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Last Thursday Photo Package

CNews was there June 30 when Last Thursday returned to Alberta Street.

Check out our photo package on the popular social event, on Page 7.

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Concordia News

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Pipster Prep

Preschool to open in CU building



This former Concordia University administration building will house Pipster Prep's newest location.
Photo by Leigh Shelton.

By Leigh Shelton
CNews Advertising Representative

A Portland preschool and child-care chain plans to open a location in a former administration building of Concordia University, on the corner of NE 30th Avenue and Ainsworth.

Pipster Prep owner Tessa Steinberg said the new school, at 5949 NE 30th Ave., is tentatively set to open in February.

Steinberg and her husband David Steinberg recently bought the single-story 8,000-square-foot building and are planning a full renovation.

Steinberg said she's most excited about bringing the outside in with skylights in the common areas and a roll-up door to connect indoor play with a new, large outdoor play space where a parking lot currently exists.

"And a large bathroom with eight stalls will be SOOO nice," she said.



Leigh Shelton is the new lead ad representative for CNews. She loves raising her three children in Concordia and doing yoga nidra. For advertisement inquiries, contact Leigh at CNewsBusiness@ConcordiaPDX.org.

Steinberg said she is excited to see the architectural plans come to life. Most refurbished buildings limit design possibilities because of existing conditions that are hard to change. But the 1959 property is a "cement square" upon which she can make her design dreams come true.

"This will definitely be our nicest location," Steinberg said. "And the street is perfect. I love Ainsworth."

Concordia will be Steinberg's first location to provide care to children ages 1 and older. Her other four locations enroll children ranging in age from 2 or 3 to 5.

Steinberg, who until recently lived in Concordia, said she was inspired to expand her business into infant care after the birth of her son, as she struggled mightily to find care for him.

"We are in dire need for more care in this area," Steinberg said.

Even before the Covid-19 pandemic led to the shutdown of centers and dispersal of the workforce, a 2020 Oregon State University report prepared for Oregon's Department of Education Early Learning Division labeled all 36 Oregon counties to be "childcare deserts" for children ages 0 to 2. A desert is defined as an area with more than three children for every one licensed child care slot. For parents, the lack of supply translates to high prices, wait lists and lots of frustration.

Concordia resident Adrienne Newton's son Mason attends Pipster Prep's Northeast preschool on Killingsworth Street. It has a long wait list, and it was Newton's third try at finding the right place for her oldest son.

"When Mason walked into the classroom, he fell in love," she said. "He got his 'joie de vivre' back. They think they're having all this fun, but really, they're learning. He's so happy."

Newton said she's thrilled about the new location that will be just a few blocks from her house and is planning to send her youngest son when it opens.

"I can walk Lucas to Pipster and Mason to Faubion [School]," Newton said. "It just fulfills my dream of having this little community so close."

To learn more about Pipster Prep, visit PipsterPrep.com.



Tessa Steinberg

News from the NET

Erin Cooper, our Neighborhood Emergency Team representative, shares her tips for storing water, in Part II on her series of water and disasters, on Page 5.

Social Column—Pasta possibilities

CNA's Social Committee highlights Gabbiano's, an Italian-American restaurant, that serves comfort food, wine, and cocktails, on Page 6.



From the Board

By Peter Keller, CNA Chair



10 things I hate about Concordia

I got your attention, didn't I? Print bait!
From my laymen's understanding of psychology, people are more likely to read about the "10 worst things" even if it's something they like.
I truly can't think of even a few things I hate about the Concordia Neighborhood. I have a lot of love for this neighborhood, and I'm not sure I'd change much about it. But if, or I should say when, we do want to change something, how do we go about doing that? Or what if someone or something decides to change something in our neighborhood? Like put a freeway

