

The New Columbia Neighbor

December 2010

New Columbia CORE VALUES

- WE RESPECT AND CARE FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR COMMUNITY.
- WE WILL BE THE CHANGE THAT WE WANT TO SEE.
- WE HIGHLY VALUE OUR YOUTH, THEY HAVE A SAY IN OUR COMMUNITY.
- WE HONOR OUR DIVERSE COMMUNITY.
- WE CELEBRATE GOOD BEHAVIOR AND ADDRESS BAD BEHAVIOR.

New Columbia's core values statement, shown above, was developed to unite our community around a set of basic guiding principles. We want to thank all of the residents and neighbors of New Columbia who gathered in August and September to create and finalize this core values statement. Rather than being the viewpoint of any one individual or organization, this statement represents the combined ideas of diverse members of the New Columbia community. You will notice that these values are all focused on positive action--community members felt it very important that we encourage positive action rather than prohibiting negative conduct. With that spirit in mind, we encourage everyone to examine these core values and think of positive ways to put them into action as individuals and as a community."

-- Ben Wickham, Housing Authority of Portland

New Columbia FILOSOFIA Y PRINCIPIOS

- RESPETAMOS A LOS DEMAS Y NOS PREOCUPAMOS LOS UNOS POR LOS OTROS Y POR NUESTRA COMUNIDAD.
- SEREMOS PARTE ACTIVA DEL CAMBIO QUE QUEREMOS VER EN NUESTRA COMUNIDAD.
- APRECIAMOS A NUESTRA JUVENTUD: ELLOS TIENEN VOZ EN NUESTRA COMUNIDAD.
- RESPETAMOS Y RECONOCEMOS LA DIVERSIDAD EN NUESTRA COMUNIDAD.
- FESTEJAMOS Y PROMOVEMOS EL BUEN COMPOR-TAMIENTO Y TRATAMOS EL MAL COMPORTAMIENTO.

I want to extend my "Thanks" to all those that participated in the Community Livability Forum on November 10th. This is the most well attended community meeting that I can remember attending at New Columbia. I was so encouraged by the number of young people that came to have their voices heard. There were lively discussions around improving the cleanliness of garbage enclosures, driving speeds, parking and maintenance. Some of the important themes that emerged were around community pride, respect for one another and taking care of our children. This forum had three meetings to solicit input from all of the members of the community to develop some Core Values, which you will see displayed in our offices and parks. These are statements which embody the pride of New Columbia.

--Darcy Vincent, Community Director

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NC Leasing Office Holiday Schedule

Friday, December 24—Closed
Saturday, December 25—Closed
Friday, December 31—Closed
Saturday, January 1, - Closed

Community Services Corner



Innovative Changes Holiday Resource Fair: Come One Come All!

The holidays can be a stressful time for everyone, but especially if you are living on a tight budget. Planning in advance and being clear about what the holidays mean to you can alleviate a lot of that stress. So for this holiday season, Innovative Changes will be hosting "Holiday Finances 101" on **December 1st**, kicking off our new series of monthly seminars. **Holiday Finances 101, hosted at the New Columbia Opportunity Center from 5:30-7:00pm**, will equip interested individuals, with tools and resources to minimize stress during through the holiday season. The seminar will be followed by a resource fair with representation from other community organizations that provide specific holiday resources (food, gifts, clothes...etc) for individuals and fami-

lies during this time.

Bring your family and start taking steps to get through the Holiday season in an enjoyable way! Light snacks and refreshments will be provided. To attend, please **RSVP by calling/emailing Talia at 503-943-5620 or talia@innovativechanges.org**

*If you are an organization working in the area and would like to share information about your resources and services at the fair, please contact Talia as well!

Holiday Resource Fair

When: Wednesday, December 1st
Time: 5:30 –7:00 pm
Place: 4610 N Trenton Street
RSVP: Talia at 503.943.5620

WorkSource Express Rolls out the New



What is the National Career Readiness Certificate?

