



Southbound traffic on SE 11th Ave. stopped due to train blockage.  
Photo by Kris McDowell.

# Railroad Holdups Frustrate Drivers, Pedestrians and Cyclists

By Nancy Tannler

Portland is set to receive \$500,000 in federal grant money that will be used to solve some of the railroad crossing issues in inner SE Portland. This money comes from a \$570 million grant to the Federal Railroad Administration as part of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

The grant became a reality thanks to Representative Suzanne Bonamici and the persistence of the SE Portland Railroad Action Group, made up of members of the Central Eastside Industrial Council and Hosford-Abernethy and Brooklyn Neighborhood Associations. The action group began raising awareness a few years ago with a petition asking the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to address the frequent train blockages that trap drivers and cyclists waiting to cross the lines.

In 2021 Union Pacific changed their operations by tripling the length of their trains. Now the average train can be 9,000-15,000 feet long, equivalent to 1.8-2.8 miles. There are 15 crossings along the rail line through inner SE Portland. They are often blocked while the trains wait to be decoupled and unloaded. Wait times have been clocked anywhere from 45 minutes to an hour and a half.

The scope of this problem does not happen in most other large cities. It happens here due in part to the size of the Brooklyn Rail Yard, which is only 4,200 feet long. The numbers make it plain to see that the infrastructure at Brooklyn Rail Yard was not ready for these longer trains. Segments of the train have to be uncoupled and moved to side racks while they are being unloaded, causing the intersections to be blocked for long periods of time.

Motorists, pedestrians and cyclists all get frustrated waiting. Sometimes they try to out-manuever the trains by going down the street the wrong way, speeding through nearby neighborhoods. Pedestrians and cyclists have been known to cut in front of or through stopped trains.

PBOT, TriMet, the city, Union Pacific, neighbors and businesses are all weighing in on the problems the freight trains are causing. It is imperative for its health that the city improve the flow of traffic at these crossings by decreasing carbon emissions from idling cars and the fine and ultra-fine particulates spewed into the atmosphere by diesel trains. This is one of the worst areas in Portland for particulate in the air.

Hannah Schafer, PBOT Communications, said the grant money will be used to begin the study to determine what rail crossings are the worst, how to solve the problems and how much it will cost. With the city budget is already stretched thin, Schafer assumes they will need to apply to the federal government for more funds.

# Draft Maps for Redistricting Released

By Kris McDowell

Portland’s Independent District Commission (IDC) is in the process of establishing four geographic districts for City Council elections. Defining the boundaries of those geographic districts is one of the many changes to Portland’s election methods and form of government that will take place. The change in the City of Portland’s structure was approved by voters in November 2022 under Ballot Measure 26-228, which includes ranked-choice voting, geographic districts, a bigger city council and new leadership roles.

In June, IDC released three draft maps “based on extensive community input” that represent different ways to divide the city into four districts for City Council elections and representation. The three maps—Alder, Cedar and Maple—share some characteristics. All communities east of I-205 are in a single district. The Parkrose, David Douglas, Reynolds and Centennial school districts (the four non-PPS school districts) are in a single district. Neighborhoods along the northern part of Portland are in a single district, with the exception of neighborhoods in the Parkrose school district. The north and south sides of Columbia Boulevard are in a single district. Historic Albina in N/NE Portland is preserved in a single district. All communities west of the Willamette River are in a single district. The western border of the easternmost district runs along I-205 and 82nd Ave. to accommodate the Jade District and

Lents neighborhood.

Where the maps deviate from one another is an illustration of different rationales to effectively respond to the district criteria that includes preserving communities of common interest. Specifically, the Alder map is built around preserving established neighborhood boundaries, while the Cedar map is built around prioritizing transit corridors and the Maple map is built around keeping much of the central city together. The two key differences between the maps involve how the boundaries handle the crossing of the Willamette River and how boundaries are established between N/NE and SE/central districts. The Alder map crosses the Willamette river in lower SE only and uses neighborhood organization boundaries; the Cedar map crosses the river in the central eastside and SE and uses Sandy Blvd. for a boundary; and the Maple map crosses the river in the central eastside and uses a combination of neighborhood organization boundaries and Sandy Blvd.

The Alder map is designed to promote broad engagement with central city issues and economic opportunities and distribute significant assets and institutions among multiple districts, using the Willamette River and I-84 as boundaries. Neighborhoods in lower SE share a district with demographically and socio-economically similar communities on the west side of the river and are connected by the Sellwood

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# Why Pride?

By Kris McDowell

June is recognized as Pride Month in many parts of the world. While the month has officially concluded, Pride celebrations continue in Portland. One of the largest and most visible is the annual family-friendly Portland Pride Festival at Waterfront Park. There are also hundreds of other events that take place throughout the city that support and embrace the LGBTQ+ community.

The gay rights movement is nothing new, however, with organizations like the Society for Human Rights dating to the early 1900s. There were other small groups, as well, that became vocal about protesting discrimination against gays and lesbians following World War II and publishing gay- and lesbian-positive newsletters. But it wasn’t until one night in June 1969 when the movement was propelled toward the larger, more widely recognized form that it has become today.

What is known as the Stonewall Riots took place at the end of June that year in a Greenwich Village (Manhattan, NY) bar, the Stonewall Inn. The bar was known to be a location where gays and lesbians

gathered. On the evening of June 28, it was raided by the New York Police Department. What followed were six days of protests and violent clashes between police and patrons, employees and the neighborhood. The riots made front-page news worldwide and changed what had previously been an issue ignored by the media and politicians into a front-and-center issue.

The following year, the Gay Pride Parade took place in the streets of Manhattan and here at home, gay Portlanders started organizing, according to the Oregon Historical Society. Fast forward to 1976 when the first Portland Pride parade took place and in 1977 a proclamation was made by then-mayor Neil Goldschmidt of Gay Pride Day. Throughout the years, Portland and Oregon have seen their share of successes—Portland adopted an ordinance in December 1974 to protect the civil rights of gays and lesbians—and setbacks, including a conservative backlash in the 1980s and 1990s, in the prejudice and treatment of gays.

Today Portland is known far and wide as a gay-friendly destination and Pride

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Representatively Speaking

BY STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
ROB NOSSE

I had hoped to write a legislative update about how session was going (or how it ended as we are “officially” done on June 25) and what things looked like as we approached the finish line. As you may have read in the June edition of this column, a Republican walkout prevented us from doing any legislating.

At the time I am writing this column, I can report that the Senate Republicans have come back to work. Hopefully they don’t walk off again. Many things could happen in the next couple of weeks. With that in mind, I will hold off on those predictions or observations for now and instead do a full session recap in the August edition of this column. In the meantime, I want to talk about something else in our state government that has long frustrated me—the kicker.

First, a brief history lesson. I moved to Oregon in 1992 to work as a “professional” student activist. Before taking that job, I ran the Ohio Student Association and worked as a cook at night to pay my bills. In both jobs I was fighting for funding to keep tuition low, as well as for more financial aid.

When I got to Oregon to head up the Oregon Student Association, Measure 5 had passed two years prior, in 1990. This measure imposed limitations on local school district property tax revenues and transformed our public-school funding systems. In brief, it made our school system funding primarily dependent on state general revenues rather than local property taxes, severely limited local funding for schools and skewed our property tax system. Can you tell I didn’t like it? It ruined higher education funding.

Then Measure 50 passed in 1997, which further reduced local revenues by \$41 billion. It capped property tax increases to three percent based on the assessed value at that moment. Measure 50 was also a measure I did not like for a lot of reasons that are hard to go into in a column that I need to keep short. That measure also squeezed other parts of the state budget, like higher education, whose share of state funds declined from 14 to seven percent.

The kicker was also part of



this era in Oregon politics which is sometimes called the “Oregon Tax Revolt” era. Another key component of this era was a constitutional change that tax increases require a three-fifths majority in the legislature to pass.

The kicker emerged from a 1980 ballot measure. That measure said that any tax revenue that came into state coffers above 102 percent of what we predicted in the May forecast should be returned to taxpayers. Put another way, when we have unexpectedly high revenue, we keep what we budgeted, plus two percent above that, and return the rest. This is the kicker.

The kicker was voted into the Oregon Constitution in 2000 to ensure lawmakers wouldn’t suspend it without a two-thirds vote in both chambers.

There used to be a corporate tax kicker, as well, but it was suspended and dedicated to K-12 public education in 2012, also by ballot measure.

When I first ran for office, I wanted to serve on the Revenue Committee to fix all these ballot measures and better fund K-12 schools and higher education. Needless to say, there are other legislators interested in this topic and lots of feelings about property taxes, but no political consensus about how to fix them.

I believe the easiest one to tackle is to repeal or modify the kicker. Take for example this year’s kicker. A kicker of \$5.5 billion will be credited to taxpayers when taxes are filed in 2024.

\$5.5 billion is a lot of money. We could do a lot of things with that money. We could stand up massive amounts of new residential treatment beds. We could build exponentially more new affordable housing units. We could drastically lower tuition at our public universities and make a lot of other needed investments.

Some would argue we have enough money in our current budget, maybe so. If we must return the kicker, maybe we could make it less regressive, as my old friend and former city commissioner Steve Novick has suggested. Right now, the more an Oregonian earns, the larger their kicker payout. The richest among us will get huge rebates, while low- and moderate-income Oregonians get little or nothing.

Maybe we should send the kicker out in equal amounts to all tax filers. Under the current kicker, the typical Oregonian—the Oregonian in the middle—would get an estimated \$1,000. But if all tax filers received the same amount, that same Oregonian would receive about \$2,450. For the lowest-income Oregonians, their kicker would rise from an estimated average of \$70 to \$2,450.

There are a lot of ways to reform our tax system and while I am mainly in the healthcare space these days, I still care deeply about those changes and continue to work on them. Ok, that is enough tax policy. Hopefully, by the time this comes out you are reading that the session concluded with no further drama.

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# Montavilla’s Natural Furniture Set to Close

By Daniel Perez-Crouse

“People have been asking me where will we go when you’re gone? And there’s really nowhere else like this,” Rick Slagter, owner of Natural Furniture in the Montavilla neighborhood on SE Stark St., said as he prepares to retire, closing a business that has been in Portland since the 1970s. They specialize in unfinished furniture—a term for wood furniture that can be purchased without a finish already applied (although, they can help customers apply a finish if they’d like). He’s greatly enjoyed running the store, but is looking forward to all the freedom and fulfillment of retirement.