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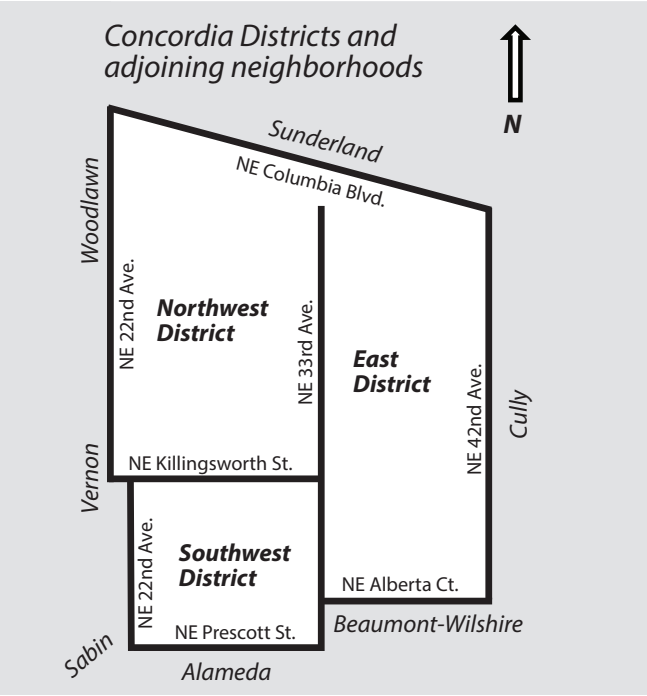
through it for example. To whom do we appeal? The City Council, the Mayor?
Well today they'll likely point you to your Neighborhood Association.
In fact, the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), which oversees neighborhood associations, was borne out of neighbors rising up against city government and private power brokers.
Neighborhood associations were originally many different entities and volunteer groups who gathered around and for local causes. In the 1960s and '70s the city began to recognize these associations and put structures in place to support them and ensure

they were run equitably and openly and were non-discriminating. The city also gave them a seat at the table and involved them in decision making. Portland was a model city for neighborhood involvement in city government. You can read more about the history of ONI at PortlandOregon.gov/civic/38585.
So I've been thinking, what is the role of the neighborhood association today? Today, when people have Next Door where they can instantly find out what's happening. Furthermore, with our current form of city government of four city council members and the mayor, who are all at-large and don't represent any particular part of the city, to whom do we appeal? Who represents Concordia?
The current answer is, all of them and none of them. We've gone from a city government that was revered for its neighborhood association involvement to a city council and mayor who would prefer to get rid of them.
There is a lot that we can do to bring neighborhood associations into the present. It starts with getting people involved. AND not just getting involved when there's something we hate about our neighborhood.
We have a chance this November to change our form of city government by voting "yes" for the new city charter. (See story Page 3.) The new charter will give Concordia more direct representation via regionally elected city council members. It will take the city bureaus out of the hands of elected officials and put them in the hands of professionals. And, in theory, it should give neighbors and neighborhoods more voice.
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.

Concordia Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting
Note: No meeting in August.
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 6 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room with call in option, see box below, contact Peter Keller, Chair@ConcordiaPDX.org
Future meeting dates: 10/5, 11/2
General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 7, 7 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room with call in option, see box below
Future meeting date: 11/2
Social Committee
If you'd like to volunteer to help plan fun, community-building events, contact Javier Puga-Phillips at Social@ConcordiaPDX.org.
Media Team
1st Monday of the month, Monday, Aug. 1, 6 p.m., venue: remote, see box below, contact Shawn Mihalik, MediaTeamLead@ConcordiaPDX.org
Finance Committee
Last Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, Aug. 31, 7 p.m., venue: contact Heather Pashley, Treasurer@ConcordiaPDX.org.
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Concordia Neighborhood Litter Pickup

Care about your neighborhood? Want to help?

What: Join SOLVE and your neighbors for a litter pick up in the Concordia Neighborhood.

When: Saturday, August 6th, 9:00 a.m. – noon

Where: Meet in Alberta Park, NE Ainsworth & 22nd

Registration: Pre-registration is required! Please sign up ahead of time and fill out the volunteer waiver form:

SOLVEoregon.org/opportunity/a0C8W00000V9M8x

Questions? Contact Gina Levine at GinaMLevine@Gmail.com or call 503.891.7178.

