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Preparing for the **Really Big One**

by Nan Lipton and Al Ellis

Here's some good and bad news about where we live: the good news—this is one of the most beautiful areas of the USA; the bad news—there is scientific certainty that any day, any year, the Pacific Northwest will experience a gigantic subduction earthquake. Scientists aren't sure how big or extensive the earthquake will be, but predictions are horrific. (For an in-depth analysis, seek out a *New Yorker* article published in last year's July 16th issue entitled "The Really Big One"—and written by a part-time Seattle area resident.)

Earthquake fallout in Portland will be a mixed bag, depending on your location. Experts say those living on the east side of the Willamette and some distance from the river are likely to survive the earthquake itself, but no Portland resident will be immune from the impact of collapsed infrastructure, resulting in loss of water, sewers, roads, electricity, and delivered materials (i.e., food, medicine, fuel) for

months, if not longer. And that's why it's prudent to make plans with your household and anyone you care for by setting up a contact point with someone who doesn't live here and storing up bottled water, freeze-dried foods, hygiene supplies, medicines you must take, pet food, and other supplies. Long-term food supplies are available at Costco, REI, and from many other companies that carry a variety of freeze-dried foods, much of it manufactured here in Oregon. For some lists of what to have available and other helpful suggestions, visit www.preporegon.com and <http://www.redcross.org/prepare/disaster>. The checklists include items that may not have crossed your mind, like dust masks (because of harmful glass dust and other airborne toxics), whistles, heavy leather gloves, various all-purpose tools, long books to read, little-kid supplies, and other items.

To protect your house (and garage), upgrade with a seismic retrofit to meet current seismic standards, which then should qualify your home for earthquake insurance

coverage. (Check with your insurance agent to be sure.) Also, strap down gas water heaters and install automatic shutoff valves to gas supplies (so the gas shuts off when shaking starts).

Finally, practice drills at home, keeping in mind that we may have to take cover right where we are due to the severity of the shaking. Check to see if your workplace, school, or other offsite locations also are prepared and consider volunteering to be trained by Portland Bureau of Emergency Management to serve as a member of NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team), our local rescuers who will likely be the first on the scene when firefighters and police are slowed by impassable streets or overwhelmed by calls for help. For details about Beaumont-Wilshire's NET, contact leader Con Bricca (conbricca@gmail.com).

Our mantra should be PREPARE FOR THE WORST and be ever grateful if the worst does not happen. More than ever, we'll all be in the same boat!

Celebrating Beaumont Middle School's Centennial

by Pattie Renouard

Beaumont Middle School, located in the heart of the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood (4043 N.E. Fremont St.), invites local families, friends, neighbors, businesses, and all current and past Beaumont students and staff, to join the celebration of Beaumont's Centennial on Sunday, May 22, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. The fun kicks off with Beaumont's 200+ student Marching Band and flag team strutting its stuff on the Beaumont field, then expands into the school gym and cafeteria for games (with prizes!), races, a staff vs. student

free-throw contest, birthday cake, an exhibition of student work, and much more.

There is no admission to this event, but anyone who would like to donate to Beaumont's Food Pantry is welcome to bring non-perishable food, which will be distributed to Beaumont families in need.

Come celebrate 100 great years—and help launch Beaumont's next 100 years of educational excellence!



*In other BMS news: crew helps with beautification efforts at Beaumont Middle School; see story p. 8.
Photo: John Sandie*





President's Message

by John Sandie

Time Well Spent

As I started this article, it was from a view of stepping down from the president's position and reflecting a bit on that experience; however, as is often the case, life doesn't always go as planned. At the elections in early April, I agreed to stay on as interim president in order to buy time for the BWNA Board to come up with a plan for transitioning to new leadership. Still, my original thoughts ring true.

As I have mentioned in earlier messages, being president of BWNA has afforded me a deeper look into the "workings" of the city and exposed me to a variety of individuals for whom I've developed an honest respect. The Board runs the gamut—from municipal workers to private business employees to retirees—and while there isn't agreement on every issue, the group shares a genuine common desire to improve livability in the neighborhood. My colleagues also exhibit a consistent level of energy that I envy at times, as sheer persistence is often what differentiates real, tangible change from good intent. I applaud the numerous individuals who give of their time above and beyond their primary and compensated job duties. At times the amount of notifications of meetings on the wide variety of important civic issues is overwhelming, making prioritization of what is most meaningful to the local neighborhood challenging, to say the least. But the process has also afforded me an appreciation for the broader view of city management.

