This year’s party will feature a mostly dessert buffet, with some savory treats. Purely non-alcoholic beverages will be provided, including a hot holiday cider. So be sure to feed your little monsters (and your big ones too!) something nutritious beforehand.

We will have a cookie decorating station (icing, sprinkles & jimmies galore). Raffles, giveaways, and an advent calendar bin to benefit a local non-profit. This year we’ve partnered with the HIV Day Center in Concordia (NE 30th & NE Ainsworth). Now in its 25th year, our HIV Day Center is the oldest multi-service drop-in center for low-income individuals in the US! We need your help to provide their clients with winter coats (new or used), new underwear (in all sizes) and bath towels (new or used). Please consider rummaging through your closets for any items you could spare.

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Chair’s Corner ~ Happy Holidays Neighbor!

I hope you had a terrific Thanksgiving Holiday with the special people in your life. On behalf of the CNA Board of Directors and me, we wish you and yours a joyous season.

Personal Note: I’m spending the next 30 days reflecting on the last year and completing all of my 2015 projects. I plan to be ready to jump into 2016 with energy and optimism. I eagerly look forward to 2016 not only for myself but also for our community.

Working with this board of directors and meeting the two new board members voted in November has given me the confidence to say our neighborhood association is on the right track. These are people who I know have your interests at heart. They are some of the most capable and professional people I have met. We are a very fortunate community to have such talent in our midst, and I know they are up to any challenge or goal this community desires.

**Highlights ~ November 10, 2015 Board Meeting**

- The Board approved $800 to be used for the CNA Holiday Party. This year’s annual event will be held at Cerimon House.
- The Board hired Susan Millhauser to serve as Recording Secretary for the Board of Directors.
- The Board board Standing Committee Reports from Land Use, Media, Social, and Policies & Procedures.

**Highlights ~ November 10, 2015 CNA General Meeting**

Introduction of Board Members and Officer Anthony Zoller, Portland Police Department, Assigned Community Liaison.

Emergency Preparedness Preparation - Holly Powell, Member of the Concordia NET Team. Holly reviewed:

- Principals for general emergency preparedness
- Role of internet and how the community can interface
- Anticipating potential natural and manmade disasters by being prepared
- Potential conditions to prepare for following a disaster
- Organizing after a disaster
- Surviving a disaster

The presentation was captivating and enthusiastically welcomed by those attending. To learn more about how you can be prepared and/or involved, please contact Portland Bureau of Emergency Management Readiness, Response & Recovery. https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/31667?

We have asked Holly to write about preparedness in upcoming issues of the Concordia News. Holly Powell, while not out saving the world, is a Concordia Resident and Proprietress of Pencil Test on Alberta Street specializing in Custom Bras.

**Election of new Board Members**

- Adam Lyons with Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods conducted the elections with the following results:
  - Chairman (2-yr. term) Isaac Quintero
  - SW-1 Representative (2-yr. term) Sue Harris
  - SW-2 Representative (2-yr. term) Gaylana Woolson
  - At-large Representatives Robert Bowles (2-yr term), Donn Dennis (1-yr term)
  - Joe Culhane (2-yr term), Trulee Neal (2-yr term)

Your Board. Please welcome our new Board Members, Donn Dennis and Joe Culhane. Thank you, Donn and Joe, for standing up to the occasion of serving our community. I have not yet had sufficient time to meet with them in order to provide a profile of your newest representatives. However, I will take the opportunity in the January issue of the Concordia News for a proper introduction of these two luminaries. Each month beginning in February, I will provide a short biography of each board member.

Speaking of introductions, and I know you will want to be there, I will be inviting Mayor Hales and one of our City Commissioners to attend the next CAN General Meeting. At that time I will also present our Goals and Objectives for 2016. I hope you can be there to give us your input as well.

**Requesting of YOU**

- Proposing a formal budget. (We handle close to $20,000 annually.)
- Identifying our top 5 priorities for 2016. WE NEED TO HEAR FROM YOU TO PROVIDE US DIRECTION. Email me your top 5 to Chair@concordiapdx.org or call me at 503 449 4588.
- Proposing the renaming of Faubion Elementary School… As an individual, I have suggested a campaign to rename Faubion School in order to give future students their own reputation to look forward to and be proud of… New School - New Start . . . Our kids deserve it.

