

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Health Share of Oregon Community Open House

Health Share of Oregon holds a community open house this Thursday, Jan. 23, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N. Foss Avenue in Portland.

As part of efforts to improve health care delivery, Health Share is holding community open houses throughout the Tri-County area over the next several months to learn more from providers and the community about what we are doing well and what we can do better.

Free dinner will be included for participants. Free child care, interpretation and closed captioning services available upon request.

Reasonable accommodations will be provided as needed for persons with disabilities. Those needing help or accommodations please contact Rosa Klein at 503-416-4974 or rosa@healthshareoregon.org at least two days before the meeting.

Tryon Creek Annual Chili Cook-Off this Weekend

The Friends of Tryon Creek will host their annual Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, Jan. 25, 3 – 6 p.m. Folks won't want to miss this annual savory event as talented volunteer chili chefs from around the area compete for the esteemed title of "Tryon Creek Chili Master 2014."

The Friends invite park visitors and chili aficionados alike to come in out of the cold, sample some of the best chili the Portland area has to offer, and cast their vote for their favorite. Delicious complimentary craft brews and wine will be served and music will be performed by singer/songwriter Jonathan Brinkley and his band.

Held at the rustic Nature Center in beauti-

ful 675-acre Tryon Creek State Scenic Area, the Friends' annual Chili Cook-Off is a family-friendly event that is not to be missed. The public is invited to attend, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland, Oregon. This is a free, family event fun for all ages. A \$5 suggested donation, however, would be greatly appreciated. Also, do you make great chili? There are a few spaces for chili chefs available, but you'll have to act fast! For details and a schedule of events, visit www.tryonfriends.org.

Care About Animals? Join the Multnomah County Advisory Committee

Multnomah County Animal Services is creating a Community Advisory Committee for residents to give input on animal-related issues.

The bureau is especially interested in recruiting members who can bring a diverse perspective from other community groups to the discussion, especially people with ties to a community of color, an ethnic, immigrant or refugee group, the LGBT community, an economics rights group, veterans group, a group for people with disabilities, etc., are encouraged to apply.

Being on the MCAS Community Advisory Committee gives you a voice in animal-related issues. Whether you love pets and have many, or whether you'd like to address animal nuisance laws, we want to hear from you.

Meetings will be scheduled every other month and last 2-3 hours. This is a voluntary position. If transportation, language, or childcare is a challenge, please let us know so we can help. Translation services can be requested.

For more information call 503-789-4561. Please mail completed applications to: MCAS, P.O. Box 6978, Troutdale, OR 97060. All applications must be postmarked or received by midnight, February 15, 2014.

Service Day



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Kaiser Permanente employees joined hundreds of Portlanders in a Martin Luther King Jr. service day. From left to right: Trevor Scott, Sandra Howard, and Tresean Foreman helped out at the Oregon Food Bank.

Free Parenting Classes in February at North Clackamas Schools

Parent Power, a free 4-week parenting class that focuses on the power of positive parenting, is presented by North Clackamas Schools in partnership with Northwest Family Services. Based on Love and Logic and Active Parenting, Parent Power is built on modeling healthy relationships and communication.

Class sessions will be held at Happy Valley Elementary, 13865 SE King Road, Happy Valley. The classes begin Feb. 7 and continue every Thursday for four weeks from 6 to 8 p.m. These classes are open to parents from all schools. Participants will walk away with usable parenting and relationship skills from this fun workshop. Childcare will be provided. Register, in advance, at www.lastingrelationships.org or by calling 503-546-6377.

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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

Thursday January 23

A NEIGHBORHOOD CONVERSATION: CREATE THE FUTURE OF YOUR COMMUNITY: FREE EVENT. 6 – 8 p.m. in a gathering space at Glenfair Church, 50 NE 143rd Ave. Portland, OR 97230. Engage in a lively conversation with neighbors about creating a vision for the future.

JAM NIGHT COMEDY VARIETY SHOW. A friends and family night in SNL format with local recording and performing artists. Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver.

Friday January 24

PSU HONORS MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. WITH EVENTS PLANNED ALL WEEK. Guest speaker on Decolonizing the Mind: Dr. Michael Yellow Bird talks about healing the trauma of colonialism. 6 p.m. Multicultural Center, Smith Memorial Student Union, Room 228.

Saturday January 25

TASTE OF RELAY. Come and enjoy free samples from local restaurants and food vendors. This event is free and open to all who are interested in supporting The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. King's Way Christian School, 3300 NE 78th St. Vancouver, WA.

Wednesday January 29

PROFESSIONAL WRITERS SERIES. Karen Karbo, *Writing from the Heart* and *the Funnybones*. Karbo has written novels, memoirs, young adult, fiction and nonfiction. 7 p.m. WSU Vancouver, 14204 NE Salmon Creek Ave. Vancouver, WA.

Friday – Tuesday January 31 thru February 14

CHINESE NEW YEAR – YEAR OF THE HORSE. Lan Su Chinese Garden's annual celebration for families and individuals. All activities are free with garden admission or membership. 239 NW Everett St. Portland, OR. Please call for operating hours 503-228-3131

Saturday February 1

NORTH PORTLAND LIBRARY CENTENNIAL. Come join our 100th birthday celebration. We'll have music, refreshments and fun activities for the whole family. 2 – 5 p.m. North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. Portland, OR.