



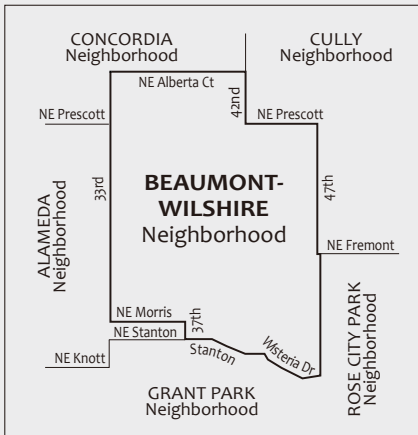
Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association

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OUR MISSION:

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

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MOTHER'S DAY May 14 ♥ FATHER'S DAY June 18

TREE LIGHTS ARE IN!

by Susan Trabucco

There been plenty of dark and gloomy evenings this spring. Recently, though, if you've biked, walked, or driven along Fremont between Alameda near Tacovore and NE 57th, you've likely been rewarded by the twinkle of tree lights along that route.

Those lights came to be in March due to the City of Portland's Project

Illumination program and the proactive efforts of the Beaumont Business Association. The BBA secured enough lighting for 80 trees from the program for the Beaumont-Wilshire area. Support from local businesses and building owners helped with electrifying the light strings.



Recently installed tree lighting in Beaumont-Wilshire along Fremont was funded by Project Illumination, a City of Portland program that aims to provide lighting on sidewalks and storefronts to increase visibility, help to improve safety, and deter crime while making business districts more inviting. Photo by Peter Gearin.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

COMING TOGETHER

by Patty Nelson, BWNA Board President

As I write this, daylight savings has gone into effect. The first day of spring has sprung and yet there are snow flurries out my window. When you read this, I hope spring is really here in all its beautiful glory.

Spring blooms signal to me it's time to come out of our homes and come together. Soon we'll be gathering for vacations, graduations, weddings, block parties, picnics, and many other outdoor activities, including gardening, biking, hiking, running, and walking.

Our neighborhood is special. It provides many opportunities for us to gather, meet, and create community. Beaumont-Wilshire is one of the most walkable neighborhoods in our city. Everything we need is close by: the grocery store or farmers market, post office, coffee shops, and bakeries, restaurants, wine bars, or neighborhood pubs. We have two parks within walking distance: Wilshire and Grant. We also benefit from the outdoor pool at Grant High School.

Community events are also a great way to gather and connect with neighbors. In recent years, the pandemic has kept us from

gathering in large groups, but I am happy to announce we are striving to bring back community events. We have confirmed a Movies in the Park event for Thursday, Aug. 10, at Wilshire Park. Another annual community event, sponsored by the Beaumont Business Association, is Fremont Fest, scheduled for Aug. 5. On a smaller scale, find a link on page 8 for information about how to organize a block party.

Engagement in your neighborhood association is also a way to come together. On March 9, I attended a forum at which over 100 neighborhood association representatives from throughout the city gathered. Discussions centered on neighborhood interests, concerns, and needs. Also joining us was City Commissioner Dan Ryan, and Michael Montoya, the former interim director of the Office of Community & Civic Life, the department under which the neighborhood coalitions fall. Hearing common themes of interest in public safety, livability, better communication, engagement, and support from the city was encouraging.

I wish you many happy gatherings.

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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Three new board members were elected at BWNA's April general meeting. A big "thank you" to these neighbors who stepped up on behalf of the community! These folks joined the board because:



Rob Lee: When I moved to the neighborhood three years ago, I was surprised to find so much positive activity in Beaumont-Wilshire. I love our walkable neighborhood, and I'm a proponent of safe streets. I look forward to volunteering my time on the board.



Amy O'Brien: I've lived in the neighborhood for almost 20 years and feel very invested. By joining the board I hope to take a more active role in preserving this safe, walkable, and vibrant neighborhood for current neighbors and future neighbors to come.



Jon Hays: Our family loves Oregon, Portland, and most specifically, this neighborhood, where we've lived for about 11 years. We are also big believers that if you love something you should help make it better. I'm excited to help keep Beaumont-Wilshire a fantastic place to live and work.