The National Career Readiness Certificate uses three WorkKeys® foundational skill assessments to verify to employers that an individual has essential employability skills in the following areas:

- ◆ Reading for Information
- ◆ Applied Mathematics
- ◆ Locating Information



How do I get a National Career Readiness Certificate?

First you need to fully register with WorkSource Oregon and complete the Welcome Process. Once completed, see a member of staff to sign up for the Orientation/Registration and the three assessments. You need not take all three assessments on the same day. See a staff person today to sign up!

Free Meditation Workshop

Village Garden's Community Health Workers will be hosting a meditation workshop for the community on Tuesday, November 30th at the Village Market location. Learn to relax and reduce the harmful health effects of stress through some simple, enjoyable exercises.

When: Tuesday, November 30
Place: 4632 N Trenton
Time: 5:00—7:00 pm

Everyone is Welcome!



Begoña's Corner



AXA Achievementsm Scholarship

The AXA Achievementsm Scholarship in association with *U.S. News & World Report* provides \$670,000 in annual scholarships to young people throughout the nation.

The postmark deadline for applications is December 15, 2010

Please call Begoña at 503.943.5673, or Cheryl at 503.943.5601 to have a copy emailed to you. No email account? Stop by the New Columbia Opportunity Center and ask for Cheryl.



FAFSA Deadlines: 2011-2012 School Year

(FAFSA = Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

The earlier you can file your FAFSA the better! Filing your FAFSA as early as possible will help to ensure you receive all of the federal financial aid you are eligible for, and will leave you with the most options for federal aid. FAFSA is used for an entire academic school year, so you will only need to file once per academic school year. For example, the 2011-2012 FAFSA is used for Fall 2011, Spring 2012, and Summer 2012.

The FAFSA is available for completion every year on the first day of the calendar year (on January 1st). The sooner you can file your after January 1st of any given calendar year is in your best interest. You do not want to put off filing your FAFSA until the last minute, and you certainly do not want to miss the FAFSA deadline. For the 2011 - 2012 academic year, FAFSA on the Web applications must be submitted by midnight Central Daylight time, June 30, 2012.



Dental Patients Needed—Free Services!

flexible
Carrington College Dental Hygiene Clinic, 2004 Lloyd Center, third floor.
503.419.4971

Carrington College needs to screen patients for the Dental Hygiene Board Exam! Patients not selected will still be able to receive the free hygiene services offered at Carrington. They are looking for patients who have NEVER had their teeth cleaned and who have flexible schedules. Please contact them at Carrington



2011 Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber Scholarship application is now available!

How to Apply: visit www.hmccoregon.com/scholarships/apply/.

All applications and attachments must be postmarked or electronically submitted by January 29, 2011. Postmarked applications or info after January 29, 2011 will not be considered. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Jefferson High School's 10th Annual Multicultural Film Festival Presents:

“Indigenous Wisdom”

A series of films exploring the influences of various indigenous cultures on contemporary society. Films are screened once a month at the North Portland Public Library.

December 14: “The White Road—Visions of the Indigenous People of the Americas”. A documentary about Mayan culture and a 2003 reunion in the Yucatan of elders and spiritual leaders from across North America

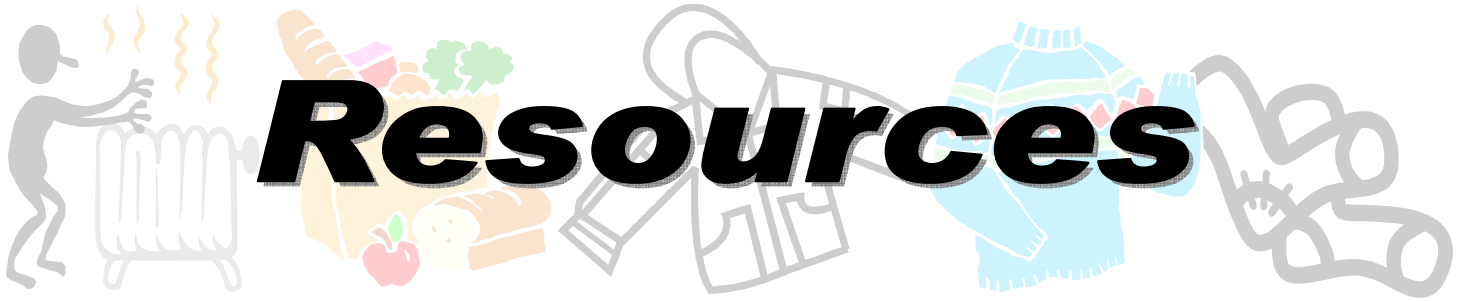
Admission is free; seating is limited and on a first-come, first-serve basis.

