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KEN DEROUCHIE BAND
The Ken DeRouchie Band (KDB) is a high energy 9 piece guitar edged horn section and a massive rhythm section, performing original music written by Ken DeRouchie as well as a few handpicked classic Soul tunes. Top players from the Northwest join DeRouchie, including Northwest Soul legend LaRhonda Steele, Arietta Ward, long-time KDB bassist Rob Hasey, virtuoso guitarist Jeff Knudson, keyboardist Alex “Popcorn” Milsted, drummer Chris Lay, Clayton Daffron on tenor sax and David Chachere on trumpet. KDB combines old school and new school grooves. Imagine if Lesw Krvitza and Bill Scott met at the intersection of James Brown Blvd. & Sly Stone Way while listening to Tower of Power covering an Average White Band tune. You can catch The Ken DeRouchie Band Friday, July 24.

SAMSEL & THE SKIRT
Samsel and The Skirt tells stories of hope, heartbreak and disconnect with energetic and emotional performances. Fronted by singers Cary and Kelsey Samsel, the band is built on a commitment to each other and music. Cary’s blues background is evident in his singing but well complemented by Kelsey’s smooth, heart-wrenching vocals. Churched on Soul, Rock and Blues, the band’s catchy lyrics are complimented with thoughtful musicianship. Samsel And The Skirt performs Friday, July 31.

CONJUNTO ALEGRE
Conjunto Alegre is a Puerto Rican band, dedicated to promoting Salsa/Jibaro and music from the Caribbean, in general for the enjoyment of our diverse community. Conjunto Alegre plays Salas, traditional Puerto Rican music, (Jibaro), Moreneguas, Plenas, Bombas, and other world rhythms. Conjunto Alegre was formed by LeRoy Rodrigues in 1979. Their band members are from Hawaii, Puerto Rico, San Francisco, and New Jersey. Conjunto Alegre have received accolades from all over the world sharing enthusiasm for their unique “tipico sound.” Conjunto Alegre “is like a breath of fresh air to Latin music.” inhale deeply on Friday, July 17.

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Fernhill Park 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. We hope you enjoy them.

All concerts start at 6:30 PM and end at 8:15 PM
Children’s Activities begin at 6:00 PM
Fri., July 10th: Hank Shreve Band (Rockin’ Blues & Soulful Originals)
Fri., July 17th: Conjunto Alegre (Salas, Cumbia, Bachata, & More)
Fri., July 24th: Ken DeRouchie (Muddy Nominated Blues)
Fri., July 31st: Samsel & the Skirt (Alt Harmonious Indie Rock)

CONCORDIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION PRESENTS
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CONCERT
Tues., August 4: Chata Addy (Afro Highlife & Funky Reggae)

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Get the latest news at ConcordiaPdx.org

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

**Board Meeting**
Second Tuesday of the Month
NO MEETING IN JULY
McMenamin’s Kennedy School Community Room

**General Membership Meeting**
First Tuesday Bi-Monthly
NO MEETING IN JULY
McMenamin’s Kennedy School Community Room

**Finance Committee**
For Meeting times and location visit our website or email: 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

**Social Committee**
If you are interested in volunteering for the Fernhill Concerts in the Park or for planning National Night Out, please contact Katie Ugolini (Chair) 503-449-9690 for details.

**Land Use, Livability and Transportation Committee**
Third Tuesday of the Month
June 21st 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
June 2nd at 6 pm
Dining Area at New Seasons
www.concordiatreeteam.wordpress.com

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**Concordia Neighborhood Association**

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.

**Contact Us**
Contact Us at our new email addresses!

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Please enjoy your this community and the people and businesses that make this neighborhood great!
The Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) Board has instructed the Land Use & Transportation Committee (LUTC) to perform research and prepare a proposal for funding to govern the operations of all committees within CNA, including the LUTC. The LUTC, in turn, has created a new subcommittee to perform this research and create a proposal for discussion.

This Subcommittee held its first meeting on Thursday, June 11th. It referred to OIN guidelines and bylaws from other organizations as templates for language to guide this update process. An initial proposal document was developed, including: a proposed new set of operating policies for the CNA LUTC; proposed modifications to the CNA bylaws concerning committees; and proposed modifications to the CNA Articles of Incorporation.

