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Multnomah County's Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) is partnering with PCC and Multnomah County Communicable Disease Services to provide the free clinics. They are intended especially to provide accurate information for African American, immigrant and refugee communities.

Appointments are required. Additional information is available at 503-988-9093 or www.multco.us/reach.

GROUP SAYS MORE WORK NEEDED TO END RACISM

Jan Harris, 80, waves her racial justice signs between Northeast 14th and 15th Avenues along Broadway at noon most weekdays. She's one of a group that began



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what they call a vigil, not a protest, five days after George Floyd died in May, 2020, beneath a policeman's knee in Minneapolis.

Harris, who is White, learned about the need for greater equity in the United States when she taught in the late 1960s at Lincoln University in Missouri, a public, historically Black college. A lynching had occurred shortly before she arrived in

town to teach in the university biology department, she said.

"I got a real sense of what Black people face," she said. In addition, she encountered hostility from other White people because she taught at the university with a largely Black enrollment.

Her signs say "'Racism is a Pandemic' and 'Equality Hurts No One.' When she hears friends say something she regards as 'nasty,' she said, 'I try to help them look at things from a different perspective.'"

The vigil filled the curbs along two blocks last summer, but the weekday group has been smaller since fall, when some people reduced the number of days they attend. Harris, a resident of the Holladay Park Plaza retirement community, uses a walker with a seat and is among those who have joined the vigil for more than 200 days now.

The group reached that number on Dec. 21, the Winter Solstice, according to Ann Hubbard, another vigil member. Periodically, they ask one another how long they will continue the vigil, said Dave Brooks, a Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood resident.

They realized they aren't a fair weather vigil, he said, and switched from cardboard to sturdy signs covered in plastic for the winter weather. "There's still work to be done," he said over the horns honking from passing cars and trucks, saluting the group on Broadway.

Mary Ann Sweet, a Grant Park neighbor, agreed with Brooks. Equity in education is one issue that concerns her, she said, noting she was a school librarian at Vernon Elementary for 17 years. She said the November vote to provide free pre-school education in Multnomah County is a step in the right direction.

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Jan Harris, 80, is among the neighbors keeping a social justice vigil at 12 noon weekdays at Northeast 15th Avenue and Broadway. Many have kept the vigil for more than 200 hours, saying more work is needed for equity. (Janet Goetze)

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In 2021, a fully modernized, 292,000 square foot Madison High School will reopen with a capacity for 1700 students. The new learning environment will serve a diverse community of students who speak over 30 languages. (Portland Public Schools)



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NEW NAME PLANNED FOR REBUILT MADISON

The gleaming windows of a science wing are now visible from Northeast 82nd Avenue, near Thompson Street, where Madison High School is undergoing modernization. If students return to the updated building in fall 2021, pandemic permitting, the wing will be finished with a brick and metal panel exterior and a new name will be over the main entrance.

A 19-member committee has formed to select a new name because James Madison, the fourth U.S. president, who is often called the “Father of the Constitution,” enslaved an estimated 100 people on his Virginia plantation.

The Portland Public School Board is responding to recent community requests for social and racial justice, according to a district statement. More than 4300 people signed a petition to rename Madison. A survey indicated that 85 percent of students are in favor of a name change.

The school modernization is paid out of a \$790 million bond approved by voters in 2017. Other new features include a commons and cafeteria with a raised concrete platform for speakers, musicians and students giving presentations. A Career and Technical Education and Arts courtyard is also taking shape in the middle of the campus.

Construction on an updated Benson High School, at 546 N.E. 12th Avenue, will begin in fall 2021. Benson students are scheduled to be at the Marshall High campus, 3905 S.E. 91st Avenue, until 2024 when the work is expected to be finished. Jefferson High, 5210 N. Kerby Avenue, is also on the modernization list.

In addition to the Northeast Portland schools, Lincoln High, 1600 S.W. Salmon Street, is being rebuilt and an updated Kellogg Middle School, 3330 S.E. 69th Avenue, is expected to reopen in the fall if in-school education resumes.

COUNTY LIBRARIES BEGIN TO CHECK OUT BOOKS AGAIN

Multnomah County library branches began accepting holds on books and other items and scheduling checkout appointments in December. The library will make changes as necessary and potentially expand other services during the pandemic, as public health guidance and physical spaces allow.

Patrons will be notified when items on hold are ready. They can schedule pickup appointments online or by telephone.

They may also return books and other items and use free wireless printing services at all locations.

Library buildings have closed for other services. However, the library offers online resources, events and personal help via telephone, email and chat. Updates are at www.multcolib.org/covid19.

IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE PANEL SEEKS MEMBERS

The New Portlanders Policy Commission is seeking members. Formed in 2016, the 25-member commission works to integrate immigrant and refugee communities’ ideas and proposals into the city’s policies and decisions.

The group, formed under the Office of Community and Civic Life, recently joined an effort to recommend that the city contribute to the Oregon Workers Relief Fund, which provides direct cash assistance to immigrant Oregonians.

“This year, we’re looking for emerging leaders and members with diverse lived experiences and racial justice analysis that can offer perspectives on workforce development, education advancement, equity, racial and disability justice, and cultural representation,” said Touk Keo, Civic Life’s adaptive integration supervisor.

Applications are due Sunday, January 17. Information is available from the Community Engagement program coordinator at marco.mejia@portlandoregon.gov or 503-823-8548.

DARCELLE’S CLUB GETS NATIONAL HONOR

The supper club Darcelle XV, started 53 years ago by Eliot neighborhood resident Walter Cole, has been named to the National Register of Historic Places because of its significance for LGBTQ history.

Cole, 90, who performs as Darcelle XV, has been declared the oldest performing drag queen by the book of Guinness World Records. Cole’s Queen Anne style home was named to the National Register because of its architecture earlier in 2020.

Rep. Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) sent a letter of support for the club nomination.

“Walter Cole and his club were influential in educating Oregonians through drag performance, an art form that is now widely accepted and celebrated in this country,” said Blumenauer. “The mainstream acceptance of drag performance has contributed to a broader societal acceptance of gay rights.”

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About 140 volunteers from St. Rose of Lima Church helped gather more than 12,000 pounds of food for delivery to almost 100 families in Northeast Portland neighborhoods. (St Rose of Lima)

ST. ROSE VOLUNTEERS DELIVER 12,000 POUNDS OF FOOD

About 140 volunteers from St. Rose of Lima Church helped gather more than 12,000 pounds of food in six hours to provide 200 boxes of food for delivery to almost 100 families in Northeast Portland neighborhoods before Christmas.

A parish planning committee began coordinating assignments for volunteers in October. Eighth graders from St. Rose School's Student Leadership Team and their teachers plus Boy Scout Troop 100 members distributed donation bags to 6500 houses in November. Volunteers sorted donations at safe distances outside on collection day.

