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Cyclists Rally For Safety

Dozens of street safety advocates rallied at Powell Park on Tuesday to oppose the removal of the bike lanes on SE 26th Ave. at Powell Blvd. one of Portland's most crash-prone intersections.

Earlier this month, the Street Trust launched a petition calling on city leaders, the Portland Bureau of Transportation, and the Oregon Department of Transportation to take action to prevent the removal of the bike lanes on SE 26th. In less than a week, more than 1,000 supporters signed on, many of them pointing out the bike lanes' critical role in making the intersection safer for bicyclists, pedestrians, students, and motorists.

This effort comes in response to the Oregon Department of Transportation's demand that PBOT remove the bike lanes and bike boxes on SE 26th. In 2015, ODOT required the removal of these bike lanes as a condition for new crosswalk signals on Powell at SE 28th.

While the crossing at 28th is a welcome safety improvement, the Street Trust believes it does not warrant making travel on SE 26th less safe. SE 26th is the most direct route to a number of destina-

tions, including Cleveland High School. Removal of the bike lanes appears imminent, though it is still unclear when exactly PBOT will carry out ODOT's demand.

Jillian Detweiler, Executive Director of the Street Trust said, "It's a Catch-22. The increasing traffic makes it more dangerous for cyclists, so they ride less and use their cars more." The greenways are helping, but rarely do they get a cyclist completely from one destination to another. They need bike lanes and space on the busy thoroughfares to feel safe. After all it is cyclists that are making a change for the better.

SE Powell Boulevard is a high-crash corridor, and its intersection with 26th Ave. is one of the most crash-prone in the city. Just three years ago, 22-year-old Alistair Corkett lost his leg after being struck by a pickup truck while riding his bike at the intersection.

The Street Trust believes the best way to prevent such tragedies is to slow down traffic and increase street safety facilities, including bike lanes.

Thorburn:
Successfully Slowing
Roadrunners

BY MIDGE PIERCE

Love 'em or hate 'em, new speed bumps are doing their job along Thorburn St., the curvy route between SE 62nd and Gilham.

Debra Monzon, neighborhood project spokesperson who spearheaded a campaign for Thorburn traffic calming and citizen fundraising of \$30,000 to cover costs and expedite installation, says the impact of the bumps has been amazing. Average traffic speed, she says, has gone from 32 to 26 mph and traffic volume is down by 6%.

While residents would like to see greater traffic decreases, the goal of the PBOT-designed calming pattern was to slow down drivers. Neighbors who once feared speeding vehicles and heavy trucks

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Divisive Diverter Impacts
Hawthorne and Division

BY MIDGE PIERCE

Add "diverter" to a meeting agenda in SE Portland and tension and attendance rise especially if the diverter is at the junction of neighborhoods with vastly different perspectives.

The proposed diverter at SE 50th and Lincoln is a major flashpoint. After rancorous meetings in which pro-diverter bicyclists squared off against anti-diverter residents, Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) modified plans for the Lincoln-Harrison Greenway to utilize what it calls an interim median-style barrier to allow neighborhood connectivity from 50th at Lincoln and right turns only from Lincoln.

The new plan calls for adding eight speed bumps to upper Hawthorne which will likely become a more heavily trafficked alternative route, as will Division St. along a stretch that includes an elementary and high school.

PBOT claims the diverter is needed to manage burgeoning mobility needs as the City grows, but the diverter is not the only concern of Richmond neighbors. During a Richmond neighborhood association presentation by PBOT, striping, bike buttons and the impact of detours onto

extremely narrows streets such as SE 26th were raised.

PBOT representative Roger Geller spoke of ways to make what he termed short "trip gaps" without vehicles. An objective is to make cycling and other modes easier, safer and more equitable. Ultimately, the goal is to reduce the estimated 500,000 additional vehicle trips.

Greenways are an important part of improving the network, Geller said. "Cycling is a very cost effective investment."

At a SE Uplift meeting, chair and bicycle-enthusiast Terry Dublinski-Milton, (outspoken advocate for the bikeway that runs from 60th to Ladd's Circle) said the diverter at SE 50th is needed because the Greenway is one of the poorest performing in the City. He says solutions must serve the region, not just locals.

Residents of Mt. Tabor claim the area lacks East-West blocks that, in other neighborhoods, provide alternate routes to and from homes. The result, they claim, will be increases in dangerous car-bike interactions, blockages at failing intersections and significant traffic squeezes onto Division and Hawthorne.

To counter the impact on Hawthorne,

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Participants in the Human Access Projects Willamette River dip

Valentine's Day plunge

Ever since the City completed the \$1.4 billion Big Pipe project in 2011, discharges of untreated sewage into the Willamette River have largely dissipated. The stretch of river passing through downtown used to have overflows between 50 and 100 times a year.

In celebration of over three months during the rainy season with no overflow plus the Valentine's Day holiday, twenty-five people braved 45 degree water to take their version of the "polar bear" plunge into the river. The event drew attention to the fact that people can swim in the Willamette River.

Willie Levenson, the group's ringleader and founder of the Human Access Project said, "The problem is,

many Portlanders aren't aware of that."

Levinson formed the Human Access Project to encourage swimming and to clear beaches along the Willamette River in the downtown area. "This was an opportunity to celebrate the Bureau of Environmental Services and the big pipe, because it's been 115 consecutive days in the wintertime," said Levenson. "I think this is a record for most consecutive days in the wintertime where there has not been a sewage overflow."

The Valentine's Day swim will likely become an annual event.

They also hold a summer celebration – the Big Float in July – to celebrate and increase use of a public waterway.

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Letters to the Editor

To Rep. Nosse

There are a lot of problems facing our community right now and we're all faced with difficult decisions on a daily basis, especially when it comes to how and when to spend our money. This proposal to create tax on beverages will just add to the difficulties people face in Portland.

I know you support this tax and that's why I wanted to get in touch with you. I think you have good intentions, but I'm not sure you fully grasp the unintended consequences that could come from this tax.

I run a small business near your district and I've been watching how this tax is panning out in other cities. Lots

of businesses have been forced to lay people off because their sales have gone down – and not just sales on those drinks with sugar in them, but sales across the board. People are just going to places where they can buy what they want – other towns or counties.

Why are we holding the smallest businesses in our neighborhoods responsible for solving the area's funding problems?

Shouldn't we have a plan that's a little fairer? A plan that doesn't directly impact the grocery budgets of families who can least afford it? I urge you to reconsider your support.

Thank you,
Zouheir Hussein

trucks and vans parking at intersections right up to the stop sign. There is no way to see over them when attempting to enter into the intersection, and I've had to come to a sudden stop to avoid a car, bicycle, or pedestrian.

2) In the relationship between motor vehicle traffic and all who share the roads in narrow streeted neighborhoods, there doesn't seem to be much in the way of responsible interaction between bicyclists, pedestrians, vis-a vis motor vehicle drivers.

It's been my experience that pedestrians and bicyclists believe they have no responsibility to look, merge, stop at signals, or follow any of the other traffic laws that motor vehicles are required to adhere.

It's as if they want to challenge cars by entering a crosswalk head down staring at their PDA, or bicyclists pushing through an intersection without regard to right of way. I can't tell you the number of times I've had to slam on my brakes to avoid someone doing this.

I could never imagine driving much over 20 MPH in SE and NE neighborhoods. There are too many variables coming at me all at once. If folks want to reduce accidents, some of my points might be considered as well as talking about speed limits as the only solution.

Thanks for your time. I love it here!

Sean Watkins

New in Portland

I'm a newbie to SE Portland, having moved here last June. I read the February edition's small article *Twenty is Plenty* about reducing speed limits in order to attain the Vision Zero goal.

As I drive in the neighborhoods of SE, I find there are multiple "stimuli" that must be addressed, far more so than in any other neighborhood I have been in. So while I agree the speed limits need to be slow, I wonder if the Portland powers that be might also address the following thoughts I have:

1) There seems to be no parking enforcement concerning

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Who’s living in the new apartments

By Jack Rubinger

Ever wonder who is living in the new apartment buildings in your neighborhood? As Portland continues to grow, the number of more citified apartment buildings has grown, too. Who’s moving into these places and why is being examined in a series of articles here in *The Southeast Examiner*. First up is the Goat Blocks.

Vacant for over a decade, the site had become a destination for neighbors visiting the now infamous resident maintenance crew – a herd of goats who kept the weeds in check year round. The goats eventually found a new home, but the name and the neighboring communities’ enthusiasm for activating this site as a gathering spot stuck.

On a rainy morning in January, this writer visited the Goat Blocks, located across the street from Market of Choice on SE Belmont. The project is massive. Developed on what industry folks call a Super Block, this community is a micro neighborhood in itself.

Goat Blocks parking is convenient. There’s a Japanese style rotating system that fits nine cars in the space of three; a slick solution to what is one of Portland’s hottest controversies: parking, or lack thereof.

Emily Logue, Community Curator, from Killian Pacific (the ownership group), provided connections to several residents.

Jennie Dorsey is a trained burlesque dancer who drives vintage scooters, loves the cinema, has a cat named Frankenstein and manages the Schilling Cider house, located on SE 10th.

Schilling is the largest cider house in the world with more than 50 different ciders from all over the world.

“We were searching for locations for Schilling, that are centrally located and the Goat Blocks fit the bill,” said Dorsey. “I jumped at the chance to live and work in a brand new bar and a brand new apartment.”

She lives next door to the Cider House in a studio apartment in the 1010 building on the 11th floor.

Schilling has been open seven months and Dorsey is often on call, so being nearby



Jon and Kelly Stone

was crucial — truly a live/work situation. She has lived in the building less than a year.

With a staff of thirteen, the cider house is pretty busy with trivia nights, movie nights, happy hours and burlesque bingo regularly programmed within the space.

Dorsey previously lived in the Montavilla neighborhood. Originally from Chicago, she moved to Portland several years ago from Brighton, England and has a background in both the coffee and cider industries.

Jon Stone and his wife Kelly have lived in the Goat Blocks building since June of last year. They love the college dorm-like aspect of the scene.

“Many of us on the floor hang out together, go out to the arcade, bowl or simply watch football together in the community lounge,” said Stone.

The couple moved from North Carolina last year for her school and wanted to live the city life; walking and biking to activities instead of driving. They do that easily from the Goat Blocks. Living above the

Market of Choice makes grocery shopping convenient.

“Portland is amazing. The weather isn’t nearly as dreary as we were made to believe,

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Proposed Elimination of ONI’s Graffiti Abatement Program

By Adam Meltzer

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) has proposed cutting the Graffiti Abatement Program for the 2018-2019 City budget stating that the program does not align with its core mission to “Promote a culture of civic engagement by connecting and supporting all Portlanders working together and with government to build inclusive, safe and livable neighborhoods and communities.”

However, the fact is that the Graffiti Abatement program is actually in complete alignment with ONI’s core values of promoting civic engagement and enhancing livability.

In a city with various criminal elements, graffiti, tagging and the visual degradation of our neighborhoods seem to be a low budget priority for the coming fiscal year. Richmond Tag Busters, a volunteer group of dedicated neighbors that formed as a committee of the Richmond Neighborhood Association, have been working with the City’s Graffiti Abatement Program to help keep the Richmond neighborhood clean and it’s

working. “We have seen a noticeable decrease in graffiti and tagging in our neighborhood over the last year due to our efforts,” says Adam Meltzer, the chair and founder of the committee, “but we rely heavily on the City Graffiti Abatement Program for help.” The Graffiti Office is what fuels our civic involvement to fight and clean up graffiti.

