



# CONCORDIA NEWS

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## Upcoming Kids Page

In the May edition of CNews, Peggy Pfenninger, a multidisciplinary artist, graphic designer and 20-year Concordia resident, will debut a new Kids Page, with artistic activities. Pfenninger owns P-Town Prints + Design and also serves as administrator of a local Buy Nothing group.



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## Spring Egg Hunt ahead!



Last's year's Spring Egg Hunt at Fernhill Park drew hundreds of happy children, seen here rushing to collect plastic eggs filled with candy. This year's Egg Hunt, set for noon on Saturday, April 8, is expected to draw scores of excited youngsters again to the park, and Concordia Neighborhood Association Social Committee Chair Javier Puga-Phillips fills readers in on all the details about the upcoming event in his column on page 4. File photo

### Ballot measure

## Measure offers tenant help

By Kepper Petzing  
Contributing writer

Tenants facing eviction could qualify for free legal representation if Ballot Measure 26-238, known as Eviction Representation for All (ERA), becomes law.

Multnomah County voters will vote on the measure in the May 16 Special District Election.

If approved, the ERA would provide free legal representation for any tenant facing eviction in Multnomah County. The program would be funded by an increase in capital gains tax of .75 %.

### How would it work?

Many renters facing eviction can't afford a lawyer. If they go to court, they must represent themselves. If they lose their case, an eviction goes on their record, making it difficult to rent again.

The ERA initiative would create a new Tenant Resource Office to provide free legal representation to anyone facing eviction. There would be no other changes to landlord-tenant laws or eviction proceedings under the ERA.

In 2022, 6,577 residential eviction



Kepper Petzing has lived in Concordia for 40 years, where, with their partner Lowen, they raised two children. They are nonbinary. They love community and are grateful for Concordia News.

*Proponents argue that the ERA, by reducing homelessness, will save up to \$68 million in public funds spent on such services as emergency housing, foster care and medical care.*

cases were filed in Multnomah County, and it's estimated that in Portland between 25% and 62% of evictions lead to homelessness. Landlords are allowed to raise rents this year by up to 14.6%. Since Portland wages have not kept up with rent increases, evictions are expected to increase.

### Proponents, opponents

More than 40 community, housing, labor, faith and legal organizations, such as the League of Women Voters, Urban

League of Portland, Portland Association of Teachers and the National Lawyers Guild, support the ERA.

Meanwhile, opponents include the Portland Business Alliance, Mayor Ted Wheeler, Multnomah County Chair Jessica Vega Pederson and Metro Council President Lynn Peterson.

The differences between proponents and opponents center around just who should qualify for attorney representation and how to fund it.

Who should receive free legal representation?

Research has found that a right to counsel for those facing eviction leads to more than 90% of tenants avoiding eviction, with tenants either able to stay in their current home or able to move directly into other stable housing. Because of this, both Portland and Multnomah County allocated money for a limited number of low-income tenants to have free legal defense. With these programs in place, still only 9% of tenants had legal representation in eviction court in 2022. The ERA, on the other hand, applies to everyone, regardless of income.

"I believe it should be a fundamental right to have legal representation when facing something as traumatic and life changing as being evicted from your home," Concordia resident Anna Fritz said. "I have friends and family members, hard-working people, who find they are too poor to afford a lawyer but too rich to qualify for government programs."

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From the Board

By Kieran Lee, CNA Chair



# General meeting covered host of issues

Hey Concordia! I would like to thank all of you who were able to join our General Meeting last month. We had several guest speakers who brought in topics relevant to our neighborhood and the discussions were open and excellent. Our next General Meeting will take place at 7 p.m.

