



# CONCORDIA NEWS

A free publication of the Concordia Neighborhood Association

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Meetings  
held in the  
Community Room  
at McMenamins  
Kennedy School

General Membership  
OCTOBER 7  
1st Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

Land Use & Livability Meeting  
OCTOBER 9  
1st Thursday of each month at 7:15 P.M.

Board Meeting  
OCTOBER 14  
2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

Green Team  
OCTOBER 28  
4th Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

Social Committee  
October 21  
Tuesday at 7:00 P.M.

Media Committee  
October 9 @ Concordia Coffee House  
2nd Thursday at 6:00 P.M.



## Candidate Debate Charles Lewis vs Amanda Fritz Tuesday, October 7th, 2008



This year's Portland City Council election presents two well-qualified candidates who have been active in our community and will bring something new to the existing City Council.

The Concordia Neighborhood Association, along with the Woodlawn and Sabin Neighborhood Associations, bring you a focused debate where your questions will be heard and you will leave better informed and ready for the election in November.

The event is free and will be held in lieu of the normally scheduled CAN General Meeting on Tuesday October 7th, 2008. The event is 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. with the debate starting promptly at 7:00 P.M. in the Kennedy School Gym.

We are hoping for a great turnout and will be providing free childcare from 6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in the Community Room at Kennedy School. If you know in advance you will need childcare please send an email to Anne Rothert at arothert@gmail.com.



For your dinner needs, a limited amount of pizza and drinks will be provided as well as McMenamins being on hand selling food and drinks in the Gym. Grab a slice of pizza, a drink, and be involved.

Also, remember the Concordia Neighborhood Association will be having our own elections at the November 4th General Meeting. GET INVOLVED!

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## Vote on Proposed CNA Bylaws at November General Meeting

At our Annual Meeting in November, the general membership will vote on an update to the Concordia Neighborhood Association Bylaws. The CNA Board encourages your review and support for the updated bylaws.

Bylaws are the rules by which the neighborhood association operates. Our current bylaws have not been updated since 1997 and were in need of review. The Bylaws Committee used the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's bylaws template as a starting point while retaining many elements from our existing bylaws.

A full copy of the proposed bylaws can be viewed on the Concordia Neighborhood Association's web site: [www.concordiapdx.org](http://www.concordiapdx.org).

Members provided feedback to the first iteration of the proposed bylaws at the June 2008 General Meeting. The general consensus at that meeting was that the proposed new version needed further refinement, and several key changes have been made to that earlier draft.

Here is a summary of the substantive changes proposed to the bylaws:

### Article IV, Associate Member Status Removed:

Currently, an Associate Member is someone who doesn't live, own property,

or a business in Concordia but wishes membership in the neighborhood association. The Associate Member does not have voting rights. We believe Concordia can continue to welcome all to participate without the need of this provision.

### Article VI, Section E, Quorum at Membership Meeting:

Quorum requirements for general meetings would be changed to 15, not including Board members. Currently, quorum is defined as 60% of the members present at the present at the previous General Meeting, which is cumbersome in practice.

### Article VII, Section A, Number of Board Members

This aligns the bylaws with current practice by increasing the number of Board members to 14 from 13. It also changes the number of Board positions representing a geographic district within CNA boundaries from twelve to six. The seven remaining board positions would be at-large. The proposed Board composition would thus be: Chair (non-voting except in cases of a tie), six Board members representing geographic districts (two each from East, NW and SW), and seven at-large members.

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## CNA Needs You! Join the Board in November By Tony Fuentes

The November General Meeting on November 4th will be election night for the nation and for the Concordia Neighborhood Association. We will be voted on new bylaws for the CNA and electing new neighbors to serve on the CNA Board of Representatives. Who can be a representative? How about you!

I can tell you from my own experience over the past four years that serving the Concordia neighborhood as a representative is a very fulfilling experience. It is true opportunity to help shape the neighborhood we live in, meet neighbors from all over the community, and provide valuable volunteer support for the common good.

If you are reading this newsletter, chances are you care about your

community and want to ensure that we continue to connect and support each other as neighbors. Being on the Board doesn't require a college education or being a good public speaker. A commitment to making Concordia the best neighborhood it can be and a willingness to make the decision to help that happen are the most important qualities needed for being an effective representative.

If you are ready to help shape our neighborhood, contact any Board member and let them know or let us know at the meeting on November 4th. If need more information and want to learn more about what it is like to be on CNA Board, do not hesitate to contact me ([milagros@milagrosboutique.com](mailto:milagros@milagrosboutique.com)) or any Board member. Your neighborhood needs you.



