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BWNA Calendar of Events

Community Events

39th Anniversary Celebration at The Arrangement
 Saturday, May 4
 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
 4210 NE Fremont Street
 (see article page 14 for details)

Friends of Wilshire Park
 Wednesdays: May 8, June 12, and July 10
 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
 Bethany Lutheran Church
 NE Skidmore and 37th Fellowship Hall
 (in basement; use walkway on Skidmore side of church)

Cully Cleanup 2019
 Saturday, May 25
 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
 Trinity Lutheran Church and School, 5520 NE Killingsworth
 (details on what will and will not be accepted provided at <http://www.cullyneighbors.org/cully-clean-up/>)

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BWNA outreach on display at Taste of Beaumont

by Al Ellis

How is a neighborhood association relevant to the community? What is its mission? Where's the benefit? If this rings of cross-examination, it's because, in a real sense, the city's entire neighborhood association system has been on trial for some months now, challenged to the core by Portland's nascent Office of Community & Civic Life (formerly Office of Neighborhood Involvement), under the direction of Commissioner Chloe Eudaly. That said, a probing inquiry calls for a substantive response, which came at BWNA's Taste of Beaumont on April 2.

Inspired by a Taste of Beaumont attendee's suggestion that a statement of purpose be added to a BWNA resolution to retain Portland's neighborhood association system, the following message was unanimously approved during the general meeting.

Message to the Office of Community & Civic Life: The mission of BWNA is to enhance civic life and community engagement by serving as a forum for discussion of livability issues, a conduit for individual and group initiatives, and a facilitator of neighborhood improvement projects.

You can read the entire text of the resolution in this issues Editor's Notes on page 3 and read more about the annual Taste of Beaumont event on page 5.





President's message

by Tim Hemstreet

A time to serve: BWNA seeking board members

April's Taste of Beaumont came off as a success thanks to the dedicated efforts of BWNA Board members and terrific participation by many neighborhood establishments (as detailed in Al Ellis' article on the event). Thanks particularly to BWNA Vice President Kathy Campbell and Past President John Sandie. While everyone seemed to have a great time, unfortunately our elections resulted in no volunteers to fill open positions on the BWNA Board of Directors. With Roger Price electing not to serve another 2-year term, we now have five open positions. This was Roger's second stint on the board, and I extend many thanks for his service and sound counsel during our meetings, as well as his dedicated work on our neighborhood events.

This shortfall of board members makes it more challenging to organize and work within the neighborhood to improve our community. Knowing that life is ever busier, especially for those that are working and with school-age children, I think it would be useful to detail exactly what being an "at-large" board member entails, because the fact is, it's not burdensome and is rewarding in many ways. A board member is expected to regularly attend monthly 90-minute meetings (generally held on the second Monday evening of the month) as well as support and help implement our neighborhood events (two of which—Taste of Beaumont and National Night Out Picnic—take the place of general meetings in April and August, respectively). We also ask that board members provide input to and, if so desired, take the lead on crafting BWNA policies and organizing activities beneficial to the neighborhood. And through affiliation with the BWNA board,

members often engage further in issues and policy discussions in the city that have an impact on our neighborhood. Some of the issues that BWNA engages in include land-use issues (i.e., zoning along NE Fremont, the Residential Infill Project), transportation issues (i.e., advocacy for improved TriMet Line 24/Fremont service), parks and nature spaces (i.e., BWNA committee Friends of Wilshire Park), and community building (i.e., Taste of Beaumont, Movies in the Park, National Night Out). We also collaborate with the Beaumont Business Association (BBA) in activities that enrich neighborhood livability and promote the business community. One such project on the horizon is a welcome package distributed to newly moved-in neighbors that would include a "Welcome Neighbor Discount Pass" for use when patronizing BBA-member businesses. We have a great group of board members and I hope you consider joining us. Please reach out to me or any board member if you are interested in serving on the board.

