# Beaumont Wilshire

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Neighbor Focus

## Elsasser/Boone: BW residents since 1924

By John Carson



Fred and Mary Elsasser and family, 1937

This is the story of a family that has lived in our neighborhood for five generations. I met Howard (Howie) Boone while I was pruning trees at NE Shaver and 42nd for the Trelstad family. Howie told me he grew up in that very house. His grandparents, Fred and Mary Elsasser, escaped from Russia in the early 1900's. Fred arrived in the US in 1907 and Mary in 1911. They married in the States and arrived in Portland in 1923.

They built a house on the southeast corner lot of Shaver and 42nd in 1924. This was mostly farmland and country, miles from downtown Portland. They raised seven children here. Helen, the youngest, married John Boone, a native Oregonian, whose family arrived in Oregon in 1918. After serving in World War II as a paratrooper, John and his

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Business Focus

## Albina Community Bank opens Beaumont branch

by Jenny Lisk




Zack, Yvonne, and Jeb of Albina Bank

Beaumont Village finally has its own bank – and it's a special kind of bank. Albina Community Bank is one of only 55 certified community development banks in the country, and the only one in the Northwest. Now you can do your banking right here in the neighborhood and help your neighbors at the same time.

What is a community development bank? It's a bank that has a special mission: to help local entrepreneurs create businesses and jobs, to help redevelop neighborhoods, and to help first-time buyers achieve their home-ownership dreams. It's a bank that gives back to the community. According to Yvonne Townsend, manager of the new Beaumont Branch, "it's a bank for people who care about what happens with their money."

See **Albina Community Bank** page 4

## Safety and traffic

**BWNA General Meeting**
Monday, October 11, 7:30 PM
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

Preston Wong, the new Central Northeast Neighborhood safety representative, will speak about safety issues in our neighborhood, homes, schools and park at the October BWNA general meeting. Also on the agenda is an update from the traffic/land use committee on areas of concern to neighbors as expressed at the picnic and in other meetings. Your questions, suggestions and input are welcome. The meeting takes place in the basement and the entry is on NE Skidmore.

### Proposed changes to bylaws

At the October meeting we will vote on an amendment to the BWNA bylaws. The proposed change adds a new item to Article 3, Section 1, as follows:

"E. Committee meeting decisions shall be determined by a majority vote of all committee members in attendance."

As our committees become more active, it is necessary that our bylaws are clear and up-to-date. The purpose of the amendment is to clarify that general members vote at general meetings, board members vote at board meetings, and committee members vote at committee meetings. The first two are already clearly stated, but the last one is not.

### Calendar

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

**Friday, November 5**
Deadline for articles and ads for Dec/Jan 2005 BW Newsletter

**Monday, November 8, 7:30pm**
BWNA Board meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

**Monday, December 13, 7:30pm**
BWNA General meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

# Fall message



BY HEIDI BLISCHKE
BWNA PRESIDENT

AFTER A SUMMER FULL of block parties and picnics, fall is here with cleansing rains, children back in school, and shorter, darker days. Riding my bike to and from work, I've noticed a large increase in traffic since school started. We all need to be aware of the traffic around us whether it's children, pedestrians, bicyclists or motor vehicles.

At our upcoming general meeting in October, the main topic will be "Safety". We will have our new Central Northeast Neighborhood safety representative, Preston Wong, speak about safety in our neighborhoods and how to set up a block watch on your street. Our Land-Use committee will bring some ideas regarding increasing safety along Fremont Street.

Enjoy the trees in our neighborhood as they change color with fall. Many of these trees were planted through BWNA volunteers during our bi-annual tree plantings with Friends of Trees. I hope to see you at our next general meeting on October 11 and at other volunteer opportunities. If everyone gives a little bit, we can keep our neighborhood a great place to live and raise our children!

