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January-February 2019

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BWNA Calendar of Events Community Events

Wednesday, January 9 and Wednesday, February 13 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Friends of Wilshire Park Meeting Bethany Lutheran Church Skidmore and 37th Fellowship Hall (in basement; use walkway on Skidmore side of church)

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New year, new habitat for park: NatureSpace a community achievement

by Peter Mogielnicki

Editor's note: Peter initially floated the concept of NatureSpace in a "Letter to the Board" editorial more than a year ago and subsequently garnered support from BWNA and Friends of Wilshire Park, which helped facilitate grant funding to launch the project.

Mother Nature's climax to Wilshire Park's NatureSpace Community Planting Day last November couldn't have been more dramatic. Moments after a final group photograph was snapped from atop the massive stump provided by Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) Urban Forestry, a dark shadow passed over the crowd, and none other than a bald eagle settled on a nearby Douglas fir branch, as if to say thank you to the assembled volunteers. And a big thank you was well deserved, with over 80 people of all ages giving up a weekend morning to tuck 1,300 native trees, shrubs, ferns, ground covers, and other plants into the earth, and having a fun time together doing it.

Orchestrated by volunteer landscape designer Jeffrey Farr (Lumo Landscape Design), Eric Rosewall (coordinator of the PP&R Ecologically Sustainable Landscapes Program), and Johnny Fain (PP&R horticulturist) in collaboration with Northeast Parks Maintenance Supervisor Mike Grosso, the Community Planting Day event benefited from the advice of horticultural experts from the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and PP&R Stewardship Program, who were on site to answer questions, provide planting tips, and pitch in where needed.

Impressively, when volunteers showed up at 8:00 a.m., the landscape plan was already carefully laid out with white lines indicating the locations of different types of plants. Also laid out was a scrumptious array of goodies contributed by Grand Central Bakery, Beaumont Market, Bagel Land, and Petite Provence, with hot coffee from the local Starbucks. And of course there would have been nothing for volunteers

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New year exclusive: BBA president's "State of the Beaumont Business District"

by Andy Frazier

By all measures, 2018 was a very successful year for the Beaumont Business Association. There are a lot of "thanks" to hand out. Thank you to our small business owners, who continue to join our association and participate in record numbers. Thank you to Amy Hamdan, our district coordinator, for the added value she has brought to our organization and neighborhood. And thank you to our cadre of dedicated board members.

Most importantly, THANK YOU to all of the neighborhood residents who support our small

businesses and district events. Our patrons mean everything to us.

The Beaumont Business Association is responsible for five main events: Hip Hop Into the Shops, Dash to Doughnuts, Fremont Fest, Fright Night, and Holiday Fest. We also provide the décor and hanging flowers on the power poles and have begun to add kiosk display cases (the first one in front of Batter). The goal moving forward is to add a little something to the business district each year.

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President's message

by Tim Hemstreet

Board member ranks reduced, solar energy front and center at December general meeting

Two BWNA board members departed from the board in December, with at-large member Anna Gillespie needing more time for an expanding family and at-large member Jack Bookwalter temporarily relocating to Palm Springs. With a background in planning, Jack has represented BWNA in numerous land use and planning-related processes that impact the neighborhood. Since joining the board in 2014, Jack has devoted countless hours following these complex processes, attending relevant meetings, providing information to the board, and developing comments that have helped to shape various proposals to recognize neighborhood priorities. Likewise, Anna has been an active and valued contributor to BWNA during her time on the board, offering website expertise and serving as photographer at various BWNA events. Thanks to Anna and Jack for their service to the neighborhood. These departures leave the board both with four vacant positions and a gap in our ability to follow land use issues affecting the neighborhood. Please contact me or another board member if representing our neighborhood by serving on the board is something you would be interested in exploring.

