

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Union Gospel Mission Thanksgiving Meal for the Homeless

Plans are underway at Union Gospel Mission for the Mission's annual Thanksgiving Day meal for the homeless and people in need. Union Gospel Mission expects to serve over 1,300 meals on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The meal is free and open to anyone in need.

Union Gospel Mission will be closing off the street in front of the Mission on NW Third Avenue between Burnside and Couch streets and will erect a 120 foot tent donated for use by Northwest Natural Gas. The Mission plans to serve a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey, mashed potatoes, stuffing, yams, fruit cocktail, pie and coffee. Union Gospel Mission is seeking donations of turkey, coffee and fruit cocktail for the meal.

Donations of food for the event can be dropped off at Union Gospel Mission at 3 NW Third Avenue in Portland or contact Union Gospel Mission by phone at 503-274-4483. Financial donations can be made online at www.ugmportland.org

NaNoWriMo Novelists Can Boost their Word Count at MHCC Bookstore

Are you looking for a way to release your inner Ernest Hemingway, John Grisham or J.K. Rowling? The Mt. Hood Community College Bookstore has just what an aspiring novelist needs!

MHCC is celebrating National Novel Writing Month (called NaNoWriMo by folks in a hurry) to help writers start or finish a novel during November. The goal is to

write 50,000 words during the month.

Scheduled "Write-Ins" are Nov. 15, 1 - 5 p.m.; Nov. 22, 1 - 5 p.m.; and Nov. 26, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

During these times, the Bookstore will have exclusive promotions for writers participating in the NaNoWriMo campaign, including discounted beverages and coupons for after the event ends, additional power for charging computers and a relaxed bag policy.

Learn more at www.nanowrimo.org.

The Day of Homelessness Awareness Walk Nov. 22.

The fourth annual "Walk of Homelessness Awareness" is on Friday, Nov. 22, the culmination of a weeklong "Time to Listen — Time to Act" campaign on behalf of vulnerable Oregon families forced to sleep in their cars or on the street.

The Nov. 22 walk will begin with breakfast at 7 a.m. at Sisters of the Road followed by visits to organizations supporting homeless people. At 8:30 a.m., the gathering is scheduled to meet at Pioneer Courthouse Square for an interfaith convocation.

A delegation of religious leaders will then travel to Salem to deliver letters to the state Legislature, as part of the "Time to Listen — Time to Act" campaign (#time2listen #time2act campaign) — sponsored by numerous organizations, including Multnomah County — the week prior to Nov. 22.

The campaign is asking area congregations to write 1,000 letters calling on the Oregon Legislature to restore state funding for emergency housing to 2007 levels.

Family homelessness grew by 17 percent in Oregon between 2011 and 2013 and yet state emergency shelter and assistance funding fell 25 percent compared to 2007.

Pow Wow



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Portland Parks & Recreation holds its third annual Native American Family Day at Mt. Scott Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 16, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

The event celebrates Native American heritage and culture, and is free and open to all. It's also a great chance to start some early holiday shopping.

The pow wow features Native American vendors, arts and crafts, lunch at noon with Indian tacos \$5, Fry Bread \$2 (to benefit the Bow and Arrow Culture Club and the Delta Park Pow Wow), and renowned storyteller Ed Edmo at 3 p.m.

For more information, call 503-823-5300 or visit portlandparks.org.

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Thursday November 14

HOLIDAY DESIGN TRENDS WORKSHOP. Join Neil Kelly and Meals on Wheels People for a Holiday Design Trend. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Neil Kelly showroom at 15573 Bandy Rd. Suite 100 in Lake Oswego, Ore. 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 JUSTICE: THE SPIRITUALITY OF FAITH & POLITICS WITH SISTER SIMONE CAMPBELL. This event is free and open to the public. Register online at www.trinity-episcopal.org 7 p.m. Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Ave. Portland.

Tuesday November 19

FLIP THE SWITCH: SOLAR ARRAY EVENT. The Portland Alumnae and other community leaders welcome you to join us at the June Key Delta Community Center as we Flip the Switch to our new array. 10:15 a.m. Ribbon cutting. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Open house and tours. 5940 N. Albina St.

Thursday November 21

SHARING IDEAS: SHARING SKILLS AND RESOURCES. This free Sharing Ideas presentation features two local projects that bring people together from a variety of backgrounds to share skills and resources. 6 – 8 p.m. NE Coalition of Neighborhoods, 4815 7th Ave.

Friday November 22

SHARE THE JOY: BRING A TOY. Drop off your unwrapped toys for the Big Brother, Big Sisters Columbia NW. Drop off at the June Key Delta Community Center and come in and enjoy refreshments and holiday cheer. 5:30 – 8 p.m. 5940 N. Albina St.

Saturday November 23

COME TO ST. AIDEN'S WINTER GARDEN. Arts and crafts vendors selling handmade gifts, edible goodies, toys, holiday decorations and much more. 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. 17405 NE Glisan. Gresham, Ore.