



CONCORDIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
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# CONCORDIA NEWS

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April 2015

## Please Join Us for the SPRING EGG HUNT ~ SATURDAY, APRIL 4th FERNHILL PARK (Near the Playground along NE 37th Ave)

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### The Hunt begins at 10 am SHARP!

Don't be late,  
it ends in a flash!

Sponsored by:  
The Concordia Neighborhood Association  
& American Legion Post 134

Volunteers Needed To:  
Stuff 4000 plastic eggs with candy  
Friday, April 3rd at 6:00 pm at  
American Legion Post 134, 2104 NE Alberta St  
Hide 4000 candy-filled eggs  
April 4th at 8:00 A.M. at Fernhill Park  
Contact: Katie Ugolini  
[ktugolini@gmail.com](mailto:ktugolini@gmail.com) or 503-449-9690

## AlbeRTa Placemaking

AlbeRTa Street Placemaking; Alberta Main Street installs new signage at the western and eastern ends of the commercial corridor.

Take a ride or walk down Alberta Street and discover new placemaking signage in front of Radio Room and The Sugar Cube.

The goals of the project are to increase public art, develop an iconic installation that creates a sense of place, and honor the work and legacy of Art on Alberta (former arts / education-focused nonprofit) within the district. Together, the Alberta Main Street Design Committee, community volunteers, generous private partners, and public agencies successfully achieved these goals working with local artist, Ivan McLean.

"We are very pleased to have one of the new placemaking installations in front of Radio Room. We love the artistic signage and see it as another opportunity to welcome people to Alberta Street and honor the creativity and artistic spirit of our neighborhood," remarked Sarah Betteridge, manager at Radio Room.

As with all AMS projects, we depended

on a lot of help from our friends including, Ivan McLean (artist), to Armac Construction for donating the installation work, to Catena Consulting Engineers for donating the structural engineering, the AMS Design Committee for everything, to Art on Alberta and the Portland Development Commission for funding, to Radio Room and The Sugar Cube for hosting the new installations and to the Portland Bureau of Transportation for helping us navigate the process. "We are so appreciative of the community for coming together to make this happen. The installations are so unique; they will naturally build a stronger sense of place on Alberta Street." said Kristin Slavin, AMS Design Committee co-chair.

"Placemaking strengthens the connection between people and the places they share." - Project for Public Spaces

About Alberta Main Street: Alberta Main Street advances efforts to develop Alberta Street as a creative, equitable, and sustainable commercial district serving residents and visitors to our community. [albertamainst.org](http://albertamainst.org)



## General Membership Meeting

Please come join us and discuss neighborhood activities and issues.

April 7th @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

McMenamin's Kennedy School Community Room

## FREE URBAN WEEDS WORKSHOP

**Weeds – we all have them.** Learn how to identify common garden and landscape weeds along with some of the other more notorious plant invaders of the region. We will walk you through how these aggressive plants take over in your yard and provide some simple yet effective tips that will help you get the upper hand without turning to synthetic herbicides.

### Urban Weeds

Wednesday, April 15  
6:00 – 8:30 pm

Kennedy School – Community Room

5723 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Portland, 97211

Register online at: [www.emswcd.org](http://www.emswcd.org)

Information: 503-222-7645



East Multnomah  
Soil and Water  
Conservation District

Hosted by:  
Concordia Neighborhood  
Association

# Concordia Neighborhood Association Meetings & Updates

Get the latest news at [ConcordiaPdx.org](http://ConcordiaPdx.org)

These committees have direct results on the Livability of our neighborhood- with your participation.

**Board Meeting**

Second Tuesday of the Month  
March 10th @ 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM  
McMenamin's Kennedy School  
Community Room

**General Membership Meeting**

First Tuesday Bi-Monthly  
April 7th @ 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
McMenamin's Kennedy School  
Community Room

**Finance Committee**

For Meeting times and location  
visit our website or email:  
[ContactCNABoard@yahoo.com](mailto:ContactCNABoard@yahoo.com)

**Policies/Procedures**

Contact Katie Ugolini (Chair)

503-449-9690 for meeting time & place

**Media Team**

Newspaper and Website  
Volunteer and join the media team as "Beat Reporter" or manage the CNA Wordpress website.  
Email: [ConcordiaNews@yahoo.com](mailto:ConcordiaNews@yahoo.com)

**Social Committee**

If you are interested in volunteering for the Spring Egg Hunt or helping to fund raise for the 2015 Fernhill Concerts in the Park, please contact Katie Ugolini (Chair) 503-449-9690 for details.

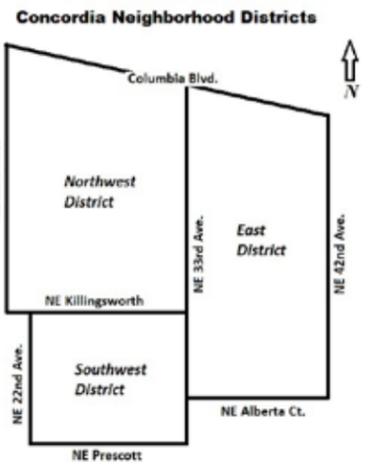
**Land Use, Livability and Transportation Committee**

Third Tuesday of the Month  
March 17th at 7:00 pm  
McMenamin's Kennedy School  
Community Room

The land use committee grants approval for neighborhood projects. To hear about and try to solve issues affecting quality of life in Concordia brought to us by community members.

**Tree Team Meeting**

First Thursday of Every Month  
March 5th at 6 pm  
Dining Area at New Seasons  
[www.concordiatreeteam.wordpress.com](http://www.concordiatreeteam.wordpress.com)



**CONCORDIA NEWS**

Concordia News is a free monthly publication of the Concordia Neighborhood Association. Newspapers are delivered to all residences and many community locations in the Concordia Neighborhood.

**Mission Statement**

To connect Concordia residents and businesses- inform, educate, and report on activities, issues, and opportunities of the neighborhood.

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**Submissions**

The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication. Concordia News may edit for form and length.

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Elected Board (Jan 1, 2015)	Title
Isaac Quintero	Chair
Steve Elder	E 1
Mark Charlesworth	E 2
Isham "Ike" Harris	NW 1
Ashley McKinney	NW 2
Luke Griffin	SW 1
Bill Leissner	SW 2
Robert Bowles	At-Large #1
Craig Voigt	At-Large #2
Daniel Greenstadt	At-Large #3
Ali Novak	At-Large #4
VACANT	At-Large #5
Truls Neal	At-Large #6

## Chair's Corner

DON'T FORGET . . . TO ATTEND CONCORDIA NEIGHBORHOOD GENERAL MEETING April 7, 7 pm, Kennedy School Community Room. We need YOU there. This is your neighborhood! We will be reviewing our latest efforts and campaigns, issues, successes, failures and needs as presented by individual Board Members and/ or Committee Chairs as well as representatives from Concordia Collage, Portland Mayor's office and Police Department. This will be an opportunity to see how your Board is doing and what all of us can do to enhance effectiveness. So come prepared to raise your hand with questions, to provide ideas or to become involved in positive change.

As Chair, I set the agenda for each meeting and to write to you each month in the "Chairs Corner". Although I lead the meetings, I have no vote in Board decisions. In setting the agenda, I attempt to give priority to issues you and your neighbors consider most important . . . , but are they important to you?

