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Future Vision Looks Rosy on 82nd Avenue

At a recent City Council meeting held at the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO) on 82nd Ave., Council and audience heard from residents about the problems and solutions in the future that will change the look of the Avenue of Roses.

Speakers from The U of O Architecture School's Urban Design Studio, APANO, Multicultural Collaborative and partnering agencies ODOT, PBOT and the Bureau of Planning gave presentations.

Representing the 82nd Avenue Improvement Coalition, Brian Wong gave a brief history of 82nd Ave. and an update on what is happening on the boulevard today. This area is called the Jade District and includes the area surrounding SE 82nd Ave. and SE Division St.

It was a dirt road in the early 1900s and became a four-lane paved street in 1934. Like I-205, Hwy 213 (82nd Ave.) was built to circumvent the main part of the City. Early neighborhood businesses

flourished along the Avenue for years and in the 60s and 70s, was a famous cruising street for the young.

In past years, thanks to the vigilance of our police force, business associations and neighborhood involvement, drug trafficking and prostitution is less of a problem. Adding the special nomenclature of the 82nd Avenue of Roses in 1997 has beautified the image of 82nd Avenue around.

Psychologically, 82nd has been a natural barrier that separates inner eastside and outer SE. Going forward, the plans are to make 82nd a unifying street rather than a divider. Suburban-ization is beginning to shift development from central urban areas to the more outlying neighborhoods. This area is growing three times faster than the rest of the City.

Plans presented by architects and Jade District representatives stressed the need to include affordable housing in the mix of development. They welcome prosperity, but don't want to displace the seventy different nationalities represented in this area by making all the new apartments too expensive and pricing out those already living here.

The plans presented by the architecture students were looking into the future twenty years. The pressing problems of the present are more about safety.

In order for 82nd Ave. to become more pedestrian-friendly, there will need to be more traffic calming policies implemented like Vision Zero.** Mayor Ted Wheeler agreed this would improve both livability and business since it is part of the high crash network for people driving, walking and biking. The rapid flashing signals have helped already.

Most of 82nd is classified as a highway rather than a city street and this causes design restrictions on developments. According to Don Hamilton, Oregon Department of Transportation, the state owns and maintains portions of 82nd Ave.

Mayor Wheeler agreed that 82nd Ave should be transferred to the City, but like everything else, there is a lot of red tape

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Laurelhurst Neighbors Seek Solutions for Homeless Crisis

By NANCY TANNER

Homeless camping and the negative impact on the neighborhood compelled the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association (LNA) to hold the Laurelhurst Safety Meeting last month. In attendance were hundreds of neighbors and several City employees who could supply answers to their concerns.

Scott Pratt, moderator and chair of LNA said that they want the situation to change but they want real solutions, not to move the problem to other neighborhoods.

The LNA suggests the City pass a Safe Zone Ordinance that sets a 1,000 foot boundary around athletic fields, playgrounds parks and beaches, fining or imprisoning anyone who uses drugs, urinates or defecates or camps within those boundaries.

Speakers from the four quadrants of Laurelhurst gave testimonials about the impact this new migration of homeless people has had on their lives.

Everyday, neighbors are confronted with a shanty town, its inhabitants and their pets. Since there are no restrooms, trash receptacles, drug control or sanitation, this all spills out onto the sidewalks, the park and in people's yards.

Every one of the speakers told shocking stories of watching people defecate in their yards and having to clean it up; 400 needles were recently collected in the area; trash is thrown everywhere and attracts rats and gross smells; after multiple crimes of violence, Laurelhurst Park is not a safe place for the children to play anymore.

Complaints throughout the evening noted that, until now, no one in any of the City departments seemed capable of doing anything about the many problems. Each department pointed the finger at one another to solve it. The question is why?

When given the opportunity to defend the allegations, each of the bureaus' representatives tried to reassure residents that things would improve in the future and to explain why circumstances have become so extreme.

Commissioner Dan Saltzman said the Mayor's new budget includes money to address the issue. An example of a hidden City expense is the many abandoned automobile and RVs that need to be towed. In 2012, 7,000 cars and 2,500 RVs were towed. In 2016, 27,000 cars and 4,000 RVs needed to be disposed of. Saltzman said it is time all the bureaus come together and try to solve the homeless difficulty.

James Allison, Land Steward of Portland Parks & Recreation says that there are only twelve Park Rangers for the 144 parks in the City. They work seven days a week and sometimes there aren't enough Rangers to do a thorough job at each park. Consequently needles are left lying around, and human waste and trash goes unattended.

Marc Jolen, Joint Office of Homeless Services, lives close to Laurelhurst Park and understands the urgency of the problem. He said that on any given night, more than 4,000 people are camped on the streets of Portland.

What his agency has done recently to encourage more people to take advantage of services available is to lower the barrier for admittance to housing that is already available. This means men and women can stay together, they can keep their pets and have a place to safely store their belongings.

Jolen said a new 650 bed facility recently opened and they are working with Cascadia Behavioral Health Care to get help for those willing to accept it. Jolen denies that most homeless people come from out of state to Portland because of the programs and leniency of the people towards them. He says only a small percentage does.

Larry Graham, Captain at Portland Police Bureau, gave a compassionate view of the difficulty the police department is having dealing with this humanitarian crisis. From personal experience, he spoke about the pain in the life of a homeless person. They are often mentally and/or physically ill and addicted to something.

The previous City administration had the Anderson Agreement that stated police had to give twenty-four to forty-eight hour notice before taking action on a camper. Going forward, this will no longer be the case. Campers will be asked to leave immediately.

The One Point of Contact app is the best way to let police know if people are camping illegally. Unfortunately, when police try to direct the homeless to agencies that will help them they are sometimes refused.

Another problem for the police is they are understaffed in Portland. Captain Graham said that, in a city this size, there should be 1,300 police but Portland has 900. They are being asked to serve overtime and extended to capacity.

There is camping on ODOT land too and spokesman Jeff Peters said they have never seen anything like this. The percent of people camping illegally has gone up 800%. They clear 1,000 camps a month and there staff is stretched thin trying to maintain roads in the state too.

The different bureaus agreed to join together and begin to problem-solve this crisis.

In closing, Scott Pratt reminded people that this problem has become worse over the years due to the fact that federal funding for affordable housing has been diminishing each year.

It's important that citizens most impacted by this issue contact their representatives and put some pressure on them to get this agenda back on the table.

It's time to resolve this national humanitarian crisis.

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Dividing the left in the name of the poor

A political equilibrium I'll call the Portland consensus has been turned on its head so jarringly and unexpectedly that many progressive activists and traditional liberals are wondering what hit them.

Suddenly, people who have worked to improve their neighborhoods and resist crass development are seen as villains.

Those resisting unfettered housing construction are cast as enemies of the poor and homeless and labeled NIMBYs, an epithet against which there is no defense in this corporate correctness bubble.

How did responsible citizens – the ones most likely to volunteer for neighborhood cleanups, donate money to the local PTA or charity and vote for social equity – get put in this box? It is particularly hard for the pillars of the Northwest District to take; they were the ones who embraced density before it was cool and invited erection of half a dozen major public housing projects, three of which could be

called towers.

The Homebuilders Association of Metropolitan Portland initiated this reality reversal in a 2015 stealth campaign it was so proud of (I say was because it recently pulled the item from its website), it claimed an award for Best Government Affairs Effort.

HBA wanted to kill a tax on home demolitions proposed by former Mayor Charlie Hales. To overcome the political climate of a city considered "perhaps the most liberal city in America," the plan's author (whom HBA would not identify) framed a wedge issue.

The scheme involved neighborhoods, nonprofits and other "unlikely allies" – a college professor, a mother, a gay man and an African American retiree. In this manner, a low-budget campaign deflated a proposal having the preliminary support of City Council, making it so radioactive that Hales withdrew it.

"The significance of the approach cannot be understated in a city like Portland," HBA Executive Vice President Dave Nielson wrote.

"For too long, the HBA had not adequately framed an issue in a manner that reflects the liberal character and values of the city. The HBA seized the progressive message and partnerships and killed the demo tax."

The magic formula was obviously too valuable to keep on the shelf after one minor defensive victory.

The same fingerprints can be detected in the current drive to pass HB 2007 in the state Legislature. This bill makes housing construction the prime goal of city policy, trumping neighborhood plans, historic preservation, design review and almost anything else that might reduce development potential.

This approach relies on the simple notion that greater housing

supply equals lower cost.

Never mind that it incentivizes demolition of lower-cost housing for more expensive units. Never mind that housing costs are soaring amid a housing construction boom unfolding in Portland. If greater supply of housing ever leads to greater affordability, it will be when the newest units are old and worn – about the time the homebuilding industry would demolish them for another round of inflationary construction.

It's trickle down economics, but the folks at the bottom never see the trickle.

Ultimately, it's a matter of whom we trust:

The liberals and good government types who have tried to balance multiple social values, sometimes mistakenly but nevertheless shaping a remarkably livable city.

Or the homebuilding industry, knowing no values other than its own financial gain, that nevertheless poses as the savior of the poor and homeless.

The homebuilders' true commitment to affordable housing is revealed in their reaction to Portland's inclusionary zoning ordinance requiring 20 percent of units in larger projects to be affordable.

Developers were so unwilling to "share the wealth" that they rushed to get approvals before the law took effect earlier this year. Now they're in slow-down mode while they lobby for a public giveaway that will make development more profitable.

The last thing they want to build is affordable housing. They want to build expensive housing and have the rest of us believe that alchemy will somehow deem it affordable.

Recent experience has convinced HBA it can get away with it as long as it keeps Portland liberals divided.

PWB rushes to build controversial filtration plant

Op-Ed By FLOY JONES

Portland Water Bureau is rushing an August 2 City Council vote to make monumental, onerous, and costly changes to our pristine Bull Run watershed and pure drinking water, when clearly there is no need to rush.

Twenty-five years ago the costly state-of-the-art filtration plant in Milwaukee Wisconsin failed to protect against the infectious species of Cryptosporidium and other contaminants present in their polluted watershed.

Infectious species of Cryptosporidium have never been detected in Bull Run water. There has never been any disease in the community from Portland's Bull Run water in 125 years.

Yet, Portland Water Bureau (PWB) is moving forward with plans to build either (or both) a UV Radiation facility in the watershed with mercury bulbs that are known to break (\$105 million estimate), or worse yet a chemical-adding filtration plant (\$350-\$500 million) in Gresham.

They waited to bring this forward until after securing a 6.7% water rate increase in May (effective in July), an increase that piles on top of a decade of massive increases. These plans create new public health and watershed risks, threatening the purity of our water and watershed protections, while providing no measurable public health benefit.

Thousands of hours of comprehensive research over

16 years including review of volumes of Water Bureau and EPA files, communication with other utilities, public health officials, and the EPA, leads Friends of the Reservoirs to conclude that "if money were no object" we would not support adding risky chemicals like acrylamide, alum or polymers to our water.

Nor would we support the CH2MHill designed (\$16 million spent to date) UV Radiation facility that involves watershed construction of multiple buildings, logging, and the introduction of mercury to our water system.

