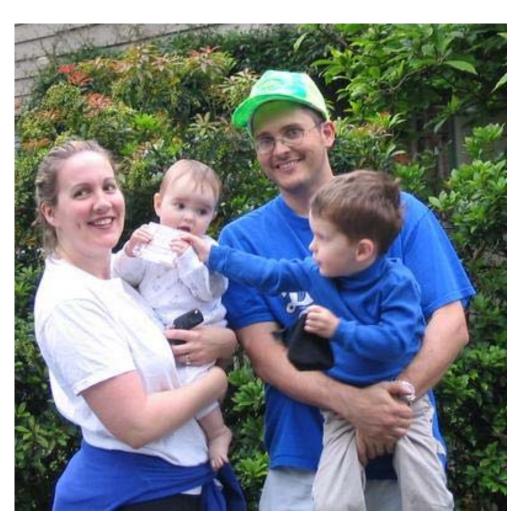


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Medallion hunter fulfills 12year dream

An ecstatic John Dutt gets a round of congratulations from his family shortly after finding The Oregonian's 2005 Treasure Hunt medallion at the base of a tree on one of the trails in Council Crest Park. He is shown here with his wife Katy, his nine-month-old daughter Madeleine, and his three-year old son, Jacob.

I&R 'trivia geek' John Dutt recounts the journey By John Dutt

This year I got the final clue online at about 4 a.m. and immediately knew that this was the last clue that would be given before the medallion would be found. The first thought that popped in my head was the steps at the bottom of Marquam Trail near the Talbot/Fairmount entrance. I didn't know how many steps were there but I really liked that area of the park. I had been sold on Council Crest for the past four days as a possible site and had spent enough hours up there

to have a pretty good mental picture of the park and trails. On my way up to Council Crest, I stopped at a couple of the Marquam Trail heads and some stairways along the way. None of them counted up to 6, 12, or 18. So when I got to the Talbot/Fairmount trailhead it was about 4:45 a.m. and still real dark.

I walked up to the stairs and counted them, 18! Bingo! I knew it was here. I felt pretty strongly about the area at the top of the stairs and started to look. My searching was a little limited though as there wasn't much light yet, so I felt around with my bare hands (forgot the gloves too!) for a bit. This wasn't proving too fruitful so I walked up the trail the rest of the way to the top of Council Crest to make sure there weren't any

other stairs up there.

It was getting quite a bit lighter so I headed back down to the area around the stairs. I made two full searches around this area then decided to check the stairs and the area below them. Shortly thereafter the first other seeker showed up. It was 1990 finder Nat, with a couple of his family members and began to look. I went back up to the top of the stairs and began another search. This time it was only a couple of minutes when I looked behind the tree on the left side of the path about 20 feet up from the top of the 18 steps. This was at least my third search of the morning of this tree but this time I saw a partially obscured dark bag behind the tree. I reached down and picked it up cautiously thinking to myself that perhaps it was just a gouache or something.



Medallion hunt is a 23-year long tradition

The Oregonian¹s 2005 Treasure Hunt, which happens each year around Rose Festival time, started Monday, May 23.

Clues are presented in the morning edition for ten consecutive days. You can roll out of bed and clue-in over your morning cup of joe.

As John, a seasoned medallion seeker, will tell you, the thrill of the Hunt is in the chase. If you are new to the sport, here¹s how it works. Solve the rhyming clues printed in The Oregonian and find the plastic medallion, approximately 3.5" square, hidden on public property in Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, or Clark County.

Find the hidden medallion, turn it in to The Oregonian and you win \$1000. You win extra cash if you are a subscriber. Clues are also posted in The Oregonian lobby, 1320 S.W. Broadway, during regular business hours.

Pulling the object out of the bag I saw the beautiful acrylic square! I was speechless for a moment and then yelled out to Nat that I had found it. I then remembered that part of the tradition is to yell out a big "whoop" and did though doubt anyone but some neighbors heard it. Nat was very gracious and congratulated me on the find. It was about 6 a. m., I had been searching about an hour all-total before the find, and I called my wife and woke her up. She

posted the news I had found it to the site and soon fellow-searcher Lori showed up with her camera phone and a bunch of others came up.

