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at McMenamins
Kennedy School

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No Meeting in September

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Land Use & Livability Meeting

September 3

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National Night Out Celebration

The annual National Night Out event on August 4th was a great evening full of community spirit, great food, lots of free educational and fun activities and excellent music by the Locust Street Taxi.

Bob Pallesen captured some memories below.



Ziza Pacat (l) and her Dad Melchor (r) work on the bean bag toss.



Portland Police Cadets, (l-r) Tyler Luba, Adam Kelley, Tyler Van Wormer, Haven Meyer, and Nathan Hepp, were on hand to answer questions and help build community. Cadets are pictured with Haven Meyer of Concordia.



Locust Street Taxi energized the crowd and got people dancing.

Land Use: Questions and Answers

By George Bruender

The monthly meeting of the combined Land Use/Livability/Transportation committees was on August 6th with our usual full agenda of issues important to Concordia residents. The following are questions and, hopefully, some answers to these issues.

Q: What can be done about all the low-flying planes? What is CNA doing about it?

A: We have covered this issue in quite a bit of detail over the past few years in the CNews and in our recent monthly General Meeting. The Association also has three of its members on major citywide PDX noise and airport futures committees. For the past five years we have met many times with PDX and the Port of Portland.

Things have improved noise-wise, but it's a complex issue - and PDX is committed to staying right where it is. Just when we got the approach routes spread out over a variety of neighborhoods instead of just Concordia, one of the two major runways closes down (for the next three summers) to be rebuilt to take the larger passenger and cargo planes. That increases air traffic over all the neighborhoods near the airport.

There are two things you can do. PDX often has open meetings on a range of issues that affect us, well publicized sessions that we encourage you to attend. Also, if a plane is exceptionally loud, or seems too close overhead, contact the PDX noise office at 460.4100 with the time of the flight and your address. They'll get back to you with an explanation and you can discuss the issues with them.

Chair's Corner

By Anne Rothert

I was lucky enough to spend a week in beautiful Central Oregon. Part of the time was for work, but most was time to enjoy the incredible landscape. I hiked five of the seven days I was there. It was during the meteor showers so I was doubly lucky to get to watch nature put on a show. The hike to Green Lakes area in particular was spectacular - forest, lava formations, meadows, rivers and, of course, the lake. What a wonderful way to treat my senses.

On the way back to the campground at Little Lava Lake after a late afternoon trek to Lucky Lake, we crossed paths with a couple just starting out. One of the pair was a bit ahead, while the other stayed back to take a call on the cell phone. Making dinner plans. Yikes. Cell phones are a great tool. It took me a long time to get one, but breaking down alone on I-5 in the Terwilliger curves during the lunch hour left me feeling too vulnerable and I got one that week.

My nieces and nephews are in quick emergency contact with their parents. My friends stay in closer touch with their grown children as texting is the most common communication method. I've called from a garage sale when I found the perfect needed item for a friend. But there is a time to turn cell phones off - if not just leave them home.

While I was hiking with friends, there was time when we walked in silence. We need that. We have created a world for ourselves where we are in constant contact, always accessible. We eliminate the time to rejuvenate our minds, give ourselves the quiet to just let our minds be. Cell phones are part of daily life. I'm not arguing against them. As this edition hits your mailbox, we will be heading into fall. The colors will start to change. Give yourself a break - leave the phone on the counter and go for a walk.



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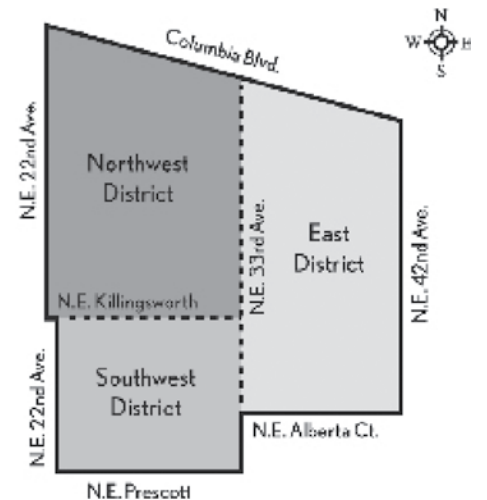
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Letter to the Editor

My response to Belinda Clark's "Chair's Corner" article in the August edition of the Concordia newspaper is strong enough that I feel the need to write.

