

Portland and SW Washington

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Winter Coat Drive



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Greater Solid Rock Church of God in Christ Outreach Ministries (Kingdom Builders), 1705 NE Dekum St., is holding its annual Winter Drive, collecting blankets, coats, and socks; hats and gloves are also accepted. The Kingdom Builders will collect donations until Saturday, Dec. 13. Then, the Day of Giving will be on Saturday, Dec. 20 in downtown Portland, at 4th Burnside from 10-12 p.m. They need volunteers for that day and others as well. They're seeking new socks, hats and gloves. The blankets and coats can be used but please make sure they are clean before you donate. Drop off donations at the church Sundays from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m., and Tuesday nights, 7:30-8:30 p.m. For more information contact Shannon Olive at 503-875-1725.

Portland Parks 11th Annual Turkey Swim

Portland Parks & Recreation is gearing up for the 11th Annual Turkey Swim. Now through Nov. 21, Portland Parks & Recreation pools will be hosting six drawings for a free frozen turkey.

The entries will be handed out with paid admission for all drop-in aquatic activities (Lap Swim, Water Fitness and Play Swims) at Portland Parks & Recreation pools. Each of the six pools will draw a name and six lucky winners will have a turkey on us. Lucky winners will be notified on Friday, Nov. 21 (need not be present to win).

Enter at: Buckman Pool, 503-823-3668, 320 SE 16th;

Columbia Pool, 503-823-3669, 7701 N Chautauqua Blvd; Dishman Pool, 503-823-3673, 77 NE Knott; East Portland Pool, 503-823-3450, 740 SE 106th; Mt. Scott Pool, 503-823-3183, 5530 SE 72nd; Southwest Pool, 503-823-2840, 6820 SW 45th Ave.

Black Women for Peace Special Gala

"Honoring Our Supporters" is a special awards event by Black Women for Peace, Saturday, Nov. 22, 2 - 4 p.m. at the Ambridge Center - Sellwood Room, 1333 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

With special music featuring Eldon T. Jones, the evening

features spoken word artists Bronson Enos, Micah Fletcher and Jessie Jones.

Championing youth as catalysts for peace in their communities, the group is bestowing a full slate of community service awards, including the Peace in Action Award, which this year goes to the 11:45 Initiative and to the Multnomah Youth Commission, Rob Ingram, Youth Summit against Violence.

RSVP by Friday, Nov. 14 to BWFP.PDX@gmail.com.

Free American Diabetes Association Expo & Walk

On Saturday, Nov. 22, the American Diabetes Association EXPO, presented by the Harold Schnitzer Diabetes Health Center at OHSU will take place at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. This free event is for people of all ages and includes healthy and fun activities for the whole family.

The EXPO also provides the community with a unique opportunity to get free health screenings and flu shots, participate in healthy cooking and exercising demonstrations, talk to exhibitors and listen to leading experts about diabetes prevention and management.

Prior to the start of EXPO, the American Diabetes Association will hold its annual Step Out: Walk to Stop Diabetes fundraising event at the Oregon Convention Center. The public is invited to join and walk to Stop Diabetes inside the warm exhibit hall from 9:00 - 10:00am and then attend EXPO. To learn more and register to walk, visit www.diabetes.org/portlandstepout.

University Students Offer Technology Tips to Seniors

Students at the University of Portland are teaming up with the Hollywood Senior Center in Northeast Portland to help seniors better use today's technology.

People age 55 and older are invited to attend the free technology clinic Nov. 22, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40 Avenue, Portland.

Attendees can bring their cell phones, laptops or tablets and work one-on-one with a student to get questions answered. Students can also help answer questions about software or programs used at home.

The event is free and open to seniors in North and Northeast Portland. Please call 503-288-8303 to register.

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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 - Sunday Nov. 20 - Dec. 21

A SALUTE TO OREGON ARTISTS. Concordia University Libraries Art & Culture presents A Salute to Oregon Artists art exhibit in the George R. White Library and Learning Center. A catered "meet the artists" reception will be held on Sunday Dec. 7, from 2 - 4 p.m. The exhibit and catered reception are free and open to the public. 2811 Ne Holman St.

Saturday November 22

GET-OUT, GET-ACTIVE-GET INVOLVED. Come see the newly remodeled community center, new programs, and community partners. The Moore St. Movement Community open house party. 11

a.m. - 3 p.m. The Salvation Army Moore St. Corps and Community Center, 5335 N. Williams.

FREE FIRSTENBURGFAMILY FUN DAY. The Firstenberg Community Center will be hosting a FREE Family Fun Day and movie night filled with swimming, climbing, activities in the gym and so much more. Fun starts at noon and runs all day & evening. 700 NE 136th Ave. Vancouver.

28TH ANNUAL NEIGHBORHOOD FIX-IT FAIR. Healthy Families, Healthy Homes! Fix-it fair is a free event where you can learn simple ways to save money and be healthy at home this winter. 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Parkrose High School, 12003 NE Shaver St.

Sunday November 23

SENIORS INVITED TO GIVE THANKS AT SENIOR CENTER. The free dinner includes Turkey and all the trimmings, plus tasty side dishes, music and fellowship will follow. All seniors living in North and Northeast Portland are invited. Hollywood Senior Center, Noon - 2 p.m. 1820 NE 40th Ave.

DROP - IN POETRY WORKSHOP AT THE NORTH PORTLAND LIBRARY. No registration required. Just bring a pen & notebook. We will create a group poem, and participants will leave with the beginning of a new writing. 512 N. Killingsworth St.

Wednesday November 26

8TH ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FEAST. Genesis

Community Fellowship is hosting a FREE Thanksgiving dinner. Great home cooking and friendly folks guaranteed!!! 6 - 7:30 p.m. Genesis Community Fellowship, 5425 NE 27th Ave.

Thursday November 27

THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER. Attendees are invited to a free Thanksgiving Dinner. However we ask that you bring your favorite side dish or a donation in the form of grocery gift cards. Please call to reserve your seat, 503-288-8303. 3 - 6 p.m. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 NE 40th Ave.

TRADITIONAL THANKSGIVING FOR 1,300 AT UNION GOSPEL MISSION. Union Gospel Mission is gearing up to serve 1,300 meals on Thanksgiving Day. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Union Gospel Mission will be closing off the street on NW Third Ave., between Burnside and Couch St. and serving the meals in a 120 foot tent.

Friday November 28

30TH ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY AT PIONEER COURTHOUSE SQUARE. This beloved community tradition will feature a holiday sing-a-long and lots of fun activities. 5:30 p.m.

Saturday November 29

AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION EXPO. The expo is free and includes health screenings, cooking demonstrations, over 70 product and service exhibitors, and much more. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Oregon Convention Center, Oregon Ballroom, 777 MLK, Jr. Blvd.