Slagter is originally from Arizona, but was motivated to visit Oregon after a number of family members moved to Salem. “They said how clean the air is and the water is so good compared to down there (Arizona).” He felt compelled to make it his home after venturing to Portland. “Right when I came up and drove over the bridge and saw downtown and everything and thought this is where I want to live.”

Slagter’s first job in Portland was at a gas station down the street from Natural Furniture at its original location on NE Broadway St. Eventually, someone he knew got a job at Natural Furniture and invited him to work there. One thing led to another, and Slagter would go on to own the store himself.

Slagter said the area was nice in its early years. Multiple outdoor recreational stores were around, and most notably, a video rental store was across the street. “That’s where my wife worked

and we met and fell in love in the early ’80s.” Slagter said, “It was a great street then, but now all of those places are gone and it’s really sad.” This is also due to the rise in graffiti, broken windows and more in the area the store used to occupy.

It was initially frustrating when the building Natural Furniture was housed in for decades was sold seven years ago, forcing the business to move. But Slagter loves its current location in Montavilla. “It was one of the best things to happen to us,” he said. It’s six blocks away from where he lives, there is “tons of foot traffic” and he genuinely enjoys the area.

Even up until six months ago, Slagter thought he was going to renew the lease and keep going. However, his brother and sister had retired around then and were talking about how great it was. “They said it’s like six Saturdays and one Sunday every week.” A few months later, he decided to join them and not renew another multi-year lease.

He’s looking forward to traveling, relaxing, waking up whenever he wants and enjoying himself, starting with an extended beach stay once he’s officially clocked out. It’s something he’s very excited about. “I feel like a child a week or two before Christmas, because I know the day is coming, so time is going really slowly.”

Despite the excitement, there are also mixed emotions with all the well wishes and emotional stories customers have shared with him relating to the

store’s furniture. One story in particular that resonated with him is a lady who bought a rocker for her mom who would pass away sometime later. When reading her mom’s journal, she discovered anecdotes about riding the bus, passing by Natural Furniture, and mentioning how she’d always wanted something from there.

Slagter also remarked on the ebb and flow of popularity for pieces over the years; that rocking chairs used to be incredibly popular, but stopped for a while, and are now picking back up. He also mentioned that people almost never ask for bunk beds anymore. However, something that has never wavered is the popularity of bookcases. “I thought they would go away a few years back with Kindles and all that, but people still have their books and love to read. They’ve been our number one seller so we keep a lot of them in stock,” he said.

Slagter hopes that maybe somebody will come by and buy the store from him, carrying on its name and legacy. He always prided himself on it being a low-key store without any “hard selling” where the quality speaks for itself. But for now, the store will permanently close in mid-September.

This is a great time to visit since they have a big closing sale. But you might want to stop by sooner rather than later. Slagter said they’ve done twice their normal business and they may close earlier than September if they run out of furniture.

Natural Furniture is located at 7960 SE Stark St.

# Splurging Responsibly

By Kris McDowell

We all deserve a little treat, a little splurge, once and a while. When done in a responsible manner, it doesn’t need to be something that will negatively impact your overall financial outlook. Amy Reeves, OnPoint Community Credit Union, offers some suggestions on ways to keep your plans on track while rewarding yourself.

## Use rewards

Many credit cards these days are “rewards” cards which accumulate points when they are used for purchases. Rewards vary depending on your credit card company; sometimes they can be redeemed for cash and sometimes they can be redeemed for gift cards or discounts on products.

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If you have a credit card and

haven’t looked into any rewards that your purchases may be earning for you, now’s the time to do so.

## Be intentional

Once you’ve identified a splurge that you’d like to work for, carve out room for the splurge in your monthly budget. Look for ways to temporarily scale back until you’ve accumulated enough to cover your splurge. Maybe that looks like one less meal or drink out every week. It doesn’t have to be a huge amount every month as even small amounts over time will add up.

## Be creative

If you have a small budget but big dreams, there are ways to right-size your splurge. If you’re hankering for a big-name brand, search consignment stores and resale sites. There is also a vast world of influencers that can identify the best knockoffs.

## Pick one thing

For most of us, splurging on

all the things we wish we could have isn’t feasible. Instead, identify one passion to indulge in. If you love food, plan for a special meal. If you love sports, buy tickets to a big game.

## Be careful about buy now, pay later offers

What used to be called “layaway” is now often touted as buying something now and paying the amount off later in installments. These offers often have high interest rates and interest, fees and penalties can add up quickly. Reading the fine print is crucial. While these offers can be utilized responsibly, it’s generally safer to save up on your own until you have the money.

## Plan ahead

Since a splurge will take a bite out of your budget, give yourself time to accumulate the money. Some splurges may only take a few months to save up for; others may take a year, so have patience. Remember the adage, slow and steady wins the race.

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Business Association Notes

82nd Avenue Business Association  
By Nancy Chapin

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Do you know of a space on 82nd that needs a Rose Garden? Contact 82ndaveba@gmail.com.

Belmont Area Business Association  
By LeeAnn Gauthier

Vendor registration for Belmont Street Fair opened in June. The Saturday, September 9 fair is 10 am-5 pm, thanks to presenting sponsor Mongoose Cannabis and production by BABA volunteer Board with co-ordination by Block Party Barricades and Revel Events.

Vendor spaces sell fast; regular spaces are \$189, nonprofit spaces are \$150 and corner spaces are \$225. Registration info at belmontdistrict.org/belmont-street-fair.

Sponsors receive publicity on social media, advertising and event day signage and a free vendor space. Contact info@belmontdistrict.org for sponsorship opportunities.

Katie Morris, owner of Portland Preschool of the Arts and The Hangout, is planning a children’s area resplendent with faux grass and fun activities. Streets will be closed to TriMet buses and parking from SE 33rd Ave. to Cesar Chavez Blvd. 7 am-7 pm.

Our new 2023-2024 full color Belmont district map will be distributed at the Oregon Welcome Center and Travel Portland, which reopened June 23 at 1132 SW Harvey Milk St., #104. Travel Portland’s hours are Thursday-Sunday until the end of July, when their hours expand.

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Hawthorne Boulevard Business Association  
By Nancy Chapin

The 40th Annual Hawthorne Street Fair will be Sunday, August 27, 11 am-5 pm. Mark your calendars, invite family and friends and plan on a fun day with good food, creative vendors and non-profits, neighborhood news and music on Hawthorne Blvd. from SE 38th to SE 31st Aves.

The Car Free zone for the Street Fair is from SE 30th Ave. to Cesar Chavez Blvd., however, Hawthorne businesses from SE 12th to SE 52nd Aves. will be available to serve you, as they are every day.

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Money Lessons for Teens

By Kris McDowell

Many teenagers have part-time jobs during the school year and others take advantage of school being out for the summer to get a job. Those early first years earning a paycheck can be the start of financial independence, but not without some guidance on budgeting, saving and making sound decisions for the short- and long-term.

Unless teens have the opportunity to gain financial literacy in the course of their schooling, parents have the responsibility to guide them, which can be tricky. Amy Maliga, financial educator with Take Charge America, a nonprofit counseling and debt management agency, says, “Many parents want to guide their teens toward making wise financial decisions, but aren’t sure how to approach the conversation.” She suggests, “bringing it up in a way that gets them excited about saving money rather than positioning it as another set of rules.” Perhaps they have talked about wanting a new phone, computer or even their first car. Working toward a goal of saving enough money to afford an item they desire, rather than just “saving for a rainy day” may be a more effective strategy.

Maliga recommends providing insight into your own decision-making process to teens. Give examples of how you budget, create savings goals and spend your money. Share the pros and cons of those decisions and the long-term impacts to help them see the reasoning behind your current choices. By having transparent conversations, you can help them build their confidence in talking about their spending habits.

Another tip is to ask your teen about their savings goals. Using their excitement about what they would like to save for can make the process more approachable. Additionally, try to remain neutral about what they identify as their goals, as frivo-

lous as they may seem to you. It’s more important to teach them the tools to save than it is to pass judgment on their savings goals, which may make them less receptive to your talks with them.

Achieving financial goals starts by creating a budget, identifying how much money is coming in and how much is going out. Help your teen structure a basic budget to track their expenses. Take Charge America has a short video on the basics, found at bit.ly/TCAbudgeting, that covers the hows and whys of budgeting.

If your teen doesn’t already have a bank account, help them establish one at a bank or credit union. Many offer fee-free checking and savings accounts specifically for teens that include a debit card. Teach them how to use the bank account, including guidance on using ATMs, which may have fees associated with their use. If the decision is made for the teen to have a debit card associated with their bank account, parents can also provide a layer of oversight by setting spending limits on it. Their account may also have the option for mobile banking and payment apps and parents should talk about ways to use these tools safely.

A final tip from Maliga is to create some healthy household competition to make a game out of saving money. Each family member would start by identifying a savings goal and then determine what the metric for achieving their goal is. Maybe it’s who can save the fastest or who can save the most (or a percentage based on income) in a set period of time. Creating a healthy competitive environment at home can foster mutual excitement and accountability.

Giving teens the tools to manage their finances early on will reap rewards for a lifetime. For additional resources on building savings and budgeting, visit takechargeamerica.org.

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# Why Pride?

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Northwest, founded in 1944, produces the annual Portland Pride Festival on the Portland Waterfront. The festival, and the many other Pride events around town, are a public celebration and show of support for the LGBTQ+ community. The organization, like many others, works year-round to continue to advocate for the LGBTQ+ community.

As much progress as has been made in the last 50 years, there is still much more progress to make, both locally and nationally. Pride events certainly bring event-specific attention to the movement; however, it's important to remember that the quieter, less visible work is ongoing and is important to working to protect the LGBTQ+ community.

# Railroad Holdups Frustrate Drivers, Pedestrians and Cyclists

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Bill Burgel, an engineer who worked in the railroad industry for 45 years, put together a PowerPoint presentation that offers some experienced solutions to the problem. Burgel suggests the easiest thing to fix is the elevator at the Bob Stacy Bike/Pedestrian crossing over the rail tracks near the Clinton St./SE 12th Ave. MAX Station for pedestrians and cyclists. There are 120 stairs to climb making it difficult for most bikers to carry their bikes over it. PBOT's Dylan Rivera said it has been hard to keep the outdoor elevator working but they are attempting to fix it.

