



Baumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association

July-August 2019

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BWNA Calendar of Events Community Events

Neighborhood Associations

Rock! exhibition

Saturday, July 13 to Sunday, August 25; opening night reception 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; speaker and discussion begin at 6:00 p.m.
Elisabeth Jones Art Center
516 NW 14th Avenue
(see article page 13 for details)

Fremont Fest

Saturday, August 3
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
Fremont Street, from 42nd to 51st Avenue (see article page 1 for details)

National Night Out Picnic

Tuesday, August 6
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Wilshire Park picnic area
NE Skidmore and 37th Fellowship Hall
(see article page 1 for details)

Movie in the Park

Sunday, August 11
6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.
West end of Wilshire Park
(see article page 1 for details)

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August activities galore in your neighborhood

by Susan Trabucco

As summer descends on us, plan on the weather—and the activities—heating up in Baumont-Wilshire and Baumont Village. Here's a rundown on what's coming:

Saturday, August 3

Fremont Fest

10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Kids' Parade 10 a.m.

Beaumont Village

Vendor registration through July 20



Fremont Fest, our neighborhood's own annual street fair, is coordinated and hosted by the Beaumont Business Association (BBA), and according to the BBA, the event attracts over 12,000 visitors each year. At the event find vendor booths selling wares and food items stretching along Fremont Street from NE 42nd to 51st Avenue.

BBA representatives announced that this year there will be the usual beloved parade starting at 10 a.m., and non-profit children's organizations, sports leagues, and camps will again be showcased in the hugely popular Kid Zone. New this year in the Amalfi's Restaurant parking lot will be a beer garden with live music.

Do you have something you'd like to sell at the event? Vendor booth registration is open through July 20. To register, visit www.tictottomato.com/event/6061/2019-fremont-fest-vendor-booth-registration. For more information, e-mail Amy Hamdan (beaumontbusinesses@gmail.com).

Keep Beaumont Blooming

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Tuesday, August 6

National Night Out Picnic & Rock 'N Roll Music 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. @ Wilshire Park

Join old neighbors and meet newcomers at this popular annual event in Wilshire Park's picnic areas A and B. The event is sponsored by the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association, whose volunteers will fire up the grills and provide hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, water, and soda. Neighbors are encouraged to bring a potluck item (side dish, entrée, dessert, salad, snack). A visit from the Portland police and fire departments is expected, as well as the K-9 division of the police department. A raffle will be held with items donated by local area businesses, and there will be games and prizes for kids, too.



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President's message

by Tim Hemstreet

Summertime for BWNA: pollination, collaboration, participation

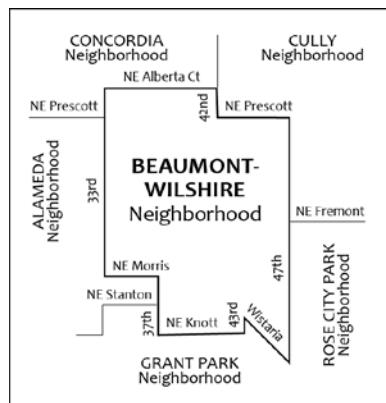
At our June 10 general membership meeting, we were fortunate to have neighborhood resident Glen Andresen of Bridgetown Bees (www.bridgetownbees.com) share many of his insights from working with bees for more than 40 years. Glen's interest in beekeeping and understanding of the importance of pollinators in our food supply—and in propagating the flowers we all enjoy—led to the founding of Bridgetown Bees. The mission of the organization is to selectively breed and raise queen bees that can survive year-round in the Pacific Northwest. Glen shared planting suggestions and tips, such as having water available on hot days that can encourage pollinators. Interestingly, the vast majority of honey produced by Bridgetown Bees stays in the neighborhood and sweetens Pip's Original Doughnuts & Chai!

Rounding out our June general membership meeting were updates on issues important to the neighborhood, including the City of Portland Office of Community and Civic Life's code change process, which may reshape how the city supports and interacts with neighborhood associations and other community groups, as Al Ellis describes in this issue. As we have for the last several years, the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA) continues to follow the Residential Infill Project process and the proposal that will soon go before the City Council for a vote. It remains uncertain whether the Residential Infill Project, with its many flaws, will be made moot by Oregon House Bill 2001, which would outlaw single-family zoning in the state and prohibit cities from exercising local control over zoning.

