

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

ODOT Seeks Public Input on Proposed Projects

ODOT plans three public meetings in March to discuss the Draft 2015-2018 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program for the Portland area.

The STIP is Oregon's transportation capital improvement program, which identifies the schedule and funding for transportation projects. It includes projects for federal, state, city and county transportation systems including highways, rail, public transit, bicycles and pedestrian.

In the meetings, ODOT is seeking public comment on the proposed projects in 2016-2018.

Here's the meeting schedule:

Saturday, March 15, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. East Portland Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room 3, 740 S.E. 106th Ave., Portland.

Tuesday, March 18, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., ODOT Region 1 Headquarters, Conference Room A/B, 123 N.W. Flanders, Portland.

Various materials, with details of the proposed projects, will be available online and at many public libraries throughout the Portland area, Mount Hood and the Columbia River Gorge.

For more information on the library locations or to view the electronic materials, go to www.oregon.gov.

The 47th Annual State Chess Tournament, Hosted by Chess for Success

The annual state chess tournament is Friday March 14 through Saturday March 15 at the Oregon Convention Center. The tournament begins at 9 a.m. and lasts until roughly 5 p.m. It is located at the South Entrance in exhibit hall "E." Nearly 600 children travel from all over the state of Oregon to compete for the title, the trophy, and the test of abilities at the 47th Annual State Chess Tournament. Like most sports, chess is a competition; there are those who win and those who do not. However, The State Chess Tournament provides an opportunity for regional qualifiers to compete in something truly unique; a test of athletics for the mind. The State Chess Tournament is an opportunity for children to exercise their brains and compete for both individual and team titles.

For more information go to www.chessforsuccess.org.

'Do It Yourself' Fair Helps Save Money, Live Green

The Green Neighbors Do-It-Yourself Fair will run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, in Gaiser Hall at Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

Support for Jobs Programs



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The Bank of America Charitable Foundation picked the Urban League of Portland as its latest Neighborhood Builders winner, handing out a \$200,000 unrestricted grant as well as advanced leadership training. Urban League President and CEO Michael Alexander said last week the money will be used to increase the Urban League's job training and employment support programs. For more on all their programs and services, go to www.ulpdx.org.

lege, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way.

The event will include workshops on rain-friendly landscaping, bicycle basics, gardening with children, raising chickens, eco-roofs, computer maintenance, basic plumbing and wiring, tree planting, composting, nature-scaping, sheetrock repair and potential risks of radon, mold and lead.

Environmental Services is sponsoring the event in cooperation with other county departments, local businesses, organizations and agencies. Lunch will be provided to the first 100 people and a garage heater will be given away as a door prize.

For a complete list of workshops, visit www.ClarkGreen-Neighbors.org/happenings/DIY-Fair.

Linfield Hosts Exclusive Lincoln Exhibit

Linfield College has been selected to host the conference "The Political Thought of Abraham Lincoln" and the traveling exhibit "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War."

The exhibit, "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War," will be featured in Jereld R. Nicholson Library April 2-May 16. The exhibit explores how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the war — the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties.

In addition to the opening of the exhibit, Leon Litwack, professor of American history emeritus at University of California, Berkeley, will speak at the opening ceremony for the exhibit on Thursday, April 3. Ron White, author of "A. Lincoln: A Biography," will be the second speaker in conjunction with the Lincoln Exhibit on Tuesday, April 15.

For more information, contact Susan Barnes Whyte, director of Linfield Libraries, 503-883-2517.

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Friday March 14

CHINESE PUPPET THEATRE TO PERFORM. Quam Ren, in partnership with Northwest Heritage Resources is pleased to present a performance by traditional Chinese rod puppet theatre. 6:30 p.m. Franklin Elementary School, 5206 Franklin St. Vancouver, WA. Suggested donation for admission is adults \$5, children \$2

Saturday March 15

FREE NORTH PORTLAND "VILLAGE 101" PRESENTATION. Come and bring a neighbor and learn more about how you can join the team planning a Village unique to North Portland residents. Linnton Community Center, 10614 NW St. Helens Rd. Linnton, OR

ST. PADDY'S FOR KIDS. A free family-focused event with more than 20 nonprofit groups on hand. Lots of fun activities for all ages. 10 a.m. Shorty's Garden and Home, 10006 SE Mill Plain Blvd. Vancouver, WA 98664

LEARN TO DO IT YOURSELF, TO SAVE MONEY & LIVE GREEN. The fair will help people learn how to be more self-sufficient and save money. The event will include workshops and exhibits. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Gaiser Hall at Clark College, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, Vancouver, WA

Sunday March 16

BIKE MILWAUKEE 4TH SEASON KICK-OFF RIDE. Come join us as we pedal into our first community ride of 2014. Please bring water and

wear your bike helmet. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Milwaukee City Hall, 10722 SE Main St. Milwaukee, OR 97222

Monday March 17

73RD ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL. The All-Ireland Cultural Society of Oregon is proud to host this all family event. 4 - 9 p.m. at the Ambridge Event Center, 376 NE Clackamas St. Portland. \$10 admission. Young or old this is considered the best party in town.

Tuesday March 18

NATIONAL SECURITY, CIVIL LIBERTIES AND THE SURVEILLANCE STATE. Featuring Senator Ron Wyden. Sen. Wyden will discuss the tension between civil liberties and national security and how we can preserve liberty and security. 7 p.m. First Congregational Church.

Thursday March 20

SOCIAL SECURITY PLANNING FOR BABY BOOMERS. This is to help Baby Boomers better understand the Social Security system, this workshop will cover five factors to consider when deciding to apply. 7:45 p.m. Belmont Public Library, 1038 SE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. Portland, OR 97214