

The New Columbia Neighbor

September 2009

It really was the biggest party of the year! National Night Out Brings Neighbors Together



With henna, rock climbing walls, live music featuring the LaRhonda Steele Band and bingo games, New Columbia's National Night Out really was the biggest part of the year!

Community building intern, Faiza (pictured left), painted henna with women from one of our community partners: Neighborhood House. We appreciate the time, energy and beautiful artwork that they provided for residents and staff of New Columbia.

We are lucky to have so many community partners and volunteers who helped make this event a success. Thanks to you all!

Taller Bilingüe, "Journeys"

Join members of Teatro Milagro for a Latino cultural experience in theatre, stories, poetry and songs. Everyone is welcome to share! Únase con miembros del Teatro Milagro, para una experiencia cultural Latina en teatro, cuentos, poesía y canciones. ¡Todos son bienvenidos a compartir! Workshop/Taller - Tuesday, September 1, 6 – 8 pm. Community Education Center, 4625 N. Trenton. Child care/cuidar de niños in the Fountain Room. Llame Lucia al 503-289-6089.

Teatro Milagro

La misión del Teatro Milagro es la de compartir la diversidad de Latinoamérica y promover la unidad global a través del teatro. En colaboración con el Departamento de Salud del Condado de Multnomah

Rosa Parks School Enrollment Begins

Rosa Parks School wants to make sure your children are registered and ready for the 2009-2010 school year. Come to the school on weekdays from 8am to 3pm to register your child for the upcoming year. Review this checklist to make sure you are prepared for enrollment:

- Verification of Address: Parents or guardian must present proof of residency. Acceptable proof of address documents include: Monthly utility statement (within 30 days), HAP Identification Card with imprinted address, Department of Human Services (Letter from DHS)
- Birth Certificate, Hospital Certificate, Baptismal Certificate (Kindergarten only)
- Immunization documentation (Kindergarten only)

For more information call Rosa Parks at: 503-916-6250

Important Numbers to Know

New Columbia Property Management Office at 503.286.1500

Incident Line 503.802.8365

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?

Your Initiative at Work

The Community Speaks Initiative (a combination of a resident survey and focus groups) allowed residents to share what they would like to see for New Columbia's future. Community Director, Darcy Vincent, and the Guardian Real Estate Services team is using your feedback to help shape what projects they will work on. Trash and litter were listed as main concerns in the open-ended portion of the survey. To begin tackling this issue, Darcy and her team power washed the sidewalks. This effort eliminated the gum and sticky fruit on the sidewalk on the main stretch of Trenton Street and also on various parts of the community sidewalks. For more information about this initiative call Darcy Vincent at 503-286-1500 or email Darcy.Vincent@gres.com

Mark Your Calendar for Town Hall

Head over to Trenton Terrace on September 10th from 7 – 8pm for Community Town Hall. This month's guest speakers are representatives from the neighboring Water Treatment Plant and the Portsmouth Neighborhood Association. The PNA is organizing a forum to discuss issues surrounding the Clarendon school site. They want your input and will be open for ideas during this time. For more information contact New Columbia Community Director, Darcy Vincent at 503-286-1500 or email Darcy.Vincent@gres.com

Owners Association Meetings

The New Columbia Owners Association Meetings will transition from meeting monthly to quarterly. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 24th, 6:15pm in the Community Education Center, 4625 N Trenton. For more information contact Ben Wickham at BenW@hapdx.org or visit www.newcolumbia.org/owners-association

Families Celebrate Youth Achievements



On August 14th parents and families gathered to celebrate youth who participated in the summer CREW Academy. Children were highly engaged through both classroom curriculum and community service projects. From pulling weeds in rain gardens with Bureau of Environmental Services to going on a field trip to the zoo, the kids had a positive and energetic summer. The Girls Academy performed a dance routine they learned through a self-esteem building curriculum, "Campaign for Real Beauty." Thank you to the parents who supported this program by allowing your children to participate, learn and grow. We appreciate you!

Want to see what else they did? Check out the CREW photo album online at www.newcolumbia.org/photos

New Columbia Clean Up!

Community members and Beautification Squad co-founders Steve Pickering and Nick Mucci want to share about another opportunity to keep New Columbia clean and green.

What: Clean Up Day!

Where: McCoy Park Pavilion

Who: Everyone!

