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Multnomah Days festival to include parade, street fair and three music stages

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

Yes, the Multnomah Village Business Association's annual Multnomah Days festival is back, most (but not all) of it on Saturday, August 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

As usual, the proper way to start is the Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Key Bank parking lot. Lunch will be served from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

The Street Fair is really something to see. From 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., more than 100 vendors stretching from the viaduct to the Multnomah Arts Center will have a wide variety of food, beverages, clothing and merchandise for sale.

Things really get under way at 10 a.m. with the Biggest Small Parade, starting at the viaduct and proceeding along Capitol Highway to 31st Avenue.

It will start with a Pooch Parade, followed by Neighborhood House executive director Rick Nitti as grand marshal and all manner of cars, floats and groups, some with instruments and many very colorful.

After the parade is over, you will have

your choice of attractions. Among them: *The Southwest Neighborhood News* almost never gets it wrong, but there will not be two music stages at the festival as reported.

There will be *three* – the Community Stage at Southwest 36th Avenue and Capitol Highway; the Main Stage at 34th and Capitol; and a third stage on Southwest Moss Street between 34th and 35th avenues next to another attraction, the Festival Beer and Wine Garden.

There will be diverse groups performing from about 12 noon to 5 p.m., including Miya Folick from Los Angeles, the Quadraphones female sax quartet, and high school musicians from across the city. There will also be a Food Court near the Main Stage at 34th and Capitol Highway.

This year the Kids Zone at the Multnomah Arts Center parking lot will be particularly full of activity. There will be a climbing wall, a human-sized woodpecker, a PDX Kids Calendar photo booth, and a maypole. From 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the zone will have a Performance Corner with puppet shows, puppet and balloon art making, and a recycled 3d sculpture.

Also at the Multnomah Arts Center,



The Beat Goes On Marching Band is scheduled to appear again in the Multnomah Days Parade. (Post file photo by Don Snedecor)

on the front lawn, will be their annual pottery and art sale. Touring both areas will be the Portland Police Bureau's bomb disposal robot.

Individual businesses will also have

special activities going on.

For instance, Umpqua Bank will be co-hosting an Energy Fair. Anastasia Salon will have a Cut-A-Thon, with

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\$8 million transportation allocation means several new sidewalks in Southwest

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

Thanks to \$8 million allocated to the cause during Mayor Sam Adams' administration and other funds, Southwest Portland is getting new sidewalks in places they never were before. Seven such projects are either nearing completion, under way, or imminent.

New sidewalks on Southwest 11th Avenue between Gaines and Gibbs streets. Already under way, this

should be complete by early August.

Extended shoulders on Southwest Maplewood Road. This too should be done by early August, except possibly for the extension of existing speed bumps into the shoulders.

Sidewalks on the east side of Southwest Sunset Boulevard between DeWitt Street and 18th Avenue, with parking and a continuous storm water project on the west side. Work is already underway, and the project should be completed by September 21. At times the road will be reduced to one lane controlled by flaggers.

Sidewalks along the north side of Southwest Spring Garden Road from 17th Avenue to Taylors Ferry Road, and on 19th Avenue from Spring Garden to Barbur Boulevard.

Work should be under way by the time you read this, and last until October 26. Project manager Chris Armes hopes to complete work near Capitol Hill School before classes start.

Sidewalks along the south side of Southwest Huber Street between 35th and 43rd avenues. Work should begin in early August and last 90 days. Again, there may be partial road closures and flagging.

Sidewalks on Southwest Vermont Street between 30th and 34th avenues, and the reconstruction of irregular intersections at the confluence of Vermont, Terwilliger Boulevard and Idaho Drive, and Terwilliger, Caldew Street and Seventh Avenue.

Sidewalks and bicycle "cycle track" shielded from cars, on the north side of Southwest Multnomah Boulevard between 22nd and 34th avenues. On the south side there will be a multi-use

path shared by bikes and peds. There will also be a crossing at Southwest 25th Avenue with a flashing beacon.

