



CONCORDIA NEWS

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at McMenamins
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1st Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

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May 11

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2nd Wednesday of each month
at 6 P.M.

Food Security and Dan Saltzman at May General Meeting

We will have representatives from some of the organizations in our town that address food security and poverty.

Portland Fruit Tree Project is a grass-roots non-profit organization that provides a community-based solution to a critical and growing need in Portland and beyond: access to healthy food. By empowering neighbors to share in the harvest and care of urban fruit trees, PFTP is preventing waste, building community knowledge and resources, and creating sustainable, cost-free ways to obtain healthy, locally-grown food. They register fruit and nut trees throughout the city, bring people together to harvest and distribute thousands of pounds of fresh fruit each year, and teach tree care and food preservation in hands-on workshops.

Oregon Food Bank recovers food from farmers, manufacturers, wholesalers, retailers, individuals and government sources. It then distributes that food to 20 regional food banks across Oregon. OFB directly operates the four regional food banks serving the Portland metro area, Tillamook and southeast Oregon. OFB also works

to eliminate the root causes of hunger through advocacy, nutrition education, learning gardens and public education.

Growing Gardens works to get at the root of hunger in Portland, Oregon. They organize hundreds of volunteers to build organic, raised bed vegetable gardens. Growing Gardens supports low income households for three years with seeds, plants, classes, mentors and more. Their "Youth Grow" after school garden clubs grow the next generation of veggie eaters and growers! Through "Learn & Grow" workshops and work parties, gardeners are taught about growing, preparing and preserving healthful food while respecting the health of the environment. Through this work, community members meet over the backyard garden, through volunteering, by attending classes, and through sharing extra produce.

Commissioner Dan Saltzman oversees the Portland Police Department, Environmental Services, Portland Children's Levy and the Fire & Police Disability & Retirement Fund. He will be present at our meeting to give updates and answer questions.

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Bring your trash to your neighborhood cleanup drop boxes at the PCC workforce training center parking lot at NE 42nd Avenue and Killingsworth Street on May 1 between 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. We'll take metal, bikes, plastic, furniture, clothes, lamps, old electronics and other trash items, recycling what we can. We don't take freon appliances (air conditioners, dehumidifiers, refrigerators), yard debris, sod, rocks, concrete, food waste, hazardous waste, tires, batteries, paint or oil.

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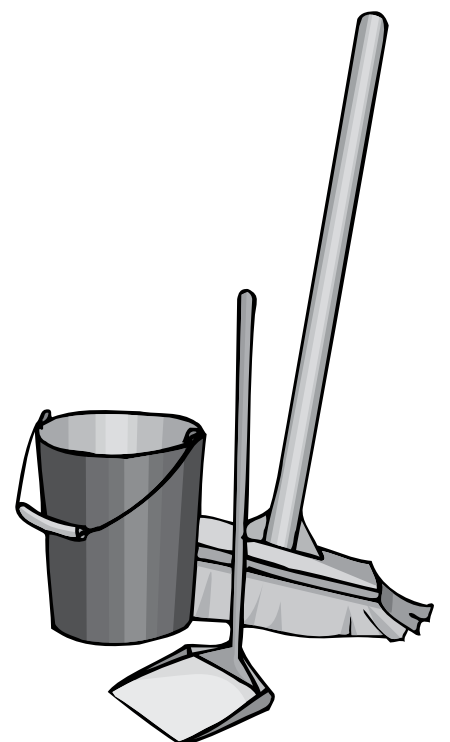
City Prevails Against Neighbors in LUBA Case

By Ken Forcier, CNA Board Member

LUBA has handed down its decision for Case #2009-105, Concordia Neighborhood Association vs. City of Portland. The city has prevailed and the practice of building a planter next to your house in order to measure from the top of it so the house measures out shorter has been upheld as a plausible interpretation of Title 33 code 33.930.050 Measuring Height.

It is not the decision arrived at by LUBA that is wrong, but the code itself as written. We will now push for a change in the wording so that the code cannot continue to be manipulated by developers and city officials in a way that erodes the protections that were intended to be provided to the citizens Portland. There is a link to the LUBA Final Opinion and Order at concordiapdx.org/category/luba.

This battle is not over until the code is updated by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Mayor Sam Adams oversees this particular bureau. Thank you for following this case.



Chair's Corner

By Anne Rothert, Chair

I'm a fair weather gardener, so I've enjoyed the warm, sunny break days getting out in the yard. My front is filled with flowers. Got to say, it's beautiful right now, at its prime. I enjoy watching passersby stop and admire it. My back has some flowers, lots of berries and each year a different incarnation of a vegetable patch. Last year, we tried lots of seeds, with mixed results.

