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Infill on Steroids Gains State Traction: Riles Residents

By MIDGE PIERCE

A bill known as a "Build Baby Build" legislative bill under the idea of addressing emergency housing statewide is fueling what critics call a widespread assault on Oregon cities' self-determination and livability. Adding insult, the bill is barreling through the state legislature without adequate public hearing.

House Bill 2007 would essentially eliminate single family residential neighborhoods by making multi-plex infill housing mandatory across the state. The bill would permit duplexes and ADUs everywhere in cities and towns of at least 2500 residents.

Critics call it a stealth bill that is Infill inflation modeled after Portland's controversial Residential Infill Project (RIP). A major difference is that HB 2007 would extend dense Infill well beyond the city's current plans for Housing Opportunity Overlay Zones.

Watchdogs are howling, "Wake up Oregon. This is Infill on steroids."

As initially proposed, the bill would speed approvals for affordable housing, a move lauded by all who have witnessed heartbreaking sagas of skyrocketing rents and rising property taxes displacing young

and old. But opponents say the Oregon Home Builders Association (OHBA) and others twisted it into a bill that overrides local zoning and undermines city controls. The bill would allow building to maximum density and heights potentially disregarding critical local planning tools like discretionary design reviews.

As outrage mounted last month at an informational meeting in Salem, House Speaker Tina Kotek slammed opponents as racist NIMBYS. Arriving late to advocate for the "high-yield" housing bill she sponsored, she condemned "race-based housing policies" and said opposition is "grounded in Nimbyism" by well-heeled residents using discriminatory practices that restrict others from building wealth and power.

The special hearing was convened by Southeast Portland State Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer who chairs the Human Services and Housing Committee. After the meeting was scheduled she realized it lacked testimonial teeth because the bill had already left her committee.

Apologizing for the snafu, Keny-Guyer said the sheer number of bills introduced to the legislature have made it

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Overview of the proposed cascading soaking pools between reservoirs 5 and 6. Designed by Jennifer Moran

Mt. Tabor Park Thermal Baths
An Idea for Preserving the Reservoirs, Creating Energy, and Raising Revenue

By Amy Peterson PSU School of Architecture Student

Since 1894, Mt. Tabor Park has hosted open air reservoirs for drinking water for the City of Portland. As part of the Long Term 2 Regulation invoked by the Environmental Protection Agency

in 2006, the city cannot use the open reservoirs for our water. The city has built an underground reservoirs as a replacement for the drinking water storage. Proposals for the defunct reservoirs range from burying them to creating skate-parks.

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Reactions to HB 2007

By MIDGE PIERCE

With astronomical rental and housing costs, no one denies the need for affordable housing. The question is whether HB 2007 is the solution.

Critics call HB 2007 a "statewide attack on local controls", "sweeping upzoning", "homebuilders' goldrush" and "land grab writ large". Opponents include Restore Oregon, Portland Coalition for Historic Resources, United Neighborhoods for Reform, League of Oregon Cities,

the City of Astoria and various Portland grassroots organizations and neighborhood associations.

Proponents hail it as a fair and just emergency housing measure that will reduce obstacles for needed market rate and affordable housing. Proponents include Oregon Home Builders Association, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Portland for Everyone and AARP.

Here is a sampling of reactions to HB 2007 that may soon be law of the land:

Restore Oregon Executive Director Peggy Moretti cites unfettered build-out in unaffordable San Francisco as proof that the "trickle down theory" of Build Baby Build will not result in low cost housing. Rather it is good intentions degenerating into bad outcomes.

The Architectural Heritage Center calls the bill a proverbial wolf in sheep's clothing. It takes a "one size fits all" approach that encourages demolition of smaller, less expensive homes and does specific harm to historic districts.

The McCulloch Foundation says the bill being rushed through the legislature would "virtually negate Historic District demolition protection" and take away local development regulation from Oregon towns and cities.

A member of the Historic Laurelhurst preservation group says, "The Oregon Home Builder's Association is using the State Legislature to force residential infill - no matter how poorly designed - on every city in Oregon."

Portland Together (not be confused with 1000 Friends of Oregon's local coalition Portland for Everyone) believes

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Bio-gas / Poop to Power

By Don MacGillivray

Portland will soon be processing the City's sewage and making a profit doing it. This is making "power from poop." With over seven billion of us on the planet and all of us creating waste on a daily basis, there is a lot of potential in making it pay. And now, this Oregon city has found a way to do just that.

Every year, the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services processes 28 billion gallons of wastewater. Methane is a potent greenhouse gas that is a natural

byproduct of sewage treatment process. This summer, the Bureau of Environmental Services will begin an innovative effort that will capture 100 percent of the methane gas from our waste water which will significantly reduce our carbon footprint. It will convert this smelly, unattractive waste product that we all produce into a valuable, renewable natural gas that can be sold on the open market.

This will be Portland's single largest climate action project. This clean, locally-

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SE Updates

By MIDGE PIERCE

Bills move forward at rapid pace

If the devil is in the details, as nearly 3000 legislative measures move through Salem, it's understandable that lawmakers, many of whom have additional jobs elsewhere, find it tough to keep up or dig into specific bills. Still, citizens, outraged by "stealth" aspects of HB 2007 that impose mandatory density on all but the smallest Oregon cities are now seeking greater transparency and opportunities for input on proposed legislation.

A number of lesser known bills intended to help address the housing crisis have moved beyond the housing committee chaired by Southeast Portland's state representative Alissa Keny-Guyer. Below is a partial description of bills that seem to have strong support:

HB 2004 would limit residential rent hikes to fair rates of return.

HB 2010 would create a task force to review racial and discriminatory lending practices.

HB 2433 would allow school districts to develop low income senior housing in exchange for classroom assistance.

Several bills address tax cuts for rehabilitation of apartments and homes.

HB 3192 establishes a \$5 million fund to help first time, low income home buyers.

HB 2724 guarantees rent to landlords who take chances on high risk tenants with bad credit scores or criminal backgrounds.

The gist of these bills sound laudatory. But citizens who have witnessed the past several years of unfettered growth have learned that vigilance should go hand in hand with rubber stamping.

With housing solutions dividing residents, tensions can be cut with a knife during neighborhood gatherings.

Rifts rise between renters and NAs

At a Southeast Uplift Meeting to introduce Commissioner Chloe Eudaly to local grant recipients including a tenants

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Letters to the Editor

To the editor:

After reading so many recent articles on housing, the homeless, traffic problems, etc., I am amazed that these issues are being dealt with in such a piecemeal fashion. Don't you (the editors, the media, the government entities, the public) realize that all of these problems are interrelated as a result of inconsistent growth management?

How many of you are aware that the Statewide Planning Goals call for comprehensive and integrated growth management? Granted, 30 some years ago virtually everyone knew of the Goals when cities and counties all over Oregon were still developing comprehensive land use plans. The thing is, the Statewide Planning Goals are still applicable when the plans need to be updated or go through a periodic review. Unfortunately, the implementation of the plans are happening piecemeal, especially in the Metro area. The result is multiple disjointed efforts to deal with growth issues and problems rather than coordinated and comprehensive growth management as the Statewide Planning Goals intended.

Let's look at examples of many of the problem areas. The City of Portland pushed gentrification in recent years causing displacement of many lower income residents. Since the City did not implement for housing choice (as required by State Goal 10; Housing), a shortage of affordable housing ensued. And with Portland

being such a popular destination, housing prices soared beyond control. The City's efforts to provide for additional housing are too limited and include only a few hundred affordable units, apartments and ADU's, and unpopular density increases in established Single Family Residential (SFR) areas. The City should step back and provide more housing choice including moderate density housing, duplexes, courtyard apartments, tiny home locations, innovative housing complexes, and reduce the focus on apartments, ADU's, and changes to well established SFR neighborhoods. Likewise, reduce commercial use of SFR's in favor of residential. You can't accommodate more needed housing in SFR neighborhoods if many houses are no longer in residential use (i.e. commercial day cares, offices, airbnb, etc.).

Housing costs have skyrocketed and are only recently starting to stabilize. Trouble is, costs/rents are 10-50% higher than they were two years ago. And if demand continues to increase, so will the costs. As the "well to dos" move into the City the "lower incomes" are being forced out. The City and State need to proactively prevent price gouging and do better at encouraging reasonable rents. Rent control is only one of many ways to create affordability. Encouraging less greed and reasonable, but not excessive, profit margins is another. And providing for real housing choice is even another. Similarly, the City's increases in fees due to an inability to effectively manage moneys, contributes to high housing costs.

Traffic problems are multifaceted and, again, are being dealt with piecemeal. Street and infrastructure upgrades were supposed to be occurring consistent with development. But instead we're seeing substandard and poorly maintained streets at the same time apartment construction is booming. What's just as bad is the City is reacting to safety issues instead of having

anticipated and accommodated such as related to growth. So, a pedestrian death occurs on upper SE Hawthorne and due to bad publicity the City installs a crosswalk facility. And a self-proclaimed anarchist group fills in potholes because the City can't keep up with street repairs itself. Likewise, safety issues abound on many other streets, most of them major arterials, and the City's response is Vision Zero, which reduces travel lanes and speed limits. Again, these are reactionary measures which do absolutely nothing to deal with the traffic increases and congestion which have placed Portland in the nation's top 10 for worse commutes for many years running. The mindset that everyone will ride transit or a bicycle needs to be re-evaluated and reality-based transportation planning implemented. Pointing fingers at ODOT for more lanes on the freeways is not the answer. Congestion is happening on City streets as well.

Responses to the homeless plight have been inconsistent when in fact they need to follow a comprehensive approach. Not only are more shelters needed, but these need to be wholistic and provide services (including health care, counseling, training, etc.). The homeless should not be scattering willy nilly on side streets, under bridges, in public parks, or in business doorways as now occurs. Specific areas also need to be designated for temporary and safe tent grounds and RV parking locations with essential services and supervision provided. Public and private partnerships can address much of this until such time as the problems can be reduced and the homeless better served. The City and County have the resources now to locate such sites and identify partners. This isn't rocket science, folks!

And the list could go on. And what about new neighborhood parks? What about parking for apartments?

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ON THE STREETS WHERE WE LIVE

By Nancy Tannler, Editor

Dear Readers:

The other day I was sitting in Monti's Cafe, speaking with a writer about the newspaper. It's places like this, one of our advertisers, that bring this publication into 26,500 homes and businesses every month. The advertisers pay our writer, all the other writers, the A & E person, the printer, the post office, the delivery guy and myself.

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In the age of social media and instant everything, I occasionally begin to doubt the relevance of the printed word, except online, but then I realize that, like the campfire, the newspaper is a place for both the young and older generations to share stories, relay information, and directly connect us to each other. The symbolism of this was never more profound than when we stopped at the petroglyph/pictograph called Newspaper Rock in Utah last month. This rock has been a recording place for the people of this region for thousands of years and only in



Newspaper Rock

1964, when Canyonland was made into a park, did the writings cease.

Our slow-paced journey through south central Utah gave me time to observe and learn about the Ancestral Puebloans and to witness the effect a church-influenced state like Utah has over all the communities in the state.

I had skimmed Bryce Canyon and Zion as a child but never experienced first hand the powerful presence of rock formations, color and expansive landscapes that make this state one of the most beautiful places I've ever seen.

So many artifacts, ruins, petroglyphs and pictographs are still preserved from the early tribes – Utes, Paiutes, Goshutes, Shoshone, Zunis, Hopis, Navajos—now described as the

Ancestral Puebloans. The dry high desert keeps things as they were a thousand years ago.

