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Yard sales success



This bike was among many items up for sale during Concordia's annual yard sales event. Photo by Javier Puga-Phillips.

Neighbors throughout Concordia patronized yard sales throughout the area Sept. 2 to 4. Javier Puga-Phillips relates his experience in his monthly Social Column on page 4.

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Concordia News

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Concordia Conversations

Area gardener 'paints with plants'

By Leigh Shelton
CNews Advertising Representative

Wesley Younie is a painter and trendsetting garden designer leaving his mark all over Portland. Through his business, Wesley Younie Creative, his calendar is packed with eager clients seeking drought-tolerant and aesthetically pleasing flower-filled landscapes.

Past clients include Sequitur Wine in Newburg, Union Wine in Tualatin and dozens of private residences, including many here in Concordia.

Ready to take the plunge and pull out your lawn? Younie recommends starting with the parking strip.

"You want it to be low maintenance," he said. "Why not fill it with plants and shrubs that thrive in the Pacific Northwest?"

Visit WesleyYounie.com to see more of his work or get in touch.

The following interview took place in late summer, in Younie's stunning home garden in Concordia.

Shelton: *Looking at your paintings, I'm noticing an interest in nature. Also, a lot of small details. How does your painting interact with your garden design?*

Younie: "Well, it's all the same elements. I say, 'I'm painting with plants.' Kind of cheesy to say, but true. It's the same



Wesley Younie is an accomplished painter, whose art is inspired by his gardening. This work is titled "Dark Garden." Contributed photo



Garden designer Wesley Younie notes many clients are looking to replace their lawns with more interesting landscapes. Photo by Michael French

formula if you're painting a landscape, except you're doing it in 3D. And color is huge in my gardens. There are colors I don't like using. There are colors that are favorites, and those that are really easy to blend together—purple, blue, pink, white, dark red. If I like a bright color, it's usually orange."

Your personal garden is packed full of plants. And when I walk down the long sidewalk in front of your house, nestled between the parking strip and the rock retaining wall that lines your lot, I instantly feel transported. Not sure I can pinpoint what that feeling is though. What is it about for you?

"To me, it's the same thing as art. It's all about creating a feeling. I once wrote in an artist statement, 'I want my work to transport you to another world.' It's the same in gardens. I like different themes and playing with mixing themes. Parts of my garden are Japanese, parts are tropical and other parts are really arid, natural California desert—looking. It's so important to have the big picture, then the details. I think that's what a lot of homeowners can't figure out. What's the big picture of my garden or landscape?"

When you set out to design a garden for a client, what are your priorities?

"I really want the client to love the garden. And making sure they are set

up for success. Like, don't let them put a vegetable garden in the shade."

What's going on in our gardens in October? What should we be doing?

"Fall is the best time to plant trees and shrubs because it's starting to rain and you can have them watered for free. You can start planting fall edible plants too, as well as bulbs."

Can we plant flowers for spring?

"Perennials, yes, because then they go dormant, then they come back and they look great. It's a great time to add color to your garden."

Where do you buy plants?

"My favorite nursery in town, Xera Plants at 1114 SE Clay St. I like to promote them because they're local, they have good prices and all their plants do great in our climate."

Speaking of climate, how do we plant for a warming one?

"What I've been into, and I'm seeing with clients, is a huge push for pollinating flowers that help the ecosystem by attracting bees and other insects. I went to a big nursery conference, and they said pollinators are the number one thing people are asking for. That makes me happy that people are thinking about this."

"And with the fires and climate change—Oregon is getting hotter—there are so many plants that are going to look green, are drought tolerant and are going to look way better than a dead lawn. I love taking out a lawn. And a lot of the gardens in the neighborhood that I've done are that. How much better for the ecosystem is a pollinator garden that's creating habitat than a dead lawn?"



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.



Wesley Younie works in his home garden. Photo by Michael French

From the Board

By Peter Keller, CNA Chair

Volunteers and voting

Approximately 50 people attended our Sept. 7 CNA General meeting, where we hosted guest speakers both for and against the upcoming city charter ballot measure 26-228. The Kennedy School donated use of the gym for the event, which we really appreciate.

City Charter Commissioner Gloria Cruz, speaking as a citizen and not as a commissioner, laid out the pros, while Stephen Kafoury, who was there on

It’s time to pass the torch to another interested board member or neighbor.

behalf of one of the “no” political action committees, gave the opposition’s arguments [See related article page 3].

