



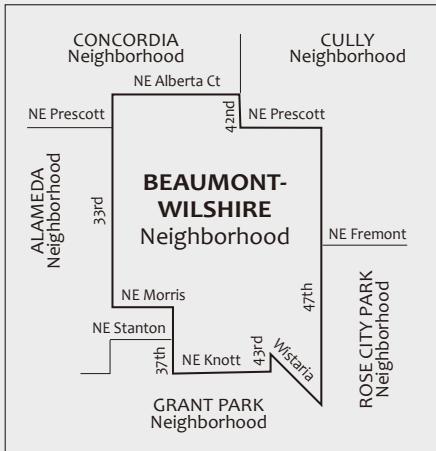
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OUR MISSION:

The mission of BWNA is to enhance the livability of our neighborhood by undertaking various neighborhood improvement projects, examining local issues, and serving as a conduit for communication between neighbors, government agencies and officials, area businesses, and other neighborhood institutions and groups. We are committed to diversity and equity in all our activities.

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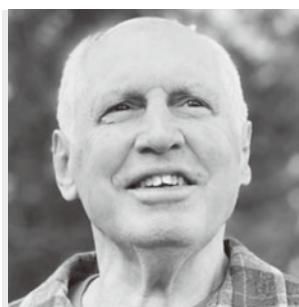
The BWNA mission states we are here to "enhance the livability of our neighborhood." One way we deliver on this is through community-building efforts. National Night Out and supporting Movies in the Park have been staples, and there's room for more as we move optimistically toward a post-pandemic world.

Our neighborhood association is a non-profit organization under the Central Northeast Neighborhood Coalition.

Because we raise funds through ads in our newsletter and we canceled events in 2020 and 2021, we have some extra funds.

We want to hear from you: how else can we invest in building our community?

Please subscribe to our email list on bwnapdx.org to receive an online survey asking for your ideas. Look for an email from info@bwnapdx.org on Wednesday, May 11. We'll keep you in the know via email as opportunities develop!



A really **BIG** thank you!

Thank you to Al Ellis for serving as fearless leader, contributor, and editor of the BWNA newsletter for 12 years!

DO TELL: WHAT DO READERS WANT?

Our new volunteer editors, who have inquiring minds, are asking what readers want from this newsletter. Real estate updates? More about people in the neighborhood? More Beaumont Village business news?

While continuing to build on the legacy of longtime B-W newsletter editor

Al Ellis, co-editors Susan Trabucco and Andrew Rinke will be introducing new feature articles and are looking to the neighborhood for ideas.

Send your suggestions to editor@bwnapdx.org. We look forward to hearing from you!



New co-editors for this newsletter, Susan Trabucco and Andrew Rinke. Susan is a BWNA writer, former owner/editor of a regional business journal, and former editor of Concordia News. Andrew, BWNA Board VP, is a seasoned communications professional who manages the BWNA website and association news.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A FINAL WORD: GRATITUDE

by Tim Gillespie

Four years ago, I raised my hand to volunteer with BWNA, thinking it would be a worthwhile way to spend a few occasional hours beyond my other commitments. I happily found myself among a small group of thoughtful, caring neighbors working hard to boost Beaumont-Wilshire in countless ways.

A retired public school teacher, my only vague goal was perhaps to forge more links with Beaumont Middle School. (On that front, I'm happy to report that with the partnership of the terrific folks at Beaumont PTA and Dr. Harriette Vimegnon, we've put on a joint Red Cross blood drive at the school, raised funds for the Family Resiliency Fund, and helped support the Sparrow Project, which encourages student volunteerism that serves children with disabilities.)

Two years after I joined BWNA, unforeseeable circumstances led to me being catapulted in short order from at-large board member to Vice President to President—and what a ride it has been! COVID-19 hit and BWNA had to pivot to online meetings and cancel our annual summertime National Night Out picnic. Other challenges confronted us—racism and political divisiveness, traffic and safety concerns, crime, homelessness and income inequality, climate change, heatwaves, and wildfire smoke.

“Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others.”

—Cesar Chavez

As we worked through all this, my steadfast colleagues offered advice, support, and innumerable hours of service. I am grateful beyond expressing to long-time BWNA vets Karla Lenox, Barb Strunk, Al Ellis, John Sandie, Gary Hancock, and Tim Hemstreet. Andrew

Rinke signed up to be VP, and he's been an invaluable partner. Newer members Sam Balto, Patty Nelson, and Derek Humbard brought fresh perspectives to our work. We are lucky to have these remarkable people

volunteering their time and talents for our neighborhood.