Clark's statement: "It's hard to blame Last Thursday for the incident" of drunken violence in someone's backyard was cavalier and inconsiderate.

While strictly speaking, perhaps one can't blame Last Thursday for such an occurrence, however the odds go way up since it was on Last Thursday. I've lived a block south of Alberta St. for 32 years and the positive improvements over the past 10 years are remarkable. However, it is not 'all good' and some consideration for the people on whose property an act of aggression took place is not what "makes it interesting" to live here (a phrase used in the column). Violence is not the "balancing" side to the good that has been brought about in the area. Certainly contacting the organizers is needed, but the expression of dismay over the brutality on a person's property — their personal space — would have been better than distancing the two events: fighting and Last Thursday.

Diane Swenson, Concordia resident

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Q: Last Thursday on Alberta Street now has an active committee helping the City run elements of the event – how successful were they in July on getting a handle on the free-for-all of past months and years?

A: Reports to the Land Use Committee were generally positive. Improvements were seen: more portajohns, more security and police, less crowding on sidewalks, less amplified music, enforced 10:30 P.M. curfew. Volunteers are creating “Please respect our neighborhood” signs to set out on residents’ front yards. But, of course, there are exceptions as noted in this following email to the committee from a resident:

“I wouldn’t say that I saw much improvement. Here’s a picture of an RV parked and idling (loudly) for four hours on Last Thursday. The guys on top had open containers for the duration of the evening – beer and booze - which they served from their RV. The drummer was drumming along to a karaoke machine – it was about as bad as it gets, like the stereo wars of college dorm days.”

Q: McMenamins Kennedy School has all of its parking lot traffic now directed to Jessup Street. There seems to be a lot of traffic for a narrow little street, right?

A: Correct. Jessup is 28 feet wide while most streets are 36 feet wide. The solution, worked on by McMenamins, a subcommittee of Land Use made up of neighbors, and the Portland Department of Transportation’s (PDOT) Matthew Machado, have agreed to remove

the nine parking spaces on the north side of the street which should help ease the congestion.

Q: Can’t McMenamins improve the parking lot situation for all by utilizing the almost always empty “hotel guests only” section at the back for general parking? And couldn’t they ease traffic and parking in the lot by making it a one way loop?

A: Excellent suggestions. Tell McMenamins.

Q: What about paving the potholed, graveled, unimproved part of Jessup between NE 35th Avenue and NE 35th Place? It also would help traffic flow.

A: PDOT naturally doesn’t have money to improve and maintain the street; it’s too far down on its list of priorities. So it’s up to the adjoining neighbors to do something. According to Machado, those neighbors would need to create a Local Improvement District (LID) which allows the cost of the upgrading to be added to those folks’ property taxes (spread out over time). This project looks easier to do than many since it may only need to be graded and paved and because the water and sewer lines should not be affected.

Q: Is McMenamins going to build their 22 hotel room addition on the site of the temporary classroom structure just outside the door of our community meeting room?

A: Apparently that’s on hold. Their permit has been extended through February. Blame the economy.

Q: How did the neighbors and businesses react to the initial proposal of- a nine townhouse subdivision to go into the empty lots at the corner of NE 26th and Alberta?

A: There were no objections to the quality of the work that developer Guy Bryant does. From looking at his other projects, they do seem to be well done and attractive for row houses. We will see pictures of his proposed buildings and meet with Bryant at our next meeting on Thursday, September 3rd at 7 P.M. (everyone’s welcome). He does meet City requirements like height of the building and parking off the alley.

The properties are zoned as residential/commercial which means that they can be used for either purpose or mixed. Almost all residents who spoke up said that part of Alberta Street was a business corridor and that residences facing the street would break up that pattern, especially for pedestrian use. They also commented that residences facing a primarily commercial street would be a hard sell. They felt that the units facing Alberta should have business space on the first floor, even if that meant the building would have to be a story higher.