I want to extend my thanks to neighbors Kati Babinec, Laurie Holtz, and Rich Woyma for stepping up at our May

meeting to serve on the BWNA Board of Directors, filling some open positions and bringing new energy and perspectives to our board. (Read about Laurie in this issue.) I look forward to working with them and appreciate their willingness to dedicate time and energy to the board to improve our neighborhood. We still have two open board positions, so please let me or another board member know if you are interested in joining.

With summer here, a number of fun neighborhood events are planned for August (see article on page 1), with the Beaumont Business Association's Fremont Fest kicking off on Saturday, August 3. Just a few days later, on Tuesday August 6, BWNA will sponsor the National Night Out picnic/potluck in Wilshire Park. Finally, in partnership with the Alameda Neighborhood Association, BWNA is sponsoring this year's Movie in the Park on Sunday, August 11, which will feature "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World," with music beforehand by the band 5 Grand. It will be a busy stretch in August, and we hope to see you there.



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Editor's notes

by Al Ellis

Summertime runs the emotional gamut—from “livin’ is easy” laid-back to “dog days” drained. But for BWNA, it’s “steady-as-she-goes engaged”—and this despite only holding one regular general meeting between the second week of February and the second week of October (“regular” defined as meeting on the second Monday of even-numbered months in Bethany Lutheran’s basement activity room from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.). How does this lapse in regular general meetings square with the characterization of BWNA being “steady-as-she-goes engaged?” Easily, for activities counterbalance the lapse. Thus, while June is the lone month between February and October with a regular general meeting, community outreach events in April and August take up the slack. Although neither takes place on Monday evenings, nor uses Bethany Lutheran Church as a venue, nor look or operate like a conventional BWNA meeting, they yet attract the largest crowds of the year. I’m referring of course to Taste of Beaumont in April and Movie in the Park, Fremont Fest, and the National Night Out Picnic in August. Read about these three August events in this issue’s front-page article by Susan Trabucco. Taste of Beaumont does include a general meeting of sorts, but it’s substantially abbreviated to accommodate elections, dining, entertainment, and the raffling of door prizes provided by local businesses.

Speaking of Taste of Beaumont, I want to offer an apology to **Pips Original Doughnuts and Chai** for inadvertently leaving them off the list of Taste of Beaumont participating businesses highlighted in the last issue. Better late than never, we thank Pips for the generous gift certificate that was raffled off to a very appreciative Taste of Beaumont attendee. Additionally, BWNA VP Kathy Campbell

(of “Kathy’s Kitchen” renown) took it upon herself to hand-deliver a box of chocolates and a thank-you card to Pips on behalf of BWNA. For newcomers who may not be sure of the whereabouts of Pips, just look for the long line of loyal customers spilling out onto the sidewalk at 4759 NE Fremont Street!

Opportunities for BWNA outreach and resident input are also afforded through regularly scheduled board meetings (held on the second Monday of odd-numbered months in the Bethany Lutheran Church library meeting room) and articles and announcements in the newsletter and on our website blog (www.bwna.us). For example, recruiting pitches in this column and in the President’s Message column to fill five open board positions resulted in Laurie Holtz, Kati Babinec, and Rich Woyma showing up at the May board meeting eager to volunteer, and each saying that they had become aware of the board vacancies through the newsletter. Similarly, the BWNA website home page was employed to alert residents to an opportunity to provide input to the Office of Community and Civic Life regarding retention of the neighborhood association system as we know it. See related article on page 13.

I encourage you to stay engaged with BWNA during the summer: participate in family-fun events, but also consider volunteering to fill one of the two remaining open board positions and/or assisting every-other-month as a newsletter reporter (minimum of one article per issue)—a sorely needed addition to our team. Thanks.

Calendar of Events (cont.)