Lots of congratulations and story sharing. Two fellow hunters had brought sparkling cider and plastic champagne flutes and we toasted to the medallion! My wife and kids showed up about 45 minutes later with the digital camera and we took some photos and basked in the glory of success after 12 years of searching for the elusive medallion.

"Portland is the hardest and the best place I've ever lived. It will activate you; it is also a place where you can build community."

-- CELESTE CAREY

PHOTO BY NELL WAGENAAR



Jill of all trades brings activism to Portland

By Nell Wagenaar

Celeste Carey, a recent addition to ONI's Crime Prevention team, loves her community and brings to it a range of talent and experience that includes nursing and psychiatric care, radio and video production, journalism, stints in the Air Force and AmeriCorps and working as site coordinator for the Albina Weed and Seed Program.

Born in Indiana, she traveled all over North America in her various jobs. "I'm a traveler. I have wanderlust. I'm always ready to just pickup and go." The only two major cities in the U.S. she hasn't visited are Boston and Miami and she's made a promise to herself to eventually get to Turkey and Bora-Bora.

Celeste grew up in St. Louis and went to pre-med school there but realized it wasn't her passion. "I lasted till my junior year and then crashed and burned out." She then entered journalism school at the University of Missouri. She joined ROTC as a cadet officer but discovered early on "the military didn't know how to treat women and minorities."

Also, she said that although she believed in a strong national defense, the increasing "saber rattling around the world began to distress me." For eight years, she satisfied her travel bug as a courier for Federal Express working in international shipping. She moved to Portland in 1988 because it was close to the ocean, not too far from Anchorage and had the best seafood on the West Coast. She chose Portland over Seattle because Portland had less snow and had easy access to video production facilities.

She's firmly rooted in the community and has been doing talk radio for 12 years. Celeste currently does four programs for Portland's community radio KBOO. "More Talk Radio" on Monday mornings brings her to the studio, ready to address community issues at 7:30 a.m. She also does a Saturday evening program, "Afrotainment" which features music and poetry from black artists from all over the world. "It's all different musical genres, from African tribal music to experimental electronica. In addition, she hosts a youth and an adult public affairs program. She recently sat on the board of the Portland Community Media (formerly Portland Cable Access).

"Community media is the voice and thread of the community."

-- CELESTE CAREY

"Community media is the voice and the thread of the community," she said. "It unites the community."

Being a crime prevention coordinator working out of the King Facility in inner Northeast Portland is a "unique challenge. I love the job." Her analysis: The neighborhood is in transition right now with different groups competing for resources. One of its challenges is dealing with gentrification. The question is: will it be a segregated community defined by economic class, ethnicity and crime? Or will it be a diverse but unified community with folks ready to build bridges, dealing with one situation as they arise? She admits it won't be easy with the challenges of economic and political displacement and cultural differences.

"Historically Albina was only area were Blacks allowed to reside, so much of Portland's Black community has incredibly and understandably strong roots in the Northeast. The decline that hit the area resulted from many factors, such as "redlining"; offering plenty of financing opportunities for businesses but not for minority homeowners. There was a lot of frustration. The key now is to create dialogue and to find those 'teachable' moments' when folks are open to hearing each other."

Portland was not the easiest place to settle, she said. When she first came here, she was harassed by police, refused service at restaurants. "Some people were just plain rude. But I would push the envelope and ask friendly questions. It can wear you down, she admits, but you have to become an activist and concentrate on the positive.

"Portland is also the best place I've lived. It has challenged me. It's a place were I could create a space where I could do what I wanted. This city is what you make it. People here still get together and get fired up about issues."

She said her love of people and community was passed down from her mother Mildred, and aunt Wylda "both phenomenal women." She's passed down that tradition of community involvement to her own daughter Alycia. Celeste, her sisters and daughter Alycia working on a computer software business venture, which includes self-help programs for women.

Downtime? Celeste volunteers as a weekend foster parent. In the next five years, she will finish her book of poetry and short stories, and finally get to Bora-Bora.

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Mayor Potter joins call for housing justice

A crowd of several hundred gathered at City Hall May 26 at noon to urge lawmakers to maintain current federal funding levels for housing programs for vulnerable seniors, veterans, the disabled and families with children in the face of threatened cuts.