# Chair's Corner

by Katie Ugolini

As your Concordia Neighborhood Association Chair, I have also had the pleasure of serving on the Board of Directors of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN). I realize that many of you have never heard of NECN or may know very little about it, so I thought I'd take this opportunity to tell you something about this organization.

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) is a District Coalition that was created in 1974 to maintain and enhance the livability of the 12 inner North and Northeast neighborhoods. It is a nonprofit organization promoting civic involvement, livability and community building through engagement, information, and outreach. NECN provides staff resources to help empower community leaders and Neighborhood Associations.

The NECN Outreach Program provides a wonderful resource for connecting community members to free information and services, such as information about crime prevention, block parties, neighborhood clean-ups, small grants for neighborhood projects, and much, much more! Additionally, the Outreach Program works to enhance participation in neighborhood associations (such as Concordia), and recently has been working on increasing youth participation in the neighborhoods. NECN also provides free conflict resolution services. Moreover, over the past two years, NECN has developed a dynamic and well-respected Cross-Cultural Outreach Program that connects with residents who may not have been aware of neighborhood associations and may have wondered if they fit in. NECN

provides a welcoming atmosphere to many ethnic groups and shows them how their interests can be furthered through their programs and services. Resource material has recently been made available in Spanish and Somali and translator services are also available.

In addition to NECN's Outreach Program, NECN houses the Tri-Met Rider Advocate Program. The program began through the combined efforts of NECN and Tri-Met in 1994. The eight Tri-Met Rider Advocates work primarily on bus and MAX lines in North and Northeast Portland to ensure the comfort and safety of public transit riders on board and at bus stops and MAX platforms. NECN also houses the Youth Gangs Program which works on the street and in the schools with gang intervention and teen and preteen education.

The NECN office is located in the King Facility at 4815 NE 7th Avenue. Please stop by anytime to meet the friendly staff, pick-up educational resources and materials, and share your neighborhood concerns and solutions. You may also

want to get involved with the many NECN-sponsored activities, committees, and projects on diversity, land use, transportation, parks, recycling efforts, jobs, public safety, streetscapes and youth engagement. NECN provides an excellent opportunity for people to come together and work on activities and projects that will improve the quality of life for all in the Inner Northeast Neighborhoods.

Please visit the NECN website to find out the latest happenings at NECN and to sign up for the Northeast E-News at: [www.necoalition.org](http://www.necoalition.org) or please call 503.823.4575.

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

TO CONNECT CONCORDIA RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES - INFORM, EDUCATE AND REPORT ON ACTIVITIES, ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

## Let's Get Going!

### Learn About the Going Street Bike Boulevard on October 7th



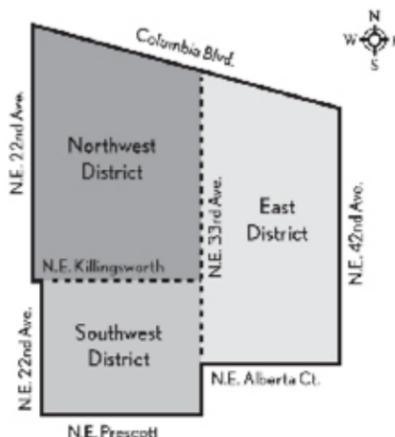
Do you ride your bicycle in NE Portland? Have you noticed that the only bicycle boulevard in the area is NE Tillamook? Well, the Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA) has noticed. The BTA has researched the streets in NE Portland and found those streets that would work as a bicycle boulevard.

NE Going Street is one of those streets. This street was chosen because it runs continuously for 3.5 miles with minimal auto traffic and low car speeds. That means you can get to where you need to go quickly and with little hassle. It will also create a safe bike route to nine parks, eleven schools, nine neighborhoods, and four business districts, all in your community.

Learn more about the proposal to create a bike boulevard on Going Street on October 7th, at 8 P.M. right after the Fritz/Lewis candidate debate in the Kennedy School Gym.

You can also read more about this project at the BTA website and get active! Write a letter to Sam Adams or sign our petition to request funding. We want you to help make this project happen!

Contact Emily Gardner at [Emily@bta4bikes.org](mailto:Emily@bta4bikes.org) for more information, and check out [www.bikeblvd.com](http://www.bikeblvd.com).



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### Article VII, Section E, Filling Board Vacancies

In the new bylaws, vacant Board positions would be filled by the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meetings as opposed to by the general membership. This is a common practice with many neighborhood associations. Regular Board elections would continue to be held in November at the CNA Annual Meeting.

### Article VII, Section G, Eligibility for Secretary and Treasurer Officer Positions

The proposed bylaws would allow both Board members and general members to be directly elected to these officer positions. The current bylaws require that all officers to be elected members of the Board.

