Beaumont Wilshire

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Business Focus: Java Man on Fremont

Home of the Fremont Latte

by Rita Catapano



Ryan, Sherry and Madison

Beaumont Wilshire has long been home to a coffee shop or two, but it's just recently that the neighborhood can boast its own coffee drink," the Fremont Latte". The delicious honey vanilla concoction is the creation of Owner/Manager Sherry Loving. Sherry and Ryan Loving opened for business in February at 4727 NE Fremont Street. They renamed the shop"Java Man on Fremont" from plain Java Man thanks to the suggestion of customers Lee and Daniel Brixius.

Sherry grew up in the coffee business working for her parents and Starbucks. Ryan brings product/ marketing expertise to the partnership. The Lovings chose this location, because they like the community and its sense of family values. They also live nearby with their 5-month old daughter Madison. Their goal is to be the neighborhood coffee

See **Java Man on Fremont** page 4

Saturday, August 7th

Fremont Fest: Music, Food and a Parade

by Brandon Wooters



Horse-drawn wagon at Fremont Fest

Fremont FEST will be held on **Saturday, August 7th** on NE Fremont between 42nd Ave and 57th Ave. This year's festival promises to be bigger and better than ever. In addition to the local businesses, we have invited vendors from outside the area to participate. The Kids' Parade will start at NE 42nd and Fremont. Kids who want to participate should show up at 9: 30am. The parade starts at 10am.

Several bands with eclectic styles will perform at various times at various venues up and down the street. All of the area restaurants will feature specials. Other events include a classic car show, root beer floats, and an artists' fair. The shops up and down Fremont will be open and many will display their wares outside. It should be a great event, so bring your friends and family to shop, dine, and play at Fremont Fest.

Tuesday, August 3rd

Annual Picnic at Wilshire Park

Tuesday, August 3rd
6:30 – 8:30 PM
Wilshire Park

The Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association invites you to the annual all neighborhood picnic in celebration of 'National Night Out'. Everyone is invited to this biggest neighborhood event of the year. Bring a salad, side dish or dessert to share. Local businesses and the association will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks, plates and utensils.

There will be door prizes and surprises. Please mark your dishes on the bottom so they can be returned to you if they get left behind. Come meet old friends and make new ones! Don't miss this great neighborhood get-together on Tuesday Aug. 3 from 6:30 to 8:30PM at Wilshire Park.

Calendar

Tuesday, August 3rd, 6:30–8:30pm
National Night Out Picnic
at Wilshire Park

Saturday, August 7th, all day
Fremont Fest
Along NE Fremont

Friday, September 10
Deadline for articles and ads for
Oct/Nov Beaumont Wilshire Newsletter

Monday, September 13, 7:30pm
BWNA Board meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

Monday, October 11, 7:30pm
BWNA General meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

*GENERAL MEETINGS are held on the second Monday in each of the following months: February, April, June, October, and December. All Beaumont Wilshire residents are welcome.

Senior Citizens of Beaumont

by Heidi Blischke
BWNA President



With the warm weather, everyone is outside and this provides a wonderful opportunity to meet your neighbors. Many of them are older, some live alone, and many do not trust people coming to their doors. Therefore, take advantage of the nice weather when more people are out to get to know your senior neighbors. You may notice that some of them are more active than some younger people: they run, walk, bicycle. Others need the extra support of their neighbors, relatives, and friends to get around.

For some, friends and family are nearby and provide the daily contact that they need. Some elderly folks are alone and don't have a strong support network. Find out what your elder neighbors need, what you can do to make their lives a bit easier, and how you can help in keeping them independent. You and your children can learn great things by taking the time to listen to the stories about their past, and they can benefit from the personal contact with someone they trust. Elderly people should have contact with others daily.

It may be hard for some to accept the outside help. Those of us who have parents in other cities or states, certainly hope that they have the help and support that they need. We know that our frequent phone calls do not replace the face-to-face contact that people require.

