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Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association

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BWNA Calendar of Events

Wednesday, November 9

2:00-5:00 p.m.

First City Council hearing for
testimony on Residential Infill
Project proposals from B.P.S., City
Hall Council Chambers

Monday, November 14

7:00-8:30 p.m.

BWNA Board Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church
Skidmore/37th, Library Meeting
Room

Tuesday, November 15

Times vary

First leaf pickup for NE zones
3 and 4, Beaumont-Wilshire
neighborhood

Wednesday, November 16

2:00-4:00 p.m.

Second City Council hearing for
testimony on Residential Infill
Project proposals from B.P.S., City
Hall Council Chambers

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BBA Ushers In December With Fremont Holiday Fest

by Katie Wilgus

Santa and Mrs. Claus are excited to return to Beaumont Village on Friday, December 2. Visitors will be treated to music, entertainment, activities, and warm beverages, courtesy of Beaumont Business Association (BBA) member businesses on Fremont Street.

Santa and Mrs. Claus will roar down Fremont in a fire truck at 3:30 p.m., stop at Grand Central Bakery, and then pose for photos with children from 4:00-7:30 p.m. The Oregon Food Bank will be the recipient of donations in exchange for pictures.

New this year, adult visitors can sign up for a complimentary 5:00 or 6:30 p.m. guided relaxation with Laura Washington, owner of Luminance (yoga) on N.E. 41st. Also new this year, be on the lookout for Grant High School carolers. Also, younger visitors will be delighted to know they can make Christmas "reindeer food" at Peak Mortgage.

Even dogs will have an opportunity to enjoy the festival. Green Dog Pet Supply and the *Hollywood Star* will graciously co-host Santa Paws. Have you ever considered sending out your holiday card featuring your dashing pup? Here's your chance!

Reserving a spot with Santa and Santa Paws is highly encouraged. For reservation instructions as well as a schedule of Holiday Fest activities, visit the BBA website (www.beaumontvillagepdx.com).

"We have a wonderful community, and we're so pleased our business district has an opportunity to open its doors and welcome everyone in," said Kurt Sand, president of the Beaumont Business Association. "It's also important to take care of those who need our help. We're very glad to be partnering with the Oregon Food Bank again."

Demolitions and Public Safety Update

by John Sandie

While lead in the water in many public schools has highlighted the continuing struggle with hazardous materials management and less-than-stellar reaction by many public officials, progress on responsible demolitions remains painfully slow. Nonetheless, enactment of legislation remains the key to reducing the potential harmful impacts of housing demolitions on nearby neighbors.

In an effort to keep hazardous materials (HazMat) accountability in the public discourse, the civic activist group United Neighborhoods for Reform (UNR), with roots in the B-W neighborhood, successfully initiated state legislation—SB705—requiring asbestos surveys for single-family home demolitions. However, to the frustration of SB705 supporters, when it came time for Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to implement the new law last June, contractors were not required to submit a documented asbestos survey prior to the issuing of the demolition permit, effectively taking the teeth out of enforcement. The hope is that when DEQ performs its 2017 planned review of all asbestos rules, this obvious loophole will be closed. In addition, it has been reported that there is legislative action in the works to address lead-based paint in demolitions; however, working meetings to move this legislative effort forward have yet to materialize.

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Meghna Riches (left) and Nerissa Griffith pose with Santa and Mrs. Claus at last year's event.



President's Message

by John Sandie

Your Neighborhood Needs You!

Okay, reaching back to the WW II Uncle Sam call-to-action poster might seem a little overly dramatic (although Al Ellis seems quite comfortable with the look for his Editor's Notes column), please read on, in spite of my emotional ploy. I got caught up in the election fever.

We still have an opening on the BWNA Board. Another pair of hands is always welcome, not to mention fresh and differing views on the issues at hand—perhaps the “hottest” of which for many Beaumont-Wilshire residents continues to be the ongoing “epidemic” of demolition/development construction within our popular neighborhood.

The upcoming Residential Infill Project proposal being presented to City Council in early November has the potential for far-reaching impacts on development throughout Portland, and a recent request for conditional use on short-term rentals has prompted our Board to continue dialogue with the city regarding the spirit of existing guidelines on residential areas. Mixed-use zoning provisions within the comprehensive plan will lay the groundwork for Fremont Street development, and the release of hazardous materials caused by demolitions (see article, page 1), continues to be a concern warranting more accountability on many fronts. Underlying these concerns is the ever-present balancing act between the preservation of existing resources and the demand for new development to help meet anticipated density needs.