# Transportation/Land Use Report

BY DAVID WHITAKER
LAND USE COMMITTEE CHAIR

THE TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE Committee has changed its meeting location. We now meet at Java Man Coffee Shop at 4727 NE Fremont St. The meetings are at 7:30 pm on the third Monday of each month. Thanks to Sherry and Ryan Loving for being so kind to let us use their comfortable space for our meetings.

A petition to request a study of neighborhood traffic patterns was signed by nearly 90 people at the annual neighborhood Night Out picnic held August 3, 2004. This shows there is a keen interest from folks to understand how traffic flows through our neighborhood. A traffic study is the first step in the development of an overall speed management plan for the whole neighborhood. Committee members are actively lobbying City staff to complete a traffic study this fall.

The committee will continue to work on transportation related issues this fall and will focus its efforts on pedestrian safety and speed management along Fremont St. Interested neighbors are welcome to attend the monthly land use meetings as well as the general BWNA meetings.





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Two New Shops on Fremont

# Beaumont Bicycle Club

By Baer Charlton

There's a new shop on Fremont that sells bikes just like the one my wife, Diane, rode to Beaumont School many years ago. Too bad she didn't keep that Schwinn. Luckily David and Brenda Volonte have opened **Beaumont Bicycle Club** at 4225 NE Fremont, and buy, restore and sell vintage bicycles. It's a perfect little bike shop and a wonderful resource right in our neighborhood. Call or email them at (503) 572-0231, dave@beaumontbicycle.com with your questions or comments. The shop is open Wednesdays 4-8pm, Saturdays 10-5 and Sundays 9-4. They donate a portion of their sales to the Oregon Humane Society, Dove Lewis Animal Hospital, Lance Armstrong Foundation, and BTA (Bicycle Transportation Alliance). Beaumont Bicycle Club is a dog friendly business so bring your pooch in for a fun visit too. The Volonte's newest addition is a cute little King Charles spaniel puppy named Bentley.



David Volonte of Beaumont Bicycle Club

# Green Dog Pet Supply

By Baer Charlton

Bentley and our cocker spaniel, Bailey, have discovered another great new shop on Fremont, **Green Dog Pet Supply**. Mike and Christine Mallar opened their environmentally friendly supplies and gift shop for dogs, cats and their people on August 31st in the new Fremont Commons building at NE Fremont and 46th. They carry high quality natural and organic pet food plus durable pet toys and treats. Local artists and vendors supply products made from recycled materials or sustainable sources. That means you'll find a great selection of products that have a lesser impact on our planet's resources. Green Dog Pet Supply is open Tuesday – Saturday, 10-7 and Sunday, 10-3, 4605 NE Fremont, (503) 528-1800. www.greendogonline.com. Bring your dog in soon for a look around and a wonderful doggy treat. Please shop locally and support our neighborhood's great businesses.



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# Beaumont Business Assoc. Update

By Brandon Wooters
BBA President



Kids parade Fremont Fest 2004

Fremont Fest was a huge success this year. Thanks to the marketing efforts of Matt Schumacher, owner of the Alameda Brew Pub, and others, we had the biggest turn out I've ever seen. And thanks to Deena Spang of The Arrangement, who organized all the musical entertainment, people stayed longer. We had lots of people from the neighborhood and from all over the city. I even met someone from Norway at the Festival!

You may have noticed the recent graffiti problem in the Beaumont Village Area. Businesses are committed to removing any graffiti as soon as possible. In addition we are offering a $100 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible. You will soon see signs to that effect in the windows of local businesses. If you have any information, please call my office at (503) 493-1390.

I am also happy to announce that we will be working more closely with the neighborhood association. Chris Copp and E. John Rumpakis have agreed to work as liaisons on local traffic and other issues.

The BBA meets on the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00 a.m. at the Alameda Brew Pub and is open to the public. If you would like to present information to the Association, please call my office at (503) 493-1390, and I will add you to the agenda for an upcoming meeting. The information should be relevant to business along Fremont.

