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Don't be late

Egg hunt goes quickly

Spring Egg Hunt • 10 a.m. • Saturday, April 15
Fernhill Park playground along northeast 37th Avenue

Sponsored by Concordia Neighborhood Association and American Legion Post 134
Volunteers are needed Friday night to stuff eggs and Saturday morning to hide them.
Contact Katie Ugolini at 503.449.9690 or Social@ConcordiaPDX.org.



Photo by Carl Jameson

Community rallies around Iraqi



By Brian Burk
CNA Media Team

Reverberations from recent presidential executive orders concerning foreign entry to the United States are being felt in Concordia.

Inside a former carriage house on Alberta Street, Iraqi-born Ghaith Sahib and wife, Tiffany, run DarSalam, one of two restaurants they own. They opened in 2011 after relocating from Amsterdam, where they had met and married.

Tiffany is a Portland native, and Ghaith, who left Iraq after surviving a 2005 car bomb attack, sought to re-establish himself in the U.S. following his escape from the war.

Ghaith said he found Portland welcoming. While hesitant to label DarSalam an Iraqi restaurant, the Sahibs did, and were surprised by how little it mattered to their customers. They even attracted an unexpected clientele: American Iraq War veterans. "They have a certain nostalgia for the culture," Tiffany said.

One such veteran is Sean Davis, commander of neighboring American Legion Post 134. "Our friendship goes back years," said Sean, who, like Ghaith, was also injured in the war. "As soon as they opened the restaurant, I went over there. Ghaith was there working every single day."

Seven years after beginning the adjustment to American life came a new disruption for the Sahibs. In January the first executive order was issued to restrict travel to the U.S. from seven predominantly Muslim countries, including Iraq.

"When we heard about the ban, we were shocked," Ghaith said. "We felt



As upsetting as Ghaith Sahib found the first executive order restricting travel to the U.S. from predominantly Muslim countries, he was cheered by the support from the Concordia community. He escaped the Iraq War in 2005 to re-establish himself here with native Portlander Tiffany and, now, their daughter Malaika. Photo by Brian Burk

worry. We felt shame. We felt people don't like us." Although a revised order excluded Iraq from the restricted countries, this did not resolve his tension. "For me it still hurts," he said.

Following the order, the community rallied around DarSalam. "We got support from neighbors, from friends, from customers," he said. "They tried to show us love and encourage us not to give up. It was a really good experience."

Nonetheless, the orders have disrupted business and family life. A Syrian employee has been unsuccessful in bringing his wife into the country. The couple also has relatives in refugee camps abroad whose immigration status is tenuous.

To those who would argue the executive order is necessary for public safety,

Ghaith said, "I don't agree at all. Refugees have already had to fill out so many applications, and there have been so many security checks. So this is not the answer," Ghaith said. "Refugees have already suffered. They need help."

Brian, a native northeast Portlander, is a freelance journalist living in Beaumont-Wilshire. In addition to writing, photography and videography, he enjoys flying, cycling, backpacking and studying local history. He may be reached at BPBurk@gmail.com or by phone/text at 503.781.0567.

Editor's note: CNews printed stories are necessarily short to fit the format. For a more in depth story, visit ConcordiaPDX.org/executive-orders.



CONCERT DATES SET

Tony Starlight opens this year's concerts in Fernhill Park.

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ECOVIBE COMES HOME

It took eight years for the Allens open their store on Alberta.

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JESSICA ROJAS' ROOTS ARE HERE

NECN staffer works for her community, quite literally.

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CNA VOICES

By Tyler Bullen
CNA Board Member
Concordia Neighborhood Association



Involvement at all levels ensures livability

The news coming out of our nation’s capital today reminds me that a healthy, functioning democracy isn’t a foregone conclusion. Maintaining transparency and civility means everyone’s involvement in the process – at every level – is critical to ensuring a livable and just society.

With this in mind, last November I joined our neighborhood association board because, when looking around my neighborhood, I realized there were issues happening right here in Concordia that affect my life.

Let’s take an example. Recently, the city sought neighborhood input on the Portland Residential Infill Project, a proposal to revamp the residential zoning code. This addresses some big, hot topic issues in Portland today: housing affordability, density, neighborhood character and transportation, to name a few.

The CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee studied and debated the issue before recommending that city code should be amended to allow for more housing options.

Provided they meet certain design standards, multi-family buildings could be built in many parts of Concordia that currently only allow single family homes. Doing so will increase affordability, but it

will also increase density, and accompanying those changes will be new opportunities and challenges for our community.

Neighborhood associations function primarily to promote conversation. Those conversations can come in the form of newspapers like this one, in monthly public meetings or in facilitating forums with our elected officials. As residents, engaging in these conversations is important.

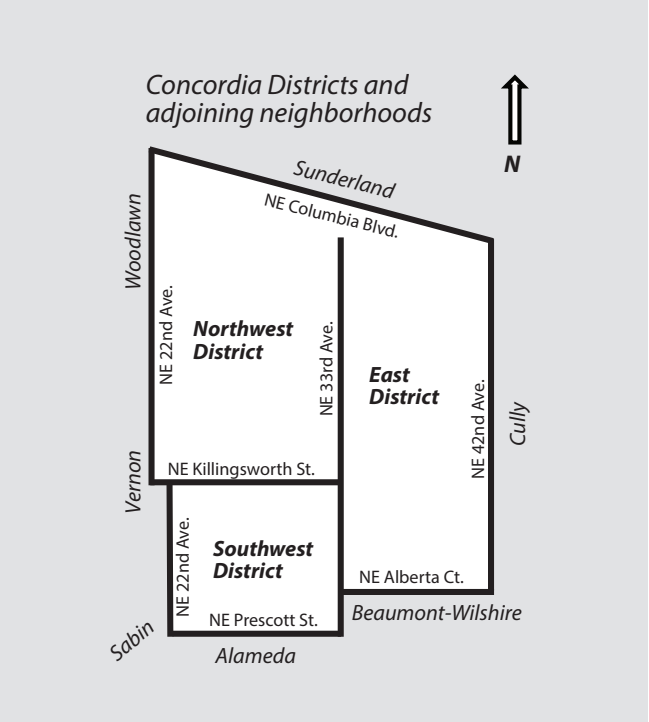
Our neighborhood association serves as a direct line to the city. When we make a recommendation, as we did with the Residential Infill Project last year, city commissioners read and consider seriously the position Concordia and other neighborhoods take prior to making a ruling.

This year, our neighborhood association will consider and debate numerous issues. We’ll make recommendations to the city and other governmental agencies, and we need everyone’s voice participating. While they may not seem to carry the import of some national issues, these decisions affect our lives now and far into the future.

It’s easy to be cynical or disheartened about government at any level. But there’s plenty of conversations to be had, decisions to be made and work to be done right here in Concordia and in Portland.

Concordia Neighborhood Association

- MEETINGS**
- Board Meeting**
2nd Tuesday of the month
Tuesday, April 11, 7-8:30 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room
- General Meeting**
Tuesday, June 13, 7-9:00 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room
- Social Committee**
If you’d like to volunteer for the April 15 Spring Egg Hunt or join the CNA Social Committee to help plan other fun, community-building events, contact Katie Ugolini, 503.449.9690, KTUgolini@gmail.com.
- Media Team**
1st Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, April 4, 6 p.m.
McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room
Contact MediaTeamLead@ConcordiaPDX.org
- Land Use & Transportation Committee**
3rd Wednesday of the month
Wednesday, April 19, 6 p.m.
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Need a place for your party?