### Article VII, Section I, #4, Quorum for Board Meetings

The quorum is proposed to be changed to 50% instead of the current two-thirds (66.6%)

### Article VII, Section K, Removal of Board Members Due to Non Attendance

Board members who don't fulfill their duties make it difficult for the Board to conduct the neighborhood's business. The proposed bylaws would continue the practice of allowing the removal of Board members who miss three consecutive meetings and also include a provision allowing the Board to remove Board members who miss five meetings during their two-year term.

### Article VII, Section L, Creation of an Executive Committee

Currently the Board can only deliberate or take votes during Board meetings. The Board is sometimes hamstrung to take positions because certain issues require a faster response than the Board's monthly meeting schedule (for example, the comment period for City land use decisions is less than 30 days).

The Executive Committee would be comprised of five Board members who could vote on matters on behalf of the whole Board. This committee is only foreseen to be used under special circumstances and is not intended to supplant the authority of the full Board.

The Committee would be comprised of the Board Chair and Vice Chair and three additional Board members who would be elected at the January Board meeting for a one-year term. Minimum notice of meetings is 24 hours. Quorum would be three and all decisions must be unanimous to have Board authority.

### Article VIII, Recall of Board Members

Similar to the existing bylaws, the first step of the removal process is to try and resolve the matter through the grievance process. It is only when the Board member does not act in accordance with the decision of the grievance committee that general members may petition for the removal of the Board member. The proposed bylaws would change the minimum number of petition signatures to 25 from 50.

### Article XI, Grievance Process

The proposed bylaws follow the grievance process recommended by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement: Individuals are encouraged to try and resolve the issue through one-and-one dialogue and mediation before the Grievance Committee is engaged. The composition of the Grievance Committee would be changed to three from six members. The proposed composition would be changed to one Board member, one member of the general membership proposed by the grievant, and one general member agreed upon by both the Board and the grievant. In the current bylaws, the Committee is six, including one Board member.

### Article XIII, Public Meetings/Public Records Rules

The proposed bylaws would follow the public meetings and records rules as outlined in Section VIII of the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) Standards. This change is recommended by ONI from the current practice of citing Oregon Revised Statutes 192.610-690. The ONI Standards maintain the ethic of transparency and open participation without requiring neighbors to interpret complex legal statutes.

Those without Internet or printer access may request a copy from the Bylaws Committee Chair Steve Hoyt-McBeth at 503.475.8725 and smhoyt@yahoo.com.

## Keeping Colwood Green Clears Another Hurdle

By Tony Fuentes

The movement to keep Colwood Golf Course zoned as Open Space chalked up another victory on September 17th. After hours of testimony, including testimony from many Concordia neighbors, the Portland City Council unanimously voted to reject the proposal to rezone Colwood National Golf Course for industrial use. Mayor Potter was absent for the vote.

The Council decision is not final. The property owner is exercising its right to submit additional testimony for consideration within seven days after the hearing. Because of this procedural move, a final Council vote is scheduled for October 22nd.

Still, the arguments for keeping Colwood green were heard loud and clear. For instance, the Cully neighborhood, which is home to Colwood, is the most underserved area in the city with regard to access to park space. The impact of losing this last significant area of open space in the neighborhood would mean this inequity would never be adequately

addressed.

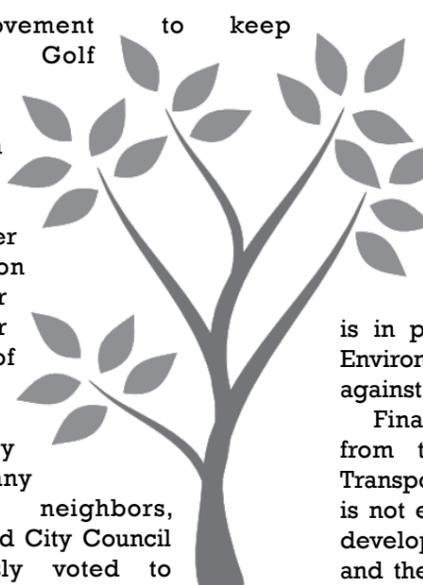
Additionally, conversion to industrial would result in increased air, noise, and water pollution that would have an adverse effect on threatened native species - including local bats - residing in this area and the health of local residents. This is in part why the City's Bureau of Environmental Services recommended against the rezoning.

Finally, as noted by testimony from the Oregon Department of Transportation, the local road system is not equipped to support industrial development on the Colwood site and there are no local improvements that could be made to address this infrastructure shortcoming.

Commissioner Nick Fish summed up the importance of the decision to keep Colwood green, "This is an historic opportunity. We have a chance to look to future generations. . . This is a regional resource."

CNA remains opposed to the rezoning proposal and applauds the Council's action on September 17th. We are confident that Council will confirm this choice when they address the issue for a final vote on October 22nd. We encourage you to contact Council and thank them for their action on this proposal.