BWNA MEETINGS, ADS & ARTICLES INFO

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

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

- Mon, May 8:** Board meeting, starts 7 p.m.
- Wed, May 10:** FOWP Committee meeting via Zoom, starts 7 p.m.
- Mon, June 12:** General meeting, starts 7 p.m.
- Wed, June 14:** FOWP Committee meeting via Zoom, starts 7 p.m.

Newsletter Article & Ad Submission Info

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

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BOARD UPDATES & MORE

by Patty Nelson

One of the board's goals is to host more community events. BWNA applied to the City of Portland and was selected to host a Movies in the Park event this summer. Co-sponsored by BWNA and the Alameda Neighborhood Association, the movie "Encanto" will be shown in Wilshire Park on Aug. 10. Look for more details in the July-August newsletter. In March, the board approved funding for a proposed Beaumont-Wilshire Art & Garden Tour if all contingencies can be met. At our April meeting we hosted the Oregon Community Solar Program and held board elections. At our June 12 meeting we will hold a forum on air quality.



Crime Prevention & Safety

Auto theft and property crimes continue to plague the city, and BWNA is no exception. Residents reported stolen vehicles, including one stolen from an open garage. Subarus, Hondas, and Kias are popular targets.



Friends of Wilshire Park

Friends of Wilshire Park reported a great response to its request for park project ideas. At press deadline FoWP was still compiling the information; watch for a report in a future newsletter. Water at the dog park is expected to be installed by summer.



Land Use

Plans have been submitted for a cluster development at 4319 NE Mason St., replacing the existing single-family home with eight small, detached residences on the single lot. Parking is not required per city code 33.110.265 Section G, which allows cottage clusters, and OARs 660-012-0430 and 0440 that relate to reduction in parking requirements.



A rendering of a cluster development unit proposed near NE 43rd and Mason.



Transportation

The committee presented, and the board approved, a proposal with a funding request to paint street art on the recently installed "soft bump-outs" along Fremont at NE 44th and 46th. Also, residents conveyed concerns about increased traffic on NE 38th due to the diverter pilot project installed at NE Alameda/Fremont; follow-up traffic counts were requested. Portland Bureau of Transportation indicated traffic counts will be conducted there in fall 2023.



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CRIME STINKS! THESE PREVENTION AND SAFETY TIPS MAY HELP

by Patty Nelson

Public safety and crime prevention are hot topics these days. In recent months BWNA has been alerted to a number of car thefts, vandalism, and miscellaneous property crimes. The City of Portland Crime Statistics website indicates that in Beaumont-Wilshire over the last year, crimes are primarily those related to property. Of these, larceny makes up 42% and motor vehicle thefts 25%.

How can you reduce the risk of being a victim?

Improved visibility around your home can make it hard for a criminal to hide. Consider these additional steps:

- Trim back vegetation.
- Add security lights with motion sensors.
- Install security cameras for another layer of protection and to know when someone comes to your home or when a delivery is made.

How can you deter theft of cars or items from them?

- Don't leave anything visible in your car. Even something of no value to you may present a target to a would-be criminal.
- Lock your car doors and keep all windows closed.
- Use a steering wheel lock, such as The Club, or a tire lock (boot).
- Add a car-theft tracking device. While not a theft-deterrent, it may aid in recovering your vehicle.

A resident reported a car was stolen from his garage recently, and acknowledged the garage door may have been open. This is a reminder to make sure your garage is closed and locked.

While these steps can deter criminals, they do not always stop them. A neighborhood incident of an attempted car theft occurred despite security cameras, a steering wheel lock in place, and security lights. Thankfully, a neighbor scared the thief away by shining a light and calling out.

In another case a stolen car was booted by police only to have the thief return to replace the booted tire with the spare and drive away. As the saying goes: "Where there's a will, there's a way."

Property Crimes Reported in Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood (February 2022 to February 2023)

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|------------------------|----|--------------------------|------------|
| Arson | 0 | Larceny Offenses | 102 |
| Bribery | 0 | Motor Vehicle Theft | 60 |
| Burglary | 24 | Robbery | 3 |
| Counterfeiting/Forgery | 0 | Stolen Property Offenses | 0 |
| Embezzlement | 0 | Vandalism | 44 |
| Extortion/Blackmail | 0 | | |
| Fraud Offenses | 11 | Total: | 245 |

Source: portland.gov/police/open-data/crime-statistics

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July 7 & 8 (Friday/Saturday)
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Last Thursdays on NE Alberta

This annual community event is held on Alberta Street from NE 15th to NE 30th avenues on the last Thursday of the summer months. The festivities run from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and are free to all artists and art vendors, musicians, performers, and visitors. Alberta Street is closed to traffic for Last Thursdays. This year's Last Thursday dates are June 29, July 27, and Aug. 31. For more info visit lastthursdayalberta.org.