PHOTOS BY NELL WAGENAAR



Meet your elected officials at Portland City Hall

A new event at City Hall, which started last month, invites the public to meet their elected officials and chat with them on an informal basis over the lunch hour on Fridays.

You can visit, ask questions and increase your knowledge and perspective about our local government in this exchange of ideas. Hear their perspective about public affairs and talk with them about your individual and citywide issues. About 20-30 folks have attended each session held at City Hall in the Lovejoy Room.

The event is sponsored by OASIS, a national education program for adults over age 50 with a membership of more than 10,000. The group approached Commissioner Sam Adams earlier this year who agreed it was a worthwhile pursuit and his office got the other commissioners involved. This coming Friday, June 17, Commissioner Dan Saltzman will meet with the public. The following Friday, June 24, folks can meet with Commissioner Erik Sten. Commissioner Adams met with the public May 27; Auditor Gary Blackmer, June 3; and Commissioner Randy Leonard, last Friday. Advance registration is required by calling 503-241-3059 or through the OASIS website at www.oasisnet.org/myoasis Please bring your own lunch.



Commissioner Randy Leonard chats with Lou Saathoff, Oasis coordinator, in the Lovejoy Room at City Hall.

PHOTO BY TERESA SOLANO

Information & Referral

Front-line staff meeting deemed a success

By Nicole Murphy-Garcia

"I just want to let you know the Frontline Meeting was a success! This type of meeting is certainly helpful for our city and county employees to network and to learn new tips from one another," said Carol Kershner from the Auditor's Office.

This was the general consensus among those who attended the renewed Frontline Responder meeting held Thursday, May 12 at The Portland Building. More than 30 front-line employees from the city, the county and some non-profits attended.

"There was definitely a buzz about this being renewed because we had people who are not on the contact list calling us up and asking if they could come," reported Nicole Murphy-Garcia from I&R who organized the event.

Dr. John Holmes, Executive Director for NAMI (National Alliance for the Mentally III), was the guest speaker. He teaches biomedical ethics and business ethics and Portland Community College and sits on the local Adult Mental Health Substance Abuse Advisory Board. NAMI provides a host of services, including individual and family education classes, support groups, and direct services such as housing, food and medical care assistance.

His best advice to front-line folks dealing with difficult or people with suspected mental health issues was to be supportive, listen and direct them to services. What sometimes happens is

that people get on medication, start to feel better, then stop taking their medication, he said. When that happens they spiral into an episode.

The best thing to do is to get those with mental illness to network with others having similar issues, he said. Directing those people to a place where people have similar issues is most helpful.

Another question asked was how do you deal with someone who constantly comes into the your office and wastes your time? He said the worst thing to do is to get upset and say you don't have time to deal with that person's issues. Be repetitive in your suggestions. It helps if people feel they have been listened to. If someone is in psychiatric distress, don't "take control and ask questions later." The most effective tool is to BE A GOOD LISTENER, he said.



Participants in the Neighbors Talking to Neighbors forum at IRCO May 21 introduce each other during the icebreaker.

Neighborhood Resource Center

Neighbors meet to address diversity issues By Brian Hoop

More than 50 people gathered at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO) on May 21 for the first *Neighbors Talking to Neighbors* forum, sponsored by Southeast Uplift and Central Northeast Neighbors. The event facilitated a dialogue between SE and NE

Neighborhood Association leaders and immigrant, refugee and neighbors of color about needs and desires within our neighborhoods. Over 20 people from diverse backgrounds learned how the Neighborhood Association can help improve their street and neighborhood. Creston-Kenilworth Chair Benjamin Hazelton met with a group of political refugees from the Burmese student democracy movement that reside in Creston-Kenilworth.

"I learned more this morning than I did all week at City Hall," said Mayor Tom Potter, who attended the event. The Oregonian reported on the event in the June 2nd In Portland section.

'I learned more this morning than I did all week at City Hall...'

MAYOR POTTER

SEUL and CNN organized this event in response to neighborhoods desire to conduct outreach to engage under-represented groups. The Office of Neighborhood Involvement provided support that allowed for language interpretation and food for the event. For more information, contact Steve Hoyt, (503) 232-0010 x21, steve@southeastuplift.org.

