



CONCORDIA NEWS

A free publication of the Concordia Neighborhood Association

November 2008



Be a part of what's happening
in the neighborhood.

Meetings
held in the
Community Room
at McMenamins
Kennedy School

General Membership
NOVEMBER 11
1st Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

Land Use & Livability Meeting
NOVEMBER 6
1st Thursday of each month at 7:15 P.M.

Board Meeting
NOVEMBER 11
2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

Green Team
NOVEMBER 25
4th Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

Social Committee
November 20
Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.

Media Committee
November 13 @ Concordia Office House
2nd Thursday at 6:00 P.M.

November General Meeting Come Out and Vote (One More Time)!

November 11, 2008

Please plan to join us on Tuesday, November 11th (date changed due to the national elections) and participate in our own election for open positions on the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) Board. As usual, there will be FREE beer and soda!

In addition, we will be voting on our revised bylaws. As noted in last month's newsletter, the bylaws have not been updated since 1997. A full copy of the proposed bylaws can be viewed on the CNA website: www.concordiapdx.org.

There are many board positions to be filled, as some of our "old guard" are stepping down. We all love our neighborhood; it is a special place filled with great people who make wonderful things happen. It takes neighborhood volunteers to make this all come together. Here are some of the CNA's neighborhood accomplishments:

- Raised \$90,000 to purchase and install the new play structure at Fernhill Park
- Run the wading pool every summer
- Coordinate the concert series in Fernhill Park every summer
- Raised money and got the speed bumps installed near the park
- Coordinate the CNA neighborhood cleanup every year
- Organize the neighborhood garage sale each summer
- Coordinate the Easter egg hunt every spring
- Sit in on City meetings to arbitrate for the neighborhood on issues like the Boeing plane painting facility, Colwood golf course zoning change, and other related developments
- Challenge questionable building practices and support neighbor appeals



We all lead busy lives but with a few hours a month, we can help keep our neighborhood vibrant. Please step up and get involved. There are several positions open, some depend on the area you live or work in the neighborhood. Others are "at large" and do not have a specific areas. See inside Page 2 for the district boundaries. You can nominate yourself or someone you know.

CNA Board Position Openings

Title: Chairperson
Basic duties: Conducts monthly board meetings, is a nonvoting member of the board
By area: Attend monthly general and board meetings, in addition to participating in a committee (E2, SW2, NW1, NW2, At Large)

As a board member, you are the representative of our neighborhood. Please consider running for a board position, because your neighborhood needs YOU!

Vote on Proposed CNA Bylaws at November Annual Meeting

Some things only change every ten years. And, in the case of our bylaws, it has been 11 years since any modifications have been made.

The CNA Board believes the proposed bylaws will allow the membership to function more efficiently and make it easier for volunteer board members to run the business of the neighborhood. Please take a moment to review the proposed bylaws online at: www.concordiapdx.org. The website also includes a summary of the changes proposed. If you do not have Internet access, please contact Steve Hoyt-McBeth at 503.475.8725 to have a copy mailed to you.

And don't forget, the Annual Meeting has been moved to Tuesday, November 11th!



Naomi Parker, a 10 yr. old fourth grader from Faubion Sun School, won the contest for artwork to be printed on a portion of our shopping bags. She was presented with a \$25 gift card for McMenamins from the CNA. These bags were made possible by a grant from Northeast Coalition, Office of Neighborhood Involvement and Les Schwab on 122nd and Division.

Chair's Corner by Tony Fuentes

It is election season. Your ballot should have arrived in your mailbox by now. If it didn't and you are registered, you should definitely give Multnomah County Elections a call at 503.988.3720.

Maybe you have already voted, maybe you are still trying to figure everything on the ballot out. There is a lot on it this year.

The neighborhood association never formally endorses any candidate but it does adopt formal positions on some ballot measures. This election cycle CNA has formally endorsed Measure 26-94. This Measure will renew the five-year property tax levy for the Children's Investment Fund (CIF). The current levy cost about \$5 per month for the average Portlander and this renewal will not change that. CIF proves direct support to a number of successful and effective programs for children in need. It deserves our continued support.

CNA did not consider any other ballot measures. However, I want to personally encourage you to vote no on Measure 58. Measure 58 would mandate that all school districts in the state limit bilingual education for non-English speaking students to one or two years, depending on the child's age.

The underlying presumption of the Measure's author, Bill Sizemore, is that those school districts that use bilingual education to meet federal requirements (Title VII) are intentionally extending their programs and delaying student progress in an attempt to get more funding. That is quite an accusation and, as will happen in politics, no credible evidence of any kind has been offered to support this indictment of Oregon's school districts. Instead, voters are being asked to support a Measure that purports to solve the problem that simply does not exist. Since it doesn't have a problem to solve, what will Measure 58 do?