This year, veggie starts will be purchased at Community Transition Center's plant sale (May 3-7 is the next one). The financial benefits of harvesting from the back yard along with the taste difference of a home grown tomato makes all the work worthwhile. I am lucky to have the space for garden patches.

This month our general meeting will focus on food security and a few of the organizations addressing it here in Portland. And just what is food security? Here are two definitions:

"Food security refers to the availability of food and one's access to it. A household is considered food secure when its occupants do not live in hunger or fear of starvation" (wikipedia.org/wiki/Foodsecurity)

"The ability of individuals to obtain sufficient food on a day-to-day basis." (highered.mcgraw-hill.com/sites/0070294267/student_view0/glossary_e-l.html)

This topic began because the Portland Fruit Tree Project contacted me regarding presenting at our general meeting. The timing is right for folks to learn about the project, those with fruit and nut trees getting matched up with others who can use the excess bounty.

That got me thinking about food security as part of a larger picture. There are many organizations which address the issue in different manners and various geographic areas. I've invited the Oregon Food Bank and Growing Gardens to add to the presentation. The

Community Food Security Coalition is an umbrella organization and their website can lead you to other programs.

Nationally, the USDA's Household Food Security in the US report gives findings from the Economic Research Service. The US has the highest level of food insecurity since the USDA began tracking these numbers. 17 million households did not have access by all people at all times to enough food. By USDA count, that is 49 million people, more than 1 in 5 children.

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In Oregon, according to Oregon Food Bank's Hunger Factors Assessment of 2008 (done every 2 years) 36% of those receiving food were children. 30% of these households had 1 or more adult working full time. Yikes.

Here are some websites:

- www.foodsecurity.org
- www.growing-gardens.org
- www.oregonfoodbank.org
- www.portlandfruit.org

See you in the Community Room
May 4, 7:00 p.m.

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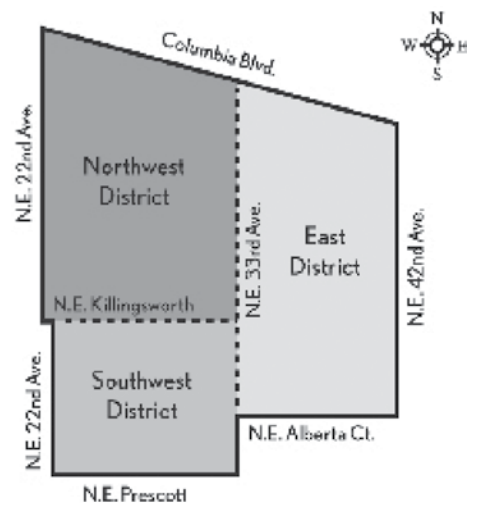
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May Activities at Trinity Lutheran

May 13 & 14

Spring Operetta put on by Trinity's PK-5th Grade, 7 p.m.
\$2.00 for adults & children under 18 are free!

May 18

Trinity Lutheran School, 10:15-11:30 a.m.
Preview Day for families with children ages 3-14

May 26

Pastor's Breakfast, 8:15-10 a.m.

All are held at Trinity Lutheran Church
5520 NE Killingsworth St.

NE Going Biking

By Ben Adrian, Transportation Chair

The Portland Bureau of Transportation is installing a “Bicycle Boulevard” on NE Going Street. A “Bicycle Boulevard,” also called a “Neighborhood Greenway,” is a “low traffic volume and low traffic speed street where bicycles, pedestrians and neighbors are given priority.” Put simply, Going will be a street with speed bumps and other features to slow car traffic and encourage bicycle and pedestrian use.

The Going Street Bicycle Boulevard will run from N Vancouver Avenue and N Williams Avenue all the way to NE 72nd Avenue. Construction of a center median is already complete at the NE Going Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard intersection. In Concordia Neighborhood, most the changes will involve installation of speed bumps and stop sign realignment along Going. At Going and 33rd Avenue, several improvements are planned, including a short cycle-track which will allow bicyclists to be separated from car traffic on 33rd Avenue during the jog in the road on Going. There will also be a striped crosswalk installed for pedestrian use, which should help keep walkers and bikers on their own paths.

As to the car traffic on Going, it is already a low-traffic street with residential character and these changes are meant to emphasize this even more. Neighborhood Greenway’s intend to create a more livable street, not eliminate car traffic. Construction dates are dependent on various factors but the bulk of it should be completed during May.