Portland Bureau of Transportation’s potential efforts to improve safety on NE Prescott Street. Additionally, Oregon Shines presented information regarding how they can help guide renters and homeowners through a community solar program (get started at OregonShines.com). And finally, we had a walk-in topic to bring forward the latest information on the

*It’s always encouraging to see the enthusiasm behind our neighborhood.*

Wednesday, June 7, and I encourage you to bring neighborhood items forward, including new initiatives, concerns, and upcoming events, by contacting me directly. Each topic is typically granted 10 minutes with an additional five-minute question-and-answer period. It’s a great way to connect with your neighbors!

Our past meeting speakers included the Neighbors for Clean Air (NCA), who hosted an educational session around unregulated emissions in Multnomah County (learn more at NeighborsForCleanAir.org).

The board introduced the background behind how we established the 2023 budget, which is now available to view on the CNA website.

One of our neighbors also brought forward Multnomah County ballot measure 26-238, the Capital Gains Tax and Tenant Resource Program Initiative, which is set for vote on May 16.

We had an abbreviated conversation around the

changes ongoing with the Alberta Main Street organization.

This diverse setlist of discussions was lively, and participation was energizing. It’s always encouraging to see the enthusiasm behind our neighborhood. Hoping to see even more of you at the next one!

Of course, there’s no need to wait until the next General Meeting to participate. Always feel free to join in any of our committee meetings or the monthly board meetings on the first Wednesday of each month. Our meeting and events calendar can be found on the CNA website, ConcordiaPDX.org. See you around the neighborhood!

*Kieran Lee works as an automotive engineer and has volunteered in youth development. He particularly enjoys living in Concordia for a variety of reasons, including its diversity, accessibility, and local business community.*

## Concordia Neighborhood Association

**Board Meeting**  
1st Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, April 5, 7 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room with call in option, see box below, contact Kieran Lee, Chair@ConcordiaPDX.org

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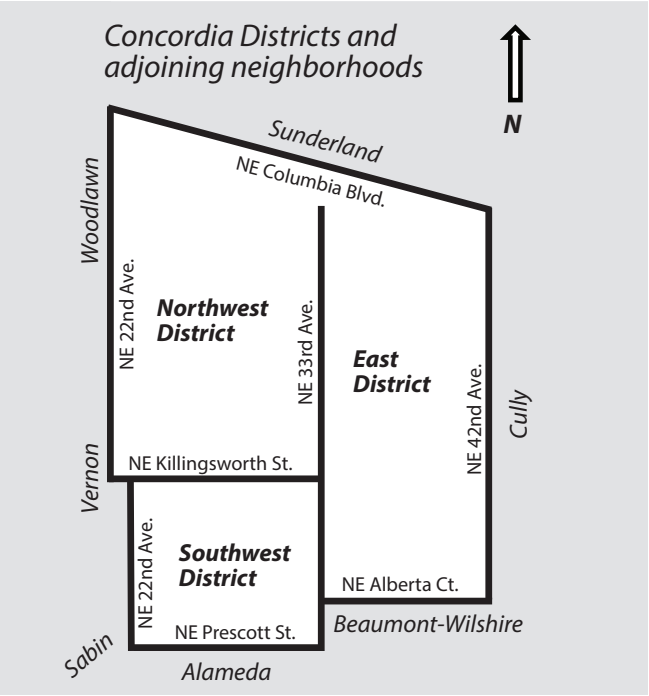
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CNA news

# General meeting draws speakers

By Brittany van der Salm  
CNA board vice chair

The Concordia Neighborhood Association’s general meeting March 1 drew a number of speakers addressing a variety of topics, including the following:

**Neighbors for Clean Air [NCA]**

Morgan Towle noted NCA has been operating in Portland for 12 years. “Big diesel” is a major pollution issue for Portland, she said, and Multnomah County is one of the top five counties in the country for high diesel pollution. NCA claims that 65% of this comes from construction and off-road equipment. Diesel vehicles used in construction release particulate matter into the air that causes health issues, Towle said.

Towle said that Oregon House Bill 2396, the Indirect Source Bill, is up for consideration in the 2023 legislative session. If passed, the bill would regulate indirect sources of diesel pollution. HB 3158 uses state funding to incentivize transition away from diesel.



