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## BEAUMONT BUSINESS ASSOCIATION SPONSORS ANNUAL FREMONT FESTIVAL AUGUST 7, 2010

### Annual Event has new features planned to attract Portland neighbors

Beaumont Business Association (BBA) and local businesses on NE Upper Fremont present the annual Fremont Festival to be held on August 7, 2010 from 10:00AM to 5:00PM. Plans to close the street from NE 42nd to NE 50th are underway. The BBA is working on some new events that should attract families in and around surrounding neighborhoods. The event kicks off at 10:00AM with a Bike Parade/Pet Parade starting at Beaumont Middle School. Parents, kids and pets are encouraged to decorate their bikes, don their costumes for themselves and their pets and meet at the school at 9:30AM. There will be prizes awarded for BEST BIKE DECORATION, BEST KIDS COSTUME, BEST PARENT COSTUME and BEST PET COSTUME. Dance Groups, Scouts, and others are encouraged to participate. The BBA is looking for bands to play music and march in the parade. Interested parties can contact Christine Mallar at Green Dog Pet Supply at 503.528.1800.

After the parade the street will be closed and set up with vendors and games for all the neighbors to enjoy. The BBA has vendor space for artisans, crafters, food vendors for the day. This year they are especially looking for non-profit groups to get a vendor spot and set up game booths or food booth to raise money for their organization. Non-profit groups looking for ideas or to share their idea should contact Rebecca Lehman at 949.395.3305. Vendor applications can be obtained from Jackie Safko at Albina Bank 4020 NE Fremont. Email Jackie to receive more information at jsafko@albinabank.com

"We are envisioning games like a dunk tank or a simple home-made ring toss for organizations hoping to raise money for their non-profit groups. For the more organized groups, food is always popular. This is a family event. In the spirit of giving back, the BBA wants to offer our local non-profit groups a chance to promote their cause and raise some needed money for their organization," said Rebecca Lehman, President of the BBA.

Date: August 7, 2010

Parade at 10:00AM

Street Festival 10:30AM – 5:00PM

Location: NE Fremont between 42nd & 50th

**Some of the scheduled Events**

Soluna Grill to sponsor Salsa Challenge at Fremont Festival. Executive Chef Dan Straub would like to invite all neighbors in and around Portland to come and share your best Salsa. "By August we should be seeing some great tomato's and if you think you have a "killer" salsa we encourage you to enter our Salsa Challenge at this year's Fremont Festival", says owner/executive chef Dan Straub. The Salsa Challenge will be held in the Soluna Grill Parking Lot. Each contestant must make a gallon of their best salsa for the community to taste and judge. Awards will be presented for BEST SALSA and BEST DECORATED BOOTH. The two Award Categories will be PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD and JUDGES AWARD. The community will taste and vote for their favorite Salsa for the PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD. Official Judges will be chosen from among local restaurants for the JUDGE'S AWARD. Individuals will receive 3 Tastes for $5 – 100% of proceeds go to BBA for the Main Street Program. To enter the Salsa Challenge call Dan Straub at 971.222.3433 or Rebecca Lehman at 949.395.3305.

Salsa Tasting 11:00AM – 1:00PM

Awards at 2:00PM

Location: Soluna Grill Parking Lot

## Annual National Night Out Picnic in Wilshire Park

By Al Ellis

Try scheduling an indoor meeting for July or August, and consider yourself fortunate to attract the minimum number necessary for a quorum. No surprise there. Portlanders understandably want to make the most of their rain-free, sunshiny days while they can, and Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA) is on board. Thus, while General Meetings are normally held on even-numbered months, August has become the exception--with the General Meeting replaced by what is now one of the most popular events in our neighborhood: the **National Night Out Picnic in Wilshire Park**, held on the first Tuesday of August (this year falling on the 3rd), from 6:30PM-8:30PM

National Night Out celebrations are ostensibly a show of support by neighbors united against crime, and, as you might expect, are well attended by local police officers, fire fighters, and politicians. But what's especially impressive about the Beaumont-Wilshire (BW) Picnic is the large number of families participating--usually swelling the crowd into the hundreds--and making this event, by far, the largest BWNA-sponsored community gathering of the year.