New neighborhood system standards go to Council July 6 By Brian Hoop

The citizen-led committee, Guidelines Review Empowerment and Assessment Taskforce (GREAT) has completed its final draft of proposed update of rules governing Portland's Neighborhood and Business Association system. City Council will consider adoption of two documents: City Code Title 3.96, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, as well as the Guidelines –to be called Standards - for the neighborhood system. Complete details at www.portlandonline.com/oni. Public testimony will be taken on Wednesday, July 6 at 2 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall at 1221 SW 4th Ave. (Construction may be ongoing, if so signs will direct you to the Portland Bldg. across the street).

The Taskforce is proposing to rename the Guidelines as "Standards" to more accurately reflect the directive of Code 3.96.030 establishing "Minimum Standards for Neighborhood Associations."

This revision of the Guidelines/Standards endorses and continues to emphasize the self-determining structure and autonomy inherent in each Association for determining its own bylaws, meeting formats, boundaries, and resolution of grievances. Indeed, Section III on Neighborhood Associations has changed little from the existing Guidelines.

Careful attention was given to the role of District Coalitions, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, the grievance process, modified open meetings and public records procedures, and efforts to diversify participation in Associations.

The Standards will continue as a tool for ensuring that Portland's neighborhood system is accountable and transparent along with the goal of building Neighborhood Associations that are accessible to residents who want to contribute to improving the livability of their communities.

For more information or questions contact Brian Hoop at 503-823-3075 or bhoop@ci.portland.or.us.

ABC's of Land Use workshop set to expand

Forty-five neighborhood leaders and individuals attended the ABC's of Land Use workshop Saturday, June 4 at the Central NE Neighbors office. The workshop covered a broad range of land use and zoning basics that serve as useful background for individuals wanting to better serve their neighborhood associations or personal knowledge. Staff from ONI, the Bureau of Development Services, Bureau of Planning, and District Coalitions will soon begin planning a series of workshops for next fiscal year.

Ellen Ryker, from the Bureau of Planning, laid out the framework for local land use rules from State SB 100, and Land Conservation and Development Commission and Metro's 2040 Plan. Kathleen Stokes, from the Bureau of Development Services, covered how the zoning Code is organized and how land use review decision-making is organized into 5 different "Type" review procedures – the point in which public and neighborhood input is sought. Hannah Kuhn, from the Mayor's Office, answered questions on Measure 37.

The BOP and BDS are planning on collaborating with ONI to offer more frequent workshops next year. Thanks to the BOP's new District Liaison program the goal is to provide 4-5 land use workshops per year.

This will assist efforts for land use activists in specific Coalition areas to strengthen their skills and ability to advocate with their BOP District Liaison planner. For more information contact Brian Hoop, 503-823-3075, bhoop@ci.portland.or.us.

Neighborhood Livability Center



Graffiti is an urban problem kids are learning about by helping to clean it up.

About 30 students help in graffiti paint-outs By Marcia Dennis

Two graffiti removal projects were a resounding success this past month – the OCHA-OLI group from Madison High School/Gregory Heights and Whitaker Middle School finally got out to remove graffiti (after a rain-delay of one week) on May 23. The weather was perfect, and the kids were enthusiastic. About 30 high school mentors and middle school students painted out and wiped off graffiti from businesses and right-of-way properties on Sandy Boulevard between 65th and 75th. Parents and OCHA staff worked alongside the students. Thanks to media coverage from KXL and KEX radio and KOIN TV. Thanks to Joel Iwanaga from

Channel 6, who interviewed students and filmed a 'live' broadcast during the 6 o'clock news causing much excitement amongst the mentors who stayed late for their "starring" role.

120 Cherry Park elementary kids roll up sleeves

Another cleanup took place the next day. One hundred-twenty elementary students from Cherry Park School in the David Douglas District came with teachers and parent-chaperones to paint out graffiti on the old Portland Bottling Company warehouse and office buildings at NE 12 and Davis. The kids had prepared for the job by reading "Graffiti in Tahiti" and learning community responsibility and the importance of giving back to one's city. The first and second graders, accompanied by their sixth-grade "buddies" painted out graffiti on walls and overhead doors on two large buildings.

