



Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association

July-August 2022

BWNA NEWSLETTER

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FREMONT FEST IS BACK AUGUST 6!

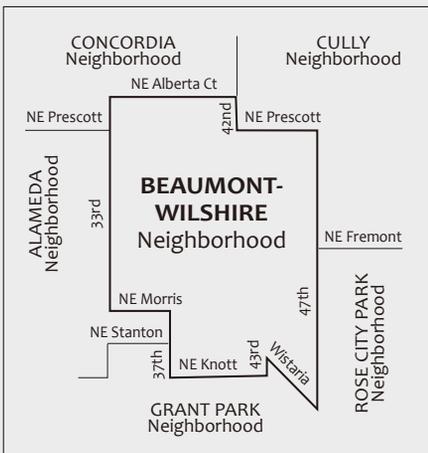
Taking a hiatus for the last couple of years due to COVID, Fremont Fest, the Beaumont Business Association's annual street fair, is back this year. Scheduled for Sat., August 6, The event runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with plenty of fun on tap. This year's event will feature over 120 vendor booths, a kid zone, and a beer garden at Hi-Top Tavern. There will not be



a kid's parade or pub crawl this year due to pandemic concerns, and live music will be in the purview of individual businesses.

To accommodate event-goer safety while enjoying the day-long event, Fremont Street will be closed from 42nd to 51st avenues.

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Fremont Fest was last held in 2019. Food, fun, family, festivities, and over 120 vendor booths await visitors to this year's event. BWNA file photos.

OUR MISSION:

The mission of BWNA is to enhance the livability of our neighborhood by undertaking various neighborhood improvement projects, examining local issues, and serving as a conduit for communication between neighbors, government agencies and officials, area businesses, and other neighborhood institutions and groups. We are committed to diversity and equity in all our activities.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PUBLIC SERVICE

by Patty Nelson

I am humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association president. I joined the BWNA board last year as a means of continuing my passion for public service in a different way. I have spent my career as a civil engineer working for various municipalities providing services to the public: water to drink, collection and treatment of storm and wastewater to keep our rivers and streams clean, and transportation systems to provide safe places for people to walk, bike, and drive to where they need to go. I look forward to serving you as president, and welcome hearing from you about how we can serve you and our wonderful neighborhood.

Speaking of public service, we had a record turnout for board elections at our April meeting, allowing us to fill all then-vacant board positions. Welcome Aaron Breakstone, Angela Frome, Patti Koehler, Laurel Marshall, and Colin O'Neill. (See page 6). These are volunteer positions, with people giving their time and talent to serve our community. Thank you!

After two years of COVID shutdowns and restrictions, the board met for the first time in person at our May board meeting. For

many, it was the first time meeting each other in person. While precautions were taken to provide a safe environment for our smaller board meetings, we plan to hold our general meetings on Zoom held on even number months for now.

Are you looking for ways to become more engaged in your community, but don't have the time to make a board commitment? I encourage you to either participate in a BWNA meeting or join a committee that interests you. We strive to post the meeting agenda on our website a week before

the meetings. We currently have active committees for Communications, Crime Prevention & Safety, Friends of Wilshire Park, Land Use, Newsletter, Transportation, and Welcoming. Please email info@bwnapdx.org with any suggestions or request to participate in a specific committee.

With the summer here, I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy all that the neighborhood has to offer, including Fremont Fest, National Night Out, and block parties. Gather safely and have fun.

“ I encourage you to either participate in a BWNA meeting or join a committee that interests you. ”

— Patty Nelson

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BOARD & COMMITTEE UPDATES

by Andrew Rinke

BWNA Board Updates

During the regularly scheduled board meeting on the second Monday in June, BWNA met virtually. To fill two vacant board positions, Susan Trabucco was elected and Gary Hancock was re-elected.

Prosper Portland (PP) shared updated Tax Increment Financing (TIF) information in Cully. PP adjusted the district's boundaries to remove businesses along Fremont but retained a small area within B-W near 42nd and Prescott. The board voted to not opt out of the Cully TIF.