A Second Bike Boulevard

By George Breunder

The City of Portland , in order to set up safer streets for bicyclists, has designated a second Concordia street, Holman Street , as a bike boulevard. It will parallel the Going Street Boulevard and both should be in operation very soon. Both have been funded from transportation funds and not from the controversial sewer re-allocation of monies.

The Holman Street section will start at MLK Boulevard and go to NE 42nd Avenue, although both ends may be extended in the future. There had been some requests that Ainsworth Street be designated as the bike street but traffic is too heavy and too fast to give most bikers, especially neophytes who would like to start biking, a sense of safety. Holman, a designated residential street, is much less traveled with less than 200 cars per day as opposed to the 6000 or more on Ainsworth, a major “traffic feeder” street.

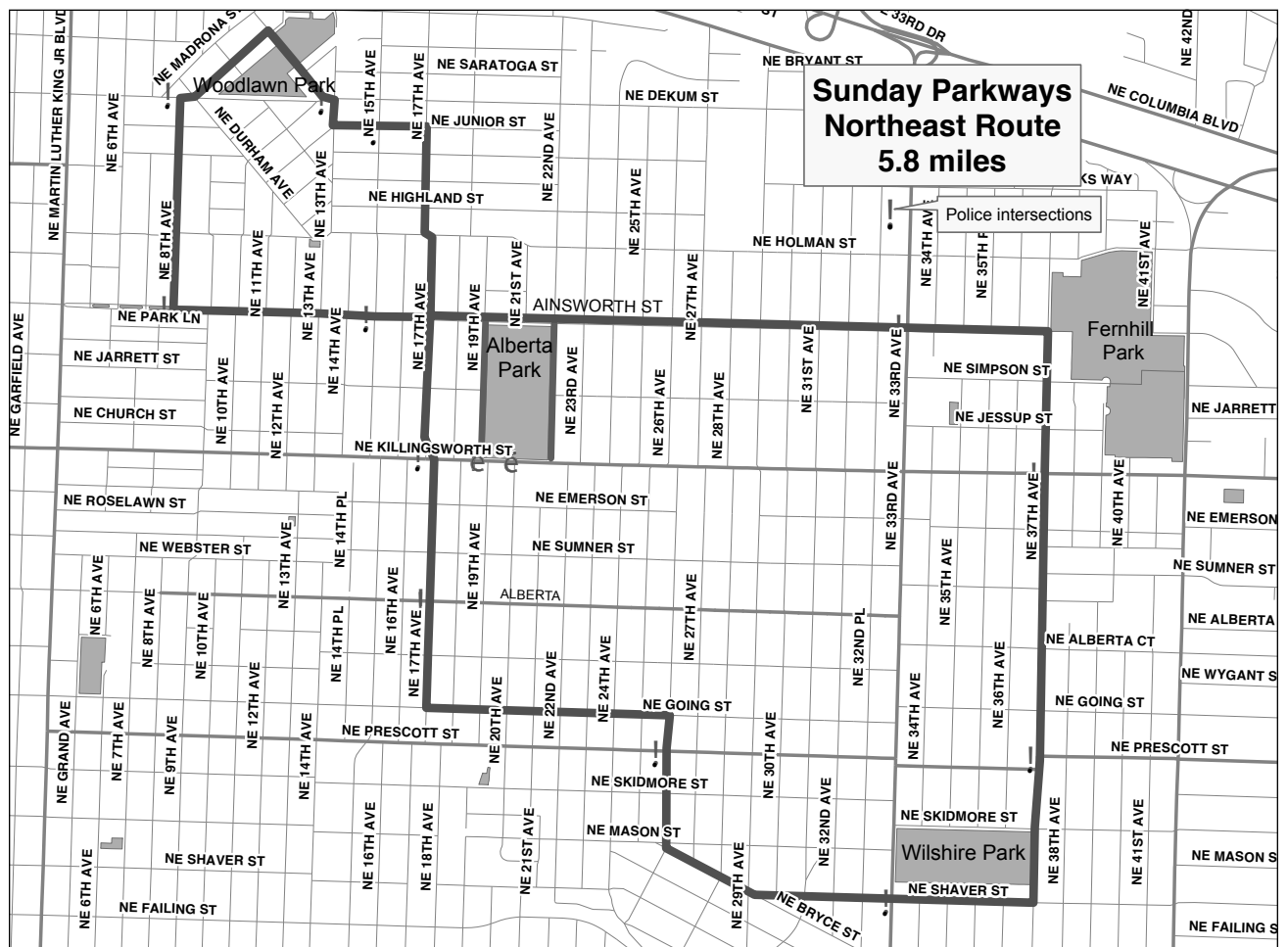
As on Going Street , residential parking and access would not change. What will change is that stop signs on Holman will be eliminated and instead will be added to all numbered streets that cross it. That way bikers can, with caution, drive without constant stopping. A couple of bottlenecks at NE 15th Avenue, at MLK Boulevard, at NE 33rd Avenue, at Concordia University, and a pocket park at NE 13th Avenue are being worked out with neighborhood input.

