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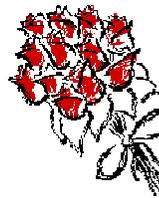
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City opens 2012 Spirit of Portland Award nominations

PORTLAND – Nominations are now being accepted for the 27th annual Spirit of Portland awards. If you know of an individual or group who has helped make Portland a better place to live, work, study, pray or play, please nominate them for one of the 2012 awards.



Spirit of Portland Awards 2012

Celebrated since 1985, the Spirit of Portland award ceremony is an important way for the city to recognize and celebrate those who make a positive difference in our community. Each year, there are 20 to 30 winners in various categories. The event will be held on a late October evening at a venue in the community. Specific time, date, and location are to be determined.

Nominations are due in the Office of Neighborhood Involvement by 4 p.m. Wednesday, September 5, 2012. Nomination forms are available at the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), 1221 SW Fourth Ave, Room 110, Portland OR 97204, or at the seven neighborhood district offices. They can also be downloaded from Commissioner Amanda Fritz's front page, www.portlandonline.com/fritz.

Unlike previous years, there is no need to specify a nomination category. Categories will be assigned by the selection committee once all nominations are received. Categories include Neighborhood Association, Business District, Small and Large Business, and Individual Awards. Award recipients are chosen by a selection committee.

Nominees will be evaluated in each of the following areas:

- Participation in outstanding projects
- Enrichment of our community and neighborhoods
- Providing a special service to the community
- Demonstration of responsiveness, creativity and civic values
- Raising cross-cultural awareness

More information about criteria and eligibility for each award can be found on the nomination forms. Please submit your nominations soon.

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