



Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association

September-October 2023

# BWNA NEWSLETTER

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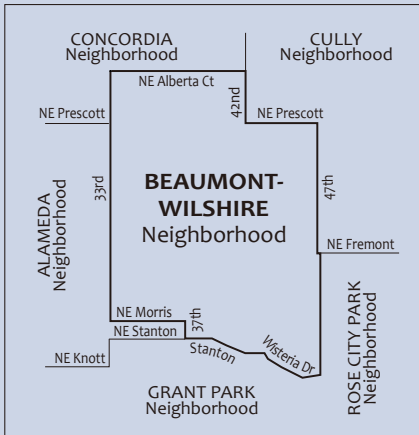
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## Fall is in the air!



Encanto, this year's Movie in the Park, brought many hundreds of people to Wilshire Park on Aug. 10 for a fun family evening. The event was sponsored by the Beaumont-Wilshire and Alameda neighborhood associations. Photo by Patty Nelson.



## 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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**Tuesday, Oct. 31**  
**4 PM in Beaumont Village**  
**FRIGHT NIGHT**

Halloween fun for kids & adults. Details closer to the event at [bbapdx.org](http://bbapdx.org).

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## PLEASE DRIVE CAREFULLY!



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BWNA volunteers get messy for a good cause



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Brings in dollars for Beaumont Middle School



# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## CONNECTING BUILDS COMMUNITY

by Patty Nelson, BWNA Board President

Full is at our doorstep bringing with it the start of school, fall jackets, and the annual retreat to our homes for the winter. I enjoyed this past summer more than ever. It felt like the pre-pandemic years, with community gatherings and activities filled with joy instead of fear. Coming out of our homes and away from our electronic devices provides opportunities to connect as a community.

I have noticed a trend since COVID. Young people seem less engaged in their neighborhood. This perception was reinforced when I spoke to my daughter and a co-worker, both in their 20s. They each acknowledged they don't seek out connection with their neighbors, preferring to keep to themselves. Speaking to friends who are teachers, they tell of students coming back to school with social anxiety.

I can see how the comfort of screen time would make one uncomfortable reaching out face-to-face to complete strangers. When we connect with people, however, we benefit

by gaining new and different perspectives. Ultimately, this diversity of thought and interaction can foster the ability to "meet in the middle," allowing compromise and

*“ Coming out of our homes and away from electronic devices provides opportunities to connect as community. ”*

consensus, which helps make our community – and our world – a better place to live.

I see value in knowing your neighbors. We are brought together by where we live.

We share a common interest in having a strong, safe, vibrant community. We come from different backgrounds and life experiences and are at different places in our life's journey. Getting to know one another provides opportunities to create synergy around our shared interests, making new friends along the way. In the end, these connections create a sharing and caring community.

Don't know your neighbor? I encourage you to reach out. Everyone has something to give. Consider giving of your time or talent to help one another – and our community. Looking for opportunities to engage and help our neighborhood? Contact me at [President@BWNApdx.org](mailto:President@BWNApdx.org).

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# CONNECTING, COMMUNITY, AND WOO HOO: COLOR!

by Susan Trabucco, Editor



**D**id WOO HOO in the headline stop you in your tracks? Perfect. Now that I have your attention, I'll get right to it.

In this edition we give space to articles focused on connecting — a way to build community. Before you change the channel — connections, community, blah, blah, blah — hear me out: people NEED to connect. You may even be one of those people.

I'm not making this up. There have been myriad articles published on the global condition of human loneliness. Even the U.S. Surgeon General recently weighed in: [tinyurl.com/3ss7fnyx](https://tinyurl.com/3ss7fnyx).

At the hyper-local level, in the last 30 days I've talked to four people in and near our neighborhood who find it challenging to meet people, leaving them feeling isolated and alone. One woman has lived here for eight years and still hasn't found her people.

It doesn't have to be this way.

At a BWNA street painting project held this summer (see page 6), passers-by stopped to chat and applaud the volunteers

and the artists. New volunteers had the chance to meet board members and other volunteers, all of whom departed with paint-spattered clothes and the glow of shared satisfaction on their faces.

At the first-ever BWNA Art & Garden Tour (see page 10), a refrain heard repeatedly from event-goers was how wonderful it was to see familiar

faces and meet new folks. Connecting with others, it seems, can be a soothing balm, softening the sometimes-rough edges of everyday life.

