



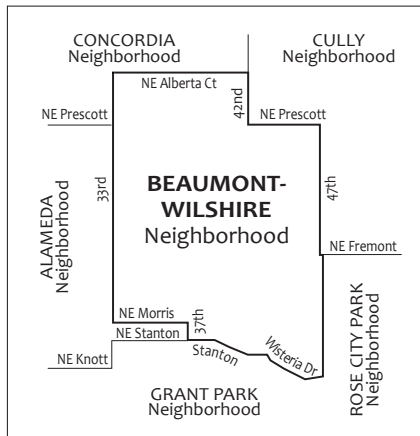
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July-August 2024

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OUR MISSION:

The mission of BWNA is to enhance the safety, beauty, participation, and community connections for all who live and work in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood.

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A Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association Event

Sat., August 3
10 AM - 4 PM

Celebrating 40 years of the BBA with a 1980s theme,
this family-friendly street fair on NE Fremont Street
has something for everyone. See Upcoming Events
on page 6 for more details. But save the date, join in
the fun!

A Beaumont Business Association Event



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Our faithful companions weigh in this time



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

POSITIVE VIBES

by Al Ellis, BWNA Board President

“Summertime, and the livin’ is easy” for BWNA. Well, perhaps “easy” is a stretch, but healthy for sure, given our current 14-member board (only one board vacancy to fill), a first-rate newsletter and website, active committees, updated bylaws and policies, orderly finances, and a promising new meeting venue. A sweet start for this “recycled” president.

“Recycled”? That’s the wink-and-a-nod descriptor newsletter editor Susan Trabucco used to introduce me as the new BWNA president in the May-June issue. Conscientious pro that she is, Susan ran the quip by me ahead of time to make sure I was okay with it. My “wink back” response to her: “At my age, ‘recycled’ is better than the alternative. Go with it.” Susan expressed her gratitude for my sense of humor.

If you’ve lived in the neighborhood for a number of years and kept up with the BWNA newsletter, my name probably rings a bell — as the former newsletter editor for 12 years and BWNA president for several years before that.

My latest BWNA incarnation was as VP, until April when Patty Nelson

announced she would not be seeking another two-year term as president, thus necessitating someone to step up to the leadership plate.

My personal thought at the time was “been there, done that” — but when nobody was able to make that commitment, it became my duty as VP to fill in until someone did. My thought then changed to, “Since I’ll be filling in as president

for who knows how long, why not become the real deal?!” And serve I will for one term.

But that of course left the VP position open. When Patty asked who would be willing to step up to serve in that capacity, once again, no one at the table was able to take on the role. Subsequently, though, immediate past president (and all-around great guy) Tim Gillespie graciously agreed to serve alongside me, despite a full plate of personal commitments that will require him to miss some meetings. Thanks, Tim!

Thus intact, the near future is looking positive for the BWNA board and, by extension, for the neighborhood as a whole — not to mention this recycled president.

“At my age, ‘recycled’ is better than the alternative.”

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NEWS FROM THE

BBA

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LOOKING FOR FUN?

Find it at First Thursdays on Fremont Street!

by Mary Myers, BBA president



Businesses from NE 41st to NE 51st avenues are participating in First Thursdays on Fremont Street to make 10 blocks of joyful experiences on **July 4, August 1, and September 5!**

Fremont & 41st-43rd

Local artists with show
Wine tasting
Shops open late
Learn to play new board games
Flash art tattoo deals
Sidewalk chalk bonanza
Free mini qigong classes

Fremont & 43rd-47th

Live jazz music
Wine tasting
Shops open late
Sidewalk chalk, bubbles, prizes
All-day happy hour deals
Raffle for cosmetic treatments

Fremont & 47th-51st

Live music
Happy hours
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Fitness machine demos

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the BBA's Instagram @bbapdx for more details!

For more information, please contact Mary
by emailing bbaboardpresident@gmail.com.

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BOARD UPDATES & MORE

by BWNA

The following information is a summary of BWNA board activities from approved board meeting minutes for April and May 2024, committee activities, and more. Find the full meeting minutes at BWNApdx.org.

Board Leadership Changes

Tim Gillespie, former board member and a past president, was nominated and elected to the BWNA vice president position. Currently there is one board member position open. Interested parties should email Al Ellis at President@BWNApdx.org.

Meeting Location Change

Sylvan Learning offered the use of its space on NE Fremont Street for BWNA board and general meetings at no charge to BWNA. The board voted to try out the space for its June meeting to see if it could work for both Sylvan and BWNA on a regular basis.

Graffiti & Neighborhood Clean-Up

Board member and coordinator Angela Frome reported the spring community clean-up event was a success; another clean-up event is planned for September 22.

Fiscal Year 2025 Budget

At the May board meeting, Treasurer Karla Lenox presented the budget for fiscal year 2025 for board review with discussion; the budget was approved at the June 10 general meeting.