As is witnessed by the security of their dwellings and the skeletal remains, these early tribes were not a peaceful lot. Before the white-man ever arrived, they were busy bashing each others brains out and capturing slaves. Still, they did have incredible building skills, agricultural techniques, pottery and art, tool-making abilities, community life and some form of communication via the rock carvings.

It still baffles archaeologists why there was a mass migration from this area and many others like it around 1300 AD. Still the preserved antiquity has a profound effect upon the tourist who is walking in the steps of these early civilizations,

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Slower speed limits = less fatal accidents

By Don MacGillivray

Over the last three year Vision Zero has grown to become one of the most popular new policies within Portland local government and it is becoming known to the state and federal government, possibly even more than road repair and transportation infrastructure. Deaths and serious accidents are now seen as preventable through government and community action.

The first Vision Zero resolution was passed in Portland in 2015. The first Vision Zero Policy Plan followed a year later and it was adopted late last year. It is quickly changing the local transportation priorities. The work is the result of a task force made up of 26 community advocates and city staffers from a diverse range of interests and organizations. Vision Zero will especially work to equitably address the safety needs of low-income and minority communities and ensure that they are not inappropriately the focus of law enforcement. There are currently 32 specific items from the Vision Zero Action Plan being implemented.

The basic strategy of Portland's Vision Zero Action Plan is to decrease traffic speed through: lowering the posted speed, improved street design, posting reader boards, increasing automated enforcement, and by providing multi-cultural traffic safety education.

This work was made more important in 2016 with an exceptionally tragic year where 45 people died in local traffic

accidents marking just the second time since 1998 that over 40 people died in a single year. In the same year 492 people died in Oregon road accidents. This is a 10% increase over the 2015 total and a 57% jump from the 313 lives lost to traffic accidents in 2013. Road safety is becoming an even bigger public concern than road repair and maintenance.

The correlation between excessive speed and serious injury or death is clear. Therefore the Portland Bureau of Transportation has requested lower speeds on twenty-one roadways in Portland. Those streets where accidents occur are the main target. Many of them are in East Portland and only a few would affect the Inner Southeast. The most notable is the change to 20 mph on Hawthorne Boulevard from SE 30th to SE 50th Avenue. Another is on Woodstock between SE 57th Avenue and SE 91st Avenue.

SE Division Street to the east of SE 82nd Street seems to be getting much attention. Over ten years, SE Division Street has had more crashes with fatalities or serious injuries to drivers than any other corridor in the city. There have been a total of 13 deaths and 117 serious injuries in that period of time. It had the fourth highest total of injuries for people walking, and the second highest total for people riding bicycles.

Outer SE Division Street is on the designated High Crash list due to the high rate of accidents and deaths on the street. These accidents on Outer Division Street greatly affect the diverse communities in the Jade District, the Division Midway Alliance and others in East Portland. Therefore on SE Division Street between SE 82nd Avenue and 174th Avenue the speed limit will be decreased by 5 mph from 35 mph to 30 mph. The street is also being redesigned with center medians and pedestrian islands. There will be educational programs and outreach for the many diverse groups in the area. Other locations are also receiving minor speed limit reductions. Speed cameras are being installed at those intersections where speeding is most frequent.

Safe Routes to School is also getting educational and outreach attention. This year five high crash intersections will be upgraded by the Portland Bureau of Transportation and the Oregon Bureau of Transportation.

Metro is including a

Regional Transportation Safety Action Plan as part of the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan. It is their desire to eliminate transportation related fatalities and serious injuries for all users of the region's transportation system by 2035.

Metro has a great video that explains the situation they are addressing. It notes that 586 people are killed or severely injured each year in the Metro area. Then it asks how many people killed per year is acceptable? And the last question is how many people in your family would be an acceptable loss? The intent is to illustrate that there should be no acceptable traffic fatalities. Since the violence is indiscriminate you or your family may be victims.

Rob Nosse, State Representative from House District 42, in the inner southeast has introduced HB 2667 that will establish a 17 member statewide Vision Zero Task Force to study and draft strategies that will address, reduce, and eliminate traffic crashes, particularly those with auto, bicycle and pedestrian injuries and fatalities. This legislation is supported by: The Street Trust, Oregon Walks, and Oregon and SW Washington Families for Safe Streets.

Congressman Earl Blumenauer is also attempting to lead the nation toward Vision Zero policies. He describes the need for national assistance to end the "American carnage" on the roadways across the county. In fact there are other cities just like Portland that are implementing Vision Zero plans and policies. Congressman Blumenauer's bill would address both plans and their implementation by providing a limited number of grants to local government.

With all the attention given to automobile safety along comes the specter of driver-less cars. Portland is in the midst of many plans on how to accommodate this new wrinkle on local transportation. Autonomous vehicles will take human error out of the equation, but what about the driver operated vehicles that remain. The public has a right to expect that appropriate safety standards are adopted and met. Driverless cars should not only help us meet safety standards, but also help with our equity, climate change, and economic goals. In the end we must ensure that all streets are safe for people walking, biking, rolling, or driving.

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Neighborhood Notes

South Tabor

By Sandra Hay Magdaleno

We had a very informative, worthwhile Emergency Preparedness Workshop in May. We appreciate the Red Cross, the City of Portland and NET team leaders and of course our President, Duane Hanson for putting it all together. We hope to bring more of this information to our neighborhood in the coming month/years and encourage people to become volunteers or NET trained and volunteers. Please follow this link to learn how to complete the training or become a volunteer as well as how to be prepared at home, in your car or at work at: www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/58587. Additionally email: Sustainability@southtabor.org for ways to become prepared or to work with the Sustainability Committee for the preparedness of yourself and neighbors. We meet the Tuesday before the monthly board meetings.

The “Litter Clean Up” this year is Saturday, June 10 from 10 am to 2 pm. We will be doing street clean up on Division from 52nd to 82nd and SE 71st from Division to Powell. Headquarters will be at Division Dental at 7600 SE Division Street so meet you there. A pizza party to wrap up the Litter Pick Up will take place afterwards. It is best to bring your own gloves although most tools and supplies will be provided.

The annual Harvest Festival with live entertainment, plant and tool swap, crafts, our famous apple cider and corn on the cob, plus much more will be Sunday, September 10 from noon to 4 pm.

The General Election took place at the annual meeting in May. We’ll be reporting the new board members in the next SE Examiner or go to SouthTabor.org website after June 5 to look up and congratulate your board.

We called an emergency meeting to respond to the developer for the 62nd and SE Powell proposed 900 unit Storage Facility. The letter/email to the developer agreed with and built upon recommendations from the city as well as our own requests from our neighbors and the land use committee. We will continue to monitor this situation. You may email: LandUse@southttabor.org for more information or to participate at our Land Use Committee Meetings held the Tuesday directly before our monthly board meetings which are the 3rd Thursday of the month.

The Communications Committee is still in the process of testing a pilot program for a more useable and beneficial website. We’ll let you know once it is up and running for your use. If you would like to help please contact: Communications@southtabor.org and/or attend our Communications Committee Meetings the Tuesday directly before our 3rd Thursday board meetings.

Board members, Tina Kimmey, John Carr, Duane Hanson and Sandra Hay Magdaleno all attended the last Mt Tabor Yard Planning Group. They discussed the proposed art design concept and additional plan changes primarily along the long block entrance off of SE 60th. A heated discussion ensued. There is more work to be done.

Our next STNA Board Meeting is Thursday, June 15 at 7 pm. The Land Use Committee Meeting, The Communications Committee Meeting and The Sustainability Committee Meetings will be held two days prior on Tuesday, June 13 from 7 – 8:30 pm at Trinity as well. (2700 SE 67th with entrance from parking in the rear.) See you there!

Richmond

By Brendon Haggerty

The Richmond Neighborhood Association held its May meeting on May 8th. The board moved to request that the city exercise its option to purchase land adjacent to Washington High School to be used as a community center. It also voted to create a graffiti task force. Following a presentation from Portland Tenants United, the RNA voted and to issue an open letter supporting the repeal of statewide ban on rent stabilization and an end to no-cause evictions.

RNA will hold elections for 8 open seats at its next meeting on June 12 from 7 to 9 pm. The meeting agenda will also include votes on proposed amendments to bylaws.

RNA meetings are held in the Waverly Heights Church basement (SE 33rd & Woodward) on the 2nd Monday of the Month, except January. Enter from the east-side door. The RNA’s website is richmondpx.org. The next RNA meeting will be Monday, June 12th.

Buckman

By Susan Lindsay

Buckman Community Association Board Elections will be held Thursday, June 8th at the regular monthly general meeting, 7-9pm in the Multnomah County Board Room, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. The Board consists of nine positions and five are up for election. The term is two years. Residents and/or those with strong ties to the neighborhood are welcome to serve. Board member expectations include attending monthly meetings and serving on a committee or helping with a project. To find out more about the BCA, visit our website: buckmanpdx.org. Contact the board anytime: buckmanboard@googlegroups.com

Due to construction in Colonel Summers Park for the installation of a summer splash pad and water stream, the annual Buckman Picnic in the Park, normally held the second Sunday in August, will be on Sunday, September 17th, 3-7pm. Volunteers are needed to help coordinate the event, serve food and help with set up/clean up. Contact the BCA directly for more information and to volunteer.

HAND

By Jill Riebesehl

Summer is here, and the Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Association Board is gearing up for sunny days, with one event specializing in free ice cream and another involving a parade.

At our annual meeting May 16, we elected four new board members and heard a fascinating presentation by Steve Dotterer on the history of transportation in Portland, from native people’s trails to the unexecuted Mt. Hood Freeway.

On the agenda for our June 20 meeting, we will hear about two major ongoing citywide projects: the updated Central City Plan 2035 and Portland Bureau of Transportation’s Transportation System Plan, Stage 3.

The Central City Plan 2035, after much work and collaboration with citywide partners, was enacted in 2012 with the goal of developing a prosperous, educated, healthy and equitable city. We are eager to hear about progress made and updates to the plan and related policies for the downtown and central areas as Portland and its partners address ways to keep the urban area vibrant and unique. www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/47907

The Transportation System Plan 2035 was adopted as part of the Central City Plan in 2016. Testimony is being taken until July 21. Implementation could begin 2018. We will hear components of this third stage that include emergency response, transit and traffic classifications. With the plan’s adoption in September, further attention will focus on connectivity, transportation strategy for people movement, streets as public spaces, greenways and trails and more. <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/63710>

Also on our agenda is a brief visit from the Bureau of Environmental Services about progress on the sewer/stormwater project where it affects with our neighborhood.

Elections for board officers will be held at this meeting.

On July 22, we are looking forward to visiting with our neighbors at the Division-Clinton Business Association’s Street Fair at our HAND booth. A vibrant variety of vendor booths will pop up around SE 26th and Clinton, and between Clinton and Division on avenues between SE 25 and 28th. Some area businesses will be participating. A parade will take over Division Street heading west from SE 50th beginning at 10:45.

HAND will hold its annual Ice Cream Social, recognizing National Night Out, the first Tuesday in

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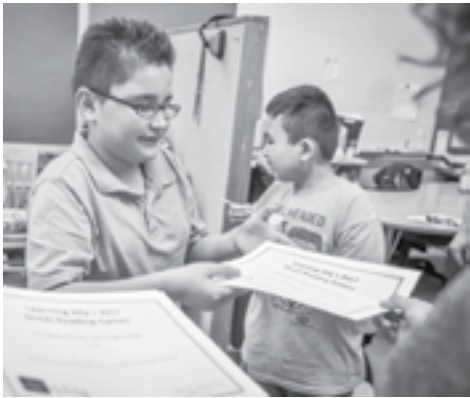
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Southeast school shines

Asking struggling readers to compete in a national reading contest used to be unheard of at southeast Portland’s Bridger School. But now that Bridger kids with learning challenges like dyslexia, ADHD, and autism have access to audiobooks specially designed for their print disabilities, the Wildcats are electing to compete with their peers across the country ... and succeeding!



