2015 Grand Marshals

This year the Rose Festival salutes women in leadership by honoring the two women who have served in the State of Oregon's top elected role — Governors Barbara Roberts and Kate Brown — as Grand Marshals of the 2015 Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade Saturday (beginning at 10 a.m. June 6). The Rose Festival salutes the leadership and statesmanship of these two historic women, who have helped make Oregon such a great state to live and visit. Governor Roberts served a four-year term from 1991-95. Kate Brown became Oregon's 38th Governor in February, having served as Secretary of State since 2008. Tickets are available online at www.RoseFestival.org, the Rose Quarter Box Office or charge by phone at 1.877.789.ROSE (7673).

Toll-Free Hunger Hotline Enables Struggling Oregonians to Access Local Food Help

One in six (15.2 percent) Oregon residents live in households that can't always afford enough food, but the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) funds a toll-free hotline to make it easier for them to access food from both private and governmental resources.

The National Hunger Hotline staff connects callers with emergency food providers in their community, government assistance, nutritional assistance programs, and various services that promote self-sufficiency. During summer months, the hotline provides information about meal sites where children 18 years old and under can get free, nutritious meals through the USDA Summer Food Service Program.

The hotline can be reached at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE (for Spanish) from Monday through Friday (8 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET). The New York City Coalition Against Hunger (NYCCAH), which is operating the hotline nationwide as part of a USDA National Hunger Clearinghouse contract, has just launched a coast-to-coast outreach campaign to increase the use of the hotline.

Washington County Cooperative Library Services Kicks Off Summer Reading

From June 1 through August, the public libraries in Washington County will offer four unique summer reading programs designed for pre-readers, youth, teens and adults.

This summer WCCLS brings three high-energy and zany performers – Alex Zerbe, Professional Zaniac, Angel Ocasio, Komedy 4 Da Kidz and the Border College International K-9 Team — to each of it 15 libraries. Dates and times are listed on its website (www.wccls.org/srp).

The Washington County Cooperative Library Services (WCCLS), includes the: Banks Public Library, Beaverton City Library, Beaverton City Library @ Murray Scholls, Cedar Mill Community Library, Cedar Mill Community Library @ Bethany, Cornelius Public Library, Forest Grove City Library, Garden Home Community Library, Hillsboro Public Libraries (Main and Shute Park), North Plains Public Library, Sherwood Public Library, Tigard Public Library, Tualatin Public Library, and West Slope Community Library.

CityFair Continues

The final weekend of CityFair starts on Wednesday, June 3, with an afternoon of free food and beverage samples for CityFair Sampler (FREE with admission). Fleet Week is a highlight this weekend with ships from the US Navy, US Coast Guard, and Canadian Maritime Forces along the waterfront sea wall, and the amazing all-floral float creations from the Spirit Mountain Casino Grand Floral Parade will line Naito Parkway on Saturday afternoon and Sunday for up-close viewing, punctuating a rosy end to Rose Festival Waterfront activities. For more information go to www.rosefestival.org.

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Friday – Saturday, May 29 – 30

ROCK THE BLOCK RETURNS TO GRESHAM'S ROCKWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD! The best family block party in East County is back. Rock the Block, Rockwood's family fun celebration opens for the third year. Come to the Feast of Nations, meet the Rose Festival Court and much more. 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday. Plaza del Sol, 18535 SE Stark St., Gresham.

Friday, May 29

KING SCHOOL SPRING CARNIVAL: Come one, Come all! King Elementary will celebrate the end of the school year with its first Spring Carnival. In addition to fun games, delicious food and raffle prizes, we will have a 3 on 3 basketball tournament. We will also host a local vendor expo and free store. 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. King Elementary, 4906 NE 6th Ave.

Saturday, May 30

STARLIGHT PARADE: This glittering, illuminated night-time parade lights up downtown! Come see for yourself the twinkling floats, drill teams, and marching bands. Don't forget to get there early and get your seats to watch the Starlight Runners go by. 8:30 p.m., downtown.

35TH ANNUAL AFRICAN NIGHT AT PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY: This year there will be performances by Kukatonon, henna dancers, belly dancers and more. Dinner will be served from 5 p.m. – 6 p.m. and will be catered. This year's African Night will be FREE. 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. 1825 S.W. Broadway St., N97201 SMSU Ballroom.

IT'S NOT A PLACE, IT'S A PLAN FOR AGING-IN-PLACE. Planning for how you can remain at home as you age is just as important as making financial plans for the future. Join us for a talk on the local Village movement and how North Star Village is planning affordable services. 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Space is limited. To receive location, please register at www.northstarvillagepdx.org or call 503-978-0540

MARSHALL FAMILY FUN DAY! To celebrate an amazing 50 years, Marshall Community Center will be hosting a Free Family Fun Day! Filled with swimming, fitness, demos, pottery and more. Noon – 5 p.m. Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Vancouver.

Sunday, May 31

THE FIRST YEAR PASTORAL APPRECIATION: Reverend George William Whitfield. Theme : I Stand By the Door" Psalms 84:10, Corinthians 5:17. Guest speaker: Reverend David T. Miller, Kyles Temple; AME Zion Church, Vallejo, CA. 3 p.m. 1St AME Zion Church, 4304 NE Vancouver Ave.

Tuesday, June 2

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WORKSHOP! Free workshop where participants learn how to prevent lead exposure in their home. Great for households with children or pregnant women in housing older than 1978. 6 p.m. -6:30 p.m. Community Energy Project, 2900 SE Stark St. Suite A.

Wednesday, June 3

JUNIOR ROSE FESTIVAL PARADE: Children come from all parts of the city to join in dressing in costume, transforming wagons into floats, decorating their bikes or just parading with their pets and parents. 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Hollywood District, NE Sandy Blvd. and 52nd St.