Trash CAN be Beautiful!

Last July the City of Portland put out an inquiry to area organizations seeking input on desired locations for 150 new, city-maintained trash cans in NE Portland. The Beaumont Business Association and BWNA both made requests, and ta da — there are now seven of the new cans in and around Beaumont-Wilshire! The new, art-adorned trash receptacles can be found along Fremont between NE 41st and NE 57th avenues. Trash will be collected twice a week by a city-paid woman- or minority-owned trash hauler.



Sick of Graffiti? Help is Here!

With the uptick in graffiti around the neighborhood, BWNA board member Angela Frome has made it her personal mission to research available removal help. She's found that businesses and residents can apply for no-charge graffiti removal from the City of Portland. An agreement with the property owner is required to give the city permission to access a property. To find the agreement and application visit portland.gov/sites/default/files/2022/graffiti-removal-service-agreement-2022.pdf.

Graffiti removal kits are available for free, too. Per the City of Portland's website, the kits work best on nonporous surfaces, like glass, plastic, and metal, and are not suitable for removing large graffiti. To request a removal kit email graffiti@portlandoregon.gov.

NEWS BITS

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Stair Clean-Up Crew Did It Again!

It's happened like clockwork every spring since 2014. A small band of dedicated volunteers, led by organizer Dave Whitaker, grab their tools and don their work clothes and gloves to clean up the natural debris and unsightly trash that accumulate during the winter on the public stairway at NE 43rd between Alameda and Wisteria.

This spring, the event took place on a brisk 38-degree day. Regardless of the inclement weather, the threesome was able to muster smiles for the camera. Our thanks to the volunteer crew. Pictured below are from left, Dave Whitaker, Perry Colclasure, and John Sandie. Many thanks to these fine gentlemen for braving the elements to provide a more welcoming stairway for the neighborhood.



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- Biking lessons for children with activities to learn about bike safety skills;
- Learn-to-ride coaching for adults just starting out on a bike;
- Quick-fix Bike Repair to make sure your bike is rolling smoothly and safely; and
- BIKETOWN sign-up table, Portland's electric-assist shared bike program.

For more information visit portland.gov/transportation/walking-biking-transit-safety/events/2023/6/2/cully-neighborhood-bike-fair

Pedalpalooza BIKE SUMMER!

This bicycle festival happens in June, July, and August all over Portland. Anyone can lead a ride and anyone can join the rides. Rides are free, unless otherwise indicated.

Ride themes run the gamut!

Past rides have included picnic rides, dance party rides, a tour of heritage trees, architecture appreciation, poetry rides, and silly costume rides.

To post a ride or find out which you'd like to join, visit shift2bikes.org/pedalpalooza-calendar.

Sunday Parkways

During Portland Sunday Parkways events, the city closes streets along the route to car traffic to allow for family-friendly biking. The season will start with East Portland on Sunday, May 7, followed by Northeast Cully on Sunday, June 25. The new route for 2023 will feature Southwest Portland on Sep. 10. For more info visit portland.gov/sunday-parkways/2023.



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FROZEN YOGURT LOUNGE WILL PROVIDE A 'SWEET SPOT' FOR NEIGHBORHOOD

by Pamela Plimpton



Adrian Huether expects to open Nectar Frozen Yogurt Lounge in Beaumont Village at the end of May. Photo by Pamela Plimpton.

One of the things that attracted Nectar Frozen Yogurt Lounge owner Adrian Huether to an available space on NE Fremont was the variety of shops and places to eat on the street. Adrian, who lives in the neighborhood, says Beaumont Village has a similar vibe to the locale of his Sellwood store.

“It’s ideal for attracting families, the after-school crowd, and those just out for a stroll,” he says.

All are welcome to stop in for frozen yogurt when they get a hankering for a treat. The lounge atmosphere invites people to stay a while, talk, enjoy their yogurt treats, and spend time with each other.

