Join with other members of our Concordia neighborhood community at our Annual Meeting to fill openings on the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA) Board of Directors, and find out how to become involved in the exciting and worthwhile projects and events that the CNA has planned for the coming year.

The Concordia Neighborhood Association elects approximately half of its Board members annually, for two-year terms, at our Annual Meeting in November. Board candidates must be members of the Concordia Neighborhood Association (that probably includes you if you live or own property in the neighborhood). The CNA nominating committee has already received several applications for Board candidates. However, there is still time and opportunity to throw your hat into the ring! If you have a passion for volunteering and know that you want to make a positive change right here where you live, please contact Steve Elder, our Nominating Committee Chair at East1@concordiapdx.org. Additionally, if you are unsure, want to know more, or moved by the electric nature of CNA Election Night to become involved, you can always be nominated or even nominate yourself at the meeting!

Concordia Neighborhood Association members must be a resident, own property, or a business within our boundaries. You will be asked to sign in at the meeting and confirm your membership in the neighborhood association. At this time, there is a minimum age limit for election: 14 years of age and nominees under 18 must have written permission from a parent.

Terms begin in January 2016 and run 1-2 years depending on the position being filled. Board members commit to attending board meetings each month, attending regular and special membership meetings, attending CNA-sponsored events, and becoming a contributing member of a CNA committee. A CNA board member represents our community on issues such as land use, livability, and safety. We partner with local government through our association with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), and other local community groups.

Here are the open positions eligible for election November 10th: Thanks to all past, serving and future CNA Board Members. Hope to see you on CNA Election Night!

• CNA Chair (1 year term)
• NW District position 1 (2 year term)
• SW District position 1 (2 year term)
• SW District position 2 (1 year term)
• CNA at-large position 1 (2 year term)
• CNA at-large position 2 (1 year term)
• CNA at-large position 3 (2 year term)
• CNA at-large position 6 (2 year term)

Can you survive a catastrophic week on your own? Perhaps equally important, do you have the skills, knowledge and supplies to help your family and neighbors survive? Scientists are confident that a major earthquake is coming to our region sooner than later. Compound the complex world of oil trains and other potential dangers, it’s high time for all of us to prepare. CNA’s General Meeting on November 10th at 7 pm in the Community Room at the Kennedy School will feature the leader of the Concordia Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET), Amy Gard, who will address those issues and answer your questions.

You will also learn what you can do to be part of the Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs). The NETs are Portland residents trained by the Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within their own neighborhoods. NET members are trained to save lives and property until professional responders can arrive. These volunteers are specially trained to help others without putting themselves in harm’s way. NET members are:

• Prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks during any emergency.
• Able to provide emergency assistance to their family and immediate neighbors.
• Able to work within an emergency response team to save lives and property in their neighborhoods.
• Able to guide untrained volunteers who want to help others during a disaster.

Come to the meeting and learn more!

Charles Addams Exhibit: 2 for 1 Coupon

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

CNA Annual Meeting
Board Elections
November 10th at 7:00pm
- Board Elections
- Emergency Presentation
- McMenamin’s Kennedy School
- Community Room

Come join the Holiday CHEER!!!
CNA Holiday Party
December 9th
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Cerron House
5113 NE 23rd Ave
In lieu of Dec Board Meeting

CNAroomKennedy@gmail.com

HELP WANTED
- Recording Secretary for Neighborhood Association Meetings
- Independent Contractor, Pay is $15/hour

Meetings usually hold on Tuesday evenings around 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Kennedy School. Approximately 12 meetings a year. Meetings usually last about two hours. Duties include transcribing and typing minutes. Compensation is for attendance and generating minutes. Applicants asked to provide contact information and a brief outline of qualifications. Resume not required.

If interested, send email to email@concordiapdx.org

Chair’s Corner
Greetings Neighbors,

Welcome to the season of the long shadows. By now school has been in session long enough to determine if your student has been paying attention or if it’s time for serious intervention. You have run out of time for saying summer has put a hold on projects. This is also when we look forward to spending time with family and playing Sunday morning football.