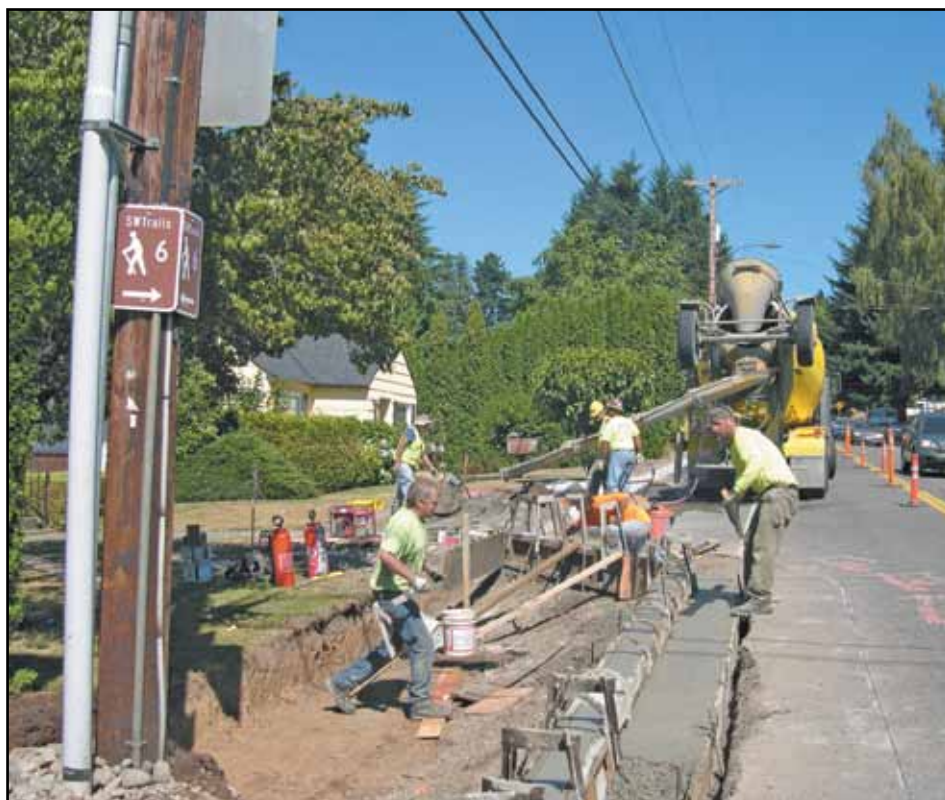
The last two projects had not been put out to bid at press time. City officials were "monitoring" the bid process due to unexpectedly high bids for other projects this summer. The City may hold off on the bidding process for these until after Labor Day when bids are expected to be lower.

Don Baack of SW Trails and City of Portland project managers Chris Armes, Kyle Chisek and Rich Newlands contributed to this story.

Editor's Note: Money for new sidewalks in Southwest Portland came largely from a fund to improve Capitol Highway between Garden Home Road and Taylors Ferry Road—first on the list of priorities for pedestrian and bicycle improvements.

When the cost of the Capitol Highway project doubled to more than \$12 million due to the high cost of environmental services, the project was shelved and the money became available. The 1996 Capitol Highway Plan is still only half finished.

— Don Snedecor



Construction workers pour cement on the new sidewalks along Southwest Sunset Boulevard at DeWitt Street, July 26. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)

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Village parking problems could be solved with new striping

Regarding "Multnomah Village Greenstreet Project now scheduled for completion July 22," by Erik Vidstrand, *The Post*, July 2013.

Between Southwest 35th and 36th [avenues] the new sidewalks and bio-swales are finishing up and the temporary striping has been installed. I would like to address several items in and about this area.

On the south side of Capitol Highway the parallel parking has several four-foot gaps between parking spaces. These gaps as well [as] spacing at the ends of the block eliminate at least one and maybe two parking spaces in an already parking short area.

If these are left-over from the street design when they would have included tree extensions, [then] that should be addressed and eliminated.