## Albina Community Bank

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Albina Bank is a bank that gives back to our community. For starters, the bank offers the "Scholastic Plastic" Visa card – 1% of all customer purchases is donated to the Portland Schools Foundation and the five public high schools in North and Northeast Portland. In addition, Albina employees donated nearly 4,000 volunteer hours in 2003 to local schools and non-profits, such as the Community Cycling Center on NE Alberta, SOLV and Junior Achievement. The bank, through its commercial loans, business micro loans, and Small Business Administration loans, has been instrumental in the redevelopment of Martin Luther King Boulevard and Alberta Street. "All of the money stays here in Portland and supports the distressed areas of our community," added Ms. Townsend.

The new Beaumont Branch has already shown its support for our own neighborhood with their Fremont Fest backpack giveaway. They gave away three backpacks full of school supplies, one each to an elementary, middle, and high school student. They have also made a contribution to Beaumont Middle School in the amount of $5 for each new account opened during Fremont Fest.

The new Albina Community Bank Beaumont branch opened June 14, 2004, and is located at 4020 NE Fremont.

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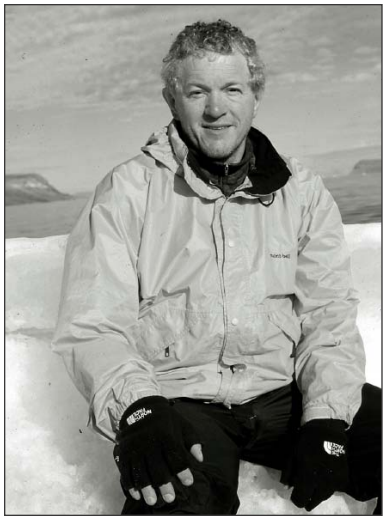
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Neighbor Focus: Tim Lehman

# Got Greens? In the Arctic?

By Suzie Spaggiari



Tim Lehman in the Arctic

Sharing dinner with our next-door neighbors, Tim and Jewel Lehman, is something we've come to look forward to in the two years we've lived in Beaumont Wilshire. Jewel is an extraordinary cook and I try to hold my own when we reciprocate. But whatever the food, the company is always delightful. On one such evening, a conversation about nutrition and the importance of fresh fruits and vegetables elicited a story from Tim about his solo kayak adventure in the Arctic.

Tim and Jewel both enjoy kayaking but in 2002, in search of a challenge and a unique experience, Tim spent 17 days alone paddling in the frigid waters around Baffin Island taking photos and enjoying the landscape. He packed freeze-dried food for convenience and space restrictions but no fresh produce. One day his stomach was not quite right, so he decide to search out some mountain sorrel (oxyria digyna), munched it and felt better shortly. He said it just felt so good to eat something fresh. I wondered, other than sorrel, what the Inuit did for roughage before the "fly it in" days. Tim said one thing they did was eat the seaweed from the stomachs of the walrus they caught for meat. He continued to describe other edible plants but the sorrel story stuck with me.

As we enjoyed Jewel's delicious vegetable ragout from a Basque recipe featuring ingredients from the Hollywood Farmer's Market where they volunteer every Saturday throughout the season, we thought how fortunate we are to live in a neighborhood where there is never a shortage of good greens, even sorrel, if one is so inclined.

Tim and Jewel have lived in Beaumont-Wilshire since 1984 and have a physical therapy practice--Moreland Physical Therapy. For more interesting facts about the Arctic, Tim suggests *A Naturalist's Guide to the Arctic* by E.C. Pielou.


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## Elsasser /Boone

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Sheri & Howie Boone

wife Helen settled in the house now owned by the Trelstads, diagonally across from the Elsasser home.

Howie was the youngest of John and Helen's three sons. The boys attended Beaumont and Grant, just as their mother had. When Howie went to Oregon State University in 1969, his parents moved to Lincoln City. In 1970 he married Sheri Jeffers, a friend from Grant High School, and they settled in the neighborhood. Their two children were the third generation of Boones to attend Beaumont and Grant.