In September, I had the unique opportunity to take 3 1/2 weeks travelling in Europe, experiencing how long-established communities have been considering and working on issues similar to ours. One of the most common reminders of what we have been discussing is how housing density and design have worked in those communities to develop a culture that accommodates everyone. This is quite a different approach from here in the States where ideologues have created an “I win, you lose” mantra that can drive political will and governances. Both Amsterdam and London are probably two of the most densely populated cities on earth whose rapid growth over the last 35 years is mind boggling. Rapid population growth and density require that space be maximized and styled to accommodate various groups within the larger community. While not perfect, their solutions appear to be working.

However, I am not saying we should allow for indiscriminate construction or demolition. I believe it is more productive to weigh in on architectural style and historical preservation of homes worthy of consideration and not a flat-out “no.” Consider what density has produced on Amsterdam canals or on the streets of London and know that what does survive is that which eventually is appreciated as classic design and good architecture and not “trendy” that goes out of favor after the next season of what is new and fashionable. Yes, skinny houses can look good without overwhelming neighboring homes; they do work if designed well. At the same time, there are homes that no longer have any redeeming qualities or structural integrity and do present opportunities for something better. Let’s begin focusing on how we want the future to look instead of fighting every effort to change. Change can be good as long as we have a hand in creating it. Change will happen whether we like it or not, so host for you to happen to change rather than change happen to you.

The neighborhood association will continue to take up those issues you care about, and I am certain that skinny houses and demolition will continue as topics, and I hope they will. But let’s place those issues as pending items and emphasize the critical issues of community safety, crime prevention, education of our youth and placing those in need of resources available by the City. However, most important than all of those and a topic that has been given some attention of late but not nearly enough for its severity and critically time-sensitive nature is EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS. Given that government representation will continue the “I win, you lose” approach, I would say that if you are waiting for government to take care of your earthquake concern - pack your head in the sand. Eventually, municipalities will come up with ordinances and policies that will work and governments will deal with issues that are pending items and emphasize the critical issues. Concordia News may edit for form and length.

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Please enjoy your this community and the people and businesses that make this neighborhood great!
Alley Names Ballot

By Garlynn Woodsong, Chair, CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee

After months since the CNA Alley Naming effort began, it’s finally time to vote! You can pick from amongst the names already submitted, or write-in your own favorite.

Voting starts the beginning of November and continues until midnight December 31st, 2015. Voting is open to Concordia residents and businesses, and you can pick a name for each alley, some, or just one. All entries will be counted – just one per person please – with the winners announced early in the new year!

For background info, see the Portland Alley Project at: https://dsdauphin.wordpress.com/2013/12/25/alley-allies

There are three ways to vote:
1) Go to kwiksurveys.com/s/kfINWMOw, and vote online!
2) Email this ballot to: landuse@concordiapdx.org (either type in your choices, or take a digital photo of your completed ballot and attach it to the email).
3) Fill out this ballot, cut it out, place it in an envelope, and mail it to: Concordia Neighborhood Association Attn: Alley Names Ballot Entry PO Box 11194 Portland, Ore 97211

N. Ainsworth Alley:
1. Tin Pan Alley
2. Laurel Lane
3. Olmsted Alley
4. Write-In:________________
5. No Name. Do not name this alley.

S. Ainsworth Alley:
1. Oop Alley
2. Beethoven Alley
3. Write-In:________________
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

21st Ave & 22nd Ave Alley
1. Michelangelo Alley
2. Write-In:________________
3. No Name. Do not name this alley.

22nd Ave & 23rd Ave Alley
1. da Vinci Alley
2. Write-In:________________
3. No Name. Do not name this alley.

23rd Ave & 24th Ave Alley
1. The Back Nine
2. Dali Alley
3. Write-In:________________
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

24th Ave & 25th Ave Alley
1. Duncan Alley
2. Kandinsky Alley
3. Write-In:________________
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

25th Ave & 26th Ave Alley
1. Blackberry Alley
2. King Cat Alley
3. Little Ohio Alley
4. Song Bird Alley
5. Luster Lane
6. Tchaikovsky Alley
7. Write-In:________________
8. No Name. Do not name this alley.

26th Ave & 27th Ave Alley
1. Forgotten Lane
2. Frank Cohr Jr Alley
3. Adventure Alley
4. Bach Alley
5. Write-In:________________
6. No Name. Do not name this alley.