Becoming a member of a neighborhood association board allows your voice and views to be magnified and your influence extended.

Perhaps you have a desire to expand neighborhood beautification projects. From street painting to landscaping public areas to park improvements, the neighborhood

association is the best forum to get things rolling. Public safety, crime prevention, and transportation are areas that are always bubbling as well, rife with specific issues that can effectively release and channel passion for improvements and change through neighborhood association involvement.

Do you have a business background and would like to get involved with the Beaumont Business Association (i.e., local businesses on Fremont) or Our 42nd Avenue (i.e., local businesses on 42nd)? BWNA is always looking for a stronger alliance with and liaison to neighborhood businesses because they are essential to maintaining our neighborhood's highly-desired walkability.

If being a member of the Board is too far a reach for your situation at present, there's always a need for newsletter volunteers—especially route distributors, either “regular” or “on-call” (i.e., substituting for the regulars). Interested? Just look to the right of this column for newsletter distribution contact information.

During this season of Thanksgiving, include in your thoughts those who perform small, simple acts of kindness and service that keep Beaumont-Wilshire such a pleasant area to reside. And think seriously about how you might contribute more to that effort.

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Editor's Notes

by Al Ellis



The winter holiday season is a dichotomy of extremes: arguably the most gratifying time of the year, but also the most frantic—housecleaning to do, relatives to host, dinners to prepare, gifts to buy, school events to attend...you name it. Often when busy lives become even busier, something's got to give, and you can bet it's not going to be job obligations or family commitments or seasonal household

responsibilities. So what's left? You guessed it: volunteerism—the very engine that keeps neighborhood associations chugging along. But fortunately for BWNA, Beaumont-Wilshire residents have had a history of stepping up to the plate in times of need, and this season is no exception. Case in point: last month's filling of two vital newsletter team positions.

The first of these vacated positions was filled in response to my plaintive recruiting pitch in September/October's Editor's Notes for a reporter/writer volunteer. And indeed the need was acute, with all featured articles in the last issue penned by just two team members—BWNA President John Sandie and myself. Admittedly, it was the perfect storm scenario, with normally reliable article contributors unavailable to contribute due to jam-packed personal/professional calendars (reminiscent of a family coming down with colds all at once). Nonetheless, the message was clear: wiggle room was in short supply.

Enter newly-arrived B-W resident Pat Bellamah to save the day: "I just read your request for reporter/writer volunteers in the BWNA newsletter. I'm volunteering." And the good news didn't stop there: "I have several years of experience as a reporter/editor for a national newsweekly, so I know how to interview people and put a story together." With a career encompassing journalism, publishing, and marketing, Pat's resume far exceeded our most optimistic expectations. Originally a native of Washington, D.C., she landed a job as a high-tech journalist in Boston and eventually was recruited by Microsoft, necessitating a move to Seattle in 1989 and later to Portland's Pearl District. Recently retired and transplanted to our neighborhood, Pat spends a good amount of time engaged in volunteer work and gardening, enjoying "...walking the neighborhood and appreciating the many lovely gardens around here." But familiarizing herself with the community is still a work in progress: "I'm not plugged in yet. But I would like to be." (On behalf of the neighborhood, Pat, a very warm welcome, and rest assured that our team will assist with that plug-in!)

But as euphoria is ephemeral, so elation over Pat's e-mail would soon be overshadowed by news from John Sandie that another essential newsletter position needed filling—this time, Distribution Coordinator. With 2000-plus copies of the newsletter disseminated to residents and local businesses every other month by an army of over 60 volunteers, BWNA utilizes two distribution coordinators to run the show by organizing deliveries, monitoring routes and

supervising the troops. John Sandie is one of those coordinators, but it was John's coordinator partner Serah Breakstone who had just announced that she was calling it quits after several years of service to the neighborhood as BWNA Board member, Land Use Chair, and finally Co-Distribution Coordinator. Thankfully our search for a replacement was short-lived: a neighbor living around the corner from Serah, Georgina Head, promptly rose to the occasion and volunteered.

