Annual CNA Clean-Up: May 17th
from 8am to 12:30pm
PCC Workforce Training Center on NE 42nd Ave & Killingsworth!

Tired of seeing all the clutter & junk in your closet, basement, & garage? Drop it all off at the PCC Workforce Training Center on May 17th for CONCordia's biggest FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR! Spring Cleaning has come to Concordia and the CNA will dump, recycle, and find a new home for your household items! Your trash may just be your neighbor's treasure!

WE WILL TAKE: Household Waste, Metal, Furniture, Electronics, Lamps, Styrofoam, Light Bulbs, Batteries, Mattresses, Clothes, Bicycles, Non-curbside Plastics and other Household Stuff.

WE WON'T TAKE: Food Waste, Yard Debris, Tires, Rocks, Concrete, Paint, Oil, and other Hazardous Waste!

SPECIAL FEATURES in 2014:

• “You Price It” Yard Sale for reusable household goods! You see something you like, tell us what it’s worth to you, and it’s yours!

• Professional Tool Sharpening (8 AM - 3 PM): Bring in your Knives and Garden Tools and have them professionally sharpened by 1 SharpTool Edge Service. 25% of tool-sharpening profits go to the CNA (see accompanying flyer for details).

• Collecting household items for Community Warehouse, a nonprofit organization that provides essential household furnishings to low-income people. Their high-priority items, in order of importance, are as follows: 1) Pots and Pans; 2) Silverware; 3) Dishes/ Bowls/ Drinking Glasses (not mugs); 4) Blankets; 5) Toasters; and 6) Alarm Clocks. Items for Community Warehouse must be clean & in usable condition, & free of stains or tears.

SUGGESTED DONATION FOR CLEAN-UP VEHICLE LOADS:

$10/car
$15/truck, van, & SUV
$20/large truck
$30/oversized load
Extra $5 Donation for Electronics & Batteries

ALL PROCEEDS HELP YOUR CNA!
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to help organize event, & unload vehicles and direct traffic the day of the event. If interested, please email Katie Ugolini at ktugolini@gmail.com or call 503-449-9690!
Chair’s Corner
Life, Livability and the Pursuit of Happiness

Concordia Neighborhood Association strives to deliver a lot things to our community. Whether it’s stuffing eggs for the annual Spring Egg Hunt, or dusting off our dusters for the upcoming Community Clean Up event, or worshiping with the spirit of Last Thursday, there’s no shortage of things to keep all our volunteers busy. High on the list of tasks are things that fall under the broad heading of Safety and Livability. We’ve got a whole committee by that name, even if we often find ourselves at short staffed.

Aside from the challenge of finding enough volunteers to do this important work, safety and livability are often moving targets. And that’s where your contributions are most critical. Unless you tell us what matters most to you, we have no idea if you’re more concerned about oil trains or barking dogs, graffiti or global warming, speed bumps or meteorites.

One thing I’ve learned is that people’s priorities are as variable as... well... people. I’ve seen previously unmotivated members of the community rush pell-mell into a CNA board meeting because they woke up to find a bullet hole in their car fender. I’d be running too. Despite the extreme infrequency of something like that, it’s certainly a motivator. Just like our recent focus on the prospect of an oil train explosion or fire along Columbia Blvd., just because the big scary things are immediate struck by that phenomenon when I first moved to town from a city of cars parked at the curb are facing the wrong direction. I remember being immediately struck by that phenomenon when I first moved to town from a city that had zero tolerance for such a thing. I simply assumed the laws were different here. As it turns out, it’s still illegal, even if it just seems like another part of the cracks in the sidewalk.

And how about all those crazy alleys? We’ve got 120 blocks worth of them here in Concordia. My neighbor across the street maintains the alley behind his house like a formal English garden. One block away is an alley where Amelia Earhart’s plane could be hiding. What should we do about it?

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Daniel Greenstadt, Chair, Concordia Neighborhood Association
If you would like to help the CNA Fernhill Concert Committee fundraise for this year’s fabulous season, please contact Katie Ugolini at ktugolini@gmail.com or 503-449-9690.

We are also asking local businesses and individuals to donate anything they can to help make these concerts happen! Whether you are a business owner, a neighborhood family, or an individual, WE NEED YOU to help raise funds to produce another memorable concert season in Fernhill Park. If you would like to contribute to this Spectacular Summer Series, please visit:
- www.give2parks.org/concerts to donate!
- Choose FERNHILL PARK from the Pull Down Menu
- Click ‘Donate Now’ & Get an Immediate Tax Receipt
- Any contribution (e.g. $5 or $10) is greatly appreciated!!