Lastly, if you have any interesting history or insights related to Beaumont-Wilshire, I invite you to submit a paragraph or two about the topic(s) to Newsletter Editor Al Ellis so the information can be shared for the enlightenment of us all about this interesting place we call home. Our neighborhood has a lot of history and unique features, and if there is a fact, story, or tidbit that you find interesting and think others would find so as well, please submit under the heading of "Beaumont Behind the Scenes," as John Sandie has done for this issue (see page 11). I look forward to seeing your submissions this spring and summer. Enjoy the longer days and warmer weather!

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Editor's notes

by Al Ellis

Nostalgia is inescapable, and no more so than during May-June's homestretch to summer vacation.

I remember every May feeling as if summer vacation would never arrive, and when it finally did in June—what a magic moment it was! I also remember as a kid loving to watch cartoons on TV, with Popeye the Sailor Man at the top of my list. One particular episode, "Leave Well Enough Alone," remains embedded in my memory to this day, especially its catchy theme song sung by the sailor man himself in that inimitable raspy voice: "Leave well enough alone, why should I want to roam, I know me stuff and I'm smart enough to leave well enough alone!" (ending with two toots on his pipe). Along with the memorable tune, the song's "grass is always greener" message resonated with me long after the TV series folded and has carried into my adult life, including my volunteer work for BWNA.

As editor, I walk the line between standing pat with what has and still is working well for the newsletter and taking a risk to rock the boat via innovation. But there's also risk in "leaving well enough alone" (i.e., if the "well enough" isn't good enough). One thing's for sure: throwing the baby out with the bathwater is never a smart move, and, as the front-page article intimates, it's a fate that could be awaiting our heretofore venerated neighborhood association system (replacing it with who knows what). BWNA recommends leaving well enough alone, as outlined in the following resolution.

Resolution for the retention of Portland's neighborhood association system:

Whereas, equity and inclusiveness are fundamental American societal objectives;

Whereas, participatory democracy is essential to fairness in decision-making;

Whereas, neighborhood associations are open to participation by all residents;

Whereas, neighborhood association Board elections afford the opportunity for any resident to represent the neighborhood in a leadership role;

Whereas, community outreach is essential to the viability of a neighborhood association, with broad-based resident participation a key factor;

Whereas, neighborhood association coalitions provide an organizational conduit for project networking and a funding source for community outreach and communication through multiple programs and activities, *such as newsletters*;

Whereas, neighborhood associations and coalitions should be accountable for providing an open and inclusive environment that advances equity;

Whereas, the mission of neighborhood associations is to enhance civic life and community engagement by serving as a forum for discussion on livability issues, a conduit for individual and group initiatives, and a facilitator of neighborhood improvement projects; therefore, be it **RESOLVED** that Portland's system of neighborhood associations and coalition organizations merits retention and continued support from the City of Portland Office of Community & Civic Life.

No, the actual resolution doesn't have "such as newsletters" in italics (I couldn't help myself), and the board may still decide to tweak the wording a bit. But the basic evidence-based planks of the resolution warrant dissemination to neighborhood associations for endorsement and City Hall for consideration. Nostalgia is not a factor.

One final note: welcome to new advertiser ADUplusYOU; see ad on page 11.

Calendar of Events (cont.)

Beaumont Business Assoc. Dash to Donuts
Sunday, June 2
9:00 a.m.-noon
(participants meet at Foot Traffic, corner of 41st and Fremont; contact beaumontbusinesses@gmail.com with questions)

Neighborhood Associations Rock exhibition
Tuesday, July 2
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Elisabeth Jones Art Center
516 NW 14th Avenue

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 in Fellowship Hall
(down walkway on Skidmore side)

Monday, May 13: Board Meeting

Monday, June 10: General Meeting

Monday, July 8: Board Meeting

BWNA Newsletter

Submission Deadline

Friday, June 14 (for the July-August newsletter)

