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The Annual Egg Hunt is coming March 30th!  
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## New Program Provides Free Swim Lessons to Area Children

By Mark Ross  
Public Information Officer, PP&R

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R), in collaboration with Portland Public Schools (PPS), recently launched the ‘Schools to Pools,’ program, an initiative that offers free swimming lessons to PPS second graders. PPS is providing transporta-

*“This partnership will save lives,” says Commissioner Dan Ryan, who oversees Portland Parks & Recreation.*

tion to and from the pools, and PP&R is supplying lifeguards, swim instructors, and pool space.

Initially, over 300 students from six schools will participate, with plans to expand the program to nearly 3,000 students across the district and establish it as a permanent offering. “This partnership will save lives,” says Commissioner Dan Ryan, who oversees PP&R. “The Schools to Pools program is an exciting investment in Portland’s children, and in our city’s future.”

Funded by the 2020 Parks Local Option Levy, Schools to Pools was inspired by PP&R Director Adena Long, who championed a similar program while with the New York City Department of Parks & Recreation. Under



A student and his teacher exchange a high five at Portland Parks & Recreation swim lessons. Photo submitted by PP&R.

Director Long’s guidance, PP&R Sports and Aquatic Manager Nancy Roth worked closely with PPS Senior Director of Athletics Marshall Haskins and other district leadership to finalize this exciting partnership.

“Learning to swim is vital for young people, and we’re proud to make beginner lessons available through this innovative partnership,” says Director Long. “I’ve long had my eye on establishing this cooperative effort with PPS, and then the pandemic upended our plans – until now. I’m so pleased we’re able to move forward with Schools to Pools and these free swim lessons, made possible both by the Parks Levy, and the vision and energy of our Portland Public Schools leadership.”

Schools to Pools is offered as an elective at PPS elementary schools currently able to take part in the initial winter and spring sessions. The winter session is scheduled for January 30th - March 19th, and the spring session is April 2nd - May 21st. Lessons will be held during school hours, for 30 minutes on Tuesdays and Thursdays at Matt Dishman Community Center Pool as well as two other Portland pools.

“Second grade is the perfect age. It is an ideal time for students to learn to swim, they are eager to learn, and have few inhibitions related to water,” says Senior Director Haskins. “Quite simply, swimming is a life skill, and it has the potential of saving kids’ lives and the lives of others.”

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From the Board

By John Fitzgerald, CNA Board Chair



Greetings Neighbors!

I hope all are recovered from the ice storm in January. My wife and I were without water for a week, which wouldn't have been so bad if we weren't hosting a friend from Australia that week. However, we made the best of it and are still here to tell the tale.

We have some great events coming up in the neighborhood including our Egg Hunt at the end of March, and are working on an end of Ramadan party for *Eid al-Fitr*. Stay tuned for these celebratory events.

As we all know, election season is looming large this year, and we are working on a Candidate Forum

what the designation entails. We also invited administrators from Vernon Elementary to come and speak at an upcoming meeting. The need is great in Portland Public Schools, and even after the teachers strike came to a close, there is much we can do for the children in our neighborhood. Hopefully we are able to take action as a neighborhood association through volunteering our time and raising funds for our kids. Again, stay tuned or come on down to the meetings to see how you can contribute to the betterment of our beloved Concordia Neighborhood.

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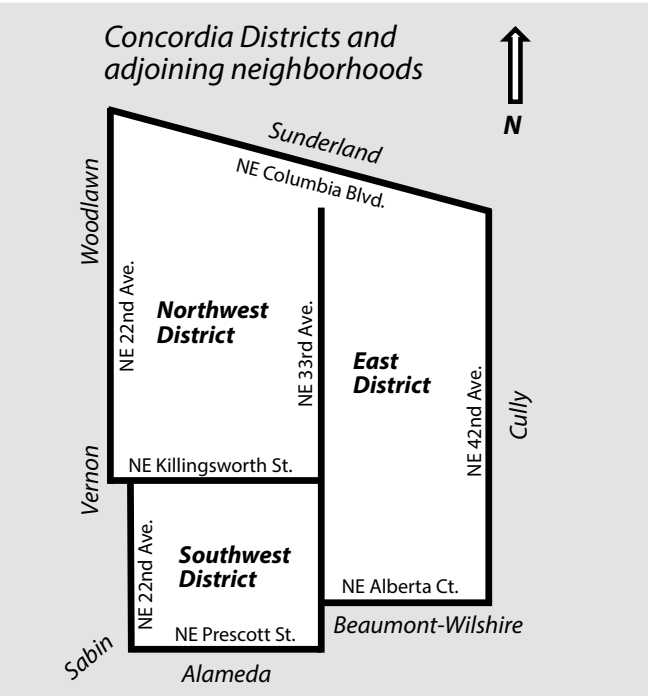
for either our June, or September Quarterly Meeting. Please remember that all CNA Board meetings are on the second Wednesday of the month from 6-8 pm and are open to the public. For our quarterly meetings, we arrange a special program of interest to the neighbors (hopefully) from 7-8 pm. Please feel free to contact me regarding any special topics you would like to discuss at a quarterly meeting and I will do my best to arrange an appropriate speaker or discussion forum.

For our February meeting, we hosted an administrator from Faubion School to speak about being a Community School, community partnerships, and

This is a great neighborhood and we have even greater opportunities for improvement. Let's all work together to keep our neighborhood a wonderful place to be.

