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**General Membership**October 5
1st Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

Land Use/Livability/ Transportation Meeting October 7

1st Thursday of each month at 7 P.M.

**Tree Team Meeting**October 7 at New Seasons
1st Thursday of each month at 6 P.M.

Board Meeting
October 12
2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M.

**Media Commitee** October 13 at New Seasons

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

## Crime Issues in Concordia area: Neighbors Have Questions

by George Bruender

Several Concordia folks brought up crime-related issues at the September meeting of the combined Land Use/Livability/Transportation meeting and asked that they be given more focus at a future CNA general meeting. So that will be one of several focuses of the October 5 meeting where we have invited a neighborhood officer from the North/Northeast precinct and Celeste Cary who is the crime prevention specialist from the NE Coalition (the 12 neighborhoods around us).

One neighbor at the meeting said that "...someone entered my backyard and stole pieces of iron re-bar, galvanized water pipe, iron fence posts, metal birdbath pans, corrugated sheet metal and aluminum gutter downspots. And one neighbor lost brass nozzles off their garden hoses and stainless steel watering bowls." Another person reported a pickup truck frequently "casing" his alley, apparently surveying backyards. Our committee's questions are: Are these isolated incidents? Are they associated with certain "shopping cart gleaners"? Are they ending up at particular metal scrap dealers? And what are the new requirements for tougher standards for buying and selling scrap metals (photo id, delayed payment, etc) and are they being enforced or complied with? We hope that the experts can give us answers at the general meeting.

Then there are other questions about the shopping cart gleaners; basically should they be discouraged or should recyclables be set aside for those in need? A recent email addressed this, saying in part: "We put out scrap metal items and they are gone within

minutes. However, after 3 break-ins to our garage, the loss of one expensive bike, and many tools, we are (now) super cautious...We also leave redeemable bottles and aluminum cans on the curb rather than putting them in the recycle bin...which seems to save us the noise of someone going through the bin." So are these folks being good Samaritans - or are they encouraging more brazen taking? It's probably good discussing this and perhaps reaching a consensus.

We in Concordia have been lucky not to have much, if any, identifiable gang-related activity this summer, unlike some previous years. But the nearby King Neighborhood Association, in a letter to Mayor Sam Adams, expressed some concerns that may have impact on us. They are unhappy about the delayed response time to numerous 911 phone calls per incident, probably due to officers being spread thinly over recently broadened territory. There has also been much concern that the North Precinct (that includes us) does not have consistent and stable 24 hour staffing, often without an on-duty officer between the hours of 1:00 to 7:00 a.m. King sees this as a great weakening of police services to our area. We need to hear more about these situations, which seem to be a criticism of the City's policy rather than a criticism of Portland Police officers.

So we hope that you can join us on Tuesday, October 5 at 7 p.m. at CNA's general meeting in Kennedy School for questions, comments, answers, and conclusions.

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## **Tree Team Aims High**

by Dove Hotz, Tree Team Chair

The CNA Tree Team has been working diligently on some great projects recently, such as a neighborhood tree inventory, and the successful planting of a diverse mini-arboretum at Meek School back in April. An important upcoming project is the March 26, 2011 neighborhood planting with local nonprofit Friends of Trees. This year, trees will be available for only \$50. That covers all materials and labor needed to get a wonderful tree in your yard or planting strip—plus breakfast and lunch! It is also a great opportunity to meet your neighbors and contribute to the overall effort, and we need lots of volunteers to make this happen.

Representatives from the Tree Team and Friends of Trees will be present at the October 5 CNA general meeting to discuss the benefits of street and yard trees, the process for ordering a tree, and opportunities to volunteer with the planting. Friends of Trees has planted hundreds of thousands of trees in Portland over the past decade—come and see what is being planned and how you can get involved.



### **Chair's Corner**

By Belinda Clark, Co-Chair

We've had a great summer, a little cooler than normal (or what we would have liked) but still had some sun and fun. At least the yard didn't grow so fast, and thank you to my neighbor for mowing mine (you know who you are).

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We had some fantastic events over the last year with the Concerts in the Park, Egg Hunt for kids, yard sale, and neighborhood cleanup. Upcoming events being discussed are a pie walk (like a cake walk with pies) and a spelling bee, and we could use any suggestions you might have for topics in our monthly general meetings.