At the heart of BWNA's National Night Out celebration is the all-neighborhood pot-luck picnic. Everyone attending is encouraged to bring a dish to share with neighbors--





chips, dips, salads, entrees, desserts--whatever people feel like bringing. For its part, BWNA supplies tables, chairs, beverages, snacks, and all the hamburgers, veggieburgers, and hotdogs your family can eat! There will also be musical entertainers, special activities for the children (including a fire truck in the park to climb onto), free massages, a police dog unit, and much more. The evening culminates with the raffling of prizes donated by local businesses. (Raffle tickets are free, but you have to be present to claim your prize.) Local businesses also contribute ice cream and other treats to the pot-luck feast.

So mark **August 3rd, 6:30PM-8:30PM** on your calendar now and spread the word to your neighbors. It's a neighborhood park experience unlike any other--guaranteed to satisfy the most demanding appetite and leave you smiling.

(Please mark your bowls and dishes on the bottom so they can be identified and returned if left behind. BWNA President Al Ellis will be in charge of lost and found items and can be reached at 503.287.0477.)




President's Message

## The Time of the Season

By Al Ellis

Whether it's attending outdoor picnics and concerts in Wilshire Park, strolling the Fremont Festival,or simply chatting with neighbors while gardening, summertime brings us closer together as neighbors--engendering a kind of laid-back sense of community. Life slows down a bit during the "dog days," and opportunities abound for interacting with each other--albeit with the focus often on the lighter side of life. We make family (and pet) introductions, share anecdotes and jokes, and muse about how long it's been since the last rainfall. In effect, a "time out" is declared from the controversies and contentions of the day. This conjures up fond college memories of Hawaiian classmates who, grinning ear to ear, would gesture with a wiggle of the thumb and pinky finger and reassure us that everything was OK: "No big deal, Bro!"

Summer is a time of minimizing worry and maximizing enjoyment. But it's also an ideal season for meetings and greetings--be it sidewalk, yard, or park--and, from Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association's (BWNA) point of view, the perfect occasion for collectively discussing issues of importance around the neighborhood. Accordingly, each summer the BWNA Board of Directors reevaluates goals and objectives in its Action Plan (required of each neighborhood association in the Central Northeast Neighbors coalition--CNN), with community input an essential factor in determining what the neighborhood's priorities should be and how best to achieve them.

The fact is that BWNA is most effective at helping to enhance the livability of the neighborhood when it works in coordination with groups of concerned residents on a particular issue--like, for instance, on the recent "cell tower" issue. Regardless of your personal view on the placing of a tower and transmitting equipment in a residential zone of the BW neighborhood, one has to be impressed with how quickly and efficiently nearby residents organized themselves--forming "RespectPDX"--to do research, disseminate information, and collaborate with BWNA in the drafting and passing of a resolution in opposition to Clearwire's proposed project. Not only did this joint effort successfully galvanize support within the Beaumont-Wilshire (BW) neighborhood, but the message resonated throughout Portland via media and City Commissioner concern. The BWNA resolution would eventually be endorsed by the seven other neighborhood associations in the CNN coalition, as well as the N.E. 42nd Ave. Business Association; and along the way, RespectPDX leader Colin O'Neill became BWNA's newest Board member (see page six).

Hence, the mouse can roar, but it doesn't happen without initiative. The process begins with a gathering of neighbors--perhaps at the August 3rd National Night Out Picnic at Wilshire Park--and the sharing of ideas and concerns with one another. Once organized to accomplish a specific goal, residents can make their case to BWNA and elicit Association support in persuading the Powers That Be to the desired outcome; and what better time to get the ball rolling on an issue of importance to you and your neighbors than during this glorious outdoor season!

## NEW DESSERT SHOP OPENING ON FREMONT

By Dan LaGrande

A frozen yogurt shop, the first of its kind in the neighborhood, plans to open on Fremont Street in mid-July.

YoChoice Self-Serve Frozen Yogurt, located at 4941 NE Fremont, next to Jim and Patty's Coffee, will feature half a dozen frozen yogurt flavors and over 40 toppings, including fresh fruit, granolas and dozens of other tasty treats.

"Our concept is to offer customers a nice variety of frozen yogurt flavors and literally dozens of toppings, letting them choose any flavor and topping combinations they'd like," explained Andre LaGrande, owner of YoChoice. "After customizing their frozen yogurt, customers bring it to the check out counter to be sold by weight. It's $.40 cents an ounce for all yogurt and toppings. People will have the option of sitting inside to enjoy their yogurt creation, or sitting outside to enjoy one of Portland's many sunny days."