Bridger recently placed in the top 13% nationally for the number of pages read in Learning Ally’s Great Reading Games. More than 1,200 schools read 5.3 million pages during the seven-week games, with Bridger placing 175th for pages read.

Third grader James loves books, but decoding words takes effort due to a print disability. But with the audiobooks, James can make the typeface larger, highlight sentences in yellow so the letters stand out, and use the technology to repeat words with which he is unfamiliar.

“I like reading,” said James. “My reading has gotten better using the audiobooks.”

Bridger Speech Language Pathologist Betsy Shaughnessey loves audiobooks as a way for students to keep up with their peers. Experts say audiobooks help build students’ access to content and vocabulary, enhancing their reading comprehension, and building the confidence and skills to help them progress to print text.

“I love the audiobooks, especially for students whose strength is auditory,” said Betsy. “It’s another tool for students to get excited about learning.”

The audiobooks were provided by The Shadow Project, as part of Portland Public Schools’ Read Together program designed to boost third grade literacy achievement. The Shadow Project is a local nonprofit that helps public school students with learning challenges gain access to the tools they need to set goals and succeed in the classroom.

Additional southeast Portland schools participating in The Shadow Project include Abernethy, Buckman, Harrison Park, and Pioneer. For their efforts, the Bridger readers received certificates of accomplishment, and a SubZero Mad Science party.

Smart water use: graywater gardens

By JEN COLE

Almost half the people on our planet do not have water piped into their homes. They have to go find their daily supply and carry it back for drinking, washing and bathing. If Oregonians had to do that, we might find ways to use a lot less than our current average 52 gallons (416 pounds!) per day.

As it stands, our city water systems do a great job of delivering a seemingly abundant supply of water to our faucets and showerheads. But, guess what? In parts of Oregon, wells and streams are going dry, and people have been promised more water than nature can provide. Even in western Oregon (often thought of as the “wet” side of the state), drought and water scarcity are growing concerns.

It’s time to rethink how to ensure that our water system is resilient to change. And when it comes to conservation, it’s time to get more creative than just shutting off the water while you brush your teeth.

This summer, the PDX Graywater Partnership (including our friends at Recode) is hosting workshops, courses and tours that will help people make big strides to lighten their water load. The idea is to deliver gently-used water from laundry, showers or sinks—graywater—to backyard bushes, trees and gardens. By putting graywater to good use, we can help reduce stresses on water supplies, lower home water usage

and costs, and support a thriving landscape.

5 things you do when you send water from your laundry and household sinks into your yard:

(1) Save a stream.

Even with the proliferation of water-efficient appliances and water-wise landscaping, water use by residential customers in Portland typically surges two- to three-fold during summer months. When your plants are the most thirsty, so are our rivers, native fish and wildlife that depend on them.

(2) Turn pollution into plant food.

Graywater systems not only water your yard—they also feed it. The nutrients in water from your sink and laundry (traces of food scraps, dirt, grease) act as fertilizer for your plants, and in return, plants and soil filter water before it trickles back into the natural water cycle. When the same nutrients end up in our rivers and lakes, they add up to pollution that causes dead zones, encourages harmful algal blooms, and kills fish.

(3) Let your yard absorb the bills.

Besides what goes down the toilet, most of the water that goes down the drain is essentially wasted. Giving graywater a second life before sending it away can cut your total water usage – and water bill – significantly. If you’re a gardener, that means more food at home and more money in your pocket at the

grocery store. By reconnecting our backyards to the natural water cycle, we can build greater resiliency in our communities.

(4) Become toxics aware.

When you reuse graywater in your garden, your plants become a litmus test for how toxic the chemicals are that you use in your home on a regular basis. Switch out cleaners that contain salts, boron or chlorine in favor of gentler products to ensure that your plants do not wilt or turn brown.

(5) Set the next trend.

Although reuse of graywater has been legal in Oregon since 2012, there are only 26 residential systems permitted in the state. Jackson County is leading the pack with more than half of these home systems, and there is only one residential system in Portland, delivering water from Ted Labbe’s washing machine to a row of raspberries thriving in his backyard. Who will be Oregon’s next green leader to harness the power of water reuse?

PDX Graywater Partnership is hoping you will be! Even a simple household system, costing less than a hundred dollars, can provide a reliable water source for bushes, trees and large plants. This summer, Depave, Graywater Action, Recode and other local groups are teaming up to introduce curious homeowners and installers to real installations, help simplify the permitting process, and educate on where to find appropriate parts.

Find out more about summer workshops and tours at greywateraction.org.

Recycling tip– Check Before It Goes

By BONITA DAVIS, MASTER

RECYCLER AND SUNNYSIDE RESIDENT

Parting with our possessions can be tough. Sentimentality, memories, and longevity can all factor into how we prize an item and assign it value. Experts suggest that some of us will devalue an object because it is “used,” while others will value it more because of our experiences with the object and the possibility it may now be a collectible, antique or now a rarified object that someone else would want. After all, we wanted it, right?

A friend in a nearby community expressed surprise on FaceBook when his truckload of donations were not all accepted for donation. To him, it was great stuff, but he learned that many items would not be resalable.

Shel Mae, Habitat’s Portland Retail Director, offered an explanation of how this might happen. Habitat for Humanity ReStores offer quality materials

at a low price to the public. Resale of donated items helps keep useable items out of the landfill and generates money to support their mission of building new homes. ReStores, like other resale outlets, incur a cost from time, labor, space and disposal fees when handling unsaleable items.

A test to see if an item is appropriate for donation; if you can’t sell it, and you can’t give it away, you probably can’t donate it either. Sometimes, it is hard to face the reality that an item we have used even recently no longer is desirable to others. Reasons for not accepting items might be that they pose a health or safety hazard (lead and asbestos for example,) have been recalled or banned, are in poor condition, not up to code, or are of insufficient quantity. Non-profits depend on our donations to support their mission and at the same time, look out for our safety.

Look to retail outlets such as Habitat’s ReStores (www.pdxrestore.org/donate), Goodwill (www.meetgoodwill.org/who-we-are/donations), and the ReBuilding Center (www.rebuildingcenter.org/donation) for excellent detailed websites that outline by category what can be accepted. Every day at The ReBuilding Center, eight tons of building materials pass through The ReBuilding Center every day, diverting useable materials from the landfill and providing the community with a great resource.

Consult with an expert at the Metro Recycling Hotline at 503.234.3000, or visit their Tools-for-Living at www.oregonmetro.gov for a solution for those hard to “re-home” items, including finding haulers who make it a priority to recycle when possible.

After searching very hard to find a new home for several items, I now ask myself; What am I going to do with this item when I no longer need it?



Sons of Norway’s Grieg Lodge recently celebrated its 107th birthday with a special Viking Pancake Brunch and Scholarship Awards Ceremony. Fifteen scholarships of \$2,000 each were awarded.

Scholarship recipients were Jannike Allen, Raymond Baldwin, Nathan Bergfelt, Sophia Caesar, Chelsea Davis, Laura Gifford, Millie Hobaish, Nissa Jensen, Nicole Kister, Chad Lipka, Tyler Pederson, Elizabeth Solheim, Ian Schipper, Robert Stoddard and Logan Wahlstrom. In addition a \$500 Bernhard and Johanna Fedde Grant was awarded to The Portland Scandinavian Chorus, which will be performing on tour in Sweden and Norway this summer.

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Community News

Seeking historic photos, documents and stories

The Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association (MTNA) seeks your historic photos, documents, and stories about Mt. Tabor Park’s historic open reservoirs.

We are interested in collecting photos, stories, documents about:
Mt. Tabor’s open reservoirs, from construction to today;
The Bull Run watershed, from the late 1800’s to today;

The original engineering and construction of the Bull Run system, from the watershed to the city.

If you have materials in your own personal collections, please consider sharing them with our team. You can email: MtTaborReservoirHistory@gmail.com with your digital files. Or, if your materials are not digitized, send us a note to that same address with a description of what you have and a way to contact you and someone will get in touch.

As you may remember, the land use review for the disconnect construction project at the Mt. Tabor reservoirs mandated that the Portland Water Bureau capture some of the story of Mt. Tabor’s reservoirs, and their role in the Bull Run water delivery system. This story is to be made available through on-site educational materials. This kind of effort is known as an “interpretive program.” MTNA is part of the joint team (which includes professional historians and PWB staff) that will help craft this interpretive program over the next 2 years.

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BUSINESS BEAT

SUPER NATURAL, an eco-boutique lovingly curated by the ladies of the PDX based organic line, Tinctoria. Originally located in the Alberta Arts District, are newly relocated to 3435 Hawthorne. We feature a large selection of organic clothing and accessories by Indie designers from the West Coast and beyond. We’ve done the shopping for you, so you can be sure that every item is super stylish and super natural. supernaturalpdx.com jill@tinctoriadesigns.com

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OHHONEYCOOKERY.COM - offering cooking classes around SE Portland. Relaxed, hands-on, sign up now for June and July classes. Gumbo 101, Jambalaya, Quick Italian pasta sauces, meatballs two ways, \$45 per 2-hour class. Thursdays from 11 - 3 pm come by the Eagle Aerie at Hawthorne and 50th for Jambalaya, pecan pie, and more. Mention SE Examiner for lagniappe! See website ohhoneycookery.com to order quarts and gallons of made-from-scratch gumbo, crawfish etoufee, shrimp creole, red beans, jambalaya, pies and more. Contact Bonnie at Oh Honey Cookery for details. 503.432.1021 or email ohhoneycookery@gmail.com.

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KARUNA CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING, 1725 SE Hawthorne will celebrate it’s Two Year Anniversary on June 7 at 6:30 pm. Karuna will offer a 10% discount on all products which includes cushions, clothing, jewelry and books. This party also coincides with a showing of paintings from local artist, Mary Garvey. See her art at www.shimmeringsisterhealingarts.com. Over 40% of Portlanders say they are religiously unaffiliated and yet, with a city brimming with yoga studios and meditation groups, there seems to be an immense interest in seeking meaning through these ancient traditions. Karuna owner, Anandi Gefroh, hopes to encourage the “mindfulness movement.” While there is increased interest in meditation, there is also an all time high in distractions stemming mainly from our modern devices. Anandi says, take a pause and contemplate your life. What motivates you? How do you relate to your life and those in it? How do you feel? www.karunastore.com 971.229.0565.

HUGE BOOK SALE – Montavilla United Methodist Women will be having a HUGE book sale June 24, 2017 in the church parking lot at 232 SE 80th Ave. between Stark and Burnside. The hours are 9 am – 3 pm. The price is \$5 per bag filled with as many books as can be packed in one brown grocery bag. There will be several hundred books to select from.

