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BWNA Calendar of Events

Monday, March 12

7:00-8:30 p.m.  
BWNA Board Meeting  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
Skidmore and 37th  
Library Meeting Room  
(enter on 37th side of church)

Wednesday, March 21

CNN's Combat Homelessness meeting at CNN Office  
4415 NE 87th Avenue  
(see article on this page for details)

Saturday to Saturday, March 17 - 24 (business hours)

Hip Hop Into Shops on Fremont Street (see page 6)

Monday, April 9

6:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m.  
Taste of Beaumont (plus BWNA elections)  
Beaumont MS Cafeteria,  
Fremont Street and 42nd Avenue  
(enter on Fremont side of school)

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BWNA's February general meeting covers wide-ranging issues of concern

by Tim Hemstreet

February's general membership meeting was well attended and covered an assortment of issues of interest to neighbors. Norberto Adre from the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) discussed design plans for realignment of the intersection of NE Wistaria and 41st. The proposal calls for shortening the pedestrian crossing at the intersection and connecting the existing island to the block south of it, thus converting the island to a peninsula. Neighbors noted the importance of retaining the existing city-provided irrigation supply to the island in order to maintain the beautiful landscaping they've put in place and nurtured there for several years. Many other suggestions on the design were offered, and PBOT staff volunteered to bring revised designs back to a future BWNA meeting for further review and comment.

Given neighbors' interest in making improvements to Wilshire Park, ranging from playground equipment, landscaping, and maintenance of the walking/jogging trail, Portland Parks & Recreation Maintenance Supervisor Mike Grosso discussed potential opportunities for the neighborhood to advance these interests. However, Mayor Wheeler has directed the parks department to reduce its budget by five percent in the 2018-2019 fiscal

year, and a budget advisory committee has been formed to develop recommendations for Commissioner Fritz to consider how best to achieve this goal. With these funding constraints coupled with the city's current pause in even considering new proposals for park improvements, the desired improvements will require advocacy and organization on the part of the neighborhoods that rely on the park. Mr. Grosso noted that the toddler play structures at the park were installed in the 1990s as a result of fundraising by the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association, and these wooden structures have reached the end of their design life. Replacement of the largest toddler play structure is in the works, but there are no plans for other improvements at this time.

Neighbors attending the meeting felt that fundraising for park improvements is possible and current efforts by neighbors seeking funding for landscape improvements will need to be augmented by other grant opportunities and fundraising efforts. Mr. Grosso noted the success of partnership programs, such as the one at Peninsula Park for keeping the park in good order, and pointed out there currently is no such neighborhood partnership or advocacy organization for Wilshire Park. Thus, development of a "Friends of Wilshire Park"

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CNN challenges neighborhoods to combat homelessness

by Al Ellis

Would it be possible to identify properties within our local neighborhoods that could be purchased by agencies with the city's help and, perhaps with some repairs, be turned into housing for the homeless?

Such was the challenge posed by Alison Stoll, executive director of the Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) coalition, to neighborhood association representatives on the CNN board of directors. BWNA's representatives on the CNN board, Vice President Kathy Campbell and Secretary Barb Strunk, report that Director Stoll is looking to assemble a working group comprised of two residents from each of CNN's nine coalition neighborhood associations to collaborate on "finding real and creative solutions to homelessness." Members of the group would become educated about existing

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## President's message

by Tim Hemstreet

## Busy year in the neighborhood shaping up

Spring is upon us, and planning for this year's neighborhood activities is well underway by neighbors and BWNA board members. Thinking ahead to summer, BWNA submitted an application to once again sponsor a Movie in the Park event through Portland Parks & Recreation in partnership with the Alameda Neighborhood Association. Given the demand for these events during the short summer season, we feel fortunate that our application was accepted and look forward to stretching out in Wilshire Park again this summer while enjoying some live music and a movie—hopefully with cooperative weather. Stay tuned for the final timing along with musical and cinematic offerings for this event.