In October, we will have the Friends of Trees as our main presentation. Before the presentation we typically have committee reports, an update from our neighborhood police officer, and announcements. In November we will be having our annual elections; several board openings are available. Responsibilities include attending the monthly general and board meetings, participating in one the committees (Medianewsletter, Land Use, Livability, and Transportation, and the Social committee which puts on most of our big events). There are many ways to participate in the Neighborhood Association; please attend the November meeting and find out.

December will be our annual Christmas party at Concordia University - more details to be revealed in the next edition of the newsletter.

## **Newsletter Home Delivery:** Do you get Concordia **News?**

We have been getting a lot of questions about how home delivery of the newsletter works. This publication is sent bulk mail each month. If a residence has signed up to stop junk mail, this would also prevent the Concordia News from being delivered. If you are not receiving and haven't blocked junk mail delivery, please send an email to concordianews@yahoo.com with the subject heading "Home Delivery" or call one of our board members (contact information is listed inside the paper). We will follow up to see if this can be corrected. You can also pick up a copy at local outlets, like New Seasons and Kennedy School.

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



## **End of Summer Success for Land Use Projects**

by George Bruender for the Land Use Committee

Summer is usually a slow time for many activities but it seems to have been a summer of progress for the projects and issues that the combined Land Use/Livability/Transportation committees have pursued. Some examples:

» Fernhill Park. Thanks to the efforts of leaders/ residents Julia Sarver and Robin Johnson the impact of Fernhill Park activities on those living around the park has been eased greatly. Portland Parks for the past few years have been overbooking organized sports events on the athletic fields, leading to traffic jams as one event ends and the next back-to-back one starts, cars parking in front of driveways, debris and garbage overflowing everywhere. Meeting with CNA and neighbors this summer, Parks backed off and reduced the number of events, giving more space also for local folks to use the park for family and neighborhood events. Parking was restricted in areas and driveways were yellow-lined, allowing residences access to their properties. CNA's Land Use also helped craft new contracts for those who want to use the parks for larger events, mandating them to take more responsibility for their impact on the neighborhood and the park.

A renewed Friends of Fernhill Park has been organized for future improvements like a permanent trail around the park and more obvious separation between the dog-walking and the children's playground. They welcome you to join their efforts.

**» College parking.** Concordia University is in the process of completing work by mid-October

for 175 new parking spaces while the homes are being removed and a soccer field is being constructed. This will reduce the impact of parking in front of homes around the periphery of the college, a long time point of contention. Again a Land Use committee has been working on these and other construction issues with CU.

- » Other transportation progress. Ansula Press and nearby neighbors upgraded and added to the pedestrian-friendly improvements in the Foxchase Addition business community at the intersection of 30th Avenue and Killingsworth Street (see the details in CNews for July). That corner has a lot of pedestrian use coupled with fast traffic, and has become much safer thanks to theses folks' continued efforts.
- » New paving. Another citizen group led by Gayle Booher persuaded the Portland Department of Transportation to do more than just once again repave the perpetually bumpy NE 30th Avenue between Killingsworth and Alberta Streets. 40 neighbors emailed en masse Mayor Sam Adams' office and persuaded him to commit \$350,000 to dig up the old street cars tracks which had caused the rapid deterioration and failure of past re-paving projects. (See August CNews for details). Great civic cooperative efforts.
- **» GNAs.** One of the committee's tasks is to set up Good Neighbor Agreements between the neighborhood association, the nearby neighbors, and new businesses and developments that will have an effect on residents' daily livability (usually establishments serving alcohol and

presenting night time entertainment). A recent success was a signed-by-all-parties GNA with the Cruz Room, a new restaurant/bar near 25th Avenue and Alberta Street, replacing the closed Francis. This was a step forward considering the long time contentious battle of residents with the former restaurant's owner. Thanks again to Julia Sarver for spearheading this.

- » Development has begun on the first of two phases of the high scale row house development by Guy Bryant on Alberta Street between 25th and 26th Avenues. On the other hand, there has been no word on a starting time for the development of Dwight Myrick's planned 8 row houses going in on the paved lot across the street on NE 26th Avenue. The Land Use committee and neighbors have been involved all along with negotiations on both projects.
- » Apparently the situation has been eased between nearby neighbors and a church facility on NE 23rd Avenue and Bryant Street. Committee folks have checked the site numerous times in responding to past complaints of loud music from the church and of double and triple parking on the surrounding streets. They found little going on, but will continue to monitor the situation.

