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# CONCORDIA NEWS

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February 2011



Be a part of what's happening  
in the neighborhood.

**General Membership**  
February 1 at 7 P.M.

1st Tuesday of each month at  
McMenamins Kennedy School,  
Community Room

**Land Use/Livability/  
Transportation Meeting**  
February 3 at 7 P.M.

1st Thursday of each month at  
McMenamins Kennedy School,  
Community Room

**Wellness Committee**  
February 2 at 7 p.m.

1st Wednesday of each month Café Vita  
(formerly Concordia Coffee House)  
3023 NE Alberta St.

**Tree Team Meeting**  
February 3 at 6 P.M.

1st Thursday of each month  
at New Seasons

**Board Meeting**  
February 8 at 7 P.M.

2nd Tuesday of each month at  
McMenamins Kennedy School,  
Community Room

**Media Committee**  
February 9, 6 P.M.

2nd Wednesday of each month  
at New Seasons

## February General Meeting

Please join us for the February CNA General Meeting

*When:* Tuesday, February 1, 7 p.m.

*Where:* McMenamin's Kennedy School, Community Room

*Topics:*

**Port of Portland** - will discuss this summer's runway closure and the impacts on our neighborhood (see article below).

**Mary Peveto** - from the Portland Air Toxic Solutions Advisory Committee will discuss air quality in our neighborhood.

**Safety and Liveability Team (SALT)** will report on this newly formed committee of the NE Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN). Please join us to learn more about your neighborhood and how you can get involved.

## SAVE THE DATE!

## March General Meeting

Our General Meeting in March has a change of date and venue. In lieu of our regular Tuesday general meeting we are having a joint meeting with NECN to discuss the Columbia River Crossing project on Monday, March 7 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Concordia University's Luther Hall—Room 121 (an ivy-covered building on NE Holman between 27th and 29th Avenues.) More details to come in our next edition!

## Airport Update - from the Port of Portland

The Port of Portland completed many major projects in 2010 including the first phase of the in-line baggage screening system, the new long-term parking garage, Port headquarters building, and the extension of the north runway. Many major projects will also be undertaken in 2011. Among the largest and most complex is the reconstruction of the south runway which will cap our three-year runway rehabilitation program.

The south runway reconstruction effort is scheduled to begin in April and will rebuild the existing 11,000-foot runway. Construction activities will require the runway to be closed for the majority of the six month project, resulting in an increased use of the crosswind (north-south) and north runways. During the closure, residents will likely notice changes in flight patterns and aircraft noise in communities north and south of PDX.

The number of flights over the Concordia neighborhood is anticipated to be more than previously experienced during the two previous construction years. However, a six week period from the middle of July to the end of August will open a portion of the south runway and close the crosswind runway, temporarily lessening flights over the neighborhood.

Port staff has worked with the Federal Aviation Administration air traffic control managers to ensure safe and efficient operations during the project, while attempting to limit the effects of aircraft noise on neighbors during the south runway closure. The FAA will continue to restrict jet use of the crosswind runway except when winds or other extraordinary conditions require its use. In addition, late night aircraft operations will use the north runway whenever possible.

In an effort to inform the community about the changes, the Port will again reach out to neighborhoods and residents to provide information, and discuss questions and concerns. Port staff will attend the Tuesday, February 1 Concordia neighborhood meeting. Those with ideas on how the Port can reach out to neighbors, or who have questions or concerns are also invited to contact Brooke Berglund at (503) 415-6532, or [brooke.berglund@portofportland.com](mailto:brooke.berglund@portofportland.com). For questions about aircraft noise, please contact the Port Noise Management Department at (503) 460-4100, 800-938-6647, or [pdxnoise@portofportland.com](mailto:pdxnoise@portofportland.com).



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# Chair's Corner

by Ken Forcier

## What's Happening Concordia?

### Get your rap on with Ken

Alberta "Main Street", Portland Plan, portlandonline light rail, high speed rail, Columbia River Crossing, redesign,

New Year, New Seasons, Saturday tools at the library, air quality, pesticide free, Farmer's Market, livability, Wellness Committee, Community Room, soaking pool, Last Thursday,

NEC of Neighborhoods, Metro, Columbia Biogas LLC, Columbia slough, Grey to Green, grey water, green wash, planting trees,