Cheers!  
John Fitzgerald

*After a 16 year run as a high school English teacher on the International School circuit in six different countries, I am excited to be back home in PDX. My wife Michelle and I are back getting enmeshed into the community and developing our real estate careers.*



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- Board Meeting**  
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Name Our Plaza Contest

The plaza at NE 30th & Killingsworth St. needs a name!



To vote for one of the 5 finalists, visit [bit.ly/CNA-NamePlaza](https://bit.ly/CNA-NamePlaza) or use this QR code.

All votes must be received by March 10th to be counted.

The winning name will be announced on March 15th on [ConcordiaPDX.org](https://ConcordiaPDX.org) and [Facebook.com/groups/ConcordiaPDX](https://Facebook.com/groups/ConcordiaPDX).



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# Falling Trees and What to Do About Them

By Mallory Pratt  
Concordia Tree Team

After every storm or weather event, the infosphere we live in is filled with tales of disaster. Stories end in triumph, tragedy or near misses. Their collective effect on us is often one of fear or anxiety over what ifs. Tales of fallen trees after ice storms are no different. During the recent ice storm, our neighbors watched in awe as their 100-foot tall pine tree swayed from its base. We heard the creak of a Doug fir’s roots heaving in the lot behind us.

### Why Do Trees Fall?

Trees fall because of heart rot or root rot. Heart rot is a disease caused by fungi that enter the tree through wounds in the bark and decay the wood at the center of the trunk and its branches. The diseased center softens, making trees structurally weaker and prone to breakage and falling.

Root rot is a condition in which the soil around a tree does not contain enough oxygen, due to excessive standing water around the roots.

Because the climate in Portland is so wet, both heart rot and root rot are hard to prevent. But there are visible warning signs that they are occurring. One indication that heart rot has begun is the presence of mushrooms around the base of the tree. Yellowing and dying leaves can indicate root rot.

### How Can We Prevent Trees from Falling?

It is tempting to cut down trees to prevent them from falling, but there are ways to protect our trees from damage and disease without eliminating them. One way is to provide good structural pruning based on species guidelines. It’s also important to follow a tree’s summer watering needs. For example, oaks don’t mind long, dry spells but dogwoods prefer steady water during drought. In addition, mulching and keeping heavy objects like cars and building materials away from the root zone prevents soil compaction and rot.



Mallory is a science educator that has lived in Concordia since 1995. She joined the Concordia Tree Team in 2019 and is an active volunteer with Friends of Trees.



Damaged big leaf oak at Ainsworth Linear Arboretum, photo by Anna Brizbois.



Unharmed sweetgum, photo by Autumn Voirol.

It is a good idea to conduct an annual inspection of trees around your home. Look for trunk damage, roots that circle above the ground, mushrooms and yellowing leaves. Larger, older trees can be evaluated by Urban Forestry staff.

Urban trees are a necessity because they protect us from heat, filter the water and air, and shelter wildlife. We need to

work to protect both public and private spaces that house trees and we should continue to plant trees now so they are resources in the future. Most of all, we need to remember that healthy trees are our allies for a healthy future, and they need our help now and again to thrive.

The Concordia Tree Team volunteers prune street trees, maintain an arbo-

retum at the former Meek school and help neighbors find resources for tree management. We invite you to join the Tree Team, water your trees (even the big ones) during summer heat waves, talk to your neighbors about trees and support tree-friendly policies. For more tree care tips and to get involved, check out our blog posts at [ainsworthlineararboretum.org](https://ainsworthlineararboretum.org).



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## Correction

In the February edition of Concordia News, we ran an article titled *Looking Back on 2023: Neighborhood Emergency Teams’ Activities* on page 7. One event mentioned was a dinner with the local fire department. The term “firemen” was used when the term “firefighters” should have been used. An estimated 5-11% of firefighters are female and we certainly mean to include them.

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# New Restaurant Showcases Exotic Flavors of an Indonesian Marketplace

By Nedra Rezinaz  
Contributing Writer

The word *pasar* means “market” in Indonesian. A *pasar* is an outdoor marketplace with stalls that sells a variety of household items. There are also stalls that sell food and drinks which can be enjoyed while shopping with friends and family. *Pasars* are always crowded, busy, and chaotic, with lots of activity.

Feny and Ross Grimes own the East Burnside Indonesian restaurant Wajan and have recently opened a new restaurant, *Pasar*, at 3023 NE Alberta Street. Their goal was to create the atmosphere of a *pasar* in Portland and to share Indonesian art and culture.

“I’ve watched the Alberta community strive to preserve and embrace the multicultural aspects of Portland, while supporting local arts and culture,” Feny says. *Pasar* honors her background, heritage and culture.

Walking into the restaurant recently, I immediately felt like I had been transported into another world. The Grimes used the colors of sunrise, sunset and night to represent morning and night *pasars*.

Colorful *batiks* (Indonesian traditional fabric) are a large part of the decor, covering the walls and ceiling panels. Custom made, detailed wood panels of famous *Wayang* characters (Javanese shadow puppets) adorn the walls. Each character has its own story and meaning. For example, the *gunungan* symbol is volcano shaped and represents human life and the universe. It is part of the restaurant’s logo.

At the bar, cocktails are made with *arak* (anise flavored liquor) or a house-made coconut liqueur with *pandan*, a tropical plant that adds a nutty, toasty flavor. *Pasar* also serves Mexican soda, iced tea, and Limeade.

