

CONCORDIA NEWS

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Meetings held in the
Community Room
at McMenamins
Kennedy School

General Membership
June 2
1st Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

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June 4
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2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

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June 25 at New Seasons
4th Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

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June 10 at New Seasons
2nd Wednesday of each month at 6 P.M.

They're Coming Down! They're Coming Down!

by George Bruender, CNA Land Use Chair

There is another article in this newspaper describing some of the frustration encountered by the many Concordia residents who wish to retain our canopy of old-growth trees. March 7th the combined land use, livability and transportation committees of the neighborhood association met and mourned that day's destruction of two separate sets of these long standing trees within blocks of each other.

The first tree-razing to get neighbors out on the street and on the phone to each other was the cut down of three tall conifers on the lots south of 5236 NE 31st Avenue. These trees

were certified a number of years ago as diseased by an arborist and had just been waiting for the chainsaws since then. One house has been built on these skinny lots and at least two more will be going up. The only tree remaining is a smaller Douglas fir which might yet be saved.

The second site at 6138 NE 32nd Avenue was the scene last year of a neighborhood effort to save an older tall fir at the front of the lot. Seventy-five neighbors signed a petition to save the tree on this, another skinny lot. Concordia Neighborhood Association's Land Use Committee appealed the City's

approval of the owner's plans for his new house and won. We won on the basis of other technicalities and variations that the owner requested, since we couldn't challenge the take down of the tree directly. So the tree was saved for the time being.

But a new developer/architect, Andre Koshuba, purchased the lot and took the tree down also on March 7th to make way for his new home. He was present at the Land Use meeting, as were several neighbors, and showed his proposed design, which was described as somewhat compatible with some of the more established homes in the area. The new home

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CNA's June General Meeting Eating Local, One Farmers Market at a Time

by Jennifer Warberg

Come to the June 2nd General Meeting of the Concordia Neighborhood Association and learn about the 'eat local' movement and the new King Farmers Market! Presenters David Sweet and Rosemarie Cordello will also speak about Foodshare Fund Northeast, a developing program to help low income neighbors take advantage of our new market.

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Rosemarie Cordello is the current President of the Portland Farmers Market board. She also regularly consults on sustainable food projects. Rosemarie organized and co-chaired the Portland/Multnomah Food Policy Council for several years

and she has worked with the Healthy Eating by Design program on food access and regional food planning. At the General Meeting, Rosemarie will speak to us about the importance of eating locally farmed food and the role farmers markets play in this movement.

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If you were at April's General Meeting, you may remember Paige Coleman, Executive Director of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), briefly speaking about Foodshare Fund Northeast. The goal of Foodshare Fund Northeast is to assist low income individuals in Northeast Portland to purchase local, healthy foods at the King Farmers

Market. Much like the Lents Farmers Market in Southeast Portland, individuals would receive matching funds to spend with their Oregon Trail EBT funds at the market each week. Come to the June 2nd meeting and learn more about Foodshare Fund Northeast from David Sweet. David will also talk about how the King Farmers Market came to be and what the future holds for Portland's newest market. David currently serves on the NECN Board and the King Farmers Market Community Advisory Council.

Please join us on June 2nd to learn about our great new farmers market and the positive impact it will have on our community in years to come.

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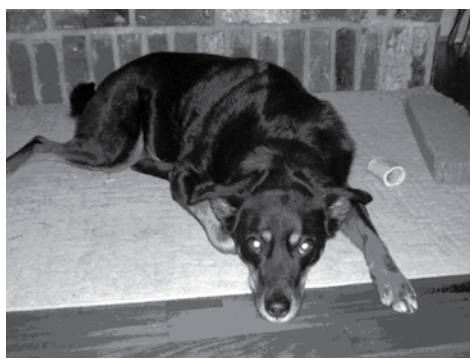
by Belinda Clark, Vice Chair

Summer is coming, and on nice days I like looking out onto my street in the morning, and watching people walk by. My dog on the other hand is looking for critters - cats, dogs, loose, or on a leash, she doesn't care. They are near her territory, and it drives her batty. Sometimes she just mutters under her breath, sometimes she barks, and jumps up and down. It doesn't last long before the energetic moment is gone.