Meanwhile, spurred by neighbor Nancy Mogielnicki's interest in bringing attention to the opportunity to take advantage of federal tax incentives that are phasing out for solar electricity installations, the board decided to focus December's general membership meeting on "going solar." We were fortunate to have Jeni Hall, senior project manager and solar specialist from Energy Trust of Oregon, present an overview of how solar energy installations work. Jeni discussed site suitability, costs,

available incentives, project economics, and how solar energy production is handled on one's utility bill. She fielded numerous questions from attendees on an array of concerns, including installation costs, long-term savings, years needed to break even, stored-up electricity for use during power outages, and the big-picture environmental issue of reducing dependence on fossil fuel-generated electricity. While incentives from Energy Trust of Oregon help reduce the cost of solar installations, the federal solar investment tax credit is the greatest incentive available. This tax credit is set at 30 percent of project costs, but will be reduced to 26 percent for projects installed in 2020, and 22 percent in 2021, before ultimately phasing out altogether for residential solar projects. Thus, there is a limited window of opportunity to take advantage of the full value of this incentive in 2019 while it remains available. Neighbors interested in investigating this alternative energy strategy are encouraged to contact Energy Trust of Oregon, or Nancy Mogielnicki (nancymog@gmail.com), who has personal experience installing such a system and would like to gather like-minded solar enthusiasts to help navigate others in the process.

BWNA's general membership meeting in February will chart a course for BWNA in 2019. Please do consider whether this may be the year you are able to participate on the board and bring your enthusiasm and experience to land use, transportation, livability, community building, and other areas in which BWNA is involved. This is even more important with four open board positions.

Have a fantastic new year!

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Editor's notes

by Al Ellis

New Year's resolution time again, and it's anyone's guess how successfully we'll fulfill our 2019

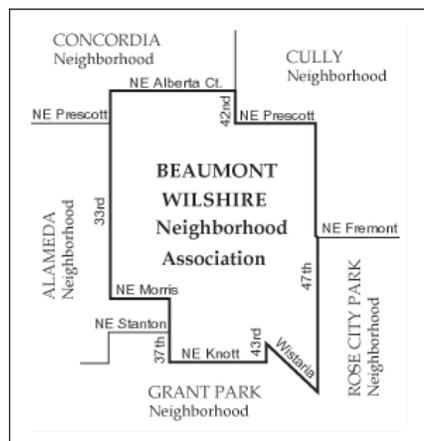
aspirations—be they eating more healthily, exercising more consistently, attending to projects more dutifully, or perhaps even participating in BWNA more regularly(!). Given my own erratic track record on resolutions over the years, I'm especially heartened that one of my top unfulfilled priorities as editor has finally come to fruition: the addition of four pages to this newsletter. That might not seem like such a big deal (and of course it isn't in the larger scheme of things), but having to postpone publishing articles in issue after issue this past year due to lack of space has been both a frustration for our team and a disappointment for article-submitters who have had to wait two months for their stories to see the light of day. The turning point came last November when the board was persuaded, in part due to the prospect of new advertisers on the horizon, to "give expansion a chance," and we resolve to make good on this opportunity.

Like the commitment just made, most resolutions aspire to effect change, but not all. Commonplace as well is resolving to stay the course, especially on matters of principle, such as our team's journalistic fidelity to factual accuracy in reporting. While style and tone vary from writer-to-writer and topic-to-topic, factual content is (or at least should be) consistently grounded in verifiable evidence and/or firsthand experience. That said, to err is human, and if/when we err on facts, expect a correction and apology in the next issue. (No "fake news" here!)

Another of our stay-the-course resolutions is a renewed commitment to give-and-take discourse with readers, whether their feedback is positive, negative, or anywhere in between. In that context, I respond to this issue's thoughtful "Letter to the Board" submitted by B-W resident Doug Trotter, who gently takes me to task regarding the lead article I penned titled,

"Portland's 'Plant or else!' ordinance." If you haven't had a chance to read it, the article can be accessed conveniently via the BWNA website (<http://www.bwna.us/newsletter/2018/Nov-Dec18.pdf>), where all past issues of the newsletter are archived. My report is a case study about a "retired B-W couple" (truth be told, my wife and me—our not-so-hidden identity surmised early on by neighbors and BWNA colleagues) who embark on an indoor remodel, only to discover that a new city ordinance targeted solely on homeowners doing remodels, indoor or outdoor, will require them to plant multiple trees on their property despite the vulnerable sprinkler system along the planting area, the extensive foliage already in the yard, and the cost or income level (because the city and even Friends of Trees are prohibited from easing any of the financial burden). While Doug sympathizes with the couple's incredulity and dismay over the ordinance, he primarily makes the case for planting the trees (a *fait accompli* for my wife and me). The city should incentivize residents to plant trees, not force them to do so. (Do I hear a resolution?!)

A happy new year to you all, and a very warm welcome to three new advertisers: Beaumont Dental Arts, Union Bank, and our wonderful newsletter printer Kamal Grover at The UPS Store on Sandy Blvd.



