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BWNA Hosts District 2 Candidate Forum



BWNA hosted a candidate forum at Beaumont Middle School on September 30 for District 2 City Council candidates. While no presentations were made, attendees were able to have one-on-one conversations with the candidates. Of the 22 candidates in the race, 17 were able to attend the event or had a representative there to answer questions. Special thanks to event organizer David Knowles, a BWNA board member. Photo by Susan Trabucco.

COVER PHOTOGRAPH: A Beaumont-Wilshire home bedazzled with lighting during the holiday season. Original photo by David Friedman; colored up for fun by the BWNA graphics team.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CHIMES OF FREEDOM

by Al Ellis, BWNA Board President

A baby boomer, I grew up in the politically charged, us-versus-them decade of the '60s — and here we are again in 2024. Bob Dylan's "Chimes of Freedom" comes to mind. A song published when Dylan was in his early 20s, and a few years later covered by the Byrds in three-part harmony, this cryptic ballad addresses freedom's ambiguity, volatility, and fragility: "An' we gazed upon the chimes of freedom flashing."

“All the best during the holidays, and as those chimes of freedom flash, stay engaged.”

Democracy is messy. Myriad beliefs and viewpoints vie for acceptance, and rarely does anyone walk away totally satisfied. It's not exactly a recipe for harmony, as Benjamin Franklin well understood when he was asked by a fellow citizen what our founders had created. "A republic, if you can keep it," he replied. Key to the system's survival is citizen participation, civility, and rule of law.

Over the years, for better or worse, Portland has established a reputation for pushing the democratic envelope, be it by innovative voting procedure (e.g., vote by mail and ranked-choice voting) or novel forms of local representative government. Regarding the latter, you'd be hard-pressed to find another city with over 90 neighborhood associations functioning as mini-democracies governed by boards elected by neighborhood residents. But that in turn begs the question: to what end?

Article 1, Section 2 of the BWNA Bylaws (accessible at bwnapdx.org/bylaws) begins with our neighborhood association's basic purpose:

To enhance the livability of the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood by undertaking various neighborhood improvement projects, examining local issues, and serving as a conduit for communication among neighbors,

government agencies, and officials, area businesses, and other neighborhood institutions and groups.

"Enhancing the livability" presupposes an assessment of neighborhood priorities, and your survey responses, written testimony, and especially in-person participation are key to helping board members make those determinations. Still, as it is in any representative democracy, hard calls come with the territory for decision-makers.

All the best during the holidays, and as those chimes of freedom flash, stay engaged.

RECENT FREMONT STREET ACCIDENT HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR MORE ACTION

by Al Ellis

In late October this year, while in a marked crosswalk at NE Fremont and 48th, a young mother pushing her baby in a stroller was hit by a speeding driver, who fled the scene. Witnesses reported the mother was injured and taken to the hospital. The stroller had been pushed out of the way by the quick-thinking mom, and blessedly the baby was uninjured.

Fremont, Skidmore, 42nd, and Wistaria — these are among the many streets in our neighborhood where speeding and other factors pose a danger to pedestrians and property. Many may remember that three years ago Vivian "Gail" Phillips lost her life in a Fremont crosswalk.

As of result of accidents and neighborhood concerns, over the years BWNA has worked with Portland Bureau of Transportation on safety issues, which has resulted in the installation of speed bumps on Wistaria Drive and 37th Avenue, updated traffic lights at NE 33rd and Fremont and NE 42nd and Fremont, reconfiguration of turns at Fremont and Alameda, and, following Gail's death, the addition of colorful bump-outs, upgraded lighting, and the removal of parking from areas that block drivers' and pedestrians' views.

Despite all of this headway, a recent BWNA survey, which will be fully reported on in the January-February newsletter, indicated that "traffic calming" continues to be a top concern among B-W residents.

After the October accident, it is clear more work must be done. The BWNA board will welcome input from residents on this subject at its November 11 board meeting. We hope you can join us.

