



# CONCORDIA NEWS

A free publication of the Concordia Neighborhood Association

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## Egg Hunt photos



Hundreds of children participated in Concordia's annual Spring Egg Hunt this year. Photo package on Page 6.

## Kids Zone

On Page 7, we introduce our new Kids Zone feature, created by Concordia resident Peggy Pfenninger. We hope the coloring page inspires you to draw your own fantastical garden!



### CNA Mission Statement

To connect Concordia residents and businesses—inform, educate and report on activities, issues and opportunities of the neighborhood.

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## Day Center

# HIV shelter offers respite

By Jordan Bowen  
Social Work Intern  
HIV Day Center

On an unseasonably cold morning, a well-tailored man entered the basement of Ainsworth United Church of Christ, 2941 NE Ainsworth St. He asks to be called Jon and is one of dozens of members of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon's Day Center. The drop-in shelter has served people living with HIV since 1990.

The organization says it is the country's oldest standalone, community-based center of its kind. When the Day Center is open, Jon drops in between errands around the city. Unlike many center members, Jon has secured affordable housing. The stability allows him to advocate for others and be involved in the community.

Jon takes the bus from downtown Portland to the Concordia center multiple times a week.

"I make friends here," he says. "I do like it here. I enjoy the place. My friends come here. And the food is decent."

The Day Center serves as a kind of post office, dining hall, laundromat, pop-up health clinic, and social club. Surrounded by the quiet, tree-lined streets of Concordia, it is a refuge from Portland's bleaker scenes. The walls are lined with comfortable chairs where some members can take a much-needed nap after a hard night on the street. One morning, waves of laughter could be heard through the basement as the movie *Death Becomes Her* played on a screen.

### Intern's tale

I first met Jon through my internship at Portland State University's Master of Social Work program. He has a quick wit, is far more fastidious about his clothing than I am, and often gives me nutrition advice.

Others at the center need more help than Jon does to navigate life with HIV.



Long-Term Survivors Coordinator Julie Galstad (center) and Food Program Coordinator Johnny Lamb (right) prepare and serve breakfast to EMO Day Center members with help from a volunteer. Photo by Jordan Bowen

*"When they're here, they feel like they're part of society. They don't feel invisible."*

— Chautauqua Cabine

Together with staff, interns and local volunteers serve meals, coordinate laundry and showers, show movies, and sometimes go on outings to art museums. We help people get IDs, groceries, or a bus pass, or connect them with housing services like the Cascade AIDS Project.

Recently, I sat in on a support group for long-term survivors who wrestle with the weight of surviving the AIDS era and aging with the virus. Project Coordinator Chautauqua Cabine, who grew up in northeast Portland and went to Concordia University, lost a cousin to AIDS more than 20 years ago. Her job goes far beyond paperwork and case management. People sit by her desk in her small, shared office, sometimes only to talk and be comforted.

"Everybody has different needs," Cabine says. It's kind of like a friendship. There's trust."

The center helps bolster members' self-worth, she says. "When they're not here, they tell me they don't feel seen. When they're here, they feel like they're part of society. They don't feel invisible."

### Rising costs

The Day Center largely depends on federal grants to operate, but Program Manager Taylor Silvey says inflation has outpaced funding, especially when it comes to the cost of food. The Day Center must stretch its limited resources to meet needs. In January, the organization had to begin closing an hour early, close altogether on Wednesdays and lay off two part-time staff to make ends meet.

Meanwhile, more Portlanders with HIV need help with finding food, work and shelter. According to the CDC, BIPOC and low-income people are now significantly more likely to be diagnosed with HIV, and many who come to the Day Center have lost jobs or housing since COVID-19.

This summer, the annual Dining Out for Life fundraising event will encourage Portlanders to pitch in at restaurants, bars, and cafes. From June 20–22, participating venues choose to donate 10% of proceeds or \$500 to the Day Center and OHSU's Partnership Project. McMenamins locations such as the Kennedy School in Concordia are participating, along with other venues around the city.