About 35 neighbors and Portland Bureau of Transportation held a first informational meeting at Concordia Univ. on April 6 which unfortunately was at the same time as Concordia’s general meeting. The audience almost unanimously approved the general concept. A second session to discuss solutions is also scheduled when Concordia NA meets (on Tuesday, May 4) at the college. A special meeting with CNA and its membership will be held on a date to be announced to get our feedback.

Sunday Parkways is on May 16th

From ten to three in the afternoon the city will make a 2-way route through our neighborhood open to walk, bike, roll, run, jump and skip - without having to watch out for cars! The 5.8-mile Northeast Portland Sunday Parkways route will have two loops, connecting Woodlawn, Alberta, Fernhill and Wilshire Parks. Food, music and activities are located in the parks and along the route.

The Concordia Neighborhood Association Tree Team will be tabling and giving tours in Fernhill Park at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Stop by with your tree questions.



Concordia News Has Two Open Positions

Editor

We are looking for a community member with publication experience to fill the Editor position at the Concordia News.

This is a volunteer position with the Concordia Neighborhood Association, which can increase your skills and build on your resume. If you would like more information, or to apply please submit a letter of interest and resume to concordianews@yahoo.com. Please list “Editor Position” in the subject line of your email.

Business Manager

We are looking for a community member with advertising sales experience to fill the business manager position at Concordia News. This publication is delivered to over 5,000 households and businesses monthly, and is the main method of communication used by our neighborhood association.

This position works closely with our local business community to promote our advertising services for monthly publication. It involves the tracking and reporting of monthly advertising revenue, and promoting ad sales to potential customers. If you like working with people and building relationships in the community, while increasing your skills, this could be the place for you!

If you would like more information or to apply, please submit a letter of interest and resume to concordianews@yahoo.com. Please list “Business Manager Position” in the subject line of your email.

Egg Hunt 2010

Photographs by Bob Pallesen



Katie Ugolini CNA social committee chair starts off the egg hunt.



Thane Norton with his son Stuart (3 years old) counting eggs.



Betty Kobos shares egg hunting strategy with her daughter Ava (4 years old).

Topping is For Pizza and Ice Cream

By Larry Light, Owner of Tree Happy Tree Service

That's how the saying goes. I am, of course, referring to the answer you'll likely receive when asking a reputable arborist if they'll top your tree. Some of you may have heard the boos of tree lovers, or seen them shaking fists at the mention of this tree-trimming practice known as "topping." But often there is little in the way of an explanation. Well, for those who have quietly wondered why topping raises passions so high, allow me to offer a glimpse into the fuss. I'll cut right to it. If trees could talk, one of many things they would say is that they want to grow as tall and wide as Nature intended.

The fact is trees do speak to us in many ways. We hear from them through close examination of their responses to varied conditions. When trees are stubbed off, topped, or even mistakenly cut back to a lateral of inadequate size, what follows resembles a sort of panic mode within. Proper growth is reliant upon a tree's branches to retain a terminal bud. This is the most dominant on the stem, and when removed, also removed is the ability to inhibit the growth of its lateral (side) buds on that same stem. Once the tree has lost natural control over itself, one of the negative results is a vigorous flush of weakly attached shoots. These clumps of growth at the end of stubs are highly susceptible to breakage from wind, or even their mere weight. Not only is the

tree disfigured, but when this growth breaks off, the energy drain of a jagged wound that is difficult to seal ensues, creating an entry point for insects and spores of decay fungi.

If you live with a topped tree, you are well aware of how wildly these chopped off trees grow trying to reclaim lost size. That often means having the expense of hiring back the hack who started it all, year after year, sometimes twice a year, to keep this animal in check. That's why reputable arborists never top a tree.

"But I want a smaller tree!" you say. So what do you do? The answers are hard to sweeten. It really comes down to matching a tree's projected growth with its intended site from the start. Too late for that? Transplanting may be an option. In some cases, even the one-time large expense of removal and replacement may save money over the long run. A side benefit being that you get to spend the rest of your life with the tree you really want.