Dogs are interesting animals, and yes, I am a dog person. I believe I'm a responsible owner. She is part of my family, and it's my job to care for and protect her. I scoop when she leaves deposits, and I always walk her in public on a leash.

Looking out my window, it seems more people are walking their dogs without a leash. I understand it's possible to have a well-behaved dog, and many pose no harm to people, or other animals while unleashed. However, it's not because your dog is a threat or untrained that it needs to be leashed. The purpose of a leash is to portray to others that you have control of your dog and can protect it from harm. In addition, people in general react to dogs in different ways. Some have very strong aversions for a variety of reasons. I don't think my dog is threatening, but sometimes people walking by my house will cross the street. I understand their caution.

So, if you're going to walk your dog through the neighborhood, be sensitive to others and use a leash (and please, pick up after them). It's the law!



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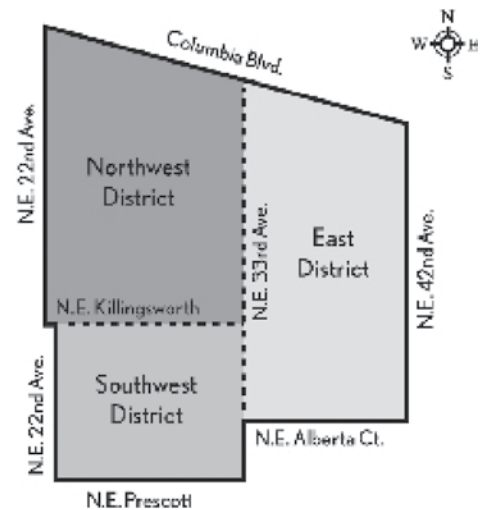
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Are you interested in becoming more involved in your neighborhood? We currently have two officer positions open on the Concordia Neighborhood Association Board. If you are interested, please contact Belinda Clark at **clarkbbc@yahoo.com**. Please mention CNA board opening in the subject line.

Save the Trees in Concordia – or Not: A Commentary

by George Bruender, CNA Land Use Chair

The Concordia Neighborhood Association has a tree committee (which everyone is encouraged to join) that deals primarily now with the planting of new trees, a very commendable endeavor. The flip side of their efforts is: how do we sustain the trees we already have? (The Northeast side of our city is listed as tree-deficient in all studies.) That's where the City of Portland's rules and regulations often thwart citizens' best efforts to preserve what is here now.

Concordia still has streets and yards full of old growth trees, usually those firs that you see that rise 65 feet or better above the nearby homes. Some may be remnants of old forests or were planted by residents in pre-WW2 days so they are often close to 100 years old and most are in good health.

These trees do a lot of good. They cut down on noise from those low flying box-haulers and absorb some of the particles those planes emit slowing down or taking off. They absorb the chemical pollutants, often carbon-based, from all the traffic on Columbia Blvd. and other major transport streets. A recent study by PSU and our Concordia Green Team found high levels of just about everything negative, both for our environment and for our health, in the air throughout our neighborhood. Without the trees we do have, those results would have been even more discouraging.

Trees provide shade when the sun does shine, but they also ameliorate the effects of rain during the rainy season. The firs do soften the heavier rains and they slow down the process of rain reaching the ground so that absorption into the ground is slower and more natural. Loss of those big trees just might cause your

basement to flood more often and more copiously.

So old growth trees are good. New tree may be nice but they do take years before they are adequate replacements for older lost trees. And too often, they are "decorator trees" — beautiful varieties that will not grow tall enough to interfere with overhead power lines. Dogwoods are



attractive but they do not replace firs, one on one, no matter what developers say.