"HIV is still prevalent in our community, and unfortunately there's still stigma associated with it," says Silvey. "Dining Out for Life gives us a chance to talk about HIV, support people living with the virus and have some fun over a shared meal."

The EMO Day Center is always grateful for volunteers and donations of food and clothing. It also encourages more local restaurants and bars to participate in this year's Dining Out for Life. Please visit [HIVDayCenter.org](http://HIVDayCenter.org) or email [hivcenter@emoregon.org](mailto:hivcenter@emoregon.org) to help your neighbors who are living with HIV.



Jordan Bowen is a freelance writer and former broadcast news producer who is pursuing a Master in Social Work at Portland State University.



Activities and Events Coordinator Connor Felieu with an EMO Day Center member's dog in the basement of the Ainsworth United Church of Christ. Photo by Jordan Bowen



From the Board

By Kieran Lee, CNA Chair



Association seeks neighbors' input

**H**ello Concordia! I sincerely wish that the May newspaper finds you well. Hopefully those April showers are bringing May flowers in your yard, because we certainly earned it this spring!

As a short recap from last month's activities, we may have set a record for Board meeting length in

will be the last paper to which Shawn is directly contributing in his current capacity. I want to personally thank Shawn for sticking with the position and being an excellent leader of the Media Team over this past year. Shawn has shown what it means to care for a team and its goals, and I admire him for it. I truly wish the best for you in your next phase!

*If you have not yet attended a CNA meeting, feel free to drop by our next Board meeting to listen in or even participate in the discussion.*

April, which is exciting! The participation from community members and discussion is refreshing. While sometimes tough to deep dive due to time, board meetings are an excellent opportunity to create initial visibility of an event or a concern that you may have within the community. Topics that deserve more attention may be delegated to one of our committees for a more dedicated discussion.

If you have not yet attended a CNA meeting, feel free to drop by our next Board meeting to listen in or even participate in the discussion. Better yet, if you're thinking for a way to participate in the neighborhood, consider writing for CNews! We always welcome new contributors and you may just have something worth sharing with the heart of Northeast Portland, Concordia.

Transition ahead

I'd like to take a brief opportunity to recognize two members of our Media Team this month.

Shawn Mihalik, our media team lead, will be pursuing a new opportunity starting in May. This

Second is our editor, Rob Cullivan. Rob is also moving on after the June issue is published for a new challenge. Rob has displayed his professionalism and commitment to journalistic integrity throughout his tenure as editor. Most importantly, Rob had a heavy hand in getting this paper to your doorstep each month. I believe the Concordia News is a powerful resource for our neighborhood. Rob's ability to effectively collaborate populated the content of this paper with stories from each corner of Concordia.

Thank you both for your time and effort. On behalf of Concordia, you are appreciated and you'll always be our neighbors.

Have an excellent May everyone—summer's right around the corner!

*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.*

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1st Wednesday of the month, Wednesday, May 3, 7 p.m., McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room with call in option, see box below, contact Kieran Lee, Chair@ConcordiaPDX.org

**General Membership Meeting**  
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**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**  
Last Monday of the month, Monday, May 29, 6 p.m., venue: remote, see box below, contact Shawn Mihalik, MediaTeamLead@ConcordiaPDX.org