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LET'S SHOW BEAUMONT BUSINESSES SOME LOVE

by Susan Trabucco, Editor

We love our local businesses. Really, it's true. At least that's the underlying message received from the recently conducted BWNA survey.

We'll have a full rundown of the survey results in the January-February newsletter, but a sneak preview found that when asked what section of the newsletter readers enjoyed most, 72% of respondents chose articles about new businesses. Furthermore, when asked what they'd like to see more of in the newsletter, the highest percentage of respondents, nearly 44%, chose articles about local businesses.

I think we can conclude from this that many B-W residents are interested in what businesses in Beaumont Village are offering. So how can we show those beloved businesses that we'll do more than click survey buttons to register our support? You knew this was coming: we can shop, eat, and drink at them, as well as do business with professional services conveniently located there.

For many businesses the holiday season is a make-or-break time. So, what do you say? Let's show them a lot of love in the next couple of months and beyond.

And on our end, we'll strive to cover as much business news as space allows and our all-volunteer newsletter team can muster.

And now, let the holiday season begin!

Susan Trabucco is a BWNA board member and the volunteer editor of this newsletter. She was the founder, editor and publisher of a regional business journal. Since 2012, Susan and her husband have called B-W home, where she practices zonal denial in her tropical-ish garden. Reach her by emailing Editor@BWNAPdx.org.



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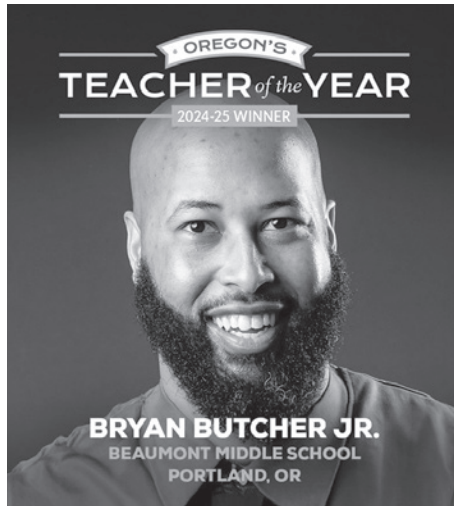
NEWS BITS

FROM B-W
&
BEYOND

BMS Teacher Awarded Oregon Teacher of the Year

In an early October announcement from the Oregon Department of Education, Beaumont Middle School teacher Bryan Butcher, Jr. was named Oregon's 2024-25 Teacher of the Year.

"Teachers like Bryan go above and beyond to make Oregon schools a place where students not only learn, but feel a sense of safety, belonging, and pride," said Governor Tina Kotek.



Butcher is a Portland native and Grant High School graduate. He attended Morehouse College and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology, graduating magna cum laude. Following graduation, he joined Teach for America, beginning a teaching journey that would eventually lead him to Beaumont Middle School, where he has taught math for eight years.

Dr. Harriet Vimegnon, Beaumont Middle School principal, said everyone at the school is very proud of Bryan. "Mr. Bryan Butcher is a professional and a team player who cares a great deal about his students," she said.

BWNA Volunteers Tackle Graffiti, Clear Trash

BWNA organized its second clean-up event of the year in September, an ongoing effort to combat graffiti and trash in B-W. Led by BWNA board member Angela Frome, a half-dozen volunteers set their cleaning sights on neighborhood streets, picking up trash and removing tags and other graffiti at Wilshire Park, in the Fremont business district and along NE 42nd from Fremont north to Prescott and south to Knott. Donors to the event included Beaumont Hardware, the City of Portland, Adopt One Block, and Grand Central Bakery.

John Steup, B-W resident and graffiti abatement coordinator for the city, joined in. John noted that graffiti needing removal can be reported by calling 3-1-1. Free graffiti removal kits with cleaning supplies can also be requested from the city. Visit portland.gov/bps/graffiti/graffiti-removal-kits to order your kit for pick up. And look for another BWNA clean-up event next spring!