Brittany is a board member of the CNA, and has lived in the neighborhood since 2019. She works as a Medicaid disability policy consultant with a national nonprofit firm. Brittany loves to bake and bird watch.

*Customers of PGE, Pacific Power and Idaho Power can receive utility-bill credits in exchange for buying or leasing part of a community solar project here in Oregon.*

**Oregon Community Solar Program**

Sean Micken, who works for Oregon Shines, said the OCSP was written into state law in 2016 and allows anyone who buys power, regardless of where they live, to purchase solar energy that is harvested right here in Oregon. Subscription costs vary by use and type of plan. Customers of PGE, Pacific Power and Idaho Power can receive utility-bill credits in exchange for buying or leasing part of a community solar project here in Oregon.

In a followup email from Oregon Shines, Field Manager Don Evans noted: “[The Oregon Community Solar Program] was created to ‘make solar



Sean Micken, with back to camera, a solar-power advocate, addresses the general meeting of the CNA board March 1. Photo by Brittany van der Salm

energy available to customers across the state who previously did not have access’ by connecting PGE and Pacific Power customers to solar energy projects without having to install panels on their own roofs.

“You can rent or own your home, and there is no cost to sign up, to participate or to cancel. There is no change in billing, and by law, consumers are required to be incentivized for partici-

pating. The credit creates a guaranteed 5% savings on subscribed energy while low-to- moderate income residents will save 40%!

“Oregon Shines connects residents, businesses, municipalities and other organizations to community solar projects, in their utility territory, allowing them to save money and gain access to clean energy. For more information, and to sign up, visit OregonShines.com.”

## Measure offers help

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**Taxing issues**

The ERA program would be funded by a \$7.50 tax on each \$1,000 of profits from the sale of capital assets such as stocks, bonds, cryptocurrencies, and real estate. There would be no taxes on wages or regular business income. In 2020, 85% of capital gains income went to the richest 5% of Oregonians. Nonetheless, some opponents contend new taxes could have a damaging effect on the economy. Mayor Wheeler, for example, has stated, “I cannot support an additional

tax that could have the impact of driving investment out of Portland.” Other opponents have echoed this concern. Proponents argue that the ERA, by reducing homelessness, will save up to \$68 million in public funds spent on such services as emergency housing, foster care and medical care.

**Voting**

Ballots will be mailed by April 26. You can register to vote via mail, online or in person until Tuesday, April 25. For more information, visit multco.us/elections/may-16-2023-special-district-election.



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Social Column

# Volunteers needed for April 8 Egg Hunt

By Javier Puga-Phillips  
CNA Social Committee Chair

Greetings to all Concordia residents! We want to start by expressing our gratitude for the amazing feedback we have received. It is always our pleasure to hear from you and learn how we can make our community better. We value your input and look forward to continuing to serve you.

As we move forward, we have some exciting events planned for the coming weeks.

Eggzitement!

We are thrilled to announce that the Spring Egg Hunt is finally here! On Saturday, April 1, at 10 a.m., we will meet in the community room at Kennedy School for the “fill the eggs” event. We are looking for volunteers to help us with this fun-filled event. It’s going to be a blast, so bring your friends and family along!

Then on Saturday, April 8, we will

*Thank you for  
being part of our  
community and  
supporting our  
events. We look  
forward to seeing  
you soon!*

host the neighborhood clean-up in partnership with SOLVE and the actual egg hunt.

The clean-up will run from 9 a.m. to noon at Fernhill Park, and we will be setting up in the area by the track. Please make sure to register for this event at [SolveOregon.org](http://SolveOregon.org).

We are looking for volunteers, preferably with a truck, to help take the supplies from the community room to Fernhill Park by 9:30 a.m. We also need help setting up the eggs, starting around 10 a.m., and assisting with picking up after the event.

After the clean-up, we’ll be kicking off the Easter weekend with an exciting egg hunt at noon. Don’t forget to bring your baskets!