More info: ConcordiaPDX.org/NeighborhoodLitterPickUp



Portland City Charter

Board hosts talk on proposed charter Sept. 7

By Rob Cullivan
CNews Editor

Residents of Concordia and other Portland neighborhoods may have a greater voice in their city government if a proposed city charter is approved by voters this November, the charter’s proponents say.

The proposed charter would change the city council’s makeup from its current one of four at-large members and the mayor to one made up of 12 members who will represent four districts, each with three council members representing it.

Furthermore, council members will no longer run city bureaus and voters will be able to use proportional ranked-choice voting to choose their council members. Proponents claim ranked-choice voting is more inclusive of underrepresented voters than the current simple majority system by which councilors are chosen.

The Concordia Neighborhood Association Board will host a discussion on the proposed Portland City Charter, at 7 pm Wednesday, Sept. 7, at McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave.

Three Big Changes

The independent 20-member City Charter Review Commission has been at work for more than 18 months gathering citizen input on the proposed charter. The proposed charter contains three key changes that affect how Portlanders vote, how they are represented and the scope of their leaders’ formal responsibilities.

Proportional Ranked-Choice Voting

Under the proposed charter, voters can rank their choices for city council members instead of simply voting for one person for each seat. You can choose any number of candidates, from the one you most want on down to the one you may not support strongly but can accept.

To win a seat in one of the four districts, candidates must reach a threshold of one

vote more than 25% of all votes cast. Votes are then counted in rounds until all three seats representing a district are filled. Under a process called “Single Transferable Vote,” votes can be transferred in two ways to ensure voters are getting more use of their ballots. First, if a candidate has surplus votes that put their total over the threshold, the surplus votes are transferred to whomever those voters marked as their next choice. The transferred votes are then added to the corresponding candidates.

Second, if no other candidate meets the threshold, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated and their votes get transferred to whomever those voters marked as their next choice. This process repeats until the three winners have enough votes to win a seat, giving voters more say in who their preferences are.

The theory behind this system is that such voting will give underrepresented constituencies a better shot at being represented than they are under the current system. Instead of just one representative, for example, getting in because they won a mere 51 percent of the voters, proponents said, you can have three representatives winning office with varying percentages of the overall vote.

Becca Uherbelau, a city charter commission member, said proportional ranked-choice voting would open up the city’s government to a greater range of voices.


“It actually results in better representation for folks who haven’t seen their interests represented,” she said. “Voters hate choosing between the lesser of two evils, and this way the voter has a better experience.”

Multi-member districts

Currently the at-large members of city council each represents the entire city of Portland, but under the proposed charter, the city would be divided into four districts with three council members representing each district. Charter proponents say this will allow voters to be able to more easily work with their council members to advocate for specific concerns. One such advocate is Concordia resident and political activist Mont Chris Hubbard, who testified before the charter commission.

“I think that city council will better represent the opinions of Portlanders when we have 12 of them elected with proportional representation,” Hubbard said.

RANKED CHOICE SAMPLE BALLOT



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The proposed city charter would offer voters proportional ranked-choice voting. Graphic provided by city charter commission.

Responsibilities shift

Currently the mayor and city council members directly administer various departments, but under the new charter, the mayor would appoint a city administrator who in turn would then appoint administrators of such city departments as the police or the housing bureau.

Charter proponents contend this would free up the city’s political leadership to focus on their most important job, which is addressing constituent concerns, not managing bureaus. The

current arrangement can lead to a “politicization of service delivery,” Uherbelau said, and replacing it means constituents can voice a concern to a council member, who can then take that concern to the mayor and/or city administrator who would then direct the bureau in charge of a service to address a concern.

“You have a straighter line to both answer and solution,” she said.

To learn more about the proposed Portland city charter, visit Portland.gov/omf/charter-review-commission.