Without a doubt, our education system requires some checks and balances. However, most people would agree that how to best serve students should be determined as close to the classroom as possible. Measure 58 would impose a one-size-fits-all approach to bilingual education and take decisions on how to best serve the needs of non-English speaking students out of the hands of local school districts. So who will control what happens in the classroom for these students? At least initially, it will probably be the courts.

If Measure 58 does pass it will end up requiring extensive – and expensive – review within the courts to determine what it really means. Education policy is not simple; there are a lot of federal and state mandates already. Among other things, imposition of Measure 58 could undermine the ability of local school districts to fulfill federal requirements outlined in No Child Left Behind Act and the Bilingual Education Act.

So Measure 58 is a solution to a problem that does not exist. But imposing Measure 58 on local school districts could create a whole host of real problems. Thankfully, there is an easy solution: Vote no on Measure 58.

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Deadlines for articles & advertisements is November 15 for the December 2008 Issue

Please send advertising inquiries and artwork to:
cnabusinessmanager@gmail.com
Submit articles, letters to the editor and calendar events to:
concordianews@yahoo.com

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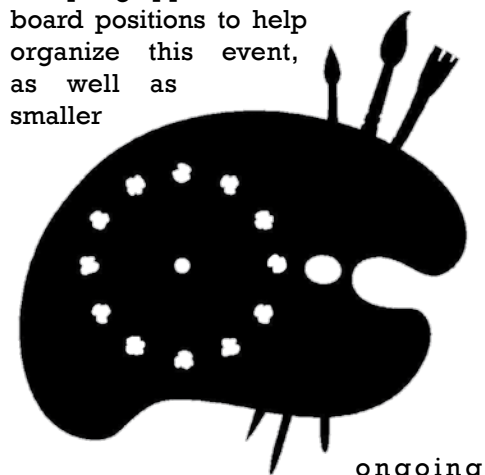
If you would like to participate in the Concordia News, please contact Peggy:
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TO CONNECT CONCORDIA RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES – INFORM, EDUCATE AND REPORT ON ACTIVITIES, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

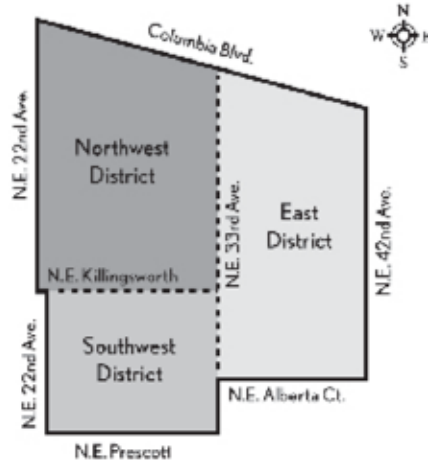
Interested in Being a Part of Your Neighborhood?

Art on Alberta is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the Alberta Art District's distinct cultural identity through art and educational activities. Our biggest event of the year is May's Art Hop, which in 2009 will celebrate the work of Thelma Johnson Streat, former Portland resident and the first African American woman to be in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art. We are currently accepting applications for two board positions to help organize this event, as well as smaller



ongoing projects. Available positions are: volunteer coordinator and oversight on grant applications (does not include grant writing, just organizing and meeting deadlines). Please direct questions to president@artonalberta.org. For more information, please visit our website at: www.artonalberta.org. Application deadline December 1, 2009.

Art on Alberta also has many volunteer opportunities for short-term projects. Please contact us at info@artonalberta.org if you are interested in being a part of our fantastic team.



Illegal Dumping? Call Metro's RID Patrol

It's unsightly, dirty, and dangerous. No one likes it, but someone's putting it there. It's the mass of tires, garbage, old furniture, and even worse stuff that's illegally dumped along public property, parks, streets, and streams. And Metro's Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Patrol wants your help.

RID Patrol partners with local governments including law enforcement to help clean up public property and handle investigations and prosecutions of illegal dumping on public and private

sites within the Metro region. From monitoring and cleaning up chronic dumps to quickly responding to new ones, the program makes a difference in helping prevent repeat incidents, minimize environmental damage, and reduce visual blight or health hazards.



Community participation makes a difference. RID Patrol each year cleans up more than 1,500 illegal dump sites, and the public can help by reporting dumps before they grow. It's easy: Call RID Patrol at 503.234.3000, send email to ridpatrol@oregonmetro.gov or report an illegal dump site online at www.oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol.

If you would like Metro staff to make a presentation to your neighborhood association, service organization, or other group about RID Patrol services and how you can discourage dumping in your area, contact Tiffany Gates at 503.797.1867 or tiffany.gates@oregonmetro.gov.

Artist Project - Neighborhood Diaries

My name is Abe and I am an artist working in Portland. I am beginning a new project titled "Neighborhood Diaries" that has to do with our neighborhoods, specifically the Buckman, Boise, Downtown, Northwest, and King/Vernon neighborhoods. What I am doing specifically, is recording the location-based memories of normal residents, just like you and me, and then making free "walking-tour" podcasts that guide listeners through these neighborhoods' seemingly mundane street corners, swing sets, and benches, and communicate the rich, emotional history that make up our surroundings.