The business is not a franchise, so the community surrounding each store puts its own stamp on the store’s ambience. Adrian believes that hiring people from the

neighborhood — specifically those of high school and college age — helps the business to reflect the community.

“Young people should have the opportunity to work for a business that pays them well and respects their efforts,” says Adrian. “And, by teaching them accountability, it paves the way for the next step they might take in the job market.”

Adrian’s business ownership philosophy calls for investing as much time and money in the people who work for you as in other aspects of a business.

It seems that for Adrian, he believes this path will lead him to a business sweet spot — one in which his employees win, and so does the community.

Look for Nectar Frozen Yogurt Lounge to open at 4335 NE Fremont in late May this year. Hiring information and a rotating list of seasonal toppings and dessert offerings, including non-dairy options, can be found at nectarfroyo.com.



Block Parties are a fun and easy way to build community and get to know your neighbors!

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LAYING A GOOD BEAD AT WILDCAT WELDING

by John Sandie

Venturing north of Jim and Patty's coffee shop on Fremont to NE 50th Avenue, a bright orange sign emblazoned with "Wildcat Hobby Shop" signaled I had reached my destination. There, I found owner Janette Manley in the workshop area among metal lawn and garden pieces she's preparing for local spring markets to introduce folks to her new business. Janette also collaborates with Portland Community College and other community colleges, offering her welding classes through their community education departments, and teams with another skills trainer to offer basic electrical training through Wildcat Welding Classes and Hobby Shop.

Janette's path to opening her new business involved a few twists and turns: high school in Southern California, community college classes in the state, and then on to Oregon to attend Portland State University, where she fell in love with the area. Involvement in real estate shifted to repair and rehab of properties to get them market-ready. When the work evolved into building tiny houses, it was time to enhance her skills, prompting her to take welding classes.

A chance drive by Metalwood Salvage near NE 42nd Avenue and Prescott, where she saw their unique materials on display, led to work fabricating varied projects for Metalwood. Later, Janette led its welding classes. So when earlier this year the company announced it was closing, she took a proverbial leap of faith and decided to keep the welding classes alive through her own sweat and equity.

At Wildcat's new home, Janette has carved out a small office space and classroom with a row of welding booths, work tables, and



Janette Manley recently opened Wildcat Welding Classes and Hobby Shop in the Fremont business district. Photo by John Sandie.

machines to support training activities and established project work, such as metal and wood table designs.

Wildcat Welding Classes and Hobby Shop is located at 3615 NE 50th Ave. For more information visit wildcathobbyclasses.com.

John Sandie relocated from the Midwest with his wife, Kathy, to be closer to children and grandchildren in the area, landing on Fremont Street in B-W in early 2011. In retirement they pursue their desires to make a difference locally, John by volunteering with the neighborhood association, Kathy with Alameda School. The duo is busy volunteering and keeping up with grandchildren.



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GIVING UP THE RULER: MOVING

by Pamela Plimpton

Before he started hand drawing his designs, Beaumont-Wilshire resident Kehrnan Shaw didn't think of himself as an artist. Until he "gave up the ruler" and lost the rigidity imposed by his profession, he referred to himself as a landscape planner. But when a client asked him to design a gate leading into a garden, Kehrnan broke away from the dictates of the ruler and turned to sketching by hand. He wanted a design that evoked natural surroundings — something organic and fluid.

While nervous about using a new material, he laid a sheet of steel on a work surface. Using a piece of soapstone, he hand-sketched a design onto the steel plate. Then, using a cutting torch — a technique Kehrnan now refers to as "primitive" — he cut the design from the metal. That was the beginning: Instead of creating in wood and stone, he turned to steel.

Kehrnan confesses that he still uses a ruler — perhaps more than he did before — to turn steel into art, but his pieces still begin with hand-sketched designs for creations that bridge the realms of landscape design and art. Kehrnan says that sometimes he can come up with an idea in about 15 minutes, but to refine it, the creative process can take hours.



Kehrnan Shaw

"The key is trying to get my brain connected to my fingers without words getting in the way," says Kehrnan. "The language you're speaking switches from words to lines, shapes, and patterns."