These plants will increase Portland's carbon footprint, and negatively impact the taste and composition of Portland's water, further increasing water bills. Portland's minimally treated Bull Run water system has always been the pride of Portland, and the envy of the world. There is no evidence-based reason to change that.

We are told that Oregon Health Authority bureaucrats will allow Portland up to 15 years to design and build a filtration plant, but won't allow any time beyond December to engage the public in decision making and to conduct a reliable, high level of confidence cost and probability analysis.

EPA's sampling method

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Dizzying Array of Landuse Changes Coming Your Way

By MIDGE PIERCE

Brace yourselves. The back half of 2017 will bring ever more dramatic changes to Portland’s cityscape as new state laws are implemented, zoning and codes are aligned, and controversial Infill proposal boundaries are revealed.

Depending on where you live, whether you rent or own and what you perceive as fair and just, these issues will have profound appeal or spell the end of Portland as you know and love it.

Fresh from passage in Salem, an emergency measure to speed housing construction is being implemented by the Bureau of Development Services. The bill reduces timelines on landuse reviews (with potential to deter demolitions) from 120 days to 100 and gives churches greater latitude in developing properties. Statewide allowance of ADUS in single family neighborhoods is already permitted in Portland.

The bill is generally considered a watered-down version of a House Bill (2007) that would have stymied National Historic District designations. Three proposals including iconic Peacock Lane, leafy Laurelhurst and stately Eastmoreland are currently in various stages of acrimony and nomination.

SB 1051 pales alongside Portland’s proposed massive de-facto rezoning of residential neighborhoods known as the Residential Infill Project (RIP) that would allow multi-housing plexes and clusters on single family lots.

Despite impassioned opposition, the City seeks parcels for population growth and seems poised to favor Infill Everywhere

proponents by greenlighting multi-plex development throughout the SE quadrant. Planners frequently remind neighbors that duplexes are already allowed on corner lots.

The 7-week public review period begins Sept. 18 after planners roll out the Draft Overlay Boundary. Planners have posted aspirational depictions of multi-plexes and clusters at portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill.

A number of additional items that will impact SE were parsed at a recent SE Uplift landuse meeting. As SEUL greets new representatives from nonprofits and advocacy coalitions to its traditionally neighborhood association-driven ranks, landuse meetings provide a sampling of how Portland policies are changing.

A sampling:

- Code Reconciliation and Map Refinement Projects are underway to ensure consistency with the 2035 Comprehensive Plan and continuity in zoning. Notices have been sent to affected occupants of properties with split zoning, a number of which are in SE. For Code Reconciliation: portlandoregon.gov/bps/72600. For Map Refinement: portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/643572
- Design Overlay Zone Assessment Project (DOZA) goes live this month with essentially no required reviews of designs for newbuilds along the Division, Belmont and Hawthorne Street Design Overlay Zones. That’s because discretionary reviews will only be applied to structures higher than 55 feet, equivalent to five stories, the typical limit on the Eastside. (Heights can be raised for buildings with high percentages of af-

fordable housing.)

The decision to exempt projects under 55 feet from discretionary review is a blow to years’ long work on community compatible design guidelines by the Division Design Initiative. To influence new buildings, DDI founder Heather Flint-Chatto urges citizens to seek out contractors early in the process. Neighborhood associations like Richmond and North Tabor have adopted the DDI guidelines. Without required DOZA reviews, however, contractor compliance is voluntary.

Visit: portlandoregon.gov/bps/70151

- Better Housing by Design. Targeted at multi-dwelling, high density zones R3,R2,R1 and RH outside the Central City, the recently released concept report proposes ways to create more open space, preserve trees and provide better street connectivity and accessibility to apartment buildings and plexes. Visit: portlandoregon.gov/bps/betterhousing.

Inclusionary Housing directives require affordable housing components in all buildings of 20 or more units. At the meeting, attendees reported developers engaging in work-arounds by constructing side-by-side buildings of only 19 units. Structures of fewer than 20 units exempt builders from providing the inclusionary housing they say does not pencil into profits.

In this era of rapid transformation, much is at stake at landuse meetings. As the City unveils utopian-like plans, vigilance from all sides is required to maintain Portland’s future viability and livability.

Neighborhood Notes

South Tabor
By Sandra Hay Magdaleno

The first key discussion was the response from TriMet to STNA’s proposal of electric buses for the Division Rapid Transit Line. Our hope is that TriMet will see the value of getting ahead of the curve in meeting the cities 2035 goal of a 100% renewable energy vehicle fleet. John Carr, our SE Uplift Land Use Delegate and our STNA Land Use Chair, commented that other SE Neighborhood Associations have come on-board with the idea. This is still a work in progress and we would appreciate any input you might have. Email landuse@southtabor.org.

A great fun, entertaining cultural event is the Jade International Night Market, a must to attend, held Saturday, August 19 and Saturday, August 26, from 5-10 pm both Saturdays.

Don’t forget our eighth annual Harvest Festival Sunday, September 10 from noon to 4 pm. We are currently seeking family-friendly musical acts, as well as raffle prize donations. All SE Uplift Neighborhood Association neighbors are welcome.

STNA will submit its public comment to the Bureau of Development Services soon regarding the proposal to build a three-story, 900-unit self-service storage facility at the current 7 Dees site at SE 62nd Ave. and SE Powell Blvd. (LU 17-144195 DZ). We will be emphasizing our top priorities – limiting traffic impacts on SE 62nd Avenue, adding community/flexible space and more active ground floor uses on SE Powell Blvd., and having a quality design that is compatible with the neighborhood context.

While comments from the neighborhood association is important, the City and STNA strongly encourage individual neighbors — in South Tabor, Foster-Powell, and beyond if you feel so moved — to send in your own letters as well. The City wants and expects to hear from us, especially on a project this significant.

A list of notes and ideas to consider has been compiled and are available by emailing me here at sandra@cascadiawm.com.

Some Tips:

1. REVIEW the proposal, development standards, and the notes below. The link to the design notice and proposal (portlandoregon.gov/bds/article/647063). If you have a neighbor who’s already familiar with it, ask them about it. Here’s links to the relevant approval criteria and other parts of the zoning code that may apply. The more you can round your opinion in these approval criteria and development standards, the more impactful your letter will be. portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/53327 (33.284 Self-Service Storage). portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/53297 (33.130 Commercial Zones)
 2. WRITE an email or letter to the case planner, due by August 4 at 5 pm Your email/letter can be either in support of or in opposition to any aspects of the proposed development. Suggestions for improvement are also important to share. Include the Case File Number LU 17-144195 DZ in your letter. Email, mail, or deliver your comments to Cassandra Ballew at: Cassandra.Ballew@portlandoregon.gov by 5 pm on August 4, 2017. Request a confirmation of receipt if emailing. The more feedback she receives, the stronger the neighborhood voice.
 - Remember, your letter will become part of the public record, so include only the identifying and contact information you are comfortable making public.
 3. LET YOUR NEIGHBORS KNOW you wrote and encourage them to send something too.
- Next, STNA is also having emergency preparation discussions. Look ahead to more information in the future.

Don’t forget, the next Land Use meeting is Tuesday, August 15, and the next STNA Meeting is Thursday, August 17, both at 7 pm at Trinity Fellowship, 2700 SE 67th with entrance from parking in the back.

Mt. Tabor
By Laura Smith

One of our neighborhood’s favorite gathering places is TaborSpace, located on the grounds of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church. Unfortunately, the bell tower and church buildings currently need expensive repairs and improvements. With a declining church membership that can’t bear the very large amount of capital needed to get the work done, Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church and TaborSpace’s steering committee is turning to the community who use the space. They will hold an auction fundraiser this November 18, from 6-9 pm, so mark your calendars. If you’d like to make a direct donation, go to their website: taborspace.org/#/support.

About three quarters of the speed bumps have been installed along Thorburn Ave. as part of the Thorburn Safety Project. Three to four months after installation of the bumps, another traffic study will be done. In the meantime, the Thorburn Safety Project committee is now moving forward with pedestrian safety projects in that area.

The City of Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability is in the middle of the Portland Map Refinement Project (Comprehensive Plan and Zoning). There are four properties in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood that are going to be affected by zoning changes: 344 SE 52nd Ave., 6134 E Burnside, 253 SE 74th Ave., and 511 SE 60th Ave. For details, read the Map Refinement Project Discussion Draft at

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Community News

Tagging on Division Street

Division Street has been experiencing an unprecedented increase in graffiti. In an article in *Willamette Week*, it was best explained that a graffiti artist takes delight noticing his/her tagging, especially if it has been around awhile. Taggers like to impress other graffiti artists on the longevity of their art remaining in the public eye as long as possible in order to obtain some sort of unspoken legitimacy.

Businesses and homeowners don't always understand the philosophical reason this art form continues, since most of the damage is done to working class people. It begs the question: what would a tagger feel like if someone took a can of spray paint to their bedroom?

The only known cure is to paint over it immediately. Every time, all the time. No matter how long it takes. Eventually, taggers will give up and find better places to paint where their efforts won't be wasted or go unnoticed.

Even when tagger finds an out of the way place to leave their tag, cover it up as soon as you see it. Eventually, you'll see your place tagged less and less as word gets out. Like everything, tagging costs money and takes time. Most people don't like to waste this money.

The City of Portland's Graffiti Abatement Program supports neighborhood livability by decreasing graffiti in partnership with neighborhood and business associations, community partners and volunteers.

There are several ways to report graffiti to the City: call 503.823.4824, noting the location and your contact information in case questions arise; use the PDXReporter app on your smartphone to report location, email picture and location, or make a report online.

Contact Juliette Muracchioli, Graffiti Abatement Program Coordinator: juliette.muracchioli@portlandoregon.gov, 503.823.9666

10th Annual Johnson Creek Cleanup

Volunteers are needed for the 10th Annual Johnson Creek Clean-Up, Saturday August 26.

Community volunteers, local businesses, and nonprofits work together to enhance and protect natural riparian habitat and water quality by removing litter along seven miles of Johnson Creek.

The clean-up will be hosted at Mill Park at 6201 Overland St., in Milwaukie from 9 am – 12 pm. Meet at 8:30 am to be placed on a team.

Volunteers can expect to get up close and personal with Johnson Creek, so make sure to come prepared by bringing closed-toe shoes, quick-drying clothes and a towel. Everything else needed will be provided for the event. The first 100 volunteers to show up to the event receive a free, stylish cleanup t-shirt.

Johnson Creek depends on the hard work of thousands of volunteers every year who restore habitat for the plants and animals that call the creek home.

To thank volunteers for their hard work, a BBQ and celebratory awards ceremony will be hosted from 12 pm – 2 pm.

Johnson Creek is one of the last free-flowing streams in Portland, and the only tributary to the Willamette in the area that still supports the region's iconic salmon populations.

Register for the event online at jcw.org/events/annual-johnson-creek-cleanup and sign up.

For questions, contact Volunteer Coordinator Courtney Beckel at 503.652.7477 ext 101. Hope to see you there.

Urban Forestry's Tree Steward Program

Register today. Registration is now open for the 2017 Neighborhood Tree Steward (NTS) program scheduled for this fall by City of Portland Urban Forestry.

The focus of this year's course is Equity and the Urban Forest. Learn about trees and how to care for them so they can care for you. Upon completion of this seven session course, you receive an NTS Certificate and the tools, skills and knowledge to speak for the trees.