The Graffiti Abatement Program has been an indispensable ally in efforts to tackle the growing problem of graffiti. It has provided all of our supplies for monthly graffiti cleanups and provides ongoing guidance. We are partnering with the Graffiti Abatement Program, KINK Radio, Metro and the Hawthorne and Division-Clinton Business Associations to put on a Richmond Graffiti and Litter Cleanup Day on June 16, 2018, with the hope that other neighborhoods will organize similar Graffiti Cleanup days. (Look for details in later editions of *SE Examiner*.)

The Graffiti Abatement Program holds regular monthly meetings, bringing together business representatives and citizens from all over the city to discuss and strategize tactics to address graffiti.

Graffiti has long been a problem in Portland, but in the last 3-5 years, there has been an explosive growth in graffiti, which has been not only been a huge eyesore for residents and business owners, but has considerably affected what we call “livability.”

The growing presence of



Some of Richmond’s volunteer graffiti and clean up crew

graffiti affects us all; it adds to the increasing sense of loss of control and feeling of safety in our environment and our neighborhood. You can see it everywhere: on industrial buildings in inner SE, stop signs, electrical boxes, utility poles, retail establishments on Hawthorne and Division, schools and even apartments buildings and single-family houses. These vandals with total disregard for property and homes and quality of life put slap tags and spray paint their street names everywhere.

The Graffiti Abatement Program fits squarely into ONI’s core mission of civic engagement and livability and eliminating it is a mistake. There is no other program or resource volunteer neighbors and businesses can

look to for guidance and supplies to clean up graffiti.

It fuels civic engagement throughout the city in efforts that directly relate to improving livability. Cutting the program will destroy morale and set us back in our efforts to fight and clean up graffiti. Now is not the time to cut the Graffiti Abatement Program but to provide it with more funding.

If you are concerned about the safety, cleanliness and livability of Portland neighborhoods, attend the next Budget Advisory Committee meeting and speak out against the cuts to the Graffiti Abatement Program. Let Council hear your voice if you want the city to keep the program:

Email or write letters to

Council a sample letter can be found here at bit.ly/2EVLmWl. Attend the March 12, 5:30 pm, ONI Budget Advisory Committee meeting at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave. Portland, OR 97204 (Lovejoy Room and open to the public)

The additional dates are critical to the timeline: • ONI Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) meetings: portlandoregon.gov/oni/29021 • April – date not posted for public hearing • April 30 – Mayor announces proposed budget

ONI and the BAC are saying that the program does not align with their mission, but this couldn’t be further from the truth. By working together we can influence policy and prevent further budget cuts.

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Neighborhood Notes

Laurelhurst

By Barry Kast

The Friends of Laurelhurst Park (FLP) will be meeting March 7 at 4 pm, at 3421 NE Hassalo, to plan work parties to be held from April to October and address changes that may occur in the Portland Parks and Recreation Bureau budget and staffing.

The 2018 work parties begin in April and occur from 9 to noon on the second Wednesday of each month through October. In addition there will be four work parties scheduled on the fourth Saturdays of April, May, September and October.

Weekend events were initiated in 2017 to offer opportunities to people who can't participate on weekdays due to work conflicts. The schedule for the 2018 season will be posted, and fliers will be available, at the kiosk at the north entrance on Ankeny St.

Supervision, basic tools, gloves and water are provided as participants weed beds, prune trees and shrubs, remove invasive and nuisance species, mulch existing beds and prepare and plant in areas needing attention. The work performed is vital to the health of the park, the quality of the landscape and the pleasure experienced by park visitors.

During the 2017 season, extensive camping in and around the park diminished as did concerns about drug use and hazardous materials. Nonetheless, FLP will continue to stress personal safety training for volunteers. By reducing excessive plant growth and maintaining an attractive open environment, visitors are moved to respect and protect the park and its historic value to the neighborhood and the city.

Persons wishing to join FLP or participate in the planning process may get more information by contacting Peggy Glascock at peggy.glascock53@gmail.com or Barry Kast at kastb@peak.org.

HAND

By Jill Riebesehl

Fire and medical rescues, building changes, and open space landed on the Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District Association board's agenda in late February.

At the HAND board's invitation, Portland Fire Chief Mike Myers, Battalion Chief Erik Oatfield and Deputy Chief Vince Wilson attended the Feb. 20 meeting. Chief Myers, on the job for 1.5 years, had noticed a "hole in service" in our area. Station 23 at Milwaukie and Powell was closed for ten years, and reopened late last year, staffed to respond to medical emergencies every day. Myers' mission is get it fully staffed, complete with fire-fighting apparatus and capability.

Regarding fire and medical rescues, we were assured that despite our old neighborhood with its narrow streets chockfull of parked cars, the bureau can handle any emergency within its purview. The chiefs pointed out the ladder trucks that can take corners, the 1,000-plus-foot-long fire hoses, satellites that direct locations and new technology that can send rescuers out the door as quick as the report is coming in. Further, all fire stations are as aware of the various intersections and one-way glitches in the neighborhoods as are residents, and regularly trained for and have mapped out the most efficient routes.

Chief Myers mentioned that Mayor Ted Wheeler has tasked the bureau with finding \$5 million in cuts to its budget for this next year.

Urban infill marches on. Requests for adjustments to city building codes involved one family who wanted to build a short rock wall adjacent to the sidewalk and, in contrast, a developer of a 60+ unit planned apartment building seeking adjustments to the original plan. The neighborhood does not have jurisdiction in either situation, but the owners were seeking advice, consent and neighborhood goodwill.

The board dispensed easily with the Ladds Addition home's wall, but struggled with suggestions by developers of the apartment building at SE 28th and Division. Noise impact on nearby residents dominated discussion and the HAND board requested changes to terrace setbacks, trash pickup and sound signals on street access to the indoor parking area.

The neighborhood has precious little open green space and just one park, Piccolo Park on SE 27th. True, it has the river, Ladds Addition rose gardens and Powell Park (part of the Brooklyn Neighborhood) but for the most part, it's a concrete/building-structure desert. A very tiny pocket park, Avalon Sanctuary, is almost hidden off Division Street and 19th at the south end of a small parking lot.

Various neighbors have taken it in hand and changed its use one way or another over the decades, and individual HAND members participate in maintaining it. The board has been asked whether it wants to take a more ownership-style role in designing a plan and is seeking advice on how to proceed.

The HAND Board meets every third Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in Carylin Hall on the St. Philip Neri grounds at SE Division St. and 17th Ave. Meetings are open to the public, and we welcome one and all.

Mt. Tabor

By Laura Smith

The Thorburn Street Safety Group shared a report from the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) about the measured results of the speed cushions recently installed on Thorburn. Average speeds reduced from 32 mph down to 26 mph and the volume of cars dropped by 6 percent. Also noted in the report was "driver misbehavior" which was described as cars trying to avoid the speed bumps by driving on the shoulder of the road. Because this misbehavior is a safety issue, PBOT plans to install vertical delineators to mitigate the problem.

MTNA has asked PBOT to consider neighbors' concerns about traffic and safety issues for pedestrians, bicyclists and motorists related to the Greenway project diverter at SE 50th and Lincoln. Currently, PBOT plans to temporarily install their design which allows bicyclists access in all directions and only right hand turns for vehicles to or from SE Lincoln. They will install eight speed bumps on upper Hawthorne – four between SE 50th and 55th, and four between SE 56th and 60th.

For the three to six months following diverter installation, PBOT says they will conduct tests to observe where diverted traffic goes. However, PBOT has not provided clear metrics for their testing nor where the tests will take place. MTNA suggests traffic counts be conducted before and after installation in several places: on upper

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Driving Down Carbon: The Role of Electric and Autonomous Vehicles

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How will the rapidly accelerating introduction of autonomous, electric, and hybrid vehicles impact our lives and environment? How will they impact greenhouse gas emissions? How might they change the urban landscape?

Find out when Let’s Talk Climate presents a panel discussion on strategies and effects of electric and autonomous vehicles. The adoption of electric vehicles (EVs) has outpaced most expectations. In addition to passenger cars, electric transit buses and delivery trucks are on the horizon.

The technology for autonomous vehicles (AVs) is developing rapidly. It is widely expected that AVs will be electrically driven and used on demand in a shared transportation economy.

Both of these raise opportunities and concerns for urban planning. The electric grid will need to accommodate the increased demand, and there may be less need for fossil fuel infrastructure. AVs might need less lane width and travel more closely to one another, perhaps resulting in more space in existing rights of way.

At the same time, perhaps AVs would encourage longer commutes if we could use the time spent on the road more productively than driving, increasing pressure on the current urban growth boundary.

The panel will address strategies to encourage adoption of EVs that enable a just rollout, the considerations of testing AVs, and some of the potential implications for urban planning.

Panelists include Ingrid Fish, Policy & Research Analyst with the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability; Eliot Rose, Technology Strategist, Metro; and Becky Steckler, Program Manager, Urbanism Next, University of Oregon.

The event is free and open to the public, but RSVPs are requested via Eventbrite at drivingdowncarbon.eventbrite.com.

This event is presented by Let’s Talk Climate, a group created by neighbors, for neighbors. It is made possible in part through logistical support from Renew Oregon and 350PDX.

More info at letstalkclimatepdx.org or by e-mail at contact@letstalkclimatepdx.org / facebook.com/letstalkclimate.

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During Red Cross Month in March, the organization encourages eligible donors to join in its mission by giving blood.

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and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood.

High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Make an appointment to become a hero to patients in need by visiting redcrossblood.org, or calling 1.800.RED.CROSS (1.800.733.2767).

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in SE Portland are from March 1-15:

March 9: 2 pm - 7 pm, East Portland Eagle Lodge 3256, 4904 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

March 10: 10 am - 3 pm, Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 5239 SE Woodstock Blvd.

March 11: 9 am - 2 pm, St Ignatius Catholic Church, 3400 SE 43rd Ave.

March 12: 1 pm - 6:30 pm, Holy Family Catholic Church, 7425 SE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd, (39th and Flavel St.).

Recycling tip

By BONITA DAVIS, MASTER RECYCLER AND SUNNYSIDE RESIDENT

The word “used” when referring to consumer goods, is sometimes met with a negative reaction. Maybe we imagine items that are broken, not clean, in poor condition or undesirable for some reason.

Sadly, in the US, a lot of perfectly good, even new things get thrown out. Clothing, household goods, tools, books, toys, appliances, furniture, and sports gear and everything else you can imagine gets tossed.

Keeping items in use and in good repair, and buying used are important choices when living a sustainable lifestyle.

Reducing and Reusing come before Recycling when it comes to impact and practicing all three, strengthens our efforts.

SE Portland has some of the best places to shop for previously owned items. Boutiques, swaps, consignments and online are good places to look.

Specialty stores and brand name retailers offer bright lighting, clean aisles, organized merchandise and amazing selections.

Want bohemian, vintage, mid-century designs? It’s out there. Cars, electronics, homes, tools, music, bikes, building supplies and kids’ stuff, ... you can find a used version, often at great savings.

Used items can be a treasure trove for those who enjoy creative reuse and making something new out of something old.

Safety does come first. Get the latest on recalls and vital information before buying at the Consumer Product Safety Commission: cpsc.gov.

Oregon’s facilities managed 5.1 million tons of waste in 2015. In 2013, the US managed 254 million tons of waste. That’s a lot of stuff.

Time to revise our view of “used.” Here are suggestions: new-to-me, awesome, unique, broken in, well-made, durable, vintage, high quality, durable, quaint, full of potential, hip, made-to-last, gems, exquisite, and probably *A Real Bargain*.

Ed Begley, Jr., the actor and environmental activist put it this way to a Portland audience: “If you are not buying recycled (reused) products, you are not really recycling.”

Reusing makes it all work.

Reducing Our Carbon Footprint

Did you know that the City of Portland and Multnomah County have a Climate Action Plan that provides a roadmap for cutting our carbon emissions? If successful, by 2050, we will have cut our carbon emissions by 80 percent. There is a role for everyone: government, businesses, and individuals.

