



Crime Prevention New Year's Resolution: Be a Hard Target for Crime!

by Meg Juarez, Beaumont-Wilshire Crime Prevention Coordinator

Time for a crime prevention reality check as the new year begins: are you a hard target or a soft target for crime? Hopefully the former—i.e., you've taken common sense steps to reduce the likelihood of becoming a target for criminals—particularly regarding property crime such as home burglary or car prowls. These types of crimes occur when there is a combination of property left unprotected and bad guys who know they can get away with a crime—a perfect formula for “crimes of opportunity.” In most crimes of opportunity, it takes only a few seconds for a thief to break in and steal valuables. Making it easy for thieves to be in and out quickly provides opportunity.

Being a hard target begins with making it more difficult for thieves by securing and locking your vehicles, homes, and garages. Here are some additional tips:

Vehicle

- Don't leave anything that may look appealing to steal in plain view in your vehicle. (Most commonly stolen: gym bags, backpacks, briefcases, cell phones, laptops, cash/coins, jewelry, mail.)
- If you must leave any packages or valuables in the trunk, place them there prior to your arrival at your destination. Lock the trunk with the valet key, so that thieves can't easily pop the trunk open from the latch inside the vehicle. (Remember, it's all about time—thieves want to be in & out quickly.)
- Don't leave any signs of having electronics, such as connector cables or docking stations.
- Keep your glove compartment locked, and park in well-lit areas.

Home

- Don't leave keys in your vehicles.

- Lock windows and doors, and don't leave garage doors open, even in the daytime.
- Improve security: 1-inch throws on deadbolts, strike plates with long screws, locks on windows and gates.
- Install motion-sensor lighting and do not leave ladders or other devices for easy access to 2nd floor.
- Eliminate hiding places for intruders by trimming bushes and trees.
- Plan before you leave on vacation to stop delivery of mail and papers, arrange to have your lawn maintained and garbage cans put out for collection, and set lights and radios on timers. You can request a Hold Mail Service at UPS.COM (<https://holdmail.usps.com/holdmail/>).

Mail and Packages

- Don't have packages shipped to your home if nobody is there to bring them inside in a timely way; rather, have packages shipped where you know someone will be available to receive them—neighbor, relative, work.
- Research package delivery alternatives, such as Amazon Locker or UPS Store, and others.

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Alameda Stairs Work Continues

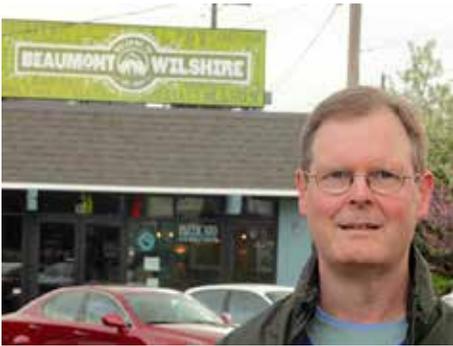
by Dave Whitaker

Last autumn a group of about fifteen Beaumont-Wilshire neighbors, together with scouts and their fathers from Troop 107, gathered together to pull, rake, trim, and cut down unwanted vegetation from both the 42nd and 43rd Avenue public stairways along Alameda Ridge. It was a great success, since it gave the stairwells a more open and safe feel. This was the first step in revitalizing these public spaces.

The second step is to plant drought tolerant, native plants in the planting beds next to the stairs. The group's efforts will focus on the 43rd Ave. stairway for this first planting effort. Representatives from the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA) applied for grant funding from East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (EMSWCD) to buy native plants and install them in the beds, and in December, EMSWCD awarded BWNA a grant of \$1,500, enough to cover the purchase of somewhere between 400 and 500

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President's Message

by John Sandie

What About Those Resolutions?

I never was one for New Year's resolutions, although I attempt to think up a family health competition every year to try and keep that topic high on everyone's priority list. I ill-advisedly tried to get a 15 in '15 (i.e., lose "15 pounds in 2015") friendly competition going in October; but apparently the end-of-year holiday events centering around food scared everyone off. Therefore, I have creatively renamed the effort as 16 in '16, where the first one to lose 16 pounds this year gets dinner out courtesy of other participants. I have my sights set on enjoying the city landscape from the 30th Floor Bancorp Tower while dining at Portland City Grill, but reaching those heights will definitely require me to put in quite a bit more time down at the Dishman Center (and likely less kitchen scavenging after 8 p.m.).

