

# BWNA

Newsletter of the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association



## BELOVED JIM & PATTY'S REOPENS *page 11*

*Wyatt Halverson (left) and Mason Allen, store manager, worked to resurrect Jim & Patty's Coffee on Fremont in mid-August. Photo by Chris Rauber.*



**DRIVE CAREFULLY — Kids are back in school and on the roads!**

September-October 2025

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### BWNA BLOCK PARTY ON SKIDMORE SEPT. 12 A CHANCE FOR FOLKS TO MEET

by Al Ellis, BWNA Board President

In the pre-pandemic years, BWNA's biggest event was the National Night Out (NNO) picnic in Wilshire Park, held in August every year. NNO was originally an opportunity to honor police and firefighters for the indispensable work they do in keeping us safe. It was also a celebration of the neighborhood, featuring musical entertainment, activities for kids, raffle prizes, speeches by local officials, beverages, burgers and hot dogs courtesy of BWNA, and assorted picnic foods brought by neighbors to share.

But the pandemic put NNO on hold, and it wasn't until a few years later when the contagion began winding down (though never reaching the end) that neighborhood associations either revived the event or opted for something new. BWNA chose the latter path in 2024, experimenting with an all-neighborhood block party that included free soft drinks and beer courtesy of pFriem, food vendors, games for kids, and dancing to live vintage rock music on Skidmore Street.

Bring a song to mind? No surprise, it does for me — that oldie-but-goodie hit from the '60s, "Dancing in the Street" by Martha & the Vandellas. (Martha Reeves has a Portland connection via Jimmy Mack's, a former Old Town jazz club.)

The song's uplifting lyrics and catchy dance beat brought welcome music to the ears of a nation still reeling from the loss of President John Kennedy the year before, anxiety over escalating U.S. troop levels in Vietnam, and distress over racial violence in the South:

It's just an invitation across the nation,  
A chance for folks to meet.  
There'll be laughing, singing, and music swinging,  
Dancing in street.

I'm also reminded of 2008 when my wife and I were returning from celebrating Barack Obama's election, and suddenly seeing in our headlights the quiet elderly couple next door dancing the foxtrot in the middle of Skidmore Street.

Another lyric from the song encourages folks: "Oh, it doesn't matter what you wear, just as long as you are there!"

We hope you take those words to heart and enjoy a reprise of last year's neighborhood BWNA Block Party on Skidmore Street — this year on September 12 — where you can enjoy live music, a kid's zone, some free beverages, more food vendors, dancing in the street, and a chance for folks to meet.

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# TO GET INVOLVED!

by Susan Trabucco, Editor

While [wo]manning BWNA's booth at Fremont Fest last month, my cohorts and I were pleasantly surprised to hear from people looking to get involved in our neighborhood and its association. That led me to wonder: Are there MORE folks in our community who want to volunteer, but aren't sure how to go about it? With that in mind, here are ways to help out — and meet people who are just up or down the block! Connect via the email addresses listed here, or visit BWNApdx.org and check out the "Get Involved" page under "About."

## EVENTS

Our Events Committee is where all the BWNA-sponsored events and activities begin. Join this team of enthusiastic planners to contribute your ideas, or take the lead role in planning an event.

If you're not the meeting-goer sort, consider helping occasionally at events like the community clean-up, speaker forums, BWNA Skidmore Block Party, or others.

We'd also love to have folks skilled at Adobe InDesign, Photoshop, and/or marketing to help with promotion of events.

To get involved, email Events Committee chair John Sandie at SandieFam@gmail.com.

## BE A TRASH WALKER!

Help us "keep it clean" in the neighborhood by picking up trash and removing graffiti in Beaumont-Wilshire on a regular basis as you walk the neighborhood. To be a Trash Walker, email Angela Frome at angelafrome@yahoo.com to receive free cleaning supplies.

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## **CORRECTION:** **Lil Doggie Daycare**

An article about the newly opened Lil Doggie Daycare in our July-August newsletter stated the small-dog daycare was the first of its kind in the Portland area. We have discovered that information was incorrect; there are, indeed, other small-dog daycares in Portland. BWNA apologizes for the error.