“ The sculpture appears to undulate, pulsing with life. ”

Kehrnan creates gates, hanging screens, and pieces he refers to as "in-wall" and "on-wall" art. Many of his creations can be seen in Portland-area gardens — some right here in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood.

The pieces Kehrnan creates are inspired by the life of the garden.

"Though the landscape supplies context," he says, "the art stands on its own."

Just as a skilled sculptor can create a life-like rendering from stone, so Kehrnan can evoke suggestions of leaves, buds, branches, tendrils, and thorns (his favorite) from steel.

Once Kehrnan has drawn a design on paper, he scans the image to make a computer file. He then makes a template to send to a precision steel cutter who cuts out the design. The piece is then taken to a welder where hinges or other attachments needed for mounting the work are welded in place. In the last step of the process, the entire piece is treated with a powder-coated finish.

One of the reasons Kehrnan's art blends with its organic surroundings is because of the powder-coating, which protects the steel from the elements and gives it more depth. The tiny grains of glass infused with bits of bronze offer both texture and color.

"The powder coating catches the light, cloaking the steel with a surface that calls to mind movement and growth, he says. "The sculpture appears to undulate, pulsing with life."

Kehrnan is gratified when the creative process expands his abilities, inviting him to push the materials and his own skills to the next level.

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FROM LANDSCAPE DESIGN TO ART

“The key to creating a successful piece of art is to let the piece direct you,” says Kehrnan. “Don’t force it. Let imagination, circumstance, and adaptation be your guides.” This is Kehrnan’s ruler now, and he’s fine with that. For photos and more information on Kehrnan’s steel sculptures, visit kehrnanshawstudios.com/Steelworks/.

Pamela Plimpton, a B-W resident since 1980, retired as a professor of English in 2020. Her interests include reading, writing, gardening, and singing with a community chorale. She and her husband enjoy playing golf, working out at the N.E. Community Center, traveling, and grandparenting their granddaughter.



Pamela Plimpton



ABOVE: Shaw designed this all-metal gate in Bend, Ore., giving the owner a creative security solution.

RIGHT: Custom-designed metal gate panel by Kehrnan Shaw serves to provide both beauty and privacy in a Beaumont-Wilshire garden.



FRIENDSHIP BINDS MAVEN BEAUTY TEAM

by Susan Trabucco

Michelle Stearns, owner of recently opened Maven Beauty on NE Fremont Street near 50th Avenue, said many people wandered in during the salon's seven-month build-out.

"I was regularly asked why it was taking so long," said Michelle. "Now those people walk in and say, 'Oh, now I understand why.'"

The "why" is in the feel-good vibe of the space. Visitors are greeted with a subtle, pleasing scent from an aromatherapy system.



Maven Beauty opened its doors just beyond the eastern edge of Beaumont-Wilshire in mid-February. Stylists shown here are from left: Courtney Burger, hair apprentice; Michelle Stearns, owner; Nicole Reynolds; Jamie Rommel; and Kim Nickelby. Not pictured: Elana Scharff, medical aesthetician. Photo by Susan Trabucco.

The walls are painted a soothing hue that softens the natural light-filled space. Décor is minimal but welcoming; lighting is just right. To Michelle, there's a reason for this attention to detail.

"Maven means 'expert,' and our entire team embodies that value."

That Maven hair care team, comprised of five hairstylists, all participate in regular continuing education courses in their fields, including state-of-the-art hair coloring, cutting, and extensions techniques.

"We have long-term relationships with our customers," said Michelle. "Being the best we can be is important to maintaining those relationships."

Elana Scharff is on the team as a medical aesthetician — she's a nurse practitioner injector who offers Botox for beauty and migraine pain treatment as well as a host of other services.

Prior to Maven, the women worked together at Michelle's salon in Northwest Portland. Then the pandemic hit, bringing challenges that included an increase in crime — worrisome for the team and their clients. Those conditions took the group to Beaumont-Wilshire.

"It feels safe and family-friendly here," said Michelle. This neighborhood was also familiar to several of the stylists — three attended Grant High School.

The Maven team has worked together for over 20 years.

"We're best friends as well as co-workers," said Michelle.

"Most importantly, we have a collective passion for the business."

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An interview with local game and puzzle store owner

by Max Shannon

Editor's note: Our young reporter developed the questions for this interview. The words in [brackets] were added by the editor, who was also present at the interview. Many thanks to Miles English for his willingness to be interviewed!