"In order to do this, we changed our

procedures to ensure safety for our clients and volunteers and still get food, rent and utility assistance to those in need," said Mark Pinder, a parish member and president of the St. Vincent de Paul conference.

"I am so grateful that there are those among us who would not let Covid exempt us from feeding the hungry," said Rev. Matt Libra, St. Rose pastor. "Thank you to all the organizers and volunteers who found a way to make it safe to engage in this corporal work of mercy, for all our amazingly generous neighbors who gave over 2000 pounds more than we've collected in previous years so that the needy among us would not be left out of love."

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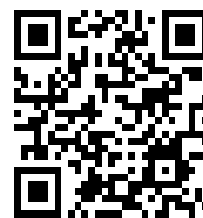
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Eleven volunteer advocates for the Urban Forestry Commission worked last year to advance public conversation and advise City Council about policies that affect tree density and preservation. City Council has now updated policies to promote the preservation of trees when development occurs in certain commercial, employment and industrial areas. Urban Forestry Commission)

**HOUSING ORGANIZATION
LAUNCHES DRIVE TO
ASSIST FAMILIES IN NEED**

A Northeast Portland non-profit organization stepped away from its usual work of providing affordable housing and skills training for low- to moderate-income workers in order to provide baby diapers, shampoos and lotions for needy families.

The organization, the National Urban Housing and Economic Community Development Corporation, launched the “Safe Moms, Safe Babies” virtual diaper drive. It provided items to Genesis Fellowship Church Food Pantry, Mother and Child Education Center, Friends of Seasonal & Service Workers and the Northeast Emergency Food Program.

“More than 400,000 Oregonians have lost their jobs because of the coronavirus outbreaks. Now many families are struggling to pay for food, housing, medicine, utilities and even diapers,” said Carlene Jackson, board president.

By having diapers available at the food pantry or emergency aid shelter where mothers already go, Jackson said, mothers may experience less physical and financial distress.

The diapers and other items came from private donations and a grant from the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund. Additional donations may be made at www.nuhecdc.org/donate or by a check mailed to the organization’s office at 5425 N.E. 27th Avenue, Portland, OR 97211.

**CITY COUNCIL UPDATES
POLICY TO PRESERVE TREES**

City Council has updated policies to promote the preservation of trees when development occurs in certain commercial, employment and industrial areas. The policies will affect tree density as well as individual tree preservation.

Scientific research indicates that large trees provide important public health and environmental services. In addition to improving the well being of all Portlanders, the council intends for the new regulations to provide benefits for low-income, Black, Indigenous or other People of Color who are living or working

in parts of the city with fewer trees.

The ordinance also stipulates that private property trees that are 20 inches in diameter at breast height should be preserved or the owner must pay an inch-per-inch fee to remove the trees. The previous threshold for preservation was 36 inches.

In addition, the parks bureau must bring an outline of future updates for the city tree code, providing a time line and milestones. The outline, or “scope of work,” is to go to council by March 31. The council plans to consider funding for that work as the 2021-22 budget is developed.

In January, 2020, the council directed staff at the Bureau of Development Services, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and the Parks Bureau to develop tree preservation proposals. To gain public comment, staff conducted online surveys, held public forums and engaged with various stakeholders who had commented on tree code proposals over the past five years.

Members of the Urban Forestry Commission and the Planning and Sustainability Commission met in August and September to review the initial staff proposals, receive testimony and send recommendations to council.

**BRIDGE INSTALLATION
WILL IMPACT TRAFFIC**

The Bureau of Transportation is scheduled to install Flanders Crossing, a bike and pedestrian bridge, from January 8 to 10, requiring the closure of I-405 between Highway 26 and the Fremont Bridge. Weather could alter the schedule.


After it opens in spring 2021, Flanders Crossing will connect Northwest Portland to the Pearl District and the central city. In the case of a major earthquake, the two-way, 24-foot-wide crossing will add a seismic lifeline.

The installation requires the closure of I-405 in both directions at Northwest Flanders Street, including the closure of both the on-ramps and off-ramps at Northwest Couch Street. Alternate driving routes will be posted. The closure will begin at 10 p.m. January 8 and end around 5 a.m. January 11. However, the on-ramps and off-ramps at Couch Street (Exit 2A) will close at 10 a.m. January 8. ★

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR



DiMo on the Fringe, a 70s inspired project with funk elements will be live streamed from the Alberta Rose Theatre on January 15. (Alberta Rose Theatre)

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HEAR STORIES, SING

Jan. 7. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Continues Tuesdays. Join Multnomah County youth librarians for a live story time online with fun books, songs, rhymes and more. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

VIEW SOCIAL JUSTICE

Jan. 13. 7-8 p.m. Youth in grades 6-8 gather online to discuss contemporary themes of social justice through recent literature. Free. To join, email libraryevents@multcolib.org. Details: 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

FUN WITH A CLOWN

Jan. 16. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Nikki Brown Clown provides an online story time that is a culturally creative blend of picture books infused with sounds and activities for all. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

VIRTUALLY VISIT SCHOOL

Jan. 20. 6 p.m. St. Rose School, 5309 N.E. Alameda, has a virtual open house to provide information about a comprehensive PreK-8th grade education that includes art, music, PE and more to form lifelong learners who respect others and serve their community. RSVP via strosepdx.org, info@strosepdx.org or 503-281-1912. Visit www.strosepdx.org for more information.

SEE ART

VIEW 'TIMELINES'

Jan. 8. Christine Howard Sandoval, an interdisciplinary artist of Obispeno Chumash and Hispanic ancestry, shows "Timelines for the Future." Continues through Feb. 21. This is the first exhibition in "Turnstones," Lucy Cotter's program as Curator in Residence. For viewing call 503-286-9449 or email info@disjecta.org. Disjecta Contemporary Art Center, North McClellan Street, east of Denver Avenue.

MAKE ART WITH YARN

Jan. 29. 4-5 p.m. Learn about the design, colors and symbolic significance of the Huichol people of Mexico, who have a tradition of creating yarn art. Participants will create their own Huichol-inspired yarn "painting," following the yarn and wax technique. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

HEAR MUSIC

ROCK ON LIVESTREAM

Jan. 9. 7 p.m. Hear the rock and roll of The Quick and Easy Boys on live stream from the Alberta Rose Theatre. \$20. www.albertarosetheatre.com.

LISTEN TO 70S MUSIC

Jan. 15. 7 p.m. Experience DiMo on the Fringe, a

70s inspired project with funk, soul and blues/rock elements, on live stream from the Alberta Rose Theatre. \$20. www.albertarosetheatre.com.