Hands-on workshops and interactive presentations cover the basics of tree biology and tree ID; tree pruning and care; tree planting and establishment; pests and pathogens of the urban forest; the ways trees improve public health and the environment;a primer on the city tree code and how Tree Stewards can be a resource for neighbors

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Social media has been abuzz lately with news that H-Mart, an Asian/Korean specialty store, is moving into the old Zupan's site at SE Belmont and 33rd.

The Belmont Dairy site has been marketed by Urban Works. Marketing Director Danny Martin says the store opening may happen in early 2018 for the 21,000 square feet of ground-floor retail space.

H-Mart, a New Jersey based chain, has more than 75 locations across the nation. It joins the new Market of Choice on SE Belmont about a mile down the street at 10th, where goats once roamed.

Ugly Fruit Comes to Town

What's red, green and sometimes misshapen all over? Ugly Fruit from Imperfect Produce.

Now, in all its nutritious, delicious imperfections, Ugly Fruit has come to town via San Fran, Oakland, Berkeley and other communities that embrace sustainability and the value of fresh (if crooked and non-conforming) fruits and vegetables.

Imperfect Produce's website says 1 in 5 fruits and veggies that fail to meet cosmetic standards wind up as waste. In California alone, some 6 billion pounds. of food is thrown out annually.

On Hawthorne St. one hot summer's day, fruit looked crisp and green as Aaron Choate pitched the concept of fresh food that saves money, fights food waste, promotes healthy eating and protects the livelihood of local farmers.

Imperfect Produce is an outgrowth of the nonprofit Food Recovery Network. It currently supplies some 125 million pounds of ugly produce to food banks within California. See imperfectproduce.com

Spirit Awards

Call for nominations for the 33rd Annual Spirit of Portland awards closes Monday, August 28, 2017. If you know of an individual or group who has helped make Portland a better place to live, work, study or play, please nominate them for one of the 2017 awards.

Nomination forms are available at portlandonline.com/oni/spiritofportland or by contacting Marco Mejia, at 503.823.3093 or spiritofportland@portlandoregon.gov.

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The Portland in the Streets Community Grant Program supports creative community projects to make neighborhood streets, sidewalks and trails safer, more beautiful and open to all.

Portland community and neighborhood groups are eligible to apply for up to \$20,000 to finance their initiatives. A total of \$100,000 in grant money will be available.

“Promoting safety, mobility and transportation access for all Portlanders is central to PBOT’s mission,” said Transportation Commissioner Dan Saltzman. “We created this program because small changes can make a big difference.”

“I want to empower Portlanders with this grant program. They know best how their streets can serve them differently and better,” said Portland Transportation Director Leah Treat.

“They know best how their streets can serve them differently and better.”

“I know there is a lot of creative and innovative energy out there, and we’re very excited to see the proposals.”

PBOT is seeking proposals for community-driven projects that are focused on transportation safety, equity, innovation and placemaking.

Portland residents are encouraged to submit proposals for small-scale transportation safety projects in support of Vision Zero, creative community infrastructure projects, events in city streets, urban trail projects and initiatives that support innovative community engagement.

Grant applications are due on August 31. The application form, can be found at: portlandoregon.gov/transportation/73920

Groups that have applied for other community grants, such as the Metro Community Placemaking Program, are encouraged to apply for the Portland in the Streets program.

Programs keep seniors living at home

Whether it's to shop and prepare a meal, walk the dog or help with personal care such as bathing and dressing, Providence has a new solution for seniors who want to stay living independently in their own homes. Optimal Aging connects older adults with trusted and affordable caregivers who can assist with day-to-day tasks.

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Optimal Aging is available to any senior living in the Portland area. Consultants can be reached at 503.215.2500.

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BUSINESS BEAT

BEGINNING CALLIGRAPHY classes in the South Tabor neighborhood. Private and group classes are forming now. Children and adults are invited to learn the versatile art of Italic lettering. Various day and evening classes are available. Call or text 503.432.1021 for more information and to register.

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Community News

Mt. Tabor events

Get Your Rear in Gear 5k – August 5, Saturday, 9 am. Join the Colon Cancer Coalition’s grassroots movement to raise awareness and screening rates for colon cancer. Details and registration at coloncancercoalition.org.

Friends of Mt. Tabor Park Picnic – August 8, Tuesday, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Meet the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park at their annual potluck picnic; learn about what they do and how you can help keep this beautiful park clean and safe. Meet at Picnic Area A next to the main parking lot, bring a dish to share. Drinks and utensils will be provided.

PDX Adult Soapbox Derby – August 19, Saturday, 9:30 am – 4 pm. The popular annual spectacle of adults careening down the slopes of Mt. Tabor in homemade carts offers thrills, chills and plenty of spills. Note: This event draws upwards of 5,000 spectators to the park and may not be suitable for dogs or small children. As usual, all dogs MUST be leashed while in the park. Visit soapboxracer.com for details.

FREE Tree I.D. Walk – August 20, Sunday, 2 pm. Join Bob Rogers on the third Sunday of every month as he leads visitors on a tour of some of the park’s most notable trees. Meet at the Visitor Center rain or shine.

Weed Warriors Habitat Restoration – August 26, Saturday, 9 am – noon – The last Saturday of the month from May–October Weed Warriors restore health to the park by removing invasive plant species. Meet at the Visitor Center by the main parking lot, and wear durable long pants and long sleeve shirt. If you have heavy-duty gardening gloves and supplies, bring them; otherwise, loaner items are available. Plan to come 5-10 minutes early to sign-in. If you arrive late, there'll be information at the sign-in table regarding the group whereabouts. Join the Weed Warriors on facebook.

Recycle tips August 2017

By BONITA DAVIS, MASTER RECYCLER AND SUNNYSIDE RESIDENT

Cleaning out the clutter sounds like such a good idea, and simple to do, but letting some things go isn't always so easy. Resistance can set in and the process can slow down, or even halt.

A big one for me was the brown Collegiate Schwinn bike I held onto since High School. It was a special gift, took me everywhere and held many memories. Hard to let go.

Guilty that it now resided in the crawlspace and had been replaced by a series of hybrids, I had thoughts of refurbishing it, even joining the other proud Schwinn owners happily showing off the fun they were having on vintage bikes in a local parade.

No parade for me; I just didn't refurbish the bike.

Motivation to rehome the Schwinn came when I learned I could put it (or its parts) into the hands of a young person earning their own bike through a program of refurbish-to-own in the after school Bike Club Program at Community Cycling Center (communitycyclingcenter.org).

Problem solved. A great place for the Schwinn to go.

I still have my memories, am guilt free and some young person has a great bike and can create their own fun times and memories.

Supporting a good cause now guides my donation decisions, just as it does when making a financial gift to an organization.

Whether it is the desire to support veterans, environmental concerns, or animal welfare, it is easier to let go of items when it goes to a great cause.

Where to do you find a place to donate items? According to Percy, one of our great MCPL librarians, keeping a master list of places that accept donations can be possible to do, but really difficult to keep updated. Things just change too fast.

If you are holding onto special items, here are a couple of ways to find a place to donate: Type in Metro's Find-A-Recycler on your browser, and click on the Reuse tab to search for organizations that might want you have to donate.

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FREE SPAY/NEUTER SERVICES for stray and feral cats in August. The Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO) offers this as part of their Summer Spay Spectacular special. Kittens weighing 2 pounds or greater qualify for the special. If you're feeding outdoor stray or feral cats or know someone who is, this is for you. In addition to being spayed/neutered, cats receive vaccines and treatment for fleas, earmites and tapeworms. The clinic is in SW Portland and all surgeries are provided by licensed veterinarians. Live traps and trapping instructions are available. They offer a Sunday clinic during this special for convenience. Appointments are required and fill up quickly. Call 503.797.2606 or visit feralcats.com to book an appointment today!

ECLIPSE GLASSES SALE TO BENEFIT RICHMOND SCHOOL – Protective eclipse viewing glasses for watching the eclipse coming on August 21 are now available at Portland Eye Care for \$3 a pair. All proceeds from the sale of these glasses are being donated to the Richmond Elementary School Foundation. Portland Eye Care is located at 4133 SE Division St., open from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm Monday-Friday and 9 am – 2:30 pm Saturday. These protective glasses are certified for safe solar eclipse viewing and available only while supplies last. Check out directions for safely enjoying the eclipse and more information at eyepdx.com/blog/eclipse-viewing-glasses.

OREGON'S ONLY OBON FESTIVAL – A Memorial and Celebration of Local Heritage takes place on August 5, 3 pm – 9 pm at Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave. There has been a growing interest in this truly American celebration: Obon. In particular, the festival's community folk dances: bon odori – have drawn people from different backgrounds and ages. This year, in addition to attending the festival, participants have additional opportunities that will help better understand the cultural significance of this event. Families and individuals are welcome to join the free bon odori dance classes at the temple prior to the event. These community Japanese folk dances classes prepare attendees for the Obon Festival. Classes are Tuesday and Thursday evenings, August 1 and 4, 7 pm – 9 pm, at the Oregon Buddhist Temple.

THE NEXT R (REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE ...RECOVER) has recently opened a volunteer-operated resale and consignment shop at 5600 NE Glisan, Suite A. All proceeds from this shop support NorthStar, a mental health recovery program in the same building that was in jeopardy of losing space due to funding shortages. Cleaning out your garage or have leftover yard sale items? Leave a message at 971.231.4875 and a volunteer will return your call to answer your questions. Do not leave unattended donations when the shop is closed. Volunteers are needed to keep the shop open. When you make purchase, your good deal becomes a good deed.

Modernized Franklin HS opens August 30

By DAVID MAYNE

The final finishing touches are underway on the renovations of 102-year-old Franklin High School as it gets ready to open on August 30.

Hallways are being waxed, furniture dusted, final inspections are being approved and the return of students and staff is eagerly awaited.

Furniture for students and staff has been assembled and placed throughout the school buildings. Building security and fire monitoring systems are in place and soon to be operational.

Work on the Franklin community partner areas include Headstart, SUN and Multnomah Health Clinic and are nearing completion.

Landscaping and site work is underway. Grass seed has been planted throughout the site and plants added in bedding areas.

Walkways and sidewalks are nearing completion and new site fencing and vehicle access control gates are currently being installed.

As part of the modernization process, the environmental health and safety concerns that have been found in schools throughout the District, including those involving lead, asbestos and radon, will be completely remediated at Franklin.

The project marks the completion of the Ten Great Fields Project which PPS has done in tandem with NIKE, and financial support from the City of Portland, Multnomah



The school will be fully accessible and has been brought up to current seismic code.

The Franklin High School Field Opening Ceremony is planned for Friday, September 1 at 6 pm.

Cheer the Franklin Quakers as they inaugurate their brand-new field and track during their first home game that night.

Franklin is the final Portland Public High School to receive an all-weather turf field and a new track.

The event is free and all community members are welcome to celebrate this historic occasion made possible by Portland voters who passed the 2012 School Building Improvement Bond.

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Changing of the Guard at SE Uplift

By MIDGE PIERCE

The faces of the SE Uplift board are younger, more diverse, more representative of advocacy coalitions and less likely to be homeowners than boards past.