Our party of six had fun trying many of the dishes. The dining experience was well thought-out; even our table water was served in cute metal tin cups with flowers to help us feel like we were really in Indonesia.

Dishes we tried included *lemper ayam*, a sticky rice with coconut milk and lemongrass, wrapped with a banana leaf. (Don’t eat the banana leaf!) *Sale padang*, “steak on a stick” was fun to eat and our table consumed it fast! *Ayam riyak*, the fried chicken wings, had a nice sticky tanginess and made for a great



*Pasar’s bar, created to look like a Indonesian food stall. Photo by Nedra Rezinaz.*

appetizer. Be sure to have extra napkins for this one! *Nasi tim* is a mushroom dish with chicken and a boiled egg cooked in soy sauce, buried in the rice. The presentation is rounded into a mold, which showcases all the layers. There’s lots of vegan and vegetarian options as well.

For dessert, we had *piscok*, a crepe-like pancake filled with chocolate and bananas. There are also bite-sized

desserts such as *putu ayu*, *pandan-coconut cake*.

*Pasar* is open for dinner on Thursday through Sunday, from 5–9 pm. Feny is planning to extend to include lunch service in March, and will slowly be adding more weekdays on in late spring/summer. Try *Pasar* to enjoy a new and exciting taste of Concordia.



*Nedra Rezinaz lives near U of O in Concordia. She does marketing strategy for small businesses, is a mom, drinks tea, is a birder, and is passionate to build community.*



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# Supporting Lost and Found Pets

“Anyone missing this pup? Found this morning at Meek school. No collar no tags, safe now and getting checked for a chip.”  
– December 25th, 2023 Being Neighborly, Concordia NE Portland Buy Nothing Companion Group

By Jordana Leeb  
Contributing Writer

Posts such as this are frequent on Concordia neighborhood social media groups, when animals (mostly dogs and sometimes cats) are found in parks and neighborhoods. These animals pull at our heart strings and elicit a slurry of responses from concerned neighbors.

What steps should be taken when finding a lost animal? Multnomah County Animal Shelter (MCAS) employee Jay LeVitre helps answer this and other questions:

If you find a dog without an owner, you have a few options. You can carry a leash and try to capture the dog yourself. If that doesn't feel safe, you can call Troutdale-based MCAS at (503) 988-7387 and an officer will come to help capture the dog. If you want to care for the captured dog at home (instead of bringing it to MCAS), follow the steps explained on the MCAS website at [multcopets.org/found-pet](https://multcopets.org/found-pet).

If the dog does not have a tag, you can take the dog to a vet to have it scanned for a microchip; a free service that all vets provide. MCAS also recommends filling out a found report on their website and sharing information on local social media groups, such as Next Door, Buy Nothing, Being Neighborly, PawBoost, and Petco Love Lost. If you want to keep the dog you find, there is a 180-day waiting period to allow time to find its owner.

According to Levitre, MCAS takes in 12-16 animals every day. More animals tend to get lost in summer, versus winter months because in summer, people spend more time outside with their animals, leave animals in the yard or have windows open in the house where animals can escape.

Since the decline of the pandemic, shelters have experienced a “10-year high” in numbers of animals both locally and nationally and, Levitre thinks this is due to “a direct correlation between economics and high numbers, particu-

larly due to housing instability.” When an animal comes to MCAS, it is first checked for a license and then goes through a brief intake process to collect information used for a found report. An animal with a license is held for six business days during which every effort is made to contact and find the owner. After six days (or three days without a license), shelter staff evaluate the animal. It is then either readied for adoption, put in foster care, or transferred to another shelter, such as the Oregon Humane Society. Of the 300 or so total animals MCAS currently has in its care (dogs, cats, rabbits and other species), about 150 of them are in foster care.

For dogs and puppies that were found between July 2022-June 2023, 33% were adopted, 45% were returned to their owners, 13% were transferred to other agencies or rescues and 9% were either euthanized or died in care, LeVitre says.

On a recent tour of MCAS, led by long-time volunteer and now employee Bud Garrison, the compact shelter was bustling with activity. Volunteers were carefully folding recently-washed blankets and walking dogs on nearby tree-lined trails, animal care staff were conducting wellness checks with new arrivals, and an MCAS officer was preparing to go on patrol. Bright, colorful dog toys lay neatly stacked in piles and a refrigerator was packed with carefully prepared Kong toys stuffed with cottage cheese, peanut butter or pureed pumpkin.

“Volunteers are the heart and soul of the MCAS operation and we could not function well without them,” says LeVitre.

If you are interested in helping dogs in Multnomah County, consider volunteering at MCAS. More information can be found at [multcopets.org](https://multcopets.org) on the “Volunteer at the Shelter” page.



Jordana Leeb is a longtime Concordia resident who is passionate about the neighborhood, its residents and trees. She lives with her partner and rescue dog (found as a stray) on a street she calls home. You can see a film about her street and Concordia at [TinyURL.com/Diaryofastreet](https://TinyURL.com/Diaryofastreet)



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Land Use and Transportation

# Get Your (Driveway) Wings

By Rich Burton  
LUTC Committee Chair

Our neighborhood is experiencing an increase of on-street vehicle parking due to many factors; one being the RIP / RIP2 zoning changes that require no off-street parking for new housing. Given this increased density of on-street parked vehicles, it is sometimes difficult to access dwellings using driveways and off-street parking.

