

Portland and SW Washington

SPOTLIGHTS

African American Health Study

As many residents of Portland know, African Americans experience poorer quality of care than any other racial/ethnic group. Research has shown that, despite efforts, healthcare disparities persist for African Americans.

In an effort to understand what can be done, a team of students at Portland State University is conducting a study to gain a better understanding of how African Americans experience stress in the healthcare system. They hope that the information obtained from participants will help improve the quality of care for African American patients. To participate in this study, you must be 18 years or older, must have seen a healthcare provider within the last five years, and identify as Black or African American. If you are interested and meet these requirements, you can find the survey at <http://goo.gl/MJSB1Z>. If you prefer to respond with paper and pencil, please email AfricanAmericanHealthStudy@gmail.com or call 503-567-4801. The survey also has a Facebook group at

www.facebook.com/groups/AfricanAmericanHealthStudy.

This Sunday: A St. Patty's Pancake Breakfast

Wear your green to join the youth group and families for St. Andrew's Catholic Church's biggest fundraiser of the season, March 15, after 9:30 mass in the community center. Breakfasts are \$6 a head; \$25 for a family of 5 gets you pancakes and syrup with optional green sprinkles and hazelnut or raspberry topping (gluten-free available), a pot-o-gold fruit salad, meat or veggie sausage, and juice, coffee or tea. We will even have a leprechaun, whom you may recognize, as Master of Ceremonies! Fair trade goods will be available for purchase. Find out more at www.standrewchurch.com.

OLCC Seeks Nominations for Rules Advisory Committee

Anyone wishing to serve on the Oregon Liquor Control

Commission's marijuana rules advisory committee has until March 15, 2015, to submit a brief e-mail outlining their qualifications and areas of expertise to marijuana@oregon.gov.

The rules advisory committee will help the OLCC develop the administrative rules necessary to implement Measure 91, the recreational marijuana law approved by voters last November.

Anyone applying should put "RAC Application" in the subject line.

Under a staff recommendation approved by the Commission today, the advisory committee, which will have between 11 and 15 members, will include individuals from the general public as well as those with expertise in areas related to the implementation of the new law. They include law enforcement, local government and those involved in the existing marijuana industry.

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Thursday March 12

OLCC ANNOUNCES FINAL LISTENING TOUR DATE PORTLAND EVENT. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission last final listening session on implementation of the new recreational marijuana law will be held in Portland from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Left Bank Annex, 101 N. Weidler St.

Saturday March 14

WINTER CONCERT CONNECTS MUSIC TO THE

EARTH. "O Music, Awake the Earth." The Clark College Concert Choir and Concert Band will perform at O'Connell Gym on the campus at 7:30 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public. Donations for the choir and band programs accepted.

THRIVENT FINANCIAL WORKSHOP. Trinity Lutheran Church will host a free Money Matters Workshop for parents of children 11 to 14 years old. Parents and younger teens will learn about sharing, saving, and spending money, and finishing off the workshop with pizza. 5520 NE Killingsworth St.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL AND PARADE IN SELLWOOD. At noon join hundreds of people and parade through the main streets of the Sellwood-Moreland neighborhood beginning and ending at St. Agatha Catholic School, 7960 SE 15th St. Free events for the whole family.

Saturday – Sunday March 14 – 22

Genealogical Forum of Oregon OPEN HOUSE. Thus far the line up includes, a DNA Day, Illinois Group, Irish Group, Genealogy Book Group and more. Remember, the Open House is free so plan ahead and bring your friends! Genealogical

Forum of Oregon, 2505 SE 11th Ave. Suite B – 18. Call 503-963-1932

Wednesday March 18

HONEYBEE HIKES! Ages 2 – 5 years old accompanied by an adult. \$3 per child, non walkers free. Little Hikes will explore the garden with their guide, learning plant secrets and looking for wildlife with time for stories and fun crafts at the end. Meet in front of the main house, Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122nd Ave.

EARLY LEARNING CENTER OPEN HOUSE. Drop in and meet us, tour the facility, and learn more. 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. For parents with children 3 – 6 years of age. Warner Pacific College, Mt Tabor Campus, 2219 SE 68th Ave.

Saturday March 21

FRESH START. Affordable Meals and Happy Snacks. Learn to prepare simple, affordable, healthy and delicious foods for yourself and the family. 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Mahalia Jackson Hall inside Celebration Tabernacle Church, 8131 N. Denver St.

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SEATTLE 2015

Thursday March 12

BLARNEY BASH AND LOUIE FOXX MAGIC SHOW. All ages welcome. Let the magic of the Irish be with you tonight as we sit down to watch an amazing magic show. Don't forget to wear your green. \$1 per child. 6 p.m. Ravenna-Eckstein Community Center, 6535 Ravenna Ave. NE Seattle, WA 98115.

Saturday March 14

QUOTA INTERNATIONAL OF KENT VALLEY'S ANNUAL WESTERN DAYS. This western themed event is for children with special needs and their families. Activities include pony rides, a roping contest, face painting and much more. 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. Reber Ranch, 28605 132nd Ave. SE. Kent.

ST. PADDY'S DAY PARTY. Celebrate St. Paddy's Day at Loyal Heights. Children will be able to make crafts, decorate a cookie and listen to a story. 1 – 2:30 p.m. Loyal Heights Community Center, 2101 NW 77th St.

PUGET SOUNDS LIKE FUNDAY! This is a free family-

friendly event at the Key Peninsula Civic Center in Vaughn. With fun activities for all ages. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. 17040 Vaughn Rd. Vaughn.

Sunday March 15

WEARING O' THE GREEN. Spring may be popping out all over. In honor of St. Patrick's Day and the coming O'spring take a forest stroll and enjoy the native plants & flowers. This is designed for children 8 and older! 2 – 4 p.m. FREE. Camp Long, 5200 35th Ave. SW.

LOOSE CANNON COMMUNITY CONCERT AND SING-ALONG. Listen and sing along to an evening of gospel and folk songs. Homemade pie and cobbler will follow the concert. Donation of non-perishable food or cash for The NW Fish Food Bank requested. 4 – 6 p.m. Bethany Presbyterian Church, 4420 N. 41st St. Tacoma. This is a free event.

Tuesday March 17

FREE DAY FOR SENIORS. Seniors (65+) and people

with disabilities are invited to a free day at the zoo. Valid for daytime admission only. 9:30 a.m. Point Defiance Zoo & Aquarium, 5400 N. Pearl St. Tacoma

Saturday March 21

A SPECIAL DISNEY EVENT AT AAA TACOMA. Discover Disney Magic with Stacia Martina! Come meet Stacia, hear wonderful stories about the Magic Kingdom and watch her create art right before your eyes. 10 a.m. – Noon. Tacoma Cruise and Travel, 1801 Union Ave. S.

Sunday March 22

PROVIDENCE HOSPICE OF SEATTLE MEMORIAL BONFIRE AT ALKI BEACH. Providence Hospice of Seattle invites those who have lost a loved one to join in for a memorial Bonfire to share stories and remember loved ones who have passed in the last year. The group will gather at the closest fire pit to the Bathhouse. 4 – 6 p.m. Alki Beach Park, 1702 Alki Ave. SW.