Beloved Local Coffee Shop Working to Stay Afloat

Jim & Patty's Coffee, which operates one of its two locations at 4951 NE Fremont St., launched a \$250,000 GoFundMe campaign in September to help keep its doors open. In early October the campaign was halted after raising nearly \$41,000. Patricia "Patty" Roberts, who owns the iconic coffee spot, said the family ended the GoFundMe effort in light of what's going on in Appalachia, which sustained severe hurricane-related damages.

"Our concerns are nothing compared to what those folks are going through," Patty wrote to contributors to the fund. Visit Jim & Patty's Facebook page to learn more about what's happening with the business.



CLEARING A PATH SHOWS YOU CARE

by Liz Erickson

On any given day, people out and about in our neighborhood use a variety of methods to get around — and we all want to get where we're going safely.

After a robust growing season, however, plants and trees might spill over onto the sidewalks or block our vision while driving or cycling.

It's a homeowner's responsibility to maintain their sidewalks. So, as a neighborly nudge in the spirit of enjoying a safer community, please remember to cut back branches and other growth that might impede sidewalk travelers or drivers trying to navigate an intersection or turn. Thank you!



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BWNA BOARD & GENERAL MEETINGS

Mon, Nov. 11 @ 7 p.m.: Board meeting

Mon, Dec. 9 @ 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

Wed., Nov. 6 @ 7 p.m.

Tues., Dec. 2 @ 7 p.m.

For meeting location, contact committee chair John Sandie via SandieFam@gmail.com

Friends of Wilshire Park

Wed., Nov., 13 @ 7 p.m.

Wed., Dec. 11 @ 7 p.m.

For Zoom link to meetings, contact committee chair Gary Hancock via outside503@aol.com

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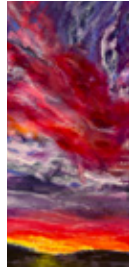
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EVENTS

December 6 (Friday) 4 - 7 p.m.

Fremont Holiday Fest

Location: Fremont Street from NE 42nd to NE 50th

Get in the seasonal spirit at Fremont Holiday Fest, sponsored by the Beaumont Business Association (BBA). The event takes place on Fremont Street from NE 42nd to NE 50th Avenue. Along the way find drinks, snacks, the Grant Royal Blues acapella group caroling up and down the street, and wreaths for sale. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at Nectar Frozen Yogurt for pictures with kiddos; an appointment is required. Sign up for one starting the last week of November at bbapdx.org.



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BWNA GIFTS BMS AND VERNON PTAs

by Susan Trabucco

In 2023, with an eye toward adding to the coffers of the Beaumont Family Resiliency Fund (BFRF), the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association raised funds to do just that through its first-ever Art & Garden Tour. The BFRF assists student families experiencing financial emergencies that may impact a student's overall well-being and ability to be successful in school.

The 2024 Art & Garden tour, held in July this year, netted proceeds well above the previous year, which allowed BWNA to donate \$2,500 to the Resiliency Fund — nearly double that of 2023 — and make a gift of \$750 to Vernon School's PTA. Earlier this year BWNA also donated \$500 to the Alameda School Foundation.

BMS Treasurer Liz Erickson provided information on the impact of BWNA's 2023 donation of \$1,450. "Most of our requests are for help with paying utilities," Liz said. "With an average of \$150 to \$300, depending on the utility, BWNA's funds helped at least five families in need."

In 2023 a total of \$4,751 was disbursed from the BFRF; BWNA's donation represented 33% of that amount. Go to my.cheddarup.com/c/beaumont-family-resiliency-fund to donate to the Beaumont Family Resiliency Fund.

Al Ellis, BWNA's board president, noted that while the board is unable to guarantee future donations, those that have been made to the PTAs are a source of pride for the BWNA board.

"I can tell you our board of directors is very pleased to be able to provide these much-needed funds to schools that serve Beaumont-Wilshire children."



TOP: Al Ellis, BWNA board president, presents a check to Beaumont Middle School PTA leaders and the BMS principal in late August this year. From left: BMS PTA Volunteer Coordinator Danielle Triplett; BMS Principal Dr. Harriet Vimiegnon; Al Ellis; PTA Co-President Kimmy Kenyon; and PTA Communications Lead Monica Kearsley. Photo by Susan Trabucco.