In short, BWNA can provide a platform for those seeking community; I know it's done that for me. Think about reaching out to BWNA or another organization. But do make the effort, because you just might find your people. (See page 13 for writer Chris Rauber's take.)

Lastly, WOO HOO! We hope you enjoy the color pages in this edition. Costs may limit its use, but if you love it, let me know. Email [Editor@BWNApdx.org](mailto:Editor@BWNApdx.org).

And if you just want to connect? You know how to find me.

“...connections, community,  
blah, blah, blah...”

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## BWNA MEETINGS, ADS & ARTICLES INFO

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](mailto:outside503@aol.com)

**Mon, Sept. 11:** Board meeting, starts 7 p.m.

**Wed, Sept. 13:** FOWP Committee meeting via Zoom, starts 7 p.m.

**Mon, Oct. 9:** General meeting, starts 7 p.m.

**Wed., Oct. 11:** 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](mailto:Editor@BWNApdx.org).

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Advertising is appreciated and accepted as space is available. For ad rates and instructions, visit [BWNApdx.org/newsletter-submissions](http://BWNApdx.org/newsletter-submissions).

#### Deadlines

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

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Submit articles to [Editor@BWNApdx.org](mailto:Editor@BWNApdx.org).

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# BOARD UPDATES & MORE

by Patty Nelson

The board held an Air Quality Forum at its June meeting with speakers from Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Neighbors for Clean Air, and the Linnton Neighborhood Association. At the July board meeting the board voted to endorse the Linnton NA 2023 air quality letter to DEQ and direct Central Northeast Neighbors Resiliency Grant money to the Beaumont Middle School Resiliency Fund, which helps students' families facing financial challenges.

The board also voted to submit testimony to the city regarding its draft district map plan, preferring the Alder Option, which encompasses the Hollywood business area and does not split the business corridor on Sandy Boulevard. Board members organized and sponsored three events: Fremont Street Art, Garden & Art Tour, and a Movie in the Park.

## Interested in getting involved?

Volunteer for a committee! If you are interested, please email me at [President@BWNAPdx.org](mailto:President@BWNAPdx.org).



## Crime Prevention & Safety

Volunteers continue to remove graffiti in the neighborhood. Tagging appears to be on the decrease because of this effort. Sadly, a man was shot near Stanich's on June 23. The same man was reported to the city earlier that day with concerns about his disturbing behavior.



## Friends of Wilshire Park

Water was added to the off-leash dog area at Wilshire Park and was dedicated July 6 with Commissioner Carmen Rubio (see article on page 8). Three new projects were identified as a result of a survey: repair the splash pad, update the playground, and extend fencing in the dog park. All were supported by the board for the FoWP to pursue in partnership with the city.



## Land Use

A "cottage cluster" development at 4305 NE Mason will be comprised of eight two-story homes on a single lot. Neighbors have reached out to the developer to save a mature fir tree and provide off-street parking. Nine two-story, single-family homes are planned for 3538 NE 44th Ave. No off-street parking is planned.



## Transportation

Neighbors have raised concerns with increased traffic resulting from diverters installed at Fremont and Alameda. PBOT indicated they plan to update traffic counts in mid-September. The city eliminated parking minimum requirements in June through their Parking Compliance Amendment Project.

## New Neighbor Welcoming Committee

We welcomed 22 new neighbors to our neighborhood between July and August.

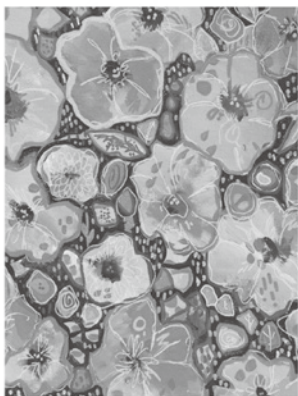
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Sam Balto, center, poses with Maria Cantwell, U.S. Senator from Washington state, and U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg.

### Balto Bumps Into Buttigieg

In June, U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg came to the area for President Biden's Investing in America Tour. Sam Balto, Portland bicycle transportation advocate and neighborhood bike bus leader (see Creative Kids article on page 14) said he had one purpose to speak with the secretary: "To spread the joy of bike bus." Visit [tinyurl.com/2fk22ttz](http://tinyurl.com/2fk22ttz) for more.