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.



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NE Village PDX

Volunteer enjoys bonding through walking

By Jon Dickman
CNA Media Team

After Tricia Jett moved to Northeast Portland in 2017, she started taking a seniors’ exercise class at Portland Community College, where some of her classmates frequently talked about the volunteering they did for Northeast Village.

Seeing an announcement about an upcoming event that gave an introduction to Northeast Village PDX, she went to the meeting, was impressed by what she heard and signed up.

“I like the feeling of giving back.”

– Tricia Jett

The first time Jett volunteered for the group, she did some shopping at a grocery store for a man who was confined to his home. Tentative about volunteering at first, she was relieved by how well it all went and how good she felt afterward.

“I’ve had a very fortunate life,” she said, “and now that I’m at a point where I have time, I like the feeling of giving back.”

Her most regular experience as a volunteer these past four years has been as a walking buddy with Village member Jean Robinson, a retired high school business teacher living in the Alameda neighborhood. Jett describes her as someone who cares greatly about all her neighbors, often chatting with them along their walks. Apparently, Robinson cares about Jett as well. “Tricia is delightful company,” Robinson said. “We share an interest in reading, politics and her darling golden retriever Stella.”

When naming her dog, Jett tried to think of what might be fun when calling her. Then, what she describes as the “iconic name for yelling” came to her as she thought of Marlon Brando shouting “STELLA!” in the movie A Street Car Named Desire.

One thing both women share is gratitude.

“I am so grateful for the volunteers who have walked with me for years,” Robinson said. “They have kept my spirits up, especially



Tricia Jett, left, and her dog, Stella, enjoy sharing walks with Jean Robinson, a retired high school teacher. Photo by Jon Dickman

during the pandemic.”

As for Jett, she likes to hear the stories of all the people she has met through volunteering.

“It’s amazing to me the diversity of people with such interesting histories, and how much they have each accomplished in their lives,” she said. “It’s reaffirming.”

Northeast Village PDX is a member-led, volunteer-based and self-governing nonprofit that supports older people to stay in their homes while maintaining active, purposeful lives in Concordia and other neighborhoods in the central northeast Portland area. Call 503.895.2750 for more information

or check out their video on their Northeast Village PDX YouTube channel or at NEVillagePDX.org.



Jon Dickman, lover of classical jazz vocals and longtime Concordia resident, is an enthusiastic volunteer for Northeast Village PDX.

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Letter to the editor

‘NIMBY,’ ‘YIMBY’ divisive terms, overused terms

Dear Concordia News Editor,

I always enjoy Peter Keller’s writing and his dedication to the neighborhood and community. I appreciate that he lays out all the wonderful ways that Concordia is a thriving and active neighborhood in his July column.

To add to the conversation, I believe the terms “NIMBY” and “YIMBY” are divisive and widely overused in Portland. If you are interested in historic preservation, you are labeled a “NIMBY,” and if you are interested in affordable housing, you are labeled a “YIMBY.”

These labels bring with them a host of assumptions such as “NIMBYs” want to prevent any change from occurring in the community and “YIMBYs” push forward all change benefiting the community.

I believe that the landscape is much more nuanced than these simplistic boxes and think there are many people

in Portland who identify with aspects of both movements.

Personally, I support historic preservation and urban tree conservation. I also support increased density, building affordable housing, creating solutions for houselessness and addressing systemic racial injustices. The challenge is creating policies that allow for all of these strategies to coexist. A while back, I heard a houseless advocate say that the best solution for ending houselessness is to build small shelters in every neighborhood in the city. I fully support this idea.

What do you believe in and want for the city? I encourage everyone to step outside the box, consider what you truly value and take action—volunteer, donate money or time to nonprofits, and engage in neighborhood events.

Sincerely,
Jordana Leeb, Concordia resident

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News Items

New trash cans

This winter, the City of Portland will add 150 new public trash cans to the streets of Northeast Portland. The cans will be emptied twice a week, and city residents are being asked where the cans should be located.