## **Lights Out: Take Action to Help Protect Birds this Fall!**

The Bird Alliance of Oregon reports that many millions of birds will fly over Oregon this fall on their way to their wintering grounds. You can help keep them safe by turning off any non-essential lights from 11 p.m. to dawn during the critical peak migration period between September 19 and October 19. And that's not all! Consider making this a nightly habit year-round to reduce impacts on migrating or nesting birds as well as fish, amphibians, mammals, insects, and human health! For more information, visit [bit.ly/Lights-Out-Oregon](http://bit.ly/Lights-Out-Oregon).

## **NET News: They're Baaaack!**

Beaumont-Wilshire Alameda Neighborhood Emergency Team (BWA NET) meetings have resumed after a pandemic-induced hiatus. Neighborhood Emergency Teams comprise Portland residents trained by Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within their own neighborhoods.

A small but stalwart group is meeting monthly to update the operational plan and fine-tune communication practices. Look for emergency preparedness articles in future BWNA newsletters.

For more information about NET, visit [portland.gov/pbem/neighborhood-emergency-teams](http://portland.gov/pbem/neighborhood-emergency-teams).

## **Fremont Street's Sylvan Learning Hits 45-Year Mark**

In 1979, Mount St. Helens began stirring, Asteroids hit arcade screens, and Sony launched the Walkman. That same year, Sylvan Learning was founded right here in Portland, taking its name from Sylvan Hill near the original medical center where it opened.

Just one year later, on October 21, 1980, the Fremont Sylvan Learning Center opened its doors — and it's been here ever since. As the first Sylvan franchise, and now longest-operating location, the Fremont center holds a unique place in Sylvan's history. Today, Sylvan has over 700 locations worldwide, but it all started right here.

Located at 4300 NE Fremont St., the center offers personalized tutoring for grades K-12. For more information visit [SylvanLearning.com](http://SylvanLearning.com).

## **NEWS BITS** FROM B-W & BEYOND

## **Help BWNA Raise Moolah — Be a Garden Tour Host in 2026!**

BWNA has been getting fantastic feedback about the many events it has sponsored over the past couple of years. Events, however, including Movie-in-the-Park, the Skidmore Block Party, speaker forums, and projects like Flags on Fremont cost the association money.

While some of our revenue for these events comes from our beloved newsletter advertisers and event sponsors, it's not enough to keep up the event-making pace our neighborhood has enjoyed.

To raise money for the continuation of these fun and free community events, it's essential we have a big fundraiser each year. The event most likely to raise those funds is the Art & Garden Tour, previously held in 2023 and 2024. If you're game to be one of several garden hosts next summer, you can help us keep our association coffers healthy for continued community-enhancing events and good work.

To inquire about participating as a garden host for the Art & Garden Tour, visit [BWNApdx.org](http://BWNApdx.org) and check out the "Get Involved" page under "About." To meet planning deadlines, we must receive host commitments by January 15, 2026. Thank you for considering sharing your garden with many friendly neighbors!

## **Local Youth Now a Lego Legend!**



*Alex Sahli*

Congratulations are in order for Beaumont-Wilshire neighbor and 2023 Grant High School graduate, Alex Sahli. He is the designer of Lego's newest Lego Ideas set: a 3,300-piece set named The Italian Riviera.

Alex designed and submitted the project to the Lego Ideas platform in 2022 at age 17. After receiving the necessary 10,000 backing votes from the Lego community, the project was selected last year to be made into an official Lego set.

"When I was a kid, I got a box of LEGO bricks, and soon after I got my first real set. I was hooked," Alex said. "So, I've been a Lego fan almost my entire life, though I started designing custom, large-scale Lego projects in 2021."

Visit [instagram.com/p/DMNdl-xJCG0](https://www.instagram.com/p/DMNdl-xJCG0) to view Lego's official Instagram page for Alex's set, and check out his other Lego design adventures at [instagram.com/galaxybrickworks](https://www.instagram.com/galaxybrickworks).



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# BOTTLE BILL BLUES

## FOR BEAUMONT MARKET AND NEIGHBORHOOD

by Al Ellis, BWNA Board President

When Oregon's can/bottle return system was enacted decades ago, it was hailed as an environmental innovation that would both encourage recycling and help preserve the natural beauty of the state. Fast-forward to 2025 and the twin objectives of the original Bottle Bill have been largely achieved, but with a troubling unintended consequence: unruly people seeking ready cash. Case in point: The parking lot of iconic neighborhood landmark Beaumont Market — just a short distance from Beaumont Middle School — is where trash and drug paraphernalia pile up daily.