## UPCOMING



## EVENTS

September 15 (Friday) 6:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

### Pink Martini Celebs Benefit Concert

Location: Grant High School, 2245 NE 36th Ave.

Hosted by and for the Community for Positive Aging. Starring musical performers China Forbes and Thomas Lauderdale of Pink Martini fame. See page 15 for more information. To purchase tickets visit [communityfpa.org](http://communityfpa.org).

September 16-17 (Saturday & Sunday) 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

### Concordia Neighborhood Association Annual Yard Sale

Location: Various yards within Concordia

A fun way to pick up items you didn't know you needed, or in fact do! Check [concordiapdx.org](http://concordiapdx.org) as the event nears for more details, including a map of participating locations.

October 31 (Tuesday) 4 p.m.

### Fright Night

Location: TBD

This annual Halloween-themed event for kids held in Beaumont Village is brought to little goblins and ghouls by the Beaumont Business Association. No details about this year's event were available at press time. Check back at [bbapdx.org](http://bbapdx.org) as the date draws closer.

### Got Events?

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On July 8 and 9, mercifully cool mornings greeted a crew of BWNA-recruited volunteers who gathered at the intersection of NE 44th and Fremont to embark upon a two-day task. The mission, led by board member John Sandie, was to transfer images created by student artists and an area resident onto the street surface of the bump-outs at NE 44th and NE 46th avenues.

A dragon boat-themed image on the south side of Fremont was commissioned by Dennis Phillips, husband of Gayle Phillips, who lost her life at the intersection while crossing the street in 2021. (See the November-December 2022 BWNA newsletter on our website for more details.)

As a result of John's planning and preparation, a great deal of fun was had, safer crossings pursued by BWNA and installed by the Portland Bureau of Transportation are now beautified, and Gayle's memory will live on. If you haven't checked out the completed works, head to Beaumont Village for a look-see.



Street painting volunteers from left to right: Kate Krider, Laurie Webber, Dennis Phillips, John Sandie, Janet Brown, Susan Trabucco, and Patti Koehler. Not pictured, Dennis' son, Paul. Thank you to Miller Paint in the Hollywood District for discounting the cost of paint for the project; hence the Miller Paint hats!

Bottom Left: Laurie Webber brought her volunteer artistry skills to the bump-out at NE 46th Avenue, helping to bring images by Beaumont Middle School kids to life on the street.

Bottom Center: Dennis Phillips, whose wife Gayle died crossing the street in Beaumont Village, commissioned the dragon boat-themed image (on page 7) by local artist Haley Cassatt.





Top: John Sandie happily gave up his paint roller to a youngster passing by who wanted to get in on the action.

Bottom: Haley Cassat, working on the dragon boat image, is a full-time artist at Music Millenium, who also finds time for contract work. She recently took on painting the windows at Pets on Broadway. For more info about her visit Portland Street Art Alliance at [pdxstreetart.org](http://pdxstreetart.org).



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# HAPPY HYDRATED DOGS

## AT WILSHIRE PARK

by Mary Roney

In a multi-year effort, the Friends of Wilshire Park (FoWP), a committee of the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association, partnered with Portland Parks & Recreation to enhance the busy dog off-leash area by installing a water line and a water spigot for visiting dogs' creature comfort. FoWP raised \$17K toward the project, which was completed May 15. The location of the fountain was chosen because it was determined to have the least environmental impact to the tree canopy, allows for optimal drainage, and minimizes standing water near the perimeter walking and running path.

"Commissioner Carmen Rubio, the prior Parks Commissioner, helped make this a reality," said Gary Hancock, FoWP chair. Rubio attended the formal dedication on July 6.

Pip's Original Doughnuts & Chai mobile van was on site to help celebrate, handing out free items.

"Thanks to all the community members and businesses," said Gary, "who contributed funds and supported this park improvement."

For more information about Friends of Wilshire Park visit [friendsofwilshirepark.org](http://friendsofwilshirepark.org).



On July 6, dogs and their people gathered at Wilshire Park to celebrate the official dedication of the new water spigot that will serve thirsty canines. Former Parks Commissioner Carmen Rubio, who was a key supporter of the project, was in attendance (center-front, wearing long cardigan.) Photo by Michael Shay of Polara Studio.