You can fill out a survey about the cans at [Bit.ly/ne-portland-trash-cans](https://bit.ly/ne-portland-trash-cans).

You're welcome to call or email Quintin Bauer, public trash collection program manager, at 971-275-3224, or at WasteInfo@portlandoregon.gov. You can also schedule a time for him and his staff to walk the neighborhood.

You can learn about the new trash cans at Portland.gov/ne-public-trash-cans, including seeing what the trash cans look like as well as a map showing the neighborhoods where cans will be added.

The City of Portland is committed to providing meaningful access. For accommodations, modifications, translation, interpretation or other services, call 503-823-7700 or use City TTY 503-823-6868.

Cully Farmers Market cancelled

Organizers of Cully's Farmers Market, which took place on Thursdays at 5011 NE 42nd Ave., have cancelled for the rest of the summer.

Ann Takamoto, director of Development and Communications for Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), one of the market's sponsors along with the group Our 42nd Ave, provided this statement to CNews.

"A disgruntled Cully resident

closely involved with the market verbally accosted our market organizer," the statement read. "Because this happened twice, once during the market, and once in public, NAYA and Our 42nd Ave felt it was important to prioritize the safety of the market organizer and remove them from the situation. Without a dedicated market organizer, we do not have the staff capacity to organize this weekly event successfully."

When asked if she could identify the "disgruntled Cully resident," Takamoto said this was all the information that could be provided at this time.

Our 42nd Avenue and NAYA also noted that they "understand the value this great community asset brings to the residents and businesses in our neighborhood. We are strongly committed to bringing back the farmer's market next year, provided we can ensure everyone's safety. We look forward to partnering with our Cully neighbors as we work to make the Cully Farmers Market an inclusive and welcoming space for all."

Walking tours scheduled

The Vernon Neighborhood Association has scheduled three walking tours this month and is inviting Concordia residents to join them.

Two Woodlawn tours take place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays, Aug. 6 and 27. A Vernon tour takes place at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 28.

Registration is needed to participate. To learn more, visit VernonPDX.org or email VNABoard@gmail.com.

News from the NET

Storing Water for Disasters, Part II

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

In last month's column, I discussed the importance of having at least three gallons of water per person stored in case of an earthquake or other large natural disaster. But how should you store that water?

The standard disposable water bottles, large or small, that you can buy at the grocery store are not suitable for more than short-term storage since the plastic degrades relatively quickly and the containers will leak. If you rotate the containers out frequently that would be fine, but it's not very sustainable for the long-term.

It's possible to buy sterile water in containers rated for long-term [50 year] storage, which is a good option, but is also the most expensive for more than a few gallons of water. There are lots of containers available for water storage that you can fill up yourself with tap water. In general, these containers should be thick, opaque plastic, and are available in portable sizes [five gallons] up to large barrels [30 to 50 gallons].


Unless you buy sealed, sterile water for long-term storage, you will ideally refill the containers annually. One way to

remember to do this is to use the water for plants in the summer, then refill immediately after, writing the date on the outside of the container. If the water will be stored for more than a year, it's a good idea to have a plan to sterilize the water when using. Bleach can be used by adding 16 drops per gallon, and then letting it sit for 30 minutes. I recommend keeping a new container of bleach, not scented or color safe, with an eyedropper with your water storage containers. High quality filters, such as LifeStraw or similar brands, or UV pens, can also be used to sterilize water after storage.

Once you get containers and fill them with water, it only takes a little effort to keep your family hydrated after a disaster.



Erin E. Cooper is a marine biologist living in Woodlawn. She spends a lot of time thinking about disasters and has been a NET member for many years. Contact her at OceanListener@gmail.com.