As for motorists, one suggested solution, estimated at less than \$200,000, is to create an escape route for cars southbound on

SE 11th Ave. to allow for a circle back to northbound SE 12th Ave. when the trains are stopped here. This would require the acquisition of a small portion of private property and the use of two lots (2637 and 2536) which are owned by the City of Portland.

Brooklyn Yard covers 110 acres with rail lines that extend from SE Haig St. to Willsburg Junction by the Milwaukie Expressway. Burgel's presentation shows that it would be possible for Union Pacific to make improvements to these southern

railroad extensions by creating holding lines that would allow Amtrak and Union Pacific trains to pass without as much congestion in Brooklyn Yard itself.

Another solution that has been in the works for a long time is to build an overpass at SE 7th Ave. by OMSI. Schafer said that overpasses are definitely a consideration, although they require many participants in the planning.

Currently TriMet owns a large lot at SE 7th Ave. Years ago the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA) provided

funding for TriMet to purchase properties throughout the city. They foresaw the necessity of a grade separation over the railroad lines to keep buses flowing.

The SE Portland Railroad Action Group and members of the community are ready to present their findings to PBOT, but Schafer cautions that things won't get underway until 2024 and then it will take about a year.

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Multnomah County Library (MCL) wants to remind the community that there’s more than books that can be accessed for free, simply by having a library card. Here’s a look at just five of the things that your library card entitles you to.

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Through the Discovery Pass program, a partnership between MCL and other local organizations, people can get free entry to cultural attractions. To get started, visit [mydiscoverypass.quipugroup.net](#) and enter your library card number and password. From there you can browse for available passes by date or venue. Once you find an attraction you’d like to make a reservation for, just print or download the online pass.

### Indie Films and Documentaries

Kanopy is a collection of streaming videos with a focus on classic, documentary and independent films available instantly with automatic returns and no late fees. Films are “paid” for with “play credits” and once a film is paid for, users have three full days to watch a film as many times as they want. Every library card holder is eligible to use 10 play credits monthly. Credits reset on the first of the month. Find out more at [multcolib.org/resource/kanopy](#).

### Learn a New Language

There are many tools/pro-

grams for learning a new language. One of those is Mango, which offers over 40 languages to choose from, including Arabic, Spanish, French, Italian, Swahili and many more. Basic courses offer an introduction to basic conversation and there are also complete courses that provide comprehensive language and grammar skills. For non-English speakers, there are also courses to learn English, presented in 17 languages. Visit [multcolib.org/resource/mango-languages](#) to get started.

### Homework Support

Even though many students are on summer break, it’s never too early to start thinking about resources that can help with regular courses (like math), having a paper proofread or practicing for the PSAT. Tutor.com offers live, one-on-one chats with tutors, noon-midnight daily, and Khan Academy is a free website that provides tutorials to help students understand any math problem. In addition to links to these sites, [multcolib.org/homework-center](#) has a variety of information and resources on history, science and more.

### Become a Citizen

The start of your journey toward US citizenship can start with MCL via their online citizenship classes and other resources. Visit [multcolib.org/immigrants-and-citizenship](#) or call 503.577.9984.

## Free Classes Offered By Portland Nursery

During July, Portland Nursery is offering a variety of free classes to help you grow your green thumb. A full listing of classes and registration links can be found at [portlandnursery.com](#); here is a look at just a few.

Learn about beneficial insects with Jarid Kroes Saturday, July 8, 10 am. He’ll identify common beneficial insects and what they do in our gardens. He’ll also talk about how to encourage beneficial insects to venture into your

yard and how to keep them happy once they arrive.

On the other end of the spectrum from beneficial insects are garden pests. Saturday, July 15, 10 am, Claudia Groth takes a look at how to treat and prevent pests that can spoil a summer garden using sustainable options.

If you’ve been thinking about making changes to your garden beds, George Bowman will provide some basics to help you design and select the right

plants for your space Sunday, July 16, 10 am. Whether it’s drought tolerance or beautiful blooms you’re seeking, you’re sure to walk away with some new ideas.

Get a jump on your winter vegetable garden Saturday, July 22, 10 am with instructor Ian Wilson, Portland Edible Gardens. He’ll cover factors that affect winter growth, timing your planting, plant selection and how to care for plants once they are in the ground.

## PP&R Outdoor Pools Open for the Summer

The end of June marked the opening of Portland Parks & Recreation’s (PP&R) seven outdoor pools. Activities at the pools include open play swims, lap swimming, swim classes, water fitness classes, summer swim team activities and Junior Lifeguard and Junior Swim Instructor programs. Outdoor pools will be open through Sunday, August 27.

Pool admission costs vary from single-day admission to multi-visit and monthly passes. City of Portland residents can also register for a free Access Pass to receive an ongoing discount of 25, 50, 75 or 90 percent based on financial need (no proof of income is required). Costs and

link to the Access Pass at [portland.gov/parks/recreation/pools](#).

In addition to standard pricing, PP&R is once again providing free Open Play Swim Sessions, part of Summer Free For All, at the outdoor pools with no admission cost. During Open Swim, swimming and diving areas are open to all ages. Non-swimmers and children under 48 inches tall must have a parent or guardian (16 or older) in the water within arms reach at all times. The day/time of day varies from pool to pool; find the schedule at [portland.gov/parks/recreation/swim-schedule](#).

“The Parks Local Option Levy has allowed PP&R to ramp

up staffing to once again offer a variety of recreation programs,” notes Portland Culture & Livability Commissioner Dan Ryan. “That includes swim activities at all city pools and the popular Summer Free For All. I’m delighted to see the Levy continue to provide such a wonderful quality of life for Portlanders.”

PP&R is offering more swim lessons than in the past two years; however, demand still outpaces what they are able to safely offer. Families are encouraged to join waitlists if swim lessons are full. As PP&R brings on more staff, there will be more spots for people on the waitlists throughout the summer.

## Protect Yourself From Wildfire Smoke

As wildfire season approaches, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) wants people to be aware of the symptoms of wildfire smoke exposure and to provide information about where to get help. Smoke from wildfires can travel hundreds or thousands of miles, affecting air quality and creating health hazards, especially for those who are at higher risk of being impacted by its negative effects.

“Families living with low income and who struggle with access to health care and resources may also feel worse effects of wildfire smoke in their neighborhoods,” OHA Public Health Director Rachel Banks said, “Listening out for local warnings and reports while taking protective measures can help reduce those effects for everyone.” Groups sensitive to wildfire smoke also include people with breathing or heart conditions, older adults, infants, children and women who are pregnant.

Exposure to gasses and particles in wildfire smoke may cause symptoms such as watery or dry eyes; persistent coughing, phlegm, wheezing, scratchy throat or irritated sinuses; headaches; shortness of breath, asthma attacks or lung irritation; irregular heartbeat, chest pain or fatigue; and heart attacks.

Smoke levels can change



rapidly depending on fire behavior and weather conditions. With that in mind, checking current conditions on Oregon Smoke Information ([oregonsmoke.org](#)), viewing the Oregon DEQ Air Quality Index ([aqi.oregon.gov](#)), entering your zip code at AirNow ([airnow.gov](#)) or using the free OregonAIR app can help keep communities up to date on alerts for their specific area.

If reports show high smoke levels, stay indoors whenever possible and, if you must go outside, consider using a respirator (cloth, dust and surgical masks do not protect against harmful particles). Those living with chronic respiratory conditions like asthma should follow a management and treatment plan as directed by their medical provider. Keep track of your supply of medications and

refill prescriptions as early as possible to avoid running out. A minimum five day supply is recommended.

To create a cleaner indoor air space, keep windows and doors closed. Use a portable air filter, a HEPA filter or create a DIY box fan filter with a standard 20” x 20” fan. OHA has a video guide to assist you at [bit.ly/DIYboxfanfilter](#).

Avoid adding pollution to your indoor space and do not use anything that burns, such as candles, fireplaces or gas stoves. Do not vacuum, as vacuuming stirs up particles already inside your home. Strenuous outdoor activity should be avoided and for those with pets, walks should be kept to a minimum. Our furry companions are also susceptible to the hazards of wildfire smoke.



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## PWB Hydrate for Health



The Portland Water Bureau and Multnomah County’s REACH (Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health) Program have teamed up to focus on water as a central part of a healthy lifestyle. Their shared common mission, wanting Portlanders to live vibrant, healthy lives, starts with water. Staying properly hydrated is the key to a healthy lifestyle and, with many options of what to drink throughout the day, the program offers ways to get started.

### Drink local

Portland’s primary water source is the Bull Run Watershed, high up in the hills around Mt. Hood. Straight from the mountain to your tap, some of the best drinking water on Earth can be found right here in your home. It

is just one of the many things that makes our region so special and is both more economical and easier to access than buying bottled water.

### Start small

It can seem like hard work to stay hydrated, especially when you’re busy and as summer temperatures heat up. If you’re struggling to drink enough water, try drinking a cup when you wake up, then having another whenever you eat a meal or a snack. By the end of the day, you’ll be on track to have enough water to allow your body to thrive.

### Get a reusable bottle

We all want to do right by Mother Earth, so start reducing waste by ditching the plastic single-use water bottles. They’ll

likely end up in a landfill or the ocean so put an end to that by keeping a good, reusable bottle by your side.

### Water before caffeine

No one is suggesting that you give up your favorite energy drink, coffee or tea, but before you enjoy that, have a glass of water. Water gives your body and mind the energy it needs without the crash or calories of some other options.

### Give it a kick

There are many ways to make your water more interesting and desirable. Squeeze in some fresh lemon or lime juice. Infuse it with cucumber. Add a sprinkle of salt. Taking your water up a notch is simple and helps your body retain valuable electrolytes.

## Dear Stranger Connects Oregonians

Oregon Humanities is continuing their Dear Stranger program, “a pen-pal project with a twist,” inviting Oregonians to exchange letters this summer. The organization recognizes that the challenges of recent years have left many Oregonians feeling disconnected and alone. The letter exchange project seeks to address what the US Surgeon General Vivek Murthy calls an “epidemic of loneliness and isolation” that the nation is facing.