In order for the CNA LUTC to be able to operate quickly and efficiently on land use matters, that is, to reply to a land use case prior to the expiration of common 30-day comment-period deadlines, without having the deadline expire while waiting for a Board decision at its meeting the following month, the LUTC may receive delegated executive authority from the Board with regards to specified land use & transportation issues. Portland’s Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) guidelines state that executive authority cannot be officially delegated without modifications to both the Bylaws and the Articles of Incorporation of the Neighborhood Association.

The next step is for the CNA LUTC to discuss policy choices that have been revealed by the research, and choose the options that best fit the Concordia neighborhood. These choices will then be adopted as the LUTC’s recommendation to the Board. The Board will then decide whether or not to proceed.

Concordians also 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 & Transportation (CNA LUTC) Committee meeting, the third Tuesday of the month, 7pm, in the Community Room in the SE corner of McMenamins Kennedy School. To join the mailing list, send an email to: pdx_cna_Luc_and_t_committee@googlegroups.com

Free Summer Lunch Program in the PDX Parks

The end of the school year should be a time for fun, relaxation, and exploration for children. However, that’s not the case for thousands of kids here in the metro area as millions nationwide. 57 percent of Portland-area children qualify for free and reduced-price meals during the school year. To fill the summertime meal gap, Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R), Bank of America, local school districts and other partners have united over the last five summers. For the summer of 2015, the partners have distributed half a million free meals through the Portland Parks & Recreation Summer Free For All program that provides consistent and healthy meals can make a huge difference in the kids’ outlook about summer. “Not only do their brains and bodies need it, but also if they are in the equation, they get to be like any other kid... Plus it gets them to try new healthy foods.”

The business community is stepping up too! When you want to fast, go alone. When you want to go fast, go together.--African proverb

Portland Parks & Recreation’s Playgrounds and Free Lunches program is a success story of the power of teamwork. The support of the business community is vital so that PP&R and its partners can provide a high level of life-enhancing lunch services to the Portland community.

Bank of America is a leader among the issue of hunger in Oregon, dedicating thousands of volunteer hours and hundreds of thousands of dollars to help community members in need. For the second year in a row, they are the lead financial supporter of the Summer Lunches program, helping to underwrite this important program.

The City of Portland Bureau of Transportation & Portland State University are pleased to announce the 2015 Portland Traffic and Transportation Class.

The class is free for Portland citizens and we’d like to inform you and your neighbors about this great opportunity. You are encouraged to sign up for the course if you are interested. In addition, inclusion in your newsletter and/or on an email distribution list or a mention at your next meeting would be most welcomed and appreciated.

Calling all transportation activists – Learn how the city that works, works! And how you can affect change in your neighborhood.

The Portland Traffic and Transportation Class offers citizens the opportunity to learn about the city’s transportation system while working on actual neighborhood projects that affect your community.

With work and decision by policy-makers, planners, scholars and engineers to get your neighborhood transportation project moving.

This interactive Portland State University class is open to all Portland citizens and full scholarships are available to qualified applicants. Learn more on the website – www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/psclass – or contact Scott Cohen at (503) 823-5345, City of Portland Bureau of Transportation.

Chata Addy
(Afro Highlife & Funky Reggae)

In 1989 Chata Addy moved to Ashland, Oregon and formed his own band, Suuma. He has been a delighting Southwest audiences ever since with his groovy mix of Afro Reggae and Funky Highlife bringing plenty of energy to the stage. Chata has performed and recorded with the likes of Jimmy Cliff, Ohh Addy, King Sunny Ade and many others. Chata enjoys having the opportunity to connect with young people and pass on the gift of music. In this capacity he is working as part of the Young Audiences of Oregon and SW Washington programming for schools. Concordia Neighborhood Association is proud to present Chata Addy to our neighbors on National Night Out - Tuesday, August 4.
Water, Water, Water

By Rachel Freifelder

Water now! before the heat comes

Don’t wait until the thermometer hits 100 degrees this Saturday to water your garden. Start now. Your plants will weather the heat best if they have several days to get well hydrated.

