



# CONCORDIA NEWS

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## Community Room is back!

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## (New) school doors open

(New) school doors open in this back-to-school CNews. Turn to Pages 4 and 5 to read about De La Salle North High School's new home and the newly modernized, renamed McDaniel High School.

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## Teacher named among top three

By Tamara Anne Fowler  
CNA Media Team

“People may call me strict. But, I always say I am ‘firm but fair,’” said Woodlawn School 1st grade teacher Lionel Clegg.

He was selected by OnPoint Community Credit Union as Educator of the Year for elementary school teachers. Along with bragging rights, the honor pays his mortgage for an entire year.

*“I believe that we, as adults, often hinder our kids’ potential because we fail to see all that they are capable of doing.”*

— Lionel Clegg

“In class, I ham around. The kids know when we can joke and have fun, but they also know when I am serious and need them to be more attentive.”

But it goes much deeper than that.

“I believe that we, as adults, often hinder our kids’ potential because we fail to see all that they are capable of doing,” Lionel explained. “As an educator, I take that task to heart and strive to get my kids to recognize their true potential.

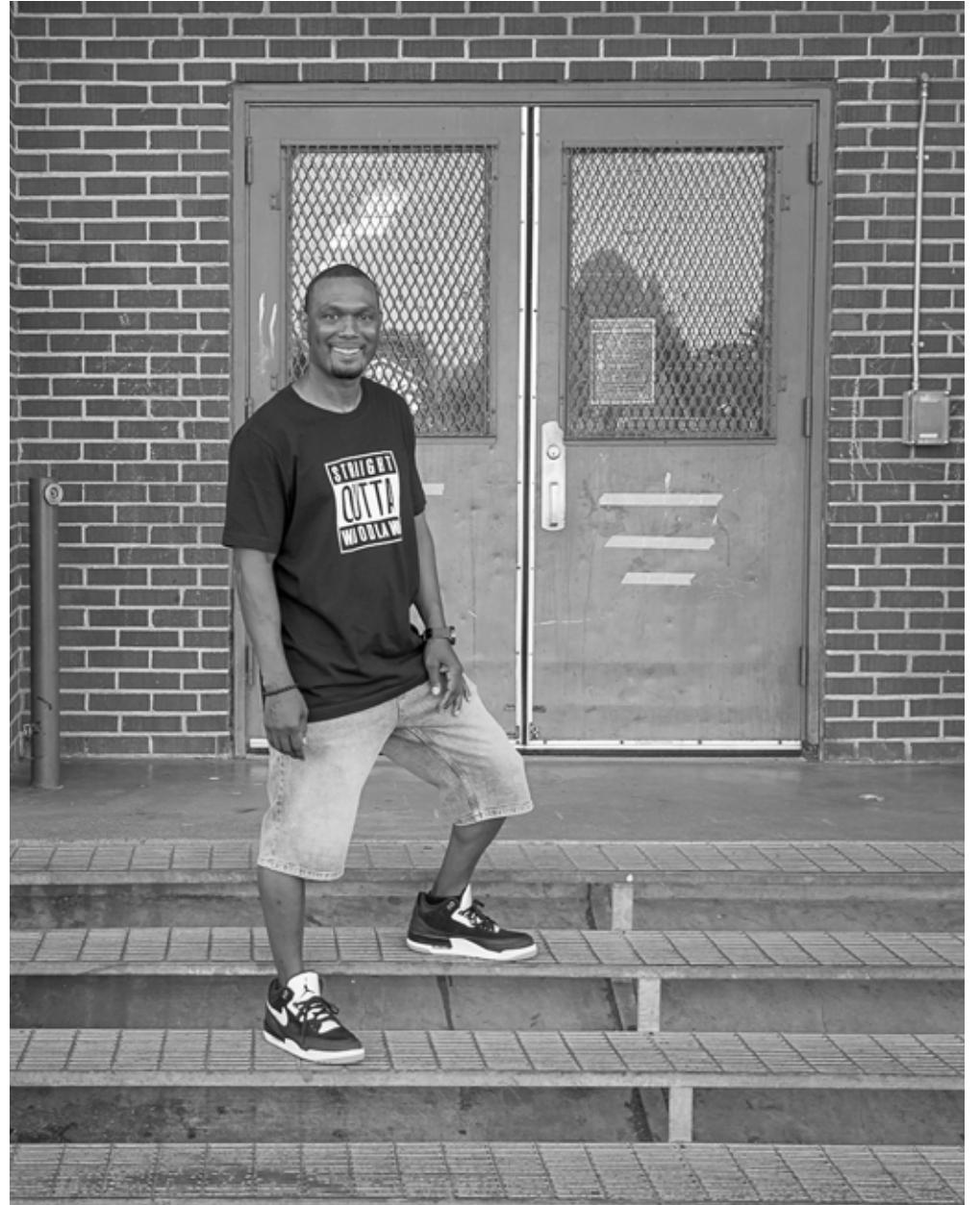
“I have always been in the primary grades because I pride myself in starting the kids off with a strong foundation,” Lionel said.