The League of Women Voters of Portland present an educational panel discussion to explore how Portland is working to reduce its carbon footprint March 13, at 7 pm (doors open at 6:30), Multnomah County Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

If you are interested in what our city is doing to reduce our carbon footprint and what this will mean to you, join our March Civic Education Panel Discussion on Tuesday,

Robots from around the world

The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), Robot Revolution opens on March 17. The exhibit explores how robots will ultimately be companions and colleagues, changing how we play, live and work together.

The exhibit comes to life with a collection of cutting-edge robots from some of the most innovative global robotics companies and universities.

Guests will have the opportunity to interact with robots rarely seen by the public, as they step into a visionary world where robots are not just a curiosity, but a vital asset.

Robot Revolution runs from March 17 - September 3. Tickets to this exhibit, which include museum admission, are \$19.75 for adults, \$13.50 for youth (ages 3-13), and \$15.75 for seniors (ages 63+).

Prices for OMSI Members are \$5 for adults, \$3.25 for youth, and \$4.25 for seniors. Guests can purchase tickets online at omsi.edu, via phone at 503.797.4000 or in person at the museum.

Founded in 1944, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is one of the nation’s leading science museums. OMSI is located at 1945 SE Water Avenue. For general information, call 503.797.4000 or visit omsi.edu.

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Community News

Congestion Pricing comes to the Portland

BY: LEAH FISHER, SE UPLIFT NEIGHBORHOOD PLANNING PROGRAM MANAGER

What is congestion pricing? Now is the time to learn about it and weigh in on policies that will shape tomorrow’s driving decisions.

Congestion pricing refers to roadway tolls implemented to reduce traffic congestion.

What is the Portland area doing about traffic congestion?

Last legislative session, the Oregon Legislature (via HB2017, now “Keep Oregon Moving”) authorized the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to conduct a feasibility study and proposal for what they refer to as value pricing on Interstate 5 and Interstate 205 with the purpose of reducing congestion.

Read more about ODOT’s effort at oregon.gov/ODOT/Get-Involved/Pages/Value-Pricing-Committee.aspx

Last November, Portland City Council built upon that effort by passing a resolution directing the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) and Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) to study congestion pricing on local roads like Grand Ave. and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and the Willamette River bridges.

These terms congestion or value pricing are similar and used interchangeably. Both refer to a payment/tolling mechanism applied to a single lane, an entire roadway, or used during a certain time of day, in a certain area (e.g. city center), or for certain users (e.g. trucks vs. carpool vs. single occupancy vehicles).

However, while a toll’s purpose is primarily to collect revenue, the main objective of congestion or value pricing is to alleviate congestion, particularly during peak hours.

ODOT’s feasibility study will consider various types of tolls (e.g. single lane, freeway location, and time of day) as well as consider equity for low-income individuals who could be adversely impacted.

Portland’s effort will evaluate/consider geographically based pricing, parking demand management, automated/shared mobility pricing, and bridge management. PBOT will consider how these connect with other city-wide policy efforts around housing, climate, Vision Zero goals.

The Metro area is struggling to manage congestion. Congestion has outpaced population growth 4 to 11 and there are no signs of any decrease in the near future. It has negative impacts not only on our livability, but on public health, the climate, and our economy.

ODOT and PBOT both agree it is unlikely our roadways will ever be as free-flowing as they were in decades past.

Both ODOT and PBOT are exploring this pricing as part of a larger or more comprehensive strategy to get people out of single occupancy vehicles by investing in infrastructure for walking, biking and transit, as well as other management strategies.

This concept needs to be a community-wide discussion as the introduction of tolls will not only affect the highways but could have surface street impacts as drivers change routes to avoid tolls.

The impact on surface streets is a consideration of the feasibility study and residents are encouraged to weigh in their opinions to both ODOT and PBOT.

Cities like Seattle and New York are implementing policies and practices to address congestion in the United States.

The Federal Highway Administration lists more (ops.fhwa.dot.gov/congestionpricing/resources/examples_us.htm) and demonstrates the variety of options available to implement locally.

There are numerous international cities that have been using this strategy for many years and some have reliable data for Portland to consider.

ANNUAL LENTEN SEAFOOD FEST at St. Philip Neri SE Division & 16th , Saturday March 17. Dinner includes half dungeness crab or salmon filet, homemade New England Clam Chowder, shrimp cocktail, rustic bread, mixed green salad, and sherbet. Reserve your tickets before the March 12 deadline. Adults \$35, Children (6-12) \$20, children under 5 free (mac & cheese). Beer & wine available for purchase. Choose from two seatings: 3 pm or 5:30 pm. Call Parish office, 503.231.4955 to order tickets, or place order from website. Handicap accessible. stphilipneripdx.org/ for online ticket purchase and more information.

RAIN GARDENS 101 – Sunday April 29 from 1 – 5 pm at Bridgeport United Church of Christ, 621 NE 76th Ave. Explore the critical role rain gardens can play in urban stream restoration, and how they add beautiful landscaping to a yard at the same time. Learn how to assess your site to determine the best location and size, calculate impervious surfaces, determine soil suitability, choose appropriate plants, and how to maintain your new rain garden. You’ll receive a comprehensive manual to guide you through the steps in constructing your rain garden. Where possible, workshop includes a short tour of a nearby rain garden. Register at: emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops.

HONORING OUR RIVERS, a project of Portland-based nonprofit Willamette Partnership, is accepting student submissions of art, photography, poetry, and writing, including works in foreign languages for the upcoming edition of its publication. Entries should reflect the student’s connection to rivers or their watershed. Students, kindergarten through college, will be published alongside regional pro authors and artists. Past collections have included Barry Lopez, Ursula K. Le Guin, Paulann Petersen, Charles Finn, Ana Maria Spagna, and Lillian Pitt. The anthology is distributed across the state of Oregon to libraries, partner organizations, and participating families and schools. The upcoming edition of the student anthology will include a featured section dedicated to celebrating the different tribes of the Pacific Northwest and their connections to rivers. The intention of this theme is to increase awareness and appreciation of Native culture, history, language, and arts, particularly as they relate to Pacific Northwest Rivers and watersheds, through student art and creative writing. Deadline to submit is Earth Day, April 22, 2018. Learn how to submit at honoringourrivers.org/submit, or contact the project coordinator at info@honoringourrivers.org.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH is a program designed to increase the sense of safety and community in neighborhoods by organizing and involving individuals and their families in united crime prevention efforts. Neighborhood Watch is formed when residents notice chronic problems and/or increases in crime and suspicious activities in their neighborhood. Due to the large response for neighborhood watch requests watch coordinators have already taken enough requests to book out trainings through the month of April. They will still accept requests and continue to schedule trainings. Learn more about neighborhood watch. Go online to the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Crime Prevention page at portlandoregon.gov/oni/62587. Neighborhood Watch Interest Form is at portlandoregon.gov/oni/70451. If you have a general question about crime prevention, email them to onicpa@portlandoregon.gov or submit an online request at portlandoregon.gov/32302.

20 IS PLENTY – The first yard sign pick up is beginning. The City is providing free “20 is Plenty” yard signs and bumper stickers to raise awareness about Portland’s new 20 mph residential speed limit. In an effort to increase safety, speed limits on Portland’s residential streets are dropping to 20 miles per hour following a recent Portland City Council decision. The new speed limit takes effect citywide April 1. The 20 mph speed limit is part of Portland’s Vision Zero work to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries. PBOT is doubling the number of residential speed limit signs, installing approximately 2,000 across the city. Not every residential street will have a speed limit sign, but the 20 mph speed limit will be in effect on all residential streets. Here are the currently scheduled times and locations in SE: Saturday, March 3, noon - 4 pm., parking lot of Midland Library, 805 SE 122nd; Saturday, March 10, noon – 4 pm, Zenger Farm, 11741 SE Foster; Sunday, March 18, noon – 4 pm, in front of Hosford Middle School, 2303 SE 28th Place. Saturday, March 24, noon – 4 pm, in front of Lane Middle School, 7200 SE 60th Ave.

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DRY FARMING IN THE MARITIME PACIFIC NORTHWEST – Up to a 50% reduction in summer water availability is predicted in Oregon within 50 years. It will be critical for the viability of farms in our region and the security of our food system to increase knowledge and awareness of methods of crop production that require little or no irrigation. To initiate this project, a Dry Farming Demonstration was established in Corvallis, Oregon in 2015. This demonstration expanded to three OSU sites in 2016 and more than 10 farms in Western Oregon hosted dry farming trials via the Dry Farming Collaborative. Join the Multnomah Master Gardeners Speaker Series on Tuesday, March 13, 7 pm at TaborSpace, 5441 SE Belmont St., as Amy Garrett, Oregon State University, shares how the OSU Extension Service is partnering with growers to increase knowledge and awareness of dry farming management practices and hear about some of the results from their field trials. Learn how these techniques can be applied in the home garden. See multnomahmastergardeners.org. Free event. All are welcome.

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Ten months ago, a banner hung at Cleveland High protesting police officers at schools. Post-Parkland, conversations have exploded nationwide over arming teachers who scarcely have enough books to go around.

Oregonians may be surprised that concealed handguns are already allowed in state schools. Anyone with a legal, concealed carry license can bring a loaded weapon into public facilities that include schools unless specific prohibitions are posted by employers. In some places, teachers may already be packing.

At Portland Public Schools,

firearms are specifically prohibited. Thirty miles north, St. Helens allows staff to be armed, according to The Register-Guard. Oregon districts make local decisions despite federal gun-free school laws and teachers unions and police associations saying handguns are no match for weapons of war.

Whether or not you consider fortifying halls of learning a daft idea, a growing majority supports providing more mental health services, tightening background checks and removing bump stocks from store shelves as the NRA continues to condone sales of automatic rifles with no purpose but to mutilate.

In terms of state regulations, Oregon is mid-pack. Gun sales are restricted to those 21 and over, but Oregon has no limit on the number of magazines purchased and no requirements to register guns that are legally owned.

Sales of AR-15s and modifications to make them more lethal, surge at gun shows, online, on the black market and sports-shops. Local gun stores advertise more than 20 types of AR-15s and limitless options for customization.

Since the Florida carnage, the state boasts it was the first to pass gun legislation – the “boyfriend loophole” that bans domestic abusers from possessing guns. Plus, Extreme Risk Protection Orders allow courts

to temporarily remove firearms from a person posing “significant” danger. Adjudication can be a lengthy process that does nothing to make schools safe.

Almost 50,000 students attend Portland’s seventy-eight public schools with fewer than a dozen police Security Resource Officers. Police say more officers are needed especially because SROs are trained to avert problems before they escalate.

Teachers take emergency training online. PPS tried metal detectors at a middle school 20 years ago. Processing students one at a time took two and a half hours. The district has no plans – or funding – to further fortify facilities.

Instead, PPS points to parental responsibilities: Know your child’s friends, have conversations about what to do if someone posts threats on social media, have a safety plan, report suspicious behavior. Before playdates, ask if a household has guns and how they are kept safe. Parents should also monitor school security practices. This writer was distressed at how easy it was to wander halls of a Southeast elementary unattended. No monitoring of security cameras was in evidence at other Southeast schools.

Individuals can follow NRA money. Republican Greg Walden has reportedly received \$39,000 and Democrat Kurt Shrader \$5000. You can check

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Short Session Review

BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE
ROB NOSSE

Greetings from Salem. I am writing this column from my office on the fourth floor of the Capitol overlooking the Capitol Mall as we near the end of the 80th Legislative session. Wow, the short session can be hectic. The running joke in the Capitol is that we manage to fit the stress of a six-month session into five weeks! Even though it is a short session, we are absolutely working on some important bills, including some that will lay the groundwork for better more progressive legislation to come. Allow me to highlight some of the more important bills. (The session will likely be over by the time you read this column, so hopefully all of the bills highlighted in this column will have passed.)

