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General Membership
March 7 at 7 P.M.

Concordia University's Luther Hall
Room 121

**Land Use/Livability/
Transportation Meeting**
No Meeting in March

Wellness Committee
March 2 at 7 p.m.

1st Wednesday of each month Caffé Vita
(formerly Concordia Coffee House)
3023 NE Alberta St.

Tree Team Meeting
March 3 at 6 P.M.

1st Thursday of each month
at New Seasons

Board Meeting
March 8 at 7 P.M.

2nd Tuesday of each month at
McMenamins Kennedy School,
Community Room

Media Committee
March 9, 6 P.M.

2nd Wednesday of each month
at New Seasons

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Come to Concordia's Open CRC Forum on March 7

Talk to your elected reps. Your voice needed

Please mark this on your calendar immediately: Monday March 7, 7 p.m.–9 p.m., Concordia U, Luther Hall, Rm. 121

We hope you bring a bunch of neighbors with you, as we'd like to fill all 150 seats in the Concordia U's auditorium in Luther Hall, the ivy-covered building on Holman St.

The occasion? CNA and NECN (12 neighboring NE Portland neighborhood associations) are sponsoring an open discussion encouraging everyone to express their feelings about spending \$3 to 8 billion dollars on a single multi-lane bridge across the Columbia River on I-5. We believe there are better alternatives that haven't been looked at, let alone studied.

Years ago activated Portland citizens stopped the Mt. Hood highway that would have gutted whole Southeast neighborhoods. We are hoping that a new groundswell of public opinion will push state and federal officials to look at alternatives. We all want to solve traffic congestion on the I-5 Bridge, but the current CRC (Columbia River Crossing) plans will not solve long-term problems and are extremely expensive. There have to be better ideas.

The people who need to take the lead on finding the better ideas are our elected officials because they will

have to come up with the funding (our tax dollars). CNA and NECN passed resolutions asking the CRC to study more sensible and more just solutions, but we're afraid those letters were deep-filed. So we want to address these officials face to face.

So what will happen at this meeting? A short 10-minute intro from a proponent of alternatives, a 10-minute video, statements of 2-3 minutes from each participating neighborhood association and then the floor will be open for you to comment (also 2-3 minutes each so we can hear from a lot of folks). It will end with brief reaction from the representatives.

So far we have definite attendance from Metro commissioners Tom Hughes and Rex Burkholder and our local reps in the Oregon legislature Chip Shields, Tina Kotek and Lew Frederick. Others have been invited.

The CRC wants to give the public the impression that their plan is a done deal. But they don't have the money, they don't have approval locally and nationally, and they haven't acquired any property yet. We want you and your neighbors to be heard before the deal goes through.

See you there.

Burning Houses Denied by Neighborhood

Land Use Committee and the Burning of Houses at Concordia U

by George Bruender, CNA Land Use Co-chair

The February 3 meeting of CNA's Land Use/Livability and Transportation committees discussed the issue of burning houses to make way for Concordia University's new soccer/baseball field. The overwhelming message from the more than 40 neighbors in attendance was that they did not want the Portland Fire Department or PCC's fire training program to conduct their "burn to learn" program – burning at least 8 homes – in their neighborhood. The PFD Captain took that message to his superiors the next day and they concurred that they would have no part in the burning.

The consensus message was that the contaminants in burning in a crowded residential area could be injurious to residents' health. Also

to be factored in is the fact that Concordia neighborhood already has very high levels of many industrial and transportation-related carcinogens and other pollution in our immediate air shed.

As several people stated, the decision was not a judgment of the fire department and its need to train its firefighters. This message was relayed on to City Commissioner Randy Leonard's office, which oversees the PFD, and they responded positively to the neighbors' decision.

Matt Burton, manager of Homes Worth Keeping and owner of the homes, will have to clear the 4 blocks by March 1 when construction will begin with an August deadline. Matt said that his only alternative to his inability to relocate the houses for

habitation is to demolish and/or deconstruct the houses. A livability advocate in the mayor's office said that usually 75% of this type of material is recycled by Metro.

Concordia U's master plan has always been to construct the ball field on the blocks between NE 27th and NE 29th between Liberty and Dekum, so they purchased houses as they came on the market. Original plans were to move all of them intact, along with houses that had been dislocated by the building of the new dorms on NE 27th and stored on skids and wheels along NE Junior, to a planned affordable housing subdivision in SE Portland. When the banks balked because of the poor housing market, this plan was put on hold for the better part of two years. The vacant houses

Chair's Corner

By Robin Johnson, Co-Chair

The violets are blooming outside my front door and the daffodils are out of the ground and looking hopeful. Certainly spring must be right around the corner! In the coming months, as the season unfolds and the flowers begin to appear, the CNA Board is putting together plans to present some interesting and significant topics for our general meetings. We hope that you will all take note and join us for these important presentations and the discussions that will follow.