For those not familiar with the ballot measure, please check out our August CNews page 3 article on it. Visit ConcordiaPDX.org, and then click on “Concordia News”, then “Concordia News Issues” and then scroll down to the August link.

It was interesting to hear what the speakers had to say, and thankfully many attendees were knowledgeable about the proposed ballot measure and asked great questions.

The City Charter Commissioners are all volunteers, from all walks of life, who were chosen by the City Council in 2020. Each council member chose four commissioners. They’ve spent the last 18 months studying forms of government and meeting

with Portlanders in an impressive, democratic process. Seventeen voted to put forth this ballot measure. This was a supermajority, and therefore the measure bypassed the city council.

However, Mayor Ted Wheeler and Commissioners Dan Ryan and Mingus Mapps have now come out in opposition. Why? They say it’s because the measure is too complex for voters to understand and that parts of the proposed charter are untested.

While I don’t have space in this column to go into details, new does not equal bad. Oregon pioneered vote by mail as well—it’s what we do!

This November, we have one ballot measure and two choices, yes or no. I hope all voters take the time to read the arguments on both sides and make an informed decision.

Speaking of volunteering, politics and decisions, CNA has an election in November too. Since this is an even-numbered year, even-numbered CNA board seats are up for election. Each CNA board member serves a two-year term. In addition, the CNA Board Chair is also up for election. The Chair serves a one-year term.

This is my second year serving as the CNA Board Chair. I’ve decided that I will not be running for Chair this November. It’s time to pass the torch to another interested board member or neighbor. It’s been a great learning experience serving on the CNA Board, and I would recommend it to any neighbor.

Next month, I’ll provide more details about the election. If you’re interested in serving on the board, please send me an email.

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

1st Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, Oct. 5, 7 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room with call in option, see box below, contact Peter Keller, Chair@ConcordiaPDX.org

Future meeting date: 11/2

Annual Membership Meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 2, 7 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room with call in option, see box below, contact Peter Keller, Chair@ConcordiaPDX.org

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, Oct. 3, 6 p.m., venue: remote, see box below, contact Shawn Mihalik, MediaTeamLead@ConcordiaPDX.org

Finance Committee

Last Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., venue: contact Heather Pashley, Treasurer@ConcordiaPDX.org

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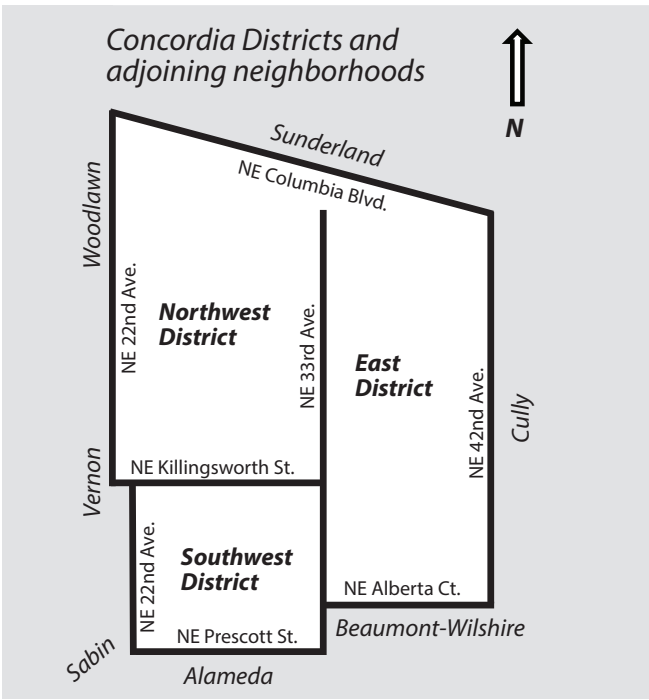
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- Facebook.com/groups/ConcordiaPDX

CNA’s Halloween Party is coming soon!



Monday, October 31, 5 – 8 p.m.
Hosted at Bar Cala, 2703 NE Alberta St.

The theme is “Masquerade.” Stop by to celebrate with us and wear your best costume to show off at the costume contest.

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City charter

Proposed city charter vote approaches

By Rob Cullivan
CNews Editor

As Portland gets ready to vote on a proposed city charter, opponents are mounting an effort to defeat ballot measure 26-228, claiming it is too complex for voters to understand, too costly to finance and will create more problems than it solves.