As the Portland street named for Cesar Chavez ties together our neighborhood, may that civil rights activist's words do so, too: “We cannot seek achievement for ourselves and forget about progress and prosperity for our community. Our ambitions must be broad enough to include the aspirations and needs of others.”

Though we have plenty of unfinished business, I leave the BWNA presidency confident that with the volunteers on hand—and you, I hope—we can roll up our sleeves together to make this a neighborly community for all.

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BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

by Andrew Rinke

Updates from BWNA board

As the second Monday of the month, BWNA met on April 11 and elected new board members Aaron Breakstone, Angela Frome, Colin O'Neill, Jessica Frazier, Laurel Marshall, and Patti Koehler in addition to electing Patty Nelson as BWNA President and re-electing Karla Lenox as Treasurer.

After the elections, Portland Clean Air requested BWNA endorse a clean air initiative and neighbors brought concerns surrounding Tacovore, both of which will be discussed the next meeting on Monday, May 9.

News from the BWNA Committees

Communications

Email subscriptions are up! We're encouraging neighbors to subscribe at bwnapdx.org so we can share important community news in a timely manner. And for our regular newsletter readers, tell us what you think about the new look! Email editor@bwnapdx.org with your comments.



Crime Prevention & Safety

While we didn't receive reports of residential break-ins in March, we did hear businesses have been compromised and there have been incidents of car theft. Please be sure to file a police report if you're a victim of crime.



Friends of Wilshire Park (FoWP)

You can help the Dog Park Water Fountain Fundraiser by dining to donate at Tacovore on May 18 and at Steeple Jack on June 15. Restaurants will donate a percentage of sales; more dates to come.



Check friendsofwilshirepark.org and sign up for the FoWP monthly newsletter. FoWP meets on the second Wednesday of the month. Join us!



Transportation

As a result of the special meeting on March 28, BWNA plans to meet with PBOT to look at safety on Fremont as a whole and to discuss modified plans to address issues at the intersection of NE Fremont and Alameda. The city is collecting data for the project. See next page for more information on the subject.



Thank you to Kelly Thompson, B-W neighbor and designer of our committee icons! Find her at creativeattik.com

BWNA MEETINGS, ADS & ARTICLES INFO

Check "Upcoming Events" page on BWNA website for venue and/or Zoom link information regarding General and Board meetings.

For Zoom links to FOWP Committee meetings, contact Committee Chair Gary Hancock via outside503@aol.com

Mon, May 9: Board meeting, starts 7 p.m.
Wed, May 11: FOWP Committee meeting via Zoom, starts 7 p.m.
Mon, Jun. 13: General meeting, starts 7 p.m.
Wed, Jun. 15: FOWP Committee meeting via Zoom, starts 7 p.m.

Newsletter Article & Ad Submission Info

Articles

Would you like to write for the newsletter, have an idea or opinion you'd like to voice, or have a Letter to the Board or Editor? If so, email editor@bwnapdx.org.

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CITIZENS SPEAK UP ON TRAFFIC ISSUE

by Susan Trabucco



At the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association general meeting on March 14, residents at the Zoom meeting weighed in passionately—both pro and con—on a Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) Greenway Pilot proposal to improve safety at the NE Alameda and Fremont intersection.

After a rash of vehicular accidents and near-accidents reported by residents who live nearby, BWNA raised concerns with PBOT. In response, PBOT presented its Greenway Pilot, a modification of its proposal to make permanent the temporary traffic calming measures on the Alameda Greenway (e.g., Orange barrels).

The Greenway program objective is to reduce vehicular traffic volume on Alameda to meet the program's target of 1,000 cars per day. The pilot would eliminate left turns from Alameda or Fremont, and all Alameda thru traffic crossing Fremont. In doing so, cross traffic accidents would be reduced and the Greenway objective of reducing volume on Alameda would be met—but it would divert an estimated 1,700 cars a day through the neighborhood.

When time ran short for PBOT proposal discussion at the March 14 meeting, the board voted to hold a special meeting March 28 to allow more citizen input prior to voting on the pilot. Nearly 70 residents attended that Zoom meeting.