Board representatives met with the Tacovore owner to discuss neighbors' concerns about restaurant operations. The owner identified changes in business operations intended to address concerns. The board will draft a Good Neighbor Agreement outlining concerns and Tacovore's mitigation measures.

A neighbor presented feedback from residents of NE 45th impacted by the McPeet's tent and road closure. The board advised on next steps to work with City officials and McPeet's to address neighbors' concerns for safety and livability.

We're looking for volunteers to make National Night Out on August 2 a reality for our neighborhood. Email info@bwnapdx.org if you can help!

BWNA Committee Updates



Communications

Digital: To receive updates on events and other news, neighbors are encouraged to subscribe at bwnapdx.org/subscribe.



Newsletter: The board voted to update ad rates and approved funds to improve newsletter paper quality. We're looking for skilled writers! Reach out to editor@bwnapdx.org.



Crime Prevention & Safety

Mayor's emergency response for homelessness has provided a centralized command center to coordinate homeless camp response. The result has been a higher number of camps being evaluated, cleaned up, and people provided options to move to shelters. Minor crimes are still occurring. B-W, however, continues to have low crime overall.



Friends of Wilshire Park (FoWP)

Thanks to everyone who joined us at Tacovore May 16 and Steeplejack June 15 for Dine to Donate events. You helped exceed \$7,000 toward our fundraising efforts! Learn more and donate at www.friendsofwilshirepark.org. Thanks to Portland Parks and Recreation and the "Adopt a Bench" program, we have two new ADA-accessible park benches. Sit and take in the beauty of Wilshire Park—happy summer!



Transportation

The committee met with PBOT to discuss concerns with the Greenway Pilot Project at Alameda/Fremont, including safety and traffic flow. PBOT is working to develop a revised concept. The committee continues to work with PBOT on pedestrian safety improvements along Fremont, including soft bump outs at crosswalks and improved lighting.

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Check "Upcoming Events" page on BWNA website for venue and/or Zoom link information regarding General and Board meetings.

For Zoom links to FoWP Committee meetings,
contact Committee Chair Gary Hancock via outside503@aol.com

Mon, July 11: General meeting, starts 7 p.m.

Wed, July 13: FoWP Committee meeting via Zoom, starts 7 p.m.

Mon, Aug. 8: Board meeting, starts 7 p.m.

Wed, Aug. 10: FoWP Committee meeting via Zoom, starts 7 p.m.

Newsletter Article & Ad Submission Info

Articles

Would you like to write for the newsletter, have an idea or opinion you'd like to voice, or have a Letter to the Board or Editor? If so, email editor@bwnapdx.org.

Advertising

Advertising is appreciated and accepted as space is available. For ad rates and instructions, visit [bwnapdx.org/Newsletter/About the Newsletter](http://bwnapdx.org/Newsletter/About%20the%20Newsletter).

Deadlines

We publish the 1st of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. & Nov.

Pre-approved articles & ads must be submitted by the 1st of the month PRIOR to a publishing date.

Submit articles to editor@bwnapdx.org.

Photos, graphics, and ads to design@bwnapdx.org.

Block parties made easier!

Summer is the time to get outdoors. . . and reconnect with or meet new neighbors. One of the best ways to do this is by holding a block party, in which streets can be closed off with City of Portland permission. The presence of COVID and indoor restrictions moved the city to streamline its permit process via an updated Healthy Blocks program, administered via the Portland Bureau of Transportation.

The details and an online application can be found on PBOT's website. For questions call Rod Beard at 503-823-4003 or email healthyblocks@portlandoregon.gov.

A point to remember: due to city staffing challenges, applications can take 7 to 15 business days to be approved. Plan now and have fun this summer!

NEWS BITS

FROM B-W
&
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IXNAY on personal fireworks

In March, the City of Portland banned the use of all personal fireworks within the city limits.

Considerations include the potential for house or wildfires, the fear and stress it causes veterans who've served in combat, and pets and other animals severely frightened by the sounds. Find fun in other ways—barbecues with family and friends, games, and water toys. Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!

