

STEM at Roosevelt



Maria Damaris, a Portland Public Schools parent, spoke at Monday night's PPS board of directors meeting, in favor of increasing investment in science, technology, engineering and math education at Roosevelt High School. Local activists, who earlier this year voiced concern about disparities in investment in STEM in the school district, held a rally before Monday's meeting to raise awareness about the issue. School board members do not respond to public comment during meetings, activist and former teacher Donna Cohen told *The Skanner News* she and her fellow advocates are hopeful that the newly-elected board will be more receptive to their concerns.

Free Vision Screenings for Kids at Hollywood Library

Children ages three to seven can receive free vision screenings from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, July 11 at the Hollywood Branch of the Multnomah County Library, 4040 NE Tillamook St.

The Elks Children's Eye Clinic at Oregon Health & Science University's Casey Eye Institute is partnering with the Oregon State Elks Association, the Oregon Library Association and Oregon Lions to provide free screenings across Oregon as a part of a statewide initiative called See to Read, which aims to detect vision problems that can only be treated successfully if caught before age seven.

Oregon law now requires that public school students seven or younger provide proof of vision screening or eye examination before entering school. Children who are screened for vision problems at the event will receive a certificate that can be used as proof of vision screening.

Additional vision screening events are being held at participating public libraries throughout Oregon. Visit SeetoRead.net for more information about additional screenings.

Free Child Safety Seat Clinic in Beaverton Saturday

The Beaverton Police Department, in partnership with Safe Kids Washington County, will be conducting a free child car seat clinic on Saturday, July 11 at the Beaverton Police Department located at 4755 SW Griffith Drive Beaverton, Oregon 97076. The clinic will run from 9 a.m. to 12

p.m. The last vehicle will be accepted at 11:30 a.m. to allow the technicians to be finished by 12:00 p.m.

This clinic is designed to teach parents and caregivers how to properly install and use a child safety seat. A properly installed and used child safety seat will greatly decrease the chance of your child sustaining a serious or life threatening injury during a motor vehicle crash. For more information, visit www.safekids.org

Portland Parks & Recreation Presents the 2015 Summer Free For All

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R)'s Summer Free For All, the wildly popular annual series of free outdoor concerts, movies, playground programs and more, is back for the 2015 season.

Beginning in late June, Summer Free For All highlights include PP&R's 49 nights of free Movies in the Park, 57 free Concerts in the Park, eight straight days of the free Washington Park Summer Festival, and 44 sites for the Summer Lunch and Playground program. This summer, PP&R expects to serve more than 111,000 free, healthy lunches to kids in our parks across the city. The Summer Lunch and Playground program is accompanied by sports, games, crafts and family activities, including a rock climbing wall.

"The Summer Free For All is the surest sign that this glorious season is upon us" says Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz. "I'm delighted that PP&R is once again bringing so many popular, much-anticipated activities to all areas of town - once again, at no cost to participants. I look forward to talking with neighbors at many Summer Free For

All events this year."

All Summer Free For All schedules are online at www.PortlandOregon.gov/parks/freesummer.

To better serve Portland's diverse communities, and in partnership with East Portland Neighborhood Office with funding from the East Portland Action Plan, PP&R translated the Summer Free For All schedule into seven different languages this year: Spanish, simplified Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian, Somali, Burmese and Nepalese. Schedules are available here.

Stay up to date and follow #SFFA on both www.Facebook.com/PortlandParks and on Twitter @PDXParksandRec

Port of Vancouver Hosting Two Waterfront Project Events, July 14 and 15

Members of the public can hear updates and learn more about the Port of Vancouver USA's waterfront development project at two public events next week.

The first event, a commission workshop with Leland Consulting Group, will take place at noon Tuesday, July 14 at the port office, 3103 Northwest Lower River Road, Vancouver. The port hired the Portland-based firm in December 2014 to analyze the feasibility of developing a multiuse commercial building on the port's 13 acres of waterfront property at Terminal 1. The second event, a public open house at the Terminal 1 amphitheater, will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. Attendees can stop by anytime to view concepts for redeveloping the port's waterfront, talk with project staff, submit comments, take a survey, and more. The family-friendly event also offers walking tours, a kids' activity area and light refreshments.

The development is part of an overall effort by the port, city of Vancouver and developer Columbia Waterfront LLC to revitalize the downtown Vancouver waterfront. The three organizations have been partnering for more than a decade to modernize infrastructure and develop a vibrant new community along the Columbia River. Both events are open to the public and on-site parking is available.

Be The Match® Walk+Run To Take Place Sunday

Portland will host a Be The Match Walk+Run on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at World Trade Center Plaza. This fundraising event helps patients with blood cancers like leukemia find a marrow donor and receive a life-saving transplant. Most of us won't have a marrow match in our family and Be The Match matches volunteer marrow donors with patients who need them. The cure for blood cancer is in the hands of ordinary people. The event village will open at 7:30 a.m..

For people with life-threatening blood cancers - like leukemia and lymphoma - or other diseases, a cure exists. Be The Match connects patients with their donor match for a life-saving marrow or umbilical cord blood transplant. People can be someone's cure as a member of the Be The Match Registry®, financial contributor or volunteer. Be The Match provides patients and their families one-on-one support, education, and guidance before, during and after transplant. Be The Match is operated by the National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP), a nonprofit organization that matches patients with donors, educates health care professionals and conducts research so more lives can be saved. To learn more about the cure, visit BeTheMatch.org or call 1 (800) MARROW-2.

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Friday, July 10

THE SPACESUITS - TALES OF THE ANCIENT - FUTURE: Disjecta Contemporary Art Center presents a multimedia installation and live performance by The Spacesuits, an international collective of musicians and artists organized by Anais Duplan and Winston

Scarlett. \$10 per person! 8 p.m. Disjecta, 8371 N. Interstate Ave.

Saturday - Sunday, July 11 - 12

PORTLAND ACTORS ENSEMBLE PRESENTS: "The Taming of the Shew". This is a free event held at Concordia's Campus Green at 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. Both nights! 2811 NE Holman St.

Tuesday, July 14

MARIJUANA'S LEGAL: NOW WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE ALREADY IN JAIL? Race Talks "Opportunities for Dialogue". This series deal with race in Oregon, both historically and up to present time. Doors open at 6 p.m. Talk starts at 7 p.m. All ages welcome. McMenamins Kennedy School, Gymnasium, 5736 NE 33rd Ave.

Wednesday, July 15

JOEY PORTER'S TRIBUTE TO STEVIE WONDER: The free show will take place on Main Street in downtown Portland between SW Broadway & Park Ave. Joey Porter, originally known as the front man for the acclaimed Portland Jazz/ Funk Group, Porterhouse. All ages welcome to attend. 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday, July 18

VANCOUVER POLICE INFORMATIONAL MEETING: Learn more about the hiring process for entry and lateral police officers. 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Vancouver Police West Precinct, 2800 NE Stapleton Road, Vancouver. For more information please call (360) 457-7454.