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October 12-13 and 19-20  
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
4316 NE 38th Avenue,  
3643 NE 47th Avenue, and  
3475 NE 32nd Avenue  
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## Eudaly in the eye of the neighborhood association tiger

by Al Ellis

It is an odd adversarial relationship when each side claims to be supportive of the other's aspirations. But such was the paradox in the 3.96 Code Change controversy pitting City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly and Office of Community & Civic Life Director Suk Rhee against supporters of the city's 95 neighborhood associations: Eudaly and Rhee calling for an end to the city's four-plus decades of formal recognition for neighborhood associations, while at the same time lauding neighborhood association achievements, and neighborhood association activists arguing for maintaining the level of city involvement and investment in democracy by neighborhood, while at the same time lauding Eudaly and Rhee's objective of broadening diversity in civic engagement. Yet accusations flew, emotions flared.

Emblematic of the intensity of the debate were two strident public addresses delivered in July, the first by Commissioner Eudaly (in charge of the Office of Community & Civic Life), then by Director Rhee. Incredibly, the venue for Eudaly's speech was the opening of the Neighborhood Associations Rock! exhibition at the Elizabeth Jones Art Center before a standing-room-only audience of neighborhood association admirers. Greeted with polite applause, Eudaly began extemporaneously with positive comments about the exhibit of paintings and narratives dedicated to successful neighborhood association achievements, then abruptly switched to her prepared speech, insinuating that neighborhood associations are elitist, insular, and unwelcoming to underrepresented groups of residents like young renters and people of color.

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## Neighborhood volunteers spruce up Beaumont Middle School

by Al Ellis

If the Portland School District were to offer a guided tour of its elementary and middle school campuses during summer break, what would attendees see? Well, for the most part, nothing very pretty—"lawns" thick in weeds, dried up plants and drooping foliage, an occasional homeless person camping out in the dust. Obviously, regular campus maintenance during the summer is low on the District's priority-spending list, and residents just have to live with it. Or do we? For civic-minded Cindy Marker and John Thomas, the answer for Beaumont Middle School was to proactively take on the task and mobilize volunteers to help complete it. Thus was launched the "Beaumont Campus Cleanup" project. Cindy and John and a small group of volunteers have begun tackling the job and by the time this newsletter reaches you, which will be after the annual cleanup day on August 24th, they hope to have most of the work on the grounds completed. Their plan going forward is to have periodic maintenance sessions as needed throughout the year so annual cleanups will be a thing of the past. If you would like to be part of the effort to keep Beaumont MS looking great, contact Cindy and John by sending your name, email address, and phone number to [CleanBeaumont@gmail.com](mailto:CleanBeaumont@gmail.com). Volunteers will be informed regarding when work sessions are planned and what work needs to be done.





## President's message

by Tim Hemstreet

# Celebrating and enhancing our neighborhood

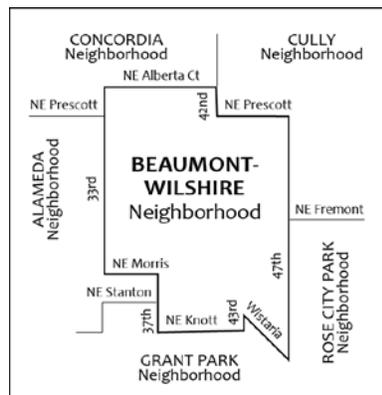
This year's National Night Out Picnic in Wilshire Park on August 6 was once again a success and offered a chance to connect with fellow B-W residents while enjoying some great food provided by both neighbors and the BWNA. Picnic attendees also had a chance to see the park improvements implemented last year through the efforts of Friends of Wilshire Park, a committee of BWNA. The beautifully tranquil new NatureSpace at the park had been the site of past NNO picnics and thus easily observable for all to enjoy. The band Broke 'N Hip reprised its performance from a few years ago and provided great music during the event. The Portland Police K-9 unit stopped by, along with a fire truck from Portland Fire and Rescue, and kids were able to enjoy face paint and games. Thanks to all the local businesses that generously contributed prizes for the raffle (their names highlighted in a separate article on page 10), and special thanks to BWNA Vice President Kathy Campbell for organizing the event and BWNA board members, friends, and families for making the event a success through their efforts. Thanks also to the Beaumont Business Association for sponsoring Fremont Fest, which was another highlight of the summer for our neighborhood.