LaGrande, who grew up in the neighborhood and graduated from Grant High School, said frozen yogurt is enjoying a renewed popularity because it is non-fat, delicious and healthful. He said self-serve is a new concept in frozen yogurt shops that originated in California and is now spreading rapidly across the country.

"One of the leading frozen yogurt suppliers in the nation is YoCream International, located in NE Portland," LaGrande said. "It is a local company producing a high quality product and I'm proud to be offering YoCream in my shop."

YoChoice Self-Serve Frozen Yogurt will rotate flavors frequently and invites customers to suggest flavors they'd like to try. The shop will also offer fun events like trivia night or possibly movie night. Furthermore, group activities like organized bike rides or fun runs are invited to begin or end their events at the shop.

To follow the progress of the shop and plans for the opening, go to www.yochoiceyogurt.com or contact Dan LaGrande at 503.784.9059.

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## Letter from the Editor

By Dan Johnson

So many things to do, so little time…a common expression heard around Portland in the Summer time. But what is time?

"Time is an essential part of the measuring system used to understand events and to compare the durations of events and the intervals between them." (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Time).

Whether you agree or disagree with the information that Wikipedia provides, we can all agree that with more time we have the opportunity to create more experiences and thus more memories. With long summer days in our neighborhood (yes, there is sunshine in the forecast), beautiful parks, shops and trails for us to enjoy, I challenge you to create new experiences this summer with your friends and family. Please take a moment and review our calendar of upcoming events on this page and see what provokes your interest. Then, review the article associated with that event and put it on your calendar.

Another good activity which you can start during the summer is to help deliver this newsletter. It only takes 20-30 minutes every other month and is a great way to meet other people in your community (see page five). The Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association is a volunteer board (see page two) that works hard to help sustain a community which you and your family can enjoy. Just as the Board is a volunteer group, so is the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Newsletter team. With over forty volunteers, we create, manage advertising and billing, and hand-deliver this newsletter to over 3000 residents. It is my goal as Editor to include information in this newsletter which helps you and your family to have a better quality of life. Don't let time pass buy this summer without making some new memories!

## BWNA Calendar

**Friday, July 9th • 5:00PM-9:00PM**
Paperjam Press Grand Opening

**Friday, July 9th • 5:00PM-9:00PM**
Second Friday on Fremont
(See page 11)

**Monday, July 12th • 7:30PM**
BWNA Board Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church, Conference Room
NE 37th Entrance

**Monday, July 26th-July 30th**
Bethany Day Camp
(See page 4)

**Friday, July 31st**
Deadline for ads and articles
for the September-October 2010 newsletter

**Tuesday, August 2nd-6th • 9:00AM-4:00PM**
Fourth Annual Peace Camp
(See page 10)

**Tuesday, August 3rd • 6:30PM-8:30PM**
National Night Out Picnic in Wilshire Park

**Saturday, August 7th • 10:00AM-5:00PM**
BBA Annual Fremont Festival
NE Fremont between 42nd & 50th

**Sunday, August 29th • 2:00PM-10:00PM**
Cruise for the Cure
(See page 11)

**Monday, September 13th • 7:30PM**
BWNA Board Meeting
Bethany Lutheran Church, Conference Room
NE 37th Entrance

BWNA's calendar is on the web!
Go to www.bwna.us and select BWNA Calendar

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# The Gatekeeper Program:
# Community Support for the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities

The Gatekeeper Program, developed in 1978 at Spokane Mental Health's Elder Services and implemented in Multnomah County in 1987, has been applied nationally and internationally to train the community to identify and refer isolated, at-risk older adults residing in their own homes.

Social services have typically relied on traditional methods to inform people about available services and the expectation is that those in need will call and ask for help. Such efforts have not been successful in reaching those most isolated in the community. There are a number of reasons why high-risk older adults are unable, unwilling or resistant to seeking assistance; negative stigma associated with using "social services", pride, fear of losing control over one's life, shame, financial reasons, mental health issues (paranoia, memory loss, depression) and lack of information.

Who are Gatekeepers? Gatekeepers are employees of local businesses, friends and neighbors who come into contact with older adults on a regular basis. Through the Gatekeeper Program at Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services, Gatekeepers receive a brief training on how to recognize "red flags" that indicate a customer or community member may be in need of assistance and at risk for hospitalization and/or premature out of home placement. They will also learn the steps to take in referring such an individual to the Gatekeeper Program. Listening and Observing are the key elements in identifying those who may be experiencing difficulties and may be at risk. The Gatekeeper's willingness to be aware and alert while in the presence of an older person or an adult with disabilities is what makes the program work. By recognizing "red flags" and making a call to report the issues, Gatekeepers may be saving a life!

