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Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association http://bwna.us December/January 2009

Holiday treats at December 8 meeting

BW Community Meeting

Monday, December 8, 7:30PM

Beaumont Middle School, Room 204



Treats at BW meeting

BWNA general meetings are held on the second Monday of even-numbered months (except for August, when the Wilshire Park neighborhood picnic takes place), and the normal venue for these meetings has been room 140 at Beaumont Middle School. But at October's general meeting, it was discovered that room 140 had been converted into a drama rehearsal room with several tables, no student desks, and just barely enough chairs to accommodate the number of people attending the meeting. As a result, Beaumont principal Sherie Knutsen has arranged for this month's meeting to be moved to room 204, spacious with chairs and tables. Signs will be posted with directions to this new meeting room.

December is a time for winter holiday celebrations, and BWNA is no exception. In the spirit of the season, refreshments will be made available before, during and after the meeting. The agenda for the meeting includes a "state of the schools" update by Principal Knutsen, a presentation by Cyd La Luz of Basic Rights Oregon regarding the impact of state laws banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and consideration of proposals for future BWNA community activities and projects. Starting time for the meeting is 7:30PM, but the holiday treats will be set up by 7:15PM, so everyone is encouraged to arrive a little early for snacking and conversation. ■

CALENDAR

Monday, December 8, 2008, 7:30 PM
BWNA community meeting
Beaumont Middle School, Room 204
NE 42nd & Fremont

Friday, January 9, 2009
Deadline for articles and ads for Feb/March 2009 BW newsletter

Monday, January 12, 2009, 7:30 PM
BWNA Board meeting
Bethany Lutheran, NE 37th & Skidmore

Monday, February 9, 2009, 7:30 PM
BWNA community meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church basement
NE 37th & Skidmore

BWNA web calendar. Go to:
http://www.bwna.us/events.html#BWcalendar

Business Focus: Camellia Pure Beauty

Pretty and pure—not mutually exclusive

By Barbara Warren-Sams

While working as a research analyst for the Environmental Working Group in Washington, DC, Emily Headen became aware that "…an average consumer uses up to 25 different cosmetic and personal care products containing about 200 different chemicals every day" (Campaign for Safe Cosmetics). After further personal research, she thought, "Someone should open a shop that provides only organic and toxin-free products." Emily returned to Portland in 2000 and realized her dream in August 2007 when she opened Camellia Pure Beauty at 4941 NE Fremont in Beaumont Village.



Emily Headen of Camellia Pure Beauty

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Most product lines are manufactured by west coast companies. Some brand names include Alchemilla—exceptionally pure, antioxidant-rich skincare products; Talulah—handmade skincare products; and Alima Pure—100 percent mineral makeup. She is also always looking for new products.

Camellia has been selected as a "Best of Portland Picks"—perhaps because her products are of superior quality, and the boutique is spacious, the air aromatic, the atmosphere harmonious, and the service personable.

Hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10:30-5:30 and Sunday, 12:00-5:00. Contact Emily at 503-287-4645 or visit www.camelliapurebeauty.com. ■

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Dancing in the street



During the spring and summer, interaction with neighbors is a common occurrence. Whether it's visits to Wilshire Park, walking dogs, jogging, strolling the sidewalks, bicycling the streets, dining at a Fremont cafe or tending our yards, opportunities abound for socializing with the people next door or down the street. But with the onset of early darkness and commencement of autumn rains, residents find themselves spending more and more time in the shelter and security of their cozy homes which often translates into diminished communication with neighbors. Of course there are always exceptions. Just look at the brave souls who venture out into the elements for all kinds of reasons.

A humorous example of this took place on our street last month on election night. As my wife tells it, she was driving down our street and about to pull into our driveway just as the national media had declared Obama the winner, when all of sudden she spotted our neighbors—both retired and almost never outside their home after dark—dancing with each other in the middle of the street! After parking the car in the garage, my wife walked over with a big smile and asked the couple what was going on. They answered, "We promised ourselves 4 years ago that if and when our choice for President ever won again, we would celebrate by dancing in the street, and the time is finally here!"