So why should Beaumont Market be an epicenter for such activity? The current bottle bill law requires that stores larger than 5,000 square feet (which Beaumont Market is, barely) and more than 3.5 miles from a redemption center (which Beaumont Market is, barely) accept up to \$14.40 in containers per person daily. But the canners have learned to arrive at the market with other people in order to cash in more cans and then share in the take. To count thousands of cans, five hours of market staff time is needed each day.

Big store chains like Fred Meyer and Safeway have been able to avoid the problem by participating in the Green/Blue Bag return program (uniformly bagged cans and bottles are deposited in machines with no immediate cash return). But there's a catch for small grocers: The cost to implement the bag program is between \$85,000 and \$140,000!

With Beaumont Market losing customers and revenue — and vagrancy and open drug use spilling over into residential

streets — market owner Matt Marcott joined North Precinct's Sgt. Carrie Hutchison at BWNA's August general meeting to provide information, field questions, and discuss mitigation options. Here are the take-aways:

- 1) Marcott announced that he is now committed to participating in the Green/Blue Bag program, despite the steep price tag. (Be forewarned: it may take some time.)
- 2) Sgt. Hutchison recommended that residents phone 311 to report vagrancy, drug use, and vandalism (or 911 if the danger level warrants). Meanwhile, she'll encourage officers to drop by the market.
- 3) BWNA is in the process of engaging state and local representatives in crafting legislation to mitigate, if not eliminate, the problem for small residential grocers.

BWNA will keep you informed about this subject in future newsletters and our monthly email to subscribers. If you're not a subscriber, visit [BWNApdx.org](http://BWNApdx.org) and click "Subscribe."

A native of San Francisco and longtime BWNA board member and former editor of this newsletter, Al Ellis taught Russian and social studies in Portland schools for over 30 years. He's also served as president of the Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association. He and his wife Peggy have been B-W residents since 1990.



Al Ellis

### BWNA BOARD & GENERAL MEETINGS

**Mon, Sept. 8 @ 7 p.m.: Board meeting**  
**Mon, Oct. 13 @ 7 p.m.: General meeting**

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

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### Events

**Tues., Sept 2 @ 7 p.m.**  
**Tues., Oct. 7 @ 7 p.m.**

For meeting location, contact committee chair John Sandie via [SandieFam@gmail.com](mailto:SandieFam@gmail.com)

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# UPCOMING



# EVENTS

September 12 (Friday), 5 – 8 p.m

## **BWNA Block Party on Skidmore Street**

Location: Skidmore Street between NE 34th and 37th

Enjoy live music, Grant High School's Royal Blues a cappella group, dancing, kids' games, multiple food trucks (even more than last year!), and brews courtesy of sponsor pFriem Beer. Thanks also to sponsors Elizabeth Nathan Real Estate, Pacific Audiology, Jim Arnal Real Estate, and Jamie Gardner at Windemere Real Estate. **FREE** for all; bring a chair if you want a seat!

September 13 & 14 (Saturday and Sunday)

## **Concordia Neighborhood Association Yard Sale**

Location: Various homes around Concordia

Any household in the Concordia neighborhood (roughly 22nd to 42nd avenues and Prescott Street to Columbia Boulevard) is welcome to participate by hosting their own yard sale, and everyone is invited to shop. Check [concordiapdx.org/yard-sale](http://concordiapdx.org/yard-sale) for more details.

September 15 (Monday) 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

## **Intro to Northeast Village PDX**

Location: Rose City Park United Methodist Church  
5830 NE Alameda St. (Conference Room)

Northeast Village is a vibrant and engaging community of adults 60+ living in 18 NE Portland neighborhoods. Join this presentation to learn how you or someone you love can become a member. The Village creates connections, shares skills and expertise, and provides services to members, such as rides, help with yard work, tech support, social visits, and more. Northeast Village PDX is a program of the Northeast Community Center. For more info call (503) 895-2750 or email [info@nevillagepdx.org](mailto:info@nevillagepdx.org).

September 16 (Tuesday) 7 – 8 p.m.

## **Go Electric!** *(see announcement on page 7 for event details and reservation instructions)*

September 20 (Saturday) 9 a.m.

## **2nd Annual Alameda Monarch Walk**

Location: Garden Fever  
3433 NE 24th Ave. (Parking Lot)

Join in this family-friendly community event, sponsored by the Alameda Neighborhood Association, for a 1.7-mile walk exploring the beautiful southern half of the Alameda neighborhood. Check [alamedaportland.com/events](http://alamedaportland.com/events) for more details.