BDS, LUBA, skinny houses, too tall, trees down, old growth canopy, significant trees, significant loss, tree trimming, our city forestry,

moving houses, burning houses, South runway, airport futures, land use and new construction, FedEx feeders, noise polluters missing bus stop, condos, dorms, athletic fields, art recruiters

neighborhood grants, neighborhood character, art at intersections, neighbors and the art of helping neighbors, Sunday Biking Boulevards, bicycle safety, recycling, cleaning-up the neighborhood,

speeders on side streets, speeders in the alley, speed bumps, crosswalks parking lines, no parking this side, why drive, driveway blocked street lights, storm water, leaf removal, Neighborhood Crime Watch,

Art in parks, dogs off leash, Friends of Fernhill, Fernhill Park, restore the ferns, water fountain, play structure, dust with bark off leash dogs, good dog bad dog, free music, Concert series talk

Your Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) does it all. Pick a topic and come be a partner to your neighborhood's vitality. We welcome you to our general meeting on the first Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at McMenemy's Kennedy School.

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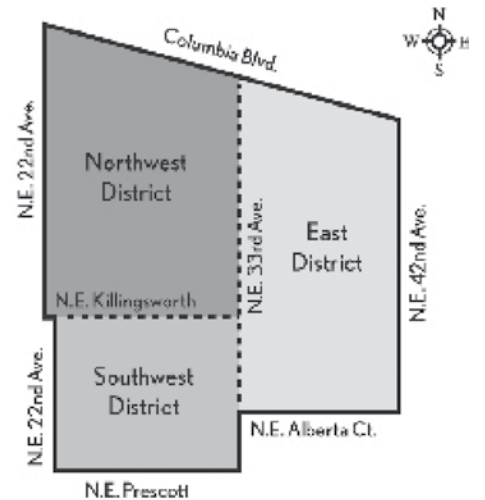
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## Dear Citywide Tree Project Stakeholder Discussion Group (SDG)...

Roberta Jortner, Environmental Planning Program  
City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

### We're pleased to announce that:

- the Citywide Tree Project Recommended Draft is ready for public review, and
- the Portland City Council public hearing is set for Wednesday, February 2, 6 p.m.

We hope you will come to be recognized, and to share your views with City Council!

The revised documents posted on the project website at [www.portlandonline.com/bps/treeproject](http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/treeproject).

These changes are projected to generate at least 100 more acres of future tree canopy per year through improved tree preservation and



planting requirements, and improve the quality and health of Portland's urban forest.

The proposal includes some brief amendments to the Ladd's Addition Conservation District Guidelines to address the proposed prohibition on planting Nuisance species trees on City property or rights of way.

The proposal also includes recommendations to improve customer service, including:

- Single point of contact for public inquiries
- 24-hour tree hotline
- Community tree manual
- Improved tree permit tracking system (accessible online)
- Neighborhood tree plans

The Citywide Tree Project proposal includes estimated costs and a proposed budget to fund administration and enforcement of the updated regulations and customer service improvements. A phased implementation strategy is proposed to provide time for public outreach, development of the tree manual and other informational materials. Project implementation is also tied to City budget stabilization.

## Portland Parks & Recreation to Submit FY 2011-12 Requested Budget Public is asked to comment online on the 1.5% one-time reductions

Portland Parks & Recreation is preparing to submit a Requested Budget for FY 2011-2012 which includes approximately \$600,000, or 1.5% of PP&R's General Fund Discretionary budget, in one-year program reductions.

However, PP&R Director Zari Santner believes the \$600,000 one-year reduction is a maximum and noted that Parks Commissioner Nick Fish is committed to pushing back to 'no cuts' in the City of Portland's FY 2011-2012 budget due to the positive budget projections issued by the Mayor's office.

As a result of these developments, Portland Parks & Recreation will not hold a community budget meeting in January, but will post the Requested Budget online at [www.portlandparks.org](http://www.portlandparks.org) for the public to comment on the one-year proposed reductions.

These proposed cuts affect primarily maintenance and horticulture programs, and will not displace any permanent employees in the bureau. The cuts do hold open, for one more year, three current vacancies, in addition to other reductions.

PP&R's Budget Advisory Committee, consisting of sixteen members of the public and PP&R represented employees, reviewed the City's direction, program priorities, and input from the staff and public regarding efficiencies, and prepared the first draft of a PP&R budget request for FY 2011/12.