IN GENERAL

SEEK DIGITAL ITEMS

Jan. 2. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Multnomah County Library offers a large digital collection of e-books, comics, audio books, music and more. Learn how to search for and borrow digital items from the library. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

MOVIE MADNESS UNIVERSITY

Jan. 5. 7 p.m. Continues Jan. 12, 19, 26. Roger Corman master class, with Movie Madness University, explores work of independent film director and trailblazing producer. Joining live streaming conversations are Peter Bogdanovich, John Sayles, Joe Dante and Alex Stapleton. \$12 individual class. \$45 four-class package or \$35 Hollywood Theatre or Movie Madness members. Tickets and information: www.hollywoodtheatre.org/mmu.

LEARN ACCOUNTING

Jan. 6. 10-11 a.m. An introduction to accounting and bookkeeping for business owners is offered by Royalwise. Learn about other January classes for QuickBooks and year-end clean-up in QuickBooks Online at https://learn.royalwise.com/portal_calendar.

NAVIGATE WINDOWS 10

Jan. 10. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Learn how to navigate and customize your Windows 10 computer with a library technician. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

LEARN ABOUT 'VILLAGE'

Jan. 12. 2 p.m. Learn about activities and services offered by Northeast Village PDX to support seniors opting to remain in their own homes. Engage in the village as a member, volunteer or both. Call for information for Zoom meeting, 503-895-2750.

CIVICS FOR ADULTS

Jan. 19. 6-7:30 p.m. Donna L. Cohen, from Civics for Adults, presents a workshop on elections, campaign financing and ideas for bi-partisan civic and political engagement. Free from Multnomah County Library. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

SEARCH OLD ARTICLES

Jan. 22. 3-4 p.m. The Historical Oregonian is a resource for obituaries, wedding anniversaries and maybe house history. Multnomah County Library teaches skills and techniques for searching the archive of local newspaper articles. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org. ★



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In early December, a digital meeting with transportation planners hosted by Central Northeast Neighbors drew more than four-dozen participants. Of special interest to neighbors and businesses, was how the Bureau of Transportation would be using "Rose Lanes" to speed traffic along Northeast Sandy Boulevard.

City Transit Coordinator April Bertelsen and Transit Planner Zef Wagner explained the project, ratified by city commissioners last February, as being a work-in-progress – subject to change by citizen and business input. They said the project's objective is to prioritize transit traffic in congested areas. Wagner and Bertelsen also noted that the lanes would be only one of many tools available to help traffic move more efficiently.

An example of what can be done is currently in the westbound bus and right-turn-only lane in front of the Roseway Theater at Northeast 72nd Avenue. The lane allows buses to continue west on Sandy but requires other vehicles to turn right onto Northeast 72nd or onto Northeast Fremont Street. During peak travel hours, motorists may find traveling Fremont to 57th and then 57th back to Sandy more efficient than staying on Sandy.

Similar situations are planned along Sandy Boulevard for Northeast Prescott Street, 82nd Avenue, 57th Avenue and in the Hollywood District, where parking would be removed to lengthen the right-turn-only lane to Interstate-84 westbound.

Parking availability concerns were raised by businesses, along with the need for lighted crosswalks on streets that would receive more traffic where there are no traffic signals. More information about the Rose Lane project is available at www.portland.gov.

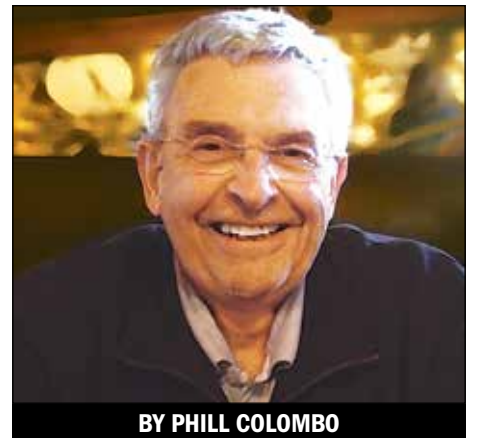
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The Day One Families Fund, a two-year-old philanthropy project funded by billionaire Jeff Bezos, awarded Portland-based NAYA, the Native American Youth and Family Center, a \$5-million grant to address immediate shelter and hunger support needs for young families.

"NAYA is beyond grateful for this support to help homeless families," said NAYA Executive Director Paul Lumley. "This year, COVID and economic uncertainty have deepened the housing crisis, particularly in communities of color."

Data shows homelessness rates among Native American families disproportionately higher than all other groups in the city, Lumley added.

"For so many reasons, this grant could not have come at a better moment, as



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the need for these families is significant and urgent," he said. Lumley said NAYA will use the one-time grant to strengthen its ability to divert families from entering shelters or becoming unsheltered, to provide culturally resonant, wrap-around case management and to rehouse families experiencing homelessness.

NAYA is one of 42 nationwide nonprofits to receive Day One Families Fund grants, which last year totaled \$105.9 million. More information is available at www.bezosdayonefund.org.

NORTHEAST PORTLAND NON-PROFITS INCLUDED IN MEYER FUND GRANTS

Living Cully, Next Up Action Fund and JOIN were among 150 community organizations to receive Meyer Memorial Trust grants, totaling more than \$21 million, adhering to the trust's focus over the past five years on investments that break down inequities.

Living Cully received a \$250,000 grant to address disparities in housing, income, health, education and natural resources in the Cully Neighborhood; Next Up secured a \$70,000 grant to encourage leadership development, voter engagement and policy advocacy; and JOIN was awarded a \$124,462 grant to help individuals with actual homeless experience and extreme housing instability educate and inform public officials and decision-makers who are working to solve Oregon's housing crisis.

During 2020, the trust also awarded \$1.9 million statewide in response to the pandemic, \$250,000 to help communities get through the immediate aftermath of this summer's wildfires and an additional \$1 million toward the 2020 Community Rebuilding Fund for the state's vulnerable communities.

PLANNERS SEEK BUSINESS AND NEIGHBOR INPUT

Bureau of Transportation planners want comments from Rose City Park, Madison South and North Tabor neighbors and

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A previously installed Rose Lane on Northeast Grand Avenue between Burnside and Couch Streets. (Pierre Haou, Portland Bureau of Transportation)

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A 70s Greenway project would make vehicular travel in one direction only on Northeast 72nd Avenue through Rose City Golf Course. (PBOI)

businesses on two safety and access projects. The Rose City Park development is called the “70s Greenway” project, and the “Northeast Halsey Safety and Access to Transit” project runs through North Tabor and Madison South.

Planning for the 70s Greenway project is nearing completion, with construction expected to begin next summer. Enhanced crossing treatments such as curb extensions, islands, rectangular rapid-flashing beacons, cycle tracks and multi-use paths for pedestrians and bicyclists at busy streets and nearby schools are proposed.