And developers are symptomatic of the tree problem. We have had many in-fill homes added in our neighborhood on those infamous skinny lots. Developers by law are allowed to bulldoze the lots clear of all growth. A 1600s square foot house on a 2500 square foot lot doesn't leave much room for more than the required one newly planted one-inch tree on a minimum required front yard of 100 square feet. State law says that a property owner must be able to build on their lot, so unless that fir is at the very front or back of the lot, it's coming down. Neighbors might not like to see those tall trees come down but there are no grounds for appeal. (See the Land Use article in this paper for several recent local Concordia cases.)

Portland's rules and regulations have been piecemealed under several different agencies, so it's hard for residents to wade through all often conflicting bureaucracy — although seasoned developers often can, to their advantage. There is currently a city-wide tree regulation group that is trying to bring order and commonsense to the whole process but progress has been slow often due

to conflicts between developers and residents. It was originally supposed to be done last October.

What about getting trees designated as "heritage trees"? Actually Portland has only about 200 of these, only a handful so designated on the east side of the river, and it's been years since trees were added to the list. The requirement is that heritage trees must have funds to sustain them, but no money has ever been allocated for that purpose. So, no money, no additional heritage trees.

Also the laws differ on street trees, those in the parking strips, and yard trees. Street trees are tightly regulated and regulations are often strictly enforced, as many folks have found out. Yard trees are basically left up to the property owners' discretion — you can do what you want. Sometimes there are requirements on new development to preserve trees (on lots bigger

than 2500 square feet), but they are often waived for various reasons by the City Forester or other agencies and "re-plantings" become the only requirement. Many in the city-wide group want to designate a category called "substantial trees", those more than 12 inches in diameter, that will be much harder to remove. Wish them luck on that one.

What's a resident to do if you want to save a particular tree? Right now there is little to appeal to at the city level. You could get your neighbors together and buy the undeveloped lot. A number of developers and speculators have told Concordia residents that if they want to save the tree(s), they're willing to sell the lots for say, \$100,000 or so.

Another alternative would be to talk to the developer and try to convince them to be a good neighbor and preserve as many trees as possible. Sometimes that works. The controversial lots near Fernhill Park on the 5700 block of NE 37th are a good example. CNA Land Use asked the developer to save several old growth trees, which he did, moving one house much further back on the lot to accommodate a huge fir that he could have just as easily justified taking down.

Or perhaps you could get involved with the tree team that wants to keep fighting the good fight. There are perhaps other creative and effective ways to keep and increase our tree canopy. These folks want to maintain the livability of the Concordia neighborhood — and increase it — so contact chair Rebecca Wetherby for more information as to meeting time and site: Rebecca@happy predicament.com.

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will have a detached garage in back off the alley which frees up the front of the house for several large windows and a variable wood-brick façade. (See sketch below.) This met with neighbors' begrudging approval. They also realized that the



plans met all City requirements and that this looks better than most skinny houses. But, of course, the tree was history.

The other major item of business was a report from the Fernhill Park committee, chaired by Julia Banmann and Robin Johnson. An article in last month's Concordia News explained how a group of volunteers have knocked on doors on all sides of the park and interviewed the residents. Their job is to assess those features that work well in the park and those that are currently a concern and can be improved. They are making contact with a number of parties who can make improvements in such areas as facilities, park use and park users, public safety, and neighborhood compatibility. They would appreciate your help and input because this will be a good-sized task, so contact Robin in the Board listings.

Concerns were expressed about cars from NE

Killingsworth cutting through the parking lot behind the Concordia Ale House and onto NE 33rd. Neighbors were disturbed about the heavy traffic behind residences and about pedestrian safety. The property owners will be contacted.

It was also reported that the entrance to McMenamin's Kennedy School facility on very narrow NE Jessup may be changed or closed. Residents have complained about lights shining in their homes from cars who consistently exit through the entrance and of the bottleneck caused by cars going the wrong way.

Join us at our next meeting, June 4th, at 7 P.M. , in our meeting room at the Kennedy School.

