

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Hip Hop Community Coat Drive

5th annual Efrying Drive, a winter-weather gear drive for people sleeping on the streets, is Saturday, Dec. 20, at Cadigan's Corner Bar, 5501 SE 72nd.

This year's Efrying Drive features some of the biggest names in Portland entertainment coming together for a 12 hour multi-thon, benefiting the Downtown Chapel and the grassroots FREE HOT SOUP campaign. We are seeking donations of cold weather gear, especially blankets, tarps, socks, gloves etc.

Headlined by The Chicharones and local comedians Kristine Levine and Adam Pasi, the line-up boasts a total of 5 outstanding bands and ten fantastic local standup comics, gathered together with the most active and engaged members of our community. The highlight of the evening is the "Friendly Fire" rap compliment battle, where the best talent in the Portland hip-hop community come together to decide the title "Mr Nice Guy 2014."

Find out more on Facebook at '2014 EFRYTING DRIVE.'

GirlStrength and BoyStrength Volunteers Needed

Portland Police Bureau is looking for men and women to volunteer with the WomanStrength, GirlStrength and BoyStrength self defense and violence prevention programs.

WomenStrength and GirlStrength have a 35 year history of success and trained over 110,000 community members in the Portland area. BoyStrength is an exciting new program for boys ages 10-14 that provide boys with options, strategies and skills to make healthy choices and be leaders in non-violence.

Volunteer instructors are trained by professionals in the field of violence prevention. No experience necessary. Men and women from all backgrounds, abilities and ages (over 18) are encouraged to apply. Application Deadline: Feb. 5, 2015. Strength Instructor Training Starts: Feb. 21, 2015 Volunteer Information and Application: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/BoyStrength>

Oliver/Rosewood Open Basketball Night

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

Shop with a Cop



Law Enforcement for Youth's Shop with a Cop this year went from concern that low fund raising levels would reduce the number of children served – but a last-minute pitch brought in so many donations they added 100 kids from their standby list, bringing in 500 kids to gift-shop for the holidays. Of the 100 police officers who participated, some reportedly dipped into their own wallets to purchase more toys and goods for the kids.

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 joshr@metfamily.org or call 503-388-0456.

Hillsboro Call to Artists for Mayor's Gift

The City of Hillsboro Public Art Program announces an opportunity for artists to become part of Hillsboro's Public Art Collection and represent the creative image of the city.

In a tradition initiated by Mayor Jerry Willey, a work of art is purchased for the City's collection, and is displayed in the Civic Center Auditorium. Archival prints are presented as the official gift to dignitaries and business leaders from around the world, underscoring the City's pride in its creative community.

Artists may submit two-dimensional artwork that represents the characteristic landscape, city views, people and places of Hillsboro. The purchase price cannot exceed \$500. Artists interested in applying should go to www.Hillsboro-oregon.gov/PublicArt to download application materials. All artists are eligible, but Hillsboro artists are especially encouraged to apply. The deadline is Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015.

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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.

Friday December 19

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION CAMPAIGN — YOU ARE INVITED TO PLACE AN ORNAMENT ON OUR TREE IN MEMORY OF YOUR LOVED ONE. You may create a personalized ornament, or use the ornaments we provide; either a clear, round ornament in which you may place a small photo or a written note; or

ornaments in a variety of shapes, upon which you can write your loved one's name. After Christmas you are encouraged to come by and pick up your ornament for your personal keepsake. 11:30 a.m. Portland Office of Youth Violence Prevention 449 NE Emerson St.

Saturday December 20

HANDMADE FORMAL HOLIDAY ARTISANS FAIR 2014. The 7th Annual Formal Holiday Artisans Fair is an elegant holiday shopping experience with local hand crafted wares in a stunning ballroom. 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Red Rose Ballroom, 1829 NE Alberta St.

FREE CURTIS CARLYLE SHOW. Juggler, comedian and entertainer. Curtis has traveled the world and shared the stage with some of the top acts in the world. Fun for all ages. 6:30 p.m. Compass Church, 1812 Main St. Vancouver.

CHRISTMAS SHIPS MEET AND GREET. 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.

Monday – Tuesday December 22 – 23

ALPENROSE CHRISTMAS IN DAIRYVILLE. Storybook

Lane and Santa's House will be open on Monday & Tuesday before Christmas. Featuring live animals, holiday gift shop, bakery, train displays and much more. Admission is free however we ask that you bring cans of food to donate to the Oregon Food Bank. 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. 6149 SW Shattuck Rd.

Tuesday December 23

SANTA CUTS! Free haircuts for inner city kids up to 18 years old. Approx 100 children. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Salvation Army, 5325 N. Williams Ave.

Thursday December 25

PORTLAND ART MUSEUM TO HOST POTLUCK IN THE PARK – FREE CHRISTMAS DINNER. Dinner will be served from noon – 3 p.m. on Christmas Day. Potluck in the Park's annual dinner will be moving to the Portland Art Museum, Kidel Grand Ballroom. The dinner is open to anyone in need or anyone without friends and family to spend the holiday with.

Saturday December 27

WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT. It's all about your self-care thru self-discovery. Pre-register at 503-621-4260 or email revenueaward@hotmail.com by Dec. 24. Event is free and childcare is provided. 3 – 5 p.m. EPAP Neighborhood Office, 1071 NE 117th Ave