

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Book Club at North Portland Library

Pageturners: Black Voices debuts Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6:15 p.m. at the North Portland Library, 512 N Killingsworth St. Please join us for the discussion of The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander, a book that has and continues to stimulate deeply felt conversations. In upcoming months, we'll share works from various genres including, science fiction, mystery, Christian fiction, humor, and historical works from the Fisk University Collection of 19th- and early 20th-century literature. The goal: to share works by Black authors, engage in stimulating conversation, and get to know your neighbors. Copies of The New Jim Crow are available at the Service Desk. First come, first serve. Ebook, audiobook and print copies of this book are also available from the general collection.

Better People Hold Fundraising Walk This Weekend

Better People, the nonprofit that helps former inmates return to the community will hold its annual fundraising walk this weekend. Registration for the fundraiser starts at 9am Saturday Oct. 26 with the walk begin-

ning at 10 a.m. Walkers will meet at 910 SW 2nd Ave., next to Starbucks on the corner of SW Taylor St. Clariner Boston, executive director, says this year's fundraising walk is more important than usual because the organization is facing a budget shortfall of around \$50,000. A Multnomah County grant to serve clients returning to the community from prison ended in June. Better People reorganized its budget to compensate Boston says, but now needs to raise more funds to continue its work. "We work with everyone," Boston told The Skanner News. "We don't turn people away." The program uses a type of behavioral counseling called moral reconnection therapy. The aim is to help former offenders recognize and change unhelpful thinking and behavior patterns. Contact Better People at 3711 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. Portland, OR 97212 Tel: 503- 281-2663

Multnomah Youth Commission's Youth Against Violence Committee

is looking for youth 13 to 21 who want to make a difference in their communities. Work with other young people to build policy solutions that help prevent violence. Youth Against Violence will organize the 3rd Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence for March 2014. The commission is looking for around 25 to 36 young people with interest and/or experience in: Gang/Police violence;

Talking Strategy



Chess for Success program manager Michael Malone, left, pays a worthy opponent at Director Park during a special outdoor play session Friday, Oct. 11. The group always needs more volunteers, especially for working with clubs in the schools. Get involved by calling 503-295-1230, or go to [www.chessforsuccess.org](http://www.chessforsuccess.org).

School violence (includes bullying, anti-gay and gender violence and cyberbullying) and Sexual/Dating violence The groups will be made up of 8-12 young people. Call now to get involved at the start of the project. Meetings could start as early as Oct. 28.

Groups to meet every other week and weekly as they near the Third Annual Rob Ingram Youth Summit Against Violence in March. Dinner and transit tickets will be provided every meeting. Call Marc Fernandes at 503-793-1691 or email him at [marc.fernandes@multco.us](mailto:marc.fernandes@multco.us)

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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](mailto:info@theskanner.com)

Friday October 25

HOLLOWEEN MONSTER MASH. Wear your costume to impress friends and scare goblins. Get into the spirit & dance with other sociable ghouls, make creepy crafts, and play bewitching games that only come out once a year. 6 – 8:30 p.m. Peninsula Park Community Center, 700 N. Rosa Parks Way. FREE

COME CELEBRATE THE HARVEST WITH US. Winter squash, apple and pear tasting, coloring contest and much more. 4-7 p.m. Cherry Sprout Produce Market, 722 N. Sumner St.

Saturday – Sunday October 26 – 27

49TH ANNUAL GEM AND ROCK SHOW. Free admission: dealers, door prizes, fluorescent show, kids kornet, demonstrations and much more. Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave. Canby, OR. Saturday hours 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Sunday Hours 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday October 27

4TH SUNDAY JAM NIGHT COMEDY VARIETY SHOW. A friends and family night in SNL format, with local recording and performing artists. Celebration's sketchy improve comedy troupe Jam Night and free snacks. 7 p.m. Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave.

Wednesday October 30

HILLSIDE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL. Bring the kids for some Halloween fun and games. Only \$5 per child (\$10 per family) plus tickets. Please bring 2 cans of food for the Sunshine Division and receive 4 carnival tickets. 6 – 8 p.m. Hillside Community Center, 653 NE Culpepper Terrace. For more info call 503-823-3181.

Thursday October 31

FREE HARVEST HOOPLA. Come celebrate the autumn season with an exciting harvest themed night of fun, crafts, games, face painting and costume parade. 6 – 8 p.m. Charles Jordan

Community Center, 9009 N. Foss Ave. For more info call 503-823-3631.

Friday November 1

PORTLAND AMERICAN INDIANS ELDERS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR! Join us for soup & fry bread. Take part in a 50-50 raffle, silent auction, vendors selling art, baked goods, crafts and more. This is a family friendly gathering with free admission. NAYA Family Center, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd. 1 – 6 p.m.

Friday – Saturday November 1 – 2

LEARN MORE ABOUT COLLEGE OPTIONS AT THE FREE PORTLAND NATIONAL COLLEGE FAIR. The fair allows students and parents to meet one-on-one with admission representatives from a wide range of national and international, public and private, two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Friday 9 a.m. – noon, Saturday 1 – 5 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center.

Saturday November 2

GARNER'S SPECIAL FALL COLOR WALK AT LEACH GARDENS. Join garden curator Courtney Vengarick on a fall color guided walk to discover the many wonders and beautiful colors of the season. Leach Botanical Gardens, 6704 SE 122nd Ave. Free. Maximum tour size is 15. First