There is a Hole in the Sky

by Ken Forcier

On Thursday, May 8, from our backyard, my wife turned her eyes upward to the place where a canopy tree had stood a day before and proclaimed "There is a hole in the sky." This day, five more of Concordia's significant trees had been felled by a developer's chainsaw. In July of 2008 another article of mine was published in the Concordia news entitled "The Felling of Our Old Growth Canopy." In it I tried to express the imminent threat to our old growth canopy that skinny house developers zeroing in on our Portland neighborhoods represent. In that article I explained how land lots in my particular neighborhood were originally "platted" as 25 foot wide by 100 foot deep. This is true of many other subdivisions of NE and SE Portland which are now also vulnerable to development. Typically a home builder back in the early 1900s purchased two 25 foot wide "platted" lots side by side to combine and build an R-5 (500 square foot lot) style home. In some instances they bought a block of three or four of these 25 foot lots to provide a side yard. Now, after 100 years, mature and "significant" trees tower above us on these side yard lots. These trees are the tallest and the most established part of the forest canopy, the fabric of our urban nature, and

an important source of our natural wellbeing.

The Bureau of Development Services maintains that the state mandates that each individual historical plat be recognized as a residential lot on which someone may build a home. Now we are all effectively living in a city mosaic of zones allowing new R-2.5 development on these yard lots frequently populated by the mature canopy trees that define Portland. Concordia and other besieged neighborhoods are open and spacious, nicely populated with nature and beautiful canopy trees, and rife with side yards for the reaping. Not surprisingly, developers flock first to such beautiful R-5 zones for the resale value afforded by these very things that they are replacing. Each time a lot is developed and a canopy tree comes down, it is not green, and it is not sustainable — and the character of the neighborhood is irreversibly scarred. Sadly, all of Portland's beautiful, established neighborhoods are being mined for tiny forested building lots at the expense of our established trees and our personal wellbeing. We need modifications to existing laws that will protect our significant canopy trees from this ecologically destructive development.

Concordia Graffiti Clean-up Day on Saturday, July 11th

by Bob Pallesen

The Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement and the CNA will be sponsoring a graffiti clean-up day, Saturday, July 11th. Property owners can take advantage of this program by contacting Marcia Dennis at 503.823.5860. If you would like to volunteer and help in the effort please contact Bob Pallesen at 201.315.9982 or email bob@section314.com.

The Graffiti Abatement Program, a division of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement, will be working with Concordia neighborhood to help remove graffiti from public and private spaces. According to Marcia Dennis, the Graffiti Abatement Coordinator for the City of Portland, "You need to report graffiti vandalism with the city as soon as it happens. We need to document and track each instance and photos are very important."

How to Report Graffiti

- Call the Graffiti Hotline at 503.823.4824 or report online through the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) website. Include a digital photo of the graffiti if available: www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=32420.

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- Report graffiti on your own property to the police at 503.823.3333. Without a police report, prosecution is difficult.
- Call 9-1-1 to report graffiti in progress.

How to Prevent Graffiti

- Ongoing upkeep of your property—keep it clean and neat.
- Promptly removing graffiti within 24 to 48 hours significantly reduces the chance of reoccurrence. Use graffiti resistant materials or coatings on a chronically "tagged" wall.
- Control access to walls by incorporating shrubs and thorny plants to restrict access.
- Step up security by improving lighting for natural surveillance. You can also organize a Neighborhood/Business Watch.
- Mount a community mural on a chronically "tagged" wall. Contact the Regional Arts & Culture Council for information at 503.823.5111.

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Art Hop 2009

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Concordia's Neighborhood Newspaper Needs a Managing Editor

Managing Editor: Familiarity with the neighborhood, CNA, and ability to receive and coordinate articles and information for the paper, working with the Media Committee and the Concordia Board to ensure correct information and timely printing and delivery of the Concordia News. This is a volunteer position.