KENYAN PEACE ACTIVIST and social change agent Getry Agizah will make two presentations in June at the Multnomah Friends Meetinghouse, 4312 SE Stark in Portland. Sunday, June 11 at Noon “Overcoming Election Polarization: Lessons from Kenya”; Friday, June 16 at 7 pm “Healing and Rebuilding our Communities: A Kenyan Perspective.” Getry Agizah is the Director of Transforming Communities for Social Change and the Friends Church Peace Teams Coordinator in Kenya. She will tell the stories of peacebuilding organizations working together to prevent violence in the August 2017 Kenyan Elections and of the Mt. Elgon Community Peace Center working to heal and rebuild communities damaged by trauma and violence. There will be a potluck at 6 pm before the presentation on the 16th. Both presentations are sponsored by the Peace and Social Concerns Committee of Multnomah Friends Meeting. For more information contact Ron Marson at ronaldjaymarson@gmail.com

HAWTHORNE DIABETES GROUP: “Taking a Vacation with Diabetes & from Diabetes” - Thursday, June 15, 7 – 8:30 pm, 2828 SE Stephens St. Ahhh... Vacation time... Taking a break from the daily routine keeps us feeling fresh. But what does time away mean for your diabetes care? How can you take a vacation with and from diabetes? Is that even possible? Join us for the June gathering to discuss practical ways you can take a diabetes vacation. Sunshine awaits! \$10 donation requested. No one will be turned away. RSVP through <http://www.meetup.com/Hawthorne-Diabetes-Group/> or by contacting Julia Hanfling at julia@3peachesnutrition.com / 503.504.5050.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8705 E Burnside is July 10-14, from 9 am – 12 pm. Ages 4 to 5th grade welcome! Register at www.hclcpdx.org or call 503.254.8705. If you register before June 26th, it’s FREE. Registering after June 26th is \$5/per child.

OREGON BICYCLE RACING ASSOCIATION (OBRA) Bicycle Circuit Races Every Wednesday evening at Mt. Tabor. River City Bicycles and OBRA host this popular annual racing series. The first race is at 5:45 pm. For a complete schedule, visit mttaborseries.com. Other Mt. Tabor events: June 18, Sunday - Free Tree I.D. walk. 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 at 2 pm rain or shine. June 24, Saturday - Weed Warriors Habitat Restoration, 9 am – noon. Join us on the last Saturday of the month from May–October as we 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. Join the Weed Warriors on facebook.

PORTLAND’S OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD INVOLVEMENT reports that a new web-based version of PBX Reporter has been launched that replaces the existing iPhone and Android app. The new version is available at <http://pdxreporter.org>. Important: You cannot report crime using PDX Reporter. Use the following tools to report crime: For emergencies call 9-1-1 • For non-emergencies call 503.823.3333 • Use the online reporting tool to report car prowls, theft and vandalism (except graffiti) if an incident meets the criteria for online reporting. Use the PDX Reporter to report the following complaints: • Graffiti • Campsite Reporting-Please note that the online reporting template at www.portlandoregon.gov/campsite asks more detailed questions about problems at a campsite. • Street lighting • Abandoned Autos • Illegal parking • Potholes • Debris in the roadway • Work zone concerns • Park maintenance • Plugged storm drains • Sidewalk vegetation • Sidewalk trip hazard

Richmond Graffiti Task Force

By ADAM MELTZER

About two years ago, I moved to Portland and the Richmond neighborhood. At the time I was wearing my rose colored glasses: I saw the dog park and playground at Sewallcrest Park, and restaurants, bars, a supermarket and a movie theater were all within walking distance – I was in love with our new home. What I did not see was the tagging and graffiti.

Recently I started noticing the tagging and graffiti everywhere. It’s like someone turned on a light and all of a sudden I could see. The specific incident that set me off was the tagging of Edwards Elementary with Trump themes and clear signs of ignorance and uncaring.

Richmond, like most neighborhoods in Portland, has

had its share of homelessness, drug use and criminal behavior, but graffiti can be particularly damaging psychologically and physically to the community.

I decided to do something about it. I posted on Nextdoor asking for help to clean up the graffiti in our neighborhood. Immediately people responded and I knew I had to organize. I contacted the Richmond Neighborhood Association (RNA) and the Graffiti Abatement Program of Portland.

Richmond now has a small team of volunteers and we had our first graffiti removal day on March 19. When we could not remove all the graffiti, we used PDX Reporter app to report the graffiti so that the city would come to remove the graffiti.

It is common knowledge

that the sooner graffiti can be removed, the less likely that location will be tagged again. Here is what you can do it about graffiti: Join a local team or form your own team; learn about how to remove graffiti and what the graffiti means on the city’s graffiti abatement program website. <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/32420>; get a graffiti removal kit for free from the city by contacting the program coordinator; download the PDX Reporter app and start reporting graffiti that you cannot remove

Let’s take our neighborhoods back!

For more information, contact: Juliette Muracchioli, Graffiti Abatement Program Coordinator, juliette.muracchioli@portlandoregon.gov or Graffiti Abatement Program (<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/32420>)

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Growing revolution

By JACK RUBINGER

Geologist/Author David Montgomery discusses “Growing A Revolution” At Powell’s Books

Geologist/author David R. Montgomery believes that the plow is the major culprit in the degradation of the world’s soil. Why? The plow exposes the top layer of soil to the elements leaving the earth bare and vulnerable, causing erosion and degrading soil organic matter.

Montgomery came to Powell’s Books on Hawthorne in May to talk about “Growing a Revolution: Bringing Our Soil Back to Life,” his new book. Montgomery shared the “roots” of his story.

“Soil erosion is an environmental crisis and has played a role in the demise of many ancient civilizations,” said Montgomery. “Back when our country was new, George Washington expressed concerns about improving the quality of the soil.” In the 1930s, President Franklin D. Roosevelt said, “A nation that destroys its soil destroys itself.”

Soil degradation is a major problem on par with climate change. That’s the bad news. The good news is that there are ways to fairly quickly and inexpensively reverse the trend.

“Soil is a strategic resource,” said Montgomery. “Unfortunately, over the past 40 years, soil erosion and

degradation has caused farmers to abandon more than 400 million acres of farmland around the world.”

Montgomery outlined ways to practice agriculture that have long-term benefits to the soil based on visits to farms in the United States, Latin America, and Africa.

Montgomery and his wife also restored the soil in their own backyard by adding organic matter, using labor (their own) and getting assistance from microbes.

A soil rich in organic matter provides plants with a diet that promotes extensive root growth. Unfortunately, most farms today rely on cheap oil and cheap fertilizer to grow abundant crops. But rebuilding soil will be essential to feeding a post cheap oil and fertilizer world.

The question that inspired this new book — can we replicate what we do in our backyard on large farms? And the answer is “yes.”

Montgomery calls this approach a soil health revolution and it is based on three principles:

- Minimize soil disturbance
- Plant cover crops, including legumes, to always keep the ground covered
- Deploy a diverse crop rotation to maintain soil fertility and break up pathogen carryover

Most of the farms Montgomery visited initially changed their ways because the farmers couldn’t afford to spend

money on expensive chemicals to help grow their crops. At the Dakota Lakes Research Farm, which uses no-till methods to grow corn and soybeans, farm expenses went down and harvests went up.

At one farm, the farmer also used cattle as a restoration tool. At another, the farmer planted radishes in between cash crops and let them rot in the field to help build up the soil. This farm in Ohio has been no-till for more than 40 years. The year before Montgomery visited, this farmer generated a profit of \$400 per acre while neighboring conventional farms lost \$100 per acre.

“This approach makes economic sense,” said Montgomery. “You use fewer chemical inputs and wind up driving your tractor less thereby decreasing your gas bill.”

The benefits of conservation agriculture include comparable or increased yields with less chemical and fossil fuel use, increased soil carbon and crop resilience, and higher farm profits.

So how do you promote this new way of doing agriculture? In addition to telling the story of farmers who successfully adopted all three principles, Montgomery suggests some additional steps:

- Reform crop insurance and establish subsidy programs
- Establish demonstration farms
- Provide transition assistance

For more information about Montgomery, his thinking and his books, visit www.dig2grow.com.

Hugh-logy

Bagpipes echoed off Mt. Tabor’s hillside as the celebration of life came to a close for Hugh Winchester Ewart, Concert Master for the Oregon Symphony for three decades in the ‘90s.

Hundreds of mourners filled Stark Street’s over-flowing Tabor Heights Methodist Church to pay final respects to the kind, generous, talented man revered by musicians nationwide.

Born near Glasgow, Scotland in 1924, he came to America with his mother and grandmother, overcoming childhood hardships to graduate from Juilliard School of Music and become a beacon of Portland’s community with his ever-present violin, easy laughter and twinkling eyes. Over the course of 65 years, he mentored and taught young people as an adjunct professor at Reed, Multnomah College, Pacific University and at his own music studio.

In her “Hughlogy”, friend Sandra Hyslop spoke of his perpetual good humor and indomitable spirit. Son David’s description of his father as a magic



Peter Pan, wiley Willy Wonka and loving Christopher Robin was followed by a rendition of Annie Laurie and Danny Boy, sung by Emily Delph that left nary a dry eye.

Hugh is survived by wife Esther (“Essie”, known as the glue that kept him on track with his schedule and family), sons David and Duncan, daughter Barbara, eight grandchildren and one great grandchild. In lieu of flowers, gifts to the Oregon Symphony or to Young Musicians and Artists are encouraged in memory of Hugh Ewart.

Cha bhithidh a leithid ami riabh. His equal will never be among us again.

ON ON THE STREETS WHERE WE LIVE

By NANCY TANNER, EDITOR

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marveling at the beauty.

In Utah, one can’t help but be motivated to learn about early pioneers who settled here. Back in the early days, settlers were predominantly of the Mormon faith, today 62 percent of the population still has an affiliation with the church.

There is physical evidence everywhere of the prominence of the church in all the cities and communities with the recognizable spires that identifies the congregation. It was sad to see that in Salt Lake City the main temple is being obscured by progress. I read that this state is the third fastest growing in the United States. Everything seemed new in the hour and a half that it took to drive from the northern outskirts of SLC to the southern.

The people I have known over the years who are Mormon do tithe faithfully and see themselves as responsible for their fellow parishioners. This philosophy was very visible in all the small towns we traveled through. Instead of being all down at heel like we are used to seeing in some small towns in America, there was a neatness and pride of place despite being in the middle of nowhere. [It might have something to do with the dry air that keeps old buildings looking good through the years.]

The idea of how this group of ideologically-connected people support each other made me think about some of the phenomena of a shared community happening here in Portland. As a part of the

baby boomer generation, we tried communal idealism but eventually morphed into “normal” — every person for themselves. We didn’t consider sharing with anyone that wasn’t family unless we were exhibiting acts of charity to the less fortunate.

The idea of a sharing community seems to be getting a new start again here in Portland with organizations like the Tool Library, Rooster that organizes and shares resources amongst the people, yard sharing, house sharing, Kailash Ecovillage — the intentional community that shares living space, garden and kitchen close in SE. We all know of the different ways people are reaching out so the burden of doing and owning everything doesn’t have to be just on one person or family.

Perhaps this cultural shift is one of the reasons our City has become so popular with the young — an intentional community that helps one another. How cool is that?

I am currently reading excerpts from a book titled *The Growth of a City — Power and Politics in Portland, Oregon 1915–1950*. It was the infrastructure immediately following this era — fifties-sixties-seventies that most imprinted my sense about our Portland. It’s interesting to realize that we have had our share of boom and bust periods in the past.

Ralph B. Lloyd, the oil magnate from Ventura, CA who wanted to develop the Lloyd Center area and Irvington neighborhood back in the

twenties was disappointed with the Portland business and financial community. They were cautious about growth and did not want to borrow money from outside investors or tax the people. Consequently they did not grow like LA did during the 20’s and 30’s. Lloyd thought it was because they felt inferior and were insecure about the potential of the area.

Lloyd eventually returned to California with his dreams of a downtown area on the eastside never realized. If he were around today, he would see that it was only a matter of time before Portland got its stride. In ways I think it was the fact that our predecessors developed the land more slowly that has added to the charm factor that attracts so many of the newcomers today.