October 31 (Friday)

## **Fright Night in Beaumont Village**

Sponsored by Beaumont Business Association  
*(see announcement on page 8 for event details)*

November 13 (Thursday) 7 p.m.

## **Reckoning with the Really BIG ONE**

*(see announcement on page 7 for event details and reservation instructions)*

Late Fall Event; Date and Time TBD

## **Bethany Lutheran Church Vintage Sale**

The Oregon Synod, which owns Bethany Lutheran Church at NE 37th and Prescott, is planning a late fall sale of items remaining in the building; they'll be seeking volunteers to help out. The church's Lutheran congregation ceased operation this summer. The date and time for the event weren't available at press time, so to be notified once the date has been set, subscribe to BWNA's monthly email at [BWNApdx.org/subscribe](http://BWNApdx.org/subscribe).

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**7 p.m. – 8 p.m.**

**Fremont United Methodist Church**  
2620 NE Fremont St.

Dr. Liz Safran will discuss the origins and anticipated consequences of the Pacific Northwest's major earthquakes and will touch upon ongoing efforts to reduce risk and build resilience in Oregon's dated infrastructure.

**Seating is limited, and reservations are required!**

Scan the QR code to learn more and reserve your seat, or visit [tinyurl.com/mrypydcj](https://tinyurl.com/mrypydcj)



**You're Invited!**

# Go Electric



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# TWO HALLOWEEN EVENTS COMING TO FREMONT

## #1: Trick or Treat on Fremont Street

On October 31, to ensure trick or treating on Fremont Street can happen without darkness descending, the event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. Participating businesses, indicated by orange balloons out front, will be handing out candy — some will be full-size bars!

A complete list of participating businesses will also be listed on the BBA website ([bbapdx.org](http://bbapdx.org)) as the event gets closer, so you can plan your route!

## #2: Trick or Treat For Cans

For the slightly older set, Trick or Treat for Cans is a newer addition to Trick or Treat on Fremont Street, and is being held from 5 to 8 p.m. On Halloween night, trick or treat volunteers should check in at Sylvan Learning, 4300 NE Fremont St., where they'll be provided with a tote bag, map, and route assignments and then head door to door in the neighborhood. Instead of candy, they'll be asking for canned goods to be donated to the Sunshine Division. (Feel free to ask for candy, too!) Costumes are encouraged. For more information and to volunteer, email BBA president Mary Myers at [bbaboardpresident@gmail.com](mailto:bbaboardpresident@gmail.com).



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# PETITION CALLS FOR SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

## BWNA STAYS COMMITTED TO LOCAL ACTION AND ADVOCACY

by Colin O'Neill, BWNA Transportation Committee Chair

### NE 33rd Avenue Petition

In June, neighbor Marjani Hendrickson prepared a petition urging the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to address speeding on NE 33rd Avenue, particularly between Fremont Street and the crosswalk at Wilshire Park.

The BWNA board responded with a letter in support of the petition. The BWNA Transportation Committee reviewed the most recent public traffic data for NE 33rd at Dunckley (2013), which showed an average speed of 26 mph with 16% of drivers going 30 to 40 mph. The posted speed limit at the time was 30 mph. Given the recent crashes reported by neighbors, we requested that PBOT provide updated traffic and speed counts. PBOT agreed and will begin counting after school resumes to capture typical traffic conditions. Results are expected by late September.

The petition suggests PBOT consider several possible safety measures, including speed bumps, more radar speed signs, brighter crosswalk lighting, and increased enforcement. NE 33rd is a “district collector” street, designed to carry more traffic than neighborhood streets, connect to arterials, and accommodate freight and emergency vehicles. PBOT will have to weigh these factors when considering changes.

You can read and sign the petition at [change.org/p/implement-safety-measures-on-ne-33rd-ave-portland](https://change.org/p/implement-safety-measures-on-ne-33rd-ave-portland).

### NE Wistaria Drive Safety Update

Neighbors living on NE Wistaria Drive recently invited representatives from the city to view the unique challenges of the roadway there and discuss their experiences with ongoing property damage and pedestrian safety concerns. This part of the



neighborhood has been an issue for many years, with some residents advocating for safety improvements since the 1970s.

