



# CONCORDIA NEWS

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## Happy egg hunters

Hundreds of children participated in the Concordia Neighborhood Association's Spring Egg Hunt at Fern Hill Park April 16. Check out photos on pages 4 and 5.



Maya Rosenberg, (left) and Archie Rosenberg, open their eggs to discover the contents. Photo by Michael French

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## Concordia News

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## Bureau addresses bridges' issues

By Keith Daellenbach  
CNA Media Team

Two bridges span Northeast Lombard Street and an adjacent railroad connecting the Concordia neighborhood to Northeast Columbia Boulevard, and both have changes in store as planned by the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT).

*Now 93 years old, the Northeast 33rd Avenue bridge's life has been considerably extended due to upgrades and repairs.*

These bridges are at the northern termini of Northeast 33rd Avenue and Northeast 42nd Avenue. They provide necessary vehicular and bicycle access to Northeast Columbia Boulevard as well as north to Northeast Marine Drive.

The Northeast 33rd Avenue bridge has been partially closed for eight months and, according to PBOT's website, the bridge could reopen at the earliest in late June (Portland.gov/transportation/pbot-projects/construction/ne-33rd-avenue-bridge).

Meanwhile, PBOT plans to replace the Northeast 42nd Avenue bridge.

The Northeast 33rd Avenue bridge was constructed in 1929 and, according to a brass plaque affixed to the bridge, was originally called the "East Thirty-Third Street Viaduct." According to PBOT, a bridge of this design has a typical life of approximately 50 years. In a 2021 report on infrastructure in the United States, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) reports that 42% of all bridges are at least 50 years old and many need repair (InfrastructureReportCard.org/cat-item/bridges/).

In 2019, the ASCE gave Oregon a "C" grade for its bridge infrastructure and said the state had the lowest percentage of bridges in good condition among western states (InfrastructureReportCard.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/FullReport-OR\_2019.pdf). Funding for Oregon's bridges, according to the ASCE, is critically low. Now 93 years old, the Northeast 33rd Avenue bridge's life has been considerably extended due to upgrades and repairs. As recently as a few years ago, it was closed for many months as it was upgraded to include lanes designed to accommodate increased bicycle traffic.

PBOT inspectors found damage to concrete in one of the bridge's crossbeams at the northern terminus of the bridge. Two of the three ingress/egress lanes were closed in late August 2021. Only the undamaged northbound fly-over section,



Bridge access closure signs stand on the Northeast 33rd Avenue access ramp to and from Northeast Columbia Boulevard. Photo by Keith Daellenbach

which transports northbound traffic on Northeast 33rd Avenue to a westbound direction on Northeast Columbia Boulevard, remains open.

On the underside of the bridge, workers erected temporary vertical steel supports and bolted them to new concrete footings which, in turn, support a large steel I-beam that supports a concrete cross beam to hold up the bridge while repair work is completed. The cost of repairing the bridge remains to be determined.

Meanwhile, PBOT notes the Northeast 42nd Avenue bridge sits on a recommended Emergency Transportation Route. However, the bridge is vulnerable to earthquakes (Portland.gov/transportation/pbot-projects/construction/ne-42nd-ave-bridge-over-

ne-lombard). A \$17 million dollar project will pay for the replacement of this bridge. A new bridge will meet modern seismic code and will provide better access for freight, walking, and biking. Bidding and contracting will happen this summer and construction is expected to start this fall.



Keith Daellenbach is a mechanical engineer and outdoor enthusiast who loves mountain climbing, skiing, biking, canoeing, and beekeeping with wife Amy and son Micah. His home is in Concordia.

## Board to host council candidates May 4

The Concordia Neighborhood Association board will host a forum for Portland City Commission candidates at 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, in the Community Room at McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave. The forum will follow the board's monthly meeting.

Attendees must show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test, taken within 24 hours. Wearing masks will be optional.

To call into the forum, dial 1-413-779-5435; PIN: 246824040#

The primary will take place Tuesday, May 17, and the general election takes place Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.