Typically, a topic comes to the Board's attention by someone who makes a presentation during the first part of each meeting reserved for public comment (limited to 3 minutes/ speaker). These public concerns can sometimes be resolved by simply providing information or referring to the appropriate party. Before coming before the Board, the issue will be taken under consideration by one of the committees dedicated to the subject (i.e. Land use, Livability; see inside page of the Concordia news for more). The Committee then makes recommendations to the Board for discussion, possible further investigation and then decisioning.

Lately there has been a marked disconnect between Committee recommendations and Board voting results, and I have been wondering why. It seems that everyone is doing their best to represent what they believe the community wants. However, we are arriving at two different conclusions. I think that, while we attempt to act impartially and respect all points of view, we have been taking a cautious approach to decision making because of the very limited input from you, our neighbors. In many cases, we are taking no action at all just to be on the "safe" side.

Being the "Silent Majority" is a sure way of getting nowhere. The alternative is to have a few "wise men" (as in Neanderthal wise) make assumptions out of their power to read the minds of the constituency. This is NOT GOOD! Basically, we have two options about how we are governed. The first option is the easy way, to have government happen to us. Thus, we get the government we deserve. The second more challenging option is where we get a representative government that speaks to our concerns and priorities. It is important to note that, although the Board virtually has no decision-making authority at City Hall, CNA certainly has its ear.

I can promise that any issue you want to be considered by the CNA Board of Directors will be heard . . . , BUT only if you let us know. An email, letter, showing up at board meetings are all good avenues to get your message heard. One of the surest ways to get action and involvement by the Board is to write about your issue/concern and submit it to the Concordia News. When making your case before the Board, the discussion includes some 8 to 15 people. When presenting your case in newsprint, you are including hundreds of your neighbors in the discussion. This has a significant impact when it does come before the Board and, more importantly, when placed on the steps of City Hall.

As Chair, I have the unique opportunity to see how important this organization is to the quality of our lives. I also recognize the shortcomings of 10 board members trying to second-guess the will of the people. We need to hear from you either directly or via our official portal, the Concordia News.

Speaking of which . . . The Concordia News is probably the most under-utilized and least appreciated community resource we have. Our publisher Mary Wiley has little time or assistance of any sort in getting content (things you really want to know and that are vitally important to the entire community). What we need is an Editor-in-Chief who, as a volunteer, would develop a team to report neighborhood news and topics of interest. (Did you know that the Concordia News is one of the only neighborhood papers regularly published in Portland? And it reaches 6,500 homes and businesses each month.) We should not have to look outside our neighborhood to find someone who can tell us what is going on here. If you are interested in this wonderful opportunity to make a difference, please contact me.

Remember to mark your calendar for 7pm on April 7th at The Kennedy School. (Refreshments will be served.)

**Neighborhood Community Room**  
Rent it for your next gathering, book club, celebrate a special occasion, birthday, baby or wedding shower?  
CNA manages the rental space & benefits from the proceeds.  
Non-Profit Organization for \$15 an hour  
All others for \$25 an hour  
[CNARoomKennedy@gmail.com](mailto:CNARoomKennedy@gmail.com)

## Summer Concerts NEEDS YOU

Warm weather has come early to Concordia this year and your mind may have already begun to wander to Summer and the Fernhill Concert Series! For the last 10 summers, the Fernhill Concert Series has been a smashing success—offering the finest musical talents that Portland has to offer to NE neighbors FREE of charge!

We have a fabulous lineup this year:

- July 10th: Hank Shreve Band
- July 17th: Conjunto Alegre
- July 24th: Ken DeRouchie
- July 31st: Samsel and the Skirt
- August 4: The CNA presents for National Night Out  
Chata Addy

### SUMMER CONCERTS IN FERNHILL PARK NEEDS YOU:

A Call to Business Owners, Families, and Individuals! We still need your help to raise enough money to fund these fabulous concerts! It takes just over \$19,000 and hundreds of volunteer hours to put on all 5 shows, and right now the task at hand is securing funding for this year's series. So, if you have the means, PLEASE DONATE!

We are looking for local businesses and individuals to donate anything they can to help make the concerts happen! It doesn't matter if you are a business owner, a family, or an individual, WE NEED YOU to help raise the money to produce another memorable concert season in Fernhill Park. If you are a family or individual and would like to contribute to this Spectacular Summer Series, please visit [www.give2parks.org/concerts](http://www.give2parks.org/concerts) to donate!

- Choose FERNHILL PARK from the Pull Down Menu
- Donate Now & Get an Immediate Tax Receipt
- Any contribution (e.g. \$5 or \$10) is greatly appreciated!!

If you would like to help the CNA Fernhill Concert Committee fundraise for this year's fabulous season, please contact Katie Ugolini at [social@concordiapdx.org](mailto:social@concordiapdx.org) or 503-449-9690. HELP SUPPORT THE POWER OF LIVE MUSIC TO BRING OUR COMMUNITY TOGETHER! Furthermore, if you are a business, institution, or individual and want to be a Fernhill Concert Series Sponsor by contributing \$300 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:

Here are the options: *Please join us at the concert sponsorship level that is comfortable for you!*

#### Champion Sponsor: \$3,000

Presenting sponsor status for one night of a concert series Opportunity to emcee and welcome audience to the concert Logo or name on the concert banner, select Summer Free

for All movie screens, season brochure and neighborhood flyer Listed as presenting sponsor in the season brochure and the neighborhood flyer Listed on the PP&R Summer Free for All website Recognized from the stage at all concerts Thanked in Concordia News and on the CNA Website and recognition in the SFFA final report Listed in the newspaper guide distributed in seven languages Invitation to sponsor night

#### Champion Combo Sponsor: \$3,000 + \$2,000

Presenting sponsor status at one park for the standard rate; with a discount off the same sponsorship level at a second park All benefits of Champion sponsorship apply at both parks Major Sponsor: \$1,250 and up Logo or name on concert banner, one Summer Free for All movie screen, season brochure and neighborhood flyer Listed on the PP&R Summer Free for All website Recognized from the stage at all concerts Thanked in Concordia News and on CNA Website Name listed in the newspaper guide distributed in seven languages

#### Contributing Sponsor: \$600 and up

Name in bold on the concert banner Name in bold in the season brochure and on neighborhood flyer Listed on the PP&R Summer Free for All website Thanked in Concordia News and on the CNA Website

#### Good Neighbor Sponsor: \$300 and up

Name listed on the neighborhood flyer Listed on the PP&R Summer Free for All website Thanked in the Concordia News and on the CNA Website Any sponsor may have a promotional table at the concerts they are supporting.

Sponsorship commitments are needed by April 1 but payment is not due until May 15, 2015 to be included in promotional material. If you are a business, please let us know how you would like to participate as a sponsor by contacting Judith Yeckel, Concert Production Manager at 503-249-8159 or [judith.yeckel@gmail.com](mailto:judith.yeckel@gmail.com). If paying by check, make checks payable to Portland Parks & Recreation/ Fernhill Concerts and mail to Summer Concerts ATTN: Judith Yeckel, PPR: Mt. Tabor Yard, 6437 SE Division St., Portland, OR 97206. CREDIT CARDS ALSO ACCEPTED.

## 18th Annual Street Fair

Alberta Main Street Seeks Performers, Sponsors and Vendors for The Alberta Street Fair

The 18th Annual Alberta Street Fair is Saturday August 8, 2015. Alberta Main Street is currently seeking performers, sponsors and vendors for the event.

The Alberta Street Fair is a daylong celebration of community, art and music that brings over 25,000 people to Alberta Street. Hosted by Alberta Main Street, the street fair includes a three stages of entertainment and over 300 vendor spaces between NE 10th Ave and NE 30th Ave.