Regarding Wilshire Park, BWNA board members and neighbors have been interested in how to advocate for and take action to make improvements to the park that will add to its beauty and improve its amenities for all to enjoy. Despite growing funding challenges faced by Parks & Recreation (see article, page 1), B-W resident Peter Mogielnicki is spearheading an effort to enhance the landscaping at Wilshire Park for the purpose of improving habitat and water quality as well as adding opportunities for ecological education. With organizational backing from BWNA, Peter and other neighbors from Beaumont-

Wilshire and Alameda neighborhoods are seeking grant funding to turn the concept into reality.

BWNA also is busy planning for our annual Taste of Beaumont event, which will be held on April 9 at Beaumont Middle School, beginning at 6:30 p.m. We once again will enjoy music from Beaumont students led by band director Cynthia Plank while enjoying great menu items from some of our wonderful local neighborhood restaurants, cafes, and pubs. This is also a great opportunity to get involved in your neighborhood, as we will be holding elections for BWNA positions and recruiting volunteers to serve on committees and the newsletter team.

Also mark your calendars for May 19, when BWNA board member Jack Bookwalter will lead a two-hour walking tour covering many of our neighborhood's significant buildings on the city's historic resource inventory. Also, board member Barb Strunk will point out some of the outstanding gardens along the way. Registration for this event will be necessary, so please be on the lookout for information about this and other neighborhood events on the BWNA website ([www.bwna.us](http://www.bwna.us)) and in our newsletter.

Hope to see you at an upcoming BWNA event!

## Homelessness challenge (continued)

programs and strategies in Portland, what works and what doesn't, read articles and investigate research, brainstorm ideas, arrive at recommendations, and then engage the press.

The date of the first meeting of the group is on Wednesday, March 21, from 7:00-8:30 p.m., at the CNN meeting room, 4415 NE 87th Avenue, between Prescott Street and Sandy Boulevard. If interested in serving as one of BWNA's two representatives, contact BWNA President Tim Hemstreet ([president@bwna.us](mailto:president@bwna.us)) no later than March 16. If you have questions about the project, phone CNN at 503-823-3156.

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## Editor's notes

by Al Ellis

**J**ust as holiday lights buoy spirits through the darkness of winter, so nature's awakening inspires fetes of spring. Not

surprisingly, then, the religious holidays of Passover and Easter (this year coinciding on the same weekend, by the way) share a seasonal theme of regeneration, a time for renewal, rejuvenation, and reinvention. And so it is for BWNA each second Monday of April, as Taste of Beaumont strives to motivate civic spirit and reinvent association participation.

One of three major annual BWNA-sponsored community gatherings—the other two being July's Movie in the Park (partnering with the Alameda Neighborhood Association) and August's National Night Out Picnic—Taste of Beaumont uniquely combines the merriment of a community fest with gratification for service to the neighborhood (this special general meeting focused on filling vacated board positions and

recruiting volunteers for committees and the newsletter team).

Along with promotion in this column and in Tim Hemstreet's articles, you'll find the date, time, and venue for Taste of Beaumont listed on our "Calendar of Events."

Nonetheless, experience teaches us that newsletter publicity alone is not sufficient to bolster turnout, mainly due to the bimonthly nature of this publication. Thus, if a resident were to read this issue online in late February (when the color version first appeared on the BWNA website) or read the hard copy upon delivery to the door (hopefully in early March), Taste of Beaumont would still be weeks away. More than enough time to slip one's mind. In an effort to fill the memory gap, BWNA utilizes its blog (i.e., the website home page) as well as its e-mail list (i.e., e-mail addresses collected from attendees at BWNA events and from those signed up on the website) to publicize events closer to when they actually take place. Another convenient event reminder is the popular intra-neighborhood social network, *Nextdoor*—*Beaumont-Wilshire*, which is credited with

the overnight success of recruiting graphic designer Jane Feinberg to replace departing Amy Gwilliam. (Of course the most reliable reminder of all is for you to take a moment right now to note "Taste of Beaumont" on your calendars for April 9 at 6:30 p.m.)