HB 4155 – After last year’s disappointing decision by the Federal Communications Commission to repeal net neutrality protections, it became clear that consumer protections were going to have to come from the states. Most advocates believe the states are federally pre-empted from dealing with this issue. That said, we think we have crafted a narrow approach that will withstand the federal pre-emption and a constitutional challenge in our courts.

SB 1541 – I started paying hard attention to air quality

issues after the air pollution from Bullseye Glass came to light in my first term. This bill is the first big payoff of that work. The bill is still going through a lot of negotiations involving many constituents from SE Portland, but should it pass, SB 1541 will put a fee system in place and provide the funding for the governor’s Cleaner Air Oregon program, so we can start reigning in industrial pollution sources that pose serious health risks.

HB 4145 – With the tragedy in Florida still fresh in everybody’s mind, it FINALLY feels like we reached a tipping point on gun violence in this Country. The day after that school shooting, one of many already this year, we passed HB 4145 on the House floor. The bill expands the criteria that places someone under the domestic abuser firearm ban to include intimate partners that don’t live together that have been convicted of stalking. It’s a step in the right direction. I know we will be coming back to gun safety in future sessions. As I said when I ran for office, I will support any sensible gun regulation that can pass – and finally it is starting to feel like more of these bills can indeed pass.

HB 4005 – For me, this bill is a big deal. Last session I introduced an aggressive bill – HB 2387 to lower drug prices. Unfortunately, the pharmaceutical lobby killed that bill. This year I returned with a slimmed-down



State Representative Rob Nosse

version of the bill focused on price transparency. HB 4005 will require prescription drug manufacturers to justify price hikes of 10 % or more. While not as comprehensive, I think this is a good first step. After all, at the end of the day the problem is the price. Consumers deserve transparency on why drug prices keep going up. I’m excited to continue to work to bring those costs down.

With all that said, every session there are plenty of good bills that never make it out of committee or die in the Senate. Having a full six months in 2019 instead of five weeks will give us a chance to really work on and polish important legislative concepts that may not have cleared the hurdle this time. Should I get re-elected, I’m looking forward to working on those issues and more.

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Muscadets that we most encounter in the states are bottled ‘Muscadet Sevre et Maine Sur Lie’. The Sevre & Maine are the two rivers that run through the appellation. The term ‘Sur Lie’ refers to the Lees or left over yeast particles that settle on the bottom of the cask after the fermentation process. In Muscadet it is a tradition to stir the lees which add a textural weightiness or increased body in the wine adding a greater depth and complexity of flavor.

Considered to be the perfect match with Oysters on the Half Shell, Muscadet is also an excellent choice as an aperitif before dinner or would work nicely with anything that would usually call for a crisp, un-oaked white.

And please, drinking the wine too cold will mute the subtleties of these wines. If you don’t believe me, try it straight out of the refrigerator. Then try it again after it’s had 30 minutes to warm a bit. You’ll find two different wines.

If you want to experience the joys of Muscadet first hand, you should head down to the Woodsman Restaurant which features an Oyster Hour daily from 5-6 pm in which you can save some money and enjoy an excellent selection of Muscadet by the glass or by the bottle.

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Slow changes to gun laws put more lives at risk

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favorite stores, brands, banks, credit cars or investments to determine which are tied to the manufacture of killing machines. A number of airlines and car rentals have already scrapped NRA perks.

As calls for action come from children who had an AR-15 pointed at their heads, national polls show that two-thirds of Americans support controls on automatic weapons and raising minimum age requirements for gun purchases. Despite the difficulty of defining thousands of varieties of automatic weaponry, nations from Northern Europe to Australia that have done so claim it saves lives.

In this country, mass shooting has become a rising numbers game since a ban on assault weapons ended in 2004. After the heartbreak of Sandy

Hook, ten states actually weakened firearm restrictions while Connecticut has banned automatic weapons, and limited magazine sales and saw a drop in gun deaths.

A Multnomah County Sheriff’s Captain warns that firearm bans fail to address the multitude of weapons and cartridges already in circulation. Harry Smith says his office has a voluntary turn-in program to destroy unwanted guns. The most netted in a single year is 200. So far, nothing has reduced the proliferation of weapons and complexity of different jurisdictions, laws, courts and claims of constitutional rights.

You’ve heard it ad nauseum before: change takes time, but two decades is too long for those with children and grandchildren who are our hearts walking outside our bodies. Nightmare news breaks; voices scream, “Don’t let it be my

town. “My kid. Any kid.”

So here we are. Students, riddled with bullets, trauma, (an identity a pundit called the “Shooting Generation”) plead for action. “We don’t know what it’s like not to feel fear,” say survivors of Parkland (or Thurston, Roseburg, Clackamas, Pulse, Vegas on and on...)

For me, every word is an echo – and a gut punch – from decades ago in Denver. A staffer rushed into a meeting to alert me to a school massacre a few miles away. She knew I had a daughter attending high school a few miles away. In an age before cellphones, time stood still until I knew she was okay.

Columbine colored my TV career. We scheduled non-violent programs and critical-thinking as antidotes to heinous video games. We held town halls. We launched a national campaign called Generation Hope: Voices for Change. We heard students say, “Children should chase dreams not bullets.” Nothing changed.

Will this time be different? Will the movement last longer than a news cycle or compassion fatigue? Will you join the marches of children to strengthen background checks and ban high capacity weapons that mangle children’s internal organs?

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Voices of the houseless

By Nancy Tannler

The League of Women Voters held an informative discussion this month that put a face on those who are houseless for those in attendance. Four panelists who have experienced living on the streets told their stories and how their lives were transformed by the services we already have in place here in the City of Portland.

Lisa Larson is now a resident of Dignity Village and has found this community a safe haven for her progress away from living on the streets. Her story began when a domestic violence situation had her fleeing for her life with no money or job. Her only option was the streets.

Larson had the good fortune to meet a caring individual who protected her from her pursuer and taught her how to survive without a permanent residence. They were living in Milwaukie at the time and squatting in an abandoned house until they were arrested for burglary.

“I went from being a good girl to a criminal,” Larson said, “for the crime of not having a place to live.”

The couple was arrested again for burglary, but really for squatting and were incarcerated again. “You quickly learn that there are good cops and then not so good ones,” Larson said.

They returned to living on the streets and experienced some of the worst case scenarios. They were robbed several times and had all their possessions destroyed by other homeless people, and learned to sleep with one eye open.

“When my partner started acting strangely, hearing voices and getting angry, I knew we had to do something,” Larson said. It is not uncommon for people who don’t get enough sleep to become schizophrenic and that’s what was happening to him.

They signed up on the wait list at Dignity Village and eventually were given a place to stay. This was eight years ago and since that time, the couple have regained their sense of self, gotten day jobs, become stabilized, and are active members of this community.

Larson jests that, “We’re a true community just like other large, sometimes dysfunctional families out there.” Through this process Larsen has learned to build her self esteem and to care about others. She highly advocates for more Dignity Village communities.

Melissa Castor built her first houseless community while living with her husband under the Morrison Bridge. They tried to preserve a clean and sober environment, holding regular worship services for the people living there.

Eventually the camp was disbanded and Castor moved to the area between N. Greeley and N. Interstate close to Overlook Park. At first local residents

didn’t want them to stay in this location.

Castor began to attend the Overlook Neighborhood Association meetings to explain the plight of people with no homes to live in and what was needed to help a houseless person move on. She eventually became a member of the board.

The Hazelnut Grove encampment was formed with an outpouring of support from the community. They have access to water and porta-potties at the park and the City of Portland provided fencing to section off the area. Since they were formed in 2015, they’ve begun to build tiny homes on the site. Many of the residents have moved on to permanent housing.

DeWanna Harris was her family’s golden child. She received straight “A’s” in school and was full of potential. All that changed after she married, and then her dreams of a rosy future didn’t seem possible anymore. Harris got caught in the trap of alcohol abuse that led to a vagrant lifestyle and petty theft to support the habit.

She and her husband traveled the circuit up and down the west coast. She’d done time in prison and became isolated from her family and children due to the shame she felt from living this way.

“One day everything caught up with me and I decided not to lie to myself and others anymore,” Harris said.

She turned to every support system available and eventually with the help of Transition Projects and Sisters of the Road she began to reclaim her life one day at a time. Her children were returned to her, she went back to school and got a bachelor’s degree in social work and is now a manager at Transitions Project.

Damian Blakley, an artist, photographer, advocate for the homeless, has been homeless for ten years. He is one of ten unhoused community member who participated in The Sisters Of The Road “Through Our Lens” traveling photography exhibit.

Blakey said the exhibit lets people know that even though a person might be down on their luck, they are still people, and still human.

In a quote attached to his exhibit, Blakey posts: “I greeted a man I’d met once. He said, ‘It’s good to be seen. We are often invisible. Recognition is lean.’”

Other points of understanding from the evening’s presentation were: 1) remember, these people are often sleep deprived, which effects their behavior; 2) they appreciate being acknowledged, and it can make a difference; 3) not all of them are lazy; 4) they prefer *houseless* to homeless because of the loaded connotations with the word *homeless*; 5) they are resilient and 6) most of them would like a place to live.

The speakers each gave an assessment of how they think the City of Portland and Multnomah

County is handling the houseless crisis. The general consensus is that Multnomah County has more programs available that are directly helping these individuals. They felt the City just doesn’t have enough resources to help the amount of people in need.

Damian Blakley commends the work of The Sisters of The Road for helping him survive and develop a sense of purpose as an advocate/spokesman/photographer for the houseless.

Melissa Castor believes that if more small encampments like Hazelnut Grove could be formed throughout the City, it would be a temporary, safe solution for many people living on the streets.

Lisa Larson, former CEO of Dignity Village has found home and a community here. “If we could find a place for other villages, we would relieve the unrelieved suffering of being on the streets all the time.

DeWanna Harris encourages the people not to give up hope. Eventually there are ways to get ahead with the system that is in place, you’ve got tell yourself that everyday like I did.

The overarching issue that would alleviate most of the problem is finding a way to fund affordable housing.

More than any other thing, that needs to be the mantra for those whose heart bleeds for the impoverished, people with no place to live.



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Stemming the tide of demolition

By MATTHEW GALAHER

Helping to sustain neighborhood integrity and character while stemming the tide of demolition, one home at a time

Recently on a drive to a client's home our newest team member newly arrived from out of state, commented on how beautiful the neighborhoods are here.

The qualities that elicit such a response are a large part of what makes Portland feel like a special place. It is beautiful for many reasons. Most notably because the original character and quality of the existing homes has been well maintained.

Portland's neighborhoods contribute significantly to the higher quality of life we enjoy here. We are lucky to live in an area that has until recently avoided that fate of many other cities where the homes are defiled or torn down and replaced with lower quality homes in both design and construction.

Demolition has seen a marked increase here in the last few years and this has many residents concerned.

There are a large number of people who desire to slow the demolition of these homes, especially in neighborhoods where there is an existing higher density of historically significant structures.

Also tear downs are wasteful, often expose lead, asbestos and other harmful pollutants, reduce the existing housing stock and very frequently do not result in new construction that maintains the quality of previously existing structures.



Mt. Tabor remodel

On the other hand, those looking for a more updated home with better layout, flow and energy efficiency would do well to look into renovation and remodeling.

It is an option that maintains the quality and beauty of both the home and the neighborhood while reducing waste and potential pollution from demolition.

However not all renovations or remodels are created equal. It requires knowledgeable design and outstanding craftsmanship with a commitment to integrity to meet all these goals.

For the homeowner, it can be overwhelming to achieve all this within a reasonable timeline and budget and choosing the right company is key.

