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## Land Use Board of Appeals Remands Permit for Controversial Northeast Fremont Development

By BWNRG and Al Ellis

It's hard to believe that it's been almost 19 months since 400 neighbors formed a standing room only crowd at Bethany Lutheran Church to discuss the four-story building with no parking planned for our neighborhood. Not long after that meeting, Beaumont-Wilshire Neighbors for Responsible Growth (BWNRG) formed to reduce the impact of the building and to address the issue citywide.

Beaumont-Wilshire Neighbors for Responsible Growth's hundreds of hours of work this past year directly initiated changes that the city of Portland made to respond to such exploitive development. Working with a coalition of other neighborhood groups, the City Council was persuaded last spring to adopt minimum parking requirements for developments like the 4-story, 50-unit building on NE Fremont. And after weathering months of delays by developer Wally Remmers, BWNRG was finally able to make its case in November regarding code violations to the state's Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA). In a decision issued in early December, LUBA remanded the city-issued permit for the Beaumont Village Apartments. Remmers was ordered to make fixes to his controversial project, such as finding another place for the project's drywell that

meets code-required building and property line setbacks.

"While we thought that the flaws in the development were serious enough for LUBA to reverse the city's issuance of a permit, this is still a win," said John Golden of BWNRG, "because it shows neighbor activists can make a difference in bringing a development up to code and keeping developers accountable."

"We have never been anti-density," said Margaret Davis of BWNRG. "But this building was too big for its site and would bring unmitigated traffic and safety impacts with such a large number of units and no parking."

Even though LUBA didn't agree with all of the errors BWNRG found in the project, the fight is a successful part of a citywide Neighbors for Responsible Growth movement that advocates for sustainable development. Under the remand, the city has a chance to give the Beaumont Village Apartments another look, and BWNRG urges residents across the city to continue to promote responsible growth in their neighborhoods.

Visit <http://bwnrg.blogspot.com> for more information.



Beaumont Village Apartments





## President's Message Probing Purposes and Priorities

By Al Ellis

**A**ncient Athenian philosopher Socrates maintained that the unexamined life is not worth living—an extreme credo to be sure, but one that eventually formed the basis for modern scientific inquiry. Not to mention the New Year's tradition of resolutions—our annual reexamination of life's purposes and priorities, when we vow to learn from mistakes

and make good on unfulfilled promises. But Socrates would undoubtedly have questioned the wisdom of limiting such personal introspection to a yearly ritual; indeed, he was an advocate of continually investigating every aspect of existence, seeking answers and insights through the use of probing questions—a learning technique now referred to as the Socratic Method.

So consider the following Socratic-inspired supposition: the unexamined neighborhood association is not worth convening. A bit harsh, perhaps? No doubt. (In fact, one could easily conclude that the statement is downright draconian!) Nonetheless, periodic questioning of BWNA's purposes and priorities has, on balance, benefitted both the organization and the neighborhood as a whole. With that in mind, and in the spirit of the Socratic Method, let's do a little probing:

**Question #1:** Practically speaking, what can BWNA achieve for its residents?

Answer: Communication and organization. In terms of communication, BWNA meetings and events provide opportunities for neighbors to socialize and touch base on issues of common interest. Additionally, the BWNA Web site & blog ([www.bwna.us](http://www.bwna.us)), e-mail lists, and newsletter help keep residents informed of local

happenings and aware of each other's needs and concerns. With respect to organization, BWNA has a strong track record of advocating at City Hall and elsewhere for programs and ordinances that enhance the livability of our neighborhood—from traffic calming projects (like the installation of speed bumps on Wistaria Drive) to opposition to a residential cell tower to changes in building codes to require on-site parking for large apartment buildings.

**Question #2:** How is BWNA limited in what it can achieve for its residents?

Answer: Neighborhood associations are prohibited from endorsing ballot measures or candidates. Nor can they become involved in legal proceedings.

And votes taken at a general meeting are advisory, with final approval needed from the Board of Directors. Lastly, BWNA has no tax-exempt nonprofit status in and of itself; that legal umbrella is provided by Central NE Neighbors.

**Question #3:** What are BWNA's priorities for the coming year?

Answer: A major priority for 2014 will be to fill vacancies—two on the Board and at least two reporters/writers for the Newsletter. Newsletter route deliverers are also needed.