Meanwhile the measure’s proponents are countering that the proposed charter will give Portlanders a greater voice in their city government, make the city’s elections more democratic than they are now and increase the ability of city councilors to respond to constituents’ concerns.

Concordia meeting

One opponent of the ballot measure brought his message to a Sept. 7 Concordia Neighborhood Association meeting at McMenamins Kennedy School, which drew more than 50 people.

Stephen Kafoury, a former member of the Oregon House of Representatives and Senate, noted he agreed with the ballot measure’s proponents that Portland’s charter needs change, but believed voters were being asked to approve an “all or nothing” measure when they should be given the opportunity to vote on the measure’s various components separate from one another.

Kafoury asked audience members to consider reading a reform proposal from City Commissioner Mingus Mapps, who was set to release it Oct. 3. Kafoury said he and other opponents of the proposed



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.

charter may put their proposal before voters next May if the currently proposed measure fails this November.

“If you vote ‘no’ in November, you’ll have a better vote in May,” he said.

Kafoury said he represented Partnership for Common Sense Government [CommonSenseGovPDX.com], a group primarily made up of several former federal, state and local officials.

Kafoury’s talk followed a presentation on the proposal by Gloria Cruz, a member of the 20-member volunteer commission that created the ballot measure. The independent 20-member City Charter Review Commission, which was appointed by city council, worked for more than 18 months gathering citizen input on the proposed charter.

Cruz said that they were there simply to explain and answer questions and were not speaking on behalf of the commission itself. The charter contains a number of important changes, Cruz said.

For example, 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 city departments.

The proposed charter also would eliminate primaries and use proportional ranked-choice voting to select city council members, a complex system by which voters could rank their votes for candidates rather than vote for one. The charter also changes the city council’s makeup from 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, Cruz noted.

“Having the ability to have three candidates represent you ... I think is a really appealing aspect of this measure,” Cruz said.

To learn more, visit Portland.gov/omf/charter-review-commission/proposed-ballotmeasure.



Stephen Kafoury outlines his opposition to the proposed city charter Portlanders are considering, at a Sept. 7 meeting hosted by Concordia Neighborhood Association. Photo by Rob Cullivan



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Social Column

Yard sales a success, Halloween bash set

By Javier Puga-Phillips
CNA Social Committee Chair

Thank you very much for all your support and help bringing events back to Concordia. I am happy to report that the annual yard sales event, Sept. 2 to 4, was a success. We had 34 official addresses on the roster this year, plus a few neighbors who decided to jump in and hold their yard sales last-minute.

During the yard sales, I had the opportunity to meet many neighbors who happily shared different businesses in Concordia and adjacent neighborhoods in Northeast Portland that they feel are worth giving a shout out here.

Mis Tacones, 1670 NE Killingsworth St., was brought up several times as a great option for vegan food. Green Bean Books, 1600 NE Alberta St., was also mentioned a few times as a great option for our younger readers. Thank you to those businesses for being an important part of our neighborhood, and thank you to the residents who took time to talk to me and share their experiences and feedback.

I'd also like to thank Jessica Chace and Michelle Fitzgerald who helped me put this event together. Thank you to Andrea Boyd, a graphic designer who came up with the map and made it easier for us to locate the participants' homes and, of course, thank you to all the participants and/or residents and shoppers who were key to the success of this event.

A special thank you to Madeleine Chace, who shared her art work with our

neighbors and elevated our yard sales to a walk of art.

Up Next

Moving on with our agenda, our next neighborhood Litter Pickup is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1. We are

Our next party event is our Halloween Party, Monday, Oct. 31.

meeting at Alberta Park, at the corner of Northeast Ainsworth and Northeast 22nd Avenue.

These events are in coordination with SOLVE as well as our neighbors. At this point, we have picked up over 12 tons of trash from the streets of Concordia. Thank you to Gina Levine, our neighbor who has helped with this project for a year.

Halloween Treats

Our next party event is our Halloween Party, Monday, Oct. 31. We'd like to extend a special thank you to Bar Cala, 2703 NE Alberta St., which is hosting our festivities.

This year's theme is "Masquerade," and we will be at Bar Cala passing candy out to the neighborhood kids and will have prizes for the children. The party

will be held from 5–8 p.m. Stop by to celebrate with us and wear your best costume. We will be having a costume contest.

Room for Rent

We also like to remind everyone that Concordia Neighborhood Association is funded mainly by the rentals of the community room at McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave.