Special thanks to School Resource Officers Chris Yrizarry and Dan Liu, and to PPB Graffiti Investigator Officer Matt Miller, who came and provided traffic assistance and special attention to all the children. Extra-special thanks to "volunteers-extraordinaire" Chuck Lawrence and Ted Okrasinski.

Chuck collected paint-chips and took them to Miller Paint to match the correct colors for walls and doors. He arranged for all the paint, Miller painter-caps for most all the kids, and other supplies, making several trips back and forth to re-stock the paint as it ran out. He even took up a paintbrush to reach some of the higher spots!

Ted Okrasinski was present at BOTH the OCHA event and Cherry Park cleanup. Two days in a row! He supervised students during both events, and never stopped smiling! The Oregonian and KGW TV covered this event. This week I've received graffiti reports and photos of the graffiti from teams of sixth graders, who honed their digital photography skills and made online reports to the database.

Litter patrol part of the effort

At "Polish the Pearl" on May 21, three volunteers signed up to clean right-of-way graffiti. They worked hard to remove stickers and tags from metal poles and backs of signs along 12th and 13th from Burnside to Glisan. Many more people performed general litter patrol as part of this SOLV-sponsored event. I was there to instruct the volunteers and got my hands dirty, too!

The case of a graffiti vandal arrested in mid-April in north Portland went to the grand jury May 15. The "tag" was "JWC" for "Jungle Warrior Chaos". This office is working closely with Risk Management and other bureaus to document all cases of graffiti on city property in order to obtain the maximum restitution from the vandal upon conviction.

Graffiti vandalism is costing the City, County, State and public utilities a fortune in damages. Strengthening the partnerships and communication will raise the level of accountability for the criminals who are impacting the livability of our neighborhoods.

Three prospective contractors sent in proposals for the 2005-2006 Graffiti Removal Services grant. They are being evaluated by a committee made up of representatives from partner agencies, ONI staff, and graffiti task force members, including a neighborhood volunteer. The top two were invited to interviews on Thursday, June 9, with a decision coming soon after.

Finally, there are now 5038 reports in Track It with more than 1200 "unique" users.



Jeff, Benson track team member, & Nikkie ONI crew leader, disconnect a downspout.

Downspout programBenson athletes raise \$689

Two volunteer groups disconnected downspouts in May. The first group was the Benson HS track team. Budget cuts had removed funding for much needed new equipment for the team. Despite staying up late Friday night for Benson's prom, track and field athletes were able to disconnect enough downspouts to raise \$689 for a javelin and a pole vault! Two of the volunteers actually made state in the recent playoffs! The second group that participated in May was a group called Los Amigos de Los Romeritos. Raising funds for a children's center for street youth in Guatemala City, volunteers from the group had found a donor to match the amount of money they raised from disconnecting downspouts. So, despite the rain, 20 volunteers participated raising \$975 (amounting to \$1950 with the match) in one day! The two groups together helped remove 1.9 million gallons of water annually from Portland's busy sewer.

Crime Prevention

Burglary rates are down in Central Northeast By Preston Wong

In the last couple of months burglary rates in the Central Northeast Neighborhoods (CNN) have gone down or at least leveled off. There are several reasons for this trend including a couple of arrests made by East Precinct officers, the increase in the number of block watches, better security by individual home owners, and a stronger working relationship between home owners, the neighborhood associations, Neighborhood Response Team police officers and crime prevention.

The bad news at CNN is that graffiti, especially along NE Sandy Blvd., seems to have increased significantly. Driving along Sandy Blvd. from 33rd Av East, one can see the increased "tags" on walls, store fronts, buildings and bus benches. Marcia Dennis, Graffiti Removal program, concerned neighbors, and Crime Prevention have conducted several removal projects and have at least one more planned towards the end of summer. If you want to help, contact either Dennis at 503-823-5860 or Preston Wong at 503-823-2781.