Concordia U Traffic and Parking

by George Bruender, CNA Land Use Chair

To the Neighbors of Concordia University:

Concordia University's expansion continues. The new dormitory apartments on NE 27th are up and work has moved inside planning to finish by the start of the new school year in September. The library is ahead of schedule and will be ready for move in hopefully by mid-summer. The bell tower is up and needs just the bells and the electrical equipment to operate them – it's all going to be automatic; there won't be a Quasimodo bell ringer (darn!). The houses between Dekum and Liberty and NE 27th and NE 29th will be gone by the end of May in a major across-Portland move to SE Foster and SE 122 to make room for a new soccer/baseball field. And parallel parking for 100+ cars should be in place by fall on both sides of NE Liberty .

The outstanding work yet to be done is to improve the traffic and parking problems around the campus. For the past year residents have seen students parking deeper and deeper into their neighborhood which means that sometimes they have to park several blocks from their homes, carrying groceries, garden supplies, and other loads. Residents see at most only a handful of foreign students get off the #9 bus and they often see empty bike racks. All neighbors have agreed that they want something done to mitigate the automobile's impact on their residential lives.

A joint Neighborhood/College team has been created to start to deal with improvements to the situation. Resident members are a CNA board member who has lived all of his life on NE 30th on the east side of the campus, a 37-year resident who lives on NE 27th on the west side across from the new soccer field, and a third long time resident who just happens to be the local parking enforcement officer.

Their counterparts on the college's team are the head of campus security, the dean of students, and a student to be named this fall. Representing the neighborhood association is George Bruender, Land Use Chair, and for the college, Denny Stoecklin, former CNA board member and long-time college Chief Financial Officer, the person responsible for the expansion projects.

This group has been modeled after several Good Neighbor Agreements already in place between the College and the Neighborhood Association.

The team has had two short meetings to get acquainted and to study the scope of their assignment. They plan a variety of open meetings, mailings, and reports after school opens in the fall. They are waiting until all the construction on the library and apartments is finished because some of the parking may move back on campus, especially into the Liberty Street parking spaces, and those within the apartment complex. There is no expectation of increased student enrollment on campus, so the parking in front of residences may ease and give folks a better picture of the actual parking situation.

Also with some programs and some classes moving to the new library, the focus of the college (and the parking as well) may shift northward. At the same time more classrooms may spread out student schedules enough so that the bulk of parking would not be as congested at certain hours as it is now.

Parking is one half of the group's mission. The University also has to report yearly to Portland's Department of Transportation on what measures have been taken to increase alternative methods for students to travel to and from campus. Some suggestions are bus passes at cut rates, college supplied bikes, parking registration, or parking

restricted to upper classmen.

The committee is currently reviewing last year's report to the City to assess what's already been done or planned, what needs to be looked at further, how well that's been working, and what new measures need to be implemented. The team will decide how to get feedback from and how to involve the rest of the affected nearby neighbors. This annual report will be distributed to the neighbors before any open meetings are called. Residents are encouraged to read this newspaper for monthly progress reports.

Two issues from the first meeting are currently being resolved:

1.) In Portland parking in front of private residences is open at all times to everyone; no one has a reserved spot. But blocking or parking too close to your driveway (three feet) is not allowed. The same is true for access to alleyways, improved or not. A survey of all nearby homes and streets is being conducted to determine who needs yellow no-parking stripping to prevent "over-parking". A letter will be sent to those homes; those who respond will get the yellow lines at the University's expense sometime in May or June. The work will be done by the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT).

2.) A number of streets between Ainsworth and the College have for years been designated as "no college parking" and the college has been ticketing and fining students who violate the rule. This was a years-old agreement between the College and CNA as representative of the residents. Now PBOT says the legality of such an arrangement is questionable. CU will continue to warn students not to park on those streets until the issue is resolved.

Earth Day Clean-up Crew Breaks Through!

by Dove Hotz, CNA Green Team member

About 30 Concordia neighbors, volunteers, students, and Green Team members celebrated Earth Day on April 18 by doing a major cleanup project on two alleyways in our neighborhood between NE Killingsworth Street and NE Jarrett Street. Two giant drop boxes were filled to the brim with trash and debris — including tires, furniture, and dozens of glass bottles — and one very large green box filled with invasive species and other greenery. Before the cleanup, one of the alleys was completely blocked; afterwards, neighbors were able to see each other across their backyards for the

first time.