Our proposed schedule for the egg hunt on April 8 is as follows: We will meet between 9:30 to 10 a.m., set up the



Prior to the April 8 egg hunt, volunteers will participate in a SOLVE clean-up. File photo

eggs from 10 a.m. to noon, and the egg hunt will begin at noon. It’s going to be a fantastic day, and we can’t wait to see you all there!

Walking club

Speaking of community involvement, we want to give a special shoutout to Megan Gobble, our SW1 representative and the head of our official walking club.

Megan is a passionate walker and a member of the Columbia River Volkssports Club (CRVC). We’re thrilled to have the CRVC as one of our community partners, and we encourage everyone to check them out at [Walking4Fun.org](http://Walking4Fun.org).

Cinco de Mayo

Finally, mark your calendars for our upcoming Cinco de Mayo party at Chilango’s, 2217 N.E. Alberta St. Our newest vegan restaurant, which is Latino-owned, will be hosting this year’s celebration from 2–7 p.m. Friday, May 5. Come join us for delicious \$3 tacos and entertainment as we celebrate our community’s diversity.

Thank you for being part of our community and supporting our events. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Please stay in touch, follow us in Instagram & Facebook @CNAPDX.



Javier Puga-Phillips holds the Southwest 1 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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Paige Wright

Local artist offers classes

By Kathy Crabtree  
Contributing writer

If you are looking for a creative solution for a curious student who is struggling in a mainstream learning environment, Paige Wright, a local clay and ceramic artist, might have a suggestion for you.

Wright admits that she was not stellar at academics but found success and a tool to express herself in clay. That experience built confidence in her ability to become better at reading and writing skills, as well as a reason to study them.

Her sculptures are eclectic collectives of creativity. She has an appreciation of multi-faceted incongruent busts. Her “kiss-kiss” bust consists of a male head encased in a helmet covered with flowers. Her works have been professionally showcased at various venues in the Portland area.

Inspired as a 9-year-old art student of Margarita Leon, a noted art educator in Northwest Portland, Paige continued her ceramic studies in high school, mentored by Cindy Irby. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Montana, followed by a two-year residency at the University of Washington, and earned a master’s degree with an emphasis in ceramics.

“My mission is to make space so that people can build a relationship with their creative practice,” she said. “It takes time to see what is inside one’s head and to react to what one can create from that.”

She offers art lessons for students between the ages of 7 and 16 who desire a greater art experience than their current school offers. Adult classes will be offered for those seeking to refresh their creative practice by expanding their ideas with exposure to clay and three-dimensional



Concordia resident Paige Wright is a noted ceramics artist in the Portland area and also teaches sculpting classes. Photo by Kathy Crabtree

building. Small group classes are scheduled weekly, and private lessons and special project sessions can be arranged. Group parties are ideal for birthdays or corporate team building.

Along with her classroom offerings, Paige is a full-time multi-disciplinary artist, currently available for commissions ranging from portraits in ceramics, house-number tiles, drawings and paintings with experience in production pottery and large-scale murals. Consultation in ceramic professional practices, glaze formation, documentation photography and technical envelopment are also available.

Interested students can find her Lil Studio Classroom, 3522 NE Liberty St., adjacent to her home.

“The studio-classroom designation offers a two-fold purpose,” Wright said. “A studio calls to action the art of creating while a classroom offers a space for growth.”

She also plans “U-paint” group fun creative classes, summer art camps and figure-in-clay workshops with dates to be announced.

Classes are forming now and are two hours long and sold in 10-class bundles on a rolling basis, ongoing so a student can re-register.

**Kids (7-16) Art Lessons:** Sundays, 1–3 p.m. or Tuesdays, 4:30–6:30 p.m.

**Adult Art Lessons:** Mondays 1–3 p.m.

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Kathy is a recent transplant from the Midwest and, as she reports in CNews, things are a lot different here.