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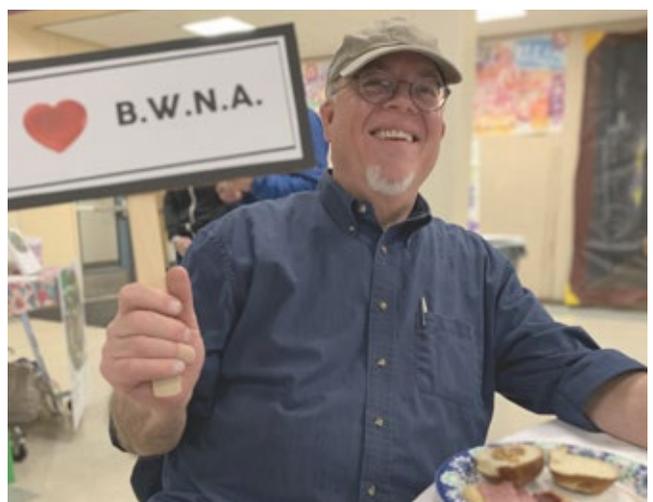
Taste of Beaumont (continued)

Beaumont Middle School—the educational hub of Beaumont Village and about as central to the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood as a location can be—was the venue for Taste of Beaumont. The program included musical entertainment, dining, and raffle prizes—all free of charge—and an opportunity to weigh in on neighborhood concerns at a BWNA general meeting. The event was well attended by neighbors, Beaumont MS students, and parents.

The delightful evening was kicked off by a sparkling performance by the exceptionally gifted ensemble of student musicians that comprise the **Beaumont Middle School Jazz Ambassadors** under the direction of equally gifted and dynamic **Cynthia Plank**. The Ambassadors were enthusiastically received by an appreciative audience, who sat at cafeteria tables covered by white tablecloths (courtesy of the **Beaumont Middle School PTA**) and lovely floral arrangements (courtesy of **Beaumont Florists**). Food, refreshments, and raffle prizes were in plentiful supply thanks to the **BWNA board** and generous donations from participating merchants:

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VP Kathy Campbell and Secretary Barbara Strunk (top photo, right) were approved for another 2-year term, continuing to serve with fellow incumbents President Tim Hemstreet and Treasurer Karla Lenox. However, five of 10 at-large board positions remained open by the end of the evening, and BWNA will continue the search.



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A neighborhood for the birds

by Patrick Slabe

Editor's note: A B-W resident and Portland Audubon Society board member, Patrick was one of the Friends of Wilshire Park volunteers who came both days in early spring to pitch wood chips onto the Wilshire Park jogging trail. His article shares observations (and photos) about birds that feel right at home in Beaumont-Wilshire.

I started out as a gardener. Over the years I removed our lawn and in its place planted shrubs, flowers, trees, and ground covers, focusing on native plants. I began to notice more birds, butterflies, bees, and other creatures in the yard. My wife and I added birdbaths, hummingbird suet, and sunflower feeders, and I began tracking which species of birds I saw from the yard. At first I had low expectations, but to date have counted 51 species—some seasonal, some year round, others rare, and some seen flying overhead.

Several Anna's hummingbirds frequent the yard year round. In spring we watch their courting



ritual; in winter we bring the feeder inside nightly to thaw. A song sparrow nests every year in the barberry. Flickers, downy woodpeckers, juncos, and lesser goldfinches are regulars. Once a valley quail mysteriously appeared; I never understood why it was in the neighborhood. Blue herons and bald eagles have flown overhead. Very rarely a western tanager and lazuli bunting will appear momentarily. My wife once observed a sharp-shinned hawk swoop down upon a feeder, capturing a small bird. Autumn brings varied thrushes that remain until spring, as well as the cedar waxwings that strip our crabapple tree of all its berries.

To attract more birds, remove some lawn, add native plants, feeders, and a bird bath. Buy a good bird book. A pair of binoculars will open up a whole new world. Good sources of information include Backyard Bird Shop and Portland Audubon. Most of all, listen, observe, and enjoy.