Of course in order to do this, I need people to (anonymously) volunteer their memories. I have a mobile recording rig, and I can meet people anywhere they like to record their memories after 6 P.M. on weekdays, and anytime on the weekend. So please take a moment to think about your experiences in and around

these neighborhoods (I've made a convenient Google map) and try to think of your happiest memories, your saddest memories, funny memories, and any other momentous occasions. Please e-mail me at hoodturkey@gmail.com if you'd like to participate.

No memory is too small or too large, short or long. I've only just started, but already I have captured some amazing memories that I can't wait to share, but I need more memories in order to make this project happen.

Even if you don't want to participate, but would like to stay informed about the project, let me know that too, and I'll put you on my mailing list. If you'd like to contribute money (anything helps), then please visit <http://www.hoodturkey.com> where you can donate, and listen and see my other work. You can also search for "The Flight and the Fall" in iTunes (it's free!).

Any questions or comments are also appreciated - thanks in advance for your time and interest.

Kaninga Center for Living Art Opens in Concordia

Kaninga is a center for living art, a place to celebrate our harmonious state of balance, and the amazing strength and intelligence of the human body. Within each cell we carry the capacity and the memory to heal any and all dis-ease. When we are in alignment with our own structure as well as our innate nature and subtle bodies (i.e., emotional, psychological), spontaneous healing and remission of dis-ease can occur. Eastern cultures consider this Alchemy, but it extends beyond turning one metal into another; we apply this to all elements of the physical universe as the natural order of things.

Through our offerings at the Kaninga studio, or during our yoga retreats, we integrate teachings and disciplines that strive to exist symbiotically. We have a variety of holistically based healing modalities for you to choose from.

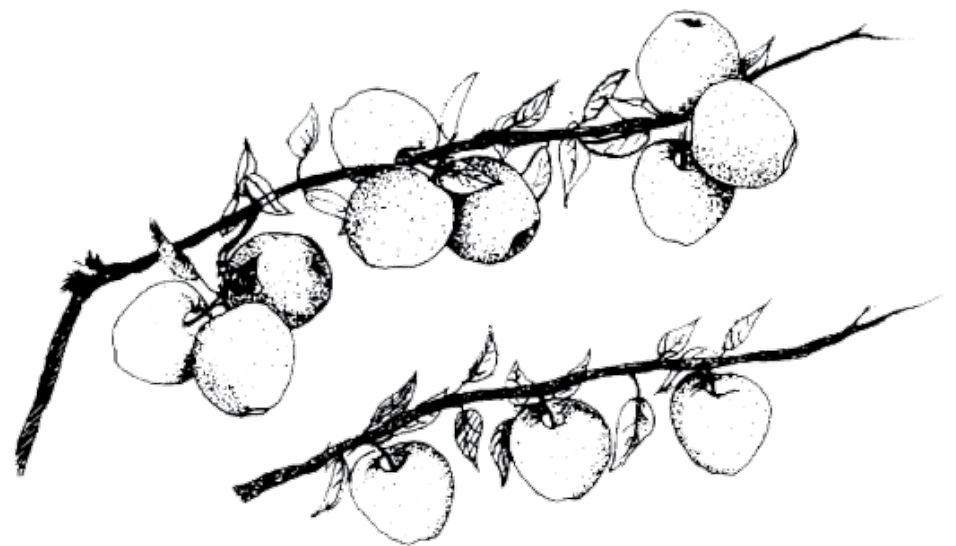
The Five Elements of Alchemy

- *Yoga*
- *Buddhist Meditation*
- *Vibrational Medicine*
- *Teaching Circles*
- *Ceremony*

Please join us for our Open House event on Saturday, October 25th from 12 to 8 P.M. You'll be able to sample free yoga and Qi Gong classes, food, and Shiatsu treatments. For more information, contact us at:

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Community Volunteers Needed to Provide Free Tax Help

CASH Oregon is seeking volunteers to provide free tax assistance for the upcoming tax-filing season. Volunteers will prepare federal and state returns for those in their community who need help -- the elderly, disabled, non-English speaking, and those with low incomes. Last year in Oregon, more than 240 volunteers helped 16,172 taxpayers receive \$12.4 million in federal tax returns at over 50 locations in the Tri-county area. This year we will need over 500 volunteers to meet the needs of the community.

Our mission at CASH Oregon is to provide free income tax services and electronic filing to low income working families and seniors. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) provides taxpayers who are income eligible upwards of \$4,500 from the government. EITC, along with other valuable tax credits, go unclaimed every year. Join our volunteer team and help us help others get free tax returns and the tax refunds they need and deserve.