27th Ave & 28th Ave Alley
1. Chicken Alley
2. Harriet Lane
3. Love Fest Lane
4. Raspberry Lane
5. Coltrane Alley
6. Write-In:________________
7. No Name. Do not name this alley.

28th Ave & 29th Ave Alley
1. Fir Way
2. Beatles Alley
3. Write-In:________________
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

29th Ave & 30th Ave Alley
1. Ice Cream Alley
2. Guardino Lane
3. Fox Chase Alley
4. LeGuin Alley
5. Write-In:________________
6. No Name. Do not name this alley.

30th Ave & 31st Ave Alley
1. Mozart Alley
2. Write-In:________________
3. No Name. Do not name this alley.

31st Ave & 32nd Ave Alley
1. Oakley Alley
2. Marley Alley
3. Write-In:________________
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

32nd Ave & 32nd Pl Alley
1. Charollet and Walter’s Run
2. Santana Alley
3. Write-In:________________
4. No Name. Do not name this alley.

32nd Pl & 33rd Ave Alley
1. Scrap Alley
2. Alley Cat Alley
3. Cat Alley
4. Hendrix Alley
5. Write-In:________________
6. No Name. Do not name this alley.

Concordia residents interested in discussing this or any other issue related to land use and transportation are invited to attend the Concordia Neighborhood Association Land Use and Transportation Committee (CNA LUTC) meetings at 7pm on the third Wednesday of the month, in the Community Room in the SE corner of McMenamins Kennedy School. To join the LUTC mailing list, send an email to: pdx_cna_lu_and_t_committee@googlegroups.com

Parade Route: Parade assembles on NE 40th and NE Tillamook and proceeds along NE 40th turning East onto NE Sandy Blvd. The parade concludes at 48th and Sandy Blvd at the flag pole in front of Ross Hollywood Chapel.

Portland’s only Veterans Day parade started in 1974. Vernon E. Ross, proprietor of Ross Hollywood Funeral Chapel, founded this parade to honor all veterans, past and present, living and deceased. At the conclusion of the Parade there is a Flag raising ceremony along with comments from dignitaries, music from local High School bands, Dove release and a military flyover from the Oregon Air National Guard 142nd Fighter Wing. Many groups and organizations from in and around Portland participate in the Parade, such as the Royal Rosarians, local High School marching bands, military groups, motorcycle groups, bagpipe marching bands, senior living groups and various local dignitaries, such as the Mayor, congresspersons, and councilpersons when their schedule allows.
Family Ghosts

By Anne Rutherford

Come tell us a story that scares you! Join other scary story fans Thursday November 19 from 7-9 pm for a scary story performance & open mic at the Lucky Lab Taproom, 1700 N. Killingsworth. Kick back with food or libation available from the Lucky Lab Taproom; for more info www.oregonstellers.com.

CNA Holiday Party

Tuesday, December 8th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Corinna House, 5111 NE 22nd Ave
(corner of NE 22nd & Sumner St.)

The CNA HOLIDAY PARTY is just around the corner on December 8th, so please mark your calendars! This year, the newly renovated Corinna House will be the site of this fun and festive event! All food, drinks, and mingles with friends; and old, and new, in a festive and family-friendly atmosphere. We will be serving scrumptious desserts and a variety of novelty beverages. Festive holiday music will also be provided! Additionally, we will have a Cookie Decoration Station for the tykes so that they may create their own tasty treats. We hope to see you all there!

If you would like to help out with our annual event, please contact Katie at (503) 449-8690.

CNA Holiday Party

As we close out 2015, please join EcuMenical Ministries of Oregon’s HIV Services for World AIDS Day.

This is an opportunity to honor and celebrate those who are living with HIV/AIDS, and those who support the work we do at EMO’s Daily Bread Express and HIV Day Center services, and to bring greater Portland’s most vulnerable, low-income, HIV-positive individuals.

• Special recognition will be given to Russ Miller, EMO’s Food Services Manager for his 20 years of service within EMO’s HIV Services community.
• As our guest, there is no charge to attend the lunch; donations will be solicited. All contributions go towards sustaining the HIV Day Center.