But, back to resolutions! Despite my past avoidance of using the New Year to make promises that I probably wouldn't keep anyway, here are several I've decided to make public:

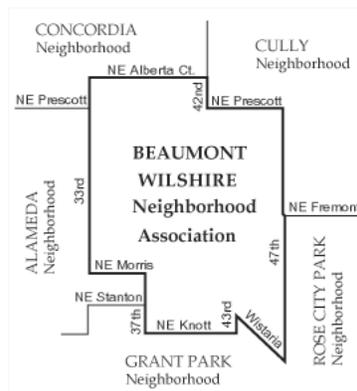
This year I resolve to:

- not take the presidential election too seriously. Until summer. I believe a few months is more than enough time for me to make up my mind. (Maybe by then I'll figure out why, when candidates are supposedly talking to their "base," they never seem to be speaking to me!)
- when watching Michigan football (a passion since childhood), I'll remain calm and make my cardiologist proud (please pay no attention to that hysterical laughter coming from my wife).
- not to yell at Portland drivers who refuse to go around someone turning left when there is plenty of room, and to use only hand gestures that convey friendly driving education prompts.

- try to believe the electronic voice that reminds me "your call is important to us," even after listening to slightly distorted hold music for 45 minutes.
- convert all our old camcorder cassettes and VHS tapes of family memories to modern media storage. (Truth be told, I never sought to be leading edge on technology—e.g., some of those VHS tapes came from converting old 8 mm reels, and we even owned a B/W television for a couple years and used pliers to turn the channels!)
- walk the perimeter of Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood boundaries. Hey, it's a start; maybe the Pacific Crest Trail next year. Again, pay no attention to that hysterical laughter.

Seriously, whether it's around New Year's or any time of year, I believe a periodic, honest inward look will find that there are always a few personal traits in need of improvement—more friendly smiles and hellos while walking the streets, showing appreciation to others more often with a simple, sincere "thank you." Accumulation of these little acts will definitely bump the needle on our neighborhood livability index!

OK, I'm off to Redbox to get the DVD and watch "Wild" again.



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Editor's Notes

by Al Ellis



Amidst winter's stagnant chill, January and February crackle with activity—from national football championships (both college and pro) to Black History Month (in concurrence with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday) to Valentine's Day and Presidents' Day (back to back this year—Feb. 14th and 15th, respectively), to accelerated political campaigning (prelude to a transformative year of politics, culminating in a newly-elected mayor, governor, and president).

But it begs a logistical question for our team: How does a 12-page bimonthly community newsletter approach this kind of diversity in topics? Answer: selectively and locally.

With finite space for articles, announcements, and advertisements, the final cut is seldom simple. Based in part on predetermined priorities, in part on strokes of serendipity, and in large part on availability of space, the decision-making process on what to include and not to include in any one issue is both formulaic and organic:

Priorities

1. Neighborhood topics that affect and hopefully resonate with B-W residents.
2. Local human interest stories (with deference given to reporter preference).
3. Profiles on advertisers (starting with businesses within the B-W boundaries).
4. Profiles on new businesses (located within or near the B-W boundaries).
5. Activities by neighborhood business organizations: Beaumont Business Association (on Fremont) and Our N.E. 42nd Ave.
6. Profiles on BWNA at-large Board members and officers (newest ones first).

Strokes of serendipity

1. Announcements for the good of the neighborhood submitted by the BWNA Board.
2. Event announcements submitted by B-W residents and local organizations.
3. 150-word-or-less "Letter to the Board" editorials submitted by B-W residents.
4. 300-word-or-less articles by B-W residents or local service organizations.

Triage for available space

Ads, BWNA Board announcements, ongoing features, and everything else, in that order.