Alameda School Foundation Request

Katie Day from the Alameda Schools Foundation presented an appeal for funds at BWNA's May board meeting. Time for discussion was limited. Further discussion and a board vote were moved to the June 10 general meeting, at which time the board approved a \$500 donation.

Neighborhood Coalition Transition

Patty Nelson, BWNA's representative for transition and ongoing liaison to our new District Coalition Office, Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), reported the transition progress to NECN is very slow. And, while the city promises to provide board and event insurance, BWNA is likely to lose most of its annual communications funding.

Newsletter Team

Editor Susan Trabucco requested \$500 annually to be used as discretionary funds for the newsletter; the request was approved.



Events Committee

Chair John Sandie presented a request for funding not to exceed \$1,500 to support the Movie-in-the Park event, including music and kids' activities. After discussion the motion was passed.

The second phase of street painting in the soft bump-out areas installed by Portland Bureau of Transportation near NE Fremont Street and 47th Avenue will take place on July 19 and 20. See related article on page 10.

B-W neighbor Angelia Lovell proposed a neighborhood yard sale in August. The Events Committee later determined more time was needed to plan such an event in light of limited volunteer resources.



New Neighbor Welcoming Project

Chair Al Ellis reported 19 new homeowners moved into B-W over the last couple of months. Volunteers delivered welcome packets to welcome them to our neighborhood.



Transportation Committee

Chair Colin O'Neill reported he presented B-W neighbor Jim Karlock's concern regarding speed-bump safety to the Portland Bureau of Transportation. See Board & Committee Updates in the May-June 2024 newsletter. Colin was unable to get any traction for further discussion. PBOT reports 60% of the Mason/Skidmore Neighborhood Greenway Project plan from NE 33rd to NE 77th will focus on traffic-calming strategies. See related article on page 17.



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Pronto Gelato Opens on Alberta Street at NE 42nd

Craving a creamy summer treat? Look no further than Pronto Gelato, which opened its doors in May at 4205 NE Alberta St. across the street from Oakshire Brewing. You can't miss Pronto, where brightly-painted yellow outdoor tables scream happily for your attention. Hours vary. For more info visit Pronto on Instagram @prontogelatousa.

Food Cart Pod Opening Delayed

You'll have to wait a little longer to savor the flavors at the food cart pod development in progress at NE 44th and Fremont. In a recent email to BWNA, project partner Daniel Silvey said a requirement to take down the little house closest to Fremont has caused the delay. He thinks it will improve the project in the long term, and it also allows for the addition of two more food carts at the site. Look for an opening in the first quarter of 2025.

Pedalpalooza Bike Summer!

This fun-loving bicycle festival happens throughout the summer all over Portland and features hundreds of events each year. Anyone can lead a ride or join one. Rides are free, unless otherwise indicated.

In previous years, rides have included such themes as a picnic, a dance party, a tour of heritage trees, architecture appreciation, poetry, and silly costumes, to name a few. Think up your own theme and sign up! To post a ride or find one you'd like to join, visit shift2bikes.org/pedalpalooza-calendar.

Balto's Bike Bus Makes The Washington Post!

Beaumont-Wilshire resident and bike bus organizer Sam Balto was quoted in a June 4 article in The Washington Post titled "Never Wait in the School Car Line Again. Here's How." While the article focuses on a bike bus group in San Francisco, the reporter credits Sam as the co-founder of advocacy organization Bike Bus World (bikebus.world) and for his "joyful videos of students riding to school that have helped ignite the movement in the United States."

Find The Washington Post article at tinyurl.com/2phpvemm.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Artists Needed July 19 & 20

Will you lend your artistic skills to a good cause? BWNA needs help painting student-submitted art from paper onto the pavement in the bump-out areas at the NE Fremont Street and NE 47th Avenue intersection on the mornings of July 19 and 20, starting at 9 a.m. If you can help, please contact John Sandie, Events Committee chair, at SandieFam@gmail.com.

Seeking Helpers for Events

Looking to get involved, but not TOO involved? We'd love your occasional help with neighborhood events. Duties might include greeting people, putting up event flyers, helping set up event booths, or other duties as you are willing and able to do. To offer a hand, email John Sandie at SandieFam@gmail.com.

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July 4, Aug. 1, and Sept. 5 (Thursday) Times vary

First Thursdays on Fremont Street

Location: NE Fremont Street in Beaumont Village

Participating businesses along Fremont Street host special events on the first Thursday of the month through September. Visit the Beaumont Business Association's Instagram (@bbapdx) for more details, or look for balloons in front of participating businesses. See related article on page 3.

July 19 – 20 (Friday & Saturday) Starts at 9 a.m. each day

Fremont Street Art Painting

Location: NE 47th Avenue and Fremont Street

Volunteers will be transferring student-submitted artwork onto the bump-out area in front of Amalfi's at this BWNA-sponsored beautification event. Watch the fun or get messy by joining in on the "hands across the neighborhood" section. See related article on page 10.

