Mark your calendars for FRIDAYS in JULY!

July 8th: Vacasa presents Tony Starlight (Music, laughter, Sinatra to the 80's)

July 15th: The Quick & Easy Boys (Harmonious Indie Rock)

July 22nd: LaRhonda Steele (Irresistible Soul Music)

July 29th: Mariachi Viva Mexico (The premier mariachi band in the Northwest)

FERNHILL PARK CONCERT SERIES plus, Tuesday August 2nd for National Night Out!
The Fernhill Concert Committee has a sizzling line-up planned for this year’s Concerts in the Park series. These five bands from five distinct musical genres represent some of the best that the Pacific NW - and the world, has to offer. Bring a blanket or chairs, a picnic dinner, and join us to groove to the tunes!

All concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:15 p.m.

Children’s activities by COLLAGE begin at 6 p.m.

See page 4 for more info about each band.

TUES., August 2 for NATIONAL NIGHT OUT Concordia Neighborhood Association presents: The Wanderlust Circus Orchestra (Rip-roaring cabaret)

NE SUNDAY PARKWAYS JULY 24
Bike, walk, or dance and sing your way around our neighborhood.

See page 5

TIES THAT BIND
Program assists those raising grandchildren, others kids not their own.

See page 10

ALBERTA ARTS TOUR JULY 7
Join Know Your City and Alberta Art Works for an arts-focused walking tour of Alberta Street.

See page 12
Land use hot topic in Concordia, need your input on this, other neighborhood concerns

Hello Neighbor,

Thank you for checking back in. First I want to state how impressed I am with our CNA board members who have been working tirelessly on our neighborhood’s behalf. I have worked with many boards of directors, in both the private and public sectors, and can say with total confidence this board is as capable as any corporate board with which I have ever worked. The board has been discussing oil train spills, toxic air and soils problems generated by industry, Summer Concerts at Fernhill Park, neighborhood Clean-Up day, and assisting Concordia University’s Community Outreach programs by offering the opportunity to reach our readers via the pages of Concordia News. We are pleased we can provide this venue to help Concordia University in its effort to make a positive impact on our community. You will find updates to some of these topics in this issue of Concordia News, and I encourage you to dig deeper for information of special interest to you.

Opportunity to input on neighborhood land use plans

At the June 14 board meeting we heard from our own Land Use & Transportation Committee and from Mary Kyle McCurdy, staff attorney for 1,000 Friends of Oregon. Mary gave us an update on potential changes to City of Portland building code. Mary Kyle has been advocating on behalf of “Portland for Everyone,” whose focus is to provide quality and community input to the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. She brought to our attention the need for increased density with the quality and character of existing neighborhoods.

There is probably nothing that will impact our neighborhood more in the near and far future than the upcoming building code changes...

This is no time to sit on the fence to see what happens. The board is only one voice amongst many stakeholders, so we need each one of you to voice your opinion. The public outreach phase is now kicking off. (Look for details in LUTC Chair Garlynn Woodsong’s Residential Infill Project update on page 7.)

Looking forward, we have serious challenges and opportunities in which your board can play a vital role in affecting positive change, but we can only do this if we hear from you. Sad to say, but over the last six months I’ve received only seven comments or requests for topics to be added to the board agenda. So we are working on what we believe to be your most important issues, but given the limited input we’ve had, we might be missing something that’s important to you.

This request for input is not just for board consideration, it also affects what we pursue as “relevant news” when publishing Concordia News. Amanda Fritz likely at September General Meeting

Amanda Fritz, City of Portland Commissioner, has tentatively accepted our board’s invitation to attend CNA’s September 14th General Meeting. We will be asking her what Concordia neighborhood-relevant agenda items she will focus on during her upcoming city council tenure. Hearing directly from Commissioner Fritz, and helping her understand what is important to us, provides an opportunity for all parties to ensure we are working toward the benefit of our community. I invite you to attend this important General Meeting. Please let me know if you have specific questions you would like put to the Commissioner.

Thanks again,
Isaac Quintero
Chair/Concordia Neighborhood Association

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Concordia Neighborhood Association
Meetings & Updates

Board Meeting
July 12 @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Second Tuesday of the Month
McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room

General Membership Meeting
September 13 @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Second Tuesday Bi-Monthly
McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room

Social Committee
If you’d like to volunteer to help with the Fernhill Concerts in the Park and/or National Night Out.Pedestrian and Bicycle Parade, please contact Katie Ugolini at kugolini@gmail.com or call (503) 449-9690.