The role of the Gatekeeper is not to be a social worker or mental health professional, but rather to purely recognize signs and symptoms that may indicate an older adult or adult with disabilities is in need of assistance or support and then to make the referral to the proper authorities—in this case, the Gatekeeper Referral Line at Multnomah County Aging and Disability Services. Without Gatekeepers many individuals would never receive necessary assistance and their independence, health and possible life would be in jeopardy. To date, 48% of all Gatekeeper referrals received are people who are currently NOT receiving any support or services—so they truly are isolated in their homes. Also, 63% of the referrals received are issues categorized as "abuse", "neglect" or "exploitation"!

*If you are concerned about an elder or an adult with disabilities in your neighborhood, please call the Gatekeeper Referral Number at 503.988.3646 (this is a 24 hour number).*

## Bethany Day Camp is Coming

6th Annual Day Camp ages 5-12 years will take place July 26th –30th. Trained camp counselors from Camp Lutherwood (www.lutherwood.org) combine with Bethany volunteers for an exciting week of camp from 9AM-3PM (Friday till 11:30AM). Cost is $50.00, family discounts and financial help available - includes snacks. Registration forms available on-line at www.bethanyportland.org or by calling 503.284.3836 or at the church. 4330 NE 37th and Skidmore.

## Paperjam Press, your neighborhood digital print shop, is staying open late on 2nd Friday on Fremont, July 9th from 5PM-9PM to celebrate their new location on Fremont street-- even though they have been in this location since October 2009 , they haven't officially had a Grand Opening Party...so they invite everyone to stop by and say hi. They will be celebrating with food and beverage, a special gift item, a free drawing for product, music and fun.


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All children need health care. Unfortunately, too many kids don't have health coverage, which means they don't get the health care they need when they need it. That's why Oregon Healthy Kids, a newly expanded health coverage program for uninsured children, will help make sure every child in the state has health insurance. Healthy Kids provides no-cost and low-cost health coverage for Oregon children and teens up to 19 years of age. Coverage lasts for one full year and covers all health needs, including doctor visits, dental care, vision, mental or behavioral health services, and prescriptions. No child will be turned away because of pre-existing conditions or be put on a waiting list.

No family makes too much money for Healthy Kids. Family income will determine whether a child is eligible for the free or low-cost coverage option. For example, a family of four that earns $66,000 a year can qualify for low-cost coverage.

In order to reach every uninsured child in Oregon, the office of Healthy Kids has partnered with community based organizations to conduct outreach and help families enroll. Oregon Action's Healthy Kids Organizer is available to speak at community events, educate organizational staff about Healthy Kids, and assist families in enrollment. Our goal is breakdown all barriers to enrolling children in this most important insurance program. Please contact Jennifer Mangnall at 971.634.0005 or Jennifer@oregonaction.org for more information. Additional information is available on the Healthy Kids website, http://www.oregonhealthykids.gov/



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## Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association
# Cell Tower Opposition Expressed to City Hall

By Al Ellis, BWNA President

At the end of January, attendees at a Special Meeting of Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association (BWNA), held at Beaumont Middle School, approved a resolution in opposition to a proposed project by Clearwire to install a cell tower and transmitting equipment adjacent to a residential area in the vicinity of N.E. 37th and Fremont.

But it wasn't until the end of May, following months of contention between the company and BW neighborhood residents, that Clearwire finally submitted its official application to City Hall's Office of Cable and Franchise Management, requesting permission to proceed with the project. Once the 70-page-+ application was made public, BWNA's Ad Hoc Cell Tower Committee analyzed the document and made an assessment in regards to the January BWNA resolution. With endorsements from the Central Northeast Neighbors (representing a coalition of eight neighborhood associations) and the N.E. 42nd Ave. Business Association, the following objections to the project were explained in a cover letter accompanying the resolution and sent by BWNA President Al Ellis to David Soloos at the Office of Cable and Franchise Management, Mayor Sam Adams, and City Commissioners:

*Clearwire has not provided convincing evidence that it has performed its due diligence and met the burden of proof in determining that there is no viable Priority 3 residential site for this project.*