## The Green and the Gray of Columbia Biogas

by Ken Forcier

The main topic of the January 4 general meeting was Columbia Biogas (ColumbiaBiogas.com). John McKinney, president of the company, gave an informative PowerPoint presentation explaining how the power plant, to be built at 6849 NE Columbia Blvd. in Cully, will take the food waste from local industrial and commercial operations and digest it in an anaerobic process producing non-fossil methane – aka biogas. When the digester is running at full capacity, this low-grade gas will be used on-site to generate 5MW of electricity.

The whole concept is all very "green." The positives advanced at these presentations overshadow the negatives to such an extent there have, to my knowledge, been no detractors in the positions of oversight within our government.

### Positives:

- Employment (18 full time jobs once operational)
- Food scrap garbage is not trucked to far away landfills where its decomposition gases would not be captured
- Less dependence on fossil fuels
- 5MW of electricity, enough to power ~5000 homes
- Two of the byproducts are "high grade fertilizers" (liquid and solid)
- Funding generated by garbage disposal fees (50 cents/ton) stays locally and is distributed as grants through Metro to the neighborhood

### Negatives:

- 2% more truck traffic, 58 trips daily, on Columbia and surrounding feeder routes
- Spending \$40,000,000 to generate 18 jobs
- DEQ permits allow exhaust particulate and gases measured annually in the hundreds of tons
- The permits were fast tracked to take advantage of tax incentives due to expire before the end of 2010; this left little time to review and comment on the impacts and intentions of these power plant operators
- Three byproducts are 55,000 gallons of non-potable water, heat from the generators and hydrogen sulfide (the most dangerous)

The Concordia Neighborhood Association met in emergency session and drafted a letter to Metro asking that the Franchise agreement with CBG be delayed until we had more time to study the local impacts. Though we still have concerns, the permits were approved and this facility will be built by the end of 2011.

While I am proud of our sensibilities here in our Northeast Portland neighborhoods as we embrace this green technology, I cannot help but feel that we are making a significant personal sacrifice with the cost to our local environment and livability.

Follow this discussion and future updates on our website, [concordiapdx.com](http://concordiapdx.com) –ed.

**We are looking for contributors to submit historical information about our neighborhood.**

Do you know some fun facts about the area? We'd love to hear from you! Send your facts about Concordia to [concordianews@yahoo.com](mailto:concordianews@yahoo.com). Please use KYN in the subject line.



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[concordiapdx.org](http://concordiapdx.org)



# Be Happy

by Jill Muhm



February is often thought of as a cold, dark, wet and generally miserable month. We are sick and tired of the rain and gloom, and spring-time seems far off. If you feel gloomy during the month of February, you are not alone, but you don't have to feel like this! There is hope! The following article highlights two steps we can take to increase our happiness by focusing on gratitude. I started my own gratitude journal, and after one week I must say that I noticed quite a change in my outlook. Read on for more information regarding keeping a gratitude journal or making a gratitude visit. It might be just what you need to kick the February blues!

**Gratitude visit.** In a placebo controlled empirical study, Seligman, Steen, and Peterson (2005) validated the gratitude visit as a way of increasing happiness. Compared to participants who were instructed to focus on a time in life when they were at their best and to reflect on their strengths, participants who engaged in a gratitude visit reported more happiness for one month after the intervention. Participants were given one week to write and then

deliver a letter of gratitude in person to someone who had been especially kind to them but who had never been properly thanked. They were instructed to perform the exercise for only one week. The gratitude visit involves three basic steps: first, think of someone who has done something important and wonderful for you, yet who has not been properly thanked. Next, reflect on the benefits you received from this person, and write a letter expressing your gratitude for all he or she did for you. Finally, arrange to deliver the letter personally, and spend some time with this person talking about what you wrote.

Using another intervention known as "three good things in life," Seligman, Steen, and Peterson (2005) asked a different group of participants to write down three things that went well each day. In addition, they were asked to provide a causal explanation for each good thing. The participants were instructed to perform the exercise every night for one week. At the one-month follow-up, participants using this exercise were happier and less depressed than they had been at baseline. More importantly, they stayed happier and less depressed

at the three-month and six-month follow-ups.

**Gratitude journal.** Empirical studies have shown that those who kept gratitude journals felt better about their lives. Compared to those who recorded hassles or neutral life events, those who kept gratitude journals on a weekly basis exercised more regularly, reported fewer physical symptoms, felt better about their lives as a whole, and were more optimistic about the upcoming week (Emmons & McCullough, 2003). A related benefit was also observed in the realm of personal goal attainment: compared to research participants in the other experimental conditions, participants who kept gratitude lists were more likely to have made progress toward important personal goals (academic, interpersonal and health-based) over a two-month period.