BOTTOM: Art & Garden Tour organizers presented Vernon School PTA President Katie Kenton with a donation check at the PTA's September meeting. From left: Katie Kenton and BWNA board members Patti Koehler and Susan Trabucco. Photo by Vernon PTA member.



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LT. GREULICH PUTS CRIME IN PERSPECTIVE

by Al Ellis

At its September board meeting, BWNA welcomed a visit from the Portland Police Bureau. Fielding questions and concerns about crime in the neighborhood was North Precinct's Lieutenant Chuck Greulich, a 17-year veteran on the force. Although Lt. Greulich doesn't work in the Beaumont-Wilshire area, he came



prepared with information about our neighborhood and the vicinity — and the news is comparatively good. As has been the case for years, Beaumont-Wilshire statistically has one of the lowest crime rates in Portland — matched on the Eastside only by Alameda and Grant neighborhoods.

Why so? Lt. Greulich specified that higher income

levels are a common factor, with much of the crime taking place in lower-income neighborhoods. He also pointed out that Beaumont-Wilshire benefits from not having higher-crime transportation corridors such as Martin Luther King Jr. and Sandy boulevards.

That said, no neighborhood is insulated from crime. Regarding vandalized and/or stolen cars, a longstanding concern in Beaumont-Wilshire as it is throughout the city, Lt. Greulich reported that the Stolen Vehicle Operation has actually resulted in a decline in car thefts since May 2023. He advised people not to leave items in view in their vehicles. Questioned about the 2023 violent crime that occurred at NE Milton and 37th, Lt. Greulich pointed out that while the victim was a Portland resident, he was not from Beaumont-Wilshire; information about the assailant has not been made available. When asked about the shortage of police officers and how it relates to the incidence of crime, he said that with 800 officers covering a population of 650,000, resourcefulness and community outreach are essential. "Less than 1% of the population commits the crimes," Lt. Greulich said, "so that's where we put the majority of our resources."

Lt. Greulich will provide crime perspectives and answer residents' questions at BWNA's General Meeting on December 9

PRACTICE VIGILANCE TO HELP PREVENT CRIME

by Colin O'Neill

While we're fortunate to live in a relatively safe neighborhood, it's still important to be aware of your security and keep an eye out for each other. BWNA has learned of three burglaries that occurred in our neighborhood since late September.

Video footage from three of these incidents, shared by affected neighbors, show someone who may be the same suspect. The videos appear to show a white male in his 20s or 30s with short dark hair. He is wearing a face mask, blue pants, and a large white hooded sweatshirt in two of the videos.

These break-ins have been reported to the police. If you have any information related to these burglaries, please contact Portland Police at (503) 823-3333.

Simple security reminders:

- Ensure all doors and windows are closed and locked at night and when you're away from home.
- Install motion-activated lights around your home.
- Trim bushes next to windows to eliminate hiding spots.
- Use timers to turn on indoor lights if you are away from home.
- Don't advertise vacations on public social media sites.
- Ask a trusted neighbor to look after mail and trash cans while you're away (and offer to return the favor!)
- Consider the use of security doors, cameras, and alarm systems.

If you have neighborhood concerns or questions, reach out to BWNA board member and Crime and Safety committee chair Patty Nelson by calling (503) 281-8035.

Portland police officer Lt. Chuck Greulich provided insight on crime in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood at a recent BWNA board meeting. Photo by Susan Trabucco.

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Goofing for the camera at the block party is the group self-described as “Soph and friends.” Soph is near the center with the creatively coiffed hair. Or wig – who knows, but they seemed to be having fun! Photo by Susan Trabucco

The first-ever BWNA Skidmore Block Party saw a huge crowd. Front and center in the red jacket is B-W neighbor Maggie Finnerty. Photo by David Friedman.



FAREWELL TO SUMMER SKIDMORE BLOCK PARTY

by Molly McRoberts

Live rock and roll, scrumptious food, and fun and games capped off a festive end-of-summer block party sponsored by the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association Friday, Sept. 20. The first-ever event drew hundreds of neighbors and friends to a blocked-off Skidmore Street along the north side of Wilshire Park.