July 25 (Thursday) Starts at 7:30 p.m.; movie starts at dusk

Movie-in-the-Park, *Little Mermaid* - FREE

Location: Wilshire Park baseball field

Enjoy a night of fun with the free outdoor movie showing of 2023 live-action Disney film *The Little Mermaid*. Rated PG. Presented by Summer Free for All and jointly sponsored by

Beaumont-Wilshire and Alameda neighborhood associations. Pre-movie events include music by the Mo Phillips Trio and face painting for kids. Grab a blanket and bring your friends & family!

July 27 (Saturday) 1 - 5 p.m.

Art & Garden Tour

Location: Beaumont-Wilshire Cost: \$17

In its second year, this BWNA-sponsored event offers the opportunity to discover five private gardens in the B-W neighborhood, each with art for sale displayed in the gardens. Net proceeds to benefit the Beaumont Middle School and Vernon School PTAs. For more information and to purchase tickets, visit BWNAPdx.org/upcoming-events.

August 3 (Saturday) 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Fremont Fest Marketplace

Location: NE Fremont Street in Beaumont Village

Celebrating 40 years of the Beaumont Business Association with a fun 1980s theme! This year's family-friendly street festival, on NE Fremont Street starting at NE 42nd Avenue, boasts nearly 200 vendors, a beer garden and DJ, live music, and a kick off at 10 a.m. by The Last Regiment of Syncopated Drummers (lastregiment.com). Closer to the event date, find more details at bbapdx.org.

Got Events? Email Editor@BWNAPdx.org



SKIDMORE STREET End-of-Summer Shindig

Friday, September 20, 2024

6:30 PM to 9 PM

NE Skidmore Street between 33rd and 37th
Come meet your neighbors and have some fun!



FALL CLEANUP EVENT

Sunday, September 22, 2024

Gather in the courtyard at Foot Traffic at 9 AM
(NE 41st and Fremont Street)

Join BWNA representatives and neighbors
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Cleaning supplies and light refreshments will be provided!

**Look for more details in the next newsletter
and in the monthly emails from BWNA.
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BWNA BOARD & GENERAL MEETINGS

Mon, July 8 @ 7 p.m.: Board meeting

Mon, Aug. 12 @ 7 p.m.: General meeting

Check "Upcoming Events" page on BWNA website for venue
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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Events

Tues., July 2 @ 7 p.m.

Tues., Aug. 6 @ 7 p.m.

For meeting location, contact
committee chair John Sandie via
SandieFam@gmail.com

Friends of Wilshire Park

Wed., July 10 @ 7 p.m.

Wed., Aug. 14 @ 7 p.m.

For Zoom link to meetings,
contact committee chair
Gary Hancock via
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Newsletter Team

Meets every other month.

For details email Susan Trabucco
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ARTICLES & ADS

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Submit articles to
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MORE BLOOMS & BUTTERFLIES

COME TO WILSHIRE PARK THIS SUMMER

by Peter Mogielnicki



A red admiral butterfly (*Vanessa atalanta*) being typically people-friendly, visiting juvenile *Homo sapiens*. Photo by Peter Mogielnicki.

As we head into summer's heat, the burst of springtime blooms in Wilshire Park's NatureSpace is behind us, but there is still a lot going on. In early July the goatsbeard (*Aruncus dioicus*) should be at its peak, with the drooping white blossoms that inspired its common name.

The bright yellow blooms of our state's namesake, Oregon sunshine (*Eriophyllum lanatum*), should be approaching their best. This native of the Pacific Northwest thrives in the heat of summer, as the fine hairs on its feathery foliage serve to deflect intense heat and retain water by minimizing transpiration from the plant's stems and leaves.

Nearby, look for the upright purple and white spires of the native broadleaf lupine (*Lupine latifolius*), which also is at its best during early summer.

Mid-summer is also peak butterfly season, so keep an eye out for yellow western swallowtails, red admirals, and painted ladies, of which the Oregon sunshine is a favorite host plant for its caterpillars. And if you spend any time just sitting on one of the NatureSpace logs or stone seats you will probably be treated to an up-close-and-personal visit by the red admiral butterfly, which for some reason seems drawn to people!

In college Peter Mogielnicki vacillated between careers in writing or medicine. He chose the safer route, but since retirement has enjoyed writing short essays for his blog at Cerelections.com, reading, working on environmental and biodiversity issues, and birding and identifying insects (bugging??) with his grandchildren.



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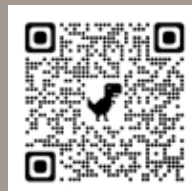
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A HISTORICAL NUGGET ABOUT THOUSANDS OF NE PORTLAND HOMES – MAYBE YOURS

by Tim Gillespie

The home where my wife and I live and raised our kids will soon celebrate its hundredth birthday. We moved into this modest Beaumont-Wilshire bungalow in 1979 and were told we were just the third owners. The place had good bones, an ancient converted sawdust-burning furnace we had to replace, and three look-alike sister houses stretching in a row up our street.