Finance Committee
Policies/Procedures visit our website or email: Treasurer@ConcordiaPDX.org

Media Team
July 9 @ 6:00 PM
First Tuesday of the Month. Location changes monthly. Join the Media Team to volunteer on the newspaper, Website or Social Media. For more info & meeting location contact Susan Trabucco at susan@trabucco.biz or call (503) 440-7732

Land Use & Transportation Committee
July 20 @ 7:00 PM
Third Wednesday of the Month
McMenamins Kennedy School Community Room
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By Daniel Greenstadt, CNA Board of Directors

As you may have read in past CNEWS issues, in order to help ensure a bright future for our community newspaper, in May the CNA board voted to fund four paid, part-time contract positions. Three of the positions were filled as of the CNA June 14 board meeting, effective with production of the August issue of Concordia News.

The advertising sales representative position remains unfilled, so please spread the word to your marketing-savvy friends!

It’s the pleasure of the CNA board of directors – and hopefully CNEWS readers as well – to welcome the following individuals to the CNEWS family as we embark on a new era of ever-improving service to our community.

Nancy Varekamp, who is new to Concordia News, was named to the Editor position. Nancy brings 43 years of communications experience to CNEWS, all of them editing and writing newspapers and newsletters, and 35 of them additionally advising clients on the strategies and mechanics of communicating with their stakeholders. She spent seven years as a reporter and editor in Tigard, 20 years in public relations and employee communications with Pacific Power, and has served a variety of clients for 16 years as an independent communications consultant. Nancy has lived in nearby Rose City Park for 22 years. She is a Lewis & Clark graduate with a bachelor’s degree in communications.

Susan Trabucco was named to the Managing Editor position. A Beaumont-Wilkshire resident, Susan has been volunteering as team leader, editor, layout/graphic design and advertising sales for CNEWS since early this year. Susan brings to CNEWS a background that includes 10 years in sales and sales management, 15 years as a freelance public relations and communications professional, and five years as an entrepreneur publisher; in 2006 she launched the honor of Phi Beta Kappa. Gordon is a graduate of the University of Oregon, awarded his degree in communications.

Gordon Riggs was named to the Layout/Graphic Design position. A Concordia resident, Gordon stepped up to volunteer for the recently revitalized CNA media team in January this year, initially assisting with the CNA website; he then volunteered to undertake CNEWS layout for the June issue. He has a long career history as a project manager, engineer and software developer. Gordon transitioned to the field of graphic design around eight years ago, studying at the Pacific NW College of Art. He is a graduate of the University of Oregon, awarded the honor of Phi Beta Kappa. Gordon is currently self-employed as a graphic and website designer and consultant.

The CNA board held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on June 14, 2016. Some highlights from the meeting are:

• The Board heard an update on planning for National Night Out, scheduled for Tuesday, August 2. CNA’s event will include a children’s parade that starts at Dekum Court followed by the last Summer Concert of the season at Fernhill Park. (See front page for the concert schedule.)

• The CNA media team provided an update on its staffing proposal to contract several paid positions to help produce Concordia News. The Board approved the hiring of contractors for three of the four advertised contract positions: Managing Editor, Editor, and Graphic Designer/Layout. (See above for more details.) The search for an Ad Sales person is still active, so please visit the CNA website to learn more and apply today.

• The next Board meeting is Tuesday, July 12 at 7 p.m. at McMenamins Kenne-dy School, in the Community Room. Meetings are open to all - we hope to see you there!
CNA’s Fernhill Park Summer Concert Series:
More about the bands

**JULY 8 - VACASA PRESENTS, TONY STARLIGHT:** This year marks the 22nd anniversary of The Tony Starlight Show, which has been an ever-evolving hybrid of song, musical impressions and various tributes to iconic artists and pop culture phenomena.

**JULY 15 - THE QUICK & EASY BOYS:** They are a power-trio out of our own city of Portland, who create their own blend of rock and roll. Imagine the Minutemen, the Police, and Band of Gypsies all rolled into one.

**JULY 22 - LARHONDA STEELE:** Larhonda began her musical journey in Jones, Oklahoma at age 13 singing her first solo in church one Sunday morning. She continued on to Portland, Oregon and beyond, culminating into a powerful legacy of musical experiences for which she is “Awed and Grateful.”

**JULY 29 - MARIACHI VIVA MEXICO:** This is the premier mariachi band in the Northwest and the band is very proud to represent and bring the best Música Mexicana to this beautiful region of the country.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 2 - CNA PRESENTS, WANDERLUST CIRCUS ORCHESTRA:** This is the house band and Portland’s proudest bohemian brigade - Wanderlust Circus. In their words, “Our music crashes and reels like a calliope freight train off the rails weaving miraculous feats of skill through the extravagant orchestral warp of our live novelty band - sweating and sighing through standards and originals in Spike Jones fashion.”