*While shifting this project to another part of our neighborhood is not a satisfactory solution, a Priority 3 site is preferable to one in a Priority 4 residential area--which is, according to City Commissioner Amanda Fritz, "a last resort" for installation of this kind of tower and equipment. While suggesting in its application the possibility of a Priority 3 alternative in the vicinity of N.E. 33rd Ave. and Fremont St., Clearwire has not, as required, documented a systematic and exhaustive search for all viable Priority 3 sites for this project and should be held accountable for doing so prior to a final decision on the application.*

*There is no assurance that the noise level of Clearwire's cooling equipment, though vaulted, will not pose a noise problem for the single-family homes surrounding the proposed site.*

*As a condition of approval, Clearwire's cooling equipment should be subject to the most current City noise control ordinances, which would require compliance not only with current noise ordinance standards, but with future standards as well. Testing of the vault installation should extend throughout the day and night, weekdays and weekends (since nearby residents would be impacted 24/7), and, prior to approval of the application, provide convincing evidence to City Noise Control Officer Paul Van Orden that the equipment is not in violation of the noise code.*

# Project Summer

By Sally Eliason, MSW

The end of the school year is fast approaching. That means free food and fun under the summer sun for children and teens! All youth ages 1-18 can have free food this summer with the Summer Food Program. Schools and non-profits around Oregon are providing free meals and fun activities to children in low-income areas. To find the nearest meal site call 1-800-SAFENET (723.3638) or visit www.summerfoodOregon.org.

Do you and your friends have some spare time this summer? Consider volunteering to deliver meals, lead activities, or spread the word for a meal site in your neighborhood. If your community doesn't have a summer meal program and you want to help start one for next year, call Sally Eliason at Partners for a Hunger-Free Oregon, 503.595.5501 ext. 301. Get involved to make sure that kids in your neighborhood get to eat nutritious meals throughout the summer!

Learning doesn't end when school lets out. Neither does the need for good nutrition—which is crucial for children to have safe and productive summers. The Summer Food Program provides an opportunity to continue a child's physical and social development while providing nutritious meals. The summer food program helps lower income children return to school ready to learn.

**Don't forget...**

National Night Out Picnic
Tuesday, August 3rd, 6:30PM-8:30PM

Fremont Festival
Saturday, August 7th, 10:30AM-5:00PM

# Summer Spanish Intensive Courses in NE Portland

By Rebecca Pillsbury

An intensive Spanish study program will be offered summer mornings, twice weekly in five week sessions for both Beginner and Intermediate Spanish students at NE Portland's Spanish Language and Latin American Cultural Center, Tierra Educational Center.

Now entering its second year, the local language school strives to create the intensive and cultural study experience found abroad, right here in Portland. In addition to providing language foundations, all courses integrate cultural lessons into the curriculum to offer a more holistic and complete education. Weekly evening classes are also available for all levels of Spanish language learners. Classes are small group, only 3-8 students, offering a more personalized and community-based atmosphere.

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# Latest Portland Metro Real Estate Action

By Kathy Mollere

Sales activity in the Portland area is continuing to bloom this spring. This April closed sales increased nearly 49% from the same time last year with close to 2,000 homes sold. Pending sales also increased by 60% with a total of 3,000 buyers entering into contract. The new listing numbers rose by 24% with a total of 4,700 homes for sale this April in comparison to last year, only 3,800 homes were available on the market. The month to month change in sales price in the Portland Metro area has been minimal with the average home price at $282,100 rising just 0.6% and the median value now at $240,000 up 0.5% from April to March of this year. It is taking on average about 4 months for new listings to sell.

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BEAUMONT-WILSHIRE MARKET REPORT:

TOTAL ACTIVE LISTINGS 17 (7 of which went pending)

TOTAL HOMES PENDING 12 (2 of which sold)

TOTAL HOMES SOLD 14

For more information, please contact Kathy Mollere at SUPER REALTY GROUP, 4605 NE Fremont Street, Suite 202. 503.224.7873 or Kathy@SuperRealtyGroup.com.



# Start Making Smart Energy Investment

By Donald Shaw

Did you know 60 percent of energy used to heat and cool homes is lost due to leaky ducts, inefficient equipment, poor insulation and air leaks? By increasing your home's energy efficiency, Energy Trust of Oregon can help you reduce energy costs and save money, while making your home healthier, safer and more comfortable. Schedule a Home Energy Review at a convenient time for you. During your review, an Energy Trust energy advisor will conduct a one-hour walkthrough of your home, visually assessing typical areas of energy loss. These areas include Insulation levels in the attic, walls, floors and ducts, Heating system, Air sealing and windows, Ventilation and Moisture problems. Your energy advisor will also give you the information you need to make your home more comfortable—while using less energy—and provide free instant energy-saving products. After your Home Energy Review, you will receive customized recommendations and information on how to receive Energy Trust cash incentives for qualifying, energy-saving home improvements. Energy Trust cash incentives can often be combined with state and federal tax credits—giving you even more savings.

