Beaumont Wilshire

Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association www.bwna.org June/July 2005

BWNA General Meeting

Help us spend $1000

By Helen Koba

Monday, June 13, 7:30PM
Bethany Lutheran Church
NE 37th & Skidmore

JOIN US AT THE BWNA general meeting on Monday, June 13th at 7:30 PM and bring your ideas for how the BWNA board can spend up to $1000 on projects that will benefit our neighborhood. At its last meeting, the board members voted to spend up to $1000 on one or more projects in the coming year. Now we would like to hear from you. Write up your proposal, its costs and benefits, and bring to the meeting for consideration and discussion. In past years, BWNA has funded the installation of 20 bicycle racks along Fremont and provided money to the Beaumont Middle School Band to purchase sheet music and other needed materials. Join us on June 13th, bring your ideas and share your visions for our neighborhood.



July 10th

Zoo visits neighborhood

By Bill Markwart



ZAP hands on experience

ON SUNDAY, JULY 10th from noon to 2 PM a van full of animals from the Oregon Zoo will come to Bethany Lutheran Church, NE 37th at Skidmore. Parents and children of all ages are invited to pet and see ducks, rabbits, snakes, walking sticks, and Madagascar hissing cockroaches!! Handlers will be there to answer questions, and there will be animal related crafts for the kids.

This is a free special education program of the Oregon Zoo called ZAP (Zoo Animal Presenters). The ZAP team is a group of teens that present, educate, and reach out to the community by delivering a message of respect for nature and wildlife.

Goldsmith's dream jumps off the bench

By Margaret Davis

ALEXANDER BERZL MAY HAVE OPENED his shop recently—the first day of winter, Dec. 21, last year—but he's been living in Northeast Portland and practicing his goldsmith trade for much of his life.

After completing a four-year apprenticeship program in Augsburg, Germany, not far from his home village, Berzl moved to the United States in 1978, settling into a house two doors away from Suzanne's on NE 46th Ave.

After two-plus decades working on the wholesale level, that is, catering to customers via other jewelry shops around town, Berzl decided it was time to make a move. "I turned 50," he says. "I had to do something. Some people buy red sports cars ... "



Alexander Berzl

Lucky for Beaumont Wilshire residents, Berzl kept an eye out for a storefront along NE Fremont St. When he saw the

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Calendar

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

Friday, July 8
Deadline for articles and ads for
Aug/Sept 2005 BW Newsletter

Sunday, July 10, 12noon–2pm
Zoo visits neighborhood
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

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

Tuesday, August 2, 6:30–8:30pm
National Night Out PICNIC
Wilshire Park

Saturday, August 6, all day
FREMONT FEST
Along NE Fremont

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

Great Neighborhood.... Great Neighbors

By Heidi Blischke
BWNA President



OVER 100 PEOPLE showed up for the "Taste of Beaumont" on April 11. I was very impressed by the Beaumont Middle School Jazz Band who provided the music. You can check with the school to get a schedule of their performances. The food, provided by eight neighborhood restaurants, was delightful. We should make it an annual event.

At the same meeting we elected four new board members, and three returning members for the seven slots available. Just in time for planning next year's activities. Upcoming events include the Neighbor's Night Out picnic, Fremont Fest, and the next winter's tree planting. Read the newsletter for details, as the events get closer.

Enjoy the summer, be aware of the kids playing as school lets out, and I hope to see you at our neighborhood events.

Thanks for the music

By Helen Koba

AS HEIDI MENTIONED above, the second Taste of Beaumont, which took place on April 11 at the BWNA general meeting was a big success because of the delicious treats provided by the following neighborhood businesses: Leaf and Bean, Staniches. Round Table Pizza, Alameda Café, Alameda Brewhouse, Parisis, Criollo and Java Man. Select members of the Jazz Band at Beaumont Middle School provided music for the event. To view photos from the event go to www.bwna.org click on Photos and 'Taste of Beaumont."



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Ten years of care and good health

By Barbara Warren-Sams



Lori von der Heydt, N.D. of Beaumont Health Care Clinic

Beaumont Health Care Clinic (BHCC) is celebrating 10 years on Fremont, and to celebrate, it is offering new patients $10 off the regular fee of any practitioner.

"The neighborhood has changed a lot in the past 10 years," says Dr. Lori von der Heydt, clinic founder and naturopathic doctor. "The number of people who visit Beaumont Village has surged. We are no longer a sleepy little village."