Perfect 70-degree temps encouraged dancing to the rocking tunes of The Roadless Travelers. Food vendors Thai Seasons and Taqueria El Golosa served up tasty fare, Beaux Berry dished up sweet ice cream treats, and pFriem Beer, which contributed \$500 toward the total expense of \$2,500 for the block party, offered up free cans of its frosty brew to thirsty adults.

Kids of all ages tried their hand at cornhole, putt-putt golf, block building, and chalking out colorful art. Residents brought lawn chairs or sat on blankets to enjoy timeless music from the '60s, '70s, and '80s.

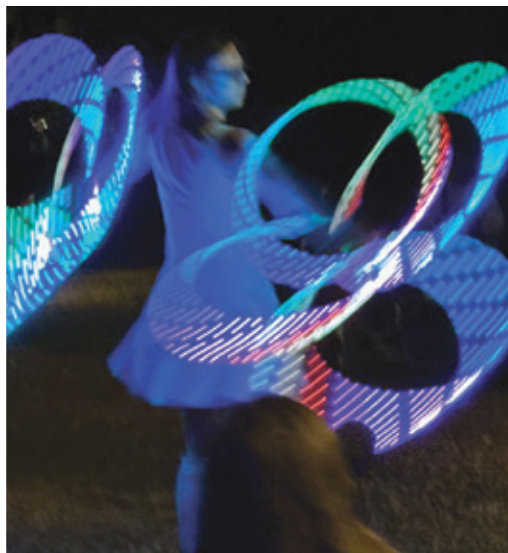
Event co-organizers Patti Koehler, BWNA board member, and neighbor Laurie Webber were thrilled about the turnout and loved watching people enjoy the event.

“Our goal was to encourage community engagement,” Laurie said. “And it didn’t disappoint.” Patti added that she and Laurie envisioned the Skidmore Block Party as a way “to bring people together to create some neighborhood joy.”

By all measures, it seemed to do just that and served as a great end to summer 2024 in Beaumont-Wilshire!



Happy BWNA Skidmore Block Party event-organizers Patti Koehler (left) and Laurie Webber. Photo by Susan Trabucco.



TOP LEFT: A block party-goer enthralled other attendees with a spectacular light show after dark. Photo by David Friedman.

TOP RIGHT: The "pFriem Team" helping to stock and hand out beer at the block party are from left: pFriem friends Ben, Saul, and Eva Kwitman, and Lila and Thayer White, daughter and husband of Sonya White, a pFriem co-owner. In the background is their son Cole, left, with his friend Oscar. Of note is that the Whites are Beaumont-Wilshire residents. Photo by Susan Trabucco.

BOTTOM LEFT: The Roadless Travelers, a four-piece band from northeast Portland, entertained the crowd with music from the '60s, '70s, and '80s. Photo by Susan Trabucco.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Buckets of chalk made for fun at the block party's kid zone. Special thanks to B-W resident Ann Angulo and her family for setting it up and supervising it the entire night! Photo by Susan Trabucco.



DID YOU KNOW B-W WAS ONCE HOME TO “WILD WOODS”?

by Chris Rauber



In its early days, Beaumont-Wilshire nestled up against “wild woods,” not far from the current Beaumont Middle School. That era was recalled by early resident Elvin Tarlow in an interview taped for Philip Mulkey Hunt’s 1998 neighborhood history, “The Beaumont Profiles.”

According to Tarlow, the area featured a large gravel pit near where NE 41st Avenue meets NE Fremont Street. (*Others recall a gravel pit at NE 33rd and Fremont; Tarlow may have been a little foggy on this detail.*)

Tarlow, who attended Fernwood, Beaumont, Rose City Park, and Alameda schools from 1917 to 1925, recalled deep woods very near what is now Beaumont Village — along with streets lined with maple and other trees whose leaves filled the gutters “almost knee deep for a kid.”