The hope is that a spring gala like Taste of Beaumont—with the allure of professionally prepared dishes, first-rate amateur musical entertainment, and a free door prize raffle—not only will serve to inspire attendance, but also kindle a spirit of service to the neighborhood via BWNA—as a board member, committee participant, or newsletter contributor. Speaking of which: with a heavy sigh, I announce the departure from our team of "roving reporter" Pat Bellamah, who enlightened readers on a diverse array of topics, from the 42nd and Fremont traffic light project to auto theft. It's a tough loss for the newsletter, but one that opens the door for another willing and talented volunteer to contribute. If you enjoy writing and delving into local stories, please consider blossoming with us! Let me know.

## February general meeting (continued)

group may be a good model for assisting Parks & Recreation in maintaining the park while also advocating and fundraising for needed upgrades (as detailed in this issue's President's Message). Residents interested in this effort are invited to sign up for the "Friends of Wilshire Park" group via BWNA e-mail ([president@bwna.us](mailto:president@bwna.us)).

Other issues covered at the meeting included update on the status of the Residential Infill Project proposal, which is now before the Planning and Sustainability Commission, with a hearing tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2018; a request from Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) for volunteers to serve on a CNN committee to develop ideas to address homelessness (detailed in a separate article on page 1); a proposal by Rose City Park Neighborhood Association representatives to team up with BWNA to advocate for legislative changes to make it easier to obtain convictions related to auto thefts plaguing Portland neighborhoods; and discussion of a number of issues relating to traffic and pedestrian/bicycle safety, including speeding on Fremont between NE

33rd and 40th, the difficult NE Prescott and 37th Avenue intersection for both traffic and bicyclists; and concerns voiced by resident Dennis Hanley on behalf of neighbors on NE Wiberg about increasing traffic loads on this narrow street that connects NE Alameda and 47th, with the request that BWNA exhort PBOT to consider converting Wiberg to one-way traffic to reduce traffic and improve safety.

BWNA will continue to track these issues and do what it can to assist neighbors in finding solutions to their concerns. Neighbors are encouraged to participate regularly at general meetings, which are held on the second Monday of every even-numbered month, except in August, when National Night Out Picnic takes place. The next general meeting on April 9 is a very special one, indeed: Taste of Beaumont is held in the Beaumont Middle School cafeteria beginning at 6:30 p.m., and featuring tasty cuisine, zesty musical entertainment, and a free door prize raffle, with the business part of the evening devoted primarily to annual elections for open BWNA positions.

## Calendar of Events (cont.)

### Friday, April 13

BWNA newsletter submission deadline for May-June issue. E-mail articles and editorials to Al Ellis ([editor@bwna.us](mailto:editor@bwna.us)); photos, graphics, and ads to Jane Feinberg ([design@bwna.us](mailto:design@bwna.us))

### Saturday, May 12

9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.  
Pollinator Workshop  
CNN Office at 4415 NE 87th Avenue  
(see article on page 4 for details)

### Saturday, May 12

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Naturescaping Basics Class  
Whitaker Ponds Nature Park  
7040 NE 47th Avenue

### Monday, May 14

7:00-8:30 p.m.  
BWNA Board Meeting  
Bethany Lutheran Church, Skidmore and 37th  
Library Meeting Room (enter on 37th side of church)



# BWNA to host pollinator workshop on May 12th

by Barb Strunk

Our gardening practices can support the health of our local environment. We can help to improve air quality, manage rain run-off, support diverse pollinators, grow healthy food, and lift our spirits.

The East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (EMSWCD) provides educational opportunities for those who want to improve the health of our communities through gardening practices to benefit soil, water, and wildlife. Take a look at the EMSWCD website for the upcoming spring class offerings. Managing rainwater, gardening with native plants, and supporting diverse pollinators are among the topics offered. The classes are offered throughout the city from February through May.

Beaumont-Wilshire is sponsoring an EMSWCD class on "Attracting Pollinators to the Urban Garden" on Saturday, May 12, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. The class will be held at the Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) Coalition office at 4415 NE 87th Avenue, between Prescott Street and Sandy Boulevard.



