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SATURDAY, APRIL 16

WE'RE MASTER PLANNING MADISON HIGH AND WE NEED YOUR HELP: Please participate in the Madison High Planning Design Workshop. Help us decide what should the future Madison look and feel like? What parts of the building and campus work well? What parts don't? How can Madison better support its students and families? Free breakfast, childcare and translation. Come early at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast. Planning workshop is at 9 a.m. until noon. Madison High School Cafeteria, 2735 NE 82nd Ave.

SPRING ANNUAL PLANT SALE: Join us for an exciting selection of unique plants from specialty nurseries and the Leach Botanical Garden's own collection. Hundreds of individual plants and species in the Leach collection. 9:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Floyd Light Middle School, 10800 SE Washington St.

SUNDAY, APRIL 17

A VILLAGE FOR AGING IN PLACE - AN OLD IDEA MADE NEW: If you are interested in remaining in your home as you age, North Star Village may have the answers to those questions that have been in the back of your mind. The talks are given in a North Portland home. Space is limited RSVP for location at www.northstarvillagepdx.org or call (503) 978-0540 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

DOCUMENTARY SCREENING: "GUILTY EXCEPT FOR INSANITY" The speaker at the presentation of "Guilty Except for Insanity," which is about the plight of mentally ill in the criminal justice system, and was filmed at the Oregon State Hospital. Film starts at 1:30 p.m. in room A 108 in the church's Buchan Building, First Unitarian Church, SW 12th between Main and Salmon St.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC. HOST 2016 YOUTH SUMMIT: The Youth Summit, "Navigating My Life Plan" will feature two workshops entitled College Prep/Finances and Media Portrayal and a forum with college students. The open discussions will be motivational, informative and relative to issues facing today's youth. The Youth Summit will be held from 9:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. at Grant High School, 2245 NE 36th Ave.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22

STUDENT CRAFT MARKET AT THE PSU EARTH DAY FESTIVAL: Join us at PSU's Student Craft Market to find arts and crafts and re-used goods. Lots of things to do and see. 11 a.m., Portland State University, 1825 SW Broadway St.

FRIDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 22 - 24

2016 OREGON BLACK POLITICAL CONVENTION (OBPC): 2016 OBPC Theme "Empowering People Thru Political Process: OBPC is open to the public. The Oregon Black Political Convention is a nonpartisan convention, and it is educational. For more details and to register go to <http://www.oaba.us/> or contact Aneesah Furgon, (503) 910-1139. Crowne Plaza Hotel, Portland Downtown Convention center, 1441 NE 2nd Ave.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23

4TH ANNUAL JANTZEN BEACH JAMBOREE! After a fun day of FREE Kayak, Canoe and demos at Vancouver Lake Park. Join us back at our Jantzen Beach location. We will have some free food, drinks and free music. 4 p.m. - 7 p.m., Alder Creek Kayak, 200 NE Tomahawk Island Dr.

SATURDAY - SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - 24

24TH ANNUAL SPRING PADDLE FESTIVAL: 2 days of FREE Canoe, Kayak, and Stand Up Paddling classes, clinics and demos. Join us at Vancouver Lake Park. No sign up required. If you have your own life jacket and paddle, bring them. There is also gear provided if you don't have your own. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Vancouver Lake Park, 6801 NW Lower River Rd., Vancouver.

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Minori Yasui Symposium

Minoru Yasui, an Oregon attorney who fought laws targeting Japanese Americans and Japanese immigrant, is the inspiration for a special symposium coming to Portland on April 23, 2016 at the World Trade Center. He is the first Oregonian to be awarded the prestigious Presidential Medal of Freedom, and recently honored by the state legislature's naming a perpetual commemorative day for him (March 28). Deadline for symposium registration is April 18. To register, visit <http://oregonnikkei.org/activities.htm#symposium>. In February, the Oregon legislature voted to make March 28 Minori Yasui Day, and on March 28 local elected officials and activists (seen here) rallied in Yasui's honor.

Portland News Briefs

OPB Celebrates Jazz Appreciation Month with New Documentary

Oregon Public Broadcasting is celebrating Jazz Appreciation Month in April by examining the vibrant history and impact of jazz in Portland that followed World War II.