You can find contact information and the latest on Colwood at [keepcolwoodgreen.com](http://keepcolwoodgreen.com).



## Now We're Talking Trash

By Gayle and the Green Team

Now that we have new recycle bins and the cost of our garbage pick-up is rising, you might want to look into the Master Recycler Program. They will take almost all of that nasty plastic that fills your garbage can. If you recycle that plastic, you may be able to downsize your garbage can and save some money. My house has been able to go down to a 20 gallon size can and are considering once a month pick up. Recycling, composting, and the plastic round-ups have greatly diminished the amount of garbage we have.

You can go to [www.masterrecycling.org](http://www.masterrecycling.org) to learn what they take. The plastic goes to Agri-plas, where they make chips or pellets that they sell to other companies. Plastic bags become plastic lumber. Miscellaneous plastics get chipped together and mixed with recycled wood powder to become railroad ties, replacing rotting wood ties that require toxic chemicals to maintain. Railroad companies replace 1000s of railroad ties a year. They have yet to replace the plastic ones. There are 436 plastic production facilities in the U.S. They emit 37 million pounds of toxic air emissions and create over 2.5 billion pounds of production waste each year. If we are to be a plastic society, at least let us dispose of the plastic in a responsible manner.

The Master Recycler Roundup will take place Saturday, October 4th between 9 A.M. and 2 P.M. The location closest to us is Kaiser Permanente West Interstate, off Fremont and Overlook Park. This is a great service to the community.

Members of the Green Team, Dove, Katie, Rebecca, plus neighbor Dave Price, delivered the first 200 free grocery bags to residents. Also Green Team members, Katie, Matt, my son Ken, Rebecca, neighbor Dave Price, and Green Team supporter Barry Knorr, put up the Air Quality test units. We'll be taking those down about September 18 and sending them to the lab. We should have the results back in time for the next newsletter.

Thanks go to the above-mentioned people. All of these things wouldn't happen without them. Come join us at our next Green Team meeting. We can always find a use for another person.

See you on "Green Tuesday", September 23rd, 7 P.M. at the Kennedy School Community Room.



## October 8th is Walk/Bike Your Child to School Day

All across the world on October 8th school children and their parents will join together to walk or bike to school. Oregon is proud to be a major player in this international event that is part of a worldwide movement to encourage children to be more active.



Walking or biking to and from school is an excellent way to add physical activity into the day. Kids need at least 60 minutes of physical activity every day to keep them healthy - and many kids in Oregon just don't get enough!

Walking and biking to school can help improve strength and endurance,

decrease anxiety and stress, and help maintain weight. Positive experiences like walking and biking to school will pave the way for being physically active throughout life.

Walking and biking to school reduces traffic pollution and congestion. It can also encourage parents to walk and bike to school with their kids.

Studies show that more people walking and biking in a neighborhood makes people feel better about their neighborhood. It helps make public streets lively and friendly, encourages community interaction, and attracts people to commercial and recreational areas.

This fall, make an effort to walk and bike more in our neighborhood. You'll be glad you did!

don't forget to visit us online:  
<http://www.concordiapdx.org/>

## The Little Red Schoolhouse Down the Block Elks Scholarships Available

by Don Gire, Faubion PTA President

In early September, we walked into Faubion Elementary which, by the way, is now called Faubion PreK-8 School, on the two opening days for grades 1 to 8 and PreK-Kindergarten, dazzled by the shining floors, new graphics, and photographs on the walls. What a nice little school. We were there to help run the Join PTA Today booth and welcome our kids and parents back to school. Everybody had bright smiles and the gorgeous weather seemed to help. Separation anxiety aside, things settled right down.

I remember looking into some of the classrooms. The little guys were all circled around their teachers, on the floor, listening to what is in store for them this new semester. You could have heard a pin drop. I'll say that again...opening days, 360 kids and you could have heard a pin drop. The older children looked happy, shiny, bigger, much bigger, from when they left in June. A little water, some sunshine, and time really does wonders!

Although already past, due to this newspaper's publishing schedule,

the next week in September involved three events. The first PTA Business Meeting, the first of a series Kaffeeklatch (which is a fancy, probably Germanic name for our fun little coffee gatherings we host every third Friday at 8:35A.M.) and the school's welcome back evening event called Curriculum Night. Our new principal, LaShawn Lee, doesn't let much grass grow under her or our feet so off to the races we go, optimistic for a great school year and PTA program.

Which brings me to the purpose of all this; joining the PTA. Our vision is "Making every child's potential a reality" and your PTA is committed to helping the school, children and parents realize that potential. We do need your help to make it happen. Please join the PTA. Contact me at 503.240.8220, any officer at the school number 503.916.5686, or pick up a membership envelope at the PTA bulletin board. See our website [www.faubionpta.com](http://www.faubionpta.com).