From the Board

By Peter Keller, CNA Chair



Meeting in person and May primaries

It's been approximately two years since the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) has met in person. Since I became CNA Chair in 2021, we've only been meeting via Google Meets, but during our April meeting the CNA Board decided that will change starting in May. Going forward, we'll meet at McMenamin's Kennedy School community room. Attendees will have the option of calling into

*We're excited to meet in person again and will of course adjust this policy depending on what happens with Covid 19 in the future.*

the meeting as well. Because the room is small and doesn't allow for social distancing, we'll require that attendees be vaccinated or show a negative covid test, taken within 24hrs. Masks will be optional. We're excited to meet in person again and will of course adjust this policy depending on what happens with Covid 19 in the future.

For our May 4 CNA Board meeting, we've invited candidates for City Council to join the meeting starting at 8PM to present to the neighborhood. Please join us!

I'm also happy to announce that Kieran Lee has

joined the board in the At-Large 4 position. We thank him for joining the CNA Board and look forward to volunteering alongside him. With the addition of Kieran, the board is fully staffed!

We're still in the process of hiring a new Media Team Lead. I'm hoping by the time this paper is published we'll have someone lined up for that paid, contractor position.

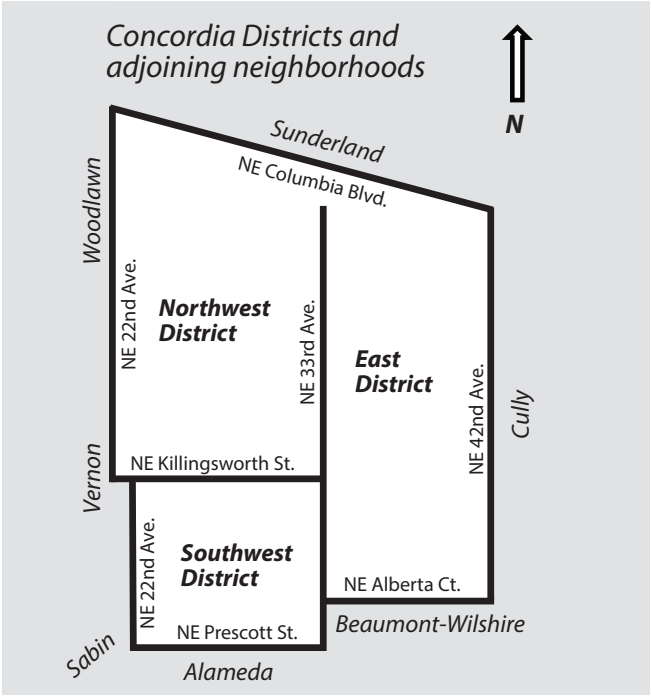
With staffing changes at CNews we'll likely see editorial changes too as the new members bring their ideas and style to the paper. If you have any ideas for what you'd like to see in CNews, let us know. Further, if you are interested in writing for CNews or becoming a member of the CNews team, we are always looking for volunteers. Please email Rob with your thoughts at CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org.

As the May primary and subsequent November election approach, I hope Concordians are aware that along with city commissioner seats etc., proposed changes to the Portland City Charter will also likely be on the ballot.

The city Charter comes up for review every 10 years but despite eight attempts since 1913 to change our antiquated system, Portlanders have resisted reforming it. That may change in 2022. The charter commission will hold public hearings in May to share their recommendations. You can learn more here: Portland.gov/omf/charter-review-commission.

If you want change, please be that change!

*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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Concordia Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting

1st Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, May 4, 7 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room with call in option, venue: see page 3, contact Peter Keller, Chair@ConcordiaPDX.org  
Future meeting dates: 6/1, 7/6, 8/3, 9/7, 10/5, 11/2

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, June 1, 7 p.m., venue: see box below  
Future meeting dates: 9/7, 11/2

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If you'd like to volunteer to help plan fun, community building events, contact Javier Puga-Phillips at Social@ConcordiaPDX.org.