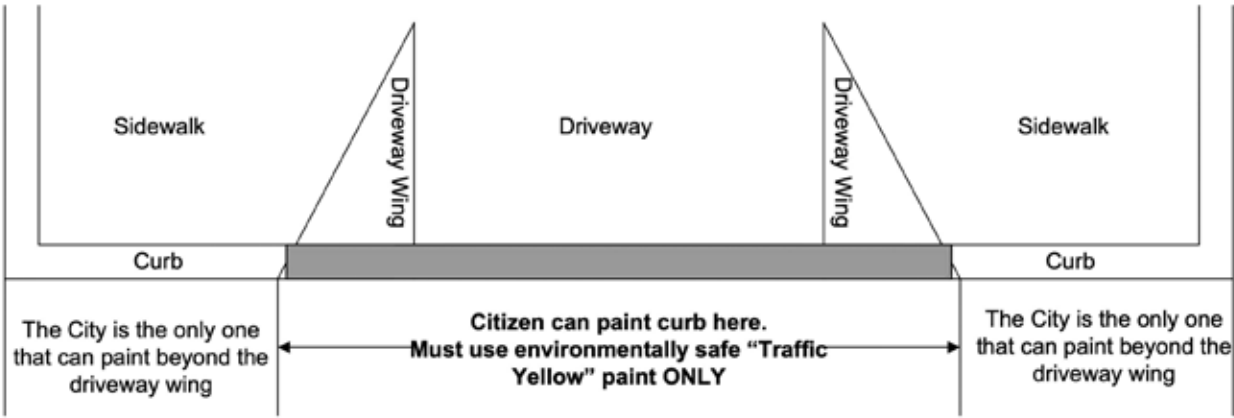
Residents with driveways / off-street parking can get some relief from public parking by marking their driveway clearance. The city of Portland allows property owners to stripe the wings, as well as the opening to their driveways.

You may paint your own driveway clearance within limitations. Below are some guidelines from the city's page on "How to Establish Driveway Clearance".

1. When the city has a curb where the driveway meets the street, the "wings" are the sides of the driveway where it slopes down from the top of the curb to the street level. The "throat" of the driveway is the full length of the driveway where it meets the street, and the throat includes the



Rich Burton is the Chair of the Land Use and Transportation committee and serves as Member East 2 for the Concordia Neighborhood Association board. He is interested in building community.



The city of Portland allows residents to paint their own driveway clearances, as long as they follow guidelines, to reduce instances of obstruction. Photo from City of Portland.

wings. You may paint only the throat of the driveway.

2. You must use Traffic Yellow paint which may be purchased through traffic supply companies. The city cannot recommend a paint store.
3. Generally, the width of the paint along the entire throat of the driveway where it meets the street may be painted up to the width of the curb. However, curb widths can vary and in no event may the paint exceed 8 inches wide as measured from and starting at the curb face.
4. You may not paint a driveway clearance if the driveway is located at or within an area where parking is prohibited such as an area marked with signs that say, "No Parking At Any Time," "No Parking In This Block," or "Truck Loading Zone All Days, All Hours," etc.

5. You may not paint a driveway clearance at a curb cut which does not meet the definition of a driveway (see definition at City Code Title 16, §16.90.105).

Instead of painting a driveway yourself, you may choose to pay for the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to paint a driveway clearance for you. When painted by a PBOT work

crew, the driveway clearance may extend up to three feet beyond the throat of the driveway, thereby gaining a bit more turning room for cars entering and exiting it. PBOT will individually evaluate each request.

If you have any questions about these guidelines, contact Parking Control at (503) 823-7275.

For more information, check out these resources at [Portland.gov](https://www.portland.gov):

- How to Establish Driveway Clearance: [Bit.ly/LUTC-DrvyEstab](https://bit.ly/LUTC-DrvyEstab)
- Apply to paint your curb for added driveway clearance: [Bit.ly/LUTC-DrvyPaint](https://bit.ly/LUTC-DrvyPaint)
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# Considerations When Making Emergency Calls

By Micha Wolf  
Contributing Writer

During the recent ice storm, many households in Portland experienced various degrees of mayhem and disaster: trees falling on cars and property, downed power lines, power and gas outages and slipping on the ice; to name a few.

For many people, calling 911 was the first step in getting help. During the peak of the storm, call takers at the Bureau of Emergency Communications answered nearly 300 calls per hour to 911 and other non-emergency lines totalling more than 4,000 calls in a single day. According to *portland.gov*, the highest number of 911 calls during this event was 2,923 on January 13th; a 70% increase from the previous year. Call takers connected thousands of community members to resources and dispatched first responders.

To avoid overwhelming the call takers at 911, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) recommends calling 911 only when one of more of the following emergencies has occurred:

- Threat to life and property
- House fire
- Medical emergency
- Car accident

When calling 911, be prepared to answer these questions:

- **What** is happening
- **Where** the event is happening (Provide an exact location such as which store if in a mall and which aisle if in a grocery store.)
- **When** it happened
- **Who** is involved
- **Why** it is happening
- And dangers present (Are there weapons?)

The more information given to the dispatcher, the better the system will



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

be at getting the right equipment to the emergency promptly. Be patient when on the call and stay on the call until being told to hang up.

If the above mentioned emergencies are not applicable, do not call 911. Here are examples of other situations that do not require calling 911:

- Your vehicle was stolen.
- An assault occurred and the suspect is no longer at the scene.
- You are involved in or witnessed a hit and run.
- You want to report a missing person.
- A community member is harassing you.
- You want to report a crime with a known suspect.