On March 7 (a Monday night), to replace our usual meeting that would have occurred on March 1, we are joining with NECN, to offer a public forum on the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) to be held in Luther Hall at Concordia University at 7 p.m. Public officials have been invited to listen to neighborhood concerns regarding this important proposal. As stated in a letter addressed to our elected officials: "As Northeast residents of the Concordia neighborhood and as part of the NECN Coalition of 12 neighborhoods, we are likewise anxious that a solution to the traffic congestion on 1-5 at the Columbia River be expedited. At the same time, we look at the one-bridge solution suggested by the CRC and see that there is sporadic support for it from various officials and agencies, and we also look with trepidation at the fact that there is not citizen groundswell of enthusiasm for that one solution." Please read the cover story in this edition of the Concordia News that explains the issue and this meeting and then join us to make your opinions known to our elected officials.

Then in April, we anticipate having presentations and discussions regarding Last Thursday on Alberta Street. We also hope that, at this same meeting, a representative of the Alberta Main Street Program can attend to tell us about the vision and work plan that is emerging to support positive activity on the street. In May, tentative plans call for a "How Does Your Garden Grow?" topic presented by some of our Concordia neighborhood gardening experts. In June, the Tree Team may be ready to report back on the extensive work they have been conducting establishing an inventory of trees in the neighborhood.

We look forward to seeing you at these meetings. If you have topics that you want explored, just let us know what you want to talk about in the future and we will do our best to accommodate.

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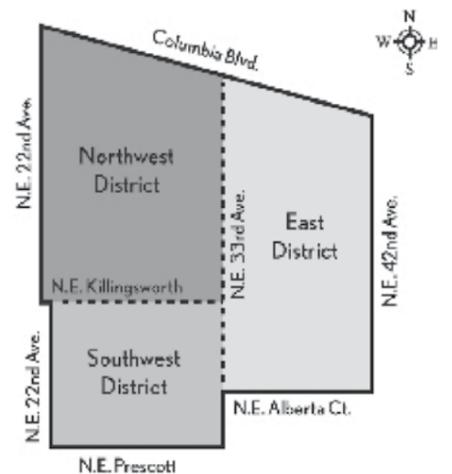
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Changes within the Media Team

On behalf of the media team and the entire CNA Board we would like to thank Belinda Clark and Rene Choy for their work on this newsletter.

Belinda Clark is stepping down as the Interim Editor. Rene Choy has been our layout editor these past two years and will be busy with her new job. Their dedication to the media team has been instrumental in publishing our neighborhood newsletter every month.

This newsletter is produced by volunteers, and funded by the Concordia Neighborhood Association and local advertisers. If you are interested in helping please email concordianews@yahoo.com, we'd love to have you!

Concordia Tree Inventory

by Jim Gersbach and Kristin Kaye

Portland Parks & Recreation Urban Forestry staff, the Concordia Tree Team and 50 volunteers contributed 250 hours collecting data on 4,636 street trees in Concordia in late summer and early fall of 2010. Trees at every tax lot in the neighborhood were inventoried, and data collected included tree type (species or genus), condition, size (diameter at breast height), planting strip width, and presence of overhead high voltage lines. This is the most comprehensive neighborhood inventory ever performed in the City of Portland.

Just as the U.S. census gives a neighborhood a much clearer picture of the state of its population, so too does inventoring all of our street trees. An inventory allows the Concordia neighborhood to develop plans for prioritizing how best to protect, expand and diversify our portion of the urban forest.

We now have a detailed picture and know the kinds of trees we have in Concordia, the size of those trees, and where they grow and don't grow. We can pinpoint which blocks are most in need of street trees and can work with local residents to bolster the canopy.

Supporting a healthy urban canopy is crucial for many reasons. Healthy trees provide myriad benefits including cutting energy costs by 30% in the summer; mitigating storm water runoff; cleaning our air, soil and water; providing wildlife habitat; and even increasing property value. A



Charley Davis, tree inspector for Urban Forestry checks the width of a Concordia parking strip.



Barbara Wharton reviews collected data.

single tree can increase your home's value by \$7,000.

Key inventory findings indicate that while Concordia has many trees, they are not as diverse as they should be to guard against devastating outbreaks of pests and diseases. Only half a dozen types of trees account for a majority of all our trees, which indicates a need to plant from a broader range of trees rather than just from what is most commonly available in nurseries. Doing so will add not only beauty and interest to Concordia's treescape, but it will also help protect that treescape from increasing pest and disease threats that can wipe out entire species in a region. The residents of Ladd's Addition, for example, are battling Dutch Elm disease which threatens the canopy there.