Former Parks Commissioner Carmen Rubio tries her hand at the new dog water spigot at Wilshire Park. Photo by Michael Shay.



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# NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

## WHY PREPARING FOR EMERGENCIES IS PERSONAL

by Bonny Cushman

**M**y first brush with how natural disasters can shape your life came on January 4, 1982. That day, my family lost everything we owned in a once-in-a-century flood that filled our home in Point Reyes Station, California, with four feet of water and two feet of mud. I was nine, and it forever shaped my outlook on the importance of being prepared for the unexpected.

Years later, emergency preparedness became a more integral part of my life through my work with the Regional Water Providers Consortium. After the birth of our daughter Hazel in 2014, I started to support the Consortium's emergency planning work, and it quickly became apparent to me just how important a role we all will play in helping the region recover from a large-scale disaster.

After such an event, water providers and other first responders will need to get water systems, roads, and other infrastructure back up and running. This will require neighbors to work together until help can reach our region. And because people can only survive

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for a few days without water, it makes sense to start one's personal preparedness journey with water.

### Take One Step

September is National Preparedness month, so I invite you to take one step today to help your household get ready for emergencies. The best place to start is by visiting [regionalH2O.org](http://regionalH2O.org), the Consortium's website. It has a ton

of information including how-to videos that focus on storing, accessing, and treating water in an emergency. PublicAlerts.org is the next place to go. It includes ways to sign up for local emergency alerts, information on what else to include in your emergency kit, and other ways to get ready.

*Beaumont-Wilshire resident Bonny Cushman is mother of one, wife, canner, prepper, walker, and avid gardener. She works as Program Manager for the Portland-based Regional Water Providers Consortium. In her spare time she coordinates the Alameda Elementary School Discovery Garden.*



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1. Garden host and glass-on-glass artist Peter Gearin talks with a crowd of people inquiring about the garden and his art pieces.

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2. Garden host and table-design artist Patti Koehler stamps the hand of a ticket holder for entry to her garden.

3. Graphic and metal design artist and garden host Kehrnan Shaw explains his art piece to an event-goer.



A whimsical work by visiting artist Jacqueline Sowell displayed in the garden of Patti Koehler and fine artist Kate Krider.

# Art & Tour



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It was a beautiful day in the neighborhood for garden and garden art lovers. The first-ever Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association Art & Garden Tour held July 29 featured four B-W gardens, and at least one artist was represented at each location.

Over 100 people visited the gardens during a four-hour period, getting inspiration and ideas, chatting with garden hosts about various plants, and visiting with fellow event-goers. Neighborhood students played music or sold lemonade and cookies at one location, and a plant sale there added to the day's festivities.



GARDEN HOSTS, some of whom also presented art, gather for an after-party. From left to right: Patti Koehler, Janet Jump, Kehrnan Shaw, Kate Krider, Marilyn Happold-Latham, Dale Latham, Peter Gearin, and Susan Trabucco. Photo by Charlotte Dewitt.





4. B-W kids Isaac Newmister and Max Shannon relax between bursts of lemonade and homemade cookies sales. The duo set up shop near the sidewalk to attract passers-by as well as garden tour-goers.

5. Kohen Newmister and Asher Harris, B-W students entering Grant High School this fall, played their respective instruments outside the home of one of the garden hosts.

6. Visiting artist at the home of Dale Latham and Marilyn Happold-Latham checks her inventory. In the background Dale (in black t-shirt) discusses his front garden succulent plants with tour participants.



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# Garden

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By all outward appearances, the event was a success. Behind the scenes was another success: the net ticket proceeds after expenses — slated to go to the Beaumont Middle School Resiliency Fund, which supports families experiencing financial emergencies — will be approximately \$1,000.

Thanks to all the hosts who worked hard getting their gardens in good shape for the event and to the artists who displayed their wares!

**Want to be a host for next year's Art & Garden Tour?** Email board member Patti Koehler at [patricekoehler@gmail.com](mailto:patricekoehler@gmail.com).



Photos by Trina Ramirez unless otherwise noted.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# THUMBS UP FOR EDITOR'S NOTE IN PARKING REGULATIONS ARTICLE

by Joseph Stenger

I just wanted to let you know that I appreciated the Editor's Note at the end of Chris Rauber's article about parking regulations (see July-August issue of this newsletter.) I do a lot of climate activism directed at transportation. While weakening policies that require ample parking for new construction have been controversial, this practice does prioritize car-driving as opposed to what we really need now, which is to get people out of their cars and into buses and onto bikes.