For these situations, call a non-emergency phone number (see gray box.) Keep this list present and visible at a prominent location in your house.

311 Portland has a staff of 23 people, 11 are bilingual, and they are able to connect callers with an interpreter for about 50 different languages. On the busiest day of the storm, the customer service team at 311 fielded more than 700 calls, about triple their usual volume. They provided callers with information about shelter locations and transportation, power outages, water and parking enforcement. According to *portland.gov*, the most popular topic was falling trees, which generated nearly 1,000 calls the week of January 13th.

Additionally, make plans ahead of time for your pets. Determine an easily accessible emergency veterinarian or a clinic that you could get to quickly in an emergency and keep its contact information with all your other emergency numbers.

During the storm, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) sent alerts and information to all Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs) on a daily basis.

NET volunteers worked with first responders to serve the community's biggest needs: clearing storm drains, assessing damage, staffing shelters, maintaining a perimeter around downed power lines, submitting damage reports about shattered windshields, checking on neighbors, dispatching rides to warming centers and supporting the city's Emergency Operations Center.



Emergency Call on cell phone. Photo by Micha Wolf.

### NON-EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

- 211 Social Services
- 988 Suicide Prevention Lifeline
- (800) 222-1222 OHSU Poison Control Center
- (503) 464-7777 Portland General Electric
- (877) 508-5088 Pacific Power
- (800) 882-3377 NW Natural Gas
- 311 or (503) 823-3333 Non-emergency hotline

## STAY CONNECTED

**KISS Coffee** is now on campus! Stop by their new location on the first floor of the Library and Learning Center.

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# Follow the 8 P's of Gardening this Spring

By Kepper Petzing  
Contributing Writer

**S**pring is here! For gardeners, spring is often the busiest time of the year. Below is some general gardening advice. For specific advice, ask your local nursery or garden store. (See box below.)

### Patience

The freeze in January was hard on many plants. Frances Bender, owner of Thicket Nursery (4933 NE 23rd Ave.) encourages gardeners to be patient. “Wait a month past when you would normally expect to see new growth before deciding whether the plants have died, or before doing major pruning,” she says. Some plants whose tops have died may resprout from the roots. Remove mushy and soft top growth to avoid getting secondary fungal growth.

### Pruning

Dormant shrubs and trees should be pruned now before the sap begins to run. Valentine’s Day is the traditional date, but early March is usually OK. Don’t prune spring blooming bushes to avoid cutting off their flower buds.



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

For hardy perennials that need refreshing; like sword ferns and hellebores, remove last year’s growth when this year’s begins.

### Planning

What worked last year? What needs to be changed? Now is a good time to transplant and rearrange the garden. Plan for a succession of flowers and/or veggies. One of the best controls for “bad bugs” are “good bugs” and birds who eat and compete with the bad guys. Don’t be too clean in the garden; leave space for debris where the good bugs live.

### Preparing

Soil preparation is key for plant health. Avoid digging soggy soil. Top dressing with 2-3 inches of compost and mulch. “Rich, rotting, goodness” starts the season right, says Bender. Cully Farm Store (4209 NE Alberta St.) has a bulk compost bin. Bring a 5-gallon bucket (no wasted packaging) and fill it with compost for \$3.00. They also sell bulk fertilizer by the pound and can make bicycle-friendly packages.

### Planting

There are “cool weather” and “warm weather” annual flowers and vegetables. Now is the best time to plant the cool weather ones. Bender warns to be wary of stores that put warm weather starts out too early. April weather can surprise; be prepared to protect plants or wait until the soil is at least 55 degrees. Bulbs that weren’t planted in fall can be bought as plants now.

### Pollinators

Think natives first but not natives only. Cultivars bred for fancy flowers may stymie pollinators. Some plants bred to bloom longer are sterile, offering nothing for our little friends. Include bees, please, including our local Mason bees. Cully Farm Store works with Bridgetown Bees, also located at 4209 NE Alberta St., a local honey bee supplier. August is the hardest time for pollinators who need nectar throughout the season. Ted Snider, (“Farmer Ted”), owner of Cully Farm Store, suggests planting zinnias which bloom long and late. Plant clumps of the same plant. Pollinators need a meal; not just a nibble, and remember, hummingbirds and butterflies are pollinators, too.

### Purchasing

To decide what to buy, research how long different seeds last. First plan to use up last year’s seeds. Free is a wonderful price. Look for free neighborhood seed and plant exchanges. (See box for one on March 16th.) Shop local. In addition to supporting our local economy, plants and seeds raised in the local environment perform better.

### Pulling

Stay on top of emerging weeds. “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” Thinning seedlings is important for proper spacing.



Thicket is a boutique nursery on NE 23rd just south of Alberta. Photo by Frances Bender.



Cully Farms Store sells compost and fertilizer by the pound. Photo by Ted Snider.



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503-729-3508

**Thicket**  
4933 NE 23rd Ave.  
thicketpdx.com  
503-961-0562

## Concordia Garden Info Fair!

- Free seed and plant exchange – bring your extras.
- Learn about pollinators, including mason bees.
- Get your questions answered.



**When:** Saturday, March 16th from 10 am to noon  
**Where:** Plaza at NE 30th and Killingsworth St.

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- Tables, chairs & cleaning supplies in room

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# Local Artist Creates Unique and Whimsical Sculptures

By Marsha Sandman  
Contributing Writer

Inside Concordia resident Gesine Kratzner’s fertile imagination lives a world of wondrous creatures. As an artist, designer, sculptor, illustrator and animator, she has invited her squiggly offbeat friends to inhabit her life in endearing and joyful ways.