A daily gratitude intervention (self-guided exercises) resulted in more positive effects that did the weekly intervention. A daily gratitude intervention resulted in higher reported levels of the positive states of alertness, enthusiasm, determination, attentiveness, and energy compared to a focus

on daily hassles or a downward social comparison (ways in which participants thought they were better off than others). Compared to participants who were instructed to focus on daily hassles or social comparisons, those who used the daily gratitude intervention were more likely to report having helped someone with a personal problem or having offered emotional support to another person (Emmons & McCullough, 2003).

**Suggested steps.** Consider making a gratitude visit to someone who has been especially kind or helpful to you but who you have never properly thanked. Reflect on the benefits you received from this person, write a letter expressing your gratitude, and make arrangements to personally deliver the letter and discuss what you wrote. After making your gratitude visit, start keeping a daily gratitude journal of three things that go well each day. Reflect on three good things that happen each day as well as their possible causes, and write down these things in your gratitude journal at the end of each day. At the end of a month, review your journal, reflect on how you feel, and identify someone to whom you will make your next gratitude visit.

## Know Your Neighborhood

	1990	2006
US population	249.4 mill	293.6 mill
Oregon	2.8 mill	3.7 mill
Portland	437,400	537,000
Concordia population	9,575	10,500 est.
Households	3,569	3,770
Owners	61%	71%



*Just imagine...* a place for the community and university to come together and play. Concordia University & Community Athletic Complex will provide...

*...a well-lit, year-round turf field and facilities in Northeast Portland for our student-athletes, alumni, local clubs, and camps for kids*

*...a home field for Northeast United and Alameda Soccer Clubs*

*...active space for the students at Faubion School next door*

Join us for the Groundbreaking on February 24th at 10am and help us bring the teams home to Northeast Portland.

**Join us...**

**GROUND BREAKING**  
for the  
**Concordia University & Community Athletic Complex**

Thursday, February 24 | 10:00 a.m.

Meet at the large white tent north of the George R. White Library & Learning Center 2800 N.E. Liberty Street, Portland, OR 97211

**RSVP:**  
www.BringTheTeamsHome.com  
or 503.280.8505



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## Meet Your New Board Members

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### Jeff Hilber

After years as an artist designing and making furniture, I moved home looking for a new creative outlet that would be easier on my hands. Rather than beat my progressive head against the immovable wall of state and national politics, I decided to look no further than where I live, my neighborhood.

As a co-leader in the 30th & K art project in 2007 that brought the crosswalks to that intersection, I believe that solving small livability issues will prevent the large ones from taking over.

Anyone in the neighborhood that shares my interest in livability issues, from trash and graffiti to public orchards and art, and would like to contribute ideas, please communicate with me through the CNA.

You may know my house by the cat gate and the wonderful garden that my partner, Suzinn Weiss, has designed. We have lived in Concordia for 16 years raising cats, bees and native plants.

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### Signe Todd

My background includes a 2-year stint as Chair of a Homeowners Association in Portland, and experience implementing successful neighborhood block parties.

My strengths are:

- Building productive relationships with diverse populations across all functional disciplines.
- Being a nexus between people and available resources.
- Community Outreach and Marketing

I believe strongly that community contributes to individual health. Now more than ever, it is important to recognize and build on the strengths, talents, and resources of each individual to create a healthier, more vibrant community.

I look forward to contributing my experience and passion for community engagement (i.e. Social and Wellness communities) towards the continual success of CNA.

## Green Building Questions Answered Here!

by Valerie Garrett

Metro, the City of Portland, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas Counties want to ensure you know about their joint community resource, the Regional Green Building Hotline. The Hotline provides practical and impartial information about green home strategies, resources and incentives for new and existing commercial and residential projects in the region.

The Hotline will answer questions about reducing carbon footprint, renewable energy, indoor air quality, salvage, training workshops and more. The Hotline is a bridge to the information, programs and local resources to help you be as green as you would like to be.

Inquiries are welcomed from homeowners, renters, real estate professionals, non-profits, contractors, students, developers, business owners and design professionals in the tri-county area. It is the Hotline's intent to inspire callers to incorporate as many sustainable choices, either material or behavioral, into their projects as possible. The Hotline can also help callers overcome barriers and obstacles they have around green building.

A great place to start is right where you are, know which resources are available and take it one day at a time. How can you get money back on my stormwater/sewer bill? What actions can I take to save

on home energy use? Where can you I a green home? When is the next class on rain gardens? What is the WaterSense label? How can I retrofit my house to age-in-place? Can I get a rebate for planting a tree? Call us!

