

DECEMBER 2007

SOUTH WATERFRONT COMMUNITY

E-CURRENT

BETTER LIVING THROUGH BLOGGING

SWF boasts not one but *six* blogs (that's "web logs" for you novices) that are chock-full of useful info ranging from local hiking and birding opportunities to sustainability issues in SWF. Join the conversation at www.southwaterfront.com; click on the topics listed on the left of the home page to view and participate in the blogs.

THE WORD ON WORKS

Public works, that is. Portland Parks is planning the SWF Greenway and Neighborhood Park. Weigh in on the park and learn more about the greenway at www.portlandparks.com. Meanwhile, siting for the Portland-Milwaukie MAX line's Willamette River crossing is underway. Two SWF locales are being considered. Find out more at www.metro-region.org/southcorridor

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

This month, dance artist Tahni Holt will create a movement performance work that plays with the experience of watching movies on screen. Be a performer! If you can sit, stand, skip, move quickly or stay completely still, join The Party Project. All ages welcome! Interested? Email: artistinresidence@southwaterfront.com or visit www.southwaterfront.com/art_and_design/artist.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Find *Current Events*, a calendar for SWF residents and the public, on the back of this newsletter.



Cheers to that: SWF Community Relations invites you to a cool holiday soiree.

SWF CULTURE

RAISE A GLASS OF CHEER

Ah, holiday parties. They're not all made equal. The *E-Current* has attended a few humdingers. There's the tone deaf relative who drags guests out to "entertain" the neighbors with multi-verse renditions of Christmas carols. Then there's that friend whose idea of party food leans heavily on saltines and aerosol cheese. Some things are best left to the professionals.

Luckily, we can rely on SWF Community Relations to put on the sort of holiday party you'll remember for all the right reasons. On December 12th at 6:00 pm, come to the Discovery Center for delicious holiday-themed beverages, tasty edibles, and an opportunity to decorate your own holiday cookies. Entertainment will be provided by a brass quintet from the Oregon Symphony, and horse drawn carriage rides will be offered. The Discovery Center will be festooned with live evergreen trees and ice sculptures, and ladies and gentleman, we have consulted our *Farmers Almanac*, and there will be snow on the ground at the Discovery Center in honor of the festivities.

Come eat, drink, and be merry with us. Please RSVP to jeremy@southwaterfront.com or at 503.222.7788 if you would like to attend. **Residents and their guests only. ***



Neighbors helping neighbors: a month of SWF fund raising will benefit Neighborhood House.

GET OUT THERE

A TOUR OF SWF'S HEART

For SWF residents, it's never been easier to help local people in need. For the second year, the SWF 20/20 Health, Wellness and Social Spaces Committee is spearheading a major fund raising and donation drive for Neighborhood House, the only social service agency in SW Portland that serves the needy of all ages in SW Portland. Urbana Market, Umpqua Bank, Bella Espresso and concierge desks will collect cash donations until December 15th. Bee Cleaners will donate unclaimed clothes and collect other clothing donations, and Lamar Transit Advertising will also contribute to the cause.

The highlight of the fund raiser is the SWF Home Tour on December 5th from 6 to 8 pm. Eight SWF households will open their doors to SWF residents who sign up with their concierges and pick up tour maps; maps will be available after December 3rd. The Umpqua Innovation Lab will host a reception at the tour's end and Umpqua Bank will donate \$5 for each person who passes through their door to join the fun. The event is sponsored by South Waterfront Community Relations and Umpqua Bank. The tour is free, but envelopes will be distributed with tour maps and collection baskets will be placed in building lobbies. Organizers hope to raise \$10,000 for the charity, so please consider a gift! **Residents only. ***

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EVENTS CALENDAR

WEEK OF 11/25/07 - 12/01/07

Friends of Ross Island Open House

Portland Audubon Society, Willamette Riverkeeper, the Urban Greenspaces Institute, Greenworks present 2 1/2 years of planning for the restoration and stewardship of Ross Island. Come and add your voice and ideas to the mix.

Wednesday, November 28th 6:30-8:30 pm
Discovery Center **Public welcome**

South Waterfront Greenway Open House

See the adopted greenway plan and its implementation options at information stations. Meet design team members and share your suggestions. Donate to the greenway. Limited info on the Neighborhood Park will also be available. Presentation starts at 6:30 pm.