That’s all for now. Just wanted to bring you up to speed to close out the year out properly. I’ll be back in this corner in January to rant on your behalf. Let me know how we are doing or what conversation we should be having next.

Happy Trails and SF – Isaac Quintero, Chair, Concordia Neighborhood Association

P.S. Marine Corps birthday November 10th. Veteran’s Day November 11. I forgot to extend my gratitude and respect for the service performed by our Veterans. Happy birthday to my fellow Marines.
By Garlynn Woodsong, Chair, CNA Land Use & Transportation Committee

Voting continues this month for the future names of our beloved alleys! You can pick from amongst the names already submitted, or write-in your own favorite.

Voting started at the beginning of November and continues until midnight December 31, 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://dedaughlin.wordpress.com/2013/12/25/alleys.html

There are three ways to vote:
1) Go to kwiksurvey.com/s/kfNWMOw, and vote online!
2) Email this ballot to: landuse@cncordiapdx.org (either Charles or your choice, or take a digital photo of your completed ballot and attach it to the email)
3) Cut out this ballot, place it in an envelope, and mail it to:
Concordia Neighborhood Association
Attn: Alley Names Ballot Entry
PO Box 11194, Portland, OR 97221

N. Ainsworth Alley:
1. Tim Pae Ave
2. Laurel Lane
3. Ombated 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.
5. 21st Ave & 22nd Ave Alley
1. Michelangelo Alley
2. West
3. No Name. Do not name this alley.

Veteran Focused Shelter Opens

Mayor Hales supports new shelter for Veterans and their companion animals, highlighting unique partnership between Do Good Multnomah, First Congregational United Church of Christ, US Bank, the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

Do Good Multnomah (“DGM”), a Portland-based non-profit, is providing emergency shelter services for up to 13 homeless Veterans and 7 companion animals. In partnership with numerous community organizations, DGM has developed a model that creates synergy between neighboring groups, faith communities, and the business sector to address Portland’s homelessness crisis in an immediate and focused way.

“Portland is going to move the needle on homelessness through partnerships,” said Mayor Charlie Hales. “Providing shelter for Veterans and their companion animals provides compassionate transitional shelter as we work to get all of our homeless Veterans into housing. Thank you Do Good Multnomah, First Congregational, and US Bank for partnering with government to benefit some of our most vulnerable neighbors.”

The Do Good Veterans Shelter is the only low-barrier, Veteran-exclusive shelter for men in the City of Portland, and one of only a few Portland shelters to allow companion animals. DGM staff will help the Veterans navigate through the available housing and employment resources offered by other service providers across the county. The shelter is free of charge to Veterans and is available to all male-identifying Veterans, regardless of discharge type.

The nighttime shelter is located inside the chapel of First Congregational United Church of Christ, who along with various faith communities, student groups, and community organizations will provide volunteer support. Church members will coordinate volunteer efforts, but religious belief or church affiliation is not a requirement to participate.

“This kind of shelter depends on the support and goodwill of many people,” said GCC Senior Minister, Michael Ellick. “Each of us has different gifts to bring to the table. We are honored to work with Do Good Multnomah and to open our building to our neighbors who sleep outside.”

Community partners (VA, TTP, CCP, DePaul, etc.) can submit veteran referrals directly to DGM for Veterans requiring immediate shelter. Organizations and individuals must be able to verify Veteran status. Veterans in need of housing assistance or emergency shelter are also encouraged to call 211.

Join the Aquatics Team @ PDX Parks

Join our Aquatics team! Hiring for current positions AND for the 2016 summer

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is hiring for both immediate aquatics vacancies and for similar positions during the summer 2016. The bureau is accepting applications now for lifeguard, swim instructor and water fitness instructor positions. Jobs and will be open at PP&R swimming pools located throughout the city.

Portland Parks & Recreation values a diverse workforce and seeks ways to promote equity and inclusion within the organization. PP&R encourages candidates with knowledge, ability and experience working with a broad range of individuals and diverse communities to apply. PP&R encourages candidates that can fluently speak more than one language.