BWNA Meetings

Location and Time:

Bethany Lutheran Church
Corner of NE Skidmore and 37th
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Board meetings in Library Meeting Room
(enter on 37th side of church)

General meetings and Friends of Wilshire Park committee meetings in Fellowship Hall
(down walkway on Skidmore side)

Monday, July 8: Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 10: Friends of Wilshire Pk

Tuesday, August 6: National Night Out picnic at Wilshire Park will substitute for the August General Meeting

Wednesday, August 14: Friends of Wilshire Pk

Monday, September 9: Board Meeting

BWNA Newsletter

Submission Deadline

Friday, August 9 (for the September-October newsletter)

E-mail articles and Letter to the Board editorials to Al Ellis (editor@bwna.us)

E-mail photos, graphics, and ads to Jane Feinberg (design@bwna.us)

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Sunday, August 11 - Movie in Wilshire Park

6:30 p.m. (music, then movie starts at dusk)

Join in the fun at this year's Movie in the Park, featuring the 2019 film, "How to Train Your Dragon: The Hidden World," the third film in a trilogy described as a coming of age story that follows the adventures of a young Viking named Hiccup Horrendous Haddock III, son of Stoick the Vast, leader of the Viking island of Berk. Although initially dismissed as a clumsy and underweight misfit, he soon becomes renowned as a courageous expert in dragons. The film series has been highly acclaimed, the first two films earning the Academy Award for Best Animated Feature.

Music will be provided by the band 5 Grand before the movie, vendors are expected, and the popcorn is free all night! The event is organized by Portland Parks and Recreation and co-sponsored by the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association and the Alameda Neighborhood Association.



CDZ Collegium Musica—cultural gem in the heart of the neighborhood

by Peter Zisa

What do the following all have in common: Oregon Renaissance Band; Arnica String Quartet; Arco Bello; Espacio Flamenco; Portland Jazz Hall of Fame inductees (singers); Shirley Nanette and Marilyn Keller; finger-style guitarist Shohei Toyoda (Kyoto, Japan); Grammy-award winning Doug Smith (Vancouver, WA); Italian guitarists Nicolo Paradiso and Luciano Tortorelli (Italy); Celso Machado (Brazil); Maria Olaya (Columbia); Gerardo Caledron (Mexico); the Argentine Tango group Folia Duo (Michigan); and Sandeep Koranne and Saikiran Madhusudhan sitar and tabla performers from India? They all were featured performers at Casa Della Zisa (CDZ) Collegium Musica in the heart of Beaumont-Wilshire!

More than two years ago, Dr. Peter Joseph Zisa (music instructor at Pacific University and Portland Community College, with six CDs and an array of music books to his name), and his wife Yukiko founded CDZ Collegium Musica, a music and education non-profit organization located at the historic bungalow at 4624 NE Fremont Street. Their vision is *bringing the community together through music and cultural exchange*. Given the diversity of the concert programming and the positive response of the community, the vision of the CDZ-CM has begun to be realized. The Collegium's monthly concert series, featuring notable local musicians as well as national and international visiting artists,

is one of the ways Collegium Musica provides these opportunities for the community. CDZ-CM also provides paid opportunities for university music graduates to perform and provide similar music workshops at K-12 schools. In addition to master classes, the collegium also hosts educational workshops on a host of cultural topics, such as cooking styles, Japanese tea making, Qi-gong, yoga, calligraphy, photography, and honeybee stewardship.

Starting in July, Collegium Musica will host a music camp for young people (activities include ensemble playing, improvisation, conducting, and composing), along with four special Sunday Family Music Programs intended for children, their parents, and their grandparents. The four programs are Stories, Musical Instruments, and Music of 1) the Middle Ages and Renaissance, 2) Argentina, 3) Mexico, and 4) India. These programs are interactive; children will have an opportunity to examine and play instruments. The cost of the workshop is a free-will donation. If interested in taking classes, attending concerts, being on their mailing list, contributing ideas, or volunteering time, please contact CDZ-CM at casadellazisa@gmail.com or call 503-307-4907. Upcoming events can be found on their website: www.cdzcollegiummusica.org.

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St. Rose School celebrates 25 years of community service

by Shelly Davidson

Students at St. Rose School learn through service to the community, living out the virtues of the habit of doing good. Among their many service projects, 2019 marked the 25th anniversary of St. Rose providing monthly sack lunches to St. Francis Dining Hall in Southeast Portland. The Dining Hall operates in conjunction with St. Francis Parish to provide meals to the underserved population.

Every third Monday of the month during the school year, students were sent home with a simple brown paper bag. Many took time to color pictures on the bag, some included encouraging notes, and they all packed a meal for a complete stranger.

In filling these bags with nourishment, students were given a hands-on opportunity to practice generosity and kindness by filling bags with nourishment—in the way of encouragement.