Call for Performers: Alberta Main Street seeks a diverse array of performers appropriate for a family friendly event. The non-profit seeks performers of all kinds: musicians, dancers, children's performers and other acts that appreciate and represent the cultural diversity of our neighborhood. Performers are invited to learn more and apply online: [albertamainst.org/whats-happening/street-fair/call-performers/](http://albertamainst.org/whats-happening/street-fair/call-performers/). All acts must perform original material or works that are clearly in the public domain. The application deadline is April 17, 2015.

Sponsorship Opportunities: 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. By sponsoring Alberta Street Fair, you can: directly connect with an active and engaged audience, showcase products, bolster your brand by partnering with a respected event and support your consumer's community. [albertamainst.org/whats-happening/street-fair/](http://albertamainst.org/whats-happening/street-fair/) sponsorship/

Vendor Registration: Local artists, crafters, makers, organizations and food vendors are invited to participate in this popular event. Vendor registration fees vary by the type of vendor and size of booth. More information and registration is now available online: [albertamainst.org/whats-happening/street-fair/vendors/](http://albertamainst.org/whats-happening/street-fair/vendors/). Register before June 14, 2015 for early bird pricing!

About Alberta Main Street: Alberta Main Street advances efforts to develop Alberta Street as a vibrant district serving residents and visitors to our community. For information about contact Sara Wittenberg at [sara@albertamainst.org](mailto:sara@albertamainst.org) or visit [albertamainst.org](http://albertamainst.org).

## Concordia 17th Annual Yard Sale

Concordia Neighborhood Association - 17th Annual Yard Sale

June 26, 27 & 28, 2015

Time to gather all those items you no longer want or need and plan to join us and have a yard sale at your home. Your unwanted items can be the treasure that someone else is looking for. We do the advertising in newspapers, on TV and radio, on internet and with large signs on major corners in the neighborhood. We supply you with signs and balloons to mark where your sale is located. Just complete the registration coupon below and include the \$7 fee (make checks payable to Concordia Neighborhood Association)

Mail or deliver to Concordia Neighborhood Association

c/o Donna Carrier 3597 NE Simpson St Portland OR 97211

All participants are placed on the map. Deadline to be on the printed map is Wednesday June 17. Yard sale packets with signs and maps can be picked up at this address starting Sunday June 21 after 1 pm. If not picked up by Wednesday they will be delivered to participants address (volunteers are needed to help with these deliveries).

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

Yard Sale Coordinator—Donna Carrier | 503-288-9826 | [donna.carrier58@gmail.com](mailto:donna.carrier58@gmail.com).

Maps are available on line. They will be updated as registrations are received.

Pay \$7 and send this coupon with payment to address above.

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NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate days you wish to participate in the sale. Check all that apply  
 Friday June 26  Saturday June 27  Sunday June 28

## CNA Spring Clean-up: May 16th

Saturday, May 16th from 8:00 AM to 12:30 PM

PCC Workforce Training Center on NE 42nd Ave & Killingsworth!

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, Block Styrofoam, Building Materials, Batteries, Mattresses, Clothes, Bicycles and other Household Stuff.

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

### SPECIAL FEATURES in 2015

- "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!

- Collecting household items for Community Warehouse, a nonprofit organization that provides essential household furnishings to low-income people. Items for

Community Warehouse must be clean & in useable condition, & free of stains or tears.

- Collecting building materials for Habitat for Humanity's ReStore, which helps build affordable homes in the Portland/Vancouver area and keeps usable materials out of the waste stream. Building materials must be in good, useable condition.

- 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 the tool-sharpening profits go to the CNA.

### 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!

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**DULL BLADES?**

Concordia Neighborhood Association

**TOOL SHARPENING FUNDRAISER**

**Saturday May 16, 2015**  
 8 am to 3 pm  
 5600 NE 42nd, Portland, OR 97218

\*The Neighborhood Spring Clean Up is coming  
 What a great time to get your tools ready for the season too!  
 \*Bring your Kitchen knives and Garden tools and have them professionally sharpened when you bring in your Spring Clean up items (first come first served).  
 \*Prices start at \$6.25 for garden tools and \$7.50 for kitchen knives. Cash/Check/Card.

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**community warehouse**

**Habitat for Humanity ReStore**

**NEW SEASONS MARKET**

**HEIBERG GARBAGE & RECYCLING**  
 "Satisfacción Garantada or Double Your Garbage Back!"

~ Kids & Schools ~

Vernon Auction 2015

Vernon Auction 2015

Saturday, April 25, 2015

The Melody Ballroom

Vernon's Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!

Tickets may be purchased here on March 1st!

\$35 per person (includes dinner, wine & beer)

Funds raised at our auction goes to benefit ALL Vernon students, supporting things like the music program, technology, field trips and so much more.

Lots more info to come so stay tuned! Please visit our Auction FAQ page for more info about the auction.

Visit the Vernon Auction Facebook group for the latest auction news:

[www.facebook.com/groups/vernauction](http://www.facebook.com/groups/vernauction)

The 2015 Vernon Auction Committee needs help from our community!

We're still looking for the following volunteers: Procurement Helpers and Classroom Art Leads

The time commitment for these tasks is very minimal and they can be done mostly at your convenience. Please email our Auction Chair, Anna Held, if you can pitch in to make this the best Auction ever!



Contact Us: [vernauction@gmail.com](mailto:vernauction@gmail.com)

Last Year's Auction

The 2014 Vernon School Auction brought in over \$79,000 for our Music Program and our Outdoor Classroom! Many thanks to all our donors, volunteers, and everyone who went to the auction. Your money was well spent!

Trinity Lutheran Tigers

March Madness For The Trinity Lutheran Tigers!

The Trinity Tigers 7th & 8th Grade Basketball team is headed to Valparaiso Indiana to compete in the Lutheran Basketball Association of America Tournament March 19th-22nd. The last time that TLS participated in this national competition was in 2008. In 2001 the Trinity Lutheran Tigers Boys took 3rd, then in 2001 they took the Boys National Championship, and in 2002 they took second place. (The Tiger Girls have attended in 2001 and 2002). They will be competing for five days against 32 teams some with a total enrollment of 700 in K through 8th grade. Trinity has small class sizes and everyone has a chance to play on a team.

Trinity is the only team from the Northwest that was invited because of their outstanding record of 21 wins and only 4 losses along with a first place at LEST at Concordia in middle February. <http://www.cu-portland.edu/admission/lutheran-elementary-school-tournament> A Pep Rally was held in the TLS gym with all the students and teachers wishing them well. The boys on the team walked out with their Pre-School reading buddies to have their names announced.

The team is also fund raising because tickets to Indiana round trip right now are running \$900. They have a Go Fund Me page <http://www.gofundme.com/nyrsx4> and any support is tax deductible and can be mailed to: Trinity Lutheran School, 5520 NE Killingsworth, Portland, OR 97218. Questions: DeAnn Brandt at 503-803-4682



~ Nature ~

PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION  
Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland

# Arbor Day Festival

## Trees are for everyone!

**Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> • 8:30AM - 2PM**  
**Portland Farmers Market at PSU**

- Awards Ceremony at 11AM
- Games and hands-on nature activities for all ages
- Awards - 2015 Bill Naito Community Trees Award  
Portland's 38<sup>th</sup> year as a Tree City USA
- Neighborhood and school programs
- Tree care advice and free tree seedlings

PortlandParks.org • Commissioner Amanda Fritz • Director Mike Abbaté

Partners under the tents at Arbor Day 2015: TREES ARE FOR EVERYONE!