**THANK YOU** to our amazing SPONSORS!

This year’s Fernhill Concert Series was made possible by the generous donations of neighborhood businesses and organizations. Thanks to our generous Fernhill Park Concert Sponsors. We couldn’t do it without them!

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concordiapdx.org/get-involved/open-staff-positions

**National Night Out to include parade, music, fun!**

Event slated for Tues., August 2 this year

Neighbors are invited to join in on the National Night Out Celebration on the evening of Tues., August 2nd. This unique community event will be fun for the whole family with a focus on community building to prevent crime and fear of crime. National Night Out is held on the first Tuesday of August every year around the country and is designed to strengthen neighborhood spirit and community partnerships, generate support for participation in local anti-crime programs, heighten community awareness of crime and drug prevention, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Our neighborhood celebration will begin at 6 p.m. with a pedestrian and bicycle parade at Dekum Court, Home Forward’s Public Housing Community, located at NE 23rd & Saratoga. The parade will wind its way to Fernhill Park via Dekum, NE 33rd Avenue, Ainsworth St., and NE 37th Avenue. We hope to see everyone, individually or in groups, get out and join the parade. Children and adults, marching bands, sports teams, church and civic groups, city officials, dance troupes and kazoo bands are all welcome! We will have a bicycle decoration station at Dekum Court beginning at 5 p.m., so bring your bikes, trikes, and strollers and get creative!

The celebration will continue at Fernhill Park with the last concert of our free Summer Concert Series, Wanderlust Circus Orchestra at 6:30 p.m. (See above for details about the band.)

**Remember to support the folks who support our neighborhood!**

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- July 18-24: 50/50 Blend
- July 25-31: Porter

**Thursday, July 7**

**MEXICAN GUNFIGHT**
Seasoned and youthful songcraft
- Gym - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 12

**RACE TALKS:** An Opportunity for Dialogue
- Gym - 6 p.m. doors; 7 p.m. event

**Thursday, July 14**

**FREAK MOUNTAIN RAMBLERS**
As part of Great Northwest Music Tour Hillstock Gym · 7 p.m.

**Thursday, July 21**

**EXTRA CREDIT BEER TASTING**
**CONCORDIA COMMON**
- 5 p.m. all the beer is gone
- Boiler Room Bar - 21 & over

**Saturday, July 23**

**SATSAANG**
Reggae, folk & hiphop · 7 p.m.

**Monday, July 25**

**HISTORY PUB:** "Fred's Beer: A Sampling of What He Left Behind"
- Theater - 6 p.m. doors; 7 p.m. event

**Thursday, July 28**

**Global Folk Club hosted by Andrea Wild**
English ballads, Irish sing-alongs, Celtic songs
- Gym · 7 p.m.

**TUESDAY MOVIE SPECIAL**
- Pizza, Pint & Movie Ticket for $12
- Good at all showings · Theater only

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Join in this annual traffic-free event put on by the City of Portland that brings people out to enjoy their neighborhoods and discover new ones. Ride your bike, walk, or dance and sing your way along the route! The Sunday Parkways courses open up between six to nine miles of city streets to the public once a month on Sunday, from May to October. The routes connect to a series of activity hubs with marketplaces that are usually stationed at parks. At these marketplaces find food, music, dancing, good conversation, city resources and more.

This month, the route is right here in our neighborhood, so join in the fun. The eight mile course is open on Sunday, July 24, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This event will showcase the Northeast Neighborhood Greenways. While you make your way around the Northeast Portland route, stop by Woodlawn, Alberta, and Fernhill Parks where a collection of fun activities, festive music, and delicious food will be available. Look for the Concordia Neighborhood Association booth at Fernhill Park on the NE 37th Avenue side, too. They'll have games for kids and association information.

This year, NE Sunday Parkways will return to Khunamokwst Park, at which there will be a Bi-lingual Bike Fair held in collaboration with the Andando en Bicicletas en Cully (ABC) Group. Sunday Parkways provides a full day of play for anyone of any age. To get the most out of the day, stop by one of the Sunday Parkway hubs and pick up a Sunday Parkways brochure highlighting the hotbeds of activity along the route. Also find information on live performances and theatrical acts. During the event, visit Sunday Parkways on Facebook or Twitter for event insight into what’s going on throughout the day.