Oregon Humanities is a statewide organization that brings people together to talk, listen and learn from one another. “Dear Stranger asks us to intentionally reflect and share about our experiences,” says Lucy Solares-Steger, the program coordinator at Oregon Humanities who runs the Dear Stranger project. “While at first this can be daunting or challenging, many letter writers find that they’re able to work through these experiences by writing them out and through this, make a really impactful connection with another person.”

The aim of Dear Stranger is to create shared understanding among Oregonians with different backgrounds, experiences and beliefs. The premise is simple: write a letter, get a letter and make a



new connection.

Oregon Humanities has operated Dear Stranger since 2014, with each round of the project asking writers to address a different question or theme. More than 1,000 Oregonians have exchanged letters through the project to date.

The current prompt for writers is to write about “human experiences, personal or general, that bring both joy and pain: for example, parenthood, adolescence or physical labor. What times in your life have been both bitter and sweet? When is the joy worth the pain?”

Full instructions for participation are available on the

Oregon Humanities website, [oregonhumanities.org](http://oregonhumanities.org). Letters are swapped anonymously and each person receives a letter from the person who received the one they wrote. What happens next is up to the writers. If they’d like to write back, they can do so through Oregon Humanities.

Letters mailed by Friday, July 14 will be exchanged by Oregon Humanities. If you’d like to participate, mail your letter to Oregon Humanities, Attn: Dear Stranger, 610 SW Alder St., Suite 1111, Portland, OR, 97205. If you prefer to submit your letter digitally, send them via email to [programs@oregonhumanities.org](mailto:programs@oregonhumanities.org) by the deadline.

## PP&R Summer Free For All Lunch + Play

Portland Parks & Recreation’s (PP&R) Free Lunch + Play returns this summer. The program is a partnership with Portland Public Schools, Parkrose School District, Centennial School District and David Douglas School District and will serve up to 50,000 free, healthy lunches to children in parks and three East Portland apartment complexes this summer.

Over 50 percent of young Portlanders qualify for free and reduced lunches during the school year and the Free Lunch + Play program aims to support families during the summer school break with nutritious meals and recreational activities. Lunches are accompanied by play activities that include sports, games, arts, crafts, music and more. Lunches will be served at 29 sites across the city, including Mobile Lunch + Play sites.

The Mobile Lunch + Play Program brings the Free Lunch + Play experience to children two times per week in East Portland

park-deficient areas. The program will travel to five locations-four apartment complexes and one park.

Free Lunch + Play operates Monday-Friday, 10 am-2 pm with the exception of Tuesday, July 4, through August 18 or August 25, depending on the site. Mobile Lunch + Play’s days vary depending on the location and is also closed Tuesday, July 4. Access the full listing of locations and details on dates at [portland.gov/parks/freelunch](http://portland.gov/parks/freelunch).

The “play” part of the program involves 24 program partners, including Multnomah County Library, Portland Opera, Rose City Rollers, Sound-Struck NW, Friends of Baseball, SMART Reading, Exploratory Nature Walks and more. Dates, times and locations for the play opportunities can be found at the above website as well.

Free meals are given to those 18 and under; adults can buy a lunch on-site with \$5 cash (no debit or credit cards).

## Building a Better 82nd

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is in the process of making improvements to 82nd Ave., a critical north-south connection and one of Portland’s high-crash corridors. In conjunction with Metro, TriMet and community partners, PBOT is hosting workshops focused on the Civic Corridor Investment Strategy.

At the end of June, the workshop focused on the North District of the corridor. The Central District will be the focus of the Thursday, July 20 workshop, tentatively taking place at the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO), 8188 SE Division St., 5-7 pm. Saturday, July 29, 11 am-1 pm the South District workshop will take place at Collective Oregon Eateries (CORE), 3612 SE 82nd Ave.

The workshops offer a deeper dive into the transportation issues and opportunities along 82nd

Ave. Participants will have the opportunity to circulate among a variety of stations and to learn more about ideas to improve the environment for walking, transit, biking, street trees and safety in general along 82nd Ave. There will also be an opportunity to provide input on the ideas for the Civic Corridor Investment Strategy.

Workshops are in-person and open to the public. Translation service and refreshments will be provided. Attendees can come and go as they please; stay just a few minutes and take in an overview or stay for the full two hours of each workshop.

Additional information and details about the project at [bit.ly/Better82ndAve](http://bit.ly/Better82ndAve). You can also sign up to receive email updates.

Questions can be directed to the PBOT Project Team at [82ndavenue@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:82ndavenue@portlandoregon.gov) or 503.865.8282.

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# Oregon Blueberry Season is Here

By OREGON BLUEBERRY COMMISSION

Colorful, healthy and delicious, fresh Oregon-grown blueberries are one of the joys of summer and right now they’re at the peak of perfection. Thanks to Oregon’s skilled and passionate growers, this season will yield another bountiful harvest and will have a great economic impact on the state we love.

Oregon blueberries rank number 10 of the most valuable agronomical commodities statewide, valued at \$171.1 million. With a harvest potential of more than 170 million pounds, Oregon ranks among the top producing states in the nation for blueberry production.

“The over 320 blueberry growers in Oregon create a powerful financial force,” said Bryan Ostlund of the Oregon Blueberry Commission. “Oregon growers not only produce a world renowned blueberry, but they also stimulate business and contribute greatly to our economy.” Harvest starts in late June and continues into September.

Oregon’s ideal growing conditions and dedicated growers have earned Oregon a reputation for producing the best quality fruit with the highest crop yields in the nation. Oregon farms range from large operations that ship their crop worldwide, to small family farms offering on-farm sales.

Oregon has been a leader in the international export market. Continued growth of Southeast Asia, including Vietnam, Singapore, Malaysia, the Philippines and Chinese markets, is promising. “Oregon Blueberries are so delicious and nutritious that people all over the world want

them. Fortunately, Oregonians only have to travel to their local store, farmers market, farm stand or u-pick farm to enjoy,” Ostlund said. “With consumers more discerning about their blueberries, Oregon is well positioned with exceptional fruit size and sweetness.”

Oregon blueberries add a boost of flavor and health in every handful. They are a convenient, tasty way to inspire healthy eating and a delicious way to energize everyday meals. One cup of blueberries contains 80 calories, 15 percent of daily vitamin C, 11 percent of daily fiber and other essential nutrients to boost the immune system. They are certified as a heart-healthy food by the American Heart Association and contain natural compounds that help the brain stay strong.

For additional information on the Oregon blueberry industry, list of u-pick farms, harvest statistics, marketing or blueberry nutrition, call 503.364.2944 or visit [oregonblueberry.com](http://oregonblueberry.com).

Simple, healthy and delicious, fresh Oregon blueberries are one of summer’s biggest small pleasures. Here’s just one way to enjoy them.

## Oregon Blueberry No Bake Mini Cheesecakes

### Ingredients

- The Blueberry Topping
  - 3 cups blueberries
  - ½ cup water
  - ¾ cup brown sugar
  - 3 tsp lemon juice
  - 3 tsp vanilla

- The Crust
  - 9 graham crackers

- 2 Tbsp granulated sugar
- ¼ cup salted butter, melted
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon

- The Cheesecake
  - 6 Tbsp butter, melted
  - (2) 8oz packages cream cheese, softened
  - ½ cup granulated sugar
  - 2 tsp vanilla extract
  - 1 cup heavy cream

### Directions

In a small saucepan, bring blueberries, water, brown sugar, vanilla and lemon juice to a low boil. Then reduce heat to simmer, stirring occasionally. Simmer for about 10-15 minutes, or until the blueberries begin to thicken to a pie filling consistency. Set aside to cool.

In a food processor add graham crackers, sugar, and cinnamon and pulse until a crumb consistency. Add melted butter and pulse again until fully combined.

In half pint jars, spoon in 2 tablespoons of graham cracker

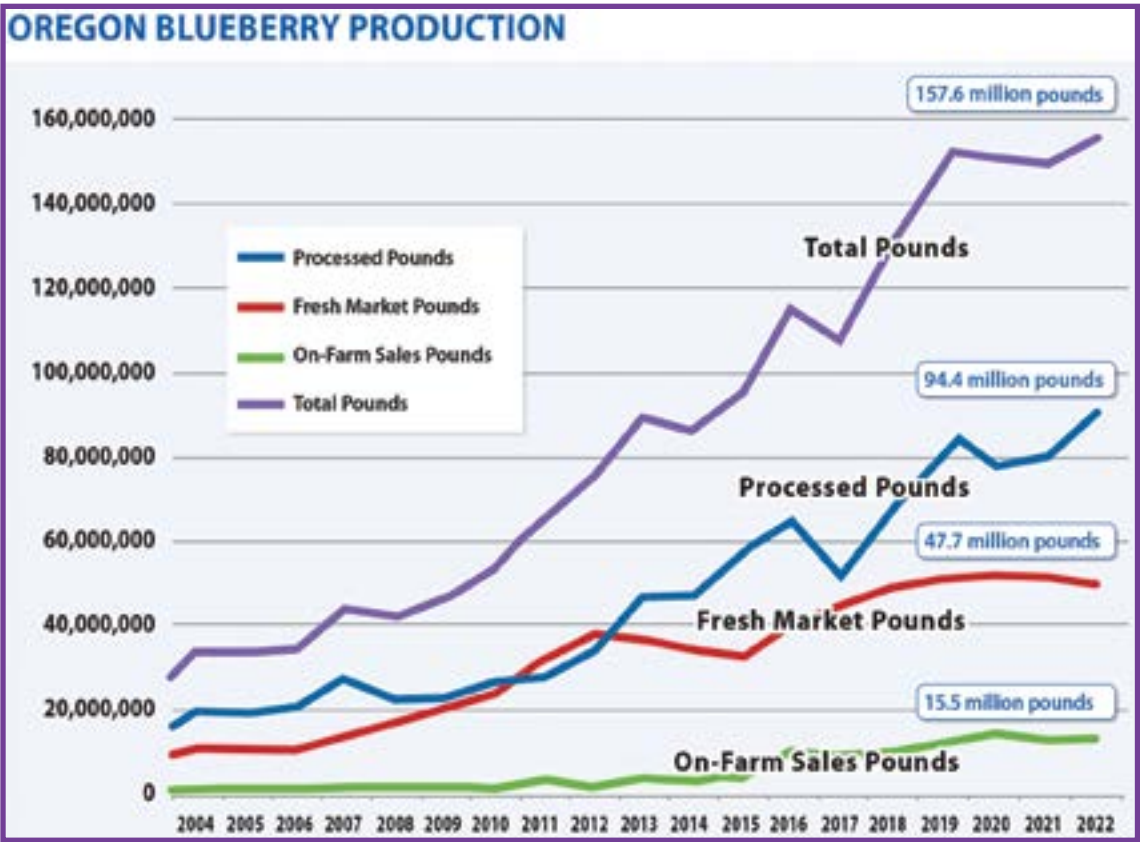
crumbs in the bottom of each jar, then press down tight to form the crust. Set aside.