When to water

In summer weather, late in the evening is the best time. Have your dinner outside and observe which plants you will water. Then turn the task into a sunset-watching meditation. Or, water at the coolest time you can.

How to water

Water the soil, not the leaves. Wet leaves can get fungal diseases, and may sunburn if drops of water stand on them in the sun.

For large plants such as blueberries or squash, a slow drip at the base of the plant is best. For small plants, overhead watering is ok. Use the “gentle spray” setting on your nozzle. Most hardware stores carry adjustable hose nozzles.

How much to water? It depends

Unfortunately, there is no rule of thumb that applies to all plants. Established drought-tolerant natives will be fine without irrigation. Some drought-tolerant plants can be damaged or even killed by overwatering, especially if your soil has poor drainage. Lavender can die of root rot if soil is wet. Tomatoes get blossom end rot if overwatered. Learn the specific needs of every plant you are tending.

For water-loving plants such as salad greens, a good test is to poke a finger in the soil a few minutes after watering. If the soil is very dry when you begin, water may not penetrate more than a half inch. Water again, wait another few minutes, and repeat the test. The soil should be evenly moist as far as you can feel.

Pull those weeds

Weeds, like all plants, take up water from the soil and transpire it into the air, away from the roots of other plants. Hot weather is a great time to weed. Lay weeds down on the soil - they will die and become mulch.

Upcoming class: Thursday, July 2, 6-8:30 pm: Hot Weather Planting for Winter Eating

Sunday, July 5, 1-2 pm: Free garden tour during Sunday Parkways

Thursday, August 6, 6-8:30 pm: Food Preservation

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Culinary Herb Gardening

By Jolia Donahue, The Gardening Goddess

Herbs have a variety of uses including culinary, medicinal and spiritual. Generally herbs are defined as any plant used for flavoring, food, medicine or perfume. Culinary use typically distinguishes herbs from spices based on the part of the plant that is used. An herb refers to plants used for their green leafy parts–either fresh or dried. A spice is a culinary product from another part of the plant such as seeds, berries, bark, roots and fruits. Some plants are used both as herbs and spices, such as dill weed and dill seed or cilantro leaves and coriander seeds. Many herbs are beautiful as ornamental plants in the garden. In addition to their fragrance, herbs have a wide variety of colors, textures, shapes to delight all the senses.

Growth habits of some common culinary herbs are:

- *Eugregia* woody perennials like bay laurel, lavender, rosemary, lemon verbena
- *Eugregia* perennial leaves like thyme
- Herbaceous perennials like sage, chives, lovage, german chamomile, bronze fennel, mints, oregano, tarragon, bee balm
- Biennials like parsley and angelica
- Annuals like basil, dill, German chamomile, chervil, cilantro

Most herbs prefer well-drained soil. Most herbs need full sun, 6-8 hours/day. Direct sunlight is needed to achieve maximum flavor and fragrance. Herbs grown in the shade become leggy and lack intense flavor. Some herbs that can be grown in full shade are angelica, sweet woodruff and yerba buena.

Most herbs do not need much fertilizer and are notorious for thriving in poor soil. Watering depends on the season, the location, and the herb. In the warm dry weather of summer, herbs grow in containers dry out quicker than herbs grown in the ground. Once established, most herbs are quite drought tolerant.

Most herbs, including basil, will develop a bushier growth habit and a fuller appearance if you pinch back new growth as it emerges. Herbs that develop into a woody shrub, like rosemary or lavender, can be pruned after flowering. Herbaceous perennials like mints, bee balm and asparagus can be cut back to a few inches above the soil during the winter.

Harvest fresh herbs as needed. Morning is the best time to harvest herbs as, that’s when they have the most flavor. Leaves have the highest levels of oils when the blooms just begin to appear.

To dry herbs, hang small bunches from the ceiling in a dry, dark location with good ventilation for 1-2 weeks. Store dried herbs in a clean sealed glass jar in a cool dark. Consider making herbal pestos and freezing in an ice cube tray. They make great winter additions to sauces and soups.