Top to bottom: Downy woodpecker, varied thrush, and cedar waxwing. Photos provided by Patrick Slabe

Goings on at Wilshire Park

by Peter Mogielnicki

Things continue to happen at Wilshire Park, helped along by the monthly meetings and volunteer efforts of its active Friends. In mid-March joggers and walkers may have noticed the appearance of multiple mulch mountains along the park's south path. Soon, some hardy B-W residents equipped with pitchforks, rakes, and wheelbarrows responded to a call for assistance by BWNA-affiliated Friends of Wilshire Park (FOP) and redistributed the mulch along the path and in the nearby NatureSpace. With the arrival of spring-like days, new native plants in the NatureSpace began to show off—red currant flowers (*Ribes sanguineum*) offering up breakfast to newly emerged native bees, Oregon fawn lilies (*Erythronium oregonum*) about to do the same, and leaf buds of the cascara trees (*Rhamnus purshiana*) testing the weather. People were also breaking their hibernation, with NatureSpace logs and boulders getting good use by kids and pets alike.

Red currant (top), fawn lily (bottom). Photos provided by Peter Mogielnicki



Not uncommon during the volunteer work, passing walkers and joggers offered an appreciative “thank you” or an encouraging “great job.” The rare passersby who asked why Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) personnel weren't doing the work instead of residents were reminded of the \$6.3 million budget shortfall PP&R is facing and the even more painful prospect of having to lay off 50 employees (*Portland Tribune*, March 23, 2019), pending council approval.

Despite the headwinds, FOP continues to work toward improving this valuable community asset. A fund-raising drive to replace aging playground equipment is planned, and a water source for the dog park is being explored. Updates can be found on the FOP website (<https://www.friendsofwilshirepark.org/>), and anyone motivated to improve the park is invited to attend meetings on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement activity room of Bethany Lutheran Church (NE Skidmore and 37th Avenue).

BWNA newsletter printer fittingly global

by John Sandie

On the last page of the newsletter, two coupons jump out: one for a discount on a passport photo, the other on shipping services. And at the very bottom of the ad, in uppercase italicized letters, the UPS Store at 3439 Sandy Boulevard is proudly identified as *PRINTER OF THE BEAUMONT-WILSHIRE NEWSLETTER*.

When I stopped by the UPS Store in early April, Kamal Grover had just returned from a three-week trip to Europe. His primary purpose was to see his son graduate from a program at Oxford in England, but he included

some stops on the Continent as well. As a small business owner and operator, opportunities like that don't come often, and he made the best of it. As a rule, Kamal tries to take off weekends, filling most of his leisure time with family activities. A family man to the core, he understandably glowed with pride as he spoke of his only son, who graduated from the Oxford program and had previously obtained electrical engineering and MBA degrees from other schools.

The path Kamal followed to the store on Sandy took a few twists and turns from his home in India. And yes, the surname Grover would not be considered typical Indian. Even Kamal is not sure of the origin of the name. Familiar with his family history going back several generations, he suspects there's a British colonial link. Kamal grew up in New Delhi with his brother and sister, his father working in the financial and banking industries. After trying college for a couple of years, Kamal joined a company that specialized in supplying fiberglass items (such as chairs and displays) for the exposition industry. Through those connections he eventually set out on his own and became a top-tier certified general contractor for a development company that was heavily involved in public works projects (such as convention centers), despite the fact that he had no formal academic civil engineering training. It was there he honed his entrepreneurial spirit.