“As we continue our efforts for ‘Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland,’ it is important that we hire the best and most diverse workforce to best serve our community,” says Portland Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz. “Our aquatics staff have received many awards and accolades for their excellence, and I continue to be very proud of them.”

Portland Parks & Recreation

Charles Addams Exhibit

2 for 1 Coupon

The Macabre Charm of Charles Addams, a presentation on the life and work of Charles Addams by Kevin Misericouri, the Executive Director of the Tee and Charles Addams Foundation. The talk will coincide with the closing of the art exhibit Charles Addams: Family and Friends, featuring 52 original works by the beloved New Yorker comic illustrator, Charles Addams, on display now at Cerimon House.

Sunday, December 13th, 2015 at 5:00pm
At Cerimon House – 5131 NE 23rd Avenue, Portland, OR 97211 (at the crossroads of NE 23rd Ave. and NE Sumner St.)

Suggested Donation $15

Cut out this coupon and bring it in to the event to get 2-for-1 admission!

Special thanks to the Concordia Neighborhood Association for sponsoring this exhibit.

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 $5 or less.
All others for $25 an hour
CNAroomskenny@gmail.com

Aquatics offers competitive wages, a positive working environment, flexible hours, opportunity for advancement and an employee recognition program.

With six indoor and seven outdoor pools throughout the city, our “Parksies” have the opportunity to provide a service to their community while earning wages ranging from $9.75-12.50 per hour.

Our pools are wonderful recreational sites,” says PP&R Director Mike Abbati. “They are the places where thousands of Portlanders have learned to swim, and can be enjoyed all year round by all ages. I look forward to a strong pool – pun intended – of candidates to help PP&R round out our staffing!”

Training courses for those interested in becoming a lifeguard and swim instructor are available through Portland Parks & Recreation. Lifeguard and swim instructor training courses are offered during Winter Break – December 27-30, 2015.

For more information regarding training courses and employment opportunities or to request an employment application call Portland Parks & Recreation Aquatics at 503-823-5130.
Winter Cycling Essentials

by Jonathan Scarboro, Owner/Operator Cat Six Cycles

With its early sunsets, chilly temperatures, and wet pavement, Portland winters can be challenging for novice and seasoned cyclists alike. For those aspiring to ride year-round, a combination of the right gear and the right attitude can make those dark soggy rides a pleasure instead of a chore. Investing in a few basics such as bright lights, fenders, and some waterproof apparel can make all the difference.

Luminous front and rear lights - not just reflectors - are legally required after dusk at no matter the time of year, but the rain and early onset of darkness make good quality lighting especially important in winter. Most bicycle shops carry an array of light options that fall into three general categories: battery-operated, USB rechargeable, and dynamo-powered. Cheaper sets of battery-powered lights ($20+) help the rider to be seen by drivers and nicer sets ($35+) will allow the rider to see potholes and objects a few feet ahead of their bike. USB light sets start around $55 - they’re brighter and keep dead batteries out of the landfill. Dynamo lights are powered as the wheel rotates, meaning they never need to be charged or removed from the bicycle, making them an ideal choice for everyday commuters. Complete wheels with dynamo hubs start at $150, and a quality set of compatible lights starts at $75. However, lights aren’t everything. Even the best-lit riders should be considerate of the limits of their equipment and ride defensively, especially in high-traffic areas.

Wet underwear and feet can take the fun out of any activity, cycling included. When the skies are dry but the streets are wet, fenders allow you to get out around town without a soggy backpack. Fenders also keep mud and crud off of your bike, especially the crud-sensitive drivetrain, which includes the bike’s chain, sprockets, and shifting mechanisms. Keeping these components free of gunk will help ensure they function properly and live a long and healthy life. Plastic fenders ($40+) generally last a few seasons before cracking at the mounting rivet from impact. Metal fenders are pricier ($55+), but tend to bend before they break. With or without fenders, all bikes ridden through the Portland winter will appreciate having the chain wiped down with a cloth rag and freshened up with a light chain lubricant once every week or two. Using another rag to clean the braking surfaces on the rims will increase your stopping power and the longevity of your brake pads.

