

The New Columbia Neighbor

May 2009



Welcome, Delta GEMS!

Developing strong, successful, and confident young ladies are what the Delta GEMS are all about. The Delta GEMS are a group of women who are mentoring girls and teens at New Columbia. With their leadership our girls will work one on one with a Delta GEM on academic achievements and goals, self-reflection, a road map for college planning, empowerment and public service. Welcome, Delta GEMS! For more information on Delta GEMS mentoring contact Leslie Esinga at (503) 289-6089.

Rockin' Girl Scout Night: For New Columbia & Tamarack Girls!

Join us for our Rockin' Girl Scout night on Tuesday, May 12th, 5:30 – 7pm in the Community Education Center (4625 N Trenton). This is an introduction to the world of Girl Scouts for girls entering grades 3-6 in the fall of 2009. A Parent/guardian must accompany their daughter(s) to the event as they will be an integral part of sustaining the New Columbia/Tamarack troop. Snacks will be provided. Girl Scouts builds girls with courage, confidence, character and who make the world a better place. For more information contact Lauren Shapiro at (503) 977-6923 or Leslie Esinga at (503) 289-6089.

Evento de Rockin': Para Ninas de New Columbia y Tamarack!

Acompañanos este 12 de Mayo, 5:30 – 7pm en Centro de Educación Comunitaria – 4625 N Trenton, para al evento Rockin' Girl Scout night, sera una introducción al mundo de Girl Scouts para niñas que empiezen del 3ro al 6to grado en el Otoño 2009. Un padre o apoderado deberá acompañar a su hija o hijas al evento, ya que serán parte importante para el apoyo de la tropa New Columbia/Tamarack. Girl Scouts forma niñas con valentia, seguridad, character, para hacer del mundo un lugar mejor para vivir. Snack seran servido. Para mas informacion, Llame Lauren Shapiro (503) 977-6923

Important Numbers to Know

New Columbia Property Management Office at 503.286.1500

Non Emergency Police: 503.823.3333
Traffic Safety Concerns: 503.823.7233
Community Services Information: 211

Emergency: 911
New Columbia Opportunity Center: 503.943.5600
NC Information & Referral Services: 503.285.0333

www.newcolumbia.org

What's Up at New Columbia?

Lawn Care Information

April showers bring May flowers and New Columbia yards are in full bloom. To keep your yard looking nice use through the spring, we put together some resources and friendly reminders for you and your neighbors:

- Lawn mowers can be checked out for free through the property management office at 4605 N Trenton. Lawns should not exceed five inches, so if your lawn is growing tall, remember you can check out a lawn mower for free!
- Want to hire someone to mow your lawn? Call Cascade Lawn Maintenance at (503) 771-4587, or for \$45, a contractor can cut your lawn and we'll send you the bill.
- Whether you want to work in your Rain Garden or your flower beds, the North Portland Tool Library is a great resource to utilize – for free! Call them to learn more about their tool selection, at (503) 823-0209

With questions relating to yard and lawn care contact the property management office at (503) 286-1500.

Join The Beautification Squad:

New Columbia Residents Keep New Columbia Clean & Green!

Let's work together to keep our Neighborhood Beautiful... Join the Beautification Squad for a clean sweep of the neighborhood. On Sunday, May 17th, 2009 at 3pm at the Covered Pavilion in McCoy Park, we will meet to walk around New Columbia to pick up litter and clean up the neighborhood. Stick around after the walk to have a pizza party.

Bring walking shoes, gloves, and pick-up tools (if you've got them). We have five pick up sticks for this project for people who do not own these tools.

For more information contact Steve @ 503.944.9332 or Nick @ 971.340.0714

Boys & Girls Club Music Production Center Opens, Youth Recognized

Each month the Boys & Girls Club honors outstanding members in the club through the Youth of the Month program. These members have consistently displayed excellence or excelled in each of the categories they are honored in. These youth have demonstrated excellence for the arts, character and leadership, education & career development, health & life skills and sports, fitness & recreation: Kailee Hibbs, Tyesha Smith, Joe Lavuelet, Celina Hetrick, Brandy Quach, Nyree Campbell, Samuel Gennes-Pantene, Essence Taylor, JanToya Cooper, Charlotte Barton, Adayshia Pervish, Adrian Munoz, Martin Kosmecki, Miranda Mendoza and Alex Ramos. Congratulations to you all!

Also, May marks the opening of the Music Production Center- all those who are interested in using the facility will need to be current members and may contact Mr. Michael (Arts & Cultural Coordinator) for additional information, at (503) 853-8678.

Beginning June 16th, the Boys & Girls Club will have longer hours. Summer Hours will be 9am to 7pm with Camps in the morning (for a fee) and Drop in time in the afternoon. With questions relating to camps, activities or events contact the Boys & Girls Club at (503) 853-8678.