Fiona, now a 5th grader, nominated Lionel with the help of her parents. She was his student four years ago. “I think he was good as my teacher for 1st grade because he really set me up for success,” Fiona said.

Lionel has spent 23 years as a teacher at Woodlawn. He’s actually an alumnus of the school and, while he was an undergrad at Portland State University, he volunteered at Woodlawn in his nephew’s classes.

As soon as Lionel received his masters’ degree, Woodlawn principal at the time, Linda Harris, advised him to apply for a third grade position there.

Mrs. Manyongai-Jones, his fourth



It’s casual days of summer for Woodlawn School teacher Lionel Clegg. He’s still celebrating his recent selection as one of three Oregon teachers of the year. He was nominated by a former student. Photo by Chris Baker

grade teacher, is one of the chief reasons he became an educator, according to Lionel. “She was the first teacher of color I had, and she really taught me to have a sense of pride about being an African American.

“My sixth grade teacher at Whitaker Middle School, Mr. Williams, gave me that first conversation about having to go above and beyond since I was a young African American man,” he added.

“One of my favorite books to share with my students is an old classic by Shel Silverstein called ‘The Giving Tree.’”

The story is simple, but drives home the act of giving one’s self to another in a relationship.

“This book is about unconditional love,” Lionel pointed out. “After reading

the book, I always have a conversation with my students about who this tree reminds them of in their lives.

“It really is a great talk every time I share this with the kids.”



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## For sale: Concordia University campus

By Nancy Varekamp  
CNews Editor

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) was the creditor owed nearly \$38 million by Concordia University (CU). Because it was also the lone bidder — for \$3 million — at the June 29 foreclosure auction, LCEF now owns the campus and has listed it for sale.

Two Portland organizations were hired to manage the sale: Colliers International real estate firm and Foundry Commercial. The latter describes itself

as “a services business, providing traditional real estate services like property management, project leasing, tenant representation and brokerage, project management and facilities management.”

A July 6 news release from LCEF described the two: “We are working with local Portland real estate experts who are very familiar with the property and understand the needs and wants of this community.”

Some Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) Facebook group members have conjectured the sale may take

time, due to at least two lawsuits against Concordia University and reported tax liens.

The LCEF news release differed. “LCEF plans on selling the property in the near future. We look forward to positioning the property so that it can be put back to good use for the community.”

CNA sponsored an informal poll recently among Concordians. See the results at ConcordiaPDX.org/CUSale. They are the basis of a letter the CNA Board of Directors is sending to the

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From the Board

By Peter Keller, CNA Chair



See you in person, come September

Now that the COVID-19 restrictions have mostly been lifted and we've endured a once-in-millennia heat wave, the CNA board voted to take the month of August off. In practice, this just means we won't meet in August. I'm hoping the rest of our summer is less eventful and crossing my fingers that fire season isn't as bad as recent years.