We enjoyed perfect spring weather that started off cool and misty and ended up warm and sunny. Special thanks to our partners and supporters: SOLV, Concordia University, Extracto Coffeehouse, Francis, the Concordia Neighborhood Association, Washington Trails Association, Metro, Ecotech LLC, K4 Construction, and the Northeast Portland Tool Library.

The Green Team looks forward to another green Earth Day next April. If you have any suggestions or places



for the Green Team to focus on, please contact us at concordiagreenteam@yahoo.com. All are welcome to our regular meetings, every fourth Tuesday at 7 P.M. at New Seasons. Our next meeting is May 26th, 2009. Please come with your energy and ideas for making our Concordia Neighborhood a happy, healthier place for us all!

The Little Red Schoolhouse

by Don Gire

Usually our 3:15 P.M. PTA Business Meetings are all about fundraising (yummy cookie dough and flowering bulbs!), scheduling (what date will that work best?), budgeting (never enough \$) and who will run for election - all necessary internal administration to keep things going. From time to time we have a 6:30 P.M. evening General Member Meeting. We had a good one on April 30 that provided relief from our "to do" list and actually centered on ideas that were parent driven and went to what was really on the minds of our Faubion families. This list is vast: teachers conferences, parent involvement at assemblies, next year's arts and language expanded curriculum, sanitation at school, our growing connections with Concordia University, the concept of parent driven ideas and agenda, ways to invite friends and classmate parents to participate more in school and PTA events.

We have over 400 kids at Faubion. The rub to this is that the PTA counts only 62 members and only 25% of them attended the General Meeting. But, what great input!

I wonder what could happen if, next term, a groundswell occurred and our parent and teacher participation grew substantially. More and more ideas? Less strain on too few volunteers? More conscientious direction from PTA to the school administration? More voices for children advocacy? Sounds like a plan. Let's roll that out this September when the new school year starts.

Think advocating for your child, think PTA, and then do something about that in September. Join and participate in your PTA.

And, let's not forget the rest of this year's fun school events. The Annual BBQ and Talent Show on May 29th and the Faubion and SUN Movie Night June 5th. See you there!

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King Farmers Market: Sundays, 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., May 3 through September 27

Located at NE 7th and Wygant (between NE Alberta and Prescott Streets)

King Market Vendors: al Forno Ferruzza; Alsea Acre Alpines; Ancient Heritage Dairy; Blossom Vinegars; C & K's Flower Garden; C'est Si Bon!; Columbia River Fish Co. Treaty 1855; Deck Family Farm; Draper Girls' Country Farm; Enchanted Sun Breakfast Burritos; Freddy Guys Hazelnuts; Gala Springs Farm; Gee Creek Farm; Grand Central Bakery; Hacienda CDC; Jacobs Creamery; Kaleng Produce; Linda Brand Crab; Missionary Chocolates LLC; Natures Fountain Farm, llc; Nonna's Noodles; Northwest; Heritage Pork; Quality Vegan; Random Order Coffeehouse & Bakery; Rose City Pepperheads; Ruby Jewel; Sol Pops, LLC; Souper Natural, LLC; Sprig & Sprout; Springwater Farm; Spunky Monkey Coffee Roasters; Sundance Lavender Farm; The Smokery; TWIST Wine Company/ Basket Case Wine; Two Tarts Bakery, Inc.; Wandering Aengus Ciderworks; Winter Green Farm

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Also on the June 2nd General Meeting: agenda, a representative from the PDX Airport Futures Project

will update and answer questions. Airport Futures is a collaborative effort between the City of Portland, Port of Portland, and the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan community to create an integrated long-range development plan for Portland International Airport (PDX). Beginning Fall 2007 and concluding Spring 2010, the Port will update the airport master plan and the City will create a land use plan recognizing PDX's role in the regional economy while managing City infrastructure and livability. The three year process will reinforce Portland's planning legacy, PDX's reputation as one of the premier airports in the country, and incorporate principles of sustainability and livability. The City and Port are committed to planning for future cargo and passenger aviation's needs of the region while using reasonable efforts to avoid, reduce, or mitigate potential impacts to the community.

