

# The New Columbia Neighbor

## Darcy Vincent Bids Farewell to New Columbia



Darcy Vincent has accepted a position with Norris, Beggs, and Simpson. In a farewell statement to the wonderful residents of New Columbia, she said:

“I will be leaving my position as Community Director on November 30, 2011. I have come to know many of you by name, I watched your children grow and go to school (or graduate) and been welcomed into your lives so warmly. I will miss you!

New Columbia is a fantastic community of vibrant families and outstanding individuals and will continue to be for generations to come. Thank you for letting me be a part of it. LaTonya Smith will act as interim Director and will be happy to assist you in my place. She can be reached at 503.286.1500.”

## December 2011

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## Holiday Caroling

Resident Alisha Kelly invites folks to join her and friends for a caroling event to help share and spread holiday cheer. A reception is planned in the Fountain Room before setting out to carol around the neighborhood. Hot Chocolate and treats will be served afterwards.

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 pm  
Fountain Room

# Holiday Fire Safety

## Preventing Christmas Tree Fires



Special care needs to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases.

### Safety begins with Selecting a Fresh Tree

Fresh trees should have green needles that stay attached to the branches. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. A tree is too old if lots of needles fall when it is shaken. It has dried out and is a fire hazard.

### Caring for Your Tree

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heating vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be easily ignited by heat, flame, or sparks. Do not put your tree up too early or leave it up longer than 2 weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times. Never go near a tree with candles, lighters, or matches.

## Holiday Lights

Inspect holiday lights every year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking before putting them up. Use only lighting with a UL seal of approval.

**Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets**  
Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions say that it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to check the wires regularly. They should not be warm to the touch.

**DO NOT LEAVE HOLIDAY LIGHTS ON WHILE YOU ARE AWAY**

## Heaters

If you rearrange furniture to make room for a tree and decorations, be sure not to block any wall heaters. Leave at least a two-foot clearance.

# Public Safety Forum



**Wednesday, December 21, 2011**

**6:30 – 7:30 pm**

**New Columbia Community Education Center**

Stop in and see your New Columbia Police Officers. Bring your questions, concerns, and ideas. This is an informal open session. Drop-ins are welcome!



**Follow the Portland Police on Twitter at**  
**[www.twitter.com/ppbnewcolumbia](http://www.twitter.com/ppbnewcolumbia)**

# Regence Boys and Girls Club

## This Month at the Club!!!!

Non School Day Hours:

8am-6pm

Club closed

December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## EVENTS!!!!

### Family Bingo Night-

December 7th: 6:30pm-7:30pm

### Boys Overnighter-

December 10th: 8pm-8am

### Little Kid Dance-

December 15th: 7:30pm-9:30pm

### All Club Overnighter-

December 20th: 8pm-8am

### Winter Holiday Celebration-

December 22nd: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Come Join Us For some  
FUN!!!



**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**

# Youth

## UPCC Indoor Parks



Looking for non-structured activities for you and your kids on those rainy Oregon days? What better place than an indoor park for kids to test their outside voice without adult restrictions?

Tuesday-Thursday 10:00-12:00 pm

Cost: \$1.00 per child

## ★ UPCC Winter Break Camps ★

★ December 19-30, 2011 ★

No school; time to play! Join us for an action packed day of exciting activities. Develop social skills & build self-esteem using a variety of amusing games, arts & crafts, and sports. Improve coordination and team work interacting in a positive nurturing environment. Campers must bring a lunch and a snack.

### ★ December 19 – December 23 (M-F)

Tuition: \$90.00

#### Winter Madness Camp

Ages: 6-11  
9:00 – 5:00 pm

#### Winter Bliss Camp

Ages: 4-6  
9:00 – 5:00 pm

### ★ December 27-December 30 (T-F)

Tuition: \$72.00

#### Winter Madness Camp

Ages: 6-11  
9:00 – 5:00 pm

#### Winter Bliss Camp

Ages: 4-6  
9:00 – 5:00 pm

Scholarships are available. For more information or to register please call 503.823.3631.

# Youth

## 2012 College Scholarships for Public Housing Residents

The PNRC-NAHRO will offer four scholarships to eligible applicants from its members' affordable housing programs in 2011. **Home Forward is a member.**

### Jessie Epstein Scholarship

One \$10,000 scholarship for a graduating high school senior attending a 4-year college program. Awarded to the highest-ranked applicant by a regional jury.

### Challenge College Scholarship

One \$4000 scholarship for graduating high school seniors attending a 4-year college program of study

### Continuing Education Scholarship

One \$4000 scholarship awarded to an individual who has been out of high school for at least four years and wishes to pursue either a college education or other professional training.