If they are for pedestrian access, then I ask if crosswalks will be

installed at each and how will this work crossing into angled parking on the north side? And won't this encourage jay-walking?

The limited parking during this construction project has also highlighted several parking problems that could be solved with some striping

On Capitol Highway west of SW 36th (7880 block) there are two curb faces. The north one contains space for two cars.

It currently is unmarked and we have seen repeated cases of cars being parked up to 24 inches from the curb, intruding into traffic, interfering with TriMet bus turns, and pushing traffic into the oncoming lane.

The south curb face needs to have the last parking space on the west end defined as people park onto the viaduct and at excessive distances from the curb.

The east end of that curb face needs to have the last space end marking pushed westward about four feet to allow vehicles coming up SW 36th from Multnomah Boulevard better visibility of cars coming eastward on Capitol Highway.

I am told by the project contractor that the City [of Portland] will review the current striping and markings and make permanent adjustments within 30 days. While the crews are here for that part of the project I ask that those additions [be made] to the existing project.

Bryan H. Ackler
Multnomah Village

COMMUNITY LIFE GOES OUTDOORS

By Don Snedecor and Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

08 The movie "Raiders of the Lost Ark" will play Thursday, August 8, at Caruthers Park in South Waterfront. Live music at 6:30 p.m., film shows at dusk. FREE.



10 Families and friends can help create the new 100' mosaic at the Marquam Nature Park shelter on Saturday, August 10, from 10-12 and 1-4. Led by artist Lynn Takata, open workshops are being held at the shelter during the month of August.

With a forest habitat theme, activities include creating ceramics, arranging mosaics and installing pieces on the amphitheater wall. Children 5 and up are welcome with parent.

The shelter is located at Southwest Marquam Street and Sam Jackson Road. For more information visit the Friends of Marquam Nature Park at www.FMNP.org or email: fmpnp@comcast.net. FREE.

11 The music of Bon Ton Roulet will be featured at a concert at Caruthers Park in South Waterfront

on Sunday, August 11, at 3:00 p.m. FREE.

14 Steve's Creature Feature: Explore the amazing world of reptiles with Steve Lattanzi. Kids will be able to safely see, hear and touch some of the most amazing creatures on earth.

Steve is a well-traveled wildlife expert who specializes in studying exotic animals from around the world. Wednesday, August 14, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd., 503-988-5388. *Across the street at DeWitt Park (weather permitting).*

15 The movie "Hotel Transylvania" will play Thursday, August 15, at DeWitt Park in Hillsdale. Live music at 6:30 p.m., film shows at dusk. FREE.

17 Shakespeare-in-the-Parks: *The Tale of Cymbeline* plays Saturday and Sunday, August 17 & 18, at 3:00 pm. at Gabriel Park, Southwest 37th Avenue and Nevada Street on the east side of the park. For more information visit the Portland Actors Ensemble at www.portlandactors.org. FREE.

18 The music of Luke Wilson King & Esther Rose will be featured at a concert at Caruthers Park in South Waterfront on Sunday, August 18, at 3:00 p.m. FREE.

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SW CORRIDOR PLAN

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

In a clearly pro forma vote last month, Portland metro area govern-

ment officials approved further study of a light rail or "bus rapid transit" route from downtown Portland to Tualatin via Tigard, as well as local transit projects on or near the route.

The decision was made at a July 22 meeting in Tigard by the Southwest Corridor Plan Steering Committee,

consisting of representatives of affected local governments and public agencies such as TriMet. It followed staff recommendations.

Metro had earlier considered a wide variety of bus rapid transit options, including one that would go as far southwest as Sherwood.

Last month's resolution specified that if this mode is selected, 50 to 100 percent of the route would be along an exclusive right of way. This would increase the speed of this service, but also increase the cost of the project and necessitate the acquisition of

private property.

Metro will also be studying some 81 transportation-related projects, culled from a list of 500, along the route that local jurisdictions or communities have called for.