The “Alameda bluff” was wild with woods and a gravel pit near the top of the hill. Tarlow remembered seeing “wagons drawn by horses and men ... shoveling the gravel directly from the bank into the wagons.”

Neighborhood children used to race up and down the gravel banks, and — being kids — “got our clothes filthy, and of course mother raised hell because she had to wash the clothes.”

The whole bank along Wisteria Drive up the ridge “to the Alameda bluff, where the houses were,” Tarlow recalled, was wild, too, full of trilliums and wild strawberries.

A veritable “Garden of Eden,” as he put it elsewhere in his recollections.



Aerial oblique photo from the early 1930s showing a gravel pit site at NE 33rd and Fremont Street. The gravel pit operated between 1890 and 1910 and was later a sanitary landfill from 1923 to 1924. Source: alamedahistory.org.



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ADOPT A PARK BENCH, RECALL A STORY

by Pamela Plimpton

If you've had the chance to walk through Wilshire Park, perhaps you've sat down on one of the benches. Maybe you checked your phone, read a book, or enjoyed a cup of coffee. Maybe you noticed a brass plaque set into the cement slab a foot or so from where the bench rests. If you were curious to see what was on the plaque, you might have read a person's name embossed thereon.

There are five benches in Wilshire Park that have dedicatory plaques embedded next to them. Four of the benches are placed along the walking path on the south side of the park. The first one, starting in the southeast end of the park, reads "Alameda Tuesday Club 100th Anniversary 2013."

"... seeing these plaques reminds me that these people have been honored by others, that each of them has a story."

A little arithmetic tells you that the Alameda Tuesday Club began in 1913. So, were there still founding members around in 2013? If not, how was the legacy carried on? What did the Club do? We may not know the answers, but perhaps that is not the point. The point is the plaque makes us aware of our community, of those that have come before us, and, as we hear children's shouts and laughter from the park's nearby play structures, of those who will continue after we are gone.

Farther down the path we find the next bench. Its plaque is dedicated to Molly Elaine (Fleetwood) Rodway: "Beloved mother, music teacher, care provider, and friend to all creatures, great and small." She must have been a wonderful person. A third bench and its plaque recognize Jim Owens for his service: "Portland Parks Board, 2012 - 2020." A fourth states "In Loving Memory of Yda and Trevor Berrington." On the north side of the park, a plaque placed alongside a bench simply states "In Loving Memory of Barbara York, 2009."

I do not know who any of these people were or are, but just seeing the plaques reminds me that these people have been honored by others, that each of them has a story.

When I sit on or walk by a bench that has a plaque next to it, I feel connected not only to those being honored, but to the community of people who adopted the benches in their honor. These folks are strangers to me, but when they created this opportunity to recognize someone in their circle, they opened themselves to all of us who spend a moment reading the plaque and thinking about what that community's act of recognition means.

The plaque gives us a glimpse into the lives of those commemorated, and, for those who knew or know the ones being honored, it provides them with a reminder of the honorees' stories.

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



Want to Adopt a Bench?

Portland Parks & Recreation's Adopt-A-Bench program offers the opportunity to "commemorate or honor family, friends, or events in one of Portland's parks through the adoption and financial care of a park bench." To adopt a bench in memory of or in honor of a group or individuals, visit tinyurl.com/4d7ct2de.



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TWO POEMS PENNED BY NEIGHBORS

BWNA is fortunate to have two poets on its newsletter team. We suspect there are more poets in the neighborhood — aspiring or otherwise — we just don't know about them ... yet! Feel free to submit a poem to Editor@BWNApdx.org.

Good Fortune

by Tim Gillespie

Look:
a double rainbow out my front window!

Maybe a promise:
better luck ahead.

If not:
a double rainbow out my front window!

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BWNA board member Tim Gillespie was a public school teacher in the Portland area for almost four decades. He is a widely published poet and essayist.



Tim Gillespie

Looking Down the Road

by Chris Rauber

Autumn means the end is closer
than the beginning.
Pumpkins that sleep in August heat
will shortly turn bright orange
like showy leaves that enliven the October view,
before they too depart.