The FREE Regional Green Building Hotline can help! (503) 823-5431

www.buildgreen411.com

we tweet! @greenhotline

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Valerie Garrett on the Hotline at (503) 823-5431.

## Happy Valentine's Day! (solution found on page 7)

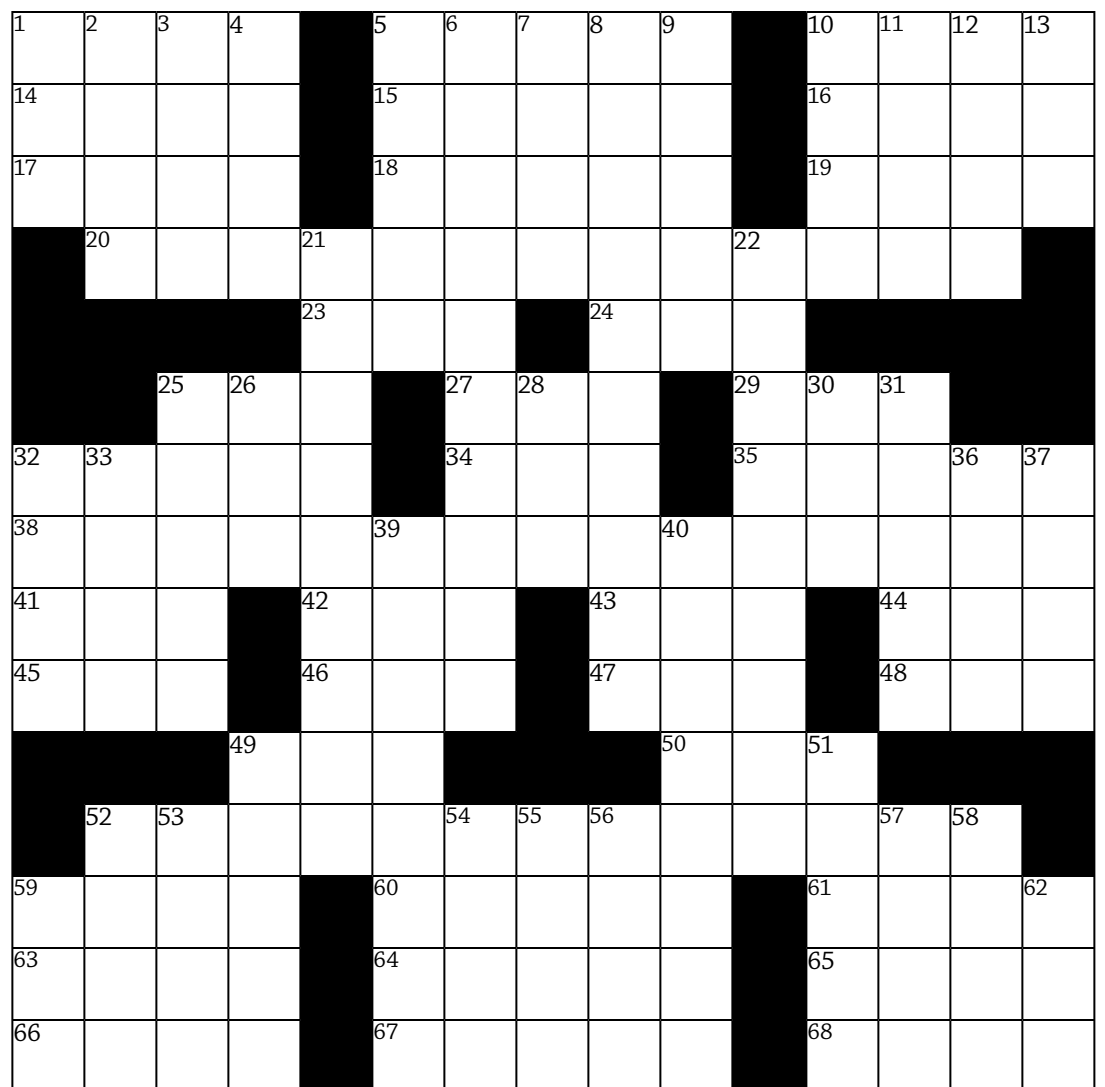
By Chris Yensan

### ACROSS

- Type of pea or dragon
- Satis \_\_\_ Washlet (Japanese toilet brand with SD memory card, lid sensor, and built-in night lite)
- Common house plant
- A model will strike one
- Joy \_\_\_ (Comic)
- Margarine
- It can be white or big and fat
- Speak formally
- Cokes come in them
- 1st part of Valentine's Day quote
- Anglican or Buddhist honorific (Abbr.)
- Auto club
- \_\_\_ Cool (Green Day's drummer)
- Long time
- Catalonia's river
- Not the one mentioned
- Sorrow
- Fencing swords
- 2nd part of Valentine's Day quote
- \_\_\_ de plume
- Greek god of shepherds
- Guy's partner
- Sung syllable?
- Johnny Cash's boy?
- Wood and Begley, Jr.
- Home of Ducks or Buckeyes
- Dine
- Not one in particular
- Small dog's bark
- 3rd part of Valentine's Day quote
- That \_\_\_ ('60's TV show)
- \_\_\_ Anything (1994 Nick Nolte movie)
- Landed lightly
- To you, in Paris
- Alicia \_\_\_ (R&B recording artist)
- Nasal irrigation method
- Sean or Robin Wright
- Ant in Olde England
- 68 "...a poem lovely as a \_\_\_" (Joyce Kilmer line)

### DOWN

- Health resort
- \_\_\_ me tangere (Latin Biblical phrase)
- "\_\_\_ I care!"
- Banana wrapper
- Not below



- Peaceful victories?
- SE Asian
- Has a toaster waffle for breakfast?
- Spain's biggest bike manufacturer
- Bands of concentration
- Spirit
- Tear
- Negatives
- Wear out the plastic?
- Second feast, Hawaiian-style?
- Herb
- Portland's outdoor gear co-op
- Follows buff or lamp
- Type of pen?
- Film loops
- Doesn't rent?
- Biblical pronoun
- Jacob's brother
- Cleaning product
- Polite and well-mannered, for a woman
- Simple classifieds ad?
- Exhausted
- Factory
- \_\_\_ Out (Liquid Paper brand)
- Take out the wrinkles
- Original substance (Term coined by Ralph Alpher in the 1940s)
- Devon's river
- Online active wear brand
- John \_\_\_ (Grammy-winning operatic tenor)
- Ceremonial act
- Space
- Knot



## Neighborhood Wanderings

Photos by Belinda Clark



Sumner St. sunset



Pig windchime

### PPB Asks Community to Provide Input

The Portland Police Bureau is currently preparing its fiscal year 2011-12 budget and is inviting the community to provide input. The Bureau would like to hear from people about their specific needs in regard to the core services the Police Bureau provides.

