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Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association

NEIGHBOR FOCUS: ELMER BUEHLER

Almost a century of memories

BY JOHN CARSON

ELMER BUEHLER remembers when there was a cow and berry farm on NE 42 owned by the Steigerwald family, and their barn stood where Delphina's Bakery is now located. In the 1920's and 30's, Wilshire Park was the site of the Apostolic Church summer camp and it was named Kamm Park. Mr. Buehler remembers all these things about our neighborhood because he was born in 1911 in his parents' home on NE 24 and Going St., and has lived all his life in this neighborhood.

He remembers when there was only one full size house on Going Street between NE 33rd and the county road, which became 42nd Ave. The rest of the homes were shacks and shanties. In 1939, he and his bride Olive built their home on a lot at NE 38th and Going St. where he still lives today. His parents owned that property, and it was where Elmer and his brother harvested potatoes and rutabagas in their family 'Liberty' garden during World War I. The curb by the property still has a brass ring where his step grandfather tethered his horses.



Elmer and Olive Buehler, 1998

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Plans for Meek Elementary School

ALSO: Dog off-leash hours and NET's

BWNA General Meeting
Monday, October 13, 7:30 PM
Bethany Lutheran Church, NE 37th & Skidmore
All Beaumont Wilshire residents welcome
Childcare available at meeting

SUMNER SHARP from the Portland Public Schools will discuss at the general meeting on Oct. 13 the possible planned use for Meek Elementary School. Located at NE 40th and Alberta Ct., the school was closed in 2003 because of budgets cuts. One possible use may be for a vocational school.

Also on hand will be a representative from the City to discuss the **new dog off-leash hours** at Wilshire Park, and we will have an update about the **Neighbors Emergency Teams** services and trainings. See you at the neighborhood meeting!

BUSINESS FOCUS: COLUMBIA LIONS CLUB

Monday Night Bingo!

BY BAER CHARLTON

THE LAST TIME I played Bingo was when my sister-in-law talked me into going with her. I sat between two women who made me look like a first grader at a high school graduation. I learned not to yell "Bingo" when the pot was $250 and the pros had heavy purses. So when the newsletter editor sent me to write about Bingo in the neighborhood, I had some reservations...

I arrived at the Columbia Lion's Bingo at the Spare Room on 42nd Ave. and was greeted by regulars Terri Zielinski and Skeeter Walker. When they heard my story, they assured me that nothing like that would happen at the Lions' Bingo. So I settled in.



Terri Zielinski, Dave Kriebel and Art Blumberg

I relearned the Bingo card, and I experienced again the embarrassment of yelling "Bingo" when I didn't have the right kind of Bingo. No punches or purses were swung at me, thank goodness. During the course of the evening, I learned about a 'six-pack', 'four in the corner', 'X & Y', 'Little Diamond', etc. and how easily it is to keep playing for only $1 per play. On the eighteenth game, the pot always pays $700; regular games pay $20.

The Bingo callers rotate each week. The night I was there it was Marguerite Hofferber, when the newsletter photographer returned it was 90 year old Dave Kriebel. Bingo has been played in the Spare Room for almost 22 years according to Skeeter Walker, who used to own the Bowling Alley next door. The Lions took over about 8 years ago. Before casinos and lotteries, Skeeter says, there were a couple of hundred people playing each Monday. Now the crowd is about 25-30 each week. Every fourth week, the Lions Ladies Auxiliary puts on the Bingo.

According to retired optometrist and cashier Art Blumberg, all money from the

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Wilshire Park has Off-Leash hours

by Melissa G. Ritter
BWNA President



As most of you are probably aware, Wilshire Park was one of several parks selected around the city to be an off-leash dog park. Dogs are now permitted to run in the park without leashes from 5am to 9am and from 8pm to closing.

A reporter from the Oregonian contacted me a few weeks ago for my opinion on the matter. I honestly didn't know what to say. The neighborhood association had been given a heads up about the dog park, but we didn't have much say in the matter and thus hadn't actually discussed what we thought about it. My own personal feelings are mixed. I am not currently a dog owner, but I love dogs and I love seeing them at the park. An off-leash park seems like a good idea since we have so many dogs in our neighborhood, and almost all of the dogs I have seen around, with a few exceptions, are also well behaved.

However, I often take my children to the park early in the day, and my two-year-old is terrified of dogs. A dog doesn't even have to be very big to send him running. Even if they only want to bark a friendly hello or lick his face, he cowers behind me. Most dog owners are polite and keep their dogs back, but many will just yell from across the park not to worry, that their dog would never hurt anyone. That may be sufficient warning for an adult, but it doesn't do much for my child who is watching a beast bigger than him bounding toward him.

I just want to say to all dog owners out there that even though you know your dog is the sweetest dog in the whole world and would never hurt a fly, please be aware of little children in the park. Dogs running toward them can be very intimidating. Wilshire Park is a treasure for all of us to take pleasure in. Enjoy the off leash hours and by all means let your dogs exercise and run free, but please don't let them scare anyone! Thank you.