Some of the earlier spring classes are already full, so be sure to go online to the EMSWCD website as soon as possible to register for the free class.

The class description of the BWNA-sponsored workshop is as follows:

*Gardens are pollinated by a variety of insects that help flowers set seed and help fruit and vegetable plants produce an edible harvest. Mostly familiar with European honeybees, few of us are aware of the many flies, beetles, moths, and butterflies at our doorsteps that also provide critical pollination services. In this workshop you will learn about the different kinds of pollinators that might be living in your garden, discover a plant palette to help attract and support pollinators, and go beyond the bloom to consider ways to provide shelter, water, nesting, and overwintering sites.*

The EMSWCD website is definitely worth a look. You'll find supplemental written materials to increase your knowledge about supporting your local environment and instructions on best practices gardening techniques.

For more information, see <https://emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops/>

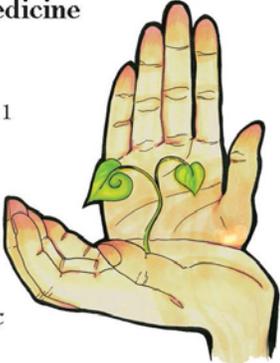
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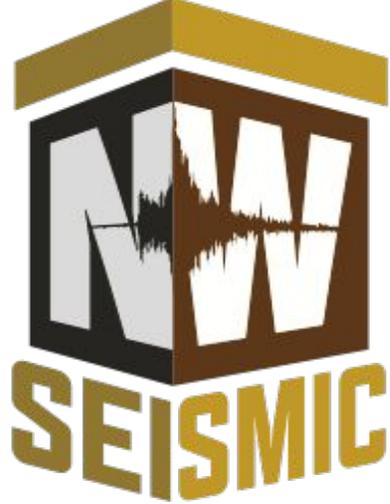


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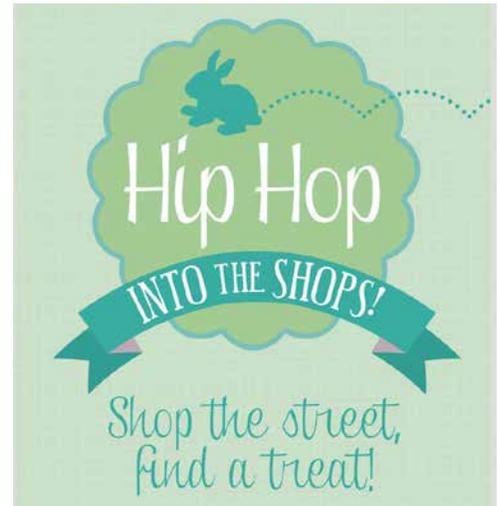
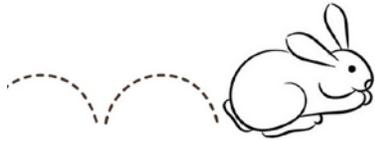
# Fremont Bustling with new kids on the block and Hip Hop into Shops

by Katie Hamdan

Over the past months, the Beaumont Business Association (BBA) has had the pleasure of welcoming Little Griddle, Wild Hearts Wellness, State Farm Insurance, and Bridgetown Apartments to Fremont Street, with March ushering in some new kids to the block—Prince Coffee, Beaumont Barber, and Singing Sands (the latest venture by Nate Snell of Pip’s Original Doughnuts, featuring curated vintage musical instrument sales and an analogue recording studio for select projects).

BBA also welcomes merchants and nonprofits to sign up early to reserve a vendor booth location at Fremont Fest, which will be held on Saturday, August 4. Sign up instructions can be found on the BBA website ([beaumontvillagepdx.com](http://beaumontvillagepdx.com)).

Lastly, fun for the family while shopping on Fremont Street from March 17 to 24, is the BBA Hip Hop Into the Shops event. In the spirit of the season, bunnies will be hiding for little ones to find and receive a treat!