Thursday, November 29th 6:00-7:30 pm
Umpqua Innovation Lab **Public welcome**

Artist in Residence First Saturday Salon

Meet choreographer and performer Tahni Holt over coffee and bagels and learn about her plans for her guest residency in SWF.

Saturday, December 1st 11:00 am-1:00 pm
AiR Studio, John Ross at River Pkwy & Gaines
Public welcome

Civil War Party

Watch the Ducks take on the Beavers with your neighbors and enjoy great food and beverages catered by local restaurant owners.

Saturday, December 1st 10:00 am-5:00 pm
Umpqua Innovation Lab **Public welcome**

GIVE A LITTLE TIME

Umpqua Bank is helping to organize volunteer crews for Neighborhood House's holiday gift collection drive. (Neighborhood House is the only SW Portland nonprofit benefiting SW Portlanders of all ages). If you have a few hours to spare on Dec. 12th between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm or Dec. 13th between 9:00 am and 8:00 pm, and would like to help, contact Umpqua Bank at 503.288.5661.

WEEK OF 12/02/07 - 12/08/07

SWF Home Tour and Party for Neighborhood House

Tour eight SWF homes and enjoy an after-party hosted by Umpqua Bank and sponsored by SWF Community Relations. Each guest who comes to the Umpqua party earns \$5 for Neighborhood House, so please join us there. Sign up with your concierge and receive a map starting December 3rd.

Wednesday, December 5th 6:00-8:00 pm
Meriwether, John Ross and Umpqua In. Lab
Residents only

Christmas Ship Viewing

Meet at the Umpqua Innovation Lab to walk to the water and view the 2007 Christmas Ship Parade. Heating, caroling, and lots of great treats provided.

Saturday, December 8th 5:00 pm
Umpqua Innovation Lab **Public welcome**

WEEK OF 12/09/07 - 12/15/07

SWF Holiday Soirée

SWF Community Relations hosts a holiday affair to remember. There'll be delicious nibbles and beverages, an Oregon Symphony quintet, a chance to decorate your own holiday cookies, and yes, you're reading it right: snow. Please RSVP: jeremy@southwaterfront.com or 503.222.7788

Wednesday, December 12th 6:00 pm
Discovery Center
Residents and their guests welcome

Umpqua Movie Day

Enjoy hot cocoa, treats, and a holiday movie favorite on Umpqua's giant screen. In this film, a young boy's belief in Santa Claus is rewarded on Christmas Eve when a steam train conducted by Tom Hanks takes him and other children on a magical journey to the North Pole.

Saturday, December 15th 12:00-2:00 pm
Umpqua Innovation Lab **Public welcome**

WEEK OF 12/16/07 - 12/22/07

AiR Party Project Performance

Join December Guest Artist Tahni Holt and the party performers for a party celebrating the culmination of this month's guest artist's residency. Warm drinks and food provided; community encouraged.

Saturday, December 22nd 4:00-5:30 pm
John Ross Plaza **Public Welcome**

RECURRING EVENTS

SWF 20/20 Art, Culture & Science and Sustainable Lifestyle & Transportation and Health, Wellness & Social Spaces Committees will meet next in January, 2008. We hope to see you then!

SWF 20/20 Nature & Green Spaces Committee

Better parks and open spaces start with you, join us! More info: naturegreenspace@gmail.com

2nd Monday 7:00 pm
Bella Espresso Mezzanine **Residents only**

Local School Choirs Sing Your Favorite Holiday Tunes

Come help us ring in the holidays with carols sung by local school choirs.

December 7th, 14th and 21st 5:00-6:00 pm
Umpqua Bank **Public Welcome**

GIVE GREEN, GET GREEN

Planning documents for the SWF Greenway include a small craft dock for canoe, kayak and fishing access to the Willamette River. Unfortunately, earmarked public funding will no longer cover the dock and it could be delayed for years. SWF 20/20's Nature and Greenspace Committee has met with Portland Parks and Recreation and Umpqua Bank to discuss raising money to augment PP&R's budget. Starting Nov. 29th at the Greenway Open House, you can make tax deductible donations to the cause. For more info, contact naturegreenspace@gmail.com