Bark is Down; Arbor Day

Portland Parks & Recreation's Urban Forestry division, stewards of nearly 1.5 million trees across the Rose City, is proud to partner with amazing volunteers in presenting present Arbor Day 2015: TREES ARE FOR EVERYONE!. It's a free, family-friendly festival for "forestry" fun! Please join us as Portland celebrates our urban forest.

On Saturday, April 11, the full Arbor Day celebration kicks off. Portland will be named a Tree City USA for the 38th consecutive year. Urban Forestry crews will offer a squirrel's-eye view of downtown Portland in the same equipment they use to keep our trees healthy and beautiful. People of all ages are welcome to have a ride.

"The theme of Arbor Day 2015 is 'Trees are for Everyone.' The benefits we receive from trees are well known," says Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz. "We have a unique city, with nature and our urban life intertwined like few other places. Arbor Day is a wonderful chance for people to connect with nature through a wide variety of fun and educational activities."

Learn about neighborhood tree plantings, what species of trees are on your block, Green Streets, the new Tree Code, Portland's Heritage Trees, fruit trees in the city, Hoyt Arboretum, and the Outdoor School.

Honor the recipients of the Bill Naito Community Trees Awards (at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11), and hear why Portland will once again be honored as a Tree City USA.

Trees are worth celebrating!: Celebrate our beautiful urban



Coaches: Don Seleski, Jerry Olson (not pictured) Boys back row: Patrick Dalton, Jacob Gray, AJ Olson, Neftalem Mekbib, Monyell Hedgmon, Front Row: Mason Brandt, Eli Fryer (scorekeeper), Steven Burgos-Pat, Quinones Thompson, Nikhil Prasad



forest all throughout the city during Arbor Day and all throughout the year. Join us and learn how Portland's trees work 24/7: filtering our water, cleaning our air, cooling the city, providing wildlife habitat, enhancing livability, and increasing property resale value. All activities are open to the public and free of charge.

About Portland's Trees; Portland Parks & Recreation cares for more than 1.2 million trees in PP&R parks and natural areas, and oversees an additional 240,000 street trees across the city! The amount of Portland's land covered by trees, known as the urban canopy, has increased by nearly 3% during the past nine years. The success is due to efforts undertaken by successful public-private partnerships including the Tree Stewardship Coalition, Portland Parks & Recreation, Friends of Trees and the Bureau of Environmental Services. Currently, 30% of Portland's surface area is covered in urban forest, with a goal of 33% (per the Urban Forest Management Plan, completed in 2004).

Become a partner to Portland's urban forest, please visit <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/61386>.



~ Community ~

**Ally Cleanup: Aril 11th**

By Garlynn Woodson

There will be an alley cleanup event sponsored by CNA, Concordia University, and SOLVE from 10am to 12:30pm on Saturday, April 11th. Neighbors, students performing a day of service, and others will gather between 9:45 and 10am at the intersection of the 28th/29th alley and Emerson street to receive supplies and instructions, then split off to clean up various alleys around the neighborhood.

The cleanup is being seen, not as a flash-in-the-pan one-off event, but as the first step in a process of building community momentum towards longer-term alley improvement efforts. Alleys are a public right-of-way, but, like sidewalks, their maintenance is the responsibility of adjacent private property owners. Historically, alleys were used to provide automobile access to homes. There is now a growing community consensus that these spaces can be enhanced to not only serve this original function better, but also be community spaces that provide many opportunities for residents that enhance the quality of life. The specifics of the vision for the future of each alley must be developed and owned by the neighbors on each block.

There are over 120 alley blocks in the Concordia neighborhood. Of these, alleys will be prioritized for cleanup on April 11th where adjacent neighbors have reached out in advance. Please contact Garlynn if you would like to be involved in the cleanup, and to learn more about how your alley could be improved to become a better community resource: landuse@concordiapdx.org.

Concordia residents interested in discussing this or any other issue related to land use and transportation, are invited to attend the next Concordia Neighborhood Association Land Use and Transportation (CNA LU&T) Committee meeting, the third Tuesday of the month, 7pm, in the Community Room in the SE corner of McMammins Kennedy School. To join the mailing list, send an email to: pdx\_cna\_lu\_and\_t\_committee@googlegroups.com



**Earth Day, SOLVE IT**

Oregon's largest Earth Day event needs you! Volunteer Registration is Now Open; Find your favorite project and sign-up today! <http://www.solve.org/what-we-do/solve-it>

Be part of Oregon's largest volunteer Earth Day event, SOLVE IT presented by Portland General Electric. Over 100 SOLVE IT events will take place across the state on Saturday, April 18th 2015 from 9am-1pm (times may vary by project).

SOLVE IT provides an opportunity for Oregonians to come together to take care of our parks, waterways and neighborhoods by picking up trash, pulling invasive plants, planting native trees and shrubs, and other watershed enhancement activities. This is your opportunity to join forces with over 6,000 volunteers from across the state at your favorite local volunteer project as part of Earth Day.

Questions? Quintin Bauer, Statewide Program Manager, [quintin@solveoregon.org](mailto:quintin@solveoregon.org), 503-844-9571 x321

Here are just a few place to get involved:

Cully Neighborhood Earth Day Clean-up

- Saturday, 04/18/2015 - 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

- Trinity Lutheran Church at 5520 NE Killingsworth St..

Alberta Street Earth Day Clean Up & Golden Garbage Awards

April 18. 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The fifth annual Earth Day District Cleanup, presented by Alberta Eye Care, will take place rain or shine on Saturday April 18th, Clean Up Alberta Street. Celebrate Earth Day. Contribute to Your Community.

The cleanup will focus on cleaning up litter and removing graffiti along NE Alberta Street between MLK Jr. Boulevard and NE 33rd Avenue and finish with a post-cleanup celebration featuring food and prizes.

Learn more and sign up to volunteer online at: [albertamainst.org/whats-happening/earth-day](http://albertamainst.org/whats-happening/earth-day). Location: Check-in will take place from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. at Alberta Central (NE 18th and Alberta).

Find more at: <http://www.solveoregon.org/volunteer-solve-it-earth-day>

**Earth Day Celebration**

Earth Day Celebration, We are the Future"

Sat, April 25 (10am-5pm)

Normandale Park in NE Portland (NE 57 Ave/Halsey Street).

This year's Earth Day celebration will feature:

- 90+ sustainable businesses and organizations
- Live music & entertainments
- Kids' Village & Procession of the Species parade
- The Soapbox Speakers' Stage
- Health and Wellness Village
- Full effort to recycle all materials!

The Earth Day Celebration brings over 4,000 people to a different community in Portland every year for what is probably the country's largest community-organized, non-TNC (trans-national corporation) sponsored Earth Day Celebration. The Earth Day Celebration represents the monumental ideal of public spaces becoming community places for people to gather for learning, working and most of all, fun!

The Earth Day Celebration is an annual event organized by the Portland Earth Day Coalition, LLC. The Portland Earth Day Coalition is a collection of individuals, organizations, businesses and neighborhood associations that hosts the event. Learn more at: <http://earthdaypdx.com/>

**Earth Day - Arbor Day**

Earth Day is honored around the world on April 22, although larger events such as festivals and rallies are often organized for the weekends before or after April 22. Many communities also observe Earth Week or Earth Month, organizing a series of environmental activities throughout the month of April. It was first celebrated in 1970 and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.

In 1969 at a UNESCO Conference in San Francisco, peace activist John McConnell proposed a day to honor the Earth and the concept of peace, to first be celebrated on March 21, 1970, the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere. This day of nature's equipoise was later sanctioned in a Proclamation written by McConnell and signed by Secretary General U Thant at the United Nations. A month later a separate Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in first held on April 22, 1970.