Two PBOT traffic engineers and a representative from Councilor Dan Ryan's office reviewed the area and answered questions. PBOT is developing a proposal to try to resolve traffic issues in this area within its limited means and current initiatives. There is concern that PBOT's response will not be impactful enough to address the issues completely.

### Traffic Safety Concerns? Contact PBOT

If you would like to voice your concerns about either of these areas or other parts of the neighborhood, call PBOT Customer Service at (503) 823-4000 or email them at [311@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:311@portlandoregon.gov) to report safety concerns, unsafe crosswalks, and traffic issues around schools and to suggest infrastructure improvements (such as sidewalks or crosswalks) and improvements to signal timing, visibility, signage, or sight lines. You can also voice concerns about speeding issues; however, PBOT will not respond directly to those concerns while the citywide speed limit review is taking place.

As noted in previous articles, PBOT has significant budget issues, so response to these types of concerns can take up to two months.

*Colin O'Neill is a BWNA board member and chairs the Transportation Committee. He's lived in B-W with his wife and kids since 2008.*



Colin O'Neill



## PORTLAND GAS LEAF BLOWER PHASEOUT

Portland City Council has unanimously voted to phase out gas leaf blowers in order to improve public health and quality of life for landscape workers and residents.

### Portland City Code Chapter 17.101 Leaf Blowers

“Effective January 1, 2026, no owner may allow the operation of a gasoline leaf blower on the owner's property from January 1 to September 30, except in cases of inclement weather as determined by the City Administrator.”

“It is a violation for any owner to fail to comply with this Chapter.”

For more information on the Leaf Blower ordinance please visit:  
[www.portland.gov/glb](http://www.portland.gov/glb)



# HARMONIOUS LIVES: THE CREATIVE JOURNEY OF REBECCA SANBORN AND JI TANZER

by David Friedman



Beaumont-Wilshire residents Ji Tanzer and Rebecca Sanborn have made marriage and music work for over 20 years. Photo by David Friedman.

Portland musicians Rebecca Sanborn and Ji Tanzer have been weaving a rich tapestry of artistic and personal partnership since marrying in 2002. Longtime residents of Beaumont-Wilshire, their journey is one of music, trust, and shared vision.

Rebecca, a Portland native, began composing at age six. Ji, from White Salmon, Wash., was raised on folk tunes by his street-musician father but didn't pick up drums until middle school — an unexpected turn that changed his life.

Their paths crossed at Suki's Steak House in 2001, where Rebecca, a vocalist and keyboardist, had a weekly gig. Ji had just returned from living in the Sahara. "He thought I was rich," Rebecca laughs. They bonded over Joni Mitchell and The Innocence Mission and talked for hours. Ji was so moved by her performance that he sold a used book to Powell's just to raise the money to leave her a tip.

Their musical partnership soon blossomed. Performing under Rebecca's name, Ji accompanied her with rhythms created from everyday objects. "Rebecca's music was often *rubato*," Ji says, "so I learned to play to her breath and phrasing." This intuitive approach became a cornerstone of their collaboration.

Their creative synergy is rooted in deep listening, mutual respect, and emotional honesty. "Early feedback can shut a door," Ji notes. "I wait until her ideas are fully formed." Rebecca calls their partnership "a bridge between joy and sorrow," especially after the deaths of her cousin and best friend. Songs like "Brighter" emerged from that grief, transforming pain into beauty.

Beyond their duo work, they play in two Portland bands. With Blue Cranes, they explore experimental jazz; with Swansea — a trio named after Dylan Thomas's birthplace — they blend '80s textures with modern pop. Rebecca also leads Shadow Work, a large-scale collaboration featuring 25 musicians and five arrangers.

Despite full-time jobs, they fiercely protect their creative time. They treasure Wilshire Park — where Rebecca wrote "Red Mittens" — and value their community, including Rigler Elementary and local venues like Mississippi Studios and Atlantis Lounge.

"We feel lucky to be in a place that supports the arts," Rebecca says. For Rebecca and Ji, creativity isn't just an outlet — it's a way of life, sustained by love, trust, and the joy of making something together.



Scan this QR code with the camera on your phone to link to Swansea on Spotify to listen to their music.

David Friedman, @friedart, is a visual artist specializing in papercutting, printmaking, and painting. He and his dog, Poppi @poppipdx, can be seen daily at Wilshire Park. His work is on display at the Alberta Street Gallery, daily 11-7.