Puddletown Games and & Puzzles owner Miles English in his store with BUNA cub reporter Max Shannon. Photo by Susan Trabucco.

Hi. I am the kid who wrote the article on why I love Beaumont-Wilshire in the last BUNA newsletter. In this newsletter, I interviewed Miles English, the owner of Puddletown Games & Puzzles, our awesome local game and puzzle store. I love the store and wanted to learn more about it, so I asked Miles some questions. I hope you like learning about Puddletown as much as I did. Look below to see the questions and answers. Goodbye for now!

When did you open the store? 1 year and 8 months ago. [From the interview date, March 9].

Why did you name your business Puddletown? Because no one uses the name. [When you start a business, you must make sure no one has that name for a website, but also be sure no one uses the name on Instagram, Facebook, and other social media platforms.]

What made you want to start Puddletown? I was tired of my previous job. [Also, I enjoy playing board games and puzzles with my family, so I thought it would be fun to have a business selling them to other families.]

Why did you locate your business in Beaumont-Wilshire? Because there were no game stores here. [On a map I marked the locations of game stores in Portland. There was a big hole right in the middle, and Beaumont-Wilshire was in it.]

Do you like running a business? Yes, but there are some times of stress, [but other times are fun and exciting.]

What do you most love about Puddletown? I like the community that we are forming, [with repeat customers, and on Thursday nights customers come in and play games here.]

What is your favorite game or toy in the store? King of Tokyo. [I wish every family had a copy.]

What didn't I ask that you want to tell our readers? We have a rental wall filled with games people can try out before buying.

For more information visit puddletowngames.com. Find Puddletown Games & Puzzles at 4120 NE Fremont St.

Max Shannon is almost 10 years old. He likes to draw, ski, mountain bike, and play basketball and baseball. He likes to sing and knows a lot of '80's music.



Max Shannon

Hey, Beaumont-Wilshire kids!

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A FREE, EASY WAY TO HELP CLEAN UP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD

by Nancy Hline

I became an active AdoptOneBlock volunteer last year. The amount of trash and litter has distressed, depressed, and disappointed me — especially along NE 42nd Avenue. I'm concerned about plastics like cigarette butt filters, drink containers, and straws making their way into the Columbia Slough watershed. Moreover, I just don't like to see garbage on the sidewalks or streets where I live. I'm not comfortable walking by and ignoring it.

AdoptOneBlock volunteers are "block ambassadors;" they're provided basic tools for cleanup and one amazing gift — volunteers can call on 1-800-GotJunk to haul away large abandoned items without charge. A Facebook site helps volunteers collaborate, motivate each other, and share strategies for cleanup efforts.

A block is a small commitment, but many volunteers "go rogue" and do more, because once you start looking, you see how daunting this challenge is in Portland. But for one person, one block or two is manageable.

AdoptOneBlock ambassadors are a force for good, helping our community be what it can and should be. Volunteering with AdoptOneBlock is rewarding! It makes the place you live cleaner and happier! Plus, you're exercising outside on your schedule — whenever you want!

Businesses can help by taking an occasional extra bag of trash into their dumpsters to support block ambassadors' efforts. Restaurants, apartments, and bars can help by providing cigarette butt collection devices and encouraging their use.

Inspired? If so, visit adoptoneblock.org to find a map of your neighborhood. It takes just a few minutes to select your own block or a block nearby and order free clean-up supplies to be delivered to your door.

Nancy Hline has lived in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood for over 20 years with her husband and at least one canine companion. She enjoys walking neighborhood streets and takes special pleasure in the wildlife that inhabits our urban environment.



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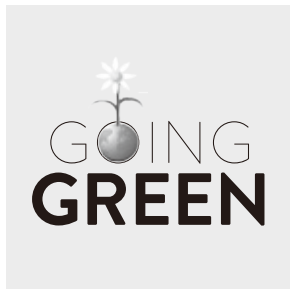
REDUCE AND REUSE AT PICNICS AND BLOCK PARTIES

by Liz Erickson

Gathering with friends and food makes good memories — and doesn't need to create waste. With careful planning for a summer event such as a picnic or block party, you may be able to save both time and money and eliminate the hassle of dealing with waste.