A key design element would have the northbound lane of Northeast 72nd Avenue through Rose City Golf Course re-purposed to a shared, car-free path. Southbound cyclists would ride in the downhill direction with mixed traffic. Full access to the golf course would be maintained from Northeast Tillamook Street. New high-visibility, marked crossings at 74th Avenue and Tillamook Street would help people safely cross the street. As the 70’s Greenway intersects Halsey Street, new protected bike lanes would make the brief transition on the busier street safer and more comfortable.

Also planned are improvements along most of Northeast Halsey Street. Public comments may be made at www.portland.gov/transportation.

PERMITS ISSUED

- In Alameda and Beaumont-Wilshire at 3575 N.E. Morris St.,** Bradley and Kristen Wilson have permission to deconstruct a 1046-square-foot, single-family home built in 1919.
- In Arbor Lodge at 7403 N. Mobile Ave.,** I & N Construction of Clackamas has permission to deconstruct a 536-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1919.
- At 1611 N. Rosa Parks Way,** Rosa Parks LLC of Vancouver, Wash., has been issued a permit to construct a new, three-story, 18-unit apartment building.
- At 6606 N. Maryland Ave.,** 6606 North Maryland LLC secured a permit to deconstruct an 810-square-foot, single family residence and detached garage built in 1926.
- In Boise at 3953 and 3955 N. Vancouver Ave.,** DEZ Developments of Clackamas secured permits to build two, new, two-unit, three-story town houses with attached accessory dwelling units and no garages on properties vacant for two years.
- At 6344 N. Boston Ave.,** the Hall Kurshan Family Living Trust has a permit to deconstruct a detached garage built in 1886. Plans are being reviewed to build a new, detached accessory dwelling unit and legalize an expanded driveway.
- At 3218 N. Liberty St.,** Minh Bui has permission to deconstruct a 1003-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1924. The city is

reviewing plans to construct a new, two-story, single-family home.

- In Concordia at 3266 N.E. Emerson St.,** Cassandra Price secured a permit to remove a detached garage built in 1909. Plans are under review to build a new, two-story accessory dwelling unit with no garage.
- In Cully at 6064 N.E. 42nd Ave.,** GPB Development of Lake Oswego secured permits to construct nine, new, three-story townhouse units in five structures with attached, single-vehicle garages on vacant property.
- At 6064 N.E. 55th Ave.,** Integrity Homes Northwest of Clackamas has been permitted to construct a new, two-story, single family residence with an attached, single-vehicle garage on an empty lot.
- In Irvington at 3036 N.E. 20th Ave.,** a permit has been issued to deconstruct a detached garage built in 1917.
- In King at 1115 N.E. Prescott St.,** Look Construction of Southwest Portland secured a permit to build a new, two-story, single-family dwelling with an attached single-vehicle garage on vacant property.
- In Madison South at 8525 N.E. Milton St.,** Stefan Coldea secured a permit to demolish an 876-square-foot, single-family home and two accessory structures built in 1950.
- At 1960 N.E. 78th Ave.,** J.B. Cereghino Construction of Mulino secured a permit to construct a new, two-story, single-family residence with an attached single-vehicle garage on a vacant lot.
- In Vernon at 1331 N.E. Webster St.,** Louis Cohen has permission to deconstruct a garage built in 1913. Plans are under review to build a new, two-story, single-family residence with an attached accessory dwelling unit and no garage.
- In Roseway at 7414 N.E. Siskiyou St.,** Cynthia Ruark has permission to deconstruct a detached garage built in 1915. Plans are being reviewed to build a new garage in its place. ★

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CRAZY FOR CONCORDIA

Named for the now-shuttered Concordia University on Dekum Street, the diverse and delightful Concordia neighborhood is bounded by Columbia Boulevard to the north and Prescott Street and Alberta Court to the south, between Northeast 22nd and 42nd avenues, Pre-pandemic, the neighborhood's business districts had been home to a bustling portion of the Alberta Arts district, as well as some of the city's best and most popular restaurants. Serving as a welcoming stage for innovation and experimentation – while efforts to maintain a local, small-town atmosphere sustained and supported significant economic growth – both neighbors and business owners believe the district is well positioned to rebound as quarantine restrictions and disruptions wind down. Following are a few old favorites and some new faces I visited just before the holidays, during this most unusual and challenging year.



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LOVEJOY'S TEA ROOM

Lovejoy's Tea Room is a cozy, quirky place filled with mismatched china and unpretentious furniture. Handmade tea cozies and an eclectic assortment of collectibles create a great environment. A dream come true for owner and operator Brendon Constans, the cafe opened in Concordia during March of 2019.

I had the opportunity to enjoy a pre-COVID date with my husband there, and we chose the Queens Tea, a fancy three-tiered tray, filled with scrumptious delights. The decor was frilly and colorful. I wore a pretty dress, my husband wore a tie, and we had fun playing dress-up for tea. From traditional High Tea and Queens Tea, to salad-centric, healthy or Light-Tea, Lovejoy's Tea Room has a wonderful selection of tasty tea sandwiches, warm scones, preserves with clotted cream, petit fours and bottomless pots of tea. If you're looking for pub fare, they've got Lentil and Veggie Shepherd's pie, Sausage Rolls, and soup. Vegan and gluten free options are available. There are many amazing loose-leaf teas to choose from, as well as coffee and fresh squeezed juice.

During COVID lockdowns, you can enjoy a tea adventure safely at home. From tea services – with all kinds of cute, little, fancy foods and drink – to pub fare, to British pantry goodies – like a bag of crumpets, jar of lemon curd, clotted cream or McVitie's Dark Chocolate Hobnobs, you can experience the “yum.” You can also order loose-leaf tea, assorted sweets, and if you want to go all-out, you can rent teaware to enjoy, from authentic, mismatched, fancy tea cups, pots, and serving trays. Lovejoy's Tea Room brings the adventure to you until you can dine in the restaurant or patio again. Order from the online menu for takeout or delivery options.

Also check the online and in-store gift shop, where you can purchase tea infusers, handmade aprons, charms, jewelry, teapots, teacups and more. Stay safe. Stay healthy. Wear a mask. Keep calm and drink tea.

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Brendon Constans at Lovejoy's Tea Room on Killingsworth. (All photos by Barb Hughes)

ROSE CITY BARBERS

Rose City Barbers is a welcoming shop with a low-key vibe and friendly customer service. Rose City Barbers is great for men, LGBTQ friendly, kid friendly, elder friendly, offers disabled access and the staff speaks both English and Spanish. The staff includes both men and women barbers, who follow CDC guidelines. Free parking is provided, and appointments are available seven days a week. Owner Javier Castaneda says the staff never rushes and always takes their time to produce fabulous, fresh cuts.

Customers give Rose City Barbers a five-star rating through Vagaro reviews online. I've selected a few customer comments, in their own words:

“Even when my hair grows out and I'm close to needing another cut, they do such a good job that it doesn't grow out awkwardly.”

