# COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

## MHCC Hosts Oregon Humanities' 'Lunch & Learn Conversations' Series

Mt. Hood Community College has been selected as the site for a series of Lunch & Learn Conversations that engage people in thoughtful, challenging discussions about ideas critical to our daily lives and our state's future. These events are free and open to the public.

Three conversations have been planned for November and December, with more to come in 2014. All conversations are noon – 1:30 p.m. in the Jazz Café, Room AC2059 on the Gresham Campus, 26000 S.E. Stark St. Parking is free on all MHCC campuses, no permit required.

Nov. 7, White Out? The Future of Racial Diversity in Oregon; and Dec. 5, Beyond Bars: Rethinking Our Reliance on Prisons.

For more information on Lunch & Learn Conversations, please contact Melinda Bullen, MHCC Diversity Resource Center coordinator, 503-491-7171 or melinda.bullen@mhcc.edu.

## Call for Female Spoken Word Artist

MRG Foundation is seeking a female spoken word artist who lives in Oregon to perform at MRG's Justice within Reach fundraising party in Portland, on Saturday, May 10, 2014. The selected artist will receive an award of $2,500 and can include the use of music and/or mixed media in her performance.

A specific list of qualifications applies, please contact Sheryl Sackman at 503-289-1517.

## Straight Path Inc Career Fair Thursday, Nov. 7

Straight Path Inc., a non-profit organization geared toward assisting ex offenders and low income individuals with employment, holds its career fair Thursday, Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., at Workforce Network, 5600 NE 42nd Ave in Building #2 of the auditorium.

The job fair will be sponsored by Our 42nd NPI, Worksource of Oregon, and Portland Community College and the featured employers will be The Port of Portland, Work Source of Oregon, and many others.

The goal of the job fair is to restore the at risk community through jobs. Straight Path wants to target low income individuals, those with a criminal history, and those who want to turn their lives around.

For more information go to www.straightpathinc.org.

## Portland Fighting Fillies Announce Tryout Dates

The Portland Fighting Fillies Women's Full Contact football team is excited to announce dates for upcoming mini-camp and tryouts.

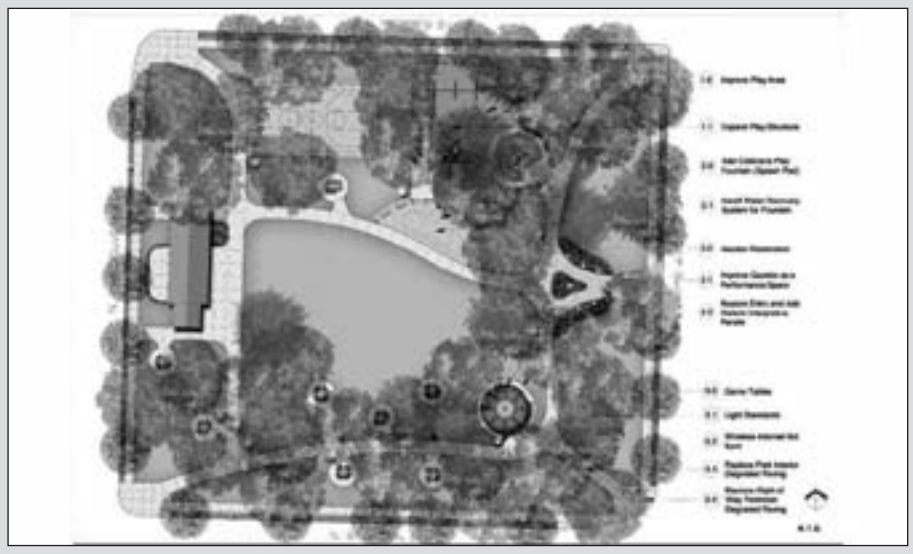
The Fillies will have tryout/mini camps for new players on Saturday, Nov. 9, from 8 a.m.-10:30a.m., Sunday, Dec. 1, from 9 a.m.-11 a.m., and Saturday, Jan. 4, 2014 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. All activities will take place at Milwaukie High School's Game Field, 11300 SE 23rd, Milwaukie, Ore.

Interested athletes are encouraged to wear cleats and weather-appropriate workout clothes, as well as $30 (cash, check, or card) to cover the tryout fee, and a copy of their ID and medical insurance card. The league requires players have insurance.

Four starters were named to the 1st Team All-American Team and invited to play in the All-Star game which took place at Balboa Stadium in San Diego, CA this past August. The All-Americans were Defensive End Jasmine Teters, Linebacker Holly Custis, Safety Cassie Dunsire, and Tight End Christy McAtee.

For more information, or questions regarding tryouts, please email the Fighting Fillies at fightingfilliesinfo@gmail.com or call 503-974-4719. Visit the Fillies at www.fightingfillies.com or on Facebook www.facebook.com/fightingfillies.

## Dawson Park



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The Groundbreaking Kick-off for the Dawson Park Improvement Project is Thursday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m., between North Vancouver and Williams Avenues and North Stanton and Morris Streets. Officials say that planned improvements include a playground, interactive waterplay feature, barbeques, picnic tables and benches, improved lighting, and accessibility. "The neighborhood around Dawson once was the heart of Portland's African-American population," the city said in its October announcement for the event. "The $2.6 million renovation is designed to restore the park as a key community gathering space by making it more welcoming, safe, and attractive."

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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

**Saturday November 9**

VETERAN'S PARADE AT FORT VANCOUVER. The Parade starts with an Air Force Flyover, and 21-gun salute. More than 100 military, veteran and civic organizations and 2,500 individuals participate in this parade. Rain or shine. 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Vancouver, WA.

HOLLADAY BAZAAR. Local vendors will offer one-of-a-kind quilts, aprons, table runners and much more. This fun event is designated to encourage early holiday gift shopping. 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th Ave. Portland.

33RD ANNUAL MOUNTAIN VIEW BAND HOLIDAY BAZAAR. 150+ hand crafters, food and more. Proceeds go to the Mountain View High School Band! Come shop, enjoy and help the cause. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 1500 SE Blairmont Dr. Vancouver, WA.

**Tuesday November 12**

JHS 13TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL PRESENTS…. JOURNEYS THAT TRANSFORM US! Join us at 6 p.m. for Valentino's Ghost. North Portland Neighborhood Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. FREE.

**Thursday November 14**

HOLIDAY DESIGN TRENDS WORKSHOP. Join Neil Kelly and the Meals on Wheels People for a Holiday Design Trend. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Neil Kelly showroom at 15573 Bangy Rd. Suite 100 in Lake Oswego, OR. Please RSVP to 503-953-8130 or email georgi.byer@mealsonwheelspeople.org.

**Friday November 15**

STIMSON LUMBER TREE ARRIVAL TO PORTLAND'S LIVING ROOM PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE. Come downtown to welcome the arrival of Portland's 75-foot tall Douglas Fir. Festivities include a visit from Santa, The Beat Goes On Marching Band and much more. Fun starts at Noon.

**Saturday November 16**

JOURNEY OF FAITH: JOURNEY OF JUSTICE: THE SPIRITUALITY OF FAITH & POLITICS WITH SISTER SIMONE CAMPBELL. This event is free and open to the public. Register on-line at www.trinity-espiscopal.org 7 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Ave. Portland.