In closing, I think it's important to remember that trees live on a tight budget, having to draw their living from an environment that can deliver inconsistently. The only thing that topping delivers consistently is added stress. As for stress, well, that can lead to too much pizza and ice cream.

Concordia Boasts This Year's Tree Planting Record

By Dove Hotz

Thanks to an impressive collaboration between Friends of Trees, the City of Portland, and your local Tree Team, our neighborhood had the single largest Friends of Trees planting this year, with 143 trees. Our FOT planting partner was nearby Vernon neighborhood, who did a phenomenal job coordinating the site, volunteers, and food. This year's neighborhood coordinators were Jordan McCann and Dove Hotz (Concordia) and Erica Strauss (Vernon).

We express our sincere gratitude to local vendors who donated food, tools, and other supplies to the effort: Pizzicato Pizza, Hot Lips Pizza, Bagelland, Extracto Coffee, New Seasons, Alberta Coop, Holy Redeemer Lutheran Church, Petite Provence. Northwest Natural Gas was a great corporate sponsor again this year, contributing both funds and volunteers, and Advantis Credit Union employees were also on the scene getting down and dirty!

It is never too early to start thinking about next year's planting, so check out the Friends of Trees web site and think about a great spot to plant a great tree. www.friendsoftrees.org.

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Tree Planting at Joseph L. Meek Pro Tech HS

By Barbara Wharton

Meek School at 39th Ave and Alberta Court has 11 new trees thanks to a partnership between the school, Portland Public Schools, Concordia Neighborhood Association Tree Team, Friends of Trees, and City of Portland's Urban Forestry. The trees were planted on April 2 by representatives of all sponsoring organizations and a dozen students who are assigned this project as part of their senior curriculum. The trees offer an educational value to students at Meek, as well as a diverse addition to the expanding Concordia Forest.

The school was designated as a target location for tree planting by the Concordia Neighborhood Association when a large sycamore was removed several years ago. Additionally, the trees will provide a break from the east winds, possibly mitigating some of the air quality problems in our neighborhood. Ongoing efforts were rewarded this year when Concordia resident and Portland Tree Steward, Jim Gersbach joined the Tree Team. He was instrumental in developing the Learning Landscape plan that finally brought all necessary participants together.



Students worked with Tree Stewards in the planting of 10 Trees at Joseph L. Meek Professional Technical High School. Photo by Bob Pallesen.



Kris Day from Friends of Trees and Dove Hotz Chair of Concordia Tree Team demonstrate proper planting techniques, repairing soil for planting. Photo by Bob Pallesen.

Ten more trees will be planted next autumn to transform the barren field into the home of an unique botanical collection. Japanese umbrella pines will be added in that planting to the over six varieties of oaks and two dawn redwoods.

Help the Trees Survive the Summer

As we approach the drier summer months the Tree Team will be canvassing the neighborhood surrounding the school to solicit help in keeping the new trees watered adequately. If you can help with this important follow-up task, please contact the Neighborhood Association or the Tree Team at concordiatreeteam@yahoo.com.

A special thank you goes out to Larry Light whose landscape services company TreeHappy Tree Services donated mulch and assisted with the planting.



Students preparing soil for planting. Photo by Bob Pallesen.

Open House Anniversary Celebration at Redeemer

Redeemer Lutheran Church will hold a celebration of their ninety year anniversary May 22 and May 23. Members with memories of those early years will be in attendance.

On Saturday May 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Redeemer will open its doors to the public. We are planning music in the sanctuary, and there will be displays from groups like Growing Gardens and Friends of the Carpenter, a historical timeline down the hallway, refreshments hosted by The Women of Redeemer, and tours of the non-profits on this property, in addition to face painting for children and those young at heart. It should be a relaxing, fun, and informative event.

On Sunday, services at 10 a.m. will help bring in their ninety-first year with style.

Tree Photography Party Generates Funds and Fun

By Dove Hotz

Friends and neighbors turned out on April 9 in the CNA Community Room in Kennedy School to admire the results of a tree photography class held in the same space a month earlier. The class was conceived by writer, photographer and Neighborhood Tree Steward Bob Langan and sponsored by Portland Parks and Recreation. After learning about lighting, composition, and editing techniques, participants put their skills to work taking great photos of trees, which they submitted for inclusion in Friday's art exhibit.

Nearly 100 people attended the exhibit, enjoying photographs, refreshments and good

tree conversations. The CNA Tree Team received all the money from sales of the framed artwork and other donations made during the event. Proceeds of over \$300, with several hundred more are anticipated in the coming weeks. The CNA Tree Team will use this money for tree stewardship in the Concordia Neighborhood.