As traffic has increased, so has business. "We have more walk-in clients and "walk-bys"—people who visit the area because of the interesting shops and events, see our clinic, note the name, and then call us later," says Lori.

The clients have also become more educated about alternative medicine. Ten years ago clients mostly requested to see a naturopath. Now they call up and ask for a specialized service, i.e., treatment for allergies, upper respiratory infections, migraines, arthritis, cancers, and fibromyalgia.

The clinic has added several new staff. Carla Welker, a licensed clinical social worker and certified alcohol and drug counselor, provides individual and group counseling. Among her specialties are anxiety disorders, depression, life transitions, and crisis intervention. She also holds a group for women in transition through loss.

Dr. Marianne Marchese, a board-certified naturopathic doctor, is licensed in Oregon as a primary care physician trained to diagnose and treat both acute and chronic disease. Marianne specializes in assessing environmental risk factors for certain health conditions. She also teaches at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine in Portland.

In general, the BHCC is open 9 AM to 5 PM, Monday through Friday and by special appointment. Check the Web site at www.beaumonthealth.com for the hours, specialties, and fees of individual staff. The clinic is located at 4445 NE Fremont, and staff may be reached at 503-240-7752.

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Annual Picnic
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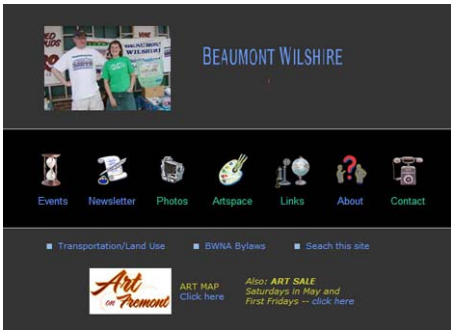
It's your website

By Helen Koba

ONE OF THE MORE informative and creative websites by a neighborhood association is the Beaumont Wilshire website, www.bwna.org. Designed and maintained by Mario Caoile and hosted by Wink Jr of Sound-O-Mat, (both residents of BW), it is worthy of a shortcut on your computer desktop.

From the front page, which features a slide show of BW residents and events, you can link to eight subsections:

Events – calendar of upcoming meetings, picnics and other events – no excuses for missing the next general meeting because you forgot the date.



Homepage of Beaumont Wilshire website

Newsletter – provides copies of all issues of the neighborhood newsletters back to June/July 2000, lists deadlines for submissions and ad rates.

About – mission of the organization and minutes from past meetings

Transportation/Land Use – information about traffic and development issues, committee members, and meeting times.

Photos – lots of images from events going back to 2001 such as past picnics, zoo visits, Taste of Beaumont and the 75th anniversary of Beaumont Middle School

Artspace – the online gallery of works by 21 artists who live in BW: whimsical, delicate and bold

Links – phone numbers and websites for such organizations as the library, zoo, bicycle program and others

Contacts – names, emails and phone numbers for BW board members who welcome your comments and suggestions.

Have look at www.bwna.org; send the link to relatives in other places so they will know what you mean when you say, 'it's a unique place, this neighborhood of mine.'

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Two neighborhood concerns

By David Whitaker



Fremont at NE 44th

The transportation and land use committee meets on the third Monday of each month at the Java Man Coffee Shop, 4727 NE Fremont St at 7:30 PM . The committee is actively working on the two top neighborhood concerns that came to light in the neighborhood survey.

Improving pedestrian safety is a main concern. We are working with the Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT) and the Portland Bureau of Planning on the *Fremont Main Street Study.* The results of this study will provide a framework for the City and the neighborhood to develop projects that will meet our desires for a more safe and enjoyable Fremont Street. We are in the beginning stages of the study and have recently provided the City with a list of specific issues that we want addressed. These issues are listed on the BWNA web site (www.bwna.org) under the transportation and land use heading.

Commercial development along Fremont and its affects is another concern. Two new commercial developments are proposed for our neighborhood. Many of you have probably seen the picture board that shows the new commercial building proposed for development at 44th and Fremont. There is also a new mixed use building proposed for development at NE 50th and Fremont. The committee has met with both developers and has expressed the neighborhood's desire for the design of buildings that "fit in" with the neighborhood character. We will continue to work with the developers during the design review and city permitting process.