In a mixing bowl add cream cheese, melted butter, sugar, vanilla and heavy cream and mix with a hand mixer until smooth. Spoon cheesecake batter into jars on top of graham cracker crust, pressing down gently with the

back of the spoon to remove air bubbles.

Spoon blueberry compote on top of cheesecake batter, then refrigerate for at least two hours covered in plastic wrap or with lids secured. Enjoy!

Makes 6, half pint cheesecakes



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# Oregon Moonshine: Bootleggers Busts and Brawls

By Marshall Hammond

Bruce Haney drank moonshine once. The next day the Boring, OR historian’s friends told him he sang and danced the night away to Right Said Fred’s “I’m Too Sexy for My Shirt.” This was not typical behavior for Haney. It was the last time he touched the stuff.

It was his fascination with Oregon history rather than admiration for the beverage that led the 38-year-old Haney to write *Oregon Moonshine: Bootleggers Busts and Brawls*.

Haney first encountered stories of Oregon’s moonshiners while writing his first book, *Eccentric Tales of Boring, Oregon* (The History Press 2021).

“When I was looking around and deciding what my next book would be, I thought ‘you know, that was actually kind of fun, those stories were interesting, why don’t I dig deeper into that?’,” says Haney.

Moonshine, aka mountain dew, hooch, white lightning or homebrew, can be made from a variety of materials. “A classic moonshine would be a clear corn whiskey. But people were making it out of whatever they had. If you had plum trees, that’s what you’re making your moonshine out of,” says Haney.

Whatever it’s made of, the defining feature of moonshine, despite what some beverage marketers may say, is that it is produced illegally. “Anytime you’re making booze and not paying the

tax man, you’re making Moonshine,” says Haney.

Oregon attracted moonshiners for a number of reasons. The state’s mostly protestant settlers enacted strict regulations on alcohol. But an influx of loggers and fur trappers during the 1800s and early 1900s created a market for illicit hooch. During Prohibition, a moonshiner could sell their product at \$10 a quart in Oregon, when in North Carolina high quality moonshine could go for as little as \$1.50 a gallon.

“It was mostly for money,” says Haney. “Same way people get into manufacturing drugs or any of that stuff. It’s illegal so it’s worth more.”

Moonshiners were also attracted to Oregon’s thick forests, remote canyons and plentiful sources of water, features which also made an ideal setting for the car chases, shootouts and death-defying escapes which are peppered throughout the book.

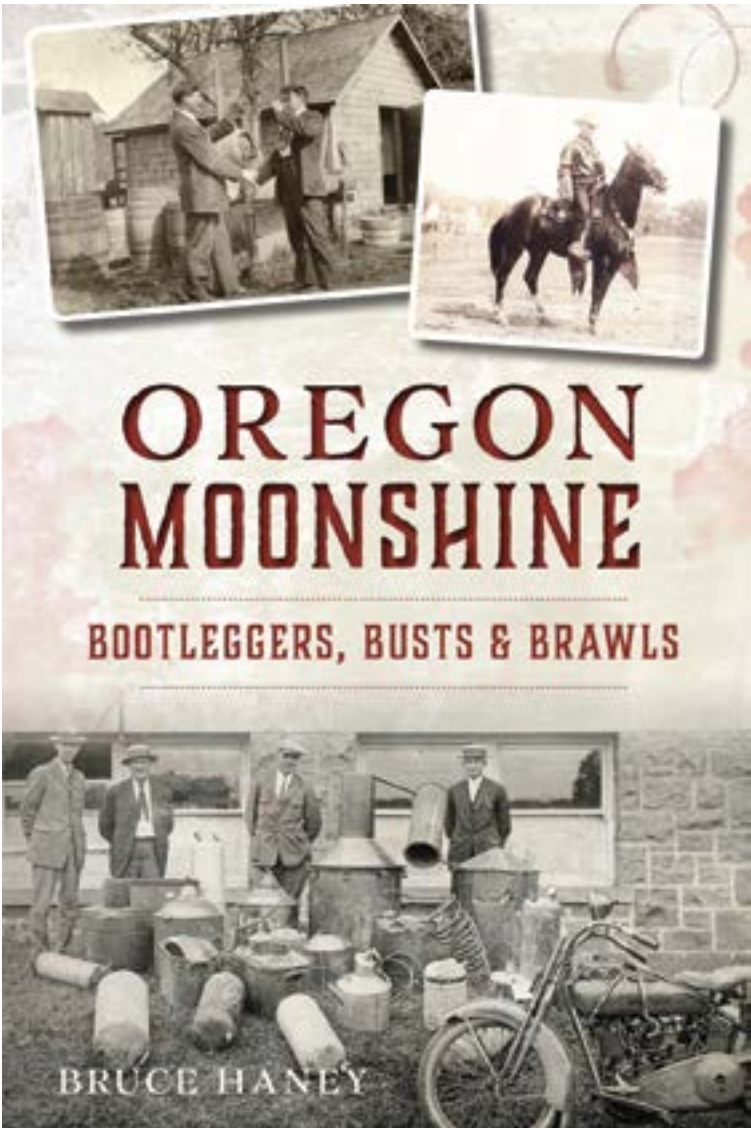
The first tale starts in 1836, when “mountain man” James Connor joined a group of Presbyterian missionaries on their way to Oregon. Before long, Connor was kicked out of the group and took up moonshining in Oregon City. His operation got the attention of a zealous federal lawman named Elijah White, who despite having no real legal authority, seized and destroyed his still. Connor built a new still which White also destroyed, at which point Connor challenged White to a duel.

Many of the stories from *Oregon Moonshine* are fun and humorous, such as that of Nettie Connett of Clackamas County. She was known for dressing and cussing like a logger, being a skilled hunter and impressing customers at her favorite watering hole by doing a headstand on a bar stool every year on her birthday, a practice which continued at least until her late 70’s. Connett was also a notorious moonshiner who operated several stills and had multiple run-ins with the law during the 1910s and ‘20s

Some of the stories are more tragic. There’s the “riches-to-rags” story of August Erickson, owner of the famed Erickson’s Saloon in downtown Portland, which was said to have the longest bar in the world. Once a wealthy man, Erickson died poor and imprisoned in 1925 because he couldn’t give up moonshining.

Then there’s Dave West, a 68-year-old moonshiner from Plainview, driven over the edge by his treatment at the hands of the local sheriff. After lamenting to his wife, “What he is doing hurts me, I can’t let him destroy my property and trample on my feelings,” West shot and killed the sheriff and his companion before turning his gun on himself in 1922.

Sometimes the moonshine itself was the danger, as it was not always produced with consumer safety in mind. Haney relates stories of young people being struck



with temporary blindness, paralysis and death after imbibing questionable moonshine, or “rotgut.”

According to Haney, the worst period was during National Prohibition, which lasted from 1920 to 1933.

“It never became violent until Prohibition. People that were busted before Prohibition for just not paying taxes, those were all pretty much clean affairs. So I think Prohibition was a mistake,” says Haney.

The end of Prohibition spelled the end of moonshining. With legal liquor readily available there was no longer much profit in it. The practice continues to this day, more often as a hobby than a way to make money.

*Oregon Moonshine: Bootleggers Busts and Brawls* is published by The History Press and available at [arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9781467153027](http://arcadiapublishing.com/Products/9781467153027). It is also available at Powell’s City of Books and online retailers.

## Keeping Your Home Cool Without AC

By Kris McDowell

Portland doesn’t experience the months of hot weather some parts of the country do, but that doesn’t mean we don’t get some pretty hot days each summer. When they’re sprinkled into the forecast they can be more manageable. But when hot day is stacked on top of hot day, those without air conditioning can definitely feel the toll high temperatures take.

If your home doesn’t have central AC and purchasing a window or portable AC unit isn’t feasible, there are still measures you can take to be more comfortable when the mercury climbs beyond your comfort zone. Energy Trust of Oregon, a non-profit organization that has been committed to delivering clean, affordable energy to utility customers since 2002, has some suggestions for strategies you can put in place to keep your indoor space cool.

Windows allow a considerable amount of heat indoors, especially those that receive direct sunlight, and those with south and/or west facing windows in their homes can attest to the difference late-day sun exposure makes to the temperature of their interior spaces. Covering windows is the most important step to take to keep your home cool and

can be done in a variety of ways.

### Awnings

If you have the ability to install awnings on the exterior of your windows, the shield they provide can reduce solar heat gain in the summer by up to 77 percent. Awnings are available in both fixed and retractable varieties, with the latter providing the benefit of closing during the winter to let the sun in when the heat is welcome.

### Window film

Applying a window film, a thin layer that sticks to the glass and reduces solar heat and UV rays from entering the home, can reduce up to 78 percent of the sun’s heat coming through the windows.

### Blackout curtains and window shades

Both blackout curtains, often thought of for keeping sleeping areas darker, and energy-efficient cellular window shades are a great way to manage the amount of heat that enters your home.

Fans, which cool people not rooms, draw air in from behind and circulate it around the room to create a wind chill effect. By

making a few minor adjustments, you can get the most out of your fans. Placing portable fans lower toward the ground (taking advantage of the fact that cold air is denser than hot air) and in a cool corner will draw in the cool air and distribute it throughout the room. Ceiling fans should be set to turn counterclockwise to create a cooling downdraft. Just remember, when you’re not in the room to turn the fan off to reduce energy consumption.