Thus, within de facto limits in size and scope, our goal is to provide B-W residents with a potpourri of information and commentary reflective of the unique character of this neighborhood. So settle back, snuggle up, and enjoy the read. Happy 2016!

BWNA Calendar

Monday, January 11 • 7:00-8:30 PM

BWNA Board Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church, Library Meeting Room
(entrance on 37th)

Monday, February 8 • 7:00-8:30 PM

BWNA General Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall
(entrance on Skidmore)

Friday, February 12

BWNA newsletter submission deadline for
March/April newsletter issue
(send articles to Al Ellis and ads to Amy Gwilliam)

Monday, March 14 • 7:00-8:30 PM

BWNA Board Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church
(entrance on 37th)

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Invited UNR Testimony Fails to Carry Day on Demo Tax

by Al Ellis

It was a classic showdown at City Hall: On one side, demolition-inclined developers; on the other, preservation-dedicated activists. At issue? Mayor Hales' proposed \$25,000 demolition tax, aimed especially at developers who tear down viable homes to profit from construction of million-dollar replacements, often triple in size of the ones destroyed. Questions in controversy? Neighborhood livability and demo tax fairness.

A guest panel was invited by Mayor Hales to testify in support of the proposed ordinance. His choice of guests? Four representatives from none other than Beaumont-Wilshire's home-grown United Neighborhoods for Reform (UNR), the preservationist movement whose Demolition-Development Resolution has united 43 neighborhood associations representing nearly half the City's residents in pushing for building code revision to preserve affordable housing, cut down on residential demolitions, address safety and health concerns associated with demolitions, and place compatibility limits on the size and footprint of replacement homes. The invitation to lead off testimony at a Council meeting was a first for UNR and icing on the cake for a grassroots organization that only a couple years ago was completely off City Hall's radar. Additionally, earlier in 2015, the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) extended an invitation to UNR to be represented on the BDS Demolition Subcommittee, a body charged with making policy recommendations to the full Development Review Advisory Committee (DRAC) regarding issues of demolition oversight and demolition delay procedure.

But back to the Council hearing. Anticipating opponents' points, UNR preemptively rebutted with counterpoints:

Point: \$25,000 tax will be added to price of new house, thus decreasing affordability.

Counterpoint: Affordability is not make-or-break for buyers of million-dollar homes.

Point: One-size-fits-all approach ignores value and condition of house demolished.

Counterpoint: Most demolitions are of homes viable and attractive to entry buyers.

Point: It's a NIMBY (Not in My Backyard) tax appealing to self-serving residents who oppose progress.

Counterpoint: Replacing established homes with incompatible giants isn't progress.

Point: Demolishing or preserving a home is the owner's business, not the City's.

Counterpoint: Curbing demolitions is tantamount to protecting residents' health.

UNR also voiced support for a demolition moratorium pending full implementation of a new state law (SB705) that makes asbestos surveys at residential demolition sites

mandatory. But that idea would have to wait, because it was already November 25th, and the goal was to have a tax vote the following week.

But the vote never happened—not because it wasn't on the Council docket the following Wednesday, but because Mayor Hales knew in advance that he had fallen one vote short of a majority (Commissioners Fritz, Novick, and Fish voting no). The Mayor then announced that he would go back to the drawing board and submit a revised demolition tax proposal to the Council in mid-January. But less than a week before Christmas, Mayor Hales made the surprise decision to abandon the idea of a demolition tax altogether, and UNR followed suit...albeit reluctantly.



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General Meeting “High Notes” from December; Preview of February Agenda

By John Sandie

Attendees at BWNA’s Winter Holidays General Meeting were treated to an array of holiday edibles and sounds of the season—the food courtesy of BWNA Board members and the songs performed by the Beaumont Middle School Choir under the direction of music director Cynthia Plank. Selections included the classic “Frosty the Snowman” and a cute choreographed rendition of “Twelve Days of Christmas”—sing-a-long favorites that were a big hit with the appreciative audience.

Crime Prevention Coordinator Meg Juarez and Neighborhood Response Team Officer Craig Andersen were present to field neighbors’ questions regarding crime in the area. According to Officer Anderson, the Beaumont-Wilshire and Alameda neighborhoods have two of the lowest crime rates in the City. Ms. Juarez provided crime prevention tips (see front page of this issue) and made printed material available to attendees.