The Community Room at McMenamins Kennedy School is available for your next gathering, book club, birthday, baby shower or special occasion. CNA manages the rental space & benefits from the proceeds.

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Email: CNARoomKennedy@gmail.com



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Visit:
cerimonhouse.org

Cerimon House is a nonprofit humanities & cultural organization located in the historic neighborhood meeting space on the corner of NE 23rd and Sumner. We welcome your rentals, are fully ADA compliant, and are hosting ceremonies and gatherings of all kinds. Join us and add your stories.

April Special Events

An Iris Stands Tall
A Mother’s Journey,
A Daughter’s Transition

A month-long art installation
by Annette Sabater.

Meet the Artist:
April 2nd & 4th

Forums:
April 11th & 18th

Visit our website for more details.

Sunday, April 30th
(1:00 - 4:30pm):

Labyrinth Walk
On the final Sunday of each month, visit this popular and unique community event. It’s a large-scale contemplative walking pattern. Unplug. Focus. Restore.



Make your 30-minute appointment at our website, or drop-in on April 30th.

Concordia murals

A hibiscus blooms on this Alberta corner

*By Karen Wells
CNA Media Team*

The mural located at the corner of Alberta Street and 29th Avenue is the result of collaboration between La Bonita restaurant, Clary Sage Herbarium, DJ Androje-nous and Portland-based muralists Jon Stommel and Travis Czekalski.

The east facing wall of the La Bonita and Clary Sage Herbarium building was very attractive to random taggers. It was



tagged regularly with various designs, text and was home to adhesive stickers gone astray.

Building and La Bonita owner Salvador Lopez, and herbarium operator Laurie Lava-Books – in an effort to slow down the taggers – contacted Jon and Travis, the dynamic duo behind Rather Severe, which specializes in murals, illustrations and public art.

Lopez wanted a vibrant design incor-porating bold colors. Lava-Books wanted

a design which represented the diversity of patrons who visit the herbarium for the wide array of herbs offered. Those requests were combined, and a mural was born.

Artists: Both hail from the Midwest, Ohio in particular, and hold bachelor’s degrees in fine arts from Columbus College of Art and Design. They’ve worked together professionally for the past seven years, and lived in Portland five.

Jon is inspired by patterns repeated in the natural world, and Travis enjoys

celebrating the rich diversity of people, places and nature. The philosophy they share is to enrich the experience of being in public spaces.

What the mural represents: The composition is meant to emulate a wall-paper pattern populated with abstract forms developed through automatic drawing.

Installation: October 2016

Fun Fact: The hibiscus dominating the left side of the mural is reflected in the neon sign of La Bonita restaurant. For more of their work, visit Rather-Severe.com or Facebook.com/Rather.Severe.

Roads, refugees dominate questions to commissioner

Repairing potholes is a priority for the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), city commissioner Dan Saltzman told about 40 Concordia Neighborhood Association members at the March 14 general meeting.

The bureau planned to spend an entire week during the first three months of 2017 in a “patch-a-thon” to repair damage from the severe winter. Those efforts are meant to continue quarterly. Although weather thwarted early efforts, one full day of work March 10 patched 900 potholes.

He also reported PBOT is doing well to date on the 2017-2018 budget it submitted. The city budget office (CBO) has recommended council approval on several of its major requests. That includes improving sidewalks, traffic signals and bike lanes to implement Vision Zero, which aims to eradicate traffic deaths by 2020. Additionally, the CBO recommends PBOT’s \$5 million investment in making more curbs wheelchair accessible.

The bureau also recently completed implementing an agreement with Waze, a new GPS-based smart phone app that allows drivers to share traffic and road information in real time. Input to that app not only offers detours from congested areas, but steers drivers away from schools, the commissioner pointed out.

He also committed to investigating more durable paint for street markings, when a resident pointed out markings in other cities last longer

than in Portland.

Air quality was another concern expressed by Concordians. According to the commissioner, that’s a legis-lative priority for city council. One Legislature bill in particular would prevent the state from continuing to allow use in Oregon of old, unfiltered diesel trucks now outlawed in Cali-fornia.

“We have some requirements about that as well,” he added. City contracts with vendors now compel use of modern, cleaner engines to reduce diesel pollution.

Asked whether Portland will become a sanctuary city for refugees, he pointed out Oregon is already a sanctuary state. “So state law doesn’t allow us to enforce immigration activity here, not that we would.”

Although there is talk about the federal government withholding funds from states and cities that refuse federal enforcement support, he said no action has been taken.

“Obviously, we’re concerned. But our principles are stronger.”

Other topics and questions during the meeting covered:

- The question of whether the city or neighbors are responsible for main-tenance of the Ainsworth Street median
- The concern to lower speed limits on Concordia arterials
- Pedestrian safety
- Air pollution
- The potential for a community center



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Friday–Sunday, June 23–25

Gather all those items you no longer want or need, register for the CNA yard sale and then fill your yard with those items June 23–25.

Everyone who lives within CNA boundaries (see the Page 2 map) — or whose sale will be in the CNA neighborhood — is invited.

CNA promotes the event in CNews and The Oregonian; on ConcordiaPDX.org, the CNA Facebook page, craigslist.com and Nextdoor.com; and with large signs on major neighborhood intersections. We supply you with signs and balloons to mark your yard.

The sales of everyone registered by June 14 will appear on the CNA Yard Sale printed map — with copies provided to you to share with your customers — and published on ConcordiaPDX.org and announced in Nextdoor.com.

Register on paper or electronically:

Paper

- Complete and mail/deliver to the address listed in the coupon below.
- Don't forget to insert a \$7 check in the envelope.

Electronically

- Email the information requested in the coupon below to ShareBearU@yahoo.com or text it to 503.706.8176.
- Visit ConcordiaPDX.org/yard-sale to make your \$7 payment through PayPal.

Questions? Email Sharon Griffin, yard sale coordinator, at ShareBearU@yahoo.com, or text her at 503.706.8176.



CNA Yard Sale Registration

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____ Cell: _____
Email: _____

Indicate days you will participate in the sale:

- ☐ Friday, June 23
☐ Saturday, June 24
☐ Sunday, June 25

Enclose a check for \$7, payable to
Concordia Neighborhood Association
mail/deliver to: Sharon Griffin
5252 N.E. 32nd Ave., Portland, OR 97211

CNA spring clean up beckons your discards

This year's neighborhood clean up is Saturday, May 20, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at PCC Workforce Training. It's Concordia Neighborhood Association's (CNA's) biggest fundraiser of the year.

CNA will dump, recycle and/or find new homes for your discards. Your help is needed to organize the event, and on May 20 to unload vehicles and direct traffic. To volunteer, contact Katie Ugolini at Social@ConcordiaPDX.org or 503.449.9690.