The great news is that the McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room will re-open Aug. 1. On Sept. 1, the board will meet in person there, barring any changes to state or city regulations. Out of respect for neighbors and regular board meeting attendees, we'll adhere to the following rules:

- Those who've been vaccinated may attend meetings without masks but must offer proof of vaccination.
- Those who've not been vaccinated must wear masks at all times during the meetings and must socially distance.
- We'll continue to offer video/phone dial-in options so attendees can join remotely.

To earn our time off in August, we had a very productive meeting in July. We discussed the recent sale of Concordia University to the Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF). The fate of the property is still unknown, as it may be in legal limbo for some time. However, now that there is a new owner, the CNA board will lobby LCEF with the neighborhood's desires as expressed in our recent poll results.

Check Page 1 for what else was known as of press time, and a link to the CNA website for news that may break before our September issue.

We heard from the Concordia Tree Team's Jim Gersbach and others who are asking for our assistance to help preserve the International Grove of trees that were planted 10 years ago at the intersection of 42nd and Lombard.

The grove is in danger of being damaged or removed during planned reconstruction of the Lombard overpass. The CNA board will lobby Portland Bureau of Transportation and Oregon Department of Transportation representatives to preserve the grove from harm during construction.

We also made progress on the staffing front. I'm excited to announce that Javier Puga-Phillips was appointed by the CNA board to the position for At Large 4, recently vacated by Sonia Fornoni. In addition, Javier will serve as CNA Social Committee chair and manage McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room. Go Javier!

In addition, Micah McNelly has volunteered for the CNA IT position. Thank you Micah! We are very happy to have you aboard.

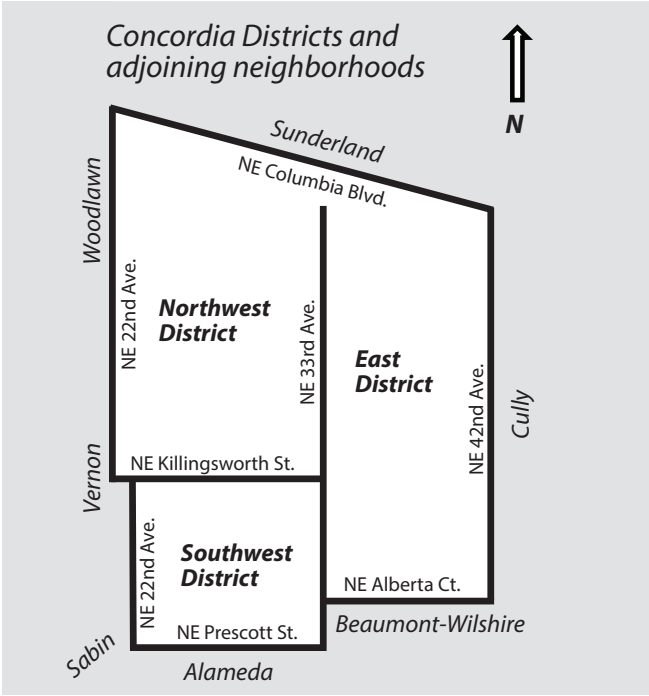
Finally, I want to announce that we are hiring for the paid position of recording secretary. Please see the ad for this position on Page 8 and reach out to me directly to apply.

Hope you all enjoy the rest of the summer!

*Native Portlander Peter Keller has lived in Concordia since 1997. He runs a small marketing agency with partner Max, out of their home studio. He loves exploring outdoors with and without his dogs.*

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**The Community Room is back!**



Concordia Art Works

Colorful wings embellish Alberta bike corridor

By Maquette Reeverts  
Alberta Art Works

After seeing friends share photos of themselves standing in front of wings painted on walls, artist Stefan Senna was inspired to direct his talent toward a public purpose. Stefan lives on the section of Alberta Street designated as a bike corridor. “After the last year and a half being so challenging on everyone, and me having my own experiences, I decided to focus on things that would be fun – things that make me feel good.”