Kamal Grover (left), owner of The UPS Store at NE 34th and Sandy Boulevard, with employee Amanda. Photo by John Sandie

As is true of many immigrants, the initial draw to America was related to the presence of family. Kamal's brother and wife had come to America in the 1970s and became US citizens in 1979. This was key, as his brother could now act as a sponsor for Kamal and his wife when they arrived in the mid '80s. The significant cultural change and strong family ties left behind in India proved a difficult hurdle to overcome, and Kamal and his wife returned to India after a few years. However, in the late 1990s a desire to seek opportunities in America—not the least of which was education—prompted them to give relocating another try. Initially, Kamal had dreams of

opening a motel, but Y2K and 911 fears, coupled with an economic downturn, altered his plans, and he ended up going into partnership with his sister, who already had a franchise with Mailboxes, Etc. (later bought out by UPS). Despite a couple of early location ownership changes, the brother-sister team has stayed the course with UPS for 18 years, Kamal managing the Sandy store, his sister the same at the Hawthorne location. That said, Kamal continues to talk with friends who manage motels and has not abandoned pursuing that dream again in the future.

Over the last 20 years, the Indian community has grown significantly in Portland, primary due to large contingences working at Intel and OHSU. His brother used to find it necessary to make the trek in from Hood River (where his business is located) periodically to one particular Portland market that stocked spices and other cultural items (think DVDs) from India. Today there are over 20 such establishments, along with many temples, meeting the cultural needs of the Metro Indian community.

Kamal Grover deals with global logistics on a daily basis at UPS, and now you've glimpsed how his life path has a definitive global feel to it as well.



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What's up in downtown Beaumont Village?

by Susan Trabucco

With the admirable goal of creating a main street-like feel for visitors to Beaumont Village, the nonprofit Beaumont Business Association (BBA) is busy turning its vision into a reality. Andrew (“Andy”) Frazier, principal of Frazier Wealth Management (a newsletter advertiser) is the association’s president. Recently he provided a rundown of what’s in the works at this energized organization, with visuals high on BBA’s list.

Public Art

“Expect to see more street art installations going up on Fremont,” Frazier said. He mentioned a recently installed mosaic tile mural outside The Arrangement (a newsletter advertiser). The art piece was part of the Dan Ennis Memorial art project by Hail Mary, for which money was raised via Go Fund Me drives and community donations.

Coming in the May-June timeframe is an art installation near Foot Traffic, at the corner of 41st and Fremont. The artwork, a five-foot metal sphere by Portland metal artist Ivan McLean, was funded jointly by the BBA and a grant from Venture Portland. That project is part of place-making efforts for the entrance to Beaumont Village. “We talked to Dave Pietka, one of the Foot Traffic’s owners, to discuss the concept,” said Frazier. “He had some ideas which were in alignment with our board’s thinking, so we moved forward on it.”

Flower Baskets

With spring come showers, then flowers, and the hope is to secure funding from donors and sponsors to continue the flower basket program paid for last year by BBA. The association did so to give business owners a chance to see how it improved the urban district. Now, however, the rubber meets the proverbial road as the association seeks the \$7,500 necessary to fund and maintain the baskets. Sponsors (who do not need to be business



Andrew Frazier, pictured, is president of the Beaumont Business Association. He’s standing next to a sculpture by local metal artist Ivan McLean. A piece similar to the one pictured here is slated for installation near Foot Traffic at NE 41st and Fremont streets as part of the BBA’s place-making efforts. Look for it by early summer. Photo by Susan Trabucco

owners) funding a basket at the \$1,500 level will get a return on their investment by way of 12 months of advertising on each of the 18 light poles from which the baskets will be hanging, plus extensive additional marketing exposure. Frazier will be among the sponsors: “This is a way of doing something good for the betterment of the community.”

Kiosks

Another BBA project likely of interest to visitors is the purchase and installation of a series of informational kiosks along Fremont Street. Currently there’s one outside both Batter restaurant and Beaumont Market, and three others will be installed by summer’s end. Kiosks will display a Beaumont Village map and be interactive to facilitate scavenger hunts and promote events.

June 2 – Dash to Doughnuts

This 3k fun run with obstacle course challenges will be hosted by local businesses. Pips Doughnuts will be waiting at the finish line! (See newsletter calendar for details.)

August 4 - Fremont Fest

Preliminary plans include the continuation of last year’s popular Kid Zone, and possibly the addition of a beer garden that would begin in the afternoon and go into the evening.