Premiering on television at 9 p.m. April 25 on OPB TV and online at opb.org, the new Oregon Experience half-hour documentary "Jazz Town" examines the eruption of music and nightlife in North and Northeast Portland in the 1940s and 50s. A colorful and significant chapter in the city's cultural narrative, this short-lived period is largely unknown to many Oregonians.

In advance of the television premiere, OPB is hosting a free, public screening of "Jazz Town" on April 21 at the PCC Cascade Campus in North Portland. The event begins at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30) and will feature the full-length documentary and a Q&A with OPB Producer Eric Cain.

The program was written and produced by Eric Cain and edited by Bruce Barrow.

In addition to the documentary, opb.org/jazztown is an OPB online presentation that further explores Portland's jazz past and its impact on the jazz scene today. Special features include Spotify playlists of jazz "then and now" curated by KMHD Jazz Radio, five places to listen to jazz in Portland today, animated videos about jazz, never-before-seen historical photos and a narrative history of jazz in Portland.

Throughout the month of April, KMHD will highlight on-air stories of jazz musicians in Portland, both past and present. Interviews include historical perspectives from some of the jazz artists and others featured in the "Jazz Town" documentary. KMHD will also speak in-studio to musicians playing at the Soul'd Out Music Festival running April 13-17. All interview content will also be posted online at kmhd.org.

NOAH Closes on First Land Acquisition in Cully

Thanks to a new partnership between the Network for Oregon Affordable Housing (NOAH) and the City of Portland, Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East has purchased a piece of land in the Cully Neighborhood which will be the future site of 15 new affordable homes for first time homebuyers.

The Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) announced on February 5th, 2016 that it had invested \$1 million in the Oregon Housing Acquisition Fund (OHAF), a revolving fund administered by NOAH, a statewide nonprofit corporation that provides financing and technical assistance for affordable housing development. The fund was established so that developers

could move quickly to acquire land for affordable housing development when opportunities become available. In a hot real estate market such as Portland's, purchasing land for future affordable housing development is an important strategy and is seen as a key anti-displacement measure.

Since the fund was announced, NOAH has received several inquiries from local nonprofit and for-profit development entities regarding potential land purchases. NOAH is leveraging the City's money with capital from Meyer Memorial Trust, the Mac Arthur Foundation, Oregon Housing and Community Services, private banks and NOAH's resources. The City's additional investment allows for flexible loan terms with minimal equity, bringing the down payment required from 20% down to 5%. It also lowers the interest rate from 5% to 2%.

Portland Parks & Recreation Welcomes Ankeny Square Proposals

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is looking for partners/vendors to help activate (hold activities and events at) Ankeny Square in the North Park Blocks, located at NW Ankeny and W Burnside. Successful proposers will pay only \$1 a year (for up to two years) to rent the park space. PP&R welcomes creative ideas for cultural, retail and other possible endeavors at this bustling central city plaza. Proposals are due by April 20, 2016.

The idea for more cool happenings at the square came from neighbors and businesses surrounding the park, and is fully supported by Portland Parks & Recreation. PP&R would like to create positive experiences for the neighborhood and for visitors to the North Park Blocks. Across the PP&R system, programmed activities are found to create a vibrant, engaging, and positive environment for parks and neighborhoods. The bureau also suggests that this opportunity may also provide a way for micro-businesses to generate revenue.

More information on the Ankeny Square endeavor, including instructions on how to apply and the evaluation criteria, can be found on our website here.

PP&R hopes that the Request For Interest (RFI) encourages a competitive environment for this exciting opportunity. The bureau welcomes multiple proposals and is open to accepting several which could work in conjunction with each other (events/activities which could operate on different days, seasons, etc.) The RFI is designed to give all who may be interested an opportunity to suggest public-private partnerships, including those for permits or lease agreements depending on the nature of the response.

Ankeny Square is located between West Burnside and SW Ankeny, and between SW 8th Ave and SW Park Ave on the edge of the Pearl District in downtown Portland. Ankeny Square sits at the southern