Closer to home, in our Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood, I've met and had interactions with neighbors concerned about a vast variety of issues and have tried earnestly to offer suggestions on where best to get assistance—not always with satisfactory results for all parties. Again, it's the little things I've done or impacted that have generated the greatest sense of purpose and produced simple words of thanks (as well

as the occasional plate of cookies!) that enforce the feeling of "time well spent." I know this somewhat reflects "resume virtues" rather than the higher "eulogy virtues"—as espoused by *New York Times* columnist David Brooks in his book *The Road to Character*; but it's a road I'm still traveling. Maybe one of my bucket list items—traveling remnants of Route 66, America's road—will help me get farther along David's road to meaningful living. I think not, but it's still on my list.

My time getting to know the members of the BWNA Board also falls under "time well spent." A diverse group of individuals who have made me laugh—and shake my head a bit during exchanges of conflicting views—it's a pleasure to collaborate with this "I'll do it" collection of volunteers, uniting as a team for the benefit of our Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood. Thank you all.

My wife would support my opinion of "time well spent" because it often got me out of the house and out of her hair, even though the bathroom renovations have languished way too long.

In closing, this is not an ending to my "time well spent" with BWNA. I plan to stay active on the Board in my future role as immediate past president and help work on a variety of issues, including my desire to see block parties organized within our neighborhood to strengthen the bonds among "next door" neighbors. My hope is that others will take my message to heart and consider offering their own time to the neighborhood—even just to attend the general meetings. I know that professional and family demands put a squeeze on residents' time and that the "AARP" contingent among us has an easier path to volunteering, but everyone has some amount of discretionary time to offer in "time well spent"-related service to our community.

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Editor's Notes

by Al Ellis



Riddle #1: What is something every individual, every family, every organization, every civilization, and every neighborhood newsletter has in common? Answer (at least one that works for me): the need for a calendar. Yes, calendars, along with clocks and watches, are among the most basic of life's seemingly indispensable aids. But ubiquitous indispensability does not necessarily imply homogeneity of scheme

and style, a maxim especially apropos for calendars—which, as we all know, run the gamut from solar, lunar, zodiac, and religious to academic, fiscal, sports, and civic—just for starters. So what kind of calendar works best for BWNA? There are three.

The first of these calendars is just to the right of this column—our newsletter calendar, the nondescriptly-titled “BWNA Calendar.” If the list of entries seems a bit on the lean side, it was intended that way. Purposely limited in scope, the focus of this calendar is on events and activities that provide opportunities for residents to become involved in BWNA—e.g., serving on the Board, attending BWNA meetings and events, and submitting items for publication in the newsletter. An example of the efficacy of this approach is evident in the story underlying my collaboration with B-W resident Nan Lipton on “Preparing for the Really Big One” in this issue. Provided with dates for the upcoming Board meeting as well as the newsletter article/ad submission deadline, Nan and her husband Alan were able to plan ahead to attend the meeting, air their concerns about earthquake preparedness to the Board, and submit Nan’s article to me for fine-tuning and eventual co-authorship.

Our “compact” calendar also pays dividends in freeing up precious space for articles and ads. Still, we do include non-BWNA-affiliated activities from time to time, provided they occur inside the neighborhood and/or relate to an article.

But what about those local activities of interest to our residents that take place outside the Beaumont-Wilshire boundaries, like meetings and events sponsored by surrounding neighborhood and business associations? No problem. Dates and addresses for such activities are just a “Calendar” click away on both the BWNA website (www.bwna.us) and the Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) website (www.cnncoalition.org). This second of BWNA’s three calendars is publicized on multiple websites by CNN—our area’s neighborhood association coalition umbrella organization—which, for a nominal yearly service fee, posts neighborhood activities first on the CNN calendar, then on website calendars of participating associations.