TriMet Executive Director Neil McFarlane said that some of the improvements, including more frequent service by his agency, might come in the short term. "There's a lot of demand we can meet with a little more service," he said.

In contrast, Southwest Neighbor-
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Local government officials still haven't decided between light rail and rapid transit for the Southwest Corridor Plan. (photos courtesy of TriMet)

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Village businesses roll out the green carpet for Multnomah Days

THE COUNTRY STORE

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

Every third Saturday of August, the Multnomah Village Business Association rolls out the red carpet for neighbors and tourists alike for the annual Multnomah Days festivities. But this year it's a green carpet, so to speak.

Organizers decided to have a green theme for the parade and street fair in recognition of the unveiling of the new sidewalks, stormwater facilities, street furniture and trees.

Note: At press time, some adjustment to the sewers still had to be made; trees needed to be planted; and the stormwater drains still needed to be landscaped.

The theme includes: recycling bottles and paper; composting food items; and suggesting a green item to distribute along the parade route. Organizers also decided to make Multnomah Days smokefree.

"Secondhand smoke does not mix at family events," said one of the organizers. "There will be a lot of children, teens and elderly present. Even a slight whiff can induce an asthma attack."

Recent festivals like the Waterfront

Blues Festival and the Mississippi Street festivals had thousands and thousands of people, very little smoking, and out of the way areas if smokers needed to light up.

Business association members remained guarded for the entire green street project to be done in time for the weekend festivities.

"The Jersey barriers are gone [along with the chain link fencing]!" exclaimed Randy Bonella, Venture Portland representative for the MVBA. "That's good news."

"Businesses who wish to have sidewalk tables and chairs need to apply to the city right away. It takes about a month to process."

It's anyone's guess what might happen next. Several business owners have said that the main street will not be paved. There are also some cracks in cement that need patching as well.

Despite setbacks and delays, the show will go on: done or not done.

To volunteer for Multnomah Days, please contact Joan Steinbach at Thinker Toys or email multnomahparade@gmail.com

Multnomah Village gardens open to tourists on August 17

The Multnomah Garden Club

will be holding tours through seven local area gardens on Saturday, August 17, during Multnomah Days.

Take a break from the vendors and stroll through a variety of yards for both beauty and use by children and pets.

"The entire tour is about two hours," explained Shay Nofsinger, secretary of the club. "There will be a



The petting zoo pig was very popular with children at the Multnomah Days festival last year. The pig, however, didn't seem particularly happy. (Post file photo by Don Snedecor)

variety of ideas on how to work with hills, nature friendly backyards, and solutions for no grass habitats."

The Multnomah Garden Club was established in 1925 and is a member of the National Garden Clubs INS. Charitable work has included designing and planting of the VA Hospital flower beds, raising funds to maintain local gardens and donations for Neighborhood House.

Many of the members teach garden crafts and provide education for local preschoolers, local nursing homes and retirement centers.

The tours will run between 12:00 and 4:00 p.m. Tickets can be purchased for \$15 at Handy Andy's and Jacqueline's Found & Fabulous.

Tickets will also be available at the Multnomah Village information booth and at any of the houses on the tour. Cash and checks only.

Children under 12 are free. Sorry, no dogs are allowed. For more information, contact Shay Nofsinger at 503-704-0913.

Premier viticulturist to make appearance at Vine & Dine

And if that wasn't enough, on Sunday, August 18, the first Multnomah Village Vine and Dine will be held on Moss Street (behind Grand Central Bakery).

Tickets are still available for \$50 at 1:00 p.m. VIP entry and \$30 for general entry at 3:00 p.m.

Sample outstanding wine and a variety of bites from artisan vendors. Alan Busacca, a premier geologist and viticulturist will give a presentation to the VIP ticket holders

"I'm very happy to partner with our major sponsor, Safeway," said Jill Creaft, owner of Sip D'Vine, who is also sponsoring and organizing the event.

Proceeds will benefit the Multnomah Village Bloc's Initiative, a new 501c3 organization helping the community be financially successful.