Come to our Thursday, September 3rd meeting at 7 P.M. for Part Two of this story.

Note:

K4 Court, a four-unit courtyard style development at NE 31st and Killingsworth, built by Concordia resident Marlon Basel, will be one of the 20 open houses featured at this year’s Build It Green Home Tour. This is the 8th annual tour under the auspices of Portland’s Bureau of Planning and Sustainability.

Basel’s unique non-bungalow style units (2 bedrooms, 2 ½ baths), all facing a central courtyard, are LEED Gold certified and contain such amenities as high-efficiency heating and cooling, 1000 square feet of rooftop vegetation, roof decks, and the latest in storm water management.

The Open House will be from 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. on September 19th, a Saturday with owners and contractors on site. An Info Fair with demonstrations and vendors will take place the same day, between 3 and 7 P.M. at ecohaus (819 SE Taylor). Tickets are normally \$15, but residents of the Concordia neighborhood may get free tickets and agendas by contacting Basel at marlonbasel@gmail.com. Contact him before they are all gone.



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The Little Red School House: Shake, Rattle, and Roll

By Don Gire

Did you hear that? Couldn't be the construction from the Concordia University library site - that's complete and ready for action! The SUN Program has finished for the season, so it isn't those kids. Kind of a vibration, too, huh? Well, I'll be darned. It's coming from the little red and white brick schoolhouse down the block. Summer is nearly over and we are all preparing for school to be back in session.

Shake: Probably the 60 or so Concordia freshmen sprucing up Faubion pre K-8th grade school as their first round of community service. (Thank you!) Or, maybe

the custodial staff stripping all the floors and re-waxing, getting things ready again for the 400+ elementary, middle, and pre-school children to hit the books. Possibly it is the rumble of the PTA moving its supply closet from the stage area to their new basement digs (and yes, the kids really do think there once was a swimming pool down those locked stairs) or the moving in to those stage rooms for new music and arts classes, or the relocation of the SUN Program office.

Rattle: Maybe it's the shifting of the teaching staff to best make use of their amazing diversity and

talent. New programs for the arts, a new teacher for the middle school, and more.

Roll: The movement of our events during 2009/2010. Pizzicato, paper gift, cookie dough, Macy's parade, book fair, and BBQ fundraisers. First day of school events, curriculum night, special friends and Dr. Seuss Day, the St John's Cinema Program, movie and pizza Nights, Kaffee Klatch and PTA meetings.

Let the fun and learning begin! Thank you for your interest and support of Faubion School and Faubion PTA - we look forward to a fantastic school year.

Airport Traffic & Noise Addressed at CNA October Meeting

By Bob Pallesen

Representatives of the Port of Portland will be on hand at the CNA General Meeting Tuesday, October 6th at 7:00 P.M. A report will be given detailing the progress of the North Runway Extension Project and to address neighborhood concerns about air traffic and noise. Neighbors are encouraged to attend and ask questions at this important presentation.

For more information about the project go to the Port of Portland website: http://www.portofportland.com/Prj_PDX_NREX_Home.aspx

To report noise or low flying planes: http://www.portofportland.com/Noise_Mgmt_Home.aspx or call 503.460.4100 between 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M



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There is still time to get a coveted Fernhill Park T-Shirt

By Jennifer Warberg

If you missed your chance to have a Fernhill Park t-shirt printed while enjoying this year's first concert, don't fret. Bring your t-shirt, tank, canvas sack or sweatshirt and \$5 cash to any of the following upcoming meetings held at the Community Room in McMenamins Kennedy School and Egg Press will print the design of your choice (see included designs) by October 30th. Jennifer Warberg will be taking your T-shirt orders at the meetings.

Land Use - September 3
(Note: No General Meeting in September)

Board Meeting - September 8

Land Use - October 1

General Meeting - October 6

Board Meeting - October 13

Meetings start at 7:00 P.M. All proceeds will benefit the Fernhill Park concert series. Also, a limited number of pre-printed tees will be available for purchase for only \$15 at the October 6th General Meeting.