Georgina and husband Mike moved to our neighborhood from their farm in northwest Washington in 2014 to be closer to their children and grandchildren. Retired from a 35-year career as a library branch manager, during which she galvanized community volunteers in the construction of a new library building, Georgina now delights in caring for her grandkids, growing dahlias, remodeling her home, and "watching people of all ages go by our house—walking, running, biking. They are an inspiration to us to keep moving!"

Well, Georgina and Pat, your civic-minded spirit is an inspiration to us all. Quoting again from Georgina's e-mail: "I hope by volunteering my time to the BWNA in the distribution of the newsletter, I will be able to express some of the appreciation we have for our home and our life in Beaumont-Wilshire." Amen to that...and wishes for fun and fulfilling holidays!



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<p>Saturday, November 19 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Wilshire United Methodist Native American Fellowship Holiday Bazaar holiday gifts, baked goods (Indian taco lunch from 11:30-1:00), Native American craft items, Christmas decorations. Donation: bottles & cans for recycling 3917 NE Shaver</p>	<p>Monday, December 12 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>BWNA General Meeting Bethany Lutheran Church Skidmore and 37th Library Meeting Room</p>
<p>Friday, December 2 3:30-7:30 pm</p> <p>Beaumont Business Association Fremont Holiday Fest: Beaumont Village retailers (see article, page 1)</p>	<p>Tuesday & Wednesday, December 15 and 16 pickup times vary</p> <p>Second Leaf Day Pickup for N.E. Zone 3 (Dec. 15) and Zone 4 (Dec. 16)</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 7 time TBA</p> <p>City Council vote on Residential Infill Project proposal from Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, Council Chambers</p>	<p>Monday, January 9 7:00-8:30 p.m.</p> <p>BWNA Board Meeting, Bethany Lutheran Church, 37th & Skidmore (in Library Meeting Room, on 37th side of church)</p>
<p>Friday, December 9</p> <p>BWNA newsletter submission deadline for January/February issue. E-mail articles to Al Ellis, editor@bwna.us. E-mail photos and ads to Amy Gwilliam, design@bwna.us</p>	

Autumn Leaves Benefit Wildlife and Your Garden

by Eileen Stark

(Editor's note: Eileen is a BW resident, landscape designer, and author of *Real Gardens Grow Natives: Design, Plant, and Enjoy a Healthy Northwest Garden.*)

It's so delightful when we see butterflies or bumble bees in our yards, but they'll never reach their beautiful adult phase if we rake or blow away leaves from bare soil. Many beneficial invertebrates—such as most butterflies and moths, syrphid (flower) flies, spiders, and ladybird beetles (ladybugs)—wait out the winter in a dormant state as larva or pupa (or even egg or adult) in decaying plant material and emerge in the spring to carry on their species. Queen bumblebees take cover under fallen leaves as young adults and emerge from their sleep when warming spring temperatures signal it's time for them to begin their new colony. Many other native creatures rely on leaf litter as well, and it's a great way to attract our feathered friends. Worms and insects nesting and overwintering under debris provide natural food for hungry birds, especially ground feeders like thrushes and sparrows who need leaf litter in which to locate dinner. In springtime, fast growing baby birds benefit, since almost all are fed high-protein insects and spiders, not seeds or fruit. Rain and dew on fallen leaves also provide essential moisture for many species.

This fall, sweep or rake fallen leaves from storm drains, walks, driveways, and other hardscape, but leave the leaves as well as other organic material—such as stems, twigs, and bark—on soil, as nature intended. Besides providing shelter, food, and nesting material for wildlife, leaf litter and woody debris keep plants healthy by insulating them, suppressing weeds, maintaining moisture, and feeding and protecting the soil, which can degrade fairly quickly from excessive rain, wind, and sunlight. The leafy organic layer eventually breaks down and becomes a rich humus with the help of invertebrates, bacteria, and fungi that specialize in moving carbon into soil, storing it there, extracting nutrients for plants, and protecting them from disease. Mowing over small amounts of leaves on lawns will gently increase their fertility, unlike synthetic fertilizers that kill soil organisms. You can let the city pick up any additional leaves at curbside, but to benefit your garden even more, consider using them to make compost. Leaf compost is considered by many to be the best ingredient for any soil, because it improves soil structure and increases moisture retention; it can even be used to replace nonrenewable peat in potting mixes. Simply place leaves in a round chicken-wire cage in a shady spot. Keep the pile moist (but not wet), and you will have leaf compost in one to two years. Also, keep some extra leaves to add to regular compost, which should be roughly half "greens" and half "browns." When applying compost as mulch, remember to leave some soil bare for beneficial, non-aggressive native ground nesting bees, and keep it a few inches away from tree trunks and stems to prevent rot.