If you've been paying attention to neighborhood issues in the media, including those reported on in the BWNA newsletter, you are no doubt aware of the Office of Community & Civic Life's proposal to change the city code that formalizes the city's recognition of, and support for, neighborhood associations (NAs). The proposed changes would significantly weaken the neighborhood association system, removing the City's formal recognition of NAs and neighborhood district coalitions along with the requirement that NAs comply with open meetings and public records rules to ensure transparency,

openness, inclusion, non-discrimination, and accountability. The proposal also would eliminate the code-mandate the City oversee and support the NA system.

Like nearly all NAs, BWNA has been very concerned about these proposed changes, since it would leave no formal support for NAs and threaten their ability to undertake many projects and events that enhance livability and to continue to serve as a forum to represent neighborhood concerns to the city. BWNA, like other NAs, supports the goal of increasing diversity and access for other groups to engage with the city and ensure that whether the NA system or by other means all citizens have a meaningful way to add their perspective on city issues. Al Ellis' article on page 1 highlights that this effort to revise the city code may be stalled at the moment due to NA opposition to the draft proposal.

We'll learn more about this and other neighborhood issues at BWNA's next general membership meeting on Monday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Bethany Lutheran Church at NE 37th and Skidmore. Please let me or other board members know of any issues you would like BWNA to address. I hope to see you at this general meeting.



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## Editor's notes

by Al Ellis

To be or not to be—that was to be the question for neighborhood associations this fall.

Our bimonthly publication had done its best to stay on top of this issue from the inception of Commissioner Eudaly's hand-picked Code Change Committee to BWNA's resolution approved at Taste of Beaumont (arguing for retention and strengthening of the neighborhood association system) to the tour de force "Neighborhood Associations Rock!" exhibition that inspired neighborhood associations to organize and collectively fight back against the gutting of the neighborhood association system. The updated story is provided on page 1.

Reporting this story had been a challenge for me, mainly due to the early-on decision by the leadership at the Office of Community & Civic Life to disengage from communicating with neighborhood association leaders. The lack of contact fueled rumors about manipulation of the process by Eudaly, the predisposition of Code Change Committee members, and about a plan to weaken, if not destroy, the neighborhood association system. And lack of specificity in the code change proposal language only added to speculation regarding the demise of neighborhood democracy in favor of administrative fiat.

Fanning the flames of controversy had been public speeches by Commissioner Eudaly and Office of Community & Civic Life Director Rhee stereotyping neighborhood association leaders as older white elitist homeowners who don't care about anyone else. BWNA's response, and the approach of this newsletter, was to dispel stereotyping with the facts. To that end, the BWNA board submitted a letter to the City Council in July that contained a list of BWNA projects and activities that had served to enhance neighborhood livability and broaden civic engagement by residents:

- **Wilshire Park enhancement:** improved lighting; removal of graffiti from pavilion mural; construction of a NatureSpace

area; replacement of worn out play equipment in toddler's play area; utilizing park areas for National Night Out Picnic and Movie in the Park (co-sponsored by BWNA with Alameda NA).

- **Business district enhancement:** diagonal parking off Fremont; Good Neighbor Agreement to mitigate late-night noise at a pub; discouraging cell tower construction on business site adjacent to residential area; collaboration with Beaumont Business Association (BBA) to promote community events sponsored by BWNA and BBA; newsletter articles and ads publicizing local businesses.

- **Beaumont Middle School enhancement:** replacement of a worn out white board with a new one; sponsorship donation to "Sparrow" program (motivating students to engage in service projects for the purpose of raising funds to support children with special medical needs); collaborating with PTA, administration, and music program in hosting Taste of Beaumont.