A volunteer parent collected the lunches from each classroom on delivery day and, with the help of students from the sixth-grade class, transported the lunches to the dining hall. Lead volunteer, Eric Storm, reported that, on average, St. Rose families donate 150 lunches per visit.

“St. Francis is always thrilled to receive our sack lunches and see the smiling faces of our students. Because of everyone's generosity, 150 people get to have a nice lunch they may not otherwise receive that day. I am happy to be a part of this great project,” states Eric.

Since the inception of this service project, St. Rose School estimates that they have delivered over 30,000 sack lunches to St. Francis Dining Hall. They hope to continue this beloved tradition for many years to come.



St. Rose School's Class of 2019 show off the last donation of their elementary school years. It is estimated that they provided more than 3,000 lunches over the course of their PreK-8 education. This marks the 25th year that St. Rose School has been providing monthly lunch delivery to St. Francis Dining Hall.

Grandparents organize to support Beaumont Middle School

by Dave Root

Friends of Beaumont School was recently formed by a handful of grandparents to support the students, faculty, staff, and PTA at Beaumont Middle School. Organizers are looking to add members willing and able to volunteer time, expertise, or a gift—perhaps all three. The group's website (www.friendsofbeumontschool.org) serves as a portal to sign up to volunteer and provides the latest news about the organization. As membership grows, a “skills bank” will be developed to match the talents of grandparent volunteers with the specific requests from teachers, staff, administration, and PTA.

Spending one hour per week as a Recess Monitor means teachers can enjoy 15 minutes to eat their lunch. Helping students become more proficient in a given subject matter

as a tutor can provide a real boost to their confidence. Being a chaperone on a field trip means busy parents don't have to take time off work.

If you can't volunteer, consider providing a new book for the library. Each “Honor with Books” \$25 gift buys a new book with a special bookplate recognizing the donor's generosity. The gift can be made in honor of a favorite staff member, student, or friend.

The broader goal of Friends of Beaumont School is to build community by investing in our students. You'll also be helping their hard working teachers and very busy parents. Membership is free and open to all. Sign up today via www.friendsofbeumontschool.org.

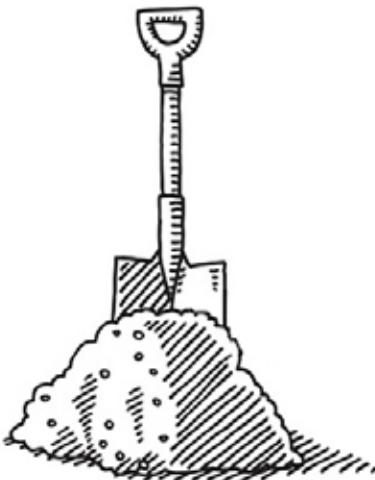
The real dirt on dirt

by Barbara Strunk

The composition and health of our soil are essential for plants in gardens and pots. In most of Beaumont-Wilshire, our natural soil is clay and river rock. Those who garden are experienced at digging out rocks that range from huge to pebble-size that made their way to our area during the Missoula Floods.

Know the soil needs of your plants. We grow plants that have varying requirements for air at the roots, drainage, and nutrients. Plant tags give useful information about sun exposure and hardiness, but less often about moisture and soil composition requirements. Go online. Read books. Talk to a neighbor who is successful with the plant you want to grow. Learn about the environment where your plant or its antecedents grow naturally. Meeting the plant's drainage, moisture, and nutritional requirements is key to success.

I like rock garden plants, so I make sure that the soil I use has plenty of gravel and coarse river sand along with organic material to match their native soil environments. I also grow vegetables and annual flowers that need more nutrients and moisture to do their job in one short season. And I have many plants in pots, including vegetables, which



are at risk for overheating, drying out, or sitting in too much moisture. These three environments have different soil needs. The moisture and nutrient needs of the various plants and their environment dictate how I amend the soil.

The clay in our native soil has important nutrients. The problem is that the very fine clay particles hold too much moisture and prevent the air at the roots necessary for many plants to thrive. Amend clay soil with lots of organic matter every season to improve drainage. For plants in pots, I also add $\frac{1}{4}$ "-10 crushed rock with no fines (rock dust), and coarse sand. Do not use beach sand. These important amendments are available at landscape supply businesses, such

as Oregon Decorative Rock. The rock increases drainage and air and the finer particles of sand hold some moisture. I also have a worm bin in our basement from which I gather the rich worm castings to add to our soil.