What I find most contrasting while perusing this old book is the architectural designs from yesteryear and today. The modern apartments that are all glass, steel, concrete and very angular almost have a primitiveness compared to the older structure. There’s no extra frills either inside or out. It’s like were back to the settlements of the Anasazi with strictly function as the prime directive.

I am sure that is why neighbors are practically strapping themselves to houses in front of the wrecking ball in order to save some of these graceful old details.

We do indeed live in interesting times—a blessing and a curse according to Asian philosophy.

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Rs Representatively Speaking

By REPRESENTATIVE ROB NOSSE

Revenue

When I first ran for office to be the state representative for Southeast Portland in 2014, one of the things I ran on was progressive tax reform. It has been sorely needed since I moved here in 1992, two years after Property Tax Measure 5 was enacted. I endorsed Bernie Sanders in his primary for that reason as well. Because of our state's \$1.6 billion budgetary shortfall, his legislative session has presented us a rare opportunity – a fiscal crisis that illustrates and demands a long overdue solution to our tax structure and revenue problems.

To that, the beginning of May, leadership from my chamber in the House of Representatives introduced the Education Investment Initiative. We hope it will attract bipartisan support, and finally solve some of the structural issues with our underfunded education budget and in the way our state raises revenue, particularly from businesses

This initiative would generate \$2 billion in revenue per biennium. 75% of that revenue would be dedicated to funding our public schools. With that revenue, we could hire more teachers to reduce class sizes, properly fund programs such as special education or English as a second language, add two more weeks of school, and improve our graduation rates. We could also fully fund Ballot Measure 98 – a measure that passed in the last election, but lacked a funding mechanism to pay for the additional career and technical education classes and educational support services it requires. The funds that are not dedicated to schools could help cover some of the cost of the Oregon Health Plan, services to the elderly and help get our child welfare system stabilized.

In addition to better funding for K-12 education, these funds could go to higher education as well. We know that the biggest barrier to entry for students seeking a college degree is the cost of tuition. This proposal also gives us an opportunity to invest in our universities and bring down

the cost burden on students.

This initiative would generate new revenue with a new business tax. Here is how it would work:

If a company makes more than \$5 million in sales, they will pay a 0.95% tax on all receipts/revenues above \$5 million.

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Lastly, if a business makes \$150,000 or less in sales during the year, they would pay nothing.

I like this proposal for a few reasons. First and foremost, this is a reliable source of revenue. It will not fluctuate with the ups and downs of the economy like our income tax does.

While not quite as robust as Measure 97 in terms of the amount of money it raises, it does generate needed revenues in a way that many businesses find more palatable. It also finally addresses the reality that business tax contributions to our state's budget are the lowest in the nation.

Lastly, I believe this is a smart, balanced approach to raising revenue that will stave off further cuts to our schools and to the Oregon Health Plan.

As I stated in the beginning of this column, I moved to Oregon in 1992 after college. The entirety of my time in this state, the entirety of my two kids' academic careers, I have seen nothing but budget cuts and constraints. I don't want that educational experience for another generation of Oregonians.

Should this come to pass, Oregon will have a reliable, long-term solution to our money troubles for the first time in three decades. It's a bold solution, but I believe we are facing a budgetary crisis that calls for bold action, and I plan to support this legislation, and all of the improvements to state programs, schools, and universities that would come with it. I hope voters in Southeast Portland will support it as well.



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Eric De La Sienna and Timothy McGill

Two long time hiking friends, Timothy McGill and Eric De La Sienna, decided to become business partners too. They recently opened Bravo Mountain restaurant that features what they term the new American cuisine. Their decision to spontaneously go for this opportunity was helped along by finding a space with a great kitchen, some seating both indoors and out and parking.

After years of hiking the great hikes of Oregon together—the PCT trail, Bachelor to Bridge, Mt. Jefferson—they had plenty of time to discuss what type of restaurant they would open, the menu and what the theme would be. Two months ago they decided to go ahead with the endeavor and they’ve been in motion non-stop ever since.

Timothy and Eric come from opposite career paths but their expertise on the different aspects of the business makes a good balance. Eric is from Mexico City where he learned to cook at five years old. As a growing boy he was always hungry so his mother told him the best remedy for that was to learn to cook. (Obviously their larder didn’t contain

bags of chip, crackers and cookies.) Fortunately Eric found that he enjoyed cooking and what he made his family liked too. He eventually became the main family meal planner.

Even with this knowledge, when it was time to begin a formal career Eric started at the bottom working for the Francis Cruise Lines as a bus boy, server, sous chef and eventually chef. Cooking for hundreds of people is way different than a family. “I did an internship at Merriweather’s Restaurant and Skyline Farm. And I trained with Edward Toppel, a famous chef, at the Bonneville Hot Springs,” he said.

Timothy is a self-made entrepreneur and currently runs his own business, Portland Home Inspect, as well as managing the business of Bravo Mountain. “This is all new to me and I am out of my comfort zone but I believe in the quality, quantity and satisfying food we are serving,” he said.

The menu is thoughtfully created to bring the very best of the Pacific Northwest to diners. “The food is not simple but slow-cooked, haute cuisine of generous portions and reasonably priced,” Eric said. They called it the new American cuisine/comfort food with emphasis on all natural ingredients, free range

chickens, grass fed beef, lamb and pork, wild caught fish and organic whenever possible. The names of the menu include such famous outdoor experiences as: Wahtum Cobb Salad, PCT Salmon Hash, Bonneville Halibut Fish and Chips, Home Valley Carlton Farms Pork Chops, Trail head, Grotto Bread Pudding (the best in Portland they say) and Springfield Migas are a few of the locally themed recipes. The menu items are labor intensive and flavorful so the menu is short and succinct with offerings for almost every dietary proclivity needed.

Bravo Mountain offers the popular beverages of the day and will soon serve beer and wine. In the dessert category they’ve taken into consideration the non-dairy people too with North Sister, non-dairy ice cream and Crater Lake Flourless Cake.

The ambiance is just starting to evolve with lovely photographs that Eric has taken on the wall, maps—don’t hikers love those—and using the technology of rotating photos of some of the delicious-looking menu items to tempt you. Timothy and Eric want to capture the essence of the northwest and their hiking experiences through the depth of flavors in the menu. Their idea of soul food.

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Sometime in each of our lives we've been warned about the seven cardinal sins so when Michael Blair and Misa Kawada decided to open a coffee shop ten years ago they decided to honor the counterpoint of these vices by naming their first place the Seven Virtues Coffee on Glisan. Mike, in recognition of his years of studying Buddhism, yoga, meditation, theology and alternative healing, named them: humility, honesty, kindness, forgiveness, gratitude, compassion and patience. A good set of mantras to live by.

Only in the past five years did Seven Virtues Coffee add the Roasters to their name. It was one of the additions to their business plan that helped them grow Seven Virtues to the three locations they now have. The most recent addition is at 3538 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

"We opened just as the recession was starting to hit Oregon so it was hard to know how we were doing," Blair said. Mike's former occupation was as a social worker counseling juveniles and Misa was a student and worked restaurants. She knew about the work but running your own business is a whole other ballgame. During the early years they were at the coffee everyday, their daughter was born in the first couple of years and was raised in Seven Virtues strapped to her mom while she served the customers.

"We were uncertain what to do next when we found out about a nationwide volunteer program called SCORE—who offers free advice to small businesses," Mike said. They had the good fortune of having a former accountant for Coca Cola as their sponsor. He taught them how to lighten the ship, look at the books and develop a system for growing Seven Virtues.

They added a lunch menu to the breakfast bagels and pastries they were already serving, joined a coffee collective and began roasting their own beans—things started to move ahead. They were offered an opportunity to open a second location in The Zipper building over at 28th & NE Sandy. (If you've driven down Sandy you've probably noticed this unusually shaped build-

ing and that the name fits.)

They began to make progress and thought of other ways to make the Seven Virtues better. Misa has a flair for cooking and she began to experiment with the recipes. "We used to buy all the pesto, hummus, sauces, dressings and pastries, but now we make them ourselves," Blaire said. There are kitchens at both Glisan and Hawthorne, so they have space to make their own food.

Now all three locations serve a selection of breakfast bagels (bought fresh daily), panini sandwiches, pastries, salads, hummus plate. The coffee is a little more serendipitous because when they go to buy coffee they try to use direct trade as much as possible. The day The Southeast Examiner was interviewing we drank a coffee from Vietnam they had roasted. The woman who

sold them the beans has family in Vietnam who own the farm. "We can't always guarantee the same variety everytime a customer comes using this type of system because the coffee comes from all over the world. We do make consistently good coffee," Mike said.

Another special feature is their chai that is house made by a gentleman from India. They've adjusted the spices for the expectation of the American palette but it is made fresh and not packaged.

The Hawthorne Seven Virtues Coffee Roasters just opened and they are serving coffee made in their new espresso machine—the pride of gadgetry in the shiny coffee bar area. The blonde wood paneled walls brings warmth to the industrial black and white theme of Seven Virtues. A comfortable place to try for your next breakfast, lunch or coffee break.



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The Caplener Group—a team effort

By Jack Rubinger

Jan Caplener and SE Portland go back a long ways. He’s seen the good and the bad. But no matter how you look at it, Jan Caplener/Realty Trust is a family affair with son Kevin, brother Jim and sisters Caroline and Chelsie all involved. Even if they’re not all related, it feels like family when you walk in the office with its cushy couches and art work, including many historic black and white photos of the area.

Approaching his 40th year in the SE Portland real estate community, Jan Caplener is starting to wind things down, mostly helping close friends and



Kevin and Jan Caplener

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neighbors with real estate. Kevin is now tackling most of the daily routines. Jan hopes to travel more and more with wife Jill. Father and son will continue to work closely together for many years to come

“We’re always only a phone call/text/email away for clients and each other,” said Kevin.

“My dad has been an amazing mentor,” said Kevin. “I started as an assistant to him over 12 years ago, and now he’s the one helping me out. I’m lucky to have him!”

Kevin, who grew up in the neighborhood and used to be a Honda mechanic, has taken on more of a leadership role in the past several years. Kevin was president of the Hawthorne Business Association and continues to reach out to the local business community.

Jan Caplener has earned the time off with a family-like dedication to the community. To say he knows the area well is a bit of an understatement. He owns the building where The Caplener Group is located, at 50th and Hawthorne, and he knows the history. It was a pharmacy years ago that was owned by the Geiger family. Roughly seven years ago he moved the real estate office to the ground floor, and completed a renovation that at the time, was the most sustainable real estate office in Portland. This real estate team has a huge devotion to green and sustainable building practices.

“Real estate is all about problem solving and teaching,” said Jan. In fact, Jan Caplener in an earlier life taught 7th grade history at Robert Gray Middle school.

“Teaching gave me a solid base for human understanding,” said Jan. “While relationships

are important, real estate has gotten more complicated over the years, that’s why it pays to teach and learn. You have to be a good technician, knowledgeable and proficient.”

“My classes have no fluff,” said Jan, who teaches real estate classes to new agents that join Realty Trust. “We teach agents about how to deal with very complicated real estate transactions.”

With over 2,000 sales in his career, it still seems that something new can pop up in any given transaction.

Along the way, there have been quite a few milestones and memorable moments. A good friend bought a home in Mt. Tabor in 1987 for \$179,000. At the time no home had ever sold in Mt. Tabor for more than \$150,000. Jan assured them that this purchase was a wise investment. The home is now worth approximately \$1.4 million.