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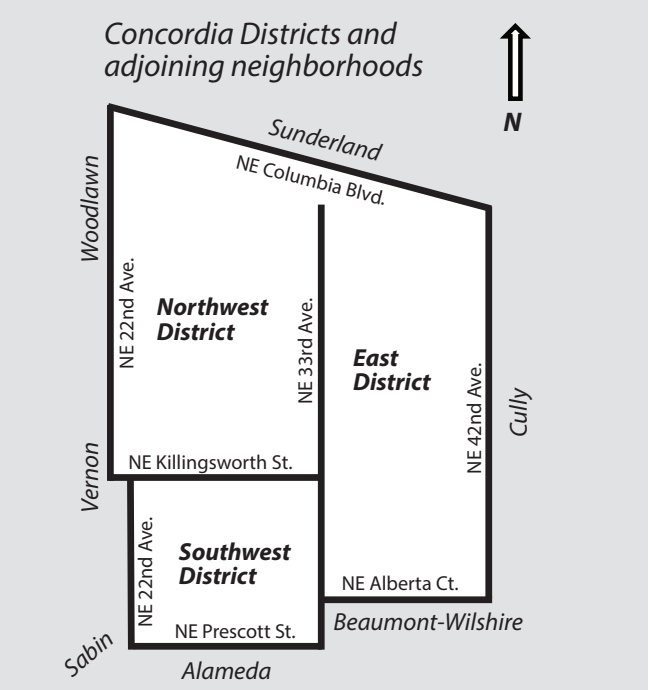
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Before the party, join us for a Social Committee meeting from 2–3 pm at Chilango. Learn more on Page 4 in the Social Column.



For more information, contact Javier at Social@ConcordiaPDX.org



Concordia Tree Team

# New trees replacing median’s dying ones

By Jim Gersbach  
Concordia Tree Team

I am often asked by property owners and passersby between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Fernhill Park when a tree that has died or blown down in a storm will be replaced.

Although a different Portland city bureau actually owns the land in the

*Interior live oak is quite tolerant of drought and heat, as one would expect of a tree from inland California*

Ainsworth median, Portland’s Urban Forestry section with the Parks and Recreation Bureau has been kind enough to handle removals and pay for replacement trees.

In the past couple of years, two old Norway maples that were in slow decline finally blew over—one in the middle of the block between Northeast 16th and 17th avenues, and another further east around Northeast 26th. A third tree on the east end of the intersection at Northeast 33rd was struck by a car, revealing serious inner rot. That tree was cut down as a precaution against falling into traffic.

In order to replant, the city must first



The city of Portland is working to replace invasive maple trees in Concordia and other areas with California interior live oaks, like the one pictured here. Photo by Jim Gersbach

grind out the stump. With many trees downed in the late April snowstorm of 2022, Portland cleanup crews had their hands full grinding stumps all over town.

At the start of this year, they were finally able to grind the stump between Northeast 16th and 17th. That allowed for the planting of a replacement tree this winter. Urban Forestry plans to stump grind the remaining two downed trees by this end of this year, permitting planting of their replacements in 2024.

Because maples—especially the invasive Norway maple that has dominated the median since the post-World War II years—are seriously overplanted in Portland, Portland Urban Forestry picked a species that was added to the approved street tree list only in the past decade and has not been readily available in a size large enough to plant. That tree is a California interior live oak, *Quercus wislizeni*. This evergreen oak has small, leathery leaves that are dark green above and toothed somewhat like a holly. New leaves emerge a bronze to reddish color.

Hardy enough to survive a typical Portland winter, California interior live oak grows between the borders of Oregon

and Mexico, in both the Coast Range and Sierra Nevada, where it can be found at elevations up to 6,500 feet.

Interior live oak is quite tolerant of drought and heat, as one would expect of a tree from inland California. It should fare well in future extreme hot-weather events. Interior live oak can grow as tall as 60 to 75 feet in good soils with adequate moisture. Its acorns take two years to mature, providing food for squirrels and birds when they do.

## Tree walk May 6

Jim Gersbach, founder of the Ainsworth Linear Arboretum, will host a free tree walk, titled “Compound Interest,” at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6.

The walk will meet at the southeast corner of NE 30th and Ainsworth streets and last approximately 90 minutes.

Come learn how to tell ash trees, which are threatened by the emerald ash borer beetle, apart from similar look-alikes. Be introduced to the new tree species being planted as the Norway maples age and die.