For all of my pots I use good quality organic material such as Gardner and Bloome raised bed potting soil (available locally at Garden Fever or Portland Nursery) together with added coarse sand and crushed gravel, a method I learned from friends who are commercial growers of alpine and native plants. I also use a high quality slow release fertilizer that does not release in hot weather.

On the other hand, I also garden with plants that need lots of moisture, such as some primroses, iris, and carnivorous plants. Those plants are in areas where the clay soil is not amended or are in pots set in large saucers of water.

Treat your soil gently. Do not till the soil. Tilling kills earthworms and helpful microbes, and crushes the important aerated soil structure you have been developing over the years. Using a shovel is good exercise.

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Altruistic B-W residents donate park equipment

by Tiffney Townsend

BWNA committee Friends of Wilshire Park (FOWP) has been hard at work figuring out the best options for improving the children's play area after hearing about the deep cuts to the Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) budget allotted by City Council. Redesigning the site is out of the question, as a good number of staff members have been laid off, and there simply aren't the work hours available to review and approve new proposals. However, an option available to FOWP is piece-by-piece replacement, buying the same or similar items directly from the company contracted by PP&R for equipment installation.

The results of an online community poll earlier this year on the FOWP website (www.friendsofwilshirepark.org) showed overwhelming support for a woodland theme for any new equipment that is installed—which is no surprise, given the popularity of the numerous Douglas fir trees and native plants in the NatureSpace area. Moving forward, the FOWP steering subcommittee was preparing to kick off a community fundraiser to replace the broken-down little car with a similarly sized toy off-road vehicle when some extraordinary news was received: two residents, who wish to

remain anonymous, generously offered to donate thousands of dollars to purchase the entire car so that children will have a safe, new piece of equipment to play on this summer!

An elated FOWP steering subcommittee was then free to focus its fundraising efforts on replacing another piece of equipment, which is yet to be determined—perhaps the little play house with a cabin or a "rock" to climb.



The deteriorating structures at the Wilshire Park play area will soon be replaced, thanks to the generous donations of two local residents and future community fund-raising efforts by the Friends of Wilshire Park committee. Photo by Tiffney Townsend

There are numerous options when it comes to equipment for children under five that are compatible with the woodland theme. Decisions about which specific pieces to purchase will depend on how much money is raised, the preferences of people who attend FOWP

meetings, online voting on FOWP surveys, and the type of equipment that is already at the site. The goal is to populate the play area with safe, durable, engaging structures that let kids' imaginations run wild as they play.

Friends of Wilshire Park meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement activity room of Bethany Lutheran Church (entrance on Skidmore Street side). See FOWP website for updated information.

Calling all Volunteers!



BWNA has volunteer opportunities to suit every interest! From serving on the board to delivering the newsletter to reporting/article writing to offering your neighbor a hand or helping to maintain and beautify Wilshire Park, there's much work to be done to keep our neighborhood strong. Want to know more? Contact Al Ellis (editor@bwna.us) and get involved!





B-W Behind the Scenes: Alameda public stairs

by John Sandie

On a Saturday morning in early May, a group of neighborhood volunteers had a work session to clean up the Alameda Ridge public stairs that climb from Wisteria to Alameda near 44th Avenue. As mentioned in past newsletters, former BWNA Board member Dave Whitaker “adopted” these particular stairs on behalf of the neighborhood a few years ago and obtained grants to completely replant the stair beds. Dave, who routinely facilitates maintenance and upkeep work on the stairs, had garnered yet another small grant from Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) to add additional native plants to fill in some voids in the flora. Over a dozen plants—such as delphinium, red flowering currant, sea thrift, and others—were planted in the May session, as well as installation of a couple mason bee houses to entice pollinators to the area. Besides planting, the work involved trimming back laurel and ivy, weeding, sweeping stairs, and removing graffiti from signs. The small group of energetic Beaumont-Wilshire volunteers received many thanks from passersby using the stairs as a shortcut walking route or as part of an aerobic exercise routine. One such user from the Rose City Park area even stayed beyond her normal workout to help the group with weeding and cleanup. Neighbors abutting the stairs also got into the act by providing water and by lending extra yard bins for collection of material from the cleanup efforts.