Special features this year are:

- **You-price-it yard sale** – See something you like among the reusable household goods, say what it's worth to you, and it's yours.
- **Professional Tool Sharpening** – Between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m., bring your knives and garden tools to be sharpened professionally by 1 SharpTool Edge Service, with 25 percent of the proceeds going to CNA.

This year, the event is allowed to:

- **Accept:** household waste, metal, block styrofoam (no peanuts), plastics (items not collected curbside), batteries, furniture, electronics, lamps, mattresses, clothes, bicycles, and other household items
- **Not accept:** light bulbs, refrigerators, freezers, large appliances/white

goods, tires, rocks, concrete, paint, oil, kitchen garbage, residential yard debris, hazardous waste, any waste and recyclables collected curbside – additionally the event cannot accept these materials used in construction, remodeling or demolition:

- Flooring: vinyl tiles, vinyl sheet, mastic
- Walls: plaster, decorative plaster
- Siding: cement siding shingles "Transite"
- Ceilings: acoustical tiles, "popcorn" and spray-on texture
- Insulation: spray-applied, blown-in, vermiculite, pipe, HVAC and lagging
- Electrical: wire insulation, panel partitions
- Other: fire doors, fire brick, fire proofing

Suggested donations for are: \$10 per car; \$15 per truck, van and SUV; \$20 per large truck; \$30 per oversized load; and an extra \$5 for electronics and batteries.

This year's spring clean up sponsors are: 1 Sharptool Edge Service, Portland Disposal & Recycling, E & A Recycling, Metro Metals, New Seasons Market, Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, PCC Workforce Training Center and Portland Bureau of Planning & Sustainability.

Mark your calendar now for Fernhill Concert Series

Music returns to Fernhill Park this year on five consecutive Fridays in July and August.

These are this summer's headliners:

- July 7: Tony Starlight
- July 14: Edna Vazquez Band
- July 21: Farnell Newton & the Other-ship Connection
- July 28: Robin Jackson & the Caravan

- August 4: Colectivo Son Jarocho de Portland

National Night Out will be observed earlier elsewhere this year. But Concordia Neighborhood Association is saving its celebration for Aug. 4. When Colectivo Son Jarocho de Portland steps off the stage, and darkness falls, Fernhill Concert Series presents its first outdoor movie. Tell the kids it's "Lego Batman."

Sponsors are needed to support this year's concert series. Visit ConcordiaPDX.org/concerts for details.



Tony Starlight makes a return engagement July 7 to kick off the Fernhill Concert Series. Last year he – and more than 300 Concordians – braved the rain until a deluge ended the concert early. Prior to the concert start time, however, he serenaded the crowd with "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head." Photo by Belinda Clark

We'll ride the Rose Quarter to Gorge Trail



By Garlynn Woodsong
Chair, CNA LUTC

One day, my son and I will pack our panniers and jump on our trusty bicycles. We will ride south from the Concordia neighborhood, down the Alameda Ridge, through Irvington and down into Sullivan's Gulch, where we will turn left onto the Rose Quarter to Gorge (RQ2G) Trail. We'll ride for a few hours east on the trail, pass through the new Gateway Green as we follow a tree-lined path adjacent to I-84, through Troutdale and onto a new grade-separated pathway running through the forest uphill from the freeway, through and over new pedestrian/bicycle tunnels and bridges, thread a needle through the topography of the Columbia River Gorge, until finally we pull into our bicycle campground in the forest near Latourelle.

The next morning, we will get back

on to our bicycles. We'll pedal on into Cascade Locks for lunch, stopping briefly to take in a few waterfalls along the way. After picking up some salmon from the Native American fishermen at the old locks, we'll ride to Lang State Park and pitch our tents.

We'll pedal on into Cascade Locks for lunch, stopping briefly to take in a few waterfalls along the way.

On Day 3 we'll ride around Shell Rock Mountain on the new trail alignment there, and on in to Starvation Creek to stop for lunch on the picnic benches before riding on into Hood River.

I'll have a microbrew in town while we wait for our train, then hang our bicycles on hooks and enjoy the quick ride on the new electrified high speed rail line running through the Columbia River

Gorge, delivering us back to Gateway Transit Center within 45 minutes.

This is the vision of the Rose Quarter to Gorge Trail project, a new initiative to link the Sullivan's Gulch Trail project with the Historic Columbia River Highway Trail project to provide one

with other traffic on the existing, newly-electrified transcontinental rail main lines to points east.

Together, these two visions could be part of our generation's legacy, transforming our state and our bioregion, strengthening our economy and laying the foundation for sustainable growth well into the second half of the 21st century.

The North East Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), of which Concordia is a member neighborhood, has taken many positions in support of this vision, dating back at least as far as the organization's support for high speed rail and the Sullivan's Gulch Trail, during the Sam Adams administration in 2011 and 2012, respectively.

Last August, NECN again expressed support for this vision in a letter to Mayor Charlie Hales and the city council.

If you're interested working with NECN and others to help to turn this vision into reality, please drop an email to: RQ2G@NECoalition.org.

Land use, transportation & livability update



By Ben Earle
Secretary, CNA LUTC

Better Housing by Design public meeting April 19

Because of its importance to both Concordia residents and the entire city – and it happens to be the same time as our April 19 meeting – the LUTC encourages you to join us for the Citywide Topics and Inner Neighborhoods Focus public meeting at 6 p.m. at the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) office, 4815 N.E. 7th Ave. We will hold a brief LUTC meeting there immediately following.

Partially funded by a Metro Community Planning and Development Grant, this event is one in a series of stakeholder working group meetings to discuss the Better Housing by Design (BHD)

project being conducted by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability at various eastside locations from March through early May.

The goal of the BHD is to improve development of apartments, townhouses,

and in the future.

As housing design is, of course, a complex subject, covering a long list of equally significant components, each of these meetings focuses on three specific topics.

The goal of the BHD is to improve development of apartments, townhouses, “plexes,” courtyard housing and other types of multi-dwelling housing.

“plexes,” courtyard housing and other types of multi-dwelling housing. Along with community advocates and other Portlanders, city planners are asking for additional public input on how multi-family development can better meet the needs of both people who live here now


inner neighborhoods

Please RSVP to 503.823.7728 or BetterHousing@PortlandOregon.gov.

Discussions and ideas from these community sessions will contribute to a refined set of code concepts, alternative development options and conceptual street plans to be presented at a public workshop June 3, location to be determined.

For a complete list of meetings, see PortlandOregon.gov/bps/article/630417. You can also find out more about the BHD at PortlandOregon.gov/bps/better-housing.

Concordia residents are encouraged to join the CNA LUTC from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday April 19, at the NECN office, 4815 N.E. 7th Ave., for a city-sponsored discussion of inner east neighborhood development options. For more information about the LUTC, visit ConcordiaPDX.org/category/land-use-livability, send your questions to LandUse@ConcordiaPDX.org, or email LUTC_Secretary@ConcordiaPDX.org to join the LUTC notification list.



What's Selling in Concordia?