If you can’t attend the event please consider making an online donation at www.emoregon.org (click “donations” and specify HIV Services).

Diary of Deomilition: Pt 3

By Luke Griffin

Everyone in Concordia has had the opportunity to watch a house be torn down to make way for new houses, duplexes, and “skinnies”, for better and/or for worse. This, after a summer hiatus, is the continued chronic of my personal experience.

It was now April, the old house was completely demolished, and nothing remained but an empty lot of woods and cement. One sunny Saturday my neighbor, who lives on the other side of the soon-to-be developed lot, was enjoying time with his children in the front yard. One of the developers pulls up, and walks onto my neighbors lawn, and tells him that the concept of “adverse possession” and at an impasse of the property and that belief (which they did). My neighbors but other surrounding neighbors (Such a development stalled. Spring turned into sweltering sweltering summer heat. Working, working, working.

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Helping the Homeless

On any given night, about 4,000 people sleep on the streets or in shelters across Portland. Homeless people can be adults, young people, couples or families with children. They are living on the streets, either temporarily or for the long term, for a variety of reasons. They may be homeless because of an untreated mental illness, a physical disability, domestic violence, the loss of a job, or being addicted to drugs. Homeless people sleep on the streets, either temporarily or for the long term, for a variety of reasons. They may be homeless because of an untreated mental illness, a physical disability, domestic violence, the loss of a job, or being addicted to drugs.

How can you help? Hand out or make a donation to local homeless shelters for “Care Kits.” A typical Care Kit consists of a watertight gallon-sized plastic zip lock plastic bag filled with items like: water bottle, socks, gloves, hand wipes, tissues, toothbrush, toothpaste, band-aids, deodorant, aspirin, chop stick, mints, gum, granola bar, fruit snacks, crackers, gift certificate for fast food, pen and paper, flashlight. Learn more at: http://www.portlandrescuemission.org/get-involved/

Next month: Construction Begins

Holidays are a time for giving, especially for those who are less fortunate than you. If you are looking for a charitable opportunity to help brighten the holidays for clients at the HIV Day Center, here in the Concordia Neighborhood, by contributing to the Giving Tree donantion project.

The HIV Day Center is a non-denominational project of the Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) and is housed at the Ainsworth United Church of Christ located at NE 39th and Glisan Blvd. This center provides over 700 meals each month to low income people dealing with HIV in addition to providing cooking classes, clothing, showers, recreational therapy, access to computers and phones, and mutual support.

Two Opportunities for Giving:

1) For the Giving Tree, Day Center clients write out what they would like for the holidays on sheets of paper, with a $35 maximum. Day Center clients are encouraged to transpose those wishes onto paper ornaments and deliver to individuals who would like to fulfill them. Gift requests can be distributed throughout the month of December, and we will collect the gifts the week before Christmas.

2) If you would like to donate clothes or hygiene items to the Day Center, they are in need of the following items:

- Men’s Pants, especially Jeans
- New socks & underwear, especially Men’s
- Toothbrushes & Paste
- Sleeping bags & blankets

These are wonderful opportunities to help an indigent population in the Concordia Neighborhood! It is an opportunity for the community to come together to make sure everyone has a warmer holiday season. If you are interested in participating in the Giving Tree donation project, please contact the EMO Day Center at 503-460-3822 or mfeguson@emoregon.org
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Vernon Maker’s Fair

Do Your Holiday Shopping Locally While Supporting Our Neighborhood School At The 1st Annual Vernon Maker’s Fair

Would you like to avoid the traffic, long lines and all the time spent driving from store to store looking for those perfect holiday gifts? Or crossing your fingers hoping the gifts you ordered online will arrive in time?

This year, there is a new place to get your holiday shopping done without having to leave your neighborhood. Give unique, one-of-a-kind gifts to your friends and family. Support your local crafts people, and make an investment in your neighborhood school.

Skip the holiday crowds and attend the 1st Annual Vernon Maker’s Fair. The Fair takes place on Saturday, December 5th from 1:00 – 5:00 PM at Vernon School (2044 NE Killingsworth Street).

Find authentic, unique gifts hand-made by Vernon students, staff, family members and alumni. Your friends and family will love the one-of-a-kind gifts available at the Fair.