BIKE FUN!



Sundays on Going

Get on your bicycle, meet your neighbors, and explore the Going Greenway! Every Sunday, rain or shine, on Going Street from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Sundays on Going, organized by Bike Loud PDX, travels west from near MLK Jr. Boulevard and east to K^hunamokwst Park.

At noon each Sunday there's a slow roll community ride. Bike Loud also provides resources for neighbors to set up temporary street installations via the Portland Healthy Block program. (See *block party article at left*).

Bike Loud PDX is a Portland-focused cycling and traffic safety advocacy group. To connect or to request a yard sign, email bikeloudpdx@gmail.com. Visit bikeloudpdx.org for more info.

Pedalpalooza 2022

"Three glorious months of bike fun," Pedalpalooza 2022 features organized bicycle rides throughout the summer months. Each ride is led by community members who volunteer their time to dream up a ride, plan it, and lead it.

Meghan Sinnott, B-W resident and newsletter delivery volunteer (thank you!) is a Bike Summer organizer. "Bike Summer is intended to grace our city streets with joyous, free bicycle rides now through August," she said.

For more information and how to post a ride, visit shift2bikes.org. For a scheduled rides calendar, visit shift2bikes.org/pedalpalooza-calendar.

Sunday Parkways

Portland Sunday Parkways, in which the city blocks off streets for family-friendly biking, was waylaid for two years by COVID. It's back this year. The first ride was in June. The next in-person ride is Aug. 22. There are also five explore-on-your-own Sticker Hunt routes. For more info visit portland.gov/sunday-parkways/2022.

Bike Bus

A past event organized by BWNA board member Sam Balto with an assist from BWNA board member John Sandie, the ride took a host of kids to school by bike. For a great blog and pics of the event, visit bwnapdx.org/post/neighborhood-bike-bus.

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NEWSLETTER TEAM HONORS FORMER BWNA EDITOR

by Susan Trabucco

In late May, under outdoor protective cover from pounding rain at Beaumont Village's Amalfi's restaurant, longtime former editor of this newsletter, Al Ellis, was treated to a surprise party by his longest-participating newsletter team members. In addition to dinner and beverages, Al was presented with a bobblehead figure, one made in the Uncle Sam image Al used for years as an icon for his editor's column.

The party was a lively, story-filled event. Former BWNA president Tim Gillespie served as master of ceremonies, regaling the group with fun facts about Al's stint at the newsletter helm. Tim's extensive research and thoughtful words fueled stories by others and the laughter that followed. Amalfi staff members Malachi Mathews and Rondarian Moore added to the levity with their hysterical antics throughout the celebration.



A surprise send-off party was held at Amalfi's in May for longtime BWNA newsletter editor Al Ellis. **Front row, from left:** Peggy Ellis (Al's wife); Al Ellis; Karla Lenox, BWNA treasurer and advertising contact; and Jane Feinberg, BWNA graphic designer. **Back row from left:** Susan Trabucco, BWNA editor; John Sandie, BWNA board member; Myrna Sheie, BWNA newsletter copy editor; Tim Gillespie, BWNA board member; and Kathy Sandie. Not pictured: Tim Gillespie's wife Jan and B-W neighbor Diane Charlton. Photo by Malachi Mathews.

And the bobblehead? "It will," says Al, "live not in the basement 'museum' amid myriad memorabilia, but stand proudly on our den bookshelf."



Amalfi staff members Malachi Mathews (left) and Rondarian Moore lent their talent and humor to the surprise party for former BWNA newsletter editor, Al Ellis. Photo by Susan Trabucco.



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WELCOME FIVE NEW BWNA BOARD MEMBERS

Our annual April elections resulted in the addition of five neighbors as new BWNA board members. The board now has 15 members working across executive functions as well as leading various committees including Communications, Crime Prevention & Safety, Friends of Wilshire Park, Land Use, Newsletter, Transportation, and Welcoming.