### Community College Scholarship

One \$2000 scholarship awarded to a graduating high school senior attending a 2-year community college program of study.

### Deadlines:

February 17, 2012: Completed applications must be turned into Home Forward

Applications are available online at [www.pnrcnahro.org/scholarships](http://www.pnrcnahro.org/scholarships)

**For information and assistance contact your Resident Services Office**

### FAFSA Deadlines for 2011-2012.

FAFSA stands for "Free Application for Federal Student Aid".

If you are planning on attending college during the 2011-2012 academic year, online applications must be completed by midnight, Central Daylight Time on June 30, 2012.

Any corrections or updates must be submitted by midnight, Central Daylight Time on September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

Apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

### Oregon Private Scholarships Deadline 2012-2013 Academic Year

Early Bird Deadline: February 15, 2012.

Submit your OASC application by the February deadline and be entered in a drawing to win a \$500 scholarship.

Absolute Deadline: March 1, 2012

Apply online at [www.oregonstudentaid.gov](http://www.oregonstudentaid.gov)

### Oregon Opportunity Grant Deadline 2012-2013 Academic Year

If you are planning on attending school during the 2012-2013 academic year you may also apply for the Oregon Opportunity Grant. The deadline is February 1, 2012. However, students are strongly encouraged to complete their application as soon after January 1, 2012 as possible. These grants are awarded on a first-come, first-serve basis until the funds are depleted.

# Activities



## Roosevelt High School Winter Dessert Concert

**Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 pm – 9:00 pm**

**Dessert Social 6:15 pm – 7:00 pm**

**Featuring: bands, dance  
performance, and choir**

**Roosevelt High School**  
**6941 N Central**  
**Portland, Oregon 97203**

## Oregon Children's Museum Free First Friday

December 2, 2011-11-18  
Free Admission between 4:00 – 8:00 pm

**Now through January 22, 2012:**

### CASTLE ADVENTURE

Explore, build, and play with LEGO® to learn about real-world castles and their secrets!

4015 SW Canyon Road  
Across from the Oregon Zoo  
Served by the MAX Yellow line

## UPCC Special Fitness Membership Offer !

University Park Community Center is offering a special membership discount to anyone who has never been pass holder. Purchase a 3 month pass for just \$60.75 (\$20.25 a month) and receive an additional month for free\* Passes normally sell for \$81 (\$27.00 a month). That's a savings of over \$20.00! The offer is valid until January 31, 2012.

\* New pass holders only. Other restrictions may apply.

# Events

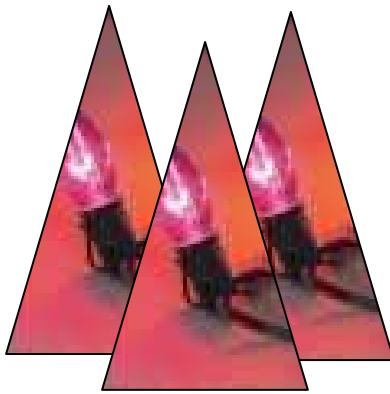
## Christmas Dinner Potluck in the Park



*Rain or Shine!*

**Potluck in the Park** invites you to its 18<sup>th</sup> annual free holiday dinner on 12/25 from 1-4 pm. It's turkey with all the trimmings and socks filled with goodies. Guests can also have their photos taken with Santa! Local jazz musicians will play through the meal.

Location: YWCA of Greater Portland, 1111 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave between SW Main & Jefferson, in the gymnasium.



### Village Gardens 10 Year Anniversary

Please join us in a celebration!

#### Where:

St. Johns Community Center  
8427 North Central Street  
Portland, OR 97203

#### When:

Saturday, Dec 3, 2011  
5:00-8:00pm

An Evening of  
Storytelling, Food,  
Music, Awards and  
Presentations:  
*How We Began*  
*Where We Are Now*  
*Where We Are Going*

Kids and Families  
Encouraged! Please  
RSVP so we know how  
many people to expect.  
Contact Angela Martin  
at 503-286-2099

*Transportation can be provided  
from St. Johns Woods and New  
Columbia/Tamaracks. If you  
would like a ride please sign up  
with Angela*

Home Ownership at a price you can afford.  
Own your own home for \$623-882 a month\*.

### Come see us at Woolsey Corner

December 3 | 1-3 pm | Open House  
4475 N Trenton | Only 4 Homes left!

- 2 and 3 bedroom homes priced below market
- tons of green features means low utility bills
- lots of help and support (before and after you buy)
- to learn more about Woolsey Corner visit [www.woolseycorner.org](http://www.woolseycorner.org)



\*Payment estimates are based on taxes, insurance, and a thirty year fixed-rate Oregon Bond mortgage at 3.5% with a \$500 down payment. Final payments will be determined by your lender based upon current interest rates.