Volunteers are given free tax law training on how to prepare basic individual income tax returns, how to prepare the returns on a computer, and file them electronically. Instruction will cover both federal and state tax returns. All materials and training are provided at no cost. Free tax assistance is provided in partnership with AARP Tax Aide, the nation's largest, free, volunteer-run tax preparation and assistance service.

Anyone can be a volunteer. Bilingual volunteers are particularly needed. Volunteers receive many benefits, including tax law knowledge, continuing education credits, flexible hours, the opportunity to help others in their community, and a fun volunteer atmosphere. Volunteer training starts soon! To sign up or obtain additional information, please call Camille McDaniel at 503.243.7765 or e-mail her at Camille@CASHOregon.org.

CASH Oregon is a nonprofit agency dedicated to getting low-income Oregon families the tax benefits they deserve.

Annual Bethany Lutheran Bazaar

4330 NE 37th
 Saturday, November 1st
 from 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Crafts!
 White Elephant!
 Bake Sale!
 Lunch!

Lents Neighborhood Association and Ceasefire Oregon Education Foundation Gun Turn-In

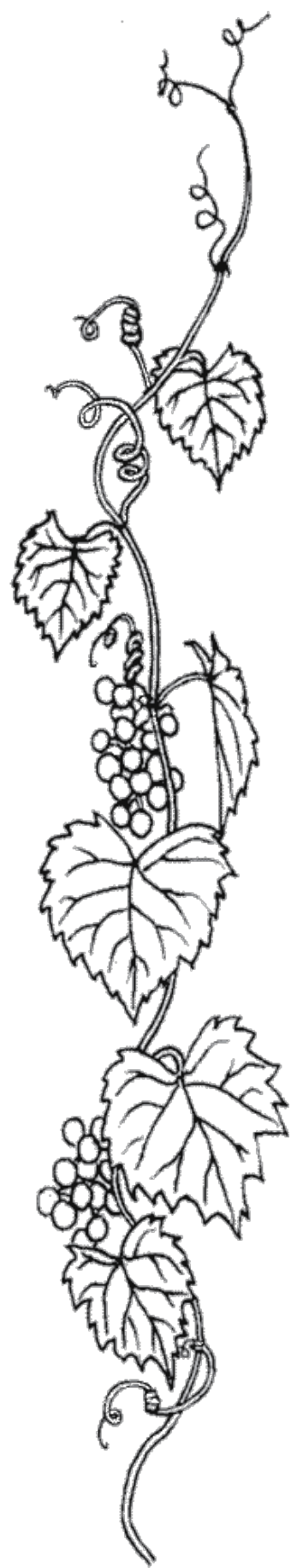
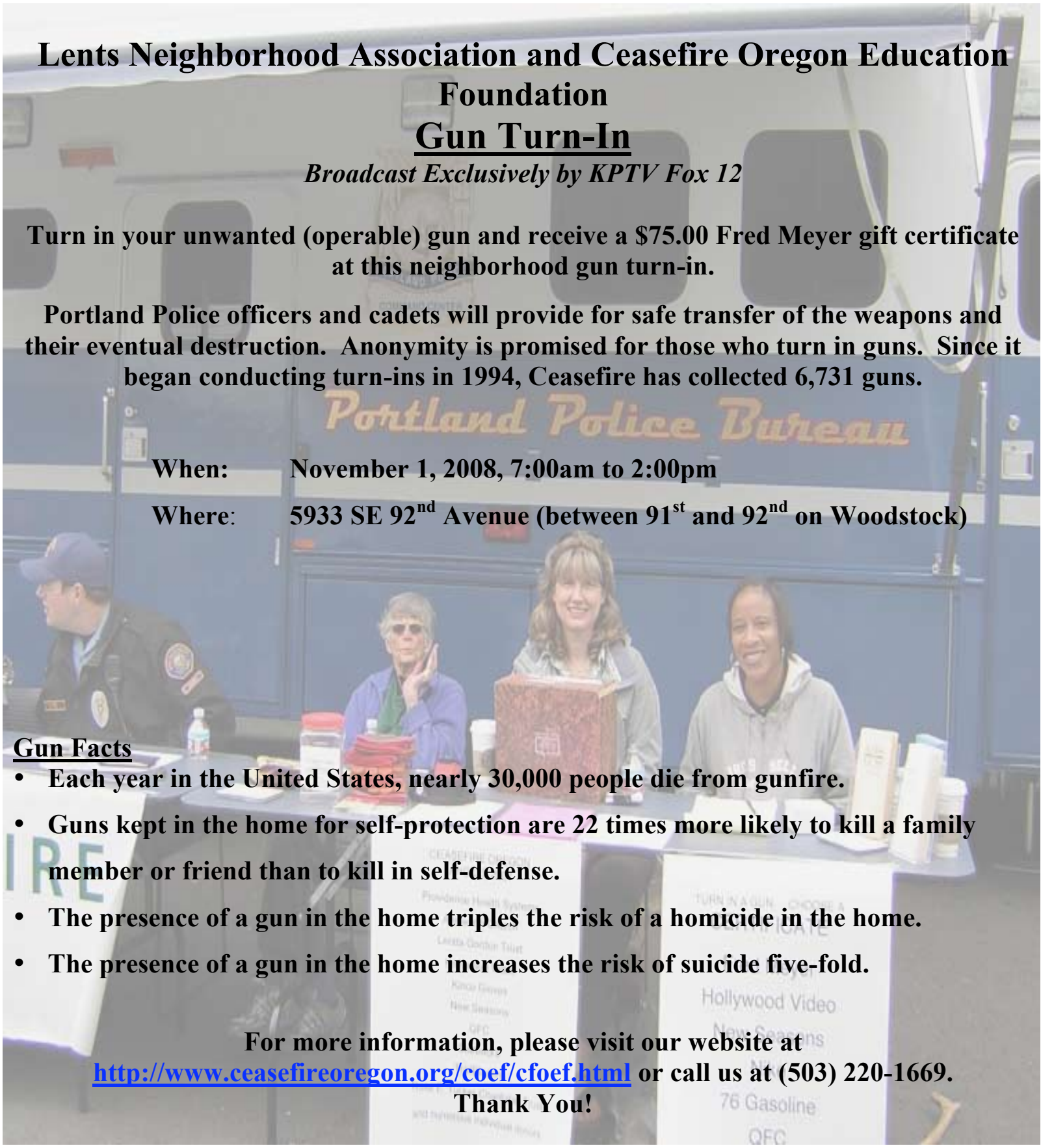
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Turn in your unwanted (operable) gun and receive a \$75.00 Fred Meyer gift certificate at this neighborhood gun turn-in.