Of course, as you said, requiring parking also raises housing costs, contributing to the problem of people who can't afford to purchase a home. I'm glad you pointed people toward Grabar's book, *Paved Paradise: How Parking Changed the World*. Most people have never actually thought about the societal costs of this American institution.

Joe, married to Kathleen, is a proud grandfather and retired rural family physician; he also worked for nine years as a palliative doctor at Legacy Emanuel. The child of a diplomat, he lived in several countries in his youth. Climate activism with the Metro Climate Action Team, cycling, gardening, and yoga keep him busy.



Joseph Stenger

For more on the issues surrounding infill and parking, read a synopsis of the now-in-effect Residential Infill Project zoning by Rich Burton in the August edition of *Concordia News*. In addition to a good summary of what to expect in new development projects in our neighborhoods, he cites some resources links. Find it at [tinyurl.com/chr352hk](https://tinyurl.com/chr352hk) on page 6.



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IT'S VITAL

# THE VALUE OF MAKING CONNECTIONS

by Chris Rauber

**B**efore I was 13, my family and I had moved at least seven times.

That makes me an expert on the adventures and challenges connected with moving from one place to another. It can be hard on a kid, hard on a teenager, and hard on an adult, even an older one like I am now.

I moved to Portland with my wife Kim and our small dog in June 2022. We bought our house in Beaumont-Wilshire a few weeks later.

Why do I mention all this? Because feeling new, alone, or uprooted, like a stranger in a strange land, is common in 21st Century America. Change is in the air, much of it scary.

Political angst and polarization. Debates over race and gender. Climate change, air and water heating up causing heat domes, making some of us nostalgic for 1970, when few even contemplated such rapid transformations of the Earth's climate.

We used to be better at this. But battered by COVID and other recent traumas, many of us hole up in our homes, watch a lot of Netflix, play video games, and try to shut out the big bad dangerous world.

But that doesn't work. It results in loneliness, disengagement, fear, and often outright panic and anger.

What does work is community. Here in Portland a year or so ago, I knew only my wife, my nearby daughter and son-in-law, and a handful of others. Not enough to form a community — only a small kernel of one.

So, we reached out. My wife and I joined NE Village PDX, and discovered a small, vibrant group of fellow older folks who wanted to help others and make connections. I also reached out to this newsletter's editor, Susan Trabucco, and in so doing enmeshed myself in yet another vibrant, often buoyant community.

## FIRST PERSON

*“ ... feeling new, alone, or uprooted, like a stranger in a strange land, is common in 21st Century America. ”*

I connected with the Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club, too, where I try to spread the word about climate change and the need to alter the way we relate to and envision our natural environment.

My story isn't special, but there may be lessons here for others who feel lonely or disconnected, or are looking for meaning they don't find in their current situations. Reaching out is good. Exploring options. Finding new friends and colleagues. Connecting with neighbors.

It turns out that making connections isn't an option — it's a necessity.

*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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# Bike bus is amazing. Do you like it?

by Hazel Cockcroft

**A**lameda Elementary School's bike bus is something that brings kids, friends, and family together to ride to school. Bike bus rides down the huge hill on Klickitat Street to the school each Wednesday during the school year. It provides kids a safe route to school and is also a decent bike ride for parents and/or guardians.

Bike bus is run by Alameda's coach, Sam Balto, who has created this massive crowd of bikes going to school.

Safety is very important to bike bus, and luckily, we have the yellow jackets to make sure everyone is safe! The yellow jackets are a group of parent volunteers who ride with the kids and help direct traffic. Everyone in the neighborhood should watch out for bikers 8:00 to 8:30 a.m. each Wednesday morning starting in late August until school gets out for the summer in mid-June.

Those of you who don't go to Alameda Elementary can always start your own bike bus or walk bus with friends and family.

Bike bus has always been a highlight in my week. Just the feeling of riding in the cool morning and riding with friends and family every Wednesday is amazing.

In conclusion, bike bus is something that's become a part of my, and a lot of other people's, routine every Wednesday. Let's keep bike bus going for as long as we can!