With your advisor's recommendations, you will have all the information to make your improvements. When you're ready to install energy-efficiency upgrades, contact an Energy Trust trade ally contractor—or any other contractor with an Oregon Construction Contractors Board-license, or a current Washington contractor's license—to discuss and schedule installation of eligible energy-saving improvements for your home.* Washington customers heating their home with gas from NW Natural are eligible to participate. Contractors are licensed and insured, and trained on the latest energy-efficiency standards and offerings from Energy Trust. After work is completed, they can help you submit Energy Trust forms to receive cash incentives on qualifying improvements. *Attic or floor insulation can be self-installed with pre-approval from Energy Trust. Interested in solar energy improvements?

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**Save the Date**
**Fremont Festival**
Saturday, August 7th

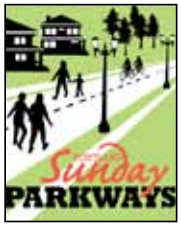
# Sunday Parkways a Success!












## Sunday Parkways Returned to Wilshire Park

Sunday Parkways Festival on May 16th was a successful and fun event. Several side streets were closed to traffic and participants walked, biked, rolled, ran, roller bladed, and strolled along a 6-mile route of activities drawing a huge crowd.

In addition to the NE event on May 16th, North Portland will have its Sunday Parkways on June 27th, East Portland on July 18th, Southeast on August 15th, and a fifth event (yet to be arranged) at a later date. Sunday Parkways is sponsored by the City of Portland, Kaiser Permanente, and METRO, and lots of volunteers are needed to assist. If you're interested in helping, call event manager Rich Cassity at 503.823.6051 for details.

# Portland Bicycle Boulevard Improvements

By Kyle Chisek

The Portland Bureau of Transportation received an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant as a part of the federal economic stimulus to improve the way finding pavement markings, way finding signage and arterial crossing signage for Portland's existing and new Bicycle Boulevards. This project will install pavement markings across 53 miles of our new and existing bicycle boulevard system. Because some of the boulevards change streets in some areas, some boulevards have multiple street names associated with the project (for instance, the route change on Klickitat one block south at NE 17th Avenue to Siskiyou).

The Federal Highway Administration and the Oregon Department of Transportation are requiring a specific pavement marking, the "sharrow" pictured below for installation. Our way finding signage will be consistent with the existing way finding signage around the city and the crossing signage will have both pedestrian and cyclist symbols. The pavement markings will be installed in the travel lane – these are not bicycle lanes. The "sharrow" symbol indicates a shared-use roadway (motorist and cyclist). In January 2010, the City of Portland was approved to bid the project and Brown Contracting Inc. was awarded the project. Work will commence in April and extend through October of this year. The pavement marking installation is weather dependent and the dates below are estimated. Access will be maintained on the street during both sign installation and pavement marking installation. Each location will take approximately 30 minutes to install the pavement marking. Some road access will be limited while work is occurring in the street but access will be maintained through the duration of the construction. No complete road closure is anticipated.

Thank you for your patience The Bureau of Transportation is sensitive to the use of these local streets in the neighborhood and will endeavor to complete the work as quickly as possible to minimize the inconvenience these improvements may cause. We thank you for your patience. For questions about the project please contact the project manager assigned to the project, Kyle Chisek at 503.823.7041.

## Beaumont Village Farmers Market

By Rebecca Lehman

Everyone is excited to see our own Farmer's Market coming to the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood. Spread the word and tell your friends. Come out this Sunday and see what 19th Street Farm is bringing for your pleasure. Along with fresh produce and fruit there will be local-neighborhood artisans, crafters and collectibles. Enjoy brunch on the patio at Soluna and hit the market for some tasty treats to take home.

Every Sunday from 10:00AM to 3:00PM in the Soluna Grill Parking lot at 4440 NE Fremont. For more information or for vendor booth questions, please contact Rebecca Lehman 949.395.3305.







# Host a Foreign Exchange Student!

Cultural Academic Student Exchange (CASE) is currently seeking host families in the Portland metro area for the 2010 – 2011 school year.