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1st Monday of the month, Monday, May 2, 6 p.m., venue: see box below, contact Gordon Riggs, MediaTeamLead@ConcordiaPDX.org

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Wednesday, May 18, 7 p.m., venue: see box below, contact Ben Taylor at AL5@ConcordiaPDX.org

Finance Committee

Last Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, May 25, 7 p.m., venue: contact Heather Pashley, Treasurer@ConcordiaPDX.org

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# Theatre, pub welcome post-lockdown crowds

By Rob Cullivan  
CNews Editor

As Covid lockdowns and masking mandates end, people have come out to slake their live music thirst at two of Concordia’s most popular venues, the Alberta Rose Theatre and T.C. O’Leary’s.

Talent Buyer Adam East of **Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 NE Alberta St.**, says the venue has hosted live performances since last September and is now just about back to its pre-pandemic average of five shows per week.

Upcoming shows include Booker T. Jones of “Green Onions” fame May 1; Portland singer Stephanie Schneiderman and indie rockers Swansea on May 6 as well as a musical tribute to Dolly Parton on June 4 called “Dolly Hoot” featuring local musicians.

Alberta encourages patrons to be vaccinated as well as wear masks, East said, but doesn’t require either.

Alberta weathered the Covid storm by being creative.

“We switched to online shows, and

presented over 150 livestream shows during lockdown,” East said. “We had a subscription service that kept some of our staff working, and provided some work for musicians in the local scene who had seen all their gigs dry up. We lost a few staff members, but most came back.”

Down the street at Irish music hub **T.C. O’Leary’s, 2926 Alberta St.**, owner Tom O’Leary said he’s hosted performances since the end of the first lockdown, in spring 2020 and whenever regulations permitted after that. However, O’Leary’s did move its performers to an enclosed area outside the pub to decrease the potential for Covid transmission.

“We kept it outside as much as we possibly could depending on the temperature,” he said, noting patrons could enjoy the performances via video screens inside the pub.

O’Leary’s doesn’t ask patrons to be masked or show vaccination cards, but the pub owner said his establishment can accommodate those who are concerned about Covid exposure.



From left: Gordon Freeman (fiddle), Richie Rosencrans (guitar), Jacob Grieco (flute) and Preston Howard Wilde (pipes) perform at the Concordia pub T.C. O’Leary’s, a hub of Irish music in Portland. Contributed photo.

“If anyone was feeling nervous to be back in this environment, we have plenty of space outside,” he said, noting the pub has seating room for up to 60 people outside.

O’Leary’s will ask for proof of vaccinations and that patrons be masked when Tom stars in the award-winning Irish American tale “The Smuggler,” which opened April 28 and which runs through to May 22 (see related story page 8). The Dublin born actor says regulations are different for theater as opposed to music, and the pub must abide the rules guiding

playhouses for its staging of “The Smuggler.”



CNews Editor Rob Cullivan is a veteran journalist, publicist and grant writer who has written about everything from rock ‘n’ roll to religion. He possesses a deep affection for writers and photographers who hit deadline.

## Board returns to in-person meetings May 4

The Concordia Neighborhood Association board has decided to return to hosting in-person monthly meetings, with the first taking place at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 4, in the Community Room at McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave.

Due to the room’s limited space, social distancing cannot be enforced, so all attendees are asked to bring

proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test taken within 24 hours of the meeting. Wearing masks will be optional.

To call into the meeting, dial 1-413-779-5435; PIN: 246824040#

CNA board meetings take place the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. and are open to the public. For more information, visit [ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings](http://ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings).

## Kieran Lee joins CNA Board

Last month the Concordia Neighborhood Association board voted to make Kieran Lee its At-Large 4 member.

Lee is an automotive engineer who lives off Alberta Street with his wife and has lived in Northeast Portland for the last seven years, “but loves the accessibility of this corner of the quadrant.”



Kieran Lee

Lee decided to join the board after reading about the vacancy in CNews. Lee said believes in local community building through personal relationships and he felt this was a great way to start. He adds that he looks forward to meeting more members of our community and listening for ways it can maintain “equitable opportunity for all of our neighbors as the neighborhood continues to evolve.”

Outside of his working hours as an Automotive Engineer, you can find Lee running on one of the area’s greenways or walking down Alberta to grab a pint at T.C. O’Leary’s.