The first Arbor Day took place on April 10, 1872 in Nebraska. It was the brainchild of Julius Sterling Morton, a Nebraska journalist and politician originally from Michigan. Throughout his long and productive career, Morton worked to improve agricultural techniques in his adopted state and throughout the United States when he served as President Grover Cleveland's Secretary of Agriculture. But his most important legacy is Arbor Day.

Arbor Day is a holiday in which individuals and groups are encouraged to plant and care for trees. Today, many countries observe such a holiday. Though usually observed in the spring, the date varies, depending on climate and suitable planting season. Conservationist Gifford Pinchot, Chief of the United States Forest Service asked the President to speak to the public school children of the United States about conservation. On April 15, 1907, Roosevelt issued an "Arbor Day Proclamation to the School Children of the United States"

**Community Farms**

Community farming begins in April

If you don't have time for your own community garden plot, aren't confident in your growing skills, or just want to learn more about growing your own food, consider participating in a community farm. Grow Portland have a couple of new locations this year in NE Portland. All you have to do is show up at a community farms during the times listed on the Grow Portland website. Farmer educator will show you what tasks need to be done on work days. Help out with these tasks, and you can take home a large bag of food for free. Additional u-pick food is available for purchase. They work between April through October, and harvest is available from late May through through the end of the growing season. Thanks to Grow Portland community farm partners and sponsors: Oregon State University Extension, Cully Neighborhood Farm, Oregon Food Bank and Outgrowing Hunger.

Purchase organic seeds and plants for your garden

Grow Portland is offering affordable, organic seeds again this year-of varieties hand picked because they thrive in our Northwest climate. Seeds can be ordered online through our Seed Club. This year seeds can be picked up during normal business hours at Homebrew Exchange, right off the max line in North Portland.

They will hold plant sales on May 16 and 17 at King School in NE Portland and in East Portland. Thank you to their partner, Project Yess, a workforce development program at Mt. Hood Community College, for helping them with our plants and plant sales! Grow Portland, 4706 NE 10th Avenue

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## ~ Local Update ~

### Local carbon emissions down 35 percent per person. 2015 Climate Action Plan

The City of Portland and Multnomah County released the draft 2015 Climate Action Plan for public comment. The draft plan provides a roadmap for the community to achieve an 80 percent reduction in carbon emissions by 2050, with an interim goal of a 40 percent reduction by 2030.

In 1993, Portland was the first city in the United States to create a local action plan for cutting carbon. The 2015 draft plan builds on Portland's 20+ year legacy of climate action with ambitious new policies, fresh research on consumption choices and engagement with community leaders serving low-income households and communities of color to help ensure that all Portlanders benefit from the City and County's climate action efforts.

"I have spoken to city leaders around the world who are amazed that Portland has had a Climate Action Plan since 2009," said Portland Mayor Charlie Hales. "Many other cities are just now contemplating such a plan. As we look at the 2015 draft, two things come to mind: How incredibly far we've come. And how much more work is ahead of us."

"Climate change is our generation's greatest environmental challenge," said Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury. "The Climate Action Plan charts a course for us to continue working toward reducing emissions. But it also helps us prepare for the inevitable impacts of climate change, especially the vulnerable members of our community who will suffer the most. I am committed to doing what we can now to achieve a low carbon future and be prepared for the impacts of hotter, drier summers and warmer winters."

As global leaders grapple with the concerns and opportunities the changing climate presents, Portland has become an international destination for planners and decision-makers seeking proven strategies for climate action. Since 2010, more than 160 delegations from around the world have come to Portland to speak with business and government leaders to understand how Portland has lowered emissions while welcoming growth and creating a more livable community. Portland and Multnomah County now have 12,000 clean tech jobs, an increase of 25 percent in the last 15 years.

#### Highlights of the draft Climate Action Plan

- This summer TriMet will open Tilikum Crossing: Bridge of the People, the largest bridge in the United States to carry people on transit, bikes and on foot, but no cars. To accommodate the potential for higher river levels from climate change, the height of the bridge above the water was increased. The draft plan calls for continued investments that expand active transportation options throughout Portland and ensure those infrastructure investments are resilient to the impacts of climate change.
- Over the last five years, Portland residents have installed more than 2,000 solar systems and more than 2,000 homeowners have insulated their houses. The draft plan calls for doubling solar installations through efforts like community solar and continuing to weatherize homes at a faster rate than ever.
- This spring the Portland City Council will consider an energy tracking and reporting policy for large commercial buildings. If adopted, the City will work with building owners and managers to access resources to improve the energy performance of Portland's largest 1,000 commercial buildings.
- Recent changes to garbage and composting service have led to a 37 percent reduction in garbage headed to the landfill. Residential bills are down two years in a row, while Portland's recycling rate has reached 70 percent, one of the highest in the nation. The draft plan focuses on reaching renters and large multifamily communities to get those numbers even higher.
- The draft plan also proposes to broaden the City's work on waste to look at "upstream" opportunities to make more efficient use of existing goods, vehicles and buildings, such as car-sharing and short-term rentals. Other new business models are emerging to make it easier for people to rent, borrow, repair, and reuse everyday goods.

The 2015 Climate Action Plan includes new areas of focus

**Advancing equity:** Portland is changing. More than half of the students in Portland Public Schools, for example, are people of color. Low-income communities and people of color in Multnomah County are likely to experience the impacts of climate change more acutely, including increased air pollution and heat waves.

At the same time, these communities historically have not had the same access to the kinds of services and infrastructure that make low-carbon choices easier and affordable, such as frequent transit service and adequate sidewalks in East Portland or energy efficiency programs that benefit renters. From transportation investments and economic opportunities to tree plantings and policy engagement, the 2015 draft plan prioritizes actions that reduce disparities and ensure that under-served and under-represented communities share in the benefits of climate action work.

"Certain populations, including low-income households, communities of color, linguistically isolated households, renters and older adults may be less able to prepare for and recover from impacts from climate change," said Claudia Arana Colen, health equity coordinator, Upstream Public Health. "I am pleased to see the needs of vulnerable populations prioritized, and expect Portland and Multnomah County to deliver on their commitments to these communities as they implement this plan."

**Exploring consumption:** For the first time, the Climate Action Plan includes a consumption-based inventory, tallying carbon emissions associated with all of the goods and services that are produced elsewhere and consumed in Multnomah County. This inventory considers carbon emissions from the full lifecycle of goods and services, including production, transportation, wholesale and retail, use and disposal. Global carbon emissions as a result of local consumer demand are larger than the volume of emissions produced locally.

The addition of the consumption-based inventory offers insight into a wider range of opportunities to reduce carbon. Residents, for example, can shift purchases toward goods that are durable and repairable. Businesses have opportunities throughout their supply chains to choose lower-carbon options, and new business models like car-sharing are emerging to make it easier to borrow, repair and reuse everyday goods.

#### How to comment

- Visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/climate](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/climate) for more information about the new plan, and to read specific chapters or download the full draft plan.

- Comments Email to: [climate@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:climate@portlandoregon.gov)

"Total carbon emissions in the U.S. are up 7 percent since 1990. Here, in Portland and Multnomah County, we've cut total emissions by 14 percent, with 30 percent more people and over 75,000 more jobs. Clearly we are headed in a different direction," said Susan Anderson, director of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. "The investments that have helped us cut energy use and reduce carbon emissions are the same things that make people want to live here: Creating walkable neighborhoods with shopping, restaurants and parks; investing in transit and bike facilities; and making our homes and buildings more efficient and comfortable."