When: Saturday, September 5th, 9am

University of Portland is sending at least 75 students to New Columbia as part of their Day of Service. We are looking for resident volunteers for that morning to work along side the U of P folks, guiding them through the neighborhood. If you are interested contact Nick Mucci at muckymuck37@gmail.com or Steve Pickering at spandlw@msn.com.

Women's Narcotics Anonymous

Meet with women in the community to connect with one another on a weekly basis. The group meets on Mondays evenings, 6:30 - 7:30pm in the Fountain Room, 9118 N Newman Avenue. For more information about Narcotics Anonymous contact Barbara Kaiser at 503-288-6847.

Opening Doors to Academic Success: News from the Regence Boys & Girls Club

The Regence Boys & Girls Club will be reopening for Fall Session on Monday, September 14th. Please remember to re-register your children. Memberships expire at the end of every August and it is important for the Club to have updated contact information. Renew your memberships by Wednesday, September 9th to ensure your child has a club card on his/her first day back. If your children are not yet members, drop in for a tour any time during our business hours. Boys & Girls Club staff will be happy to show you around the beautiful facility!

With programming in art, technology, education and career development, health & life skills, sports, fitness and recreation, your child will be sure to find activities that he/she loves.

In addition to the usual fun and games the Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland has ramped up its efforts to increase literacy among its youth. At the Regence club there will be a continued partnership with Rosa Parks Elementary pulling certain students out of their classes during the school day to help reinforce reading and writing skills through a multi-sensory approach. After school from 2:15 - 3:15pm "Power Hour" will be required. This is a dedicated time for homework help and reading for all Club members.

In addition to supporting academic achievement the Boys & Girls Club recognizes athletic achievements as well. Registration for Flag Football has already begun and teams are forming. Registration ends September 16th, so hurry in! 1st-6th graders can sign up between 10:00am and 5:00pm Monday-Friday at the Boys & Girls Club. If you're not interested in playing you're welcome to come support your friends and neighbors at games starting Saturday, September 26th. For more information on Club activities call 503-853-8678.

Club Hours & General Information

1st – 6th Graders:

Monday-Thursday: 2:15pm-7:00pm

Friday: 2:15pm-6:30pm

7th – 12th Graders:

Monday-Thursday: 2:15pm-8:00pm

Friday: 2:15pm-6:30pm and Nitescape 7:00pm-11:00pm

Saturday: Nitescape 7:00pm-11:00pm at UPCC

For more information call the Club at 503-853-8678



From Graffiti Art to Skate Team, UPCC Has Teens Covered for Fall Activities

Skate Team - Wed. 5pm - 8:30pm UPCC will take the kids in a Portland Parks and Recreation van to skate parks around the metro area. The fee is \$40 for Fall, which includes admission to Dept. of Skate on rainy days.

DJ Academy - Tuesday or Thursday slots available. Time slots are 50 minutes, starting @ 6pm, 7pm, and 8pm. There is room for six students in the Fall. Program cost is \$30.

Basketball Skill Development – Mon. and Wed. 4 - 6pm This free class is for students that want to get in shape for basketball season. This class will be directed by former Jefferson Democrat and Junior College basketball player Elisha Moaning.

Art Not Crime - Fridays 4:30 - 7pm This is a graffiti art class focused on teaching kids the technique and skills to practice this craft in a constructive environment. The \$30 per student class fee includes materials and six classes with multi-faceted artist/instructor DeAngelo Raines

For more information call Teen Activity Director Travis Richardson at 503-953-9577.



WorkSource Express Center reopens in New Columbia!

On August 11th, 2009, [Worksystems](#) celebrated the grand re-opening of the New Columbia Express Center! WorkSource Express Centers provide a menu of services onsite and connect customers to a full range of training resources. Located in the heart of the New Columbia, the WorkSource Express Center features numerous onsite workshops for job seekers, access to training classes, a computer lab and resource room, and staff onsite to assist with job searches.

Partners at the site include the Housing Authority of Portland, the Oregon Employment Department, Portland Community College, and Goodwill Job Connection. WorkSource understands that job seekers need unique skills and resources to find a new or better job, or advance in their careers. There are a variety of services to expand your opportunities.

