

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

GED Close-Out Community Event

Adults who need to finish their GEDs are invited to a Free GED Info Event, Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m. to Noon at Londer Learning Center, 421 SW 5th Ave. in downtown Portland.

Get transcripts, take practice tests, and find out about free tutoring opportunities in Portland. Adults are encouraged to finish their GEDs before the test changes.

More information about this event and where to go for GED tutoring: 503-319-1899.

Roosevelt High School's Student-Staffed Unique Ink Publishes First Book

Portland's own Roosevelt High School will celebrate the culmination of a year of hard work from students and volunteers in the Writing and Publishing Center and its first publication with a month of readings throughout Portland. Student-led Unique Ink has published Where the Roses Smell the Best, a literary companion to Portland filled with short stories, vignettes, and poems about the places, people, and activities that make Portland unique.

The book includes work from Roosevelt students alongside local authors such as Brian Doyle, Kim Stafford, Steve Duin, Renee Mitchell and

Paulann Petersen. Where the Roses Smell the Best will be available for purchase at local bookstores and online at Powells.com and Annie Bloom's Books.

Poet Laura Winter and author Emma Oliver read at 7 on Wednesday, July 24 at Broadway Books. The fifth and final reading, scheduled on Monday July 29 at 7 at Annie Bloom's Books, with Oregon poet laureate Paulann Petersen as well as more student authors and author Sybilla Cook.

Unique Ink is a student-staffed publisher based out of Roosevelt High School's Writing and Publishing Center that was established in 2012. Volunteers at the center teach publishing to high school students to improve their skills in business, editing, and marketing. Through the center's unique hands-on approach, students learn about the publishing industry by publishing and selling their own books. Proceeds from the sales of Where the Roses Smell the Best will help the Writing and Publishing Center stay self-sustaining and continue to be a valuable resource to the students at Roosevelt High School. To learn more go to www.rooseveltroughwriters.org.

We Are Portland Awards Honor Civic Engagement

The Office of Equity and Human Rights hosts the Annual "We Are Portland" Awards on Friday, July 26, 2013 at Immigrant & Refugee Community Organization on 10301 NE Glisan St Portland, OR. The public is invited to attend the ceremony which runs from 10 to 11 a.m.

The "We Are Portland" Awards honor civic activists and City employees who have worked to further the City of Portland's immigrant integration initiatives. Special recognition will be given to Commissioner Amanda Fritz and retiring East Police Precinct Commander, Michael Lee.

"Commissioner Fritz is widely seen by immigrant and refugee communities as championing their concerns," said OEHR New Portlander Program Coordinator, Ronault "Polo" Catalani. "And Commander Lee has opened his precinct's doors to newcomer families by facilitating community policing sessions and building working relationships with ethnic minority elders and activists."

Portland's Office of Equity and Human Rights' New Portlander Program was recently invited to New York City by Mayor Michael Bloomberg to present its best-practices models at the Mayor's First Convening of Cities for Immigrant Integration.

For more information, go to www.portlandoregon.gov

LifeWorks NW New Board Members



Jocelynn McAdory, above, Kim Heiting and Michael Rains, have been appointed to the Lifeworks NW Board of Directors. The non-profit mental health and addictions services organization operates clinics in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties. McAdory is chief of staff in Care Delivery for Kaiser Permanente's NW Region; Heiting is the chief marketing and communications officer at NW Natural; Rains is vice president of Strategic Finance at Cambia Health. Find out more about their work and services at www.lifeworksnw.org.

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Friday July 26

FLICKS ON THE BRICKS RETURNS TO THE SQUARE THIS SUMMER. The square will be transformed into Portland's largest outdoor movie theater for the entire community to enjoy. Finding Nemo kicks-off the 4-week Friday night movie series. 7 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

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THE SUMMER AFRICAN AMERICAN FILM FESTIVAL CONTINUES. Films will take place in Portland Community Media's parking lot in the Eliot Neighborhood in NE Portland. The movie The Whiz will start at sunset. Come early and get a good seat.

FOURTH PLAIN INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL. Discover International: Join us for family fun, music, dancing, food and games. Local vendors, non – profits and community organizations will be sharing summer opportunities. Free for all to enjoy. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Warriors Field, 2100 Norris Rd. & Fourth Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA

Sunday July 28

COLUMBIA SLOUGH REGATTE. Canoe in slack water in search of eagles, otters, turtles and fish. On land, enjoy hands – on nature activities and snacks for purchase. Bring your boat or reserve a 45-minute rental. Meet at the Multnomah County Drainages District, 1880 NE Elrod Dr. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. \$8 donation. To reserve a canoe visit www.columbiaslough.org

COMMUNITY FEST 2013. The day will include children and family activities, a basketball tournament for the youth, free food and much more. 3 – 8 p.m. Jefferson High School.

THE BIG FLOAT. Paddlers parade, beach party,

live music, food carts and much more. The Big Float is open to all ages. Life jackets are required for all floaters. Registration is \$8. Register at www.thebigfloat.com. Gather at the Tom McCall Bowl on the West bank.

Tuesday July 30

2ND ANNUAL AMERICAN RED CROSS FARMER'S MARKET. Fun for the whole family at our 2nd Annual American Red Cross Farmer's Market. We will have fresh fruit/veggie vendors, hot food, live music as well as a bounce house and other fun activities for kids! Noon – 6 p.m. American Red Cross, 5109 NE 82nd Ave. Vancouver, WA.

Saturday August 3

HEAVEN TO EARTH FESTIVAL. Westside Vineyard will be hosting the 4th Annual Heaven to Earth Festival featuring ground breaking bands, original music as well as dance and theatre performances. 10:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Sunday August 4

MLK DREAM RUN "13." Rock the dream: 5k run/walk, 10k & 15k Geoff Hollister Tribute Race. Registration website: www.mlkdreamrun.org or call 503-546-6412 Location in the Soul District (Inner N/NE Portland)