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CNA Social Committee

# Fern Hill Egg Hunt draws hundreds April 16

By Javier Puga-Phillips  
CNA Board Member, SW1,  
CNA Social Committee Chair

Hi Concordia, welcome to our new social column. Now that the COVID restrictions have been lifted and vaccines have been available for some time, it's time to be social again!

Every month I'll be telling you about social events, community partners, and new businesses here in Concordia.

First off, thank you to everyone who has participated in our neighborhood clean ups! Our bi-monthly clean-ups, combined efforts between us and Solve Oregon, have removed over 9,000 lbs. of trash from the streets of Concordia. However, there is more to do. Please sign up for our next clean up event happening 9 a.m., Saturday, June 4, in Alberta Park. Register at [SolveOregon.org](https://SolveOregon.org) or by emailing [Social@ConcordiaPDX.org](mailto:Social@ConcordiaPDX.org).

Also, thank you Sojourn Church, Great Notion Brewery, Holy Bean Coffee, DB Desserts, Engel & Völkers, Keller Williams, Crafty Wonderland, CollagePDX, Miss Zumstein Bakery, Crafty Wonderland, East Borough Shop, Extracto Café and Michaels Arts and Crafts for your donations to our annual Spring Egg Hunt.

Concerts in the park are back! Mark your calendars for 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, July 15, in Alberta Park. Our "2022 Summer Free For All" lineup will be announced by next month, so please stay tuned to CNews for updates.

About the CNA Social Committee

Our mission is to connect residents and businesses. If you are a business owner here in Concordia, make sure to reach out via email at [Social@ConcordiaPDX.org](mailto:Social@ConcordiaPDX.org), or connect with us on Instagram @CNAPDX and #SocialConcordiaPDX.



A volunteer at the Spring Egg Hunts paints the face of Lily Fogarty. Photo by Anne Koski



Chase Chapman-Guillén, 3, enjoys the hunt. Photo by Michael French



From left: Athena Chapman, Skye Tuttle-Ortiz, Henry and Norah Jenkins, and Luna Tuttle-Ortiz wait patiently for the Egg Hunt to commence. Photo by Anne Koski

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# Youngsters look to fill baskets with goodies



As the hunt begins, children rush onto the grass where numerous eggs had been left by volunteers. Photo by Michael French

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# NE Village PDX volunteer enjoys connections

By Jon Dickman  
CNA Media Team

An appreciation of authentic human connection and a love of helping others inspired retired chiropractor and Cully resident Abe Cohen five years ago to volunteer with Northeast Village PDX, 5830 NE Alameda St., serving Concordia and other neighborhoods in central northeast Portland.

For the past five years, the group—volunteer-based, member-led and self-governing—has enabled older people to remain in their homes and enjoy a meaningful quality of life. Services may include transportation, light home maintenance, tech support, social visits, phone check-ins, tax help, yardwork and neighborhood walks. Membership fees help pay for village operating costs.

A driver for the village, Cohen cherishes the one-on-one time he spends when taking a member to a doctor, dentist, or physical therapy appointment or to go shopping, on a park walk or to a hair salon.

“It’s like when I was a chiropractor,”

he said. “It’s a meeting of different people from different backgrounds, different personalities, different walks of life. It’s very stimulating.”

John Bear – a writer, former Jeopardy contestant and one of Cohen’s regular passengers – said Cohen was always cheerful.

“Abe is one of those people who would rather be 15 minutes early than one minute late. So, I can always count on him for pickups and rides.”

Although the pandemic has limited socializing, some village members use videoconferences for book and movie discussions and arts and crafts. Cooking groups also conduct their meetings via videoconference, as well as speakers who share information of interest to older adults.

More in-person cultural, recreational, and social activities are slated to start up again soon.

In February, Northeast Village PDX joined more than 280 similar villages across the country to celebrate the movement’s 20th anniversary. The U.S. House of Representatives marked Feb. 15 as National Village Day.

The milestone was also commemorated by Oregon Sen. Ron Wyden, who issued a statement into the Congressional Record of the United States Senate to recognize the accomplishments and contributions of the national movement.

“I see a lot of gratitude,” Cohen said. “It’s nice to do something for people who appreciate what you’re doing – not for ego gratification – but because you’re giving them something.”