*Hazel Cockcroft goes to Alameda Elementary School and is almost nine. Some of her hobbies are drawing, reading, riding her scooter and bike, swimming, playing soccer, and visiting with friends and family. She hopes you join bike bus this year!*

## Hey, Beaumont-Wilshire kids!

Do you have a story to tell or want to be a "cub" reporter? Do you have a poem bursting from your heart? A drawing you'd like to share? If so, email [Editor@BWNpdx.org](mailto:Editor@BWNpdx.org) with your idea or your draft submission, and we'll run it in Creative Kids as space allows.

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# PINK MARTINI CELEBS TO PERFORM AT GRANT HIGH FOR SEPTEMBER 15 BENEFIT CONCERT



Who do you turn to when you have a big deal to celebrate? In this case, the Community for Positive Aging chose to mark 50 years of support for and service to older adults at the Hollywood Senior Center by hosting well-known local musical performers China Forbes and Thomas Lauderdale of Pink Martini fame. A benefit concert including the duo will be held Friday, Sept. 15, at Grant High School. The evening event will also feature performances by the Grant High School Royal Blues and the Hollywood Ukulele Group.

The event runs from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at 2245 NE 36th Ave. Tickets are \$100 for preferred seating and \$55 for regular seating. To purchase tickets and for more information, visit [communityfpa.org](http://communityfpa.org).

According to a press release, concert proceeds will benefit the programs and services of the Community for Positive Aging, formerly named the Hollywood Senior Center. Over the last few years, the Community for Positive Aging has expanded its services, reaching out beyond the Hollywood neighborhood to provide its programs. The name change was made to reflect work that is no longer centered on a specific place. Submitted photo.

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# GEOCACHING GETS ‘EM OFF THE COUCH AND OUTSIDE

In our July-August newsletter, we presented a geocaching exercise for the outdoor- and technology-inclined. Geocaching is an activity in which one uses a handheld GPS, such as a smart phone or tablet, to find a hidden container or “cache” using longitude and latitude points. In the cache is a log book for recording a successful find.

A determined set of sleuths turned out over the course of the month to seek what they hoped to find — and the opportunity to win a \$25 gift certificate to a local business.

## And the winners are:

Olive Brown, who was an instant winner because she was the first person to find all five of the caches. Ahman Dirks (not pictured) and Asher Harris won in a random drawing for those who also found the five locations. Other participants not pictured were Kohen Newmister and Marshall, Jackson, Abbey, Owen, Tim, Ferris, Sam and Alex (last names not available).

Thanks to everyone who participated and to BWNA board member John Sandie for setting up the challenge!



Instant Winner: Olive Brown



Nina Fang



Asher Harris



Blake and Bodhi Perez, newcomers to B-W. We love this level of excitement!



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# PERSPECTIVES

compiled by Polly Webber

The change of seasons is upon us. Cooler nights, shorter days, longer shadows. Migrating birds fill the skies with the flutter of wings and conversational cacophony. To honor the return of fall, in this edition of Perspectives we asked neighborhood folks:

## “What’s your favorite thing about autumn in Beaumont-Wilshire?”



“We’ve had a poetry post in our front yard since 2009. There are quite a few in our destination walking neighborhood. It has an eclectic mix of poems I change weekly, and I especially enjoy comments from passers-by who make it a point to stop and read them. Autumn is a favorite walking time for folks.”  
*(Robin, 31 years in B-W)*



“There’s not much I don’t love about Beaumont-Wilshire in autumn. It’s my favorite season — nothing better than walking to the Village in the brisk air, leaves crunching under my feet. The trees offer stunning colors, encouraging me to get out for a walk or meet a friend for coffee at one of our great cafes. I feel fortunate to live here.”  
*(Andrea, 19 years in B-W)*



“I love those first few weeks of autumn when school doesn’t yet feel like a chore, but just a return to normalcy and friends. I also love the smell in the air autumn brings — a crisp, cool change from the overwhelming heat of summer.”  
*(Evangeline, 17 years in B-W)*



“Our favorite thing about our neighborhood in autumn is all the incredible trees we have here — the colors are amazing! We are always taking long morning walks to capture photos of the changing seasons each year. Beaumont Village definitely has some of the best fall foliage in the city.”  
*(Eric and Jamie, 3 years in B-W)*