The room is available to be rented by the hour with special rates for non-profit organizations. All proceeds from the room are used to keep funding more events, Concordia News and other important projects for Concordia.

We currently need volunteers. Please reach out to me at 503.343.5561 or Social@ConcordiaPDX.org for volunteer

opportunities.

Follow us in Instagram @CNAPDX and use #SocialConcordiaPDX for shoutouts. We also have a Facebook 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.



Concordia residents shopped at several homes Sept. 2 to 4 during the neighborhood's annual yard sales event. Photos by Javier Puga-Phillips

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Concordia Neighborhood Litter Pickup

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When: Saturday, October 1, 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/a0C8W00000V9M97UAF

Questions? Contact Javier Puga-Phillips at Social@ConcordiaPDX.org or call 323.573.1516.

More info: ConcordiaPDX.org/NeighborhoodLitterPickUp

Concordia Tree Team

Tree Team helps keep Concordia green

By Jim Gersbach and Ric Vetter
Concordia Tree Team

Did you enjoy the shade and coolness of neighborhood trees this summer? Many of those street and school trees in Concordia have been cared for by a dedicated group of neighbors who make up the Concordia Tree Team. Our activities include pruning small street trees in the spring and fall, watering through the summer and occasionally working with other organizations such as Trees for Life Oregon, distributing watering buckets in various neighborhoods, and Portland Parks and Recreation, which works on tree planting.

If we prune your trees, please feel welcome to watch us work, ask questions and provide comments.

Each autumn, we select a different area of Concordia to prune small street trees with the permission of the homeowner. Residents can consent to our services by following guidance on hangtags we leave on doors or by signing consent forms when our volunteers canvas the streets that will be covered this year. If we prune your trees, please feel welcome to watch us work, ask questions and provide comments. The Concordia Tree Team has been involved in creating each of the neighborhood's three arboreta, or tree museums. The **Ainsworth Linear Arboretum** was established in 2005 at the request of Concordia neighborhood Tree Steward Jim Gersbach with support from volunteers from the Vernon and Woodlawn neighborhoods. The arboretum consists of the median and planting strip rows on 31 blocks of Ainsworth Street, from Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. to 37th Avenue. You can learn more about the arboretum at AinsworthLinearArboretum.org. Sixty years ago, the median was strongly dominated by Norway Maples,

a tree that is now considered a nuisance species and can no longer be planted on city property. For the past 17 years, Gersbach has worked with Portland Parks and Recreation to select trees that are relatively rare in Portland to diversify the genetic mix along Ainsworth, as well as species that may thrive here as the climate changes. As old trees die, the maple monoculture is gradually giving way to a much more diverse treescape representing dozens of species and different genera. The arboretum at **Alliance High School at Meek Campus**, 4039 NE Alberta Ct., was established in 2010 to form a learning landscape where students could learn about trees and biodiversity. Trees were selected from the currently successful and diverse oak genus and other genera that contain few members—or only one. The **Cully-Concordia International Grove**, our third arboretum, is a collaborative project with the Cully neighborhood. Planted in March 2011, it is our youngest arboretum. The Bureau of Environmental Services funded the original planting after securing permission from the Oregon Department of Transportation, which owns the land. The goal was to slow stormwater runoff into the Columbia Slough, and to trial diverse species, including those that might be more climate resilient. Trees were selected to represent every continent where they grow. Among them are Oregon myrtle; Mediterranean cork and holly oaks; a Mexican pine; an evergreen silverleaf oak from the U.S. Southwest; North African Atlas cedar; Chinese Pistache; Australian snow gums; giant sequoia and two Portland natives, Oregon white oak and Willamette Valley ponderosa pine. Unfortunately, the neighborhood has learned that the Portland Bureau of Transportation intends to remove 14 of the 60-plus trees of the International Grove during construction to replace the bridge over Lombard at 42nd Avenue. The young trees in all these tree museums require summer watering by our tree-team volunteers, who can be seen working on various nights and weekends at Meek and along Ainsworth. The Concordia Tree Team was instrumental in securing Concordia's first heritage tree, an American persimmon, as well as getting heritage status for one of the natural-form European hornbeams in Fernhill Park. We also provide