The artist got to work painting wings cut from wood, with each set in support of or to acknowledge an aspect of local culture. The first set in the Freedom Wings Project are dedicated to equality and freedom for all people of all backgrounds, race, gender and identity.

The second set, the Butterfly Wings Project, is dedicated to all of the teachers who helped students traverse the challenges of the pandemic. Stefan

Truece Reeverts-Gann is a fan of Stefan Senna’s art project on residential streets. His wings decorate front yards on the Alberta Street bike corridor to add to the fun and enjoyment of passersby. Photo by Maquette Reeverts

is currently working on the Flying Fish Wings Project, in honor of beautiful oceans.

The Phoenix Wings Project comes next. “I asked my teenager which set of wings would be a good symbol for all of the challenges that our kids have faced during the pandemic,” he explained. “His response was the Phoenix. It seemed fitting.”

Stefan intends to install the wings from 70th to Mississippi avenues, and a map of the wings is part of his final plan.

The artist is seeking residents on the south side of the bike corridor streets to host sets of wings. To participate, contact him at StefanSenna@gmail.com, or help fund the project GoFundMe.com/f/cku8w4-wings-of-freedom.



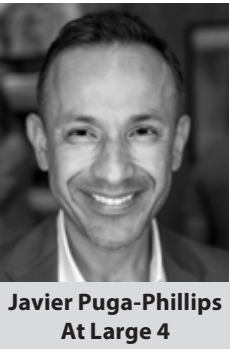
CNA taps Javier Puga-Phillips to board of directors

Javier Puga-Phillips was appointed in July to fill the vacancy Sonia Fornoni left on the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) Board of Directors. Sonia moved from the area last month.

In addition, Javier takes on the responsibilities she filled as manager of the McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room. He also replaces

Sonia as CNA Social Committee chair. “I’m looking forward to creating value for neighbors and businesses by creating an environment of inclusion and equality through social gatherings and events,” he said.

Javier and his husband relocated from California to the Concordia neighborhood last year. He is a real estate professional locally, and a published author and motivational speaker in Latin America and Spain.



Javier Puga-Phillips  
At Large 4



Michel Reeverts, aka Maquette, holds a master of arts degree in art education, serves Alberta Art Works as director and Alberta Street Gallery as a board member. She is also a practicing artist. Contact her at Maquette@AlbertaArtWorks.org



  
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# De La Salle settles into new digs in Cully

By Dan Werle  
CNA Media Team

De La Salle North Catholic High School (DLSNC) opens its new doors next month. The school relocates from its north Fenwick Avenue location – its home since 2006 – to St. Charles Church, located near the intersection of 42nd Avenue and Killingsworth Street.

DLSNC, established in 2001, is a private, four-year, college preparatory school that provides education for underserved students. According to school officials, it is Oregon’s most diverse private school.

Ninety percent of the students receive financial aid, and in 2020, 100% of its graduating seniors were accepted to colleges. All DLSNC students partici-

pate in a corporate work-study program, which offsets 75% of their tuition fees.

School officials began searching for a new home in 2016, and 40 different potential locations were evaluated prior to the move. In March 2019, a letter of intent agreement was reached with St.

*“It’s a true partnership, in harmony with the community.”*

– Oscar Leong

Charles for the school to use the church grounds for the next 50 years, with assurances for two 25-year extensions.

Last summer construction began for the new \$20 million facility. A variety of private and public donors funded the school’s development with \$25 million.

“We are really excited about the coming together of the De La Salle, St. Charles and Cully communities,” said Oscar Leong, DLSNC president. “It’s a



De La Salle North Catholic High School opens its new doors next month on the St. Charles Church property near 42nd Avenue and Killingsworth Street. Construction began in July 2020 and is scheduled for completion before school opens Sept. 7. Photo courtesy of De La Salle North Catholic High School



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



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If you answered ‘YES’ to any of these questions I want you to know that you are not alone.