We're excited to introduce our newest board members, who joined the board because...



Aaron Breakstone

"I believe citizen involvement at all levels is vital. My family and I love that our neighborhood has so much to offer within walking distance—businesses, services, schools, and parks. Of interest to me as a board member are areas where transportation, land use, and safety overlap, and working toward strategies that balance multiple perspectives."



Angela Frome

"I have fond memories of growing up in the Cully and B-W neighborhoods; I raised my children here. I've been active with BWNA on clean-up projects, home visiting for seniors, and newsletter delivery. I look forward to continuing to serve and build community with fellow neighbors. I'm interested in neighborhood cleanup, aging in place, and pedestrian and traffic safety."



Patti Koehler

"I was spurred by discussions over safety and traffic at the Alameda/Fremont corner. My wife and I love many things about B-W: shops and restaurants nearby, beautiful lawns and gardens, and friendly neighbors who work to make this a better place. I'd like to improve communication and connection for all neighbors beyond this wonderful newsletter."



Laurel Marshall

"I'd like to feel more connected with my neighbors, schools, and business owners, and believe I can achieve it in this leadership role. As a marriage and family therapist, if I can use my skills to build relationships, increase connection, and resolve conflicts, I'm ready to jump in! I'd also like to reinvigorate the 'Block Watch' program."



Colin O'Neill

"I want to be more connected with the neighborhood and help where I can with safety, transportation, and land use issues. My family has lived in B-W for 14 years. We've raised our kids here. We love the mix of parks, quiet streets, and great stores and restaurants on Fremont, all within walking distance of each other."



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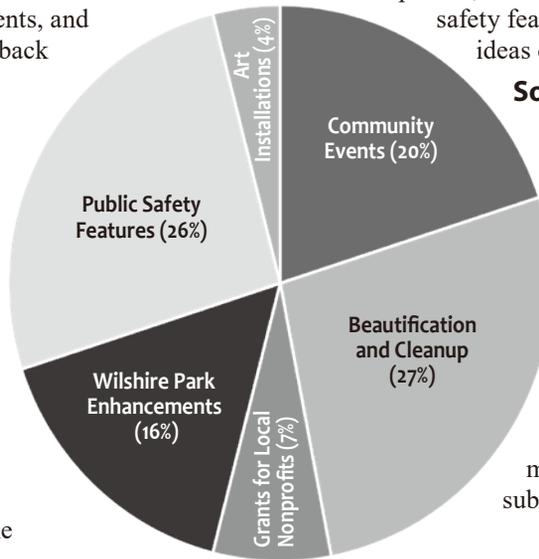
by Andrew Rinke

In our last issue, we reported that BWNA has extra funds after two years of canceled events, and we invited neighbors to provide feedback about how BWNA should invest in the community. BWNA email subscribers received a survey in May and 108 neighbors responded.

What's most important to B-W neighbors?

Neighborhood-wide community events, beautification and clean-up efforts, grants for local nonprofits, Wilshire Park enhancements, public safety features, or art installations?

Of the six identified areas of investment, neighbors responded that beautification and clean-up efforts were the highest priority with 27 percent of the



responses, but a close second at 26 percent was public safety features. Neighbors also shared 57 specific ideas on how we can invest in the community.

So, what's next?

First, thank you to the neighbors who participated in this survey! We now have more information to help guide our neighborhood association's budgeting and priorities. All six areas are important for the livability and vitality of Beaumont-Wilshire, and BWNA can start planning how to best use funds to reflect the desires of our community.

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A CONVERSATION WITH OWNER AMINTA DAVIS

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Describe what your business does.

Village Fit provides Small Group Training with a strength and conditioning focus and offers personal training and nutrition services. The time you spend at the gym should make your life outside of the gym better. Our motto is "Train and Shine."

What background/experience do you have that's relevant to your business?

I've been working as a small group and personal trainer since 2012. I started my career with CrossFit and have worked

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Aminta Davis, right, is the owner of Village Fit in Beaumont Village. Many of Village Fit's courses are held outdoors; her business goal is to help people live long, healthy lives. Submitted photo.