Special meeting brings opposition and support

Opposition to the pilot included concerns about reduced safety due to a potentially high-volume of rerouted traffic onto smaller, narrower streets with less visibility at Fremont and goals that were not specific, measurable, or related to the neighborhood's primary concern of traffic accidents. There was also skepticism the "pilot" would become permanent without solving citizen concerns regarding safety along Fremont.

Advocates for the proposal spoke to the need to do something rather than lose PBOT's interest and funding, that it better served

the safety of pedestrians and cyclists, and the hope it would encourage fewer cars on the road.

Misunderstanding causes frustration, more work to be done

At that time, the board understood a "yes" vote on this proposal would move PBOT to proceed with the proposal, and a "no" vote would send PBOT back to the proverbial drawing board.

Ultimately the board voted the proposal down, but later found the vote was advisory only; PBOT will continue to collect data and make its own determination, frustrating board members and citizens alike.

"The good news," said newly elected BWNA Board President Patty Nelson, "is our community has come together with a clear message that safety improvements are needed."

Patty noted the board has compiled comments and will work to meet with PBOT.

"We hope to discuss how we can collaborate to improve safety along the Fremont corridor, including the Alameda and Fremont intersection."

To stay on top of this and other neighborhood-related subjects, subscribe to the BWNA email list at bwnapdx.org.

“The good news is our community has come together with a clear message that safety improvements are needed.”

—Patty Nelson, BWNA president



Do you know a neighbor who could use a helping hand?

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Fremont Fun Run June 25



Get your sneakers ready for the Beaumont Business Association's annual Fremont Fun Run on June 25 from 9-11 a.m. This 3K run and obstacle course through Beaumont Village and surrounding neighborhoods is a family-friendly event.

Event details weren't available at press time, but registration will be required. Visit the BBA website at beaumontvillagepdx.com for more information as race day nears.

Happy Juneteenth!

Did you know that Juneteenth, or June 19, is now a federal holiday? That status was signed into law by President Biden last June, paving the way for this year's celebrations. If you're not sure what it is, here's a primer from history.com:

Juneteenth, short for "June Nineteenth," marks the day in 1865 when federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to take control of the state and ensure that all enslaved people were freed. The troops' arrival came a full two and a half years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Juneteenth honors the end to slavery in the United States and is considered the longest-running African American holiday.

Although emancipation didn't happen overnight for everyone—in some cases, enslavers withheld the information until after harvest season—celebrations broke out among newly freed Black people, and Juneteenth was born.

No matter what color you are or from whence you came, take time out to reflect and celebrate a wrong being righted after hundreds of years. Happy Juneteenth to all, and especially to our African American neighbors and friends.

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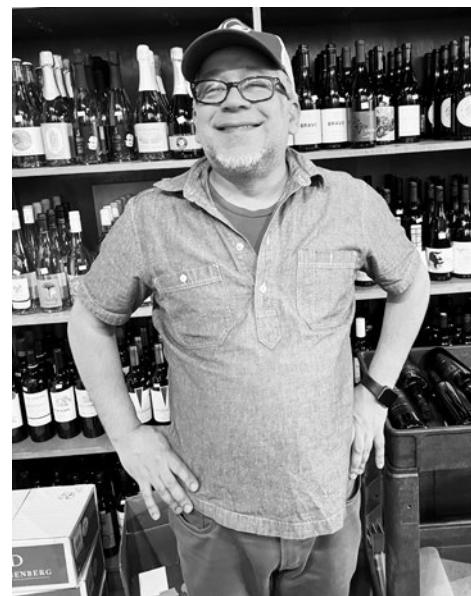
Signed, sealed, & delivered: Thank you, Devinder!



At the end of March, neighborhood mailman Devinder Oberoi retired after 32

years delivering mail, 25 of those spent in Beaumont-Wilshire. He's been grateful for our friendliness as well as the flatness of our streets! A big thank you and congratulations on his retirement.

Blackbird Wine Shop earns distinction



Apple News recently posted an article from *Eat This Not That!* in which Blackbird Wine Shop in Beaumont Village was named best wine shop in Oregon. The producer chose one wine shop from every state for this honor. Selections, according to the article, were based on "reviews, local preference, and past wine purchases."

The article referenced the store's opening in 2007, noting it's a wine shop that specializes in French, Italian, and local wines, and also offers a wine and cheese bar. Congratulations and kudos to owner Andy Diaz and his staff!