“Besides the beauty of the changing season, I look forward to our annual block party; this year will be our 20th! It’s great to catch up with neighbors after frenetic summers. I also love the return-of-school routines such as the Grant cross country team training on Klickitat Street’s big hill, and kids walking and biking to Alameda Elementary.”  
*(Dianna, 21 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.*



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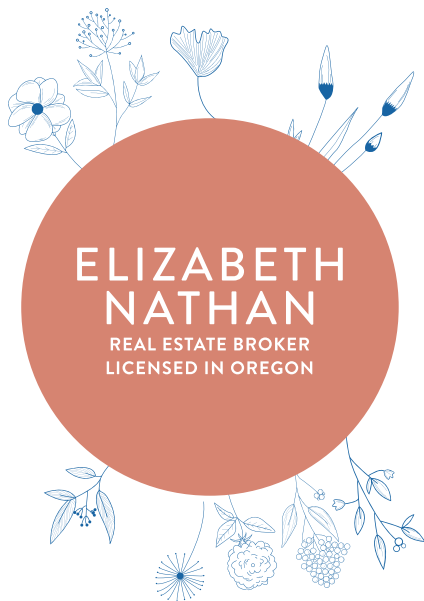


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# COOK LIKE NO ONE IS WATCHING

A SIMPLE TREAT PACKED WITH FALL FLAVOR  
*by Jane Feinberg*

In a few short weeks, fall will be in full swing and what better way to celebrate the change of season than with a treat that's inspired by a traditional county fair staple: the caramel apple. These candies are the perfect combination of sweet and tart with a hint of warm cinnamon — guaranteed to get you in the mood for autumn.

## Apple Cider Caramels (adapted from Smitten Kitchen)

Makes 64 pieces

- 4 cups *unfiltered* apple cider \*
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 tsp flaky sea salt, such as Maldon, or less of a finer one
- 8 Tbs (1 stick) unsalted butter, cut into chunks
- 1 c granulated sugar
- 1/2 c packed light brown sugar
- 1/3 c heavy cream
- Neutral oil for the knife

*\* NOT the clear apple juice found on store shelves*

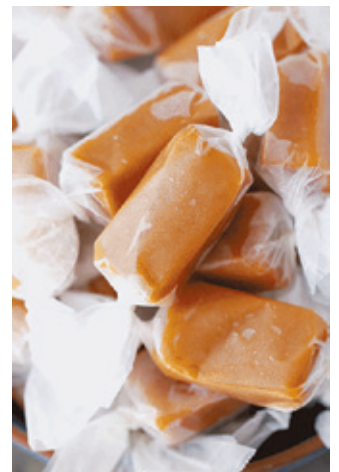
Boil the cider in a 3- to 4-quart saucepan over high heat until reduced to a dark syrup, between 1/3 and 1/2 cup in volume. Stir occasionally. This should take 45 minutes to an hour.

Meanwhile, get your other ingredients ready. Stir the cinnamon and salt together in a small dish; have your butter and cream ready. Line the bottom and sides of an 8-inch square, straight-sided metal baking pan with two criss-crossed sheets of parchment long enough to fold over the sides of the pan by about an inch. Set aside. Once you've finished reducing the

apple cider, remove it from the heat and stir in the butter, sugars, and heavy cream. Return the pot to medium-high heat and attach a candy thermometer to the side. Let the mixture boil until the thermometer reads 252 degrees — about 6 to 8 minutes. Keep a close eye on it.

Using a candy or deep-fry thermometer is best. Alternatively, drop a spoonful of the hot syrup into a cup of very cold water. Look for the syrup to hold its shape when you gather the cooled syrup into a ball.

Once the caramel reaches temperature (or passes the cold-water test), immediately remove it from the heat, add the cinnamon-salt mixture, and give the caramel several good stirs. Pour caramel into the parchment-lined pan and let it sit for about 2 hours until cool. Once the caramel is firm, use your parchment paper sling to transfer the block to a cutting board. Use a well-oiled knife, oiling it after each cut (trust me!), to cut the caramel into 1-inch squares. Wrap each candy in a 4-inch square of parchment or wax paper, twisting the sides to close. Caramels will be somewhat soft at room temperature and chewy/firm from the fridge. Caramels keep in an airtight container at room temperature for two weeks, but I bet they won't last that long!



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