Riddle #2: What is the third kind of BWNA calendar? It is a very peculiar one indeed. Neither published in print nor referred to by a particular name, it is nonetheless internalized by every BWNA Board member. Venture a guess? Well, I’m referring to a kind of experiential seasonal calendar, akin to an agricultural calendar, but instead of a time to plant and a time to sow, it’s a time to organize and a time to revitalize. The BWNA “revitalizing” phase takes

BWNA Calendar

Monday, May 9 • 7:00-8:30 P.M.

BWNA Board Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church, Library Meeting Room
(entrance on 37th)

Sunday, May 22 • 2:00-4:00 P.M.

Beaumont Middle School Centennial Celebration
Beaumont M.S. campus

Friday, June 10

BWNA newsletter submission deadline for
July/August newsletter issue
(send articles to Al Ellis and ads to Amy Gwilliam)

Monday, June 13 • 7:00-8:30 P.M.

BWNA General Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall
(basement entrance on Skidmore)

Monday, July 4 • 9:30 A.M.-noon

9th Annual 4th of July Children’s Parade,
N.E. Wistaria & 45th
(treats courtesy of neighborhood businesses)

Friday, July 8 • 6:30-10:30 P.M.

Movie in the Park, west end of Wilshire Park
Featured movie at dusk: “Minions”
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place in the spring, when new Board members are elected at April’s Taste of Beaumont General Meeting, followed by the Board Retreat in May or June. Then the “organizing” phase kicks in with July’s Movie in the Park and August’s all-neighborhood National Night Out Picnic, followed by fall and winter events, including alternating monthly Board and General meetings. Come April, it’s Taste of Beaumont, new elections, and BWNA’s seasonal calendar cycle begins anew.

As for our newsletter, no riddle to this formula: Every other month, season to season, a color version online and hard copies delivered to B-W homes and businesses.



Veteran BWNA Treasurer Karla Lenox Exemplifies Professionalism and Good Neighbor Spirit

by Mark Mohammadpour

For this issue, we talked to Karla Lenox, newly re-elected BWNA treasurer. Karla is the financial reporting supervisor for Metro and has been a certified public accountant (CPA) for “a long time.” Karla is a native Oregonian who grew up in the mid-Willamette Valley and attended Oregon State University. Karla loves to downhill ski, hike, camp, walk, read, and travel. (Editor’s note: She also takes weekly strolls along the Skidmore St. side of the park, litter bag in hand, picking up debris left behind by thoughtless visitors as she makes her way home.)

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

I’ve lived here since 2008. I love the proximity to my job (in the Lloyd District), to Wilshire Park, and the nice neighbors. I appreciate the walkability to Fremont and Alberta businesses/dining, as well as just walking the neighborhood for exercise.

What’s your favorite neighborhood store or restaurant and why?

I, like many others, value Beaumont Hardware for the fact that I can buy one or two screws or fasteners if that’s all I need. I can also take my disassembled “whatever” in there, and they are more than



happy to help me figure out what I need to fix it. It’s just such a wonderful resource for people like me who need a little more help than others to be “handy” around the house. There are too many good restaurants on Fremont to pick a favorite, although I admit I miss Red Fig. It

was the first place I ate when I was shopping for houses and a reason I felt I had targeted a great neighborhood.

What are you excited about as far as participating on the Board? What are the issues you’re looking to help address as a member?

When I moved here, I went to a few of the meetings just to see how the association worked, and a former board member kind of prodded me to think about joining the Board. So when the treasurer position came open, I figured I had no good excuse not to lend my skills in this way. I’m an accountant, and I live down the block and around the corner from the church where the meetings are held! Kind of a good fit! My job as treasurer is to bill and collect advertising fees for the bimonthly newsletter, pay our bills, do the banking, and provide accurate monthly financial information to the rest of the Board. I work with the rest of the Board on other activities as well, and one of my favorites is our annual National Night Out Picnic. It’s just great to see people come together to share food and an evening in our lovely local park. Makes the neighborhood feel like a neighborhood.


Thank you so much for your service, Karla!