- **Traffic safety improvements:** speed bumps installed on Wisteria Drive to mitigate speeding on inclines that had resulted in numerous accidents; modernized traffic light systems installed at two busy intersections resulting in greater pedestrian safety and systematic regulation of traffic flow; sidewalk extensions making it safer to cross wide streets; collaboration with PBOT to present proposed projects to neighborhood and affected residents.

- **Advocacy for land use reform:** preservation of neighborhood character (saving viable, affordable homes from demolition and replacement by out-of-scale, million-dollar-plus dwellings); regulation of teardowns with health concerns in mind (prior notification, deconstruction, inspection ordinances adopted); city-provided water for traffic island garden maintenance; engagement

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## 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 and Friends of Wilshire Park committee meetings in Fellowship Hall (down walkway on Skidmore side)

**Monday, September 9:** Board Meeting

**Wednesday, September 11:** Friends of Wilshire Park Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, October 9:** Friends of Wilshire Park Committee Meeting

**Monday, October 14:** General Meeting

**Monday, November 11:** Board Meeting

**Wednesday, November 13:** Friends of Wilshire Park Committee Meeting

### BWNA Newsletter

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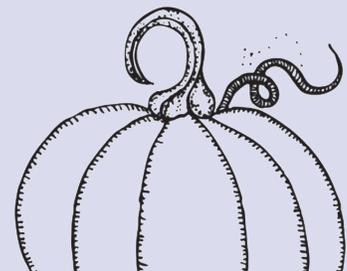
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in zoning changes affecting the neighborhood and involvement in the Residential Infill Project.

- **Dissemination of information:** presentations at general board meetings by local speakers on topics ranging from emergency preparedness to crime prevention to bee pollination and honey production; BWNA newsletter coverage of local issues of interest, community events, neighborhood human interest stories, gardening and recipe tips, and much more; newsletter archives on website ([www.bwna.us](http://www.bwna.us)); announcements posted on BWNA blog (i.e., website).
- **Volunteers lending a helping hand:** assisting needy neighbors upon request with household repairs and yard maintenance; assisting the homeless with garbage cleanup; food collection for the needy; neighborhood graffiti cleanups; Alameda Street public stair cleanup and replanting of stair beds with native plants; 60-plus residents delivering newsletters to residences and businesses.

The letter in its entirety can be read on the BWNA blog at [www.bwna.us](http://www.bwna.us).

Currently, the Office of Community & Civic Life (formerly named the Office of Neighborhood Involvement) provides money to district coalition organizations for staff salaries and funding of programs to assist constituent neighborhood associations with projects and community outreach. B-W's coalition organization, Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN), distributes yearly "communication" grants of a little over \$2,000 to each constituent NA, almost all of which BWNA uses to defray the cost of publishing this newsletter six times a year. CNN also offers small grants for enhancement projects; provides liability insurance coverage for NA events, such as NNO Picnic and Taste of Beaumont; and assists NA fundraising efforts, like the one currently underway by Friends of Wilshire Park, through its nonprofit tax status (making donations tax-deductible). All of this, if the proposed code change language were approved, would be subject to removal by Office of Community & Civic Life executive decision. It's a wakeup call, folks. Stay Alert!

Concluding on a purely positive note, a warm welcome to our newest advertiser **Evolve Performance Healthcare!** (see their ad on page 9)

## Eudaly versus neighborhood associations (continued)

The speech ended to zero applause, with the commissioner exiting amid groans and heated invectives. In contrast, the Portland City Club audience for Rhee's passionate speech was cordial throughout as Civic Life's top administrator denied being opposed to neighborhood associations, but then criticized what she considers to be unwarranted city favoritism over the years to neighborhood associations at the exclusion of minority groups, a policy that, in her opinion, has had "devastating" effects on communities victimized by American democracy's "origins in white supremacy and economic exploitation" (a proposed code insert).

Inflammatory rhetoric and trenchant suspicions aside, the bottom line for both sides would be securing at least three votes of support

from the five-member City Council in the fall. But by August, according to public records requests by The Oregonian, Commissioner Eudaly had concluded the proposal lacked the votes for passage, admitting that it had been a mistake to exclude neighborhood association leaders from the process of recommending revisions to the code that frames the city's relationship with those organizations. Eudaly's efforts to reframe the city's engagement with its citizens had been frustrated by a failed engagement process, with the ensuing controversy awakening and mobilizing a sleeping tiger—those thousands of residents across the city supportive and protective of democracy at the neighborhood level—a system open to all, regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity.