My name is Dr. Carl Baird and every day I work with adults aged 40-70 to find long lasting solutions to shoulder pain that keeps them active, strong, and doing what they love – **even when nothing else has worked.**

I have seen first-hand how limiting it can be to live with daily shoulder pain. I’ve seen how shoulder pain can make it difficult to concentrate at work. How it gets in the way of our ability to burn off

steam with our favorite exercise routine. For many, it even makes it hard to get a full night’s rest.

I understand the frustration that comes from investing so much time and energy (and money) on chiropractic, physical therapy, and other treatments – only to have the pain come back days later and not any closer **to feeling confident that you will be able to continue to do the things you love** for years to come.

And lastly, I understand the fear that comes when your doctor tells you that your only options are steroid injections or surgery (while conveniently leaving out the negative, long term side effects that lead to WORSE outcomes for patients).

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# McDaniel welcomes new, returning students

By Nancy Varekamp  
CNews Editor

A few months after students left the 61-year-old Madison High School in June 2019, they began commuting to the former Marshall High School four miles south. Then, 6½ months later, the pandemic forced them from brick-and-mortar learning to online studies for the remainder of that school year and much of the next.

But now returning students – and new ones – are back on track. When classes begin later this month, the north-east 82nd Avenue campus re-opens with an all-new look, modernized facilities and a new name: Leodis V. McDaniel.

One incoming freshman said she’s excited about beginning high school, and enthusiastic about the new facilities and new name.

“It’s a little harder to get used to the new name because I’m so used the old one,” reported Concordian Clementine Wykhuis. “I’m glad they changed it to something important. I’m glad they changed it to what they did.”

In February, the Portland Public Schools board dropped the name of former president and documented slave

owner James Madison. The school’s name now honors its popular former teacher and principal who was, according to Willamette Week, also a Madison alumnus.

Leodis McDaniel served as vice principal and then principal during the 1970s and 1980s, and he is credited for steering the school through desegregation.

Madison High School’s teams, the Senators, are taking on a new name that’s not as local as Leodis McDaniel, but rooted in the region: Mountain Lions.

This won’t be Clementine’s first move into a modernized school. She was in 5th grade when Faubion re-opened after a major remodel that included state-of-the-art facilities.

“Faubion used to be an old, run down building, and I got to see that transform into a very nice new school like McDaniel.”

Like other Concordia students, she had the choice between McDaniel and Jefferson. A video conference introduction to McDaniel clinched the deal. “I was amazed and impressed by all the exciting things McDaniel has to offer.”

The more than 290,000-square-foot school includes 170,000 square feet of new construction to serve a student body of 1,700. It was financed through the 2017 \$790 million bond approved by voters planned originally to modernize four schools.

Highlights include a new cafeteria, commons and atrium, along with a science wing, performing arts theater, athletics facilities, and community and career technical education resources.



Clementine Wykhuis, incoming McDaniel High School freshman, practiced soccer on the former Madison field when she was a Faubion School student. Now she’ll attend high school at the modernized, renamed high school. Photo by Nancy Varekamp

*Nancy Varekamp is semiretired from her career in journalism, public relations and – her favorite work engagement – writing and editing targeted newsletters.*

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Urbanism

# What placements might be best for ACUs?

By Garlynn Woodsong  
CNA Board Member, SW1  
CNA LUTC Chair

Last month, I introduced the concept of accessory commercial units (ACUs) that redress the historical wrongs that created economic exclusion by enacting racial segregation.

ACUs create new destinations within our neighborhoods and enhance walkability.

What forms might accessory dwelling units (ADUs) take as infill within an existing neighborhood such as ours? A traditional building form sometimes found within the front setback in our neighborhood is a carriage house, with a residence above a garage on the ground floor.

A twist on an ACU could see one placed on the ground floor facing the sidewalk, with an ADU on the second floor. This arrangement could also work in an alley.