“Absolutely the best haircut. He treats my hair like it's his own with an appreciated attention

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to detail. I have never left dissatisfied in roughly four years of cuts. Dude is the best.”
 “I travel all the way from Vancouver to get a haircut. I haven’t found a better barber. I like getting low fades. With Jovian it’s a clean cut with a perfect fade, there is never a mistake.”
 “Incredible barbers. Clean and comfortable shop. Excellent service. I’ll be back every time I need a fresh cut.”

“I’ve been looking for a barber for the past three years. Jesse has met my expectations with awesome fades and finished work. I’m happy so far.”

“I come in regularly with a crazy, difficult pattern I want shaved into my hair. I leave with both a tight haircut and an even better design than what I had imagined.”

Book online and see reviews at www.vagaro.com/rosecitybarbers. Enjoy the easy-going vibe in the shop. Leave refreshed and satisfied with a perfect haircut, shave, color or other barbering services.

ADDRESS: 5018 N.E. 22nd Ave. **PHONE:** 503-284-6008. **WEBSITE:** www.rosecitybarbers.com. **DON'T MISS:** The haircut and shave service combos, discounts for seniors over 55 and kids 12 years and under.

MCMENAMINS KENNEDY SCHOOL

Feeling cooped up? You can get out while staying warm and dry at McMenamins Kennedy School. Kim Genter, small bars manager, gave me a tour of the space – and it is truly amazing. The outdoor courtyard has all the elegant touches you’d expect from a classic building. Even better, it includes a variety of safe and distanced seating areas – covered family and group heated-tent areas; seating with intimate fire pits and walls; and open-air, umbrella-protected tables – so you can grab a warm drink and reconnect safely with your pod.

Maybe you’re just tired of working at home? Grab your laptop and use the Kennedy School’s free Wi-Fi to get some work done, then treat yourself to a meal or a warm drink, while contemplating the fresh air, outdoor greenery, blazing fire pits and beauty of classic architecture.

Kennedy School features Northwest-style pub fair that incorporates the freshest ingredients, from local and regional growers, with seasonal specials. Check the online menu for current, mouth-watering selections, and restaurant hours. Staying in? Order from the online food and drink menu and use the cooperating delivery apps.

The gift shop is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily – and online all the time – and brimming with interesting goodies, like magical face masks for humans and collars, leashes and bag dispensers for your four-legged friends. You’ll also find souvenirs, ales, wines, ciders and plenty of McMenamins memorabilia, clothing and swag.

ADDRESS: 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave. **PHONE:** 503-249-3983. **WEBSITE:** www.mcmenamins.com/kennedy-school. **DON'T MISS:** The Courtyard Restaurant and Bar can fill your growler(s) – specials this month include \$10 growler fills and \$12 cider fills.

THE PENCIL TEST, LINGERIE STORE

Celebrating ten years in business, The Pencil Test on Alberta is a lingerie store that provides style and support, with a fantastic selection of full-bust bra brands and styles. Women from all over the country visit this locally owned store for hard-to-find, fashionable, larger bra sizes. The Pencil Test features sports, wire-free, foundation, fashion and nursing bras. They also have swimsuits, underwear and special, sale items. Owner Holly Powell and staff are friendly, knowledgeable and can help find the best fit for your size and lifestyle. The Pencil Test has added online sales, so if you know your size you can order online and select “pickup” at checkout to swing by the shop any day from 1 to 4 p.m.

During the pandemic, Holly says wireless bras have been popular. To help with your New Year “get-into-shape” resolutions, sports bras are on sale through January. For wishful thinking about vacation travel to warm climates – or hot tubbing in your backyard, swimsuits are also on sale in January.

Come into the store by appointment for a bra fitting seven days a week. Getting a bra that fits properly is a necessity, so Holly and her staff are following all safety protocols to get you into a bra that’s comfortable, sassy or glamorous, for your active or relaxed lifestyle.

ADDRESS: 2407 N.E. Alberta Str. **PHONE:** 971-266-8611 **WEBSITE:** www.thepenciltest.com. **DON'T MISS:** January sports bra sale. Open seven days a week for in-person, by-appointment-only fitting.

Streetwise wants to hear from you. If you know a business in our readership area you’d like us to visit, please let us know. In February, we’re planning to explore the Roseway neighborhood and in March, we’re targeting the Cully and 42nd Avenue districts. We’d love to share your business with our readers. Contact barbhughes@star-news.info for more information. ★



Small Bars Manager Kim Genter, left, and Bartender Ashley Testo at McMenamin’s Kennedy School.



Holly Powell at the Pencil Test on Alberta.

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★ STAR FOCUS ON EDUCATION

Gym teacher responds to pandemic by innovating

By Nancy Varekamp

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The community's response to the pandemic has required imagination and creativity from everyone, including teachers. One example of a teacher who has gone above and beyond is Beaumont neighbor Sam Balto, a physical education teacher at Cesar Chavez School in the Portsmouth neighborhood.

Before Portland Public Schools moved classes online in the spring, Balto led exercise sessions for his neighbors on the pavement of 35th Avenue, so that children, their friends and their parents could work out, distantly, to energizing music.

When school "re-opened," Balto and his students needed to adapt to the nuances of distance learning. Many studied in their kitchens.

"Kitchens may not be conducive for getting up and moving around," said Balto. So he included parents in conversations about moving PE to living rooms. "We take time to talk about what things are in the room that could break, awareness sorts of things."

The need surfaced for exercise equipment that children could use indoors safely. Purchases were made through a grant Balto received from www.donorschoose.org – a funding site for teachers to request support for classroom projects.

"All our PE equipment is available to be borrowed like a library book," said Balto. The school created a safe system for pick up and return. Nurturing children's physical activity is nothing new for Balto. Last summer he created two "traffic gardens" on his street and six



Sam Balto shares his passion for physical activity with 2-year-old son Lev. (Sam Balto)

with the school system. The Bureau of Transportation developed seven more.

The gardens repurpose unused parking lots, playgrounds and streets (closed to through traffic) for children to distance themselves and exercise. A video with details is available on a YouTube search for "Roseway Heights traffic garden."

Balto is also Cesar Chavez's "Safe Routes to School" champion, a post he held at his previous school in Massachusetts. He received international attention there for helping call drivers' attention to school zones by posting photos of Tom Brady on

"slow" signs. People reduced their speed, quizzical about the photos of the former New England quarterback. Balto supports other "tactical urbanism" initiatives like that.

"The goal is to get people to see things differently," he said. "It's temporary, with the hopes of making something permanent."

Now Balto is involved in a growing movement to catch drivers' attention to stay in their lanes. A French website posted Balto's video of Williams Avenue, showing red cups affixed to bike lanes' white lines, catching the attention of

drivers who wander into bike lanes.