We look forward to seeing you throughout the school year!

The Portland Elks Lodge has scholarship money available for high school seniors going on to a college program. The Most Valuable Student Contest is open to any senior high school student who is a US citizen. The application can be downloaded from the Elks website at: [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/ourscholarships.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/ourscholarships.cfm). The due date for this year's application is Friday, January 9, 2009 and must be turned in to the Lodge office at 3717 NE Columbia Blvd. by 5 P.M. by that date. Winners from our lodge go on to compete at the district level where an additional \$8,400 in scholarships will be awarded. Winners at the district level then go on to compete for scholarships totaling \$19,400 at the state level. The applications from these winning students are then sent to compete for scholarships at the Grand Lodge level, which could equal their full four-year college tuition, paid in full. They need not be affiliated with the Elks in order to apply.

The Legacy Scholarship is a one-year, \$1,000 scholarship for children and grandchildren of Elk members who are high school seniors going

on to college. There will be awarded up to 500 Legacy Awards nationwide. The scholarship is open to any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of an active Elk who has been a member in good standing since at least April 1, 2006. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2009. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. The applicant must apply through the related member's Elks Lodge, regardless of where the applicant resides. The student, the Elk, and the Lodge secretary must complete their respective sections. The student is to send the application to the Elks National Foundation address on the application postmarked no later than January 9, 2009. Applications are available from the ENF website at: <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm> Applications are not turned into the Lodge.

For more information about these scholarship opportunities, please call the Lodge office at 503.282.8707 and your question will be forwarded on to the Scholarship Chairman.

**Want to be a part of your Concordia Neighborhood Association?**

**See Page 1 for details on how you can help! We need a variety of positions, from board members to a webmaster to neighborhood representatives.**



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# Three Recent Land Use Appeals in The Concordia Neighborhood

By George Bruender, Concordia Neighborhood Association Land Use Committee

The Land Use Committee of the Concordia Neighborhood Association has represented residents of the neighborhood on three issues that were appealed to special hearings officers or review committees – with mixed results. Here’s what happened:

**1. August 5 and September 2: An appeal to the Adjustment Committee on the approval by the City of a house to be built on the 2500 square foot lot north of 6130 NE 32nd Avenue.**

The owner wanted to build a house with reduced setbacks – there is supposed to be five feet on either side between a house and the property line. The developer/owner wanted to reduce that by two and three feet, and the City initially agreed, to make the 15 foot wide house 18 feet wide. Although this would give the home a better appearance, it would also set a precedent. And the narrow space between homes with one foot eaves would create a dead zone, wind tunnel, fire danger, crowding, among other hazards.

The City’s commission ruled in our favor: there was not a compelling reason (other than to make the house more saleable) to change the setback requirements, plus setbacks are there to protect the livability of the neighborhood.

Thanks go to Ken Forcier, Gwen Jones, Sean Broderick, and Mary who headed this effort – and to the 90 neighbors who signed a petition. They all contributed to a win.

Neighbors really wanted to save the 100 year old, 11 foot diameter tree on the front of the lot, but the regulations for building on a skinny lot don’t provide for the saving of trees – or for appealing to save them. There is currently a City committee working on just this issue, but right now, the property owner has legal rights to remove the tree as he wishes. Face-to-face negotiations with the owner to build the house behind the tree have been unsuccessful.

This decision was a limited victory, but it may not prevent a skinny 15 foot wide home or the loss of a historic tree on the lot. This is just when the City is going to initiate a program to spend \$50 million over 10 years to restore

the tree canopy especially on the east side.

**2. September 3: An appeal to the City Land Use Hearings Officer on Concordia University’s proposal to build four three-story apartments (104 beds) on NE 27th between Highland and Liberty.**

This is the first of an eventual three block (Holman to Dekum) development on NE 27th to accommodate the housing and parking needs of the college. Each of the blocks will retain the residences facing 26th, separated from the new structures by an unimproved alley. This is the first of CU’s many developments to be challenged by the CNA Land Use Committee. Two challenges were made:

a) The three-story height of the building, its large mass, and its closeness to residences was appealed. The Hearings Officer felt unsure that he had the authority to issue a decision on these issues, although he was assured otherwise. The same issue was to be covered the next day. (See below.)

b) CU’s lack of a traffic/parking program and up-to-date accurate information on the current situation. In 2002, CU agreed to publish an annual report, with professional evaluation by transportation experts, to groups like PDOT and the Concordia NA. This has not been done. Requirements are to have one parking space per .31 students, faculty, and staff, but with no accurate reports, no determination can be made. And we could not find students who were aware of any efforts to encourage students to use alternative means of transportation.