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**Want to attend a meeting?** Contact Rich, LUTC Committee chair, to learn where and when the committee will meet in April.

Rich Burton, [LandUse@ConcordiaPDX.org](mailto:LandUse@ConcordiaPDX.org)

Concordia Neighborhood Litter Pickup

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

**When:** Saturday, April 8, 9:00 a.m. – noon

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

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

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**Questions?** Contact Javier Puga-Phillips at [Social@ConcordiaPDX.org](mailto:Social@ConcordiaPDX.org) or call 323.573.1516.

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Project Lemonade

# Event features ‘superheroes’



Costumed superheroes greet children at Project Lemonade’s 2022 National Superhero Day event. Photo contributed by Project Lemonade

Contributed article  
By Project Lemonade

In 2023, an estimated 7,000 youth in Oregon will spend time in foster care, an experience that can affect their entire lives. Northeast Portland’s Project Lemonade believes every child has a gift, and their mission is to inspire self-esteem and confidence to help foster youth thrive.

Project Lemonade wants to change the statistics and help foster youth turn lemons into lemonade. Project Lemonade operates a year-round retail store in the Lloyd Center where young people in care can shop for new clothes for free, offers a L+EARN paid internship program for foster youth, grants WISHes to help foster youth reach their dreams, and runs programs for foster teens and young people aging out of care.

To celebrate National Superhero Day, Project Lemonade is excited to open their doors to 200 youth in foster care on Friday and Saturday, April 28–29. The event features “live” superheroes, face painting, a photobooth and more.

This event is a great opportunity for children ages five and up to shop for a new spring and summer wardrobe. Each young person can shop for more than 20 items, including new shoes, shirts, pants, hoodies, jackets, socks and more to help build confidence and inspire self-esteem. Young people with an open DHS child-welfare or home-safety case, or with foster parents or guardians, can sign up to attend the event and shop at [ProjectLemonadePDX.org/foster-families](https://ProjectLemonadePDX.org/foster-families).

“The numbers add up fast,” said Project Lemonade Development Director

and Concordia resident Allison Specter. “We budget about \$150 per youth, which means more than \$30,000 in clothing will exit our store in just two days. It is quite an amazing feat!”

One parent, named Jacques, who attended last year’s event, raved about its positive effects on their foster child.

“I wanted to say thank you so much,” Jacques said. “Lia had a great time with the superheroes. She got some nice things. And most of all she made a great memory.”

You can be a superhero by donating the following:

- Help stock the Project Lemonade store with superhero themed t-shirts, backpacks, capes and more.
- Make a financial contribution to support this event and the 200 youth we will provide with a free and fun shopping experience to boost self-esteem.
- Host a collection drive. Gather your friends, coworkers or teammates and aim to stock the Project Lemonade store with its most needed items.

For more information, visit [ProjectLemonadePDX.org](https://ProjectLemonadePDX.org), or call 971-378-8634.



Allison Specter is the Development Director at Project Lemonade and has lived in Concordia since 2017. You’ll often find Allison writing and working at Concordia’s many coffee shops. Allison loves to meet neighbors, so be in touch at [allison@projectlemonadepdx.org](mailto:allison@projectlemonadepdx.org).

## “Absolutely Gorgeous”



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## CNA Annual Spring Egg Hunt!

Saturday, April 8, noon (sharp)  
Fernhill Park Playground near 37th Avenue



Volunteers are needed:

- Saturday, April 1, to stuff 6,000 plastic eggs with candy
- Saturday, April 8, to hide those eggs

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See the Social Column on Page 4 for more details.



News from the NET

# Power outages and downed lines

By Micha Wolf  
Concordia/Vernon/Woodlawn  
Neighborhood Emergency Team

We have all experienced power outages in our neighborhoods, especially after a big windstorm or a cold spell. Throughout our older Eastside neighborhoods, power

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if a line has fallen  
on your vehicle.  
Wait for help  
inside your car.*

lines are strung above ground and reach our homes often through branches of big, old trees. While the city is continuously on a mission to trim the lines from branches along streets, we often see snapped branches or whole fallen trees close to a home downing a line.