### *Calling all Volunteers!*

BWNA has volunteer opportunities to suit every interest! From serving on the board to delivering the newsletter to reporting/article writing to offering your neighbor a hand or helping to maintain and beautify Wilshire Park, there's much work to be done to keep our neighborhood strong. Want to know more? Contact Al Ellis ([editor@bwna.us](mailto:editor@bwna.us)) and get involved!



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# Friends of Wilshire Park raises over \$2,000 with help from The Wiggle Room

by Tiffney Townsend

**B**WNA's Friends of Wilshire Park (FOWP) committee continues its fundraising efforts to improve the children's play area at our neighborhood park after recently securing enough donated funds to purchase a new car play structure. Next on the list is a new playhouse, and the fundraising kicked off with a party hosted by The Wiggle Room on July 29. Between profits donated by Wiggle Room owners Jessica and Christopher Wade, revenue brought in from a silent auction at the event, and donations that were matched up to \$1,000 by an anonymous donor, the event brought in over \$2,000. This sum, when added to previous donations via the FOWP GoFundMe account, puts the group well on its way to purchasing a new playhouse for the community's kids to enjoy.

"Wilshire Park was our kids' favorite park. It was a perfect spot for us with a little one who enjoyed the toddler area and an older kiddo who enjoyed climbing, swinging, and sliding," said Jessica Wade, who, with her husband Christopher, donated half of the Wiggle Room's profits to the fundraiser. "Over the past few years it has become less desirable as the toddler area was in desperate need of repairs. We hope the fundraising efforts will restore the park to a favorite amongst neighborhood children."

The fundraiser party at The Wiggle Room kicked off at 9:00 a.m., and all day there was a bubble machine, popcorn, face painting, and music for the kids, while their parents relaxed with food and drinks in the Wiggle Room's cafe space. Additionally, FOWP volunteers read stories and led a ukulele sing-along. The event did just as much to raise community awareness of the value of this project as it did to bring in the funds needed to purchase and install a playhouse, which will draw in parents of young children from throughout northeast Portland because of its level ground, well-shaded play area, and equipment that is good for babies and toddlers.

Several local businesses donated generously to the event, giving gift cards for a raffle and items for the auction. FOWP is very appreciative of **House Spirits, Gazelle Natural Fiber Clothing, Laurelwood Brewhouse, Just4Kids Clothing, New Seasons Market, Fit4Mom Cedar Mill, The Portland Symphonic Choir, and Keys To Life Music** for their contributions. Additional donations were received from several neighbors who are active participants in FOWP. The more that is raised, the nicer the playhouse can be, although the FOWP committee will soon decide when best to end the fundraising and make the purchase. Input from residents is encouraged.

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# Tree-of-Heaven... or Hell?

by Barbara Strunk

For years I have been pulling volunteer tree seedlings from my garden. I thought they were walnuts, planted by squirrels preparing for winter. Some of the seedlings got away from me and became saplings with huge, destructive root systems. These saplings have established at the bases of desirable plants, such as my rhododendrons and raspberries, and along our house foundation. They are *Ailanthus altissima*, "Tree-of-Heaven," a truly noxious invasive species imported from China hundreds of years ago. I found the seed-producing trees less than a block away from our house. In walking the neighborhood, I have seen many of these trees in parking strips. Tree-of-Heaven can be confused with staghorn sumac, black walnut, and hickory.

One of the many problems with Tree-of-Heaven is the fact that it's a prolific seed producer. The winged seeds travel widely and germinate easily. The plant has heavy, aggressive root systems that have been known to crack foundations and overtake desired plantings. It easily adapts to all kinds of environments: gardens, forests, and roadsides. The *Ailanthus altissima* produces destructive allelopathic chemicals in its leaves, roots, and bark that can limit or prevent the establishment of other plants. For some people, contact with the pollen or sap can cause allergies and dermatitis.