The efforts of a couple of BWNA Board members were rewarded with grants: 1) Margaret Davis, in partnership with United Neighborhoods for Reform (UNR) and Lead Safe America, received a grant from Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) Small Grants Program to support the showing of a lead hazards film, misLEAD, at the Hollywood Theater (tentatively scheduled for February), with panel discussion follow-up and a recruitment effort to get fliers delivered to homes in the vicinity of house demolitions throughout Portland; and 2) David Whitaker received support from an East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District grant program to plant native plants along the Alameda stairs by 43rd Avenue. (See more about the project on the front page.)

BWNA Board member Barb Strunk presented an overview of work done by the Residential Infill Project’s Stakeholder Advisory Committee (RIP SAC). Barb is the UNR representative on committee. (Read more about UNR on page 4 of this issue.) Funded by the city, the committee is charged with making recommendations to the Bureau of Development Services, which in turn will offer recommendations to the City Council for changes in the building code in three specific areas: scale and mass of new residential development, skinny lots usage, and alternative housing. (RIP SAC was formed and supported by the Council as result of UNR’s Demolition/Development Resolution presented to city leadership about a year ago.)

Jack Bookwalter, BWNA Land Use Chair, reminded everyone of upcoming Mixed Use Zoning public hearings—residents’ last opportunity to provide input. BWNA has strongly supported new CM1 zoning along the Fremont business district versus proposed higher density CM2 designation.

Featured at the next BWNA General Meeting on February 8 will be updates on neighborhood issues and activities discussed at the December meeting as well as a presentation by a representative from Villages PDX Northeast—a group that helps interested seniors remain in their homes.



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Joel Schmitz Adds Personality and Talent to BWNA Board, Pushes for Building Code Reform

by Al Ellis

Whether it's in the pulpit, in a meeting hall, or out-and-about in Beaumont-Wilshire, Joel Schmitz exudes caring for others, concern for the welfare of his community and country, and inquisitiveness of purpose—all balanced out by a teasing sense of humor and infectious smile.

A Portland resident since 1995, Joel earned his Masters Degree in St. Louis and served parishes in Springfield, Illinois, and Omaha, Nebraska, before moving west. For over 30 years he has served churches in Washington and Oregon. A music lover, Joel sings and plays guitar and oboe. He sang in choirs and played oboe throughout his undergrad and graduate training and also sang with the American Kantorei, which specializes in the music of Bach. Additionally, he enjoys riding his Harley motorcycle, tinkering with old cars, exploring the great outdoors, and interacting with people during travels with his wife, Debora, a Gresham High School graduate Joel met while a student pastor in Portland. Through most of their marriage, Debora and Joel have teamed to provide emergency shelter and foster parenting for numerous children for the State of Oregon, including four sibling foster children who were in their home for 20 years. Now “empty nesters,” the Schmitzes welcome a bit more free time in their lives.



Joel was elected to a two-year term on the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association Board in the spring of 2014. An avid reader, he has a lot of interest in international, national, and local news. He is particularly interested in the citywide neighborhood association efforts to boost and enact appropriate building code regulations, believing strongly that zoning, residential infill, the high rate of demolitions and construction permit irregularities need substantive corrections.



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Beaumont-Wilshire: The Real Dirt

Rock Gardens in Winter

by Barb Strunk

Take a walk in Beaumont-Wilshire and you will see some amazing rock gardens. These gardens are one reason I wanted to move here in 1976. The old gardens I fell in love with are going strong and some of us have built additional ones.

In winter many of our perennials die back to rest. This happens in rock gardens also, but many plants we put there have valuable winter interest. The rocks don't rest; they carry on with a sculptural quality enjoyable any time of the year.

Rock gardens can provide microclimates for many kinds of plants. If you place the rocks carefully, you can create small areas of shade, or blazing hot spots. Many rock garden plants need sharp drainage, so add sand and ¼ 10 sharp gravel to your soil as you are building. Plants near rocks can run their roots underneath where they stay protected and find moisture during our dry summers.