There are two other Alameda Ridge public stairs in the B-W neighborhood, and if you and your neighbors would like to “adopt” either one of these, the BWNA board would be happy to assist in securing of grants for planting and in recruiting volunteers to participate in cleanup events. Contact BWNA board President Tim Hemstreet if interested (president@bwna.us).



Alameda public stairs volunteer clean-up crew. Photo by John Sandie

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Reaching out to help a "Sparrow"

by Tim Gillespie

During the past academic year, BWNA has been a donor co-sponsor of the Sparrow Club project at Beaumont Middle School. Sparrow Clubs are part of a national nonprofit organization founded in 1992 in Washington state—today headquartered in Bend—that offers young people a way to help children with substantial medical needs by doing community service. The model is simple. It starts with a group of sponsors willing to help fund a Sparrow Club at a local school. In addition to BWNA, Beaumont Middle School Sparrow Club sponsors include a couple of neighborhood Les Schwab Tire Centers, OnPoint Community Credit Union, and the Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation. The “Sparrow” adopted by Beaumont’s club is a 4-year-old boy named Grayson from Arlington, Oregon, who was born with a serious form of spina bifida and severe hydrocephalus. He had his first surgery when he was 15 hours old to enclose an exposed spinal cord and has had four brain surgeries since, the first when he was just 11 days old, to place and regulate a shunt to relieve fluids. Nonetheless, Grayson has developed into an enthusiastic, happy-go-lucky child who is lively and active despite leg braces and wheelchair. He can live a long and productive life, but he will need

many more surgeries and extensive physical therapy along the way. The students at Beaumont got to meet Grayson and his family at an assembly at the school last January. A short video about Grayson and the Sparrow program was shared with Beaumont students at that assembly and is available at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yabrHldO_qI.



L to R: Megan Cavallucci, Grayson, Grayson's mother Jenny (holding child), Wren Grabham, and Maija Rosenquist. Photo by Kathy Campbell

The final step in the Sparrow Clubs model is for Beaumont students to volunteer for community service projects. Each hour of their charitable service earns \$10 from sponsors to help Grayson’s family pay for his medical bills and therapies. Beaumont students racked up 317 hours of service, more than enough to purchase a state-of-the-art wheelchair for Grayson. At a June 4 recognition assembly, students Meghan Cavallucci (33

hrs, including Irish dance instructor and library volunteer), Maija Rosenquist (25 hrs, including babysitting and library volunteer), and Wren Grabham (21 hrs, including baseball umpire and assembly setup) were awarded honorary plaques by BWNA VP Kathy Campbell. Beaumont MS was one of 15 Portland schools participating this past academic year, and that number increases to 25 schools for 2019-20. To become a Beaumont sponsor, contact Laura Queen at LQueen@sparrowclubs.org or call Laura at 503-740-0615.

Neighborhood Associations Rock! or not?

by Al Ellis

It was a sunny Sunday afternoon in May when a dozen or so pensive neighborhood association activists from around the city made their way to an art gallery in Northwest Portland to speculate on the fate of the city’s 95 neighborhood associations and coalition organizations and to discuss strategies that might dissuade the city council from scrapping the system. The meeting—publicized as “The Future of Neighborhood Associations”—was organized by Sunny Bleckinger of Elisabeth Jones Art Center (516 NW 14th Avenue, just north of Glisan), the venue for an upcoming photo exhibit, “Neighborhood Associations Rock!” The exhibit will run from July 13 to August 25. An opening night reception begins at 5:00 p.m. and will include refreshments, with speakers and discussion beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Front and center on the May meeting agenda was an imminent recommendation from City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly’s Office of Community and Civic Life to revise city code in a way that could cripple, if not destroy, Portland’s network of neighborhood associations. Discussion at the art gallery gathering centered on Civic Life’s “Code Change Committee”—a handpicked advisory body assembled by Commissioner Eudaly for the purpose of exploring alternatives to the current neighborhood association system, ostensibly in response to critics who brand neighborhood associations as “elitist” (i.e., domination of leadership positions by particular interest groups) and “exclusive” (i.e., shunning of lesser-served ethnic populations).