*The invasive Tree-of-Heaven seedling (above) and sapling (below) can be confused with staghorn sumac, black walnut, and hickory. Photos by Barbara Strunk*

What can we do to control this plant? First of all, don't plant it. Be vigilant. Become familiar with what the seedlings look like and pull them immediately. The root system, even on a seedling, is impressive. Manual removal can work on small seedlings and saplings, but all roots and root fragments must be removed. New growth sprouts from even small root fragments, and can appear 50 feet from a mature *Ailanthus altissima* tree.

Since I haven't been certain that I can get all the sapling roots out, I have very reluctantly resorted to systemic herbicidal control in addition to digging (see the excellent references below). From July to onset of fall color, when the plant is drawing fluids and carbohydrates back to its roots prior to going dormant, I paint the herbicide onto the cut stem of the Tree-of-Heaven. I have also painted herbicide on the new growth of the saplings, but that seems to damage only the leaves. The roots must be damaged to control the tree. I would never apply these herbicides as a spray since many surrounding shrubby plants would be destroyed. These herbicides are the type used to control rampant blackberries.

Tree-of-Heaven is pretty, but it is serious destruction hiding in an attractive form. Useful identification pictures can be found on the following sites: <https://extension.psu.edu/tree-of-heaven> and <https://www.techlinenews.com/articles/2014/tree-of-heaven-a-devil-in-disguise> (guidance on herbicides.)

## Friends of Wilshire Park (continued)

The exact amount needed to purchase a play structure can vary by several thousand dollars based on when and how it is ordered. If it were purchased and installed as a solo project, it would be much more expensive. The purchase of the car play structure, for example, was combined with a bulk purchase by Portland Parks & Recreation of several other structures, thereby reducing FOWP's cost by \$7,000. Portland's play pieces are manufactured in Minnesota, shipped to Oregon, and then installed by qualified contractors partnered with the city. Lumping purchases together substantially reduces overhead and shipping costs. FOWP will continue to strive for efficient management of donated funds so that the money can go as far as possible.

All donations to this project are tax deductible through Central Northeast Neighbors (Bwana's neighborhood association district coalition) and can be made via FOWP's fundraising website [friendsofwilshirepark.org/donate](http://friendsofwilshirepark.org/donate). The FOWP committee is open to participation by all residents and meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the basement activity room of Bethany Lutheran Church, located across from the park on the corner of NE Skidmore Street and 37th Avenue.

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*Dr. Carl Baird, DC, MS*

Have YOU ever been told that back pain is just one of those things that come with age? Maybe you've been told to rest or take pain pills and wait for the pain to go away on its own? Or worse, maybe someone has convinced you that you just have a "bad back" and there's nothing you can do?

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# August events foster community, collaboration, appreciation

by Susan Trabucco and Al Ellis, photos by Peter Gearin

Our neighborhood enjoyed three great activities in August, all with the intention of bringing people together to foster a sense of Beaumont-Wilshire community. Based on the smiles and diversity of faces from the photos of these events...it worked!

From the **Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association**, thanks go to the **Beaumont Business Association** for putting on Fremont Fest, the annual street fair held in Beaumont Village. Comments from event-goers included those from kids: “We like the candy people throw at us,” to those of parents: “It’s family-friendly, and we like that!”

**THANKS** also go out to the many volunteers and businesses that helped make **National Night Out**, a BWNA-sponsored event held at Wilshire Park, one of the best-attended NNO picnics ever. Local businesses that donated raffle items included:

**Beaumont Market**  
**Fire On The Mountain**  
**Grand Central Bakery**  
**Green Dog Pet Supply**  
**Little Griddle**  
**Noho's Hawaiian Cafe**  
**Pips Original Doughnuts & Chai**  
**Pizza Nostra**  
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Special thanks go out to the boys and supervisory adults of **Scout Troop 107** for transporting chairs and tables (generously donated for NNO picnic use by **Wilshire United Methodist**

**Church**) to and from the event and for schlepping the bulky, unwieldy rented barbecue and heavy propane canisters to a nearby home post-event for pickup the next morning—all under the expert direction of Scoutmaster and former BWNA Board member **Tom Melville**. (Their Herculean efforts saved many backs!)