One of the least expensive strategies that can be taken is replacing incandescent light bulbs with energy-efficient ones like LEDs or compact fluorescent lamps. LEDs use up to 90 percent less energy than traditional incandescent bulbs and can also reduce the amount of heat generated from inside your home (if you’ve ever tried to replace a traditional light bulb after it has been turned on for a while, you know just how hot they can get). Not only does replacing the bulbs cut down on the heat generated, it can also impact your energy bill.

Another inexpensive strategy is to proactively manage the air flow in your home. Once the temperature begins to drop in the evening, opening all the windows will flush out the warm air that

has built up inside during the day. You can also create an air flow vacuum by opening a lower window from the cooler side of your home and an upper window from the hotter side. If your home has double-hung windows, open the top section on one side of the home and the lower section on the other side. Fans can also be used to draw in the cooler evening air.

Two other strategies involve when and how you do certain things around the house. Chores, like running the dishwasher or clothes dryer, when done at night rather than during the hottest part

of the day, will keep the temperature inside more comfortable. Also consider how you’re cooking during hot weather. If you have a grill, fire it up outside to avoid using the stove or oven. If you have a toaster oven and an external power source, placing it outside during use will keep the heat it generates from heating up the kitchen.

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Find Zen at Sidestreet Arts

July’s featured show at Sidestreet Arts, “Zen Instead,” is a two-person show that runs Thursday, July 6-Sunday, July 30, with Portland artists Karrie Amiton and Denise Krueger. “Zen Instead” is the healing potion, the balm for cracked psyches. After the collective trauma of the COVID-19 pandemic, it’s a reset button, a chance to exhale.

Amiton paints on canvas using acrylic, inks, charcoal and oil pastel. She has also developed her own process of painting in reverse with acrylic on glass. This reverse painting technique includes scratching through layers, applying isopropyl alcohol in random ways and mark-making with garden sticks. The unique techniques create unusual results. The appeal of painting on glass for Amiton is the intense saturation that glass imparts to each piece and the unexpected results she achieves.

Krueger’s hand-built earthenware sculptures are magical, coastal-inspired ceramic pods adorned with bright colors that cheer her up. She’s inspired by natural and coastal forms, landscapes and the soft, delicious squish of moist clay. She says, “I find fascination in the way that nature replicates its designs and creates itself. The inside of an apple, the swirly flesh of a squash and lovely flower parts evoke our own creation.”

Visit Sidestreet Arts, 140 SE 28th Ave., Thursday-Sunday 12-5 pm or online anytime at [sidestreetarts.com](http://sidestreetarts.com). Both artists will be in the gallery for the First Friday Artwalk, July 7, 5-7 pm.



“Red Flowers” acrylic reverse painting on glass by Karrie Amiton



“Emerge From Sand Tide Pool” earthenware and glazes by Denise Krueger

PP&R July Cultural Events and Movies

Summer is prime time for Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) free entertainment. There are events nearly every day in July somewhere in Portland and here is a look at just a few taking place in SE.

The East Portland Summer Arts Festival takes place Saturday, July 8 and Sunday, July 9 at Ventura Park, 460 SE 113th Ave. Launched in 2022 as part of Summer Free For All, the theme of this year’s festival is “Celebrating Black Excellence.” Take in the multicultural music and dance performances, drop-in mini music lessons, arts, craft activities and more 4-8:30 pm each day.

Take in a movie outside! Friday, July 14, 7:30 pm PP&R partners with the Buckman Community Association to show “The Fifth Element” (PG-13) at Colonel Summers Park, SE 17th Ave. and Taylor St. The following night, “Muppet Treasure Island” (G) will be shown at 7:30 pm at Kenilworth Park, SE 34th Ave. and Holgate Blvd. The showing is a partnership with the Creston-Kenilworth Neighborhood Association.

If an outdoor concert is more your style, Bloco Alegria is back to play in the Mt. Tabor Caldera Amphitheater, Thursday, July 13, 6:30-8:30 pm. The event is made possible in collaboration with the Friends of Mt. Tabor. Bring a picnic, wear your dancing shoes and enjoy an evening of Brazilian songs, rhythms and dance music.

Events continue through August and a full listing can be found at [portland.gov/parks/arts-culture/summer-free-all/cultural-events](http://portland.gov/parks/arts-culture/summer-free-all/cultural-events).

CMNW Summer Festival

Chamber Music Northwest’s (CMNW) five-week 2023 Summer Festival “Poetry in Music” kicked off at the end of June and continues through Saturday, July 29. More than 70 of the finest chamber musicians from our region and the world—from string and saxophone quartets to Pierrot and Renaissance ensembles, to renowned instrumental and vocal soloists—will perform at citywide venues. Some of the musical selections feature lyrical themes, others are thoroughly classical chamber music, while others focus on new music by some of today’s greatest living composers incorporating historical, cultural and textual story. Artistic Directors Gloria Chien and Soovin Kim have created a festival celebrating the confluence of poetry and music, with artists and repertoire carefully curated with an eye toward the poetry in chamber music.

Experience some of CMNW for free with open rehearsals and prelude performances on the Reed College campus. Open rehearsals allow attendees to go behind the scenes and observe as CMNW’s world-class musicians put the finishing touches on music for upcoming performances and take place Wednesdays at 11 am with an informal Q&A following the rehearsal. Prelude performances take place Saturdays at 7 pm and are short performances performed by local students and CMNW’s Young Artist Institute musicians.

Concerts taking place at Reed College include “Celebrating the Emerson Quartet with David Shifrin” Thursday, July 6; “Emerson Quartet Farewell with Gloria Chien” Saturday, July 8; “umama women: Coleman, Lash & Ngwenyama” Monday, July 10; “UNCOVERED Voices” Saturday, July 15; David Ludwig’s “The Anchoress” Monday, July 17; “Viennese Revolutionaries” Saturday, July 22; “Voices of the Soul featuring Fred Child” Monday, July 24; and the Festival Finale, “American Masterworks” Saturday, July 29. All of these performances are at 8 pm and ticket prices range \$10-62.50.

Their AT-HOME series continues this year with five of the live festival concerts professionally recorded and streamed online, premiering weekly starting July 8 and available for viewing through August 31. For additional details, including how to stream the AT-HOME concerts, and to purchase tickets to one or multiple performances, visit [CMNW.org](http://CMNW.org).

Thursdays on the Plaza

The Montavilla Farmers Market brings back their “bite-sized” summer evening farmers market for a second season starting July 6 and running through September 28. Each Thursday night, 4-7 pm, there will be a farmers market with six vendors and farmers, live music and a beer garden set up in Montavilla Plaza, SE 79th Ave. and Stark St., adjacent to Threshold Brewing and Blending.

Opening day will include live jazz music from the Tyler Waltner Trio and a special collaboration between Kulfi PDX and Threshold Brewing and Blending that includes dunking popsicles in beer. Montavilla Farmers Market executive director Lisa Hall says, “Thursdays on the Plaza is truly a community event. This bite-sized market packs a lot of experiences in a small space.”

New to the market this year is the Power of Produce (POP) Club. Thanks to a SE Uplift community grant, kids ages 2-12 will receive \$3 in POP Bucks to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables, encouraging kids to do their own shopping and eat more fresh produce. Bring your kids to the info booth to get their POP Bucks.

The market is supported this season by a Portland Events and Film’s Community Event grant. Their grants celebrate our city, build community and represent the diversity of Portland’s creative talent, businesses and communities. Hall says, “We are grateful to have this community building opportunity.” Stock up on mid-week groceries, meet your neighbors and relax with live music at the market each week.

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The Oregon Brewery Running Series returns to Montavilla Saturday, July 8 at Threshold Brewing and Blending. The 5k-ish fun run/walk is an untimed event for all levels of walkers, runners, rollers and stroller-pushers. The route, beginning and ending at the brewery, is designed to show off the surrounding neighborhood. The course will be marked with arrows and volunteers and there will be a digital map available as well.

Dogs and strollers are welcome on the course (with the appropriate care and caution being taken). Remember, however, that the course will be on city sidewalks/streets/trails, which may not be suitable for your four-legged friends, pint-sized running buddies or strollers. Dogs are welcome at Threshold.

The route is an open course, meaning roads will not be closed. Participants are responsible for obeying all traffic laws and regulations. The event will take place rain, shine, heat or cold so plan accordingly, dressing appropriately for the weather.

Tickets (\$35) are available at [bit.ly/5kJuly8](https://bit.ly/5kJuly8) and include a free craft brew from Threshold; your choice of a collector's pint glass or seasonal swag item from the Brewery Running Series; your chance to win sweet door prizes like Brewery Running Series merchandise or a beer to take home; access to event festivities, games, goodies, giveaways; and more.

It is recommended that participants arrive by 9:45 am to join a group warm-up, then depart with your fellow 5k-ers at 10:15 am. If you can't make it quite that early, maps and course volunteers will be available until 11:15 am.

The event is open to all ages, but you must be 21 to enjoy the beer. Registered, underage participants will receive a token for a free non-alcoholic beverage in lieu of a beer.

The event is more than just a good time, it will support the efforts of Oregon Wild, The Oregon Food Bank, Dollar For and more. Contact Nathan at [nathan@breweryrunningseries.com](mailto:nathan@breweryrunningseries.com) with questions.

Dan Lam's Cosmic Shake

In her fourth solo exhibition, *Cosmic Shake*, Dan Lam proudly showcases another stunning collection of new works at Portland gallery Chefas Projects. This time around, she's elevated the bar to new heights exploring and creating new shapes and textures. Culminating her artistic expression, Lam's launched a refreshing new, bold visual language and pushed her personal boundaries to the outer limits.

"Through this exhibition, I am delving into my complete visual vocabulary while also enhancing it. This exhibition provides me with the opportunity to express my artistic language fully, which I haven't been able to do before. My aim is to continuously push the limits of my creativity and explore the endless possibilities," says Lam.

Stephanie Chefas, owner of the gallery, says, "Dan Lam walks the line between numerous dichotomies to uncover new modes of expression. Compelled by these seemingly disparate juxtapositions, the viewer is overcome with a range of complex emotions and creative ideas."

Visit Chefas Projects, 134 SE Taylor St., Wednesdays-Sundays, 12-5 pm, Friday, July 7-Saturday, August 5. RSVP for the July 7 opening reception to [info@maximuscommunications.com](mailto:info@maximuscommunications.com).