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Beaumont-Wilshire Street Tree Inventory Volunteers Needed

by Jeff King

Beaumont-Wilshire is one of 16 Portland neighborhoods participating in the 2016 Portland Urban Forestry street tree inventory. The goal of this project is to help maintain and expand Portland's urban forest by inventorying all street trees in the city, and using this information to develop and implement neighborhood street tree planting and maintenance plans. The Beaumont-Wilshire inventory will be conducted this summer and a report will be available in the fall. The Beaumont-Wilshire Tree Team, working with Urban Forestry, will then prepare the neighborhood tree plan and work for its implementation in coming years.

The Beaumont-Wilshire Tree Team is a group of volunteer community members who are working with Urban Forestry to organize and conduct the inventory, develop the tree plan, and promote tree planting and maintenance activities. The Tree Team is seeking additional members who are interested in this effort.

Volunteers are also needed for this summer's inventory. Four inventory days are scheduled. On inventory days, teams will walk assigned sections of the neighborhood, collecting data on every tree in the city right-of-way including parking strips, sidewalk cutouts, medians, and bio-swales. Inventory volunteer opportunities include:

Team Leader: Collects species, size, condition and site data. Requires ½ day training in early June and commitment to four inventory days of four hours each.

Data Recorder: Assists team leader, no training required

Arborist: Roving, assists with difficult tree identification (two per inventory day)

In addition to the long-term benefit of improving the urban forest, this effort is an opportunity to learn tree identification and how to gather forestry data, spend time outdoors during the summer months, meet neighbors and other tree enthusiasts, and learn more about your neighborhood and its trees. Students are welcome to participate, as are volunteers from other neighborhoods. Contact Jeff King (JKingeca@gmail.com) or Mary Jaron Kelley (mjkelley@pacifier.com) of the Beaumont-Wilshire Tree Team if you are interested in becoming a member of the Tree Team or participating in the inventory. Information regarding the citywide inventory project is available at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/53181>. In May, Urban Forestry will post sheets on this site to register for team leader training and for volunteer team leaders, data recorders, and arborists to sign up for specific inventory days.



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Our Gardens as Ecosystems

by Barb Strunk

A queen wasp is building her nest under our eaves. With the help of my camera I can see the interior cells and the eggs she has laid there. This morning she has added a second wall around the first inner wall of the nest, which has grown significantly since I started writing this article. Along with the honeybees spotted on my crocuses in January, she is part of the interacting ecosystem of our garden. The Anna's hummingbird family living nearby is eating the nectar of our native currant (*Ribes sanguineum*) and catching very small insects to feed to their babies. The nectar of our *Camellia sasanqua* "Yuletide" was food for the adult hummingbirds in November and December.

Bumblebees sometimes sleep in our dahlia flowers in summer. Crab spiders awaiting their prey change color to blend in with flowers. Brown garden spiders hatch by the tiny thousands in spring and grow to just a few large guys by autumn. Resident crows harvest small branches of our dogwood tree for their nests—although I wish they wouldn't—but thankfully leave enough for us and the health of our tree.

Planting food for insects and birds is always part of my garden planning. The bees are swimming in the pollen-laden anthers of my peony. The *Rudbeckia triloba* (Black Eyed Susan) that seeds gently in my garden is food for the pollinator insects in spring and summer, and the seeds feed the Lesser Goldfinches in autumn.

Many plants are sources of sustenance for our garden ecosystem: sunflowers, roses, bulbs, annuals and perennials, native and non-native: a good mixture. The pollinator bees, wasps and syrphid flies that look like bees love the flowers of raspberries, blueberries, and tomatoes. We use many different plants in in our small garden to maintain a healthy balance of insect pollinators and predators. These plant varieties are food sources for us...and for the creatures we live with.

Garden nerds like me pollinate with cotton swabs in hopes of producing seed of desirable plants. Gardening friends have asked me to sniff another flower because I have pollen on my nose. We



Photo: Amy Gwilliam

gardeners are part of a complex, natural ecosystem that includes the plants we nurture and the insect and animal gardeners

that share city space with us. Gardens and green spaces support the health of our city, our world, and us.

Useful online resources:

<http://www.insectidentification.org/insects-by-state.asp?thisState=Oregon>

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Jim Arnal—Putting Passion to Work in his Neighborhood

by Susan Trabucco

One's first impression, upon meeting Hasson Company Principal Broker and Realtor Jim Arnal, is that he is unassuming, approachable, sincere – and engagingly earnest in his affection for the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood in which he lives and works.