water for park trees that appear to be struggling during our increasingly hot and dry summers. The Tree Team was honored with a citation from Portland Parks and Recreation for meritorious work in organizing and executing the Fernhill Park tree inventory in 2018. This spring, with the help of many helpful Concordians, we pruned many small trees along Alberta Street in concert with other Earth Day volunteer activities. Concordia was the first neighborhood in Portland to have its street trees inventoried in 2010. Tree Team members participated in that census. This summer, Concordia was again first in the city to have its street trees re-inventoried with help from the Tree Team. We look forward to sharing the results once they are tabulated by the City's Urban Forestry staff. If you'd like to be part of a fun, active group of Concordians and aren't afraid of rolling up your sleeves to better the

neighborhood, consider joining the Concordia Tree Team. We can be reached through the "Talk To Us" page on the Ainsworth Linear Arboretum Website, AinsworthLinearArboretum.org/talk-to-us.



Jim Gersbach leading a tree walk along Ainsworth arboretum. Photo by Ric Vetter



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Next up: Tuesday, October 3 at 6 p.m. Go to ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings to learn how to attend the virtual meeting.

Info: Contact Shawn Mihalik at 330.502.8452 or MediaTeamLead@ConcordiaPDX.org.

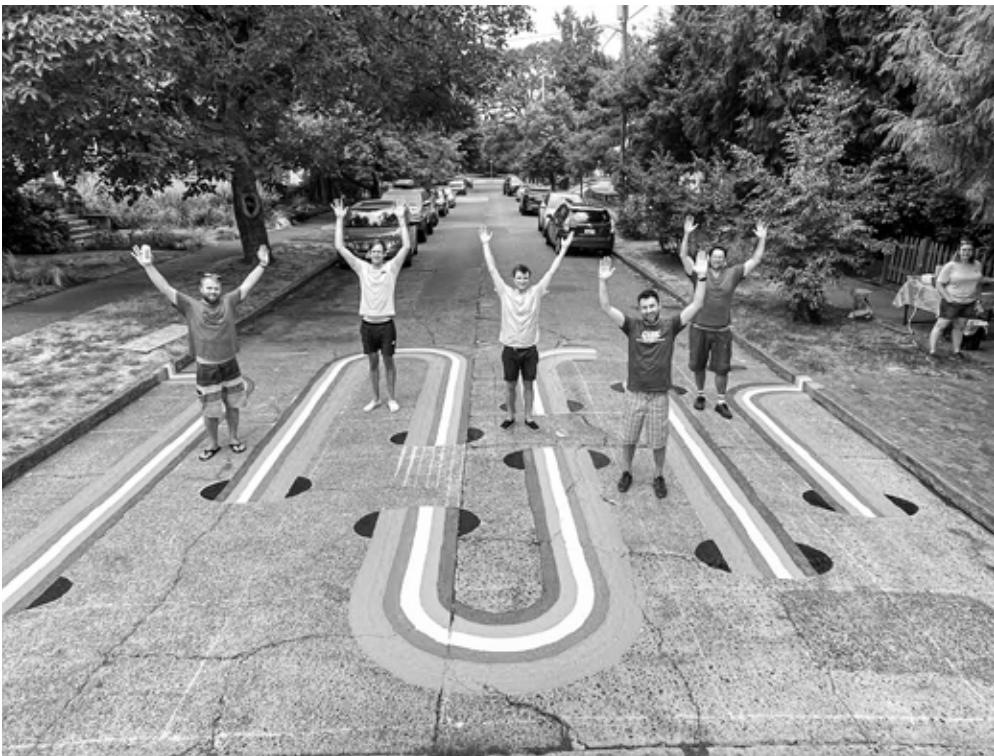


Are you fighting hunger?

Concordia News is planning to highlight efforts in our neighborhood by organizations, community groups, churches and religious communities as well as individuals fighting hunger in our November edition. If you are involved in fighting hunger in Concordia or elsewhere, please send an email with details about your work to Rob Cullivan, CNews Editor, at CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org by Oct. 10.



Calling all Sci-Fi & Fantasy readers! Parallel Worlds is a cozy, yet bright, new bookshop carved out of Thai Noon Restaurant on Alberta Street and Northeast 27th Avenue. Owner Sam Jones, shown here serving a customer, said he opened the business to showcase the books that he loves, such as the works of Maureen McHugh, Suzette Elgin, Octavia Butler and many more. The store boasts new and used titles. Follow @ParallelWorldsBookshop on Instagram to learn about new releases and in-store events. Shop hours are noon to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. Photo by Leigh Shelton



From left to right: Chris Rhea, Darby Granberry, Joe Rupp, Mike Westling, Kyle Stuart. Photo by Laura Ginsberg. Story by Marsha Sandman.