Portland Police officers and cadets will provide for safe transfer of the weapons and their eventual destruction. Anonymity is promised for those who turn in guns. Since it began conducting turn-ins in 1994, Ceasefire has collected 6,731 guns.

When: November 1, 2008, 7:00am to 2:00pm

Where: 5933 SE 92nd Avenue (between 91st and 92nd on Woodstock)



Gun Facts

- Each year in the United States, nearly 30,000 people die from gunfire.
- Guns kept in the home for self-protection are 22 times more likely to kill a family member or friend than to kill in self-defense.
- The presence of a gun in the home triples the risk of a homicide in the home.
- The presence of a gun in the home increases the risk of suicide five-fold.

For more information, please visit our website at

<http://www.ceasefireoregon.org/coef/cfoef.html> or call us at (503) 220-1669.

Thank You!

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As a resident of our neighborhood I take great pride in where we live and the people of our community. If you are looking to sell your home or know anyone interested in making Concordia their home, I would appreciate the opportunity to work as your realtor. Thank you.

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"Be the change you wish to see in the World."

Ghandi

Are you ready to give back to your community and be a part of the emergency response system to be there for those in need?

Have you wanted to be more involved in your community in a truly meaningful way? Trauma Intervention Program of Portland/Vancouver, Inc. (TIP) is an organization of specially trained citizen volunteers helping citizens in crisis. TIP is seeking volunteers who will be trained to assist police, fire and emergency medical crews at the scene of traumatic incidents and sudden loss.

If you are a caring person, you can be part of the all volunteer TIP crisis response team. As a TIP volunteer, you will receive the training needed to be an effective helper and to function in the emergency response system. TIP volunteers work with local emergency responders and can be called to assist in any traumatic situation.

NO EXPERIENCE IS NECESSARY!

TIP trains new volunteers once a year and the next training is November 2008. See the dates and times below for specifics. Volunteers will be trained to provide immediate emotional and practical support to victims and their families in crisis situations. For more information call 503-823-3937 or 971-563-9642 or email sharonlamvik@yahoo.com. There is a \$50.00 registration fee. Upon completion of the academy, volunteers are asked to sign up for 3 on-call shifts per month and you must be able to attend the monthly continuing education meeting- always held on the first Tuesday of the month. Space is limited, so register at www.tipnw.org today!

All sessions will be at: **4800 NE 122nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97230 – Training Station #2**

Attendance at each date is mandatory. This academy is completed during 8 classroom settings.

Date	Time
Thursday, November 13 th	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Friday, November 14 th	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday, November 15 th	9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday, November 16 th	8:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Wednesday, November 19 th	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Thursday, November 20 th	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Friday, November 21 st	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Saturday, November 22 nd	9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Monday, November 24 th	6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Tuesday, December 2 nd	Graduation @ 6:00 PM
First three 12-hour on- call shifts	7a – 7p or 7p – 7a- Scheduled at your convenience

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Halloween Tips continued...

they're out trick-or-treating, before parents have a chance to inspect the goodies. To help prevent children from munching, give them a snack or light meal before they go. Do not send them out on an empty stomach.

