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Summer Concerts in Fernhill Park

by Katie Ugolini

**Friday Nights in July (10th, 17th, 24th & 31st) and Tuesday, August 4th for Neighbors' Night Out
6:30 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.**

Please come and join your neighbors in Fernhill Park for free, family-friendly, high-quality entertainment for the 2009 Summer Concerts in Portland Parks. Fernhill Park is one of the many parks throughout the City to hold free summer concerts this year and, despite hard economic times, local sponsors and neighbors contributed generously allowing us to put together another fabulous five-concert series featuring local performers, up close and personal. We are also lucky enough to have five food vendors at Fernhill Park this year — Aladdin's Café, Hot Dog Ernie's, Mountain Ice, NEPO 42, and Woodlawn Café and Pastry. The concert series will kick off Friday July 10th and end on Tuesday August 7th with the annual Neighbors Night Out (NNO) Celebration, a unique community event that focuses on community building to prevent crime and fear of crime. The NNO Celebration will begin at 6 P.M. with a pedestrian and bicycle parade at Faubion Elementary School and wind its way to Fernhill Park, where the festivities will continue with a concert and other fun and educational activities. Additionally, we will be selling Fernhill Park t-shirts at the concerts to raise money for future music, so make sure to bring your favorite t-shirt to be printed upon or purchase a



Left to right: Tony Furtado, Norman Sylvester Band. Photos courtesy of artists.

brand new t-shirt at the concert (see related article).

Don't miss the summer fun in Concordia! Mark your calendars and bring your family and friends and a picnic dinner to beautiful Fernhill Park for free, high-quality entertainment!

July 10: Tony Furtado (contemporary Americana)

Tony Furtado is an extremely talented musician with a riveting voice who blends rock music with elements of Americana, folk, and pop. By the age of 19 years, Furtado had earned himself a reputation as a young banjo prodigy, winning two National Bluegrass Banjo Championships. Despite the praise as a banjoist extraordinaire, he was developing himself into an equally talented slide guitarist and singer/songwriter. Never static and

always evolving musically, Furtado loves to play live and has tirelessly toured for two decades. He has opened for and toured with acts such as Taj Mahal, Susan Tedeschi, and Greg Allman, and shared the stage with Sonny Landreth, Keith Richards, and Norah Jones, among many others. Furtado's extremely impressive slide guitar skills, his 25-plus years of banjo experience, and his strong song-writing prowess has something to offer everyone, so get ready to be captivated, charmed, and entertained!

Website: www.tonyfurtado.com

July 17: Norman Sylvester Band (original R & B)

Norman Sylvester is known throughout the Pacific Northwest as the Boogie Cat - a master of original blues and R&B funk. With roots in Louisiana, 25 years as a

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Dig Out Those Old T-Shirts and Support Fernhill Park Concerts

by Jennifer Warberg

Bring life to your old hoodie or the t-shirt your kid spilled ketchup on last month and show your love for Fernhill Park! At the concert on July 10th, refurbish your garments or favorite tote bag by having one of two original Fernhill Park designs (at left) screen-printed while you wait, for only \$5. For those of you who prefer to start fresh, there will be a limited number of adult and child t-shirts for sale for \$15, including screen-print of your choice. All proceeds will benefit

the Fernhill Park concert series. Be sure to keep an eye out for the printing station and possible new designs at future concerts as well!

A special thanks to Tess Darrow, Concordia resident, designer and owner of Egg Press (www.eggpress.com), for her wonderful designs, donation of supplies and use of her screen printing equipment.

Refresh an old tee with one of these great designs
by Tess Darrow.

Chair's Corner

by Anne Rothert, Chair

Summer is upon us and Oregon summers are the best. And right here in Concordia we have so many great activities going on. As you see in this issue, we have an exciting concert series lined up for July in Fernhill Park. I've been on the concert committee for the past several years. Raising funds is our biggest chore. It costs around \$9000 to put on the full series of five concerts. The funds are all raised by the committee. We solicit sponsorships from local businesses, organizations, and individuals. It came as no surprise that this year brought great challenges. Economic times are tough. Many past sponsors simply were not in a situation to be able to give. The committee was faced with the possibility of having to shorten the series. As it turns out, we've gotten to see how people really value the concerts. They bring great music to our neighborhood. More than that, they are opportunities for people to get out in the park with their friends and neighbors, sharing good times. The activities like the concerts help make our community even stronger.