Conifers are great for year-round interest. Some cultivars have been developed to stay small. Take a trip to Garden Fever and Portland Nursery to see a huge variety of small conifers: pines, cypress, hemlocks, and more. Read the fine print! Make sure the tree will stay small and not overwhelm your rock garden.

Look into our native “shrubby” penstemons: *P. cardwellii*, *P. davidsonii*. These guys grow on rock faces in the Cascades, (go to Johnston Ridge, north of Mt St Helens in early June). My penstemon plants have been happy since the early 1990s. The perennial leaves are great in the winter, and the flowers in spring can't be beat.

Hardy succulents soldier through the winter. A wide variety of foliage shapes and colors are available. Some change color in the winter.

Plant crocuses. The little snow crocus can bloom in January in one of the sunny, sheltered places you create in your rock garden. Some of the small species tulips also bloom early. Another bulb to consider is *Cyclamen hederifolium*. The pink and white flowers show in early autumn, and the beautiful leaves cover the soil all winter long before dying back in the spring. Ants love the *Cyclamen* fruit and spread the seed, which grows in well-drained soil.

I used lava rock to build my garden. It has small holes on the surface that anchor wonderful mini-gardens of lichens and moss that also stay green during the winter. I have even had small ferns anchor themselves on this rock.

Take a walk in our neighborhood. There is a lot to see in gardens in the winter and lots of examples to inspire us.

Resources: Columbia-Willamette Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society meetings, website: <http://www.cwnargs.org/>

Christopher Grey-Wilson, *The Rock Garden Plant Primer*, Timber Press.



Thrive Sauce and Bowls Thriving on Fremont

by Tekla Hoehn

You may know Thrive from their stands at Pioneer Courthouse Square and OHSU farmer's markets, or perhaps you've chased their roaming food truck around Portland. Lucky for Beaumont-Wilshire, they've now planted roots on Fremont St. in the space that for years was home to Alameda Café.

Thrive restaurant has a refreshingly new look, with freshly painted walls, an eclectic mix of tables, bright pops of color, and dahlias on every table. Erika Reagor wants people to know the restaurant is homegrown. "My partner is a contractor, so everything you see—woodwork, shelving—the décor is stuff that we made or found together." They didn't want the place to feel perfect, she says. Instead it has a neighborly, comfortable, farmhouse feel. Reagor's friend painted a mural on the wall, which is the carrot from Thrive's logo. "We wanted to create a bright, cheery space where people can get an affordable, sustainable, local meal."

Thrive supports the community by sourcing vegetables and meats from local farms. Reagor describes the menu as "farm-to-table with an international feel," a merging of healthy, sustainable, whole foods mixed with international cultures that Reagor has visited and loved. Bulk veggies and garnish veggies change with the season and showcase what Reagor gets at the farmer's market, as well as what she can source from her farmers.

The menu includes small bites for appetizers and bigger bites for sharing, as well as salads or bowls. You can make it family style, share with guests, or eat on your own. Kid bowls include teriaki chicken and brown rice or brown rice with black beans and cheese. For refreshments, they offer seasonal house-made sodas with pure fruit (and zero refined sugars), "taptails" (cocktails on tap), and beer and wine. The entire menu is gluten-free.

The Northwest Harvest Bowl is a seasonal showcase of vegetables from Gathering Together Farm, where Thrive gets about 80% of their produce. It includes delicata squash, cipolini onions, and braising greens. From additional local farms they add apples, pepitas (pumpkin seeds), blue cheese, and warm apple cider vinaigrette. Reagor particularly recommends this with pork belly.

About a year ago, Thrive was outgrowing every commissary (rental) kitchen. So the search began for a space of their own in a neighborhood with a strong community, and Beaumont-Wilshire immediately drew Reagor's attention. The Alameda Café site was not only a prime location, but it also included a production kitchen in the building behind the restaurant big enough to accommodate their

food truck and retail sauces. "When I found it, I knew I had to have it. This is the spot!"