Don’t forget to eat and shop locally at the event! Sunday Parkways offers a chance to see and buy a range of products that Portland offers. Stop by the Sunday Parkways marketplaces located at each park.

For more information visit www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/58929.
Program aims to provide health & wellness for student, community success

Concordia University, PPS, Faubion School and Trillium Family Service team up via 3 to PhD

By Sarah Sweitzer, Dean, College of Health & Human Services, Concordia University & Karen Morgan, Visiting Assistant Professor of Exercise & Sport Science, Concordia University

Progress is underway on construction of the new Faubion School + Concordia University facility. This collaborative effort – known broadly as “3 to PhD” – will open in fall 2017. Partners include Concordia University, Portland Public Schools’ Faubion School and Trillium Family Services. The vision is to create safer, healthier, and more educated communities. This article focuses on the “health” part of this vision.

Input from community members, teachers and school leaders identified a strong vision which included the need for health and nutrition education and services. Health and nutrition was deemed so integral to students’ ability to learn and thrive that, in response, the west wing on the first floor of the new building will be dedicated to developing a culture of wellness. 3 to PhD uses the latest research in nursing, social work, psychology, nutrition, and exercise and sports science.

Health and wellness efforts are already underway, including:

- Concordia’s College of Health & Human Services and Faubion School created a Youth Advisory Council on health and wellness, thanks to a grant from Kaiser Permanente. This group held a Spirit Week, and advocated for school-based health centers at the Oregon State Capitol.
- Concordia students worked with Faubion students and held their own version of the popular Netflix series “Chopped” to promote healthy cooking, with help from Pacific Foods of Oregon, a major 3 to PhD collaborator.
- Trillium Family Services provides a full time behavioral health specialist at Faubion, through innovative mental health promotion funding through the state of Oregon.
- Concordia social work students engaged with local schools and churches to survey community members about health and fitness needs, thanks to a grant from United Way of the Columbia-Willamette.
- A free community seminar series focused on Senior Health Aging was launched, thanks to support from The Jackson Foundation, which included foot care, scam prevention, and more.
- Concordia students helped facilitate Faubion recess games and fitness awareness.
- To address food insecurity, a backpack program, started by nursing students at Concordia and supported by Pacific Foods, has expanded from long weekends to also include holidays and summer.
- Ongoing community input and engagement will be integral to continuing and expanding these health and wellness efforts. We want to hear from you! Please share your thoughts at CHHS@cu-portland.edu.

For more information about 3 to PhD, visit www.3toPhD.org or FaubionBond@pps.net.

What’s going on NEXT DOOR?

A new regular feature offering an insight into what’s on the minds of Concordians

By Carra Wenninger

Curious about the news du jour right here in Concordia? From lost pets and found wallets to free mulch, hot tubs and kids’ clothing (just to name a few things!), from neighborhood crime and safety warnings to coyote sightings to opinions on the newest urban development projects, NextDoor.com is a free resource offering hyper-local social interaction via its web site and app. From their site: “It’s the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online and make all of your lives better in the real world.”

This writer has used it personally to quickly raise funds and clothing donations for a family friend’s severely burned young son at Legacy Oregon Burn Center. Within minutes, neighbors began turning up with cash, clothes, offers of homemade lasagna and more, showcasing the power and immediacy of social networking. Here’s a look at last month’s discussion:

May-June 2016 NextDoor.com Hot Topic Round Up

- Doug the dog is still lost! Surely you’ve seen his sweet mug plastered on telephone poles; this ginger long-haired dachshund is greatly missed by his family. He’s been gone since mid-April, but continues to be spotted about town
- Oregon Splot’s new development project, Camp Cully, highlights the changing Portland home building scene and stirs up all manner of emotions.
- “Tree of Heaven” labeled invasive species from... the other place, should be pulled up and disposed of immediately, say garden enthusiasts.
- Dog poop: take it or leave it? Neighbors sound off on how to best dispose of the bugge... in a neighbor’s trash can or by packing it home.
- Vernon Elementary School gets high marks from effusive parents! Goooooo Vernon!
- City wildlife is alive and well...another coyote sighting on June 13. Carrie is a resident of NE 29th Ave. and a freelance writer with a penchant for poetic prose who tries to look for the humor in everyday life. She is also a mom and world traveler and, with her partner, owns a company that restores vintage homes. If you see her, please say hello or email her at wurdgyrl@gmail.com
Residential Infill Project Update

Opportunity to input on new home construction in neighborhoods

The Residential Infill Project Stakeholder Advisory Committee (RIP-SAC), on which I have been serving since last September, has wrapped up the initial phase of its work. The results will be the subject of a series of public workshops, including one near our neighborhood:

German American Society
6506 NE Alameda St. (at Sandy Blvd)
Thursday, July 14, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

At this workshop, you will hear from City staff about their proposed changes to the single-family zoning code to reduce the scale of structures, change the way skinny houses are regulated, and make some baby steps toward allowing Missing Middle Housing types in some areas where fewer of those types are currently allowed.