Art On Fremont

By Helen Koba

Thanks to the following businesses who exhibited works by BW artists and students during the month of May: Jim and Patty's, Alexander's, Tri Level Fitness, Alameda Café, Java Man, Parisi's, Criollo, Foxfire Tease, Fife, Red Fig, Bella Flora, Edward Jones Invest. Tuk Tuk, Cool Runnings and Albina Bank. Many of these had opening receptions for the artists with live music and treats. A special thanks to Tim Ray and the businesses in the Fremont Commons for allowing the artists to display works in the courtyard. The artists are grateful for all the community and business support. To view photos from this event, check the neighborhood website, www.bwna.org.


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Be Safe at Wilshire Park

By Preston Wong
Crime Prevention Specialist



Children playing at Wishire Park

With summer and warm weather quickly approaching, more and more families will be using Wilshire Park located at NE 33rd Av and Skidmore St. The following are some park rules that will help everyone's visit to the park be safer and more pleasurable.

1) Every park in the City of Portland park system has operating hours. The hours for Wilshire Park are 5am to 10pm seven days a week

2) Alcohol is prohibited in the park except by permit. Permits are issued to groups by the City's Parks Bureau.

3) Wilshire Park has a designated "off leash" dog area. The area is clearly marked with signs. If you walk your dog in other areas of the park, your dog must be on a leash.

4) Your group or family can reserve space or tables in the park. This can be done through the City's Park Bureau. Groups with reservations will be given priority.

5) Littering is against the law. Please bring a bag for litter or deposit you litter in the cans provided.

6) City park rules are enforced by the Portland Police Bureau and Park Rangers. Park Rangers are assigned to a number of parks and wear green polo shirts that are clearly marked. Mark Warrington is in charge of the Rangers and can be contacted at 503-823-5459. For emergencies call the Portland Police at 911.

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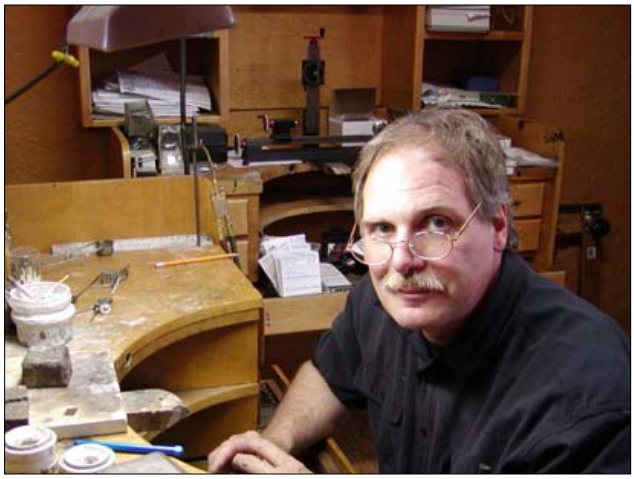
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Goldsmith's dream ...

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vacant space in the building near Java Man and Criollo, he hit the brakes and signed up. He says, "I've seen the progress on Fremont. I'd been looking for a location, and it paid off to wait."



Alex at his bench

While Berzl builds his inventory, repairs and custom work are the driving force behind his business. Custom work can include the meltdown and remanufacture of old pieces into something new and dazzling, as he just did for a couple celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary. Berzl works in silver, gold, and platinum, and suggests allowing two weeks for the completion of custom pieces.

Customers are impressed that he works on-site. He says, "Northeast Portland feels like a little village," reminiscent of his hometown in southern Germany.

Designs on display at Alexander's Goldworks include Berzl's inlay work with opal, diamonds, and gold as well as strung precious and semiprecious stones. Berzl also displays glass by a couple who work out of a studio in Cannon Beach under the name Icefire Glassworks. Coincidentally, they grew up in Northeast Portland.

Shop hours are 10 AM to 6 PM Tuesday through Friday and 11 AM to 5 PM Saturday. 4727 N.E. Fremont St.; 503-282-1330.

Welcome new board members

By Helen Koba

At the April 11, 2005 general meeting, the following officers and board members were elected:
Vice president: Bill Markwart, secretary: Jim Karlock, members at large: Lew Evans, Debi Stanich, Heidi Zadeyan, Rev. Jeff Bethke, Al Ellis, and reelected were Liz Johnston and Mary Oldenburg.

Congratulations and thanks for volunteering to be part of the neighborhood association. The board will be having a retreat in June to plan for the coming year. All board members are listed on page two of the newsletter and on the neighborhood website, www.bwna.org/contact.html.

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Rainbow Preschool

Open House
Saturday, June 18, 10am –Noon

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Pancake Breakfast

June 25th, 9am to 12 noon

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Yard Sale and Chili Cook Off

July 23rd 9am to 4pm

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