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Liberty & Hope



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The nonpartisan Oregon League of Minority Voters presented its annual Liberty & Hope Awards on June 26 to Congressman Greg Walden, Sen. Ron Wyden and advertising executive Dan Wieden to recognize their efforts in support of people of color and minorities in Oregon. About 200 people attended the seventh annual dinner at the Oregon Convention Center. Left to right: OLMV Board Chair Sho Dozono, co-emcee Melinda Merrill, keynote speaker Rev. Dr. W.G. Hardy Jr., OLMV Executive Director Promise King, Dan Wieden, and Event Co-Chairs Tom Kelly and Kiernan Doherty. The event raised \$35,000 for the organization, which works to promote a broader understanding of the issues that uniquely impact people of color and minorities with a mission to re-engage majority involvement in civil rights causes.

The City of Gresham Unveils Children's Fountain

The Children's Fountain will splash to life Friday, July 4 at 7 a.m. and stay open all day long until 10 p.m. at the Arts Plaza in historic downtown at 401 N.E. Second St.

Kids can cavort in two fountains - one designed for toddlers, one for bigger kids - that are powered by 43 jets of cool, clean, chlorinated water. The fountain is built to surprise. For daytime, the Children's Fountain includes two

shade structures. At night, the fountain is lit by a subtly shifting display of 20 multi-colored LED lights.

This new parks amenity is free to users - the only no-cost splash pad in East Multnomah County - and was developed entirely with \$1.5 million in federal funds awarded to the City of Gresham for community development.

On Wednesday, July 16 at 6 p.m., the public is invited to the Arts Plaza to celebrate the launch of the Children's Fountain, and there will be games, giveaways and free snow cones.

After its holiday debut, the Children's Fountain will be open seven days a week, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Because the fountain does not hold water, no lifeguard will be on duty. However, all children must be supervised. Children who are not toilet trained must wear swim diapers, and swim clothing is required. For a list of fountain rules and etiquette, please visit GreshamOregon.gov/ChildrensFountain.

For more information, call Parks and Facilities at 503-618-2300.

Health Tests at the Blues Fest

The Caring Ambassadors Program sponsors the Lions Club Testing Unit, which will be providing free screenings for glaucoma, hearing, blood pressure, and blood glucose (a test for diabetes) at the HealthNet Pavilion at the Waterfront Blues Festival.

On-site testing for Hep C near the stages will also be available for musicians who are performing and who are unable to get to the HealthNet Pavilion.

We would like to encourage all musicians—a group that tends to be under-tested—to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity and to help create awareness for those who may be interested. To arrange a private screening during the festival, call: (503) 961-3920. More information go to the CAP website: www.CaringAmbassadors.org

County Fair Talent Show Tryouts

The Clackamas County Fair will once again be holding tryouts for the Talent Show and Gospel Sing performances at the 2014 Fair. Fair dates run August 12-17th this year. The Talent Show Auditions will be held on Saturday, July 19th, from 10:00am - 1:00pm. It is open to all residents state-wide, but the top placing Clackamas County resident will be moving on to the Oregon State Fair Talent competition. The categories are divided into Child (5-9 yrs.), Youth (10-17 yrs.) and Adult (18 years and older) with cash prizes awarded for the top three places in the Youth and Adult categories, and placement certificates and ribbons for the Child category.

The Gospel Sing Auditions will be held on Wednesday evening, July 23rd, from 4:30-9:00pm. It is open to anyone, with two categories offered in Youth (10-17 yrs.) and Adult (18 years and older). Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three placements in both categories, with the top winners being showcased at the Gospel Sing and Inspirational Message service, held Sunday, August 17th, at 11:00 am, at the Fair.

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Friday July 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT FORT VANCOUVER: Featuring live music, games, entertainment, food and more. This event has something for everyone. End the evening with the biggest firework display this side of the Mississippi. Admission is \$8.00 Children 12 and under free. Fort Vancouver.

Sunday July 6

FREE FAMILY OPEN REHEARSAL CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS. Chamber Music Northwest presents Saint - Saens Le Carnaval Des Animaux (Carnival of the Animals) Reed College, 3203 SE

Woodstock Blvd. 11:30 a.m.

Monday July 7

GENERATIONS PROJECT SIGNING CEREMONY, INTERGENERATIONAL COMMUNITY. Community partners, leaders, state representatives, Oregon's first lady and many other more civic leaders will come together to show their support for Native youth, families and elders. 3:30 - 5: p.m. SE 86th and Steele St. Portland.

Tuesday July 8

SWEET SUMMER CYCLE. Everyone's favorite ride - visit sweet shops, have a treat by bike. Great for folks new to the area, the ride will be easy-paced, with stops along the way. The ride is free, but helmets are required. 5:45 - 8 p.m. Universal Cycle, SE Ankeny and 22nd.

Thursday July 10

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964. The Civil Rights Section of the Oregon State Bar Assoc. is hosting a public forum. The presenter is PSU Professor Walidah Imarisha and is titled, "Why Aren't There More Black People in Oregon? A Hidden History." 7:15 p.m. at Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 NE Knott St. Portland. Free of charge.

Friday - Saturday July 11 - 12

MEALS ON WHEELS PEOPLE HOLDS PARKING LOT

RUMMAGE SALE. Goods available include china, plastic ware, home items you name it will be there. Friday hours are 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Meals on Wheels People Headquarters, 7710 SW 31st Ave. Portland.

Saturday July 12

13TH ANNUAL MISSISSIPPI STREET FAIR. The Mississippi Ave. Street Fair is a community building event that celebrates the residents, business and organizations from North Fremont to Skidmore on Mississippi Ave. There will be 200+ vendors, 40+ bands and much more. 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.

SISTERS NETWORK OR & SW WASHINGTON CHAPTER AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMEN BREAST CANCER SURVIVORSHIP GROUP MEETING. Held the second Saturday of each month for survivors only. 9 - 10 a.m. June Key Delta Community Center, 5940 N. Albina St. For more information please call 503-206-8575.

Sunday July 13

WORLD CUP FINAL COMING TO PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE. Portland soccer fans are invited to a public viewing party of the FIFA World Cup final match at Pioneer Courthouse Square. The party kicks-off at 10 a.m.