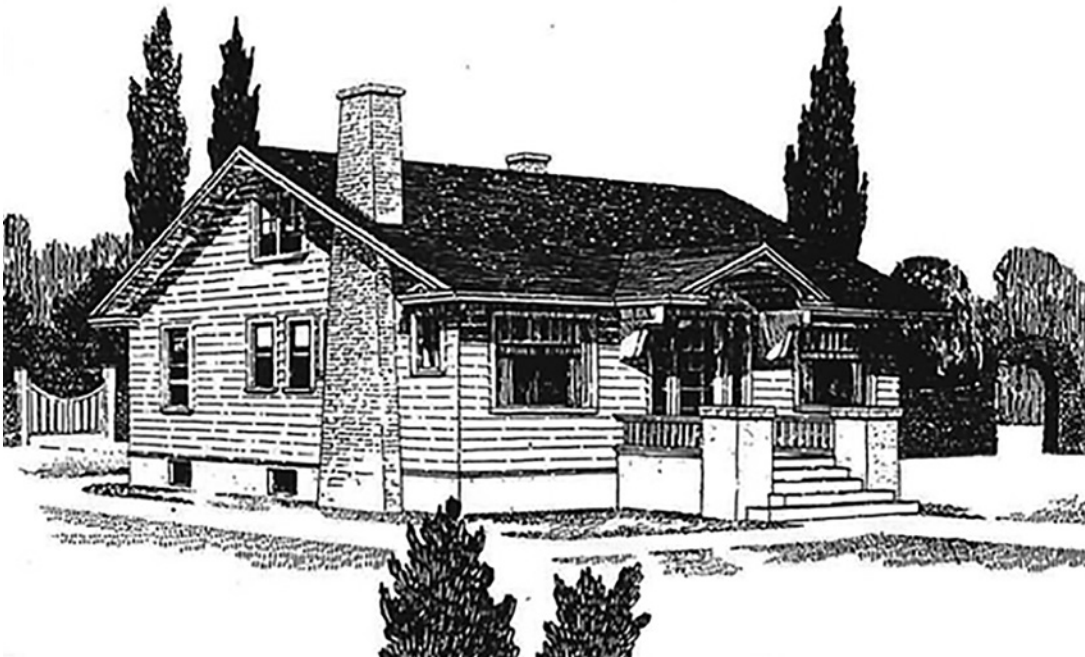
Over the years, we realized hundreds more nearly identical houses dotted NE Portland, all distinguished by the same one-and-a-half-story height, overhanging eaves, front porch, two large front windows, and an open circular interior layout on the main floor. We long wondered where this light-filled, family-friendly design originated. Recently we got the answer to our question, starting with

a mention of something called the Universal Plan Service book in local historian Doug Decker's terrific Alameda Old House History website (alamedahistory.org). This led us to some neighborhood history sleuthing.

A Solution for Post-World War I Portland Building Boom

During the early decades of the 1900s, we learned, Portland's boundaries and population rapidly expanded. A post-World War I economic boom contributed to a house-building explosion. Into this market stepped two Portland residential designers, Howard Gifford and Harry Boland, with a vision of making it possible for working-class families to afford simple and durable homes without expensive individual architectural fees.

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Plan number 531 from the Universal Plan Service book, its rendering shown here, was the house design for the author's home and many others like it in Portland nearly 100 years ago.

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Starting in the mid-1920s, they began to publish their Universal Plan Service books containing dozens of home designs. Early editions of the book sold from 75 cents to a dollar, and orders eventually came from all over the country. Regularly updated editions of the Universal Plan Service book sold until 1960, and almost half a million were purchased over the decades.

Efficient to Build a Century Ago, Author's House Plan Number 531 Lives On

Estimates are that in Portland alone, the company sold plans for nearly 10,000 homes. You can find them on most streets in our older neighborhoods. A carpenter acquaintance told us that builders could easily flesh out these boilerplate designs and get them constructed quickly. Carpenters would move their table saws into the houses and craft the cabinets and trim on site — nothing prefabricated here.

We were delighted when we discovered the original design of our and our neighbors' sturdy old houses in the 1926 edition of the Universal Plan Service book. It's plan number 531, perfect for our typical Portland 50' x 100' lot.

