and the movie will be Sounder.

2ND ANNUAL BIRTHWORKS FOR BLACK WOMEN: AN AFRO – CENTRIC PREGNANCY FAIR. This is a free family event for pregnant women, new mothers & fathers to learn tips for a healthy pregnancy,

breast feeding tips, new born care, and many other activities and live entertainment. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Lents Park, SE 92nd & Holgate.

Monday July 1

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP – IRCO SENIOR SERVICES. Join others 60 and older with Type 2 diabetes for an informal meeting led by a registered nurse. Free. Seniors 60+ For more information call 503-988-6073. 1 – 2:30 p.m. East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave.

Thursday July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT FORT VANCOUVER 2013. Gates open at 8 a.m. Entertainment starts at noon. Fireworks launch at 10:05 p.m. Activities include guided walking tours of Officers Row, Kids Patriotic Parade at 4 p.m. Food vendors or bring your own picnic, arts & crafts and much more. Fort Vancouver, 1501 E. Evergreen Blvd. Vancouver, WA

OTHER LOCATIONS FOR 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS. Waterfront Blues Festival and Fireworks 10 p.m. Oaks Park Fireworks, music and rides 10 a.m. to midnight.

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