- Length of stays are for either a semester or an academic year
- Exchange students are 15-18 years old
- Families, single parents, retirees and empty nesters all make wonderful hosts
- Host family is obligated to only provide meals and lodging, student is responsible for personal expenses and transportation
- Local area representatives will assist and counsel you throughout the student's stay.

## Why Host a Student?

- An economical way for your family to discover another culture
- Build lifelong international friendships
- Prepare your children for future travel adventures
- Practice and improve foreign language skills

## Individual Student Information

- Currently seeking host family for a 17 year-old Ecuadorian girl
- Father is a lawyer, mother is a secretary. Has an older sister.
- Family is Catholic and student is willing to attend church with host family
- Interested in art, camping, photography, tennis, soccer and travel
- Does well in school (mostly A's and B's) and has had 6 years of English classes
- Wants to be an exchange student to make international friends and share her culture.

*Founded in 1988 CASE is a nonprofit and US Department of State approved organization whose mission is to promote mutual understanding and respect among people of the world. Students and their parents have been interviewed and their references checked to determine whether they have the maturity, English comprehension, academic ability, versatility, and genuine interest to explore a new country.*

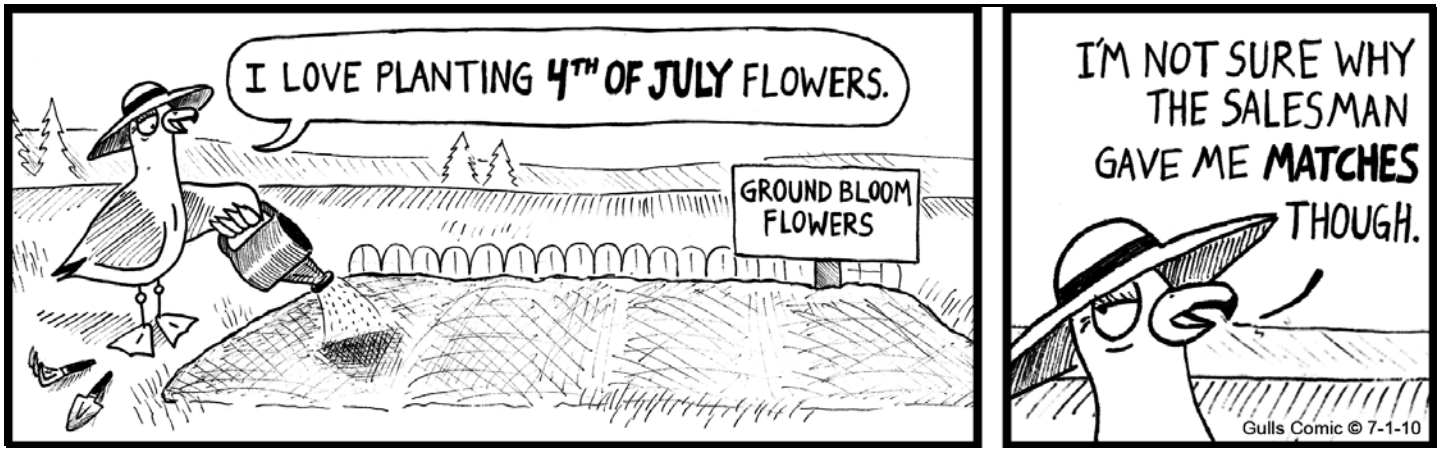


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# BroadArts Theatre announces Fourth Annual Peace Camp

By Karla Pollich

BroadArts Theatre is accepting registrations for its summer camp to be held August 2nd–6th. Peace Camp offers children aged 8 – 12 the opportunity to explore the concept of peace through the arts: drama, music, and visual arts. During the week, children will work on both individual and group projects leading up to the final theatrical production. Various arts workshops will help children develop artistic skills, as well as creativity techniques. The creative process can foster both self-discovery and the understanding of others.

"In finding ways to express an idea through art, children learn what they think, what others think, and how to resolve differences effectively," stated Pepper Kim, the camp's Education Coordinator. "The creative process can teach powerful ways to achieve peace, both within oneself and with others."

Peace Camp will take place August 2nd-6th, 2010, from 9AM to 4PM daily at the Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, located at 1907 NE 44th and NE Sandy Blvd. The cost is $120 per child. Scholarships and a sliding scale are available based on need.