Furthermore, if you are a business, institution, or individual and want to be a Fernhill Concert Series Sponsor; by contributing $250 or more, you will receive these awesome benefits of sponsorship:

- Opportunity to have promotional table at all 5 concerts to display, give, or sell items.
- A chance to give to your neighborhood
- A tax deductible contribution staying “close to home”
- Your Business Name Recognized:
  - In the PP&R Summer Free For All Brochure distributed throughout the city to over 300,000 people
  - On the PP&R Summer Free For All Website
  - Thanked over the “P.A.” at concerts
  - In the Concordia News, reached 6000 households
  - On the Concordia Neighborhood website

Here are the options:

**Champion Sponsor: $2,500**
- Presenting sponsor status for one night of a concert series
- Opportunity to have promotional table at all 5 concerts
- Logo or name on the concert banner, select Summer Free for All movie screens, season brochure and Concordia neighborhood flyer
- Listed as presenting sponsor in the season brochure and Concordia neighborhood flyer
- Listed on the PP&R Summer Free for All website
- Recognized from the stage at all concerts
- Featured in community newspaper promotion

**Champion Combo Sponsor: $2,500 + $2,000**
- Presenting sponsor status at one park for the standard rate; $500 off the same sponsorship level at a second park
- All benefits of Champion sponsorship apply at both parks

**Major Sponsor: $1,000 and up**
- Logo or name on concert banner, one Summer Free for All movie screen, season brochure and Concordia neighborhood flyer
- Listed on the PP&R Summer Free for All website
- Recognized from the stage at all concerts
- Featured in community newspaper promotion

**Contributing Sponsor: $500 and up**
- Name in bold on the concert banner
- Name in bold in the season brochure and on Concordia neighborhood flyer
- Recognized from the stage at all concerts
- Listed on the PP&R Summer Free for All website

**Good Neighbor Sponsor: $250 and up**
- Name in the season brochure and on neighborhood flyer
- Recognized from the stage at all concerts
- Listed on the PP&R Summer Free for All website

Any sponsor may have a promotional table at the concerts they are supporting.

Sponsorship reservations are needed ASAP; payments are due June 1, 2014 to be included in promotional material. If you are a business, please contact Judith Yeeckel, Concert Production Manager at 503-503-249-8159 or judith.yeeckel@gmail.com. If paying by check, make checks payable to Portland Parks & Recreation/ Fernhill Concerts and mail to Summer Concerts ATTN: Judith Yeeckel, PPR: Mt. Tabor Yard, 6437 SE Division St., Portland, OR 97206. CREDIT CARDS ALSO ACCEPTED.
Cully Farmer’s Market

The Cully Farmer’s Market is moving forces with Thursday’s Old Salt Market. The Market will be moving into the heart of 42nd Ave business district and will be located outside of Old Salt, Roses, and Rock Point Pizza. The season will be June through September but will change to Thursdays from 4 to 7 PM. This is a tri-neighborhood market and an opportunity to collaborate with nearby Cully and Beaumont/Wilshire neighborhoods.

The Cully Farmer’s Market is unique in that it will be hosting mostly neighborhood-grown produce. In addition to keeping the community creating a market that promotes neighborhood cottage industry. The Cully Market would like to encourage all of the neighbors who make or create products or services to consider having a booth at the Cully Farmer’s Market.

The good news is, they are not moving far, 1.5 miles to the corner of NE 42nd and Fremont.  Their hope is that another building was getting completely remodeled, and the neighborhood association, writing articles in the Neighborhood Association, remembers being on the wellness committee of the Alberta Neighborhood Spotlight where you can sign up to have an entire booth to yourself free for one week. Please notify Myo at cullyfarmersmarket@gmail.com if you would like to have a booth at the market. Keep on the lookout for our website cullyfarmersmarket.com and checkout and like our Facebook page.

Alberta Street Fair

The 17th Annual Alberta Street Fair is Saturday, August 9, 2014 and the planning committee is already hard at work. Sponsor Street Fair: The eclectic mix of entertainment and craft at The Alberta Street Fair epitomizes the Portland draw and is a fantastic opportunity for exposure for your business. Download the sponsor packet or reserve your sponsorship online. Vend or Perform at Street Fair: If you or someone you know is interested in performing, the application is available online now. If you or someone you might be interested, info@albertamainst.org 503-683-3252 albertamainst.org

Art Can: Art Works

A new non-profit has landed, born from Friends of Last Thursday, Alberta Art Works is focused on supporting the artistic culture in the Alberta District. How, you may ask?