“I have a huge passion for Mt. Tabor and close in SE Portland,” said Jan. “This market never ceases to surprise me, especially in a time like this. The 97215 and 97214 zip codes are two of the hottest zip codes in all of Portland. We’re now routinely seeing million dollar houses in little old SE Portland of all places!”

Realty Trust uses their office as a community center for local schools and non-profits, like the Franklin High School poker tournament. The team believes that supporting local schools is very important. The Capleners also showcase the work of local artists by hosting artist receptions and supporting the Mt. Tabor Art Walk.

“It’s fun and it’s good business to support the community,” said Jan.

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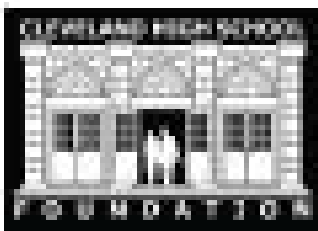
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Wellness Word

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Yin and Yang of Fortified Foods

The legacy of Linus Pauling with regard to dietary vitamin C is undeniable. The scurvy-vitamin C connection is embedded in our thinking to the point that we feel safe consuming large amounts. Although too much dietary vitamin C will not be harmful, chronic mega doses of the essential vitamin in supplement form can cause problems (kidney stones, bloating, insomnia and heartburn, to name a few). This is just one example of why we now have recommended daily intakes (RDI) for the key vitamins and minerals. The amounts recommended were initially based on what was believed necessary to avoid deficiency diseases like scurvy and pellagra. The establishment of tolerable upper limits (TUL) due to the risks associated with ingesting too much of a particular supplement soon followed. Current recommendations are aimed at enhancing health in general.

When folate deficiency in pregnant women was found to significantly raise the risk of neural tube defects in the newborn, the federal government mandated that flour be fortified with 140 ug of folic acid (the synthetic form of folate, the natural B vitamin) per 100 grams to lower risk. Fortification did, indeed, accomplish that goal by significantly lowering the incidence of this defect. The FDA recently mandated that corn meal, a staple of the Hispanic diet, also be fortified with folic acid to provide protection to that segment of the population.

The success of added folic acid helped fuel the growth of the fortified food industry, which is as unregulated as the vitamin-mineral supplement industry. Not only are flour, pasta, cereal and other grain products fortified with folic acid, but some milk, dairy products and beverages are also fortified. Fear of over-fortification is a concern as some manufacturers seek to use fortification as a marketing tool.

The lack of TULs for fortified foods opened the door to heated discussions on how to protect the public without depriving them of any benefits. Some dairy products contain over 100% of the RDI for vitamin E. If you couple that intake with a daily multivitamin and natural food sources, a certain percent of the population will ingest more than the TUL for vitamin E.


A major study (SELECT) was designed to see if the relatively high intake of selenium and vitamin E (one or both) could lower risk of prostate cancer. It was stopped prematurely because the number of new cases of prostate cancer exceeded the expected average incidence in the group taking 400 IU vitamin E (the RDI for this vitamin is 30 IU).

Adequate intake of Vitamin D is essential for bone health. Fortified cow's milk is a major source of vitamin D for children. A significant percentage of adults do not drink milk. They rely on supplements and/or fortified foods to maintain adequate

vitamin D status. The same is true for vegetarians who rely on fortified food and supplements to achieve adequate vitamin D and calcium status. However, vitamin D2 which is not as effective as the natural vitamin D3, is often used in fortified milk products.


These distinctions have led to a conundrum as to the proper dietary guidelines when fortified foods are added to the mix of a daily synthetic multivitamin-mineral and a healthful diet. How much do you really need? There are those who say you should get your RDI from synthetic vitamins and avoid fortified foods. There are those who promote the opposite argument. If we begin with the recommendations of most major health organizations, as well as some manufacturers of synthetic supplements, the best approach to meeting the RDI is by eating a varied healthful diet. Advice from an informed medical practitioner/nutritionist might be advisable.

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Geothermals Baths on Mt. Tabor

from cover

These solutions completely transform the character of the historic infrastructure. Many community members would like them to remain filled with water to maintain the historic character. This option requires significant annual maintenance and the costs that go along with it.

Graduate students from the PSU School of Architecture propose an alternative plan for the future of the reservoirs. Mt. Tabor Park could support a small geothermal power plant. In addition to power, the plant would produce large amounts of hot water and steam. These by-products could be used to fill and heat one or more reservoirs to create the Mt. Tabor Thermal Baths. These baths would provide year round, hot water swimming and soaking. This proposal generates low cost energy for the park and community; keeps the reservoirs filled with water; creates a remarkable bathing experience; and generates revenue for the park and city. While a community thermal bathing facility would bring something new to the city it is hardly a new idea.

The Blue Lagoon, a large geothermal bath in Iceland, shows the potential cultural and economic value of a similar facility at Mount Tabor. The lagoon is Iceland’s most visited tourist attraction with hundreds of thousands of people traveling

to the site a year to bathe in the therapeutic aqua water. The lagoon was created in 1976 from the over-spill of the Svartisengi geothermal power plant. The geothermal brine, or seawater, is pumped up from 200 feet below ground at 460°F and used to create electricity and hot water for the surrounding towns on the Reykjanes Peninsula. The water is then pumped out onto an old lava field creating the lagoon.

Sutro Baths, a similar scaled attraction as Blue Lagoon, was the largest saltwater swimming facility when it was opened in 1896. Located in what is now in Lands’ End of Golden State National Park in San Francisco, CA, this swimming facility became a popular attraction for people of diverse economic backgrounds, who accessed the site from inexpensive passenger steam train offered as part of the experience. The swimming facility was divided into six saltwater pools that were supplemented with water from tides or pumped in at low tide. The largest pool was kept at the natural temperature of the seawater with the five other pools heated to varying temperatures for the visitor.

The proposed Mt. Tabor Baths would be heated as part of a small geothermal plant located within the park. Geothermal power plants produce energy by a process of pushing a combination of steam and super-heated water, pumped miles underground,

through turbines to generate electricity. When only the steam is used in the system, it is called a dry steam power plant. A flash system releases the pressure on remaining separated super-heated water to generate more steam to repeat the process. A binary system transfers the heat from the super-heated water to a secondary fluid, isopentane, propane or ammonia, with a lower boiling point through a heat exchanger to power the turbine. A binary system can be used after a flash system or with lower temperature water making the system more efficient.

Geothermal Power Plants are relatively economical. The energy created through geothermal resources is a renewable energy source and is not effected by environmental circumstances such as other sustainable energy production as with wind and hydro-power. There are two geothermal power plants in Oregon, Neal Hot Springs in Malheur Country and OIT Geo-Heat Center in Klamath Falls. The plants are small quiet and only emit hot water and steam.

While there is still a great deal fact-finding to do (geothermal viability, cost, and revenue) the idea to keep the reservoirs filled and provide a wonderful community amenity remains a provocative one.

Source: U.S. Department of Energy

SE Updates

from cover

rights group, a longtime renter broached dismay at feeling unwelcome at her own Neighborhood Association.

Eudaly spoke of the morale hazards of homeowner “Nimbys” and said she wants to delve into NAs to determine who has a voice and who doesn’t. She also said she would like to look at NA boundaries to give renters a fairer shake. “We’re using old school district boundary maps. It doesn’t make sense.”

The renter said she was reluctant to run for her NA chair because if she’s elected, then gets a rent increase, “I’m out of here”. Eudaly encouraged her to run, responding that it might cause enough stir that her landlord might reconsider raising her rent.

Fake new fails to halt historic progress

Just when you think the rift between preservationists and infill urbanistas can’t get any deeper, word comes of an attempted coup of the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association which has supported designation as a National Register Historic District.

An impeachment attempt of all board members during ENA’s May elections failed because it was not in compliance with state and city bylaws, according to longtime resident Rod Merrick. The attempt was made by HD opponents who Merrick predicts will continue to try to stop designation.

The slate of candidates to gain nine open seats were supported by pro-HD group Historic Eastmoreland Achieving Results Together (HEART). Founder Derek Blum says that new members are expected to continue pursuit of National Historic Register status.

The nomination is on track for designation despite what Merrick calls erroneous reports that the state had withdrawn its support. “It’s fake news. The state advisory council on historic preservation sent in all supporting documentation for the nomination pending a final count of objections.”


Merrick explains that the headcount confusion stems from the state’s abundance of caution in tallying property owners, some of whom are tied up in estates.

As of this writing, notarized objections had still fallen short of the percentage needed to stop the nomination. In addition, HD supporters call a much heralded but non-binding poll of homeowner objections inconclusive. (It did, however, cause high profile HD proponent Robert McCullough to vote against advancing the nomination in order to keep a community promise.) An ENA majority voted for nomination to proceed. (McCullough said he remains a fervent supporter of HDs as a “potent deterrent to demolition”).

While many outside looking in, seem to love to hate stately Eastmoreland, it’s hard to ignore it has historic and architectural significance for the City. And what happens in Eastmoreland will surely set a precedent for what happens in Laurelhurst and other neighborhoods with historic homes.


Eastmoreland resident and 1000 Friends of Oregon’s Mary Kyle McCurdy declined to comment for this article.

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On Sunday, August 27th the Boulevard will be closed to cars and parking from SE 30th to Cesar Chavez for the Hawthorne Street Fair. The Kid’s Stage will be at Kids at Heart, at SE 35th Avenue and the Main Stage will again be located at SE 38th. There will also be businesses holding special activities both above and below Cesar Chavez with music, games, items for sale, coupon offers, and more, so plan on checking out Hawthorne from the Bridge to the volcano. There will also be some surprise events that day – watch for the news!!

Coffee lovers! Have you checked out the two new coffee shops on Hawthorne? Peaks Coffee PDX is at 3340 SE Hawthorne and Seven Virtues is at 3538.

We are very excited that the new Hawthorne District Map will be out very soon. Several District businesses have listings and/or are on the Map. There will be another printing very soon so catch us next time for sure if you didn’t make it this time!

Thank you to returning HBBA members: Hawthorne Fish House, 4343 SE Hawthorne, Hawthorne Ghost Tour, www.tourhawthorner.com. ; Dr. Brian Duby, D.C., 1125 SE Madison and Ben & Jerry’s Ice Cream, 1428 SE 36th Ave. Greetings and welcome to Holiday’s Health and Fitness Yoga, 3942 SE Hawthorne; Pomegranate Pet Boutique, 3562 SE Hawthorne and Toffee Club, 1006 SE Hawthorne.

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June 1st is the deadline for all new and renewing businesses from 12th to 60th on or near Belmont, Morrison and Stark to list in the Belmont Walking Map. Member businesses with either brick and mortar locations in the district or on call businesses serving the district are listed in the map. Home bases businesses are welcomed and encouraged to list.

For an additional cost above BABA membership, advertising space can be purchased on the Belmont District web site and to sponsor the Belmont Street Fair coming up the first Saturday of September. Vendor spaces are already filling up and the passport purchase program for prizes is being organized for the month before and week after the fair.

Contact BABA marketing and communications rep, Karen Hery at info@belmontdistrict.org 503-407-2667 to join the Belmont Area Business Association and to become a Belmont Street Fair sponsor.

Monthly BABA business meetings are the second Thursday of the month 9-10:30am at the Belmont Firehouse: 35th and Belmont. BBB events - Belmont Business Beverage gatherings - at different locations around the district are announced on our Belmont Business Association Facebook page.

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Making Methane into Renewable Energy

from cover

produced fuel will be distributed in Portland and elsewhere with the help of the NW Natural Gas network. The project will:

Cut greenhouse gas emissions by 21,000 tons annually,

Generate between \$10 and \$3 million in revenue a year for the City thereby reducing sewer costs, and replace 1.34 million gallons of dirty diesel fuel with clean Renewable Natural Gas which will fuel 154 garbage trucks for a year.