Let's look at some ways to reduce and reuse before recycling or sending waste to a landfill. Not every tip will work each time or for each place and person. When I take one of these steps, I often get a positive comment or inspire others to try something different.

If possible, when attending a block party or picnic, bring the items you want to use, such as plates, utensils, cups, napkins, bowls, or other items, in a grocery or tote bag. Throw in a produce or bread bag for your used dishes. Put any food scraps (like corn cobs or watermelon rinds) in that bag, too. Yes, there's a bit of effort to wash these items when you return home, as well as a few extra steps to put picnic food scraps in the compost cart. You must decide if it's worth it to use less environmentally friendly paper plates and plastic forks. I find eating from a sturdy plastic plate with a durable fork is a more appealing experience.



If you're hosting an event, consider offering sturdy plates and utensils instead of buying items that are disposed of after one use. To promote the collection of food scraps, set out a container, bucket (with or without lid), or even your green compost roll cart, and invite your guests to put food scraps there instead of into the garbage. To collect used dishes, place an empty tub in a convenient location for people to set them in. Guests may offer to help clean up, and some may be inspired by the small, yet impactful, steps you've taken to reduce waste.

Ideas, questions, or comments? Contact elizabeth.ann.erickson@gmail.com.

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. She's Master Recycler volunteer with the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, and served in the Peace Corps in Morocco.



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PERSPECTIVES

compiled by Polly Webber

In our March-April newsletter, our question focused on women in honor of Women's History Month in March. With Father's Day in June, in this edition men get the spotlight. Our Perspectives question is:

“What is one of the best memories you have of your dad?”



“Waiting until he got home on Friday, anxiously awaiting our time to build Legos. He'd look at me as he finished his dinner and tell me to go grab the Lego set. If we got bored, we'd go downstairs and watch *James Bond* while I sat on his lap.” (*Jesse, 18 years in B-W*)



“Sitting in a car, just the two of us, after seeing ‘2001: A Space Odyssey’ on the biggest screen around and listening to him attempt to explain what he thought the movie meant. Later he introduced me to Chaplin films, ‘Citizen Kane,’ ‘The Third Man,’ and other visually artistic classics.” (*David, 30 years in B-W*)



“Going to Rocky Butte on Sunday afternoon for popcorn and stopping at Jim Dandy for a cheeseburger.” (*Merrit, 26 years in B-W*)



“Going to Fry's Electronics with my dad in L.A. That was the best. I also remember driving with him in his old BMW with the top down in the summer.” (*Clarissa, 18 years in B-W*)



“Our Sunday afternoon car rides, where we would have long talks about life or just blast songs by Styx, specifically *Come Sail Away*.” (*Savannah, 18 years in B-W*)



“When he taught me to drive. I remember going down 37th towards Knott St. and him saying, ‘you always have to be watching and scanning a block ahead and anticipating a car pulling out or a child suddenly darting out into the street.’ Those were great lessons that I passed on to my kids.” (*Anna, 45 years in B-W*)

Be heard!

Let us know if you'd be game to be interviewed for a Perspectives question by emailing PWebber5678@gmail.com. Suggest a question for Polly, too!

Polly Webber is a realtor and mom of two teenage girls. Born and raised in the neighborhood, she can't quite shake her original stomping grounds. She purchased and lives in the B-W home next door to her childhood home. Reach her by emailing polly.webber@cascadehassonsir.com.



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by Kimberly Dixon and Kristen Downs, PPS parents and community advocates; Dr. J.W. Matt Hennessee, Inter-Faith Peace & Action Collaborative (IPAC); and Antoinette Edwards, Community Elder and retired director of Portland's Office for Violence Prevention (OVP)

OPINION:
WHAT I
THINK

We represent a grassroots community of Portlanders who want School Resource Officers (SROs) reinstated in Portland Public Schools (PPS) and daily police safety patrols. PPS students, staff, parents, and neighbors have signed our petition to the school board, the superintendent, mayor, and city council urging restoration of this

valuable program. Our reason is simple: a trained, daily security presence in and around schools, along with existing supports, will act as a deterrent to criminal activity and keep our students, staff, and neighborhoods safer.

In the past year there have been multiple drug overdoses resulting in student deaths at McDaniel and Franklin high schools and a drug dealer arrested at Cleveland High, and since October there have been five school shootings at three different PPS high

schools. PPS is losing students, and we believe school safety retains a diverse student body, staff, and funding.