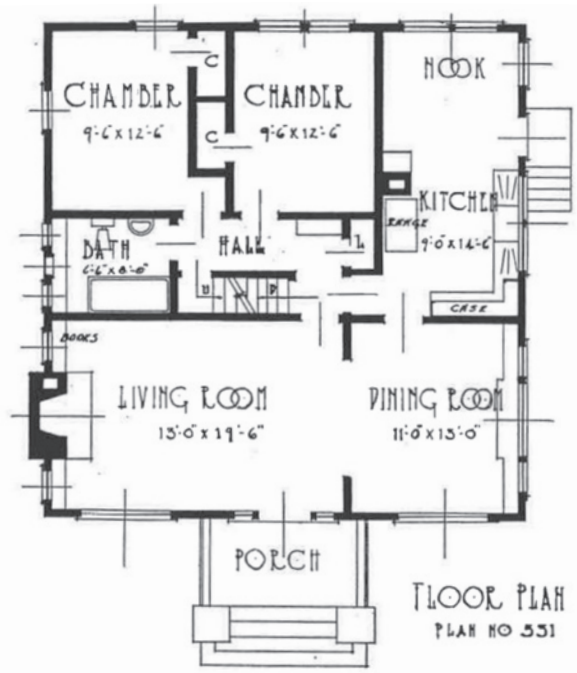
You can check out the 1926 edition of the Universal Plan Service book for yourself, a copy of which is online. Maybe you'll find your home there!

dahp.wa.gov/sites/default/files/PortlandHomes_UniversalPlanService_1926.pdf.

BWNA board member Tim Gillespie was a public school teacher in the Portland area for almost four decades.



Tim Gillespie



Plan No. 531

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BRINGING ART TO THE STREET AGAIN — IN 3 WAYS — JULY 19 & 20

by Susan Trabucco

When the call for help came this year, as it did in 2023, Beaumont Middle School teacher Lauren Epifano again challenged her 8th grade art students to participate in a BWNA beautification project. The mission: to develop Oregon-themed artwork for the second phase of the Fremont Street Painting Project.

Last summer, the chosen submissions were duplicated by volunteers onto the bump-out areas of Fremont at NE 44th and 46th avenues. This year's street painting starts at 9 a.m. on July 19 and 20 and will take place at the bump-out areas in front of Amalfi's at NE 47th Avenue.

"The student groups that worked together on this showed varied and unique interpretations, making the final choices challenging," said John Sandie, BWNA board member and project leader.

The chosen images will be duplicated onto the bump-out area by volunteers in a short period of time, a task that played into the final choices.

"We were concerned the more complex images would take longer to complete than time allows," John said. "We had to make tough choices from the art pieces we received from many talented students."

A second section of the large bump-out area will include a faux stream background replete with salmon custom-colored by students who used a template provided by Sandie. Individual students from the BMS art class and younger neighborhood children submitted images to BWNA.

Get Messy! A "Hands on" Opportunity July 20

The third and smaller section of the bump-out area has been carved out for those who are game to get messy. On Saturday, July 20, all comers can put their hands in paint and pat them on the designated area to create a "hands across the neighborhood" display of handprints in vivid colors.

So mark your calendars and come to Fremont Street to observe the transformations and cheer on the creative local volunteers working on this neighborhood beautification project.

"And," said John, "maybe get directly involved by offering a 'hand.'"

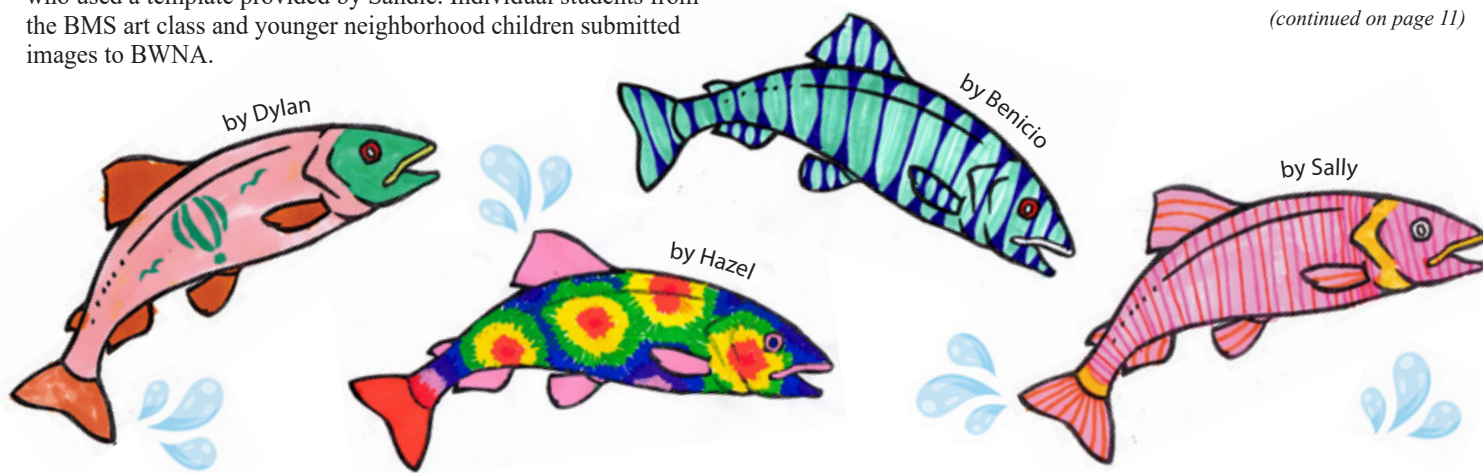
He notes that a few more volunteer artists are needed to help transfer student images to the street. Email John at SandieFam@gmail.com for more info.