▶Tell children not to accept -- and, especially, not to eat--anything that isn't commercially wrapped.

▶Throw out candy or treats that are homemade, unwrapped or if they appear to have been tampered with (pinholes in wrappers, torn wrappers, etc.)

▶Parents of young children should remove any choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies or small toys.

▶Wash all fresh fruit thoroughly, inspect it for holes, including small punctures, and cut it open before allowing children to eat it.

General Safety Tips

▶Homeowners should prepare their home for trick-or-treaters by removing obstacles from the front yard, restraining dogs and other animals, and lighting the house well

▶Provide treats that are individually wrapped candy or offer kids nonfood treats, such as stickers and erasers.

▶Artificial lights and candles are a safer alternative to real candles with a flame that can pose a fire hazard

▶If going to an adult Halloween party, make sure that you don't drink and drive. Use a designated driver if alcohol is being consumed

Halloween Drivers

▶Drive and go slow, slow, slow all evening.

▶NO ONE should drive a vehicle while wearing a Halloween mask of any type.

▶CAUTION: Young trick-or-treaters may dart out in front of you.

▶Obey ALL traffic signals, both as a driver and a pedestrian.

▶Adult Halloween parties should have a designated driver.

▶Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone!

Below are some safe alternatives to Trick or Treating in the North Portland Area

HALL-oween - University of Portland

October 31, 2008 5:30 P.M. -7:30 P.M.

Meet at the Chiles Center -

5000 North Willamette Boulevard

Kids must be accompanied by adults with ID

Harvest Party

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

Family Life Center 8525 N Chautauqua

October 31, 2008 6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.

Harvest themed activities & fun

NO COSTUMES PLEASE!

Haunted House & Harvest Festival

Regence Boys & Girls Club & University Park Community Center

4430 N. Trenton St

October 31, 2008 6:30 P.M. -8:30 P.M.

Spooky Halloween

Trick or Treat at Jantzen Beach SuperCenter

1405 Jantzen Beach Center

October 31, 2008

3:30pm – 6:30pm

TAKE A FREE RIDE ON THE HAUNTED 1921 CAROUSEL DURING THE ABOVE HOURS

Trick or Treat at Lloyd Center

2201 Lloyd Center Mall

October 31, 2008 4:30 P.M. -6:30 P.M.

And don't forget... Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery

Each year around Halloween, we turn the clocks back one hour. This is a good time to change the batteries in your smoke detectors. This year, buy batteries along with your halloween candy, and on Saturday, October 25th, change your clocks and change your batteries.

Howling Halloween Safety Tips

For many people, autumn events like Halloween and Harvest Day are fun times to dress up in costumes, go trick-or-treating, attend parties, and eat yummy treats. These events are also opportunities to provide nutritious snacks, get physical activity, and focus on safety. Below are tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for trick-or-treaters and party guests.

Costume Safety

▶Choose a costume made of flame retardant material

▶Costumes should be short enough so that they don't cause your child to trip and fall,

▶For good visibility, add some reflective tape to the costume or bag he/she is using to carry candy or make/choose a costume made of bright material that is visible in the dark

▶Masks should fit securely and allow your child to see well and not hinder visibility

▶If using face paint, make sure it is nontoxic and hypoallergenic

▶Knives, swords and other props should be made of a flexible material, so that they don't pose a hazard if fallen on

Trick-or-Treating Safety

▶Children (under age 12) should be well supervised by an adult when trick-or-treating. Older children

should trick-or-treat in large groups in well known neighborhoods.

▶Say "no" to strangers. Tell your kids to never accept a ride or go anywhere with a stranger.

▶Carry a flashlight

▶Older Children should carry a fully charged cell phone or several quarters so they can call home

▶Establish a curfew for older children

▶Teach your child how to call 9-1-1, if they have an emergency or become lost. Remind them that 9-1-1 can be dialed free at any payphone.

▶Visit homes that have the porch light on.

▶Stick to well lit houses in familiar neighborhoods only, older children should plan their route and share it with their family.

▶Avoid taking shortcuts across backyards or alleys.

▶Stick to the sidewalks of well lit streets

▶Don't hide or cross the street between parked cars.

▶Accept your treats at the door and never go into a stranger's house.

▶Bring your child for a visit to your local police or fire department.

Candy Safety

▶Instruct your children to bring all candy home before eating it so that you can carefully inspect it for tampering. Children shouldn't snack while

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St. Michael's Lutheran Church
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Sunday Mornings:
8:30am - Traditional Worship
9:45am - Bible Study for all ages
11:00am - Contemporary Worship

"Surviving the Coming Recession?"

presented by David Tucker



November 4th, Tuesday at 7pm
"Understanding What's Happening?"
Part 1: The Coming Recession -- Deep and Wide?
Part 2: Surviving the Coming Recession

November 11th, Tuesday at 7pm
"What's the Problem?"
Part 1: The Root of the Problem
Part 2: Is there any Hope?