202 Homes sold in RMLS in last 12 months as of March 10 th	3.5% Increase since 2016 <i>2016 Average Sale Price: \$469,377</i>
Avg. Days on Market:..... 18	Average List: \$470,275
Avg. Cumulative Days on Market22	Median List: \$446,950
Median Days on Market:6	Average List \$ per square foot: \$228
Median Cumulative Days on Market7	Average Sold \$ per square foot: \$236
Avg. square feet:2,065	Median Sale Price: \$462,500
Median square feet:2,109	Average Sale Price: \$486,846

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Allens bring EcoVibe home to Alberta Street



By Nancy Varekamp
CNews Editor

For Leonard “Len” and Andrea “Dre” Allen, owners of EcoVibe Apparel, opening their second store – at 1408 N.E. Alberta St. – was coming home. Len grew up in Portland, and the couple has lived in northeast neighborhoods with their three children for more than 11 years.

“Our original business plan eight years ago was to open here,” Len pointed out. “However, we were unable to obtain a lease in the neighborhood at that time,

they are happy to have expanded here.

Some of those loyal customers live in northeast Portland, and they are as delighted as the Allens are for the location of the second EcoVibe since it opened in late January.

EcoVibe Apparel focuses on affordable, ethical, women’s fashion. Soft fabrics are the hallmark of the EcoVibe label, complemented by local and handmade accessories. The company is a member of 1% For The Planet, giving 1% of all sales to nonprofit organizations that create positive environmental impact.

“Portland is the greenest city in America, and we knew people here could really get behind the concept when we

“Portland is the greenest city in America, and we knew people here could really get behind the concept when we opened our first store.”

— Dre Allen

so we began exploring other areas and ended up in northwest Portland by default.”

Any new business has its challenges. For a retail store of any kind, location is key. Len and Dre learned this early on in their first location in the Pearl, and ended up moving to the thriving shopping district on northwest 23rd Avenue after their third year. Due to the success of that location and their loyal customers,

opened our first store,” Dre said. “It’s already proving true here on Alberta too.”

Tourists visiting Portland have carried the concept home, and business from EcoVibeApparel.com is growing daily.

The company is a combination of the Allens’ skills, backgrounds and passions. Dre’s experience is in the natural health and wellness industry, and is focused on



An eco-conscious and sustainably-minded women’s apparel store on Alberta Street has been a dream of Len and Dre Allen for eight years. Photo courtesy of EcoVibe Apparel

marketing, esthetics and sustainability.

Len has an extensive background in the fashion and apparel industry, with 30-plus years of experience working for companies such as Nordstrom and Mario’s, and as a model for Northwest brands like Nike and Columbia.

“Eight years ago, the store was a

dream to combine our shared passions,” Dre said. “Now we have the opportunity to expand our business and be closer to home with our family.”

“As local residents, we’ve seen so much growth in this community,” Len added. “Now it’s encouraging to participate actively in its continuing growth.”

NextDoor.com hot topic round up



By Carrie Wenninger
CNA Media Team

Portland pothole patch-a-thon in progress! Report ‘em by emailing a detailed description with photos to PDXroads@PortlandOregon.gov, by using the PDX Reporter App, or by calling the 24-hour maintenance line at 503.823.1700.

WOBS aplenty: Neighbor Andrea D. inquired about women-owned businesses to support on International Women’s Day, and is quickly awash in enthusiastic recommendations from women business owners and their families, friends and neighbors.

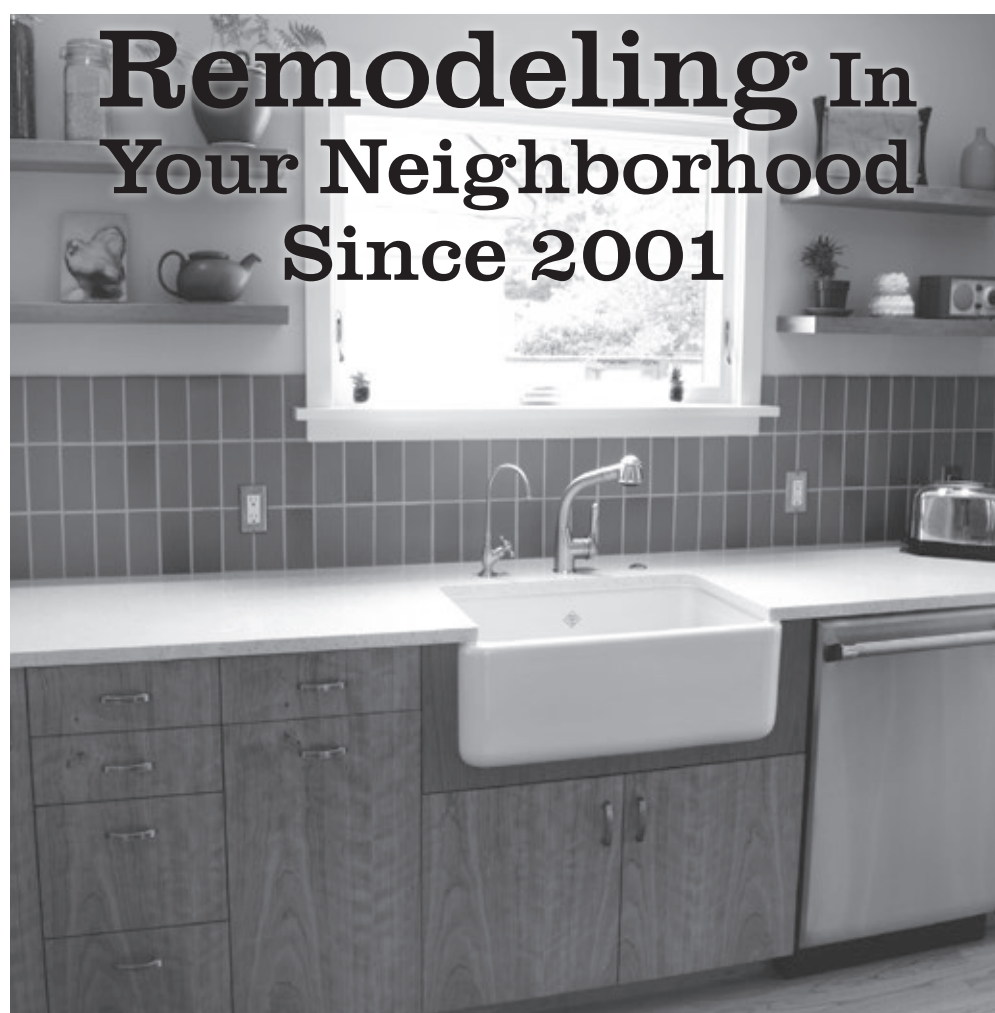
ACLU accepts ICE pix: Concerned neighbor shares photo of Immigration and Customs Enforcement checking papers in downtown Portland. Neighbors chime in with suggestions to document ICE actions using a phone or camera like any law enforcement activity, and report

to the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon’s immigration hotline via a text or call to 971.412.ACLU.

Things that go beep in the lawn: Tim from Piedmont is in search of locations to use his metal detector, offers to help find jewelry, show kids how the detector works, and promises to plug-n-patch all holes, leaving nary a trace. Search “Tim metal” on NextDoor to find the thread, get in touch.

Hurtful graffiti brings show of support: Neighbor whose home was tagged with unkind words receives dozens of messages of support, along with offers to help scrub, remove, repaint. Community 1, vandals 0.