We invite all in Concordia to join those of us who meet monthly to discuss land use, livability, and transportations issues and projects. We meet the first Thursday of each month at 7pm in the Community Room at Kennedy School.

## Letter to the Editor

To the CNA Board,

I am writing as a resident of Concordia about the prominent placement of the ad for Chris Dudley that was published in the Neighborhood Bulletin Board section of the newsletter, September 2010. This a biased political ad, disguised as a feel-good article about a current candidate for political office.

It is particular on a number of levels:

- The newsletter has not previously published an article about this camp.
- The website URL is easily confused with the political website of this candidate.
- The camp is not run in Portland, much less in our neighborhood.
- A child must have diabetes and \$610 to attend this camp. The host does not pick up this cost.

Politically motivated articles and endorsements, no matter how disguised, have no place in the newsletter.

Best regards, Jeff Hilber

(With permission of the author, this letter has been edited for length)  $\,$ 

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It is not the policy of the Concordia News to endorse nor publicize any political candidate. We sincerely apologize for the error.

~Concordia News

## **Letter from the Editor**

Greetings Concordians! This is both my last issue and my last month in the neighborhood. Unfortunately a new job brings me farther afield to a more southerly part of our east side. I want to thank all of you for reading during my limited stint with the paper. You should be aware of the talented group of people donating their time to ensure our community gets information and resources and that they attempt to share these in a consistent and timely matter.

What are my suggestions to all of you?

**Contribute.** Attend a board meeting, volunteer for a position with the paper or just go out and take some photographs. Make suggestions, write articles, document a block party...anything! I've yet to see a love story or poem and we've been requesting those for months.

**Diversify.** This is a diverse community but a lot of the content doesn't seem to reflect that ethnic, racial and socioeconomic variance that makes our community unique in Portland. Plus, in recent years, NE Portland has seen an influx of international community members. I hope the paper finds ways to include people originally

from other parts of the globe that are now calling Portland home.

**Educate.** After my personally fascinating discovery of the Linear Arboretum I had a plan to learn more about the derivation of all the street names in NE Portland; I was pleasantly surprised to learn many had Native American origins. This research also brought me to learn about some of the local history regarding Portland's racially divided past.

**Love.** When you're out and about in our neighborhood: smile, wave, chat with a neighbor you've not done that with (yet or recently), whistle, tell a joke, skip.

This past month, riding the seven long miles on my bike back from my new job I feel a sense of calm when I finally get close to home. There's a vibe around here that's warm, inviting and more quiet than other parts of the city. I'll surely miss it here and thank you all for contributing to that wonderful feeling I've had during my brief eight month stay.

Ciao Concordia community, Christopher

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### **New Trees Thrive at Meek School**

by Dove Hotz

In April 2010, a diverse mix of about a dozen young trees were planted in the playground at Joseph L. Meek Technical School, 4039 NE Alberta Court. This project was a partnership between the school, Portland Parks and Recreation, Friends of Trees, and the CNA Tree Team. Since the planting, the Tree Team has been responsible for the weekly watering of the trees throughout the summer. When school starts back up, students and teachers will take over care of the trees until our wonderful Northwest winter rains can take over the job.

The trees are thriving in their sunny location (although we unfortunately lost one Oregon white

oak early on). The playground is also used by neighbors in the area, so the community will enjoy the aesthetic and environmental benefits that trees provide for many generations.

The CNA Tree Team meets every first Thursday of the month, 6-7 p.m. in the New Seasons dining area. We have many more fabulous projects in mind, and you are welcome to join us to talk about trees in our neighborhood. We also maintain a web site with upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and links to area tree resources: http://concordiatreeteam.wordpress.com/.

« CNA Tree Team member Kristin Kaye waters a tree at Meek School. Photo: Bob Pallesen

## Portlanders Living Christmas Trees Planted in Watersheds...

by John Fogel, office@livingchristmastrees.org

Much of the feeling imbued by a glistening evergreen is hard to put into words. The warmth and mirth of a lighted decorated tree is appreciated from within.

The Original Living Christmas Tree Company (TOLCTC) in 1992 began in Portland delivering live trees in pots and has every year since. Thousands of Portlanders living Christmas trees have been planted in parks and landscapes all over the Northwest.