"Climate change is a threat to the health and wellbeing of our entire community, but will fall hardest on those most vulnerable to climate change impacts including older adults, children, people in poverty and people of color" said John Wasitynski, director of the Multnomah County Office of Sustainability. "The County is committed to working with the communities we serve to ensure they are empowered to protect themselves and benefit from climate solutions."

### Allen Temple CME Church Rebuilding After Fire

On Saturday, February 7, 2015 after 5:00PM one of Portland, Oregon's Centenarian Churches experienced major damage from an electrical fire that ran through the basement to parts of the sanctuary. After Portland Fire & Rescue successfully put the initial fire out - they were called back once again when the fire broke loose at approximately 10:00PM in the inner roof of Allen Temple CME Church. This time it required a Fire Battalion to take control of the fire and suppress it. The second outbreak severely damaged the roof. The investigation of cause of the fire is underway and preliminary cost estimates to rebuild is approximately \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Allen Temple CME Church in Portland, OR was built in 1912 by German Evangelical Lutherans. It was purchased in 1961 by Allen Temple CME under the leadership of now Bishop Othal H. Lakey, and a Retired Episcopal Prelate.

Presently, Allen Temple CME is under the pastoral leadership of Reverend Doctor LeRoy Haynes, Jr. and is noted for its outstanding community outreach ministries including: Resurrection Drug Abuse Program, Emergency Food Center, Allen Temple HIV/AIDS Education Project, Allen Temple Homeless Ministry, One Church-One School Mentor Program and its Social Justice Ministry as well as it's Christian Witness.

The Church plans to restore the building and continue its dynamic ministries in the City of Portland, the State of Oregon and throughout the Northwest. Restoration is expected to be approximately 5 to 6 months. While the church handles its displacement, they will be holding Sunday services 1:00PM at Maranatha Church 4222 NE 12th Avenue.

The Allen Temple CME congregation will continue to host fundraising events for the church restoration and has plans to start to start crowdsourcing on the Internet for added support. For information on these efforts, visit the Allen Temple Facebook page at [facebook.com/meetmeatthetemple](http://facebook.com/meetmeatthetemple).

## ~ Pets ~

### April at OHS for pets

What do ice cream & bowling balls have in common? They both will help pets in Oregon! Plus, don't miss opportunities to meet dogs and cats at OHS community events in April.

#### Doggie Dash Registration Open

Register now for Portland's favorite pet event, Doggie Dash, and help pets in need at the Oregon Humane Society. Doggie Dash is May 9th at Waterfront Park in downtown Portland. The fun walk/run is followed by a festival in the park, featuring vendors, contests, pancake breakfast and more! For more information or to register visit [oregonhumane.org/doggiedash](http://oregonhumane.org/doggiedash).

#### Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day, April 14

Come to the Ben & Jerry's scoop shop in the Pearl on April 14th to enjoy a free cone and learn all about Oregon Humane Society's annual Doggie Dash! The scoop shop is located at 301 NW 10th Ave, and OHS volunteers will be there helping to serve you delicious treats from 12pm to 8pm.

#### Northwest Pet & Companion Fair, April 18-19

The Oregon Humane Society will join over one hundred other exhibitors from every aspect of the pet world for this fun and educational fair April 18-19 at the Portland Expo Center. OHS volunteers and adoptable pets will be there to greet you and tell you all about our upcoming annual Doggie Dash. The Northwest Pet & Companion Fair offers fun and education for both ends of the leash, and is free to attend! For more information visit [nwpetfair.com](http://nwpetfair.com).

#### Bowl 4 the Paws, April 26

Join us at Interstate Lanes starting at 11am on Sunday, April 26 for a full day of scotch doubles bowling, raffles, and fun to benefit pets of Oregon Humane Society! Interstate Lanes is located at 6049 N. Interstate Ave in Portland. Entry is \$30 per team with 100% of net proceeds going to OHS. All ages are welcome. For registration forms and more information visit [oregonhumane.org/events](http://oregonhumane.org/events).



### Rabbit Romp at the Zoo

Eggs-citing times are in store at Rabbit Romp, a celebration of spring geared toward the under-10 crowd. Rabbit Romp is free with zoo admission.

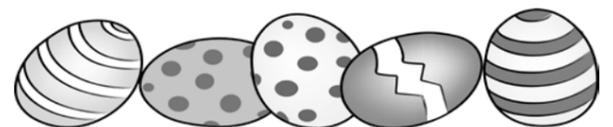
Rabbit Romp features candy egg hunts every 10-15 minutes between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Children ages 3 to 10 are invited to hunt for compostable "plastic" eggs, candy and prizes. Toddlers 2 and under can participate in a candy hunt organized especially for them at the classrooms by Bear Walk Café. Parents are not allowed in most hunts, but accommodations will be made for families requiring assistance.

Guests should bring their own baskets to collect the eggs and candy. Because of the popularity of this event, children will only be allowed to participate in a hunt one time, although other activities can be repeated.

Returning this year: because we care about the natural world, all of our "plastic" eggs are really "Eco Eggs," and are fully compostable. Learn more about how your consumer choices affect wildlife with Small Actions.

Rabbit Romp festivities also include pettable animals at the Family Farm, bunny crafts, games and photo opportunities.

Cost: free with zoo admission. <http://www.oregonzoo.org/events/rabbit-romp>



Information on how community members and businesses can contribute to the restoration of Allen Temple CME can be found listed below:

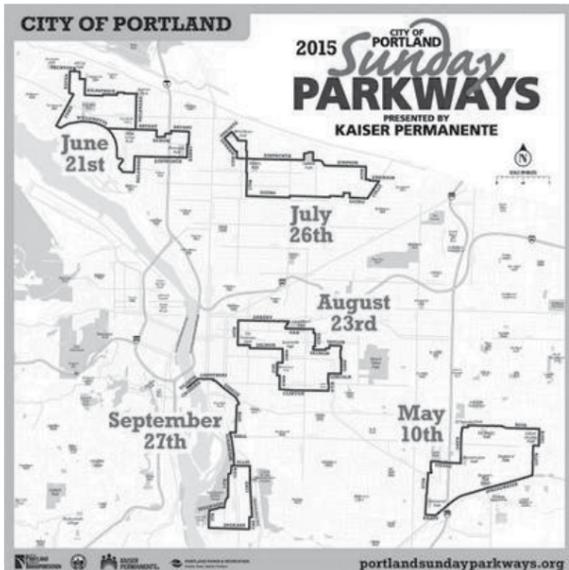
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Mail Checks to: Allen Temple CME Church, 3519 NE 15th Avenue PMB #357, Portland, Oregon 97212

Checks payable to: Allen Temple CME Church Restoration

~ Health & Wellness ~

Sunday Parkways



**East Portland Sunday Parkways May 10, 2015 ~ 11am-4pm** (7 miles) The party will start on Mother's Day in East Portland with a celebration of mothers, families and friends on our first Sunday Parkways of the year. The route will highlight some of the beautiful natural areas that are located in East Portland, such as the newly finished Foster Floodplain Natural Area as well as Lents, Ed Benedict, Glenwood and Bloomington Parks.

**North Portland Sunday Parkways June 21, 2015 ~ 11am-4pm** (9.5 miles) It's a family affair. Sunday Parkways continues its celebration of family and communities through our June 21st event that occurs on Father's Day and focuses on North Portland. This 9.5 mile double loop course will highlight gems across the route, such as the scenic Willamette Bluff, the Peninsula Rose Gardens, the universally accessible Harper's Playground at Arbor Lodge, as well as the activities offered at the Kenton, Columbia Annex, and McCoy Parks.