Gifts They’ll Remember

The Vernon Maker’s Fair is sure to have something for everyone on your list.

Some of the handcrafted items on sale include: organic jams and pickles, jewelry, wood crafts and toys, greeting cards, art prints, ornaments, shirts, stationary and much more.

The Maker’s Fair features door prizes, music, food and drinks. Enjoy kid activities and fun for the whole family. Mark it down as a fun annual event on your holiday calendar.

Support Our Local Kids

The Maker’s Fair is organized by the Vernon PTA. A percentage of the proceeds support the PTA’s mission to improve the learning conditions at Vernon. So, not only can you get your holiday shopping done locally and support neighborhood crafts people, you can help our community build a better place for our kids to learn.

Money raised by the Maker’s Fair will help fund field trips, classroom support and improvements to school facilities. Funds raised will support music education, art enhancements and educational clubs for Vernon students.

The “Make Your Fair” is a great opportunity for community residents to support our kids, our school and our local crafts people. Since a percentage of the proceeds go back to the school, the whole community benefits by helping our school become a destination of choice for neighborhood families. When our kids have greater opportunities to learn, it creates stronger schools. And stronger schools mean stronger communities,” said Greg Rochford, Vernon parent and PTA member.

One Day Only: December 5th

Join your neighbors at the 1st Annual Vernon Maker’s Fair on Saturday, December 5th from 1:00 – 5:00 PM at Vernon School.

The Maker’s Fair is a one-day only event, so make sure you don’t have to wait till next year to support your neighborhood school, crafts people and community. See you on December 5th!

For information on participating in the Maker’s Fair as a vendor, please submit a Maker’s Fair Registration Form (http://www.vernonpta.org/makersfair/) to the PTA or contact Paisleydoc@gmail.com for new offerings and updates!

Sunday classes are $10 each, plus a $5 material fee. Sign up at gnomeshome.org is required! Classes are small in a gnome’s home! Children may attend with an adult, the Simplicity Holidays is an adult only class.

Make your own perfume! Liz Borowski will teach you about creating delicious notes with essential oils.

On February 20, 2016, Faubion PTA will hold its second annual silent auction & raffle fundraiser. Please join us in showing the love for our sweet school at “Faubion, Be Mine”.

Faubion School is a PK-8 public school located in the heart of Portland’s Concordia neighborhood. While a new, modern Faubion is being built at 3038 NE Rosa Parks Blvd, our students, teachers, and staff have temporarily relocated to the Tubman campus at 2231 N Flint Ave. The Faubion/Tubman community — rich with diversity, cultural heritage, and academic success — is deeply committed to students and their achievement.

Faubion/Tubman aspires to provide a full range of educational opportunities for all of its students. At the same time, enrollment has grown, with over 480 children in attendance. Over 90% of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, and many families are struggling. Resources are stretched thin. The PTA raises funds to supplement classroom needs for student enrichment including: reimbursing teachers who purchase supplies out-of-pocket, funding arts programs, and providing transportation for field trips.

We are proud to announce that the 2015 “Faubion, Be Mine” Auction raised over $15,000, exceeding our original goal by nearly 50%. This year, we know we can do more. Please help us raise $25,000 so we can continue to support our students and our community.

Faubion, Be Mine

Please help make our 2016 “Faubion, Be Mine” Auction a success by becoming a sponsor, making a financial contribution, or donating an auction item. Your donation will have a positive impact on students, and your business will get some great visibility. Faubion PTA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, so your donation is tax-deductible.

There are many ways that you can show your support and help make this a successful event! 1. Donate an item or service for the auction. 2. Offer you or your home for a dinner or theme party. 3. Procure an item or service or sponsorship donation for the Auction. 4. Work with your child’s homeroom teacher to create a classroom art project. Thank you in advance for your support of Faubion/Tubman. Questions or wish to volunteer, please contact paisleydoc@gmail.com

Giving Thanks

When the crisp fall mornings make us think of turkey and mashed potatoes, our thoughts also turn to giving thanks. Gratitude puts everything in a fresh perspective; it enables us to see the many blessings all around us. And the more ways we find to be grateful for, the more things we find to be grateful for. Here are a few ideas to make November a month of Thanks.