Howie has held a variety of jobs. His favorite was in sales and he describes himself as a 'jack of all trades'. When the children were grown, Sheri became office manager for Conklin Chiropractic (on Fremont). She is presently self-employed doing personal coaching. She has a degree in psychology from Marylhurst.

The property where Howie's grandparents built their home stayed in the family and Howie's uncle, Fred Elsasser, built apartments on the site in 1965. Helen and John Boone have since moved back from the coast and live in one of the apartments. Howie and Sheri live a few houses north on 42nd. Their two children and grandchildren live nearby making that five generations of the Elsasser/Boone family to live in NE Portland. That is some accomplishment!

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# Artspace welcomes four artists

"Alameda Arches" by Sands



BY HELEN KOBA

BEAUMONT ARTSPACE – the online art gallery featuring works by artists living or working in the BW neighborhood was recently featured in an article in the Oregonian. If you missed the article, you can read it by going to www.bwna.org, click on 'artspace', then 'about'.

This month we welcome four new artists to artspace: Rick Cassidy, Gloria Curtis, Lynn Gandolfi and Carol Sands.

**Rick Cassidy** does illustrations of comic book-like characters. He has been sketching, drawing, painting for the past 15 years. Rick enjoys drawing and finds it very relaxing after a hard day.

**Gloria Curtis** has lived in the neighborhood for over 20 years. She has participated in the Fremont Fest for the last few years. Her paper mache figures of animals, vases and other items are very popular.



"Winged Horse" and "Unicorn" by Curtis

**Lynn Gandolfi**, another long time BW resident, enjoys creating tiles of colorful fruits, vegetable, and other items. She has shown at Fremont Fest and her pieces can be found at the Guardino Gallery on NE Alberta at 29th.

**Carol Sands** works in watercolor and other media. Her lovely drawings of flowers, Oregon scenes, and neighborhood haunts can be found on greeting cards, on display at Suzanne's Restaurant at NE 46th, and Fremont, and in many art exhibits.

Check out their work and that of other neighborhood artists at **www.bwna.org/artspace.html**.

# 7th Annual Holiday Boutique

**Sat. & Sun. Nov. 6th & 7th, 9 – 4**
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ELEANOR HUNTING, a great-grandmother who has lived here for 54 years, enjoys making crafts for family and friends. She and her daughter, Diane Charlton, invite the neighborhood to her annual holiday boutique. A portion of the sale proceeds will be donated to BWNA. Shop for autumn and holiday gifts. All items are handmade and include gifts, art, ornaments, all occasion note cards, baked goods, doggie treats and much more. If you don't have time to make holiday gifts or just want to benefit the neighborhood, please mark Nov. 6 & 7 on your calendar to enjoy "unrushed" shopping and visiting with a long time neighbor.


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A reception will be held following the concert. For information contact the church office at 503-287-1241.

## Halloween Hospitality Table

Sunday, **October 31**, at dusk

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## Bethany Holiday Bazaar

Saturday, **November 6**, 9-3pm

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## Wilshire United Methodist Women's Bazaar

Saturday, **November 13**, 10-4pm

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"Japanese Garden Waterfall" photo by Catapano

## Rita Catapano exhibits photographs at Java Man

Artspace artist Rita Catapano will exhibit color photos at Java Man 4727 NE Fremont from **October 1-31**. There will be a closing reception on Friday, **October 29** from 7-9pm.

## Benefit for Dougy Center for Grieving Children and Teens

A benefit matinee showing of the classic "A Christmas Story" will be sponsored by Portland area businesses on Sunday, **November 14**. The Dougy Center for Grieving Children and Teens will receive all of the proceeds from this one-time showing, beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Hollywood Theater. Brian Faherty and Lance Marrs of Hasson Company Real Estate are co-chairs and main sponsors of this afternoon event.

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