Herbal teas can be made from dried or fresh herbs. The general proportions are 1 teaspoon dried herbs to 1 cup water and 1 tablespoon fresh herbs to 1 cup of water. When making iced teas, double the amount of herbs, to preserve flavor from ice dilution. To prepare tea, steep herbs for 3-5 minutes in boiling water, strain and serve.

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Teaching Compassion

By Ken Forier

Love Summit: teaching compassion for people and their environment; On Saturday, June 13th there was a Love Summit held here in Portland. It was to inspire compassion toward people and the environment from big corporations. The topic got me thinking about a similar disconnect between our City leaders and their constituents.

It appears that this City is a “development machine” planning and delivering a future environment for all of us, based solely on the profits for its own coffers and for those enjoying the build-out. Perhaps this could be addressed were our elected officials to have attend the “Love Summit.” In the Oregonian interview with Samantha Thomas, organizer of the Wieden+Kennedy, TED-style conference, she fields the question “If business leaders can be compassionate toward people and the environment and still be prosperous, what keeps them from doing so?” Her answer, “People say “Isn’t greed just part of human nature?” I don’t think it is. I think greed becomes a part of us and gets instilled in us when something else is lacking. I think what’s lacking in the world is that people aren’t relating to each other and the environment like we used to, like indigenous cultures used to.” Bravo Samantha!

You have just identified the disconnect between our governance and the people of Portland as we watch our City be denigrated by frequently ugly and incompatible neighborhood infill. Mayor Hales and Council members, you are our elected officials charged with advocating for us, not bending to the whims of developers. Can Portland’s residents get some LOVE too?

Concordia Neighborhood Alley Naming Contest

Alleys are the often neglected, corridors running parallel to streets. Naming those humble lanes breathes life into them, honors their uniqueness, and gives them an identity. Naming alleys gives neighbors a sense of pride over their shared space.

Consider the personality and qualities of the Concordia alleys. What makes these alleys special? Are there murals, unique histories, neighborhood themes, or urban gardens along the alley? Here’s what we have so far, alley name submissions to date:

NAME YOUR ALLEY:
http://bitly.com/ConcordiaAlleyNaming

21ST AVE & 22ND AVE ALLEY - Tin Pan Alley
We have gardened back there, plan to paint our fence and we have art back there too. Tin/metals objects that can withstand the rain will likely be featured.

23RD AVE & 24TH AVE ALLEY - The Back Nine
I suggest this name because my neighbor across the alley, James, likes to hang out there and practice his golf swing (with no ball, just a club, old piece of carpet, and some good music). He’s a blast, has a great laugh, and it brings us all together in the alley (between Liberty and Highland, specifically). I’ve suggested this name to a few of my neighbors and they agree!

26TH AVE & 27TH AVE ALLEY - Forgotten Lane
Three homes almost next to each other have backyard chickens and coops.

29TH AVE & 30TH AVE ALLEY - Guardian Lane
Donna and Sal Guardino opened their successful gallery between 29th and 30th that helped spark the revitalization of Alberta as an art destination. They coined the “Art District”.

31ST AVE & 32ND AVE ALLEY - Oakley Alley

Occidental Street:* * * * * * *

Lead Poisoning Workshop

Free workshop where participants learn how to prevent lead exposure in their home. Great for households with children or pregnant women in housing older than 1978, or those concerned about lead exposure. Qualified participants receive a free kit of housing older than 1978, or those concerned about lead housing older than 1978, or those concerned about lead exposure. Qualified participants receive a free kit of safety and testing supplies!

Register for the workshop at www.communityenergyproject.org or call 503.284.6827.

Tuesday, July 7th, 6-7:30pm - Community Energy Project - 2900 SE Stark St, Suite A, Portland

Contemplating selling your home?

Would you like to:
... protect your home from being demolished?
... preserve our neighborhood integrity?
... keep your home in a family that will truly enjoy it?

Please consider selling your home to a buyer who will recognize its unique characteristics and won’t demolish it!