Calendar of Events (cont.)

BWNA Meetings

Location and Time:

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

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

General meetings in Fellowship Hall
(down walkway on Skidmore side)

Monday, January 14: Board Meeting

Monday, February 11: General Meeting

Monday, March 11: Board Meeting

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Beaumont business district (continued)

NE Fremont Street continues to be a desirable place for businesses of all kinds, although recently we have seen a number of changes, specifically with our restaurant businesses. But not to worry. While we hate to see businesses leave, we delight in welcoming the new businesses opening up here. Recent examples include Fire & Stone, who closed their doors, but Tacovore has moved in; Cha Cha Cha closed their doors, but Bang Bang has expanded into that space; Thrive closed their doors and Anchor End Pretzel Shoppe is making its debut; and Alameda Brew Pub closed their doors and so far has no replacement, but there's been a lot of interest in that space (although the bigger space takes a little longer to fill). The bottom line is that the current and new restaurants in our district represent a very important sector in the Beaumont Village business ecosystem and warrant support from our B-W community.

I have also had questions regarding Beaumont Market and the office space next door. The information I have received is that Beaumont Market is not going away, that ownership will stay the same, and they are just going through a face lift (which I think looks great!) and working to improve their offerings to the neighborhood. The iconic (B-W landmark) office space nearby remains vacant, but not for lack of interest. The owners are being selective and taking their time to fill the space.

All in all, the state of the BBA district is healthy and vibrant. We have seen far more businesses move in than we have seen leave, and I suspect this will continue.

Thank you all. Please shop, eat, and drink local (and often!), and come to our events. We all love what we do, and we all love doing what we do on NE Fremont Street for the enjoyment of our patrons—both within the neighborhood and without. Together we make this neighborhood great!

Editor's note: We thank Andy (owner of Frazier Wealth Management, longtime B-W resident, and newsletter advertiser) for graciously responding to our inquiry with these candid insights.



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NatureSpace planting (continued)

to plant without grant support from Portland Department of Environmental Services' Community Watershed Stewardship Program and the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, as well as generous financial contributions from Backyard Bird Shop, local neighborhood associations (Beaumont-Wilshire and Alameda), Mahaffy Real Estate Group, The V Shop Volvo Perfectionists, Beaumont Business Association, Frazier Wealth Management, Garden Fever, and residents at large.

The 10,000-square-foot feature rests quietly on the southern side of the park, demonstrating the attractiveness of landscaping with native plants, providing interest to the nearby circle of picnic tables, offering food and shelter to birds and pollinators, reducing runoff

from what was previously only compacted soil, providing a slice of natural beauty for passers-by and passers-through, and even serving as a site for Beaumont Middle School science course field trips, providing students with the opportunity to meet their ecological science requirements.

Surely the bald eagle approved!



On November 10, over 80 people of all ages gave up a Saturday morning to tuck 1,300 native trees, shrubs, ferns, ground covers, and other plants into the earth at Wilshire Park's new NatureSpace. The 10,000-square-foot feature is located on the southern side of the park.



*thank
you*

to the many volunteers who made the
Wilshire Park's NatureSpace Community Planting Day
such a big success!



Life path led State Farm agent from Brazil to Beaumont Village

by Susan Trabucco

For Gustavo Soares, the road to opening a business in Beaumont Village (BV) has been arduous. But education, ambition, and a proven commitment to taking great care of customers helped him secure elite status at State Farm.

Unlike many insurance companies, State Farm does not sell franchises. Instead, candidates are handpicked, heavily screened, then trained and tested in the business before they are allowed to open a State Farm office. In 2014, Gustavo was offered the opportunity to take over the business of retired State Farm agent and long-time BV neighbor, George Flesuras. Gustavo spent three years in the Lloyd District before relocating his office to Fremont at the end of 2017. Eight months later, a fire at the barbershop next door rendered his office unusable for several months, but it didn't dampen his enthusiasm for BV. He moved back to fixed-up digs in early December.

"When I was asked to take over George's office here, I didn't know what to expect, because I didn't know the neighborhood," Gustavo said. "Now we really like that we know people in the community—something that didn't happen at all in 13 years in Florida."