Neighbors bond to create street art

After reading an issue of the Concordia News last spring, Darby Granberry was inspired to design and orchestrate a colorful street painting with neighbors on NE 28th Avenue this month. Adhering to city regulations, folks joined in with kids, coffee and snacks. With all the happy children living on and around the street, Granberry liked the idea of rainbows. The design shows colors bursting in and out of the pavement like an ongoing line that is seen and unseen as it snakes in and out of the street. “I like to imagine the journey the rainbow line makes when it goes into the hole in the street and disappears,” Granberry said. “Where does it go before it comes popping out of the next hole? Perhaps it does loop and visit other houses. I like the possibility of more holes appearing throughout Portland and the rainbow comes streaming out connecting all the neighborhoods into one giant colorful community that is Portland.”

Let's meet

Plans are underway for us to join your neighborhood and we could not be more excited.

Join Interim President Patrick Phillips and others from the University of Oregon for a casual gathering to ask questions about the move and learn about our programs.

UO Community Connection
Wednesday, Oct. 12, 4:30-6 p.m.
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St. Charles Church

Catholic parish welcomes pastoral administrator

St. Charles Catholic Church, 5310 NE 42nd Ave., welcomed a new Pastoral Administrator, Father Tony Galati, this summer.

Galati officially took his position in July and is no stranger to the Concordia neighborhood. He grew up in the Piedmont neighborhood and attended Holy Redeemer Grade School, Central Catholic High School and the University of Portland.

When he was a child, his family would occasionally attend Mass at St. Charles, something he remembers fondly as well as the friendships he made with St. Charles parishioners through the years.

Following graduation from college, he began a 28-year career in international shipping and then served as executive director of Portland's Catholic Radio station, KBVM, now Mater Dei Radio. Galati noted he became interested in the radio station during his commutes.

"I would time my drive so I could pick up certain programs during my workday," he said.

He eventually joined the station's board in 2002 and was hired as director in 2005, a position he held till 2014. During his tenure at KBVM, he helped to solidify its financial support and expanded its reach in Oregon, extending the station's broadcast reach by purchasing two transmitters in the Eugene area.

Previously married, Father Galati has two grown sons and three grandchildren. His marriage was annulled, a Catholic process by which a marriage is considered invalid because it lacks at least one essential element to make it a binding union. Because of this, Galati was able to become an ordained minister in the church.

About a decade ago, he said he felt God's call to the priesthood and was encouraged by others, including a priest friend, to consider joining the clergy.

"It took me a while to discern, and I did, and I haven't looked back since," he said. Galati decided to enter Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict and was accepted in 2016 and ordained in 2021.

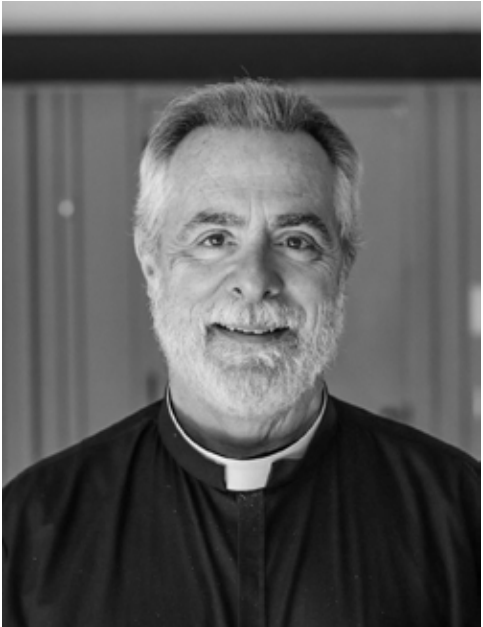
Now at age 65, he is new to the priesthood but grateful for his life experiences, which he feels will help him to better do the things a priest is consecrated to do. He noted his age and life story enabled him to give spiritual counsel grounded in the practical challenges all people face.

"Had I not been married and had kids, I could not do this job," he said. "I come with an instinctive desire to be a spiritual father to people."

His priorities will be administering the sacraments, serving as celebrant for weekend and daily Masses, visiting the sick and homebound and presiding at funerals and weddings.

"I love it all," he said when asked what he enjoys about being a priest. "Whether it's celebrating Mass or anointing the sick or hearing confession or baptisms, for me it's been wonderful. I feel duty-bound in being generous in offering the sacraments."