The Bureau has posted a survey on its website where community members can identify the top three priorities facing their neighborhood that could benefit from increased police services or patrols.

To access the survey, go to [portlandpolice.com](http://portlandpolice.com).

### In the Garden

by Suzinn Weiss

Well, Portlanders, so much for the big snowstorm. It's 53 degrees! If you feel like putting on your rain gear, go into the garden and start clearing away some leaf litter (leave some for the worms) and you'll see the tips of spring bulbs popping up!

Mid-January is the perfect time to cut old Hellebore leaves to the ground making way for the beautiful winter flowers. Just be sure to cut only old leaves which are dull and thick and usually have some winter damage (while the new leaves are shiny and feel soft). If you see new stems poking out of the ground leave them as these are the flowers, the new leaves will follow.

### Annual Community Center and Pool Survey Reflects Customer Satisfaction

For the second year in a row, Portland Parks & Recreation facilities score high marks with users

Every year Portland Parks & Recreation conducts a Customer Satisfaction Survey of regular users of the 15 community and arts centers and nine outdoor pools that the bureau operates. In 2010, for a second year in a row, 96% of our customers rank the overall quality of their experience at a PP&R facility as Very Good or Good.

The survey, which is conducted by PP&R Corporate Strategy using our current membership and class lists, goes out every year to customers across the city. The survey is done in conjunction with the City Auditor's annual Community Survey, which is released in November.

The PP&R Customer Satisfaction Survey asked users about the experience in the following categories: Overall quality of experience (96% responded very good or good); Safety (94% responded very good or good); Staff Professionalism (93% responded very good or good); Cleanliness (91% said very good or good); Staff Knowledge (90% said very good or good); Speed of Service (90% said very good or good); Comfort (89% said very good or good); and Affordability (82% said very good or good).

Of those who responded, 63% said they visited a facility daily or weekly, and 98% said they were very likely or somewhat likely to recommend that facility to a friend.