People got creative to help raise funds. The owner of No Bonz About It couldn't give as she did before, so she sent an email blast promoting the concert and asking for donations. She raised \$300. Bernie's Bistro was in the same situation. The owner offered up an evening of Dining for Concerts which also brought us \$300. You'll have a chance to have a t-shirt printed on-site at the concerts as another neighbor offered to donate services to raise money (see accompanying article). We've had lots more individual donations as well. We are close to our budget needs thanks to all these generous folks. It has been so affirming to see people step up in new ways. There are lots of sponsors too. Be sure to take a moment to read the full list on the concert flyer, and then remember to patronize those businesses. These people help make Concordia such a great place to live.

As a side note, maybe all this makes you want to be more involved yourself. Consider becoming a board member. We do have one opening currently. Contact me if you would like more information on what that entails. We'll see you at the concerts, Sunday Parkways, and Neighbors' Night Out!

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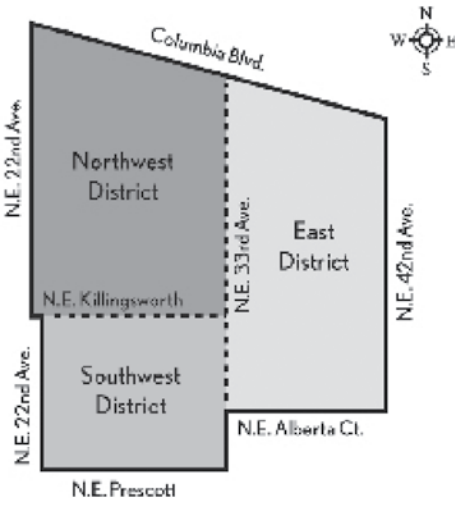
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Summer Concerts... continued from page 1



Left to right: Voodoo Bar-B-Q, Locust Street Taxi, The Valiant Arms. Photos courtesy of artists.

teamster, seven children and seven grandchildren, Norman has plenty to write and sing about. A mentor to many young musicians, Norman looks to his father, Mack Sylvester, as well as BB King, Isaac Scott, Albert Collins, Freddie King, and Albert King as his deepest musical influences. His mission is to bring the healing force of music to his fans as he experiences the healing of his own soul through performance.

Website: www.normansylvester.com

July 24: The Valiant Arms (pop-leaning rock)

Presented by: Security Traders Association of Portland

Get ready to rock with the vibrant musical energy of the Valiant Arms, a power trio with a collection of original tunes inspired by the world of Northwest rock and New Wave super hits. Guitarist Rob Jones, who has long been involved in the Northwest music scene, sings the band's stories with bassist Diane Rios, and this two-vocal front is rounded out by drummer Eric Jensen. International Radio Broadcasting calls The Valiant Arms "a refreshing delight in modern music production and originality".

Website: www.myspace.com/thevaliantarms

July 31: Voodoo Bar-B-Q (zydefunk)

Voodoo BBQ describes itself as a saucy blend of New Orleans' funk and zydeco. Known for their creative vocal harmony and swampy

zydefunkin grooves, Voodoo BBQ comes with an assortment of instruments on hand, including the banjo, washboard, and accordion. The trio is made up of Leah Hinchcliff, who is widely recognized as one of the Northwest's premier bassists, on bass and vocals. Leah's funky sound is rounded out by the rhythmic stylings of drummer Edwin Coleman III, who bangs out grooves with power and control. Voodoo BBQ's creative sound would not be complete without Mark Bosnian on keys, accordion, and vocals. Mark's impressive songwriting skills landed him in the Oregon Music Hall of Fame in 2001 and as the Winner of the Portland Music Association's Songwriters Contest. Get ready to be blown away by the undulating groove and funky beat of Voodoo BBQ, a zydefunkin good time for the whole family!

Website: www.voodooobbqband.com

Tuesday, August 4 for Neighbors Night Out: Locust Street Taxi (eclectic horn rock)

Presented by: Concordia Neighborhood Association

Locust Street Taxi formed in 2001, five college musicians who shared a love of music, a desire to play in an original band - and very little else. The band members are intriguingly different from each other as a trombone is from a guitar. The result is an infectiously rambunctious and energetic live show the likes of which no musicologist or behavioral scientist

would dare to analyze. Now with five albums to their credit and over 200 performances throughout the Pacific Northwest and West Coast, the band has proven to possess an irresistible appeal for crowds of all ages. Audiences consistently find that the group's combination of inspired musicianship, inimitable dance moves, zealous vocals, and unpretentious sense of humor deliver a refreshing kick that is pure fun for the whole family.