For more information about the Concordia Tree Team and ways to learn about or get involved with trees, visit [AinsworthLinearArboretum.org](https://AinsworthLinearArboretum.org).

The odd-sounding botanical name honors German-born army surgeon, explorer, botanist, and plant collector Frederick Adolf Wislizeni [1810–1889]. Wislizeni opposed monarchical government and eventually had to flee to Switzerland before emigrating in his early 20s in 1834 to the United States. He traveled widely in the American Southwest and Northern Mexico, where he was imprisoned for a time during the Mexican-American War.



Jim Gersbach has been a volunteer tree planter and tree pruner for more than 30 years with Friends of Trees. He has worked for Portland Urban Forestry and as a member of the Concordia Tree Team, has helped inventory the neighborhood’s street trees and advises homeowners on site-appropriate tree options.

## Letter to the editor

Dear Concordia News Editor,

The April CNews article on Page 1 about Measure 26-238 lacked specifics and failed to consider the permanent effects on Multnomah County. The measure would be funded by an adjustable .75% capital gains tax, reportedly the first local capital gains tax in the United States.

Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Mayor Ted Wheeler, Metro Chair Jessica Vega-Pederson, and Metro Council President Lynn Pederson are quoted opposing the tax. The Oregonian Editorial Board on February 19, 2023, wrote an op ed opposing the tax measure.

The tax reads, “Capital gains tax may be increased or decreased based on annual reports.” The annual rate could go higher than the advertised

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0.75% depending on the decision-makers setting the tax.

On April 5, the Willamette Week quoted the City of Portland’s Revenue Division, stating the tax is expected to raise \$12 to \$15 million a year, but the implementation year is estimated to cost \$19 million, with ongoing annual cost of approximately \$7 million.

Money and politicians are already working to solve this issue. On March 29, Gov. Tina Kotek signed a \$200,000,000 housing bill. Metro is spending on houseless issues from recent tax increases. Vote no on the Measure 26-238 tax increase and the burden it imposes on a county in population decline.

Sincerely,  
Joe Jurczak, Concordia resident



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Social column

# Hunt a success; Cinco de Mayo event set

By Javier Puga-Phillips  
CNA Social Committee Chair

I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone who lent their time and support to Concordia's Spring Egg Hunt. On April 8, the Concordia Neighborhood Association hosted a double event, a neighborhood clean-up followed by our annual egg hunt, and I am happy to report that both events were a resounding success!

I want to give a special shout-out to all those who helped fill the eggs. Your hard work and dedication brought smiles and happiness to hundreds of local kids.

I want to especially thank James, our youngest volunteer, 5 years old, who coordinated with his parents and showed up at 10 a.m. sharp to help hide the eggs. He was more interested in setting up for other kids than he was in finding eggs, and for that, he earned one of the gift cards from Gabbiano's and a special thank you from the neighborhood.

Another big thank you to Darcy Gabriel and her husband Sam, who showed up and helped during setup.

*To all of the other volunteers, too many of you to name here, my most heartfelt thanks for your time and effort.*

They earned the second gift card from Gabbiano's.

I also want to recognize Gina Levine, who helped with the neighborhood clean-up and made sure that Concordia is a bit cleaner. Levine also helped stuff thousands of eggs with her children and other young volunteers, earning her a gift card from The Knock Back for her time and efforts. The second Knock Back gift card was earned by Sigrid Casey, who donated her time and truck to pick up large items

of trash from our streets.

We hid around 6,000 eggs and gave away around 10,000 pieces of candy and an assortment of prizes. Thank you to POP Cart, who was there with music and helping us direct the event.

Thank you to Flour Market for the delicious pastries for our volunteers, and to Kiss Coffee for their donation of coffee for the clean-up and 100 hot chocolate coupons for the egg hunt!