Erika started cooking when she was 16 and later became a nutritionist because she was always interested in health. I asked her where else she likes to eat close by. "I love Daruma sushi down the street, and there's a great Vietnamese/Chinese/Cambodian noodle restaurant called MeKha on NE Sandy that's family-owned. And I also love Old Salt Market—they have a great style."

Thrive Sauce and Bowl restaurant is located at 4641 N.E. Fremont St. and open Tuesday through Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (10:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday; closed on Mondays). They also do holiday catering for parties, company events, weddings, or just in-home catering for an open house with friends. Stop by to try them out, or grab a paper menu the next time you walk past and call for an order to go. Thrive also sells their special sauces at all New Seasons markets, local co-ops, and Whole Foods locations, as well as online. Although farmers markets are closed for the season, the Thrive food truck will still be roaming, and you can visit their website to find them (<http://www.thrivesauceandbowls.com>).



Owner Erika Reagor and Chef Michael Robinson.

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Red Sauce Pizza Offers New Pies & Updated Digs on 42nd Avenue

by Susan Trabucco

What's a 35-year old woman with a college degree in communications doing running a pizza joint? It turns out the owner of Red Sauce Pizza, which opened in October 2015 in space formerly occupied by Bob's Rocket Pizza on 42nd Avenue, is no stranger to the food service business; she has vast experience in pizza-making and a fondness for meat. This combo comes together with aplomb at her remodeled, sparkling clean and cozy eatery.

"I love meat, especially smoked meat," said Red Sauce owner, Shardell Dues, who learned the trade at her most recent position in the meat department of New Season's Concordia store. A 20-year Portlander, Shardell also spent many years during college and after graduation working in and managing various pizza restaurants in Vancouver, Washington, and Portland, including the acclaimed Apizza Scholls.

Shardell uses her skills in sausage-making, meat cutting, and smoking to create soul-satisfying toppings for her hand-stretched pizza dough which, due to its pre-fermenting process, yields sublime, flavor-rich crust sporting caramelized crispiness on the outside, with plenty of moist chewiness inside.

While using only top-quality ingredients in her pies and calzones, Shardell is making every effort to provide affordable price points. An example is her 16-inch large cheese pizza for just \$15.

"We talked to many people in the neighborhood before we opened, and we heard that expense was an issue. With our goal of being a simple, quality neighborhood restaurant, we wanted to meet that request," Shardell said. She aims to provide a meal for two that includes pizza, beer, and salad for a total tab that's under \$40.

Beyond cheese pizza, Red Sauce offers an array of pies with creative combos such as pepperoni with pineapple and jalapeno; pepperoni and house-made chorizo; salami, chili flake, grana and "arooogula;" and another with spinach, goat cheese and red onion. Build-your-own

options include toppings such as capicola ham, marinated anchovies (called boquerones), mushrooms, and various cheese choices including a jersey cow ricotta.

The names of each pizza are equally interesting and were named after loyal friends and family who helped Shardell get the restaurant ship-shape. "It's Me, Nummy" is a nod to her Mom, Elaine, who goes by the nickname Nummy, and who has been supportive every step of the way.

"I didn't go the crowdfunding route, because I think that should be used for emergencies," said Shardell. "So I put up a Facebook post about what I was doing, and friends and family jumped in to help. In addition to feeding them plenty of pizza during our remodeling period, I named my pizzas after them."

For passers-by who wonder if the upside-down sign proclaiming "PIZZA" is a mistake, it is not.

"I found the old sign in the storage area, and thought it was a brilliant marketing tool, so I called Bob Cassidy, the original owner of Bob's Rocket Pizza, and asked him if we could use it. He was thrilled," said Shardell.

Bob corroborated her marketing theory. "He told me putting the sign upside down was very purposeful when he opened the store. People noticed it, so they noticed the restaurant."

With expanded seating, fresh flowers on the leather-wrapped register counter, and a burst of cobalt blue on the wall behind it, those who enter will find a welcoming ambiance for the culinary adventure offered by the area's new pizza spot.

Red Sauce is located at 4935 NE 42nd Ave. and open Wednesday through Sunday from 4:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Look for hours, days, and offerings to expand over the next few months. The restaurant also serves beer and wine. To encourage neighborhood walk-ins, Red Sauce does not take reservations. For more information visit www.redsaucepizza.com or call (503) 288-4899.