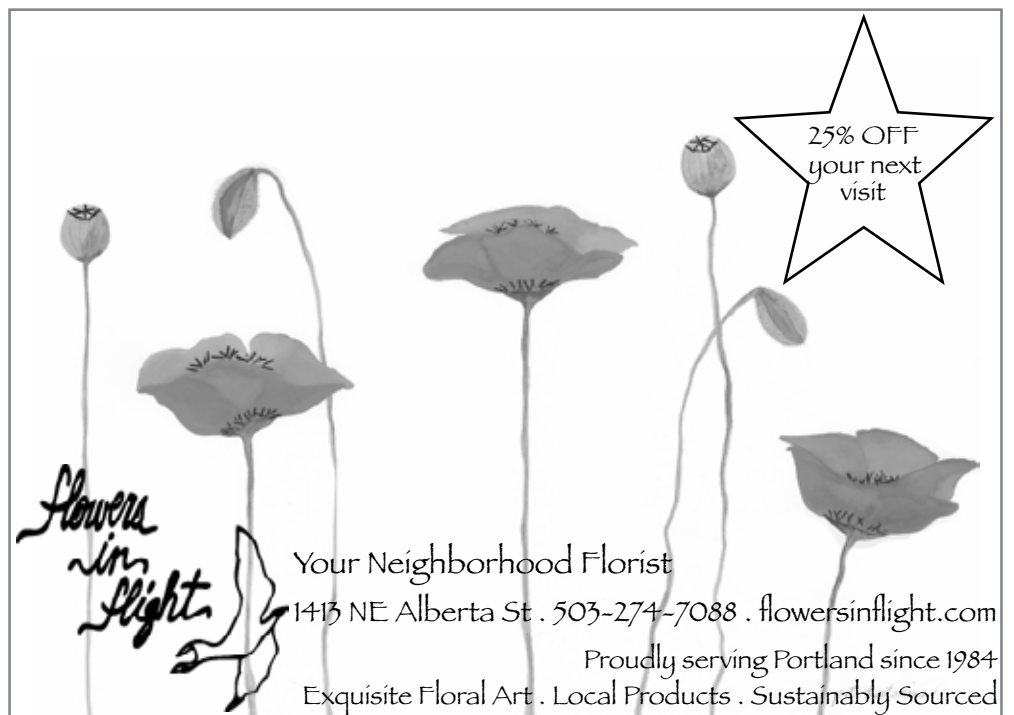
Carrie is a Concordia resident and lives on 29th Avenue. As a freelance writer with a penchant for poetic prose, she tries to look for the humor in everyday life. She also is a mom and world traveler who, with her partner, owns a company that restores and repurposes vintage homes. Contact her at WurdGurl@gmail.com.



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NECN staffer returns to her northeast roots



By Susan Trabucco
CNA Media Team

On 7th Avenue, adjacent to the parking lot where the King Farmers Market is held through the growing season, a brick building houses the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN). Twelve north and northeast Portland neighborhoods – including Concordia – comprise NECN. It’s one of seven neighborhood coalitions affiliated

ment manager. Jessica, who has a degree in environmental studies, prioritizes her time first in support of the neighborhood associations’ needs, and then on engaging with community members about air and watershed issues, industrial pollution and other neighborhood environmental concerns. Community outreach is a role she relishes. “I use my education and the resources of NECN to empower community members to better understand the environmental challenges of the neigh-



Jessica Rojas is the community and environmental engagement manager for the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods. Here she stands before a white board outlining community input on a redesign of King Park in northeast Portland. Photo by Susan Trabucco

“People want to feel at home, and to feel a sense of place. That’s what connecting provides.”

— Jessica Rojas

with the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement. NECN works with community groups and residents on a variety of issues that affect life in the city’s neighborhoods, including land use and transportation, crime prevention and safety, schools, environmental problems, and housing. Each day since starting with NECN last July, longtime northeast Portland resident Jessica Rojas works diligently as community and environmental engage-

borhood, and help them learn what they can do to remedy those challenges,” Jessica said. Convening people is at the heart of her role – not to tell people what to do, but rather to find out what people want, and to support them in their efforts. “I like it when people come to the table, regardless of their position on a subject. It creates opportunities in our district for people to become more literate in environmental issues and to build more community cohesion.” Jessica believes community cohesion is one of the biggest challenges of the changing face of north and north-


east Portland neighborhoods. With more affluent people moving in, she said it’s important for people to get to know each other and to look out for each other, like when she was growing up on Alberta Street in the 1980s. “When I moved back to the neighborhood after college, I pushed myself to reach out to people who are from a different class and age. I was rewarded by meeting very interesting people.” Jessica believes there is an overarching reason for community connection. “People want to feel at home, and to feel a sense of place. That’s what connecting provides.” Reach her at Jessica@NECoalition.org or 503.388.5030. To learn more about her background, and to see her tips on how to connect with neighbors, visit ConcordiaPDX.org/jessica-rojas. And for more information about NECN, visit NECoalition.org.

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Alberta Street gets Earth Day spring cleaning

April 22 is the seventh annual Alberta Street Operation Clean Sweep, presented by Pacific Power and organized by Alberta Main Street (AMS). It’s an opportunity for friends and neighbors to get involved with their community and spruce up Alberta Street. Rain or shine, volunteers will focus on removing litter, clearing storm drains, weeding and mulching bus stops and removing graffiti along Alberta between MLK Jr. Boulevard and 33rd Avenue. Volunteers of all ages are welcome, from student groups and church groups to local businesses, area residents and neighborhood community members. “Operation Clean Sweep gives participants an opportunity to give back and get involved with their community,” said Sara Wittenberg, AMS executive director. “It is always wonderful to see people of different ages and backgrounds come together and work toward a common goal.” Volunteer check-in is 10 a.m. at Alberta Central, 18th Avenue and Alberta, and clean up starts at 10:30 a.m. Volunteers will be assigned to designated tasks and areas. Bring your own water bottle, gloves and any tools that will aid in clean up. Volunteers are asked to pre-register online, AlbertaMainSt.org/whats-happening/earth-day. The Golden Garbage Awards and post-clean-up festivities follow the morning’s work. Pizza, Salt & Straw ice cream, and raffle prizes from local businesses is on tap until about 1:30 p.m.

– Submitted by Alberta Main Street



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Impulse control is answer to cyberbullying



By Karen Wells
CNA Media Team

Diallo Lewis, a Grant High School vice principal, provided some insight on bullying, how cyberbullying can easily get out of control and how saying “no” can be a game changer.

Here’s a quick review of the universal definition of bullying: the action is aggressive or hurtful, repeated, perception of harm is real and a specific person/group is the target.

Which kids are most at risk for bullying or cyberbullying? “Just about anyone, for just about anything, from attire to a random social media posting,” he said. “There’s no clear pattern.”

“Kids are struggling with what is appropriate to post,” he added. “A post that a sender believes to be harmless is perceived as a friendship breaker to the recipient.” It might be an issue of impulse control, the inability to resist the urge to click “send.”

“Kids are struggling with what is appropriate to post.”

— Diallo Lewis

Saying “no” to the urge to click “send,” to bully, to disrespect someone – via word, action or deed – can be a game changer. It takes practice and might feel awkward, at first.