In a sweeping landslide, secret ballots cast for the executive board last month replaced Eastmoreland's Robert McCullough with community cycling activists Terry Dublinski-Milton and Reuben Deumling.

Afterwards, Dublinski-Milton, longtime advocate for safe transit and improved bike routes through SE, expressed enthusiasm that coalitions like Portland Tenants United and those whose voices have not been heard before are a growing part of the membership.

"This is a big change for community organizing. It's important that all views are represented. We have a history of groups being under-represented in neighborhood associations."

Affordability, homelessness, equality and livability are among the pressing issues the new chairs plan to prioritize.

"Being a co-chair with Reuben allows work on several issues at once," said Dublinski-

Milton adding that he would like to lobby PBOT for significant transportation improvements on Powell to include light rail once it is under City control.

New Executive Director Molly Mayo says last spring's recruitment to bring diversity to the board means that SEUL, long considered the voice of neighborhood associations, will now be well-rounded.

Representatives from nonprofits such as Impact NW, Village Coalition, Raphael House and business representatives from Foster-Powell and the Main Street Alliance of Oregon add perspective to issues of potential conflict.

SEUL informs, addresses, provides grants and fiscal sponsorship for neighborhoods and often makes recommendations to the City about critical issues.

At a recent SEUL Landuse meeting a number of topics were discussed ranging from construction notifications (notices to renters are not a requirement), to issues of whether view shed preservation requirements should be updated to the upcoming draft release of the City's Residential Infill Proposal.

Citizens shared information on upcoming projects such as a

200-plus building planned for the "Eagles Lodge" site at Hawthorne Blvd. and SE 50th; potential development of the 7 Dees property on Powell with a 900-unit storage shed; and the transfer of the "YMCA" building at 60th and Stark to the housing authority for affordable home development.

An observer issued a plea for more and better access in newbuilds for Portland residents of all ages and abilities.

Reminding the board that it needs to be faithful to SEUL's mission, Dublinski-Milton said, "We need to find how to work together to find solutions to problems."

Outgoing President McCullough, who remains on the board, agrees. "We are more effective working together."

Recognizing shared concerns about affordable housing, both McCullough and longtime member and unsuccessful candidate for chair Scott Vala called for thoughtful planning that results in careful growth.

"If we think we're going to solve the affordability crisis by listening to the homebuilders lobby, we will not be effective... affordability is not on their agenda."

SE Uplift Welcomes New Executive Director Molly Mayo

By MICHELLE FROST

Southeast Uplift is a community center tucked into the neighborhood just a block from Hawthorne and around the corner from SE 35th St.

The sidewalk in front has

been chalked with the message "Love is a Verb" and the sign board at the building's entrance announces classes and workshops available to anyone in the community.

By outward appearances, this is an ordinary, quiet, tree-lined street, but inside the doors of SE Uplift is a hive of activities, including a new executive director.

Molly Mayo advocates for community integration, "Integration is more than inclusion — creating a new community where everyone brings their unique voice to the table. The more people at the table, the more comfortable everyone can be."

Mayo started at SE Uplift on May 8, working for two months alongside the former Executive Director Anne Dufay. A community celebration was held June 29 to say farewell to Dufay and to welcome in Mayo as the new Executive Director.

When asked about her goals in this new position, Mayo replied, "I would like to increase the number and diversity of people who are involved and volunteering in their communities and neighborhoods."

SE Uplift operates under the umbrella that is the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. "There are now 95 distinct neighborhoods in the city and 7 district coalitions," says Mayo.

SE Uplift is best known as a community center that hosts a full schedule of workshops and classes. Additionally, they offer a Community Small Grants Program. "We help to generate ideas for the funds and other support that is available for

community projects that build relationships between people or in some other way enhance the neighborhood," Mayo explains.

Moving to Portland in 1999 after living in New Mexico, Montana, and originally, Louisiana and Kentucky, Mayo's background includes working as a teacher in Special Education, and Assistant Director at a camp for children and adults with developmental/intellectual disabilities.

She has traveled extensively and taught in Syria before coming west and settling in Oregon. Studying abroad, Mayo realized the diversity of human experience and made it her aim to pursue a career in public service and community building.

Mayo founded On The Move: Community Integration in 2007; a nonprofit celebrating 10 years of community connections for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, creating positive experiences and partnerships, and increased awareness.

Frustrated by the lack of meaningful activities for adults with IDD, Mayo started On The Move to provide more meaningful experiences for participants and to model diversity within the broader community.

Mayo's passion for community is evident and her focus is clear as she guides SE Uplift into the future, "by promoting community engagement so that all voices are valued members of the community."

SE Uplift is at 3534 SE Main St. 503.232.0010. For a schedule of classes and upcoming events see seuplift.org.



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1:00 – Penny's Puppets (not sure which title will be first)
2:00 – Olive & Dingo (clowning, music, interactive storytelling)
3:00 – Penny's Puppets (2nd performance)
4:00 – Circus Cascadia stage performance

Events all day (11-5):
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Do You Know the Hawthorne Bridge?



Recent water color painting by Mila Raphael. Part of Hawthorne Bridge
art collection owned by Jan Caplener

By JAN CAPLENER

In 1845, a young entrepreneur named James B. Stephens purchased a 640 acre site on the east side of what would eventually become Portland. This tract of land cost \$200 and was bordered on SE Stark and Division extending from 20th to the river. At the time, the Portland town site consisted of a few log cabins and a dock being built by developer Francis Pettygrove.

James Stephens saw the future opportunity to start some form of river crossing. He began his river crossing with just a rowboat and envisioned a ferry service in the coming years. As Portland grew the ferry service expanded.

By 1855 James had created the Jefferson Street and Stark Street Ferries and they were large enough to carry wagons and livestock. By 1856, new residents of Mt. Tabor were shipping large quantities of produce (especially apples) to California during the Gold Rush. Exports of apples totaled over 20,000 boxes which sold then for almost \$2 per po und.

In 1880 the east side of Portland experienced a building boom. Many residents supported building a bridge across the Willamette River and the Morrison Street Bridge construction began. As settlers faced greater development, the eastside began to transition from an agricultural area to a suburban one. The Madison Street Bridge was completed by 1891 and allowed streetcars to commute from SE Portland into downtown. This bridge was poorly built and was replaced by a wooden structure in 1900 by another wooden bridge.

Then in 1902, a fire that started downtown caught the bridge on fire. The damage was so extensive that a steel bridge was commissioned. Waddell and Harrington were hired to build the bridge and construction began to build the most advanced vertical-life bridge in America.

On December 19, 1910 the Hawthorne Bridge opened for traffic. The success of the Hawthorne Bridge design set the standard for bridges built around the world.

Interesting facts about the

Hawthorne Bridge:

1. The bridge was named after Dr. JC Hawthorne. He ran the Oregon Hospital for the insane in SE Portland and was major proponent for a new bridge
2. Cost of the Hawthorne Bridge: \$510,000
3. The original color was black. It was repainted yellow ochre in 1964 and in 1989, was repainted current day green with red trim
4. Added to National Register of Historic Places in 2012. It's a Portland Historic Landmark
5. Motor vehicles per day: 35,000 plus
6. Cyclists per day: 10,000 plus
7. TriMet buses per day: 800. Carrying 20,000 plus riders
8. Lifts per month: 200 plus
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Owner Gregg Harris in the workshop/meeting space

BY NANCY TANNLER

Roosevelt's Terrarium's at 44th and SE Hawthorne Blvd. has expanded. Owner Gregg Harris added a workshop to the greenery-filled shop where he and his sons, Josh and James, have been selling, making and teaching about terrariums for the past couple of years.

"When the space next door became available, we were ready for more room. We needed the classroom space and a place to store our inventory," Harris said. An upstairs apartment is included in these storefront rentals so everyone just got a little more living space too.

The beauty of the terrariums from Roosevelt's, besides their aesthetic appeal, is that they come with a lifetime warranty. If a plant dies, they will replace it. They also clean and prune their customer's terrariums for tips.

Terrariums are a closed system requiring indirect light. If they are made in an airtight

container, they'll never need watering. If the lid vents air, then watering every three months is sufficient. It's the perfect house plant for a busy person or someone claiming a "black thumb".

The genius of this system was developed by Dr. Nathan Bagshaw Ward in 1829. It was an accidental discovery that happened while incubating a chrysalis in a hermetically-sealed glass container with dirt in the bottom. After a week, a seedling began to grow in the soil. After observing the fern's growth for awhile, Bagshaw noticed that evaporated moisture condensed on the wall of the bottle during the day and ran back down into the soil during the evening.

From this observation he got the idea to build what became known as a Wardian Case to rear butterflies and grow plants. He developed them further for use in transporting plants to the British colonies.

George Loddiges used

Wardian cases for shipping plants to Australia, a journey of six months. He said he would lose nineteen out of twenty plants. After using the Wardian case, nineteen out of twenty plants survived the voyage. This was the original terrarium.

The Wardian cases were very sturdy, made of glass and wood with brass hinges and eyelets so they could be bolted to a ship's floor boards during transport. Gregg Harris builds an exact replica of this for his special order terrariums.

Along with ready made terrariums, you can build one yourself on location or join in on the week night workshops offered at Roosevelt's. Between all the Harrises, there is plenty of expert instruction. They have a selection of fascinating crystals, rocks and accessories to personalize your piece. Roosevelt's makes a fascination with growing plants in an airtight environment more appealing than ever.

When the workspace is not in use for classes, Harris is offering it as a space for non-profits in the community to meet for free. For profit meetings will require a fee.

The namesake of the terrarium shop is Theodore Roosevelt, the 26th president of the United States. As a young man he and his brother Elliot turned their bedroom into a full-scale natural history museum. Roosevelt was into terrariums and they were a necessary part of his "museum."

Harris admires the ideology of Roosevelt and he also bears a considerable resemblance to him in his younger years. He does speaking engagements for schools, libraries, youth groups, scouts, business and educational conferences – staying in character to keep the event authentic.

He's the vice-president of the Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association (HBBA), and encourages the business people to get involved. Together they are making a difference and meeting the challenges of a growing city.

For more information go to rooseveltsdpdx.com.

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BY NANCY TANNLER

The SE corner of 35th and Hawthorne is the new home to Hello India, a family restaurant whose origins began in Hyderabad, Southern India. Mehar F.A. lived in all the major cities on the west coast before she decided that Portland was where she wanted to set down roots and carry on her father's restaurant business. Mehar has lived in America for fifteen years.

Hello India brings not only the family recipes to share with Portland diners, but the cutlery, linens, art, chandeliers and glassware from India too. Mehar's father, M.B.A. Baig, is the founder of the four restaurants the family operates in Hyderabad.

In his spare time, he is the publisher of couple of newspapers, one covers political news and the other community news for the major different groups of people living in the city: Hindu, English, Muslim, Punjabi. Fortunately he has a large and loyal family who help him with these endeavors.

Mehar said her father has earned the family's devotion because of his honorable business practices and by instilling a strong humanitarian spirit in his children – the main premise being "Do good to others."