Peace Camp is supported in part by the McKenzie River Gathering Foundation (http://www.mrgfoundation.org/). Over 200 children have attended Peace Camp in the past and enjoyed putting what they learned during the week into a closing day performance for family and friends.

For more information and to register, visit http://sites.google.com/site/broadartspeacecamp/ or call 503.895.0822.

*About BroadArts Theatre*

*The mission of BroadArts Theatre is to create artistic events that celebrate the impact women and minorities make as we all work together to create a more equal, peaceful, compassionate and just society. For more information, visit www.broadarts.org . For media inquiries, contact Karla Pollich at 503.348.5887 or kpollich@gmail.com.*

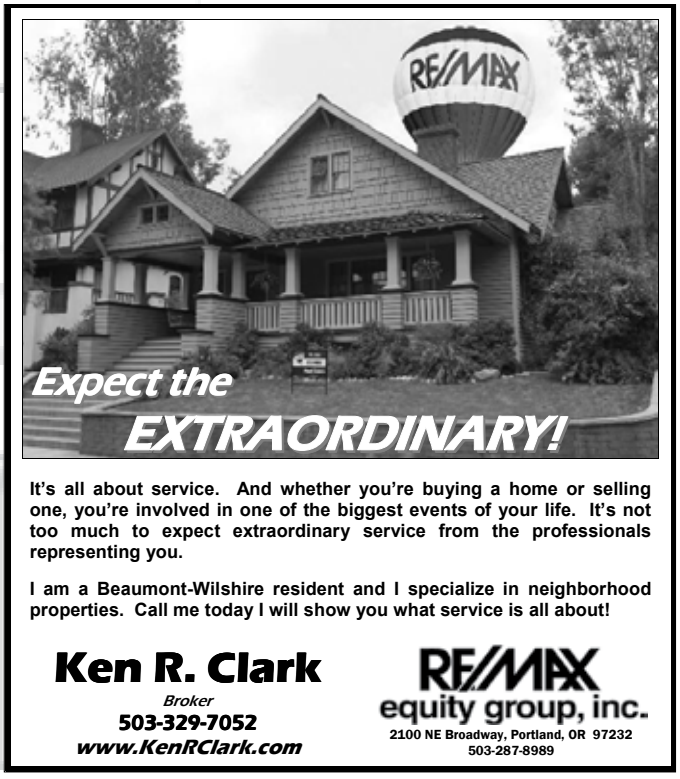
# The Portland Community Wind Band

presents a free, traditional Concert in Wilshire Park, Sunday, July 11th, 2pm - 4PM. Music for all ages. Picnic to the sounds of live music with your neighbors and make some new friends. Please contact Dave Sylvan at 360.771.3095 for more information.







## First Annual NE 42nd Avenue "Cruise for a Cure"

This street party will be Sunday August 29th. Alberta street will be closed between The Spare Room and US Bank with a beer garden and food vendors from NE 42nd Avenue businesses. There will also be a Classic Car Rally and Contest as well as great blues music with Duffy Bishop headlining with the Ladies of the Blues from 2PM-10PM. All proceeds will benefit breast cancer. Together we can make a difference! For more information, please contact Will Levenson (Popina Swimwear) at 503.282.5159.






## 2nd FRIDAYS ON FREMONT

### "A SHOT IN THE ARM" FOR BEAUMONT VILLAGE

By Rob Winike

Crowds of neighbors and visitors celebrated a new monthly Beaumont Village event on Friday, May 14. Many said it was a "shot in the arm" for the Fremont area, which was coordinated by the Beaumont Business Association (BBA). Festivities centered on Northeast Fremont Street between 40th and 52nd Avenues from 5PM to 9PM.




Participants included 15 vendors, as well as artists, musicians, and a non-profit SCRAP collection. BBA organizers expect to nearly double the number of vendors the June 11th event. Music and festivities will go from 5PM to 9PM and will offer a "walking fashion show" featuring ShopAdorn, Rosabode & Bonnie's clothing and hair by various local stylists.

The May vendors offered jewelry, art, children's wear, purses, handmade soaps and garden décor. Beaumont Village boasts a hardware store, market, florist, and children's bookstore on its friendly, small-town style main street, suitable for strolling or exploring by bike. Coffee lovers enjoy cult Portland coffeehouses while window shoppers browse through a handful of antique shops or gift stores. For more information check with the Beaumont Business Association Chair Person, Rebecca Lehman, 1.949.395.3305, or at: bba.vpweb.com.

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