Practice and awkwardness are part and parcel of growing up, of becoming a digital citizen taking responsibility for their actions.

In 2014, Portland Public Schools surveyed 5th, 7th and 10th graders, plus their families, teachers and school staff. The resulting “Successful Schools Survey” offered this pulse on schools’ climate:

- Grant High School students reported, within a 12-month period, they were negatively impacted by cyberbullying four times or more.
- 94 percent of Grant staff reported bullying was a problem among

students.

- 38 percent of parents felt bullying was a problem.
- Self-identified racial and ethnic minority background families expressed more concern about bullying than their European-American counterparts.

Karen, OCCD master trainer, early childhood education, conducts health and safety trainings for parents and child care staff via Child Care Resource and Referral of Multnomah County. She may be reached at 5CornersFamily@gmail or text 619.244.7892.

Navigate the social & digital landscape

These resources can help you, your child and any young adult navigate the social and digital landscape.

- “Raising Parents Raising Kids,” Dawn Menken, 2013, Belly Song Press, GoodReads.com/book/show/18596105-raising-parents-raising-kids
- “Our School/Race Forward,” PPS.net/Page/9652
- “Portland Public Schools: Successful School Survey 2014-15: Student, Staff, Parents,” PPS.net/Page/9879
- “Think Out Loud, Grant High School Filmmakers, SxSL (South by South Lawn) Student Film Festival,” OPB.org/radio/programs/think-out-loud/article/portland-grant-high-school-filmmakers-white-house/
- “Oregon Safe Schools Act of 2009 – ORS 339.351 to 339.364,” Oregon Department of Education, Oregon.gov/ode
- “Bullying Guidance, January 2016,” Oregon.gov/ode/students-and-family/healthsafety/documents/bullyingguidance.pdf
- “Digital Citizenship,” CommonSenseMedia.org/video/educators/digital-citizenship



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Services aren’t limited to medical at HIV center



By Dan Werle
CNA Media Team

In spring 1990, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) opened its doors to the nation’s first free-standing, community-based program committed to serving people

who are low income and living with HIV. Nearly 27 years later, the HIV Day Center continues to serve the needs of people living with HIV.

It’s located in the Ainsworth United Church of Christ building, near 29th Avenue and Ainsworth Street. According to center literature, it’s one of EMO’s HIV Services programs that strive to address basic needs of individuals living with HIV/AIDS in a manner of respect, compassion and safety.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. All services provided by the day center staff and volunteers are free, and include hot breakfasts and lunches, internet access, Wi-Fi, laundry machines, clothing, hot showers and hygiene supplies.

Volunteer practitioners and students also provide massages, haircuts, foot care and acupuncture. Additionally,

information and referral services, and knowledgeable, compassionate staff support are available to help clients access other resources available for people living with HIV.

Jesse Herbach has been with EMO’s HIV Services for the past 3½ years. He points out the core of the project is best illustrated through the intangibles clients receive at the center.

“When people are less isolated and more engaged with their peers, their health outcomes are better,” he said. “The center provides a place where people with vastly different backgrounds create strong friendships.” That takes place sharing meals, shooting pool or during the popular Monday bingo games.

People seeking services at the center often show up for just meals and clothing initially.

“What keeps them coming back are the relationships that get built,” Jesse explained. They befriend other clients, volunteers and staff members.

If you’re interested in volunteering with the HIV Day Center or the Daily Bread Express, its companion program for home-delivered meals, contact Mika Mulkey at MMulkey@EMOregon.org or 503.460.3822.

Another way you can help is by partic-



Helping serve the needs of people living with HIV are volunteers George (left) and social work intern Tate, who review orders while preparing breakfast for clients. More than 30 restaurants in the Portland area will donate a portion of their proceeds Thursday, April 27, to the HIV Day Center and other local HIV services. For a list of the restaurants, visit DiningOutForLife.com/portland. Photo by Marcus Murray

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— Jesse Herbach

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Dan Werle lives in Concordia with his wife, Anna, and their dogs.

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Artist decompresses her career

By Nancy Varekamp
CNews Editor

When Gail Owen's career field was exported by her employer to other states, she moved to Portland and launched a mid-career change – from engineering/manufacturing to fine art.

Growing up in a family full of craftsmen – along with art school training in college – art comes naturally to the Concordian. She relies on the business sense she picked up in 20 years in product support/logistics in a large manufacturing company to create and follow a business plan.

Gail also relies on her neighborhood to supply the subjects for her art.

The artworks are hand pulled prints carved and manually inked on shipboard linoleum plates that capture images of the plant life she and her dog encounter on their walks around the neighborhood.

Three years ago, Gail and husband Don moved to Portland from Seattle after she lost her high-stress job. "Living in Portland was on the top of our bucket list, so we moved here," she said. "And he suggested I take some time to decompress."

The more she decompressed, the

more Gail realized it was time for a career shift. She was accomplished at wood-working, sculpting and painting, and hand pulled print multiples satisfied all three requirements. So she crafted them into a business model for her new career.

The only technology she applies to her business is the computer from which she launched her e-commerce site GailOwen.us. Everything else is powered by hand, from rolling the press to hand sewing prints together.

"Hand pulled printing is old school and goes back, before the Gutenberg

press, when woodcuts and metal etching were the only way to reproduce an image," she pointed out.

Gail's work can be seen at Guardino Gallery this month, and she is curating

a hand pulled print interpretive of 20 Portland colleagues at the Multnomah Library 3rd floor Collins Gallery June 24 through Sept. 3.

Gail is pleased with her new career and considers it a social commentary. "I see my art work as a stand to bring manufacturing and fair trade back to this country and community in my own small way.

"My little respite to decompress turned into something too powerful to

"My little respite to decompress turned into something too powerful to let go."

— Gail Owen



Gail Owen holds her spent plate next to the framed edition it made of a floating hyacinth she found growing in a Concordia koi pond. Her small hand pulled press is in the foreground and on her shoulder is her studio buddy, Quaker parrot Tater-Tot. Photo courtesy of Gail Owen

let go.

"Big business is finding ways to replace people with technology and shipping our jobs out of state and/or country for the shareholders' bottom lines. I hope that my work is a mere drop in a growing wave of industry being rebuilt in our communities, one person at a time."

Community reduces one's isolation, stress



By Kim Magraw

Isolation and loneliness are huge stress factors in Western society, and they apply to all demographics, from young to old and poor to rich. Stress is an indicator for many diseases and it hinders recovery from diseases.

Reducing one's sense of isolation, therefore, can make a difference in health and happiness.

Lucky for us, Portland is a hotbed for community-oriented initiatives. A few examples in our neighborhood include the Concordia Neighborhood Association, Fernhill Concert Series, Sunday Parkways, Cully Farmers Market, Northeast Village PDX, talks and concerts at McMenamins Kennedy School, Next-door.com, lectures and receptions at Concordia University, and activities and gatherings on Alberta Street.

How can we balance the benefits of personal freedoms with the downsides of our society's tendency toward individu-

alism and isolation? Here are some ideas, and I'm sure you have your own:

- Take advantage of the community-oriented initiatives nearby.
- Volunteer for causes as a way to connect with others and deepen your sense of contribution and gratitude.
- Get to know your immediate neighbors, or get to know them better – tea and cake anyone?
- Find a religious or philosophical group that engages you and challenges you to explore and improve yourself.
- Foster your curiosity about other people's lives. It's a great way to get out of our own heads.

