

Events & Announcements

Community Calendar 2015

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26

FREE THANKSGIVING DINNER : Nola's Southern Cuisine , a food cart located at 5800 NE Killingsworth, across from Wells Fargo, is giving out free Thanksgiving dinners to those in need on Thanksgiving day from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m.

PROPER THANKSGIVING FEAST-IVAL 2015: Kenton's 16th annual free Thanksgiving Dinner. All are welcome. The Thanksgiving feast is held on Thanksgiving Day from noon – 4 p.m. at Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. This event is free and all are welcome to come for the dinner.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27

31st ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY: This beloved community tradition will feature a holiday sing-along with a big tree and lots of entertainment. 5:30 p.m., Pioneer Courthouse Square.

MEALS ON WHEELS PEOPLE HOSTS THANKSGIVING DINNER: The community is invited to join with others for a Thanksgiving dinner at one of these Meals on Wheels People locations: Beaverton Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd, Beaverton; Elm Court Center, 1032 SW Main St.; North Plains Center, 31450 NW Commercial St., North Plains; Tigard Center, 8815 SW O'Mara, Tigard. For more information about specific locations or to volunteer, please call (503) 736-6325.

VANCOUVER ROTARY FOUNDATION FESTIVAL OF TREES: Tree viewing, Santa, entertainment, family scavenger hunt and so much more. Community tree lighting will take place at 5:15 p.m. at Esther Short Park. Free admission to the Festival of Trees at the Vancouver Hilton Hotel, 301 W. 5th St. Vancouver. This is an all-day event.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30

SHAPING THE PUBLIC GOODS: WOMEN MAKING HISTORY IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST READING: Drawing on her three decades of research and teaching and based on hundreds of secondary sources, beginning in the earliest of times and ethnicities have made the history of our region. 7 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Theater, 5736 NE 33rd Ave. Free and open to the public.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

WEATHERIZATION WORKSHOP: Free workshops where participants learn how to stop drafts in their home, especially around doors and windows to save energy and increase comfort. Register for workshop at www.communityenergyproject.org or call (503) 284-6827, ext. 108. 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m., Arleta Sun School, 5109 SE 66th Ave.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

GINGERBREAD MASTERPIECE: The 44-year holiday tradition continues as The Benson Hotel invites the public to the unveiling of this year's Gingerbread Masterpiece. 4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. The Benson Hotel, 309 SW Broadway St.

BEACON ACADEMIC ADVANTAGE PROGRAM TO HELP KIDS WITH MEDICAL CAREER DREAMS: This program offers junior high and high school students interested in a medical or dental vocation, the support and guidance they need to follow their dreams. 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m., Aerle at Eagle Landing, 10220 SE Causey Ave. Happy Valley. To sign up, visit www.beaconoms.com/academic.advantage.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

FIRST ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR: Kick off the holidays in style and exhibit your crafts. This is an opportunity to build community relationships while showcasing the talents of our friends. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Community Enrichment and Learning Center, 18320 SE Oatfield Rd., Gladstone.

1ST ANNUAL VERNON MAKER'S FAIR: Just in time for the holiday gift giving season! There will be authentic, unique gifts hand-made by Vernon students, staff, alumni and family members. 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Vernon School, 2044 NE Killingsworth St.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

HOLIDAY CHEER: A CELEBRATION OF OREGON AUTHORS: Join us

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Turkey Giveaway

The Skanner News held its second annual turkey giveaway for community members in need Nov. 19. The event was sponsored by Portland Prime and local luminaries. Pictured here are KGW anchor

Brenda Braxton (left) and KOIN news anchor/reporter Ken Boddie (left) giving a turkey to a local resident outside *The Skanner's* offices.

Portland News Briefs

Open House for 198th Avenue Project is Dec. 10

An open house for the 198th Avenue (TV Highway to Farmington Road) improvement project will be held 5-7 p.m. Dec. 10, 2015, at Hazeldale Elementary School, 20080 SW Farmington Road, Beaverton.