The Hawthorne Hello India employs Mehar's brother Neetu as the main chef, her son Gonzai as the manager and her uncle Sid the director. Gonzai created the menu that features both northern and southern types of cuisine. The regional dishes make use of local spices, herbs, vegetables and fruits as well as Indian religious and cultural habits which vary from place to place.

In general, northern foods have more of a Muslim influence and are similar to what you find in Pakistan, Afghanistan and parts of Iran. This includes the use of breads like naan and puri, grilled meats, chickpeas and lentils.

Chefs created food for the English that is still served today like the Shahi Khan E Khaas created by Punjabis in Delhi at moti Mahal restaurant during the 1950s. This is a buttery yogurt sauce that contains tomatoes,

cream butter, and yogurt. "We also make a great chicken tikka masala that everyone loves," said Mehar.

Southern cuisine focuses more on vegetarian dishes, fish, less bread and more rice and the use of coconut. Their Malabar Masala is an example of southern food that includes chilies, coconut, curry leaves, spices such as fenugreek, mustard seeds and fennel seeds in a curry of toasted coconut – the secret to authentic malabar. A complete menu can be found at helloindiapdx.com.

"One of the ancient considerations for choosing certain herbs and spices in food preparation was not only for the flavor, but they also had beneficial healing qualities," Mehar explained.

Garlic, ginger, tumeric, cumin, fenugreek – their main spices are curative. At Hello India each meal is prepared for the individual diner. "We cut up and cook all the vegetables and meats when

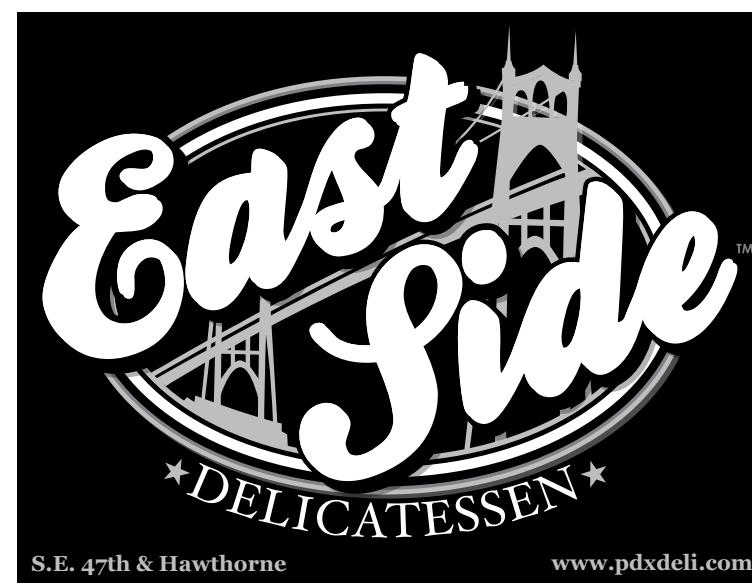
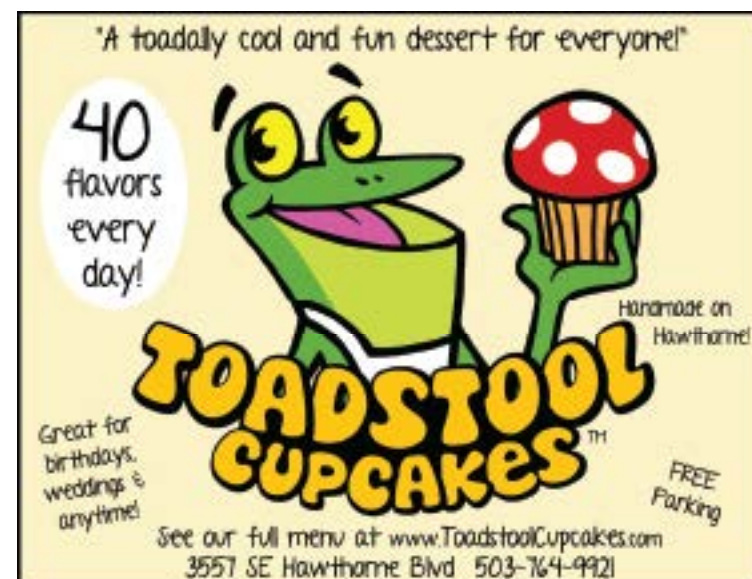
you order," she said. "Everything is fresh with no artificial ingredients, just like we fix at home."

A contemporary restaurant, they have an inclusive wine and beer list as well as an extensive hard liquor selection. With mixed drinks a popular choice, it's good to know your way around the bar and the staff here can pour anything you want.

Hello India also does catering. For more information see their website online.

Although not all of Mehar's five children work for Hello India, she is proud of their accomplishments. Her oldest daughter is a cosmetologist and her younger ones are both national tennis players. Her youngest son is still in India completing his education. Whether they will make Oregon home remains to be seen.

For now Mehar is happy to be here working in her family business on this busy corner on Hawthorne Blvd. in SE Portland.



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One of the properties listed above – 511 SE 60th Ave. – is where Y’s Choice YMCA Child Development Center is currently located. Portland Housing Bureau (PHB) purchased that property from the previous owner, Portland Parks and Recreation. Though it is very early in the redevelopment plan process for the property, PHB reps say it will be a mixed-use project featuring affordable housing above Y’s Choice, with parking on the site.

Discussion among attendees at the July MTNA meeting included positive feedback about the affordable housing and concerns about traffic at the corner on SE 60th and SE Stark and how it will affect the flow in and out of the parking areas.

Portland Bureau of Transportation's proposed SE Clay-to-64th Neighborhood Greenway Project includes curb ramps, sharrow crossings, traffic diverters, speed bumps and median barriers along the greenway. Many neighbors, including bike commuters, feel strongly that the proposed median barrier at SE 50th and Lincoln would create more problems than it would solve. They believe it will worsen traffic backups on SE 50th between Hawthorne and Division, and that not being able to turn left from northbound or southbound SE 50th will put more traffic on the greenway and other side streets which will cause more safety concerns. Construction of the proposed projects will begin in Spring 2018, so send your feedback now to sheila.parrott@portlandoregon.gov.

The MTNA reservoir committee is making progress with the Water Bureau to get work started on restoring Reservoir 1 and replacing the chain-link fence at the top of the dam face below Reservoir 5. The Parks and Recreation Bureau has agreed to reinstate the working group for neighborhood involvement in the Maintenance Yard improvement project.

South Tabor Neighborhood Association has made an advocacy request for SE Uplift to help advocate that TriMet purchase electric buses for the Division Street Transit Project, and SEUL has asked for support from the other neighborhood associations. MTNA made a motion at their July meeting to support STNA's request.

The Weed Warriors program has started its new season in Mt. Tabor Park. Check the Friends of Mt. Tabor Park website for info on how to get involved: taborfriends.org.

The next meeting of the MTNA will be Wednesday, August 16, at 7 pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time and homemade cookies starting 6:50 pm. For more information, visit mttaborpdx.org.

Richmond

By Heather Flint Chatto

Richmond Neighborhood Association (richmondpx.org) held its monthly meeting July 10 at Waverly Heights Church, SE 33rd and Woodward St.

Crime Prevention/Safety – Hot weather reminder to be careful of heatstroke and to check in with neighbors to ensure they are safe. Police are cautioning the community against leaving ground floor windows open at night or when away to reduce potential break-ins.

Community members noted recent break-ins of two local businesses on Division. Crime Prevention Specialists at the meeting distributed a resource list of public safety contacts, available at portlandoregon.gov/oni/safetyresources.

Transient Concerns Resources include a Homeless Toolkit online where you can view reports and campsites by week. Project Respond can send people out to check to see what may be needed. If you call to report an issue, City Crime Prevention Specialists advised it's better to describe behavior, not the person (e.g. there is garbage, fighting, bicycle shop, etc. vs. I see a homeless person). The former behavior would be a 911 call; however, for a homeless camp, call 503. 823.4000.

Community Events – July 22, the Division Clinton Business Association hosted the annual street fair and parade with help from the RNA as a sponsor. On August 26, the RNA, Sunnyside Neighborhood Association and HAND will host the annual free Movie in Sewallcrest Park: “O Brother Where Art Thou”. Pre-movie band at 6:30 and movie at dusk.

Sunday, August 27 is the Hawthorne Street Fair. Come out for food, music, and fun.

Butterfly Boxes, a support organization for refugees new to Portland, is hosting monthly community potluck dinners, to help get better connected and welcomed by community members. Meetings are held at Catholic Charities Building on Powell and 28th. Learn more: butterflyboxespdx.org.

Electric Buses on SE Division – Doug Allen asked the RNA to request Tri-Met to purchase electric buses for the Division Transit Project to minimize environmental impact. The RNA Board unanimously voted to send a letter to Tri-Met. More neighborhoods that show support for electric buses will increase the likelihood it could happen.

Richmond Neighborhood Committees – The RNA's Graffiti committee will continue hosting graffiti cleanups and will post dates and locations on NextDoor. RNA voted to buy ladders for Graffiti cleanups. Volunteer by contacting RNA Board member Adam Meltzer, richmondgrtf@gmail.com.

The Division Design Committee will be hosting a public meeting this Fall to review the new Neighborhood Draft of the Division Design Guidelines. Learn more at divisiondesigninitiative.org or email ovdivision.com to volunteer. The Land Use Committee is tracking the Division Transit Project. New Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) will feature elongated buses and reduced and new transit stops on Division. See: trimet.org/division/openhouse/index.htm, and trimet.org/division/pdf/6_29_17_DTP_Draft_Roll_Plots.pdf for maps of the proposed station locations and designs.

The next RNA meeting will be Monday, August 14, at 3300 SE Woodward St., 7-9 pm. Land Use Committee meetings are 4th Monday of month, 7-9 pm at Waverly Church, SE 33rd and Woodward; contact Matt Otis (matt.otis@gmail.com) on land use issues.

North Tabor

By Gabe Frayne

As was widely reported in local media, an early-morning fire destroyed a building on the north side of the 5600 block of Glisan St. on July 13 leaving 14 tenants homeless and shutting down two small businesses – Big’s Chicken and Rook’s Barber Shop. Three tenants were injured. The Portland Fire Department has not yet determined the cause of the fire but suspects an electrical box was involved.

Big's Chicken has reopened under a tent beside a realistic-looking locomotive smoker in the parking lot of Laurelhurst Market on E. Burnside. An employee of the makeshift eatery said that owner Bret Bettinger, who is also co-owner of Laurelhurst Market, is looking to re-open in a new location in the North Tabor area. The employee mentioned that the owner of the former location plans to demolish the destroyed building as well as the adjoining lot to make way for new construction.

The NTNA heard a presentation from city Neighborhood Watch coordinator, Mark Wells, at the monthly meeting about crime data, crime prevention, and how neighbors can form neighborhood watch teams. North Tabor is still a safe place to live, Wells said, but there has definitely been an increase in property crimes, citing an increase in burglaries from 28 to 50 compared to the same period last year. Two neighbors in attendance also voiced concerns about open drug dealing at bottle-collection sites in the neighborhood.

Wells encouraged residents to exercise common-sense precautions such as always locking cars and doors (with a good deadbolt) and installing dusk-to-dawn lighting. He urged residents to report any crime, no matter how trivial, so city officials have a realistic picture of the local crime situation. Less-serious crimes can be reported by opening the police report link on the Police Bureau's home page.