In 2003, Wendell Berry wrote in "The Art of the Commonplace: The Agrarian Essays," "Healing is impossible in loneliness; it is the opposite of loneliness. Conviviality is healing. To be healed we must come with all the other creatures to the feast of creation."

Kim, L.M.T., practices at Concordia Wellness – ConcordiaWellness.com – and is a founding member of Concordia Area Massage and Bodywork Professionals.

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Alberta Park begins as 17,000 leased acres

The question:
How did our three closest parks – Fernhill, Alberta and Wilshire – come to be?
– Calley Dodero

The historian reports:



In this the second of three profiles on local parks, we're focusing on Alberta Park.

The Alberta area exploded with growth just after the turn of the last

- century:
- Commercial development booming along Alberta Street
 - A vibrant home building business across the nearby neighborhoods
 - A major streetcar line – packed with commuters – serving these new communities carved out of the fields and forests northeast of downtown.
- Through its community clubs – of which there were many – locals began

calling for development of parks as early as August 1907. That's when the Portland Parks Board heard a plea from local priest Father James H. Black to purchase land for a park in the Alberta area before real estate values jumped. It was advice city council did not act upon.

In November 1912, locals petitioned the city, saying the more than 14,000 new residents of the area deserved a safe place to recreate.

By 1917, the last unplatted stretch of land in the area was the 17 acres bounded by 19th and 22nd avenues and Killingsworth and Ainsworth streets. They were owned by Moy Back Hin, a successful Chinese business leader who owned substantial real estate in this area and downtown.

Hin agreed to lease the property to the city starting in 1917 to serve as a park. Quickly, baseball diamonds, a club house, walking paths and restrooms were built on the property.

In 1920, with the parcel in popular public use, Hin offered to sell it to the city for \$65,000, which was refused. Then the city offered to buy it for \$39,333,



Alberta Park has been a place for Concordians to recreate since 1917, when the city signed a lease on the property it later purchased. It's still popular today, and even serves as a bicycle polo arena. Photo by Chris Baker

which Hin refused.

City council responded on March 23, 1921, with an ordinance condemning the property and ordering it taken over by the city. After a jury trial, Hin was paid \$32,000 and the property was taken over as a “public necessity.”

Hundreds of references in newspapers of the day referred to the new parcel as Vernon Park, but April 9, 1924, the city passed an ordinance renaming it Alberta Park. By then it was known for its baseball diamonds, home to city league games that frequently drew thousands of spectators.

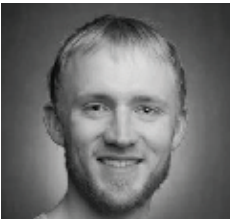
In the late 1920s, Portland Public Schools tried to acquire the southern

five acres of the park to build the new Vernon School, but was overturned by city council.

In the 1950s, despite a fractious encounter with the neighborhood, the city did allow use of the southwest corner for a new fire station.

Next month: *The history of Fernhill: from dumping ground to city park. In the meantime, do you have a question for the neighborhood historian? We love solving mysteries. Contact CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org with your question, and we'll ask Doug Decker to do some digging.*

April is garden time



We all want to spend more time relaxing in our garden. I've got a few key tips to setting yours on the right course this season.

Got bare soil? Cover it up! You can do this by mulching with wood chips, leaves, or other coarse organic matter that covers up weeds and keeps your soil cool and moist during the hot summer months. Also consider filling in your plantings with divisions from other plants or new groundcovers.

Planning to fertilize your garden beds? Make sure your fertilizer mix has some living organisms in it to boost your plants' access to soil nutrition. Look for products such as Eugene-based Down To Earth's Bio-Live Mix that contain beneficial microbes and mycorrhizae (beneficial soil fungi). Good quality compost will have some of these microscopic critters too.

Make a plan for this year's garden.

Take a walk around your yard with a notebook, notice what needs attention, and make a big list of everything that you could possibly do in the garden this year.

Then, think about how much time you really want to spend on these projects. Two hours a week, or per month? Knowing where your priorities are will help you understand the couple projects that really need attention, and the ones you can live without.

Have a friend over! There's a lot to be said for time in the garden with a good friend. A garden party trade between you and a neighbor is a great way to connect and get more done in less time. With your list of priorities for the year from above, you can also tackle the most pressing issues in your yard while you've got the help to make sure it gets finished.

Pete is an ecological landscape designer at Blossom. A love of beneficial plants and regenerative practices drives his desire to create productive living systems for urban homeowners and community groups. Reach him at 503.837.3557 or BlossomEarthworks.com.

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Location: Concordia University Jody Thurston NW Center for Children’s Literature
All interested children & parents are welcome to share books, sing songs & tell interactive stories. Reading sessions are about 30 minutes, followed every other week by themed crafts. Sessions are drop-in basis.
Details: cu-portland.edu/about/events/campus-calendar

Thursday, April 3
WORDS IN RED ART EXHIBIT OPENS
Location: Concordia University George R. White Library & Learning Center, 2800 NE Liberty St.
In the Red Letter Edition of some King James translations and some newer versions of the Bible, the words credited directly to Jesus are printed in red ink. This exhibit features artistic renderings depicting these quotes. This is the third traveling exhibit by Masterpiece, whose exhibits feature fine art executed with traditional and representational standards of artistic and technical excellence with personal impressionism. The exhibit features artists from across the United States and will travel to many cities on the West Coast and in the Southwest.
Details: Reception is Sunday, April 9, 2-4 pm. Church group guided tours: Tuesday, April 11, 9:30 am, 2 pm, 4 pm, 6 pm. School group guided tours: Tuesday, April 18, 9:30, 1 pm, 2 pm.

April 3, 6, 19, 22
LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WORKSHOPS
Locations: Various
Participants learn how to prevent lead exposure in their homes, especially homes older than 1978 with children, pregnant women & others concerned about lead exposure.
Details/registration: communityenergyproject.org, 503.284.6827 ext. 109
Monday, April 3, 2 - 3 pm, East County WIC Clinic, 600 NE 8th St., Gresham
Thursday, April 6, 4:30 - 5:30 pm, Northeast WIC Clinic, 5329 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.
Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 - 8 pm, Community Energy Project, 2900 SE Stark St.
Saturday, April 22, 11 am - 12:30 pm Midland Library, 805 SE 122nd Ave.