Gustavo hails from Belo Horizonte, Brazil—known by soccer fans for the infamous semi-final at the 2014 FIFA World Cup, where Germany defeated Brazil by an historic margin (7-1). He first visited the United States in 2000 and met Daniela, now his wife. The couple have been married for 16 years and have a 10-year-old son.

While working full-time, Gustavo earned a double-major in Business Management and Marketing from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton, and two years later added an MBA in Finance to his resume. Between Brazil and Florida, prior to



Gustavo Soares and his wife, Daniela, together serve clients from his State Farm agency in Beaumont Village. Gustavo took over the business from retired State Farm agent George Flesuras. Photo by Susan Trabucco

work in the insurance world, Gustavo built a career in the luxury hospitality industry, but the work proved to be an inadequate match for his level of skill and experience. Then on a chance visit to Portland in 2013, the couple fell in love with the area, and, after returning to Florida, Gustavo responded to a State Farm recruiting ad. "I had nothing to lose, and felt I would learn something by exploring the opportunity," he explained. Six months after his initial meeting with State Farm, buoyed by what he had learned, Gustavo quit his former career path and signed on.

Moving to Gresham in 2014, he worked diligently to get established.

"I had no margin for error and failure was not an option," he said. "There was no one to help me out, and we didn't know anyone—we had no circles of influence." Gustavo's years of yield revenue and management experience proved valuable in his new career, and today his business is thriving. Gustavo's office is ranked in the top three State Farm agencies in the Portland metro area and is also one of the fastest growing in the city. He attributes his success to a genuine concern for his customers. "Being highly responsive and helping people meet their needs—not selling to them. We have a needs-based approach." Gustavo also emphasizes that he works to protect the livelihood of his clients against the unexpected. "So their lives can go right."

Gustavo serves on the board for the Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce. Although Portuguese is his native language, he has a strong command of Spanish as well.

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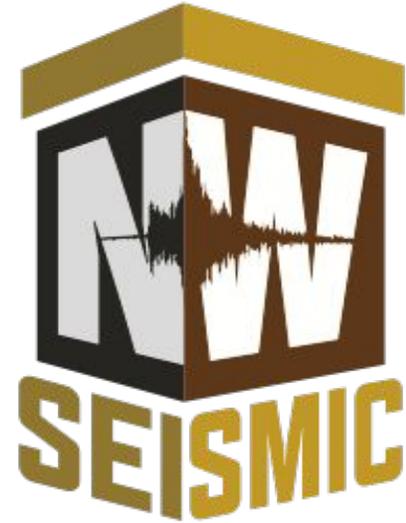
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Friends of Wilshire Park seeking input on issues of concern to park users

by Al Ellis

Think back to summer in Wilshire Park: strollers, walkers, joggers, runners, picnickers, Little Leaguers, tots in the play area, dogs in the dog run—different ages, ethnicities, and interests coexisting as a community in a beautiful outdoor multi-use venue. But this prototypical idyllic scene masks some devil-in-the-details concerns, such as dangerously dilapidated play equipment, no water fountain in the dog run, off-leash dogs in non-off-leash areas, a shortfall of benches, and overflowing trash cans, etc. These are the issues front and center for discussion at upcoming Friends of Wilshire Park meetings!

Organized last year by BWNA Parks & Open Spaces committee chair Gary Hancock, Friends of Wilshire Park has as its mission the improvement and enhancement of the park, with projects financed through grants and donations and expert guidance



provided by Portland Parks & Recreation and local professional organizations.

The first enhancement project, NatureSpace (featured in this issue), is 99 percent complete and a feather in the cap for Friends of Wilshire Park. Building on that success, attention now turns to improvement projects, with the dog run and play area needs at the top of the agenda. Friends of Wilshire Park is reaching out to interested residents for suggestions, and meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month (e.g., January 9 and February 13) from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the same venue used by BWNA for its meetings—Bethany Lutheran Church, on the corner of NE Skidmore and 37th in the basement activity room (Fellowship Hall), on the Skidmore side of the church.

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What's happening with the Residential Infill Project

by Barbara Strunk

Since the summer of 2015, the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) has been examining the density, size, and type of housing allowable in Portland's residential neighborhoods. This is in response to concerns about the number of viable houses being demolished and replaced by very large expensive houses. A draft proposal of residential code changes covering type, density, and size of housing has been produced by BPS and reviewed by the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC). In fall 2018, despite volumes of public input central in the crafting of the draft proposal, PSC made recommendations to alter the plan by increasing density and altering the types of buildings allowed in residential zones.