At the heart of BWNA's success are its volunteers, especially the Board and Newsletter staff. Without these dedicated Good Samaritans, BWNA doesn't function.

Other priorities? You tell us. It's your neighborhood, your opportunity to influence BWNA's priorities & purposes. Resolve to become an active participant in BWNA!



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# Letter to the Board

from John Sandie

I've had the good fortune to grow up and live in neighborhoods that all created a sense of extended family; helping hands were an easy phone call or knock on a door away. In Midland MI while we were just starting out raising our family, there was a core group of 5-6 that called ourselves "senior achievement"; and we helped each other with many home improvement projects, moves and other activities over the years - where multiple hands made light work of many an endeavor. I often got more enjoyment and satisfaction working on others' projects than when doing my own.

I'd like to try and create a group of fellow Beaumont-Wilshire neighbors that could act as that helpful hand for neighbors that find it difficult to do fairly simple tasks and maintenance around their house —that yard work or simple touch up painting that is more physically challenging than it used to be, either through temporary or longer term health issues.

I envision a monthly "working bee", where the group tackles preplanned simple projects that may require 3-4 hours of volunteering. You wouldn't need to be a particularly talented handyperson, we'd keep the jobs fairly simple, never requiring permits and could benefit from an extra set of hands. Neighbors could contact the group directly with requests for themselves or recommendations of help for others.

I'm using this forum to see what level of interest there may be to get involved in a volunteer opportunity that directly benefits our Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood.

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**Monday, February 10th - 7:00PM**

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Bethany Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall  
NE Skidmore Entrance

**Friday, February 14th**

Deadline and Payment for ads and articles  
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Naturescaping Workshop, Hollywood Library  
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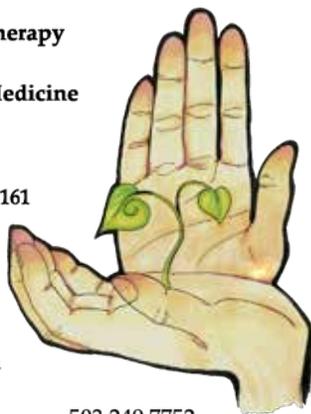
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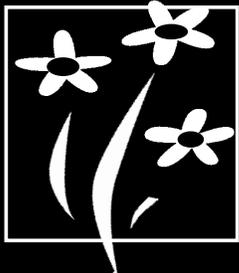


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# Grandpa's Oatmeal Cookies

Submitted by Serah Breakstone

My grandfather was a big fan of dessert, and these cookies were his favorite lunchtime dessert. Not dinner dessert, mind you. Dinner dessert was always ice cream. When he was still alive, he made these cookies at least once a month so that any time I visited, I could always find a cookie jar full of them. The recipe is very simple, I'm not sure why they are so good — maybe it's the shortening, or maybe it's the memory. They are light and crispy and will never go stale (if they last that long). Enjoy!

Here's the recipe:

- 1 cup shortening (I use ½ cup shortening + ½ cup butter instead)
- 1 cup white sugar
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking soda
- ½ tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 2 cups quick oats
- 1 cup raisins
- ½ cup nuts (I prefer pecans)



## Directions

1. In a large bowl, cream together shortening/butter, white sugar, and brown sugar until smooth. Beat in the eggs until fluffy.
2. In a separate bowl, stir together flour, baking soda, baking powder, and salt. Gradually beat into shortening mixture.
3. Stir in oats, raisins and nuts.
4. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto ungreased cookie sheets.
5. Bake at 350 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Makes about 4 dozen cookies, depending on size.



## BWNA Recipe Box

Welcome to a new, and hopefully permanent, addition to the BWNA newsletter: our neighborhood recipe box. We'd like to invite neighbors to submit their favorite recipes — they don't need to be original or fancy — just something you enjoy making and people enjoy eating. If you have a good story or picture to go along with the recipe, send those too! Submit your recipe to: Al Ellis, [president@bwna.us](mailto:president@bwna.us)