Here's how it works: Folks order their Christmas tree through their website, livingchristmastrees. org. TOLCTC delivers potted full-size evergreen trees to residences and businesses. TOLCTC picks

up the trees after New Years. Trees get planted by planting groups such as parks departments, schools and private landowners. The trees are planted to grow old. The Christmas trees top out at \$100. The trees are naturally shaped, not sheered into cones. They are easy to care for and each tree has a deposit check to make sure planters get quality trees.

Living Christmas trees are 6' or 7.5' size. Clients can choose from ten kinds of cedar, juniper, pine, spruce and fir. The main tree offered is the Douglas fir, the State Tree of Oregon and the most popular tree worldwide. Over 400 trees are arranged to be planted so that many can be Christmas trees.

## What is a Tool Library?

#### Content from neptl.org

Tool libraries are just like traditional libraries, but with tools instead of books. They are great for people who can't/don't want to buy/rent tools they are only going to use once in a while.

The Northeast Portland Tool Library (NEPTL) is your neighborhood tool library. We lend out free of charge an ever-growing inventory of home-repair and gardening tools to Northeast residents and community groups. We are located in the basement at Redeemer Lutheran Church at NE 20th Avenue and Killingsworth Street (entrance is on Killingsworth).

We are open for borrowing on Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. with extended summer hours on Wednesdays 5:30-7:30 p.m. Join the Library – it's FREE!

You can sign up to borrow tools for free from NEPTL if you are 18 or older and reside in Northeast Portland west of 82nd Avenue. To learn more visit http://www.neptl.org/membership or stop by the Tool Library during our Saturday open hours to get an application packet. Sign and bring in the forms, show the requested proof of identity and residency, and you're ready to go!

#### Membership

Members can check out up to seven tools per week from the Library during our Saturday open hours. Tools are due back by 10:00 a.m. the following Saturday, or fees will be charged for late items.

Before being allowed to borrow, you must read our borrowing rules and fine schedule, fill out and sign an application and waiver, and present acceptable proof of identify and residency. Proof of identity can be a driver's license, passport, or other government-issued identification with photo. Proof of residency can be a utility bill, mortgage statement, lease agreement, carinsurance card, or similar document that shows

a current address in Northeast Portland.

In addition to a wide assortment of hand tools, members can check out a select number of electric power tools. For safety and liability reasons, we do not lend out gas-powered tools or tools that contain or use hazardous materials.

Also, only members presenting valid member numbers can check out tools. You can't share your membership or have others check out tools for you.

## How Diverse Is Concordia's Canopy?

by Dove Hotz, Tree Team Chair

You have all probably seen many beautiful trees in the Concordia neighborhood, including some phenomenal old-growth trees. But do you have any idea exactly how many and what type of trees are in our area? The City of Portland's Urban Forestry Department and the Concordia Neighborhood Association's Tree Team have been working for two months to acquire this information with a block-by-block inspection and inventory. We have already observed almost 2,000 trees, acquiring data on tree location, size, health, and species, to assist us in our goal of maximizing the health and diversity of our urban canopy. Last Saturday, I measured a huge elm that was 42 inches in diameter!

The third and final scheduled tree inventory will take place Saturday, October 9, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at a convenient Concordia location (the exact place will be provided once you register). Your assistance is requested to help us fill in some of the missing blanks. You do not need to be a tree expert -- professional staff and knowledgeable volunteers will be available to help you tell the difference between a maple and a sweetgum. This is a lovely chance to stroll through the neighborhood and appreciate its beauty and diversity. If you are willing and able to help, please visit the Tree Inventory web site at www.portlandline.com/parks/treeinventory, or contact Urban Forestry Botanic Specialist Angie DiSalvo at angie.disalvo@portlandoregon. gov, (503) 823-4484. Support for this project comes from the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District.

Did you know...
Concordia has Latin roots meaning 'peace' or 'harmony'?