Retiree Abe Cohen (left) volunteers to drive members of Northeast Village PDX to appointments. On this rainy day, John Bear was a passenger headed to an appointment at OHSU. Photo by Jon Dickman

Northeast Village PDX holds video-conference information sessions for prospective members and volunteers at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. Register on the calendar at

NEVillagePDX.org, or call 503.895.2750 for more information. Also, you can check out their introductory video on their Northeast Village PDX YouTube channel.



Jon Dickman, enthusiastic volunteer with Portland FolkMusic Society and lover of classical jazz vocals, leads a memoir/show-and-tell group for NE Village PDX called “It’s All About Us.”



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SOJOURN



# Exhibit features resident’s botanical paintings

By Rob Cullivan  
CNews Editor

Concordia resident Amy Daileda will showcase a group of paintings in “Micro Flora,” an exhibit at Flour Market Bakery, 5507 NE 30th Ave., from Wednesday, May 4, through Sunday, May 29.

A reception will take place from 5-8 p.m. Friday, May 6. Admission is free and open to the public.

Daileda said her paintings are being exhibited “mere blocks from where my subjects grow. Flora is a list of the plant life of a particular area, period or habitat. These acrylic paintings represent part of the flora of my Northeast Portland, Oregon native, edible, organic garden.”

The artist used macro, or close-up photos of plants to help her create her works.

*“I also study (plants’) botany, edible and medicinal uses, history and beauty, and try to connect to them using all of my senses.”*

– Amy Daileda

“I also study their botany, edible and medicinal uses, history and beauty, and try to connect to them using all of my senses,” she said. “Using acrylic paint on locally made wood panels, I painted them while working next to the studio window that overlooks our organic garden where they grow.”

The exhibit is part of the Taking. Up. Space. Initiative facilitated by the Artist/Mother and Thrive Networks. Taking Up Space or T.U.S. is a female focused community global art exhibition taking place in more than 80 locations in May. You can learn more about them by visiting the #takingupspace2022 hashtag on Instagram.

Daileda has lived in Concordia for 21 years and is a clothing designer creating wearable art for even longer under the name Vivid Element. She said that this is her first painting exhibit since 1993.

“During the pandemic I started painting again,” she said. “Since we were quarantined at home, I used the details of plants and flowers I grow in our Backyard Habitat Certified garden as subjects. I studied painting in college and am now inspired to take it further. I’m thrilled to be showing at this great new bakery in our neighborhood.”

For more information, visit Vivid-Element.com/art\_event/micro-flora.



Amy Daileda’s ‘Bitter Nightshade’ is among the paintings she’ll be exhibiting this month at Flour Market.



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**MAY 2022**

**1** celebrating 60 years  
of Green Onions  
**BOOKER  
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**6** **STEPHANIE  
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+ Swansea

**7** **Two of a Kind**  
featuring  
**LANI MISALUCHA  
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**11** **CONSIDER THIS**  
with Laura Kipnis

**12** **LIVE WIRE RADIO**  
WITH LUKE BURBANK  
featuring Jon Mooallem  
Keanon Lowe  
John Craigie

**14** **JOHN  
GORKA**

**21** two shows!  
**MORTIFIED**

**SUMMER SNEAK PEEK**

**JUN 24** gender-bending  
burlesque cabaret  
**DAPPERLESQUE**

**JUN 28** Grammy-nominated  
contemporary Jazz  
**ACOUSTIC ALCHEMY**

**JUL 2** **PASCUALA  
ILABACA Y FAUNA**

**AUG 11** **TIM O'BRIEN  
+ JAN FABRICIUS**

**AUG 13** **MARIO  
AGUILAR**

**AUG 20** **DARRELL  
SCOTT**

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# Community events calendar

May 1-31  
**ALDER COMMONS RECYCLING**  
**Location:** 4212 NE Prescott St.  
Drop off your styrofoam and batteries for recycling.  
**Details:** aldercommons.org/calendar

Saturday, May 7, 1-4 pm  
**KENTUCKY DERBY**  
**Location:** Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave.  
Hosted by Poison Waters  
Mint Julep Bar; Best Hat contest  
**Details:** mcmenamins.com/events/232250-kentucky-day-by-hosted-by-poison-waters