# “Neighbors Helping Neighbors” Theme for February 10th General Meeting

By Al Ellis

Board member John Sandie is one of those neighbors who is always willing to lend a helping hand, whether it's writing articles for the Beaumont-Wilshire Newsletter, helping coordinate Newsletter distribution, or doing whatever he can for neighbors who are in need. Accordingly, in his "Letter to the Board" John proposes to "create a group of fellow Beaumont-Wilshire neighbors that could act as that helpful hand for neighbors that find it difficult to do fairly simple tasks and maintenance around their house. . ." (see page three). The guy is all heart. And not so coincidentally, the focus of BWNA's General Meeting on the second Monday of February will be on two big-hearted community efforts catering to the needy among us: Aging in Place and Portland Food Project. Portland Food Project is an all-volunteer organization that partners with local food

pantries, bringing them a dependable supply of nonperishable food. Project Coordinator Richard Nudelman will provide an overview of how this is accomplished and what Portlanders can do to help.

Aging in Place is a national program that provides an organizational plan by which local communities can organize "virtual villages" of volunteers to assist neighbors who are unable to do for themselves—a concept that, ironically, is virtually identical to that proposed by John Sandie in his Letter to the Board. (It should be noted however, that it was only after John had completed writing his article that he learned of the existence of Aging in Place, a program that he and BWNA are now actively looking into.) Sharing information about Aging in Place will be local resident Margaret Lovejoy Baldwin, who has been instrumental in facilitating the

launching of an Aging in Place program in Southeast Portland.

The meeting begins at 7:00pm inside Bethany Lutheran Church, located on the corner of NE 37th Avenue and Skidmore Street, across from Wilshire Park. Look for the BWNA sign on the Skidmore side of the church, with an arrow pointed to the walkway down to the basement meeting room. Also on the agenda will be a crime report from a local officer, discussions on various neighborhood issues, and a planning review for this April's Taste of Beaumont & BWNA Elections General Meeting.

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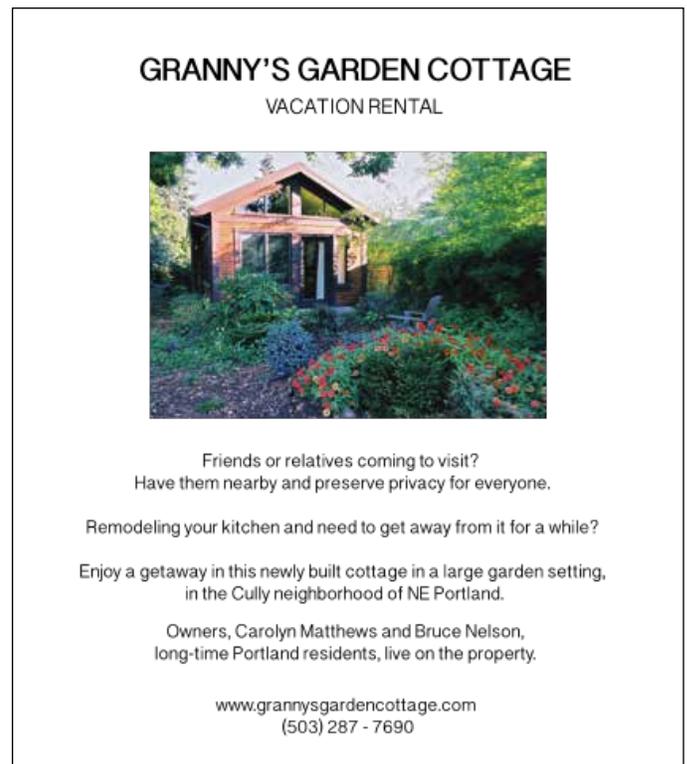
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By Katie Meckes, East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

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As part of a larger effort to bring healthy watershed function back to the neighborhood, Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) is partnering with East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District (EMSWCD) to host a free Rain Garden 101 and a free Naturescaping Basics workshop in the Beaumont-Wilshire community!

These workshops provide step-by-step details on how to plan, design and build your own rain garden, as well as sustainable landscaping techniques. Join your neighbors and find out how rain gardens can benefit the fish, wildlife and people that are connected to our local waterways.

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healthy habitats while saving you time, money and energy.

Join us on February 15th, 2014 at the Hollywood Senior Center for Raingarden 101 workshop from 9:00am until 1:00pm.

On March 2nd, 2014 we will be at the Hollywood Library for our Naturescaping Basics workshop from 1:00pm until 5:00pm.