## Rose City Highlights (solution found on page 7)

#### By Chris Yensan

#### **ACROSS**

- 1 \_\_\_\_ room (game room)
- 4 Clobbers a noggin
- 11 Amateur golf assoc. in 17A
- 12 \_\_\_ Song (Korean pro golfer in LPGA)
- 13 Stand-up
- 15 Rose City
- 17 Where 15A is located
- 19 MS Windows worm
- 20 Rounded projection on a building
- 22 New Guinea dialect
- 23 ABBA's Spanish language Greatest Hits
- 24 Devoured
- 25 Giant 4-legged armored walker in **Empire Strikes Back**
- \_\_\_ Moss (Musician and longtime actor on The Bold and the Beautiful) 28 They make the beer (more here than in
- any other city in the world) 31 \_\_\_ Peron (longtime 1st Lady of
- Argentina)
- 32 Legs (Slang)
- 33 Cycling accessories company
- 37 Angry reprimand (alt. spelling)
- 39 They'll get you across the Willamette River
- 40 Thrashes about
- 41 Golfers pegs
- 42 Graduate school entrance exam
- 43 They play at the Rose Garden Arena
- 45 Son of Seth
- 46 Countess of Lovelace, and others of the same name
- 49 Consume
- 50 Org. officially representing Palestinians in the UN
- 51 Tear
- 52 Frees from
- 54 2nd largest city in Africa
- 57 The \_\_\_ in the \_\_\_ (Dr. Seuss story)

- 59 Catch; ensnare
- 62 With 63A, nickname for Portland
- 63 Second part of 62A
- 64 Hallow
- 65 Covert military actions
- 66 Elite tactical unit
- 67 Spoil

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- 3 Pasta dish with eggs
- 4 Famous sled dog
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- 7 Induces a state of relaxation
- 8 Folk wisdom
- 9 Ward in Tokyo 10 Intolerant one
- 13 Calculator func. key (related to sine and tan.)
- 14 Soft drink
- 16 Ripped
- 18 Wayne's World word
- 21 Sunday seat
- 24 HS math team comp. (Abbr.)
- 25 Sociopath's illness (Abbr.)
- 26 It may be coral
- 27 Egg shape
- 28 Toy glider wood
- 29 French verbs
- 30 French kings
- 32 Sea bird
- 34 Drinker of a holiday beverage?
- 35 Pertaining to aviation
- 36 HTML filtering prog. (Abbr.)
- 38 Tells a little lie
- 39 Ernie's roommate
- 41 What you'll need for tea parties
- - 44 Frenchman's last letter
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  - 46 Circle part
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  - in the 1400s) 48 Likely
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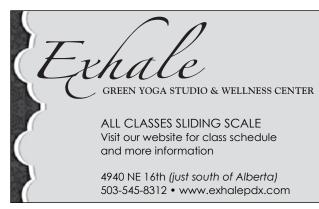
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## **Neighborhood Bulletin Board**

#### **Donate Your Time**

Harvey Scott SUN School (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) is currently seeking volunteers for our after-school activities. Be a homework tutor, mentor, role model, or support person in the enrichment classes (Gymnastics, African Drumming, Soccer, Arts & Crafts, the list goes on!) for a minimum of one hour a week between 2:15 - 5:15 p.m.; Monday - Thursday. We are looking for positive and reliable role models who enjoy working with students. All of our volunteers complete a basic application and background check before they begin their volunteer service. If you are interested in knowing more about our program and ways to get involved contact Annie Nguyen at anguyen@impactnw.org or call the SUN office (503) 916-5418. Harvey Scott K8 is located in 6700 NE Prescott St. between 66th and 68th Avenues in the Cully neighborhood.

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#### **Scholarships Available**

Did you know that the Elks are third in awarding the most monies to college bound students? Only the US government and Bill Gates award more! The Elks have various scholarships available for students wishing to continue their education. The Most Valuable Student Award is open to any high school senior who is a US citizen wishing to continue on to a 4-year college program. There are 500 awards given at the national level so there are lots of opportunities to win. Applications for the MVS Award must be turned in to the lodge office at 3717 NE Columbia Blvd. by 5 pm on December 1, 2010. Applications can be found online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars or at the lodge office.

For those students wishing to pursue a 2-year vocational/technical program beyond high school, Vocational Grants are available. This grant is a one year award of \$1,000. The application can only be found online at http://www.greshamelks1805.org/images/Vocational\_Grant\_Application\_2011-2012\_fill-in.pdf and must be applied for online. Oregon has seven of these awards available. The application must be submitted by February 1, 2011.

Finally, children and grandchildren (or stepchild, step-grandchild or legal ward) of living Elks may apply for the ENF Legacy Award. Students will receive scholarships of \$4,000 awarded over a 4-year period. This award is again only available online at www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm. Deadline for application submittal is no later than February 1, 2011. Winners will be announced in April. For more information, you may contact Emma Pletz at (503) 285-5853.