This sort of gentle infill could help



Garlynn Woodsong lives on 29th Avenue, serves on the CNA board and is an avid bicyclist. He also is a dad who is passionate about the city his son will inherit. He is the

planning + development partner with Cascadia Partners LLC, a local urban planning firm. Contact him at LandUse@ConcordiaPDX.org.

*This sort of gentle infill could help to build neighborhood intensity without significantly changing neighborhood character.*

to build neighborhood intensity without significantly changing neighborhood character. It could build the local demand for services, such as retail and transit, that do better when there are more customers within a short walking distance.

When considering where ACUs might be appropriate, there are at least four different potential regulatory paradigm concepts worth considering:

1. Along all frontages facing bicycle boulevards/greenways
2. Only at new village center nodes, such as selected intersections along family-safe bicycle facilities
3. At intersections
4. Everywhere, on any properties, for any reasons, as long as they face a sidewalk or internal courtyard accessible by pathways from the sidewalk that comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

Concept 1 would deliver on the original vision, to give bicyclists the option to choose local retail by bicycle, since it appears that our main streets aren't going to be made family-bicycle-friendly, anytime soon.

However, by allowing ACUs on greenways everywhere, there would be potentially greater conflicts with neighbors interested in a strictly residential character for the street they bought into.

Concept 2 concentrates ACUs within smaller, more defined areas, minimizing the potential of conflict with neighbors. From an equity perspective, however, it would be the least equitable, as the least number of property owners would have the opportunity to provide and benefit from revenues of ACUs.

Concept 3 spreads the opportunity for revenue, lowers the barrier to opening a new business and increases access to the lowest rungs on the economic ladder to those who need it most. Those include populations victimized historically by racism, sexism and other forms of oppression. By allowing ACUs on any properties – or perhaps any served by ADA-compliant sidewalk networks – ACUs could come to areas where residents may have moved to find life in peaceful, quiet neighborhoods.

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Neighbor concerns could be addressed through regulations that use ambient standards to deal with noise, odors, traffic and other potentially-noxious impacts – or by addressing the impacts rather than by establishing use regulations.

It's up to each community to engage in dialogue over these three paradigms and choose the one that resonates most with community members participating in the public process.

*Editor's note: Garlynn's first installment about ACUs was published in July at [ConcordiaPDX.org/2021/07/urbanism-acus-could-make-shopping-by-bike-more-safe](https://ConcordiaPDX.org/2021/07/urbanism-acus-could-make-shopping-by-bike-more-safe). In a future CNews, he'll dive deeper into questions of commercial space affordability and a discussion of the potential benefits to neighbors from ACUs.*

## Reader's Opinion What's in a name? There's a lot packed into 'Concordia'

By Nolan R. Bremer  
Concordia neighbor

What's in a name? is a question that has arisen with respect to the Concordia neighborhood.

After a series of names in the early years, the neighborhood has carried the name of the most prominent neighbor, Concordia University, for almost 50 years. With the closing of Concordia University, does the current name of the neighborhood need to be dropped also, or can the name Concordia stand on its own as a relevant name for the neighborhood?

I think it can, and here is why:

First, by definition, the Latin word "concordia" means harmony, well-being and peace. Literally, it means "with one heart." While the neighborhood perhaps does not experience perfect "concordia," the concept is worth setting as a goal toward which the community is always striving.

Every small business in the community works for the well-being not only of the family of the business owner but also toward the well-being of the entire community. All of those who work to be a positive force in solving racial, social and economic challenges – including the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) board members, committee members and many concerned individuals – are promoting "concordia" in the

community.

Even the word "connected" in the CNA mission statement assumes an outcome of "concordia." On the one hand, we honor and promote diversity. On the other hand, we value having everyone aiming for the same goals.

Second, the gender of the Latin word "concordia" is feminine. The pages of this neighborhood newspaper often include the photos and stories of women who are making a difference in this community. The name Concordia honors and encourages such women. By extension, "concordia" also invites inclusion and provides a home for all of those who feel marginalized by the circumstances of their lives.

