

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Annual Community Need Meeting

What are the unmet housing and community economic development needs in Multnomah County, Portland and Gresham? How are rising rents and home prices affecting you?

Your input will influence how local federal dollars are spent.

Come to the Annual Community Need Meeting, Thursday, Dec. 11, 6 -8 p.m. at Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Parkway.

Dinner will be provided

Call for Language translation, childcare, or accessibility accommodations.

Comments: Comments on housing and community development need may be made in writing addressed to the Portland Housing Bureau, Attn: Con Plan Staff, 421 SW 6th Ave, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204; by e-mail to phbinfo@portlandoregon.gov, online: www.portlandonline.com/phb/conplan. Or by phone at 503-823-5312. Comments must be received by Jan. 15, 2015.

For more information write to phbinfo@portlandoregon.gov.

Oliver/Rosewood Open Basketball Night

Looking for a place to place basketball with your friends, family and neighbors?

Come to the Oliver Elementary School gym, 15840 SE Taylor St., Thursdays from 5-6:30 p.m. during the month of December for a fun evening of pick-up basketball. All ages welcome. All participants under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult over age 21. Volunteers are also needed, for more information contact Josh Richards, SUN coordinator, at joshir@metfamily.org or call 503-388-0456.

Youth Violence Prevention Event Dec. 12-13

The Safe Communities Task Force hosts the Keeping Our Kids Safe Conference this weekend at Clark College, Gaiser Hall, 1933 Fort Vancouver Way, in Vancouver.

Designed for parents as well as professionals who work with youth, the conference focuses on recognizing and preventing problems with gangs, youth violence, and labeling. Also learn how to effectively communicate with youth,

KairosPDX Wins Grant

Windermere Stellar's Northwest Portland branch has contributed \$1,500 to KairosPDX's Early Learning Network. KairosPDX works to support low-income families and their childcare providers through its Early Learning Network. This \$1,500 donation will be used to educate parents and guardians, as well as in-home childcare providers, on the importance of early childhood education, with train. From left, Kali Thorne Ladd, executive director and co-founder of KairosPDX, and Nihad Aweidah, Realtor with Windermere Stellar.



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build protective factors and learn how to take care of yourself while taking care of kids.

Featuring keynote speaker is nationally recognized gangs expert Al Valdez, PhD. The Friday session is for professional who work with youth, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and there is an attendance fee.

The free of charge parent conference is Saturday, Dec. 13 from 9:30 a.m. -2 p.m. It includes a resource fair, a boxed lunch and door prizes.

Find out more at www.safecommunitiestaskforce.org/keeping-our-kids-safe-conference.

Taste the Tropics

Attend a benefit for Global Mustard Seed Missions Inc. and Biomedical Engineering Technology Aid, Dec. 13, from 1 - 5 p.m. at 6 N. Tillamook Street, Portland.

Please join us for entertainment with music, Haitian food, drinks, special guest presentations, raffle and silent auction (great Christmas shopping).

Proceeds will support two nonprofit groups now serving in Haiti and Tanzania. Their missions are: facilitating mobile medical clinics run by local clinicians and training skilled local biomedical technicians.

For questions please contact Charmika Schuster 202-329-7212 www.globalmustardseeds.com.

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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

Friday December 12

THE GREAT FIGGY PUDDING CAROLING COMPETITION. The Great Figgy Caroling Competition is a fun, free and festive event that will bring caroling groups of all ages to the heart of downtown Portland, 5:30 p.m. Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Saturday - Sunday December 13 - 21

GNOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS. Holiday fun for all ages! Find 35 Gnomes hidden in Alberta Street Storefronts. Ask the merchants to stamp your card, and win great prizes. Free. Alberta Street Business District.

Saturday December 13

24TH ANNUAL TUBA CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Downtown will pulse with the melodic sounds of

big brass led by Chuck Bolton as over 250 Tubas play in unison at Pioneer Courthouse Square. 1:30 p.m.

CIVIL AIR PATROL SQUADRON HOSTS HOLIDAY TRIBUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES. You can be a part of this unparalleled nationwide tribute to veterans. It starts indoors across the road from Willamette National Cemetery at Lincoln Memorial Park and Funeral Home's chapel at 1 p.m. at 2:30 p.m. all participants will gather outdoors at the Rostrum (flagpole area and ceremony bowl) in Willamette National where they will dedicate the wreaths to be laid on graves. 11800 SE. Mt. Scott Blvd.

WINTERGREEN ARTS AND CRAFTS FAIR 2014. FREE - Join the NCNM Community for a full day of community activities, wonderful local vendors and holiday cheer. 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. (Donations Welcome) There will also be community education events. To cap the festivities, join us for a Holiday mixer from 4 - 6 p.m. National College of Natural Medicine, 049 SW Porter Ave.

SANTA'S PUBLIC SAFETY DAY IS COMING TO THE BELMONT FIREHOUSE. PF&R invites all those who want to learn how to stay safe in the event of a fire and take pictures with Santa. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Belmont Firehouse, 900 SE 35th Ave.

Sunday December 14

THE WAKE OF VANPORT. Second Screening: Oral

history screening of the flood! Survivors stories 2 p.m. Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave.

Monday December 15

WESTSIDE CHRISTIAN CHOIR AND ART SHOW. Westside Christian High School will hold their annual Christmas Concert and Art Show at the new site. The Art Show is open for viewing beginning at 6 p.m. and the concert starts at 7 p.m. The event is open to the public. 8200 SW Pfaffle St. Tigard.

Tuesday December 16

KWANZAA CELEBRATION. Hosted by Kaiser Permanente LEAD. Featuring the documentary, "The Black Candle." Snacks will be provided. 5:30 p.m. Kaiser Town Hall, 3704 N. Interstate Ave.

Thursday December 18

CELEBRATE AND SHOP LATE ON ALBERTA STREET. Alberta Street businesses are staying open late. We have something for everyone on your list and we will be here until 9 p.m.

Saturday December 20

CHRISTMAS SHIPS MEET AND GREET. Friends and family join in celebrating a Portland tradition for over 60 years of Christmas ships parading during the holiday season. Come meet and greet the Christmas ships captains & crew. Take pictures with Santa, and have a lot of fun. 3 - 4:30 p.m. on the public dock in front of the Riverplace Hotel, 1510 SW Harbor Way.