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BEAUMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHER EARNS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD

by Susan Trabucco

There's a new hero in our midst in Beaumont-Wilshire. On May 31, Emmanuel Aquino, for nine years an 8th grade English-Spanish immersion teacher at Beaumont Middle School, took home one of only three Educator of the Year awards from OnPoint Community Credit Union's Excellence in Education program. Winners have their mortgage or rent paid for one full year and receive \$2,500 for their respective schools.

In choosing Mr. Aquino for the honor, OnPoint's press release noted this about him:

"Emmanuel Aquino is a bilingual educator who stands out for his efforts to help Spanish-speaking students and their families feel welcome and seen. . . .

Part of his success in the classroom comes back to his goal of making his curriculum relevant to his students. He proactively answers the common question, "Why do I need to know this?"

Mr. Aquino was quick to point out team members who help make it possible.



Beaumont Middle School teacher Emmanuel Aquino was recognized as Educator of the Year by OnPoint Community Credit Union.

"One of the greatest pleasures has been the development of the Spanish immersion program with my colleague, Anabel Muñana," Mr. Aquino said. "We have seen it grow from a handful of students to becoming an integral part of the Beaumont school community, which would not be possible without the support of other teachers at Beaumont and Rigler and some of our district staff."

It is Mr. Aquino's hope that the OnPoint grant will strengthen the school's dual language program through the purchase of novel sets in Spanish, classroom resources, and potential future field trips.

Dr. Harriette Vigmenon, Beaumont Middle School principal, supported Emmanuel's award.

"Mr. Aquino is a stellar professional," she said. "His passion for teaching and learning is coupled with his love for his students, and we applaud his dedication to the teaching profession—his award is well deserved!"

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RESIDENTIAL RIPPLES FROM RIP

by Al Ellis

May RIP rest in peace. Wishful thinking? Perhaps, but now moot.

After years of controversy over residential demolitions, single-family zoning, high-density housing, low-income affordability, and neighborhood character, Portland City Council finalized in June the fate of the Residential Infill Project (RIP) with a decision that was essentially preordained: in compliance with a 2019 law passed by the Oregon legislature, single-family zoning in larger cities statewide has been eliminated in favor of high-density development, what some call “plexes.”

BWNA’s activism vis-à-vis RIP can be traced to summer 2014, when the BWNA board passed a resolution aimed at curbing residential demolitions of viable homes to build million-dollar “McMansions,” houses towering above the rest.

Complementing BWNA in its preservationist efforts was upstart United Neighborhoods for Reform (UNR), a grassroots organization spearheaded by a cadre of BWNA board members, whose “Stop the Demo” agenda was eventually endorsed by over half of Portland’s 95 neighborhood associations.

Strength in numbers gained UNR leverage at city hall, especially with Mayor Charlie Hales. He was supportive of UNR’s call for viable home preservation, beefed-up demolition regulations, size limits for newly built homes, and the creation of a citywide Residential Infill Project taskforce charged with assessing infill options and generating recommendations.

Mayor Hales persuaded his fellow council members to approve funding for a RIP taskforce, then assembled a diverse committee which included Barb Strunk, BWNA board member and UNR steering committee chair. It was, however, the pro-development/

high-density housing contingent that prevailed, rejecting most of the reforms championed by the mayor and UNR.

While residential demolition site safeguard procedures have been significantly enhanced through preservationist activism and the building of detached structures (ADUs) by homeowners is allowed under the amended RIP policy, demolitions have continued, relatively unabated, and are likely to increase. And as those single-family houses bite the dust, the dwindling stock of homes affordable to entry-level buyers, often young couples starting families, dwindles further.

A San Francisco native, Al Ellis and his wife have been B-W residents since 1990. He’s a current and longtime BWNA board member, past president, and served as editor of this newsletter for 12 years. He taught Russian and social studies in Portland schools for over 30 years and served as president of the Portland-Khabarovsk Sister City Association.