Downed power lines are extremely



Micha Wolf has retired from teaching primary school, loves being in nature and believes in building community through engagement.

dangerous. Never touch them. For safety's sake, always assume that a fallen power line is live, and follow these guidelines:

- Avoid touching the downed line with your hand or an object, such as a stick, broom or pole.
- Avoid touching anything, such as a car, object or equipment, or anyone who is in contact with a fallen power line. Power travels through them and might seriously harm you!
- Keep children and pets away from fallen electric lines.
- Stay in your car if a line has fallen on your vehicle. Wait for help inside your car.
- Avoid driving over a fallen power line.
- Call your power company to report a downed line. PGE can be reached at 503-464-7777, and Pacific Power can be contacted at 1-877-508-5088.
- Call 9-1-1 immediately when you see sparks or fire coming from the line

The power companies also provide outage maps on their website and sometimes will text your phone to report an outage and how long the outage might last.

During a power outage, check on your loved ones and neighbors. Older adults and young children are especially vulnerable to extreme temperatures. Know how to get help if someone is experiencing an emergency. Go to a community location with power if there is extreme heat or cold weather.



Always assume downed power lines are live, and don't touch them. Call your local power-company representatives to deal with them. Contributed photo from Southern California Edison

Keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed. If the doors stay closed, food will stay safe for up to four hours in a refrigerator; 24 hours in a half-full freezer; 48 hours in a full freezer. If the power has been out for four hours and a cooler and ice are available, put refrigerated perishable foods in the cooler.

Many people can survive a brief power outage, but some of us rely on electricity

for medical devices or other life-saving equipment. And all of us should consider how we can meet our physical and communication needs during a longer-term outage of days or weeks.

The Portland Bureau of Emergency Management's website [portland.gov/pbem](http://portland.gov/pbem) has many tips and suggestions on how to prepare for a variety of hazards. Be sure to visit their website!

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UO COMMUNITY  
CONNECTION

Join us for our next community event and hear updates about the building renovation schedules, academic programs, and other details related to our move to the new University of Oregon Portland campus.

Wednesday, April 12  
4:30-6 p.m.

Library & Learning Center  
2800 NE Liberty St.

Questions?  
[pdxinfo@uoregon.edu](mailto:pdxinfo@uoregon.edu)

[pdx.uoregon.edu/northeast-pdx-campus](http://pdx.uoregon.edu/northeast-pdx-campus)

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LOW BAR CHORALE JESUS TOMMY SUPERSTAR rock opera singalong mashup

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LADY SINGS THE BLUES a Billie Holiday tribute

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LIVE WIRE RADIO WITH LUKE BURBANK

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CONSIDER THIS with MÓNICA GUZMÁN

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ELTON DAN & THE ROCKET BAND an Elton John tribute

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TUCK AND PATTI + Adlai Alexander

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WILLY PORTER

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AFTERGLOW AERIAL ARTS 2pm | Student Showcase 7pm | Vintage Circus "Under the Big Top" Coaches Performance

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RON POPE + Lydia Luce and Caleb Hearn

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OPEN MUSIC with ANDY AKIHO

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Record-breaking Winter Storm Tableau

late February 2023  
Portland, Oregon  
By Nancy Flynn

It bore the ice, later snow,  
that terracotta table of stone.  
Became perch for chickadees,  
bushtits and meadowlarks before  
their launch to suet, to safflower seed.  
Even the hummingbirds gave up  
their rivalries, took civilized turns  
sipping at the iridescent ruby  
bottle I took in after dark  
so it wouldn't freeze then break.  
The previously perky hellebores  
collapsed under eight inches  
of weight. One afternoon, sleet  
fell slick, thickly dimensional,  
bouncing from the wind chimes,  
from lustrous camellia leaves.