The survey has a +/- 5% margin of error.



### Neighborhood Perk

Did you know surrounding neighbors of the McMenamins Kennedy School can use the soaking pool for free? Check in at the front desk and show your ID (with your address showing your residence). A map of the area included is posted at the front desk. Call (503) 249-3985 for more info.

### In 2011, Grow as a Public Speaker!

Made your New Year's resolution yet? Why not challenge yourself to speak, share, and grow as a public speaker by becoming a member of Portland Toastmasters!

2011 is a new year, which means new beginnings and a fresh start. But aiming for greater success over the next 12 months is also about growth: growth as an individual, as a professional, and as an effective member of society. What better way to achieve these goals than by growing as a public speaker?

If this sounds like a challenge that you'd be interested in taking on in 2011, then Portland Toastmasters is for you. With our unique mix of members from industries like marketing, finance, and even show business, there will always be someone interesting to connect with.

Don't delay your growth as a public speaker any longer – 2011 is the year! Take a moment to explore our website [portlandtoastmasters.org](http://portlandtoastmasters.org). Learn more about us, find out what happens at a meeting, meet a few of our members. Then, join us as a guest at our next meeting.

*What:* Portland Toastmasters

*When:* Every Monday 6:30 p.m.

*Where:* Concordia University Library Meeting Room

Any final questions? Don't hesitate to send us an email at [publicrelations@portlandtoastmasters.org](mailto:publicrelations@portlandtoastmasters.org)

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# Streetcar Memories

By Clifford Dimoff, longtime resident and board member

A past article in the Concordia News stated that the Alberta streetcar “turned around” when it reached the end of the line in order to return to town, but to the contrary, each streetcar had controls at both ends that allowed the driver to simply walk to the opposite end and reverse direction.

In order for cars going in opposite directions to pass each other, there was a double track on 30th Ave. just north of Killingsworth St. where the outgoing car waited for the incoming car to pass before proceeding to the end of the line north of Ainsworth.

There was a little coffee shop in the structure on the west side of the street at that time where the car men would have a cup while waiting, but twice when I was a child they neglected to set their brakes properly, and the cars rolled down to the end of the line.

The first time this happened the car rolled off the end of the track, across Ainsworth, and past the church on the corner to stop in front of the house where my family lived, on the west side of 30th, fortunately without hitting anything or anyone.

The second time, there was a streetcar at the end of the line and its car man was in the end facing the approaching runaway streetcar completely unaware of the accident about to happen.

The impact drove the waiting car across Ainsworth, past the church. The rails ended at Ainsworth with nothing there to stop them, so both cars ran off the rails and their steel wheels created grooves all the way down to where they stopped upright in front of our home, drifting slightly toward the western curb.

The car man was badly cut by the glass shattered in the collision, and my mother ran back in the house to bring out some towels to help staunch the flow of blood.

As a child, after attending afternoon matinees at the 30th Avenue Theater on the southeast corner at Alberta, my friends and I would often wait until the street car turned the corner, then run and hop on the rear footboard for a free ride to the end of the line at Ainsworth.

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Solution to Happy Vaneline's Day

### Wanted... Editor for the Concordia News

We are looking for a community member to fill the position of Editor 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 volunteer position works closely with our layout editor, copywriter, and typically heads the media committee.

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 to: [Concordianews@yahoo.com](mailto:Concordianews@yahoo.com). Please list “Editor opening” in the subject line of your email.



# concordia CULTURE

## February

**WHAT:** OASIS February 2011 Classes. The mission of OASIS is to enrich the lives of mature adults by engaging them in lifelong learning. Complete class information can be found on our website [www.oasisnet.org/portland](http://www.oasisnet.org/portland)

**WHEN:** throughout the month

**WHERE:** Jane Griffen, OASIS Program Coordinator, c/o Macy's 4th Floor, 621 SW 5th Av.; (503) 223-0512 x 6903

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**WHAT:** Guardino Gallery, Main Gallery: Anne Goodrich's ceramic work gives flesh and form to organic life and shapes. Images of living things influence how she bends, stretch, coaxes the clay.

Diane Kingzett works in oils on canvas to create her colorful and vibrant abstract creations. Some pieces may have numerous paintings underneath, adding to the energy she wishes to convey.

**WHEN:** January 27-February 22

Opening reception: Last Thursday, January 27, 6 - 9 p.m.