Special thanks to Urban Forestry's Angie DiSalvo and Autumn Montegna, class instructor Bob Langan, our Neighborhood Association for the room, and Pro Photo Supply for their generous donation.



Left to right: Autumn Montegna checks some of the images included in the exhibit; Neighbors and the course instructor Bob Langan. Photos by Bob Pallesen.

Come Join Us: It's Time for an Old-Fashioned, Fun Carnival at Vernon School

By Jennifer Kerns-Robison

We have been very busy these last few months at Vernon K-8 School. Members of our faculty have been working on the school's International Baccalaureate certification process; the PTA has been very active, supporting the students and the school by organizing events like our Multi-Cultural Night and our Earth-Day Outdoor Campus Improvement Day; and members of our school's student chess team went to the Oregon State Chess Tournament. And of course, every day, students and faculty are attending school, and working hard on their academics. We are so proud of all the work and efforts that has been happening at Vernon that we decided to have a carnival and just have some FUN!!

Friday, May 21 between 5 and 8 p.m., the PTA is sponsoring an old-fashioned carnival to promote a night of fun, community, and school spirit. Everything that you associate with a carnival will be there: we will have games, food, and silly activities happening all over our campus for this fun evening. Dedicated members of our PTA brainstormed and came up with all kinds of great activities that will be sure to create a great event, foster a lot of laughs, memories and reward students, faculty and families who have been working hard all year.

Some of the highlights of the night will be face painting, a cake walk, bean bag toss, tug of war,

wheel barrow races, sack races, pizza, hot dogs, cotton candy, popcorn, and, last but not least, a dunk tank. Our principal Ms. Tina Acker and our assistant principal Mr. Carter have graciously agreed to brave the many students who will want to be first in line to dunk them. Of course, these eager students will want to dunk Ms. Acker and Mr. Carter not out of malevolence, but because both of these committed administrators have been so involved in promoting a great school community. It will be fun to see them literally and figuratively dive right in to the spirit of the night.

We will also have prizes for the games, many of them donated by generous members of the Alberta Business Community, the PTA and other supportive members of our local community.

In our fast-paced world of technology, 3-D movies, and constant texting, I cannot imagine a more low-tech but super-fun way to spend a night with my family. I am so happy to be a part of a community that is sponsoring this event for my children, the kids of Vernon, their families, and the Concordia and Vernon neighborhoods.

And, as I always remind you, you are always welcome to come to our PTA meetings. Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 4 at 5:45 p.m. Food and free child-care provided.

KBA Basketball Gets Thumbs Up!

By Ellen Cruise, age 10

Kids interested in basketball have a chance at this camp to learn more about basketball without the pressure of competition. KBA Positive Play Basketball is different than other basketball classes, because they don't keep score while playing. The kids just focus on having fun and upgrading their basketball skills. What is so fun about KBA basketball? "We got to play games against other teams, and our parents, and we got to practice shooting at the hoop and we also got to play mini games against our team mates to prepare ourselves for the big game every Friday. This class is the best!" says Sophia Cruise, a winter term player who signed up again this spring.

Offered by Portland Parks and Recreation, this non-competitive sport is focused on team sportsmanship and teamwork. KBA basketball is offered for ages 7-9 for kids who are willing to explore a new sport and grow more confident working with others. This fundamental class meets every Thursday from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Faubion's gym, and the games are every Friday for nine weeks. The coach of this camp is Khaldoun Khalil.

Khaldoun has had a lot of experience working with kids and understanding kids' ideas. Why did he choose to teach kids instead of adults? Because as Khaldoun grew older, he enjoyed basketball less and less because it focused on competition instead of the most important thing - having fun - and soon it wasn't fun for Khaldoun. Khaldoun has taught both basketball and soccer. He said he enjoys teaching both because he loves team sports and communicating with kids, as well as getting to watch young people have fun and work better as a team. This wonderful camp is part of Faubion SUN program, organized by Ashley Coltin, Site Manager.

Vernon School Community Calendar

Vernon School (Pre-K thru 8th grade)
2044 NE Killingsworth St.
www.vernon.pps.k12.or.us
Portland, Oregon 97211
Phone: (503) 916-6415

General Meetings
Food served at 5:45 p.m., meeting at 6 p.m.

Tuesday, May 4
Tuesday, June 8

Carnival Night
Friday, May 21

Adult Exercise classes are available for the community at the school from 6 to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Zumba and kickboxing are offered along with free childcare.

Faubion Family and Community Wellness Fair

Saturday, June 5, 2010
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Faubion Family and Community Wellness Fair

What a treat! In the middle of all this health care legislation and the hot politics surrounding it, a Wellness Fair right in the center of the Concordia Neighborhood.