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WHAT'S THE LATEST IN THE RED-HOT BEAUMONT-WILSHIRE REAL ESTATE MARKET?

by Carlos Montalvo

Spring 2022 has been an interesting time for the Portland real estate market. A flurry of activity that started two years ago by those looking to buy or sell a home has created unique market conditions. Fortunately, our Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood has many compelling characteristics and favorable home features, both aligning with current residential real estate demand trends in our region.

As Beaumont-Wilshire residents, we love to take advantage of all that our neighborhood offers. It's beautiful, walkable with notable architecture, and has highly rated schools. But as mentioned, there are other, more subtle reasons why the recent real estate activity in our area is above-average compared with other Portland neighborhoods.

To get a better understanding of the latest trends and differentiators in Beaumont-Wilshire, we connected with two local realtors, Carolyn Kaleel from Morgan Davis Homes and Polly Webber from The Hasson Company.

Carolyn shared trends that align with our neighborhood's features. "Beaumont-Wilshire is positioned well to meet the needs and desires of people coming to Portland," she explained. "They want to make their work-life work here."

A feature of importance is a property with an ADU or space to build one to accommodate an aging parent.

BEAUMONT-WILSHIRE AVG. HOME SALE PRICE

2019

\$647K

2022 thru March 2022

\$754K

+17%

Data provided by Polly Webber
The Hasson Company.



"As people age, they're less likely to want to deal with stairs, and maybe want a smaller home," Carolyn said.

Beaumont-Wilshire's location is also attractive to homebuyers. "There are many people that want to be near public transportation so they can enjoy accessibility to downtown Portland for a concert or an art exhibit," she said, "or just to be able to walk to Beaumont Village for coffee and a bagel."

Carolyn further pointed out that most Beaumont-Wilshire homes afford one of two things: old houses that have nooks and

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cannies for an office or an attic or basement that can be refinished.

"People didn't typically refinish their basement, then they started to do so to get more money when they sold their home," she said. "Now it's wildly popular because of the pandemic."

What Carolyn is finding is that more than in the past, people need a home office, and with kids at home more, the need for play area space has risen. Family rooms, gardens, and wine cellar space are also in vogue.

"Beaumont-Wilshire," Carolyn said, "is wonderful Northwest living at its finest when you can walk to Beaumont Market or to Wilshire Park."

Polly Webber, of The Hasson Company, provided some intriguing statistics: in 2014 the average sale price in Beaumont-Wilshire was \$498,000; it climbed to \$646,000 in 2019. For the first few months of 2022, the average is up 17% from 2019 to \$754,000.

"The growth can be explained," Polly noted, "by the fact that the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood is very popular because of our schools and has homes with features that focus on families, such as bedroom and bathroom numbers and larger kitchens with open floor plans."

Carolyn spoke of two recent transactions on the same house that speak to this dramatic spike in interest in Beaumont-Wilshire and its increased home values.

"Owners of a two-bedroom, one-bathroom, single-family home accepted an offer on the same day they listed the home," she said. "In just over two months, the new owners added a bedroom, listed the home again, and accepted an offer within 24 hours."



The B-W house pictured at right recently sold twice over just a two-month period; the second sale came immediately after a bedroom had been added. Photo by Carlos Montalvo

Resident of Beaumont-Wilshire since 2020, Carlos Montalvo lives on 43rd Avenue with his partner Jaclyn, son Carlos Ollie-Boyd, Duck Tolling retriever dog Jude, and orange tabby cat Bochy. When he's not working at a large health system as a patient experience manager, he enjoys writing, the outdoors, gardening, music, and sports.



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A BEAUMONT-WILSHIRE CREATIVES SERIES

SHAKESPEARE & SCI-FI A WINNING IAN DOESCHER

by Elise Schumock

Old timers from the neighborhood might remember Beaumont-Wilshire resident Ian Doescher from musical theater at Grant High School in the 1990s. In his freshman year he played Randolph in *Bye Bye Birdie*, after which he played a constable in *The Music Man*, Alfred Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, and finally, in his senior year, he took on the role of Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Today, however, Ian is most famous for his Shakespearean Star Wars books, earning the number 12 spot on the New York Times hardcover fiction list in 2013 for his then-new book *William Shakespeare's Star Wars*.

The idea to blend Star Wars and Shakespeare came to Ian in 2012.