**WHERE:** 2939 NE Alberta St.; (503) 281-9048

[www.guardinogallery.com](http://www.guardinogallery.com)

## February 5

**WHAT:** Winterfolk XXIII, the annual benefit folk concert for Sisters Of The Road, featuring Tracy Grammer, Doug Smith, Chris Kokesh, Lincoln Crockett, Beth Wood, Tom May and more.

**WHEN:** February 5

**WHERE:** The Aladdin Theater, SE Milwaukie Ave., (503) 234-9694

Call for tickets and show time.



## Before February 8

**WHAT:** 2011 Youth Action Grants Program

A pool of money is available for community-based projects initiated, designed, and run by youth 21 and under. The YAGP will provide grants of up to \$1,000 to youth or youth groups who want to take action that makes Our Bill of Rights: Children + Youth and Portland's community vision a reality.

[portlandonline.com](http://portlandonline.com)

**WHEN:** Applications and all supporting materials must be submitted to Pam Phan, Youth Planning Program c/o Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, 1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100, Portland, OR 97201 by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, February 8.

**WHERE:** Please contact Pam Phan at (503) 823-9912 or [pam.phan@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:pam.phan@portlandoregon.gov)

## February 10-12

**WHAT:** Organicology. Seed producers, farmers, distributors and retailers, researchers and educators, chefs, food policy activists, and of course... eaters of great food - all find topics of interest and sources of inspiration at Organicology. The 2011 conference will continue focus on sustainability, farming and seed issues as well as an addition of education and interchange around the impacts of climate change on agriculture and the farm bill.

**WHEN:** February 10 - 12

**WHERE:** Doubletree Lloyd Center

[www.organicology.org](http://www.organicology.org)

## February 12

**WHAT:** The Portland Storytellers, in honor of St. Valentine's Day, present a program called "Love: Lost and Found." Three outstanding storytellers will recount tales of romantic love, familial love, and love of country. Suggested donation: \$5 per person, \$10 per family. Adults and children 10 years or older are welcome.

**WHEN:** February 12, 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Kennedy School Community Room, 5736 NE 33rd Ave.

## February 18-20, 25-27

**WHAT:** Sherman: A Jazz Opera. Featuring: Janice Scroggins, Reggie Houston and Rita Marquez!

Musical score: Thara Memory, Libretto: S. Renee Mitchell. Loosely based on the life of saxophone player Sherman Thomas, but also celebrates the legacy of post-war North Williams Avenue when it was known as "Black Broadway," because live jazz by black musicians and singers from around the country—including Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong and Billie Holiday - was being played night and day in a least ten clubs along the entertainment strip and in other parts of the city.

**WHEN:** Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays February 18 - 27, the last two weekends of Black History Month. All shows at 7 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ethos@IFCC, 5340 N Interstate Ave.

Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for seniors and students, available at Reflections Bookstore and Geneva's Salon, both on MLK Jr. Blvd. and online at <http://ethos.org/>

## February 6, 20

**WHAT:** Portland Fruit Tree Project is a grassroots, non-profit organization empowering neighbors to share in the bounty of urban fruit and nut trees. This Winter Pruning program is a hands-on workshop.

**WHEN:** Saturday, February 6 and 20, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**WHERE:** [www.portlandfruit.org](http://www.portlandfruit.org)

## Feb 26

**WHAT:** 24th-annual Fix-it Fair, a free event with 40 exhibitors, Meet the Experts and Hands-on Workshops. Includes bike repair, lunch, and onsite child care.

**WHEN:** Saturday February 26, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Jefferson High School, 5210 N Kerby Ave.

[www.portlandonline.com/bps/fif](http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/fif)

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Tuesday, February 8

## Race Talks: An Opportunity for Dialogue

"Beyond the Oregon Trail:  
The Untold History of Oregon"  
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Thursday, February 10

## JIMMY BIDENS

Family frolic  
6 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Thursday, February 17

## THE WIYOS

Old-time Americana  
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Sunday, February 20

## Y LA BAMBA

Eclectic indie pop  
as part of the  
GREAT NORTHWEST MUSIC TOUR  
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Thursday, February 24

## PAGAN JUG BAND

Zydeco-infused dance tunes  
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Sunday, February 27

## CRAIG CAROTHERS SONGWRITERS IN THE ROUND

7:30 p.m. · \$10 · All ages welcome

Thursday, March 3

## Portland Opera to Go: Elixir of Love

Here is your opportunity to introduce opera to your kids and maybe to yourself.  
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