The event, hosted by Washington County's Department of Land Use & Transportation, is an opportunity to learn more about the proposed project and to provide comments for the project team.

The public is welcome to drop by anytime between 5 and 7 p.m. No formal presentation is planned.

The 198th Avenue project proposes to widen the roadway to one travel lane in each direction with a center turn lane. Additional improvements include continuous bike lanes and sidewalks along both sides of the road, safety enhancements at intersections, additional street lighting, landscaping and upgrades to the storm drainage system. The project is currently in the design phase. Construction is anticipated to begin summer 2018.

As part of the public involvement process, an Interested Parties Group (IPG) will be created to help assist the project team through the design process. Those interested in joining this group will be able to apply at the open house or may complete and mail in an IPG application by Dec. 18, 2015.

Funding for the design of this project is provided through phase 3d of the Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP).

For more information, visit the 198th Avenue project website, or contact Kim Haughn, Public Information Officer, at (503) 846-7822 or lutproj@co.washington.or.us.

Necesita información en Español? Por favor llame al (503) 846-7824.

If you need a sign language interpreter, assistive listening device, or a language interpreter, please call (503) 846-7800 (or 7-1-1 for Telecommunications Relay Service) at least 48 hours prior to this event.

Vancouver Urban Forestry Offers Property Owners Tree Rebate

Planting quality trees can now provide even more green benefits to Vancouver residents.

Under the Vancouver Urban Forestry TreeFund Program, residential property owners who plant from one to five approved trees on their lot in Vancouver are eligible for special 50 percent rebate, up to \$50 per tree. Customers who make the switch to the City of Vancouver Utility's eBilling program, eliminating regular paper bills, can get back as much as \$100 on the cost of the first tree planted.

Here's a brief summary of how the City's TreeFund program works:

- Own residential property within the City of Vancouver? Select a tree that best fits your residential property from a list at www.cityofvancouver.us/urbanforestry. Look under the "TreeFund" section on the main Urban Forestry website.

- Visit your local nursery, purchase your tree and properly plant it in your Vancouver yard.

- Save your receipt. Complete a TreeFund application, also available on the Urban Forestry website, and submit by mail to the City of Vancouver's Urban Forestry Program.

- Vancouver Urban Forestry staff will stop by your site to verify that the tree or trees you've planted meet program requirements. Refunds for eligible trees will follow by mail.

Important: To plant a street tree, property owners should first complete and submit a street tree permit prior to purchasing the tree. Street trees are defined as trees in which the trunk is wholly or partially located within the right of way. If you're interested in planting a street tree, Urban Forestry staff will come out, measure your right-of-way space and give you a list of appropriate types of trees. As in most of the Pacific Northwest, the adjacent property owner is responsible for maintenance of street trees in the City of Vancouver.

To be eligible for a Treefund, trees must meet size, planting and other requirements. Treefund guidelines and procedures can be found online at www.cityofvancouver.us/urbanforestry or by calling (360) 487-8308.

Clark County Sheriff Recruiting for Neighbors on Watch Program

The Clark County Sheriff's Office is hosting an informational meeting for the NOW (Neighbors on Watch) Citizen Volunteer program tomorrow, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the West Precinct (Public Safety Complex) located at 505 NW 179th St. Ridgefield, WA.

NOW volunteers receive specialized training and patrol in pairs throughout the county looking for suspicious activity in areas where property crimes are frequent, attend community events, and participate in other assignments as needed.

Clark County residents interested in enhancing the livability of their neighborhoods are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn about the program, application process and CCSO's first NOW Academy. Attendance at the meeting is not required to apply for the program.

Applications are due by Dec. 1 to be considered for the January, 2016 NOW Training Academy.

Applicants must be at least 21 years old, pass a background check and successfully complete the NOW training academy.

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