Continued 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.

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Refrigerator Revelations

By Rebecca Wetherby

Ampersand Vintage will host Mark Menjivar's photography exhibit entitled "You Are What You Eat" from September 23rd to October 25th. Menjivar's subject is the insides of a wide range of people's refrigerators. The results are diverse portraits of contemporary life from around the country.

Menjivar writes on his portfolio site, markmenjivar.com, that, "For three years I traveled around the country exploring the issue of hunger. The more time I spent speaking and listening to individual stories, the more I began to think about the foods we consume and the effects they have on us as individuals and communities. An intense curiosity and questions about stewardship led me to begin to make these unconventional portraits."

A refrigerator is both a private and a shared space. One person likened the question, "May I photograph the interior of your fridge?" to asking someone to pose nude for the camera. Each fridge is photographed 'as is.' Nothing added, nothing taken away."

The project is ongoing and Menjivar intends to add some portraits while he is in our region. He isn't interested in celebrity fridges necessarily, but he would like to shoot an NBA all-star this fall. Brandon Roy, are you reading this?

"You Are What You Eat" won Director's Choice at the 2009 Center Project Competition, a prestigious national event that takes place in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Fifteen portraits shot on film and printed as 24 x 30" digital archival prints will be on display and for sale. A percentage of the proceeds will go to support local urban agriculture programs.

Slow Food Portland will also participate in the opening by providing materials and leading a talk and conversation. There will be a potluck from 6 to 10 P.M. on Ampersand's capacious back patio. In the spirit of Menjivar's inspiration, Guests are encouraged to bring healthy local food and especially dishes using home grown produce. All are welcome whether they can bring food or not.



Botanist | Ft. Wayne, IN | 1-Person Household
| Feels more comfortable among flora and fauna of his era than people. | 2008



Bar Tender | San Antonio, TX | 1-Person Household
| Goes to sleep at 8AM and wakes up at 4PM daily. | 2008



Midwife/Middle School Science Teacher | San Antonio, TX | 3-Person Household (including dog)
| First week after deciding to eat all local produce. | 2008



Retired Train Conductor | Jackson, MS | 1-Person Household
| Started Meals on Wheels in his community. | 2008

Q & A with Myles Haselhorst

Interviewed by Rebecca Wetherby

Myles Haselhorst opened Ampersand Vintage in November 2008. Located between 29th and 30th on NE Alberta Street, Ampersand is a unique concept of a gallery, bookstore, and ephemera shop all in one. When entering the store, Myles' vision is immediately apparent and it is an impressively keen one.

RW: How did you end up choosing this location and what has the experience been like?

Myles: My business is a bit of an experiment. When I opened in November, I had a general idea of what it would contain, but I was never certain how it would grow and expand. As a community and business street, Alberta seemed an ideal place to run such an experiment. The street is still in the process of defining itself and in general I think people expect to find something new, unusual, creative or different when they visit Alberta. Plus, it has a reputation as an arts district, but with an open-ended, undefined take on what art and art galleries should be.

RW: Do you live nearby?

Myles: I live in North Portland. This also played a role in choosing Alberta. I love North and

Northeast Portland and wanted to work in the community where I live. It's inspiring to think that I can play a small role shaping the character of a community. It would be hard to do that if I lived in a different quadrant.

RW: Have you always been a collector?

Myles: I guess I've always collected odds and ends. It started with books, but moved quickly into a kind of cultural preservation. The focus has always been the lesser printed and photographic material of culture that gets overlooked. The visual and printed content of such material offers a glimpse at the everyday details of the past that often get ignored in history books or broader studies of history. Along these lines, I'd like to emphasize that I am always buying old photos, paper documents and books. I encourage people to never throw anything away before I have had a chance to look at it.

RW: You have a lot of photography materials, are you also a photographer?