Access These Services at WorkSource Express

- iMatchSkills and other internet-based job search tools
- Job postings - web-based and employer posted
- Telephones, fax, and copy machine to help with your job search
- Resume writing tools
- Information on local industries and jobs – and their pay rates
- Workshops to help focus your job search
- Information about community resources
- Identify your skills, interests, and strengths
- Find out which skills businesses value most
- Learn how to interview and network
- Target your job search toward high growth industries
- Staff assistance with career advancement planning

WorkSource Express Staff Can Connect You To:

- Occupational skills training
- Apprenticeship programs
- Continuing education in your field
- Adult Education
- GED
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Financial Literacy classes

WorkSource Express invites everyone to complete the Welcome Process so that your needs and strengths can be identified and you can plan your next steps. For further information call 503-943-5600 or come by and visit the WorkSource Express Center at 4610 N Trenton.

Honorable Mention to New Columbia Youth

As many residents know, youth who participate in K-CHING (Kids Creating Harmony in Neighborhood Growth) work at a job site within the New Columbia campus for 10 hours a week. They are placed in the Boys & Girls Club, University Park Community Center (aka The Rec.), Trenton Terrace and Loaves and Fishes. In addition to the 10 hours, youth participate in a community service outside of New Columbia.

On Saturday, August 22nd, K-CHING youth hopped in a van with Ms. Sarah Fast, Program Director of the Boys & Girls Club and headed out to Pumpkin Ridge Golf Course. The youth helped set up and organize the Safeway Classic, Portland's LPGA golf tournament.

"I was proud to be working with these kids. They were self-directed, motivated and courteous. They worked really hard throughout the entire day," said Sarah Fast.

All of us at New Columbia are proud to work with these young people who exemplify a positive work ethic and community spirit. Thank you to Noe, Hani, Abdi and Kelsie.

Turning in Toy Guns for a Positive Future

While kids play with all kinds of toys, CREW Academy is encouraging youth and families to play with positive games. CREW Leader, Ashley Brown created a toy gun exchange where parents or youth can bring in a toy gun (including squirt guns) and exchange it for a different kind of toy.

Meet Ashley in the Community Building Office at 4625 N Trenton on Saturdays from 10am – noon. If you cannot come out on Saturday but want to participate in the exchange, call her to set up a time when she can meet you. 503-875-0688.

New Columbia Information Line

The New Columbia Information Line is up and running! In the event of any emergency situation affecting the residents of New Columbia such as police action, Community Director, Darcy Vincent will leave a recording to notify neighbors of further detail as they become available. The number is 503-802-8365.

Volunteer with SMART at Our Local Schools

Rosa Parks School and Clarendon at Portsmouth School are looking for volunteers for their SMART (Start Making a Reader Today) programs. Log on to www.getsmartoregon.org or visit the schools for more information. Rosa Parks is located at 8960 N Woolsey, and Clarendon at Portsmouth is located at 5103 N Willis.

September 2009

For an extensive list of events and happenings, check out the brand new online calendar on the New Columbia! 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. Think there's something she should add? Call her up and let her know.

www.newcolumbia.org – Your Source for Current Events

Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Weds.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4 Watch "The Bucket List" Trenton Terrace, 1:30pm	5 New Columbia Clean Up! 9am in McCoy Park Pavilion
6	7	8 Back to School!	9 Grupo de Juegos, 9:30-11:30 am Salon de Fountain, 4625 N Trenton	10 Community Town Hall, Trenton Terrace, 4720 N Trenton, 7-8pm	11	12 Teen Night 7-11pm UPCC (9009 N Foss)
13	14 Boys & Girls Club Opens!	15	16 Ice Cream Social at Rosa Parks! 6-7pm, 8960 N Woolsey	17	18	19 Teen Night 7-11pm UPCC (9009 N Foss)
20	21	22	23 Neighborhood House Group, 9:30-11:30 am Fountain Room, 4625 N Trenton	24	25	26 Teen Night 7-11pm UPCC (9009 N Foss)
27	28	29	30 Curriculum Night at Rosa Parks for grades K-2, 6-7:30pm			

Online & Print Newsletter Community Calendar Submission Dates

If you would like something included in the community calendar for the October 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 Sept. 18th.

Surfs Up! Check Out the Website at the Opportunity Center

For the latest news in what's happening in your community, visit www.newcolumbia.org . Visit the Opportunity Center at 4610 N Trenton to use a computer to look through photos, watch videos, and check the community calendar.