Neighbors interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch on their block can contact Mark at Mark.Wells@portlandoregon.gov. “We live in a safe city, but you need to step up your game a bit,” Wells concluded.

Margaret Davis of United Neighborhoods for Reform spoke to the monthly meeting about her organization’s “Demolition/Development” resolution, which has been endorsed by 42 neighborhoods.

The resolution dates to 2014, and though some of its recommendations have been adopted, two key planks – one relating to “mass, footprint, setbacks and height of construction” and the other relating to zoning – have not. North Tabor is one of the recently-adopted Comprehensive Plan’s main targets for increased density in the years to come.



Terry Currier owner of Music Millennium

An advertisement for Cibo Bar Ristorante. At the top is a black and white line drawing of a restaurant interior with tables, chairs, and a person sitting. In the center is a large red oval logo with the word "CIBO" in large white letters, "PIZZERIA" above it, and "BAR RISTORANTE" below it. Below the logo, the text "Join us for a delicious, Italian inspired brunch!" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "Available every Saturday & Sunday" in the same font. At the bottom, there are two small food images: on the left, a bowl of spaghetti with a yellow sauce and a metal spoon; on the right, a round pizza topped with herbs and cheese, served on a white napkin. A dark red banner at the very bottom contains the website "Cibopdx.com" and the address "3539 SE Division" followed by the phone number "503-719-5377" in white text.

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Montavilla Jazz Festival 2017



Essiet Okon Essiet, photo © Nathalie Raffet

Johnny Griffin, James Moody, Freddie Hubbard, Bobby Hutcherson, Cedar Walton, Sam Rivers, Pat Martino, Kenny Burrell, Jackie McLean and so many others. See and hear him at essietokonessiet.com.

Other performers this year include The Rich Halley 5 with Vinny Golia; Blue Cranes; David Friesen Quartet; PJCE with Jasnam Daya Singh; Ezra Weiss Sextet; Andre St. James Sound Ensemble with St. Louis trumpeter George Sams and Bay Area violinist India Cooke; The Quadraphonnes + Andrew Durkin; Rebecca Kilgore; Joe Manis Double Drums Quartet; the Ron Steen Quartet and Trio Subtonic with Dan Balmer.

The Festival was created by a group of Portland residents, to showcase local artists and support the next generation of music talent working with the Montavilla business community to create the Montavilla Schools Music Fund.

This year, the festival will award Creative Science School \$1,000, made with proceeds from 2016 festival ticket sales. The grant will help ensure that CSS can provide music classes for Kindergarten through 5th grade students.

The 2017 Montavilla Jazz Festival returns Saturday and Sunday, August 19–20 with a lineup full of expansive music and world class performers. Now in its fourth year, the festival features jazz artists on the forefront of creative expression.

The Festival is held at Portland Metro Arts, 9003 SE Stark St., on August 19-20, 2017.

This year's headliner is acclaimed bassist Essiet Okon Essiet. Essiet first received critical acclaim more than a decade ago as a member of saxophonist Bobby Watson's post-hard-bop group Horizon. He has performed and recorded with Benny Golson,



The Quadraphonnes



Samyak Yamauchi is August's featured artist at Sidestreet Gallery, 140 SE 28th St. A self-taught intuitive artist, Samyak's paintings draw on the child within us all to create an emotional connection unique to each piece. This is "CatGirl-Mika, Age 10". Her work is on view through August 31.

Ky Hote: On the Road: A Grand Ol Place to Be

Austin, Texas songwriter Ky Hote has roots in NYC and everywhere else he's been. Other artists sing Woody Guthrie songs and write about riding the rails but Hote has been there, done that from San Francisco to Maine and Florida to Alaska.

He's hitchhiked, rode freight trains, buses, cars and now he comes to town for a rollicking evening of songs with local favorites and Oregon Country Fair veterans Adam East and Kris Deelane at The Laurelthirst Pub, Wednesday August 16 beginning at 9 pm.

East and Deelane begin at 9 pm followed by a set from Ky Hote. Then all three join with special guests for a George Harrison Tribute to rock the pub. Hote has hosted Harrison tributes all over the country for years now.

"I have not been to Oregon since my hitchhiking days," says Hote. "I'm excited to be back and see all the new music venues. Lately my focus has been on finding topics that haven't been exhausted in thousands of years of songwriting. To that end, I've relied heavily on waking up from my dreams and incorporating them into this world." There's plenty to see and hear at kyhote.com.



Carl Annala and John Cline show new work at 12x16 Gallery, 8235 SE 13th Ave. No. 5, August 3 - 27. First Friday Reception is August 4, from 6 to 9 pm. artists reception is Sunday August 6 at 2 pm.

Annala ("Hot Sauce" pictured above) likes small marks of carefully considered color. He believes abstract work is playing with the rhythms of nature.

Cline's Conversations Not About Architecture are predominantly pencil and pen and ink. His recent works are conceptual sections, elevations and plans sometimes superimposed on top of each other.

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Portland quartet **3 Leg Torso** performs at the Summer Free For All at Berrydale Park, SE 82nd & Taylor St. Monday, August 7 at 6:30 pm. The concert is free and all ages are welcome.

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Hear a taste at 3legtorso.com.

Oregon's Only Obon Festival

Oregon's only Obon Festival is a memorial and celebration of local heritage. This year it's on Saturday August 5 at the Oregon Buddhist Temple, 3720 SE 34th Ave. from 3 pm to 9 pm.

Attendees will find Japanese street foods, gifts and crafts, colorful Japanese dress (yukatas and hapi coats), music by Portland Taiko and Bon Odori Dance – to watch and join in until the sun goes down.

The festival's community folk dances have drawn people from different backgrounds and ages. This year, participants have opportunities to help understand the cultural significance of this event at a companion exhibit called American Obon at the Nikkei Legacy Center, 121 NW 2nd Ave. The exhibit is open now and exploring the roots of Obon, obon dancing, and the legacy of Reverend Yoshio Iwanaga through photographs and information.

Oregon Buddhist Temple has hosted Obon for over 60 years. The festivals are held during summers in Japan as well as in Japanese heritage communities throughout the world.

See pdx-obon.com for more details.



photo by Todd Yuzuriha

Rawling's Golden Colors and Other Shades of Blue



Ever fall in love with a quince tree? Portland songwriter and visual artist Jenn Rawling has, and she's just released **Golden Colors**, her 3rd CD. The album's songs shimmer with vibrance as **Golden Colors** turn into **Patches of Blue** mid-album relating a dreamy homeopathic tale of discovery and affirmation. Rawling's deep soul keening paints heart pictures of wonder and imagination.

She calls the CD "an offering of beauty and healing to the broken world", and the songs honor those trying to bring balance, resist, and forge new ways forward. The first track, *Old Medicine*, begins the song cycle and is dedicated to the ones who came to Standing Rock to resist the dangerous and illegal Dakota tar sands pipeline.

Recorded in Durango, Colorado, this sumptuous 10 song disc is a moving and quietly powerful collection exploring the high and lows of heartbreak, renewal, connection and betrayal through tales laid bare with vivid vocals and harmonies like secrets whispered around a late night alchemical fire.

Co-produced with Awna Teixeira of Po Girl and Inaiah Lujan of In/planes, these evocative songs are propelled by Rawling's expressive alto, imbuing them with a clear incantatory sound. Her lyrics celebrate human, animal, plant, and elemental relationships.

Touring the US southwest in September with Teixeira, Rawling sings here, Friday August 11 at The Jade Lounge, 2342 SE Ankeny from 6 to 8 pm. Other songwriters on the bill are Ky Burt and Camille Rose.

Listen to tracks and marvel at her visual art at jennrawling.net.

The Nowhere Band Does Sgt Pepper and Summer of Love Music

Celebrate the 50th anniversary release of The Beatles' Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band and the Summer of Love with Portland's premier Fab 15, The Nowhere Band, performing two sets for three shows only August 9, 10 and 11 at the Alberta Rose Theatre, NE 30th and Alberta St.

The first set will be Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band album in its entirety. The second set features music from The Summer Of Love, a compilation late-60's classics with songs by The Who, The Stones, Jefferson Airplane, Byrds, Kinks and more. Doors open at 8 pm and the music begins at 9 pm each night. Live visuals are by JumpWire.

Tickets range from \$23 in advance to \$40 for preferred seating and minors are welcome with a parent or guardian. Friday night is already sold out so don't wait. For tickets and more go to albertarosetheatre.com.

Alberta Rose is fundraising to buy the building they've been renting. The owner wants to sell and a gofund me page has been set up. The historic theatre is a Portland treasure even though it's only been in its present incarnation since 2011. See bit.ly/2v0l2pg for more.



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Church Needs Helping Hands

By MIDGE PIERCE

Mt. Tabor's living room needs your help. As it marks its 125th birthday, the storied Presbyterian Church midway up Belmont Street that is a coffee house, learning center and spiritual haven faces more than a million dollars worth of repairs. Urgent building needs include a new roof, furnaces, fire and electrical system updates plus parking lot repaving and other items. Projected expenses total some \$1.2 million in capitol expenditures according to Finance Committee member Carl Neidhart.

To offset expenses, Congregants and TaborSpace staff and volunteers are planning a November 18 community-wide soiree.

The fundraising dinner and silent auction event is intended as both celebration and wake-up call that Congregants alone can no longer maintain the many needs of a landmark building that serves as a defacto community center.

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian welcomes some 3000 plus people through its doors for classes, coffee and renewal every week. In the absence of a city-funded community center in inner SE, the 36,000 square foot building hosts job training classes, music, art and healing workshops, community events and the popular Bell Tower Coffee House, recently cited by *Portland Monthly* as one of the City's best, with its stained glass windows, soaring wood beam

ceiling and well-loved burgundy armchairs.

Mt. Tabor Presbyterian has become a shared responsibility of the neighborhood, according to TaborSpace volunteers, Congregants and the church's nonprofit partners.

Issuing a call for help at a Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association meeting, Alexa Heinicke, church volunteer and grant writer, called the facility a neighborhood hub that is an architectural treasure.

"We can't do this on our own. It will take all of us in the Mt. Tabor neighborhood to come together and invest in this historical icon and community asset."

She requested assistance procuring auction items, serving on committees, buying tickets and sponsoring tables.

"TaborSpace is truly a collaboration between church and community. All those who enjoy it are asked to contribute what they can," added Cecile Pitts who procured \$500 in seed money from the Mt. Tabor Neighbor Association, who pledged to match the next \$500, and issued a call for neighbors to "open their pocket books to support this great community resource."

In secular Portland, where many churches face financial shortfalls, a village-wide effort to fundraise can be an opportunity to expand community says Pastor Carley Friesen.

Tickets cost \$35 for the historically-themed birthday held on the anniversary of the church's

founding and replete with period costumes and possibly an historic "living history" reenactment if enough volunteers step forward to participate.

The November event will join ongoing fundraisers such as Friday morning concerts for kids and the Bell Tower Concert series that resumes this fall the first Wednesday of every month.

On the first Sunday of every month, a 10 am family service welcomes youngsters. Last month services were held under a circus tent featuring juggling, balloon art and messages of kindness.