For more information and to obtain tickets, please visit www.VineAndDineTickets.eventbrite.com.



The Multnomah Arts Center's pottery sale is a perennial favorite at the Multnomah Days Festival. (Post file photo by Don Snedecor)

Parsons produce stand thrives in second season in Multnomah Village

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

When Multnomah Village attempted a farmer's market several years ago, organizers were hopeful and elated to offer fresh, local produce, flowers, and tasty meals mid-week.

Located under the basketball court roof of the Multnomah Arts Center, the small market operated every Thursday from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. At the time, it seemed like a great idea. You can build it but will they come? Apparently not.

Perhaps it was the hours; maybe the fact that a *Sunset Magazine* award winning farmers' market was right up the road in Hillsdale. The fact was the market didn't last two seasons.

Fast forward to 2013: Parsons Family Farms, located in Canby, has established five produce stands in the region, one of them prominently placed in the center of Multnomah Village.

Specializing in local, fresh berries and vegetables, the produce stand is open daily from approximately 10:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Although not certified organic, berries are not sprayed. Healthy stalks of rhubarb, bunches of scallions, and baskets of berries dotted the racks. The corn was a little thin, but then it is still early in the season.

Prices also appeared lower than nearby supermarkets and even farmers' markets.

The farm was founded in 1980 by the late Jacques Parsons, who had a strong will to move to the northwest with a definite goal to bring the freshest produce to Oregonians.

Starting out with one farm and one stand, the farm has expanded to three expansive farms and five stands. They attend several weekly farmers' markets in Tigard, Vancouver, Canby, and Oregon City.

Katy McDonald, a Portland Community College student pursuing chemistry, has worked for the Parsons family for a year now.

"Multnomah is my favorite," she said as she weighed summer squash and large radishes for an elderly couple.

Katy did not know how many people came through in a day, but it seemed like she was always busy, especially in the morning.

"That's when the strawberries are available," Katy told the *Post*. "Strawberry season is just about over and they are the most popular!"

A Parsons produce stand is even located at the Southwest Community Center every Friday-Sunday available from the youngest child to the oldest senior citizen.

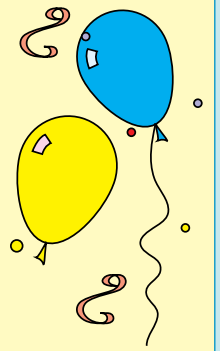
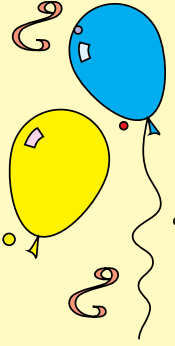
"There's nothing like a fresh peach after a great workout," commented a mother in a running outfit. "My kids love them and we don't have to run out to the market all the time." Come autumn, the stand will have late summer squash, apples and, of course, pumpkins.

The Multnomah Village stand is located on the corner of Southwest Multnomah Boulevard at 35th Avenue (in the lot by Keith's Automotive). It's open from Memorial Day until Halloween. It reopens the day after Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve selling Christmas trees and greens.



"Multnomah is my favorite stand to work!" said Katy McDonald, who enjoys summer employment with Parsons Family Farms. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

Multnomah Days Street Festival, Saturday August 17th



Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast and Lunch: Key Bank parking lot 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Biggest Little Parade: starts at the bridge at 10 a.m. Pooch Parade leads the way. All are welcome to participate with donation of \$ or non-perishable food items.

Kid Zone at Multnomah Arts Center: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at MAC basketball court.

Multnomah Village Garden Tours: 12:00 to 4:00 p.m. Tickets at Multnomah Days Info Booth, Handy Andy's and Jacqueline's Found and Fabulous.

Street Fair: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 120 vendors, food court, energy fair. Along Capitol Highway from the bridge to the MAC.

Beer and Wine Garden: 12 to 10 p.m. On Moss Street, featuring live music from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Two Music Stages: Main Stage (near Starbucks) with live music from 12:00 to 4:15 p.m. Community Stage (near Switch Shoes) featuring talent from local schools.