Most Portlanders already have a waterproof jacket for daily use, but many shops also carry waterproof gloves and neoprene shoe covers to help keep your fingers and toes from becoming icy claws as you brave your daily commute or ride on Marine Drive. Combine these with a cap under your helmet and your most cold-sensitive bits are covered. Feel free to stop by to browse our selection of winter cycling equipment and ride defensively, especially in high-traffic areas.

WHAT IS THE HOLIDAY HOPE DRIVE?

While most of us prepare for a joyful holiday season, many families are struggling to secure food, warm clothing, a safe place to live and most of all, hope. The Holiday Hope Drive is an important opportunity for you to support people experiencing poverty in the Portland metro area by providing a blanket for a baby, warm coat for a child, food for a senior or other necessities.

Impact NW provides comprehensive range of anti-poverty services for more than 36,000 children, adults, families and seniors that ensure you receive effective and quality services each year through area schools, businesses, community-based organizations and governmental agencies.

They help people prosper through a community of support. 12,000 Meals are served weekly to hungry children.

DONATE at http://impactnw.org/main-navigation/how-to-help/donate/

Eugene-Portland Train

The Oregon Department of Transportation is studying options for improved passenger rail service between Eugene-Springfield and Portland – a 125-mile segment. This segment is part of the federally designated Pacific Northwest Rail Corridor.

ODOT and the Federal Railroad Administration are preparing for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This environmental review will help ODOT and FRA make important decisions, including selecting the general rail alignment and communities where stations would be located. We will also determine several service characteristics, such as the number of daily trips, travel time objectives and the technologies to be used - for example, whether the trains will be powered by electric or diesel electric engines. The project includes a public involvement strategy to ensure that your voice is heard in the decision making process.

Learn more at: http://oregonpassengerrail.oregonstate.gov/overview

Concordia News & Website

WHAT DO CONCORDIANS WANT?

By Steve Elder

The Concordia Neighborhood has named a committee to carry out the membership’s directions for the newspaper and website. Community input is needed. All suggestions will be considered. So what do you want? Is the paper OK or is good as we have it now? You can point out another neighborhood or other local paper with the look and feel you would like to see. Bear in mind the paper is a financial thing. It has a budget and income and expenses. The paper is printed and mailed out to several thousand households. For this advertisement are sold and paid for or it comes out of the association treasury. Our goal is to break even and maybe put a little something in the treasury for things like concerts in the park. Any suggestions that will cost money will hopefully be accompanied with recommendations how any increased expenses might be met. Even if you just know what you’d like to see and haven’t business expertise to say how to pay for it, please send us your ideas.

If the paper is hunky dory or is good as we receive or can get, we need to know that too. Send recommendations to east1@concordiapdx.org.

Some things with the website. Could it be better? I think the website is a little harder to defend. It is littered with notices of events that happened years ago. If it is to be replaced or overhauled, with what? Bear in mind that even though the paper has a budget, the website does not. The committee has lots of talent, but it’s all volunteers. This site is in WordPress, a widely used free program. Any recommendations for betterment might be accompanied with answers to the “how” question. The committee is interested in how you might like to see it. The site is in WordPress, a widely used free program. Any suggestions for betterment might be accompanied with answers to the “how” question. The committee is interested in how you might like to see it. The site is in WordPress, a widely used free program. Any suggestions for betterment might be accompanied with answers to the “how” question. The committee is interested in how you might like to see it.
Guest for the Holidays
By Michelle Ruber, Shift Vacation Rentals

When the folks at Concordia News asked us to write an article about how to create a comfortable environment for guests, we were thrilled. At Shift Vacation Rentals, this is one of our favorite things to do. We find that attention to detail adds a warmth and intention that make our guests feel immediately comfortable.

The holidays are upon us and that means family and friends are coming to town. What better way to show your loved ones your excitement then by planning special touches.

Let’s start with cleanliness. You know that saying “cleanliness is next to godliness”? Well, we find cleanliness to be a key factor in people’s comfort. Is your house clean? Perhaps this is a perfect time of year to do a deep cleaning. Next, organization, are their numerous piles of stuff laying about? Condense, recycle, file, purge, and place so when your guests first set eyes on your space it feels calm and welcoming.