Alameda Brewing Space

And lastly, for those wondering what’s happening with the Alameda Brewing building, Andy revealed that it’s been purchased recently by two men “known to Beaumont Village, who are actively talking with many interested restaurateurs.”

For more information about the BBA, to find out how to sponsor the flower basket program, or to become a BBA donor or member, visit www.beaumontvillagepdx.com.



B-W Behind the Scenes: How Anchor End Bakery got its name

by John Sandie

Editor's note: At our annual newsletter team get-together, Tim Hemstreet suggested that we encourage B-W residents to submit "snippets" (i.e., short informational articles) relating to Beaumont-Wilshire's past or present. John Sandie came up with "Beaumont behind the scenes" as a title for the new feature and penned the first snippet. Whether it's historical information about the neighborhood or something current, send it my way (editor@bwna.us).

So, what's in a name? While seeking local business support for our annual Taste of Beaumont, I talked with Amanda from Anchor End (located at Fremont and 47th), whose tasty cuisine added to the event's great food choices! Curious about the name Anchor End, I inquired about its origin. To my surprise, Amanda answered that the name emanates from a punk rock band song! Subtly and correctly assuming that I was not familiar with the piece, Amanda pointed out the neon sign displayed on their back wall, which reads "All my friends are anchor end." Later I googled the lyrics and found a video of a group called "A Wilhelm Scream" performing the song. Fortunately, there were printed lyrics under the video; but even after a couple of readings, I wasn't sure if this phrase was meant to be a positive message or expression of disappointment. Upon reflection, I decided it was more the former than the latter and interpreted it to mean that "grounded" friends

help us through tough times. While "A Wilhelm Scream" will not displace Led Zeppelin and CSNY from my play list, I do appreciate creativity in songwriting as the expression of one's inner thoughts for public consumption. That said, I didn't get an opportunity to confirm my interpretation with Amanda or find out why she feels strongly enough about the lyric to use it as a business name. I'll leave that for you to discover next time you see Amanda working the counter.

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~Larry & Mary G, Grant Park

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A tale of Russia and neighborhood for BWNA Board member/newsletter editor Al Ellis

by Mark Mohammadpour

This month we're profiling former BWNA President and current Newsletter Editor Al Ellis!

Al was born and raised in the San Francisco Bay Area and came to Oregon to attend Willamette University, where he double-majored in Russian and political science and later earned a Master of Education degree. His Russian language study began in the California high school he attended, continued through college, and eventually afforded him the opportunity to teach Russian (and social studies) on the high-school level in Portland Public Schools as well as travel to the USSR/Russia several times as supervisor on student exchange programs. Al retired after 30 years teaching full time, then worked part time as a Graduate Education Department adjunct instructor at Portland State University, International Baccalaureate Russian teacher, and Russian language and culture consultant. Several years later Al was fully retired and shifted his focus to traveling internationally with family and friends (including additional trips to Russia) and volunteering to serve on the boards of two nonprofits: Portland's Russian sister city association (Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association) and BWNA.

How long have you lived in the neighborhood, and what's your favorite part of living in the neighborhood?

In 1977, my wife and I went from renting to home ownership, purchasing an early twentieth-century fixer-upper located on 49th, between Klickitat and Siskiyou—just down the street from Stanich's. In 1990, with two young daughters in tow, we upsized to a more spacious home across the street from beautiful Wilshire Park, which is a joy to view and experience in all seasons. I love the vitality of this neighborhood—young families walking baby carriages and dogs, ubiquitous joggers and bicyclists, majestic trees and lush gardens, a wide array of wonderful shops, cafes, restaurants, and taverns within walking distance, and of course the neighbor-helping-neighbor spirit embodied in our neighborhood association.

What new local business excites you, and why?