Myles: I came to photography first as a collector of photo books and vintage prints. It never occurred to me to take photos myself until I

started selling snapshot cameras in the store — Holgas, Dianas and such. Now, I try to shoot a roll a week. But I would never call myself a photographer in the way that Mark Menjivar, for example, is. Instead, it's more of a different way to encounter and engage the world. You tend to look more closely when you are walking around with a camera.

Ampersand Vintage is open Tuesday through Sunday and by appointment. Phone: 503.805.5458; email: ampersandvintage@mac.com



Get well soon, Joyce!

Former at-large board member Joyce Zerwekh recently had back surgery. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Concordia University to open the new George R. White Library & Learning Center

After more than a year of construction, the new 74,000 square foot George R. White Library & Learning Center will officially open its doors on August 21. Destined to become a hub for both the campus and the community, the facility is expected to achieve Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certification and increases learning space by 75 percent, doubles computer and book capacity, provides state-of-the-art classrooms, and is the new home to six academic centers. With no public library in the neighborhood surrounding Concordia, neighbors are eligible for free library cards and access to computers. The Library & Learning Center also features a room specifically for community use.

"The George R. White Library & Learning Center was designed in partnership with the community," said Concordia President Chuck Schlimpert. "It not only provides a university caliber library for our campus, but it is a significant community resource for our neighbors."

The university also added a new 1.5 acre Campus Green, complete with an amphitheater and campanile, adjacent to the Library & Learning Center.

Concordia's expansion is a result of tremendous growth – the university nearly doubled its enrollment over the past decade, and plans to double it again in the next five to 10 years. In addition to the Library & Learning Center, the university is also putting the finishing touches on a new

residence hall, which will open to students this month. In 2010, Concordia will begin construction of a new athletic complex for baseball and soccer, and will turn the old library space into a student center.

The Library & Learning Center was named for George R. White, a longtime supporter of Concordia University who was instrumental in making the Library & Learning Center a reality. The new bell tower was named the L. Geraldine White Campanile in honor of White's wife Geri.

To celebrate the opening of the George R. White Library & Learning Center, Concordia is hosting several events. A free, family-friendly Community Open House is set for Saturday, August 29, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., and will feature tours of the Library & Learning Center, free smoothie samples in the new Cafe 1905, a story time in the Jody Thurston Northwest Center for Children's Literature, free blood pressure checks in the Robert & Virginia Hilken Family Nursing Center, puppet shows, face painting, crafts and a performance of Shakespeare's "Henry IV: Part One" by the Portland Actors Ensemble at 3 P.M.

Concordia will also hold a Dedication Service on Wednesday, August 26, at 10:30 A.M. where students will deliver the final 104 books to commemorate Concordia's 104-year history.

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Ode to Summer

By Kunal Mehra

Summer is a beautiful (and often brief, especially for us Pacific Northwest residents) season. It can be a fleeting memory - a precious reminder that all things in life are transitory and that really nothing can be taken for granted.

Take this summer for instance. We started off with some 85 degree weather in mid-April, a sign, perhaps, that predictable weather patterns are a thing of the past. June was a typically lovely mishmash of late spring rain and early summer warmth. Late July caught us in the midst of a record-setting heat wave, with unrelenting 90+ degree days that sent us reeling for the air conditioner switches (or, perhaps, for those of us like me who don't have air conditioning, running into the basement).

As I look forward to autumn (one of my favorite seasons here in Portland), I have several fond remembrances of the summer that is gradually fading away: kayaking in the calm and restful waters of the Scappoose Bay; enjoying free concerts at the Washington Park Summer Festival; climbing Mt. Defiance and being awestruck at the panoramic view of the Cascade range; smiling at mid-August rain and the gray clouds and wondering where summer went.

How was your summer? What were your favorite memories? Write us at: concordianews@yahoo.com.