All too soon, cold winds will blow
and ice storms batter.
Let's welcome the glittery leaves
gleaming mounds of squash
gone all Hollywood in Halloween glory.
The brisk air is bracing; embrace it.

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Chris Rauber and his wife, Kim Williams, moved to Portland and B-W in the summer of 2022 after many years in the San Francisco Bay Area. He worked as a journalist at the S.F. Business Times and other publications. He was born in Oregon.



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TO BE IN THE NEWS!

by Susan Trabucco, Editor

Have you ever wondered where we get all the fodder for articles, news, and other info in the newsletter? Typically, it's newsletter team members' observations, a chance chat with neighbors, a little research — and sometimes just plain dumb luck!

That said, we'd love more information coming our way from you. Keep reading for opportunities to have your news, opinion, or fun stuff on the pages of the BWNA newsletter.

Got News?

Does your B-W or adjacent neighborhood business or non-profit organization have news to share with our readers? (Sorry, but for-profit, sales-ish news doesn't qualify.) Email press releases or questions about qualifying criteria to Editor@BWNAPdx.org.

Got a News Tip or Query?

Do you know something others may want to know? Or maybe you're wondering about something we haven't covered? Email Editor@BWNAPdx.org.

Got Events?

Does your B-W or adjacent neighborhood business or non-profit organization have an upcoming event that needs promoting? (Sorry, but for-profit events don't qualify). Send details to Events@BWNAPdx.org.

For Kids!

Do you have a story to tell, a poem bursting from your heart, artwork, or something else you'd like to share in this newsletter? We'd love to include it on our Creative Kids page. Inquire or submit your idea to Editor@BWNAPdx.org.

Got an Opinion?

We welcome letters to the editor or BWNA board that do not exceed 250 words. Subject matter must be relevant to Beaumont-Wilshire and not of a political or religious nature. Email Editor@BWNAPdx.org.

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WHY THE INNER EASTSIDE?

by Tim Root

At home one evening, I listened to the neighbor kids foot racing each other down the street. It made me appreciate the residents before me who made this neighborhood feel friendly and safe. Why then, do some people want to drastically change it?

That is exactly what the group Portland: Neighbors Welcome is planning for the Eastside neighborhoods from roughly 12th to 60th avenues and from Fremont Street to Powell Boulevard. Their plan, Inner Eastside for All, calls for upzoning all single-family residential properties in this designated area to allow apartment buildings and with no off-street parking requirements. Beaumont-Wilshire could see this kind of development in its quiet neighborhoods south of Fremont.

Does this upzoning apply to the entire city? Nope. For decades the City of Portland has dumped its problems on the Eastside. Projects such as the construction of I-5 and the Rose Quarter, the destruction of Black Main Street, and the annexation of Cully and the outer Eastside all helped the city but without much benefit to the existing communities.

OPINION: WHAT I THINK

Now it's the Eastside's burden to solve the city's housing crisis. What about the West Hills, Multnomah Village, and Eastmoreland? Well, those are deemed "environmentally sensitive" areas, so the city can't build apartment buildings in those neighborhoods. Strange, huh?

For years the city has made transit corridors and neighborhood centers — including NE Broadway and NE Sandy — the focus areas for high-density housing. Now, it seems they are intentionally neglecting these areas, instead

trying something different, while many buildings sit vacant along these two transit corridors.

Back to those kids carelessly running down the street — will they still feel safe doing so 10 years from now in the denser "Inner Eastside?"

Tim Root has lived in B-W since 2007. His family is comprised of his wife Jean, a teenage daughter, three cats, and a dog. Tim serves on the BWNA board and chairs the land use committee.



Tim Root

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A BETTER FUTURE FOR OUR CHILDREN IS POSSIBLE

by Joe Stenger, MD

“This is not normal.” “Unprecedented.” “Not here in Portland!” I heard these often during our record-breaking heat in July this year.