After the dismaying loss in recent years of several mainstay neighborhood businesses, it's reassuring to see all the rejuvenation that has taken place. For instance, we were greatly saddened by the folding of Fire and Stone and Perlot—both first-rate restaurants with neighborhood-supportive ownership—but subsequently elated



Former BWNA President and current newsletter editor and board member Al Ellis. Photo provided by Mark Mohammadpour

by the success of businesses like Pips Original Donuts, Tacovore, and Wild Hearts Wellness. I'm hopeful that uniquely named Anchor End Eurocafe & Bakery can make a go of it in what would seem to be one of the most advantageous locations in our neighborhood, but one that has, for whatever reasons, witnessed successive restaurant closings (Alameda Cafe and Thrive). As for personal favorites, you can't beat The Arrangement for quality merchandise and friendly service, Beaumont Florist for exquisite floral arrangements, Americana Frame for selection and craftsmanship, and Beaumont Hardware for prompt, expert advice to go along with ample inventory.

What does being a board member mean to you?

We are indeed fortunate to live in lovely Beaumont-Wilshire, and I'm gratified to be able to give back to a neighborhood that has provided a wonderful environment in which to raise a family, make friends, and live a healthy, happy life. I've especially enjoyed my time on the board serving in leadership positions—first as BWNA President for several years, and now as BWNA Newsletter editor—through which I've been able to craft agendas, motivate civic participation, and steward activities to enhance livability.

What are the issues you want to help address as a board member?

Several years ago at the end of my tenure as BWNA president, I helped create, as well as name, the Beaumont-Wilshire-based grassroots preservation organization known as UNR (United Neighborhoods for Reform), which subsequently garnered endorsement from over 50 neighborhood associations or a resolution calling for a decrease in the incidence of single-family home demolitions, codifying of requirements for responsible demolition practices, and discouraging of willy-nilly development dismissive of neighborhood character. My priorities as a BWNA board member are to continue to advocate for UNR objectives, to promote closer ties between BWNA and BBA (Beaumont Business Association), to support CNN (Central Northeast Neighbors) outreach efforts to the homeless, and to lobby the City Council to reject any proposals that would dismantle our neighborhood association system.

Thank you, Al, for your service to our community!

The Arrangement: 39 beautiful years in Beaumont-Wilshire

by Joanie Donnelly

Sue Mautz started her Fremont Street business in 1980 as a small flower arrangement and wreath-making shop, and The Arrangement has grown into a successful fixture in the B-W neighborhood. The shop's diverse and unique selection of merchandise has universal appeal, and Sue Mautz's dedication to beauty, harmony, and comfort has created a community gathering space that many visit not just for shopping, but to reconnect with friends and take a breather from life's hectic pace.

Sue has hired 70 women over the years—some of them friends, some moms with small children, some high-school students, and some neighbors—one of

whom has worked at The Arrangement for 35 years! Additionally, The Arrangement has advertised in the BWNA newsletter since 2014.

The Arrangement's 39th anniversary celebration takes place on Saturday, May 4, and features discounts, surprise gifts, and refreshments. Unfortunately, some residents may not receive delivery of this issue of the newsletter until after May 4, but drop by later to commemorate the anniversary. Hours are Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., and Sundays 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., with off-street parking available.



A light and healthy dish for spring/summer from Kathy's Kitchen!
by Kathy Campbell

Greek Chickpeas and Spinach

1 large onion, peeled and finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, pressed or minced
2 tsp olive oil
2 c precooked chickpeas or one 15-oz can garbanzo beans, drained and rinsed

2 Tb fresh dill weed, finely chopped
½ lb fresh spinach, cleaned and chopped or torn into bite-size pieces
2 Tb lemon juice

Using a large frying pan, sauté onion and garlic in oil over medium heat for 2 minutes. Add chickpeas and dill. Stir-fry for 5 minutes. Add the spinach, a little at a time. Drizzle lemon juice over all the ingredients and cover the pan. Cook 5 minutes or until the spinach shrinks. Stir to combine. Serve hot.