North Portland Library; 512 N Killingsworth Street,

Village Market to Celebrate Store Opening Announcement

Please join your neighbors on December 15 to celebrate the announcement of the grand opening of Village Market this spring. Bring your family and friends to take part in the celebration. It will be an opportunity to recognize what has been accomplished so far and to share in the excitement of this unique community store. The festivities will begin at 5:30 and end at 8:00 PM. In addition to the formal announcement, there will be displays, demonstrations, activities for kids, food and music. Mark your calendar...you don't want to miss this event.

When: Wednesday, December 15
Place: 4632 N Trenton Street
Time: 5:30—8:00 pm



Don't Qualify for Low Income Energy Assistance Programs?

Oregon HEAT 61-80% pilot program for moderate incomes can help!

Qualifications:

- ◆ Must be a current customer of PGE
- ◆ Your minimum account balance is \$200
- ◆ Your household income is within the guidelines

Participating Agencies:

Impact NW	503.234.7920 x1
YWCA	503.721.6758

Roosevelt High School Community Clothes Closet

Do you or your kids need clothing?

Families may shop one day per month and select up to 2 bags of clothing

- Monday, December 13, 10 am—1 pm
- Tuesday, December 14, 5 pm—7 pm
- Monday, January 11, 10 am—1 pm
- Tuesday, January 12, 5 pm—7 pm
- Monday, February 14, 10 am—1 pm
- Tuesday, February 15, 5 pm—7 pm
- Monday, March 14, 10 am—1 pm
- Tuesday, March 15, 5 pm—7 pm

Roosevelt High School is located on the corner of Central & Ida near the Lombard Fred Meyers.

6941 North Central Street
Portland, OR 97203-6299

Holiday Food Boxes

Sunshine Division

Eligibility: City of Portland Resident
Call 503.823.2102

St Vincent De Paul-Portland

Eligibility: Multnomah County Resident
Call: 503.595.2292



Need Help Applying?

Village Gardens/Janis Youth is offering help with your application in English and Spanish. Please visit or call their office at the St Johns Woods Apartments.

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9-5 pm
 Telephone: 503.286.2099
 Address: 8652 N SWIFT WAY #120
 Portland, OR 97203

Lutheran Community Services Northwest: Holiday Gift Program for Refugee Families

This Christmas, needy refugee families can receive gifts of furniture, household items, clothing and food. Families let the agency know what their greatest needs are, and the agency find individuals, organizations, churches or businesses who are willing to provide the items in new or good condition.

Families must meet eligibility requirements and live in Multnomah County.

To apply call: Margo Sobieraj
(503) 731-9528

Interpretation Services Available

Not what you're looking for? Call 211.

Bulletin Board



Thurman Landers is a new Resident Community Builder. He's currently interning at the New Columbia Opportunity Center. If you're in need of a warm, welcoming smile, he'll fix you up and send you home with leftovers! Ask him about his brush with Bill Gates....

Please welcome Liz Thompson to the leasing office. She joined Guardian at the end of September. She grew up in Italy, moved here from Chicago, and has a great love of art and painting.



Say hello to Kelly Walsh: the newest addition to the Guardian leasing team. She came on board in October.

¡Se habla español!

Kelly just returned to the states after living 6 years on the Sea of Cortez. She dreams of singing with a ukulele band someday.



December 2010

For an extensive list of events and happenings, check out the online calendar at www.newcolumbia.org under the Residents tab in the Events section. For more information contact Cheryl West at cheryl.west@gres.com or call her at 503.943.5601. Think there's something to add?