Thus, the leaf litter layer is a mini-ecosystem rich in life. Leaving the leaves saves time and money, helps sustain wildlife, and enriches the soil by allowing nature's cycle to return nutrients to the soil.



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Fremont's Pinball Outreach Project to Receive Oprah Magazine Exposure

by Susan Trabucco



Neighborhood kids get free one-on-one pinball lessons from Pinball Outreach Project Executive Director, Nicole Reik, far right.

Whhhrr, click, click, click, ching, ching, ching, c-ching! The sounds of a pinball machine are gratifying to a player as the points pile up. With some luck, the sweet cacophony of this inside entertainment option will continue to ring from a family-friendly space in Beaumont Village (4605 N.E. Fremont St., #104).

With a challenging year-and-a-half under its belt in its first brick and mortar location on Fremont, the Pinball Outreach Project (POP) may get the financial shot in the arm it needs this December. Through the work of a Beaumont-Wilshire freelance writer, POP will be featured in the "Living Your Best Life" section of The Oprah Magazine, often referred to simply as "O." This popular magazine with a national readership may shape what happens next for this unique 501(c)(3) nonprofit business dedicated to improving children's lives through pinball play.

Nicole Reik, founder and executive director of POP, said funding for the nonprofit has been an ongoing struggle, and covering the rent is getting tougher. She hopes the Oprah Magazine article will bring local and national attention—and money—to her effort.

"We expected a typical seasonal flow of business, but when Smallwares (a Beaumont Village restaurant next door) closed, we saw foot traffic and revenue decrease significantly."

Reik explained that while the O article was originally intended to focus on her decision to step away from a career as an accounting manager to pursue her nonprofit passion and help kids, the story morphed to include a great deal about the Pinball Outreach Project. She said the O editors were intrigued by POP's work. "I think it's great," Reik said. "POP is not about me, and I'm so glad it will get this extensive exposure."

The organization runs with an all-volunteer staff. The current POP business model provides kids with ample opportunities for free use of the organization's approximately one dozen pinball machines of various vintages. Donations, party rents, and admission fees during pay-to-play hours provide the dollars it needs for outreach efforts, maintaining the machines, and covering the rent. POP's outreach includes bringing pinball machines to children's hospitals and hosting Portland Public Schools students at POP's Fremont space—all at no charge. Reik believes pinball provides a positive distraction from an ill or healthy child's life: "When we take our machines to Randall Children's Hospital, for example, we see kids who are sick move out of a negative mindset through learning about and playing the game." For a healthy child, Reik takes pleasure in watching children gain confidence as they master the game. "For shy kids, or those with confidence issues, pinball is a great equalizer—everyone can learn how to play."

Hours of operation vary according to volunteer staffing. Visit PinballOutreach.org for more information, including open hours, volunteer opportunities, and how to make a donation. For more background, visit the BWNA website (www.bwna.us) and read about Pinball Outreach in the July-August 2015 newsletter.

Letter to the Board

Ahh, autumn in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood and walking (with or without a dog) surrounded by fall leaves.... But as John Sandie mentioned in last issue's President's Message, what doesn't belong on our sidewalks and streets is trash! Unsightly litter – paper, cans, bottles, cigarette butts, etc.

Why do people litter? Are they lazy or just unaware of the cumulative effect of tossing "just that one little piece" rather than walking to a nearby receptacle (e.g., in Wilshire Park) or taking it home for proper disposal there?

Please: As you take a walk, bring along a small bag and pick up a little litter along your way. Busy 42nd Ave. is the worst, but other streets have loose trash as well. Sometimes it's overflow on trash collection days but often it's just plain littering. I'm not suggesting our neighborhood have a "planned development" look, just that each of us take pride in doing our part to keep ours a nice and safe neighborhood.