Such delightfully unexpected encounters with neighbors are, of course, few and far between. But when they do occur, both neighbors and neighborhood benefit from the connection. To the extent that neighborly relations are cordial and caring, our day-to-day quality of life is enhanced and security strengthened. The resulting goodwill forms the foundation for a community where reaching out and looking after each other's best interests become the norm.

With this in mind and the winter holidays fast approaching, I encourage you to bring yourself, your family—and a friendly neighbor, if the spirit moves you—to BWNA's annual December (8th) Holiday General Meeting at Beaumont Middle School in rm. 204, beginning at 7:30. Help yourselves to sweets and refreshments, meet new neighbors, become informed, and lend your voices to shaping the future of our neighborhood.

Happy Holidays!

–Al Ellis
President BWNA



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Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Emergency Team (BW NET) 2008 Activity Update

By Liz Johnston
Team Leader BW NET

The BW NET is active year-round with meetings on community outreach, trainings with teams in the Fire Management Zone (FMZ 14), regional trainings, and monthly team meetings. BW NET has had meetings with Fire Station 14 as well. Here are some of the highlights: Community outreach at Hollywood Farmers Market, Fremont Fest, and presence at National Night Out picnic in Wilshire Park. FMZ meetings covered Building Size-up, Radio Communications, Earthquakes in the Pacific NW, and Incident Command System. Participation by BW NET members (with two family members serving as "victims") in the Emergency Response Team Rodeo at Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue Training Center that featured emergency skill drill and demonstration stations.

The fall NET training (free, 8-week training) has begun and includes sections on disaster awareness, hazard mitigation, utility control, fire suppression, hazardous materials, disaster medicine, light search and rescue, and team response and management. Expectations are that the winter training could begin in January 2009. Visit www.pdxprepared.net for general NET information, including future trainings. A partial list of active BW NET members include, Aaron Bertrand, Chris Boeh (amateur ham radio operator), Keith Carlson, Mary Copenhaver (Alternate Team Leader), Ellen Karas, Marian McDonald, Sally Sincic, and Erika Wolfe-Burr EMT-B. Liz Johnston is the team leader for Beaumont-Wilshire NET and can be reached at liz@keithcd.com. ■

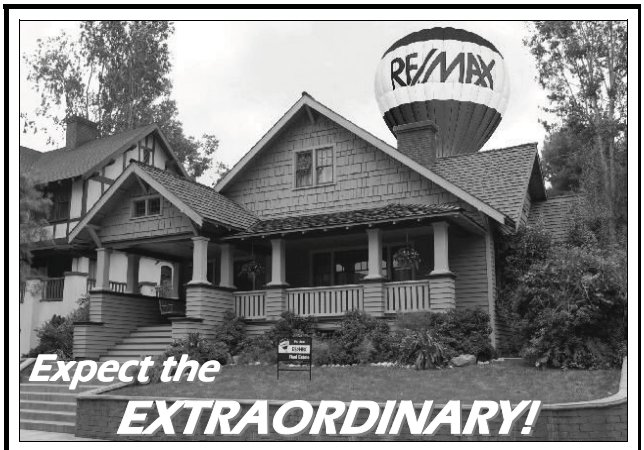


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Haberdashers

By Jesse Doud

With Haberdashers, located at the tail end of the Beaumont Village at 4937 NE Fremont Street, owner Chris Osaka has created a men's store that provides modern and European fashions, and infused it with an ambiance overflowing with testosterone. If you're in need of the vestiture and accoutrements necessary to manufacture a smart casual look but don't want to miss a minute of the game, Haberdashers has got you covered with the latest styles and a fifty-five inch flat screen television.



Haberdashers at Beaumont Village

Haberdashers specializes in high quality denim from names like Chip and Pepper, Joe's Jeans and Rock & Republic, and carries a wide spectrum of polos, button downs, jackets, swim and underwear from the likes of Lacoste, Ben Sherman, Robert Graham, Kangol and 2(x)ist. In addition to clothing, Haberdashers provides the materials necessary to spruce up, preen, primp and smell great. An array of fine products from The Art of Shaving and Jack Black will render your follicles trim and sculpted while conditioning and exfoliating the skin. There are even neat little gift sets that include all the tools needed to pamper that deserving male.