Teamwork was the name of the game, with BWNA Board members, former Board members, and residents at large pitching in, including VP **Kathy Campbell** as chief organizer of the event; Secretary **Barbara Strunk**, Treasurer **Karla Lenox**, and board member **Tim Gillespie**, who either shopped, sliced veggies, or hauled heavy equipment for the barbecue. Board member and newsletter editor **Al Ellis** served as emcee.

Special recognition is in order for the intrepid volunteer chefs—former BWNA board members **Dave Whitaker** and **Jack Bookwalter**, current board member **Cliff Goldman**, and **Kathy Sandie**, who labored long and hard over the sizzling barbecue to cook the hundreds of charbroiled burgers and hotdogs that complemented the potluck fare supplied by attendees. **Marissa Gowen** led children’s activities at NNO.

Enhancing the annual celebration of neighborhood and crime prevention was the incomparable local oldies-but-goodies band **Broken ‘N Hip Band**, featuring lead singer **Jean Czuba**. They ROCKED (and rolled)! Additionally, **Central Northeast Neighbors** (CNN) provided a face-painting table, **Portland Police Officer Gore** and dog from the K-9 unit impressed and entertained, **Portland Park Ranger Damir Dukic** and **Portland**



**Bureau of Transportation Parking Enforcement Supervisor Donald Hunter** (both with personal ties to the neighborhood) were on hand to field questions, and to the delight of children and adults alike, the **Portland Fire Department** arrived with a big, shiny, kid-climbable fire truck that was parked on nearby Skidmore Street.

**Parks & Recreation** and co-sponsored by the **Beaumont-Wilshire and Alameda neighborhood associations**. The event, held at the west end of the park, featured the 2019 film “How to Train Your Dragon 3: The Hidden World” and included music from the band **5 Grand**, snacks from vendor **Bobablastic**, and free popcorn all night.

The last August event in the neighborhood was the popular **Movie in the Park** in Wilshire Park, organized by **Portland**



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# Beaumont-Wilshire is a Spanish learning program hub for children

by Al Ellis

Ask Portland Early Learning Project Director Jessica Swartz Amezcua, owner of Adventures in Spanish (a longtime BWNA newsletter advertiser) about the benefits of learning Spanish, or any other foreign language for that matter, and she lights up. “There are so many reasons to learn a second language! It boosts your confidence, allows you to communicate with more people, enhances your brain’s capacity, enables you to think outside the box, deepens your understanding of languages and cultures, and expands your horizons!!”



*Jessica Swartz Amezcua, Portland Early Learning project director and owner of Adventures in Spanish, is a strong advocate for introducing bilingualism at a young age.*

Jessica is also a strong advocate for starting early in life on the path to bilingualism. “It’s never too late to learn a second language, but children are able to learn a second language more deeply than adults. As we get older, our brains become less flexible and more specialized, making it that much harder to acquire true fluency. Children, on the other hand, engage both halves of their brains in the learning process.”

Adventures in Spanish offers an array of programs throughout Portland, some of which are headquartered in Beaumont-

Wilshire. For instance, at Bethany Lutheran Church (where BWNA meetings are held), children can participate in monthly Spanish Story and Play Times free of charge and families can enroll in classes for toddlers and parents. Additionally, neighborhood preschool and elementary schools serve as venues for afterschool Spanish classes. A unique teaching approach incorporates gross motor movement, sign language, visual cues, and touch through the playing of games and singing of songs. Jessica is especially ebullient about the learning process and her staff. “Our small classes are designed to be educational, inspiring, and FUN and are taught by a team

of bright, talented, and engaging teachers who are passionate about language and communication and love sharing their passion with Portland families!”

Adventures in Spanish was voted “Best Language Camp for Summer 2019” by the readers of NW Kids. For a complete schedule and instructions on how to register for fall classes, go to Portland Early Learning Project website ([portlandearlylearning.com](http://portlandearlylearning.com)). Jessica is happy to answer questions via e-mail at [jessica@portlandearlylearning.com](mailto:jessica@portlandearlylearning.com).