Finally, the name has served the neighborhood well for a long time. Of course, changing it will require only a few dollars and someone's time, barring any unintended consequences.

Perhaps the name has been tainted by its association with Concordia University. For various reasons, some people will be disappointed if the name Concordia continues to define the neighborhood. But the name is well-established in the Portland area.

All of the other neighborhoods are named after people or places. Retaining the name Concordia, disassociated from Concordia University, will mean that this neighborhood alone carries a name that reflects a value which we regard as important: "concordia."



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News from the NET

# More communications help needed for emergencies

By Erin E. Cooper  
Concordia/Vernon/Woodlawn  
Neighborhood Emergency Team

After a major earthquake, cell phones and landlines are unlikely to work. So how will local government coordinate with volunteers and emergency personnel? In Portland, the groundbreaking Basic Earthquake Emergency Communication Node (BEECN) is intended to

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fill that need. After a major earthquake, about 50 radio communications sites (nodes) staffed by trained volunteers, are planned for set up across the Portland area.

The supplies are stored in a cache near each deployment site. Every site can reach at least two others by radio, so messages can be relayed from the Emergency Coordination Center to emergency responders, volunteers and citizens.

The BEECN system is expected to be up and running between 24 and 48 hours after an earthquake. Each site should be visible easily under a bright red and

white tent. It's important to know that a BEECN location is not a source of supplies such as water, food or first aid. However, a BEECN is a good place to find information about where such supplies are being distributed, as well as other information about the extent of the disaster, the emergency response and how to help. For most Concordians, the closest BEECN is near Killingsworth Street in Alberta Park.

However, each site is only as reliable as its volunteers, and the BEECN program needs more! A single 90-minute training session available via Zoom and a willingness to be part of the communications team are all that's required to become a BEECN volunteer. Trainings occur regularly online, or if you gather eight or more volunteers from the Portland area, it's possible to schedule your own training.

For more information on volunteering, the training schedule and to find the nearest BEECN locations, visit [PortlandOregon.gov/pbem/59630](http://PortlandOregon.gov/pbem/59630).



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# Concordia University campus is for sale

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LCEF about neighbors’ concerns about – and their hopes for – the CU property.

Below are questions asked in July by CNA and answers provided by Mike Holzgang of Colliers International.

Q: Will the property be sold as a single unit?

A: Hopefully as a single unit. We have had no discussions to separate at this time.

Q: Have you received inquiries in the past year from serious, potential buyers?

A: Yes. A couple users are teaming up to acquire.

Q: What about those “encumbrances” mentioned by the foreclosure trustee at the auction??

A: Our impression is that the foreclosure sale and purchase has resolved any claim of creditors.

Q: Has an asking price been established?

A: We are going to the market unpriced with the intent to provide pricing guidance along the way. It is an excellent opportunity for an institutional buyer to acquire the property for significantly below replacement cost. As you would imagine, and I believe stated earlier, the scarcity of properties that are urban in this size range truly drive value for this gem of a property.

Q: Supposing a tax-supported organization wanted to purchase the property, but had to refer a tax levy or bond to the voters. Is LCEF willing to make a sale pending approval of a ballot measure?

A: Our decisions will be based upon the activity and urgency of interest we have with prospective purchasers of the campus.

Q: The lawyer of one creditor implied to a Portland reporter that residential development of the property may be an answer to a new housing shortage.

A: The property isn’t currently enti-



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A real estate agent hired to sell the 24-acre Concordia University property – including this library building – said plans are to sell it as a single unit. Photo by Gordon Riggs

bled to accomplish this strategy nor would it effect the value that a user of most/all of the campus buildings will derive from the sale.

Editor’s note: Visit [ConcordiaPDX.org/CUSale](http://ConcordiaPDX.org/CUSale) between monthly issues of CNews for updates regarding the sale and/or future uses of the CU property.