The resulting methane gas will become a Renewable Natural Gas gas that will be used to power vehicles. Because this product is a renewable fuel and not a fossil fuel, it commands from five-to-ten times the price of the other products on the renewable energy market.

For years, the City has been capturing a portion of this methane gas to produce electricity. Seventy-seven percent of the city’s methane is already being re-purposed at the city’s wastewater treatment plants. Currently about half of the plant’s waste methane is already reclaimed to heat and power the treatment plant. The remaining 23 percent of the 600 million cubic feet of methane, bio-gas, produced by anaerobic digesters is burned off in a process called “flaring” where it becomes carbon dioxide which is another potent greenhouse gas when released into the atmosphere. This proposed project would eliminate flaring and convert all the methane into reusable gas. Some of this energy is used onsite for heat and to produce electricity, and some is sold to Malarkey

Roofing Company for use in their manufacturing process.

This project will allow the City to recover 100 percent of its methane and end the regular flaring of it in the open atmosphere. By increasing revenue, addressing climate change, and providing cleaner air this project is a triple-win for the City of Portland. The Oregon’s residential ratepayer watchdog, the Citizen’s Utility Board, has endorsed this project as an example of good environmental stewardship for others to emulate.

A compressed natural gas fueling station will be built and finished by the end of this year at the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant where the methane will be sent to Northwest Natural Gas. The \$12 million in construction costs will be paid back within about four years. Renewable Natural Gas is the lowest-carbon fuel option for medium and heavy-duty vehicles. Large trucks with new natural gas engines can produce 90% fewer nitrous oxide emissions compared to the cleanest diesel engine. By using Renewable Natural Gas, that same truck’s greenhouse gas emissions can drop by 80 percent below diesel.

Portland also uses the solids portion of the waste to make an organic fertilizer that is used in commercial farming. This includes an extensive process to insure that the product is free from heavy metals and various organic compounds. It meets the standards set by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency. So the Portlanders who pay their water-sewer bill every year are actually going to see a return that will allow the utility costs to become more stable,

The positive reuse of Portland’s sewage is one example of an environmental solution that can, if copied, help to change the world and it has the benefit of paying for itself. American businesses are finding many ways to address the challenge of climate change, from innovative electric cars to state-of-the-art solar manufacturing. These proven technologies will transition the United States to 100 percent clean and renewable energy by 2050 while also creating millions of jobs if we have the will to do so.

Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley has introduced a new bill called the “100 by ’50 Act” that will build on these facts. It will advance the bold policies that are necessary to deploy these technologies rapidly and cost-effectively. The bill lays out how to move to 100% clean and renewable energy while ensuring an equitable transition for workers in low-income and disadvantaged communities.

The scientific community knows the devastating impacts of climate change must be addressed. This bill will encourage local governments, businesses, and communities to develop their own plans to use 100 percent clean and renewable energy by 2050. This builds on the work in Portland and Oregon to solve these challenges.

This sewage recycling project is a key step in the pledge made by Mayor Ted Wheeler to obtain 100 percent of Portland’s energy from renewable sources by 2050. In 2009 the City adopted the “Climate Action Plan” and is well on the way toward its implementation. There will be very real challenges, but the future of our nation and the world is at stake.



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Clever Cycles celebrates ten years with a family ride



The staff: Dean Mullin, Tim O’Conner, Eva Frazier, Justin Miles (holding Anna Olen on the ipad) Jeremy Scholz and in the Bakfiets Todd Fahrner

By MICHELLE FROST

In a bike-friendly city like Portland with 17,000 bicycle commuters, according to the Portland Bureau of Transportation PBOT website, there is no shortage of places to find a bicycle. Starting a business in this competitive market and keeping the doors open for ten years is reason to celebrate and Clever Cycles invites everyone to their 10 Year Anniversary Party on Saturday, June 10, 4 – 8 pm with a family fun ride at 2pm. All are welcome to meet at the store at 900 SE Hawthorne.

Clever Cycles is a team of eight people (all wearing many hats) according to Todd Fahrner, partner and owner. This bike shop focuses on offering a selection of bicycles built specifically for transportation. “Most commuters are not just a guy with a briefcase,” Todd explains, “but they’re taking trips with the kids, running household errands, etc. We really specialize in commuter bikes.”

One staffer is Sales Associate Anna Olsen who has extensive experience working in bike shops and became a certified bike mechanic when she relocated to Oregon from Oklahoma nearly three years ago. Her easy smile and good cheer greet customers as they enter and her knowledge and expertise help them learn about the variety of bikes on the sales floor. Busy with work and school, she has admittedly not been involved with much of the party planning but will likely be

leading the fun ride. Meet Anna before 2pm and join her for the ride.

When asked about the store’s beginnings Fahrner mentions this about the competition, “There were 80 bike shops in Portland at that time.” The shop has changed addresses three times, remaining in the same location, as it grew to expand into the front of the building and finally filling up the entire corner to become the roomy retail space you find today.

Clever Cycles offers bicycles designed in Toronto, London and Holland, to illustrate their variety. Among the selection, customers will find folding bikes, city bikes, kids’ bikes, electric bikes, as well as helmets, accessories, and clothing. Customers are encouraged to test ride any of the bikes. Rentals are another option. The back of the store offers a full-service repair shop. Anyone is welcome to bring in their bike for a tune-up and to test ride any bike on the floor while they wait.

Bikes built for transportation, including box bikes and front loaders or ‘long johns’ can haul much more weight than a standard bicycle. “They can haul 350 to 400 pounds of cargo before the handling gets wobbly,” Fahrner says, “and electric assist is an increasingly popular feature” especially for those trips over Mt. Tabor. Another bicycle offering is the long tail which can carry 2 to 3 children and 6 bags of groceries. “A longer wheelbase means better handling,” Fahrner explains.

Regarding Portlanders who

are not already riding a bicycle around town, Fahrner states that safety is the main reason they hear about why people are not riding. “If you’re not afraid of walking or driving, then you can ride a bike,” Fahrner says “A bike is something everyone can use.” Also, to the community, Fahrner says, “Thanks! It’s been a real adventure. We’ve put everything into this.” To read more about bicycling adventures in-store and around the state, check out Fahrner’s blog at the store’s website www.clevercycles.com.

Highlights of the party include a Koi Fusion food cart and beverages by Base Camp Brewing. “You don’t have to be an active cyclist to come enjoy the ride,” says Anna, encouraging any and all to join in the celebration. For details: <https://www.facebook.com/events/688008484723841/>.

Fun Facts from the Portland Bureau of Transportation website (updated 2016):

7.2% of commuters are bikes, which is 17,000 bicycles, the highest % of bike commuters for a large American city. Nationally, 0.5% commute by bike. Also, 238% more people biked to work in 2017 than in 2000.

80% wear helmets. 35% are female.

17 miles of bikeways have been built to physically separate bikes from cars.

28 Sunday Parkway events = 691,000 people attending and 90% of attendees ride bikes, since 2008 when the event launched.

Neighborhood Notes

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August in Piccolo Park. There will be lots of ice cream and non-dairy frozen desserts to all who drop by. We’ll hope to have a giant sprinkler for the children, and maybe a couple of friendly Portland Police officers will drop by to visit and enjoy the cones.

In September, some of our more ambitious board members are planning a late-season neighborhood clean-up, probably on the Cleveland High parking lot. Stay tuned for more information on time and place.

HAND meetings are held in Carvlin Hall on the St. Philip Neri campus, SE Division St. The land-use committee meets at 6:30 p.m.; the main meeting at 7 p.m. Meetings are every third Tuesday of the month, except August. The public is welcomed and encouraged to participate in discussions.

North Tabor

By Gabe Frayne

North Tabor residents surely have no memory of a crime spree as prolific as that which took place in our vicinity this past Memorial Day weekend. On Friday, a white nationalist on a MAX train approaching the Hollywood Station murdered two good Samaritans who came to the defense of a Muslim woman and her friend when they became the targets of the assailant’s anti-Muslim vitriol. Then, early Sunday morning, a man carrying what was later determined to be a bb gun, forced police to cordon off more than a dozen blocks of the Laurelhurst neighborhood near Cesar Chavez Boulevard. The lockdown lasted almost the entire day.

In light of these disturbing events, North Tabor residents may be interested in joining Susan Pi, a resident of NE 60th who recently had her car stolen, for a gathering of neighbors to discuss “prevention/

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HB 2007–housing at all costs

from cover

impossible to hold public hearings within submission deadlines. Though she called preservation as important as affordable housing, the explanation did not clarify why 7 of 9 invited speakers were bill supporters.

Given the lack of public input and concerns about the bill’s potential impact, the League of Women Voters is among those withholding support.

With little public awareness and flawed process, the Kotek bill deemed the lovechild of

the Oregon Home Builders Association is poised to move through House Ways & Means and on to the Senate for approval before the legislative session’s targeted end this month.

The bill is supported by 1000 Friends of Oregon. While 1000 Friends support is ostensibly based on protecting the urban growth boundary by steering density into city centers, Deputy Director Mary Kyle McCurdy’s focus at the Salem meeting mirrored Kotek’s admonishments about equality, justice and race-based motives.

According to McCurdy,

high income homeowners condone exclusionary practices like historic designations to keep diversity and density out of neighborhoods. “Misuse of national districts push (diverse populations) to the edge and prevent change.” The comment was considered a slap at efforts in Eastmoreland, Laurelhurst and Peacock Lane to establish National Historic Districts.

McCurdy also said amendments to the bill for market rate housing reflect changes in socio-economic and demographic backgrounds that indicate more singles move here than families

- a statement critics call self-perpetuating.

The sole preservationist invited to the meeting was Restore Oregon’s Peggy Moretti who charged special interest groups with hijacking emergency housing legislation. “HB 2007 has become a “Frankenstein monster of pieced together provisions” that weaken historic protections in the name of housing at all costs. Emphasizing Restore’s mission to preserve and re-use, Moretti said 1000 Friends “was forgetting who their friends are.”

Rip, Replace, Rebuild Everywhere spells environmental Ruin, according to attendees, unable to testify, who report some 100 million pounds of demolition waste hauled to landfills in recent years. They also claim that because of high construction and land costs, newbuilds are considerably more expensive than existing houses - a reason developers use for tearing down one modest home to replace with three pricey ones.

At the Salem meet, sustainable urban development international consultant Michael Mehaffy confirmed that more housing supply does not lower costs if the supply is more expensive than what it replaced.

Demolition alternatives proposed by Restore and other preservationists include internal conversions, tax breaks for home and apartment rehabs and construction focused on undeveloped areas of Southeast and Gateway that have sufficient capacity and transient options.

“The greenest house is an existing house,” is a frequent mantra heard at Portland landuse meetings since HB 2007-like concepts were first introduced by Portland’s controversial Residential Infill Project (RIP).

Like HB 2007, RIP is backed by 1000 Friends and its local arm, Portland for Everyone

(P4E), popular for its free food during happy hours at local brewpubs to lobby activists and house-hungry millennials. The group’s Infill Everywhere position is pack density into city cores near jobs and services to accommodate future growth.

On its website, P4E denounces “jurisdictional downzoning”, praises contingencies for religious organizations to build housing on their land and hails walkable neighborhoods that encourage new residents to move here without cars - an aspiration daily disputed by Southeast traffic clogs as new arrivals rush in with 4-wheels.

“Not everyone can live close in,” fumed a longtime SE resident stuck at a Division Street intersection.