Multnomah Village Vine & Dine is Sunday, August 18th: Tickets available at www.vineanddinetickets.eventbrite.com. This is a fundraiser for Multnomah Village Bloc's Initiative.

For more information, please visit www.multnomahvillage.org.

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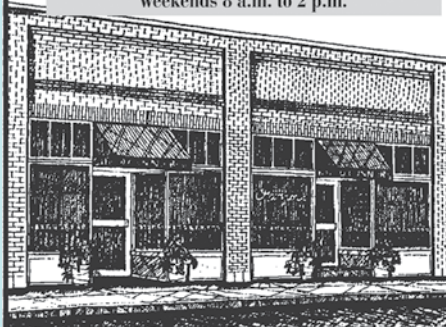
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SW CORRIDOR PLAN

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hoods, Inc. (SWNI) president Marianne Fitzgerald urged the assembled officials not to limit themselves to easy things.

"Planners may see some projects as too complex or too costly, but we see this as an opportunity to see big things happen," she said. "Even if they seem too daunting, if we roll up our sleeves, they can be done."

Fitzgerald later told *The Post* that an example of such a project is the South Portland Circulation Study, a 30 year old plan to reduce Southwest Naito Parkway to a local street and simplify the Ross Island Bridge access ramps.

This would remove barriers that have divided the South Portland neighborhood, and free up land for other purposes.

"There are a lot of projects on your list, and I would request that all of them be given a thorough and fair examination," said SWNI transportation committee chair Roger Averbeck.

"High capacity transit won't be possible without addressing major transportation issues," said Averbeck.

Metro Councilor Bob Stacey, co-chair of the Steering Committee, thanked Fitzgerald and SWNI "as a

partner to this project."

The City of Portland recently completed the Barbur Concept Plan, a study of current and potential uses in the 99W corridor inside Portland, and other jurisdictions have done similar work.

Commenting on this, Portland Mayor Charlie Hales said, "The world of big transportation projects has really changed. We used to lumber along toward a project we already had in mind, and local communities would react. Now we're reacting to the long-term dreams of local communities."

Referring to the ill-fated Columbia River Crossing project, Hales said, "These things aren't inevitable. They only work when everyone comes together. We don't get to sit back and wait. The default option is that nothing happens for a long time."

Michael Harrison of Oregon Health and Sciences University said the project is important to access their Marquam Hill campus where, he said, "Transportation access is our most vexing challenge."

OHSU's long-term plans call for moving many functions to their new South Waterfront campus, Harrison said, but "It doesn't mean we don't have a long way to go."

Multnomah Days Preview

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haircuts for a \$25 donation to Neighborhood House's Emergency Food Program.

From 12 noon to 4 p.m. will be a tour of seven gardens put together by the Multnomah Garden Club. You will see creative solutions to no-grass ethics, nature-friendly habitats and gardens appropriate for child play, fountains, edible landscapes, and sustainable plantings.

There will also be cookies and lemonade along the way. Tickets are \$15, cash or checks only, children under 12 free. Tickets are available at Handy Andy's, Jacqueline's Found and Fabulous, or the Multnomah Days Information Booth. Or you can contact Shay Nofsinger directly at 503-704-0913 or Nofsins@wlwv.k12.or.us.

On Sunday, Sip D'Vine will host Vine and Dine, a chance to sample fine wines and food from artisan vendors, plus an Aroma Sampling. All this for \$30, starting at 3 p.m.

For \$50 you can come in at 1 p.m., sample special limited supply wines, and hear a lecture from geologist and viticulturist Alan Busacca. The proceeds will go to the Multnomah Village Bloc's Initiative. For tickets visit www.vineanddinetickets.eventbrite.com. [For more Multnomah Days coverage, turn

to "The Country Store" on Page 4.]

One note of caution: Although much of the street construction will be completed by August 17, the parking lot at the Multnomah Center will still be under construction, so parking will be even more constrained than usual. Festival organizers suggest checking out Southwest Evans Street and areas south of Multnomah Boulevard. Also bike, carpool and walk. See you there.