In his first Sunday homily, he told the congregation: "It's a privilege and blessing for me to be here with you. May



Father Tony Galati. Contributed photo

God bless you and let's pray for each other that we may be Christ to one another."

This story contains additional reporting by Rob Cullivan.

News from the NET

Pack your 'Go Bag' with short-term supplies

By Erin Cooper
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Over the past few years, we've watched a number of disasters such as floods and wildfires put people's lives at risk all over the world. These disasters highlight the need for all of us to have a "go bag" of short-term supplies in case we need to evacuate on short notice.

The go bag meets a different set of needs than the larger quantities of water and food you might keep at your house for a shelter-in-place situation, although you can use the supplies in your go bag in a disaster, even if you don't evacuate.

Your family's go bags should have three days of supplies for each person in

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your home. This should, at a minimum, include non-perishable food, water, a first-aid kit and any prescription medications.

Your family's go bags should have three days of supplies for each person in your home.

Other useful items could include a flashlight, a tarp for basic shelter and a phone charger.

Think of a few things that would make life a little more comfortable if you had to evacuate on short notice, like a toothbrush, a deck of cards, warm socks or your favorite type of chocolate.

Babies and small children will have special needs for their bag, such as diapers and formula.

Ready.gov and the American Red

Cross both have good lists of things to include in your go bag. Even if you purchase an already assembled kit, you'll want to personalize it with a few of your own things.

Remember that the essential nature of your go bag is that it is ready to go!

Even though you have all the pieces of a go bag in your house, make sure you have duplicates so you're not using the items from your go bag regularly. Keep your go bag items separate and unused so that the bag is ready in case you need to evacuate on short notice.

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Parks communities summit Oct. 20

The Portland Parks Foundation will bring Portland's parks communities together from noon to 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20, at McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave., for its annual "Fall Friends & Allies Summit."

Come network, learn from each other and dive deeper together into creating more equitable access to nature, play, health and places of connection.


Dr. Terry Cross, a citizen of the Seneca Nation and founder of the National Indian Child Welfare Association, will give a keynote address on "How the Indigenous Relational World View can

broaden and deepen the work of parks and outdoor organizations."

Workshops will tackle such subjects as accessibility to parks for people with disabilities, "Weaving Empathy into Equitable Action," "Trauma-informed De-escalation Strategies for You and Your Organization," and how to submit grant applications.

On that final note, the Portland Parks Foundation, in cooperation with Portland Parks and Recreation, is accepting applications through Oct. 15 for \$2,000 grants. Applicants should be community-based organizations within the city of Portland that foster equitable access to our urban parks, natural areas, community gardens and community recreation centers. The program is founded by a bequest from Nancy Hebb Freeman, an artist, hiker and lover of Portland parks.

For more information, visit portlandpf.org/grants-program, or contact Jessica Green at jgreen@portlandpf.org or 503-445-0994.



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Community events calendar

Saturday, Oct. 15, 5:30–8 pm
OPEN MIC WITH ALDER COMMONS
Location: 4212 NE Prescott St.
Join us for our next Open Mic, facilitated by David Paz-Mendoza.
Open-to-the-public event where youth and adults alike can showcase their work, talent, and voice. Bring your poetry, lyrics, favorite chapter from that novel you're working on, and more! Open Mic is set to be outside, in backyard, with weather permitting, or inside if needed.
For potential performers: There are no assigned time slots, so your name will be picked at random. Each performer will have five minutes to present their piece(s) when their name is drawn the day of. You can sign up in advance or on the day of the event at 5:30 pm.
Details: app.aldercommons.org/program/open-mic-oct-15

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, svdppdxsc@outlook.com

Saturday to Monday, Oct. 28 to 31
FREE HALLOWEEN EVENTS
Location: McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave.

All Weekend
Scary movies in the Theater, To Be Determined

Saturday, Oct. 29
Jack-O-Lantern Jamboree, noon to 2 pm and 2–4 pm; Free Dance Party and Costume Contest, 7–10 pm with My Siamese Twin in the Gymnasium.


Halloween Day
Trick-or-Treating, 4:30–6:30 pm, Jack-O-Lantern judging (by trick-or-treaters) Outside, weather permitting.

Details: mcmnamins.com/events/236727-halloween-weekend

Saturday, Oct. 22, 29
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

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.

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