However, you should know that the staff proposal is not supported by the infill project’s advisory group. Instead, a majority of the RIP-SAC has signed on in support of the Portland For Everyone proposal, which is actually not very different from staff’s proposal regarding scale, but takes more progressive steps toward allowing more Missing Middle Housing types in all of the City’s single-family zones. The differences can be quickly summarized in the table at right.

Most committee members felt that we as a city can do more to help combat the housing affordability crisis. These members believe this can be done by making modifications to our zoning code to place tighter restrictions on the allowable scale of homes in return for looser rules governing how many residential units are contained within their walls.


You can get info about the City’s draft proposals, open house schedule, and a new online questionnaire at www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill. Visit www.portlandforeveryone.org for info about the alternate Portland for Everyone proposal.

For an expanded table comparing more proposals visit www.ConcordiaPIX.org.

CNA Land Use, Transportation & Livability Committee Update

By Garlynn Woodsong

I t’s summertime, and the LUTC is working to make Concordia livin’ a bit easier… (With a nod to George & Ira Gershwin for their lovely lyrics).

LUTC mission & operations

Vice Chair. Tyler Bulen was unanimously selected to assist with many duties and to take over as Chair whenever needed.

Safety & Livability Committee. We’re working with the Board to get the too long dormant CNA SALC up & running soon, so stay tuned.

Community Diversity. In conjunction with CNA Chair Isaac Quintero’s reach-outs to them, we’re asking for a designated CU LUTC liaison to facilitate addressing the impact of the school’s on & off campus developments on neighborhood livability.

Bighouse development

With the continued absence of a proper response from Ascend Holding’s Brian Spencer to the carefully considered recommendations submitted by the team of five professionals to address the neighborhood compatibility design deficiencies of the 4 story “mixed use” apartment building planned for the NE corner of the unique “mini business” district at NE 30th & Killingsworth, a number of concerned neighbors are actively working to enlist the support of influential community stake-holders, including City Commissioner Dan Saltzman and CU President Charles Schlimpert, to encourage Mr. Spencer to implement these carefully considered, reasonable suggestions.

As the current Community Storefront Center (CSC) zoning clearly states that its mixed use intent is to foster “a full range of retail, service, and business uses with a local market area,” we particularly want the first floor inward facing Killingsworth apartment unit, and the two units on the 30th side, to have doors that open to the street and larger windows so they can be used for commercial purposes alongside the single, minimally legally required retail space at the building’s NW corner.

For current info, be sure to check the CNA website’s “Bighouse” section at www.concordiapdx.org/tag/big-house-project.

Residential development

Fill report next month on the LUTC facilitated meeting to assist the impacted neighbors in establishing a positive relationship with the developer of the four non-connected single, bungalow style homes slated for the SE corner of 37th & Killingsworth.

Residential Infill Project

See CNA Chair Garlynn Woodsong’s accompanying article about both the City’s and the RIP Stakeholder Advisory Committee’s residential zoning code update proposals to improve the scale of houses, narrow lot development, and alternative housing options. For more info, and to submit your comments, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill, email julia.gisler@portlandoregon.gov, or call JILL at (503) 823-7624.

Mixed use zoning project

Testimony on the Composite Zoning Map, which includes mixed use zoning changes recommended by both the City Council and the Planning and Sustainability Commission, is open via writing and online until the July 12 PSC Hearing. See www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/artic le/157273, email psc@portland-oregon.gov, or call the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) at (503) 823-7760.

Comprehensive Plan

For complete information about the Adopted 2035 Comprehensive Plan approved June 15 by the City Council, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/704936 or call BPS at (503) 823-7760.

Transportation

We are inviting the ODOT Region 1 Bicycle and Pedestrian Coordinator to the July LUTC Meeting to discuss how best to ensure safe passage for all bicyclists and pedestrians using NE Portland Blvd. / US 30, so stay tuned for a report on this important issue.

Concordia residents are always welcome at CNA LUTC meetings, starting at 7 p.m., every third Wednesday of the month in the Community Room in the SE corner of McMenamins Kennedy School. For more info see the LUTC section of the CNA website at www.concordiapdx.org/category/land-use-livability, send your questions to landuse@concordiapdx.org, and email lutc_secretary@con cordiapdx.org to get on the LUTC notification list.