Elks' Scholarships Available

The Portland Elks Lodge has scholarship money available for high school seniors going on to a college program. The Most Valuable Student Contest is open to any senior high school student who is a US citizen. Applicants are judged on scholarship, leadership, and financial need. The application can be downloaded from the Elks website www.elks.org/enf/scholars/ourscholarships.cfm beginning September 1. The due date for this year's application is Monday, November 2, 2009. Applications must be turned in to the Lodge office at 3717 NE Columbia Blvd. by 5 P.M. on that date. It is important that applicants take their SAT/ACT tests before October 10 in order for counselors to have their test scores. First place winners from our lodge go on to compete at the district level where an additional \$8,400 in scholarships will be awarded. First place winners at the district level then go on to compete for scholarships totaling \$19,400.00 at the state level. The applications from these winning students are then sent to compete for scholarships at the Grand Lodge level, which could equal their full four-year college tuition, paid in full. Students need not

be affiliated with the Elks in order to apply. For more information go to: <http://elks.org/enf/scholars/2010ScholarshipUpdates.cfm#FAQ>.

The Legacy Scholarship is a four-year, \$4,000 scholarship for children and grandchildren of Elk members who are high school seniors going on to college. Up to 250 Legacy Awards will be awarded nationwide. The scholarship is open to any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of an active Elk who has been a member in good standing since at least April 1, 2007. The Elk must also be a paid up member through March 31, 2010. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. Applications are only available online from the ENF website <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm> and must be submitted online by January 8, 2010. Students must take their SAT/ACT by December 31, 2009. Please do not turn in applications at the Lodge.

For more information about these scholarship opportunities, please call the Lodge office at 503.282.8707 and your question will be forwarded on to the Scholarship Chairman.



Become a Steward of Trees

Portland Parks and Recreation, and Urban Forestry, are offering a five-class course on tree stewardship. The hands-on classes with leading professionals teach participants about general and advanced arbor care and issues. Build on your new knowledge and commit to volunteering with Portland Parks on stewardship projects. Learn about unique ornamentals, natives, and fascinating trees in our neighborhoods and parks. After you complete the training, you will be equipped to help out with community tree projects. There is a \$25 fee which includes an instruction manual and T-shirt.

The classes run from September 29th to October 17th on Tuesdays and Saturdays. To sign up, see: portlandonline.com/parks/nts or call Autumn Montagna at 503.701.7622.



Congratulations to Board Member and Treasurer Matt Steadman!

Matt, who has been a Concordia Neighborhood Board Member for the past five years, and his wife Nina recently welcomed their first child, Ella June Steadman, on July 5th, 2009. Ella weighed 8lbs 15oz and was 21 inches long.

Matt says that it has been an exciting learning experience; Ella has already been able to enjoy two Concordia Neighborhood concerts and riding in the stroller down Alberta Street. As she gets older, they look forward to frequenting the neighborhood parks.

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August 29th

Ice Cream Social

WHAT: belly restaurant has graciously invited neighbors to a free ice cream social during Saturdays in August. This is your last chance for the social, but you can always go to belly for dinner and brunch to show your appreciation for their recession-friendly offer. Voted Willamette Week's Top 100! Concordia residents, they love kids, vegans, vegetarians, herbivores and neighbors. www.bellyrestaurant.com

WHEN: 2 – 4 P.M.

WHERE: 3500 NE MLK Ave.

August 30th

Hip-Hop in the Park

WHAT: Positive and clean hip-hop presented by Emmaus Church. Featuring national recording artists: Theory Hazit, Propaganda, Odd Thomas, Ragen Fykes, Da'rel Jr

WHEN: 5 – 7 P.M.

WHERE: Fernhill Park

September 9–10th

2009 Summer Peace Institute

WHAT: International and local experts discuss both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and work to find common ground at the 2009 Summer Peace Institute, organized by the Nobel Peace Laureate Center (formerly the Wholistic Peace Institute) and hosted by Concordia University.

The event begins with a dinner and presentation of the first Harold Schnitzer "Spirit of Unity" prize for outstanding efforts toward the expansion of dialog and increased understanding among the Jewish, Christian and Muslim faiths, on Wednesday, September 9 at 6 P.M.

A full day of speakers and discussion is set for Thursday, September 10th from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. The dinner is \$100 per person, and the conference is \$75 for the general public and free for students and members of the Nobel Peace Laureate Center.