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Fresh off last month's success of a #1 ranking in the nation for community service hours (by Washington Monthly magazine) Concordia University Executive Vice President Gary Withers (center left) and Portland Mayor Sam Adams (center right) are presented with a \$40,500 grant by State Farm representatives at a September 15 press conference announcing the expansion of Concordia University's Student Service Corps (serving K-12 youth in NE Portland through a partnership with SUN Community after-school programs.)

#### Local Nonprofit Offers Free Home Hazard Assessments

Not many people realize that our indoor air is generally 5-20 times more polluted than the air we're breathing in the great outdoors, and we spend up to 90% of our time inside, unaware of the increased risks. There is a general lack of knowledge about common indoor hazards; for example, everyday cleaning supplies can be seriously toxic, harmless-seeming mold and mildew increase asthma and allergies, and the invisible presence of lead can severely affect the development of children.

Luckily, the Josiah Hill III Clinic can help! Thanks to funding from the Environmental Protection Agency and the Bureau of Housing and Community Development, JHC now offers free Healthy Home Check-Ups to the residents of North and Northeast Portland, as well as the Centennial neighborhood in East Portland. During your one-hour Healthy Home Check-Up, a friendly volunteer or staff member tours each room of your home and assesses every potential hazard.

Risks assessed include asthma, allergy, and migraine triggers; lead exposure; mold and mildew; and toxic chemicals linked to adverse health outcomes. Once hazards are identified, JHC provides consultation on exposure elimination and gives families helpful resources. Not only is the service free of charge, but it also includes a gift card to Fred Meyer to help clients purchase their own "green" cleaning products.

Sign up for yours today!

Josiah Hill III Clinic also offers free workshops on lead poisoning prevention, mold, and green cleaning, as well as blood lead testing for children under 6 years of age, pregnant women, and nursing mothers. Services are available in Spanish and English. To sign up for a Healthy Home Check-Up or for information about other programs, contact Amanda Lawrence at Amanda@jhillclinic.org. Josiah Hill III Clinic 5018 NE 15th Avenue Portland OR

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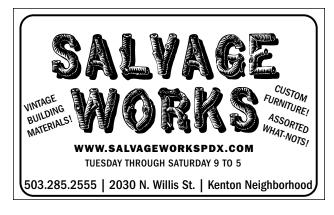
#### Need a Job? Want a Promotion?

The truth is in order to find a job or become promoted, you may need to become a better presenter and more confident team leader. You need the ability to talk and answer questions off the cuff. If you want to land a good position, you'll need job interviewing skills. All of these skills can be learned in the supportive setting of a local Toastmasters.

Toastmasters is a nonprofit educational organization that helps you develop communication and leadership skills needed to reach your goals. Since its founding 85 years ago our organization has helped more than four million members worldwide. We meet Monday eves 6:30 p.m. at Concordia University. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting. Please visit www.portlandtoastmasters.org for more info.

## Visit us online at concordiapdx.org







## **Hispanic Heritage Month**

The period spanning September 15 and October 15 is Hispanic Heritage Month. The 30-day observation is a recognition of the achievements and contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States and a celebration of Hispanic culture and heritage. Begun in 1968 as "Hispanic Heritage Week" and approved by President Lyndon Johnson, the observation was expanded by President Reagan in 1988.

#### Oregon Latino Agenda for Action Plans Inaugural Summit

Salem, Oregon – "One United Voice – Una Voz Unida" is the theme for an historic two day Summit slated for Oct. 17 and 18, 2010, in Salem, Oregon convening Latino leadership from throughout the state to catalyze and coordinate statewide efforts promoting the social and economic well-being, political capacity, and civic leadership of the Latino community in Oregon.

Organized by the Oregon Latino Agenda for Action (OLAA), the event has been in the planning by Latino leaders from civic, community, and government sectors.

"Our Latino community in Oregon is at the

tipping point with a new, collaborative ethos for presenting a united front for effective strategies for change, and that is why we are organizing this historic statewide, explains Consuelo Saragoza, OLAA Co-Chair.

"We believe this event will be catalytic for the positive presence and forward movement our community deserves in a climate of increasing challenges; and we expect new relationships and networks will be forged at the Summit that will strengthen our social, economic, and political capital and be of benefit not only to Latinos but also to the community at large," adds Saragoza.