What’s Selling in Concordia?

214 Homes sold in RMLS in last 12 months as of June 2016

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This information provided by Mark Charlessworth, Concordia resident & Broker Keller Williams, Portland Central. charlesworthhomes@gmail.com · 503.807.9911
Divisive words not appropriate in CNEWS


I moved to Portland in 2001 from Atlanta, Georgia. I was 19 years old and while I was raised in Atlanta, in so many ways, I grew up in Portland. I loved the low-key city that I moved to 15 years ago. It was weird and wonderful and free. It felt like a secret, an under the radar place, a hidden gem. There was so little poshness and so much creativity and expression coming out of all the nooks and crannies.

Like Mr. Griffin, I grieve for the loss of the Portland that once was. The quick rate of change is troubling to a lot of long-time residents and I see, hear and feel the tension of that coming out in many ways around the city, including this article. Mr. Griffin accuses the “new Portland” of holding completely different values than those of “old Portland,” which he describes as “green space, gardening, land” of holding completely different values with small, noisy children from everywhere. It’s sad that has been laid bare in the presidential election this year. I am sure it is true that Mr. Griffin will not share all of the same values with every new neighbor that joins the neighborhood, but I sincerely doubt that he ever has.

The power of community is in finding shared commonality and accepting the ways in which we are all different. The impulse to paint all the “new Portlanders” with the broad brush stroke of presumed greed and shallowness is hardly aligned with the values of community-building, openness and acceptance that Portlanders have long been proud to live by.

So while I empathize with the frustration and sadness about the rapid change that is happening around us, I encourage even small neighborhood publications like Concordia News to promote adaptability and openness so that we can continue to build community together and seek out our differences through dialogue.

Ariel Singer
Concordia News Reader

Air Nat’l Guard air, noise pollution levels need to be published

There has been a lot of talk about air quality in Portland these days. Whether it’s because of glass or parts factories or the cutting down of large trees – Portland’s air quality is something we’re all focused on and hoping to improve. For anyone who lives in Portland there is an air (and noise) pollution source that no one seems to be talking about – the Air National Guard Base and the multiple flights that take place every day.

Fighter jets burn fuel just like any other aircraft - but is it just me, or is their impact 100-fold worse than the planes leaving PDX? What I’d really like to know is what their presence is doing to our air quality and if it would make sense for our health’s sake to move that base into a more remote location? Yes, Jobs. Yes, Freedom. I get it. And our health, air quality and peace of mind are also important, too.

I’d like Concordia News to publish information about what the impact on our air is from the Air National Guard Base - how much more exhaust are we all breathing because of those planes? And can we at least not invite other fighter jets to come here for practice sessions? That seems like low-hanging fruit to improve our air quality until the base is moved to a more remote location.

For a better world,
Albert Kaufman
Concordia News Reader

OPINION: Diary of demolition & development - conclusion

Everyone in Concordia has had the opportunity to watch a house be torn down to make way for new houses, duplexes, and “skin-nies”, for better and/or for worse. This is the last entry reflecting my experience.

By Luke Griffin

For Sale!
Have you ever wanted to live in a post-modern bread box despised by the surrounding neighbors? Have you ever dreamed of coming home at night to a beacon of glaring white light on a quiet residential street? Have you ever yearned to own a place whose cheap construction is masked by a shiny facade of wannabe grandeur? Well, there are now not one, but two such incredible units available to you, each reasonably priced at $797,000. That’s right! For almost a million dollars you can own a brand new, cheaply made duplex that sticks out like a super sore thumb.

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Cully Farmers Market opens under sunny skies

By Susan Trabucco
ONA Media Team

The kick-off of farmers markets around the city heralds in summer for many Portlanders, and the opening day of the Cully Market on Thursday, June 2 was no exception. Warm sunshine and a slight breeze greeted market-goers to this small but growing farmers market that’s been held for the last few years in the parking lot of Roses at 5011 NE 42nd Ave.

On market day, a lively band played music that encouraged dancing by adults and children; the aroma of grilled, smoked sausages by purveyor Southern Specialties beckoned the hungry, and Concordia, Cully and Beaumont Wilshire community members greeted each other with hugs, handshakes and smiles.

Vendors at the opening event offered locally-favored Hood strawberries and plums; sweet obsidian blackberries; Red Sauce Pizza introduced a variety of homemade breads including a flavorful and satisfying jalapeno cheddar cheese loaf; tomato plant starts were proffered, and goat’s milk soap, custom creations from Metalwood Salvage and other locally-made goods were displayed for sale.