**Northeast Portland Sunday Parkways July 26, 2015 ~ 11am-4pm** (8 miles) Explore the Northeast Neighborhood Greenways while you make your way around the Northeast Portland route. Don't forget to stop by Woodlawn, Alberta and Fernhill Parks along with Rigler Elementary School where a collection of fun activities, festive music, and delicious food awaits you.



Dinning Out Will Save a Life; Thursday, April 30th

When you dine at a participating restaurant on April 30th, between 20%-30% of your bill goes directly to EMO's HIV Day Center in the Concordia Neighborhood and Partnership Project. Both organizations work closely together to provide vital programs and services to thousands of individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

EMO's HIV Day Center, located on NE 30th & Ainsworth, celebrated its 25th anniversary this year! It is the oldest multi-service drop in center for low income individuals infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in the United States. The Center serves approximately 300 people yearly, providing them with two hot meals a day, information and referral services, computer and internet access, phones, shower and laundry facilities and recovery support as well as volunteer professionals who provide services such as massage therapy, acupuncture and haircuts. The Daily Bread Express program delivers weekly meals and supplemental groceries to more than 60 homebound individuals.

Partnership Project is entering its 18th year of providing critical services to HIV positive individuals in the Portland Metro area. Last year 950 people living with HIV/AIDS were served through our Social Work and Nursing Case Management services. We help individuals get into medical care, maintain insurance, take their medications and connect to essential supportive services. We also provide risk reduction counseling.

You can learn more about both organizations by visiting [http://www.emoregon.org/HIV-day\\_center](http://www.emoregon.org/HIV-day_center) and [www.oshu.edu/partnership](http://www.oshu.edu/partnership).

**On April 30th, walk on over to Concordia Neighborhood's McMenamin's Kennedy School Courtyard Restaurant who will be one of the restaurants donating 20% of their dinner proceeds to this great cause.**

Or find other participating restaurants in Portland at [www.diningoutforlife.com/portland/restaurants](http://www.diningoutforlife.com/portland/restaurants). Remember, you can support Dining Out For Life during breakfast, lunch, dinner, or cocktail hours!

Walk+Bike Challenge



Walk+Bike Challenge May 2015 BTA

The Walk+Bike Challenge is the entire month of May and registration is now open! The Walk+Bike Challenge is a friendly competition aimed at encouraging more kids and families to walk and bike to and from school and throughout their neighborhoods.

Participation in the Walk+Bike Challenge is easy! Just register your school, download the Coordinator Packet for awesome tips, ideas, and resources, and return to the website during the month of May to track your school's walking and biking trips! Register at [walknbike.org/](http://walknbike.org/)

Fire Up Your Feet Rewards Oregon Schools and Families. This spring, Fire Up Your Feet is offering even more awards to schools participating in the Fire Up Your Feet Activity Challenge. With multiple awards in several categories, schools have even more chances to win awards to support physical activity and wellness programs. Save the date for the the Spring Challenge: May 1-31, 2015. Check out this link for more information. <http://or.fireupyourfeet.org/>.

St. Mike's Community Kitchen

**1st Thursday Community Cooking Group:** Due to Maundy Thurs. service at St. Michael's, our 1st Thursday cooking group will meet on the 2nd Thursday in April. We will meet on April 9th from 6-8 p.m. to can pickled asparagus! Suggested donation \$5. If you have questions or would like to RSVP, contact Rachel Schweitzer at [st.mikes@kitchencommons.net](mailto:st.mikes@kitchencommons.net).

**3rd Thursday Community Cooking Group:** We will meet on April 16th from 6-8 p.m. to make 8x8 dishes of burrito pie and cheesy spinach tortellini! We will provide the ingredients. You provide two 8x8 dishes. Suggested donation \$10. If you have questions or would like to RSVP, contact Rachel Schweitzer at [st.mikes@kitchencommons.net](mailto:st.mikes@kitchencommons.net).

What is Rapini?

If you have any kale, collards or other Brassicas overwintered from last year, you may notice small clusters of flower buds that look like little broccoli florets. (In fact, they are - broccoli is a kale that has been bred for gigantic flower clusters, and to produce them in the first season rather than the second.)

These flower clusters are called raab or rapini, and are a real treat. They first appear in early spring, and grow faster as the weather warms.

Don't pull the plant out! Pick the rapini as they appear, daily if possible, and they will continue to feed you for about a month.

Your earliest rapini will be mild, more like broccoli; as the season progresses the shoots will have a stronger, delightful mustard flavor. Raw, they are spicy, but like mustard greens, mellow with cooking.

Harvest with a quick flick of your thumb and forefinger, or cut with a thumbnail. Any stem you can harvest this way with a clean break will be tender and not stringy. Nibble on a bit of one you think broke cleanly to be sure your standards are high enough. For the best flavor, harvest as close as possible to dinnertime.

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- **Then, Shape.** The second workshop is dedicated to revision, a most wonderful kind of shaping. We'll spend the session critiquing and looking at possible directions for strengthening the poems you'll be asked to submit prior to the workshop, and- if you took the first of these workshops-I'll encourage you to submit some of that work.

Participants who take both workshops will receive a discount. It's fine to take the second workshop without having been in the first - or the first without being part of the second. Each session will run from 10 am to 5 pm, with an hour's break for lunch, and will be held in the library on the Concordia University campus (Rooms GRW 108 and GRW 303).

- First, Create meets Saturday, March 28, 2015 —10 AM - 5 PM |Limit 20 participants| Room GRW 108
- Then, Shape meets Saturday, April 11, 2015 —10 AM - 5 PM |Limit 12 participants| Room GRW 303.
- Cost: \$100 for First, Create. \$125 for Then, Shape. Or \$200 for both.

Register securely online at [www.mountainwriters.org](http://www.mountainwriters.org) or send check payable Mountain Writers to 2804 SE 27th, #2, Portland OR 97202.

Paulann Petersen is the author of six books of poems, *The Wild Awake* (2002), *A Bride of Narrow Escape* (2006), *Kindle* (2008), *The Voluptuary* (2010), and, most recently, *Understory* (Lost Horse Press, 2013), as well as five chapbooks. A former Stegner Fellow at Stanford University, she has published work in many publications including Poetry, The New Republic, Prairie Schooner, and Wilderness Magazine. She has served on the board for Friends of William Stafford, and in 2006 she was awarded the Holbrook Award from Literary Arts. In addition to teaching for Mountain Writers, she has taught workshops for The Attic, Fishtrap, Oregon Poetry Association, and the Northwest Writing Institute. From 2010 - 2014 she served as Oregon's sixth Poet Laureate. She makes her home in Portland.