• Artist Summits - connecting artists with resources, possibilities and opportunities
• Public Art Walk Map - of the Alberta corridor – Did you know there are over 45 public works, both sculptures and murals, on Alberta Street?
• Artist Registry - a guide to artists and art services in our area
• Art Works! Newspaper – a monthly newspaper supporting, educating and facilitating the arts in our community
• Murals on Alberta – Currently, we are raising funds for 12 8’x8’ murals for the Black United Fund of Oregon building located at 2828 NE Alberta, that will depict the history of our area

Learn more: http://www.albertaartworks.org

Concordia Chiropractic

Thank you Concordia Neighborhood!

Concordia Chiropractic Center is moving it’s location to a larger space on 42nd and Fremont, in the clinic that formerly was Beacon Chiropractic. As the date gets closer to the move, Jason Lindekugel says, “he is feeling more and more nostalgic about our move from our location here on the corner of NE 33rd and Killingsworth. I remember when this building was getting completely remodeled, and everyday I would drive by it on my way to work down in SE. This was back in 2006, and it has been a fun ride ever since!” Lindekugel can be remembered as being on the wellness committee of the Neighborhood Association, writing articles in this paper, and hosting community wellness events. This year’s news is, those that touch our borders - Cully, Alameda, Vernon, Woodlawn, and Sanderlund to join them. If you are a therapist that has ever have, or know, a great therapist please pass the word on to them. For more info please contact: Penny Hill, LMT (OR. License #44327) at 503-493-9594 / rsm@concordiamassagepros.com

Eat Well

“I don’t like broccoli today.” (Or peas, or beets, or salad, etc.)

If this is a commonly-heard phrase around your house, then you must have children or cranky adults! Children are notorious for their anti-vegetable tastes. Some of them will go to great efforts in order to squirrel out of eating them. Now that spring is officially here, a batch of friendlier vegetables are coming to market. Will the arrival of sweet corn, peas, and green beans motivate your kiddos to get the recommended dose of daily green stuff? May I boldly volunteer a “no” vote majority?

First, what is about most kids not liking vegetables? It turns out children are in touch with their prehistoric programming: they avoid the famine by going for the most calorie-dense foods, attracted by sugar and fats. On top of that, unlike adults, they’re eating to grow taller. Studies show that fast-growing kids prefer high-calorie foods compared to slow growers (who eat more vegetables). Third and final reason: veggies are often bitter. Let’s face it, eating vegetables is an acquired taste!

As we enter Farmer’s Market, backyard garden, and abundant summer vegetable season, try these methods to get more vegetables into you and your kiddos’ mouths:

• Grow your produce. The more access you have to it, the more likely you are to eat it!

Gardening gets the whole family involved in producing food. Garden veggies are convenient for those days when you run out of them in the crisper. They also give children the opportunity to choose the quantity and food they want, which can benefit strong-willed children tremendously. While playing outside, my kids often pause to pick and munch on a purple broccoli floret or a kale leaf, foods they seldom accept to eat off their dinner plates.

• Slip veggies into a smoothie. Throwing a couple handfuls of greens into your smoothie will feel sort of like cheating, if you get the correct ratio of vegetables to other ingredients. Here’s a delicious summer smoothie recipe: Handful of Kale, 1 Handful of Spinach, 1 ½ Cup Almond, Coconut, or Cow’s Milk, 1 cup frozen berries of your choice, 1 T. Honey, ½ tsp. ground cinnamon. (Adapted from Joy the Baker)

• Get them early. Serve vegetables for breakfast! Try veggie stir-fries, scrambles, smoothies, bruschetta, and breakfast salad. (That’s right, breakfast salad. Google it.)

• Sunday Food Prep. Pre-chop ingredients for a week of salads, stir-frys, and sides.

• Serve the vegetables first. It is now known that we eat first on our plate, we also eat the biggest portion of. Next time you hear “but I’m hungry now,” while prepping dinner, casually set out a plate of vegetables. Maybe add a little fatty dip to make their prehistoric brains see the value in eating such “gruss stuff.”

• Be real with yourself. Look at the list above. What do all of these methods require? Preparation. Next time you find yourself looking dinner time in the eye and haven’t a shred of green under your belt, remember that it’s ok. You can plan for more success tomorrow!
By Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

Humboldt neighborhood’s only official park is getting a makeover this spring, with support from Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN).

Albina Green, the tranquil public space at the corner of N. Albina Ave & N. Summer St., was a vacant, tax-forced property until a group of neighbors worked with Multnomah County and the City to convert it to a park in 1998-99. Albina Green is now used by as many as 200 people each day; later this month renovations will get under way to make the park even more welcoming and accessible.