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Old salon gets a new style

BY MARGARET DAVIS

"HI!" SAYS THE WOMAN who's just tumbled through the door at Bellamar. She looks almost as startled to see us, as we are to see her barreling into the quiet, soft-colored spaces of the rejuvenated bungalow.

"Oh, let's see! I work right over there, across the street, and I'm going to a huge party tonight. I realized, 'Hey, I don't have to drive across town to get my brows done.' I can go right over there!" She pauses, catches her breath, and says, "You can do something about these brows, can't you?"

Bellamar owner Nancymarie Hendricks giggles and says, "Yes, of course," and gestures to her co-worker sitting at the front desk.



Nancymarie of Bellamar

Bellamar does more than just brows. With three hair stations, two spots for manicures and pedicures, a private massage and facial space in the back, and a makeup-application room, Bellamar offers a wide range of salon services. It opened in August 2002 after a thorough three-month renovation, including sheet rocking all the walls, restoring fir and oak floors, and laying a mosaic floor in the bathroom. The handsome results make Bellamar a calming place for clients to spend their time.

Bellamar also stocks Aveda products, a relationship that Hendricks pursued because she feels Aveda provides "the best continued education for people in the industry, not only in hair but also in wellness."

Hendricks moved to Portland from Seattle four years ago, after training there and in Europe with cosmetology guru Gene Juarez. Her first gig in Portland was at a Beaverton salon, but Hendricks didn't stay long: "My goal was to open my own." She saw plenty of possibility in the early 1900's house at 4333 N.E. Fremont St., former quarters of the Mane Attraction and a barbershop.

"It's exciting to see new businesses come in," Hendricks says of the thriving neighborhood. "We try to support local businesses ourselves." It's a thought that many others may share; Hendricks reports that in August 2003, the first month for which she is able to make comparisons, the salon made twice what it did in its debut month.

"It's hard work and long hours," Hendricks says. "But the people make it worth it."

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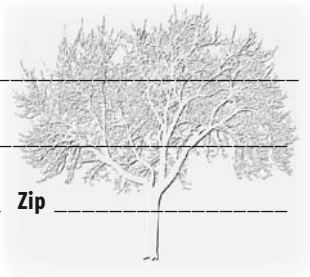
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4530 NE 35th Place, Portland, OR 97211

Trees Coming to Beaumont Wilshire

by Barbara Warren-Sams

Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association and Friends of Trees are sponsoring a tree planting on **March 13, 2004**. If you are interested in participating and have not submitted an interest form, please complete and send the form above. Deadline for all forms: **Dec. 14.**

Residents who complete interest forms will receive a free inspection from the City's Urban Forestry Division. An inspector will determine the proper placement of trees and note any restrictions on types of trees to plant.

Trees will cost $55 or $75 depending on type and size (6 to 14 feet). This fee covers the cost of the tree, hole digging, assistance on planting day, stakes, twine, and follow-up monitoring.

A slide show of available trees will be held in early January. Both street and yard trees will be available. All orders must be placed by **Feb. 13**.

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Helping Seniors

BY MARJ CANNON

ARE YOU A SENIOR who could use an occasional helping hand? Do you know of an older adult in your neighborhood who might need some assistance living independently in his or her home? Would you like to become involved in providing help to some of our elderly neighbors?

The Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association considered starting a project to help seniors but after some research, the Board learned that there is a local agency that coordinates this kind of program in east Portland. Project Linkage, a program of Metropolitan Family Service (MFS) is designed to help seniors and people with disabilities remain independent in their own homes. Volunteers provide services that focus upon unmet needs: transportation, shopping, yard work, friendly visits, home repair, and minor bookkeeping.



Photo: Project Linkage

Residents of east Portland who would like to receive such services are encouraged to call the agency (503-249-0471) in order to complete a simple registration process. All information is confidential and the services are provided free of charge; donations are welcome to help defray costs.

If you wish to volunteer in providing assistance, also call the agency. You will be asked to attend a two hour orientation session at which you can complete a volunteer application. As a safety precaution, the agency conducts background screening of all volunteers.

The mission of MFS is "to strengthen families and individuals while enhancing their participation in community life." Such a goal is certainly in keeping with the aspirations of the Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association's mission to enhance the livability of the neighborhood. Participation in Project Linkage can provide a significant contribution to the quality of life for individuals, thereby improving the neighborhood. We encourage you to get involved helping neighbors!

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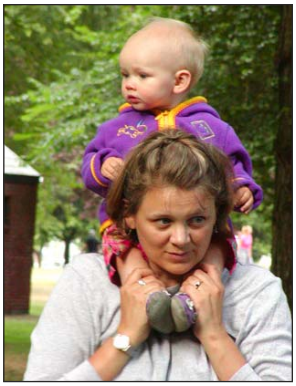
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Annual picnic a huge success

BY HELEN KOBA AND JULIA HAYKIN

THANKS TO Julia Haykin, BWNA board member, for organizing a very smooth and well attended 2003 picnic. Over 220 people showed up at Wilshire Park, including Metro Councilor Rex Burkholder, County Commissioner Serena Cruz & Rep. Jackie Dingfelder, as well as a 'pumper' truck from fire station 40.