Looking for help?
Contact CNA UWTG Cher Gerylm Woodeang at landuse@canon-djapdc.org or (503)926-8973

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by Stephen Fransico

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~ Community ~

Friends of Ainsworth

Are you tired of looking a the unkept parkway of Ainsworth Boulevard? The City of Portland lacks the funds and time to do the adequate maintenance.

So let’s do it ourselves!

All we have to do is some mowing and some weed control. Is there a section near your home that could use some extra care? Some neighbors are already making a difference and have been maintaining their section of Ainsworth for years. You can help too! Let’s keep our neighborhood looking beautiful.

Thank you from the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association
~ Keeping Busy this Summer ~

### Free Lunch in Parks

The City of Portland offers organized sports, games, and crafts – plus a free healthy lunch for kids at sites and times marked below. Offered Monday-Friday, June 18-August 21, unless otherwise noted.

**ALBERTA PARK, NE 22nd & Killingsworth**
- 11 AM-4 PM
- Lunch: Noon

**ARBOR LODGE PARK, N. Bryant & Delaware**
- 2 PM-5 PM, Wednesday only
- No lunch served.

**FERNHILL PARK, NE 37th & Ainsworth**
- 2 PM-5 PM, Monday only
- No lunch served.

**GRANT PARK, NE 33rd & US Grant Place**
- 11 AM-3 PM, Monday & Wednesday
- No lunch served.

**KENTON PARK, 8417 N. Brandon Ave**
- 11 AM-4 PM
- Lunch: Noon

**KHUNAMOKWST PARK, NE 52nd & Alberta**
- 10 AM-1 PM, Wednesday & Friday
- No lunch served.

**KNIGHTS PARK, 8417 N. Brandon Ave**
- 11 AM-4 PM
- Lunch: Noon

**TODD PARK, 7201 N. Hancock**
- 10 AM-4 PM
- Lunch: Noon

**WOODLAWN PARK, NE 11th & Dobek**
- 10 AM-2 PM
- Lunch: 11:30 AM

### Free Open Swim

**FREE OPEN PLAY SWIM • June 16 – August 28, Columbia Pool, 7701 N. Chautauqua**
- Wed, 2:30-3:30 PM
- Grant Pool, 2300 NE 33rd
- Wed, 1:15-3:15 PM
- Montavilla Pool, 8219 NE Glisan
- Tue, 1:00-2:00 PM
- Peninsula Pool, 701 N. Rosa Parks
- Thu, 1:00-2:05 PM

### Concerts in the Park

**Tuesdays**

- **COLUMBIA PARK ANNEX • N. Woolsey & Willamette**
  - July 7 at 6:30 PM
- **The Quick & Easy Boys - Harmonious Indie Rock**
  - July 14 at 6:30 PM
- **Tony Oxer & the Doo Doo Funk All Stars - Funk & Boats Galore**
  - July 21 at 6:30 PM
- **The Quadrangles - PDX’s Female Sax Sensation**
  - July 28 at 6:30 PM
  - Sum Ram Boo - Caribbean Grooves & Tropical Rhythms
  - Aug 4 at 6:30 PM
- **National Night Out**
  - Norman Sylvester Band - Portland’s Original Boogie Cat
  - Aug 11 at 6:30 PM
- **The Littles Sue Band - Powerful Acoustic Folk-Rock**
  - Wednesdays

**DAWSON PARK • N. Stanton & Williams**
- July 8 at 6:30 PM

**Legacy Emanuel Medical Center Presents: Music-Community-Legacy - Remembering Janice & Linda**
- July 15 at 6:30 PM

**Muthaship - Old School Grooves**
- July 22 at 6:30 PM

**Tracy Fordice & the 8 Ball - Original, Soulful Rock**
- July 29 at 6:30 PM

**Pilón Daruacar Band - Incendiary Havana Salsa**
- Peninsula Park Sun, Aug 2 at 6:00 PM

**PORTLAND FESTIVAL SYMPHONY**
- GRANT PARK Sat, Aug 8 at 6:00 PM

**Concordia News**

**Event Etiquette**

By Mary Wiley

Outdoor Event Etiquette is not anything to stress about – concerts are supposed to be relaxing and fun. The rule of thumb is to go by what other audience members are doing, if they are dancing and cheering you should, too; but if they are sitting quietly, you probably should too. Please be considerate of the other attending outdoor events.