I also want to give a big shoutout to the board members who helped so much. Brittany Van Der Salm, our vice chair, and her husband Paul were instrumental in taking charge of the lost and found, bringing a lot of peace of mind to our neighbors. Rich Bruton, chair of our Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC), helped set up the borders of the hunt according to ages. Astrid Fustner, our board member for East 2, and her family took charge of the prize booth. Megan Gobble, our board member for SW2, gathered her family and made sure the park was ready and clean for the event. Patricia McMahon, AL2, was there setting up and laying eggs, and helping with the pickup. John McSherry, AL3, helped with release forms and picking up. Heather Pashley, our treasurer, helped with the cleanup. Kieran Lee, our chair, brought tables to set up.

To all of the other volunteers, too many of you to name here, my most heartfelt thanks for your time and effort.

### First Fridays

On a separate note, I want to share when the social committee will be

meeting and how you can get involved. Starting in May, we will be meeting on the first Friday of each month, and we will be rotating locations. Please email me at Social@ConcordiaPDX.org or call/text me at 503-343-5561 for locations.

Our first meeting takes place at 2 p.m. Friday, May 5, at Chilango, 2217 NE Alberta St. Members of the social committee will each get a free taco. Speaking of Cinco de Mayo, Concordia residents are in for a treat: Chilango, a vegan Mexican restaurant, will be hosting a special party that day from 3-7 p.m. The party will kick off after the social committee meeting.

Attendees can indulge in the restaurant's delicious tacos while enjoying live entertainment. Chilango [See related feature Page 5] has been a part of the community for many years, and this event is an excellent opportunity for residents to celebrate the culture and diversity of their neighborhood. Don't miss out on the fun and festivities!



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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Chilango PDX

# Restaurant serves food, values

By Jordana Leeb  
Contributing writer

The sentiment “Be the change you want to see in the world,” attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, sums up the latest business venture by Chilango PDX owner Vanessa Arochi.

Instead of a “restaurant,” Arochi refers to Chilango PDX, 2217 NE Alberta St., as a “project” and wants this project to change the world from the inside out.

Chilango PDX’s business model includes paying employees, who she refers to as “collaborators,” a living wage of \$20 per hour plus tips, cross-training staff on all aspects of the business from cooking to serving, fostering a non-toxic work environment using nonviolent communication, sharing 30% of the business profits with staff, celebrating Latin American culture and creating a space free from stereotypes of Mexico.

The restaurant is “about all of us, building together with each brick,” Arochi said.

Savanna Carillo, one of Chilango PDX’s collaborators, used the words



Jordana Leeb is a longtime Concordia resident who is passionate about the neighborhood, its people and trees. She lives with her partner and newly adopted

special needs dog. You can see her recent film about Concordia at [TinyURL.com/DiaryOfAStreet](https://tinyurl.com/DiaryOfAStreet).

The restaurant is “about all of us, building together with each brick.”

—Vanessa Arochi

“amazing,” “home” and “supported” to describe working there.

“I have the utmost respect for Vanessa,” Carillo said.

Arochi, originally from Mexico City, has a background in biochemistry with a focus on food science. Prior to moving to the United States, she had a career in developing new food products for companies in Mexico. After coming to the United States, first to San Francisco and then to Portland, she considered different career options before trying her hand at restaurant pop-ups, a food cart and eventually Chilango PDX.

Arochi brings a deep love of developing complex and delicious flavors and textures in her food creations. She also brings a passion for veganism, which she has been practicing for seven years.

“I believe in a world without violence or suffering and animals are a part of that world,” she said.

She also noted that the restaurant “demonstrates that you don’t need meat to create good food.”

Carillo says “vegan food gets a bad rap” and encourages people to “give it a try.”



From left: Savanna Carillo, Vanessa Arochi and Diego Neri stand in front of the luchadores mandala in Chilango PDX. Photo by Jordana Leeb

“Chilango” is slang for someone who is from Mexico City. Arochi is proud of her Chilango roots and honors her heritage through artwork on the walls, including a mandala of giant metal luchadores, or Mexican wrestlers. She sees this image as a metaphor for “fighting together” to create a better world.