Please refer to <http://emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops/> for alternate dates if you cannot attend on these days.

We look forward to partnering with you! Your backyard plays a big part in our watershed. To learn more, contact Katie Meckes at 503.935.5368 or [katie@emswcd.org](mailto:katie@emswcd.org), or Mathangi Murthy at 503.823.5729 or [mathangi.murthy@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:mathangi.murthy@portlandoregon.gov)



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## BWNA Granted Demolition Delay for 35th Place Home

By Al Ellis

The natives are restless. Beaumont-Wilshire residents, as well as those in many other Eastside neighborhoods, are increasingly alarmed over the rapid spread of “infill” development projects. Infill development is the practice of developers purchasing houses at top dollar to maximize profits by destroying existing homes in order to make way for construction of one or two larger dwellings. As reported in December by The Oregonian’s Melissa Binder, “The number of single-family home demolitions has skyrocketed since the end of the recession. City regulators have approved more than 230 demolitions so far this year, up 40% from all of 2011.”

Thus it came as no surprise that the infill issue was front and center as neighbors vented concerns at December’s BWNA’s Winter Holiday General Meeting. Weeks prior to the meeting, B-W resident Doug Clark had reserved time on the agenda to propose that BWNA request the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) grant a 120-day demolition delay for a house on his block of 35th Place. As attendees munched on potluck holiday treats, Clark described the house in question—good condition, big lot, three rooms, three baths, market value over \$700,000. He also shared that he had gone door to door on his block to find out how people felt about the pending demolition. His neighbors expressed dismay and incredulity over the pending destruction of such a quality home and planned construction of two tall houses. Following spirited debate, the motion passed easily and was subsequently approved by a majority of attending Board members. By the end of the week, a demolition

delay request form had been submitted to BDS by BWNA President Al Ellis, accompanied by the following explanatory letter to Commissioner Amanda Fritz and Bureau of Development Services Director Paul Scarlett: “Pursuant to Portland City Code Section 24.55.200, the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA) requests a demolition delay extension of 120 days for the house located at 3919 NE 35th Place (Permit # 13-226211-RS) in order to explore ways to save it from destruction.

*As you know, the rapid spread of infill development is a top concern in some of Portland’s most established close-in neighborhoods, including Beaumont-Wilshire. At a recent BWNA general meeting, our Board of Directors approved a motion passed by a near-unanimous vote of attendees to file a demolition delay request for a house that is neither dilapidated nor crime-ridden; on the contrary, this is a three bedroom, three bathroom home valued at over \$700,000 with annual property taxes of approximately \$9000. The planned demolition of this beautiful house to make way for a development that is out of scale and character with existing dwellings has struck a nerve. While acknowledging that a neighbor or group of neighbors or neighborhood association do not have the right to dictate requirements for new developments, the BDS and City Council do. Thus, BWNA would welcome a demolition delay for the purpose of collaborating with you on this matter.”*



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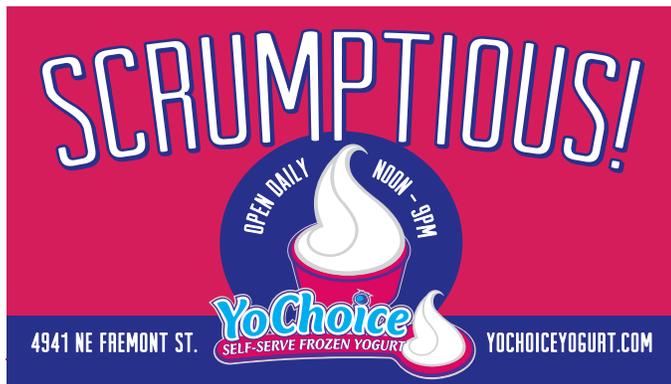
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## The Entrepreneur Among Us

By John Sandie

Rather than the typical article highlighting retail businesses within our neighborhood, I thought I'd look a bit beyond the norm into the less visible, but no less interesting, world of small entrepreneurs. One such example is Nitz Associates, whose "corporate headquarters" is located in a Spanish style stucco house along NE Alameda Street.