Her playful sculptures are exhibited in galleries along the West Coast. Most

*Kratzner says she loves to “draw and sculpt squiggly creatures and to dream up small worlds and stories for them to inhabit.”*

recently, she had a show at Guardino Gallery (2939 NE Alberta St.) and Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) included her in an episode of their Oregon Art Beat series. With the help of a business partner, Kratzner has also released a line of garden planters and sculptures called “blobhouse”, which are available in stores throughout the US and Canada.

Kratzner arrived in Portland in 1995 and moved to Concordia in 1999. In 2018, she moved to Berlin for a couple of years for a change of scenery and now again calls the Pacific Northwest home.

“My life, as seen from space, is a dotted line that leads from a small town in Germany to art college in Stuttgart, on to London, and then across the pond to Portland, Oregon.” Kratzner earned an M.A. in animation at the Royal College of Art before moving to Portland and describes Portland then as “just wet and not yet hip.”

As a designer and a director, Kratzner worked full time shaping the look of award winning advertising campaigns and short films. She created designs for Puget Sound Energy, Ben & Jerry’s, Eggos, *esure.com*, The Goodlife Recipe, ESPN, M&M’s, and Crayola, to name a few. For the Harvard Medical School, Kratzner designed and directed the animation for *Once Upon A Tide*, an educational film about the health of our oceans.

For the past 20 years Kratzner has been creating sculptures in a bright yellow studio behind her home. During the pandemic she stayed home and decided to install a large kiln. There, Kratzner stays busy building her whimsical creations for her Etsy site, galleries, and Portland Open Studios event.

Kratzner says she loves to “draw and sculpt squiggly creatures and to dream up small worlds and stories for them to inhabit.” See inside her imagination at [gesinekratzner.com](http://gesinekratzner.com)

See more of the artist’s work at:  
[blobhouse.com](http://blobhouse.com)  
[watch.opb.org/video/oregon-art-beat-may-12-2011/](http://watch.opb.org/video/oregon-art-beat-may-12-2011/)  
Guardino Gallery at 2939 NE Alberta St. (through May 22nd)



Kratzner at her home studio with some of her clay creations. Photo by Marsha Sandman.

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WOMEN'S VOICES**  
(Women's History Month)  
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Advance tickets recommended

Wednesday, March 6

**HOGSHEAD WHISKEY'S  
22ND BIRTHDAY**  
Food and drink specials all day

Wednesday, March 6


**DRAG QUEEN BINGO  
w/ POISON WATERS**  
7pm • \$20 adv, \$25 at door • 21 & over  
Advance tickets recommended

Saturday, March 9

**OPERA ON TAP PORTLAND**  
7pm • Free • 21 & over

Sunday, March 10

**ACADEMY AWARDS  
w/ POISON WATERS**  
Red carpet coverage 3pm • Awards start 4pm  
Free • Minor w/ parent or guardian

 Saturday and Sunday,  
March 16 & 17

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
CELEBRATION**

**SATURDAY • GYM**

Murray Irish Dancers • 12:30-1pm  
Two Rivers Céilí Band • 1:30-3:30pm

**SUNDAY • GYM**

The Stomptowners • 2:30-4:30pm  
Yeates Academy Dancers • 5-5:30pm

**SUNDAY • THEATER**

Celtic Light Orchestra • 7pm  
\$20 adv; \$25 at door

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Thursday through Wednesday,  
March 21-27

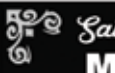

**RUBY ALE'S  
38TH BIRTHDAY**  
Food and drink specials all week long!

Sunday, March 24

**LOOSEWIG JAZZ SERIES**  
hosted by **BRENT FOLLIS ft.  
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7pm • Free • Gymnasium  
Suggested donations: \$20 adults, \$10 students

Monday, March 25

**HISTORY PUB  
THE THREAD OF WWII  
WOVEN INTO OREGON'S  
FAMILY HISTORIES**  
presented by **BECKY ELLIS  
AND MARY JAMIESON**  
7pm • \$5 adv, \$6 at door  
Advance tickets recommended

 Saturday, March 30   
**McMENAMINS  
WEDDING SHOWCASE**  
Featuring nine McMenamins venues  
10am-noon and 1-3pm • \$5  
All ages; 21 & over to sample alcohol  
Ask about our 2025 booking incentives

Sunday, March 31

**EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET**  
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Free for kids 4 and under  
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For this month’s photo feature, we learned firsthand how newspapers are printed.

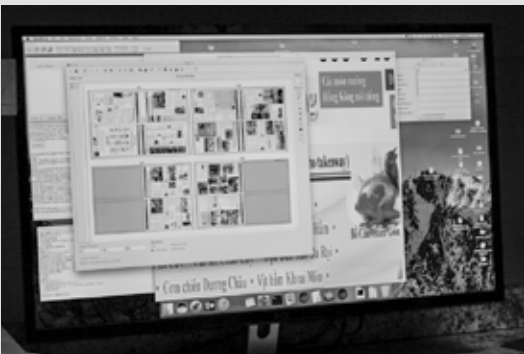
Every month, the media team at Concordia News finalizes the layout of the newspaper and sends it for printing. Blake Jensen is the Operations Manager at Pamplin in Gresham, where the majority of Concordia News editions have been printed.

