

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

National Night Out



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Rwyet Neghes, 3, has fun with her family at National Night Out celebrations at the IRCO office in East County. Mayor Charlie Hales, his wife Nancy and Portland Police officers shared snacks and toured emergency vehicles in the annual event to fight neighborhood crime. One young man suggested to Hales that building a community center would be a good way to achieve that goal.

'We are Black. We are...'

The Portland African American Leadership Forum holds its next event in the 'We are Black. We are...' campaign, which is a monthly community breakfast, Saturday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Highland Christian Center, 7600 NE Glisan St.

August's program will focus on developing a unified plan for the future of the community in the wake of a lacking geographic center.

Throughout the remainder of 2014, the group plans monthly breakfast gatherings focused on building relation-

ships, providing resources and discussing our experiences as Black people, and how the community can come together to address challenges.

For more information, go to: www.weareblackweare.com; and look for the group on Twitter, Facebook, Tumblr and Instagram.

Saints & Sinners Book Signing Party

Five local authors are on hand for readings and signing, Sunday, Aug. 17 from 4-7 p.m. at the June Key Delta Community Center, 5940 North Albina St. at Ainsworth.

Featured will be urban fiction, Christian fiction and more, with authors Evelyn McCoy,

Kimberly Robinson Green, Kimberly Lee, Shelli Marie and Alvin L.A. Horn.

Wine and cheese will be provided. For more information go to www.BlackRoseBooksPDX.net.

West Vancouver Bike Thefts are Up

Vancouver Police have taken an increased number of stolen bike reports over the past two months. Bikes are being stolen from both public and residential properties, primarily in west Vancouver. The Vancouver Police Department is encouraging bike owners to implement crime prevention to avoid becoming the victim of theft:

* Always lock up your bike whenever it's left unattended. Many bikes are stolen from residential property such as yards, porches and garages, from public property such as parks and schools, and from commercial property including store fronts. Leaving a bike for "just a minute" is enough of an invitation for a thief to steal.

* Not all locks are created equal. Lightweight cable or chain locks are easily cut and offer little protection. Use a quality lock and secure the bike to something sturdy that cannot easily be broken or moved.

* Consider registering your bike. In the event the bike is stolen, and later recovered by law enforcement, it can be returned. The Vancouver Police Department participates in the National Bike Registry. Bike owners and bicycle shops can learn more about registering a bike, as well as crime prevention tips at www.nationalbikeregistry.com.

Historic Parkrose Offers Storefront Grants

Historic Parkrose offers matching storefront grants to businesses and commercial property owners in the Historic Parkrose district. Grants will be \$500 - \$3,000 and require a minimum dollar for dollar match.

Approximately \$20,000 is available for high quality capital improvement projects.

Interested applicants are encouraged to send a representative to an informational meeting either Aug. 7, 6-7 p.m., or Aug. 12, 9-10 a.m., at the Historic Parkrose office, 11036 NE Sandy Blvd.

Reserve a spot by emailing Bridget@HistoricParkrose.com.

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Thursday August 7

NEW SEASON'S MARKET - FISHER'S LANDING BIKE FAIR. Stop by from 3 to 6:30 p.m. to participate in a variety of family friendly events. Give your bike a fix-up with a visit to the Quick Fix Start Station. New Season's Market Fisher's Landing, 2100 B SE 164th Ave. Vancouver.

NEW PAINTINGS BY JACK FEATHERLY. UPFOR Presents Unpattern: A solo exhibition of new oil and enamel paintings by Jack Featherly. The show runs Aug. 7 - 30. Events are free 6 - 8 p.m. UPFOR, 929 NW Flanders St.

Saturday August 9

THE ALBERTA STREET FAIR RETURNS. Tons of fun for all ages, the fair features a mix of sights, sounds and tasty treats that can only be found on Alberta Street. The fair will kick-off with the children's parade at 11 a.m. at NE 15th Ave. The fair runs until 9:30 p.m. on NE Alberta St. between 11th & 30th Ave.

ANNUAL DROP IN DISHMAN COMMUNITY PARTY. This year we expect 250 youth and their families to participate in the event. Noon - 4 p.m. 77 NE Knott St.

LET'S BUILD OUR OWN NORTH STAR VILLAGE FOR AGING IN PLACE. Learn more about the Portland-metro-area Village Movement and how you can get involved in creating North Star Village, serving the North, Inner North and outer North West Portland Neighborhoods. 2 - 4 p.m. Kenton Firehouse, 2209 N. Schofield. Free

LEGACY EMANUEL CHILDREN'S FAMILY FUN AT HEALTHY KIDS STREET FAIR. The fair celebrates healthy living and promotes safe family fun with a variety of interactive activities. Randall Children's Hospital, 2801 N. Gantenbein Ave. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sunday August 10

PORTLAND ROOTS FESTIVAL. PCRI is proud to present the 2nd Annual Portland Roots Festival. The celebration will feature some of Portland's most delectable food vendors, a variety of entertaining and educational health related activities for the whole family. Noon - 8 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square, 701 SW 6th Ave.

Friday - Sunday August 15 -17

HOOPS ON THE RIVER. 2014 Hoops on the River 3 - on - 3 Tournament. After a one year hiatus the event will return bigger and bolder. This event starts Friday at 3 p.m. and runs through Sunday at 4 p.m. Esther Short Park, 605 Esther St. Vancouver.

Saturday August 16

GREEN NEIGHBORHOOD FESTIVAL. Workshops, backyard habitat certification, bamboo splitting, kids' tree planting, music, and much more. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. on N. Kerby Ave. next to Peninsula Park.

Sunday August 17

2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY PLAY DAY! There will be lots of fun activities for families: Live music, food vendors, face painting, sports activities and much more. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Arbor Lodge Park, 6825 N. Delaware Ave.