A Portlander for 15 years, Jim and his wife moved to Portland from Berkeley, Calif., to be closer to his wife's family, returning to the Pacific Northwest where the couple originally met. Jim and his family initially located in NE Portland's Irvington neighborhood.

"After living in Berkeley with its strong community connections, architecture, and walkability, we felt NE Portland was the closest thing to it," said Jim.

Working as a realtor in and around Beaumont-Wilshire since 2003, Jim was drawn to this neighborhood. So in 2011, he and his growing family made the move here from Irvington, residing now near NE 44th and Siskiyou.

Jim describes his move to BW as "very purposeful."

"The fact that in Beaumont-Wilshire we would still be in the Alameda-Grant school boundary area was very important to us. Also, through the course of helping dozens of families move to Beaumont, I was familiar with the make-up of numerous blocks in the neighborhood," Jim said.

He added that he and his wife wanted their children to grow up in a neighborhood with their peers, and the accessibility of BW to a broad range of families was appealing for many reasons. That, coupled with the idea of being close to shops, added up to Beaumont-Wilshire as the choice for Jim and his family.

"We chose this neighborhood as the place to raise our family for the long term," Jim said. "And I love the small town charm of Beaumont Village. Where else can you find a locally-owned hardware store, grocery store, and bakery within a couple blocks of your front door?"

Jim's wife, a former Portland Public Schools teacher, has been busy raising the couple's three children, ages 4, 7, and 9. The youngest will attend Beaumont Pre-K next year; his older kids currently attend Alameda Elementary.

Jim's appreciation for his neighborhood spills over into his real estate work. In the last five years he's found BW is becoming the top choice for many people. Last year there were 60 home sales here, of which he was involved in a good number of them.

"I am proud to have helped so many families find homes in this community," he said. "I feel lucky to raise my family here, and it gives me a good feeling to help others experience Beaumont-Wilshire."

Jim acknowledges that he gains clients by being a known quantity in the neighborhood, but another reason he attracts business is his knowledge of construction. As someone who has personally designed and built a couple of homes, (one at 3122 NE 45th) and who "has been swinging a hammer" since he was a boy, that knowledge is appreciated by his clients.



Jim Arnal of the Hasson Company real estate firm, shown here with his family, finds joy in both working in and raising his family in Beaumont-Wilshire. Submitted photo.

"My clients value that I understand building codes and their implications. I can quickly assess if the existing construction of a home will allow a buyer to turn a small bungalow into a home that works for them by adding a dormer or finishing the basement."

By all measures, it appears Jim Arnal has found that sense of community in Beaumont-Wilshire. "This is my community, and my livelihood is literally tied to it. I find great joy in knowing the people who live here—both as their neighbor and realtor."

A longtime advertiser in this publication, Jim is glad to be a part of the newsletter. "I know people read it," he said enthusiastically. Reach Jim by emailing jim@pdxhomes.com or call (503) 351-3000.

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Neighborhood Beautification: We Can All Lend a Hand!

by John Sandie

Nothing is more gratifying for BWNA than neighbors giving of their time for the benefit of all, and the photos you see on this page serve as prime examples.

Now the story behind the photos: after a neighbor questioned a Portland Parks & Recreation (PP & R) official about some bare spots within the off-leash dog-run area of Wilshire Park, followed by a call from BWNA promising volunteer help, PP & R came through within 5 days, dropping off 60 cubic yards of wood chips. The dozen or so B-W residents who responded on short notice made quick work of spreading the wood chips in the most needed areas. A special thanks goes out to longtime BWNA collaborator Mike Grosso (Northeast Zone Services Parks Maintenance Supervisor) for his prompt support in supplying the group with tools and wheelbarrows.

The second beautification effort centers on several residents who have taken the Beaumont Middle School grounds under their collective wing. As you walk past the corner of the school at Fremont and 42nd Avenue, notice the five new trees planted by these civic-minded residents (with technical assistance from Friends of Trees).