“ ... since October there have been five school shootings at three different PPS high schools. ”

Under a formal oversight agreement, SROs work in tandem with educators, counselors, mental health professionals, and Youth Violence Prevention and Response Managers to proactively address school safety issues, divert at-risk students from the juvenile justice system, and deter violence. They also forge positive relationships, whether teaching in class, lunchtime conversations, or attending interscholastic events. SROs are navigators of support when students need to report child abuse, theft, harassment, sex/drug trafficking, or other concerns. They facilitate de-escalations along with resource referrals for families; however, school discipline resides with school administrators, not the SRO.

We are engaging the superintendent, school board, and city leaders to align resources and prioritize safety in and around our school communities. Please join our growing coalition by signing this petition to reinstate specially trained SROs to deter crime and ensure PPS student, staff, and neighborhood safety: chnng.it/5887gbFsXv.

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PARKING STRIPS CAN PROVIDE SMALL YET IMPORTANT NATIVE HABITAT

by Gin McCollum

The whirring of hummingbird wings and the humming of bees are pleasant sounds to human ears; they also signify a healthy environmental habitat.

“Even a little bit of native habitat is important — even just your planting strip or part of a strip,” explains Marina, a Beaumont-Wilshire resident, who has planted a 19- by 9.5-foot parking strip segment with native plants. Her design model came from the High Line in New York City — a 1.45-mile-long elevated linear park, greenway and rail trail created on a former New York Central Railroad spur — and the book *The Know Maintenance Perennial Garden*, by Roy Diblik, which is full of information about famous gardens.

“Diblik,” she says, “referred to this kind of design as plants that are ‘chosen and positioned to live well together with respect to their common needs and individual lifestyles.’”

To that end, Marina looked at the plant list from one of the garden plans and compared the Eastern and European species to Pacific Northwest native species (see reference below) in her planting strip. “I swapped grasses for grasses, Allium for Allium — it is a grand experiment!” she exclaims.

Now is the time to prepare a curb strip for planting. Sherrie Villmark, who has established native habitat on 70 planting strips in the Montavilla neighborhood, provides instructions for this work on her website pollinatorparkways.weebly.com. To prepare the parking strip, either cover with cardboard and mulch, or to dig, do so now while the soil is wet. Plant in November when the rains return.

Summer is for imagining and planning. We need artists in all media — including landscape design, visual arts, music, and poetry — to expand our imaginations for living surrounded by native habitat, because habitat is also art.

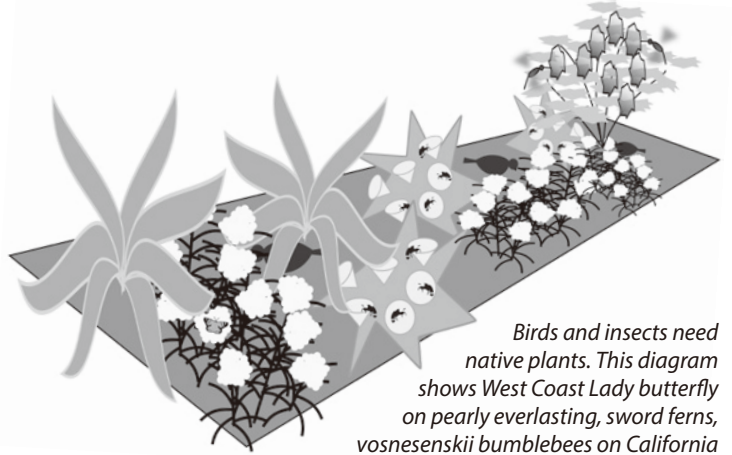
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portland.gov/bps/envirom-planning/portland-plant-list

Gin McCollum has a food thicket she is shifting to produce food not only for a human but also for native birds and butterflies. She finds mathematical structure in neural systems and writes. She hopes for our familiar neighborhood habitat to become wild, native, healthy, and beloved.



Gin McCollum



Birds and insects need native plants. This diagram shows West Coast Lady butterfly on pearly everlasting, sword ferns, vosnesenskii bumblebees on California poppies, song sparrows foraging underneath, and hummingbirds on red flowering currant. Image by author.



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