Beaumont Wilshire

Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association www.bwna.org October/November 2005

Tree planters, that's you!



By Albert Kaufman

The Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association and Friends of Trees are sponsoring a tree planting on February 11, 2006 and are seeking homeowners who want trees and volunteers to help organize and carry out the planting! If you are interested in participating and haven't submitted an interest form, please complete and send the form in this newsletter. **All interest forms are due by November 1st, 2005**. *(See form on page 6.)*

Those who complete an interest form will receive a free inspection from the City's Urban Forester who will advise on tree types and placement. Trees cost different amounts from about $50 to $75 and range from 6 to 14 feet (full grown). 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 this Fall. Please keep an eye on the neighborhood website at www.bwna.org for further details. Both street and yard trees will be available.

If you are able to volunteer to help with outreach, graphic design, t-shirt design, or in other ways, please contact Albert Kaufman at albertkaufman@yahoo.com or mail the form to him at 3244 NE 44th Ave. Portland OR 97213. We're looking for everyone to be involved in this year's tree planting - whether you are receiving a tree or not, hopefully, you see this activity as a way of improving your neighborhood and you'll jump right in and help out!

For more information about Friends of Trees and the great work they are doing to increase the urban canopy in Portland, please visit their website at www.friendsoftrees.org See you on **February 11th, 2006**!

Business Focus: Nip and Tuck

Nip and Tuck – fine sewing for interiors

By Helen Koba

Love your sofa, but think it could use a 'face lift'? Nancy Gilpin can transform your slightly worn but loved sofas and chairs into works of art. Nancy and a staff of five assistants work their 'magic' at her shop 'Nip and Tuck' which has been located at 4427 NE Fremont for the last 16 years. Nancy started her sewing career making clothes, but realized early on that her passion was in creating lovely things for people's homes.

Nip and Tuck is best known for slipcovers, something that a lot of shops no longer do. When I visited the shop recently, she and her staff were busy creating lovely drapes for a 'body and beauty salon'

See **Nip & Tuck** page 5



Joanne Mock and Nancy Gilpin of Nip and Tuck

Ask the Principal

Monday, October 10, 7:30pm
Bethany Lutheran Church
NE 37th and Skidmore

Beaumont Middle School is the only public school within the BW neighborhood boundaries. Many of us have kids who are going there now, or may be going there one day. **Sherie Knutsen**, the principal of Beaumont, will speak at our general meeting on Oct. 10. She became principal two years ago and plans to stay five years. She wants to share her five year plan to improve BMS and to address issues in three basic areas: achievement, expectations and challenges. She will speak about the 'deficient' classification BMS received recently in 'No Child Left Behind'. Other topics of interest to her are maintenance and beautification of school grounds and funding for classroom and building needs. Please join us at this important meeting.

Also speaking at the meeting will be **Donna Bestwick**, the coordinator for the SUN (Schools United Neighborhoods) program at Beaumont. Her program offers fun and exciting things after school for students and parents.

Our last guest will be **Erika Wolfe Burr** of the Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Emergency team who will briefly speak on how we can better prepare our homes and families for catastrophic events such as earthquakes or ice storms.

Calendar

Monday, October 10, 7:30pm
BWNA General meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

Friday, November 11
Deadline for articles and ads for
Dec/Jan 2006 BW Newsletter

Monday, November 14, 7:30pm
BWNA Board meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

BWNA, a village no longer



By Heidi Blischke

ONE OF THE GREAT challenges facing the Beaumont Wilshire neighborhood is the balance between reasonable growth and protecting the special and historic character of our "village community". While we like to perceive Beaumont Wilshire as a "village," the reality is that a number of pressures currently challenge the future of that character and image: parking concerns are growing along Fremont and adjoining residential streets; traffic congestion has burgeoned; and the current trend is towards increased population density which inflates business and residential rental costs and property values at an unusual rate. Our neighborhood land use and transportation committee chaired by David Whitaker does a great job representing the neighborhood in public input towards land use decisions. If you are interested in participating, they meet on the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at Fremont Coffee, 4727 NE Fremont.