On Saturday, June 5 between 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., a wellness fair is being held on the Faubion School property (south side at the weather structure) featuring all kinds of Healthy and Healthful Events:

- Brought to you by Concordia University, Faubion School and SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) with support from United Way of the Columbia Willamette
- Featuring Kaiser Permanente Thrive, Capoeira Brazil Martial Arts, WES, Portland Water Bureau's Water Event Station, Healthy Homes Program, Concordia Fitness Testing, the Climbing Wall, SUN Schools sign-up, the Alameda Soccer Club, Growing Gardens, Faubion PTA; with more events and sponsors being signed-up daily.

- Enjoy food from Aladdin Café featuring low cost healthy options.
- Free Ice Cream and Frozen Yogurt!
- Meet local dignitaries: Mult. County Chair Jeff Cogan, State Rep. Lew Frederick, Faubion and Concordia officials, teachers and staff.

Participate in the informative and fun events while earning drawing tickets for a shot at the grand prize.

Who says you can't do anything about the health care situation? Not you...you'll be at the Faubion Family and Community Wellness Fair Saturday, June 5 with your friends and neighbors. And, if you want a more hands on approach, sign-up with the Faubion PTA as an event volunteer. Just contact me at dongire@msn.com to add your support for Community Wellness.

Faubion School, 3039 NE Rosa Parks Wy., Portland, just east of the Concordia University campus. If you have any questions please call (503) 916-5686. We will see you there!

Construction Resumes on the North Runway at PDX

The Port of Portland will soon begin the second phase of a three-year runway rehabilitation program that will take place from approximately mid-May to mid-October. The second phase of the project will extend the north runway, which is needed to accommodate larger aircraft that require the extra length for takeoff at PDX when the longer south runway closes for rehabilitation in 2011. The work this summer requires some temporary changes in runway configurations, including a mid-summer complete closure of the north runway. This will sometimes result in an increase in the number of aircraft using the crosswind (north-south runway) and south runways. Due to this change, neighbors of PDX may notice a change in flight operations or noise.



To address your questions and concerns about noise call the Noise Management Department: (503) 460-4100 or email Jason.schwartz@portofportland.com. For general questions about the runway project call Andy Priebe at (503) 460-4547 or email andy.priebe@portofportland.com.

12th Annual YARD SALE

Concordia Neighborhood Association JUNE 25, 26 & 27, 2010

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)

Mail or deliver to Concordia Neighborhood Association
c/o Donna Carrier 3597 NE Simpson St Portland OR 97211

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 Thursday **June 17th**. You can still be in the sale but will not show on the map if registration is received after this date. We do request that you live within or your sale be within the Concordia Neighborhood boundaries.

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

Neighborhood Center Planned for Bethany at Wilshire Park

What would a Neighborhood Center look like to you? That is the question that Bethany at Wilshire Park wants everyone in the area to answer as they explore the development of a neighborhood community center within their building.

A cornerstone in the neighborhood for over 60 years at 37th Avenue and Skidmore Street, Bethany wants to open its doors to the community in ways that matter most to neighbors. Would you like to see opportunities for children, classes for seniors, yoga, computer or art classes? Or maybe you know of a group that wants a meeting room, or a non-profit or small enterprise that needs office space.

The options are endless as Bethany boasts numerous classrooms, offices and meeting spaces as well as its beautiful sanctuary, where worship services are held on Sundays. Two Open Houses are planned to give neighbors the opportunity to tour the facilities and share their ideas for the development of a Neighborhood Center: Wednesday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and again at 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

This is your opportunity to help shape the future of our neighborhood to make this community an even better place to live! Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served. Comments are also being taken by Community Outreach Director, Deborah Shimkus at www.bethanyportland@yahoo.com. (503) 284-3836.

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Please indicate days you wish to participate in the sale. Check all that apply

____ Friday June 25 ____ Saturday June 26 ____ Sunday June 27

Spring Land Use: 3 Losses in a Row

By George Breunder

The Concordia Land Use committee weighed in on several development proposals this early spring but didn't fare too well when it challenged City approvals.

Neighbor residents along NE 26th Avenue just off Alberta Street were quite concerned about an unkempt duplex on 4,000 square feet of property being converted into a 3-story, 9-unit set of condos. They thought that it was too large of a structure for the site, created potential parking problems, would have a difficult time selling, would not be kept in good condition, and would not be of quality construction. They also felt that the owners' request for re-zoning for just this one lot would set a precedent for more one-at-a-time similar requests for commercial and multi-tenant re-zoned building intruding into a residential neighborhood.