In May, the UK Daily Telegraph reported on Balto's call for closing neighborhood streets to cars. It's an effort to create more space for people of all ages, while they distance socially and engage in physical activity. Last year Balto was honored by Oregon Walks for helping secure a grant to add enhanced crosswalks, increasing safety for students walking and biking to school. His activities have attracted nearly 1300 Twitter followers.

Why does Balto focus on helping people be active?

"I see daily the impacts physical activity – or lack thereof – has on my students' well-being," Balto posted on bikeportland.org. "In class we work to give children the skills they need."

Balto said he's been inspired by fellow teachers, students and their parents, during the pandemic.

"None of us asked for this," he said. "We're all just trying to do our best. This is going to transform lives, hopefully for the better."

Balto can already identify some benefits of distance learning. Pulling family into the classroom mix is among them. One of his first grade students brings her 3-year-old sister to his exercise classes. That would never happen in the school gym.

Balto's middle-school students are learning to speak up for themselves, as clues that they may be having difficulty aren't discernible on screen.

"I can't read your minds, and I can't see if you're struggling or how you're not struggling, so you have to tell me," Balto tells them. "Sending an email to a teacher, saying you're confused, is a skill you'll need for your whole life." ★



Traffic gardens turn parking lots and neighborhood streets into safe, social-distanced playgrounds. Beaumont Wilshire neighbor Sam Balto has created several, including this one in front of his home. (Sam Balto)



When the state closed schools in March, Sam Balto took to the street. Through the end of the school year in June, children, their friends and their families participated in the physical activity sessions he led in front of his home on northeast 35th Avenue. (Chris Baker)

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District opts to remove Grant High murals

By Janet Goetze
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The Fletcher Murals will be removed from the Grant High School auditorium starting in mid-March to meet student objections to the figures of Native Americans and pioneers greeting each other at the bottom of the panels, according to Superintendent Guadalupe Guerrero.

Members of the school's Indigenous Student Union said the figures on facing panels are historically inaccurate and a source of distress for students.

Leaders in the Grant High Alumni Association, which raised more than \$200,000 for mural restoration at the request of district officials in 2018, expressed dismay that they were not included in decision making, despite being told several times that they would.

"Our issue has never been with the students, who are remarkable young men and women," the association said in a letter sent to the more than 600 Grant graduates and community members who contributed to the restoration fund. Mural committee members met with three school board members once, but subsequent requests for meetings with them and the superintendent weren't answered, the alumni said.

"The Alumni Association was asked to not discuss the issue publicly, contributing to what we consider a lack of transparency throughout the process," the letter said.

Art conservator Nina Olsson, who has worked with the 20-foot by 25-foot murals in the past, proposed covering



Two W.T. Fletcher murals, flanking the auditorium stage at Grant High School, will be removed. (Grant High School Alumni Association)

the controversial figures to blend into the dark green forest background. She sent a report with the proposal to Amy Kohnstamm, who was school board chair at the time. However, neither a school district spokesperson nor alumni knew if the proposal was ever considered by the board or the superintendent.

Carl Hoeckner, a German immigrant and proponent of social justice who was a key player in the Chicago mural movement, painted the murals for the auditorium. They were dedicated in 1932 in memory of the school's first principal, William T. Fletcher, who died suddenly at age 53. Before the Grant modernization project began in 2017, surveys were made of the school's art and cultural heritage holdings. The murals were pronounced the most significant and valuable asset at the school.

A memo from the superintendent's office says several institutions have expressed interest in the murals. The district facilities department will oversee their 40-day removal, which will include specialized scaffolding, care with lead in the fixative holding them to the walls and custom wood crates for transport and storage.

"The depictions of Native Americans in the murals reinforce a racist cultural narrative and have a negative impact on the learning experience of Native American students," said Guerrero's memo. "Anything short of removal is complicit with the pernicious messages sent by the murals' misrepresentations."

The district expects to work with student leaders, a spokesperson said, "to develop a counter narrative mural that affirms the lived experience of and culture

of Native American students."

John Hamnett, a member of the alumni association's murals committee, said the group is extremely disappointed with the decision to remove the artwork. "This coming after the alumni association was told in 2018," he said, "that it was authorized to raise funds for the restoration and that Sara King, director of Planning and Asset Management (for the district) assured the association that restoring the murals would be beneficial for Grant High School and the community."

Bob Stayton, the alumni association president, said the group understands the students' concerns but by ignoring a potential remedy in conservator Olsson's proposal, the school district has lost the restoration funds and excess money that could have gone to Grant's music programs. ★



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★ STAR FEATURE

After 47 years, Nancy Tilton closes door on Dee's

By Ted Perkins
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At the end of this month, Nancy Tilton, stylist and owner of Dee's Golden Door at 4209 N.E. Fremont St. in Beaumont Village, will close the doors of her shop for the last time, one month shy of her 47-year anniversary. Other stylists at the shop are Debbie Alexander and Barbara Godinez. Both have worked with Tilton for 13 years, after coming over from the Hairliner.

"I started working at Dee's in March of 1974," said Tilton. "I did not have my license yet. I was waiting to take my board exam and my beauty school instructor told me she thought I would work out well at this shop. The owner, Doris McDowell, hired me that day. I cleaned ash trays, poured coffee, swept up hair and ran for everyone's lunch. I couldn't do hair for three weeks."

In 1984, Tilton purchased the shop where she had worked for ten years.

"Nancy has meant a great deal to our neighborhood and Dee's has become a real institution," said Beaumont Business Association President Andy Frazier.

"Nancy brings tremendous energy and enthusiasm with her everywhere she goes and to everything she does. A lot of our success as a business district can be traced directly back to Nancy and the work she has done on behalf of our community."

"Nancy is the absolute nicest human on the planet," said Julia Studer, owner of Silhouette Tailoring Studio down the street. "She taught me that the businesses on this street can be a community, but you have to participate to bring people together. And Nancy ALWAYS participated. I will never forget the image of her as a zombie bride for Halloween 2018. She was the neighborhood crafty mom and her energy lifted up our block. We will all need to step up our game to fill her shoes."

For Tilton, leaving her second home in Beaumont will be bittersweet.

"I was only 19 years old when I started working here," said Tilton. "I bought the shop when I was 29 years old. This is the only salon I have worked in. I have



Nancy Tilton, right, will close Dee's Golden Door in Beaumont Village at the end of the month. Debbie Alexander, left, and Barbara Godinez have worked with Tilton for 13 years.

been so blessed to have such wonderful neighboring businesses, fabulous clients and great hairstylists to work with. I feel like I was raised here by my clients. I learned so much from them and have made everlasting friendships. We have customers here that are so disappointed to hear we are closing. I feel badly leaving them. We really need someone to come buy the shop and take care of them."

Tilton is hoping she can find someone – soon – who will take over her business.