There may appear to be a lot of trees in Concordia already, but our recent inventory reveals that there are literally

hundreds of trees "missing" from our streetscapes because new plantings have not kept up with the loss of older trees. And while the majority of our trees are in good health, at least one in ten is dead or in poor health, indicating a need to safely remove those potentially hazardous trees which have reached the end of their lifespan and then replace them with new trees for the future health of our urban forest. Also, many Concordia street trees are still very young, and will need to be nurtured and maintained for many years before achieving their maximum benefits.

The Concordia Tree Team will use inventory findings to create a 5-year plan for our neighborhood's urban forest. We welcome input and invite you join us at our monthly meetings on the first Thursday of every month. We meet at the Concordia New Seasons from 6-7 p.m. in the dining area.

Photographs courtesy Angie DiSalvo, Portland Parks and Recreation, Urban Forestry.



Larry Light measures the caliper of a young tree while Lalita Ham of St. Johns records the data.

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have quickly become an "unattractive nuisance," and the college has been anxious to get their field in place. A quality home field would be a great recruiting tool. That has precipitated the current situation.

A college, especially an expanding college, puts great pressure on the immediate neighborhood; it happens everywhere. Often homeowners distrust the greater economic weight of an institution in their midst and feel that they are always at a disadvantage. With that in mind, the City of Portland gives residents a chance to weigh in on any major changes, new developments, requests for variances from current code, etc, either as individuals or collectively through neighborhood land use committees who can call meetings of affected residents.

Both the university and the CNA Land Use Committee have worked closely together during all phases of the recent expansion, calling meetings and setting up subcommittees of residents to deal with each step of the construction process. Neighbors have been involved in negotiating agreements such as setting up rules for the construction of the new library (hours of work operation, truck routes, etc.), for the location of the dormitory apartments, for the soccer field (type of field lighting, hours of operation, sound system levels, fencing and plantings) and for parking in the neighborhood (that's why the tennis courts are a parking lot and why 200 spaces have been added around the new field even before it is built).

And as the final pieces of the master plan are built there will be more chances to challenge, to negotiate, and to work together on a lot of goals important to all of us.

Write Around Here

The Concordia Newsletter is your neighborhood newsletter. It is mailed monthly to every household and is available at all neighborhood businesses. We would like to publish more articles about and by our neighbors.

Please send us your thoughts on:

- Events, big or small
- Topics you would like to read about
- Ordinary people doing special things
- Personal memories
- Photographs, current and historical
- A lot to say? We can post it on the CNA website
- Short, sweet (factual) and to the point, write it the way you talk
- 1 to 4+ paragraphs in length
- Email only to concordianews@yahoo.com

Look for it in the Concordia Newsletter.

Thank you, -the editors

What's Blooming in the March Garden

Daffodils, crocus, violets, flowering Currant, Oregon Grape, plum & cherry trees and other ubiquitous plants too numerous to mention here.

Some unusual plants include:

Arctostaphylos: also know as Manzanita, they're evergreen, drought tolerant, western natives with beautiful shiny bark.

Viburnum bodnantense 'Dawn': fragrant pink flowers on the bare stems. This shrub gets big (10' x 6') and has an unruly upright shape.

Hellebores come in several varieties but argutifolius (Corsican) is the largest with big racemes of apple green, cup-shaped flowers.

Also be on the look out for the beautiful and rare Trillium: These are mostly wild plants that enjoy growing in woodland setting and under big conifers of which Concordia has many. It takes about six years from seed for a trillium to produce its first bloom and if you pick the flower or dig up the plant it may take it that long for it to bloom again. So enjoy these shy beauties without disturbing them.



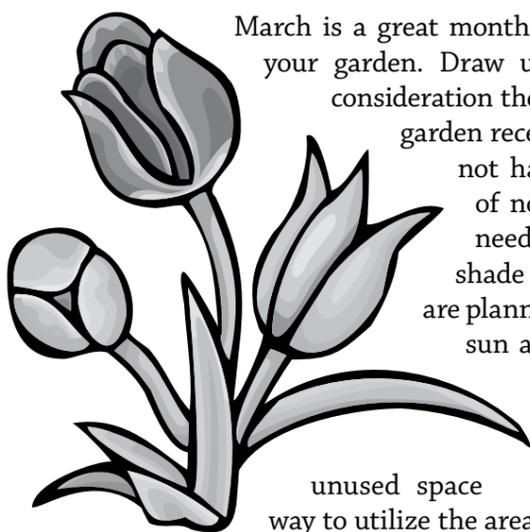
These plants are a good food source for Anna's Hummingbirds who over winter in Portland as well as pollinators of all kinds!

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March Gardening Tips

If you haven't done so already: cut back dead perennial foliage close to the crowns (new growth might already be showing) and lightly rake the garden of larger debris while leaving small bits and friable leaves on the soil surface. This will give the worms something to pull down into the dirt, which is beneficial to the soil's health. Small insects like to hide in the debris and foraging birds will feast on these. Birds also use small garden debris to build their spring nests. If you have planted bulbs, be mindful not to step on them as you work the soil!