Think You Got Game? Sign Up for the Teen Basketball Tournament

The Boys & Girls Club and University Park Community Center are teaming up for day of basketball. Think you got game? Whether you want to show off your jump shot or defense, the time has come to suit up and get on the court for a day of friendly competition.

On Saturday, May 9th, 2009 there will be a teen basketball tournament sponsored by the Boys & Girls Club of Portland. The tournament will be held at University Park Community Center (aka The Rec.) from 3pm – 9pm in all three gyms.

To learn more about the tournament or other upcoming sports events call the Boys & Girls Club at (503) 853-8678 or swing by the Regence Boys & Girls Club at 4430 N Trenton.

Congratulations, Terry McLain! New Columbia Resident Awarded for Hard Work



You won't find Terry McLain twiddling his thumbs or sitting still. You'll see him riding his bike around New Columbia, distributing newsletters on Saturday mornings, or leading up a litter patrol with kids who are participating in the K-CHING youth employment program. While Terry is a dedicated volunteer in New Columbia, he is known for his compassion at the city level as well. Terry recently won the "Public Safety Partner" award through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Terry not only got the award, but met City commissioner Amanda Fritz and Portland Police Chief Rosie Sizer, and accepted the award during a ceremony at the "2009 Ready. Safe. Go. Training" held at Warner Pacific College. New Columbia is lucky to have such a hard working resident, and role model for our adults, youth and seniors. He brings such character and personality to our community and we thank him for that.

Community Town Hall

It's time to mark your calendars for the next town hall meeting! Join us on Thursday, May 14, from 7-8pm at Trenton Terrace, 4720 N Trenton. This month we will introduce our newest member of the community policing team, Officer Christian Berge. For more information contact Leslie, 503-289-6089.

Interested in Construction & Labor Trades? Check out the ETAP Program!

Hello neighbors! My name is Elzie Prescott and I am the new PCC-ETAP (Portland Community College-Evening Trades Apprenticeship Preparation) Public Housing Outreach Coordinator. Many of you may already know me as a community member, a former Resident Community Builder, or a Career Center Attendant at the New Columbia Opportunity Center at 4610 N Trenton. If not, you will see me around even more and get to know me!



So first I'd like to explain exactly what it is that I am here to do. If you are interested in construction training with **ETAP** in **carpentry** and **labor trades**, then **we should talk!** I will work with you to develop a plan for success in this exciting field and help you navigate the steps you need to take to achieve your goals. If you are qualified to train with ETAP, you can receive **FREE** training valued over \$7,000! The training consists of 9 weeks of hands on training at the Willamette Carpenters Apprenticeship Training Center (WCTC) and 2 weeks of Life Skills. Check out the enclosed flyer or give me a call for more information. Applications are accepted at the New Columbia Opportunity Center (4610 N. Trenton) Monday – Friday from 8:30am-4:00pm, or, at PCC Cascade Campus (565 N. Killingsworth, in the Technology Education Building, Room 200) Monday – Thursday from 8:30-4:00pm.

Space is limited, so be sure to sign up now! I look forward to working with you in this fantastic opportunity to move forward in life and discover your full potential. See you soon!

Owners Association Meeting

The next New Columbia Owners Association Meeting is scheduled for May 26th, 2009. Meet in the Community Education Center at 4625 N Trenton at 6:15pm. For more information contact Ben Wickham at benw@hapdx.org or call him at (503) 943-5663.

New Columbia Website Launches on May 15th !

We've been hard at work designing a user-friendly and interactive New Columbia website. We can't wait for you to see it!

The website will have resources, collaborative community calendars, videos of residents, staff and events, photo galleries, and updates on what is happening at New Columbia. The website will launch on Friday, May 15, 2009. Mark your calendar and check it out! For more information contact Community Builder Molly Gray at MollyG@hapdx.org or call (503) 285-0333.

Community Land Trust

Portland Community Land Trust helps hard working people make their dream come true – to buy their first home! The first step is to get the information and we are here to be a resource to each person. Our average home sells for \$150,000 and has fixed-interest payments of \$900 - \$1,150. for more information call (503) 493-0293 x 10

Tendremos una junta para las familias latinas. El tema sera como comprar su propia casa. Dejaremos informacion en su casa el 26 de mayo. La junta esta programada para junio 1, 2009 a las 6 – 8pm en la salon comunitario, 4625 N Trenton.

Bust Open Your Piggie Bank: The Spring Penny Carnival is Back!

Bring your family, friends and your piggie bank full of pennies to the University Park Community Center! It's that time of year for the Spring Penny Carnival. On Friday, May 22nd, from 5pm – 7pm there will be a wide variety of games that only cost one penny per game! Each game will give you the opportunity walk away with a prize. So get ready for 16 activities including bounce houses, face painting, put put golf, tattoos and animal balloon hats!

