

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Portland, Gresham, Multnomah County Public Meeting: What Are Your Housing Needs?

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Volunteers Needed for Donate Dinner Campaign Nov. 23-27

Meals on Wheels People needs volunteers for its annual Donate Dinner campaign Nov. 23 through 27. The event raises much-needed funds to feed seniors in the greater metro area.

Volunteers spend just two hours distributing Donate Dinner cards to shoppers at one of 27 independent grocers. Volunteers are most needed in North and Northeast Portland as well as close-in Southeast Portland. More than 1,500 individuals make this one of the largest volunteer events in Portland.

To register for a volunteer shift, see the participating grocers or to view a promotional video, visit www.donatedinner.org or call Lauren Woodward at 503-953-8132

Sharing Ideas, Skills and Resources

Come connect with community at the next "Sharing Ideas" event, Sharing Skills and Resources, sponsored by Community Legacy Program of Our United Villages, Thursday, Nov. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, 4815 NE 7th Ave., Portland.

Dawson Park



The Portland Development Commission and City of Portland Parks & Recreation's revamp of Dawson Park kicked off last week despite a drizzle and much mud. The special celebration included Commissioner Amanda Fritz, Legacy Emanuel Chief Administrative Officer Lori Morgan, M.D., and a handful of local residents. The park is slated for expanded play areas, a splash pad for children and more. The reopening is scheduled for next summer.

Presenters will provide inspirational insights revealing how they moved their project ideas into action, where they are today and their future hopes and dreams. This Sharing Ideas presentation features two local projects that bring people together from a variety of backgrounds to share skills and resources:

- Repair PDX is a volunteer led group that organizes repair cafés all over Portland, inviting participants to bring their broken items to get fixed for free.
- Outgrowing Hunger is a nonprofit founded in 2011 to create participatory opportunities for improving the accessibility and affordability of fresh produce. Refreshments will be provided. Childcare (9 and under), transportation, and interpretation are provided upon request, with 48 hours advanced notice.

Reserve your spot by calling 503-546-7499.

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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, OR

Wednesday November 27

GENSIS COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP IS OFFERING A FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER. If you know someone that would benefit from a warm meal, please bring them. Great home cooking and friendly folks guaranteed. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. Located on the corner of 27th & Killingsworth.

Thursday November 28

PROPER'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DAY FEASTIVAL: A wonderful multicultural food celebration with great music and lively storytelling. Come and join the holiday cheer. Noon – 4 p.m. Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. Portland, Volunteers welcome.

Friday November 29

2013 PORTLAND MACY'S HOLIDAY PARADE: The parade will feature 25 inflatable floats, local middle and high school marching bands, and much more. 9 a.m. Downtown Portland. Parade begins at NW Park Ave. and travels thru the streets of Portland.

Saturday November 30

CANDY CANES AND CAROLS ABOUND AT GRESHAM'S SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: Gresham will sing in the holiday season with the 22nd annual Spirit of Christmas tree lighting event. The event starts at 5 p.m. Arts Plaza, 401 Second St. Gresham, OR