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A 30-member Airport Futures Planning Advisory Group and extensive stakeholder involvement guide the planning process. We are currently in the Alternatives Analysis and City Land Use Plan phase (Phase 5) of the planning process, or over halfway through the planning process. To read more about the project and previous accomplishments go to: <http://www.pdxairportfutures.com/>



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Blackbird Tattoo

by Carlie Carr



Before Blackbird Tattoo opened in October 2006, they were located at 28th and Alberta and were then called Temple Tattoo. When the decision was made to switch ownership and move locations, the option to stay in the Concordia Neighborhood was an easy one, as the artists were already well established in Northeast and had witnessed the area flourish and grow over the years.

There are four artists that make up the eclectic styles found at Blackbird Tattoo. Owner, Jesse Carr, is a Portland native, has been tattooing for 16 years, and enjoys tattooing in black and gray work as well as doing portraits. Peter Archer, who formally owned Temple Tattoo has been tattooing for 16 years as well. His work ranges in style and he is able to incorporate many different techniques in his tattoos. Ren Sakurai is originally from Shizouka, Japan and specializes in finely detailed tattoos. He was voted as Willamette Weeks best artist for "Tiny Tattoos" in 2008. Joe Larralde is the newest

part of the Blackbird family and hails from Hawaii. He focuses on traditional Polynesian and Japanese style of tattooing. Though all of our artists have their own specialization of style, they are exceptionally versatile, which is essential to a custom shop. Whatever the subject matter or style of the tattoo, we are able to determine which one of the artists would be best for the particular piece. At Blackbird you will not find any pre-made designs on the walls as each artist works with the client to produce an original



piece of art that is tailor made and unique to that person.

Blackbird Tattoo sits right on the corner of Northeast 30th Avenue and Killingsworth Street. The shop artists and owner adore the Concordia neighborhood as its accessibility is a great attribute for small business owners. The residents of the area and the business owners have a special rapport that makes the neighborhood a friendly and welcoming place to be. The Concordia neighborhood seems to just get better and better as the years go by and Blackbird feels privileged to be a part of this tight knit community.

Blackbird is open Tuesday through Saturday, 12:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. We welcome both appointments and walk-ins. You can also learn more about the shop and its artists by visiting our website at: blackbirdtattoo.com or calling 503.493.4445.



The Mystery of "Stuff"

It has been a mystery my whole life – the insatiable need to collect things. And not just cool things, but all sorts of "treasures" – furniture, kitchen items, bedding, clothing – you name it, I had three of everything.

We all have stuff, things, treasures, necessities and, if you are anything like I used to be, you probably have way too much of it. How is it that objects, without our even noticing, begin to not just fill our homes, but take over our lives?

For years I have tried to get ahead of my stuff, buying the next hottest organizer system to make everything that I "needed" fit into my home. Sound familiar? The systems I tried worked for the short term but within a month I was back to my old ways – shoving things in closets and under beds, outgrowing what was supposed to have been the answer to my stuff.

Finally, in a moment of clarity, I stopped and asked myself a very simple question...WHY? My personal answer to this question was the catalyst that changed the battle. This was the beginning of getting my life back by letting go of the ties that bound me to my stuff.

Whether you've faced a similar situation or you have some simple organizational questions, I can help. Please join me Saturday, June 20th, from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. at 3611 NE Emerson for a session on getting organized or feel free to call with questions. The workshop is limited to 10 people so call now to reserve your spot. I look forward to seeing you there! Barbara Bonelli, 503.758.5150.