Most Sundays, the church holds three services including 9 am coffee and provocative discussion around bistro tables; a traditional sanctuary service; and a contemplative Night Prayer featuring choir arrangements by composer Jim Day and opera singer Jena Viemeister. Pastor Friesen says the church has drawn neighbors together for more than a century.

"I rarely go to a Portland event without someone indicating a connection to Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church."

When the doors of TaborSpace and Bell Tower Coffee opened, Friesen says the building became "a living room for neighbors again, the way it was always intended to function: as a church and community center."

In addition to TaborSpace and church activities, twenty nonprofits rent Parish House space at below market rates.


TaborSpace Director Josh

Pinkston recently designed a colorful logo depicting three spires, a trinity representing the church, its Parish business partners and TaborSpace coffee house, event spaces and activities for all ages.

Pinkston adds that MTPC provides a sense of community that "is increasingly rare."

For information on how you can help contact: carley@mttaborchurch.net or josh@taborpace.org.

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Belmont Street Fair will be Saturday, September 9 this year. Vendor spaces are already filling and the passport purchases for prizes promotion is returning this year.

Starting Saturday, August 12, purchases at Belmont district businesses including Laughing Planet, Bare Bones, The Belmont Inn, Baby Doll Pizza and Belmont Eco Laundry, are stamped onto passport cards available at participating businesses that count towards gifts and prizes picked up by turning in Passports at the Belmont Street Fair.

New this year, will be a Taste of Belmont – Living Local Party with free drinks, food and gifts Saturday, Oct. 14 from 6-8pm, for Passport participants who get a stamp from every participating location. Location of the party to-be-announced based on number of winners.

Monthly BABA business meetings for the Belmont Area Business Association are the second Thursday of the month 9-10:30 am at the Belmont Firehouse: 35th and Belmont. BBB events – Belmont Business Beverage networking events – are held at different locations around the district on the fourth or fifth week of the month.

For more details about the fair, membership, meetings and networking events, contact Karen Hery, BABA marketing and communications rep at info@belmont-district.org 503.407.2667 and online at belmontdistrict.org.

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Eye Safety for Eclipse Viewing

As most Oregonians, and certainly those working in the tourism industry, already know, there will be a solar eclipse August 21, 2017. The *path of totality* (a 60-70 mile band in which the moon completely covers the sun, darkening the sky and making the solar corona visible), will pass right through Oregon.

Unfortunately, this path of totality will miss Portland where, only a partial solar eclipse will be visible. In nearby Salem, the eclipse will be total from 10:17 am to 10:19 am that morning. For those still searching for a place to watch the eclipse, there are great maps of the eclipse path and duration of totality available from both NASA (nasa.gov) and the American Astronomical Society (aas.org).

Traffic of course is predicted to be terrible, and campgrounds and hotels within the path of totality have been booked months, and in many cases, years, in advance.

No matter where you end up watching the eclipse, don't forget to make sure you are prepared to view it safely. During

the total eclipse, when the moon is completely blocking the sun, the solar corona will be visible and is safe to look at without a filter. However, at any other time during the eclipse, when the sun is only partially blocked, it is unsafe to look at without approved eye protection (certified to meet ISO 12312-2, the international standard for safety of solar viewing glasses).

Ordinary sunglasses are not safe for solar eclipse viewing. It is also not safe to look at the sun with a camera, a telescope, binoculars, or any other optical device, even while using your eclipse glasses, as these devices can concentrate the sun's rays and damage your eclipse glasses and your eyes.

The danger in looking at the sun stems not from ultraviolet rays that we commonly associate with sun damage to our skin and eyes, but from visible light rays. While it is true that ultraviolet light is absorbed by the lens inside the eye and contributes to cataract formation, the primary hazard when staring directly at the sun is from visible light in the blue spectrum rather than invisible, ultra-violet light.

This high-intensity, visible-light exposure overwhelms the rods and cones of the retina causing chemical reactions that can damage or destroy

them. Additionally, light not absorbed by the rods and cones is absorbed by other retinal layers (specifically a layer called the retinal pigment epithelium) and is transformed into heat, literally "cooking" the retina.

To avoid this damage to the retina and loss of vision, safety protection is necessary. The simplest protection is approved eclipse viewing glasses. It is also possible to create a pinhole projection system to view the eclipse, though this provides only indirect viewing.

When the eclipse is total, and the moon completely covers the sun, it is safe and recommended to remove the eclipse glasses as only the solar corona is visible, and is approximately as bright as the full moon in the night sky, and just as safe to view. This time is said to be one of nature's grandest spectacles. However, as soon as the sun starts to peek out from behind the moon, eye protection must immediately be replaced.

While there are steps that need to be taken to protect your eyes and vision, you will be able to safely enjoy this natural wonder. If you miss this eclipse, there is still hope. The next total solar eclipse to visit the continental United States will be April 8, 2024, though that one will take a very different path through the country.

Sam Adelman O.D. works at Portland Eye Care on SE 41st and Division St., where approved eclipse glasses are being sold for \$3 a pair until August 21 (while supplies last) with 100% of proceeds donated to the Richmond Elementary School Foundation.

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Post Acute Rehab

Conversation continues for better housing

By DON MACGILLIVRAY

Better Housing by Design is an ongoing project of the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to improve medium density residential zones of R3, R2, R1, and RH encouraging affordable housing, creating a more balanced transportation pattern and providing communities with nearby stores and services.

When making changes of this scale, everyone is a critic. The City takes this feedback and write new codes based on city objectives and public response. The comment period will be open until August 7 so it is not too late to express your opinion. The draft code will be published this fall and sent out again for public review prior to adoption by the planning commission and city council.

Better Housing by Design has received plenty of feedback from the community already. The public response has been great from stakeholder meetings, neighborhood walks, presentations with community discussions, questionnaires, etc.

Portland is adept at doing outreach and the results have been good, but not entirely clear. The meetings generally have a diverse group of people with their own perspectives on how to improve Portland's housing.

Home owners and renters want to improve their neighborhoods, and builders and developers are concerned about complexity and expense. Many believe the building and zoning codes are overly complex and any changes will take time and effort to understand them.

The following are a selection of the major themes being discussed, followed by a sampling of the public's responses.

The City asked what in the existing codes are, or aren't working well and among the responses were:

- The process is too complex and the regulations should be more flexible.
- Don't make big changes because there will be unintended consequences.
- Greater clarity is needed.
- Design standards are too prescriptive.
- The review process of building plans is inconsistent.
- Use design review to address issues of context and compatibility.
- Allow increased density and change the way it's calculated.
- The large setback regulations are difficult to use.
- Don't rip out perfectly good sidewalks.
- People love shared courtyards, but they are too difficult to build.
- Communities are concerned about the lack of parking.
- Setbacks reduce the space for interior courtyards.

The idea of a *Form Based Code* is being explored. This would allow more flexibility with regard to density and building configurations. The number of units would not be fixed within a specific lot size and a building the size of a single family home might include two, three or four

units. It would give the small developer greater flexibility.

Parking may concern the neighbors as well as the use of the open space. The smaller units could be more affordable than the normal market rate apartment.

Public responses about Form Based Zoning are generally liked with some reservations about: building heights, setbacks, density, and Accessory Dwelling Units.

Outdoor Spaces are a concern to many. Currently in most of the middle sized apartment zones, 48 square feet (6 feet by 8 feet) is required per unit. Some think this is not enough. Some suggest it should be larger while others think it should be combined into a community space. Families with small children need more space and the designers and developers must make it work. It may add increased costs or take away from needed interior space.

Public responses about Outdoor Spaces:

- They encourage long-term tenants.
- They are hard to fit on small sites.
- Many people don't use outdoor spaces.
- Landscape requirements are difficult.
- Balconies are often used for storage.
- There should be a mix of public and private courtyards.
- Shared courtyards are the best solution.

Front Garages are a common feature of low density residential neighborhoods. Narrow-lot houses, row-houses, and multi-dwelling buildings have little room for garages. They can take up too much of the front yard and dominate the curb appeal. Some consider them unfavorable to a pedestrian-oriented street environment.

The city suggests that a garage should not be more than 50 percent of the front facing facade.

In public responses about Front Garages, some liked them, others didn't.

- Loss of on-street parking is important.
- On-street parking must be preserved.
- Don't require parking.
- There are consequences if garages are eliminated.
- They are often not suitable.
- Rethink the issue.

Some areas of the city have poor *Street Connectivity*; important for pedestrian and other forms of alternative transportation when densities increase.

This would involve making new streets, sidewalks, or walkways as part of new development. The issue is who will pay for these capital improvements? Developers want the city to pay and the city wants to give developers incentives to provide them.

Public responses:

- Street connection requirements are expensive and deter development.
- Portland Bureau of Transportation needs to be more reasonable and flexible about making needed connections.
- Streets cost a lot and the city should pay for it.
- Tax abatements could defray the

costs.

- There should be narrower pedestrian and bike connections.
- Eight foot sidewalks take up a lot of space.
- The Fire Marshall requirements are excessive.

A major component of the zoning system are *Amenity Bonuses*. These trade desirable features of building design for relaxing zoning restrictions.

The wide range of amenity bonuses include: affordable units, recreation facilities, children's play areas, three-bedroom units, storage areas, sound insulation, crime prevention features, solar water heating, larger outdoor areas, and tree preservation.

Without bonuses, they may not be part of new projects. Neighbors often deplore this system because developments become much larger and the amenities do not help a neighborhood.

Public responses about Amenity Bonuses:

- Bonuses make sites more attractive.
- There should be bonuses for: larger units, storage, sound insulation, solar heating.
- Several wanted to get rid of the bonus system.

This discussion about Better Housing by Design will be continued later this fall and winter. To find more about the subject go to portlandoregon.gov/bps for the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability website.

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Safety Stakes Rise with Bike-Car Interfaces

By MIDGE PIERCE

Accidents mount as the City learns the hard way – through deaths and neighborhood ire – that you can’t address both safety and traffic flow in ways that satisfy everyone.

So far this year there have been two dozen car/bike/pedestrian fatalities plus numerous accidents involving injuries not deemed serious enough to report.

Even hit and runs between cars and cyclists are under-reported because of police backlogs, staff shortages and case priorities. *(Note: If you have been involved in an accident in which police did not respond, you can self-report via: oregon.gov/ODOT/Forms/DMV/32.pdf.)*

Some 300,000 commuters ply the city streets every day according to the Portland Bureau of Transportation. The figure represents 55,000 more commuters than in 2000. By 2035, 550,000 commuters are projected.

Currently, some 18,000 commuters are cyclists enroute to work. PBOT would like to raise the percentage of bicyclists but admits work must be done. Under current conditions, future projections indicate a decline in the percentage of bicyclists vs. cars.

As the SE population burgeons, safe car/bike/pedestrian interface is critical. The issue hit Montavilla hard with the recent death of Erin Brennenman, beloved manager of Hungry Heart Bakery, who died from injuries suffered after her bike was struck by a hit and run driver.

To develop safety initiatives on high crash corridors like Stark, Sandy, Cesar E. Chavez, Belmont, Division, Hawthorne and Foster among others, City Council recently granted Vision

Zero more than a million dollars. The state’s new transportation package designates funds for Safe Routes to School that include a four-mile stretch of Powell.