Website: www.locuststreettaxi.com

Schedules for the Fernhill Concert Series and the more than 50 free concerts to be held in Portland Parks this summer will be available at our sponsors' places of business as well as other prominent locations throughout Concordia. Additionally, the schedules are available online at www.PortlandParks.org. Please look for flyers about the NNO Celebration in local businesses in the upcoming month! Contact Katie Ugolini at 503.449.9690 if you are interested in helping with the NNO Park Activities and Anne Rothert at 503.493.1938 or arothert@gmail.com for NNO parade information.

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This year's Fernhill Concert Series was only made possible by the generous donations of Concordia businesses and organizations. Thanks to our generous Fernhill Concert Sponsors — we couldn't do it without them!

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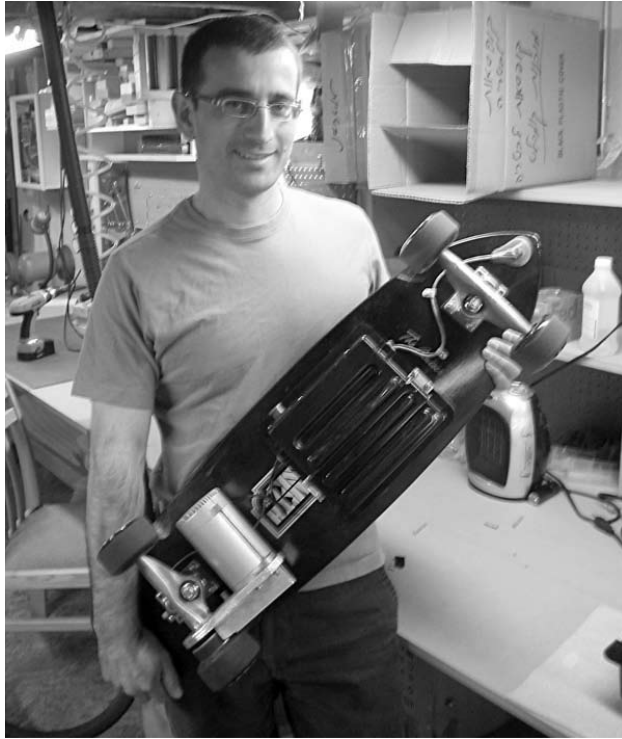
Electric Skateboards

by Terry Toledo

Ilan Sabar quit his job at Hewlett-Packard to pursue his dream: building electric skateboards. After four years of testing products in his basement, the boards are now available to the public. I recommend interviewing Ilan Sabar to any rookie journalist. From the time I took out my notepad, he passionately explained his transportation project to me. Not only did he answer all my questions (without me actually having to ask any), he was very personable and made my visit to his basement factory an easy gig.

Downstairs, I first noticed the four workstations. Ilan explained that business had been good, so he was currently looking for help. My ears perked up, I pictured my part-time job attaching “trucks” to “decks” and bragging about my carve in Alberta Park. He further explained how his ad on Craigslist generated 500 emails and daily phone inquiries about the job. I sighed.

I have to admit that when I heard about the electric skateboard, my first thoughts were images of spoiled kids doing “ollies” over segways in the suburbs. On the contrary, the electric skateboard is the new convertible, folks. People of every age group (read “bone-strength”) are hopping on these skateboards. The testimonials on www.metro-board.com reflect a market shared equally by college students and middle-aged men. They all agree — the Metro-board is the best quality board on the market.



Ilan in his basement workshop.

Ilan mentions that his clientele often surprise him. He would like to sell more boards to kids, as long as the rider is mature enough to know the board's limitations. See, the board is fast. Even the basic model can reach up to 15mph. Speeds like that require a frictionless, regenerative braking system. Two buttons located on a remote control determine the strength of the brakes. The other buttons make up the three speeds of acceleration and one button sounds a horn/bell.

Also on board are a small headlight and red tail light.