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Dog days of summer barbecue recipe from Kathy's Kitchen!
by Kathy Campbell

Greek Garlic Chicken

1 whole chicken, 3½ to 4 lbs, cut into 8 serving pieces

For the marinade:

½ c finely chopped fresh Italian parsley	1 Tb minced garlic	½ tsp kosher salt
¼ c dry white wine	1 Tb black olive tapenade	¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
¼ c extra virgin olive oil	1 tsp dried oregano	
2 Tb fresh lemon juice	1 tsp paprika	

To make the marinade: whisk together the marinade ingredients in a medium bowl.

Rinse the chicken pieces under cold water and pat dry with paper towels. Place in a large, resealable plastic bag and pour in the marinade. Press the air out of the bag and seal tightly. Turn the bag to distribute the marinade, place in a bowl, and refrigerate for 4 to 6 hours, turning occasionally.

Remove the chicken from the bag, reserving the marinade. Pour the marinade into a small saucepan, bring to a boil, and boil for 1 full minute. Set aside.

Grill the chicken (indirect/medium heat) skin side up until the juices run clear and the internal temperature is 165° in the thickest part of the thighs and 170° in the breasts. The leg and thigh pieces will take 40 to 50 minutes and the breast and wing pieces 30 to 40 minutes. Baste with the marinade during the last 10 to 20 minutes of grilling time. Remove from the grill and serve warm.

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Laurie Holtz brings youth, marketing savvy, and family perspective to BWNA board

by Al Ellis

Editor's note: Voted onto the board at the May meeting, the three newest members are Kati Babinec, Rich Woyma, and Laurie Holtz. We start with a profile of Laurie.

Laurie Holtz grew up in a suburb of Minneapolis, graduated from the University of Iowa, and ultimately followed a job here to Portland. Originally planning to stay in Portland for a few years, she ended up loving it and is now in her ninth year of residence. Mother of a one-year-old and working in advertising and marketing, Laurie's free time is limited. That said, among her favorite leisure activities are trying new restaurants, cooking, entertaining, and hanging out with family and friends at the family cabin in Montana.

Laurie loves the neighborhood vibe of Beaumont-Wilshire, though it's still city. She has fun walking around with her family "to see the neighborhood in action—whether that's kids playing,



Laurie Holtz, one of three new members of the BWNA board, is looking forward to contributing to the momentum of the neighborhood and adding a fresh perspective to issues facing the BWNA.

people mowing their lawns, hanging out, decorating their house for the holidays, etc., and I also love the walkability to so many different areas, parks, restaurants, and shops." Asked what her favorite neighborhood store or restaurant is, she lamented, "Do I have to pick just one!?" At the top of her list, though, is Blackbird: "It's a great space, has delicious wine, and their salt slab bread basket is fantastic!"

Laurie welcomes the opportunity to serve on the Board: "I joined the board because I want to contribute to the momentum of the neighborhood and am hoping I can add a fresh perspective. It's important to me to

support the local businesses and make sure Beaumont-Wilshire stays a clean and safe place for everyone."

Welcome aboard, Laurie, and thanks for your service to the neighborhood!

Neighborhood associations rock (continued)

Attendees at the meeting railed at such charges, insisting that their organizations are operated democratically and transparently, with community outreach commonplace and essential. Regarding the Code Change Committee, it was reported that of the 20-plus members, few were directly connected with neighborhood associations. Moreover, the committee's agenda was managed by City Life staffers, who facilitated discussion and input via questions posed to committee members, with the final recommendation reserved for Eudaly and staff to craft, thus raising neighborhood association supporter suspicions of a foregone conclusion in place.

And indeed, at BWNA's June general meeting, it was reported by BWNA Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) coalition representative Barbara Strunk that Director Alison Stoll had informed the CNN board of a preliminary recommendation draft from the Office of Community and Civic Life purported to remove any reference to "neighborhood association" in the city code and to eliminate coalition organizations all together

(along with "communication" funding provided for neighborhood association newsletter publication), and to discontinue neighborhood association liability insurance coverage (which is a prerequisite for holding events).

With the city council expected to vote on the code change recommendation prior to summer's end, the "Neighborhood Associations Rock!" exhibit, focusing on an array of community benefits from neighborhood association activities, takes on added relevance and urgency. We hope you'll attend and participate in the discussion opening night, Saturday, July 13.

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