In 2002, Fred Nitz incorporated the company to manufacture and sell storage tank monitoring systems — primarily to oil/gas and water companies. Through a mutual friend connection, Keven Boyett soon joined Fred, both gentlemen have electrical engineering backgrounds with numerous years experience in development and manufacture of testing equipment, as well as software development. The company has looked beyond industrial application of the Acoustic Signature Analysis software and its recently released BBQ TankMeter Android App (available on Google Play store) has been recognized by This Old House magazine in its top 100 best new home products—an amazing

feat for any small company. Just hold your Android phone 6" away from tank, strike it with a quarter, and amount of fuel remaining will be displayed on phone— works either while tank in use or not. As Fred mentioned, "the power in



Fred Nitz (left) and Keven Boyett, Nitz Associates

the newest phones is amazing, multiple times more powerful than was available in desktops just a few short years ago"; and this has got Fred and Keven thinking even more outside the box on what might be possible through a hand held device. Of course the App that drew my attention was the demo of holding your phone

up to that glass/mug of beer and verifying that "a pint was truly a pint"— I'm sure that might get you a few looks at any local pub or brewery, even in "weird" Portland.

But seriously, Nitz Associates is in early stages of development of a "box" not much larger than deck of cards that when married to a smart phone could act as a mini – portable scientific lab. Of course both being from engineering backgrounds, the country's crisis in falling STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) graduates is near and dear to Fred and Keven. Anything that would help students see fun in these curriculums and keep their interest would be a step in right direction. The company is hoping to have a prototype developed by mid-2014.

So if this article has gotten your creative juices flowing with similar ideas contact Nitz Associates, 4131 NE Alameda, [www.nitzassociates.com](http://www.nitzassociates.com) or Fred directly at [fred.nitz@nitzassociates.com](mailto:fred.nitz@nitzassociates.com), who knows what may bear fruit?

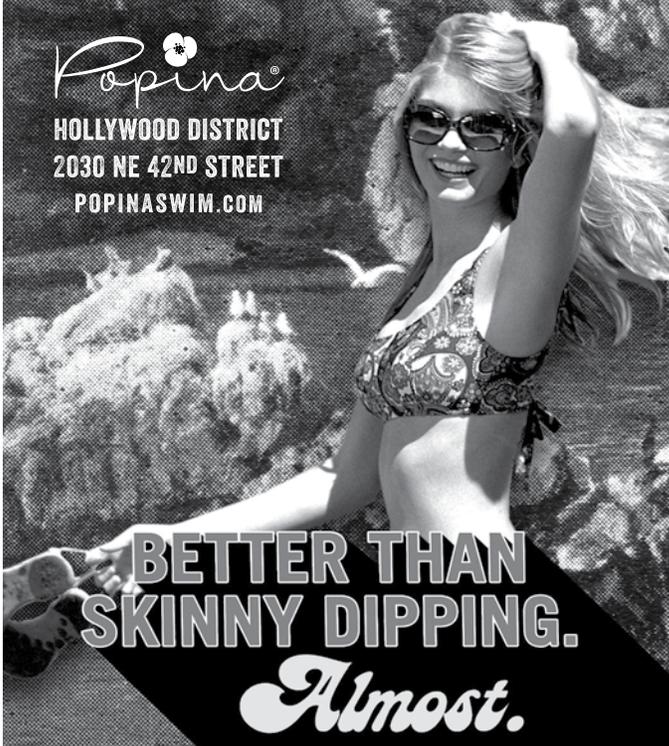


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# Introducing New BWNA Board Member: Grant Sprick

By Serah Breakstone

Grant joined the BWNA board at the Taste of Beaumont event in April earlier this year, apparently unable to resist BWNA President Al's plea for new members. Grant has lived in Beaumont for about six years, the longest he has settled anywhere since leaving his hometown of Brooklyn, New York. He feels fortunate to have landed in Portland, particularly on the east side. He and his wife, Erin Rowe, enjoy taking full advantage of the nearby restaurants and bars the neighborhood has to offer.

Grant has a degree in Earth and Environmental Engineering from Columbia University and currently focuses more on the environmental aspects of that education. Through his work with a Portland environmental remediation

for similar opportunities to involve himself in his community. After six years of living in Beaumont, he decided it was time to step up his engagement within the neighborhood. He and his wife attended Taste of Beaumont, and the rest is history. Grant's participation on the board so far has included helping to organize the National Night Out picnic in August, which is always a big undertaking. He has also joined the board's transportation sub-committee.