Thank you and happy holidays!

—Diane Charlton

VP Bill Markwart Brings Knowledge and Experience to BWNA Board

by Mark Mohammadpour

In this issue we profile longtime BWNA Vice President Bill Markwart:

Not many know the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood more intimately than Bill Markwart. Born at Emanuel Hospital, Bill arrived in the neighborhood in 1953 when his father, Edwin, bought the Wilshire Pharmacy located on N.E. 42nd and Mason St. After graduating from Beaumont School, Benson High School, and Oregon State University, respectively, Bill moved to his current home, which is three blocks south of Beaumont Middle School and only a of couple miles from his birth hospital!

Bill loves living in the neighborhood with its variety of interesting homes and landscaping as well as the convenience of nearby Beaumont Hardware, Beaumont Market, Barrett Automotive, and the eclectic array of restaurants. Among his recreational interests are tennis, walking, ham radio, amateur radio emergency services, Japanese cuisine, steam locomotives, and telephones.

A neighbor of Bill's first got him interested in joining the BWNA Board many years ago, and he has stayed the course to become one of the longest serving members in our neighborhood association's history. An ardent advocate in maintaining neighborhood livability and improving traffic conditions, Bill also has a special interest in crime prevention and safety, chairing BWNA's Crime Prevention Committee. In his position as Vice President, Bill is occasionally called on to conduct meetings, which he expertly did in October, chairing the general meeting in the absence of President John Sandie.



Thank you so much for your service, Bill!



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"Proud To Live In Beaumont-Wilshire" Patch Fundraiser

by Al Ellis



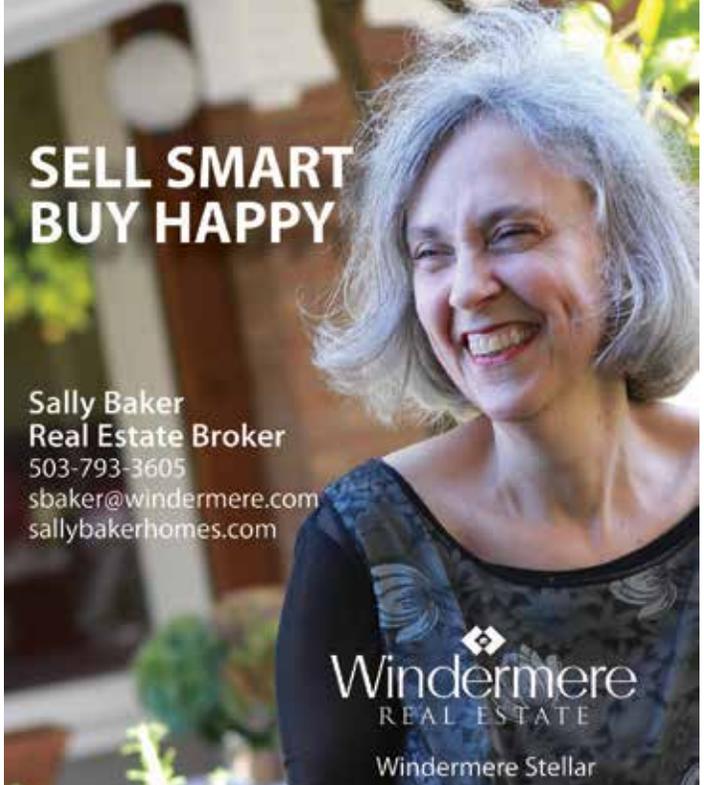
What's in a patch? Portland Timbers soccer fans know. Go to a game and behold the ubiquitous sea of Timbers patches on display—from hats and jackets to jeans and bags. Ironed on, sewn on, fastened on in any number of ways. For the Timbers Faithful, it's all about communicating pride and solidarity in support of their team.

And so it was that when BWNA President John Sandie asked for fundraising ideas, Board member and Timbers fan Katy Fackler suggested patches to convey pride and solidarity in our neighborhood as well as support for BWNA.

Asked if she would be willing to take the lead in the project, Katy had no hesitation. The result is an attractively-colored patch with a perky design based on the BWNA Beaumont Village logo. You can check out the patch colors by accessing the color version of this issue on the BWNA website (www.bwna.us). At the top of the home page, click on "Newsletter Issues," then on "November/December 2016" at the top of the list.