Make a special effort to keep an eye on the elders in your neighborhood especially as we hear that the number of car prowls and break-ins increase during the summer months. Watch for strangers approaching your neighbors' doors and find out what they are up to, as elders can be targets for scams.

There are many support networks for seniors; one is the Neighborhood Haus (www.nhweb.org; 503-246-1663 ext 113). They provide or link people to services such as friendly visitors, professional services-home visitation, senior classes, transportation aide and other services. There is also the Hollywood Senior Center at 1820 NE 40th, which offers activities, classes and services. (503-721-6777). And see the article about volunteering as a driver for Ride Connection on p. 4. We can all help out.

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Business Focus: Dee's Golden Door

Thirty years of smiles

by Jamal Baghdadi

Nancy Tilton of Dee's Golden Door, a beauty parlor at 4209 NE Fremont (503-282-5554), has been making people smile and feel good about themselves for the last thirty years.

Nancy came to Dee's Golden Door out of beauty school in March of 1974. After the death of her boss Doris in 1982, Nancy purchased the salon located in the Beaumont Plaza across from Beaumont Middle School. And for the past 30 plus years she has been cutting, dyeing, curling, and styling hair for customers from far and near.

"I've been raised by many of my customers," says Nancy. "I know their spouses. I've also seen them raise their children and grandchildren, some of whom have gone on to run their own businesses, and I've learned a lot from them".



Nancy Tilton of Dee's Golden Door

The Plaza where Dee's Golden Door is located is also home to other long time Beaumont Wilshire businesses. Nancy feels lucky to have as her business neighbors people like Pattie Scarpelli of the Beaumont Florist, whose shop has been in its location for 26 years and owned by Pattie since 1988. Dr. Frank Prideaux at Beaumont Chiropractor Clinic has been in his location for 24 years. And of course there is the Beaumont Market, which has been a grocery store since the Dutch Building at 41st and Fremont was built. Another old-timer is George Flesuras of State Farm Insurance, also in the Dutch Building, whose office has been there for 28 and half years. "If it weren't for such great people, and great customers, I would not have lasted 30 years," says Nancy.

There is lots of history in the businesses around the area of 41st and Fremont. With the Fremont Fest coming up, stop in and say 'Hello' to Nancy and her neighbors and let them know we appreciate them being part of the neighborhood for a combined 100 years and more.

Reward for Graffiti Information

By Brandon Wooters

You have probably noticed the graffiti that defaced many businesses along Fremont over the Memorial Day Weekend. In response, the Beaumont Business Association is offering a $100 reward for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of anyone defacing member businesses. If you have any information about anyone who has defaced any of the businesses along Fremont, please call Java Man Coffee at (503) 287-5456 to report it immediately.

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Java Man on Fremont

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shop that offers consistent quality and community focus. They view Starbucks down the street as "healthy competition".

On the menu are freshly brewed coffee from Allann Brothers Roasters, a variety of special recipe coffee drinks including the Fremont Latte, Mighty Leaf Tea, Fruit & Yogurt Smoothies, Bubble Tea and biscotti. The Lovings will work closely with the owner of the Criollo Bakery next door to offer a complement of lunch and dessert. "We're going for a Tuscan, European theme," according to Ryan. The warm colors and sunny ambiance speak to the look. Customers can move freely between the French doors connecting the two shops.

Future plans include last Thursday of the month art shows featuring local artists, quarterly used book sales with proceeds donated to local schools, and free internet access.

Java Man on Fremont is open 6am–7pm Monday to Thursday; 6am–11pm Friday; 7am–11pm on Saturday; and 7am–4pm on Sunday. Parking is available daily from 6am–4:30pm in Amalfi's parking lot.

Mobility… Make a community connection

by Susan Tingley



Volunteer driver for American Red Cross since 1949

Ride Connection invites you to bring your community closer for a senior or neighbor living with a disability. Volunteers provide door-to-door rides to medical appointments, shopping, senior activities and other essential destinations. Help people stay connected in their community. Mobility is an important gift you can give as a volunteer driver.