Two picnic goers

David de la Rocha's house band of merrymakers provided the music. Picnic goers consumed 288 hamburgers, 70 garden burgers, 120 Coney Dogs and lots of other treats brought by neighbors. We are grateful to these businesses for their donations of food and drink: Columbia Empire Meats, Franz Bakery, Beaumont Market (cooler usage donated too), Wilshire Market, Safeway, Costco, Odwalla, Garden Burgers. Dave's Sanitary from Vancouver donated garbage roll carts.

The great prizes came from: Papa Murphy's, Pizzicato, Bagel Land, Beaumont Florist, Beaumont Hardware, Americana Frame, Beaumont Health Care Clinic, Suzanne's, Alameda Cafe, Tri-Level Fitness, Applebee's, Starbucks, and CNN. Last but not least, thanks to Wilshire Methodist Church for their tables and chairs. To view photos from the 2003 picnic, visit www.bwna.org/photos.

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Bingo nights goes to the Oregon Lions Sight and Hearing Foundation which provides free eye and ear care, including major cataract operations and corneal transplants for those in need. So come on out on Monday nights at 7 PM, to the Spare Room, 4830 NE 42, next to the bowling alley for a few letters, a bunch of numbers and some fun for a good cause.

BINGO: a brief history

The origins of Bingo can be traced back to 1530 when a state run lottery game called 'Lo Giuco de Lotto' was held each Saturday in Italy. In the 1700's it migrated to France with a playing card, tokens and numbers read aloud. Throughout the 1800's, it spread to Europe. The object of the game was to be the first to completely cover one of 3 horizontal rows on a card. The blank squares were considered 'free squares'.

In 1929, a game called 'Beano' was played at a carnival near Atlanta, Georgia. It consisted of dried beans, a rubber number stamp and some cardboard. A New York salesperson named Edwin Lowe observed the game where players exclaimed 'BEANO" if they filled a line of numbers on a card. Lowe introduced the game to his friends in New York where one of them mistakenly yelled 'BINGO' in her excitement. Lowe's Bingo was soon very popular and Lowe asked competitors to pay him $1 per year to allow them to call their games Bingo as well.

By the 1940's bingo games were found all over the US with thousands played every week. Today Bingo games and players can be found just about everywhere. —Source: www/bingo-hangout.com

Fun Family Activities at Bethany



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☐ **WEDNESDAY FAMILY ACTIVITY NIGHT**

Every Wednesday, **between 7 and 9 p.m.,** drop in for snacks , games, to visit and have fun with neighbors of all ages.

Both events are at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 NE 37th at Skidmore. If you have questions, call Karen Kuhn 503-288-6957, or Bill Markwart 503-282-4610, or visit **www.bethanyportland.org** for more information about Bethany.

Elmer Buehler

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The grounds that later became Meek School were originally a gravel and sand pit, where material for making curbs and sidewalks was obtained. Elmer remembers a small creek on that property that ran year round.

Elmer met his wife, Olive, in the office of the U.S. Forest Service, where he worked 8 years. They were married in October 1938 and moved into their Going St. house on October 31, 1939. They had two daughters, Heidi and Trudi. Elmer worked for the Bonneville Power for 34 years, retiring in 1972.

Because of careful planning, Elmer and Olive were able to enjoy a comfortable retirement. He took care of Olive for several years as her health failed. She passed away in July 2002. Elmer is 92 this year and still in excellent health. He takes pride in his rose garden and for years he has been active in the neighborhood. We are grateful to Elmer for sharing his memories.



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The Newsletter Captain would be in charge of receiving 330 newsletters, counting and dropping them off to seven delivery people. This should take less than an hour and is also done six times a year. If you would like to volunteer or have any questions, call or email: Lisa Perkins 503-282-5816 lisachiba@hotmail.com

Bethany Women's Annual Bazaar

Saturday, November 1, 9–3 pm

Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 NE 37. Crafts, baked goods, white elephant and delicious lunch. Money to benefit charities.

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October 18, 2003, 1–4 pm



Wilshire United Methodist Church. 3917 NE Shaver. 503-287-6526.

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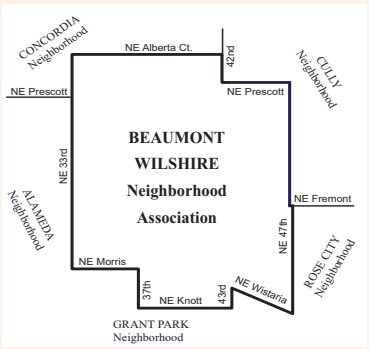
Sunday, November 9, noon–1 pm

"How to Prepare Advanced Directives" led by Rev. Jill James, Hospital Chaplain at Legacy Emanuel.

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Sunday, November 23, noon–2 pm

Estate Planning workshop, led by Dr. Patricia Larson.



All residents, property owners, government agencies, business licensees, and non-profit organizations located within the boundaries of the Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association may consider themselves members of BWNA. Membership is free. Members are welcome to attend any BWNA business meeting.

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