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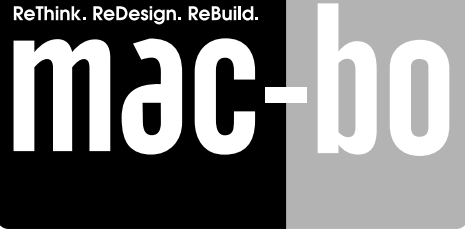




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Social Column

Last Thursday back; National Night Out Aug. 2

By Javier Puga-Phillips
CNA Social Committee Chair

Hello Concordia!
I'd like to start our social column with gratitude.

Last Thursday

Thank you to all the neighbors, vendors, participants, volunteers, and community leaders who helped bring this event back to our neighborhood. CNA would also like to thank Black United Fund for allowing us to set up a community outreach booth in its lot for this first Last Thursday of the season.

CNA will staff a booth outside Bonne Chance, 2209 NE Alberta St., at the next Last Thursday, Aug. 25. Stop by and say hello to us.

Concert in the Park

On July 15, we celebrated at Alberta Park with this year's first concert in the park, a collaboration with Portland Parks and Recreation. Thank you to Son de Cuba for their performance at this fun family event. We'd also like to thank our neighbors and community partners that celebrated with us.

Moving on with our agenda, we have a host of new and returning events coming to the neighborhood.

Parade for National Night Out–
Aug. 2

CNA has partnered with Flour Market & Mildred Hall to host National Night Out. We will meet at Flour Market, 5507 NE 30th Ave. at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 2. Bring your bikes, scooters, strollers

and more. We will have all the things to make your ride shine. The parade leaves at 6 p.m. heading to Mildred Hall, 5138 NE 23rd Ave.

Mildred Hall will host fun and festivities in collaboration with Sojourn Church including activities, food, beverages, music, and a raffle.

Neighborhood Litter Pickup–
Aug. 6

Our next neighborhood litter pickup is Saturday, Aug. 6. We'll be meeting at Alberta Park from 9 a.m. to noon. Thanks to all of our volunteers we have picked up more than 10,000 pounds of trash from Concordia's streets. However, we still have more to do. Please see Page 2 for details or email me at Social@ConcordiaPDX.org for the Solve link to register.

Yard Sales–Sept. 2–4

Thank you to all the people who have signed up for our neighborhood yard sales, scheduled from Friday to Sunday, Sept 2–4. We still have spaces available, please reach out to sign up.

Spotlight of the Month:

Gabbiano's

We'd like to put the spotlight of this month on one of our community partners—Gabbiano's. This Italian-American restaurant, located at 5411 NE 30th Ave, serves comfort food, wine, and cocktails.

David Siegal, Blake Foster and Daniel Pickens-Jones are the owners of Gabbiano's. As soon as this group of entrepreneurs heard about a space here



David Siegal and Blake Foster. Photo by Michael French

“I was making pasta for myself and friends during the pandemic. This food felt so warm and inviting.”

– Blake Forster

in Concordia, they jumped on the opportunity.

“We love how amazing and great this neighborhood is, we want to celebrate the neighborhood,” Siegal said.

The restaurant opened its doors in January 2022 and quickly became a success.

“I was making pasta for myself and friends during the pandemic. This food felt so warm and inviting,” Forster said.

In addition to fresh pasta, two neighborhood favorites include the fried mozzarella and the meatballs. Two of the

owners are professional bartenders and they frequently review the cocktail list to take advantage of fresh, seasonal ingredients.

Gabbiano's popularity beyond the neighborhood is rapidly increasing with articles in Eater, Forbes online, and others.

“We do not take reservations, because we do not want to be so booked up that people cannot find a place. Instead, come over and we'll feed you,” Siegal said.

Stay tuned as CNA is planning to have a special occasion at Gabbiano's in the future.

Volunteers needed

We currently need volunteers for future events. Please reach out to me at 503.343.5561 or email Social@ConcordiaPDX.org to volunteer for your community.

Follow us on Instagram @CNAPDX and use #SocialConcordiaPDX for shout outs. We also have a FB page @ConcordiaPDX for updates.