Everyone agrees affordable housing is critically needed. The how, what and where are flashpoints. While SE neighborhoods are increasingly divided, others from Beaumont and Multnomah Villages to Goose Hollow, are pushing back on what they consider underhanded tactics that began when RIP planners disallowed demolition as a topic for its citizen stakeholder advisers. Planning consultant Eben Fodor, who has filed objections with the City for RIP’s failure to disclose the “nature, magnitude and consequences” of up-designation, thinks HB 2007 “seems like another developer wish list, compliments of a developer-funded legislature”.

Even citizens outside Portland attack HB 2007 for legislative over-reach. During the Salem meet, a generally pro-bill architect from southern Oregon said towns did not want Portland-style development policies foisted on them.

The Homebuilder’s Association had not responded to an interview request at this writing.


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Views on HB 2007

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the bill is massive de-regulation for the benefit of for-profit developers.

United Neighborhoods for Reform says the bill negates “decades of careful landuse planning and local determination”.

A blogger posts, “Follow the funds. There’s a lot of money at stake here funneling straight to the grassroots through the former environmental group 1000 Friends of Oregon and the ironically named Portland for Everyone.”

A member of the Portland Coalition for Historic Resources reports the bill is driven by heavy money profiteering without promises of affordability.

HEART (Historic Eastmoreland Achieving Results Together) says HB 2007 is driven by Tina Kotek’s social engineering. Founder Derek Blum says it’s “pretty disgusting that an elected official characterized homeowners seeking to preserve single family neighborhoods as NIMBY elitists. “

A grassroots objector blasts 1000 Friends of Oregon as a “former environmental organization that sold out to developers”, adding “Tom McCall would roll over in his grave.”

A member of Portland’s Residential Infill Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee

known as one of the RIPSAC 7 asserts, “Density does not equal affordability.”

Proponents respond:

House Speaker Tina Kotek told Salem meeting attendees that historic districts rationalize inequities that create barriers to building both market rate and affordable housing. “HB 2007 gets rid of loopholes that allow neighborhoods to self segregate.”

Portland for Everyone supports HB 2007A because “it will help ensure that every Oregonian has a safe and affordable place to live”.

1000 Friends of Oregon says HB 2007 streamlines local government procedures and strengthens requirements for clear and objective development review standards that make it easier to provide housing to more people “of all ages, ability, income and backgrounds in all neighborhoods”.

Deputy director Mary Kyle McCurdy cites “misuse of national historic districts to prevent change. Walled off communities contribute to exclusionary zoning.”

On its webpage, the Homebuilder’s Association says that HB 2007 limits the ability of cities, counties and historic districts to reduce density or prevent infill and redevelopment.

The AARP promotes housing options that serve citizens at all stages of life.

Letters

from page 2

What about apartment designs including landscaping? Etc., etc., etc. Metro and LCDC need to do better in requiring implementation of plans in accordance with the Statewide Planning Goals. Likewise, the City of Portland with its antiquated commission form of government needs to overcome bureau fiefdom issues and promote better interbureau coordination and public involvement in dealing with growth issues.

David Krogh
Retired planner in SE Portland

Dear Editor:

My comment, thoughts, about Nancy Tannler’s article front page of SE Examiner, May, 2017 : “Citizens Plead case to Keep 1.31 Acres As Open Space.” Although it is truly necessary to be able to ‘ground’ oneself by being able to walk on Mother Earth, a sort of compromise can be attained, if in the event that space is sold for more building space, and that is an agreement by the purchaser to turn the roof top (s) into open green space, with public allowed free access. Perhaps organized for specific uses for: dogs, sport, events. If this was mandatory in the sale contract, the owner would have to maintain the building part for the roof top garden, the city would pay do the actual gardening/maintenance. The owner of the building would maintain the public elevator, in exchange would be realizing cost/tradeoff for the fact that rooftop gardens benefit by adding insulation, and the fact that there would be more foot traffic in the area from the garden to benefit sales of retail shops there. We would lose one big beautiful space, but perhaps it could become 2, with a sky bridge between them. The top to the actual planned community center also would have greenspace.

Very good artificial turf is offered now, and lightweight soil mixes. There are lightweight options for hardscaping, and volunteer community efforts to build faux rocks, planting boxes and the like would be good projects, as well as public art projects.

Of course, when dealing with the pubic, safety would have to be a priority, with fencing applied around the top, it may already be on the property and perhaps can be reused, therefore not increasing costs. A more appealing view would be

achieved by using plexi-glass panels, of course.

I would not allow any vending up there, but reserve that for retail space on floors below.

I would also encourage the water filtered from the (organic, of course!) rooftop garden to be stored and reused to water landscaping below during Summer months, at the very least, and better still, for flushing toilets. Also, nice water-feature(s): perhaps ground-level woodland stream and fountain for kids to play in, or just as landscape décor.

These are better options than just Solar Paneling; new buildings would be better built from scratch for Rooftop Garden Space rather than retrofitting old buildings, leave the Solar Paneling for those.

Ok, those are my thoughts, just tossing them out there!

Stephanie Schulz

To the editor:

No matter how diligently it is packaged in terms of public relations and legal rationalization and regardless of the very emotional arguments that are put forward on its behalf by victims rights groups, it must be affirmed that the ongoing practice of capital punishment in America speaks to a spirit of grim primitivism at large in the country that places it in the same dubious league as Saudi Arabia, Pakistan, China, Iran and Iraq. Extensive employment of the death penalty has the effect of surrounding America’s proud rhetoric about humane values with a thick aura of hypocrisy. The U.S. is absolutely alone in the North Atlantic community in its stubborn unwillingness to dispense with the death penalty. We Americans are, in effect, stuck in a past century in terms of our appetite for applying the Supreme Penalty.

Capital punishment is a miserable and horrifying blemish on the reputation of any nation that continues to practice it, and that somber assessment of things has to include the U.S. The overwhelming preponderance of executions carried out in America today occur in the states that constituted the 1861 to 1865 Confederacy. Widely applied capital punishment in our Southern states carries into modern time the fierce and draconian spirit that once animated the Confederate States of America. This situation, quite simply, is sordid and monumentally sad.

The United States of America, and in particular this nation’s southern tier of states,

would do very well to abolish, absolutely and with finality, the ugly practice of inflicting the death penalty.

Frank W. Goheen

To the editor:

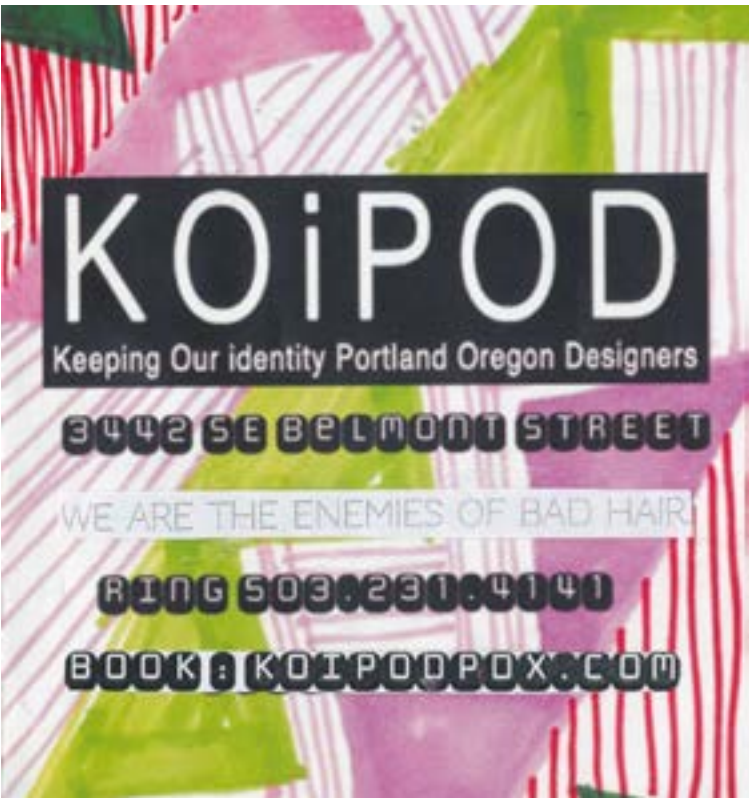
The Portland Parks and Recreation is at it again--trying to find a way to take public land away from the public. Not long ago they tried to sell it out right. Today they’re turning a field where kids and families play baseball, football, and soccer into a gravel parking lot with only vague promises that it would be temporary. It’s a slippery slope, another attempt at a land grab away from the public.

Metro has reported that more than 100 people a day are moving to Portland. With more and more people, more and more families moving to Portland, shouldn’t we be doing everything we can to protect what park land we have left?

Portland Parks and Recreation says they have no money to enact the Master Plan. Fine. Then leave the Long Block as it is--a flat, accessible park for families to enjoy. For some reason, it seems like they keep trying to find a use for it other than what was originally intended.

How can we trust Portland Parks and Recreation? They have a long history of backroom deals, bait-and-switch tactics, and simply ignoring or outright lying to the public. It’s park land, not parking land, not storage land. If they want to grow trees there, fine. Turn it back into a nursery with growing trees that would also be accessible to the public.

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raising awareness, proactive strategies, safe response to events [and] political action” to counter the recent uptick in auto thefts, car prowls and break-ins in N. Tabor. No time or place has been set yet, but Susan can be contacted via Nextdoor.com.

A 1922 cottage at the corner of NE 56th and Glisan will be the latest N. Tabor rental to have a date with the wrecking ball, in keeping with the city’s push to bring greater residential density to the neighborhood through zoning changes. Plans call for demolishing the cottage and building four attached units with garages. Owner John Reilly agreed to meet with residents to go over the plans, but then canceled for various reasons over the past month.

The Land Use and Transportation Committee has set up a meeting with Sara Wright of the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability on June 28 to discuss the zoning changes in N. Tabor mandated by the Comprehensive Plan. A venue is yet to be determined but will be announced on the NTNA web site.

The NTNA is still seeking volunteers to join a Neighborhood Emergency Response Team to assure that North Tabor is better prepared to withstand a major earthquake or other disaster. Contact Joshua Carey, chair@northtabor.org, on the NTNA board if interested.

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Unit 1: 4BD, 2 BA
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1923 Bungalow
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\$699,900
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\$699,000
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228 SE 15th St.
1890 Victorian
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\$719,900
3 BD, 2 BA
2 bonus rooms



3429 SE Grant ct.
1910 Bungalow
2025 Total Sq. Ft.

\$Call listing agent
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Community Events Bulletin

Children's Parade
June 7th @ 1:00 pm
rosefestival.org/event/junior-parade

Children come from all parts of the city to the Hollywood District in NE to join in: dressing in costume, transforming wagons into floats, decorating their bikes with colorful flowers, or just parading with their pets (and parents!).

Cider Summit PDX
June 16th& 17th
Cidersummitnw.com

The 7th annual Cider Summit Portland features over 150 ciders including regional favorites and international classics. Expanded food offerings and live music from Cascade Blues Association.

Festival of Balloons
Saturday, June 23rd-25th
tigardballoon.org

The hot air balloons are definitely the featured attraction of the festival, but ... it's MORE than balloons! Spend the afternoon shopping at the craft booths and enjoy the beer garden, live music, carnival fun center, clowns, cotton candy, and a whole lot more!

Tour de Hives
June 24th & 25th, 12pm to 4pm
Tourdehives.com

Fancy yourself a beekeeper? Take this self-guided tour of backyard apiaries and bee trees in and around Portland. Check out tourdehives.com for tickets or sign up to be a volunteer.

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