"Three things happened," he said. "I watched the Star Wars trilogy, went to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival, and read *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, one of the first really popular mash-up books."

A fan of both the playwright William Shakespeare and the Star Wars movies, Ian combined the voice of the former and the stories of the latter. For him, it was a natural pairing since the themes of both are classic and traditional.



Ian Doescher

What does this merging look like? In the words of Star Wars' talking robot character C3PO:

Anon, anon, R2! Where dost thou go?

O prithee, patience, leave me not alone.

*[Aside:] Aye, even though I mock and injure thee,
I'll surely die if e'er thou leavest me!*

[Exeunt droids.]

Ian has also written a children's book of poems, *I Wish I had a Wookiee*, inspired by Star Wars. The poems are silly and sweet, genuine, and meaningful—reminiscent of popular children's book author Shel Silverstein. The imagery is concrete enough for young people to understand, but the sentiments are elevated enough to honor the depth of feeling and experience of young people. The title poem begins:

*I wish I had a Wookiee,
To keep the monsters out.*

*If nightmares came to get me,
You'd hear Chewbacca shout.*

The books in Ian's Pop Shakespeare Series each combine a specific Shakespeare play with a teen-oriented film. The titles so far are *The Taming of the Clueless*, *Much Ado about Mean Girls*, and *Get Thee...Back to the Future!*

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A native Portlander, Ian grew up near NE 30th and Klickitat, attending Alameda and Beaumont schools before going to Grant. There, he met Jennifer Creswell, the woman who would later become his wife. At the time both were members of the Royal Blues, Grant High School's premier chamber ensemble, according to the school's website.

Ian's day job is as a copywriter for CareOregon. Jennifer is an Episcopal priest and a postpartum doula. During the pandemic, forced confinement didn't slow Ian down; he continued to write. His two latest books came out in September 2021. He is currently working on three novels, all set in Oregon.

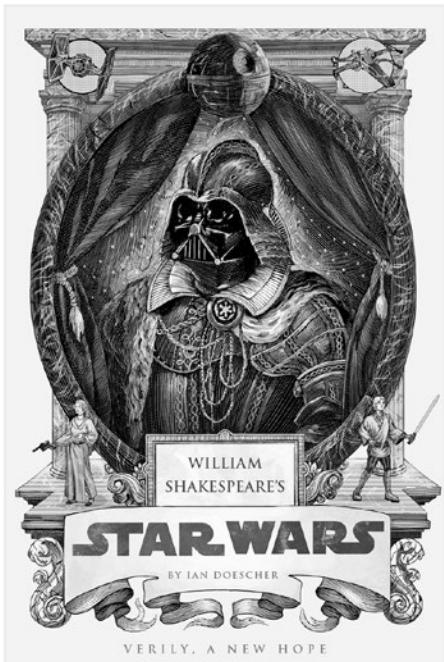
Look for Ian at St. Ignatius Catholic Church where he and some friends are resuming their monthly singing group. To learn more about Ian's writing, visit his website at iandoescher.com.

Elise Schumock grew up in Beaumont-Wilshire and attended Sabin, Beaumont, and Grant. She studied classics at Whitman College after which she taught Latin and Greek in Los Angeles. She returned home in 2018 to open Rose City Book Pub, a bookstore, bar, and restaurant located at 1329 NE Fremont.



Elise Schumock

Beaumont-Wilshire resident Ian Doescher has dedicated his career to write plays that appeal to his two great passions: Shakespeare and Sci-Fi. Submitted photo.



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BEVY OF VOLUNTEERS SPRUCE UP STAIRWELL

by Susan Trabucco

On the morning of March 11, under sunny skies and blessedly unseasonably warm temperatures, a cadre of Beaumont-Wilshire residents gathered at the public stairwell on NE 43rd between Alameda and Wisteria to get down and dirty. Their mission? To perform the several-times-a-year work needed to keep the stairwell free of natural debris—and unnatural trash—that accumulates during the winter season.



TOP: Volunteers Steve Walker (left) and Dave Whitaker, the Beaumont-Wilshire neighbor who initiated the stairwell's clean-up in 2014, hard at work this past March.

BOTTOM: John Sandie (left), Perry Colclasure, and Kathy Sandie stop for a breather and a picture. Photos by Susan Trabucco

Started in 2014, the annual cleanup effort was spearheaded by Dave Whitaker, who at the time served on the BWNA board. In 2016 volunteers planted around 500 native plants with help from SOLVE.