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 9:45 am - noon
MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS
Location: St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, 6700 NE 29th Ave.
Join other mothers to share the joys and struggles of raising preschoolers, and to plan summer activities like making baby blankets, learning about how to photograph kids and more. Coffee, tea and snacks are served, and childcare is provided.
Details: nepdxmops@gmail.com, 503.997.2003

Thursday, April 6, 6 - 8 pm
ST. MIKE’S KITCHEN
Location: St. Michael’s Lutheran Church kitchen, 6700 NE 29th Ave.
Join others in the kitchen to cook & eat a variety of dishes that are well suited for an Easter celebration.
Details/RSVP: Rachel Schweitzer, st.mikes@kitchencommons.net, 503.997.2003

Saturday, April 8, 9 - 11:30 am
POLLINATORS WORKSHOP
Location: NE Portland Tool Library, 5431 NE 20th Ave.
Participants learn about the different kinds of pollinators that might be living in their gardens, discover a plant palette to help attract & support pollinators, & go beyond the bloom to consider ways to provide shelter, water, nesting, & overwintering sites. Workshop is hosted by NEPTL and presented by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.
Details/registration: “Upcoming Workshops” at emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/

Tuesday, April 11, 6 pm
RACE TALKS
Location: McMenamins Kennedy School gymnasium
These opportunities for dialogue about race in Oregon – both historically & the current time – are presented by McMenamins His-

tory & Donna Maxey; doors open: 6 pm; discussion: 7 pm.
Details: racetalkspxd.com
Wednesday, April 12, 3:30 -5 pm
3 TO PHD OVERVIEW
Location: Concordia University
The program will provide details about the 3 to PhD program, due to launch in a few short months at the all-new Faubion Elementary School.
Details: 3toPhD.org or faubionbond.pps.net, or follow on Twitter and Instagram: @3toPhDpdx

Thursday, April 13, 11:45 am
ST. MIKE’S KITCHEN
Location: St. Michael’s Lutheran Church fellowship hall, 6700 NE 29th Ave.
Seniors are invited to enjoy bean and ham soup and side dishes along with the company of other seniors.
Details/RSVP: Rachel Schweitzer, st.mikes@kitchencommons.net, 503.997.2003



Saturday, April 15, 10 am (sharp)
CONCORDIA SPRING EGG HUNT
Location: Fernhill Park playground along NE 37th Ave.
Ever seen 300 children scour the park for 6,000 handstuffed plastic eggs? Don’t blink – it lasts no longer than 10 minutes at this event sponsored by CNA and American Legion Post 134.
Details: ConcordiaPDX.org

Saturday, April 15, 10 - 11 am
CULLY COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church & School, 5520 NE Killingsworth St.
Cully Albertsons & Trinity Lutheran Church & School present the 11th Annual Cully Community Easter Egg Hunt, complete with candy and prizes for three age groups: 2-4 years, 5-6 and 7-8. Adults are allowed to help only the youngest age group to hunt for eggs. Arrive 15 minutes early.
Details: 503.288.6403, trinitylutheranportland.org/about-us/news-events/

Saturdays, April 15 & 29
BENEFICIAL INSECTS WORKSHOP
Locations: Various
Learn about plant types & management practices that provide food, water & shelter to attract & sustain the beneficial insects that help your garden thrive. Presented by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District.
Details/registration: “Upcoming Workshops” at emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/
April 15: Livingscape, 3926 N Vancouver Ave., 9 - 11:30 am
April 29: Northeast Community Center, 1630 NE 38th Ave., 1 - 3:30 pm

Tuesday, April 18, 6 - 8 pm
STEAM FAIR
Location: Vernon Elementary School, 2044 NE Killingsworth St,
Vernon’s STEAM & Art committees present an evening of PYP & MYP STEAM Fair projects, judged, awarded & on display; robot construction; hands-on, inquiry-based activities; art activities & student artwork display; garden tours & seed planting; & more.
Details: Ashley Black, ablack@pps.net

Wednesday, April 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP
Location: Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N Foss Ave.
This workshop offers an introduction to common native plant communities, shows examples of species that do well in similar growing conditions, shares successful planting tips that will help them thrive & more. It’s hosted by the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and presented by East Multnomah Soil and

Water Conservation District. You’ll leave with loads of information to decide which native plants will work well in your yard.
Details/registration: karen.carrillo@columbiaslough.org, 503.281.1132

Thursday, April 20, 6 - 8 pm
ST. MIKE’S KITCHEN
Location: St. Michael’s Lutheran Church kitchen, 6700 NE 29th Ave.
Join others in the kitchen to share a meal featuring asparagus quiche and spring greens quiche and then prepare a spring greens quiche to take home to your fridge or freezer.
Details/RSVP: Rachel Schweitzer, st.mikes@kitchencommons.net, 503.997.2003

Saturday, April 22, 10 am - 1:30 pm
ALBERTA MAIN STREET OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP 2017
Location: 18th Avenue and Alberta Street
The all-volunteer, seventh annual clean up on Alberta Street offers an opportunity to give back and get involved with the community. It also offers pizza lunch, Salt & Straw ice cream and raffle prizes donated by local businesses.
Details: CNews Page 8, albertamainst.org/whats-happening/earth-day/

Saturday, April 22, 9 am - 3 pm
CULLY EARTH DAY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church parking lot, 5520 NE Killingsworth St.
Bring household items and bulky waste to recycle, reuse and dispose of, and shop the neighborhood yard sale. Volunteers are needed. Suggested donations: \$9/carload, \$17/SUV, \$25/pick-up or van.
Details: cullyneighbors.org, 541. 510.4761

Saturday, April 22, 9 am - 1 pm
NATURESCAPING BASICS
Location: Livingscape, 3926 N Vancouver Ave.
Naturescaping is the practice of designing (or redesigning) your landscape so it reduces water use & decreases stormwater runoff while saving you time, money & energy. East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District’s introductory workshop introduces the core concepts of naturescaping. Even if you decide to enlist the help of a contractor, you’ll have the framework to make decisions & effectively communicate the vision you have for your yard. Class will visit a nearby naturescaped project to see design principles in action. You’ll receive a comprehensive workbook to help you get started.
Details/registration: “Upcoming Workshops” at emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/



Saturday, April 22, 10 am
STEWARDSHIP SATURDAY
Location: Wilkes Headwaters Natural Area, 15401 NE Fremont St.
Columbia Slough Watershed Council celebrates Earth Day with Portland Parks and Recreation. Help plant and mulch native plants. Event runs rain or shine. Snacks, tools, training and gloves will be provided.
Details/registration: kelsie.greer@columbiaslough.org, 503.281.1132

Sunday, April 23, 3 pm
CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY ANNUAL SPRING MUSIC CONCERT
Location: Michael’s Lutheran Church, 6700 NE 29th Ave.
The concert features all Concordia University performing ensembles, and is directed by William Kuhn, Kurt Berentsen, Zeke Fetrow and Casey Bozell.
Details: cu-portland.edu/about/events/



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1 2 PM	FAMILY MATINEE
1	DIRTY CABARET
2 2 PM	MATINEE THE NEXT GENERATION STUDENT SHOWCASE
2	CLOSING NIGHT ROCK & ROLL MONSTER CIRCUS SUPER GEEK LEAGUE
5	TIM O'BRIEN
6	LIVE WIRE RADIO WITH LUKE BURBANK
7	DEB TALAN (OF THE WEEPIES) + CARSIE BLANTON
8	THE MYSTERY BOX SHOW
9	TRACE BUNDY
14	LADY RIZO RED WHITE AND INDIGO my love-hate relationship with America
15	LADY SINGS THE BLUES A TRIBUTE TO BILLIE HOLIDAY
18	NELLIE MCKAY PRESENTS A GIRL NAMED BILL THE LIFE AND TIMES OF BILLY TIPTON
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