Some of the changes in zones R2.5, R5 and R7 for which BPS is currently writing proposed code are:

- 1) Allow for houses, duplexes, triplexes, and fourplexes anywhere in these zones depending on lot size (predicted to affect 92 percent of residential zoned areas).
- 2) Allow two ADUs per house.
- 3) Limit the size of residential buildings to less than the currently allowable large houses. The overall size of a project can increase depending on the number of units in the building.
- 4) Rezone half of historically narrow lots in R5 to R2.5.
- 5) Delete minimum parking requirements for residential uses in single-dwelling zones.
- 6) Allow property line adjustments to create buildable small flag lots.



- 7) Measure height from the lowest point near the house, not the highest.
- 8) For developments of three or four units, one unit must be "visitable."
- 9) Other building forms could be allowed through a discretionary planned development review.

For a complete summary of recent proposals, go to the Residential Infill Project site <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/76569> (September 11, 2018, Work Session, Revised Summary of Proposals). Go online to this website and dig into the substantial information there. The results of these proposed code changes will affect you or your neighbors and have the potential to significantly transform all residential neighborhoods. It is unclear whether the proposed changes will result in more housing affordable to the majority of Portlanders, or whether options will decrease for those with less income and increase for those who can already afford housing. It is questionable whether these proposals

will prevent the demolition of smaller, currently viable, relatively affordable houses, thus exacerbating the affordable housing crisis.

The code revisions recommended by the PSC are being written by BPS staff. A PSC briefing for review of the revised proposals is scheduled for February 19, 2019, and the next opportunity for Portlanders to provide input on the proposals will be when the finished product goes to City Council for a vote in the summer of 2019. Stay tuned and engaged.

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Georgina Head delights in serving the neighborhood in multiple ways

by Mark Mohammadpour

This month we're highlighting Georgina Head, one of two BWNA Newsletter distribution coordinators (her co-coordinator is John Sandie).

Georgina was born in Ireland and immigrated with her family to New York City when she was five years old. She spent most of her childhood growing up in Queens, NY, but knew she was interested in a career in farming of all things! After earning an associate's degree in agriculture, she transferred to Cornell University in upstate New York to complete a degree in wildlife management. After graduation, she traveled to a small, rural area of northwest Washington state to work for the U.S. Forest Service, but a couple of years later opted for a job at the local library. Around that time, she met her husband, Mike, and together they raised four children on a 20-acre farm in the foothills of Mt. Baker. Georgina worked as a library system manager for 35 years until retiring and moving with Mike to Portland a few years ago.

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

As Mike and I contemplated our upcoming retirement, we knew we wanted to be closer to our children, and three of our daughters were living in Portland at the time. We bought our house in Beaumont-Wilshire in 2011 and moved here permanently once we retired in 2015. We have completed a few major remodeling projects, including the construction of a perfectly sized greenhouse. We spend most of our time outside in the garden with our four grandchildren, as well as growing dahlias and learning as much as we can about growing bonsai. We love where we live for the friendliness of people walking by and the close proximity to Wilshire Park, where we go with our grandchildren, who love the playground. We also love that we can walk to the stores and restaurants in Beaumont Village, which is a fairly new experience for us, after living in a rural community that was so distant from any town.

What's your favorite neighborhood business, and why?

The best part of living here is being able to walk to local stores and restaurants along Fremont, and there are so many we enjoy. As anyone who has done their own remodeling knows, you always need to go to the hardware store for something, and Beaumont Hardware



*Irish-born Georgina Head knows volunteering is important to the effectiveness of an organization.
Photo by Mark Mohammadpour*

is the best; we go there a lot! And Grand Central Bakery is where we get our favorite bread (peasant) or walk up for a special breakfast. Blackbird Wineshop is great for bringing out-of-town guests to or meeting a friend for a chat. Our go-to places for dinner are Bang Bang for a great curry bowl, Alameda Brewery for a fun pub meal, as well as Amalfi's for their delicious pasta that we often pick up to take home. And as many of the locals know, the Arrangement is a great place to find a gift, or you can walk the street to Gazelle and find more beautiful gifts and clothing. We have had framing done at Americana Frame, picked up flowers at Beaumont Florist, and always rely on Beaumont Market for last-minute groceries.

What does volunteering for BWNA mean to you?

