

# Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

## New Playground



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Portland Parks & Recreation's first-ever permanent nature-based play area is now open at Westmoreland Park, SE McLoughlin and SE Bybee Boulevards. The Westmoreland natural play area is the first such permanent playscape across the PP&R system and features play elements made of logs and boulders, sand & water play, plants, hills, and opportunities for building with "loose parts" such as branches, sticks, pinecones and more. From left, 7 year-old Dori Bond and her grandfather, Amir Fathizadeh, play in the sand feature, one of the most popular spots in the new playground.

## Basic Rights Oregon Launches Ad Campaign

More than 140 leaders and organizations have signed on in support of Basic Rights Oregon's "Come Out for Our Families" ad campaign. This series of ads published in local ethnic media throughout Oregon on or around Oct. 11, celebrates National Coming Out Day, a day of awareness for people who are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgender.

The ads feature straight leaders of color and organizations

that work in communities of color. Endorsers state that they believe communities are strongest when all families—extended families, multi-generational families, single-parent families and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender families—have the resources, respect and love they need to thrive.

The ad campaign is led by Our Families, an education and advocacy volunteer team that is part of Basic Rights Oregon's racial justice program. The volunteer team works to raise the visibility, experiences and public support of les-

bian, gay, bisexual and transgender families of color. The team does this work within predominately-straight communities of color, within racial justice organizations and within lesbian, gay bisexual and transgender justice organizations.

Read more on their work at [www.basicrights.org/ourfamilies](http://www.basicrights.org/ourfamilies).

## State Job Fair for Disabled Workers

The Department of Business and Consumer Services in partnership with Incight and Oregon Vocational Rehabilitation Services (OVRs) will host an informational and networking event to introduce job seekers with disabilities to career opportunities with State of Oregon agencies.

The event is Thursday, Oct. 9, from 1 – 5 p.m., at the The Labor and Industries Building, 350 Winter Street NE, Salem. Fifteen to twenty State of Oregon agencies will participate.

Find out more at <http://meetstateagencies.eventbrite.com>.

## Clark County Free Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccine is widely available in Clark County, and health officials are recommending everyone six months and older get vaccinated soon.

Flu occurs primarily from October through May. A contagious respiratory disease, flu kills more people in the U.S. than any other vaccine-preventable disease. On average, nearly 24,000 people die each year of flu, and more than 200,000 are hospitalized.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends flu shots for everyone six months and older, with rare exceptions. Vaccination with a live, nasal-spray flu vaccine (FluMist) is an option for people two to 49 who are healthy and not pregnant. FluMist is the preferred vaccination for children ages two to eight.

People at greatest risk of complications from flu are especially urged to get vaccinated. They are young children, pregnant women, people 65 and older and people with asthma, diabetes, heart disease and other long-term health conditions.

To get vaccinated, call your health care provider or pharmacy. If you don't have health insurance, call Sea Mar Community Health Centers at (360) 852-9070 or the Vancouver Free Clinic at (360) 313-1390 to make an appointment for a low-cost flu shot.

For more information, see [www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/disease/index.htm).

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#### Saturday October 11

**SISTERS NETWORK OREGON & SW WASHINGTON CHAPTER: DO NOT FORGET: SURVIVORS TALK.** Survivors only from 9 – 9:50 a.m. General meeting open to anyone who would like to join us in our fight against breast cancer among African American women. 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. June Key Delta Center, 5940 N. Albina St.

**BARGAIN HUNING PDX.** The show will feature 30 Pacific Northwest Artisans and locally-owned boutiques displaying their handmade wares. 10

a.m. – 5 p.m. Red Rose Ballroom, 1829 NE Alberta.

**MW CIDER FESTIVAL.** 20 local cider companies offering tastings, a cider bar, retail store, live music, a family friendly area and much more. 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

#### Sunday October 12

**PORTLAND HEROES UNITE TO DOUBLE LUNG CANCER SURVIVAL.** Join hundreds of community members as they gather for a day of impact at the Portland Free to Breathe Walk. The inspirational event will feature a 5K and 1 mile walk for all fitness levels. 8 a.m. – noon. Oaks Park. There is a registration fee of \$25.

#### Tuesday October 14

**JHS 14TH ANNUAL MULTICULTURAL FILM FESTIVAL: DEFY THE INEVITABLE: HARVEST BEYOND THE BRIM.** Sam Smith, Co-Founder and Educational Catalyst at Community Supported Everything will facilitate. "Surviving Progress." The kick-off documentary for the 14th Annual JHS Multicultural Film Festival. 6 p.m. North Portland Neighborhood Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

#### Saturday October 18

**NORTH STAR VILLAGE HOSTS OCTOBER TALK.** If you are interested in remaining in your home as you

age? North Star Village may have the answers to those questions. Space is limited so reserve your seat today at [www.northpdxvillage@comcast.net](mailto:www.northpdxvillage@comcast.net) or call 503-978-0540. Portsmouth neighborhood call for location and time.

**KILLER PUMPKIN FEST.** The festival features 25+ different pumpkin beers and ciders, farmstead and pumpkin vendors, pumpkin smashing, face painting. Fun for all ages. 11 a.m. – midnight. Green Dragon Bistro Brewpub, 928 SE 9th St. Donation of \$5 (all goes to Camp Ukandu).

#### Sunday October 19

**QUALITY EDUCATION FESTIVAL.** Join educators, parents, students and community members who wish to create the education Oregon students deserve. Noon – 3 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

**STEP OUT: WALK TO STOP DIABETES.** Come to Vancouver Landing and Walk to Stop Diabetes. Join us after the walk to celebrate the accomplishments at the Step Out Walk after party. Enjoy great food, live music, fun kids' activities and much more. 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. Vancouver Landing, 110 Columbia St. Vancouver.