Susan Trabucco is the volunteer editor of this newsletter. She was the founder, editor and publisher of a regional business journal and former editor/ managing editor of Concordia News. Susan and her husband have called B-W home since 2012, where she practices zonal denial in her tropical-ish garden. Reach her by emailing Editor@BWNApdx.org.



Susan Trabucco

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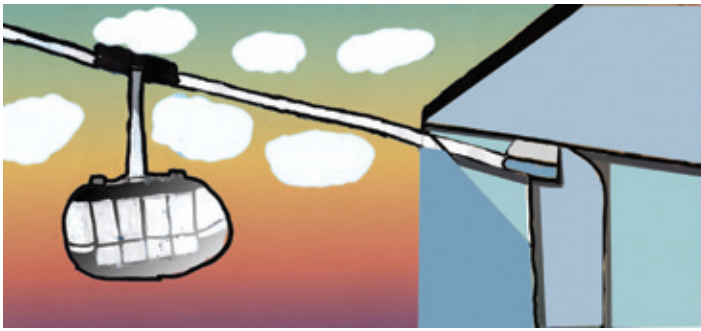
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Zach, Jason, Dominic, and Erik - Beaumont Middle School art class



Benicio and Dylan - Beaumont Middle School art class

The images on this page were chosen from Beaumont-Wilshire student submissions. The fish on page 10 were hand-colored by kids from around the neighborhood. All images will be transferred onto the bump-out areas at NE Fremont Street and NE 47th Avenue on July 19 and 20.



June, Gracie, Livia, Kevin, and Tevi - Beaumont Middle School art class



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In February, Paula and Mark Hylland opened The Mule Bar at 4915 NE Fremont St. to more crowds than they could accommodate, but adjustments make for smooth sailing now. Photo by John Sandie.

THE MULE: A NEW WATERING HOLE

by John Sandie

Even though Paula and Mark Hylland are experienced bar owners — they own three others in Portland — taking over the former Stanich’s restaurant location to open The Mule Bar on NE Fremont Street presented some new challenges.

While the other bars were established and had a stable staff when they were purchased, the Fremont location did not, as it had been closed for a significant time. Putting in eight months of remodeling effort, much done by Mark using his carpentry skills, they kept some of the site’s traditional vibe while incorporating their fresh view of a neighborhood bar.

Mark showed me the working fireplace and new seating area as an example of this personal touch. The Hyllands are also in the process of adding a small Oregon Lotto gaming area, as well as seeking official status as a San Francisco Forty Niners Bar, a nod to Paula’s allegiances.

The couple built their food menu — including burgers, fries, fish sandwiches, salads, chicken wings, and more — around Stanich’s long-famous reputation as “the place” for a great hamburger.

“So, when the business first opened in February, it was a bit crazy,” Mark said, as the swell of customer curiosity and Stanich’s legacy somewhat overmatched their kitchen capacity, challenging the staff to maintain consistent and acceptable service levels.

Paula and Mark have since adjusted and rebalanced their energies, focusing on servicing the front seating area; they only use the large back area for special events. They openly offer the back area for community groups; the monthly cribbage club, for example, is a group taking advantage of this neighborhood space.

Paula and Mark are driven to have the Mule Bar provide a comfortable and welcoming gathering spot. “We continually strive to listen to our customers,” said Paula, “to get a sense of what that means to local residents.”

Find the Mule Bar at 4915 NE Fremont St. For more information visit themulebar.com.

John Sandie and wife Kathy relocated from the Midwest to be closer to children and grandchildren in the area, landing on Fremont Street in B-W in 2011. Both retired, they strive to make a difference locally, John by volunteering with BWNA and Kathy with Alameda School.



John Sandie

A Warming World

by Chris Rauber



Even in a warming world
the heat is sometimes
a surprise

Of course, you say

We prefer to ignore what we can’t control

Like sunspot surges on the sun

Or historic spikes in world temperatures

Still, when Portland’s rain & grey
turn sunny suddenly

the battered spirit soars a bit

despite itself.

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Chris Rauber and his wife, Kim Williams, moved to Portland and B-W in the summer of 2022 after many years in the San Francisco Bay Area. He worked as a journalist at the S.F. Business Times and other publications. He was born in Oregon.



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“PAW” ~~PERSPECTIVES~~

compiled by Polly Webber

We’ve been running people perspectives for a couple of years. As the dog days of summer are upon us, we decided to let this column go to the dogs. If you love it, let us know! We plan on asking kitties about their “purr-fect” daily activities in our fall edition. So, if you want your feline friend to be interviewed, contact Polly at the email address at the end of this article. Happy summer hanging out with your precious pooches! In the meantime, read up on the responses to the question we put forth to some canine companions. (Okay, their people may have helped a little.)

“What’s your favorite thing to do in the neighborhood?”