"The shop is for sale," said Tilton. "I need someone to take care of our sweet customers. My lease is up in February and, with my Parkinson's, I do not feel comfortable signing a three- to five-year lease. I don't expect someone to buy the shop outright. I am willing to take

a monthly payment for two years. With that, you'd get three styling chairs, two shampoo chairs, two bowls, five hair drying chairs and more – plus clients and their color and perm information. All you would need in the way of money to start owning your own business is to pay for legal papers to be drawn up. That is the way I purchased this salon when I was 29."

A final celebration at Dee's is currently up in the air.

"We are trying to plan a retirement party that will last all day, but COVID has made that difficult," said Tilton. "We might have 30-minute time slots for people to sign up. They could leave and then we could clean and see the next group. We might end up having a "drive by" party? Stay tuned."

In 2017, Tilton was chosen as Grand Marshall for the business association's annual Fremont Fest parade. Tilton had helped to organize the association's first parade 30 years prior and participated in every Fremont Fest since.

"I've loved seeing all the little kids in the parade over the years and all the neighbors and businesses who come out to participate," said Tilton. "It's always been about our business community

giving back to the neighborhood and that's the part I love. One of my favorite Fremont Fest memories is the pie-eating contests. They were a blast. You couldn't use your hands. Just your face. They were dark berry pies and they made such a mess. My daughter entered the first year, and I'll never forget seeing that tiny, little face just covered in pie."

"Dee's has been a fun place to work with different neighborhood activities," said Tilton. "I've enjoyed working with the business association board, making decorations for the haunted house and building a nine-foot hairbrush for our Dash to Doughnuts event. I am really going to miss all the great people in this neighborhood. They have all been so good to me. I have so many memories, after being here all these years, but I have to say that the one memory I really cherish is the day I got to be honored in the Fremont Fest parade, when all of our customers showed up to support me and our shop. I have been having a tough time knowing that I only have a couple months left."

For more information, call or email Tilton at 503-282-5554, 503-515-1604 or deesgolden@gmail.com. ★

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New Seasons Market frequently posts open positions at all four of their Northeast Portland stores. (Barb Hughes)



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BEAUMONT BUSINESSES DELIVER SANTA – SAFELY – TO GRATEFUL NEIGHBORS

The Beaumont Business Association closed out 2020 with two socially-distanced versions of their annual, community events – Fright Night on Fremont and Fremont Holiday Fest.

Just as Beaumont businesses pitched in to provide children with a safe trick or treating experience in October, the association collaborated again to make its December 4 Holiday Fest successful for hundreds of appreciative neighbors.

Mathnasium learning center donated two smaller trees and a 17-foot tree – the Holiday Fest’s largest ever – to decorate Fremont Street for the season.

“Without Mathnasium’s donation, we may not have had a tree this year,” said business association president Andy Frazier.

Participating businesses decorated their windows and two bands performed on the street. Grand Central Bakery offered hot chocolate, the Arrangement served popcorn and Beaumont Hardware had wreaths for sale. Santa and Mrs. Claus took their place in the Frazier Wealth Management conference room and visited with neighborhood children through a glass window.

“Having Santa this year was a big deal,” said Frazier. “We heard from so many families that didn’t think their kids would have the opportunity this year. We were happy to be able to provide that for them in a safe way.”



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The Beaumont Business Association’s Santa and Mrs. Claus took their place in the Frazier Wealth Management conference room and visited with neighborhood children through a glass window. (Katie Wilgus)

BONNIE SINGER’S MUSIC TOGETHER PLAYS ON, IN SPITE OF THE PANDEMIC

Winter semester will begin January 11 for Music Together Online. Traditionally operating from three Northeast Portland locations, Music Together continues to weather the pandemic virtually, supporting children’s and families’ passion for – and benefits from – music.

“There’s nothing quite like music-making to build the connections we need, now more than ever,” said Bonnie Singer, Music Together codirector and teacher.

“Music gives us a way to express our emotions and naturally relieve stress.”

Music supports physical, social, emotional and language growth along

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Music isn’t just for grown-ups any more. Music Together continues to bring children and families together. Online classes have replaced pre-pandemic, in-person sessions in Northeast Portland. (Music Together)



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Changes needed to prevent delay in re-homing rescues

On September 29, 2017, officers from the Oregon Humane Society’s investigative unit, Klamath County Animal Control and staff from West Ridge Animal Hospital executed a search warrant on a property in Beatty, Oregon.

Twenty-two dogs, seven chickens and three horses who were not receiving sufficient food, water, adequate shelter and veterinary care were seized. On June 18, 2018, seventeen of these dogs were transferred to the Oregon Humane Society, pending prosecution of the case. Delays and appeals by the defendant caused the dogs to remain in OHS care for more than two years and the dogs were finally released for adoption on September 23, 2020. The defendant has been charged and convicted in Colorado on additional animal neglect charges.

At the humane society, the dogs were evaluated for medical and behavioral issues. All had some form of behavioral issue, needing attention. The behavioral modification team, a group of volunteers and staff using the most up to date behavioral science advocated by the American Society of Veterinary Behavior, worked with the dogs until they were ready for adoption.

Dogs like Ulrich, who did not do well in the shelter environment, were placed in foster care. His foster family explained that “when Ulrich first arrived in our house, he was afraid of just about everything – TV, broom, loud sounds,



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etc. With help from our dogs and slow introductions to everything, he was able to get comfortable with his surroundings. We gave him plenty of love so that he knew people were kind. We worked on getting him comfortable with strangers walking by the house and while on walks. We think our efforts helped him with quickly adjusting to his new family.”

Milly, a puppy at the time of the seizure, found her forever home in October. She is making progress but is still wary and scared. Initially a crate in the family room was her safe space. Little by little she ventures out and is getting comfortable wandering that room. Her new family gives her lots of space. The family has four acres, and she plays energetically with her brother dog. Milly is still hesitant



Milly, left foreground, was a puppy living in a crate when she was seized by Oregon Humane Society’s investigative unit in 2017. She finally found her forever home in October. (Oregon Humane Society)

approaching her humans but recently showed her devotion. While walking in the woods her mom took a tumble. Milly rushed back to check on her and gave her lots of kisses. Changes in Oregon law are needed to prevent excessive delays in re-homing rescued animals. As more information becomes available, we will share it in the Star.

CHEESE AND CATS

Thank you for your comments last month regarding cats eating cheese. Opinion is divided on the issue. Cats are obligate carnivores, meaning they need meat to survive. Some cats may be lactose intolerant, so cheese and milk products can cause irritation. Because of its high fat content, cheese should be given to cats sparingly. The best course is to check with your veterinarian about your cat’s specific needs. ★

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with early brain development, she added. "Plus, it's fun for the whole family," she said. Teachers demonstrate how to make everyday items at home into musical props. Zoom classes are Mondays through Saturdays and are based on age. There's even a class to help children learn Spanish through immersion in language and music. For more information, call 503-236-4304 or visit www.musictogether-pdx.com.