Be careful when working the soil this month. If it's too wet, it will dry out in hard clumps, ruining that all-important soil texture which should be "crumbly." I also recommend layering organic compost (not bark) on top of you beds in order to boost the soil's fertility.



March is a great month to add new shrubs and trees to your garden. Draw up a simple design, taking into consideration the amount of sun each area of your garden receives during the day. Gardening is not hard but many make the mistake of not paying attention to the actual needs each plant requires, sun and shade being at the top of the list. If you are planning to add a vegetable garden, full sun all day long will give you optimal results. This is why many of our neighbors opt for planting edible gardens in the (typically) unused space of the front yard. It's a great way to utilize the area and create awareness of how fun and easy it is to grow your own food! Check out "lasagna gardening" & "straw bail gardening" for alternatives to the outmoded double digging method.

Please don't use chemicals to controls slugs and other insects. Slugs can be controlled in ways that don't harm other creatures that might eat them (including your own pets). Also check out this article on Roundup, "A Very Serious Poison" on the SafeLawns Blog: <http://tinyurl.com/4jetbxj>

On the Street Where You Live

Greetings, neighbors! I've lived in Concordia since 1992, and loved it from the start. Over the years I have seen many positive changes made in our lovely neighborhood. However, lately I've seen a disturbing trend: the prevalence of litter on many blocks. Maybe you have noticed it, too? Trash lying on our sidewalks, gutters and streets is not only unsightly (and bad for property values) but also hazardous to our wildlife. Plastics of all kinds break down into smaller and smaller pieces, making it easier for birds and animals to ingest, and this causes them irreparable harm. Litter discarded on our streets usually ends up in our waterways where it is nearly impossible to collect and contributes to even more problems.

According to The Daily Green, <http://tinyurl.com/66unrly>:

- Plastic debris is laced with chemicals and often ingested by marine animals, can injure or poison wildlife.
- Floating plastic waste, which can survive for thousands of years in water, serves as mini transportation devices for invasive species, disrupting habitats.
- Animals of all kinds can get tangled or trapped in litter causing starvation or suffocation.

This is an easy problem to solve; all we have to do is pick up the litter. Parents, if you do this with your kids they will grow up with the understanding that it's not acceptable to litter or walk by litter without picking it up. It's not entirely convenient, but if we start to set an example to others, especially children, perhaps people will be more aware of the problem and not allow trash to become litter.



To help get people started I want to set up a monthly event where neighbors come together to clean up a few blocks near their own home. We can also partner with SOLV to plan a bigger event. If you are interested in helping me with this project, please email me at suzinn@mac.com.

St Michael's Helping Day

St. Michael's, next to Concordia University, has collected over 1793 lbs of food for the Oregon Food Bank. What once was a Thanksgiving "once a year" collection has turned into an every Sunday event with people bringing food for all worship services and even dropping food off during the week.

In addition volunteers from the church, the university and the community volunteer their time from 9-11 once a month throughout the year. The last time the volunteers helped to process 10,888 lbs of rice, labeling over 3200 packages.

The next "helping day" will be on March 26. Plans are already being made to help out at the Oregon Food Bank on April 23, May 14, June 4, and July 15.

More volunteers are being sought to help out. If you are interested in being a part of this very necessary community event you are invited to come to St. Michael's at 8:45 a.m. on Feb. 26 and the other dates above. Volunteers can even be picked up at their home and dropped off after the work.

For more information call Elvis Schweitzer at (503) 236-8531

We are looking for contributors to submit historical information about our neighborhood.

Do you know some fun facts about the area? We'd love to hear from you! Send your facts about Concordia to concordianews@yahoo.com. Please use KYN in the subject line.