The BWNA Board encourages residents to purchase patches for themselves and as holiday gifts. The cost of a patch is a \$5 donation to BWNA and can be ordered through Katy Fackler (katy.fackler@comcast.net). Katy says that she is happy to mail or personally deliver the patches to your home, whichever is most convenient.

Wear that Beaumont-Wilshire patch proudly!



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New Traffic Signals for Beaumont-Wilshire Arteries

by Pat Bellamah and Al Ellis

Each year neighborhood associations from around the city submit proposals to the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) for traffic light/crosswalk improvements and then wait months to find out if these projects have been given the green light for priority-need funding based on PBOT field studies. But while BWNA has been active over the years in advocating for project funding based on safety concerns expressed by residents, only occasionally have its proposals made the cut. In fact, it's been several years since the last BWNA proposal was funded by PBOT—installation of speed bumps along accident-waiting-to-happen, steeply-inclined Wistaria—and that came about only after three years of diligent lobbying for the project by BWNA and concerned residents. Lesson learned: perseverance greases the wheel.

Fast forward to 2016: starting in early November, in response to a BWNA initiative, PBOT begins construction on a replacement of the traffic signals and street lighting at the intersection of N.E. Fremont and 42nd/41st, adjoining Beaumont Middle School. Additionally, a long overdue left-hand-turn signal will be installed at the 33rd and Fremont intersection.

Lisa Okimoto, Engineering Assistant with PBOT, and Adam Moore, the engineering associate who worked on the design specification for the 42nd and Fremont intersection project, provided perspective: the existing signals date from 1979 and “are at the end of their lifespan,” according to Okimoto. (Nonetheless, 37 years of continuous service is pretty darn impressive!) The primary objective of the signal-replacement project is improved safety for pedestrians and better traffic flow through a problematic “offset” intersection where the north/south traffic must turn on to Fremont before continuing on to either 42nd or 41st. According to Moore, there was a particular safety concern, because cars turning at the intersection would be transecting the crosswalk at the same time as middle school students were crossing the street. With the new traffic signals, this and other problems can be addressed, because

the signals will be programmable. The current plan is to allow only pedestrians in the street when the crosswalk signal indicates that it is safe to cross. Conversely, when the signals indicate that cars can turn, the pedestrian signal will be “Don't Walk,” meaning that cars and pedestrians will alternate. The existing span-wire hanging overhead lights will be replaced with mast-arm poles, because the hanging lights “don't last as long.”

During discussions with PBOT staff about this modernization scheme, concern was expressed that the new settings might slow traffic through the intersection, especially at rush hour, but Moore was optimistic that other changes would optimize traffic flow. For example, it might speed things up if a car can turn in the intersection without having to wait for pedestrians when cars have the green light.

More significantly, PBOT is implementing vehicle detection technology utilizing radar devices on the arms of the signal poles that will allow the timing of the signals to respond to the traffic actually waiting at the intersection. In other words, the lights will favor the directions where there is greatest demand. And because the signals are programmable, PBOT can observe traffic flow once they are working and tweak the timing as necessary. Still another safety enhancement included in the reconstruction of the traffic signals will be new LED street lighting at the intersection that will be brighter and more energy efficient.

The entire project is projected to take 2 – 2 ½ months to complete, since it will entail extensive construction on all four corners of the intersection. The mast-arm poles will be built on new “sidewalk bubbles”—floating islands off the corner of the sidewalk. (In part this is because the city doesn't own the sidewalks on all four corners and had to find a way to build the new posts without encroaching on private property.) Existing sidewalks will have to be dug up to run new conduit (i.e., underground wiring) for the signals. Adding to the challenge, all construction must be completed with both new installation put in place and old signals still working. “We have to put in a new light bulb without turning the old one off,” Moore said.



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Northeast Village PDX to Serve Beaumont-Wilshire

by Jane Braunger

Beaumont-Wilshire seniors who love their neighborhood and want to age in their own homes will want to check out Northeast Village PDX. This “virtual village” is now offering memberships to seniors in a number of northeast Portland neighborhoods. It’s one of several in the greater Portland and Vancouver area. These grassroots, nonprofit organizations use trained, background-checked volunteers to provide services that can help keep members in their homes as inexpensively as possible and facilitate active, connected lifestyles. Villages offer a rich menu both of social, wellness, and educational activities, and lists of vetted and/or recommended professionals—plumbers, electricians, roofers, and more—who can be hired for major projects beyond the expertise of volunteers. One call to 503-895-2750 does it all!