David Tucker is the Professor of Accounting and Economics at Concordia University. He has a Ph.D in Economics from the University of Arkansas and is also a Certified Public Accountant. He has taught at several universities and worked in private industry.

www.stmikeslutheran.org

Order Trees Now for Concordia's 2009 Friends of Trees Planting

Concordia's Friends of Trees group has been adding hundreds of new trees to Concordia over the last five years and now is a great time to order trees for our 2009 tree planting event.

Trees cost \$35 to \$75 and are available for narrow to wide planting strips. You can view the available tree species and order your trees at www.friendsoftrees.org

We all know that trees do a great job of cleaning the air, capturing carbon dioxide, and improving the property values of the neighborhood. Here are a few things that you might not know:

1. Cars drive slower on streets with trees.

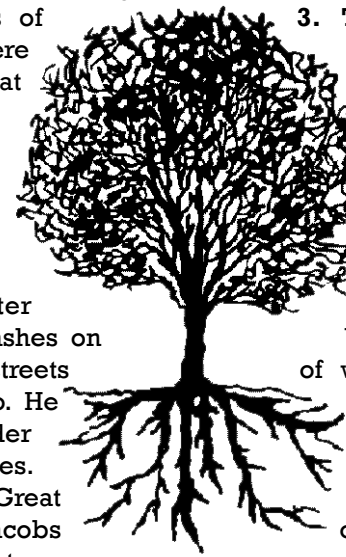
The engineer Peter Swift studied car crashes on local neighborhood streets in Greeley, Colorado. He found that the wider streets had more crashes. In his classic book *Great Streets*, Dr. Alan B. Jacobs describes how street trees create the visual sense of a narrower corridor that causes drivers to often unconsciously slow down. Walkable Communities founder Dan Burden claims that speeds can be as much as 7 mph slower on tree canopied streets than those without trees.

2. Street trees cut traffic noise.

Dick Pugh, Urban Forestry Commission member and lifelong resident of Concordia, recently lamented at a CNA Board meeting about the loss of native evergreen trees in Concordia in the last 50 years. He commented that as a child he couldn't hear the trains because the trees buffered their noise. Even small trees and shrubs can make a difference.

3. Trees make for happier neighbors.

Dr. Kathlene Wolf at the University of Washington states that trees have a calming and healing effect on ADHD adults and teens (source: Dan Burden, Walkable Communities). We've all had the experience of walking in the summer on a tree-lined street and appreciating how much cooler it was. Regardless of the season, trees create a bit of nature in our urban habitat, making for a more peaceful environment.



Order your trees now! The deadline is fast approaching. The Friends of Trees Concordia Neighborhood Planting will occur on February 14, 2009. (What could be more romantic than planting trees on Valentine's Day?)

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The Little Red Schoolhouse Down the Block

by Don Gire, Faubion PTA President

Busy turning over those rocks, Faubion PTA struck some gold this year early on. We have advertised ourselves (a more fitting word than marketing). Our school's new reader board, the monthly Concordia News articles, our newly redesigned website www.faubionpta.com, and the new Bulldog Barker Newsletter have all really highlighted our efforts of school, parent, and student support. Our new Principal, LaShawn Lee, turns out to be a real asset when it comes to supporting our collaborative efforts. She has worked with the PTA to help us increase membership and has helped open any half-open doors that may have been in the way between a variety of other important parent and school support groups. We are all talking and moving toward a more unified vision while still keeping our eye on our own work. It is rewarding to watch this coming together.

Faubion PTA currently boasts over 65 members. The business meetings and the last general meeting were very well attended. Perhaps the single most

important piece of our self-advertising campaign has come in the form of the Bulldog Barker. It appears monthly, and in only two issues has expanded from four to six pages with the addition of teacher and classroom articles. It really does tell the kids, the parents, and the neighborhood what's going on, when, and where. It's carried on our website as well. So, keep watching for that colorful backpack newsletter and keep it handy along with your newly revised Bulldog Parent and Student Calendar to join the fun.

Speaking of fun, the Macy's Thanksgivings Day Parade should be a special event for almost 30 Faubion kids age 10 and up and some real groovy parents who will don costumes for this turkey day event. Don't forget to wave!

Next events include: PTA Business Meeting 11/20 at 3:15 P.M. and Kaffee Klatch 11/21 at 8:35 A.M. Our Scholastic Book Fair will run from 11/17 through 11/26/08. We look forward to seeing you there!