September 12th

Aquifer Adventure

WHAT: Big and little pirates alike are welcome to a family festival all about groundwater. Play fun games and go on a canoe ride in search of hidden treasure - not gold, but groundwater, a precious natural resource. Sponsored by the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and the Portland Water Bureau. Pirate costumes are highly encouraged! Appropriate for children aged 4 to 12. Free.

WHEN: 12 – 4 P.M.

WHERE: NE 166th Ave & Airport Way

September 16th

Kitchen Design & Remodeling

WHAT: Part of a free series presented by Neil Kelly. Designer Therese DuBravac will present a one-hour seminar on "Kitchen Design & Remodeling," sharing the latest in design, materials and efficiency. DuBravac has designed many award-winning projects, including interiors for Oregon's first LEED certified home.

The 2009 seminar series continues October 10 and 14, then November 14 and 18. Full information on the seminar schedule and content is available on the web at www.neilkelly.com or by calling 503.335.9204.

WHEN: 12:30 P.M.

WHERE: 804 N. Alberta St.

September 19th

Alberta Street Fair

WHAT: NE Alberta Street will be closed from NE 14th to 30th for safety reasons. The fair goes from 8 A.M. – 8 P.M. www.albertastreetfair.com

September 22nd

Noche de los Poetas

WHAT: A bilingual poets open mic. Part of a two week Latino heritage festival presented by Milagros Theatre and Cuentos and Teatro Camp. The series runs from September 12th to 25th. There are many more plays and events listed @ milagro.org, many are free.

Enjoy readings of poetry by Latino poets — both the canons of literary giants such as Pablo Neruda and Federico García Lorca as well as original work by local Hispanic artists. Audiences are invited to also bring their own Latino poetry to share in English or Spanish.

WHEN: 7 P.M.

WHERE: Milagro Theatre, 525 SE Stark Street

Weatherization

WHAT: Free workshop teaches participants how to do small-scale do-it-yourself draft stopping in your home. Great for renters as well as homeowners. Qualified participants receive free weatherization materials. Family friendly. Please call 503.284.6827 x108 or email energy@communityenergyproject.org to register.

WHEN: 6 – 8 P.M.

WHERE: Community Energy Project, 422 NE Alberta Street

September 23rd

You Are What You Eat

WHAT: Mark Menjivar's photography exhibition reception at Ampersand Vintage. Slow Food Portland will be partnering for a talk and conversation. See article in this issue.

WHEN: 6 – 10 P.M.

WHERE: 2916 NE Alberta St.

September 26th

Welcome the Rain!

WHAT: East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District presents this community event and "solutions fair" which celebrates the rainy season and addresses the public's growing desire for more information on the topics of downspout disconnection, green streets, and urban storm water issues.

Discover creative solutions to common storm water challenges and explore ways to help improve water quality for people, fish and wildlife. Free workshops, local businesses and community groups will be on hand to offer materials, resources and tips. Indoor and outdoor activities include: storm water art displays, Sellwood Middle School Marimba Band, educational

storytelling by Will Hornyak, City Repair T-Horse, plus free professional daycare provided by Creative Childcare Solutions, Inc.

WHEN: 10 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

WHERE: Rigler Elementary School, 5401 NE Prescott Street

Oct. 1st

Sharing Ideas

WHAT: Community Outreach of Our United Villages is hosting a panel presentation & discussion called "Sharing Ideas: Grassroots Projects Started by Neighbors": Learn about inspiring grass-roots community building projects from a panel of local organizers. Ask questions and learn from their experiences. See possibilities for replicating similar projects in your own neighborhood.

Free and open to all. Light meal provided. RSVP by Monday, September 21st 503.546.7499 or info@ourunitedvillages.org Child care, transportation, and interpretation provided upon request. www.ourunitedvillages.org

WHEN: 6 – 9 P.M.

WHERE: Grant Park Church 2728 NE 34th Avenue

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The event will be held in the CU Gymnasium located at 6430 NE 27th Ave, Portland, OR 97211.



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