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# JIM & PATTY'S IS BACK HOPES TO RETAIN OLD-TIME FAVORITES AND FEEL

by Chris Rauber



The iconic vintage logo identifies the newly re-opened coffee shop. Photo by Chris Rauber.

As you may have heard, Jim & Patty's Coffee is back, albeit under new management and with a number of new twists.

The iconic Fremont Street coffee shop closed last November, along with another store in Beaverton, after a long series of woes forced it out of business.

New owner Paul Ceserani, who also owns the former Jim & Patty's affiliated location in Forest Heights (now known as Black Tiger

Coffee), spent the last eight months working out the details, some involving the original owner, Patty Roberts. Patty ran the beloved Fremont Street shop for many years with her husband Jim, who died in 2023. Patty's no longer an owner or directly involved but has provided input on how to keep some of the old spirit alive, says Mason Allen, the new store's manager.

Jim and Patty always provided a welcoming, "homey atmosphere," Allen says, "and we want to continue to honor that."

When we talked to them in early August, the new Jim & Patty's expected to have a soft opening on Aug. 14 and a grand opening two days later. Plans call for nine staff, including Allen.

Wyatt Halverson, store manager at Forest Heights, is also the company's general manager and will provide guidance and oversight.

The Fremont shop's menu will be similar to the old version, although smaller — but will still feature iconic favorites like sour cream coffee cake, Hipster Bowls, Pig Newtons breakfast rolls, and Black Tiger Coffee. "Otherwise," Allen says, "there would be riots."

Hours will be 6 a.m. to 4 p.m., seven days a week.

The B-W neighborhood is likely to be quite excited by Jim & Patty's return. "We're excited to be back," says Halverson.

Chris Rauber and his wife moved to Portland and B-W in mid-2022 after many years in the San Francisco Bay Area. He wrote for the San Francisco Business Times and other publications. He was born in Oregon.



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# OREGON TAKES LEAD IN RECYCLING EFFORTS

researched and compiled by Liz Erickson



A recent online *Metro News* article by Metro staffer Gia Ballash put forth some great news: On July 1 this year, Oregon became the first state to implement an extended law for companies that produce and manufacture packaged items, paper products, and food serviceware. It will require these brands to pay into the recycling

system and ensure their products are recycled responsibly, all while improving recycling services across the state.

This new Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act — often referred to as the Recycling Modernization Act — is a significant milestone for Oregon. The waste from paper and plastic packaging materials can feel unavoidable. The new law aims to incentivize brands to find less wasteful solutions by requiring them to pay fees based on the type and quantity of materials they use to package their products.

For now, recycling will stay mostly the same for people in the greater Portland area. But there are some new items that can go into recycling, and some items have smaller minimum sizes:

- Plastic screw-on caps can stay on *emptied* containers (“If it screws on, it can stay on.”), the lids that press onto plastic containers still go in the garbage (“If it pops off, it stays off.”), and loose caps go in the garbage.

- Pizza boxes are allowed as long as there are no leftover food scraps and grease residue is minimal. Paper liners from pizza boxes go in the garbage.
- Paperback books are allowed, although donating them instead is recommended!
- Plastic bottles, tubs, round containers, and jugs must be at least 2 inches by 2 inches in size. This is a decrease in size.
- Scrap metal must be less than 18 inches long and weigh less than 10 pounds. This allows for more types of scrap metal.

The Recycling Modernization Act ([tinyurl.com/5n6zr5vd](https://tinyurl.com/5n6zr5vd)) will take several more years to implement, and many improvements will happen behind the scenes, like upgrades to recycling facilities and expanded recycling access in rural parts of Oregon.

Although it will take time for greater Portland to see significant changes, there’s a lot to look forward to. In just a few years, there will be places for people to drop off additional packaging materials for recycling.

*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. Liz is a Master Recycler volunteer with Metro and served in the Peace Corps in Morocco.*



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# MOVIE-IN-THE-PARK A HIT ONCE AGAIN

by Susan Trabucco

Kids, dogs, frisbees, sweet treats, music kiddos love to dance to, and the hit movie "In and Out 2." What's not to like about this summer rite of passage at Wilshire Park?

This is the third year in a row the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association has been able to score one of the available Summer Free for All movies offered by Portland Parks & Recreation. The movies play in Portland parks where there's a neighborhood association willing to pay the \$1,000 fee required by the City of Portland. Also, for the third year, the hosting fee was split evenly between BWNA and the Alameda Neighborhood Association; BWNA sprang for the cost of music by the kid-friendly band Red Yarn, whose lively tunes brought out a bevy of tiny dancers.