July Shows at Alberta Rose

Alberta Rose is a Portland staple for offering a regular line up full of shows. Here's a look at just a few of those happening in July.

Hawaiian singer-songwriter John Cruze is celebrating the 25th anniversary of his album *Acoustic Soul* and will be joined by special guest Johnny Helm Wednesday, July 12, 8 pm. His rich storytelling through songs that range from Hawaiian to blues, folk, R&B and more, engages audiences. His captivating guitar playing, soulful vocals and a compassionate, genuine heart make Cruze one of Hawaii's most beloved artists. Tickets \$30 advance, \$35 at the door.

Australian singer, songwriter and one-of-a-kind virtuoso Daniel Champagne is bringing his tour back to America and will be joined by Portland's own guitar wizard, Amber Russell, for his Thursday, July 20 show. A relentless performer, this is one of 50 shows he'll be playing at familiar and new venues over the next few months. Tickets for the 8 pm performance are \$22 advance, \$26 at the door.

Albert Lee has played with everyone from Jerry Lee Lewis to Eric Clapton to Emmylou Harris. He was a member of The Crickets in the post-Buddy Holly era and forged an impressive solo career along the way. Don't miss the man known as "Mr. Telecaster" at his Friday, July 21, 8 pm performance. Tickets to see one of the legendary guitarists of rock and roll, rockabilly and country music are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door.

Legendary guitarist Greg Howe stops at Alberta Rose Sunday, July 30, 8 pm as part of his "Lost and Found" North American tour. His touring band features renowned bassist Stu Hamm and drummer Joel Taylor. Local guitar hero Jennifer Batten, who toured with Michael Jackson, opens the show with a one-woman, multimedia, guitar-shredding experience. Tickets for the show are \$30 in advance, \$35 at the door.

Minors are allowed at these shows when accompanied by a parent or guardian. To purchase advance tickets and to see what other shows are playing this month, visit [albertarosetheatre.com](http://albertarosetheatre.com).



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Buckman Community Association

By Susan Lindsay

At the June BCA meeting, the Board voted unanimously to support the Alder Map for new Districts and we urge all Buckman residents and our friends and neighbors in nearby neighborhoods to write in and testify in person and urge the same. The Alder Map will link the areas of Sellwood and Moreland to the west side of Portland in a new District. The other two maps either completely divide the Buckman, Kerns and Hosford-Abernethy neighborhoods (Cedar Map); even worse is the Maple Map, which places all of Buckman and Kerns into a representational district with the entire westside of Portland, a really poor and disempowering fit for our two eastside neighborhoods. We support the Alder Map, which will keep the historic connections and geographic communities together, including those of Sellwood, which historically and demographically has always been tightly tied to the westside, and strongly oppose Cedar and Maple, which we see as a detriment to the entire inner SE community and a weakening of our individual constituency.

Testimony and feedback on the Maps can be provided in many ways, but please do give input, as well as attend one of the many upcoming hearings. Find out more about the Drafts District Plan at portland.gov/transition/districtcommission/district-plan. Provide direct input on the maps at surveymonkey.com/r/YPRFD5R or email your comments to districtcommission@portlandoregon.gov. Public input is due by Saturday, July 22.

It's event month and "Buckman in July" begins! Friday, July 14, the Buckman Community Association, in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation, presents Movies in the Park. The classic, quirky sci-fi film, "The 5th Element," starring Bruce Willis, Milla Jovovich and Chris Tucker will light up the blow-up screen at Colonel Summers Park at dusk. Bring lawn chairs, a blanket and stop by the BCA booth.

Sunday, July 23, 4-8 pm, also at Colonel Summers Park, and coming after a three-year pandemic hiatus, will be the 11th Buckman Party in the Park. The event features kids games, a bouncy house, splash pad fun, complimentary ice cream for the kids, live music and door prizes. Bring the family, a picnic meal and enjoy seeing your neighbors after such a long break. We need volunteers to help. Contact Volunteer Coordinator, Rie Nakata at rie@kanemasu.us or buckmanpicnicteam@googlegroups.com to get involved.

Our nine-member Board has two open positions (a one-year term and a two-year term) and we are actively seeking new members. Board membership involves commitment to attend monthly meetings and serve on a committee, Board service position or project of the member's choice.

The Buckman Community Association meets monthly every second Thursday of the month, 7-9 pm on Zoom. Our regular meeting space, the Multnomah County Board Room, has still not reopened to the public. All are welcome at the meetings. Contact the full Buckman Board at buckmanboard@googlegroups.com at any time to be put on the agenda and to get the Zoom link. Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter at buckmanpdx.org. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 13, 7-9 pm and we'd love to see you there.

HAND

By Jill Riebesehl

As a good friend used to say when he walked through the door, "I have much to tell." In keeping with that, following is brief account of our very busy Hosford-Abernethy neighborhood association June meeting.

Regarding the imminent homeless encampment at 1490 SE Gideon St., a Good Neighbor agreement between the Brooklyn and Hosford-Abernethy NAs and the city is near and will set out a list of expectations. The city's plan describes three zones: Zone 1 is the area in a notional 1,000 ft radius around the encampment, for which Urban Alchemy is responsible; Zone 2 will be treated similarly to Zone 1, but will be the city's responsibility; and a wider Zone 3 that will get increased oversight but only a modest increase in services. Zones 1 and 2 will get enhanced city services, which we hope will result in a reduction of unsanctioned camping, faster trash removal and graffiti abatement. There will be a community-led "oversight council" that will monitor issues related to the camp. We expect a public meeting with Urban Alchemy and neighbors soon. Join the HAND mailing list by sending a message to handannounce+subscribe@googlegroups.com to be notified.

Regarding Avalon (a 10-pod respite village near New Seasons), the non-profit organizer WeShine reports that city permitting and utilities are moving along, as is a Good Neighbors agreement. WeShine will have a revocable four-year lease with the city, which will include an annual review. They hope to open this summer.

Regarding the redesign of Portland's governmental structure, per charter approval by voters last year, a commission is working out how to divide the city into four districts, based on population. Each district will have three elected commissioners on City Council. As deliberations proceed, HAND Board's goal is to keep our neighborhood boundaries intact, to not be broken up as two of the three proposed scenarios would do. The city will adopt the plan in time for the November 2024 election.

Regarding summer fun and other business, the Board agreed to continue its financial support of the Richmond neighborhood's traditional Movies in the Park showing "Hidden Figures" at Sewallcrest Park Saturday, August 19, event starting at 7:30 pm and movie at dusk. Please stop by the HAND table to say "hi." The Board also voted to support Richmond NA's request that Southeast Uplift (the official coalition of Southeast NAs) open its in-person Board meetings to all interested residents, not just Board members.

Our next meeting will be in Carvlin Hall on the St. Philip Neri campus Tuesday, July 18, 7 pm. Welcome, all.

Montavilla Neighborhood Association

By Louise Hoff

Building, road work and construction are happening all over our neighborhood, as well as a number of meetings.

Neighbors of Harrison Park School are eager to retain their community garden, currently situated on school grounds. Some neighbors are growing vegetables which are difficult to find at local shops and some simply enjoy the interaction with neighbors. Others feel it is important for children to understand healthy food sources and eat organic food which is otherwise costly at the market.

The 82nd Ave. Association initiated neighborhood conversations at Portland Community College (PCC) about how we residents envision 82nd Ave. in the future. PCC is itself an active hub of neighbors beginning college, beginning a career or simply enjoying community education classes.

Events that have taken place or are continuing include an 82nd Ave. cleanup hosted by Pick it Up, Portland! June 24; Montavilla Farmers Market takes place every Sunday 10 am-2 pm on SE Stark St.; the Montavilla Park and Pool is open for swimming and children's lunches; and neighborhood garage sales, plant exchanges and block parties are already underway. Apply to host your own block party at portland.gov/transportation/permitting/apply-block-party-permit.

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# Neighborhood Notes

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No date has been set for a neighborhood meeting with Safe Park Village to be situated at 333 NE 82nd Ave. Find out more information at [multco.us/shelters/montavilla-safe-park](http://multco.us/shelters/montavilla-safe-park).  
Save the date for these upcoming events: Montavilla Street Fair Sunday, July 30; Jade International Night Market Saturday, August 19; and Montavilla Jazz Festival (MJF) September 1-3. MJF is already featuring local events to introduce neighbors to the array of very talented musicians involved.  
Monday, July 10 is the next Board meeting of the Montavilla Neighborhood Association. Zoom info and meeting agenda at [montavilla.org](http://montavilla.org).

## Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association By David Petrozzi

MTNA hosted our regular monthly meeting Wednesday, June 21 via Zoom. A guest speaker from the Richmond Neighborhood Association asked for our support in writing to address Southeast Uplift's (SEUL) recent decision to bar the public from attending its Board meetings. In the spirit of openness and transparency, the vote was unanimous in support of this action with the hope that SEUL will come back into partnership with neighborhood associations and compliance with its statutory requirements.  
We received a highly informative presentation regarding Portland's Critical Energy Infrastructure hub along the Willamette river, the size and scope of these storage facilities, some of the risks they may potentially represent to our community and various citizen's initiatives underway to raise awareness and promote safety. We also heard some exciting news: Mount Tabor Park recently won America's first Urban Park Award! Stop by and enjoy a free summer concert in the park Thursday evening, July 13, 6:30 pm.  
Our next meeting will take place Wednesday, July 19 via Zoom. Please find links for this and all of our meetings, under the "Meetings and Events" tab of our website, [mttaborpdx.org](http://mttaborpdx.org).