*“The printing process has changed very little in 70 years,” says Blake Jensen.*



1

The issue is scanned using publication proofing software.



2

A raster is created using a raster image processor (RIP). A raster is a type of file that can be read by a printing press.



3

The plate setter generates plates for the printing press. One plate holds four pages of content. The plates are etched and can only be used once, so they are recycled.



4

Ink from a large ink tank is pumped into the printing press. The printing press prints, cuts, and folds the newspapers. This machine can print up to 21,500 newspapers an hour.

5



The paper is checked for print quality.

6



After the newspapers are printed, the stacking machine stacks them in bundles of 100.

7



The strapping machine adds the straps to the bundles.

8



Finally, the newspapers are put on pallets and shipped out to doorsteps.



# KIDS Zone





## DID YOU KNOW?

March is named for the Roman god of war, Mars.



Roman God of War

What is this person called?



Who was the first person to set foot on the moon?

### Can you name all the planets in our solar system?



Wait a sec... What's this?  
It's not a planet.  
What could it be?

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## Frozen Notes

Poetry By David Corby

There's a rhythm  
to the way the frozen branches  
play in the wind.

A melody of ice  
waiting to water the earth.

If you listen carefully  
you can hear the music of life  
in every moment.

Excuse me  
while I kiss the sky.

David Corby is a poet, essayist, and professional over-communicator. When he's not out exploring the neighborhood with his wife and dog, chances are high that you can find him wrapping thoughts in words at your favorite local coffee shop.

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5 **SHAWN PHILLIPS**

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9 **KARLA BONOFF**

11 **PORTLAND YOUTH JAZZ  
ORCHESTRA** featuring MMQ

13 **CONSIDER THIS**  
with FATHER GREG BOYLE

16 **BACKFENCE PDX**

2pm  
17 Resonance Ensemble presents  
**AMENDMENT:  
RIGHTING OUR WRONGS**

17 **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CONCERT  
KEVIN BURKE  
+ NUALA KENNEDY  
& EAMON O'LEARY**

19 an evening with  
**LÚNASA**

20 **SCIENCE ON TAP**  
How to Talk to a Science Denier

21 Letterkenny presents  
**A NIGHT OF STAND UP**

22 **DAPPERLESQUE**

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29 **JESUS TOMMY  
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30 25TH ANNUAL **Clowns  
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31 **RESURRECTION**  
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Concordia Community Events Calendar

ONE-TIME EVENTS

Saturday, March 2nd, 8 am–3:30 pm  
**PATCHWORK & PINTS**  
MCMENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL  
**Location:** 5736 NE 33rd Ave.  
Make a log cabin quilt and new friends.

Saturday, March 2nd, 9:30–11 pm  
**DROPPED NOTES**  
CURIOUS COMEDY THEATER  
**Location:** 5225 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Outrageous improvised musical revue

Sunday, March 3rd, 6–9 pm  
**RINGDOWN**  
ALBERTA ABBEY  
**Location:** 126 NE Alberta St.  
Female-led synth indie band featuring two local opening bands

Sunday, March 3rd, 7–9 pm  
**SUNDAY SCHOOL: INDIE  
SHOWCASE**  
CURIOUS COMEDY THEATER  
**Location:** 5225 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Tuesday, March 5th, 7 pm  
**INDIE FILM NIGHT**  
MCMENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL  
**Location:** 5736 NE 33rd Ave.  
Watch films for Women's History month

Saturday, March 9th, 7–9 pm  
**OPERA ON TAP**  
MCMENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL  
**Location:** 5736 NE 33rd Ave.  
Opera featuring rotating cast

Saturday, March 9th, 8–11 pm  
**BAD MOON RIDERS**  
ALBERTA ABBEY  
**Location:** 126 NE Alberta St.  
Creedence Clearwater Revival cover band

Saturday, March 9th, 9:30–11 pm  
**DIARY OF AN EX HO**  
CURIOUS COMEDY THEATER  
**Location:** 5225 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Sex-positive improv comedy show

Sunday, March 10th, 10–11:30 am  
**SALT & LIGHT LUTHERAN  
GATHERING**  
LEAVEN COMMUNITY CENTER  
**Location:** 5431 NE 20th Ave

Sunday, March 10th, 3 pm  
**ACADEMY AWARDS**  
MCMENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL  
**Location:** 5736 NE 33rd Ave.  
Watch the Red Carpet show and awards ceremony.

Thursday, March 14th, 7:30–8:30 pm  
**HOMEMADE JAMS '24**  
ALBERTA ABBEY  
**Location:** 126 NE Alberta St.  
10 local songwriters, 26-voice choir and live band

Friday and Saturday, March 15th and 16th, 8-11 pm  
**GARCIA BIRTHDAY BAND**  
ALBERTA ABBEY  
**Location:** 126 NE Alberta St.  
Not your mother's Grateful Dead cover band

Saturday, March 16th, 10 am–12 pm  
**CONCORDIA GARDEN INFO FAIR**  
PLAZA AT 30TH AND KILLINGSWORTH  
Learn about pollinators and exchange seeds and plants.

Saturday, March 16th, 5- 8 pm  
**BLONDE NEON**  
ALBERTA STREET PUB  
**Location:** 1036 NE Alberta St.  
Female-fronted supergroup featuring high energy danceable 80s rock music

Community calendar items

Priority is afforded to local events sponsored by—or which benefit—local nonprofit organizations. Submit information to [CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org](mailto:CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org) by the 10th of the month preceding the event.