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May 29th

Rigler Carnival

WHAT: Raffles, treats, burgers from Burgerville. Lots of fun and games for kids and their adult companions.

WHEN: 5 to 8 P.M.

WHERE: Rigler Elementary School, 5401 NE Prescott

May 30th

Storytelling

WHAT: Storytelling by the Portland Storytellers Guild. Stories for children and families. For more info about the Portland Story Tellers Guild, call 503.282.4031.

WHEN: 2 P.M.

WHERE: Milagros, 5433 NE 30th Avenue

June 6th

King Farmers Market

WHAT: If you haven't been yet, go! There are over 40 vendors and lots of fun to be had by all!

WHEN: 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

WHERE: NE 7th and Wygant

June 7th

Studio & Garden Open House

WHAT: Just North of Wilshire Park, there's almost an entire block of talented artists and gardeners. Mediums include: Books, crafts, painting, and fibers, and of course the art of gardening!

WHEN: 1 to 5 P.M.

WHERE: NE 35th Place at Prescott and Wilshire Park

June 10th

Rookie Rock Class

WHAT: Sound Roots at Milagros. The teacher for this class will lead songs, teach simple to more advanced rhythm lessons, introduce instruments, and give basic theory lessons at age appropriate levels. Space is limited; please come early to ensure a spot. For more info contact Sound Roots - sundaymorning08@gmail.com, 503.282.9999

WHEN: 10 A.M.

WHERE: Milagros, 5433 NE 30th Avenue

June 11th

Transfer Day Barbecue

WHAT: This annual, family-friendly event is for college students interested in transferring to Concordia University, and includes campus tours; the opportunity to talk to professors, representatives from the admissions and financial aid offices, and the registrar; kids activities; and door-prizes. For more information or to RSVP, contact the Office of Admissions at 503.280.8501.

WHEN: 3 P.M. to 7 P.M.

WHERE: CU front lawn (rain location: Hagen Campus Center)

June 13th

Cycle the Well Field

WHAT: The annual bicycle tour of Portland's groundwater system, pedals off on Saturday, June 13 from 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Staff from the Portland Water Bureau and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council will lead this free trip to educate the public about Portland's back-up water supply system.

The course is about 16 miles long over relatively flat terrain. The ride is at a slow to moderate pace, with several stops along the way, and is suitable for all levels of riders. Children should be over 12 years old. Participants need to bring a bike, helmet, water, lunch, and weather-appropriate clothing. Helmets and pre-registration are required.

Start/Finish Location: aloft hotel at Cascade Station, 9920 NE Cascade Parkway, Portland. Registration: Available online at www.columbiaslough.org or by calling Melissa Sandoz at 503.281.1132.

WHEN: 9 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

June 26 to 28th

Yard Sale

WHAT: Get rid of items, find items, meet neighbors. This annual event is always a big success. Email donna.carrier58@gmail.com for map or more info

WHEN: After breakfast, before dinner

WHERE: All over the neighborhood

11th Annual YARD SALE

Concordia Neighborhood Association

JUNE 26, 27 & 28, 2009

Think Green!!! Time to gather all those items you no longer want or need and plan to join us and have a yard sale at your home. Your unwanted items can be the treasure that someone else is looking for. We do the advertising in newspapers, on TV and radio and with large signs on major corners in the neighborhood. We supply you with signs and balloons to mark where your sale is located. Just complete the registration coupon below and include the **\$7 fee** (make checks payable to Concordia Neighborhood Association)

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We will have a locking box by the back gate on the driveway for delivering the registrations if we are not home when you drop off.

All participants are put on the maps. Yard sale packets with signs and maps will be mailed to the participants. **Deadline** to be on the map is Wednesday **June 17th**. You can still be in the sale but will not show on the map if registration is received after this date.

Questions contact: **Yard Sale Coordinator**—Donna Carrier
Phone: 503-288-9826 or email: donna.carrier58@gmail.com.

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___ Friday June 26 ___ Saturday June 27 ___ Sunday June 28