COMMUNITY LIFE GOES OUTDOORS

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COMING SOON: Movies in the Park next month include: "Wreck-It Ralph" at the Multnomah Arts Center in Multnomah Village, Friday, September 6.

"The Princess Bride" shows Saturday, September 7, at Hamilton Park in Bridlemile. "Casablanca" shows Thursday, September 12 at Caruthers Park in South Waterfront.

Live entertainment at 6:30 p.m., film begins at dusk. There will be food vendors on hand, but feel free to bring your own picnic together with a blanket and something comfortable to sit on. FREE.

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Dear EarthTalk: Hurricane Sandy brought more sea water onto shorelines than I'd ever witnessed before and many communities near where I live are now being required to raise their homes up. What is the prognosis for sea level rise in the years immediately ahead?

— Scott P., Fairfield, CT

Since sea level measurements were first recorded, in 1870, global averages have risen almost eight inches. The annual rate of rise has been 0.13 inches over the past 20 years, which is close to twice the average from the previous 80 years. Future estimates for sea levels vary according to region but most Earth scientists agree that sea levels are expected to rise at a greater pace than during the last 50 years.

Predicting the amount of rise is an inexact science and depends on many factors including climate change and ice sheet flows.

The U.S. National Research Council predicts a possible sea level rise of between 22 and 29 inches over the 21st century in the U.S. Sea levels are anticipated to continue rising for centuries.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA),

land elevation changes also have a large impact on the effects of rising water levels. Subsidence (sinking) or uplift (rising) of the land can help determine the relative sea level rise.

The EPA's relative sea level estimates, assuming a two foot global sea level rise by 2100, are 2.3 feet at New York City, 2.9 feet at Hampton Roads, Virginia, 3.5 feet at Galveston, Texas, and one foot at Neah Bay in Washington state.

The main factors contributing to sea level rise are thermal expansion (created by an increase in ocean water temperatures) and the melting of ice caps and glaciers.

Human activities, such as the burning of fossil fuels, combined with natural activities, have contributed to the rise of the earth's surface temperature over the past century.

According to *National Geographic*, about 80 percent of this additional heat is absorbed by the oceans.

The above factors are well studied, but more research is still being done on how climate change will impact large ice sheets in areas such as Greenland and the Antarctic. An extra foot of sea level rise could be a possibility depending on what happens with these larger ice sheets.

Even small changes in sea levels can have adverse effects on coastal areas. Erosion, flooding of wetlands, aquifer and agricultural soil contamination, and habitat loss for fish, birds and plants are all problems resulting from rising sea levels.

Also, higher sea levels usually mean more destructive weather events as storm surges get bigger and more powerful and devastate



Most Earth scientists agree that future sea levels will rise at a greater pace than during the last 50 years. Coastal communities will suffer the most, as flooding from rising water levels will force millions of people out of their homes. Pictured: flooding in Marblehead, Massachusetts caused by Hurricane Sandy on October 29, 2012. (Photo courtesy of The Berkes)

everything in their way. Coastal communities will suffer the most, as flooding from rising water levels will force millions of people out of their homes.

As for what can be done, reducing our collective carbon footprint is no doubt the first and most important step. Individuals should drive and fly less, walk and bicycle more and take advantage of public transit.

But sweeping policy changes will have the most impact: A recent commitment by the Obama White House to require coal-burning power plants and other large industrial operations to minimize greenhouse gas emissions should finally help

get the United States started on the right track, but many wonder if such moves represent too little too late.

Contacts: U.S. National Research Council, www.nationalacademies.org/nrc; EPA Climate Change Future, www.epa.gov/climatechange/science/future.html; National Geographic Sea Level Rise, ocean.nationalgeographic.com/ocean/critical-issues-sea-level-rise/.

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National Night Out parties include barbeques, potlucks and music

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

National Night Out, this year August 6, is a time of year when people are encouraged to gather together in parks and other public spaces after dark.