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ROSE CITY ACRO DEVILS & MORE!
- 3 **CIRCUS DANCE RENAISSANCE**  
PATRICK MCGUIRE  
NIGHT FLIGHT & MORE!
- 4 GIRL CIRCUS PRESENTS **WITCHES**
- 4 **ADULT CABARET**  
ECDYSIAS POLE DANCE COMPANY & MORE!
- 5 **FAMILY VAUDEVILLE REVUE**
- 5 **GRAND FINALE!**  
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CIRQUE EN DEROUTE + MORE!
- 11 **MIZ KITTY'S PARLOUR**  
THE RITES OF SPRING!
- 14 PORTLAND OPERA PRESENTS  
THE GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK  
FRED ASTAIRE
- 16 **MASON JENNINGS**
- 17 THE GAIA PROJECT PRESENTS  
ALEX DE GRASSI & ANDREW YORK
- 18 SIREN NATION & SOUL'D OUT  
LADY SINGS THE BLUES  
A TRIBUTE TO BILLIE HOLIDAY
- 19 TIM SNIDER & CAIO ANDREATTA  
ALBUM RELEASE
- 22 LATE NIGHT LIBRARY PRESENTS  
ALL FINES FORGIVEN
- 24 THE INCREDIBLE INCREDIBLE PRESENTS  
PALINDROME
- 25 HEART LIKE A WHEEL: LINDA RONSTADT  
TRIBUTE CONCERT + FUNDRAISER
- 27 **KATHRYN CALDER**
- 30 ON AN OVERRGROWN PATH - DREAMSCAPES, DANCES + LOVE  
STORIES OF THE EUROPEAN BORDERLANDS  
LYRICAL STRINGS DUO - AGNIESZKA LASKA  
DANCERS - CHERVONA BAMBINO

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**Guardino Gallery**

March 26-May28  
MAIN GALLERY  
- Becky Busi draws with draw with broken sticks on Duralar, which is opaque and doesn't easily receive ink, allowing the ink to flow into uncontrolled puddles. She uses discarded materials to embellish the drawing to complete the circle of this beautifully imperfect person."  
- Rick Gregg describes himself as a metal worker. He creates a piece by looking at the negative space in front of him and just starts drawing in the air with hot metal. Rick finds that the introduction of other materials, expanded his pallet. Wood, Stone and glass were integrated into his works, even today cement is an essential element in many of his sculptures.  
March 26-April 26  
FEATURE AREA  
- Bridget Benton describes her work as Encaustic/Mixed Media. Her current body of work explores what is left behind - the evidence that remains after a traumatic experience or a repetitive and soothing ritual. Benton combines encaustic, collage, photographic imagery, and found objects.  
2939 NE Alberta St | 503 281-9048  
www.guardinogallery.com

**Alberta Street Gallery**

April 30-May 27  
Laura Dufala - She has created a series of tile, ceramic and woodblock prints that feature "Moonscapes". Her work explores what goes on after dark - a pleasing contrast of positive and negative space - with just a sliver visible to our eyes. What is left is so pared down with just the essence of the images and colors left. Moonscapes shows Laura's attraction to the natural world.  
Alberta Street Gallery is a collective of local artists founded in 2004.  
2724 NE Alberta St | 503-280-6329  
albertastreetgallery.com

**Portland Storytellers' Guild**

**Portland Storytellers' Guild Story Swap/Potluck**—Free. Friday, April 3, 6:30 pm, McMenamins' Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave. A social time to listen or tell a 5 minute story in a safe environment. Open to listeners, newcomers, and experienced tellers. We gather and share food, then tell 5 minute stories. Feedback upon request. The Story circle is an ideal place to listen to, try out new material or to hone a story you already know. For additional information call Ken Iverson 503-631-2167.  
**Portland Storytellers' Guild: Three Guys and a Fool:** The Unshorn Truth—7:30 pm, Saturday, April 11. The guys tell you the truth - foolish or not! Join storytellers Howard Adler, Norman Brecke, Steve Henegar and Frans van der Horst, and rediscover that life is never ordinary. Hipbone Studio, 1847 E. Burnside, Portland, OR. Tickets: \$10 general admission - \$8 Portland Storytellers Guild members & students. Contact: Steven Henegar - 503.991.5077 - shenegar@sbcglobal.net

**Concordia Master Plan**

Concordia University Campus "Master Plan" - Round 2 Public Review & Input: April 7 & 8  
  
What: The public is invited to review and provide input & feedback on Round #2 of Concordia University's "Campus Development Master Plan". The refined & prioritized results from last December's Round #1 Public Input sessions will be presented for discussion. The sessions will be facilitated by The Makenzie Group, the architectural & development company responsible for the design & construction of CU's new Library, Sports Complex, and recent student housing units.

When: As each session will cover the same information and the public is encouraged to attend one or the other, but both are equally open to all.

- Tuesday April 7-1:30 - 3:00 pm
- Wed. April 8 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Where: Concordia University, Hagen Campus Center, 2nd Floor, Campus Map: [www.cu-portland.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/campus\\_map.pdf](http://www.cu-portland.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/campus_map.pdf)

Info: Ron Heiden  
The Makenzie Group  
503-224-9560  
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www.mcknze.com

**RAISE 2015**

RAISE 2015 is an evening dedicated to celebrating children in local schools that participate in Active Children Portland. This year, RAISE 2015 will be at the adidas Village Lounge on April 10th at 7:00p.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to hang out in the adidas Lounge with Portland Timbers like Darlington Nagbe\*, and Coach Caleb Porter. Come take on Darlington in a match of FIFA, and see if you have what it takes to beat one of the world's best players on the (virtual) pitch.

Additionally, we'll have an auction with rare, autographed items for you to bid on. You won't want to miss out on this memorabilia along with other great items.

We hope we'll see you on Friday, April 10th at 7:00p.m. at the adidas Village Conference Center and Lounge!

Help us make the night a success and register today!

WHAT: RAISE 2015  
WHEN: Fri, April 10th, 7:00p.m.  
WHERE: adidas Village Lounge  
5055 North Greeley Ave.  
For details please visit [www.ACPortland.org/raise2015](http://www.ACPortland.org/raise2015)

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Thursday, April 2  
**GREAT NORTHWEST MUSIC TOUR**  
10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON  
**THE SILENT COMEDY**  
Whiskey-fueled tent revival  
Gym · 7 p.m. 'til 10 p.m.

Sunday, April 5  
**EASTER BRUNCH BUFFET**  
9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. · Reservations Required  
\$28 adults, \$17 kids 5-12  
Free kids 4 & younger

Don't Forget Sunday, May 10  
**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

Monday, April 6  
**OREGON HISTORY 101**  
**THE 1960s CAME TO OREGON**  
... AND NEVER LEFT  
Theater · 6 p.m. doors; 7 p.m. event

Thursday, April 9  
**ALBATROSS**  
Gym · 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 14  
**RACE TALKS:** An Opportunity for Dialogue  
**ISLAM: A RELIGION OF PEACE**  
Gym · 6 p.m. doors; 7 p.m. event

Thursday, April 16  
**LIMITED-EDITION BEER TASTING**  
5 p.m. 'til the beer is gone  
Boiler Room · 21 & over

Thursday, April 16  
**The Low Bones**  
Gym · 7 p.m.

Saturday, April 18  
**MO PHILLIPS and the SPAGHETTI PANTS DANCE BAND**  
**ROCK AGAINST CYSTIC FIBROSIS**  
Guests include Little Sue, Lincoln Crockett,  
1 p.m. til 3 p.m. · All ages welcome  
Adult \$9/\$12 day of  
Kids \$7/\$10 day of · 2 & under free  
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Sunday, April 19  
**BRUNCH, A SHOW & MOVIE WITH POISON WATERS**  
featuring Sex and the City (R)  
10:30 a.m. doors, 11 a.m. event  
21 & over · \$21 · [cascadetickets.com](http://cascadetickets.com)

Thursday, April 23  
**RYAN VANDORDRECHT**  
Gym · 7 p.m.

Monday, April 27  
**HISTORY PUB**  
**The History of Coffee in Portland**  
Theater · 6 p.m. doors; 7 p.m. event

Thursday, April 30  
**Mad Jaleo**  
Gym · 7 p.m.

Friday, May 1  
**MAY DAY CELEBRATION**  
Live music & maypole dancers