The annual membership fee varies according to two levels of service (plus a slight additional processing charge for those opting to pay monthly). Full Service for an individual costs \$495 (\$740 for a two-person household) and includes the full range of programs, volunteer services, and vendor recommendations. Associate Service for an individual costs \$275 (\$395 for a two-person household) and includes access to all the activities and programs plus the vendor lists, but with limitations on volunteer services. At both levels, members also may choose to volunteer. And available only through the end of December, Full and Associate members may obtain Charter Membership for an additional tax-deductible \$500, guaranteeing them no increase in their membership fee through 2020 and entitling them to attend a Charter Member-only “Village Celebration” party in January 2017. Charter Membership generosity helps sustain Village PDX.

To receive a service, the member simply makes a call to the Northeast Village PDX office to request such things as transportation to a medical appointment, help with light housekeeping or yard work, walking a dog, assistance with paperwork or record-keeping, or other needs. Using a database, the office volunteer then matches a service volunteer with the member’s request and confirms. The village office is located at 5012 NE 42nd Ave. in Cully and is open Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Find out more online at www.nevillagepdx.org or via e-mail inquiry to nevillagepdx@gmail.com.

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Winter Holiday Recipe from Kathy Campbell's Kitchen

Brie en Croute

1 egg

1 T water

All-purpose flour

1/2 of a 17.3 oz. package of
Pepperidge Farm puffed
pastry sheets (1 sheet)
thawed

1/2 cup apricot preserves or
seedless raspberry jam

1/3 cup dried cranberry

1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds

1 (13 to 16 oz.) Brie cheese round

Assorted crackers

Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Beat the egg and water in a small bowl with a fork.

Sprinkle the flour on the work surface. Unfold the pastry sheet on the work surface. Roll the pastry sheet into a 14 in. square. Spread the preserves on the pastry to within 2 inches of the edge. Sprinkle with the cranberries and almonds. Place the cheese in the center of the pastry. Fold the pastry up over the cheese to cover. Trim the excess pastry and press to seal. Brush the seam with the egg mixture. Place seam-side down onto a baking sheet. Decorate with the pastry scraps, if desired. Brush with the egg mixture.

Bake for 20 minutes or until the pastry is golden brown. Let stand for 45 minutes. Serve with the crackers

yield = 12 servings

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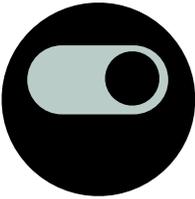
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Demolitions and Public Safety Update, continued

A review of the Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) demolition notification rules and delay appeals reveals shortcomings that negatively affect the anticipated impacts of these recently enacted rules. Many developers continue to act in poor faith during appeals and perform partial internal demolitions in accordance with state rules allowing owners to perform so-called “interior alterations” (ostensibly “home improvement” projects), even when destruction of the entire home is pending. So far, of eleven delay appeals, only one house has been saved, and that only after a healthy sum had been paid to the developer to purchase the house.

A relatively bright spot in efforts to bring accountability to this issue was the recent passing in Portland of the requirement to deconstruct structures in residential zones when being issued a demolition permit. (Note: “deconstruction” is the recycling of usable materials from demolitions.) The ordinance applies only to demolition of homes built prior to 1917, which is approximately one-third of the yearly demolitions in Portland. Efforts now focus on encouraging expansion of deconstruction companies to make the eventual extension of the deconstruction requirement to all demolitions in Portland residential zones feasible. Full deconstruction has been shown to uncover hazardous materials missed during earlier abatement activities and continues to be the

most effective way to protect nearby neighbors during removal of a structure. Not surprisingly, more Portland residents are demanding that responsible residential demolition become the norm rather than the exception in mitigating incidents of potential long-term harm to the community.

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

- The Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Volunteer Group stands ready to pitch in.
- Cleaning chores: yard work, window washing, garage/storage organization, simple painting.
- Contact John Sandie 219-508-4162 or sandiefam@gmail.com