Neighbors symbolically reclaim the space and, by their numbers, make it feel safe, rather than being a dead zone where crime and other bad things can occur.

Neighborhood associations often have organized activities on this night, and several are slated for this year. All events are Tuesday, August 6, unless otherwise noted. Below is a partial list:

Arnold Creek: 6:00 p.m. at Stephenson School athletic field. Bring food to a share for a potluck with free dessert from New Seasons Market. Music by the Saturnalia Trio.

Bridlemile: 6:30 p.m. at Hamilton Park. Bring a dish to share for a potluck; there will be music by The Beat Goes On Marching Band, field games and, they promise, friendship.

Collins View: August 4, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., at the Lewis and Clark College pool. There will be tennis and swimming, with a lifeguard on duty.

The association will provide beverages and grilled food, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. In case of rain, go to Templeton Campus Center. No dogs.

Crestwood: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Dickinson Park. Potluck and dessert.

Hayhurst: 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Pendleton Park. Kids activities and live music by Power Pep Band. Bike, walk or carpool, please.

Hillsdale: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 9, at and hosted by The Watershed. Food, music and room to dance.

Homestead: 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Dunniway Park lilac garden, at the base of Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard, with free parking at the Shell station. They promise "food and fun."

Maplewood: 2 to 4:30 p.m. August 4 (some deviation in the official schedule is permitted), April Hill Park. An ice cream social is scheduled with ice cream donated by Alotto Gelato and



Crestwood National Night Out from previous years. (Post file photo by Jonathon Marrs)

beverages.

There will be children's games and activities, music by Late Empire, tours of the park's natural areas and proposed improvements, and a raffle to help fund these projects.

Marshall Park: 6 to 8 p.m. at Marshall Park. Complimentary barbeque and ice cream.

Multnomah: 7 to 8 p.m. at Spring Garden Park. Pie and ice cream complements of the association and Friends of Spring Garden.

South Burlingame: 5 to 8 p.m. at Burlingame Park. Bring a picnic dinner to share; the association will supply dessert.

Live music by the South Burlingame Jazz Youth Orchestra and Still Kickin', and a raffle for prizes by local merchants. Pets welcome on leashes.

South Portland: 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Willamette Park. The last of the free park concerts with The Wicky Pickers.

West Portland Park: 6:30 p.m. at Holly Farm Park. Bring food to share for a potluck.

Portland Police Bureau representatives will be at many of these events.

For information on other National Night Out gatherings in your area, call the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) office at 503-823-4592.

SWNI can also help set up a block party or gathering of your own. If nothing else, leave your porch light on that night to help your neighbors get home safely.

Sellwood Bridge construction includes building a new culvert for Stephens Creek

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

Work will continue this month on construction of the new Sellwood Bridge.

In fact, according to Multnomah County spokesperson Mike Pullen, a large number of crews will be at work on the project to take advantage of the opportunity to do "in water" work.

Construction work in the Willamette River will be forbidden after mid-October to accommodate migrating fish.

The work includes pile driving for the bridge's new piers. This involves generating some noise.

However, according to Pullen, so far the County has received no complaints from residents about this.

As part of the project, crews will shortly be installing a new Stephens Creek culvert. This will necessitate temporary removal of a pedestrian over-crossing.

Consequently, users of a regional trail will be detoured to Southwest Macadam Avenue between Nevada Street

and the Macadam Bay moorage this month.

The City and County are also proceeding with plans to reconfigure Southwest Miles Place as a narrow road with 4.5 foot shoulders on either side to accommodate increased bike traffic once the bridge is complete.

This plan replaces an earlier scheme to install a sidewalk on the west side of the street to accommodate pedestrians, and necessitate the removal of parking.

"I can't say that everyone is completely satisfied, but most people seem to think this is an improvement," Pullen said.



A Sellwood Bridge worker sprays a stream of water at one of the old west piers in July as a way to help control concrete dust during demolition. (Photo courtesy of Mike Pullen, Multnomah County)

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