I was looking forward to the interview. I wanted to ride one of these skateboards. I imagined it might be like a magic carpet zipping me around. Of course, it rained that afternoon. Unfortunately for me, the boards are sensitive to road conditions and I was given a rain check. Mud and dirt can interfere with the engine belt. Plus, deep puddles can possibly damage the Metro-board's unique lightweight battery. With only one of the small batteries, a full charge can send you 12 miles. Ilan uses a Ni-MH rechargeable battery — it is one of the cleanest battery technologies. The skateboards are free of hazardous materials such as cadmium, lead, or mercury.

Ilan puts a great deal of research into his products. His skateboards often beat the competitors in stats. The Metro-board is by far the least expensive (\$500 compared to \$600), uses the highest quality battery and is almost half the weight of other motorized skateboards. I can only imagine how much fun these skateboards might be to ride. Alas, I will curse the Pacific Northwest rain one more time. As hard as it is to forgive Portland's rain today, I feel fortunate to live among the creative likes of Ilan Sabar. His electronic skateboard is carving an unconventional path for alternative transportation. Look out, convertible sports cars — here comes the Metro-board!

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The Little Red Schoolhouse: Our Faubion Family

by Don Gire

Summertime. What a wonderful season, especially here in the Northwestern United States. We can relax, let the thoughts and pressures of an academic year fade for a while, and maybe think back about how much fun and family came to our Little Red Schoolhouse down the block in the Concordia neighborhood during the first half of 09.

Our principal, LaShawn Lee, summed up Faubion and Family in a recent article (June 2) for PPS online (<http://www.pps.k12.or.us/news/index.htm>). A teeming BBQ and talent show entertained over 300 students and family members. Earlier, Curriculum Night brought out the crowds and involved mom and dad in just what is being taught and learned on this busy block between Rosa Parks and Dekum. 500 Faubion and Concordia neighborhood family members pressed our capacity limit when you and your neighbors celebrated MLK Day and president Obama's inauguration. Movie nights popped up several times during the year with about 200 participants per event and the SUN program and PTA whirled around dishing out pizza and popcorn. Mrs. Lee sees this family enthusiasm having a very positive effect on students. “I had a principal who always told me that we are not just visitors in a family, we are part of a family”, Lee says. “When parents send kids to school, they are not sending them to a stranger's home. They are sending them to family and so we just need to welcome everyone.”

Previews of coming events show many more school, SUN, and PTA crowded events for the 2009-10 term and we hope you will continue to be part of our Little School experience. A community clean-up of school grounds is August 29, Open House September 2, grades 1 through 8 first day of school September 8, Pre-K and K first day September 14 and Curriculum Night October 1. But, let's not rush things. Let's go back to the beginning and relax and enjoy our summer. Keep us in mind and thank you for your support!

Land Use and Livability Meeting Features Kennedy School Controversy

by George Bruender, CNA Land Use Chair

McMenamins' Kennedy School, where the Concordia Neighborhood Association has its community room, thought that they had a quick, easy answer to a relatively small, but vexing problem with their parking lot. The facility faces NE 33rd with a side entrance on Simpson Street and a combination entrance/exit on Jessup Street. The problem for a number of years has been that customers have used the Simpson Street entrance as an exit, particularly in the evening hours. Because it's above grade, exiting car lights shine into at least one home, plus the narrow (in reality, almost one way) street becomes quickly jammed with cars trying to maneuver past each other, often turning around in private driveways. McMenamins' simple solution: close the Simpson Street entrance and route all traffic to Jessup.

Whenever commercial and public facilities bump up against residential areas, there are natural problems. CNA has had to mitigate their effects on residents near Concordia U, around the New Seasons complex, around Fernhill Park, along Alberta Street, around Meek High School. And as these institutions have grown, the problems of living together in the same neighborhood often have to be revisited from time to time. Not surprisingly, many of the problems center on increased traffic and parking.

When Kennedy School closed, the Concordia neighborhood was split between those who wanted the building to be razed and affordable housing built and those who were open to letting the McMenamin brothers remodel the structure as a restaurant/brewery/hotel. The latter prevailed, not without some acrimony at the time.

Because Kennedy School is within 500 feet of major mass transportation facilities (two bus lines), they were not required to add any parking at all. But McMenamins' did put in more than 150 spaces, realizing that they couldn't sell their plans to the nearby residents otherwise. They (and "they" includes the City of Portland and the PDC who were also part of the negotiations) also realized that their facility would impact residents' access to their streets and parking, promising that decisions made would be shared equally with the two side streets. Thusly, one street would not get the majority of the burden.