Designed to accommodate up to 300 participants in the Salem Conference Center, Salem, Oregon, the Summit will begin at 1 pm on Sunday and end at 7 p.m., 8 a.m. on Monday until late afternoon. Focusing on the main issues of economic conditions, health, immigration, employment, and social and cultural development, participants from urban, suburban, rural, and coastal areas of Oregon will discuss, deliberate and decide in an open, non-partisan, and participatory model of regional engagement.

On the first day, the Summit will focus on the reception of community input and the research papers. On the second day participants will prioritize findings into a strategic agenda for action. The event will also feature a community fair with organizations, Latino businesses, sponsors, plus an art exhibit and cultural presentations to showcase Latino artists.

In addition, a pre-Summit on-line survey, also available in hard copy, is being distributed to help prioritize the issues and to suggest strategies for public policy and proposed legislation. Responses will contribute to the content of the Salem event. Summit details, registration info, and survey can be found on www.olaaction.org

One unique feature of this event is that Summit organizers hope to stream event proceedings live to sites throughout the state of Oregon to maximize the participation of Latinos, especially in counties where their population is proportionately higher.

Contact: Andrea Cano, Summit Director, (503) 804-2785, acano@olaaction.org

## ¡VIVA DON JUAN!

¡VIVA DON JUAN! is an original play created by Martín Milagro and directed by Olga Sanchez. This bilingual celebration for the Day of the Dead is sponsored by the Consulate of Mexico in Portland. Opening Night is Friday, October 29 at 8 p.m., with a complimentary reception catered by La Bamba.

#### About the play.

Every fall, the dead are commemorated in a lively show of dance, music and theatre in Portland's longest-running Day of the Dead celebration. This year's story is set in the late 1800s, just prior to the Mexican Revolution, when the working people stood up to the rich landowners and demanded their fair share. In the *zócalo*, or town square, a troupe of poor actors has arrived to present its annual street theatre production of *Don Juan Tenorio* (a play that has since become a *Día de los muertos* tradition in Mexico and one of the most produced plays in Spain). But amidst the actors' preparations enters the spirit of Don Juan himself, quite upset that no one has remembered him on this special day. How will he enjoy the pleasures of life again if no one has built him an *ofrenda* (altar) filled with his favorite things? The world's most devilish romantic blames the play for presenting him in such an unfavorable light, and he begins to intervene with the show,

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(left to right) James Peck, Sara Fay Goldman and Nurys Herrera in ¡VIVA DON JUAN! Photo by Kenneth Aaron

plotting to change the ending! In the end, will Don Juan discover a new perspective on life, love and second chances?

#### **About Miracle.**

The Miracle Theatre Group has been dedicated to bringing the vibrancy of Latino theatre to the Northwest community and beyond for more than 25 years. In addition to its national tours, Miracle provides a home for Spanish and Latin American arts and culture at El Centro Milagro, where it enriches the local community with a variety of community outreach projects and educational programs designed to share the diversity of Latino culture. For more information about the Miracle Theatre Group, visit www.milagro.org or call (503) 236-7253.

## New! Larger Repair Program for Seniors

By Community Energy Project

Thanks to funding from the Portland Housing Bureau, Community Energy Project is now able to make larger repairs (up to \$2,500) to lower-income seniors along the Interstate Corridor Urban Renewal Area (ICURA). These repairs can include fixing gutters, patching part of a roof, or making small plumbing/electrical repairs.

If you think you might qualify, call (503) 284-6827 x104 or email homes@communityenergyproject.org

# concordiaCULTURE

## September 30-October 26

What: Katherine Dunn (paintings) & Lisa Kaser (mixed media sculpture) Gallery Showing at Guardino Gallery

When: Tuesday 11-5, Wednesday-Saturday 11-6, Sunday 11-4

Where: 2939 NE Alberta St., or www.guardinogallery.com

#### October 1-22

What: Art Exhibit: Artist & Architect Bill Oyen

When: Library Hours

Where: Concordia University, George R. White Library & Learning Center

Northwest architect Bill Oyen worked with various art forms for 40 years. His work is inspired by the traditional art forms of indigenous peoples from around the world, especially the art of the Kuna-Yala people of Central America and the Australian aboriginal people.