The market’s website at www.cullyfarmersmarket.org lists an array of vendors throughout the season, including Cully Neighborhood Farms, Kenai Red Fish Company, Heidi Ho Organics and the Last Thursday mural. This year, Cully Farmers Market-goers check out the offerings at the market’s opening day on June 2. Photo by Susan Trabucco

Bare Naked Farms. Check the website for more vendors.

The Cully Market runs every Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. In September the market runs Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cully Farmers Market offers urban farmers convenient option, access to market

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Urban farming is alive and well in NE Portland, and Cully resident Ted Snider’s new entrepreneurial pursuit aims to meet the needs of those who dig, plant, weed and fertilize to grow food for their families, or those who grow and harvest to supply fresh produce to local farmers.

Snider recently opened Cully Farm Store from a shipping container that shares parking lot space with Roses Ice Cream on NE 42nd Avenue. From that small space, and additional canopied space behind Roses, Snider purveys used barrows over here and then wheel their goods back home,” he said.

Find Snider manning his post at the Cully Farm Store at 5011 NE 42nd Ave, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. To enter the shop, walk between Roses and the container that serves as the store, or enter via the Roses parking lot. For more information email cullyfarmstore@gmail.com or call Snider’s personal phone (503) 729-3508. A website, www.cullyfarmstore.com, is in the works.

Snider said the Cully area was historically a food-growing area.

“Some used to be two canneries in Cully,” said Snider. People would bring their extra corn or tomatoes to a cannery one day, and pick it up to pack it home the next day.”

As a provider of goods to urban farmers, Snider caters to those who choose not to drive or do not have a vehicle, packaging products in small quantities to allow shoppers on bicycles to carry items home easily.

“I’ve had customer walk their wheel barrows over here and then wheel their goods back home,” he said.

Snider seems to have found his calling. He attended Reed College for a year out of high school, but found the idea of desk job to be unattractive, so he discon- tinued his formal education.

“I wanted to work with my hands,” Snider said with a smile.

“Last Thursday official season continues July 28

By Susan Trabucco
ONA Media Team

“Last Thursday mural,” shown here, was recently completed by artist Matt Schlosky. The mural can be found on the front of the Black United Fund building at 2828 N.E. Alberta St. Now in its 19th season, Last Thursday is held on N.E. Alberta Street on the last Thursday of every month year round. It is a venue for creatives, artists, musicians and performers, and the visitors who come to enjoy the display.

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Cully resident Ted Snider opened Cully Farm Store on NE 42nd Avenue in June. Store shoppers will find the supplies necessary to tend an urban farm or to feed and care for farm animals, including chickens, goats and rabbits. Photo by Susan Trabucco

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Help available for grandparents, others raising children not their own

For many Portlanders, retirement as they planned it has hit the wayside. Not because of poor financial planning, but because the task of raising their grandchildren has fallen unexpectedly on Portland. Connie, raising her three school age grandchildren, was at a loss. Her fixed retirement income was stretched thin in an attempt to provide healthy meals for the four of them. One of the children needed extensive dental work; the oldest struggling with her self esteem and the youngest was acting out in ways that were reportedly disrupting her classroom. The school principal appeared understanding, but seemed to expect her to be able to cope with these issues. Fortunately, the principle recommended that Connie contact the Ties That Bind program to get some guidance.

She was hesitant, however, to ask for help – ashamed that her daughter could abandon her own children, and embarrassed because she didn’t have the financial or emotional resources to handle the situation on her own.

To protect the subjects’ privacy, the above story is a composite of several local families’ stories. But it could be your story, or that of a neighbor. Approximately 3,000 children in Portland live in multigenerational households without parents; Ties That Bind is working to address the needs of those affected.

“The Ties That Bind support group is a resource for foster grandparents and family members raising grandchildren, and speaks to the quality of life issues faced by grandparents where you can share and participate in conversation important to you!” said Keren Brown Wilson, PhD. She is the president and founder of the Jessie F. Richardson Foundation.

The school year rhythm has wound down, and now we are face with a new routine. There are so many choices for you and your family, and it can be overwhelming just thinking about what activities and vacations to do with your children. My mind is boggled as I plan outings to embark upon with my three children. While sifting through the various summer options, it feels as though the weeks have already passed by. This is where I get grounded and I remember one of the golden rules I was taught as I plan out adventures to embark upon with your children. My mind is boggled about what activities and vacations to do this summer months the group meets at Fau- bion School.