Many a tired child was carried out of the park after an evening of making new friends and creating great memories.

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# FREMONT FEST “BUBBLES” OVER WITH FUN AND FESTIVITIES

by Susan Trabucco

What fun! Bubbles were everywhere at the annual Fremont Fest, a family-friendly event held August 2 on Fremont Street between NE 42nd and NE 50th avenues. Fremont Fest was sponsored this year — and has been for many decades — by the Beaumont Business Association. BWNA hosted a booth at the event, where board members and volunteers provided information about the contributions the association makes to the neighborhood and the many ways neighbors can get involved.

The festival had a stated “Bubbles” theme and opened with a performance by the Last Regiment of Syncopated Drummers, a group comprised of about 15 performers who beat their drums in a series of well-choreographed and dramatic percussion pieces. After that it was food, shopping at approximately 200 booths, play spaces for kids, and lots and lots of bubbles.



Fremont Fest-goers pack the closed street for a safe and fun event experience. Photo by Susan Trabucco



A small boy attending Fremont Fest is mesmerized by the floating, foamy orbs. Photo by Susan Trabucco.



A brother and sister vie for the mass of bubbles spewing forth from BWNA's booth at Fremont Fest. Photo by Susan Trabucco.

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# GREAT THINGS ARE GROWING IN NE VILLAGE

by Teri McKenzie, Village Manager, NE Village PDX

Among the many special interest groups NE Village PDX offers its members is the Soil to Supper group, which explores all things gardening and cooking.

Driven by a desire to support Villagers who love to garden but whose physical limitations make it difficult, the group set out to find a solution. The project began with the construction of three ADA-compliant raised garden beds — including one intended for those who use wheelchairs — outside the Village office in Rose City Park.

From there, with generous support from Beaumont Hardware, Grimm’s Fuel Company, Garden Fever, Portland Nursery, and Growing Gardens, the volunteer group has constructed seven raised garden beds for Village members’ homes, plus two patio container gardens, all at no cost to members. The beds, which measure 4 feet by 8 feet and are 2.5 feet tall, are designed to enable someone to sit on the edge of them while they garden.

In July, NE Village hosted a self-guided “Tour de Beds” for the public to see the beds in use, hoping to inspire others to consider how they can continue to garden even when living with physical limitations.

NE Village, a member-driven program of the Northeast Community Center, offers a range of support services (e.g., transportation, tech support, rightsizing, yard work, and more) to adults age 60+ who are aging in place throughout NE Portland.

In addition, the group hosts a wide variety of social events, educational programming, and other activities to foster community and connection and empower people as they age.

To learn more about how to become a member or to volunteer for the Village, visit [nevillagepdx.org](http://nevillagepdx.org) or call (503) 895-2750.



Janet Jump, NE Village PDX member and Beaumont-Wilshire resident, stands before one of the raised garden beds constructed for her by NE Village volunteers. Photo courtesy of NE Village PDX.

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The statistics above provide an up-to-date snapshot of the listed inventory as of August 17, 2025. Median days on market is a good indicator of the average length of time the current inventory has been on the market. Compiled by Polly Webber.



# The Annual Coming of the Vaux's Swifts to Portland

(Vaux's is pronounced like foxes)

by Tim Gillespie

The Vaux's Swift swirl is back again this autumn, partway through this mighty flock's migration down from somewhere north of here to Venezuela for the summer. These small cigar-sized birds, breathtaking acrobats of air who eat, drink, court, and mate mid-flight — with prodigious appetite for airborne ants and termites — must finally find a place to roost each night, not prone to perching during their busy, darting days. At one time when the West was rich with forests stretching to the rain-soaked sky, the gregarious swifts would find their nightly beds in hollow trees, where with their Velcro'd feet stuck to the snagsides, they'd cram together in the thousands.