McMenamins' recent decision to close the Simpson entrance meant that Jessup would get the entire burden and all of the traffic. This was done without McMenamins' notifying — or discussing with — any of the Jessup residents or the neighborhood association, of the impact of their decision. Not surprisingly a large number of residents of both streets showed up at the June Land Use and Livability meeting to discuss their plight.

The first step was to form a committee of representatives from both streets (a participant in the original negotiations), and CNA's Board ViceChair, Belinda Clark, to start discussions with McMenamins for a possible solution. McMenamins stated that they were definitely open to an equitable solution. Neighbors generally felt that Kennedy School was an asset to their community and welcome such discussion.

Last Thursday

The other item for the evening's discussion was Alberta Street's Last Thursday. There were two major concerns regarding an event that has great impact on residents' lives and which often feels

like it's on the verge of being out of control.

The original focus of Last Thursday was not on the drinking and street partying that seems to have become the current focus, but on the arts, and secondarily the restaurants. Noting that there is a definite lower key and more "laid back" difference at major street events like Art Hop, many felt that the Art on Alberta committee needs to take more leadership of Last Thursday.

General dissatisfaction was expressed about the current leadership of the Last Thursday committee. It was noted that there has been a leadership vacuum until recently and that those who have stepped forward to fill it may not be expressing the general will of the residents and businesses of Alberta. People did acknowledge that the street closures, addition of port-a-johns, the presence of noise control officials and the volunteers who do policing, were positive steps forward. But they wanted to see more art show in a designated Arts District and less partying for the sake of partying that could be held anywhere.

The consensus was that if folks wanted a change in direction or focus that they would have to take it upon themselves to organize and advocate for it. Folks interested in this issue can contact John Rink at drink@PCC.edu.

We hope to see you at our July meeting, Thursday, the 2nd, at 7 P.M. in the Community Room. And don't forget there are meetings of the Green Team (Katie Steinhauer at concordiaagreenteam@yahoo.com), the Tree Committee (Rebecca Wetherby at Rebecca@happypredicament.com), and the Fernhill Park Group

(Robin Johnson at rbettyj@aol.com).

An Evening of Great Food, Music, and Fun for a Worthy Cause

by Jennifer Coughlin

The Firehouse Restaurant, located at 711 NE Dekum Street, will be celebrating their first year in business with an open house benefiting Woodlawn Elementary School's Sports 4 Kids program. This open house will take place on Sunday, June 28, 2009 from 4 P.M. to 8 P.M. Open to the public, the event will feature complimentary food prepared by co-owner and chef Matthew Busetto and crew, a no-host bar with proceeds going to Sports 4 Kids, and a raffle with prizes from local businesses and restaurants.

"As members of this community, we try to do our part," says Busetto. "When we learned that this great program was in need of funding, we thought what better way to help than to use our one year anniversary party as a way to raise money for them."

Sports 4 Kids is a nonprofit organization bringing safe, healthy and meaningful play back to the schoolyard. With an emphasis on games that teach conflict resolution, body-awareness, and self confidence, Sports 4 Kids is dedicated to ensuring that all children, regardless of socio-

economic background, will enjoy the emotional, social and physical health benefits of play and exercise. For more on the group, visit their website: www.sports4kids.org

Firehouse Restaurant is the brainchild of restaurateur Eric Rose and chef/restaurateur Matthew Busetto. The team came together with a vision of serving honest and good food, made from locally and sustainably farmed ingredients, at a fair price. Located in the historic Dekum Firehouse, they have created a restaurant that celebrates the bounty that Oregon offers, and has caught the attention of the Portland food community and beyond. Matthew and his wife Elizabeth, a naturopathic doctor, reside in the Concordia neighborhood. They welcome all to the Firehouse and hope the community will attend and enjoy the Open House event on the last Sunday in June.

Firehouse Restaurant
Anniversary Open House and Fundraiser
Sunday, June 28, 2009
4 P.M. to 8 P.M.

Wading Pool at Fernhill Park

by Robin Rolfe

Close your eyes and imagine 85 degrees. Picture loading the kids into your car or getting onto your bikes, packing some snacks, and heading to the wading pool at Fernhill Park. Ah...summer!