Fortunately there is at least one approach that addresses these challenges head on. There are a few smaller local construction companies that use a process called Design-Build that aligns with the time-honored Master Builder approach of an earlier era. Typically this process brings the homeowner in as a full collaborator, empowered and supported by the collective expertise of an in-house team of Designers, Master Craftsmen and carefully selected Subcontractors.

By working together using a coordinated, holistically managed process, the homeowner's desired outcome is brought into focus and the end result can be aligned with the character of the home and the neighborhood.

The Design Build firm

will be responsible for all of the work on the project, from design through construction. This benefits the owner by streamlining the process with a single source for design, structural review, engineering and construction.

The tangible benefits are: a single source for communication, clear ownership of the details, and a concise timeline with fewer delays.

One such Design Build contractor in Portland is the Weitzer Company.

Doing business in Portland for 25 years, owner Nick Weitzer says, "We create artful, livable, lasting spaces by breathing new life into old homes and building new spaces that bring continuity to the rest of the neighborhood. Restoring and remodeling is also a greener process because we work with the existing structure and improve its efficiency."

Whether adding a substantial ADU space by upgrading a basement, breathing new life into an old kitchen, tackling an unfortunate seventies bathroom remodel, or addressing any other host of homeowner needs, Design Build is a great option.

The Weitzer Company projects from the Laurelhurst, Richmond and Mt. Tabor neighborhoods illustrate how the right approach can help keep our neighborhoods beautiful, maintain the historic character of our homes, while providing artful, livable, lasting spaces for us to live in.



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When Gina Helvie first came to Portland to attend culinary school, she had no idea she would not be returning to her childhood home in Napa Valley. Then Portland put its spell on her along with fate, guiding her to becoming a restaurant owner of Trinket. She’s now a permanent transplant here in the Great Northwest.

The restaurant business has always been a part of Gina’s life. Her mother (nicknamed Trinka) worked in restaurants when Gina was young and her first job at sixteen was as a server. After graduating from culinary school, she began the rounds working as a chef in a French restaurant and working tables to make money. It became clear to her that although she loved to cook, she did her best working the front of the house.

This talent landed her here SE Lincoln & 39th working at the dinner restaurant, the Kingdom of Roosevelt. One day she mentioned to the owner she would like to own this place and the next day he countered with a price. She ran the idea by her future partners, Robert Thomas and Andrew Hanson, and within a heartbeat, the dinner restaurant became Trinket, a daytime coffeshop and brunch and spirits place. This was back in 2013.

The name Trinket was a nod to the influence Gina’s mother had on her choice to pursue the food way, plus the decor builds on the previous owners’ northwest theme adding special trinkets and art to create a cozy, comfortable setting.

The menu has evolved over time to serve a variety of tantalizing breakfast and lunch standards, with a twist created by Gina and her kitchen chef, Melissa Madueno. Duck eggs Benedict, polenta with steamed eggs and greens, and savory waffles are a few of the choices. Each menu item speaks to the delicious side of breakfast food.

There is a daily quiche and hash special as well as other spontaneous courses that pop up in inspired moments. The lunch menu includes a French Dip, Tucker Bowl, grilled cheese, tuna melt, kale salad, sides and specials.

Pastries are predominantly



Owner Gina Helvie

made in-house, while the coffee is from the local roaster Extract. All chicken eggs are vegetarian fed, and pasture-raised on Camano Island in Washington. The duck eggs are vegetarian fed and antibiotic/hormone free and the meat is from Revel Meat Company in Canby, one of two USDA approved organic meat packers in Oregon.

“I use quality ingredients, choosing organic where I can,” Gina said. The menu also has choices for gluten free, vegetarian, vegan eaters, and substitutions work on some menu items.

“Over time we have attracted our regulars becoming part of the neighborhood experience for them and for me,” Gina said. “I’ve been here long enough to see the toddlers become grade school kids.” This is reassuring for her as it for many of the small business owners, to feel the support of your community and a sense of place.

Although the hours are not Happy Hours, the full service bar does serve lots of artisan mixed drinks, Bloody Mary’s, Mimosa, coffee drinks, etc. as well as beer and wine.

Trinket has six full time, invaluable employees, one of whom is Melissa Madueno,

kitchen manager and right hand woman, who makes it possible for Gina to have a couple of days off every week.

Driving down 39th it’s possible to zoom right by Trinket, but if you are looking to expand your brunch experience, this would be a good place to slow down for. There is a full parking lot on the north side just before the light at Lincoln.



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Diesel Exhaust Emissions Control Lagging in Oregon

By Don MacGillivray

Diesel exhaust has been an issue in Portland for many years. Recently the central city has more than thirty large buildings under construction at one time and a large number of diesel powered vehicles are in use without adequate exhaust control. Air pollution from diesel exhaust is known to be a toxic carcinogen.

In 2007 vehicle emissions improved greatly so it is only trucks and vehicles built before this date that are an issue. Unfortunately there are over 7,000 of these unregulated older vehicles in use today. Oregon has the sixth highest health risk in the nation due to diesel pollution.

This fact might have gone unreported if it weren't for Linda George, a Portland State University professor, who has a lab in her car with equipment able to record the level of pollution at specific locations. Her findings are higher than the governmental computer models that are above the accepted standards nearly everywhere she tests for air quality.

Around construction sites, the level of pollution is often 100 times the acceptable level. The United States Environmental Protection Agency estimates that diesel pollution causes 460 premature deaths per year in Oregon and this costs the people of Oregon \$3.5 billion a year in health costs and lost productivity. Pollution levels are often two or three times worse in low income, minority communities near freeways and industrial areas where children are often at risk.

According to government sources, less than 10 percent of air pollution is created by industry. The number one source is from cars and trucks. Still, Oregon's air quality standards have met federal guidelines for more than twenty years. As Oregon grows, especially here in Portland, air quality is likely to decline unless action is taken.

Diesel pollution is made up of more than forty hazardous materials that can cause severe damage and health risks. These are many of the same pollutants that contribute to climate change. The air toxics of greatest concern in Portland are: diesel soot, ben-

zene, hydrocarbons and lead.

There are numerous sources of air toxics, but by far the largest source is vehicle emissions especially trucks and heavy equipment. There are no federal standards for these types of pollution. Work is being done to reduce air toxics, but the growth in population and necessary increases in construction are likely to intensify the problems.

Solutions are dependent on the actions of government and businesses. In 2015, Oregon passed a Clean Fuels Program that guaranteed 7 million tons of carbon would stay out of our air. This is the equivalent to 37,500 rail cars full of coal. This happened in spite of a \$2 million lobbying campaign to stop it funded by the oil industry.

The new technologies in the manufacture of engines for heavy duty trucks and construction equipment will soon reduce diesel pollution by 90 percent. This may almost eliminate the cancer risk of truck emissions.

Oregon has not funded diesel engine upgrades since fiscal year 2007-09. Oregon invests only 5 percent of the amount of funds Washington has dedicated to diesel cleanup since 2002. By upgrading the diesel engines of these vehicles, \$17 would be saved for every dollar invested. The tax credit program was eliminated in 2012 and the funding for upgrading school buses has been cut.

When Volkswagen was found to have deceived regulators about their auto pollution control systems, they had to pay a settlement of \$15 billion in the United States. Oregon received about \$70 million of this money to help clean up the diesel problem, but there is controversy around how these funds should be used in spite of the known health risks diesel fumes are known to cause – lung cancer, asthma, heart disease, and birth complications.

Large companies can deal with this issue, but it is the small companies that can't afford to buy expensive new trucks. There is no license or registration needed for

these off road vehicles in Oregon making regulation difficult.

In 2015, California had 350,000 trucks that no longer could be used because of their new diesel emissions standards that are among the toughest in the country. The solution for the affected companies was to sell their trucks in states where they are still legal, like in Oregon.

Not only are these trucks still legal, but the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) cannot easily track these imported trucks from California. Even so, California adopted their rules in 2008, but have only recently begun to strictly enforce them.

Federal standards for truck emissions were tightened in 2010. While ODOT does have a small program to address this issue, the new influx of older polluting vehicles has overloaded the market.

Over the last fifteen years, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality has spent over \$7 million dollars to replace, retrofit, or retire almost a thousand old diesel engines to reduce the pollution. This is less than one percent of the vehicles currently in service. Most of the clean-up money is coming from federal grants, but the amount is far short of what is needed.

Oregon Senator Michael Dembrow has been working on this issue for years and is the sponsor of legislation to help truck owners retrofit their trucks to a safe standard or to dispose of them and buy new ones. He has not found a welcoming environment within the House or Senate.

In 2015 the Oregon Legislature passed a Clean Fuels Program (SB 324) that would keep 7 million tons of carbon from polluting our air.

Representatives in Oregon talk about a comprehensive solution, but business is not willing too support it. In the 2016 legislative session three bills (House Bill 3310, Senate Bill 823, and Senate Bill 824) were introduced and failed to make it out of committee before the legislature adjourned. Many hope that appropriate solutions will be found soon.



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The Mermaid Hour

Jaryn Lasentia plays Violet (pictured) in Milagro's premiere of **The Mermaid Hour**, a new comedy about a family's real life challenges. The story's cast includes Nelda Reyes, Jed Arkley, Barbie Wu, Kai Hynes, and Michael Cavazos. Read more about the production on page 17.



photo by Russell J Young

Buckman Art Show and Sell



This *Portland Kimono* was designed by Tiffany Kirkpatrick. It's part of the 28th Buckman Show and Sell, Saturday and Sunday, March 10 and 11 at Buckman Art Focus Elementary. More than 125 artists working in many kinds of media will show their work to support the school. It's a great family-friendly way to meet SE Portland artists. There are established pros and Buckman students all showing together. Read all about it on page 16.

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Tombeau de Claude Debussy



This year’s March Music Moderne, the annual classical music extravaganza, is all about Claude Debussy. Portland composer, fest founder and impresario Bob Priest commemorates the centennial of this influential composer’s passing with a unique trio of concerts March 23-25 at the Community Music Center, 3350 SE Francis St. Concerts begin each night at 7:30 pm, are free for all ages and each night brings another treat.

- Friday 23 March – Marzena The Free Marz String Trio: Music at the Speed of Sound II;
- Saturday 24 March – Heave-Ho Productions presents Music in the Time of Absinthe
- Sunday 25 March – Cascadia Composers: Tombeau de Claude Debussy à Travers la Mer.

Priest brings MMM to the airwaves for those of you at home or stranded in your cars or offices. Listen either Friday March 16 to Double Bummer on XRAY 91.1 FM at 11 pm or Monday March 19 to A Different Nature on KBOO 90.7 FM at 8 pm. Both shows are filled with live music, interviews, pre-recorded MMM samples, new commissioned works and surprises galore. “Turn on, Tune in, Listen Up”.

Sounding the Cinema: The Debussy Film by Ken Russell, screens Thursday March 22 at 7 pm, free at Cinema 21, 616 NW 21st Ave.

The program is at marchmusicmoderne.org.

The Hanson Family Yodels Into Town



On Friday March 16, the Reedwood Friends Church stage comes to life with the energy, talent, and enthusiasm of the young Western Artists Lisa, Theresa, and Daniel Hanson a.k.a The Hanson Family. They share the stage in this month’s Portland FolkSong concert with Tom Swearingen, Oregon’s Cowboy Poet who was featured last month in these pages.

The Hanson trio excels at Western Swing, yodeling, rousing fiddle tunes with energetic harmonies and vocal arrangements. Their performances are sparked with humor and audience participation.

With deft instrumentation, yodeling mastery and a deep love for music, The Hanson family has been awarded the 2014 Academy of Western Artists Duo/Group of the Year, the 2014 Western Music Association Crescendo Award, the 2013 Kamloops Cowboy Festival among others. See hansonfamilymusic.com.