Al Ellis



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PERSPECTIVES

compiled by Polly Webber

In our last edition of the newsletter, we introduced "Perspectives," providing readers with input from other folks in the neighborhood. For this issue we asked:

"How important is it to know your neighbors?"



"Knowing your neighbors gives you a sense of belonging to a community. From asking for a cup of sugar to alerting you to potential danger, knowing your neighbors is enriching and must lead to higher home values. Lawns are mowed, houses are kept up, and kids are watched by neighbors." (Ben - 2 years in B-W)



"Maybe I'm just lucky, but I consider my neighbors to be some of my closest friends. We don't hang out often, but we see each other almost daily, sometimes sharing how it's going and how our families are doing. But if not, a simple smile and a wave helps to feel a friendly connection." (Lauren - 51 years in B-W)



"I was raised on 36th between Fremont and Klickitat, and now live on 34th and Beakey Street, between Fremont and Klickitat. Growing up, I knew all my neighbors, and today know most of my neighbors. With more criminal activity in the area, it's more important now to know your neighbors." (Ed - 62 years in B-W)



"When we moved here, we were told that Portland is a city of neighborhoods. This is so true. Even when we don't see people for months, like all winter, when we come out in the spring it is so good to reconnect." (Jeff - 22 years in B-W)



"Over the years we have watched many families come and go, but have always felt we could rely on our neighbors for help or the odd missing ingredient for a recipe!" (Karrie - 22 years in B-W)

Polly Webber, realtor and mom of two teenage girls, has a lifelong passion for Portland. Born and raised in this neighborhood, she can't quite shake her original stomping grounds. Several years ago, she even purchased and moved into the Beaumont-Wilshire home next door to her childhood home. Reach her by emailing polly@hasson.com.



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COVID'S \$\$\$ IMPACT: THE DOWNS AND UPS IN BEAUMONT VILLAGE

by Carlos Montalvo

Businesses in Beaumont Village have had a tough time navigating COVID, but many endured and remain open, as was recently confirmed by Beaumont Business Association President, Wesley Callaway.

“I would say we fared well and saw many new businesses come into the street that are doing well,” he said and added, “the total number of businesses still on the street now says a lot about their perseverance and business acumen.”

Callaway said that on the flip side, most businesses took significant losses over the last two years, including in income and staffing, and some businesses did not make it. He also noted a bright side to this business tale of woe.

“Everyone adapted as best they could, however” said Callaway, “and the association did its best to support them through it.”

Weathering the storm

Some Beaumont Village establishments did well during the pandemic and continue to do so, particularly restaurants with take-out food options.

One such business, Red Sauce Pizza, is among them. Owner Shardell Dues is proud of how her team persevered despite the various challenges.



Shardell Dues has owned and operated Red Sauce Pizza at 4641 NE Fremont St. since 2019, offering patio dining, take-out, and delivery of pizza pies, salads, drinks, and specialty cooking ingredients. BWNA file photo.



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"The crew learned how to balance their mental and physical health to take care of one another," Dues said. "We do a really good job at that here. I'm really proud of that because I've never had that in a job before."

Dues acknowledged her business faces other challenges now.

"We've had to learn to adapt to the rising costs of goods and low inventory on certain items."

Even some newer businesses enjoyed reasonable success.

Tomorrow's Verse Taproom is one of those. It opened in April 2020 to offer beer, food, live music, trivia, happy hour, vinyl record days, and live-stream concerts.

"I would say we are on a steady incline month over month," said owner and founder TJ Fuller. "We still don't really have any sense of what 'normal' is in terms of numbers and sales so it's really difficult to see what the potential is for this business and this spot."

Although there remains an element of uncertainty to the long-term success of his business, Fuller is optimistic.

"We've learned that we can 'pivot' to meet whatever challenges come our way."

Landlord sees positives

One landlord we spoke with shares Fuller's optimism. The owner of the Dutch Village building, Darren Stowell, feels fortunate about the tenants now in his properties.