Chilango PDX will host a Cinco de Mayo neighborhood party from 3–7 p.m. Friday, May 5, with live music. CNA Social Committee will meet there prior to party, at 2 p.m.  
*Nota del editor: El artículo está disponible en español, [ConcordiaPDX.org/Chilango](https://ConcordiaPDX.org/Chilango).*

## Care about transportation or land use issues affecting our Concordia neighborhood?



Meetings are open to the public. Just show up or contact Rich Burton at [LandUse@ConcordiaPDX.org](mailto:LandUse@ConcordiaPDX.org).

### Want to get involved?

It’s easy. The Concordia Land Use & Transportation Committee meets next on Wednesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room. For a call-in option, visit [ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings](https://ConcordiaPDX.org/CNAMeetings).



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Hunt for eggs!



On April 8, hundreds of children gathered for Concordia’s annual Spring Egg Hunt in Fern Hill Park. Left top: Renna Webber, age 5. Right bottom: Holden Dyer, age 3. Photos by Michael French. Left bottom and top right photos by Gina Levine.



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News from the NET

# Scenes from Scenario Village

By Micha Wolf  
Concordia/Vernon/Woodlawn  
Neighborhood Emergency Team

Person X is lying in the corner of the room, breathing heavily and muttering incomprehensible words. A heavy piece of furniture weighs Person X down. Outside it is dark—no street lights. A strange silence engulfs the buildings.

And then people can be heard, radio traffic crosses the street, flashlights scan the buildings and small groups of NET volunteers disperse to conduct a “search-and-rescue” mission.

Every house gets marked upon entry: at what time the volunteers entered, how many of them were there, when they exited, and what they found. This will be used as crucial information for the fire department and EMTs.

On to the next building.

By the time the NET volunteers reach Person X, they have already searched and marked three other houses. Upon finding Person X, the first volunteer quickly assesses the situation, removes the piece of furniture and tries to talk to Person X. Person X does not make sense and moans uncontrollably. Swiftly,



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



Portland Neighborhood Emergency Team volunteers rehearse various disaster response exercises, including search and rescue, at Scenario Village. Contributed photo by Ernie Jones

volunteers assure Person X that help is on the way. They mark Person X with a piece of red tape, indicating the need for immediate medical attention in the event of shock. Then the NETs quickly move on to the next building on the street.

All of this can be experienced at Scenario Village, located on Northeast Airport Way in Portland. NET volunteers and their neighborhood teams use the Village several times a year for comprehensive response exercises.

The Village layout includes six commercial and residential buildings of various shapes and sizes as well as streets, alleyways and an observation deck.

In a typical exercise, NETs conduct search and rescue, triage, medical treatment, radio communications, SUV management (SUV = spontaneous unaffiliated volunteer—a skilled bystander) and leadership/delegation to respond to patient actors with mock injuries.

A single exercise at Scenario Village can include distinct neighborhood teams or members from many neighborhoods blending into a team and working together.

As an active NET member, I have volunteered to be a patient actor many times at Scenario Village, and every time I have learned more about disaster response. The more volunteers and SUVs are trained to help out after such mass casualty situations as earthquakes, major floods or neighborhood fires, the more people and pets can be saved.

To find out more about becoming a Trained Neighborhood Emergency Team Member, or NET, visit VolunteerPDX.net. We look forward to seeing you!

## Community Events Calendar

- Saturday, May 27, 2–5 pm  
**REOPENING CELEBRATION**  
**Location:** Alder Commons, 4212 NE Prescott St.  
After several months of construction in the building due to a burst pipe, Alder Commons celebrates its reopening. The event serves as a community-building opportunity and a fundraiser and will highlight some of the BIPOC businesses, artists and organizations that run out of the space. Music, fun games and activities and a prize giveaway  
**Details:** AlderCommons.org
- 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:** StCharlesPDX.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, office@SharonChurch.comcastbiz.net

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