Concert begins at 7:30 pm and the Church is located at 2901 SE Steele St. Doors open at 7 pm. Tickets are \$20/\$17 PFS Members/\$10 ages 12-18 and under 12 are free. Reserve at 971.678.5736/or online at portlandfolkmusic.org/concerts.php



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It is partnered with MUSICat, a platform that works only with public libraries to collect, curate, license, and share local music.

MUSICat’s supporting organization is called Rabble, a small team of three folks, self funded through the platform’s revenue. No big corporations or venture capitalists here; just real people who believe that local music is a treasure to the community it serves.

A team of local music aficionados review the submissions, and artists chosen to be part of the catalog will be compensated for their work.

The music will be available for free online streaming. Multnomah County Library cardholders can download anything in the Library Music Project collection free for their own use.

The first collection goes online in May of this year. Submitting artists should be currently composing and performing original music in and around the Portland area.

The library website has more info. More about MUSICat at musicat.co.

Buckman Art Show and Sell



Jennifer Mercedes’s “Butterfly”

The annual Buckman Art Show and Sell is Saturday and Sunday March 10-11 at Buckman Art Focus Elementary, 320 SE 16th Ave.

The festival features art created by established artists and newly emerging talents. Each year there’s a gallery showcasing Buckman students and young alumni too. All in all, there’s 130 artists and craftspersons, with food, dance and music performances, all in support of Buckman’s arts program.

Artists donate 30% from their sales to the Buckman Arts Focus Elementary PTA and proceeds are used for art supplies, equipment, props and costumes for school performances.

A Silent Auction includes artwork donated from show participants and the Community Art Project: The HeART of Protest will be presented by Don’t Shoot Portland, Saturday from 11 am - 4 pm. On Sunday there’s Buckman student performances: dance, chorus and marimba.

Through music, art, theatre, and creative movement, Buckman’s arts specialists provide concentrated instruction in music, fine art, drama and dance. They collaborate with classroom teachers to integrate arts into the core curriculum of Buckman Arts Focus Elementary, resulting in flexible and creative thinkers.

Food trucks will be on hand too. Saturday the Fest goes from 10 am – 5 pm and Sunday, from 11 am – 4 pm. There’s a suggested donation of \$2-5 per person. Kids under 4 are free. See buckmanartshow.weebly.com



Emily Pratt’s “Rain”



The Pagan Jug Band has been performing around the Northwest Territories for a quarter of a century and they celebrate often, playing everything from bluegrass to world folk and Zydeco to swing.

Every Tuesday evening at 6:30 pm, the Band plays a family friendly happy hour hoedown for all ages at Ford Food + Drink on the corner of SE 11th and Division. The show is free and the venue’s menu includes a blend of vegetarian, vegan and other options.

The Jug Band consists of Patrick Buckley, Kya Eckstrand, Joe Patterson, Chris Miskow, Jes Gutsell and Dave Duffield. Special guests from Portland’s vast community of talent join spontaneously and their all-acoustic blend of banjo, dobro, accordion, fiddle, guitars and bass, mixes music like sweet alchemy. Their assortment of originals and inspired covers keeps the dance floor hopping.

Whole lotta dancing goin’ on. See PaganJugBand.com

Know Your Happy Hour History?

Portland filmmaker David Mayne teaches history with a cocktail in hand. His community of America’s top bartenders, historians and film artists have created a pilot for a new show, **Happy Hour History**, a web TV series highlighting the connections between alcoholic beverages and major events in human history.

Happy Hour History explores the roots behind classic cocktails, like the Moscow Mule and the Side Car and how they are connected to two catastrophic world wars. Prohibition Era cocktails the Bees Knees and the Scofflaw helped frame the early Women’s Rights Movement. One episode even shows how rum played a pivotal role in the American Revolution.

A pilot episode has been completed and now, in order to fund an entire first season of episodes, they are launching a crowdfunding campaign.

A filmmaker for over three decades, Mayne has written and directed PBS documentaries and national commercials. He worked with OPB for several years on PBS’ The History Detectives. He believes in the power of film/video to make the world a smarter, funnier and better place.

To contribute and find out more, see HappyHourHistory.com.



Landmarks is an evolving archive featuring 2D and 3D works in drawing, painting and collage by Karen McAllister Shimoda on view through March 31 at Roll-Up Studio + Gallery, 1715 SE Spokane St.

Shimoda, originally from Missoula was “instantly, instinctively, drawn to the lush, voluminous coniferous forests” here. Her unending universe of patterns, textures, surfaces, layers, folds, and recesses fill delicate drawings, paintings and collages.

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Portland's Venerable Music Venue Needs You

Portland's oldest independent music venue, **The Laurelthirst Public House**, is raising money to purchase and preserve the 107 year old building it resides in. The Pub opened 30 years ago and has become a bona fide Portland institution and energetic hub for nightly live music.

The four new owners have established a GoFundMe campaign to raise \$100,000 by March 31. The historic property sits on the corner of NE Glisan & 30th Ave. and is in danger of being sold and razed for development.

The venue hosts local bands of the country, bluegrass, roots, and Americana persuasion daily. There are sixteen concerts each week including free weekday happy hour sets and all-ages shows on the weekends. The prolific schedule means paying gigs for local musicians, that funnel dollars back into the music community.

Current proprietors Nick Zerr, Brandon Logan, Bart Yanoch and Lewi Longmire are longtime Laurelthirst employees and patrons who purchased the business from the original owners in December 2016. Their GoFundMe page states: "We want nothing more than to ensure the existence of the Laurelthirst for the community of musicians and patrons who have created and supported one of the most magical places in Portland, or across the country, for the foreseeable future."

The historic building was constructed in 1911 and its first occupant was Seton's Drug Store (the drug store's mirrored backplash is still intact behind the existing bar). It became the Blue Keg, roughly two years after prohibition was repealed. Laurelthirst Public House was born in 1988, when David Lee Williams and Steve Weiland purchased the bar. Many musicians from the original Laurelthirst era are still active.

The Kung Pao Chickens have played Monday nights for eighteen years. Their bassist, Tim Acott, was the first person to play at the pub, and he still plays there weekly. Jackstraw has been there for twenty-two years. Lewi Longmire has performed at the Laurelthirst for twenty years, and booked shows there for the last ten. Essential Freak Folker Michael Hurley plays a monthly Happy Hour there and Baby Gramps has played the first Friday of the month for more than twenty five years.

When the original owners were approached by investors and offered a large cash sum for the business and building, they refused to sell and instead offered the current four owners the opportunity to take over the business with an option to buy the building if done within a specific timeframe.

Laurelthirst is a place where people from all backgrounds and all ages feel welcome. Promoting inclusiveness and community across generations is a fundamental part of the Laurelthirst ethos. As Portland continues to experience rapid growth, the Laurelthirst represents the kind of cultural landmark that has made this city an attractive destination, and subsequently has faced the threat of being pushed out by new development.

More than a music venue, Laurelthirst is an irreplaceable and historic community centre, cultural hub and an important resource that pays testament daily to Portland's creativity and celebration.

To make a donation, see their fundraising page at gofundme.com/help-save-the-laurelthirst.

Clinton Street Marches On

Clinton Street Theatre, 2522 SE Clinton St. bubbles over every month with movies, music and community involvement. The hundred year old theatre house kicks off this month with three screenings for the **Portland Kids' Film Festival**, Sunday March 4.

Their Resistance Series continues every Monday night where folks can see a movie and drop \$5 in a bucket for a good cause.

March 5 is **Blade Runner: The Final Cut** (donations go to New Avenues for Youth); March 12 is **Legally Blonde** (to NAMI Multnomah); March 19, **Steel Magnolias** (to Sisters of the Road); and on March 26, **Space Jam** (donations to Playworks).

Thursday March 8 the KBOO Night movie is **Seed: The Untold Story** and includes a post-screening conversation with the film's director Taggart Siegel and folks from the Pollinator Collective and Cultivate Oregon. Free seeds will be given away.

The Clinton Street Stomp is a monthly live music performance showcase. March 24 features local legend Terry Robb, The Newport Nightingales, The Dekum Duet and the West-bound Coyote Stringband.

More at cstpd.com.

The Mermaid Hour

Milagro Theatre, 525 SE Stark St., presents the premiere of **The Mermaid Hour**, a fast-paced, down-to-earth comedy that looks at real-world challenges through the lens of the all-American family.

What do you do with a challenge you have no experience dealing with? What about when that challenge involves someone you love? As a parent, how do you rise up and support them? Playwright David Valdes Greenwood presents the story of Violet, an impulsive, radiant, and redemptive 12 year-old transgender girl whose search for acceptance puts her parents love, commitment, and resources to the ultimate test.

Preview Night is March 22 and opening night is the next evening March 23 which includes a reception catered by Tamale Boy. Sunday, March 25, 2 pm matinee features a post-show talkback. Milagro is one of four theatres producing The Mermaid Hour as part of the National New Play Network Rolling World Premiere.

The Mermaid Hour runs through April 14. It is presented in English with Spanish supertitles March 31 at 7:30 pm and April 8 at the 2 pm matinee. Adult tickets in advance start at \$27 with discounts available for seniors, students, veterans, and groups. Tickets may be purchased by calling 503.236.7253, in person at 425 SE 6th Ave. or online at milagro.org.



The March show at AFRU Gallery, 534 SE Oak St, is **Connection Through Art & Movement**, an immersive, multidimensional show of vivid paintings whose images soar off the canvas. The show features artists Tricia Beck, Rosa Ramirez (pictured here) and James Sitzler. The show will be up all month. Gallery hours Friday to Sunday from 2 to 6 pm. The gallery shows are curated by Jonas Nash, and their First Friday gatherings are well-reknowned. See afrugallery.com.

Little One & Anna Fritz at The Firkin



Little One

Douglas Detrick's ensemble Little One and cellist Anna Fritz perform live at The Firkin Tavern, 1937 SE 11th Ave. Sunday, March 4 at 8 pm. There is no cover at the door

Detrick has years of experience as a jazz trumpet player and composer with Portland Jazz Composer's Ensemble and though his clawhammer banjo songs are suitable for front porch pickin, his quartet, Little One, blends early folk, jazz, and chamber music. The quartet's unconventional instrumentation – Detrick on clawhammer banjo, voice, and trumpet, William Seiji Marsh on guitar, Kyleen King on viola, and Andy Rayborn on bass clarinet – allows the group to access a variety of timbres and sound. See douglasdetrick.com/portfolio/little-one.



Anna Fritz

Fritz began as a classical cellist. Through her work with Portland Cello Project to dozens of recording sessions with bands like My Morning Jacket, the Decemberists, and First Aid Kit, she flies her flag far from the classical milieu she was trained in.

A solo artist and activist to the core, Fritz strums the cello like a guitar, playing melodies with the bow as she uses the voice of this alchemical combination to sing her originals about spirit, gender, justice, and connection to the land, harnessing the power of acoustic storytelling and accompanied by her impeccable cello tone. See annafriz.com.

Music at Artichoke

• On Saturday March 3, Three Pound Note, the only traditional Welsh folk band on the West Coast. It marks the celebration of St. David's Day, the patron saint of Wales.

• Soldiers Songs and Voices on Sunday March 4 features the work of the songwriters and mentors who meet at Artichoke to provide creative guidance and support for veterans.

• The Women's Show, Saturday March 10 and Songs of Malvina Reynolds on Sunday March 18 are two opportunities to celebrate Women's History Month.

• Saturday March 31, Three of a Kind features singer-songwriters Dan Weber, Ed Haynes and Rich Waggoner.

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Oaks Bottom Tidal Restoration Project

By Don MacGillivray

Oaks Bottom is one of the few natural areas remaining along the Willamette River area in the Portland region. Probably the largest and most complex natural area within the City of Portland, it sits on east bank of the Willamette River between the Ross Island and the Sellwood Bridges.