With all of these Penny Carnival activities at the Penny Carnival, University Park Community Center seeks volunteers to help set up the carnival at 4pm, help out with the games during the event, and help clean up afterwards until about 8pm. Volunteers don't have the stay the whole time, but even helping for a little bit helps! Please contact Amourie if you are interested in helping out. Call her at University Park Community Center, (503) 823-3631 or email Amourie.Downing@ci.portland.or.us

Pastor Fred Woods Brings Positive Youth Development

Pastor Fred Woods knows that connecting with youth and families means getting the whole community involved. By connecting youth with positive activities, it engages not only the youth but the entire neighborhood. Pastor Woods came to New Columbia to engage youth in Positive Youth Development, a program dedicated to providing prevention and intervention services to youth and families through academic assistance, group counseling, case management services and outreach. Pastor Woods and his staff work hard to reach youth by holding weekly groups, tutoring, and mentoring services to New Columbia. One program in particular encourages youth to express themselves through rap, spoken word and poetry. "Not everyone can be Kanye West or be a big time rap star, but the kids can learn to write well and share their raps and lyrics to express themselves." He believes that the kids can be successful, they just need to be shown how they can get on that successful path. Pastor Woods and his staff are already working with youth. "The kids who are writing their raps will be using it as poetry and they'll perform it in the park during the summer." With all this and more, they've got their sights set high. "They can rise to the expectations we have. They just need to be shown how they can do this." To learn more about Positive Youth Development contact Pastor Fred Woods at (503) 945-5620 or swing by 4610 N Trenton Room 115 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 1pm.

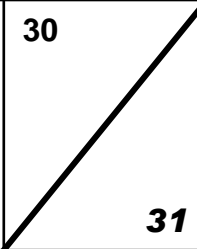
Welcome, Officer Berge!

The New Columbia Policing Team now has another officer working in our N/NE precinct and patrolling New Columbia. Officer Christian Berge will work with Officer Becky Braun to keep our community a safe place to live and work.

Officer Berge worked as an officer in San Francisco for five years, and has now worked with the Portland Police Bureau for 16 months. We are lucky to have such a great officer and we look forward to seeing him joining our already strong team! So next time you see him with Officer Becky, say hello and welcome him to the neighborhood!

Community Calendar : May 2009

For an extensive list of activities, sporting events, classes for seniors, groups for youth, meetings and neighborhood happenings, check out the brand new online calendar on the New Columbia website that will be launched on Friday, May 15, 2009! The calendar is viewable at www.newcolumbia.org under the Residents tab in the Events section. For more information contact Molly at MollyG@hapdx.org or call her in the Community Building Office at (503) 285-0333.

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 First Friday Flicks @ Trenton Terrace, 4720 N Trenton. 1:30pm	2
3	4 Lifeworks Group, Fountain Room	5 Seniors Tai Chi Class 10:30 – 11:30, Trenton Terrace, 4720 N Trenton	6 Grupo de Juegos, 9:30-11:30 am Salon de Fountain, 4625 N Trenton	7 Naturopathic Clinic, 2pm @ Opportunity Center, 4610 N Trenton	8 Senior Health Benefits Assistance Clinic, 9am @ YWCA, 9022 N Newman	9 Boys & Girls Club Basketball Tournament, 3- 9pm
10	11	12 Girl Scouts Rockin' Event, Community Education Center, 4625 N Trenton, 5:30 – 7pm	13 Neighborhood House Group, 9:30-11:30 am Fountain Room, 4625 N Trenton	14 Town Hall Meeting 7 -8pm, Trenton Terrace (4720 N Trenton)	15 New Columbia Launches New website! newcolumbia.org	16
17 Beautification Squad Street Clean Up Walk & Pizza Party @ McCoy Park, 3pm	18	19 Portsmouth Neighborhood Association Board Meeting, 4625 N Trenton, 7pm	20	21 Pastor Woods office hours, 1:30pm, 4610 N Trenton	22 Penny Carnival, UPCC aka The Rec., 5-7pm	23 Teen Night 7-11pm UPCC (9009 N Foss)
24	25	26 Owners Association Meeting 6:15pm, Community Education Center 4625 N Trenton	27 Neighborhood House Group, 9:30-11:30 am Fountain Room, 4625 N Trenton	28 Naturopathic Clinic, 2pm @ Opportunity Center, 4610 N Trenton	29 Running Club, Clarendon @ Portsmouth, 11 – 1pm	30 
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Online & Print Newsletter Community Calendar Submission Dates

If you would like something included in the community calendar for the June issue of the New Columbia Neighbor or the online calendar featured on the website, please contact Molly Gray at 503-285-0333, MollyG@hapdx.org or swing by the Community Building Office at 4625 N Trenton, by May 22nd.

If you want to check out the New Columbia website but don't have a computer, visit the Opportunity Center at 4610 N Trenton after we launch the new site on May 15th. You can access resources, events, videos and photos. For more information call the community building office at (503) 282-0333.