Plans are in the works for a big family picnic at the end of August. Information about that event and additional information related to programs, resources, and peer to peer navigators is available by contacting Brown Wilson by calling (503) 408-4088 or email kwilson@jfrfoundation.org.

JOIN US for our next TIES THAT BIND session!

WHERE: Concordia University, George White Library, Room 120
Join our support and resource meeting for grandparents, foster grandparents and family members caring for grandchildren. You are not alone! Join a fellowship of grandparents where you can share and participate in conversation important to you!

For additional information contact Keren Brown Wilson (503) 408-4088.

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A simple summer: best for kids and best for you

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My summers were filled with days playing in the woods, walking down to the lake and swimming with the neighbors and basking in the sun. We did the occasional family vacation to the Jersey shore, and I went to a very cool overnight camp near my home in the heart of the Pine Barrens. Mostly, however, my days were spent in the lush landscape of the forest and lakes that surrounded my neighborhood, where I would get lost in nature. I miss those days.

So when I want to be a supermom, and I start fusing with all the things we could be doing, I pause and remember these simple elements I am going to share with you that make childhood the wonderment it is and deserves to be.

• Plan a simple rhythm: What has to happen in your day? Eating, quiet time, a morning outing before the sun sets, an afternoons? Put down on paper the basic elements that you and your youngsters have to do, and then let there be space for the unpredicted and unplanned to pull you into adventure. Keep your days and life simple! Summer is a good time to slow down and enjoy the natural elements. Build in a quiet time for you and the kids, even if it is 30 minutes. Everyone can benefit from alone time.

• Do one special thing: Have you made this mistake: In the morning we are picking berries, and then meeting the Jones’s for lunch at the park, followed by friends over for dinner and ice cream at the local shop? Well, I have. This spells disaster for your litt- tle ones. It is simply TOO much. One of my mottoes is, “Too much of a good thing is still too much.” Just doing ONE of any of those things will make your day super special. Try it. It works.

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Development of the streetcar line changed everything about the landscape that eventually became our neighborhood. It takes lots of imagination to conjure up a picture of what our neighborhood might have looked like 100 years ago. The fields and forests of today’s Alberta district, Vernon, and Concordia were way out in the country, beyond the far edge of Portland. But one key development changed all that: the Alberta Streetcar.

First constructed in 1903, the line left downtown at SW 2nd and Alder, crossed the old Steel Bridge and ran north up Union (today’s Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.), where it turned east on Alberta to NE 25th. A few years later it was extended five blocks east on Alberta to NE 30th, and then a few years later north on NE 30th to Ainsworth, which became the end of the line.

Wherever the streetcar went, so did development. Initially just two rails through brush and open fields, by the heyday of Portland’s streetcars in the teens and 1920s, the Alberta streetcar had attracted scores of business owners and thousands of residents to this new developing part of the city. Its impact on the shape and feel of the neighborhood can’t be overstated.

The December 28, 1913 edition of The Oregonian reported: “The streetcars are now operated to East Thirtieth street and Ainsworth avenue. The line runs double cars in order to take care of the traffic and even then the cars morning and evening are overcrowded.”

As if to silence the era of the Alberta streetcar once and for all, in September 1949 The Oregonian reported that the City of Portland authorized a $75,000 paving contract that took 11 days to erase all evidence of the tracks: “A total of 110,748 yards of materials went into the project to bury the old Alberta streetcar tracks. Paving tonnage amounted to 8,407 tons of blacktop.”

Today, there aren’t many specific clues other than the hundreds of streetcar-era buildings that would not have developed without the line. When you’re out for a walk along our neighborhood’s path of the old streetcar line (1.8 miles along Alberta between MLK and 30th; then 30th Avenue between Alberta and Ainsworth), see what evidence you can find.

ASK the Historian:
Have a history question that needs to be solved? Drop us a note and we’ll put Doug Decker on it. Email CNewsEditor@ConcordiaPDX.org.

“I’ve heard there used to be a street car in the Alberta neighborhood. Can you tell your readers about it?”
Raymond Crabtree, Concordia resident

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CELEBRATION
6 PM – Bicycle and stroller decoration station opens
6 PM – Parade starts
6:30 PM – Wanderlust Circus Orchestra band playing at Fernhill Park

Neighbours are invited to join in this unique community event. Fun for the whole family! The event focuses on community building in an effort to prevent crime and fear of crime. Our event begins with a pedestrian and bicycle parade at Dekum Court, Home Forward’s Public Housing Community, located at NE 42nd & Saratoga, and ends at Fernhill Park on NE 37th Avenue for the last in the Summer Concert series. (See page 4 for more details.)