“I am a rescue tripod from the Oregon Humane Society. I have so much fun meeting new friends. My favorite thing is to ride the Waggin’ Wagon to my daycare.” **(Bryce, 2.5 years in B-W)**

“My parents adopted me a year and a half ago, and I have come so far! I’m learning to be brave and even made a couple of friends at Wilshire Park... Hi, Ruthie and Top!” **(Penny, 1.5 years in B-W)**



“I love waiting for my favorite mail carrier to come by. My job is to remind him where I live so that I can practice sitting for a treat.” **(Mr. Bojangles, aka “BoBo,” 9.5 years in B-W)**



I love living on Alameda Street and spend much of my day on the back of my chair watching out the window. So many people walking and running by. I especially like it if they have their dogs. My favorite thing to do is to greet people at the door with my octopus.” **(Remy, 5 years in B-W)**



“After running the Alameda stairs with my mom and dad, I get my Starbucks pup cup as a reward. I enjoy all the doggie smells along the way and am always sure to mark my territory.” **(Lio, 4 years in B-W)**

Polly Webber is a realtor and mom of two teenage girls. Born and raised in the neighborhood, she purchased and lives in the B-W home next door to her childhood home. Reach her by emailing polly.webber@cascadehassonsir.com.



Polly Webber

DOG OWNER AND HOMEOWNER ALERT!



The foxtail plant may look harmless, but the barbed tips of its spiky seed pods can cause many problems for dogs and other pets.

A concerned Beaumont-Wilshire dog owner requested BWNA inform readers of a serious health threat to our dogs: foxtail plants in the neighborhood. According to PetMD.com, foxtail, an annual summer grass shaped like the tail of a fox, has a tip with seeds arranged in spiky clusters with backward-facing barbs. The spikes and barbs allow for one-way burrowing, causing pain, infection, and sometimes more serious issues.

So, avoid them when walking your dog, and please remove them if you have them in your yard or garden. There are myriad internet sites to help in plant identification and information on how to remove a foxtail barb from your pet. For starters, visit petmd.com/dog/care/how-protect-your-dog-foxtails.



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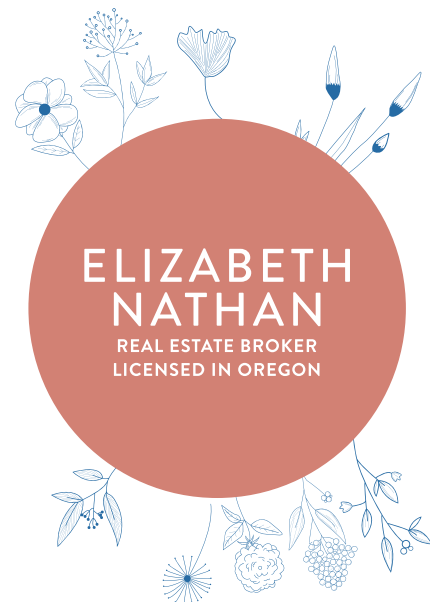
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From bits and bytes to beans, B-W resident Greg Schramm is transitioning from software work to coffee bean roasting in retirement. Photo by Chris Rauber.

CAFFEINE DREAMS

by Chris Rauber

Greg Schramm, an affable software vet who's lived in Beaumont-Wilshire for 23 years, is turning his longtime coffee-bean roasting hobby into a bootstrapped business.

He started selling his home-roasted beans this year to family and friends via his Bud's Coffee startup — the name acknowledging his family nickname.

For now, it's "a cottage or garage business," he says, but with wife Jennifer Schramm, a community college plant biology professor, he ultimately plans to open a combination coffee shop and plant store. The shop "will be my retirement activity," Greg says.

But that's likely four years or so down the road.

More immediately, Bud's focuses on delivering high-quality, small-batch roasted beans to nearby customers. The service is subscription based, and beans are available on a weekly or biweekly schedule, or "whenever you want," Greg says. He handles deliveries himself, by bike, one of several reasons he's aiming to focus on a very local clientele. It also keeps costs down and helps him stay in touch with his customers and community.

A typical Bud's order costs \$14 for a 12-ounce supply, although some of his more exotic micro-lot beans are in the \$16 to \$19 range. Greg buys in bulk (65-kg bags of green, unroasted beans) from Genuine Origin, a wholesaler, along with micro-lot batches from another middleman, Sweet Maria's.

He roasts the beans using a high-tech Aillio Bullet drum roaster that can handle a kilogram of beans (about 2 lbs.) at a time, and is computer-controlled to alter drum speed, heat, and fan speed as needed.

Greg's aim is to find a niche for "a really nuanced, complex coffee that will really have an impact on people," he says. Not a bad mantra.

For more information visit [@Buds.CoffeePdx](https://www.instagram.com/Buds.CoffeePdx) on Instagram.