NEPALI KITCHEN OPENS FOR OUTDOOR DINING IN RED HUTS ON FREMONT

Five huts have been constructed on the southeast corner property at Northeast 49th Avenue and Fremont Street. They comprise the outdoor dining area for Nepali Kitchen, which opened in late November. The huts are painted bright red, a color embraced by Nepali culture. The restaurant is owned and operated by two generations of a Nepali family that has settled in Portland. The menu offers strong, spicy and hot flavors in entrees favored by the people of Nepal, Himalaya and India. Healthy and filling, the fare offers items for vegans, vegetarians and gluten-free diners – along with those who want meat. For more information, visit www.yelp.com.



Ragan VanSise's Hollywood boutique now provides clothing to three customers with pre-existing conditions, thanks to a program from Columbia Bank. (Ragan's Boutique)

www.yelp.com/biz/nepali-kitchen-portland. Call 503-477-6683 for take out or walk in and dine in one of the differently-sized huts. One holds as many as five people. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., closed Wednesdays.

RAGAN'S BOUTIQUE IN HOLLYWOOD DISTRICT GETS HELP TO GIVE HELP

Ragan's Boutique gave away 60 clothing items last month as part of Columbia

Bank's "Pass It On" program. "My bank is paying the bill so I can provide my merchandise to those in need," explained Ragan VanSise, owner of the three-year-old store at 1925 N.E. 42nd Ave. in Hollywood. Hers was one of 350 businesses selected, and she received a \$1,500 grant. VanSise computed wholesale value instead of retail prices to stretch the bank's grant further. Merchandise went to The Giving Closet

and Rose Haven. The first provides a free store for those in need to "shop." The second offers services to women, children and gender-diverse people. "I know that domestic violence has skyrocketed during the pandemic," VanSise explained. "It has been difficult for me and my business because so many people don't want to come in during the pandemic," she said. "But I've been keeping my head above water. I really appreciate the support of my caring customers."

WOODLAWN NEIGHBOR'S MA WOVENS RITUAL RUGS CAN HELP YOU DISCONNECT

Ma Wovens, a local, woman-owned brand of handmade yoga mats – the Ritual Rug – continues to navigate its chosen business path, despite the closing of most yoga studios. Yoga continues to be practiced during the pandemic, virtually and solo, so the market for yoga mats hasn't diminished – just some of the outlets that sell them. However, the pandemic is a good

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The color red is an integral part of Nepali culture. So is food. So Nepali Kitchen's efforts at outdoor dining offer five red huts. Sizes vary, but one can accommodate as many as five people. (Nancy Varekamp)



Woodlawn neighbor and Ma Wovens founder, Kelly Peyton, left, wanted to honor the ancient craft of weaving by hand. The result, her Ritual Rugs, handwoven in India from organic hemp, are on display this month at the Beaumont branch of Umpqua Bank on Fremont Street. (Ma Wovens)

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reason to practice yoga, and that prompts the need for yoga mats, according to Kelly Peyton, Woodlawn neighbor and Ma Wovens founder.

“With the way the world is, a lot of people are looking for ways to disconnect from technology, take a deep breath and just have a minute to breathe,” said Peyton. “That’s what we’re trying to help people do with our Ritual Rug.”

An admirer of textiles, Peyton wanted to honor the ancient craft of weaving by hand. That was how Ma Wovens began in 2018. The Ritual Rug is handwoven in India from organic hemp and a nontoxic foam, both of which are eco-friendly.

The rugs are available online at www.ma-wovens.com. For an up-close-and-personal look, they’ll be on display at the Beaumont branch of Umpqua Bank on Northeast Fremont Street through January.

VEGAN PIZZA FROM DETROIT GETS UNZIPPED AT BOXCAR PIZZA IN KERNS

Since most food purveyors were closed during early pandemic quarantines, Baby Blues Pizza Chef Odie O’Connor used the time to explore some other genres of the pie – like New York, Sicilian and Detroit.

By August, he had moved into The Zipper at 2701 N.E. Sandy Boulevard, and opened Boxcar Pizza, specializing in Detroit-style pies that are all vegan. Gluten-free crusts are also available.

True to Detroit pizzas, the crusts are thick and the pies are 8 by 10 inches square, with a yield that is about the same as a 14-inch, round pizza.

Some of the cheeses contain soy, but all are nut free. Vital wheat gluten and

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HANNEX GENERAL STORE OPENS INSIDE MAD HANNA DIVE BAR ON FREMONT

Mad Hanna, the eight-year-old, self-described “neighborhood living room” and “dive bar” at 6129 N.E. Fremont St. in Cully isn’t just for alcoholic beverages any more. Late last year, owners opened a general store inside and dubbed it Hannex.

The general store offers boutique items, secondhand merchandise, crafts, vintage clothing, dry goods, groceries and, of course, beer and wine.

During the holidays, gift-wrapping services were available – for merchandise purchased in the bar or elsewhere – while customers waited with cocktails in hand. Fees weren’t charged for the wrapping, but donations were accepted.

“We have only been able to make this pivot as successful as it has been so far with the help of our community, our artists, our vendors and our consignment crew,” said the Mad Hanna Facebook page. “When you shop at the #hannexgeneralstore, you are supporting so much more than a little dive. Single fathers and mothers, local bands, bartenders, immune-compromised remote workers ... the list goes on.”

Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. Mad Hanna owners are eyeing vacant space adjacent to the bar for a possible relocation of the general store when the bar re-opens. ★



In August, Boxcar Pizza, specializing in Detroit-style pies that are all vegan, opened in the Zipper building at 2701 N.E. Sandy Boulevard in Kerns. (Boxcar Pizza)



Mad Hanna in Cully has opened a general store inside the bar called Hannex. The store offers boutique items, secondhand merchandise, crafts, vintage clothing, dry goods, groceries, beer and wine. (Mad Hanna)

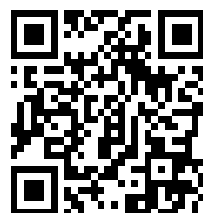
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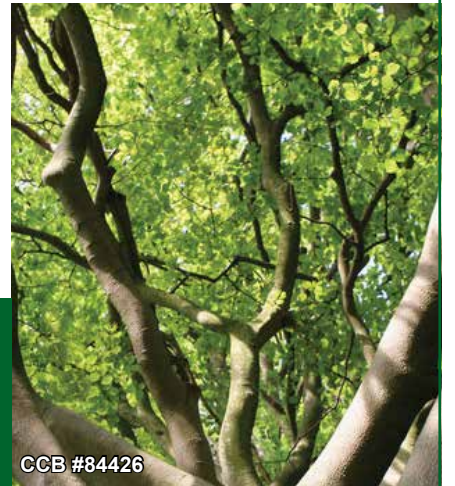
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