Come enjoy the wading pool, or volunteer to supervise for two hours. What better way to spend time on a Tuesday or Thursday afternoon. You can meet neighbors, enjoy the sun, and help out the community.

New this year: the pool will be open later. Wading pool hours will be from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, taking advantage of the warm afternoons.

Our goal is to keep the pool open every Tuesday and Thursday in July and August, and we need 12-14 volunteers to do this. Volunteer for a two-hour time spot, from 2 to 4 P.M. or from 4 to 6 P.M. by contacting Robin Rolfe at 503.281.9499 or emailing rrrolfe5@yahoo.com.

See you at the pool!

Free Electronics Recycling

by George Bruender

One certainty about the electronic age is that things that are new and innovative one day become obsolete, incompatible, or just unfixable the next. And the question becomes: *How do I get rid of all of this junk that no one wants anymore except perhaps to stack it against the wall in my garage?* If you have old computers, monitors or TVs, there is a quick, easy, and free solution.

In January, Oregon opened several hundred sites throughout the state to take all of these items for free. "Free" is the key word as all TVs and computers now have a small fee added to their selling price that will pay for eventual disposal. Items that you already own have been grandfathered in, so they can be turned in at no cost to you.

The closest recycling sites to Concordia are:

Total Reclaim, 5805 NE Columbia Blvd,
Monday through Friday, 8 A.M to 4:30 P.M.

Goodwill, 5625 NE Fremont, all days, 9 A.M.
to 8 P.M.

Goodwill, 1251 NE Broadway, all days, 8 A.M.
to 9 P.M.

Other electronic devices like keyboards, electric typewriters, microwave ovens, and other items may be accepted also at these sites for a fee — either a flat rate or a price per pound. Call them before going. Details are at: www.deq.state.or.us and go to their "recycling" page for full information.



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A Letter from New Seasons' Green Team

by DeeAnna Wales-VanReken

Hello Neighbors!

As the Chair of the Concordia New Seasons Market Sustainability Team, I'd like to share with you our efforts to keep our neighborhood and planet looking beautiful. With the help of the Concordia Neighborhood Association Green Team chair, Katie Steinhauer, we are contributing a few articles to educate our friends and neighbors about how to best use the recycling programs at New Seasons Market.

First of all, we'd like to thank you all for your dedication to keeping our neighborhood and community clean and green. Our Earth Day celebration in front of the 33rd and Emerson New Seasons store was more successful than ever this year! The day began with a neighborhood cleanup which extended over to Fernhill Park. Festivities continued into the afternoon with an information table; a 'bring your own bag' pledge from the City of Portland; sustainable product samples; and participation from the Concordia Neighborhood Green Team. To finish the day, we had a raffle with some lovely eco-friendly prizes to give away to a few lucky folks who used their own bags and signed up at our table. It was a blast, and overall, we have begun to see more and more interest and participation in all of our environmental efforts here over time.

Two years ago, we started Green Teams company-wide and have greatly reduced our carbon footprint since doing so. Here are a few of our proudest accomplishments:

- 2008 SOLV Citizenship Award, 2008 Best Awards (for Sustainability), 2008 Governor's Sustainability Award -- all for being stewards of the land in our community!
- Our "Cans for Kids" bins are a place to drop off your aluminum cans, plastic bottles, and glass bottles, and we will send 100% of your deposits to the Local Schools Foundation. Since the start of this program in 2002, we've collected \$142,465.80 for local schools!


• We also have made some pretty impressive changes in regard to Energy Conservation, Storm-water Management, Transportation, and Waste Reduction. Check it all out at www.newseasonsmarket.com for more specific details.

So many of the improvements and accomplishments we've been able to achieve have been due to a thriving community of like-minded individuals. So again, thanks for your support!

New Seasons offers community recycling in front of our store for plastic clamshells, plastic tub lids, plastic bags, and paper bags. These spots are intended for some of the packaging which we distribute out of our store. We would like to encourage our community members to recycle their paper, plastic tubs and bottles, and aluminum cans, and glass at the curb side. Sometimes customers bring recycling that has not been cleaned out properly or they bring items we don't recycle. Unfortunately, those items will go to the landfill. We also have a bag for garbage that is not recyclable. This would include the crinkly plastic that our flowers are sometimes wrapped in, coffee bags that are plastic lined, our plastic lined brown deli to-go boxes, and deli soup containers.