## Community events calendar

Read all the details: [ConcordiaPDX.org/Aug2021Events](http://ConcordiaPDX.org/Aug2021Events)

Through Aug. 31  
**POP-UP ARBORETA**  
**Location:** Woodlawn Park, 13th Avenue & Dekum Street  
**Details:** [portland.gov/trees/get-involved/arboreta](http://portland.gov/trees/get-involved/arboreta)

Wednesday, Aug. 4, 3-7pm  
**FREE CANOE & KAYAK RENTALS**  
**Location:** Whitaker Ponds, 7040 NE 47th Ave  
**Registration:** [columbiaslough.org/events-list/canoe-amp-kayak-rentals-free-m56s4-h77y3](http://columbiaslough.org/events-list/canoe-amp-kayak-rentals-free-m56s4-h77y3)

Thursdays, Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26, 4-8 pm  
**CULLY FARMERS MARKET**  
**Location:** 5011 NE 42nd Ave.  
**Details:** [Facebook.com/cullyfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/cullyfarmersmarket), [CullyFarmersMarket@gmail.com](mailto:CullyFarmersMarket@gmail.com)

Saturdays, Aug. 7, 14, 21, 28, 10am-2pm  
**WOODLAWN NEIGHBORHOOD FARMERS MARKET**  
**Location:** Dekum Street & Durham Avenue  
**Details:** [woodlawnfarmersmarket.org](http://woodlawnfarmersmarket.org)

Thursday, Aug. 19  
**RACE TALKS**  
**Location:** Virtual  
**Details/registration:** [racetalkspdx.com](http://racetalkspdx.com).

Saturdays, Aug. 21 & 28, 2-4pm  
**FOOD PANTRY**  
**Location:** 5209 NE 22nd Ave.  
**Details:** [sharonsda.net](http://sharonsda.net), [office@sharonchurch.comcast.biz](mailto:office@sharonchurch.comcast.biz)

Saturday, Aug. 21, 10am-4pm  
**FREMONT FEST**  
**Location:** Fremont Street between  
**Details:** [facebook.com/beaumontbba](https://www.facebook.com/beaumontbba)

Thursday, Aug. 26  
**LAST THURSDAY**  
**Location:** Alberta Street & online  
**Details:** [lastthursdayportland.org](http://lastthursdayportland.org)

Friday, Aug. 27, 8-9pm  
**BAT NIGHT**  
**Location:** Whitaker Ponds, 7040 NE 47th Ave  
**Details/registration:** [columbiaslough.org/events-list/bat-night-2020](http://columbiaslough.org/events-list/bat-night-2020)

If you have a local event planned for September, send details to [CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org](mailto:CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org) by Aug. 10. You’re also welcome to post them at [Facebook.com/groups/ConcordiaPDX](https://www.facebook.com/groups/ConcordiaPDX).

## CNA Seeks Recording Secretary

The Concordia Neighborhood Association is hiring a recording secretary to record and transcribe minutes of board, general and land use meetings held at McMenamins Kennedy School or virtually.

The contract position pays \$35/hour for meetings and time spent preparing and publishing minutes online. Hours are about 5-7 per month.

- Directors meetings: usually 7 p.m. 1st Wednesday each month
- General meetings: quarterly, 7 p.m. 1st Wednesday of the month
- Land use meetings: 7 p.m. 3rd Wednesday each month

The position requires good writing, transcription and document preparation skills. Availability and dependability are a must! Residence in Concordia is not mandatory.

Interested? Contact the [Chair@ConcordiaPDX.org](mailto:Chair@ConcordiaPDX.org) with a resume, references and writing sample.

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## Sojourn Church – A Neighborhood Church

Thank you Concordia for a great summer!

Come join us for a fun day in the park on August 8 from 10am-2pm at Wilshire Park. There will be music, food, games, and more!

We will also be giving away backpacks and school supplies to those who would like to score some free swag before school starts back at the end of the month.

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