If seating is on the grass, low beach/sand chairs or blankets is encouraged. Regular height chairs block the viewing pleasure of others, consider moving to the side or rear of the venue.

If you’re so insistent on getting as far up as possible to the stage, get to the show early. Do not push your way to the front when other people have obviously already staked out their place by showing up early.

Most Portland park venues allow you to bring food and beverages. Some events will have food and beverages available for purchase from the vendors. Either way, please remember to clean up your area and remove all trash or debris.

We love your pets and ask that you be respectful of your neighbors by making sure your pets are welcome guests and on leashes both before you sit down while you are enjoying the music. Additionally, while parks are great places for dogs, some dogs do not do well in large crowds of people, especially around people and food. Know your pet and understand their limitations; big crowds of people, especially around people and food are not for everyone, especially around people and food.

Kids love to come to the park and run around. Be sure you have given them guidelines to keep them safe. Make sure they know where you are sitting, give them a landmark to help find you in the sea of blankets. More importantly, show them where to go if they get lost, either an info booth or a designated area set by you.

Be careful of flying objects, such as Frisbees, footballs, balloons and bubbles. Not everyone wants to play in your games.

Unambiguous limit the view of others and are not considered. Wagons, strollers, bikes and bike trailers are great for transporting you, your children, or your supplies to the park. Be considerate of the people around you and make sure you are not blocking others view of the performance. Park and lock your gear off to the side or in designated areas.

Attending movies, you should consider bringing a flashlight or head lamp. It is difficult to move about in the dark and we do not want you to trip over your neighbors. As in movie theaters, when the movie starts, the conversations stop. Please try not to be disruptive to your neighbors.

Starting in July, there is a no smoking policy in Portland parks. The smoking ban applies to all tobacco, e-cigarettes, marijuana and vaping products.

Finally, always clean up after yourself. Let’s keep our parks clean and ENJOY!
Volunteers Needed to Help Children Learn to Read

Many young children in our local schools need a little extra attention to thrive academically. This is where AARP Experience Corps comes in, matching volunteers, age 50 plus, with kindergarten through 3rd graders in need of a little help. Working one-on-one and in small groups, these mentors provide the support and attention needed for students to succeed. Volunteers are currently being sought for the fall 2015 literacy program.

The City Council unanimously approved the program in December 2012 and provided $18.5 million in funding. Energy and maintenance savings will more than cover the initial cost. Once the conversion is complete, Portland expects to save $1.5 million every year. The Energy Trust of Oregon has an estimated lifespan of up to 25 years, which is complete. The current high-pressure sodium bulbs are dimmer than national standards because we want to keep light levels without distorting color.

They receive the best ranking – a ‘0’ – when it comes to color quality. The vast majority of the new LEDs are “cobra-head” fixtures. They produce light that appears and whitish, akin to moonlight. The result is a higher light quality that improves safety because of depth of field and peripheral vision enhancements without distorting color. These new lights are brighter in the eye and allows colors to seem more natural at night.

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The City Council unanimously approved the program in December 2012 and provided $18.5 million in funding. Energy and maintenance savings will more than cover the initial cost. Once the conversion is complete, Portland expects to save $1.5 million every year. If you’d like to talk with a staff member about the project, please contact Tod Rosinbum at tod.rosinbum@portlandoregon.gov.

The new lights are have a fresh bright glow and will reduce energy use and help our neighborhood be more energy efficient.

Portland's largest-ever energy efficiency project is happening now. Through 2016, the Bureau will work to convert the City’s 45,000 street lights to LED (light-emitting diode) lights. Before PBOF began the conversion, the bulk of the City’s streetlights used high-pressure sodium bulbs. Those bulbs last only, on average, five years. The new LEDs are expected to last four times longer and use half the energy.

The City will look different once the conversion is complete. The City’s current high-pressure sodium bulbs produce a light that looks almost pink or orange. The new LED lights, however, produce a light that appears cooler and whiter, akin to moonlight. The result is a higher light quality that improves safety because of depth of field and peripheral vision enhancements without distorting color.