Chris is a true son of the neighborhood, growing up on Alameda Terrace and attending Portland State, where he studied business. The idea to open a men's clothing store started as a light hearted joke, but soon began to crank the gears of Osaka's sagacious, economically oriented mind.

After attending a trade show and armed with new knowledge, Chris discovered his niche. The space is anchored by an eclectic instillation where modern forms are lacquered to a deep mahogany, reminiscent of men's clubs of yore with a modern twist. Resting on the black micro fiber sectional that dominates the back of the store, Chris explains, "we have the TV on non-stop ESPN, the pool table over there and the fridge is always stocked with drinks. We wanted to create an environment where guys can hang out, feel comfortable and actually enjoy the shopping experience for once in their life."

Chris has recently opened a sister store in the Pearl at 428 NW 11th & Glisan. Come check out the Beaumont or Pearl locations from 11-7 Tuesday through Sunday, or the website www.shophaberdashers.com for more info and pictures of their clothing and accessories. ■

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Help a young person succeed

By Al Ellis

Teachers strive to give their students the individual attention and instruction they need to succeed in school. But with class sizes what they are and special needs increasing each year, the task is daunting. This is where adult residents in Beaumont Wilshire can help by volunteering to tutor special-needs youth. There are two successful Northeast Portland tutoring programs that will be discussed at upcoming BWNA General Meetings:



Learning together

1.) Beaumont Middle School Mentor Program: Volunteer one hour each week to tutor during the school day. Last year 30 adults made a huge difference in the lives of 30 kids. Contact Principal Sherie Knutsen at 503-961-5610. Principal Knutsen will be speaking at BWNA's December 8th General Meeting.

2.) Youth Employment Institute GED Preparation Program: Volunteer once or twice a week during the school day in either writing or math. The focus is on GED attainment in an alternative school setting, which can then lead to employment opportunities with participating businesses. This nonprofit organization is also interested in finding community members to mentor youth in a program for young parents. Contact AmeriCorps Member Madeline Lockwood at 503-280-1058. Ms. Lockwood will be speaking at BWNA's February 9th General Meeting. ■

Give the gift of emergency preparedness



A sample kit from oregonredcross.org

By Liz Johnston

Surprise a friend or college student with an emergency preparedness kit! At a minimum, a 72-hour emergency preparedness kit helps one to be self-sufficient in the event of an emergency or disaster, if services are limited. Visit www.oregonredcross.org for samples of kits already assembled and ready for purchase at your local Red Cross. Visit your local hardware store for emergency supplies as well as home improvement stores.

If you need an extra boost to preparing your own emergency kits, two members of the Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Emergency Team are willing to mentor you through the preparation. You can contact either member by email: Sally Sincic, sincicsj@mindspring.com, or Aaron Bertrand, netinfopdx@gmail.com. ■

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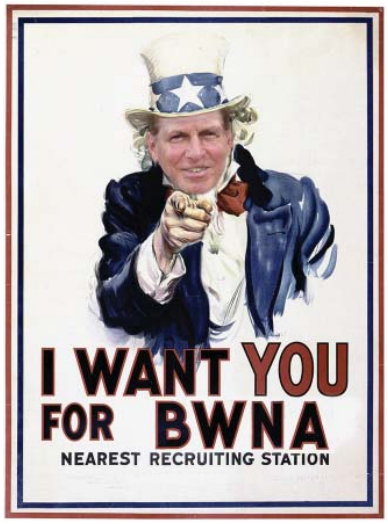
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BWNA wants You!

By Al Ellis



The Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA) board is looking for volunteers to serve in 3 important positions:

1.) There is a vacancy on the BWNA Board itself. The term of office for a Board member is two years, and the commitment includes attending monthly Monday evening meetings and participating actively in Association activities and decision-making.

2.) Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN) is a coalition of several neighborhood associations in the region. It provides each neighborhood association with its main funding, as well as expertise and services in a wide variety of areas. The CNN Board includes two representatives from each neighborhood association. BWNA began last summer with two CNN representatives but now only has one. Volunteering to serve as a CNN representative involves attending meetings on the first Wednesday of each month and reporting back to BWNA Board meetings on the second Monday of odd-numbered months.