Saturday–Sunday, March 16th–17th, All day  
**ST. PATRICK'S DAY  
CELEBRATION**  
MCMENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL  
**Location:** 5736 NE 33rd Ave  
Irish dancers, Devils Bit Whiskey and Sunday night concert

Friday, March 22nd, 9:30 pm  
**RUBY ROCKET, PRIVATE  
DETECTIVE**  
CURIOUS COMEDY THEATER  
**Location:** 5225 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Noir-themed improv show

Monday, March 25th, 7 pm  
**HISTORY PUB**  
MCMENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL  
**Location:** 5736 NE 33rd Ave  
Learn about how the thread of WWII is woven into Oregon history

Thursday, March 28th, 6–9 pm  
**LAST THURSDAY**  
ALBERTA STREET GALLERY  
**Location:** 1829 NE Alberta St. Unit B  
Annual High Fiber Diet Community Show plus featured painters bd and Mary Lyn Gough

Sunday, March 31st, 9 am–2 pm  
**EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET**  
MCMENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL  
**Location:** 5736 NE 33rd Ave  
Honey-glazed ham, fresh fruit and baked pastries

ONGOING EVENTS

March 12th and all second Tuesdays, 5–7 pm  
**FREE CRAFT NIGHT**  
COLLAGE PDX  
**Location:** 1639 NE Alberta St.  
Craft materials and instruction provided

Wednesday, March 6th, 7 pm  
**DRAG QUEEN BINGO**  
MCMENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL  
**Location:** 5736 NE 33rd Ave

Every Monday and Friday, 9–9:45 am  
**FITNESS IN THE PARK**  
ALBERTA PARK  
**Location:** 1905 NE Killingsworth St.  
Instructor-led exercise classes provided by Portland Parks & Recreation

Every Monday, 3–4:30 pm  
**SOCIAL SAMPLERS**  
MATT DISHMAN COMMUNITY CENTER  
**Location:** 77 NE Knott St.  
Make friends through PP&R-sponsored program that includes games, food and activities.

Every Monday, 5:30–7 pm  
**DRUMMERS AWARENESS CLASS**  
NAYA FAMILY CENTER  
**Location:** 5135 NE Colombia Blvd.  
Drum with community and find your voice.

Every Monday, 7–10 pm  
**BRIDGETOWN TRIVIA**  
ALBERTA STREET PUB  
**Location:** 1036 NE Alberta St.

Every Wednesday, 7 pm  
**KARAOKE!**  
THE WAYPOST  
**Location:** 3120 N Williams Ave.

Every Thursday, 10–2  
**BIPOC FOOD PANTRY DROP-IN**  
ALDER COMMONS  
**Location:** 4212 NE Prescott St.  
Free food for BIPOC community members

Every Friday, 12:30–2:30 pm  
**TECH HELP DROP-IN**  
KENTON LIBRARY MEETING ROOM  
**Location:** 8226 N Denver Ave.  
Free tech help for mobile devices, websites, getting started and more

Every Friday and Saturday, 7:30–9:15 pm  
**CURIOUS COMEDY SHOWDOWN**  
CURIOUS COMEDY THEATER  
**Location:** 5225 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
Six improv artists battle to see who has the quickest wit.

Every Sunday, 10 am – 12 pm  
**LIVE MUSIC – VARIOUS ARTISTS**  
JUST BOB  
**Location:** 2403 NE Alberta St.  
Watch various live artists every Sunday at this café.

Every Sunday, 10–11:30 am  
**UPPER ROOM MINISTRY BIBLE  
TALK**  
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Every Sunday, 7 pm  
**OPEN MIC**  
THE WAYPOST  
**Location:** 3120 N Williams Ave.  
Weekly open mic at intimate venue

Every Sunday, 9–11 pm  
**SOULFUL SUNDAYS**  
ALBERTA STREET PUB  
**Location:** 1036 NE Alberta St.  
The Love Train band with Special Guest DJ Renz

Every Wednesday and Friday, 8–10 pm  
**OPEN GYM**  
NAYA FAMILY CENTER  
**Location:** 5135 NE Colombia Blvd.

Monday–Thursday, 12:30–3 pm  
**FAMILY SWIM**  
MATT DISHMAN COMMUNITY CENTER POOL  
**Location:** 77 NE Knott St.

Monday–Friday, 9:30 am  
**NEIGHBORHOOD WALK**  
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON–LIBRARY  
**Location:** 2800 NE Liberty Street  
Meet neighbors for a daily walk.

Every Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, 2–4 pm  
**ADULT BASKETBALL**  
MATT DISHMAN COMMUNITY CENTER  
**Location:** 77 NE Knott St.

CNA Annual Spring Egg Hunt!

Saturday, March 30, 10 am (sharp)  
Fernhill Park Playground near 37th Avenue



Volunteers are needed:

- Friday, March 22, to stuff 6,000 plastic eggs with candy. Meet in the McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room from 6 to 8 pm.
- Saturday, March 30 to hide those eggs. Meet at Fernhill Park at 8 am.

For more information, contact:  
Megan Gobble at [SW2@ConcordiaPDX.org](mailto:SW2@ConcordiaPDX.org) or  
Astrid Furstner at [astrid.b.furstner@gmail.com](mailto:astrid.b.furstner@gmail.com)