The hearings officer excoriated CU for not doing what they had committed themselves to doing in 2002. After the hearing CU came up with an agreement that did commit themselves to a timetable to get students to not use cars, with incentives built in and to report what they are doing by October. They also have to give CNA and others accurate information. And they have to help create a college/neighborhood committee to oversee and evaluate all of these efforts, plus explore ways to ease on street parking.

CU has had difficulty in understanding the nearby residents’ concerns about parking in the neighborhood as it has expanded yearly. Of course, no one has reserved rights to park in front of their homes (with very narrow exceptions through City permission), so parking is first come, first parked. But the increased parking and the illegal blocking of driveways and sidewalks with little enforcement by CU security has made some neighbors hostile toward the college at the same time as it is trying to become “neighborhood friendly” (CU Security – call 280.8517).

With the agreement, the parking appeal was dropped. We will be looking for three neighbors, and probably a fourth as a co-chair, to join the same number of CU folks on the parking committee. (Let me know if you are interested.)

**3. September 4: Appeal before the Design Commission of the same apartment buildings.**

Resident Andy Boots represented 40 concerned neighbors who signed a petition and responded to door-to-door interviews. Most stated that they had no trouble with such buildings going up on the “core campus” but felt that these proposed apartments on the same block as homes too greatly impacted the residential character of the neighborhood.

The original 2002 plan showed two-story townhouses while the new proposal is for large, bulky three-story residence halls, a major change. The transition from 30 foot buildings and across the alley, story and a half homes, seems abrupt. Flat roofs don’t add to the mix. CU claimed that economically and space-wise they needed the units for their residential students.

After a half an hour with no resolutions, the Committee finally turned down Concordia NA’s appeal. They cited that CU had improved on their 2002 plan and had made a number of concessions: moving the buildings forward 10 feet, moving the third floor on the end apartments forward seven feet, using siding that matched neighborhood houses, moving the parking access from alley entrances and exits to under the two

end buildings from the street, and removing the planned block long concrete alley wall and replacing it with “enhanced” plantings to cut out light to neighbors’ back yards.

And the Committee added, that they had, in other cases, approved 30 foot and taller structures against back lots of homes with no alley separation. They stressed that urban in-fill is a fact of Portland life and that higher education is a goal of our city and country and should be encouraged in all aspects when possible.

Obviously CU made their case and we didn’t. They have made concessions and for the good. Bottom-line, they have the right to build on the land that they own, and to break even, or to make a profit. We have heard few complaints from the neighbors of the 29th Avenue side of the campus, so it may work out. We will certainly set up a small committee to work with complaints from residents about students. (Thanks to Lizzy Hildebrand and Bonnie Nuttleman for your door to door work on these issues and for raising awareness.)

In the meantime, garages are gone and the houses on 27th Avenue are being relocated, and construction will start, to be ready for occupancy next August. We will use the same committee that has monitored the library construction work with CU on the apartment construction issues. The workers will be using the tennis courts for parking. And if you need some yellow striping to keep students from blocking access to your garage, contact Denny Stoecklin at CU 493.6501 or dstoecklin@cu-portland.edu.

**Another Concordia University Project**

Concordia University will be taking down its brick maintenance building at Dekum and NE 27th Avenue and building a new two-story facility with offices and a small parking lot of 22 spaces. It will be located on the east side of Rosa Parks Way on the empty lot and the house/lot they own next to it just behind the president’s house (at 29th and Rosa Parks). CU introduced its plans to a small group of neighbors on September 23rd.



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6pm	Sabrina 90 min Level 2	Alison 90 min All Levels	Sabrina 90 min All Levels	Alison 90 min Level 2	Nicole 90 min All Levels		
7pm							
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**Concordia University forms University-Community Wind Ensemble**