3.) Friends of Trees has again invited BWNA to participate in the planting of trees in the neighborhood, but in order to participate, BWNA needs someone to volunteer to be its Neighborhood Coordinator. This position initially involves attending a one-time 90-minute training session and serving as the link between BWNA and Friends of Trees. The object of the program is to get homeowners excited about planting trees on their property and working with other Neighborhood Coordinators to get the trees planted. About 90 trees were planted in the area last year, and Neighborhood Coordinators averaged 70 hours of volunteer work throughout the planting season.

All three of these positions contribute greatly to the success of BWNA. If you are interested in being nominated or simply finding out more about the commitments involved, please contact BWNA President Al Ellis at 503-287-0477. ■

Healthy children healthy planet

By Michele Bernstein

Fremont United Methodist Church is hosting a Northwest Earth Institute discussion group, Healthy Children, Healthy Planet. The course goals are:

- To understand how the pervasive effects of advertising, media, and our consumer culture can influence a child's view of the world.
- To discover ways to create meaningful family times and healthful environments for children.
- To explore ways to develop a child's connection to nature, and to foster creativity.

Whether you have young children, older children, grandchildren, or even no children, this course will really make you think about how our consumer culture affects us all. Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings, January 13 through February 24 at 7 pm. Books are $18; contact me, Michele Bernstein, at MicheleLB@fremontumc.org or 503.284.4647 to register. Fremont UMC is located at 2620 NE Fremont St. A more detailed description of the course can be located at http://nwei.org ■

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Beaumont artists and friends

Artists get together

By Helen Koba

If you are an artist who lives or works in Beaumont Wilshire or the adjoining neighborhoods, you are invited to join other local artists at a monthly get together. These happen on the second Sunday of each month (except July and August) at a local café or an artist's home or studio.

The next meeting will be on December 14 at an artist's home. Artists come together to share art work, techniques, plan for group shows and show support for each other. The group has had two group shows at Quirks of Art, a small gallery in the Hollywood area and has taken part in the annual Fremont Fest.

Artists in Beaumont Wilshire or the adjoining neighborhoods are also welcome to submit work to appear on the BWNA website www.bwna.us under 'artspace'. Instructions on how to submit work are listed on that same page. If you want to come to the December meeting contact mc-hk@comcast.net for time and place. ■

Want financial peace?



1921 Peace dollar

By Jeff Bethke

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By Helen Koba



My husband Mario and I have been the editor/publisher of the BWNA newsletter for many years. We feel it is our time to 'step down' and give others the oppotunity to take on this task.

Board member Dan Johnson has volunteered to take on the duties of editor. He will need someone who has page layout and publishing skills to assist him. The software we use is Adobe Indesign for page layout and Photoshop for managing images. The newsletter comes every two months and we spend about 15–20 hours getting it ready to go to press.

If you have these skills and are interested in getting involved in putting out this outreach tool to the neighborhood, contact Mario at 503-288-2568.

Metropolitan Youth Symphony

The Metropolitan Youth Symphony is based at Beaumont Middle School and has two concerts by the young musicians coming up in December:

Winter Jubilee, at Arlene Schnitzer on December 5, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

Holiday Gala at Skyview High School in Vancouver, Washington on December 14, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

Call Metropolitan Youth Symphony at 503-239-4566 for tickets and further information.

Bethany Christmas Services



Tuesday, December 23

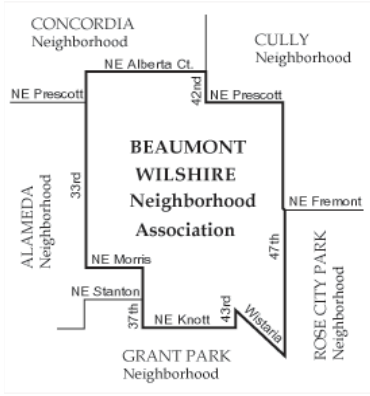
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Wednesday, December 24

—7 PM Christmas Eve Family Worship Service

—10:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service

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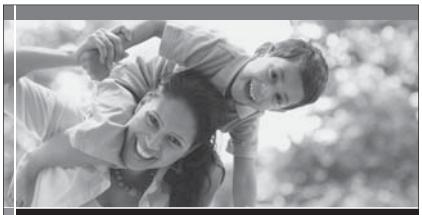
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