Ride Connection asks you to consider becoming a volunteer driver with one of our partner agencies. Important skills for this volunteer position are: reliability, good driving record, courtesy and flexibility. A criminal background check is required for volunteer drivers. Training, support and recognition are available to volunteers.

Ride Connection's mission is "linking accessible, responsive transportation with community need." Volunteers provide an important link in our community. Seniors and people with disabilities want to be involved and active. Volunteers help provide accessible, responsive transportation in a very personal way.

You are invited to get involved. Call 503.528.1734 or email Susan Tingley, Ride Connection Volunteer Recruiter/Coordinator at stingley@rideconnection.org. Visit our website at www.rideconnection.org.

Ride Connection offers many more volunteer opportunities. Our community elders and people with disabilities and their transportation challenges affect us. We need many advocates to continue the good work of alternative transportation in our community.

If you are interested in mobility issues for seniors and people with disabilities, please call to introduce yourself.

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Traffic Concerns

By David Whitaker

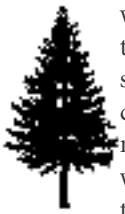
The transportation and land use committee continues to meet at the Alameda Brew Pub the **third Monday of the month**. At the June meeting there were a number of new neighbors who expressed concern with high traffic speeds on their streets. In particular the concerns were about: the dangerous intersection at 38th and Wisteria, cars speeding on Failing St. between 42nd and 47th and the broad intersection that is dangerous for pedestrians to cross at 37th and Alameda.

Brian Ray was a guest speaker from Kittelson and Associates, a traffic engineering company. He listened to neighbors' concerns and then presented ideas for addressing those concerns. He spoke about the need to work together on an overall speed management plan for the whole neighborhood. As a result, the committee has decided to request that the City complete a traffic study of neighborhood traffic this fall. A petition to request that this study be completed will be available for all neighbors to sign at the annual picnic on **August 3rd** at >> Wilshire Park.

Please join us at **7:30 pm every 3rd Monday of the month** at the Alameda Brew Pub for a lively discussion of Land Use and Transportation issues in the neighborhood!

Spontaneous Combustion Alert!

By Steve Sicotte



On a June Friday morning at 2:15 AM, my neighbor behind me and I were both awakened by two alert neighbors who were returning from a swing shift, and saw flames in our back yards. When we raced out, we saw ten foot high flames on our shared wood fence that were beginning to ignite a 60' evergreen tree.

My neighbor's wife called 911 while we both battled the flames with hoses. Our efforts kept the fire from spreading laterally, but with 10-20 mph winds, the tree was not something we could cope with as the flames climbed. Sparks were beginning to fly to other parts of the yard and towards our rooftops. Fortunately, the fire crew arrived in about 4 minutes and doused the entire area. The one tree was destroyed. We were extremely fortunate because there are about a dozen similar sized trees on our block that are clustered in an urban 'forest', and had more ignited, as many as five houses would have been at risk. Only because of the wind direction were other trees and our houses preserved.

The cause: spontaneous combustion in my neighbor's yard waste pile. Unbeknownst to me, they had been piling grass clippings, prunings, and leaves under the tree in a 10x10 'crib' for some time and these materials 'self-combusted'.

Here is what I learned and want to share:

1. Remove all such debris from under trees.

2. Do not place debris / compost near flammable fences or structures.

3. Create a managed compost environment, which is turned and worked rather than just piled haphazardly.

Many thanks to the "C" crew of Portland Fire Bureau Station 14, who were fast and efficient and saved our 'urban forest' and our yards from more damage.

