

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Write Around Portland Holds Book Release Celebration

Write Around Portland They are releasing their 42nd book of community writing by adult and youth spring 2013 writing workshop participants, entitled, "Concrete/Concrete." The anthology includes introductions by Paul Lipscomb and Jana DeCristofaro.

The event is at Collins Hall at the back of the First United Methodist Church at 1838 SW Jefferson St. at the Goose Hollow TriMet MAX stop on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 6:30 – 8 p.m.

The group runs community-building writing workshops in hospitals, schools, homeless youth shelters, senior centers, low income housing buildings, prisons, treatment facilities and social service agencies.

Admission to the reading is free, but donations of any amount are accepted to support the work of Write Around Portland. ADA-accessible.

Books will be available for purchase for \$12. They will also be collecting donations of new journals for writers in our fall 2013 workshops.

For more information go to www.writearound.org.

King Boulevard Center Meals on Wheels Hosts 8th

Annual Jambalaya Festival

Meals on Wheels People Martin Luther King, Jr. Center will host the eighth annual Summer in September Jambalaya Festival & BBQ sponsored by New Seasons Market Saturday, Sept. 7, from noon to 6 p.m. at Dawson Park. Live musical entertainment will be featured all day as well as dance lessons by the Cascade Zydeco Club.

The menu includes authentic Creole-style jambalaya (a non-seafood version is available) or BBQ Ribs, along with bread, salad, beverage, dessert.

A beer garden sponsored by Widmer Brothers Brewing will be featured this year. Cost is \$15 for adults or \$45 for a family ticket for four. Tickets are available in advance at mealsonwheelspeople.org, from the center or at the event. Meals are available for take-out.

The event features a Past-Present-Future exhibit of Black History with presentations by the Oregon Historical Society and Roosevelt High School on topics ranging from freedom fighters to Portland's lost black neighborhoods. Also featured at the event are backpacks filled with school supplies for the first 150 attendees.

Dawson Park is located between N. Williams and N. Vancouver and Morris and Stanton Streets across from Emanuel Hospital. Martin Luther King, Jr. Center is located at 5325 NE MLK Blvd. in Portland. For more information, call David Lomax at 503-953-8207.

It's Kitten Time



The Humane Society for Southwest Washington receives an average of 50-60 animals each day – most of them cats and kittens.

Now through Aug. 18, the HSSW invites you to pay what you will to adopt a feline, Tuesday-Sunday, 12 noon – 6 p.m. Clark County residents must purchase a cat license at the time of adoption and each cat must go home with a collar and carrier. For your convenience, the HSSW carries a variety of these items in our retail store or you can bring your own. Even with all the kennels, especially for cats and kittens, there simply isn't enough room for more. There are currently more than 220 cats and kittens available for adoption, and 100 more in foster homes waiting for space to open up.

Adoption fees cover just a fraction of what the HSSW spends for each cat. Humane Society for Southwest Washington is at 1100 NE 192nd Ave., Vancouver, WA. Call 360-693-4746 or go to www.southwesthumane.org

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Monday August 15

WANTED: WONDER WEEDERS @PENINSULA PARK ROSE GARDEN. Please join Friends of Peninsula Park Rose Garden and a friendly crew of volunteer weeders. Come for an hour or stay longer. Please bring your own garden tool and gloves. 8 a.m. – Noon. Peninsula Park

Friday & Saturday August 16 – 17

COLGATE BRIGHT SMILES, BRIGHT FUTURE DENTAL VAN TO VISIT AREA FRED MEYER STORES TO PROVIDE FREE CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION AND PREVENTION. Kids under age 12 can receive free oral health education, dental screenings, and treatment. Friday 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. 7404 N. Interstate Ave then 2:30 – 4 :30 p.m. 3030 NE Weidler St. Saturday 10 a.m. –

noon 1111 NE 102nd Ave. Then 2 – 4 p.m. 895 SE 82nd Dr. Happy Valley, OR

Gresham Public Library, 385 NW Miller Ave. Gresham, OR

Saturday August 17

SEAPORT CELEBRATION. You'll enjoy live music and entertainment, interactive displays and demonstrations, face painting and lots more. \$5 jet boat rides. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Port of Portland, Terminal 4, 11040 N. Lombard St.

MULTNOMAH DAYS. SW Portland's biggest community celebration is coming to Multnomah Village. Multnomah Days crowd-pleasing parade – attended by literally thousands at 10 a.m. so get your spot early. An all day street fair with lots of activities for all ages. 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Multnomah Village, SW Capitol HWY. Portland.

Friday & Saturday August 17 – 18

CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY. Come join us at the June Key Delta Community Center as we celebrate our local artists and authors! While you're here check out our community garden just around the corner. Saturday Noon – 7 p.m. Sunday 2 – 6 p.m. 5940 N. Albina St.

Wednesday August 21

ADVENTURAS DE DON QUIXOTE: A FREE SHOW AT THE GRESHAM LIBRARY. Aventuras De Don Quixote shares engaging arts activities that promote literacy for young children. 2 p.m. The

Saturday August 24

42ND AVENUE ANNUAL STREET FAIR OFFERS FOOD & FUN IN NOTEWORTHY BUSINESS DISTRICT. The fun starts with a kick-off parade at noon, followed by music and other entertainment, food, craft booths and kid friendly fun until 6 p.m. NE 42nd Ave. corridor.

SPIRITUAL SEMINAR – THE ISRAELITE CHURCH OF GOD IN JESUS CHRIST PRESENTS. "Is the Holy Bible the Word of God or the Word of Man?" There will be a question and answer segment as well. This event is free and open to the public. There will be a playground for those with small children. Light refreshments.. McCoy Village Apartments Community Center, 4430 NE MLK, Jr. Blvd at Prescott. 5 – 6:30 p.m.

SEI COMMUNITY RE-SALE FAIR. Community re-sale fair! 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. SEI Parking lot, 3920 N. Kerby Ave. Please contact Linda Brooks to reserve a table at 503-249-1721.

Sunday August 25

CHURCH ANNIVERSARY. You are invited to come celebrate with us. 38th church anniversary: "Let the Promises of the Lord Rise Among Us." 11 a.m. Community A.M.E. Zion Church, 3605 E. 13th St. Vancouver, WA