

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

American Red Cross
Annual Celebrate Freedom
Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will host its annual Celebrate Freedom Blood Drive on Thursday, July 4, from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Red Cross Portland Donor Center, 3131 North Vancouver Avenue in Portland. The Celebrate Freedom event helps to strengthen vital blood collections during the summer, a time when it becomes more difficult to schedule blood and platelet donors.

This year the Celebrate Freedom 2013 Blood Drive will include a t-shirt and free apple pie for all presenting blood and platelet donors (while supply lasts).

The Celebrate Freedom event is one of the most popular blood drives of the year and appointments are strongly advised.

The Red Cross wants this event to be enjoyable for everyone and to provide you with excellent service. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS to reserve your appointment time or visit www.redcrossblood.org.

Support Local Businesses at
Beaverton's First Friday
Celebration July 5

The community is invited to continue its Independence Day celebrations as Beaverton hosts its next First Friday on July 5 in the city's downtown core area until 8 p.m. Presented by the Beaverton Downtown Association (BDA), the monthly event includes live entertainment, refreshments, art demonstrations, dancing and a family-friendly atmosphere.

Arthur Murray Dance Studio, located at 4690 SW Watson Street, kicks off the night with a dance demonstration and tour of the studio. They will also provide information about the evening's events and participating businesses, which will also have First Friday flags displayed outside. At 9:15, after the First Friday festivities, the public is invited back to join Arthur Murray Dance Studio for a patriotic-themed party.

First Fridays for the remainder of the year will be held Aug. 2, Sept. 6 and Oct. 4. Participating businesses include restaurants, salons, a dance studio, a healing center, coffee shops, a costume store, and many specialty shops.

For more information about First Friday, please visit www.DowntownBeaverton.org.

OMSI Mummy Exhibit
Continues

The touring Mummies of the World exhibition, now on view at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry through September 8, has welcomed one-million overall visitors. Boasting the largest collection of real human and animal mummies and related artifacts ever assembled, the exhibition has drawn impressive crowds across the United States.

OMSI admission is just \$2 every first Sunday of the month.

The Mummies of the World engagement at OMSI serves as its northwest debut and one of the last stops on its limited U.S. tour. For more information, please visit omsi.edu or mummiesoftheworld.com.

For general information, call 503-797-4000 or visit www.omsi.edu.

Peninsula Park's 100th



One little boy climbed all the way to the top of the climbing wall while his mom monitored his progress at the Portland Parks and Recreation Summer Free for All Celebration last Thursday at Peninsula Park. The event is part of the park's 100th birthday observances, and featured circus performers and activities, food, music and a film documentary on the park's history produced by teenagers. Find out about more of Portland Parks and Recreation's summer programs at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks>.

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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.

Saturday July 6

HELPING CUSTOMERS FEATURES HEALTH SCREENINGS – RITE AID'S NEW WELLNESS STORE OPENS IN PORTLAND. To celebrate the grand opening Rite Aid is offering free health screenings and product samples. Nurses and our licensed pharmacists will be on hand to provide free services. Blood pressure readings, total cholesterol testing and much more. Noon – 4 p.m. 7440 N. Denver.

Sunday July 7

LOCAL AREA IHOP RESTURANTS TO CELEBRATE 55TH BIRTHDAY. For one day only local IHOP Resturants will roll back prices to 1958 on their most popular menu item—a short stack of buttermilk pancakes. Portland locations.

Friday July 12

FREE DAY IN THE PARKS. Metro is celebrating the 50th anniversary of two special public parks, Oxbow Regional Park on the Sandy River and Blue Lake Regional Park in Fairview. Park entry is free all day. If you have not been in awhile, come see what is new.

Saturday July 13

BIKE RODEO. 4 – 9 p.m. Open to the public. Hot dogs, bike and bike helmet check, giveaways, bike rodeo, dancing and music. 6700 to 6800 block of NE Killingsworth.

12TH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI STREET FAIR. The community – building event honors residents, businesses and organizations from N. Fremont to N. Skidmore on Mississippi Ave. Street Fair will include 200+ vendors and crafts, 40+ bands, food carts and more. This is an all day event.

ANNUAL LYLE'S MYLES RUN/WALK FOR HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS IN VANCOUVER, WA. This fun event raises money for Martha's Pantry, Cascade AIDS Project, and Global partners for Development. Registration for Lyle's Myles ask for a \$10 donation. Registration can be done in advance at www.lylesmyles.com or at 8:30 a.m. at Esther Short Park in Vancouver, WA the day of the event.

Sunday July 14

BUFFALO GRASS ART SOCIETY ANNUAL ART SHOW & SALE. Free admission plus treats and jazz with Piano & Bass. 1 – 5 p.m. Mountain Park recreation Center, 2 Mt. Jefferson Terrace, Lake Oswego. For more information call 503-635-3561.