We had over 250 people turn out for the National Night Out picnic last August. The kids had fun exploring the police car and fire truck along with learning about how our local police and firemen protect us. Food was plentiful and over 100 door prizes were given away! I want to thank the many organizers and contributors to our annual picnic as this event would not happen without you!

[See picnic article on page 4]

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Do pigs really fly?

By Barbara Warren-Sams

ONE OF BEAUMONT Village's newest shops, When Pigs Fly, doesn't just have an unusual name. The shop is also dedicated to stocking hard-to-find gift items for unusual tastes. Co-owners Mark Bergal and Johnathon Guerra both agree, "If you see it anywhere else, we get offended."

Some "unusual items" include a purse shaped like a watering can, a toaster with a frog design, and a bubble-blowing gnome. "I vetoed the gnomes but Mark insisted," says Guerra. "Fortunately, I relented. They are very popular."

Expect the unexpected in a store that customers call the "happy shop." The store's eclectic collection is always changing, so browse often and stay as long as you like. Say "hi" to Winter, the store's doggy mascot.

When Pigs Fly carries seasonal items and right now has a large collection of Halloween stuff including eerie tombstones. It also carries lines such as Department 56 (seasonal), Ann Taintor (vintage), and Pylones (practical things for the home with a funky twist). Of course, there are always pig items—clocks, purses, fancy pins... Also, the store recently added a toy department.

Located in the Fremont Commons at 4605 NE Fremont, #104, the store is open Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Friday, 10 a.m.- 9 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Starting in November, hours will be extended. Questions? Call 503/282-PIGS (7447).

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If you are an existing volunteer please contact Jennifer Francis if you need to make any changes or will be on vacation. Thank you for your help and for ensuring the newsletter is distributed on time.

—Jennifer Francis

2005 Picnic—A huge success

BY HELEN KOBA

THANKS TO ALL the board members and neighbors who worked so hard to make this year's National Night Out Picnic a big success. About 250 BW residents enjoyed food and drinks donated by local business, and delicious home made treats brought by everyone who came. We want to especially acknowledge Liz Johnston and Heidi Blischke who 'made it all happen'. But they were not alone!

David Friedman and Greg Schramm have been our chief grillers for the last few years; this year Erik Blischke and Keith Carlson assisted them. They also donated their grills and propane. Chairs and tables were donated by Wilshire United Methodist Church and Keith Carlson coordinated moving everything to the park on trucks provided by Jack Schrumm, Jim Schrumm and Erika Burr.

Jenny Lisk and Liz Johnston cut up onions, tomatoes and lettuce, Stanich's restaurant helped with the bun orders. Treats were donated by: Beaumont Market, Safeway, Dollar Tree, Odwalla and Wild Oats. David Whitaker was responsible for soliciting door prizes. Thanks to him and the following businesses listed below.

Thanks again to everyone and see you next year at the best neighborhood picnic! See photos from the picnic taken by Helen Koba at:

http://www.bwna.org/photos.html

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Winners of the BW Grants

By Heidi Blischke



Band leader Cynthia Pitts accepts check for the band at the picnic

In the June/July issue of our newsletter, we asked you to help us spend $1,000 dollars for neighborhood projects. We had 3 proposals for use of the money and supported all of them. Max Cowan, a member of the Beaumont Middle School Band, was awarded $500 towards drum line equipment and chair racks for the band. The Beaumont Wilshire Land Use and Transportation Committee was awarded $100 for sign-making materials asking drivers to slow down and $200 for signs that they have placed in local businesses asking their customers to be courteous and not park in or block residential driveways. Be watching the newsletter for other opportunities to help us spend neighborhood association money but you don't have to wait for the next solicitation for projects, you can pass along ideas to the BW board to enhance the neighborhood at any time.