503.493.0293 x10 | [www.proudground.org](http://www.proudground.org) | Se habla español



# Community Resources

Emergency Food Boxes  
North Portland

**Good Samaritan Center of  
North Portland**

**8160 N Jersey Street**

**Hours:**

**Mon 1:00-3:00**

**Thurs 1:00 – 3:00**

**Phone: 503.719.9460**

**Shiloh Christian Center**

**4720 N Trenton Ave**

**Hours:**

**Sat: 10:00 – 12:00**

**Phone: 503.568.6529**

**St Andrew's Episcopal Pantry**

**7704 N Hereford Ave**

**Hours:**

**Sun: 1:00 – 3:00**

**Fri: 12:00 – 3:00**

**Sat: 12:00 – 3:00**

**Phone: 503.247.3511**

**University Park SDA**

**4007 N Alaska**

**Hours:**

**Wed: 5:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Phone: 503.249.2811**

**Peninsula Open Bible Church**

**Community Basket**

**8825 N Peninsular Ave**

**Hours:**

**Fri: 12:00-2:00**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month**

**Phone: 503.289.3343**

## Portland Toy and Joy Makers Gifts for the Holiday Season



Portland Toy and Joy Makers is a seasonal program providing children (infants-13 years) of low income families with gifts during November and December.

They will begin taking calls on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Hold times can be lengthy, please be patient. Families receiving gifts will be asked for proof of residence, proof of guardianship of children, proof of income, and ID at the time of pickup.

Call 503.823.0922, Monday-Friday 9am-3pm

## Holiday Tree Disposal

New Columbia residents may dispose of their holiday trees for free between December 27<sup>th</sup> and January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Trees should be stripped of decorations and taken to the vacant lot next to the property management office.

## Free Citizenship ESL Classes New Columbia

Open House

Meet the teacher and register for Winter classes.

Monday, December 19  
6-7 pm

Fountain Room



*Volunteers are our  
most valuable  
community resource*

# December/Diciembre 2011

				1	2	3 <b>Woolsey Corner Open House</b> 1-3 pm 4475 N Trenton <b>Village Gardens Party</b> 5-8 pm St Johns CC
4	5	6	7 <b>Family Bingo Night</b> 6:30-7:30 B&G Club	8	9	10 <b>Boys Overnighter</b> 8:00 pm – 8:00 am B&G Club
11	12	13 <b>Good Hair Documentary</b> 5-7:45 pm North Portland Library FREE	14	15 <b>Dessert Concert</b> 6:15-9:00 Roosevelt HS <b>Little Kid Dance</b> 7:30-9:30 B&G Club	16	17
18 <b>Holiday Caroling</b> 5:00 pm Fountain Room	19 <b>Winter Break Camps</b> M-F 9:00-5:00pm UPCC <b>ESL Orientation</b> 6-7pm Fountain Room	20 <b>All Club Overnighter</b> 8pm-8am B&G Club <b>Portsmouth Neighborhood Assn Mtg</b> 7:00-9:00 pm 4625 N Trenton	21 <b>Public Safety Forum</b> 6:30-7:30 CEC	22 <b>Winter Holiday Celebration</b> 6:30-8:30 pm B&G Club	23	24
25 <b>Christmas Day YMCA Potluck</b> 1-4 pm Downtown	26	27 <b>Winter Break Camps</b> T-F 9:00-5:00 pm UPCC	28	29	30	31 <b>New Years Eve</b>

### Important Numbers to Know

NC Leasing Office	503.286.1500	NC Event Line	503.286.0335	Alert Security	503.846.9607
Police Non-Emergency	503.823.3333	Emergency	911	Traffic Safety	503.823.7233
WorkSource XP	503.943.5642	UPCC "The Rec"	503.916.6250	B & G Club	503.853.8678
Rosa Parks	503.916.6250				
Room Scheduling	503.943.5601	NC Info & Referrals	503.943.5674	Community Resources	211

Visit us on the web at [www.newcolumbia.org](http://www.newcolumbia.org)

## Stay Comfortable this Winter – An Energy Saving Tip for Apartment Homes

Trying to save money on home heating costs? Don't turn your thermostat below 55° at night. Sounds crazy, right? Here's the deal. When the temperature of the building materials and furnishings in your apartment falls below 55, they will absorb all of the heat when it is turned back on. Your Cadet heater will have to work overtime until the room feels comfortable. Keeping the heat turned to at least 55° saves \$\$\$\$.