It is 170 acres of wetlands, meadows, and wooded areas and plays host to an extraordinary array of wildlife including salmon, amphibians, crustaceans, small mammals, and over 185 species of birds. Many of these are considered “special status” because they are rare or in decline throughout Oregon.

Hikers can visit Oaks Bottom by using the trail beginning at Sellwood Park and ending at the Tadpole Pond. It is an easy, all season, family friendly, 3.8 mile loop with only about a 100 foot rise in elevation.

A restoration project will take place there this summer involving the enhancement of forty percent of the Oaks Bottom wetland habitat. It will especially benefit the public use of the area and improve habitat for the nearby wildlife.

The “Oaks Bottom Tidal Restoration Project” is being carried out by the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Service and the United States Army Corp of Engineers, in partnership with the Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership, and the United States

Fish and Wildlife Service.

The largest part of the project is the replacement of an outdated culvert that is an impediment to the fish and the stream feeding the wetlands inside the natural area. A new larger box culvert will allow them to pass easily in and out from the Willamette River to the marshland.

Likewise, the water channels of the slough will be improved with appropriate habitats to help young salmon travel to and from their spawning grounds. It will make it usable for all the wildlife to traverse under the railroad and the trail at all times of the year. It is part of the cities salmon recovery program to help restore the natural ebb and flow of water in and out of Oaks Bottom.

In addition to the culvert, there will be an extensive ecosystem restoration to improve the habitat of the birds and other small animals in the area. The Springwater Trail in Oaks Bottom will be closed to bicycles and pedestrians for up to four months this summer. Users will need to detour around the project, however access will be maintained to the Oaks Amusement Park and the Oregon Yacht Club.

At the completion of the project, two new wildlife viewing platforms will improve the public enjoyment of the area. There are many invasive vegetative species that will be removed and replaced with native plants to improve wildlife habitat.

All this work and other features will enhance the opportunity for the public to learn more about the importance of Oaks Bottom though hands-on environmental education and interpretation.

Before its rescue, this area was a landfill site destined to be used for industrial development. It became a wildlife park in 1969. Since then there have been several efforts to reclaim the area both for its natural flora and fauna as well as a place for Portlanders to experience the great outdoors in its natural beauty while still within the inner city.

The river’s ebb and flow is a major source of water in the lake and wetlands. The wetlands is fed by springs located at the base of the nearby bluff. Near the river is an early trolley line that was operated by the Portland Traction Company streetcar line. It parallels the hiking trail that is a section of the Springwater Corridor.

The Audubon Society, Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, and the Sellwood-Moreland Improvement League were the primary advocates for retaining and improving this area as a natural wildlife sanctuary. It was designated as Portland’s first migratory bird park in 1988 and the Portland City Council adopted the Oaks Bottom Coordinated Resource Management Plan, which laid out a variety of objectives for its future management.

Oaks Bottom was always

a natural area that needed improvement to make it welcoming to the public. While it was generally left alone, there were variety of abuses to the area that required attention before greater public access could be allowed. A project in 2012 included restoration work, and re-creating a walkway along the original trail with three new boardwalks, one with a deck overlooking the wetland area.

An extensive collection of wildlife frequents Oaks Bottom in the wooded areas around the marshlands. It is a birdwatcher’s paradise with more than 185 species including Canada geese, bald eagles, peregrine falcons,

red-tailed and Cooper’s hawks, osprey, falcons, gulls, terns, hummingbirds, woodpeckers, quail, kingfishers, grebes, and many others.

Various types of ducks can frequently be seen too – mallards, pintails, wigeons, and green-winged teals. Portland’s city bird, the Great Blue Heron, nests on the nearby Ross Island.

The abundant wildlife living in the area includes beavers, river otters, muskrats, raccoons, and even deer and bobcats occasionally found in the park. The trees include Oregon white oak, Pacific madrone, cedars, maples,

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Business Association News . .



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Division Clinton’s new board officers are: President Jennifer Knapp from Community Vision, Vice President Kevin Fisher from Edward Jones, Secretary Deirdre Baker from Book Bothy, and Treasurer Eve Davies from In or Out Tax services. Our board represents businesses from 11th to 41st on Division and Clinton Corners.


DCBA represents businesses large and small, profit and nonprofit, storefronts and home-based. Plans for next year include our 26th Street Fair Street Fair and Parade, this year on July 22, quarterly business mixers and a shout out to one of our fantastic restaurants, bars, coffeeshops, and patisseries.

We’re planning a new map of the business district designed to draw visitors to the district.

One of our major improvement projects is to obtain street lighting on Division that illuminates the sidewalks. Currently there is light only at intersections; the sidewalks are dark and possibly dangerous.

The business association has agreed to assist a team from PSU that is applying for a grant “to understand the demand and use for the curb”. They hope to find a way to allow the conflicting needs of bioswales, commuters, customers, busses, pedestrians, bikes, freight, and ride and car shares to be smoothed out. They will be taking input from all the groups that use the street. We are looking forward to their conclusions and suggestions.

Developers will be adding 10 more buildings to the eleven now completed and the four currently being constructed. The new buildings will add 303 apartments. Two of the buildings will feature affordable apartments.



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HBBA Pres.: Hilda Stevens, BAZI
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Board meetings: Second Wednesdays at 8 am
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Wow, March already! Boulevard businesses celebrate St. Patrick’s Day on March 17, welcome Spring on the 20th, entertain more kids and families during Spring Vacation and we’ll be seeing more and more flowers budding out soon. Be sure to check in with your favorite local businesses and eating establishments this month.

HBBA’s Annual Meeting is on March 22 and we will be honoring businesses, deciding on new activities and electing the 2018-19 Board of Directors. To attend the meeting, contact administrator@hawthornepdx.com.

One new activity being planned this year is the Boulevard Mega Sidewalk Sale on June 30th. Watch for it. Next up will be the 35th Annual Hawthorne Street Fair on Sunday, August 26. The Committee starts meeting on March 28.

We welcome two new businesses to the Boulevard. On Point Credit Union, the Boulevard’s 8th financial institution, will be open soon at SE 34th Ave. and Metro PCS is already open across the street. We are, indeed, the SE Portland Banking District

A continuing concern is what Hawthorne and old Portland architecture will look like when the reaction to possible safety considerations overtakes the current livelihood and living spaces for thousands of families. Visualize Hawthorne without the Masonic Lodge, Bread & Ink, several apartment houses and most of the buildings with character. Check out saveportlandbuildings.com.

Added to the 74 members acknowledged previously, the Boulevard’s management group, HBBA, welcomes February membership support from Hawthorne Fish House and Karen Davis, LMT. Thank you to the Hawthorne Patrol Supporters, too.

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Thank you to everyone who came out and celebrated our 30th Annual Dinner Meeting at Taborspace last month! 2018 is shaping up to be a wonderful year with new businesses popping up around the area and fun for all! When the need or desire arises for a new purchase, consider shopping locally!

Cricket Café is now open with brand new owners that have taken our taste buds by storm! Stop into 3159 SE Belmont Street, 8am-2:30pm, Monday – Sunday and take a peek at their menu: www.cricketcapdx.com 503.235.9348

Our next Belmont Business Happy Hour will be held third Thursday, March 15th, 2018 from 5-7pm, at Baby Doll Pizza 2835 SE Stark Street. babydollpizza.com

March 20th marks the first day of spring for our lovely city of roses!

Tune into our facebook page for neighborhood specials & sales each week: www.facebook.com/belmontdistrictpdx

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Does it need stitches?

Your five-year-old hit her forehead at the park. Your two-year-old was bitten by a yappy little dog. Your ten-year-old knocked his chin in a roller skating collision. All these scenarios, and the cuts that come with them, may leave you saying, "Does this need stitches?"

The answer to that question, of course, depends on lots of factors. Thankfully, a lot of wounds simply need more than a Band-Aid and feel-better kiss. However, there are others that need a bit more attention. Here are some injuries that should be evaluated by a doctor or other qualified healthcare provider:

Wounds that are very dirty (containing soil, gravel, or other material that may need to be removed)

Cuts that are longer than 1/2 inch

Gaping wounds in which fat or muscle under the skin is visible

Cuts that go all the way through the skin

Injuries to the face or other cosmetically sensitive areas

Cuts that continue to bleed after you apply firm, direct pressure with a clean cloth or gauze

Injuries from any mammal bites (cats, dogs, toddlers)

Any cut in a child who has not received a tetanus vaccination

Your child's provider will discuss options for wound treatment.

One of the most important parts of wound care is preventing infection, so your provider will thoroughly wash the wound before using any of these techniques. Pain control (anesthesia) will depend on the injury.

Skin glue: The edges of the skin are brought together, then glue is applied. It dries within seconds to a minute or so. This type of glue is specially formulated for medical use and should not sting. Glue works great for smaller wounds in areas of the body where there isn't a lot of tension. Medical glue is the only type of glue that should be used for wounds, so put away that hardware store superglue.

Bandages (steri-strips): These may be used along with the glue to bring the skin back together. Your provider will let you know how to care for them.

Sutures (stitches): This procedure takes the longest compared to the other techniques. The provider will sew the wound closed after using a numbing medication for pain control. The "thread" is called suture and your provider will discuss which type of suture is best for different injuries. They will let you know how long the sutures need to stay



Dr. Laurel Hoffmann MD, MPH

in place. Staples: These work like sutures, but can be better for injuries on the scalp or injuries that would require lots of sutures. You'll need to come back to the office to have the staples removed with a specialized device.

Just like every kid is different, every injury is different. If you have questions about how to manage your child's wound, reach out to a qualified medical professional for some help.

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Neighborhood Notes

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Hawthorne, on Lincoln, on the north side of the intersection at Lincoln, and on Division. A suggestion has been made to add no-parking striping near the intersection of Lincoln to increase visibility for bicycles and vehicles.

Lighting along the new bikeway/pedestrian path planned for the south entrance to Mt. Tabor Park, which is part of the Mt. Tabor Maintenance Yard renovation project, initially included bollard lighting which doesn't meet minimum standards for bike/pedestrian paths. MTNA persuaded the Parks Bureau to instead use historically appropriate pole lighting similar to what will be used at Reservoir 1 in its renovation. Pole lighting will better serve the pedestrian and bicyclist visibility and safety needs while being less expensive.

The Weed Warrior program in Mt. Tabor Park starts up again on the last Saturday in March and will run through October. Go to taborfriends.org/volunteer for more information or contact Stasia Honnold at fimtpweedwarriors@gmail.com.

The next meeting of the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association will be Wednesday, March 21, at 7 pm at Mt Tabor Presbyterian Church at SE 54th and Belmont, with social time and homemade cookies starting at 6:50 PM. For more information, visit mttaborpdx.org.

South Tabor

By Sandra Hay Magdaleno

Congratulations and thank you to our new STNA Land Use Chair, Marcelle Thurston who has been appointed to finish the current term! We look forward to your continued service into the next term this May 2018.

Christine Wilson spoke to us on NET, Neighborhood Emergency Team programs and specifically on the BEECN, Basic Earthquake Communications Node Program. She has been working with the Taborvilla group that includes South Tabor, Mt Tabor, North Tabor and Montavilla NA's.

Taborvilla has joined forces to map the neighborhoods and make emergency plans for the neighborhoods. She would like to work towards having enough trained South Tabor Residents that we could grow into our own South Tabor NET & BEECN Teams.

Currently there are 48 BEECN stations in Portland. Clinton Park is our Neighborhood Station. The area holds the "Big Box" with the communications, radios and other necessary equipment for communications with fire, police, etc. in the event of an emergency.

To become NET or BEECN trained go to: portlandoregon.gov/fire/article/378473, or: portlandoregon.gov/pbem/59630. There's room for all people of all ages and all abilities to be part of the teams.