Because of his background, Grant is interested in energy efficiency issues and would like to find a way to incorporate this interest into the work he does on the BWNA board. In addition, Grant is a regular bike commuter and is interested in bicycle and transportation-related issues.

## Calling All Local Artists

By Helen Koba

- For the last ten years a group of local artists
- has been meeting occasionally to discuss ideas
- for local shows, encourage and support each
- other and just have a good time. This group is
- known as Beaumont Artspace. In 2012 we had
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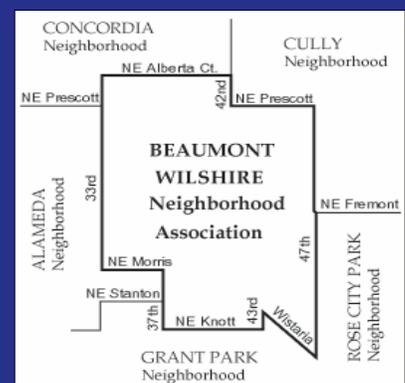
Grant Sprick (left) and his wife Erin Rowe

company, he manages valuable resources in the Pacific Northwest. He works with a variety of clients within the oil and gas, utility, rail, mining, and chemical markets assisting with their environmental management needs. While still in school, Grant participated in student government and enjoyed coordinating events and representing the student body. Since that experience, he has been looking

On a more personal note, Grant is currently a member of three different wine clubs—so if you're looking for a way to bribe him, a good bottle of pinot would probably do the trick. We're happy to welcome Grant to the board and look forward to his perspective and contributions.

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# “The Rest of the Story”

By John Sandie

This story begins in New York City a little over five years ago. A young man within the broadcasting industry (including a stint with Anthony Bourdain while in Puerto Rico) was visiting a new wine bar in his Long Island neighborhood. While talking to the owner he found out she was from Portland. During their conversation, he light-heartedly threw out the comment, “Well maybe I’ll have to go open a wine shop in your old neighborhood someday.” He had some experience in the Pacific NW while attending the University of Washington; and not long after that encounter he decided he needed a new direction in his life, heading west towards

tasting space in the back end of a pet shop facing an alley! While not the perfect location he made a go of it; during the early years he noticed many of his customers brought their own crackers and snacks to enjoy with the wine.

that place.” And so the idea gained momentum. The original coffee shop that had helped draw Andy to Fremont had just closed so he jumped at the opportunity to secure the space for his sushi dream. While trying to build a team to run the new endeavor, he was in Zilla, a restaurant he had frequented often. Fortuitously, in walked Yuki Yamada. Yuki had worked at Zilla previously but was just returning to Portland after being away for a period of time. Besides his local experience as a sushi chef, Yuki had a family history of relatives working in the business. Andy offered Yuki the chef position, and so the partnership in Daruma Sushi began. The name Daruma comes from the traditional Japanese daruma doll, a symbol of perseverance and good luck. And, as Andy added, “the eyes of the doll remind you to stay focused on what’s important” — a Daruma doll sitting on the counter at Blackbird does just that.



Andy Diaz, keeping an eye on his Bollinger stock

the ocean and rain. He had formed an upbeat impression of Portland while in the Pacific NW and chose the city to plant his new roots. While having little experience in the wine business, he decided to jump in with both feet and prove his earlier prediction true. He drove up and down just about every street in Portland looking for a spot that “spoke to him”. Finally he found a location within an area bounded by an upscale restaurant and a coffee shop that felt right to him; and—thanks to his convincing demeanor and supportive landlord—opened a small wine

When a specialty gift shop next door went out of business he saw it as an opportunity to expand and offer food along with broader wine selections.

By now many of you recognize the protagonist of this tale is Andy Diaz, owner of Blackbird Wine shop; however, there is more to this story. On an occasion not too long ago, Andy had a minor epiphany and idly verbalized it to no one in particular: “I think I’d like to open a sushi place”. His Blackbird evening manager, Devon, was within ear shot and spoke up, “I’d love to manage

And now, taking a cue from long-time radio commentator Paul Harvey, “Now you know. . . the rest of the story”.

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- BWNA General Meeting  
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