Write a note to someone, send a card or pick up the phone and call an old friend or an elderly family member, or someone that is alone.

Show your gratitude for the gifts of nature by incorporating some of them — leaves, twigs, acorns, rocks — into a table centerpiece.

In gratitude for the good service of a grocery store, coffee shop, or a gas station, tell your friends about the place so that their business can grow.

Write in your journal about a difficult person (even an enemy) who has taught you something you needed to know about yourself and/or your community.

Thank a person at work for doing his or her job well.

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Get Out to Nature

The Columbia Slough is a wonderful place. The Slough waterways were historically utilized by native peoples for seasonal fishing and hunting and safe canoe passage. In 1805, Lewis and Clark expedition members complained they could not sleep due to the noise created by massive numbers of geese and swans, “their noise horrid.” The Hudson’s Bay Company began trapping otter and beaver in 1820. Today, this urban watershed provides recreation, greenspace, drainage, and habitat. It is home to 4,200 businesses, 170,000 people, a marine terminal and two airports. The watershed collects stormwater runoff, rainwater, and groundwater. Its streams, sloughs, wetlands, grasslands and woodlands provide wildlife corridors and migratory routes for over 175 species of birds.

Groundwater 101
Saturday November 14, 9:00am - 1:00pm
Join the Portland Water Bureau and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for Groundwater 101 – a FREE educational workshop that teaches groundwater basics including local geology and hydrology, the role groundwater plays in our drinking water system, and what we can do to protect this important resource. This interactive workshop is presented with a mix of hands-on and classroom-style teaching and is appropriate for adults and high school students aged 14 & up. Light refreshments will be provided. Pre-registration is required.

After the workshop, interested participants are invited to take a guided tour of the Portland Water Bureau Greenwatershed Facility (approximate tour length - 30 minutes). NECBA-BEW Training Center, 16021 NE Airport Way, event@columbiaslough.org / (503) 281-1132

Fall Bird Walk
Sunday November 22, 8:30am - 12:00pm
Join local birding enthusiast Jason Wolf and the Columbia Slough Watershed Council for an early-morning bird walk around Whittaker Ponds. Late Fall is a great time for waterfowl, raptors and resident songbirds, as well as the possibility of birds that are only in our area in winter. Beginners welcome. Please dress for the weather and bring your own binoculars, if you have them. This trip will go rain or shine. Registration is required. Group is limited to 15. Whittaker Ponds Nature Park, 7040 NE 47th Ave, event@columbiaslough.org / (503) 281-1132

PDX Tennis Cnt. ReOpens

Portland Tennis Center Indoor Courts open for play:
Revenues from development pays for 4 new courts to enhance City’s tennis offerings, citywide outdoor courts expected to benefit as well
Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz and Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) Director Mike Abbate welcomed tennis enthusiasts of all ages to celebrate the new indoor tennis courts at PP&R’s Portland Tennis Center, 324 NE 12th Ave. Portland Parks & Recreation, partners, tennis players from across the region and other guests celebrated the completed project at a free celebration on Saturday, October 17, 2015.

The new, air-supported, covered playing surfaces are available for public use, and for lessons and tournament rental.

“The beautiful indoor courts allow for greater recreational opportunities for everyone,” says Parks Commissioner Fritz. “That’s how we achieve our mission of Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland. And with the rainy season coming, it’s great to have more indoor play options in our system.”

Both PTC’s indoor and four outdoor courts are available for public use, and for lessons and tournament rental.

“Lot of hard work went into this valuable project,” says PP&R Director Mike Abbate. “And we thank our staff and partners for their tremendous efforts. The new tennis bubble will provide more places to play tennis, a lifetime sport, no matter what sort of Northwest weather shows up outside.”

Funding for the project came from Parks System Development Charges (SDCs), one-time fees assessed to new development. Parks SDCs cover a portion of the cost of providing new parks, trails, natural areas and other recreational facilities in growing parts of a growing city. PP&R expects that court fees will cover the cost of the project, and that any additional revenue will be further invested in the rehabilitation of outdoor City courts across Portland--many of which are in dire need of repair and enhancement.

PP&R hired Richard Brown Architect to lead a team of design professionals to provide construction drawings for the project. Yasdin Fabric Domes was selected through a competitive process to furnish and install the air supported structures.