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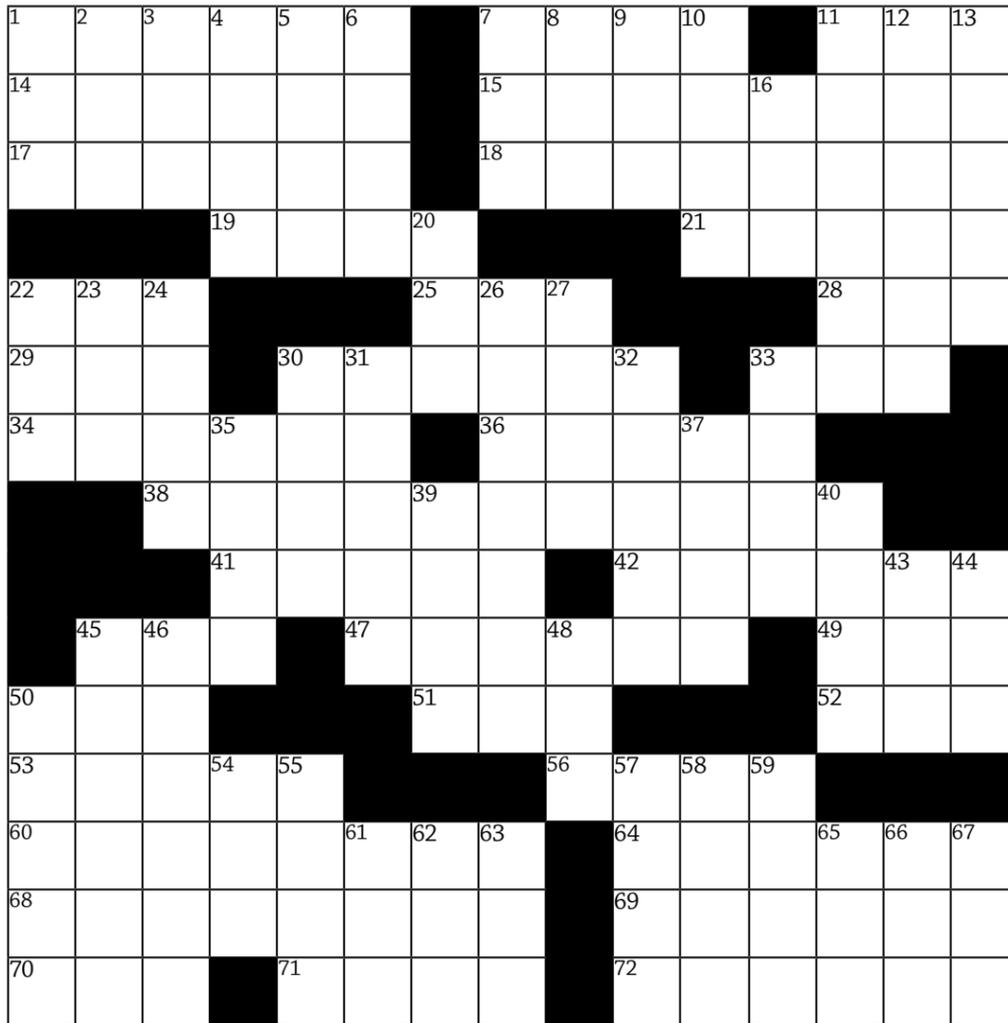
The rainy season is in full swing. On the plus side, it should be over by mid to late summer...

(solution found on page 7)

By Chris Yensan

ACROSS

- 1. Downpour
- 7. Stash
- 11. Dog sound
- 14. Foot arch
- 15. Lacking skill
- 17. Calm
- 18. Engraving
- 19. Look for
- 21. Softly, in music
- 22. A year in Madrid
- 25. One of the Gershwins
- 28. Docs' school
- 29. Chop off
- 30. Mama ____ (Live-in servant in Kingsolver's *The Poisonwood Bible*)
- 33. Danson or Nugent
- 34. Balance
- 36. More detached
- 38. With 26 Down, part two of wet weather expression
- 41. French mayonnaise
- 42. Guarantee
- 45. Hot dog necessity
- 47. Ecclesiastic assemblies
- 49. ____ favor (Span. *please*)
- 50. Opp. of ant.
- 51. Dep't of Defense map-making agency (Abbr.)
- 52. Mister, formally?
- 53. ____ Marie (R&B singer)
- 56. Follows interest or bit
- 60. The *heads* sides of coins
- 64. Type of exercise or bra
- 68. Your corned beef sandwich might be served on this
- 69. Possible Dead Sea Scroll author
- 70. Males
- 71. Small points
- 72. Follows *baby* or *thunder*



DOWN

- 1. Show no respect for (Slang)
- 2. Compass point
- 3. Nat. Weather Ser. Transmission RE: severe weather (Abbr.)
- 4. Utah and Colorado Indians
- 5. Hackman or Wilder
- 6. Fencing blade

- 7. 6th century Chinese dynasty
- 8. Spike TV's former name
- 9. Type of grain
- 10. What you do to a gift
- 11. On fire
- 12. Destroyed
- 13. Dangerous water overflow
- 16. ____ Friday's (Restaurant)
- 20. ____-Kat candy bar
- 22. Type of beer
- 23. It follows Oct.
- 24. Well-known oil cartel
- 26. With 38 Across, part one of wet weather expression
- 27. Alphabet run
- 30. Sudanese Island where White Nile and Blue Nile merge
- 31. Lhasas' last names (at the dog show)
- 32. Helped
- 33. Finnish sniper rifles
- 35. Indian flatbread
- 37. Long times
- 39. Kirk ____ (1st screen Superman)
- 40. Dines
- 43. French king
- 44. Misstep
- 45. ____ Birdie (Musical)
- 46. Unfairly matched (as opponents)
- 48. Rowing device
- 50. *Hail* or *snow* follower
- 54. Earnings, before taxes
- 55. Rodriguez's nickname, for the NY Yankees
- 57. Mimics
- 58. Keister
- 59. International trade name for ExxonMobil
- 61. ____ Paulo, Brazil
- 62. Baltimore's time zone (Abbr.)
- 63. Peter and Paul (Abbr.)
- 65. Shape with an axe
- 66. One in France
- 67. Precedes *capita* or *dium*

From the Editor:

In our last edition, we had an article about the Alberta Street car. It mentioned a past article stated the Alberta street car "turned around" when it reached the end of the line. Please note this referred to an article from several years ago. If you would like to submit memories of our neighborhood, please send to concordianews@yahoo.com.