Opening her own pizza restaurant is a dream-come-true for Red Sauce Pizza owner Shardell Dues, pictured here. The restaurant opened at 4935 NE 42nd Ave. last October.

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BBA Ends 2015 on Positive Note, More on Tap This Year

by Ted Perkins

The Beaumont Business Association had a successful 2015 and is looking forward to working with the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association in 2016 to promote our local businesses and champion a vibrant and sustainable community for our neighbors. BBA celebrated a record fundraising year through its annual Holiday Fest in Beaumont Village at which \$537 was raised for the Oregon Food Bank and \$700 for the Pongo Fund, Oregon's only full-time charity focused on fighting animal hunger. Funds were raised through payments for photos with Santa—for people and pets—at Grand Central Bakery and Green Dog Pet Supply, respectively.

Paperjam Press, Peak Mortgage, Jason Zwick, Ethos Development, Zoom+, the Star News, Albina Community Bank and Sand's Solutions, Inc. stepped up to sponsor this year's Holiday Fest and volunteers from Grant High School served as crossing guards. Ethos Development kicked off the event with a tree-lighting at the former Red Fig site. Umpqua Bank, Amenity Shoes, Dee's Golden Door, Silhouette, The Arrangement, and Amalfi's all offered special deals and activities.

Officer elections were held during BBA's December meeting, and a heartfelt thanks was extended for the service of outgoing board members Julia GaRey of Silhouette, Jerry Catlin of Sand's Solutions, and Katie Wilgus of Gather Event Planning.

In 2016 Michael Robinson of Thrive Sauce and Bowls will serve as the new vice president, with Jason Zwick of Jason Zwick Insurance, Eric Dunlap of Peak Mortgage, and Ted Perkins of the Star News coming on board as new members at large. Kurt Sand of Sand's Solutions will continue as president, and Jef Atwood of Umpqua Bank will continue as treasurer.



Santa 'Paws' photos were taken at Green Dog Pet Supply in Beaumont Village during this year's Fremont Holiday Fest. Santa 'Paws' was sponsored by Albina Bank and the Hollywood Star News, raising over \$700 for the Pongo Fund. Submitted photo.

The BBA will be hosting a new and exciting event this Spring: Dash to Doughnuts, a family-friendly 3K event to be held on Saturday, March 20th—timed to coordinate with the IAAF World Indoor Championships in Portland. (Visit www.beaumontvillagepdx.com for more details as the event draws nearer.) Also on tap for 2016: Deb Field's property-owner's committee is developing a strategy to add much-needed trash cans to the street.

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42nd Avenue Makes Strides in 2015, More in Store for 2016

by Laura Waddick, Community Engagement Manager, Our 42nd Avenue

2015 was an exciting year for Our 42nd Avenue. Small business activity by clients and community partners was significant, with Morel Ink opening its first retail quick-printing and mailing services shop and Red Sauce Pizza launching in what was formerly Bob's Rocket Pizza. Also, Cat Six Cycles, which sells and repairs bicycles (and advertises in this newsletter), celebrated its second year in business!

Early last year, Our 42nd Avenue launched the Read Ahead Literacy Initiative in partnership with Rigler School, which trained and deployed 32 reading tutors across the community. And at the end of last year, Our 42nd Avenue started a new initiative—GO42, a space for small business start-ups on the corner of 42nd and Sumner, resulting in the introduction to the neighborhood of Kristen Dilly's Nightingale Acupuncture, Inger McDowell's With Love, From PDX, Vida Djorgee's Essential Quality Care, and Rachel Hestmark's Hestmark Designs. (Rachel also runs a youth entrepreneurship program to teach kids concepts such as product development and marketing. Contact Rachel at hestmarkdesigns@gmail.com for more info.)

In other business-related news, Our 42nd Avenue hosted

business breakfasts featuring Mayor Charlie Hales and Portland Development Commission Chair Tom Kelly. In addition, 180 community members were able to connect with employers through the twice-annual Fresh Chance Career Fair, in partnership with Straight Path, Inc. Finally, the Cully Farmers Market closed out its 4th successful season with new-neighborhood serving programs, including senior volunteer vouchers, neighbor vouchers, double-matching SNAP benefits, and a pop-up library.