Portland Parks & Recreation opened the Portland Tennis Center (PTC) in 1973. It is located at 324 NE 12th Ave., adjacent to Buckman Field and Benson High School in northeast Portland.

Happy Thanksgiving - Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough.

Oprah Winfrey
Neighborhood Events

**Verum Ultimum Art Gallery**
5 Artists @ 5 works each...
Portland is saturated with artists. Despite their diverse approaches, the 5 artists chosen have one thing in common: their work creates a conversation with the viewer and it can feel like a discovery or revelation to them. In addition to easily creating that elusive connection with the art fan, each artist also brings a playful quality to their work. This freshness be the viewer to fall in love with the work.

Richard Cutshall is a visionary artist whose work is illuminated by watching people and living in this world. He captures mood and lighting in his abstracted scapes like no other. His multi-plate photographic etchings capture the essence of neighborhoods and cities in a way that feels fresh and somehow nostalgic at the same time.

Ron Mills-Plenis’ work is illuminated layers of rich color evoke the elemental qualities of fire, water, and minerals, while the subtle details within the layers spark the idea of an underlying narrative or mythology. Sara Swink’s quirky ceramic sculptures are to love! Her work fits with the viewer engaging attention from all. Scott Erwert paints our city metodic with his brush. He captures mood and lighting in his abstracted scapes like the most revered masters.

Verum Ultimum Art Gallery
3014 NE Alberta Blvd
www.verumultimumartgallery.com

**Oregon Humane Society**
Special events in November for pets and the people who love them include the following, visit http://www. oregonhumane.org for more info.

**Frolic for Animals Wine Tasting**
November 7:
Join the Oregon Humane Society for at ArborBrook Vineyards, 17770 NE Caukins Lane, Newberg, from 3-4 pm.
Your dog is welcome to come with you to this fun event and 100% of proceeds benefit the pets at OHS.
Visit for more information.
Santa Paws Pet Portraits
November 14-15:
Santa is coming to several Fred Meyer locations on Saturday, November 14 and Sunday, November 15 from 11 am – 3 pm! Cats, dogs and other pets can pose with Santa to whisper their wishes and have a great holiday picture taken.

The event will be held at: 5239 NE Alberta St. | 503 281-9048
www.guardingallery.com

**Persephone’s Encaustic Medium**
New monthly movie series!
November: Amateur Auteurs
Contemporary directors’ first major work
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**Sunday, November 8**
**Joe Cotter’s Buckman Community Mural**
Documentary Screening
Movie - 3 p.m.
Reception and live music - 4 p.m.

**Tuesday, November 10**
**RACE TALKS!**
An Opportunity for Dialogue
Gym - 6 p.m. doors; 7 p.m. event

**Friday, November 13**
**Release of Kris Kringle Seasonal Ale**
Saturday, November 14
**Kennedy School**
100th Birthday Celebration
Live music noon til 10 p.m.
All day - Free

**Thursday, November 19**
**Great Northwest Music Tour with Jennifer Linn**
**Freak Mountain Ramblers**
Hilltop Rock
Gym - 7 p.m.

**Thursday, November 26**
**Thanksgiving Buffet**
Classic dishes plus unique sides.
1 p.m. til 7 p.m.
$30 adults, $18 kids 5-12

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**History Pub:**
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**Neighbor Events**

**Guardsong Gallery**
October 29 - November 21
**Main Gallery**
Adriene Cruz is a textile artist with a passion for color and texture. Ancestral roots real and imagined offered the base to channel her ideas of healing and blessings. Amulets formed of mirrors, cowries, beetle wings, sequins, stones and beads stitched to fabric present this offering of love, light and good intention.

**FEATucer AREA**
Noah Stare ceramic works, which he calls “Ceremony and Ritual”, was inspired by tribal bowls and vessels, often seen in natural history museums. He approaches the clay with a sense of exploring, tearing, breaking, expanding, in order to discover what the clay came to teach.

Anne Mavor’s encascula medium is a technique that allows her use watercolor in a flexible manner. She layer watercolor washes on tops of the wax surface, then seals it with a final layer watercolor in a flexible manner. She

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