Now for the magic! Have a welcome gift and note ready for your guests. At Shift Vacation Rentals, we like to leave some pastries from the local bakery, or a bottle of wine. With those treats, we leave a welcome note and often add a personalized tip; such as letting them know if there is an event occurring during their stay that we think they will enjoy. It’s so much fun to do, and offers an opportunity to immediately show some of the talent in our area. It sets the tone for your guests feeling welcome and appreciated.

Other thoughtful touches include fresh flowers, folded towels on their bed, shampoo, conditioner and a hair dryer in the bathroom, and clearing out a closet for a place to hang up their clothes. You can stop by the visitor’s center and get maps and have those placed in a tray in their room. Pick up a local paper or magazine to have at the bedside table. These few steps are easy to do in your own home and set a gracious tone for your guests’ visit.

Although it can be stressful to entertain, it’s important to remember that people have made an effort to come see you because you’re the one with whom they want to share this special time. If you need more space to host people we have houses on Alberta Street and in the Mississippi District. Please visit our web site for more info and to check availability. Enjoy!

By Yvonne de Maat

Simplicity Holidays
By Yvonne de Maat

As you are reading this you probably feel like you are in the midst of the holiday season, either enwrapped or engulfed. It’s really a miracle of sorts you have time to read an article about making the holidays simpler. Read on and you will see how you can dial back the holiday buzz with a few simple steps.

Environment; Heirloom decorations and gifts from nature!

The beauty of holidays is that we can count on their annual return. We carefully wrap and store decorations we’ve gathered through the years. Hopefully, each one will have a memory of a person or event connected to them. If a tree is part of your cultural heritage, make it a major event, not something you pick up as the last thing on your errand list. If you can, go to a farm and cut your own. Then make sure you have lots of time to decorate, and remember the stories behind those decorations and share them with your family. That way you emphasize that connections are what is important this season! Re-evaluate just how much decorating you truly want to do. A wreath on the front door is festive, so is a little crèche and a few branches on the stair banisters. And perhaps, that’s enough! Turning the lights low and lighting a few candles is a wonderful way to create a mood of peace and reflection. Don’t forget about the sense of smell and bake some cookies!

Gifts: Less is More!

Ask anyone what the holidays are about and most people will say that it’s about connections, gratitude and love. Not many will say gifts, though that is what our culture has skillfully crafted it to be. Watch TV, because this is where desire and expectations get amped up. Have a corner where the children can make their own gifts, stock it with craft materials and fabrics and make sweet tree decorations for friends and loved ones. If you make gifts yourself, make some of them in front of the children, so they can see what energy and dedication goes into it. You could have a conversation with the children about gift giving, how many gifts they might expect. Perhaps you could also help people who are in need, or an organization which takes care of animals.

Schedules; Say ‘Yes’, selectively.

The social demands can be overwhelming this time of the year. It helps to make a calendar just for the events you do want to participate in. If you have small children make a calendar together with some images to indicate the event. If the Tubas on Pioneer Square are a ‘must’ tradition, put it on the calendar and keep it as the activity for that day. Limiting yourself to one big event a day, or even planning some ‘off-days’, can bring into focus what is truly meaningful to you. If your child really wants to see the model trains, don’t plan anything else, and you will be rewarded by a sweet afterglow instead of the tantrums of ‘too much’. We often end up harrowing from one event to another, and bypassing the joyful anticipation.

To end with Fred Rogers about the holidays; “And that is what is important on Christmas Day—accepting our children and each other for what we really are, rather than trying to create an artificial perfection made of material gifts!”
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! School is a P-KA public school located in the heart of Portland’s Concordia neighborhood. While a new, modern Faubion is being built at 3039 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 400 children in attendance. Over 90% of students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches, and many families are struggling. Students are stretched thin. The PTA raises funds to supplement basic classroom needs for student enrichment including: reimbursing teachers who purchase supplies out-of-pocket, funding art 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.

Please help us 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 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 business for a discount or theme party 3. Procure an item or service or sponsorship donation for the Auction 4. Work with students and teacher to create a classroom art project.