A couple hours of effort by a handful of proud, conscientious neighbors like these add to the enjoyment and benefit of many. BWNA urges you to get your hands/gloves dirty in support of these types of projects within Beaumont-Wilshire.



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Saving the Home Next Door

by Al Ellis

So, that attractive old house next door—the one that’s been part of the fabric of your neighborhood for as long as you can remember—has a “For Sale” sign on the lawn. Uh-oh! What if it’s sold to one of the developers hell-bent on promptly demolishing whatever stands in the way of profiting from construction of an out-of-scale million-dollar new home, perhaps squeezing two of those behemoths onto the lot, resulting in blocking sunlight to your garden, infringing on your privacy, felling trees, releasing who knows what into the air during demolition, and sticking out like a sore thumb on the block?! Well, the message from BWNA and its preservationist grass-roots affiliate, United Neighborhoods for Reform (UNR), is to stay civil, become informed, and proceed systematically as an advocate and activist.

Step 1: Access the UNR blog for guidance (<http://unitedneighborhoodsforreform.blogspot.com>). Then poll neighbors on your block regarding their interest in preserving the home. Arrange a meeting with the owner, emphasizing the importance of the house being sold to a buyer who will live in it, not destroy it.

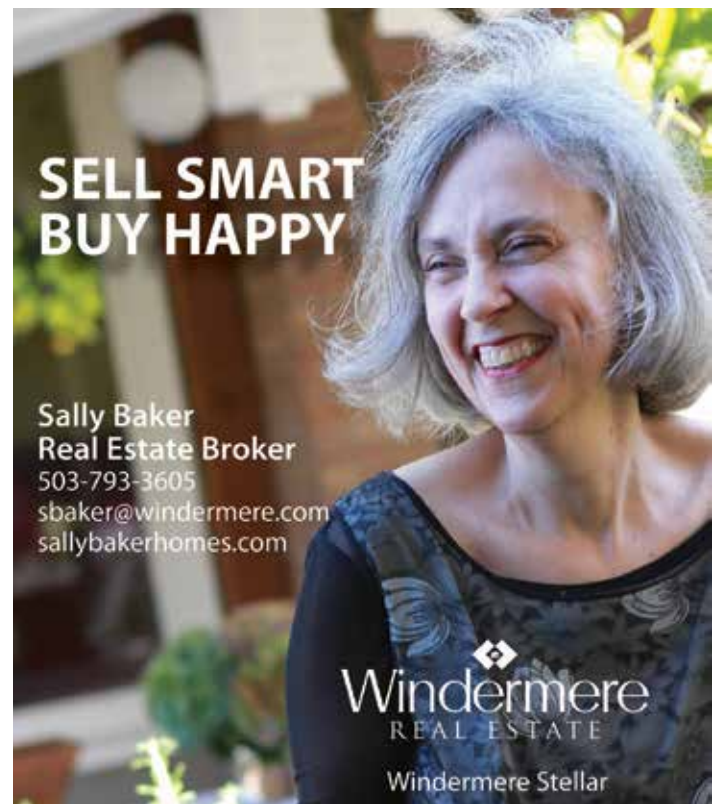
Step 2: Should the owner not be receptive to your arguments, meet again with your group of neighbors and encourage them to purchase “Stop the Demo!” signs to put up in their yards (\$5 each) via the UNR blog or by directly contacting B-W resident and UNR Steering Committee member Janet Baker (janbak@pacifier.com).

Step 3: If, despite all efforts, the house ends up being sold to a developer, invite the developer to meet with your group of neighbors for a discussion. If the developer doesn’t respond or outright refuses to meet, then take your story to the media. Next, contact BWNA Land Use Chair and UNR Steering Committee member Jack Bookwalter (jackbookwalter@yahoo.com) with a request for BWNA to intercede.

Step 4: Regardless of the developer’s willingness or unwillingness to meet, the Bureau of Development Services (BDS) is now required by ordinance (adopted last year with input from UNR) to mail notification of demolition permit applications both to neighbors in the near vicinity of proposed demolition sites, and to neighborhood associations within five days after application submission. The ordinance also requires an automatic 35-day delay

in the granting of a demolition permit in order to give neighbors and their neighborhood association time to explore alternatives to demolition—namely, moving the home intact to a new location, finding a buyer or buyers willing to purchase the home from the developer, or persuading the developer to remodel instead of demolish. If one of these options is doable for your group of neighbors, then BWNA has grounds for an appeal to BDS (with the \$1,300-plus fee waived by the City!) to extend the demolition delay an additional 60 days for the purpose of pursuing the demolition-alternative plan.