This year, armed with clippers, rakes, muscle power, and good humor, the group tackled the project with gusto. Now, those who traverse the hillside via those stairs will find it a more welcoming pathway.

Thank you to volunteers Dave Whitaker, Steve Walker, Perry Colclasure, John and Kathy Sandie, and Peter and Nancy Mogielnicki for stepping up (and down!) to clean the stairwell.

Thanks also to Mike and Kristin Butler, adjacent property owners on NE Wistaria, who do some summer watering and allow Dave to use their yard debris bin when he performs minor weeding several times a year.



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PERSPECTIVES

compiled by Polly Webber

This edition of the newsletter introduces "Perspectives," an opportunity to hear from a variety of neighbors with different opinions and experiences in our neighborhood. This month we asked the question:

"What do you like most about living in our neighborhood?"



"We moved to the neighborhood for the good schools. My favorite thing about the neighborhood is that it's quiet, safe, and residential, like I'd want for my kids but at the same time walkable to fun restaurants, coffee shops, and nightlife for some adult fun!" (Marguerite - 3 months in B-W)



"I have lived 55 years in the same home in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood. I love being close to thriving businesses, the airport, freeway access, and friendly neighbors." (Mary - 55 years in B-W)



"I love my family history in this neighborhood. I live in the house my great grandma lived in, I live next door to my grandma, and I have gone to the same schools my mom did when she was my age." (Eliza - 16 years in B-W)



"I think it's the community of people. We have a bunch of friends in the neighborhood, but there's also the park, going out to eat close by, sending the kids to Vernon. It's kept us in the neighborhood close to 10 years and two moves just a few blocks apart." (Oren - 10 years in B-W)



"I really like the neighborhood because there are a lot of really nice people, and I'm really close to my friends. It's just awesome there's a bunch of kids around to play soccer with at the park or over to the school for baseball. That's why I like it!" (Elliot - 10 years in B-W)



Polly Webber, realtor, and mom of two teenage girls, has a lifelong passion for Portland. Born and raised in this neighborhood, she can't quite shake her original stomping grounds. Several years ago, she even purchased and moved into the Beaumont-Wilshire home next door to her childhood home. Reach her by emailing polly@hasson.com.

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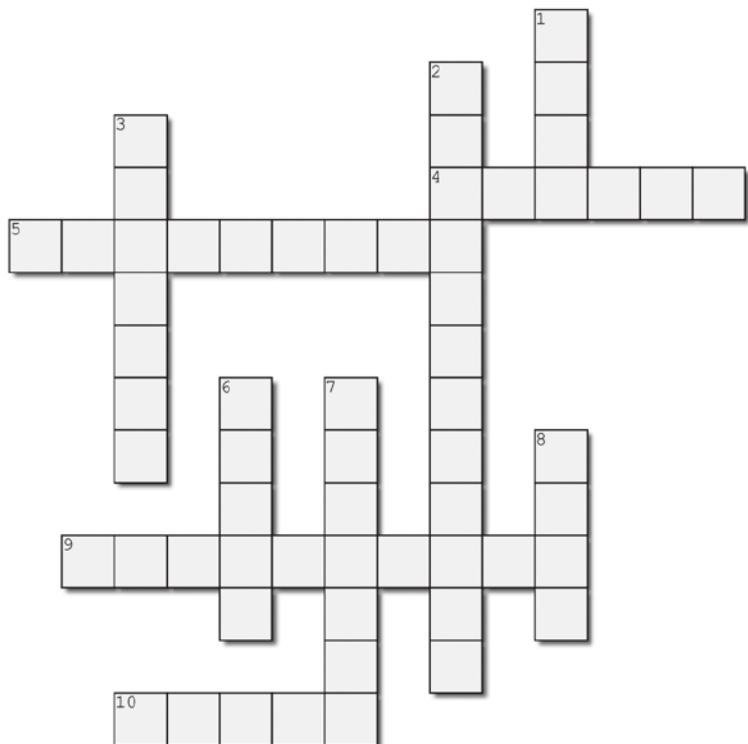
See if you can complete this crossword and get inspired. How can you celebrate our community and be a good neighbor?

Across

4. Welcomed sweet things
5. Did you say 'Val in tear'?
9. Take a minute to think about how you could be a better neighbor. Also the purpose of a mirror
10. Stop by and pay a...