At the same time the developer/owners, longtime neighborhood residents themselves, had talked several times over the past two years to the neighbors and Concordia's Board and land use committee, keeping them informed of their plans as they developed. They claim that they will construct quality family accessible units, available and affordable for people working close by.

The land use committee, with the testimony of nearby residents, appealed to both the hearings officer and the Portland City Council, unsuccessfully in both cases. Only Councilwoman Amanda Fritz supported the group. The increase from two to nine housing units convinced the City and was the winning argument based on Portland's goal of increasing in-fill housing.

Just a block away on NE 27th Avenue and Sumner Street, two attached homes were proposed for a corner lot, very similar in concept to another attached set

built just across the street a few years ago. The committee did not have any objections to the construction because it met all building regulations, but it did emphasize that the covered Tri-Met bus stop be retained. Without waiting for a City decision, the developer went to Tri-Met and convinced them to remove the bus stop which happened overnight. Tri-Met, completely uninformed about the pending proposal, then refused to replace the stop because less than 50 people used the stop on any given day. Still the City approved of the proposal; nothing was mentioned of the regulation being run-around.

Some Better News

When asked what progress was being made on the new soccer field construction between NE 27th and 29th Avenues and Liberty and Dekum Streets, Concordia University's chief financial officer Denny Stoecklin said that the financing during this recession has been the major delaying factor.

"What used to take 4 weeks with the bank loan officials now takes 6 months," he stated.

Nevertheless, the college will begin the construction of the parking areas, the field lighting and the utilities after their early May graduation when there will be plenty of room for construction parking and less impact on surrounding streets. Expect that the existing homes, most now up on blocks, will be moved about the same time.

The only delay there is the Good Shepherd Nursing Home on the corner of NE 29th Avenue and Liberty Street, which has a new facility ready and waiting for a sign-off signature from HUD in Washington, DC. Construction may take place around the nursing home while the federal wheels slowly grind along.

Some brief items

The land use committee now has a new co-chair, Julia Sarver, who is also one of the two leaders of the efforts to improve conditions in and around Fernhill Park, which City park officials readily admit is "way over-used".

The committee also has a new transportation chair, Benjamin Adrian, a graduate student at Portland State, who has been volunteering at the NECN offices. Look for his article in this issue on bike boulevards. We welcome both new chairs.

Watch what happens with decisions made by PDC (the Portland Development Commission) which will decide soon on the possible expansion of the Urban Renewal Areas (URAs). There is a lot of pressure to include the Blazer/Coliseum area which really doesn't fit many people's definition of being a "blighted area."

Northeast neighbors would rather see the large amounts of money spent on extending the renewal areas down Alberta Street to NE 33rd Avenue, up Killingsworth Street to NE 17th Avenue, and include the Woodlawn Triangle area around NE 7th Avenue. More details will appear in future Concordia News issues.

In the next 4 years, the City expects up to 800 new cell phone towers to be added to the tops of buildings and utility poles, mostly in residential areas. Many concerned residents see them as a visual blight and a possible source of health problems. If you would like to get involved, contact our committee or email info@respectPDX.org (formed by members of Beaumont Wilshire Neighborhood Association, our neighbors east of Prescott).

Registration Open for May 15 Art Hop

On May 15th, Art on Alberta will hold its 11th Annual Art Hop with the theme, "ABC: Art Builds Community." Over 15 blocks of NE Alberta Street will be closed to car traffic to accommodate over 150 artists, craftspeople, music, dance and theater performances, interactive art events along with food and other vendors. This is a free arts event for kids of all ages.

Registration for artists, craftspeople, music, dance and theater performers, interactive art events, food and other vendors is open. For information about registering your vending space, please contact Combustible Media, (503) 235-5025 or carrie.locke@combustible-media.com.

This year, Art Hop accomplishes a major murals project

on NE Alberta Street. Three murals will be painted by area youth groups including House of Umoja, Girls Inc. and the George School under the direction of Skidmore Prize winner Rodolpho Serna. A fourth mural will be painted by the attending public on the day of Art Hop, designed and supervised by Esteban Camacho. Art on Alberta has been facilitating these murals as a gift to two other nonprofits who serve this neighborhood: Sabin CDC and Community Energy Project.

Art on Alberta is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the Alberta Art District's distinct identity through art and educational activities. For more information about Art on Alberta, please visit artonalberta.org.

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Thursday, May 6 Lorna Miller's Little Kids' Jamboree

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early Chinese immigrants.
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