Thank you in advance for your support of Faubion/Tubman! Questions or wish to volunteer, please contact paisleydog@gmail.com

Annual Giving Campaign #DISABILITY: change the wor[ld]

Family and Community Together (FACT) is announcing a new annual giving campaign, #DISABILITY: change the wor[ld]. Over 6,000 Oregon parents have turned to FACT in the last year as they, their families and friends work to break down the barriers and increasing successful outcomes for all. FACT works closely with families to support programming improving graduation rates of students experiencing disabilities. Result show this helps young adults to pursue additional education, employment and active lives in their community.

“More than just delivering services, FACT is committed to empowering Oregon families to become change agents in their community,” explains FACT Executive Director Erica Dunn. “Understanding and creating change agents in their community.”

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Diary of Demo: Pt 4

By Luke Griffin

Diary of Demolition and Development: Part 4

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 is the continued chronicle of my personal experience.

Construction has been in full swing for the past month. The lot next to my home, earth movers, and piles of materials are semi-permanent fixtures on our street narrowing the avenue to just one lane. The sidewalk has been ripped apart so the path is now closed. Limbs from one of my trees that overhung into the other property were hacked off and it is possible that another two trees will experience the same fate in the coming months. Sounds of building echo through my house for most of the day, rattling our glassware and driving our dog crazy. The workers, though courteous, use my front yard to get to the back of the construction site, and on street parking on my end of the block is quite limited. In general, the noise is being impacted in the way one might expect from such a project and I find myself simply thankful that it was stalled through the summer so that I could still enjoy BBQs, porch time, open windows, and the sounds of children playing outside while the weather was nice. Like many of the new homes, one will have almost no front yard and due to its vertical design, will create an imposing feel for those walking by in the future. It will also block much of my front porch view and will look out of place amongst the arroyo bungalows and working class 50s style houses.

There are certainly many aspects of the project that are not enjoyable or desirable from my point of view. However, there are some silver lining such as the seasonal work hour constraints due to fading light and the fact that my lovely summer was not filled with the sounds of power tools and big rigs. The footprint of the building is quite a bit smaller than some other places in the neighborhood, the developer opting for a more modest structure. The final height will be well short than what is allowed and although the width has been maximized, the length has not which will allow my property to maintain much of our backyard privacy. Unlike many of the new buildings, there will not be a garage underneath the unit but instead a parking pad in back accessed by the alley. The workers also keep generally friendly and clean up after themselves each night with only minimal trash and debris left behind. Thus far, the workers have not worked on Sunday, something allowed by City regulations, and I suspect that they will likely refrain from doing any holiday work as well.

The first order of business in constructing the new home was to lay the foundation. As explained to me by the developer, hardly any new residential units have basements as structural regulations regarding earthquake safety negate any positive economic motives they might have in creating earth bound space. Instead, two foot high cement retaining walls were erected. After plumbing and sewer lines had been put in the foundation was capped with framing and plywood to create the ground level floor. Next, they constructed the wall frame that will separate the two units of the townhouse/duplex. By the looks of it, the dividing wall will be thicker than the other walls which, hopefully for the future buyers, will provide a sound buffer.

Today, the workers began digging out the alley where they will presumably lay down gravel. Unfortunately the alley entrance may not be used as often designed in. The City of Portland allowed a triplex to be built five years ago that intrudes into the alley. In fact, an external gas line and meter was attached two feet into the public domain. Though posts have been placed to protect against possible catastrophic explosions, dent in paint chips indicate the gas line truly does impede traffic. While this has limited automobiles in the alley up until now, the future neighbors are supposed to drive on it a regular basis.

As one who has done construction work and whose family members make a living on it, I understand that there will be inconveniences to neighbors that are unavoidable with such a project. None the less, other than a vague suggestion that my property value will increase and that somehow the tax revenue. In the end, this is a little house but it could be worse. Next month: Construction Continues.
**Guardsman Gallery**

November 27 - December 27

**Little Things 15**

The 15th Annual **Little Things Show** at the Guardsman Gallery is one of the more popular shows at the Gallery. The only parameter is that the artwork should fit within a 7” x 7” square or cube. The variety of medium ranges from paintings and stitchery to glass and mixed media.

Just a few of the artists: Jill McGrath, oil painting on linen, Jeanne Drevas, mixed media, Carolyn Hazel Drake, ceramic/mixed media, Kelly Neidig, flash for screen, Sally Squire, ceramic and many more. Perfect for gifts for someone special.