Humboldt neighbor and artist Anne Greenwood was instrumental in establishing and designing the park in the late 1990s. She is now spearheading the upcoming improvements on behalf of Humboldt Neighborhood Coalition, which received a $32,666 grant from the Portland Development Commission to fund the project.

“When the neighborhood originally designed this park in 1998 we needed to enclose, define, and identify the space as a green space,” Greenwood reflected. “Now, sixteen years later, we need something new; we need to open up the park, give it unique features like a raised area for performance, expression, and activity, and invite community members in to do their thing.”

The changes to Albina Green will be subtle, but significant. Fencing will be removed from the north and west sides of the property, and replaced with an L-shaped raised area constructed of masonry and soil with grass on top. This will create an ADA-accessible space for performances, picnics and events, and will provide seating with a front-row view of activity along the street. The unique car-bumper bench currently at the park’s northwest corner will be moved to the east side of the park, and a community bulletin board will be installed adjacent to the bus stop on N. Albina Avenue. Various landscape improvements will be also be made, including the replacement of four diseased street trees. Much of this work will be done by contractors who live in Humboldt and adjacent neighborhoods, including several state-certified Minority, Women and Emerging Small Businesses.

These improvements are made possible by NECN’s behind-the-scenes role as the project’s fiscal sponsor – handling the money and invoices and providing administrative support. (Visit NECN’s website – necoalition.org/sponsored-projects – to find out how the Coalition can help your neighborhood association or other group carry out its next project.)

When the work is complete later this summer, a community celebration will be held in conjunction with Vanport College’s Annual Art in the Park event (date to be determined). Those with questions about the park, or ideas for events and programming to be held there once the renovations are complete, can contact project organizers at albinagreenpark@gmail.com.
Concordia Nursing Students focus on Food Insecurity with NE Backpack Lunch Program

by Madeline Turnock

The child at Faubion School looked up, surprised, at the Concordia University student handing her a bag full of food for the weekend. Concordia nursing student Whitney Thomas was stopping by the classroom for the second Friday in a row.

"Again?" the child asked.

"Yes, every Friday," promised Whitney.

The student's face lit up with joy.

At a school where approximately 80% of the students receive free and reduced lunches, food insecurity remains at home and on the weekends for many children.

Oregon and New Mexico have the hungriest kids in the country. It is estimated that nearly 1 in 3 Oregon children are food-insecure, meaning that their families don't always know where their next meal is coming from, according to Feeding America and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

As part of Concordia University's nursing program, students take a community health course and clinical, taught by associate professor Duane Miller and visiting professor Laura Shearburne. In fall 2013, as part of the clinical, Whitney and seven of her classmates conducted a community needs assessment at Faubion School, a pre-K-8 Title I public school in NE Portland. Their findings shocked them.

During the course of their study, food security emerged as a critical need to ensure children could succeed in the classroom.

"They're kids. Everyone deserves an opportunity to learn. But when you come to school hungry and tired, you're not prepared for successful learning," said Whitney. "We are preparing to be nurses, and part of nursing is being a connector. We identify the needs, then connect people with resources."

How does this tie in with a Concordia education? "Working with Faubion School, Concordia nursing students were able to have a practical experience to understand the social determinants of health," says Professor Miller. "Experiential service-learning is something we look forward to continuing as students develop." Once food security emerged as a need at Faubion School, Whitney led Concordia's Nursing Club in an effort to find and create resources. The Nursing Club raised an initial $200 through a bake sale. Then, under the mentorship of Marilyn Mauch, founder of the Northeast Backpack Lunch Program, a system was put in place to provide two weekend lunches at $3.96 per child every Friday.

Whitney hopes this will grow as broader community connections begin to take shape, including with the school's Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), St. Michael's Church, the Concordia Neighborhood Association, and local businesses.

Whitney graduates this spring with a bachelor's degree in nursing from Concordia, and she has already landed a nursing position at Rogue Valley Medical Center in Medford, Oregon.

Food donations are being accepted at St. Michael's Lutheran Church M-W and Sundays between 9 a.m. and noon or email concordia.backpack@gmail.com or dmeyer@cu.portland.edu. For additional background about food insecurity in America, visit http://www.takepart.com/place-at-the-table.

Help Increase Access to Fresh Affordable Food

by Theresa, Marketing Coordinator at ACG

For years now Alberta Cooperative Grocery has been donating money annually to the Portland Farmer's Market's Fresh Exchange program. Fresh Exchange provides SNAP shoppers with a dollar-for-dollar match (up to an additional $5 per week) to help supplement our own donation dollars so the Fresh Exchange program doesn't have to suffer. We need your help to get us there. We're trying to raise a total of $2,000, which is a lofty goal, to be sure. Even with that in mind, we believe so strongly in this program and the power of community that we think this can happen. But only with your help! Come in to Albertan Cooperative Grocery to get some more info about the program and donate what you can to help keep this inspiring program alive.