Plans for 2016 include the groundbreaking of 42nd Avenue's first community plaza in February, a process that began in 2015 with the gathering of community input. Also, Mulu Terefe, the neighborhood's employment and training advisor, will be hosting job clubs and employment related workshops throughout 2016. Job seekers should contact Mulu by calling (971)722-2140.

Our 42nd Avenue is a community-driven program that ushers equitable and inclusive economic opportunities to community members, including many of the people who live in the community around 42nd Avenue. We organize activities and resources related to employment, business development, land development, and community engagement. Visit 42ave.org to learn more.



Rachel Hestmark is the artist and owner of Hestmark Designs, which recently opened in GO42, Our 42nd Avenue's space for start-up businesses at the corner of 42nd and Sumner. Submitted photo.

- 4 cups wide egg noodles
- 2 cups chicken (cooked and chopped)
- 1 small onion
- 1 T chopped garlic
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
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- ¾ c milk
- grated cheddar cheese

Warm Winter Recipe from
Kathy Campbell's Kitchen:

Chicken Casserole

Saute celery, garlic, and onion in olive oil in Dutch oven. Season with Italian seasoning, tarragon, dill weed, salt and pepper. Put soups in a bowl and add ¾ cup of milk. Whisk together. Add to celery, garlic and onion mixture. Cook the noodles, drain, and add them to the Dutch oven mixture. Stir together.

Put the mixture in a greased 9x13 glass pan and bake at 350° degrees for 30 minutes.





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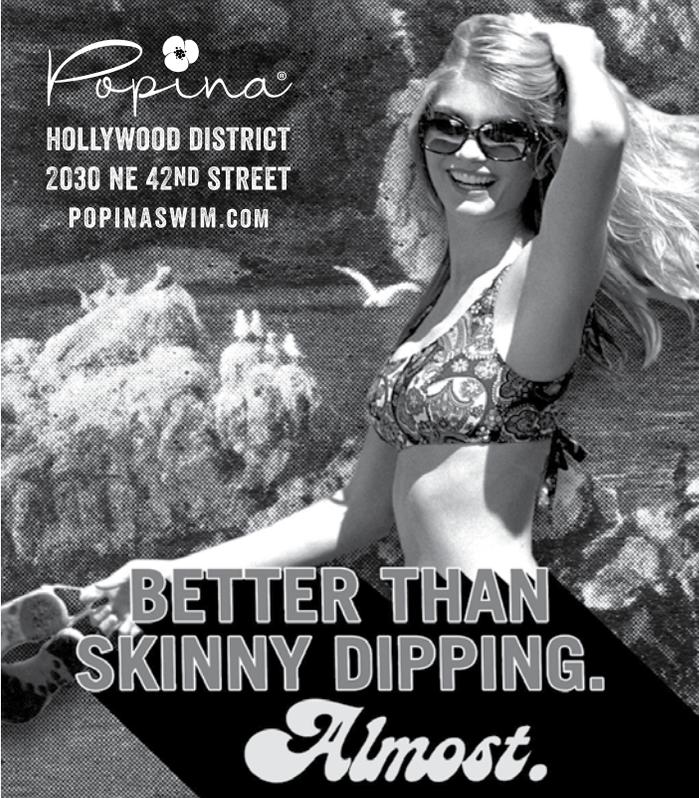
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Alameda Stairs, continued

plants. Installation will take place on a yet to be determined weekend in February.

Heartfelt thanks go out to the folks at the EMSWCD for providing this grant funding and to the Audubon Society of Portland and the Columbia Land Trust for assisting in getting the stairway certified as an official Backyard Habitat through the Backyard Habitat Certification Program. If you use these stairways or are interested in the project, consider pitching in to help with the weeding of the beds and installation of the plants. Once a planting date has been chosen, notifications will go out to residents on the Nextdoor website and the BWNA list. This is a project that will keep on giving to the community for years to come.

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