Now finally today —  
a temporary melt, *no trace, no figment  
of the thing that dazzled yesterday.*  
The neighborhood murder of crows  
is back from what seemed like days  
in their downtown overnight roost.  
There's a junco spilling the birdbath,  
*a splash of oars, a gaiety* and every tulip  
has emerged, doubled in height  
despite an unseasonable, lingering  
chill. Inside, I raise the thermostat  
one more degree, study the fleeting  
return of the sun. The world it glares,  
for a moment all shimmer and drip,  
while waiting for the next inevitable  
cloudburst to thunder down from  
*a heaven like a tent.* We are blanketed  
by our selfishness, our apathy, our sin.  
We are footprints in our downfall —  
watch them drift.



Area resident is accomplished poet

Nancy Flynn grew up on the Susquehanna River in northeastern Pennsylvania, spent many years on a downtown creek in Ithaca, N.Y., and has lived near the mighty Columbia River in Northeast Portland since 2007.



Nancy Flynn

She attended Oberlin College and Cornell University and has a master's degree in English from SUNY/Binghamton. She is a former university administrator, and her writing has received an Oregon Literary Fellowship and the James Jones First Novel Fellowship.

Flynn's recent publications include the poetry collection *Every Door Recklessly Ajar*.

Flynn says she loves living with her retired forest pathologist husband, John Laurence, "in a village of awesome neighbors down the street from Alberta Park." She is especially proud of their platinum-level Backyard Habitat, which now boasts a wild beehive in a bigleaf maple.

"And she grows way too many dahlias in their front yard for her beloved pollinators," her biography states.

CNews is sharing an example of her most recent work, inspired by Portland's wintry weather. To learn more about her work, visit [NancyFlynn.com](http://NancyFlynn.com).

*The italicized lines in this poem are from Emily Dickinson's poem #257, "I've known a Heaven, like a Tent" written in 1861.*

Community Events Calendar

ALDER COMMONS EVENTS

Saturdays, April 8, 22; May 6, 20, 5–7 pm  
Location: 4212 NE Prescott St.  
**MEXICAN REVOLUTION STUDY GROUP**  
Discussion of books and films on the Mexican Revolution. First book is *Bad Mexicans: Race, Empire, and Revolution in the Borderlands* by Kelly Lytle Hernández.

Thursdays, April 20, 27; May 4, 11, 18, 5:30–6:30 pm  
**ME AND WHITE SUPREMACY BOOK CIRCLE**  
Discussion of Layla F. Saad's 28-day workbook, *Me and White Supremacy*. Intro Session on April 20 is a Zoom meeting.

Saturday, April 22, 10 am to 4 pm  
**EARTH DAY TREE CELEBRATION**  
Location: 42nd Avenue between Prescott and Killingsworth streets  
Join the Concordia and Cully Tree Teams as we celebrate the trees of 42nd Street! Tree talks in English and Spanish, tree pruning, and a scavenger hunt with raffle prizes for all ages.  
Details: Contact [CullyTreeTeam@gmail.com](mailto:CullyTreeTeam@gmail.com) or [concordiatreeteam@googlegroups.com](https://concordiatreeteam@googlegroups.com) to be an event volunteer.

Saturdays 10 am to noon  
Mondays 4–6 pm  
**ST. CHARLES FOOD PANTRY**  
Location: 5310 NE 42nd Ave.  
"Shop" at the food pantry Mondays and Saturdays this month, or request contactless delivery of food boxes.  
Details: [stcharlespd.org/food-help.html](http://stcharlespd.org/food-help.html), 503.235.8431

Saturday, March 18, 25  
**FOOD PANTRY**  
Location: 5209 NE 22nd Ave.  
Sharon Seventh Day Adventist Church hosts its food pantry the last two Saturdays each month.  
Details: [sharonsda.net](http://sharonsda.net), office@SharonChurch.comcastbiz.net