Nip and Tuck

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in downtown Portland. There were yards of gorgeous dark blue and olive satin material that were being turned into dramatic, glorious drapes. Her customers come from near and far, some live in other states. One of the trends she has noticed is that people are ordering drapes for windows, where before they may have used shades or blinds. Also, she notices that as people are becoming more environmentally aware, they prefer to reuse old curtains, make them into pillow covers or something else, rather than just toss them.

Her work has been featured in six national magazines such as Home and Garden, House Beautiful, Home Interior and others. She does very little advertising and gets most of her customers by word of mouth. Personal references are very important in this kind of business. She loves her location on Fremont. Her client base is loyal; she gets many customers from the walk by traffic as people visit many of the adjoining businesses along this busy street. If you are looking for something special, unusual and well made to spruce up your home, visit Nip and Tuck 4427 NE Fremont 503-281-1781.



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____ Yes, I want trees for my yard that I will help maintain. I will help plant them on Feb. 11, 2006.

____ I don't need trees, but I would like to donate money to assist the neighborhood tree planting and/or fund a tree for a neighbor.

____ I don't need trees, but I would like to find out about volunteer opportunities.

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Bob Brotchie, a Cambridge-based paramedic has launched a national campaign with Vodafone to encourage people to store emergency contact details in their mobile phones.

By entering the acronym ICE, for 'In Case of Emergency' into the mobile's phone book, users can log the name and number of someone who should be contacted in an emergency.

More than 75 per cent of people carry no details of who they would like telephoned following a serious accident. Almost everyone carries a mobile phone now, and with ICE, emergency personnel would know immediately who to contact and what number to ring. The person may even know of their medical history, which may assist in the situation.

This article was suggested by Liz Johnston of the BW Neighborhood Emergency Team. For more information visit:
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Transportation and land use update

By David Whitaker
Chair, BWNA Transportation & Land Use Committee



Proposed development at NE Fremont and 44th Ave.

THE TRANSPORTATION AND LAND USE committee continues to meet at Fremont Coffee at 4727 NE Fremont St. at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of the month. All are welcome to attend the meeting and learn about transportation and land use related issues in the neighborhood. The committee is actively working on the two top neighborhood concerns that came to light in the neighborhood survey.

We are working on improving pedestrian safety and other issues in the Fremont business district by working with the Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT) and the Portland Bureau of Planning on the Fremont Main Street Study. A stakeholders group has met twice and has developed a list of recommendations that will be presented in a public meeting in October. The date of the public meeting has not been determined yet, but will be posted on the BWNA web site and in shop windows along Fremont St when a date is chosen.

There are two new commercial developments proposed for our neighborhood. The development proposed for 44th and Fremont (next door to Beaumont Hardware) recently received land use approval from the City of Portland. The transportation and land use committee is lobbying the developers to work with the City to install a pedestrian crossing at this location. The Beaumont Lofts development at NE 50th and Fremont received land use approval from the City, but the Rose City Park neighborhood is appealing that decision. After numerous conversations with the developer, our neighborhood board presented a letter of support for the project, which includes a pedestrian crossing at NE 50th.

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ZAP is a program in which high school students are trained by members of the Oregon Zoo to be animal presenters, enabling them to teach both young and old distinct features of each animal. Not only is this an excellent opportunity for our neighborhood families to learn about these animals, but it also serves as excellent training for our young student leaders who are continuing to enhance their public speaking capabilities. An Oregon Zoo representative is always there to answer any questions viewers may have about this as well as other opportunities that the zoo offers.

Bazaar – Bethany Lutheran Church Women

Nov 5, 2005 9 am - 3 pm 4330 NE 37

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October 20, 7pm at Bethany Lutheran Church 4330 NE 37

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Nov 27th - Craig Lesley (local author). Everyone Welcome

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