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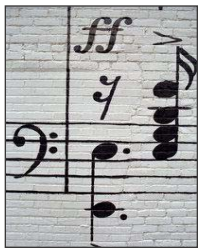
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African Gospel Acappella Performs

by Matthew Eagan

African gospel acappella will perform on **Sunday, September 19 at 7:00 PM** at Bethany Lutheran Church. African Gospel Acappella is comprised of six men who are all blind and originally from Liberia, in Western Africa. They represent five different tribes and sing in several native African languages, and in English (the official language of Liberia).



They have survived a civil war, poverty and many other hardships. The group met many years ago while attending the School for the Blind in Monrovia, Liberia.

The group writes and composes their own gospel songs. Their goal is to share the affirmation of their faith through song and testimony and to focus awareness on the plight of people in Africa, especially the disabled.

They have performed throughout the United States and now reside in Vancouver, Washington. A free will offering will be received and copies of African Gospel Acappella's CD will be available for purchase. Bethany Lutheran Church is located at 4330 NE 37th Ave, near Wilshire Park.

One click away

www.bwna.org

The BWNA website is colorful, informative and up to date. The 'Links' page allows you to directly log onto other websites that may be of interest, such as: craigslist.org. (If you're looking for work, trying to get rid of stuff or trying to get free stuff,) Oregon Zoo (upcoming Zoo concerts and events) PortlandMaps, TriMet (help plan your trip to downtown or Lloyd Center,) and others. On the same page you will find a list of handy phone numbers such as Water Main Breaks, Towing Information, Street Cleaning, Abandoned Cars, and others. All this information is in one place. Check it out next time you're on the Internet: **www.bwna.org** —H. Koba

Free Blood Pressure Check

On each second and fourth Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., two registered nurses will provide free blood pressure screening at Bethany Lutheran Church sponsored by the American Heart Association. Everyone is welcome to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to maintain good health. Bethany is located at NE 37th and Skidmore. For more information, call the church office at 503-284-3836.

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New Photos by Keith Buckley

BY HELEN KOBA

NEXT TIME YOU CHECK out Beaumont Wilshire's Artspace you will find that it has a new look and new photos by Beaumont Wilshire photographer Keith Buckley.

The new color photos by Buckley are of familiar and exotic objects and scenes around Portland and Oregon, such as 'breakfast jars', bridges at sunset, old bikes, and lakes.

The redesign of Artspace includes a totally new look for the front page, a 'News' page that lists current and upcoming shows by artists, and a 'Submissions' page that lists who is eligible to join artspace and how to submit your work. Artspace artists are currently in the planning stages of organizing group and solo shows in the neighborhood businesses. Watch for those announcements in this newsletter and on the website.

Check out Buckley's work and the work of the other Beaumont Wilshire artists at:
www.bwna.org/artspace.html



"Dock" by Buckley



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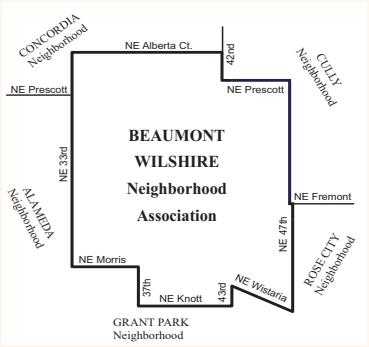
Grant High School Car Wash

BY MARY EVANS
Grant High School Junior Class President

GET YOUR CAR WASHED and help Grant High junior class students raise funds. **Saturday, Sept, 18,2004** at the Chevron Station on NE 47th and Sandy Blvd. The class of 2006 hopes to raise as much money as possible during the coming school year and the next school year to go towards their senior prom. By doing a car wash early in the summer we hope to get us out there early, (before school even begins) to let people know what the Grant kids are about.

Beaumont Business Association

THE BEAUMONT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (BBA) meets on the **first Tuesday of every month at 8:00am at the Alameda Brew Pub**. It is open to the public. If you would like to present information to the Association, please call Brandon Wooters at (503) 493-1390, and you will be added to the agenda for an upcoming meeting. The information should be relevant to business along Fremont.



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