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Chris Rauber

PBOT PRESENTS MASON/SKIDMORE NEIGHBORHOOD GREENWAY PROJECT

by Colin O'Neill, Chair, BWNA Transportation Committee

The BWNA Transportation Committee held a public meeting on June 12 focused on a Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) Neighborhood Greenway planned on NE Skidmore Street starting at NE 37th Avenue. The project is designed to connect with existing greenways at Cully Street and NE 77th Avenue. Neighborhood Greenways are roads that PBOT designates to prioritize cyclists and pedestrians.

At the meeting, PBOT Capital Project Manager Mimi Phillips presented a design for the greenway and requested questions and feedback from neighbors. The design included the addition of five speed bumps between NE 37th and 42nd avenues, two stop signs, 11 parking setbacks at corners along NE Skidmore Street, and pavement markings along the route. It also proposes adding traffic islands and upgraded lighting at the intersection of NE Skidmore Street and NE 42nd Avenue.

Some neighbors in attendance expressed long-standing concerns about speeding on NE Skidmore Street, and a few

voiced positive comments about the plan. There was discussion around the location of some of the planned speed bumps, and there were questions about the impact of speed bumps on emergency service vehicles accessing the neighborhood.

Construction of the greenway is planned for late summer. The project is funded by PBOT's "Fixing Our Streets" program, the voter-approved \$0.10 per gallon gas tax.

The design is available for review on PBOT's website at tinyurl.com/yprxcyx3.

Comments about the plan should be submitted to Mimi.Phillips@portlandoregon.gov.

Colin O'Neill is a BWNA board member and chairs the Transportation Committee. He's lived in B-W with his wife and kids since 2008.



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STIRRING THE POT

by Mark Cockcroft

This condiment is a snap to put together but delivers big flavor that suggests much more effort. North African ingredients inspired the recipe with its mix of savory, salty, sweet, and tangy notes. Using preserved lemons for the lemon zest and juice in the recipe will punch up the pucker even higher. Try the relish on grilled steaks, lamb, chicken, seafood, and veggies, or just scoop it up with warm pita bread.



Lemony Olive-Date Relish

Makes about 1 cup

½ c diced green olives	2 Tbsp extra virgin olive oil
2 green onions, minced	½ tsp whole cumin seeds
2 Tbsp flat-leaf parsley or fresh mint (or a mix), minced	½ tsp whole coriander seeds
1 Tbsp capers	½ c dates, diced
Zest and juice from 1 large lemon (or 1 Tbsp preserved lemon), finely minced	½ c water
	Fine sea salt

In a small bowl, mix together the olives, green onions, parsley/mint, capers, lemon zest and juice, and the olive oil; set aside.

Heat a small skillet over high heat and add the cumin and coriander seeds. Lightly toast the seeds until a few wisps of smoke appear. Remove to a small bowl to cool. Carefully add the dates and water to the hot pan. Bring to a simmer and cook until the liquid has reduced a bit and has turned slightly syrupy.

Grind the spices to a fine powder in a spice grinder or mortar and pestle. Add the ground spices along with dates and the syrupy liquid to the bowl with the olive relish and mix well. Taste and add more lemon juice and salt if necessary to balance the sweet and salty flavors in the relish. Serve the relish drizzled over your grilled protein or veggie of choice and enjoy!

Mark Cockcroft has been a B-W resident since 2008, sharing home and life with wife Bonny Cushman and daughter Hazel. In addition to always thinking about his next meal, Mark loves to play his guitar and to spend time at Wilshire Park with the family dog, Cashew.



Mark Cockcroft

Feedback on Recipes Needed!

Are you a food lover and have tried your hand at one or more of Mark Cockcroft's "Stirring the Pot" recipes presented in this newsletter?

He'd love to hear from you, because Chef Mark needs to know if he's hitting your appetite high notes. Email info@BWNapdx.org with your comments.

DID YOU KNOW B-W HAS ITS OWN HISTORIC MANSION?

by Chris Rauber



The still-impressive 110-year-old home at 3533 NE Klickitat St. — known as the Barnes Mansion or sometimes the Barnes Castle — was built by Frank Barnes, one of old-time Portland's most successful business magnates.

Barnes and his wife Isabella made their fortune by growing and packaging food for the still-young town of Portland and later branched out into real estate. Frank "established Portland's

earliest and busiest grocery market at the corner of SW 3rd and Morrison downtown," according to Doug Decker's Alameda Old House History website alamedahistory.org. "It was an integrated business with 40 employees, seven wagons, farming acreage, a poultry farm, a fruit packing plant, a commercial ice and cold storage facility, and a huge warehouse for salting, smoking, and canning salmon."

Barnes came to Portland in 1858 with his parents via covered wagon — as a 4-year-old pioneer on the Oregon Trail.

He later reportedly tangled with another early Portland titan, Henry Pittock, the famed (and famously racist) early editor and publisher of *The Oregonian*. The story goes that Pittock looked down from his mansion high in the West Hills to glare at Barnes' rival palace across the Willamette on the edge of the Alameda Ridge.

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