Burglary rate skyrockets in Corbett-Terwilliger-Lair Hill area

In Southwest Portland, Crime Prevention Coordinator Stephanie Reynolds has been doing a residential burglary prevention project with Neighborhood Response Team officers and

community volunteers in the Corbett-Terwilliger-Lair Hill neighborhood. (The residential burglary rate in CTLH is up 300% over this time last year.) On May 22nd, they did an educational outreach day, passing out burglary prevention flyers to the 1,500 households in the northern part of the neighborhood, and providing brief home security assessments to 17 families. A training for neighborhood residents is planned for June 22nd.

Apartment Watch Program gets off ground in two NW buildings

The monthly meeting of the four Northwest Housing Authority of Portland Resident Managers continues to evolve. These meetings, facilitated by William Warren partnering with PPB Central NRT Officer Matt Engen, give managers a forum to share their ideas and concerns on public safety issues affecting their respective building. Two of the four buildings have makings of an apartment watch program in place and have planned their National Night Out events.

William is experiencing more calls from the Northwest Industrial neighborhood to conduct CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) reviews and to conduct personal safety training in the workplace.

'How to Talk about Meth' workshop set for July 28 in Salem

The "How to talk about Meth" workshop, organized and sponsored by the Crime Prevention Association of Oregon (CPAO), is scheduled for July 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Salem Public Library, located at 585 Liberty Street SE, Salem, OR 97301.

The workshop is designed to give you the tools you need to engage your community in the discussion on the meth epidemic at the local level, as well as connect your community to other Oregon jurisdictions to build a meth resistant network in our state.

Workshop participants will work on defining the meth problem in Oregon by looking at the impact of meth addiction on the community, social and family networks, crime trends, and the health of addicted and/or recovering individuals.

Participants will also review enforcement, community and treatment based solutions to address the meth problem and discuss how the message about meth and meth prevention can be best delivered to the community they represent.

The workshop is geared towards a diverse audience of community public safety leaders, crime prevention practitioners, law enforcement staff, neighborhood and business leaders, and is open to the public. Mail registration form and payment to: CPAO/Galina Grigoryan, 3534 SE Main St., Portland, OR 97214. *Registration fee \$30 (registration and lunch included); \$25 (registration only)* Completed registration forms and payment must be received by 07/22/05. For more information, please visit CPAO web at www.cpao.org

Neighborhood Inspections

Healthy Homes Project targets asthma and lead exposure By Ed Marihart

A community environmental health assessment was conducted in the N/NE part of Portland last year. One of the responses identified was to look at building code violations as they may

relate to certain health issues and also to apply for federal funds for a Healthy Homes Demonstration Project in Portland through HUD. The main focus of the project is to reduce asthma and lead exposures of children under 6 years old in low-income residential units in Portland. Another related focus of the project is to distribute healthy homes concepts and materials to these at risk properties for reasons other than actual health assessments.

Neighborhood Inspections has agreed to do the following in support of the Healthy Homes Demonstration Project. Inspectors will:

- refer participating landlords to the Landlord Training Program that Neighborhood Inspections sponsors;
- participate in a one day training session by Multnomah County Environmental Health to assess for potential lead exposure, cockroach infestation, moisture & mold problems, carbon monoxide and radon; and
- provide information and resources to occupants who may have some of the abovementioned unhealthy home symptoms.

Out and About



Neighbor's Care organizers, from left: Terry Griffiths, Woodstock Neighborhood Assn; Elizabeth Ussher-Groff, *The Bee*; Jan Elliott, Woodstock Neighborhood Assn; Kathryn Mueller, PSU Intern, Elders in Action, George Rappole, Elders in Action Commission.

Woodstock rallies to help seniors

By Becky Wehrli

What do a newspaper reporter, a retired pilot, an elder law attorney, and a community activist have in common? They all live in the Woodstock neighborhood and have come together to find ways to support seniors who live in their community. Patty Brost, Elders in

Action Commission Chair said "We are excited about this project. In these days when state and county budget cuts in senior services can be so devastating, the Elders in Action Commission calls on neighborhoods to mobilize their talents and help build a community that cares for their elders, neighbor by neighbor!"

In the Woodstock neighborhood, 1,335 (16%) of the residents are age 65 and older, much higher than the 11% percent in the general Portland community. This large number of seniors, plus an active neighborhood association and a vital business district make Woodstock a good place to start according to Commission member Bill Andresevic.