Can you imagine that this is likely to have been one of the *coolest* summers of the rest of your life? Rather than being a stable new normal, it’s actually the beginning of worsening heat waves. Even with action to reduce emissions, we must prepare for triple-digit summers and less winter snow in our mountains.

This is not something that will go away if we ignore it. But humans are ingenious and resourceful. We can each do something. Together we can make a safer future.

Start small: plant a tree, eat less meat, go to the store by bike, or enroll in renewable electricity through your utility.

Think bigger: purchase a portable induction electric burner (for under \$100), switch from a gas-burning car to a used EV, reduce your air travel, join the Oregon Community Solar Program, or buy those solar panels that you’ve been considering.



What we do together really counts: support and vote for climate champions, join a climate organization like Mobilizing Climate Action Together (MCAT-climate.org) or Oregon League of Climate Voters (OLCV.org), and participate through a faith community, like Oregon Interfaith Power & Light (tinyurl.com/2wrwd88z).

When we all pitch in, a little can go a long way and truly make a difference. Yes, we can make a better future for our children!”

Joe, married to Kathleen, is a proud grandfather and retired rural family physician; he also worked for nine years as a palliative doctor at Legacy Emanuel. The child of a diplomat, he lived in several countries in his youth. Climate activism with the Metro Climate Action Team, cycling, gardening, and yoga keep him busy.



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STIRRING THE POT

by Mark Cockcroft

This is a dish worthy of a date night or a holiday table, though it's also a snap to put together, making a bit of luxury approachable on a weeknight. A luscious sauce with deep savory notes from the miso and subtle smoky tones from the charred scallions, it's the perfect foil for the tender and juicy steak slices. Almost any meat would work well here — try pork chops, lamb filets, or even venison loin. Don't be afraid to get some real char on the scallions as it really adds a ton of flavor. Serve with rice or mashed potatoes and some sauteed greens for a complete meal. I won't tell if you lick the plate!



Pan Seared Steak with Charred Scallion Miso Cream Sauce

Serves 2 generously

Prep Time: 15 minutes, Cook Time: 30 minutes.

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| 1 bunch of scallions (6 to 8 total),
cleaned and ends trimmed | 1 clove garlic, minced |
| 1½ Tbsp neutral oil (avocado,
grape seed, canola work well),
divided | ¼ c sake, dry vermouth, or
dry sherry |
| 12 oz NY strip, flank, or bavette | ½ c low-sodium beef or chicken
broth |
| Fine sea salt & freshly ground
black pepper | ¾ c heavy cream |
| 1 Tbsp unsalted butter | 1 Tbsp white miso paste |
| 2 tsp fresh ginger, grated | Soy sauce as needed |

Preheat the broiler and set the rack about 4 inches from the heating element. Pat the scallions dry and then rub with ½ Tbsp oil and place on a baking sheet, making sure not to overlap too much. Place the sheet in the oven and cook, turning occasionally, until charred in spots. Remove from the oven and, when cool, finely chop the scallions, then set aside.

Pat dry the steak and season with salt. Place a heavy, medium-size pan over medium-high heat and add the remaining Tbsp of oil. Add the steak and cook undisturbed for a few minutes to develop a nice crust. Turn and cook for another few minutes to richly color the other side. Turn every minute or so until you reach your desired degree of doneness. I prefer medium rare, about 125 °F on an instant-read thermometer. Place the meat on a cutting board and set aside.

Turn the heat down to medium low and add the butter. When melted, add the ginger and garlic, and sauté for a minute. Add the chopped scallions and sake, and cook for a few minutes until reduced by half. Add the broth, cream, miso, and any accumulated meat juices. Turn the heat up to high and stir to incorporate the miso.

Add a few generous pinches of freshly ground black pepper and let the sauce bubble away until it has reduced a bit and coats the back of a spoon. Turn the heat off and check for seasoning, adding a few splashes of soy sauce if necessary to further enhance the savory notes of the sauce. Pour the sauce into shallow bowls or plates, slice the meat, and arrange nicely on top of the sauce. Enjoy!

WORD SEARCH

by Amaan Mohiuddin

Search up, down, and on the diagonal to find the hidden words.



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