These new lights aren’t any brighter. In fact, the City’s lighting standards are dimmer than national standards because we want to keep light levels manageable for residents. That said, the white light they produce does appear cleaner and brighter to the eye and allows colors to seem more natural at night.

Once this is all said and done, the skies should appear clearer with less light pollution. The vast majority of the new LEDs are “cobra-head” fixtures. They receive the best ranking – a ‘0’ – when it comes to the amount of up-light they produce. That means less light pollution or sky glow.

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Volunteer mentors must be age 50 or over and able to commit to four or more hours per week throughout the school year. Those able to commit to 8-10 hours may receive a monthly stipend. No formal experience is needed, just the desire to help children succeed, and to make a difference in our community. The program provides fun and dynamic training and ongoing support. “This is what differentiates Experience Corps from other literacy programs,” according to McLaren. “We not only understand the needs of the children, but also of volunteers in this age group, and we provide exceptional support for them.” Applications for the 2015-16 school year are currently being accepted. A limited number of positions are available, so potential volunteers are encouraged to apply early.

For more information, contact 503-688-1782 or email volunteer@MetFamily.org.
**Neighborhood Events**

### Alberta Street Events

#### Retail Happy Hour
Retired May 2015

- **Wednesdays, 3-6 p.m.**
- **July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29** Nearly 40 Alberta Street retail businesses will offer special deals every Wednesday, 3-6 p.m. starting June 24th as part of Retail Happy Hour on Alberta Street. Visit Alberta Street every Wednesday afternoon for great deals and exclusive discounts while supporting local independent retailers. Coordinated by Alberta Main Street, Retail Happy Hour is free and open to the public. 

#### Alberta Street Gallery
Alberta Street Gallery
June 25-July 28, 2015
MAIN GALLERY
Carolyne Garcia’s pieces are small in size and created with graphite and acrylic medium. The work is inspired by her observations of nature and her love of animals. Thomas Soule creates complex sculptural objects fashioned of wood, are of a size to be carried by one person and are meant to occupy the human living space.

#### Positive Business Review
7 steps to Positive Review for Local Businesses

- **July 8**
- **9:30 AM - Seminar**
- **July 16th**
- **11 AM - Webinar**
- **July 24th**
- **11 AM - Webinar**

#### Summer Camp at Trinity
Trinity Lutheran will have summer day camp offerings that are perfect for working families. The Little Tigers program will include extended care and will be flexible for busy summer schedules.

#### Distillery Dinner
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- **Friday, July 17**
- **5:30-8:30 p.m.**
- **Hilltop Room**

#### Trinitity Lutheran School’s 8th Alumni Picnic
August 1, 2015

- **Trinity alumni, future alumni, faculty, families, congregation and friends are invited to Trinity Lutheran School’s 8th Alumni Picnic.**

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Going Places Featuring the art of Celeste Le Blanc & Eric Daws
Celeste Le Blanc creates serene, painterly landscapes by reverse paintings on glass and whimsical, found object assemblages and jewelry. Her work is eclectic and always surprising.

Eric Daws will be showcasing his functional guitar works. Daws repairs, restores and embellishes one-of-a-kind, playable works of art.

#### THE WAIFS + AWNA TEIXEIRA
J.A.W.Z
THE MUSICAL - IN 3D!

#### LIVE ANIMALS
BEN LEE
THE FALLS
RYAN DILMORE

#### THE FRENCH CONNECTION
JUNK PARLOR
+ GOLD STAR DANCE COMPANY
BELIEVED PRESENTS: FANNA FI ALLAH - SUFI QAWWAL

#### PAT DONOHUE
ROCK ‘N’ ROLL CAMP FOR GIRLS
SUMMER CAMP
SESSION 2 SHOWCASE

#### West Coast Wildflowers
NAOMI LAVIOLETTE
A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR THE OREGON HUMANITYSociety

#### Portland Soundcheck
PAUL THORN
OREGON HUMANITIES PRESENTS
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