

Portland and SW Washington

S P O T L I G H T S

Thanking Portland Police



PHOTO BY LISA LOVING

A local mom struggling financially threw a party Dec. 17 for Portland Police officers who had helped out her family with food and clothing. The mom, Henriquetta, at left, thanked incoming Portland Police Chief Larry O'Dea with help from her daughter, who translated. The police surprised the family by pitching in to purchase them a new dining set to replace their broken dinner table. See the entire photo album on The Skanner News Facebook page.

Kwanzaa Celebration at ICTC

The International Center for Traditional Childbearing and The African American Breastfeeding Coalition, invite you and your family to the free of charge 8th Annual Kwanzaa Celebration, Saturday Dec. 27, 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charles Jordan Center, 9009 N. Foss Ave.

We are celebrating our self determination to have healthy families with Principle #2, Kujichagulia: To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves, and speak for ourselves.

Enjoy this African American Holiday with refreshments, family activities, music, children's gifts, and a visit with Nikki The Brown Clown, free lead testing and information on the benefits of breastfeeding. Drink from the Unity Cup and learn why self-determination is key to a healthy family. The event is sponsored by Multnomah County, Office of

Equity and Inclusion, Planned Parenthood of the Columbia Willamette, Care Oregon, City of Portland Water Bureau and the International Center for Traditional Childbearing.

Let us know if you plan to attend by calling 503-460-9324

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, strate-

gies 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?

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.

Vancouver Seeks Applicants for Salary Review Commission Vacancies

The City of Vancouver is seeking applicants to fill two vacancies on the Salary Review Commission. Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, 2014. This five-member volunteer commission is responsible for reviewing and re-establishing or adjusting the salaries of the Vancouver mayor and city council every two years. Applicants must be City of Vancouver residents and registered voters. City officers, officials, employees and their immediate family members are not eligible to apply. Salary Review Commission members are appointed by the mayor, subject to approval by the city council. Each commission member is appointed for a single four-year term. The appointments will be made effective Jan. 1, 2015.

The Salary Review Commission will convene to review mayor and council salaries in early 2016, but will also meet once in 2015 for training required under the Open Public Meetings Act.

Interested applicants may apply online at www.cityofvancouver.us/boards. To have an application mailed to you, or for further information, contact Alexis Bafus at Vancouver City Hall by phone at 360-487-8607, by email at alexis.bafus@cityofvancouver.us, or by mail at PO Box 1995 Vancouver, WA 98668.

For more information about the Salary Review Commission, including past meeting minutes and reports, please visit www.cityofvancouver.us/src.

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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 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

8TH ANNUAL KWANZAA CELEBRATION. Celebrating our SELF determination to have healthy families. Enjoy refreshments, family activities, music and much more. 2 – 5 p.m. Charles Jordan Center, 9009 N. Foss Ave. Free to all who wish to attend. Please let us know you plan on joining us 503-460-9324.

WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN OF AFRICAN DESCENT. It's all about your self-care thru self-discovery. Pre-register at 502-621-4260 or email revenueaward@hotmail.com by December 24. Event is free and childcare is provided. 3 – 5 p.m. EPAP Neighborhood Office, 1071 NE 117th Ave.

Sunday December 28

JUSTICE – MORE – JUSTICE TRIO PERFORMING. Jane Keefer, Mary Rose & Jim Cook sing and play labor protest, old time and love songs for people's tips and delight. Lots of singing songs, whistles, dancing friendly talk, good food and drinks available for purchase. 10 a.m. – noon

Anna Bannana's, 2405 NE Alberta St.

Monday December 29

EGG CARTON MUSHROOMS CRAFTS AT GREEN BEAN BOOKS IN NE PDX. Stop by Monday between noon – 5 p.m. and make Egg Carton Mushrooms. Green Bean Books, 1600 NE Alberta St.

Wednesday December 31

SENIORS INVITED TO SWING IN THE NEW YEAR AT LUEPKE CENTER. People age 50 and better are invited to ring in the New Year! Enjoy 1940's Big Band-era Standards performed by the Beacock Swing Band. Light refreshments, and party favors. Doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15 for City of Vancouver residents. \$18 for non-residents. 1009 E McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver.

Sunday January 4

THE LUTHERAN CHORAL ASSOCIATION CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY CONCERT. Your invited to join our ecumenical choir of over 100 voices, for our 7th annual Christmas/Epiphany concert. Free for all to attend. 4 p.m. Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N. Rosa Parks Way.