#### October 2

What: Romp Stomp Boom!

Who: Portland Taiko, Asian American Drum Performance

When: Saturday, October 2, 2 p.m.

Where: Newmark Theatre, Portland Center for the Performing Arts, 1111 SW Broadway Ave.

Tickets: \$12-\$18 + service charges Available now at www. portlandtaiko.org, at the PCPA Box Office (M-Sat, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.), or by phone (800-745-3000)

#### October 9

What: Linear Arboretum Tour

When: Thursday, October 9 from 10 a.m. to noon

Where: The tour meets on the north side of Alberta Park at 2200 NE Ainsworth St. (across from our new umbrella pine in the median).

Jim Gersbach will be leading a fall color tour of the trees in the Linear Arboretum in collaboration with the Portland Parks and Recreation department. Rain or shine. For more information call Karl Dawson at Parks and Recreation at his work number (503) 823-1650. The tour is free and will showcase trees beginning to turn fall color.

#### October 9

What: Portland Storytellers Guild presents Storython

When: 7:00 P.M.

Where: Kennedy School in McMenamin's Pub

A program of diverse stories from our talented members. Please join us for an exhilarating evening suggested donation: \$5.00 per person, \$10.00 per family.

#### October 10

What: Nikki McClure visits Green Bean Books!

When: Noon

Where: green bean books, 1600 NE Alberta St.

She'll read her new book, Mama, Is It Summer Yet?, show off her new calendar, and talk about her papercut artwork.

#### October 16

What: A free day of workshops to empower parents and other caring adults to be actively involved in their school community and beyond.

When: Registration and breakfast open at 8:45 a.m.

Where: Parkrose High School.

Hosted by Community and Parents for Public Schools. Attendworkshops to help you support your student, your school, and your district. Learn about transition to middle school, high school, or college. Meet with non-profit providers with resources for families. Visit with superintendents, school board members, elected officials. Get ideas you can bring back to your school! Find out more and register online at: http://www.cppsportland.org/ plc. Please provide your preferred language and child care needs when you register.

### October 16

What: Concert for the Community

When: 7:00 p.m., preceded by 'Soup and Salad' at 6pm

Where: Bethany at Wilshire Park, 4330 NE 37th Ave. (503) 284-3836

The community is invited to a special free concert of music for all ages, featuring pianist Matt Burnett. He'll perform original compositions, tributes to artists from the past and homage to more modern music. He will be joined by local musicians Stevi Marie and Greg Jackson, Brian Copeland, Kirstin Albaugh, and Stephen Killen.

#### October 19

What: Wildlife in the City

James Davis, Metro Naturalist, will discuss the wildlife, including eagles, otters, and beavers, living in urban landscapes and how to observe them.

When: Tuesday, October 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

Where: Concordia University, Luther Hall, Room 121

For more information, go to http://www.cu-portland.edu/calendar/detail.cfm?cal\_id=9941.

#### October 22-24

What: Ladies Rock Camp (LRC)

For women 19 and older. For more information, visit: www. girlsrockcamp.org/programs/ladies-rock-camp

#### October 26

What: Garden Tours

More opportunities to learn about access to healthy affordable food in your neighborhood.

When: 6:30-8 p.m.

Where: CNN, 4415 NE 87th Ave.

Meet the new PSU intern and share your ideas on strengthening the network of urban gardeners and organizers in your neighborhood. Please RSVP to sandral@cnncoalition.com (503) 823-2780. Visit GardenNet @ http://www.cnncoalition.org/neargardens/about.asp

#### October 27

What: Bethany Church and Neighborhood Center's annual Pumpkin Carving Party

When: 6-8 p.m.

Where: Across from Wilshire Park, 4330 NE 37th Ave. For more information contact (503) 284-3836 or www.bethanyportland.org.

Kids of all ages and their parents are invited to bring pumpkins and join in the Halloween fun as we create masterpieces and messes!! Costumes are encouraged, pizza is free, and a good time is guaranteed!

## October 28-November 21

What: Art Exhibit: Paige Haxton//
To Be Human//mixed media masks

When: Opens Last Thursday, Reception 6–9 p.m.

Where: Hail Mary, 2928 NE Killingsworth St.



Trick-or-treating 4:30 p.m. 'til 6:30 p.m. · All ages welcome

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9 p.m. · \$5 at the door · 21 & over