## Richmond Neighborhood Association By Allen Field

The Richmond Neighborhood Association (RNA) held its monthly meeting June 12. Meetings are the second Monday of the month, 7-9 pm, except January. Meetings are held in-person at Central Christian Church, 1844 SE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd.; people can also participate via Zoom. The link to pre-register for Zoom is on the agenda, which is posted to [richmondpx.org](http://richmondpx.org) and the RNA Announce listserv. To be added to the listserv, email [richmondnasecretary@gmail.com](mailto:richmondnasecretary@gmail.com). The RNA now has an Instagram account: @richmondNAPDX.  
Board Officers, Committee Chairs and RNA Representatives were appointed by the Board for the 2023-24 term. Reappointed were Debby Hochhalter as Chair, Simon Kipersztok as Treasurer and Allen Field as Secretary.  
Mae Holsapple explained the Community Needs Assessment project that Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare is conducting. She will be providing the Board with updates in future meetings.  
Due to the great success and popularity of our May 19 Household Hazardous Waste collection event with Metro, we will do another Household Hazardous Waste collection on Saturday, October 21, 9 am-noon, at Central Christian Church. Save the date. As in May, we will collect ONLY batteries (including lithium-ion and rechargeable) but NO car batteries or other large batteries (small power tool batteries are okay); sharps and epi-pens; prescription medication (pet meds too), but take pills out of bottles and put in Ziploc bags; compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL) but NO LED bulbs or fluorescent tubes. NO cleaning products, paint or other chemical liquids will be accepted. CNBSeen.org will also be there to repair car/truck rear taillight bulbs as a way to prevent pretext stops by the police.  
We will also have a Bottle & Can Drop Off as a fundraiser for C3 Food Pantry who can take the bottles and cans to a collection center for the deposit money. So, save up your returnable bottle and cans to bring to Central Christian Church on October 21.  
The next RNA meeting is Monday, July 10. Come and check out a meeting.

## South Tabor Neighborhood Association By Cathy Kudlick

The STNA hosted a successful third annual garage sale/garden tour June 10 with more participants and local business involvement than ever before. Our next event will be street painting at the intersection of SE Woodward and 67th Streets Sunday, July 16 9 am-3 pm. Bring the whole family to help refresh the existing mural, meet neighbors and add your strokes!  
Our next Board meeting will be held in person Thursday, July 20, 7-9 pm, location TBA. We will have a meeting focused on neighborhood safety with a representative from the Safe Blocks Portland coalition at the end of the summer.  
STNA meets the third Thursday of every month; all who live and/or work in South Tabor are welcome. For the latest info, visit [southtaborg.org](http://southtaborg.org).

## Sunnyside Neighborhood Association By Gloria Jacobs

The Sunnyside Neighborhood Association is on a summer recess for general meetings. The next general meeting is on Thursday, September 14. While we are on recess, we want to know what you think the SNA board should be addressing, what are things you want to hear about and if you have any projects brewing where the SNA can help out. Please reach out to [board@sunnysideportland.org](mailto:board@sunnysideportland.org) with your ideas, concerns and questions.  
The Land Use and Transportation Committee is working on issues surrounding vacancies and redevelopment in the southeastern section of Sunnyside.  
SNA Care Committee (SNACC) continues to do outreach and aid to our less fortunate Sunnysiders. The Sunnyside Shower Project (SSP) is not going to become a nonprofit in the near future. The SSP will continue to use Southeast Uplift as their fiscal sponsor. There is now a sewing kit at the SSP so guests can mend buttons and holes while they wait for their showers. In the future, SNACC will meet every other month. The next SNACC meeting will be held on Thursday, August 3, 6:30 pm at SEUL's conference room. The focus will be on planning the winter clothing drive, so please join if you're interested in helping out!

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# Draft Maps for Redistricting Released



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and Ross Island bridges.

The Cedar map uses transit corridors such as NE Sandy Blvd., SE 12th Ave., 82nd Ave. and TriMet MAX lines to prioritize the role of these arterial roadways in influencing the use of public space and notions of neighborhood on the eastern side of the city. Neighborhoods in the central eastside and inner SE that are bordered by the Willamette to the west and major transit lines to the east (bus and MAX) share a district with neighborhoods on the west side of the river.

Finally, the Maple map takes its direction to keep much of the central city together from the city’s Central City 2035 Plan, preserves the historic Albina neighborhood and adds several inner eastside neighborhoods. The city’s most densely populated and urbanized neighborhoods, where residential and commercial uses are tightly interwoven, exist in the central city. In this map, eastside neighborhoods with high percentages of renters (Central Eastside, Buckman, Kerns) share a district with similar renter-heavy neighborhoods on the westside (Goose Hollow, Old Town, University, South Waterfront), as well as other westside neighborhoods.

IDC is required to complete their district plan by August, prior to which they must hold at least two public hearings in each of the four proposed districts before voting to adopt a final version of the district map plan. In addition, they must ensure that district maps are consistent with state and federal laws and criteria. Once the final version is ready, it will need to be approved by nine out of 13 district commissioners in order for it to be adopted. If fewer than nine commissioners approve the plan, the most recommended plan would be sent to Portland City Council for consideration and adoption.

Community input on the draft map options is open through Saturday, July 22 and can be done in a variety of ways. Verbal testimony can be given at one of the eight IDC public hearings. Calls can be made to 311 to share comments verbally. Emails may be sent to [DistrictCommission@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:DistrictCommission@portlandoregon.gov). Letters can be mailed to the Office of Management and Finance, Independent District Commission, 1120 SW 5th Ave., Room 901, Portland, OR 97204.

Links to the maps, Districting Summary Statistics including total age and voting age populations broken down by ethnicity, and details about the upcoming public hearings can be found at [bit.ly/RedistrictingMapsPDX](http://bit.ly/RedistrictingMapsPDX).

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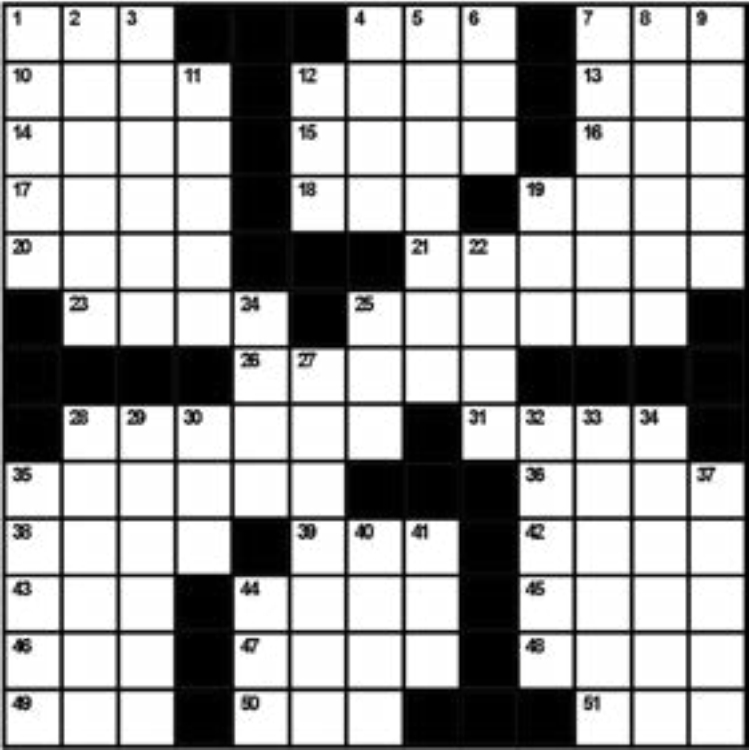
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- Across**
- 1. Fitting
  - 4. Lion’s foot
  - 7. Application
  - 10. Freeway for example
  - 12. Brayer
  - 13. \_\_\_ Shooter
  - 14. Pilaf base
  - 15. Horse from “Sahara”
  - 16. Sun preceder
  - 17. Questions
  - 18. A shot
  - 19. Arrange papers
  - 20. Egg center
  - 21. Non-winning race horse
  - 23. Raven’s haven
  - 25. Dissolved
  - 26. Range groups
  - 28. They are part of a setting
  - 31. Blatant
  - 35. Oil source
  - 36. Freezes
  - 38. Add a little brandy to the coffee?
  - 39. Santa’s little helper
  - 42. The others
  - 43. Inquire
  - 44. Gazetteer datum
  - 45. Written rule
  - 46. Kicker?
  - 47. Tools
  - 48. Hot spot
  - 49. Tackle’s teammate
  - 50. Unmatching
  - 51. Harden



- 3. Address
- 4. 100%
- 5. Fearful
- 6. Filagree
- 7. Advantage
- 8. Part of S.W.A.K.
- 9. Chewed and swallowed
- 11. Daily stations
- 12. It tells you where you are
- 19. Able-bodied
- 22. Plus
- 24. Biblical pronoun
- 25. Mister’s lady
- 27. Went into
- 28. Winter, e.g.
- 29. Compacted
- 30. \_\_\_-horse town
- 32. Spiel
- 33. Resounds
- 34. Bug
- 35. Home or silver follower
- 37. Silvery fish
- 40. Starring role
- 41. Way off
- 44. Previously

Answers found on page 12.

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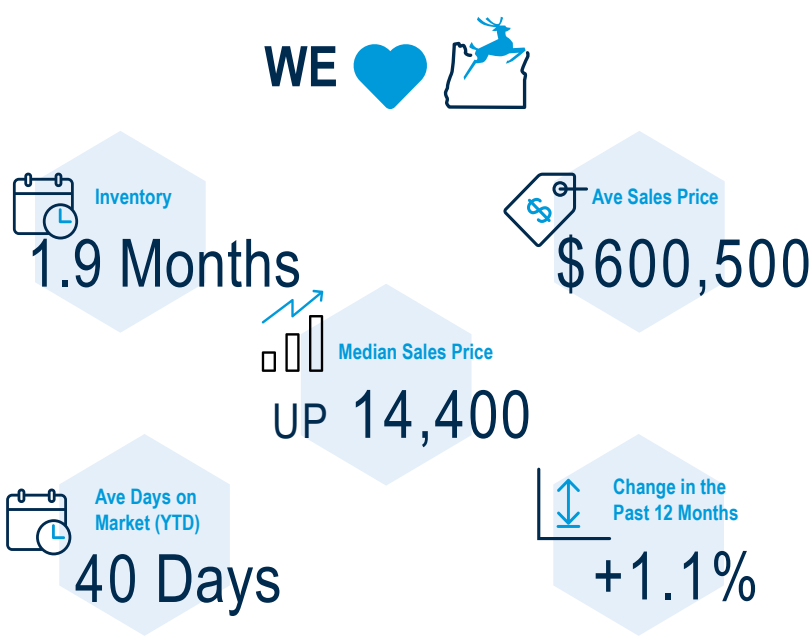
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