Javier Puga-Phillips holds the At Large 4 position on the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) Board of Directors, manages rentals of the McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room and chairs the CNA Social Committee. He is a real estate professional locally, and he is a published author and motivational speaker in Latin America and Spain.



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Last Thursday is back!

Thousands of folks returned to Northeast Alberta Street June 30 to mark the return of Last Thursday, a monthly summer event. Small businesses, galleries, restaurants, and bars come together to celebrate the Alberta Art District community as artists, musicians, and performers lined the street from NE 15th through NE 30th Ave. Last Thursday takes place again Aug. 25. Photos by Isaac Puga-Phillips and Rob Cullivan





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Community events calendar

Saturday, Aug. 13, 2–5 pm
ALDER COMMONS AFRO MADE POP UP MARKET
Location: 4212 NE Prescott St.
Come support Black-owned businesses at our market in the parking lot.
Details: app.aldercommons.org

Thursday, Aug. 18, 7:30 pm
MOVIE: THE GOONIES (1985) PG
Summer Free for All
Location: Alberta Park, NE 19th Avenue and Ainsworth Street
Admission: Free
Details: portland.gov/parks/arts-culture/sffa

Saturdays 10 am to noon
Mondays 4–6 pm
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, Aug. 20, 2–6 pm
MAYAN CULTURAL AND TRADITION FESTIVAL
Location: Trinity Lutheran Church, 5520 NE Killingsworth St.
Join partners Indemaya, Metro, Oregon Community Foundation, Trinity Lutheran Church, and Verde for music, traditional dances, food, games, films, and video celebrating Mayan culture.
Details: livingcully.org/event/mayan-cultural-and-tradition-festival

Saturday, Aug. 20, 27
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: sharon7sda.net, office@SharonChurch.comcastbiz.net

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.

Concordia Art Works
New mural adorns theatre's alley wall

By Maquette Reeverts
Alberta Art Works

Joe Cawley, owner of the Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 NE Alberta St., reached out to Alberta Art Works to help realize his idea of a large mural on the alley wall of his building.

Alberta Art Works applied and received a Regional Refresh Fund grant through Metro to finance the project and worked with Cawley to find the perfect artist to create the work.

The area muralist known as Campographic, or Campo, was chosen to create the work. Two of his murals already grace our neighborhood.

One mural depicts late noted Concordia resident Floyd N. Booker Sr., who was a railroad worker, union shop steward and custodial services owner, on 17th Avenue. Another mural depicts Amanda Gorman, the noted African-American poet who read at President Joe Biden's inauguration, on the Dime and Penny, 15th Avenue and Killingsworth Street.



The visage of Portland blues singer LaRhonda Steele looks out from Alberta Rose Theatre. Photo by Maquette Reeverts

Campographic also created a mural of a jazz trumpet player on 18th Avenue, but that is now gone.

Lady Sings Blues

The new 1,100-square-foot mural celebrates LaRhonda Steele, the “First Lady of Portland Blues,” in the midst of a performance. A member of the Oregon Music Hall of Fame as well as the Cascade Blues Association Hall of Fame, Steele has performed and recorded with such musicians as Gino Vannelli, Curtis Salgado, Lloyd Jones, Mary Flower and Norman Sylvester.

The mural's background is filled with roses, a nod to the Concordia neighborhood theater where she has graced the stage many times. Using photographs of roses from the neighborhood, the background “enhances the energy of the expression on LaRhonda's face as she greets visitors to Alberta Street,” Campo said.

To create his works, Campo uses spray paint rather than a brush. By changing out the nozzles on his spray cans, he said

he can achieve various effects, including thin lines or wide swathes of color. He layers shades and tints of one color to produce shadows and highlights, giving the painting the illusion of depth.

To learn more about Steele and her amazing career, visit LaRhondaSteele.com.

To learn more about the muralist, visit Campographic.com.



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Want to get involved locally?



Join us at the next Concordia Neighborhood Association Board Meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 7, 6 p.m. in the McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room or attend remotely at: ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings.

No meeting in August.