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Frid.	Sat.	Sun.
		1 Innovative Change\$ Holiday Resource Fair 5:30—7:00 pm 4610 N Trenton G.r.e.a.t. Families Session 6 6:30-8:30pm	2 NoPo Business Association Meeting 6:00—8:00 pm 4625 N Trenton			
6	7 Girl Scouts 4 pm Fountain Room 4625 N Trenton	8 G	9	10	11 Fresh Start Restorative Health Presentation: "Spiritual Connections to Food" Nutrition, Culture, History and Gratitude. 10 am 4625 N Trenton Street	12
13 Citizenship ESL 6:00—8 pm Fountain Room 4625 N Trenton	14 10th Annual Jefferson High School Multicultural Film Festival 5:00—7:45 pm 512 N Killingsworth "The White Road-Visions of the Indigenous People of the Americas"	15 Village Market Celebration 5:30—8:00 pm 4632 N Trenton	16	17	18 Delta Gems Meeting 2:00—4:00 pm Fountain Room 4625 N Trenton	19
20 Citizenship ESL 6:00—8 pm Fountain Room 4625 N Trenton	21 Girl Scouts 4 pm Fountain Room 4625 N Trenton	22 Teen Leadership Group 6:00-7:00 pm UPCC 9009 N Foss	23	24 Leasing Office Closed	25 Christmas Day Leasing Office Closed 	26
27 Citizenship ESL 6:00—8 pm Fountain Room 4625 N Trenton	28 Homeowners Assoc. Meeting 6:00—8:00 pm 4625 N Trenton	29	30	31 New Years Eve Leasing Office Closed 		

Important Numbers to Know

NC Property Management Office	503.286.1500	NC Event Line	503.285.0333	Room Scheduling	503.943.5601
Non Emergency Police	503.823.3333	Emergency	911	Opportunity Center	503.943.5600
Community Services Info	211	WorkSource	503.943.5642	NC Info & Referral	503.943.5674
Traffic Safety Concerns	503.823.7233	B & G Club	503.853.8678	University Park CC	503.823.3631

Memorials



Diane
Wade

New Columbia recently lost a valued community partner, Diane Wade, Multnomah County Parole Officer, who recently passed away. The following are excerpts from a letter written in her memory.

"On October 10, 2010 Multnomah County Probation/Parole Diane Wade passed away and her heavenly presence has been missed ever since. Her warm smile and loud laughter will [be] remembered by everyone she touched...our community has lost a true warrior for justice who loved the people of North/Northeast Portland.

Many of you knew Diane as Officer Wade, a dedicated Parole Officer who supervised her caseload with tough love and compassion. The work Diane started at New Columbia...was a new challenge that Diane enjoyed. Diane's heart would light up when she was around the children in New Columbia and she was proud to be a person that the community looked to for safety. She had the heart of warrior ready for battle yet [was] always kind and loving. If you needed a hug, she was there; if you needed special motivation, she was there.

Not a day will go by where I will not think of my friend Diane...her presence will be missed in my life and in the lives of the people she touched through her work. Diane was a strong Black woman who touched the lives of hundreds of people in the community she worked. Many of the women on Diane's caseload wanted to change for no other reason than Diane believed in them and knew they could.

The people of Multnomah County were lucky to have [Diane] as a Parole Officer in the community...How again do you describe the passion and spirit of Diane Wade? Just one word, "Heavenly".

Submitted by:

Officer Carl Anthony Green

Multnomah County Department of Community Justice



Regina
Furaha

It is with sadness that we have to announce New Columbia has lost a young member of the community. Regina Furaha, a seventeen year old and one of our Digital Connectors, has passed away unexpectedly on the 8th of November. Regina originally from Congo, was a senior at Franklin High School. She joined the Digital Connectors program in September. Regina understood about the importance of serving her community and she had a big heart and desire to help anyone in need. Regina will be missed not only by her family but also friends and everybody here in New Columbia