Small changes in SE are emerging. On Hawthorne, a pedestrian island now marks the intersection where young Fallon Smart was killed by a hit and run driver last year. On Powell, a desperately needed safe crossing near Cleveland High is finally operational. On heavily-cycled Ankeny, speed bumps and a diverter have been added.

Curvy, high truck and car-trafficked Thorburn now boasts 10 speed bumps to slow speeders short-cutting off I-205. Residents soon hope to address pedestrian safety on the street that lacks sidewalks and safe shoulders.

Neighborhood Associations have endorsed the 60s Bikeway route through Mt. Tabor and Biketown Portland celebrated more than 300,000 trips in its first year of sharing its bright, bulky orange behemoths.

Commissioner Saltzman praised the program for encouraging use of Portland’s “world class network of comfortable bike routes.”

That description may be debatable as Portland’s narrow streets were not designed for both cars and bikes. While one camp claims the City has a bias toward cyclists, others feel far more needs to be done to keep them safe.

The introduction of Neighborhood Greenways intended to keep speeds down, and can upset neighbors. Among both drivers and riders, many feel road-diets have hurt, not helped, tense situations. Busy commuting corridors can be nightmarish gambles.

A bike and car commuter recently commented that to get more people out of cars and on bikes, streets must become safer. “You have to separate cars and bikes first.”

PBOT bicycle safety rep Roger Geller spoke at a Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association meeting and warned, “Traffic conditions are only going to get worse.”

Distributing renditions of a series of speed bumps and bike crossings proposed for SE Lincoln St. between 12th and 60th, he said, “Our goal is to make conditions better for bikes on Neighborhood Greenways.”

The diverter proposed for Lincoln at 50th that would restrict cross-traffic turns caused uproar. Residents called them problem overkill that would increase neighborhood car cut-throughs and exacerbate dangerous backlogs on 50th and Division, an area that has seen unprecedented construction and growth.

(Some 400+ units are currently in the works along 50th, a number that could easily exceed 1000 in a few years.)

Trends show newcomers typically arrive with cars despite the City’s efforts to discourage automobile influx.

“So far everything PBOT has done, like narrowing Division south of 50th to one lane and the proposed articulated “slow” rapid transit makes things worse,” said a resident.

Tackling bike/car/pedestrian issues can be like touching the third rail – even for a journalist who daily witnesses dangerous driving habits, reckless cycling aggression and careless pedestrian crossings.

Especially with the sun so blindingly low in the sky during summer commuting hours, Portland is a danger zone without easy solutions.

State Bike Tax not favored by cyclists

By JACK RUBINGER

To help support and provide better roads, a number of approaches have been suggested over the years. One bright spot is the Tilikum Crossing which cyclists, pedestrians, and public transportation all share peacefully. Beautiful views of the city, easy access and no cars.

Many are puzzled by the imminent signing by Governor Brown of a state-wide bicycle tax which puts a \$15 tax on all bicycles selling for \$200 or more – all designed to help fund and restore the state’s infrastructure.

Some think that the state’s new bicycle tax is inefficient and ineffective and is based on the false premise that bicyclists “don’t pay their fair share” for the state’s infrastructure.

“A flat \$15 tax whether for a \$300 or \$3000 bicycle, is regressive, disproportionately affecting the poor, and effectively promoting the sale of very low quality bicycles sold cheaply at big-box stores,” said Todd Fahrner from Clever Cycles.

“The revenue generated will be quite low compared to the administrative burden of collecting the tax. It’s a symbolic gesture letting politicians appear to motor-dependent constituents to be pushing back against freeloading bicyclists.

“In reality anything that promotes bicycling for transportation relieves urban motor vehicle congestion and parking woes, as bicycles are vastly more space efficient,” he said.

Ironically, Clever Cycles’ best-selling adult bicycles are exempt because their wheels are smaller than the 26” specified in the bill.

Others are cautiously optimistic about the bicycle tax.

“The Oregon bike tax is a good idea. More and more of the road work I see within the City of Portland is used to separate vehicles and bikes, making bicycle usage more realistic. So it makes sense that bikes begin to pay for these costs as cars always have through gas taxes and the new vehicle fees,” said Doug Garnett, from Atomic Direct.

“Fundamentally, this looks to be a good step forward in managing our community’s need for all types

of vehicles to share the road,” he continued.

Some bicyclists believe they enjoy far fewer public subsidies or privileges than motorists. Motor vehicle accommodation and promotion is deeply ingrained into Oregon laws, codes, culture, while bicycle accommodation at a similar level is regarded as something hippie, novel, optional, or revocable.

“I don’t like this law,” Shireen Hussein said. “Why would you tax people who are promoting a healthy mode of transportation, [it] seems counterproductive? Tax SUVs instead of bikes.

“I bike all over Portland, but on weekdays, mainly in SE. I don’t like the increased traffic in SE which makes it more congested and scarier to ride on the streets, especially if people aren’t used to driving on roads with cyclists. I’m concerned about some of the poorly maintained roads that I bike on (rough roads, pot holes) which makes for a bumpy/unenjoyable ride in some areas.”

Joshua Cohen from Fat Pencil Studio in SE imagined the new bike tax might have a chilling effect on sales at local bike shops, and he suggested this change could present an interesting promotional opportunity.

“Suppose there was a fund that could help retailers pay some or all of the these quarterly taxes. Instead of passing costs to consumers on the receipt, local shops could advertise “no bike taxes here.”

“Now suppose I was offered this option at time of purchase. Instead of ranting about state fees, store clerks could talk about the option to register bikes (a great idea) and also pay it forward on bike fees (including the bike I’m buying plus two more),” said Cohen.

“This could be a great opportunity to turn what could be negative publicity into a benefit for local shops.”

Will this new tax decrease the number of cyclist on the road or encourage current cyclists to drive instead of their bikes because of all the traffic? More importantly, will we see improvements to our infrastructure that aid safety, congestion and traffic flow? Stay tuned and drive carefully.

Does our water need protecting?

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does not distinguish between the majority of Cryptosporidium species (genotypes) that are not infectious (harmless) to humans and the few that are.

The two species that are responsible for the significant public health outbreaks are those from humans (c. hominus), think daycare centers and public swimming pools (Sellwood), and c. parvum (cows, Baker City).

Improved sampling methods are available, and one was utilized by the American Water Work Association Research Foundation in a scientific study (AwwaRF #3021) that concluded that Portland and all participating utilities already meets the goal of the rule which is to reduce the level of disease in the community.

Comprehensive disease surveillance data confirmed disease levels in the region were lower than normal during the January to March period of the PWB’s harmless “detects”.

Regardless, Commissioner Fish told his new utility board to ignore scientific facts pressing them to not recommend a delay for better decision-making and public process but “make their best guess” as to what treatment plant(s) ratepayers should finance.

Trouble for Portland’s water system started when Water Bureau manager Rosemary Menard served on EPA’s LT2 Federal Advisory Committee (FACA). She signed an Agreement in Principle though not authorized to

do so, without Council approval or public knowledge.

Menard brought with her to the FACA table a revolving-door consultant, Joe Glicker, whose associated global corporations, MWH Global and CH2Mhill have been the beneficiaries of multiple contracts related to treatment plants and buried tanks, including designing the \$170 million underground tank at Powell Butte that had a massive number of cracks at completion then leaking enough to fill an Olympic-sized pool every day.

PWB has a number of back up water supplies to address emergencies. They’ve invested huge sums to clean up the Columbia South Shore Well Field for use; they’ve built top-secret interties with other utilities, and took over Powell Valley wells in 2005.

How many emergency backups must ratepayers finance? In 2012 Water Bureau dredging in the watershed was the cause of high turbidity. Ratepayers paid for decommissioning logging roads to reduce turbidity.

Last year despite storm after storm, turbidity was very low. Fire protections are in place, and the risk considered low, Massive fires often shut down filtration plants. Contrary to their 15-year old modeling of climate change, water demand is down since 1988.

New York, San Francisco, Boston, and Seattle provide safe, unfiltered, great tasting water to many tens of millions. Yes, 90% of large water systems do have filtration plants. Why? Because

their watersheds are polluted by human activity.

PWB and their consultants co-authored a paper presented at an industry conference in Paris detailing the risks of mercury bulbs breaking in the Bull Run watershed and drinking water, Balancing Risk versus Benefit... Bull Run disinfection facility.

Shouldn’t the public have opportunity to read it and consider the implications? PWB asked CH2Mhill to prepare information on the potential public health impacts from the chemicals that would be added to our drinking water if a filtration plant is built. Shouldn’t the public have opportunity to assess these health impacts with the entire medical community before any decision?

The options the Water Bureau has put forward are indeed onerous, but they are not the only compliance options.

New York City secured a 20-year deferral of one part of this regulation until 2034 after detecting Cryptosporidium in their Hillview reservoir.

Boston went to court and won when EPA tried to force them to build a filtration plant.

During the mayoral campaign, Mayor Wheeler said that the city should have fought harder for Portland’s open reservoirs. While we don’t support the gutting of the EPA by the Trump administration, Portland must resist this overreaching, flawed regulation.

Protection of our pure Bull Run water and beloved watershed and 125 years of history demands it.

Livability Improvements for 82nd Avenue

from cover

to go through before this will be finalized.

Commissioner Dan Saltzman, who oversees the Bureau of Transportation, said that a transfer of outer Powell to the city was approved by the 2017 Oregon Legislature and a substantial sum of money will be included in this deal. If this works well, he’s hopeful the same can be done for 82nd Ave. that will include resources to improve the area.

In the meantime, the 82nd Avenue of Roses community conveyed to Council what an integral part of the equation this area will be as Portland continues to grow. It will become its own epicenter.

They are asking for more flashing crossing lights, pedestrian islands, curb extension, four way cross walks

and trash cans – small steps that increase livability now. NT

***Vision Zero is a multi-national road traffic safety project that aims to achieve a highway system with no fatalities or serious injuries involving road traffic. It started in Sweden and was approved by their parliament in October 1997.*

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Community Events Bulletin

Lents Founders Fair
August 6th 11-4
oregonwalks.org

Lents Founder's Fair will give participants an opportunity to explore the neighborhood on foot and use the streets for play as they close off streets to cars and open them up to people. Featuring Founder Fair favorites like the Beautiful Chicken Contest and live music performances.

Alberta Street Fair
August 12th 11-6
albertamainst.org/whats-happening/
street-fair/

The 20th Annual Alberta Street Fair focuses on local products, artists, crafts, and foods. It includes an 11 a.m. kids' parade, a kids' corner, 2 beer gardens, and three stages of entertainment.

Adult Soapbox Derby
August 19th, 9:30-4
Soapboxracer.com

40+ racers hurdle down a closed course in hand built contraptions powered by only on push at the top of Mt Tabor. Please leave your 4 legged children at home and keep your two legged children close as these soapboxes are built for speed - not braking.

OMSI Solar Eclipse Viewing Party
August 21st
omsi.edu/eclipse-2017

Join OMSI at the Oregon State Fairgrounds where we will celebrate the unique experience of complete darkness for close to two minutes. The Solar Eclipse Viewing Party will include science lectures, astronomy-related community groups, entertainment, and more.

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