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# Neighborhood bids fond farewell to Chef Smalley

by Al Ellis

From the get-go, Jeff Smalley was all about transparency and wanting to be a good neighbor, going out of his way to communicate with residents and the neighborhood association on plans to open a restaurant/pub on the corner of Fremont and 37th, where Wilshire Market and a pharmacy had once stood. Calmly and reassuringly fielding questions and concerns at a BWNA general meeting a few years ago, Smalley vowed to build an eating/drinking establishment that the community could take pride in—family friendly, residentially responsible, architecturally creative, neighborhood compatible in terms of scale—this became Fire and Stone. Jeff also was a regular advertiser with this newsletter and generously donated delectable dishes for BWNA events, like Taste of Beaumont, and even occasionally for BWNA board meetings! All of which made it both shocking and sad when we learned that Fire and Stone would be closing its doors for good in February. Businesses come and go, but this one was truly special to many residents.



Chef Smalley put his heart and soul into the design and operation of the 80-seat Fire and Stone. It was his first

restaurant project, and admittedly an ambitious one. While failure to succeed has been understandably disappointing and emotionally stressful for Jeff, he maintains a glass-half-full perspective, “I have some specific regrets, but I’m still proud of our overall effort here.” Equally appreciative of the neighborhood patrons who frequented Fire and Stone, he’s particularly grateful for the good friends made along the way, “My message is really just a big ‘thank you.’ I’ve met many amazing people with which I hope to have ongoing relationships. Lots of great families, kids, teachers, elderly folks, PTA members, sports teams, vendors, and just plain old friends will be part of my life going forward because of my time in this

restaurant.” Retaining his humor, Jeff adds, “My wife and kids still love me.”

Chef Smalley is taking time off from the culinary business world to spend time with family and serve as president of the Little League where one of his sons plays ball.

As for the property, the search continues for a buyer, hopefully a restaurateur.

BWNA thanks Jeff for his many positive contributions to our neighborhood and local community over the years.

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# Workers' compensation attorney makes home in Beaumont-Wilshire

by Susan Trabucco

When pondering workers' compensation issues, one tends to think of the kinds of jobs that most lend themselves to on-the-job injury, including construction and highway maintenance. A chat with Colin Rockey Hackett, however, a Beaumont-Wilshire resident and attorney who specializes in workers' compensation law, provides insight into the reality that workplace accidents are not uncommon in the professional business arena. "For example," says Hackett, "social workers and medical staff may have a valid workers' compensation claim if they are exposed to HIV."

In Hackett's world, a diverse population from all walks of life seeks his assistance when a workplace injury occurs and compensation is not provided to the employee's satisfaction; anyone with a job is a potential client. Hackett finds his role in finding justice for them



Beaumont-Wilshire resident and workers' compensation attorney Colin Rockey Hackett finds enjoyment in helping people who need his services. Photo by Susan Trabucco

rewarding in many ways. "I meet people from all over the world, and they need help. I feel I'm performing a service for society by getting fair compensation for my clients when they've sustained an injury while on the job."

Hackett's words don't ring hollow; his passion for his work and care for the people he assists is evident. For example, as an added benefit for his Spanish-speaking clients, Hackett is fluent in that language, too, borne of many years of Spanish language classes and nearly two years living and working in Mexico.

"Spanish was, I felt, a practical language to learn," Hackett says, adding that while not highly practical, learning French is on his list, too.

Hackett grew up in Southwest Portland and earned both his undergraduate and law degrees from University of Oregon. After working in family law then workers' compensation law for several years, he struck out on his own specializing in workers' compensation law in 2009. He hangs his shingle at an office on NE Broadway, from where he provides his services to Portland-area clients as well as serving people in Eastern Oregon in the cities of Pendleton, Hermiston, Boardman, and Umatilla, and on the Oregon coast in Tillamook and Astoria. His practice includes litigation services.

Like many Portlanders, Hackett often rides his bike to work from his home near NE 39th and Skidmore. And like many Oregonians, he enjoys other outdoor pursuits, including stream fishing. He rounds out the rest of his free time by playing in a men's basketball league and participates in the Oregon State Bar Association.