More than a dozen enthusiastic community residents are working side by side with Elders in Action volunteers and Kathryn Mueller, a Portland State University intern, on the "Neighbors Care" project. It is an opportunity for people to care for local seniors, neighbor to neighbor and it is happening through a coalition of citizens, businesses, neighborhood associations and service organizations.

Meeting bi-weekly since mid March, the Woodstock Neighbors Care project has developed a specific plan of action. Several of the planned activities are:

- To increase neighbor-to-neighbor outreach and connect seniors to services and involvement opportunities through a number of activities including information centers at area stores and carpools to neighborhood meetings.
- To increase the accessibility and use of the Woodstock Community Center by building a ramp and creating a social lunchtime.
- To increase the walk-ability and safety for walkers in the Woodstock area through an alliance with the Portland Office of Transportation.
- To encourage local businesses to get "Gatekeeper" training, in which employees learn how to identify and act on warning signs for a senior in need, and to become Elder Friendly® Certified through Elders in Action, which makes suggestions to businesses on how to make their facilities and practices more friendly to older patrons.

The Neighbors Care project will be highlighted at the August 13th Woodstock Old Fashion Picnic in the Park and will call the community to action. Anyone who would like to join Neighbors Care—seniors or other community members—is encouraged to call Vicki Hersen, Elders in Action (503) 823-5373 or e-mail vicki@eldersaction.org. For more details about Elders in Action see the web site: www.eldersaction.org.

Benefit for Southeast Uplift to feature homegrown performers

Enjoy the inspiring, homegrown music of Samusson & Tomassi Sunday, June 12, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at It's a Beautiful Pizza, 3341 Belmont. A benefit for Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Program, the tickets are \$5-\$10 sliding scale (children free) and can be purchased at the door. A free slice of pizza will be given to the first 30 people.

Known for original songwriting and distinctive harmonies, Samusson & Tomassi celebrate the power of community with songs such as "Hawthorne Boulevard," a portrait of street life, and "Smiling Came the Stranger," a cautionary tale about big box development. Southeast Uplift is the nonprofit neighborhood coalition serving 20 Southeast Portland neighborhoods. Founded in 1968, SEUL trains neighborhood leaders and supports neighborhood associations with

community organizing and urban planning technical assistance. For more information, contact Steve Hoyt, (503) 232-0010 x21, steve@southeastuplift.org

Join the fun at 'Good in the Hood' food and music fest in NE

It is time for the 13th annual Good in the Neighborhood Music & Food Festival, scheduled for Saturday & Sunday, June 25 and 26. The kick-off event is Thursday, June 23, 6-10 p.m. at McMenamins Kennedy School. The planning committee has been working very hard to ensure a successful event. The event, presented by Northeast Coalitions of Neighborhoods, Inc. and the Good in the Neighborhood Planning Committee, tries to bring together neighbors and local businesses and attract folks from all over the city to participate in the fun.

'The Good-in-the-Hood', as it is also called, is a multicultural music and food and features the best entertainment in the Northwest, a variety of cultural food vendors, an Information Village, a KidSpace arts & craft area, and an Ethnic Marketplace. The mission is to promote the cultural aspects of the N/NE community. Proceeds from the event will support the NE Coalition of Neighborhood's community based programs to help empower low-income and atrisk residents. There is still time to secure a booth as an Information, Food and Marketplace Vendor, and to be part of our fabulous community parade. For more information, log onto our website at www.goodintheneighborhood.org and download applications for booth space, as well as the 2005 flyer and the entertainment schedule.

Do you know your city?

What attraction once stood on top of the highest point in the City of Portland from Memorial Day in 1907 until it closed Labor Day 1929. Be the first to name it and you will be our June winner!

The first person to correctly respond by emailing the Trivia Guru at jdutt@ci.portland.or.us will be crowned our monthly winner. At the end of the fiscal year in June, we will have a final showdown of our monthly winners to determine the grand prizewinner and the ONI Portland Trivia champ for 2004/2005.

Congratulations to Marcia Dennis for being the first to correctly respond that Skidmore Fountain, dedicated on Sept. 22, 1888, is the City's oldest piece of public art and has been praised as one of the finest fountains in American art.



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