But with the loss of old growth, these birds turned urbanite, and learned that city chimneys could suffice. And here they've found their Ritz, a towering old brick smokestack, unused now at Chapman School, where they can check in every night, gathering at dusk in vast, dark sheets of swoopy, curling, looping birds that finally form themselves into a tapering spiral funneling toward the chimney mouth, an avian choreography

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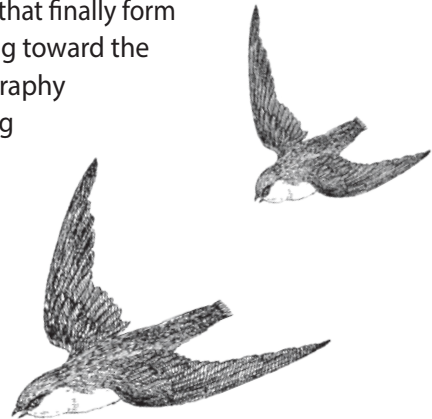
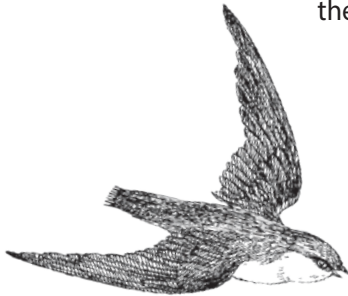
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dreaming of the next day's dance.



*BWNA board member Tim Gillespie was a public school teacher in the Portland area for almost four decades. A poet and essayist, he has lived with his family in Beaumont-Wilshire since 1979.*



## NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

# TK, LIBBY AND THE BACKYARD CHICKENS

by Jamie Gardner



TK Marks and Libby Trobitz chose Beaumont-Wilshire as their place to put down roots. Photo by Jamie Gardner.

About a year ago, TK Marks and Libby Trobitz took an exciting step: They bought their first home, right here in Beaumont-Wilshire.

The couple met in the Bay Area 11 years ago and made their move to Portland shortly after. They took a year-long detour living in Seattle during the pandemic but were drawn back to Portland when Libby was offered a position at Nike as an operations project manager in brand marketing.

Former self-proclaimed “serial renters,” TK and Libby were living in Irvington before putting down roots in B-W. They were attracted to the neighborhood because of its walkability to Wilshire Park and their favorite spots along Fremont Street: matcha at Prince Coffee, real fruit New Zealand-style vegan ice cream at Beaux Berry, and an occasional fix for Libby’s guilty pleasure — shopping at Adorn and Pacific Holiday Consignment.

One of the top priorities during their home search was finding a backyard big enough to build a chicken coop for their rescue chickens. The hens were found roaming the streets in Irvington and

after no one claimed them, Libby and TK adopted the rebellious pair, aptly naming them Thelma & Louise!

“We love our block; our neighbors are all really nice!” Libby said, recalling how they were invited to a block party their first week on NE 36th Avenue. Their sassy 19-year-old cat, Cleo, also approves of the new home, splitting her time between long indoor naps and sunny afternoons on the back deck.

TK works in data science at Columbia Sportswear. Outside of work, the couple enjoys biking, gardening, hiking in the Gorge, and playing softball. They’re currently planning a basement renovation and are looking forward to the BWNA Skidmore Block Party on September 12.

Jamie Gardner is a Portland native and Windermere agent putting her UO journalism degree to use here — finally! She’s lived in Beaumont-Wilshire since 2020 with her husband and two dogs. When she’s not with clients or touring homes, Jamie loves to travel, tackle house projects, and enjoy the local food scene.



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# A LOOK BACK: THE EARLY HISTORY OF B-W

by Liz Erickson

*Editor's Note: In our July-August newsletter we provided more details about Beaumont-Wilshire's beginnings as told by local historian Doug Decker at a BWNA-sponsored presentation on the history of the area. Our May-June issue was the first in this series of three, should you wish to read them in order. What follows is the balance of the information shared by Decker at the event.*

## Wilshire Park is Born

While Beaumont was actively promoted with splashy ads as an ideal place to build a home, the nearby Wilshire plat focused on larger lots for dairies, orchards, and gardens surrounded by towering Douglas firs. Plans to develop Wilshire Park into a car campground were thwarted by neighbors rallying against the idea. Locals called it the "33rd Street Woods," a wild and adventurous place for children. In 1942, the city purchased the land for \$28,500 to preserve it as a park.

## Streetcar Route Saved

The city's streetcar system brought a route to NE 41st and Klickitat in 1911. When the city proposed to eliminate that streetcar

line because it was not financially profitable, the neighborhood mobilized and successfully advocated to keep it running until the 1940s.

Decker shared these stories as examples of how neighbors have come together for the common good, emphasizing that small actions can make a lasting difference. He urged the audience not to take their surroundings for granted.

For more neighborhood history, visit Decker's extensive website at [alamedahistory.org](http://alamedahistory.org).

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