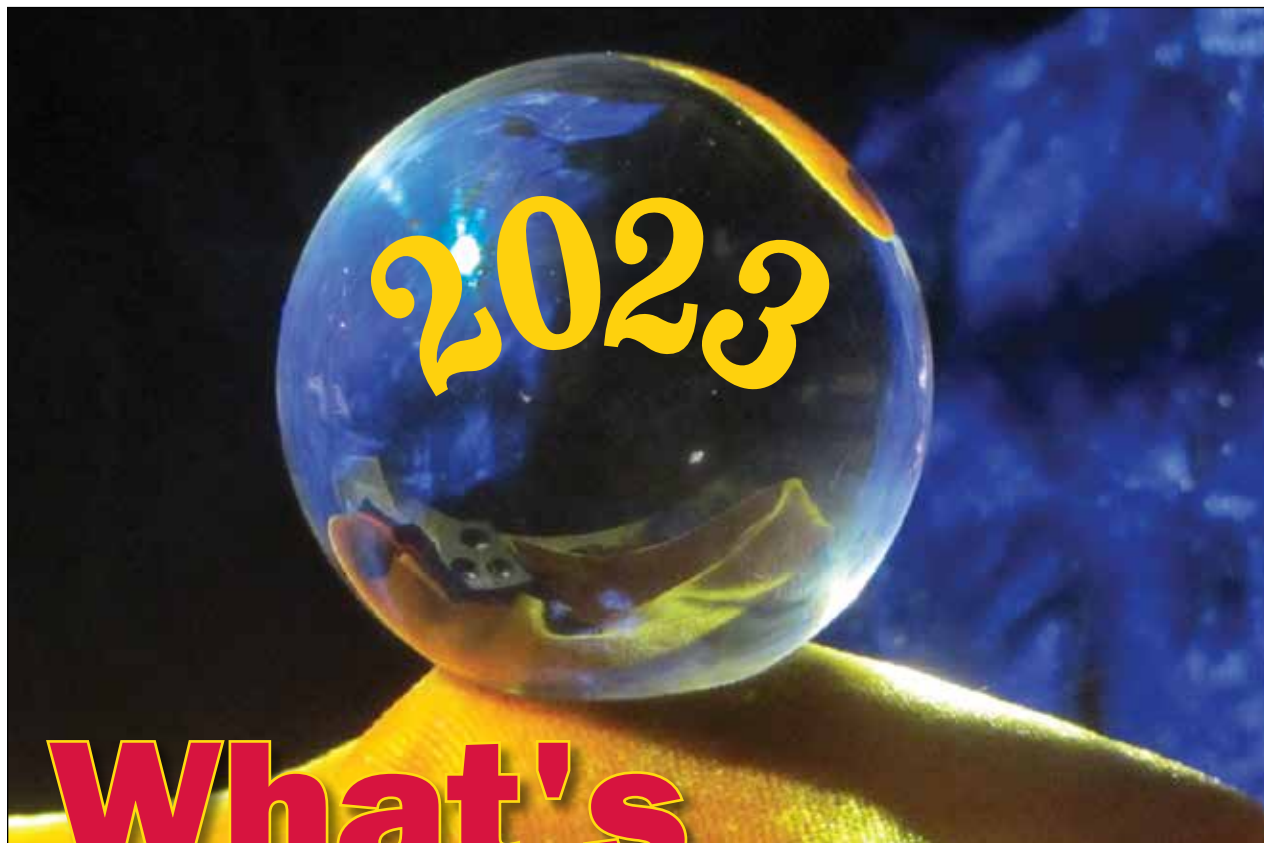




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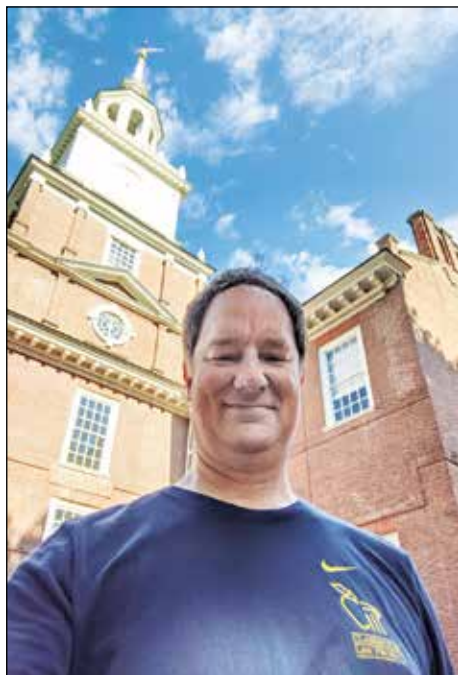
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CHANGES IN FORECAST FOR NE FOOD PROGRAM

The Northeast Emergency Food Program will restructure its distribution plan in coming months because construction is planned for roads around Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 4800 N.E. 72nd Ave., where it has operations.