Down

1. A handy hello
2. Have an official first meeting
3. A feeling or a doormat
6. Draw or write a greeting with this dusty medium
7. Bury to make amends
8. Lend an appendage



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WHY I NEED PRIDE THIS JUNE

by Andrew Rinke



Andrew and husband Scott at Seattle Pride
June 2017.

After 12 years in the more liberal bubble of Seattle and Portland, sometimes I forget that I'm not a "normal" member of society. However, coming out in small-town Michigan 15 years ago was a life-altering risk to give the world at large an opportunity to reject me.

At no other point in my life did I have to be so brave as to pronounce myself as myself.

I went to my first Pride in Denver in June 2009. I had never seen such a display of acceptance and appreciation. Strangers embraced strangers. Together we created a safe space where we could be able, encouraged, and celebrated for being ourselves in whatever color of the rainbow we identified. It was an over-pouring of joy for my parched soul.

OPINION: WHAT I THINK

Fast forward to today, and we've made huge strides as a society, but marriage equality is still recent in our history—just seven years ago. Happening immediately are 238 anti-LGBTQ bills introduced in the first 90 days of 2022. More than ever, I feel my legitimacy as a queer man is up for debate.

So why am I excited for Pride this June? I'm stoked to see my community again and feel the warmth of people's love. I need Pride as a chance to feel celebrated and to celebrate others. With each Pride, I'm more hopeful that queer people don't have to risk themselves to be themselves.

Mark your calendars for Portland Pride the weekend of June 18-19.

June is an unofficial time around the globe to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community.

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COOK LIKE NO ONE IS WATCHING

by Susan Trabucco



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With weather warming, May and June offer a prelude to summer ahead. Daytime gatherings crank up, with hosts and guests soaking in some soul-nurturing sunshine. Mother's Day and Father's Day celebrations in many families are a brunch affair. In mine, this simple recipe has worked its way into a required menu item for the celebratory feast. We all pretend the eggs make it "healthy."

Chile-Egg Puff (Serves 6 to 8; doubles easily)

8 oz Jack cheese, shredded or grated
5 eggs, beaten
1 c cottage cheese
¼ c butter or margarine, melted and cooled
½ c all-purpose flour
½ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
1 can (4 oz) diced California green chilies

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Using a heavy whisk or mixer, in a large bowl mix eggs, cottage cheese, and melted butter until blended. In a smaller bowl mix flour, salt, and baking powder; add to egg mixture. Whisk or blend until smooth. Fold in shredded cheese and chiles. Pour into greased 8-inch square pan or 9 x 14-inch pan if doubled. Bake for 35 minutes or until edges are lightly browned and center appears firm.



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CONCERN FOR ENVIRONMENT BASIS FOR BUSINESS

by Liz Erickson



Green Dog Pet Supply staff members from left: Calla, Charity, Maggie, Lis, and Emily. Photo by Liz Erickson



With growing concern about the environmental health of our planet, we wanted to learn more about the "Green" in Green Dog Pet Supply in Beaumont Village. Founder and co-owner Christine Mallar responded to our questions.

How did Green Dog get started?

Christine was a zookeeper for 12 years, then 10 years in orangutan conservation. When she and her partner, Mike, moved to

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Portland, they wanted to do something fun together, so decided to open a pet supply store that gravitates towards "green" products.

What inspires you?

Our amazing customers and their relationships with their cats and dogs--they strive to make pet lives healthier, happier, and longer.

In your quest for sustainability, what makes you most proud?

When we opened in 2004, we were the first pet supply store in the nation to base its mission on environmental sustainability. Also, Green Dog earned a Gold-level certification from the City of Portland's "Sustainability at Work" program because we use and sell items that are locally made with recycled and sustainable materials, and we sell meat from animals that have been raised humanely.

What else do you want pet owners in the neighborhood to know?

If you're a cat owner, please do not flush the litter clumps, even if the bag says you can. This waste has serious toxins, and our water pipes don't need the stress.

Visit greendogpetsupply.com for blogs and articles offering advice on many topics.

Liz Erickson has lived in the neighborhood with her husband and two children since 2009. Growing up in Beaverton, she remembers visiting grandparents on NE 42nd and walking to Rose's Ice Cream for a scoop of butter brickle. Fun facts: she's visited 46 states, 46 countries, is a Master Recycler volunteer with the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, and served in Peace Corps Morocco.



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