Against-the-odds, you say? For sure. Impossible to pull off? Not at all. It’s been done in other neighborhoods, albeit infrequently. The key is to engage parties early on, go public with your campaign if necessary, and stay the course...step by step.



April's Taste of Beaumont/ Election Night

by John Sandie

Once again, numerous local eateries and merchants supported BWNA's annual elections and general meeting with a fine buffet offered for those in attendance. And while the Beaumont Middle School Jazz Band, under direction of Cynthia Plank, typically use this opportunity as a tune-up for upcoming competitions, they were in championship form as far as the enthusiastic audience was concerned. The band's commitment to excellence was clearly on display throughout the entire concert, both in overall group play and solo performances.

The culinary portion of the evening was a big hit as well: wings and ribs from **Fire on the Mountain** and **Alameda Brewhouse**, cheese and oil plate from **Black Bird**, breads from **Grand Central Bakery**, pizzas from **Pizzacatto**, **Pizza Nostra**, and **Papa Murphy's**, salads and noodle dishes from **NoHo's** and **Thrive Sauce and Bowls**, and two large boxes of **Fire and Stone's** signature focaccia dish personally prepared in the Fire and Stone kitchen by chef/owner Jeff Smalley on his day off! To wash all these treats down, ice, water, and soda were donated by **Everest M Market** and **Beaumont Market**.

Additionally, **Beaumont Florists** again added a touch of class to the evening with gorgeous centerpieces taken home by 15 lucky attendees, with **Pips**, **Alameda Brewhouse**, **Bang Bang**, and **Rose's Ice Cream** providing gift certificates for the lively raffle held at the conclusion of the evening. Of special note, **Americana Frame** donated a number of picture frames, with owner Baer Charlton, a published writer (and former co-editor of this newsletter along with wife Diane), adding breadth to the raffle with signed copies of some of his books.



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The business portion of the meeting featured updates on the BWNA Board's focus on land use issues within new Mixed Use Zoning proposals and the City's Comprehensive Plan amendments, which affect the Beaumont Village business areas as well as neighborhood residential development. Jeff King followed with a presentation on the city tree inventory project and its benefits, asking for volunteers to assist in completing the inventory for Beaumont Wilshire. (Details are included in an article by Jeff on page 5 of this issue.)

Elections filled two of three vacant at-large Board positions, with Cliff Goldman and Carol Wire stepping up to the plate to loud applause from grateful neighbors. Thanks also went out to retiring Board members Janet Baker, Roger Price, and Margaret Davis for their years of service and dedication to the association. Treasurer Karla Lenox (who is profiled in this issue) along with board members Joel Schmitz and Dave Whitaker were re-elected to two-year terms. The position of president was in play as well, but there were no takers. Accordingly, President John Sandie agreed to continue serving on an interim basis while a leadership transition can be established.

Despite lower-than-hoped-for turnout, the event was nonetheless very enjoyable for all in attendance.

Spring/Summer BBQ Recipe from Kathy Campbell's Kitchen:

Mini Sweet Stuffed Peppers

- 16 mini bell peppers
- 1 cup cream cheese (can be low fat)
- 1 tsp. onion flakes
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. red pepper flakes (optional)
- ¼ cup green onions, finely chopped
- ¾ cup mozzarella cheese (shredded)

Cut mini bell peppers in half and remove seeds and membrane. Leave the stems on to make it easier to pick these up to eat.

In a small bowl, add all remaining ingredients and blend until cream cheese is smooth and spreadable.

Spoon the cream cheese mixture into the bell peppers, dividing it evenly among the peppers. Sprinkle mozzarella cheese evenly over the peppers.

Line the barbecue grill with foil and heat to low-medium heat. Place the mini peppers on the grill and cook until mozzarella cheese is melted.



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