Concordia University Events

Admission Information Sessions in November

- 6th MAT information session, 6:00-7:30 P.M., Concordia University Luther Hall room 209
- 6th M.Ed information session, 6:00-7:30 P.M., Concordia University Luther Hall room 207
- 19th MBA wine and Cheese networking information session, 6:00 P.M., Kennedy School
- 20th Nursing information session, 6:00-7:30 P.M., Location TBD
- 20th MAT information session, 6:00-7:30 P.M., Concordia University Luther Hall room 209

Athletic Events (all in CU Gymnasium)

Volleyball

- Nov. 7 – Volleyball vs. Oregon Tech 7 P.M.
- Nov. 8 – Volleyball vs. Southern Oregon 7 P.M.
- Nov. 11-15 – Volleyball Conference Tournament TBA

Women's Basketball

- Nov. 1 – Women's Basketball Alumni Game 5 P.M.
- Nov. 21 – Women's Basketball vs. Pacific Lutheran 7 P.M.

Men's Basketball

- Nov. 1 – Men's Basketball Alumni Game 7 P.M.
- Nov. 4 – Men's Basketball vs. Multnomah 7:30 P.M.

Other Events

- November 14&15 – Preview Weekend for High School juniors and seniors – visit www.cu-portland.edu/preview
- November 23-30 – Concordia University Library is closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

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October 31st

Halloween Extravaganza

WHAT: The best things in life can be free -- like chocolate! The dorms at Concordia University traditionally open their doors to tricksters and treaters who arrive in costume.

WHEN: Dusk until 8 P.M.

WHERE: NE Holman/East Hall

November 1st

Free Naturescaping Workshop

WHAT: Naturescaping is the practice of designing a landscape so that it reduces water use, storm water runoff, and pollution without sacrificing splendor. Plus, it saves you time, money, and energy -- all while providing a beautiful habitat for birds, wildlife, and you. Naturescaping Basics introduces attendees to their connection with the watershed, native plants of the PNW, pollution prevention, and other core concepts of naturescaping. Advanced registration is required. Register online at www.emswcd.org/workshops-events. Information: Katie Meckes, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District 503.935.5368

WHEN: 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

WHERE: Wilshire United Methodist, 3917 NE Shaver

November 4th

Election Night

WHAT: Here's to an early night! Good Neighbor, Zaytoon Bar, will be showing the electoral action on their new flat panel television.

WHEN: Results start being announced start at around 5 P.M. PST. You have until 8 P.M. to drop your ballot off at the elections office.

WHERE: If you've already voted, 2236 NE Alberta. Otherwise, go vote at 1040 SE Morrison.

November 8th - 9th

Wordstock IV

WHAT: The consummate book lovers event. Lots of authors from all over, many different genres, big and small presses. Lynda Barry will be there on Sunday! Go to Wordstock.com and download the whole schedule.

WHEN: 10:30 A.M. on the 10th to 4:30 P.M. on the 11th (Pre-workshops on the 6th and 7th, too!)

WHERE: The Oregon Convention Center

November 9th

2nd Annual Siren Nation Arts & Crafts Festival

WHAT: This is part of the larger festival which is happening at various venues around town. The Arts & Crafts Festival will have lots of interesting vendors, and free workshops with a feminist focus.

WHEN: 11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

WHERE: Kennedy School

November 15th

Rain Garden 101

WHAT: Rain gardens are a great way to add beautiful landscaping to your yard and protect overloaded urban sewers and streams at the same time. Join us at this free workshop to learn how to build a rain garden on your property to keep our streams clean and healthy!

Advanced registration is required. Register online at www.emswcd.org/workshops-events. Information: Katie Meckes, East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District 503.935.5368

WHEN: 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

WHERE: Leach Botanical Garden, 6704 SE 122 Avenue

Groundwater 101

WHAT: Join the Portland Water Bureau and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for Groundwater 101 - a

FREE workshop that will teach you groundwater basics including some local geology and hydrology, what role groundwater plays in our drinking water system, and what needs to be done to protect this important resource. This workshop is casual, in a classroom-style setting, taught by groundwater experts. Light refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is required and space is limited, so please register early!

Registration is required and space is limited so call Melissa Sandoz at 503.281.1132 to reserve.

WHEN: 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

WHERE: NECA-IBEW Electrical Training Center, 16021 NE Airport Way

November 17th

Safe Staffing Legislative Forum

WHAT: House Bill 3416 will establish a maximum number of patients per registered Nurse, ensuring that hospitals have enough staff to provide quality care. Attend this forum to share your story as a health care worker or patient. Learn more about the bill and how you can join the campaign to make Oregon hospitals safer. Light refreshments provided. For more information call: AFT Healthcare Northwest 503.228.6602

WHEN: 6 - 9 P.M.

WHERE: Kennedy School

November 19th

Free Weatherization Workshop

WHAT: This family-friendly workshop focuses on simple, do-it-yourself draft-stopping techniques to lower energy bills and make your home more comfortable. Learn how to install materials such as internally mounted vinyl storm windows, door weather stripping, and more. Call 503.284.6827 to register or email energy@communityenergyproject.org

WHEN: 6 - 8 P.M.

WHERE: Beaumont SUN School, 4043 NE Fremont.

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Thursday, November 13

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Sunday, November 16

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