In our next article, I will include a few photos of the recycling area, as well as a few photos and descriptions of the items we can recycle (i.e., plastic clamshells). If there are any questions or ideas that you would like to share, please feel free to look for me at the Solutions counter and enjoy a free sample while you're there. I hope this series of articles will help to clear up some of the common confusions and misconceptions about our recycling program at New Seasons Concordia. Thanks again for helping us to decrease our carbon footprint and for making our neighborhood a great place to be!

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Concordia University is putting the finishing touches on the George R. White Library & Learning Center and can't wait for you to see the final results. With that in mind, we're having an Open House on Saturday, August 29th from 10:00am - 4:00pm and we're rolling out the red carpet for the whole family. Here are a few highlights:



- » STORY TIMES for children in the Jody Thurston Northwest Center for Children's Literature
- » Tours of the library and an opportunity to GET YOUR OWN LIBRARY CARD
- » "SHAKESPEARE-IN-THE-PARK" in the new amphitheater at 3:00pm, featuring the Portland Actors Ensemble
- » FREE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS in our Nursing Center
- » Information about the COMMUNITY ROOM and how you can use it

Check our website periodically for further details as the date nears: www.cu-portland.edu/celebration.

In addition, we have an exciting opportunity to share with you — now you can make a permanent mark on the neighborhood with your own personalized brick on the Concordia Legacy Pathway in front of the new library, which will welcome future generations of students, neighbors, and visitors to the heart of campus. Celebrate this community and what it means for you to live and thrive here with a brick that shares your, or a loved ones, connection to the Concordia neighborhood forevermore. For more information or to order your brick, visit www.cu-portland.edu/bricks.



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June 26th, 27th & 28th

Yard Sale

WHAT: Concordia's 11th annual sale. Score cool stuff and meet your neighbors at the same time.

WHEN: Starts on the last Friday of the month and goes all weekend

WHERE: Balloons and signs will indicate sales' locations

June 29th

Public Forum for Liquor Licensing

WHAT: A public forum to answer your questions in the first of a series of outreach meetings co-partnered by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and the City of Portland. Your voice will help state and city officials understand what is most important to the community.

Let's urge a move toward solutions.

WHEN: 5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

WHERE: Portland Building Auditorium

July 16th

Bicycle Helmet Sale

WHAT: Five dollar helmets provided by grants from Legacy Foundation. Helmet fitting and adjustments available. Sizes Toddlers – Adults

WHEN: 3 – 5 P.M.

WHERE: Legacy Emanuel Hospital, 2801 N Gantenbein Ave.

July 19th

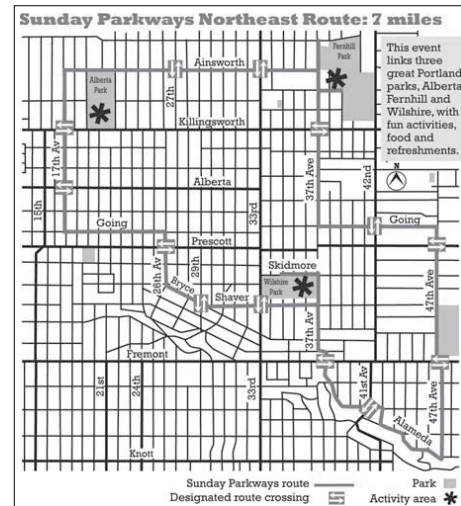
Sunday Parkways

WHAT: The 6.6-mile Northeast Sunday Parkways two-way route will be coming through our neighborhood. You can find a map

of what promises to be a fun event on portlandonline.com, search "Sunday Parkways"

WHEN: 9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

WHERE: Vernon, Concordia, Cully, Alameda, Sabin, and Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhoods. The route will also feature the Ainsworth parkway, Alameda bluff and will



cross the Alberta, Beaumont and 42 Avenue business districts.

July 26th

Regatta

WHAT: The Columbia Slough Small Craft Regatta, the largest one-day paddle in Oregon, returns. This annual celebration of the Columbia Slough highlights recreation opportunities on this "hidden gem" of local waterways, and draws more than 500 participants for a morning of free paddling and fun

Find out more at columbiaslough.org or call 503-956-8558

WHEN: 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

WHERE: Launches from the St Johns Launch Site at 9363 N Columbia Blvd

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