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**New Year’s Eve 2016 Party**

**Get Your NYe Passport Stamp**

**Alberta Rose Theatre**

3000 NE Alberta

3rd Annual Keepin’ it – The Fam’ Holiday Show

DAROL ANGER

- Merle Haggard, former bandmate of Darol Anger, will perform with his band.

**Concordia University Christmas Chorale**

At St. Michael’s Lutheran Church, 6700 NE 29th Ave. The Concordia University chorals and instrumental ensembles will extol the Christmas story through music and Scripture as they present their 65th annual Christmas Chorale. All in attendance will be encouraged to join in the singing of Advent and Christmas carols.

**Oregon Humane Society**

PUPPY SHOWS

Sat., December 5 - 19, 2015, 4:30 - 6 pm

Exposing your puppy to new dogs when he is young can help prevent behavioral problems as he matures. OHS trainers will be on hand to answer your questions about puppy training, play-biting and more. For puppies five months or younger.

**CANINE GOOD CITIZEN PREP CLASS**

Tuesdays, December 1, 2015 – January 12, 2016, 6 - 7 pm (no class on 12/22)

This specialized class is designed to help your dog pass the AKC’s Canine Good Citizen Test. You’ll work on the skills your dog needs to be a model citizen in the community.

**Legislative Advocacy 101**

Tuesday, December 2, 2015 - Wednesday, December 2, 2015

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Portland Building, 2nd floor, Auditorium 1120 SW 5th Ave., Portland Legislative Advocacy 101 will provide community members with tips on how to be effective advocates for their community or neighborhood. A panel of elected officials and community advocates will share their advice and answer questions about how the you can make an impact on public policy at the state and federal levels.

**Concordia University Events**

Dec. 4 & 5 at 7 p.m.
Dec. 6 at 3:00 p.m.

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**HOLIDAY SHOPPING IN OUR GIFT SHOP**

Gift cards, holiday ale packs, Passport gift pack, discount on four bottles or more of wine... we’re open Christmas Eve & Day!

**MONTHLY MOVIE SERIES**

**Christmas Chaos**

Christmas movie
Visit mcmenamins.com for showtimes

**P.OISON WATERS & FRIENDS**

**Drag Queen Brunch & Movie**

White Christmas
10:30 a.m. doors, 11 a.m. brunch
21 & over
Advance tickets at concordiaevents.com

**LIMITED-EDITION BEER TASTING**

YULE SHOOT YOUR EYE OUT IPA

Happy house painting on this limited-edition beer only, all night long!
5 p.m. ‘til the beer is gone
Boiler Room | 21 & over

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**Holiday Shiver**

Want a little change from the usual holiday fare? Join us for our December Scared in PDX gathering at the Lucky Lab Taproom; our theme is “Holiday Haunts.” We gather in the back room, fueled by food and drink available from this great neighborhood pub, and swap scary stories. Professional storytellers perform classic ghostly tales, plus an open mic for you to tell us a story that scares you! Come hear tales of who’s naughty and who’s nice...

Food and beverages available for purchase. $5 donation requested at the door. www.oregonstorytellers.com. (503) 830-2398. Lucky Lab Taproom, 1700 N. Killingsworth, Portland 97217.

**Killer Urban Legends: Really?!**

Wed, Dec 2, 2015 - 6:00 – 6:45 pm

Hollywood Library

4040 NE Tillamook

Teens dig into urban legends, exploring gruesome details to figure out where fact ends and fiction begins. Master storytellers and award-winning (lars) Anne Rutherford and Norm Brecke present a grisly bouquet of tales from the Internet through the penny dreadful press of the 1800s. Teens, Free. More info at https://multcolib.org/events/killer-urban-legends really13

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2016 Party

**FREEWORLD CONCERT**

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**MAGICAL STRINGS**

Celtic Yuletide concert

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Panels:
- OR State Senator Elizabeth Steiner Hayward (SD 17)
- City of Portland Commissioner Amanda Fritz
- Johnell Bell, Field Director for U.S. Senator Jeff Merkley
- Kwei Jama, Executive Director, Center for Intercultural Organizing
- Moderator, Martha Pellegrino

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