For more information visit www.albertagrocery.coop/news, or visit our store at 1500 NE Alberta St. We're open 7 days a week, from 9am to 10pm.

Protected Sick Time is Here

As of January 1, 2014, the City of Portland's new Protected Sick Time ordinance went into effect, providing workers in Portland with a protected right to earn sick time to use when they or a family member are sick, injured, or in need of preventive health care.

The ordinance applies to all employees who work within the geographic boundaries of the city of Portland for 240 hours or more in a calendar year. Employers with six or more employees must allow workers to earn paid sick leave. Employers with five or fewer employees are required to provide unpaid sick leave. Full, part-time, and temporary employees should accrue one hour of job-protected sick time for every 30 hours worked and, if earned, can accumulate up to 40 hours paid or unpaid sick time per calendar year. Earned sick leave may be used in increments of one hour, and may be used to cover all or part of a shift.

For employers and employees interested in learning more about this new law, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/sicktime, email sicktimeinfo@ portlandoregon.gov or call 503.823.3994.
Faubion PK-8 School is 1 Step Closer to Reality

The Portland School Board unanimously approved the master plans for the rebuilt Faubion PK-8 School that is being developed in partnership with Concordia University.

“It’s incredibly exciting and we are all thrilled to see this unique partnership move forward,” said Board Director Ruth Adkins after the April 16 vote.

PPS staff, Boora Architects and Concordia University presented the master plan for the proposed rebuild March 31. The Faubion rebuild and modernization of Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt high schools will be paid for with the eight-year, $482 million PPS School Building Improvement Bond. Construction at Faubion is slated to begin in summer 2016 and planned for completion summer 2017.

The new Faubion is being developed as part of a unique partnership with Concordia, which will help raise part of the funding for the project. The bond is funding the construction of the new PK-8 school while Concordia’s contributions from fundraising will bring additional services and innovative pre-kindergarten and other wrap-around opportunities to the school.

The master plan shows the replacement of Faubion with an enhanced PK-8 school on the same site. The plans include a new College of Education facility for Concordia University, along with associated community service components such as an early childhood education facility and a health and wellness center.

The rebuilt Faubion PK-8 will become the heartbeat of the neighborhood, offering wrap-around services to Faubion families. A portion of the combined building and access will be on contiguous Concordia property.

Community helped develop plans

The plans were developed over the last several months with significant community support and involvement. Present and future Faubion families, the Faubion Design Advisory Group (DAG), PPS and Concordia staff, potential wrap-around service providers, neighboring St. Michael’s Church and community members were all involved in developing the plan.

Concordia and Faubion have collaborated as neighbors for 63 years. During this time, many Concordia education students have completed a part of their field experience at Faubion. Concordia provides over 200 student volunteers each semester to help tutor and mentor Faubion students in the classrooms, and teach in the SUN after-school program. Concordia student nurses also support Faubion’s health and wellness efforts. Working with Faubion teachers, Concordia students have helped improve learning outcomes for Faubion students in reading, math and science and dramatically reduced playground discipline referrals.

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The Faubion Replacement project moves to the schematic design phase. Schematic design is a more detailed study of the layout of educational spaces and common areas. Public design workshops and Design Advisory Group meetings will continue as the project progresses forward in the coming months.

Learn more on the Faubion bond website: http://www.pps.k12.or.us/bond/8497.htm

David Mayne, PPS Bond Communications, 503-916-3009

Homestay Hosts Needed

This summer, international students will be learning about American culture and the English Language at Concordia University. We are seeking quality homestay families to house the students. Students will be in class from 9-4pm Monday through Friday. There are some excursions planned, but mostly the students will have evenings and weekends to be with their host families. Dates: June 29-July 27 (4 weeks) and/or Aug. 2-Sept. 7 (5 weeks). Students are from Baewha Women’s University in Seoul, Korea or Bunkyo University in Japan. If you are interested, please contact Erika Wiescher, Assistant Director of International Studies, at ewiescher@cu-portland.edu or 503-280-8152.

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Remodeling In Your Neighborhood Since 2001

The new Faubion-Concordia school will occupy the existing Faubion PK-8 school site and extend onto Concordia University property to the Southwest. This arrangement allows a strong connection between the PK-8 school functions and the core of the Concordia University campus. The new site plan offers optimal vehicular, bike, and pedestrian traffic flow along with great visual connection between parking and play areas for easy drop-off and pick-up routines.

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