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The ability to speak well is crucial to success, but have you ever evaluated your speaking skills? Many people, if they were to seek feedback, would learn that they talk too much, or perhaps too softly, that they fill their sentences with "ums" and "uhs," or that they are hard to follow. You might say that it's the message that matters; but if you can't put your ideas across in a way that makes people want to listen, that promotion or that leadership position could be a long time coming.

Portland Toastmasters provides a friendly and supportive setting where you can practice your public speaking, and receive constructive feedback. You will always learn something at every Toastmasters meeting - from improving your presentation skills to how to fix a car - as speeches can be about practically any topic under the sun.

If you are looking to learn, meet people in the Concordia area or have a good laugh, the Portland Toastmasters is the place to be.

You're invited to Portland Toastmasters Open House Monday March 28, 2011. We meet at Concordia University Library. Please arrive at 6:15 p.m. for refreshments.

Learn what Portland Toastmasters can do for you!

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According to Wildlife Fact File, about 160 million tons of trash is thrown away every year in the U.S. or approximately three and a half pounds per person each day.

More information can be found at the SOLV website: www.solv.org/volunteers/litter.asp



Photo by Bob Pallesen

Friends of Trees Coming March 26!

by Dove Hotz, Chair, Concordia Tree Team

The Friends of Trees annual neighborhood planting will take place Saturday, March 26, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5431 NE 20th Ave. Our planting partner will again be the awesome Vernon neighborhood. FOT account sign-up is now closed, but if you already have an account, you have until March 13 to place your order at www.friendsoftrees.org. We are on track to plant approximately 200 trees this year!

It takes many hands to get all these trees in the ground, so if you want a great volunteer experience, by all means join us. We are always in need of pickup trucks and drivers.

Other things to help with: registering other volunteers, preparing and serving breakfast and lunch, serving on a planting crew, and cleaning up after the event.

This year we will again feature a soup-making contest to feed our tired and hungry volunteers when they get back from their plantings. Everyone casts a vote for their favorite soup, stew, or chili, and the crock-pot with the most points wins!

Call Dove at (503) 284-7622 or e-mail Concordia@plantitportland.org to learn more.

Many thanks to Friends of Trees for all their hard work and assistance, especially our specially assigned neighborhood specialist Erica Timm. Your neighborhood coordinators this year are Erica Strauss and Brittin Witzenberg from Vernon; and Jordan McCann, Rebecca Wetherby, and myself from Concordia. Special thanks also to NW Natural for their continued support.

REMEMBER : Our March General Meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on March 7 at Concordia University, room 121, Luther Hall. Please plan to attend to meet your local representatives and discuss the future plans for the Columbia River Crossing (CRC) bridge.

Portland Fruit Tree Project

Now accepting applications for PFTP's Board of Directors

Portland Fruit Tree Project is seeking a few exceptional individuals to join our Board of Directors in 2011.

Board members are responsible for governing the organization. Key responsibilities include fundraising, strategic planning, financial management, and organizational development & community relations. We are seeking applicants who are deeply committed to the mission of the Portland Fruit Tree Project, with expertise in one or more of the key areas listed above.

Individuals with experience in community health, communications/marketing, or resource development (fundraising), and applicants with ties to business communities, local government, philanthropic communities, and/or communities of color are especially encouraged to apply.

Portland Fruit Tree Project is a vibrant organization with great momentum, this year being named Portland's best new nonprofit by Portland Monthly magazine. We must continue to build a strong foundation for our growing organization. We're excited to expand our board of directors, and engage people who share a passion for local food, healthy eating, and building community. The time is ripe to consider board membership and how you can help shape the future of the Portland Fruit Tree Project!

For more information, and/or to receive an application form, please contact Katy Kolker: katy@portlandfruit.org / (503) 284-6106

Applications are due March 8.

To reserve the Kennedy School Community room for events, meetings, and special events, please email cnaroomkennedy@gmail.com. Proceeds from the room rental help fund Concordia Neighborhood Association events like our Easter Egg Hunt coming up in April.

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It's unsightly, dirty and dangerous. It can harm water ways and wildlife when improperly disposed. It's the mass of tires, garbage, old furniture, and even worse stuff that's illegally dumped along public property, parks, streets and streams. And Metro's Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Patrol wants your help.