"When you buy a building before a pandemic hits, you don't know how things will shake out," Stowell said. "One of the things I've learned that's really amazing over the last few years is how the community has a connection to this building," he said. "I get unsolicited emails with suggestions and positive comments about tenants."

The outlook for Beaumont Village businesses appears bright; outdoor-friendly weather lies ahead, allowing many local businesses to draw neighbors and visitors to their doors.

Resident of Beaumont-Wilshire since 2020, Carlos Montalvo lives on 43rd Avenue with his partner Jaclyn, son Carlos Ollie-Boyd, Duck Tolling retriever dog Jude, and orange tabby cat Bochy. When he's not working at a large health system as a patient experience manager, he enjoys writing, the outdoors, gardening, music, and sports.



Carlos Montalvo



TJ Fuller opened Tomorrow's Verse Taproom & Bottle Shop at 4605 NE Fremont St. in April 2020 with the goal of creating a "community living room" for people to meet up, have drinks, and listen to music. Photo by Carlos Montalvo.

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GATHER, AND BE PLANET-GENTLE!

by Liz Erickson

Group dinners, block parties, or picnics do not have to result in more garbage. If you take time to think about what typically gets thrown away, you may find that common types of trash can be reduced, reused, or recycled.

Food: Many people have a fear of running out of food when hosting a party, although over-preparation can lead to waste. If you have leftovers you cannot keep, plan ahead—ask guests to bring containers (or have some available) for taking food home, or use the leftovers later or freeze them. You might also consider posting leftover but still edible food on our local Buy Nothing group, accessible via Facebook.



Food scraps can go into your green compost cart. Reducing food waste is one of the easiest and most important steps you can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Dishes: When possible, use durable (reusable) dishes. Keep a stash of extra plates, cups, and utensils for unexpected guests: consider sourcing through second-hand stores or borrowing from a friend. Some foods don't even need dishes, like ice cream cones, pizza, burritos, or cupcakes. If you're attending a neighborhood picnic (National Night Out, for example), consider bringing your own reusable plate, fork, and cloth napkin.

Packaging: To reduce the amount of packaging that can come from buying for larger groups, many items can be bought in bulk instead of individual servings. All single-use items, whether made from plastic, "compostable/biodegradable," or bamboo, go in the garbage. None of these products are recyclable or compostable in our system.

Liz Erickson has lived in the neighborhood with her husband and two children since 2009. Growing up in Beaverton, she remembers visiting grandparents on NE 42nd and walking to Rose's Ice Cream for a scoop of butter brickle. Fun facts: She's visited 46 states, 46 countries, is a Master Recycler volunteer with the Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and served in the Peace Corps in Morocco.



Liz Erickson



Overflowing trash cans like these can be avoided with a little advance planning. Photo courtesy of NOAA.

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SUMMER 2022 SCAVENGER HUNT!

by John Sandie

Take a walkabout in our neighborhood and give your family a chance to enter a random drawing that might win you one of three \$25 gift certificates from local businesses.

- 1 What animal is formed to make a unique flowerpot on the southeast corner of NE 40th and Shaver?

- 2 What MLK Jr quote is cited on the colorful landscape wall mural on NE Going Street between 33rd and 37th?

- 3 What street name is embossed in the curb at the southwest corner of NE 35th Place and Going?

- 4 What is the largest diameter of wood doweling carried by Beaumont Hardware and what is the price for a 3-ft-long piece?

- 5 At the southernmost point of our neighborhood boundary, what inscription is hand drawn on a curb? Also verify its intersection location. (Hint: Wisteria does not run east-west).

- 6 What is the posted speed limit on NE Wiberg Lane?

- 7 What item by the checkout counter at Folly custom boutique might inspire you to strike a John Travolta pose?

- 8 What is embossed on top of the fire hydrant at Siskiyou and 42nd? (Extra credit if you explain what it means).

Name: _____

Email or phone: _____

Send your answers with your contact information to info@bwnapdx (scan as JPG or PDF) or drop off at 3425 NE Fremont. Entries must be received by Tuesday, August 2nd.

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