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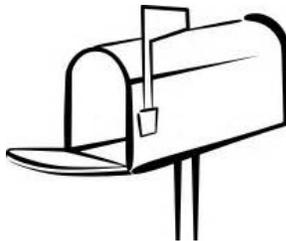
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Letter to the Board: The GLB blues

by Nancy Mogielnicki

Once upon a time, I was annoyed by the noise of gas leaf blowers (GLBs) as I walked around the neighborhoods of NE Portland. But now my opinion has changed: I am *appalled* not only by the noise, but also by the public health threats caused by noxious emissions and airborne particulates. I had no idea these little two-stroke engines had such a large toxic footprint.

We should be concerned about the users, whether landscape workers, homeowners, or landlords, because gas leaf blowers emit toxic chemicals and deafening noise that affect health both immediately and long term. We should be concerned about the neighborhood because of the noise and because leaf blowers create “fugitive dust” that lingers in the air and contributes to respiratory conditions. We should be concerned about our gardens as leaf blowers erode and compact the soil and leak gas and oil. And we should be concerned about the planet as GLBs require fossil fuel extraction and emit CO₂.



Gardening season is here, and each of us has decisions to make regarding our own little plots of lawn and garden. Here are some ideas to consider or discuss with your landscaper to reduce the need for leaf blowers:

- 1) Please leave the grass clippings on the lawn rather than blowing them around with a leaf blower. They are a natural fertilizer, beneficial for the lawn, and will decompose and disappear quickly.
- 2) Please leave some leaves around garden plants. They provide good mulch as well as beneficial cover for pollinators and other insects.
- 3) When garden maintenance equipment needs replacement, please opt for an electric model (corded or battery) or consider a manual leaf sweeper or even a rake! Electric equipment is an investment but will pay for itself by saving maintenance and fuel costs.

Here's to a quieter, healthier Beaumont-Wilshire!

The joy of gardening and neighborhood with assist from local businesses

by Diane Charlton

Editor's note: Diane and Baer Charlton are past co-editors of this newsletter and owners of Americana Frame, a newsletter advertiser. Diane continues to contribute to our newsletter with articles reflecting a love of neighborhood and compassion for pets.

Ahhh, springtime and early summer mean beautiful gardens to enjoy in our neighborhood. My husband, Baer, and I took out our front and backyard grass lawns 20+ years ago and planted gardens instead. We've never regretted that decision. It is a joy each spring to witness our yard and those of our neighbors in bloom with flowers, fruits, and vegetables. To find your very own landscaping inspiration, take a walk around our great neighborhood. Then check out these helpful local resources nearby.

Bloem (the Dutch spelling as a nod to the owner's heritage) was launched in October 2016 by Vanessa Guzman in the 42nd Avenue business district (4205 NE Alberta Street, 503-765-6175, open Monday through Friday from noon to 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Vanessa expanded on her successful wedding floral and landscaping businesses and previous Pop-Up stores to secure a delightful garden store with a wide selection of succulents, other plants, flowers, and pottery. Vanessa is a gardening enthusiast with knowledge to share.

Garden Fever, owned by Lori and Richard Vollmer, is a community-favorite nursery located on Fremont and 24th (3433 NE 24th Avenue, 503-287-3200, open every day from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) You'll find good plants, good tools, good dirt, and sustainable gardening advice. This store has everything you need or want—a jewel of a shop to visit and enjoy.

Or, if growing your own flowers isn't your thing, zip on over to **Beaumont Florist** (4201 NE Fremont Street, 503-281-5501). Under the ownership of Amy Walling since September 2016, it continues to be our favorite place to go for floral arrangements. The shop's rich history lives on with beautifully customized arrangements and excellent customer service.

Remember that your pets enjoy gardens, too. Take a walk with your dog(s), and let your cat(s) enjoy springtime from the comfort of their indoor window perch. Hopefully you already shop at Beaumont Village's **Green Dog Pet Supply** (4327 NE Fremont Street, 503-528-1800), which has everything for your pets.

Enjoy the spring/summer beauty of our Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood, and while you're out on a walk, please pick up and properly dispose of litter. Keep B-W nice.

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