RID Patrol and local governments help clean up public property and handle investigations and prosecutions of illegal dumping on public and private sites within the Metro region. The program monitors and cleans up chronic dumps and quickly responds to new illegal dumps.

Community participation makes a difference. RID Patrol each year cleans up more than 2,000 illegal dump sites, and the public can help by using licensed haulers for your waste disposal and reporting dumps before they grow. It's easy: Call RID Patrol at (503) 234-3000, send e-mail to ridpatrol@oregonmetro.gov or report an illegal dump site online at www.oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol.

If you would like Metro staff to make a presentation to your neighborhood association, service organization or other group about RID Patrol services and how you can discourage dumping in your area, contact Tiffany Gates at (503) 797-1867 or tiffany.gates@oregonmetro.gov.

Portland City Council/Port Commission Hearing Date Scheduled

A joint Portland City Council and Port Commission hearing on Airport Futures is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16 at 6 p.m. This hearing will be held at the Port of Portland headquarters at Portland International Airport (PDX), 7200 NE Airport Way (8th floor Chinook Room). The hearing will include a review of the Portland City Land Use Plan, PDX Master Plan, and three intergovernmental Agreements memorializing commitments made through Airport Futures.

Directions:

By Car: Go to PDX. Follow the signs for the signs for the Port Offices/ Long Term Parking. Park in the long-term garage closest to the river and garage entrance. Take Northeast elevators to first floor Port offices. Cross foyer to second set of elevators and take to the 8th floor reception. BRING PARKING TICKET FOR VALIDATION.

Contact:

Lise Glancy, Port of Portland, (503) 415-6519
Jay Sugnet, City of Portland, (503) 823-5869

Saturation of Liquor Establishments and Setting Limits in Problem Areas

by Gayle Booher

At this time there is not much control on who can get a liquor license or how many can be granted in a certain area. Anything from a yarn store in NW Portland to a music store on NE Killingsworth to a coffee shop on Alberta has applied for and/or received a liquor license. I'm not against drinking, but I do have concerns about turning Alberta St. into alcohol row.

My neighborhood is being over-run with establishments selling liquor. Between NE 7th and NE 31st there are approximately 34 establishments selling liquor. The problems that such a concentration of these establishments bring, are such as those addressed below in House Bill 2151. This bill has not yet reached committee, so this is a good time to contact your State Representative, Lew Fredericks. His phone number is (503) 986-1443 or e-mail at rep.lewfrederick@state.or.us

To view applications currently in process go to <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?&c=48007> (Subject: HB-2151 - Saturation of Liquor License Establishments - Setting Limits on Licenses in Problem Areas)

Below is information from the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, City of Portland

Saturation of liquor licensed establishments can have adverse impacts on the

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surrounding community. However, there are no definitive tools available to government entities to address the issue of saturation. Saturation can have an adverse impact because

- 1) It allows problem premises to "hide" within a congregation of licensed establishments.
- 2) The increased availability of alcohol contributes to an increase in poor behavior related to alcohol and livability issues (public urination, disorderly or lewd behavior, etc.)
- 3) The density of alcohol establishments limits the availability for other commercial businesses to offer services to the surrounding communities.

Currently, there are no caps or limits on the number or types of liquor licenses that the Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC) can grant in a given area. The OLCC has tried without success to find a statewide strategy to address this issue through a 3-year Saturation Task Force.

The answer is in HB 2151.

Legislative Summary "Allows city or county to adopt limits on numbers of premises within city or county, or within specific areas of city or county, that Oregon Liquor Control Commission may license for full or limited on-premises sales or off-premises sales of alcoholic beverages or as brewery-public house." (Link to full text: <http://www.leg.state.or.us/11reg/measures/hb2100.dir/hb2151.intro.html>)

This legislative change would grant the authority to City's and Counties to set limits in areas that are exhibiting problems. Local governments, who are in the best position to know when saturation is causing an adverse impact, would now be able to act with this tool.

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WHAT: Guardino Gallery

Main gallery: Mar Goman "Fragments and False Starts," mixed media

Feature area: Jill Torberson, steel & mixed media

Mar Goman's show will consist of a variety of work, and is aptly named "Fragments and False Starts." All of her work makes use of found and re-purposed materials in paper dresses, painted sticks, altered clothing, cabinets and paintings & drawings.

Jill Torberson incorporates patina welded steel backdrops with mixed media materials, creating original work in a new format. Many of the works relate to the ideas of "house" and "home." The show will also feature mixed media shadow boxes.

WHERE: 2939 NE Alberta, (503) 281-9048, www.guardinogallery.com

WHEN: February 24-March 29
Opening reception: Last Thursday, February 24 6-9 p.m.