Lenny Dee with Portland Just Energy Initiative spoke on the Transition initiative for all of Portland to help families in need with energy bills, making homes and apartments more energy efficient and helping people get into a career path and good paying jobs. The initiative calls for a 1% tax on grow revenues on large corporations that have over a billion in sales country wide and over a \$1M in sales locally. Groceries and pharmacies are exempt. The measure is addressing climate change and economic change. We will be voting on whether we support the initiative at the March meeting.

There was discussion of the 20 is Plenty Campaign. It's a campaign to put 20 MPH plastic bag signs over speed signs to slow down the residential traffic. Other items were noted that back in 2004-2005, local neighbors worked hard with PBOT to add speed bumps (paid for by local neighbors) on SE 62nd and stop signs put in on SE 62nd and Woodward.

It was noted that the city is working on a pilot program for yearly parking passes in all neighborhoods affected by the Residential Infill Project.

Land Use Committee Report: Kellogg Middle School Development is progressing well. The Mt Tabor Yard Project is moving ahead and there will be an entrance to the park from 64th and Division within the next few years. It appears the lighting of the path will be changed to historic looking lights from the Bollards originally approved. We continue to monitor the Division Rapid Transit Project as well. There is a Pilot project in progress with the new lead and asbestos removal on building demolishes.

The appeal process is proceeding for the 62nd and SE Powell old 7 Dees property development of a 900-unit Self Storage Complex. There have been improvements to the project during the process. We are still pushing for additional improvements. On March 15 the design commission will make its final decision. All are welcome to attend although there will be no new testimony at that time. Please support the requested changes by attending on March 15.

Our next Land Use meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13 and our next Neighborhood Meeting will be Thursday, March 15. Join us for both meetings at 7 pm at Trinity Fellowship, 2700 SE 67th, entrance from the parking in the rear of the building. See you there.

North Tabor

By Joshua Carey

North Tabor Neighborhood Association will have a business meeting Tuesday, March 20, 6:30 pm, at 4837 NE Couch. February's presentation on emergency preparedness had to be postponed and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Planning is ongoing for North Tabor/Mt. Tabor's annual cleanup and recycling event, planned for Saturday, April 28 at Mt. Tabor Middle School, 5800 SE Ash with hours to be announced.

To contact the board about the upcoming cleanup or any other issue, send an e-mail to board@northtabor.org or leave a phone message at 503.928.4655. North Tabor Neighborhood Association is also online at northtabor.org and on facebook at NorthTaborNews.

Richmond

By Lauren Scher and Allen Field

The Richmond Neighborhood Association held its monthly meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018 at Waverly Heights Church at SE 33rd and SE Woodward St. RNA meetings are held in the church basement; enter from the east-side door. The RNA's website is richmondpx.org.

The annual Richmond Clean-Up and U-Price-It Sale and Plant Sale will be Saturday, May 19 at the Central Christian Church, 1844 SE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. Volunteers are needed so contact Jonathan King, king.jonathan.b@gmail.com. NOTE: No construction, remodeling or demolition debris. Not accepted at U-Price-It Sale: Mattresses, couches, stuffed chairs, building materials, chemicals; no items accepted for donation at U-Price-It sale after 12 pm; and items for donation may be rejected at the RNA's discretion.

1st Annual Richmond Graffiti & Litter Clean-Up Day is June 16, 9 am to 1 pm: The RNA is partnering with KINK Radio, METRO, the Division-Clinton Business Association and Hawthorne Blvd Business Association to clean up graffiti at residential intersections, pick up litter along Hawthorne, Division and Clinton, and clean up Metro-identified dump spots. We are seeking volunteers who want to sign up to clean street-signs and posts at the intersections of their choosing – we will provide the supplies and trainings to help you clean up your intersection.

The event is modeled after the annual Friends of Trees Planting: we will meet at Central Christian Church for registration, coffee and snacks, provide a quick training, then clean graffiti or pick up litter for 2 hours, then meet at the Church for lunch. Contact allen_field@yahoo.com if you want to sign up to join in the clean-up or have questions.

PBOT gave a presentation of the Lincoln-Harrison Greenway Project. Temporary median diverters will be installed at SE 50th and Lincoln in the spring of 2018, a permanent diverter will be installed this summer at 30th and Harrison and speed bumps will go in on Hawthorne from 50th to 60th. The project is expected to be completed by late fall. Six months after installation, vehicle volumes and speeds will be evaluated.


The next RNA meeting will be Monday, March 12 at Waverly Heights Congregational Church (basement), 3300 SE Woodward St., 7 to 9 pm.

Montavilla

By Amanda Rhoads

The new Montavilla Neighborhood Association board (MNA) continues to gain steam as we reactivate long-dormant committees, start new ones (hello, accessibility) and re-create our online presence. Our Safety Com-

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Portland still trending for newcomers

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and the food lives up to its reputation,” said Stone. “We really love being able to hike minutes outside of the city.”

“On the other hand, we were shocked by the homelessness, he added. “Nothing could have adequately prepared me for walking down the street and witnessing drugs and trash and panhandling or the full-on camping on the sidewalk. My wife is uncomfortable walking alone at night once away from the busy areas.”

A project and product manager for a small(ish) tech company, Stone helps other businesses isolate gaps in their processes and creatively solves those problems to create efficiency.

He began compiling a list of all the quirky, fun, free, weird, and beautiful things to do

in and around Portland. He and Kelly recently went hunting for the spaceship on Sauvie Island, for example.

“From an outsiders perspective, there is so much construction going on. Even having visited Seattle recently, it still seems like cranes on every corner,” said Stone.

“I expect the trend of people moving into the city to continue, and the cyclical effect of supply and demand to create a denser and denser city center.”

“Portland is more and more often on the radar of companies in the tech and emerging industries sectors” he added, “which makes me think more and more businesses will look at Portland as a legitimate area to open up shop.”

Finally, there’s Sumita Mukund who has lived in the Goat Blocks for six months. A software developer, she’s a

Massachusetts native who goes for stand-up comedy, reading, going to concerts and trying new bars and restaurants. Since moving here, she’s become an avid hiker.

There is still a stream of young people who are attracted to Portland and these new high rise settlements because of the area’s abundant action, adventure and opportunities. Portland’s high rise apartments offer proximity to nature, restaurants, culture and shopping.

What happens when couples and singles expand into families? Can developers design dwellings for families that are affordable or will Portland eventually become another big city that only makes sense for very wealthy families?

There are more answers to these and other questions as this series about the new Portland migration continues.

Oaks Bottom

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dogwoods, white alders, Oregon ash, black locust trees, cottonwoods and others.

There are still a variety of problematic and invasive species and work continues to physically remove them from the area. Care should be taken to avoid the poison oak that is along the trail and in the wooded areas.

High on the northeastern bluff overlooking Oaks Bottoms’ natural beauty is the Portland Memorial Mausoleum. On it’s western wall is a seventy foot, 45,000 square foot mural that honors the Great Blue Heron and the birds nearby. It is thought to be the largest hand painted mural in the United States.

This great educational fea-

ture depicts a variety of native wildlife. Hikers and children can use it to help identify wildlife found below.

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Thorburn Residents Feel Safer

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careening into their homes and property definitely feel safer, reports Monzon.

PBOT is using bumps known as cushions. Due to the higher classification of Stark-Thorburn as a neighborhood collector with higher traffic volumes, emergency access was a concern. So the speed cushions have “channels” for emergency vehicles to minimize response delays.

PBOT acknowledges its experience with the devices is limited: “Projects like this are part of the foundational data gathering efforts regarding performance,

effectiveness, and suitability for a variety of applications in Portland.”

One unintended consequence of the channels is driver misbehavior known as “edge running” – steering around, rather than over the bumps. The practice is especially dangerous along Thorburn St. where no shoulder or pedestrian walkways exist. So PBOT is exploring options like plastic vertical roadside delineators.

Monzon hopes the proposed plastic will withstand weathering and be sufficient mitigation to deter swerves onto non-existent curbs. It’s a reason she is especially anxious for

pedestrian improvements such as sideways and safe crossing zones. “Hopefully we will be able to start lobbying for pedestrian improvements now that the motorist speeds have been reduced,” she said.

Other neighborhoods with traffic concerns might take note of the successful process Thorburn residents followed. Several years ago, they brought documentation of unsafe conditions to PBOT. Then, they successfully sought support that the roadfix was a priority for the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association. After receiving approval from SE Uplift they raised sufficient funds to make the project happen.

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Trial Period Slated for Diverter

from cover

the new plan includes four speed bumps between SE 50th and 55th – a corridor neighbors say already feels unsafe and routinely stressed by traffic counts that surpass its intended usage and expectations. Four more bumps would be positioned between 55th and 60th.

Another aspect of the plan is a three to six month monitoring period to determine the impact of the interim diverter. PBOT says it will evaluate vehicle volumes and speeds on streets near the diverter.

Holding PBOT accountable for accurate and trustworthy data is a priority for Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association Landuse Co-chair Stephanie Stewart.

Facing down challenges to MTNA’s representation of the community at a NA meeting, Stewart stressed that the Association’s intention was to share residents’ concerns with PBOT and ensure that the Mt. Tabor portion of the Greenway was safe for “all ages and abilities.”

“This is not a denial of the whole greenway,” she explained. “MTNA has not taken a formal position.”

Stewart called for clear metrics from PBOT that would include data collected when Atkinson and Franklin schools are in session, She also suggested neighbors use the three to six month interim period as an opportunity to discuss design

alternatives.

Options might include establishing two dedicated bike lanes. Lincoln’s estimated 2,500 cars a day may be just shy of the 3,000 the City requires for this type of Tier 2 design.

Members of MTNA are frustrated that PBOT has been reluctant to meet with them, while four PBOT representatives including manager Sheila Parrot were featured at the RNA meeting. Richmond residents deemed the group break out format an effective way to, as one jokingly said, keep “the violence down.”

Greenway improvements are slated to begin this spring.

Anti-diverter residents fear the lack of east-west streets in the corridor will lock them into their neighborhoods with no easy routes out.

A pro-diverter resident retorted, “I’m willing to sacrifice a little time if it saves lives.”

One visibly shaken resident seeking MTNA support for loss of safe disability parking and access to her home on the corner of Lincoln and 50th, expressed fear about how ugly the situation had turned.

She said she had been maligned online by the pro-diverter community and was threatened by a “snooper” on her property following a Richmond meeting.

PBOT claims the modified plan shows it is listening. To whom it is listening remains the question.

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NN Neighborhood Notes

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mittee, led by John Rotter, is facilitating neighbors setting up neighborhood watch programs for their block.

Our Land Use and Transportation Committee, headed by Amanda Rhoads, continues to learn about the City’s long-range and current planning processes and forwarded our first letter to the board in response to a land use review, which the board adopted and sent to the City.

Our Secretary Briar Rose Schreiber has jumped in to head up planning for our annual neighborhood clean-up event this spring as a project of the Outreach and Communications Committee. SE Uplift Liaison Olive Alsept-Ellis is actively participating in an effort to rewrite SEUL’s mission statement, and has been sharing information back to our members about SEUL projects and opportunities.

Treasurer Johnnie Shaver has been actively engaged with running the Montavilla Emergency Warming Shelter. This independent project, hosted at Saints Peter & Paul Episcopal Church, provides an emergency shelter anytime Multnomah County declares a severe weather emergency. The all-volunteer shelter has been a huge success, not only in providing a warm place to sleep to a full house almost every night they’ve been open, but in bringing neighbors together to donate supplies and food, and to volunteer to help others through the coldest nights.

The MNA is proud to have endorsed this project, and thanks the board members who have taken an active role in making it happen. We welcome any and all “Montavillains” to get involved and help us out, with these and the many other projects we are excited about.

We meet the second Monday of each month for a general membership meeting and board meeting at the Montavilla United Methodist Church. Check out our website for more information: montavillapdx.org.

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