Sunday, May 8, 9 a.m. to 3 pm  
**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH BUFFETT**  
**Location:** Kennedy School Gymnasium, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave.  
\$42 for adults, \$24 children 5-12, children 4 and under free.  
All ages welcome; reservations recommended.  
**Details:** mcmenamins.com/events/232610-mothers-day-brunch-buffett

**Community calendar items**

Admission to events is free unless otherwise noted. Priority is afforded to local events sponsored by – or which benefit – local nonprofit organizations. Submit information to CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org by the 10th of the month preceding the event.

Saturday, May 14, 1-5 pm  
**VERNON IB WORLD SCHOOL SIXTH ANNUAL MAKER FAIR**  
**Location:** Vernon IB World School, 2044 NE Killingsworth St.  
Shop for handmade gifts by students, staff, families & alumni.  
**Details:** vernonpta.org

Saturdays 10am-noon, May 7, 14, 21, 28  
Mondays 4-6pm, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
**ST. CHARLES FOOD PANTRY**  
**Location:** 5310 NE 42nd Ave.  
“Shop” at the food pantry Mondays & Saturdays this month, or request contactless delivery of food boxes. The 9.53-square-mile service area is 28th to 82nd & the Columbia River to Mason, including Dignity Village.  
**Details:** stcharlespdx.org/food-help.html, svdpdxsc@outlook.com

Saturday, May 21, 28  
**FOOD PANTRY**  
**Location:** 5209 NE 22nd Ave.  
Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church hosts its food pantry the last two Saturdays each month with restrictions & strict adherence to physical distancing procedures.  
**Details:** sharonsda.net, office@SharonChurch.comcastbiz.net

Saturday, June 4, 9am-noon  
**CONCORDIA NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN UP**  
**Location:** Meet in Alberta Park, NE Ainsworth & 22nd Ave.  
Join SOLVE and your neighbors to pick up litter in Concordia. Pre-registration is required, SOLVEOregon.org/opportunity/a0C8W00000V8b0t  
**Details:** See Page 2, ConcordiaPDX.org/neighborhoodlitterpickup, cnewsbusiness@concordiapdx.org, 503.891.7178



## Catch ‘The Smuggler’ at T.C. O’Leary’s

Irish immigrant Tim Finnegan has aspirations of being a writer but struggles to earn a living and provide for his baby son. Spurred on by family pressure and his own loss of dignity, he discovers the price he’s willing to pay to get ahead.

Such is the premise of “The Smuggler,” a play featuring Tom O’Leary, which Corrib Theatre stages at his pub, T.C. O’Leary’s, 2926 NE Alberta St., through May 22.

Penned by Ronán Noone, an award winning Irish American playwright, “The Smuggler” features 9,000 lines of rhymed verse and has earned critical kudos for its original take on the immigrant experience.

“Noone confronts the audience with the many complications and hypocrisies our society and its economy collide with on the subject, but he does so in such an engaging and entertaining manner that it’s like getting a dose of bitter medicine laced with a great big lump of sugar,” wrote one critic of the play.

Directed by Gemma Whelan, “The Smuggler” will be staged at 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Sundays; 10 p.m. Thurs-



Tom O’Leary of Corrib Theatre plays Tim Finnegan in ‘The Smuggler,’ which runs through May 22 at T.C. O’Leary’s on Alberta Street. Contributed photo.

days and 2 p.m. Saturdays through May 22. Tickets are \$30, and admission is all ages except for the 10 p.m. shows, which are 21 and older. Info: CorribTheatre.org.



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## The Community Room is back!

Have you missed the McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room? It’s managed by the Concordia Neighborhood Association and – prior to the pandemic – was the scene of many meetings, parties and assorted get togethers. It’s available again for rental.

- Free Wi-Fi
- Capacity for 49 people
- Private off street parking

\$25/hour (\$15/hr. for nonprofits)

**Questions?** Email: CNARoomKennedy@gmail.com

**To learn more and reserve the room, visit:**  
ConcordiaPDX.org/community-room-rental