Hackett purchased his Beaumont-Wilshire home in 2010 on a whim when a realtor friend let him know the house was for sale, and it's worked out well for him.

"Beaumont-Wilshire is a fantastic neighborhood – one of the best in Portland. It's been a great thing for me to buy a house here."

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# UNR instrumental to passage of lead and asbestos best practices ordinance

by John Sandie

After more than three years of being presented with the United Neighborhoods for Reform (UNR) resolution calling for responsible demolition practices regarding hazardous materials—both in terms of oversight and management—the City Council adopted an ordinance in February that will require best practices when removing a residential structure with four or fewer dwelling units. This ordinance (Chapter 25.55, as amended) was in response to the passage of Senate Bill 871 (SB 871) that established a menu of recommended best practices developed by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), from which municipalities could choose to mandate during residential demolitions.



The efforts by UNR activists to enlist community, city bureau, and state legislative support were acknowledged at the hearing as contributing greatly to this ground-breaking City Council decision, which establishes Portland as a model for other cities to follow in protecting citizens from potential exposure to asbestos and lead paint dust, as well as other potentially harmful chemicals, near residential demolition sites. Since compliance is the key to the effectiveness of any ordinance, proper inspections and meaningful penalties are a must. Therefore, UNR is lobbying the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) to accelerate the hiring and training of two new inspectors and move up the implementation date as quickly as possible prior to the “no later than” July 1 date passed by the Council.

Key provisions of the ordinance include:

- Documentation of asbestos and lead surveys, plus abatement and dust control plans prior to the issuance of a demolition permit.
- Mandatory pre- and post-inspections and optional during-demolition inspections by city and a contractor-designated Demolition Manager to assure dust control plans are effective. (Making during-demolition inspections optional—i.e., not mandatory in all situations—is a concern, and UNR encourages residents to report problems to BDS.)
- Effective use of wetting during dust-generation activities as well as during storage and transfer of materials at the site.
- Use of partial deconstruction of high-lead content exterior components prior to any mechanical demolition activities.

Also noted in the SB 871 recommendations and city ordinance is the preferred use of full deconstruction as a means of removing a residential structure. UNR continues to advocate that this method be extended to all residential demolitions regardless of the age of the house (i.e., not just houses built on or before 1917 as the law reads now), since construction material suppliers cannot guarantee that asbestos-containing materials will never be imported from other countries and find their way into American homes. Deconstruction also results in many tons of materials being recycled and/or reused rather than adding waste to garbage landfills.

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by Kathy Campbell

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1.5 Tb butter	2 Tb chopped fresh tarragon	2 Tb chopped fresh tarragon
2 c diagonally cut asparagus	⅓ c Italian bread crumbs	1½ c milk
9 oz fettuccine	5 garlic cloves, minced and divided	¼ c Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, grated
⅓ c chicken broth	1 cup frozen peas	¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
4 oz cream cheese	3 tsp olive oil	

Bring 3 quarts water to a boil in a Dutch oven. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add one garlic clove to pan; saute one minute. Add bread crumbs and saute three minutes or until golden brown and toasted. Remove bread crumb mixture from pan; wipe pan clean with paper towels.

Add asparagus and peas to boiling water. Cook for three minutes or until crisp-tender. Remove from pan with a slotted spoon. Rinse under cold water and drain.

Add pasta to boiling water and cook until al dente (i.e., still firm when bitten) according to package directions. Drain and keep warm.

Heat olive oil in skillet over medium heat. Add onion and the remaining garlic cloves; cook for three minutes or until tender, stirring frequently. Place flour in a small bowl; gradually whisk in chicken broth. Add broth mixture and milk to pan, stirring constantly with a whisk; bring to a boil; reduce heat and cook one minute or until thickened. Remove from heat. Add cheeses, salt, and pepper, stirring until cheeses melt. Add pasta, asparagus and peas. Toss well. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and tarragon.



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