*Understanding that children learn best when having fun and feeling successful is at the heart of every lesson offered by Adventures in Spanish. Photos provided by Jessica Swartz Amezcua*



Back-to-school recipe from Kathy's Kitchen!  
by Kathy Campbell

## Honey Garlic Chicken Wings

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| 3 lbs chicken wings<br>(cut off the flat piece) | 2 Tb honey        |
| 1/3 c hoisin sauce                              | 2 Tb rice vinegar |
| 2 Tb soy sauce                                  | 2 Tb ketchup      |
|   | 2 Tb garlic paste |

Mix all ingredients (except chicken) in large bowl. Add chicken. Marinate for a few hours or overnight (you can use a re-sealable zipper storage bag in refrigerator). Heat oven to 475°. Bake (meat side down) for 15 minutes. Turn wings over and cook for an additional 10 minutes.



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# Rich Woyma contributes youth and urban experience to BWNA board

by Mark Mohammadpour

**T**his month we're profiling Rich Woyma, one of three newest members voted onto the board in May.

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

My family and I moved to the neighborhood at the beginning of 2018. We moved to Portland from New York at the end of 2016 to be closer to family in the Pacific Northwest, and our house search led us to the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood. We feel lucky to have found a neighborhood that offers the walkability and urban feel we grew accustomed to in New York, combined with a vibrant neighborhood in which to raise our two small children.

*What's your favorite neighborhood business, and why?*

Given the abundance of great local options, this is a tough question. But as a first-time homeowner and novice DIY-er, my favorite business in the neighborhood has to be Beaumont Do It Best



*Rich Woyma is one of three new members voted onto the BWNA board earlier this year.*

Hardware. Aside from the extremely knowledgeable and helpful staff, the shop offers everything I never knew I needed.

*What does being a board member mean to you?*

For me, being a board member means offering whatever assistance I can to address those issues that specifically affect our neighborhood. I feel that being a board member offers a great platform for local residents to address local issues. Portland is the city in which our family has chosen to set down roots, and I want to contribute toward making the community better for my family and our neighbors.

*What are the issue to you want to address as a board member?*

Broadly speaking, I want to help address those issues directly affecting the livability of the neighborhood. As Portland continues to grow, I want to help our neighborhood tackle issues that go hand-in-hand with growth so that our neighborhood can continue to evolve in a sustainable manner.

*Thank you for your service, Rich!*

## Portland Open Studios return to Beaumont-Wilshire

by David Friedman

**T**he 21st year of Portland Open Studios will be held October 12, 13, 19, and 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Beaumont Wilshire artists David Friedman (FriedArt Studios), Jennifer Moran, Marjorie Post, and Andrew Butterfield all will be showing work in their Beaumont-Wilshire studios. This citywide event takes place annually during the second and third weekends of October. Artists open their studios to visitors during the event so that you can drop by and see not only their most current work but the processes they use to create their art.

**David Friedman** (Studio 26 at 4316 NE 38th Avenue) is an eclectic artist who has been specializing in papercutting the past 7 years. His pieces range from nature-based papercuttings of birds, trees, and insects to abstract works that can get incredibly complex.

**Jennifer Moran** (Studio 25 at 3643 NE 47th Avenue) creates wood art that reflects her love of nature. A large body of her work is inspired by the parks in NE and SE Portland. She uses

wood grain and stains to create images of trees on doors and other wood.

**Marjorie Post** (Studio 36 at 3475 NE 32nd Avenue) creates custom-designed hand-knit garments, quilts, and hand-dyed fabrics. She will be demonstrating electric and wheel spinning as well as knitting and weaving on a rigid heddle loom.

**Andrew Butterfield** (Studio 21 at 3475 NE 32nd Avenue) has been greatly influenced by studying art in Indonesia. His current work is hand-formed ceramic, both functional and sculptural. He is drawn to surfaces that are affected by the firing process.

Each of these artists will have maps of and postcards for all the artists participating in their studios throughout the city.

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