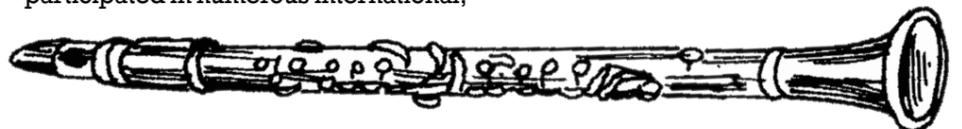
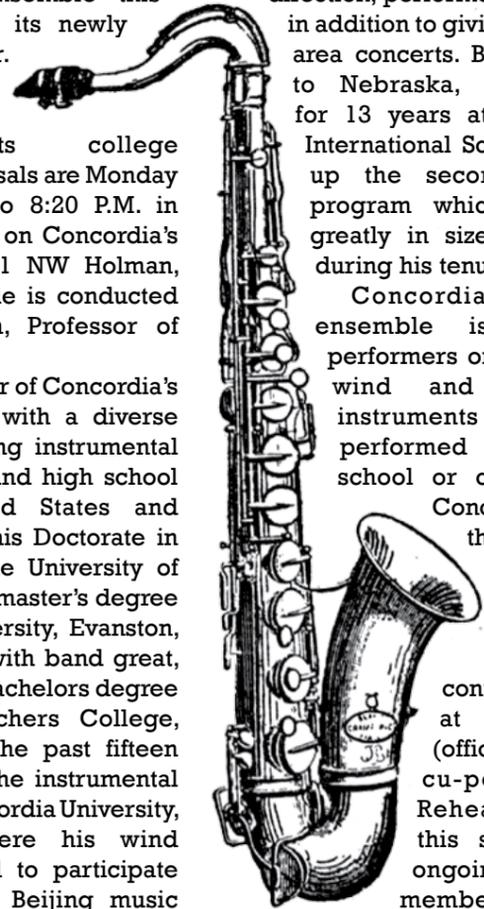
Concordia University: Portland announces the formation a University-Community Wind Ensemble this fall to coincide with its newly offered music major. Membership in the ensemble is free and open to instrumentalists college age and above. Rehearsals are Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:20 P.M. in the Fine Arts Building on Concordia's Portland campus, 2811 NW Holman, Portland. The ensemble is conducted by Dr. William Kuhn, Professor of Instrumental Music.

Kuhn, a new member of Concordia's music faculty, comes with a diverse background of teaching instrumental music at the college and high school levels in the United States and abroad. He received his Doctorate in music education at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, his master's degree at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, where he studied with band great, John Paynter, and his bachelors degree from Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, IL. For the past fifteen years he headed up the instrumental music program at Concordia University, Nebraska. While there his wind ensemble was invited to participate in the 2007 Meet in Beijing music festival and the 2004 Nebraska Music Educators Conference/Clinic. They also participated in numerous international,

national, and local commissions of new works. The ensemble, under Kuhn's direction, performed in 29 states in addition to giving many local area concerts. Before moving to Nebraska, Kuhn taught for 13 years at Hong Kong International School heading up the secondary music program which expanded greatly in size and quality during his tenure.

Concordia's wind ensemble is open to performers on all standard wind and percussion instruments who have performed at the high school or college level.

Concerts, open to the public, will be held each semester. For further information contact Dr. Kuhn at 503.493.6285 (office) or [orwkuhn@cu-portland.edu](mailto:orwkuhn@cu-portland.edu). Rehearsals for this semester are ongoing but new members are still being welcomed.



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Wednesday, October 8, 2008  
 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.  
 C-Tran Fisher's Landing Transit Center  
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 3510 SE 164th Avenue  
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Monday, October 13, 2008  
 5:30 to 7:30 P.M.  
 Meek ProTech High School  
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 4039 NE Alberta Court  
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Feedback from these open houses will help inform the Airport Futures Planning Advisory Group (PAG) in making their final recommendations on the Portland International Airport's facility requirements at their October 21 meeting.



## Building Livable Communities NE Coalition of Neighborhoods



In an effort to decrease criminal activity and address habitability issues for those living and working in North and Northeast Portland, the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) invites community organizations, businesses, and concerned citizens to work with Portland Police to address issues and to develop preventative measures to stop crime before it happens.

### You are invited to our monthly N/NE PUBLIC SAFETY ACTION COMMITTEE

#### Meetings

**Who:** Concerned citizens, Community Organizations, Businesses living or working in N/NE Portland

**What:** Share information and develop strategies for crime prevention

**Where:** NE Coalition of Neighborhoods Office  
 4815 NE 7th Ave, Portland, OR 97211

**When:** 4th Tuesday each month from 6 pm to 8 pm

#### The agenda will include:

- Updates
- Current issues in N/NE Portland
- Brainstorm ideas

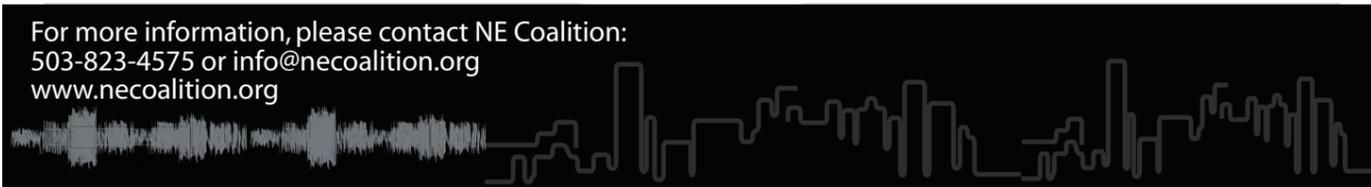
*Next Meeting dates:*  
 Augusts 26th, September 23rd,  
 October 28th, November 25th,  
 December - no meeting.