My years of working at a library have proven to me over and over the importance of volunteers. When we needed to construct a new library building, the library was located in an unincorporated area of our county, and we could not raise construction funds through taxes. Through the passion and hard work of many volunteers, we successfully constructed a new library building completely funded by grants and donations, with labor exclusively by volunteers! When I moved here, I saw the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association was looking for someone to take over the coordination of volunteers who delivered the newsletter. Well, receiving the newsletter was the highlight of our day when we first purchased our home (and still is!), and I thought it's the least I could do. And it is fun getting to know everyone involved and hearing how appreciative people are to receive the newsletter and read about the important issues affecting our neighborhood. The newly formed Friends of Wilshire Park is another great example of how important volunteers are to improving a community. We feel very lucky to live here, with great neighbors in a wonderful neighborhood.

Thank you for your service, Georgina!



A winter winner from Kathy's Kitchen!
by Kathy Campbell

Parmesan Chicken Bake

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| 2 Tb olive oil | 2 c marinara sauce |
| 2 clove garlic, crushed and finely chopped | ¼ c chopped fresh basil |
| ¼ tsp crushed red pepper flakes | 1 8-oz pkg shredded mozzarella cheese, divided |
| 6 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves | ½ c grated Parmesan cheese, divided |
| | 1 5-oz pkg garlic croutons |

Preheat oven to 350°. Coat the bottom of a 9 x 13-in. casserole dish with olive oil. Sprinkle with garlic and hot red pepper flakes. Arrange the chicken breasts in bottom of the dish, and pour marinara sauce over chicken. Sprinkle basil over the marinara sauce and top with half the mozzarella cheese and half of the Parmesan cheese. Sprinkle on the croutons, then top with the remaining mozzarella cheese and remaining Parmesan cheese.

Bake in preheated oven until cheese and croutons are golden brown and the chicken is no longer pink inside, about 35 minutes to one hour, depending on the thickness of your chicken breasts. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the thickest part of the chicken breast should read 160°.

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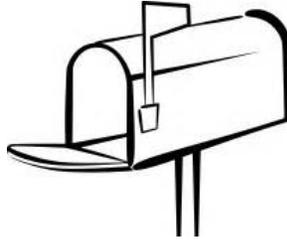
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Letter to the Board: The many benefits of trees

by Doug Trotter

I am writing in response to the “Plant or else!” article in the Nov.-Dec. newsletter. I can understand the homeowners’ frustration, but, in my opinion, trees add many benefits, not only to the homeowner, but society as well. According to the International Society of Arboriculture, the benefits are numerous:



an organization dedicated to planting trees in the Portland area for almost 30 years. I have volunteered with them for 25 years, and they are a great resource for anyone needing or wanting to plant trees. They provide a wide variety of high-quality trees at wholesale prices (or below) and will plant the trees, as well as even do some maintenance on them. For details, contact FOT at 503-282-8846 or go online (www.friendsoftrees.org). By the way, the next FOT planting day for Beaumont-Wilshire is on Saturday, April 6, 2019.

P.S., I really enjoy the newsletter—keep up the good work!

(Editor’s note: First off, Doug, thanks for your encouraging comment regarding the newsletter! With respect to your letter, unfortunately, a good deal of relevant information about the provisions in the tree-planting ordinance and the couple’s predicament could not be included due to space constraints, including the fact that FOT was contacted for this story and provided the following response: “Turns out, FOT is legally forbidden from assisting homeowners affected by the ordinance due to a ‘conflict of interest’ situation stemming from a prohibition in the ordinance that forbids city funds from being used to defray homeowner costs and, by extension, prohibits any organization on the receiving end of city funding from doing so as well, which is the case with FOT.”)

Economic: Increases property values by 5 to 20% over homes without trees, lowers energy costs, and, in Portland, offsets water bills.

Environmental: Moderates climate, reduces storm runoff, improves air quality, helps wildlife habitat.

Social: Adds beauty, calms traffic, reduces stress, reduces crime, promotes healing.

Communal: Increases privacy, reduces glare, complements and softens architecture.

Information about each of these benefits can be found on the Portland Bureau of Transportation website: <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/article/363601#lowercrimes>

As for the prohibitive cost of planting, I would suggest these homeowners check out local nonprofit, Friends of Trees (FOT),



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Do you know a neighbor who could use a helping hand?

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