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WHAT: Sabin Community Orchard Spring Planting Day. Bring clearly labeled garden tools to work with if you have them. No experience necessary, free family-friendly event.

WHERE: Sabin Community Orchard, NE Mason Street (between 18th and 19th Aves)

WHEN: March 5, 2:30 p.m. Please RSVP to Rebecca: (503) 284-6106, rebecca@portlandfruit.org by Wednesday, March 2.

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WHAT: Concordia University Hosts Free Community Events in March. All events are free and open to the public and will take place on the Concordia University campus, unless otherwise noted. See their website for more through out the month.

Concordia Students Help Prepare Tax Returns. For the second year in a row, Concordia accounting students will be providing free tax service to the community and their fellow students. Call (503) 493-6250 for more information.

WHERE: Concordia University, George R. White Library, Community Room. www.cu-portland.edu.

WHEN: Saturdays March 5 & 12, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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WHAT: Slough 101. Ever wonder about that slow-moving channel of water running through Gresham, Fairview, and NE & N Portland? Learn about the history, water, wildlife, and current issues of the Columbia Slough at Slough 101. Slough experts will lead hands-on activities including a tour of a pump station and water bug discovery. Pre-registration is required for this free workshop at www.columbiaslough.org. Suitable for adults and teens 14 & up.

WHERE: Multnomah County Drainage Districts, 1880 NE Elrod Dr, Portland OR

WHEN: Saturday, March 12, 8:45 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free

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WHAT: Portland Fruit Tree Project - Winter Pruning

Early March is a great time for pruning & training espaliered and stone fruit trees. In this hands-on workshop you will learn the basics of winter pruning in order to increase the health and abundance of local fruit trees! This fun workshop will be an opportunity to gain a basic understanding of the different types of pruning cuts and when these cuts should be used.

This workshop will be hosted by one of our registered tree owners.

WHERE: Exact location details will be provided after you sign up. Phone: (503) 284-6106, email: bob@portlandfruit.org

WHEN: Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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WHAT: Portland Toastmasters - Going on job interviews? Leading a meeting? Wanting to network?

The ability to speak well is crucial to success, Portland Toastmasters provides a friendly and supportive setting where you can practice your public speaking, and receive constructive feedback. If you are

looking to learn, meet people in the Concordia area or have a good laugh, the Portland Toastmasters is the place to be. portlandtoastmasters.org

WHERE: Concordia University Library

WHEN: Open House Monday March 28. Please arrive at 6:15 p.m. for refreshments.

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WHAT: The Northeast Emergency Food Program "Sustainers Breakfast." There is no cost to attend the breakfast; a collection will be taken with all contributions going towards sustaining the Northeast Emergency Food Program (NEFP), a program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

The Northeast Emergency Food Program meets the urgent food needs of our North and Northeast Portland neighbors by providing a three- to five-day supply of groceries, as well as gently used clothing, to neighbors in crisis. In 2010, NEFP distributed over half a million pounds of food to nearly 11,000 individuals. Basing its efforts on the belief that nutritious food is a basic human need and a building block for a healthy life of possibility.

WHERE: Grace Memorial Episcopal Church, 1535 NE 17th Ave., Portland.

WHEN: Wednesday, March 30, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. For reservations to the breakfast, contact EMO by March 23, at (503) 221-1054 or csieme@emoregon.org

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WHAT: OASIS March classes - The mission of OASIS is to enrich the lives of mature adults by engaging

them in lifelong learning and service programs so they can learn, lead and contribute in their communities.

WHERE: Jane Griffen OASIS Program Coordinator, (503) 241-3059, c/o Macy's 4th Floor, 621 SW 5th Ave., www.oasisnet.org/portland

WHEN: Throughout the month.

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Thursday, March 3

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7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Thursday, March 3

Irish Whiskey Tasting

Ahhh...yes. What better way to warm your cockles than with the smoky smoothness of Bushmills Whiskey and a tasty, five-course menu.
7 p.m. · \$40; reservations required 21 & over

Tuesday, March 8

RACE TALKS: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR DIALOGUE

"Making Change, Making a Difference: Oregon Women of Color Past & Present"
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Thursday, March 10

King Perkoff Band

The legendary honker and shouter from San Francisco!
as part of the
SMALL BATCH TOURS
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Thursday, March 17

ST. PAT'S DAY

Colleen Raney · 4 p.m.
Irish Family Hooley · 4 p.m.
Irish Dancers · 5 p.m.

David Mayfield Parade · 7 p.m.
as part of the
GREAT NORTHWEST MUSIC TOUR
Free · All ages welcome

Wednesday, March 23

Family Frolic Series RENEGADE MINSTRELS

Artful blues for the soul
6 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Thursday, March 24

Adam Sweeney Band

Traditional folk
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Monday, March 28

HISTORY PUB

Learn something new while you enjoy a pint or two.
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

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