#### our vision is

*that by working together we can make N/NE Portland a better place to live, work and raise our families. We can only accomplish this by building a stronger relationship with one another, Portland Police, and our city, and become partners in crime prevention.*

**FOURTH TUESDAY EACH MONTH  
 6:00 - 8:00 PM**

For more information, please contact NE Coalition:  
 503-823-4575 or [info@necoalition.org](mailto:info@necoalition.org)  
[www.necoalition.org](http://www.necoalition.org)



## The Concordia Neighborhood Association Needs You!

At the November 4 General Meeting, we will be electing a new chair, new neighborhood representatives, a new webmaster, new nominating committee members, and all new committee members.

If you're interested in being nominated for one of these positions or just putting in your vote, come out on November 4th to the Kennedy School.

See page 1 for more details.



# concordia CULTURE

October 3rd – 5th

**Dress for Success Benefit Sale**

**WHAT:** Acey's closet in holding a warehouse clothing sale featuring designers such as Ann Taylor, Salvatore Ferragamo, Prada and more. Dress for Success is a nonprofit organization that helps promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and career development tools.

**WHEN:** Friday, 3 – 8 P.M., Saturday 10 A.M. – 5 P.M., Sunday 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.  
**WHERE:** 1532 NE Broadway

October 3rd

**Stories!**

**WHAT:** Portland Storytellers Guild's potluck, mini-class, and story swap. All are invited. You need not tell a story, but if you would like to try it out in a safe environment, this is the place for you.

**WHEN:** 7 – 9 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Kennedy School

October 4th

**Recycle your Plastic!**

**WHAT:** Autumn is here and that means the Master Recycler Fall Roundup is happening. Sure, we can stick a lot more in our curbside bins, but what about plant pots smaller than four inches? Chip bags? Six-pack rings? They go to the Roundup. Please rinse and sort before you go. You can find more info at masterrecycler.org.

**WHEN:** 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Kaiser Permanente West, 3325 N. Interstate

October 5th

**Ainsworth Linear Arboretum Tree Walk**

**WHAT:** Portland Parks & Recreation

started the Ainsworth Linear Arboretum four years ago with the idea of showcasing unique varieties of trees in an urban setting. Think how much more you will enjoy Ainsworth when you know the names of your tree neighbors. To register for this free walk or to get a map, call 503.823.1650.

**WHEN:** 12:30 P.M. – 2 P.M.  
**WHERE:** United Church of Christ, 2927 NE Ainsworth

October 8th

**Business Degree Information Session**

**WHAT:** Concordia University offers graduate and undergraduate degrees in Business. For more information, email admissions@cu-portland.edu

**WHEN:** 6 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Concordia University

October 9th

**HIV/AIDS Lecture**

**WHAT:** A Lyceum lecture to commemorate AIDS week, co-sponsored by One Voice. Several experts will discuss the status of the disease today.

**WHEN:** 7 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Luther Hall, Room 21

October 11, 12, 18, 19th

**Portland Open Studios**

**WHAT:** Artist share their processes and studios with the public. Four of participants are in our neighborhood, Maggie Casey, Gwenyth Jones, Nicole Rawlins, Tracy Taylor. There are maps for sale at New Seasons, and you can find out more about the artists at portlandopenstudios.com. Under age 18 are free.

October 21st

**Weatherization Workshops**

**WHAT:** Thirty per cent rate hike. Need

we say more? The Community Energy Project knows that no draft is too small to be stopped this winter and they are here to help. Get a free weatherization kit along with D-I-Y tips and tricks. There are many workshops throughout Portland, email energy@communityenergyproject.org to find out more.

**WHEN:** 6 – 8 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Faubion SUN School, 3039 NE Portland Blvd.

October 25th

**Free Movie**

**WHAT:** Come with or without your parents. Snacks, games and a showing of the movie, Monsters, Inc. Info: 503.287.1241

**WHEN:** 10 A.M. – noon  
**WHERE:** Englewood Christian Church, 3515 NE Killingsworth St.

October 28th

**Home Heating Options Workshop**

**WHAT:** Wondering whether to switch heating systems? With heating costs at record highs and going nowhere but up, this workshop will give you information about your options for being comfortable this winter that won't break the bank. There's no one answer for every home and every household is different.

Energy specialist Dave Brook will discuss your options for saving energy and money this winter. In addition, he will talk about considerations when it's time to replace or upgrade your present heating system. There will be time for questions at the end.

**WHEN:** 7 – 8:30 P.M.  
**WHERE:** St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central

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Monday, October 27

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Friday, October 31

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