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BEAVERTON HISPANIC CENTER PRESENTS FIESTA LATINA AUG. 24

BEAVERTON, Ore. – The Beaverton Hispanic Center (BHC) will host the Fiesta Latina Beaverton 2013, on Aug. 24 from noon to 7 p.m. The Fiesta Latina is located at the BG Plaza courtyard (3800 SW Cedar Hills Blvd) behind Goodwill.

The day's activities include piñata making classes, face painting, salsa dancing, and a silent auction and raffle. A ribbon cutting will be held in celebration of the Beaverton Hispanic Center's new offices. There will also be performances by Edna Vazquez, Martín Zarzar, and Comparsa Orgullo Morelense Cemiac.

The City of Beaverton's Ethnic Minority Outreach Coordinator Daniel Vázquez will provide information about the city's services and resources as well as recruiting members for the city's new Diversity Advisory Board.

"The Fiesta Latina is a great way for our city to celebrate its rich diversity," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "These events help bring our community together and build strong, lasting relationships."

The Fiesta Latina is a fundraising event for the BHC and helps fulfill their mission of connecting people from different backgrounds.

The Beaverton Hispanic Center was established in 2010. They work to support Beaverton's Hispanic residents and foster collaboration through events like the Fiesta Latina. The BHC also provides subsidized ESL, Spanish as a second language, computer, and INEA classes. For more information about the Beaverton Hispanic Center, contact Juanita Villarreal, at 503-270-0272

In 2013, Beaverton was again recognized as the **safest city in Oregon**. Since 2007, Beaverton has been named one of the safest cities in the Northwest. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was one of just four cities of its size recently recognized as a "**Smarter City**" **energy leader by the Natural Resources Defense Council** and **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine. In addition, Beaverton was named one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine, an **All-America City finalist**, as **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com*, **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine, the **Recycler of the Year** from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the

League of American Bicyclists and as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**, the Beaverton Community Vision program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter. Beaverton also enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. For more information, please visit www.BeavertonOregon.gov. Fans are also encouraged to like the City of Beaverton on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CityofBeaverton for information, reminders and City of Beaverton news.

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Caption: Dance performance will be a part of the family-friendly entertainment.