Jon Makler recently became the new manager for the program, a part of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The program isn't facing needs as great as during the height of the pandemic, but they are far greater than before March 2020, said Howard Kenyon, vice president of Ecumenical Ministries.

Makler, Kenyon said, "brings many gifts to (his new) role, including strong connections in the Portland community, a stellar background in leading significant projects, a reputation for caring deeply for staff and other people, and experience working with diverse populations."



HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER RECEIVES ACCOLADES

Geoff Stuckart, a teacher at Central Catholic High School, has received the History Teacher of the Year award from the local chapter of the International Churchill Society, which studies the life and works of the former British prime minister. It also sponsors conferences and seminars for high school teachers.

Stuckart, a Laurelhurst neighborhood resident, also was named the Civic Educator of the Year by the Classroom Law Project, a nonprofit organization that takes civics education programs into Oregon classrooms.

Before joining the Central Catholic staff 12 years ago, Stuckart held positions with U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden of Oregon and Gov. Gary Locke of Washington, plus several political campaigns.

"I got into government work because I wanted to make the world a better place, and I saw teaching as the next step in that process," he said. Also, he added, he was concerned that many people knew little about how government works and citizens' roles in a democracy.

Before his present position, he was a substitute teacher and taught credit recovery classes for a year at Grant and Gresham high schools. At Central Catholic, he teaches government and politics and street law. Earlier this year, he prepared students for the national We the People competition, sponsored by the Center for Civic Education. Students selected for the state or national competition have studied the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.



Left: Central Catholic High School teacher Geoff Stuckart, seen outside Independence Hall last summer, won the History Teacher of the Year award (above) awarded by the local chapter of the International Churchill Society. (Geoff Stuckart)

"I love helping young people learn how to think critically and to seek out and evaluate other points of view," he said. "I love the 'light bulb' moments when it all clicks for a student, and they put something from class together with a current event and see how our government works. I love when students contact government officials and find that those officials listen and take them seriously."



(Hollywood Theatre)

THEATER SEEKS FUNDS FOR RARE PROJECTORS

The Hollywood Theatre is raising funds to acquire rare projectors to continue screening films in original formats. The goal is to raise \$80,000 for the projectors and expenses for ongoing film programming.

The theater has an opportunity to purchase Norelco AAI projectors from Frank Sinatra's former personal projectionist, according to Joe Bolenbaugh, the marketing manager.

The Hollywood is one of only a few theaters in the United States that can show films in 35mm and the only one in Oregon that can project movies in 70mm, considered a premium movie-viewing

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experience, Bolenbaugh said in a news release.

The theater had Norelco AAI projectors originally installed in 1959, removed, then reinstalled in 1963. They can run both 35mm and 70mm films. However, production on them ceased in 1968 and replacement parts are difficult to find today.

"When we set out to restore 70mm capability for our projectors in 2015, we had to track down critical parts, piece by

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piece, from collectors and technicians across the country,” said Dan Halsted, the theater’s head programmer. “Owning these two additional projectors would mean that if anything malfunctions on our current equipment, we’ll have everything we need to repair them.”

Having high-quality film projection matters to the Hollywood’s audiences, Halsted said. It also helps the theater attract high-profile guests from the film industry, he said. More information and a donation site are at hollywoodtheatre.org/give2022.

CIVIC PANELS OPEN FOR LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Civic volunteers may apply to join the streets oversight committee, the planning commission and the salary commission. Information about these groups is available from the Portland Office of Community & Civic Life, civicle@portlandoregon.gov

The deadline is Jan. 8 for the Fixing Our Streets Oversight Committee, which ensures the accountability of the 10-cent gas tax approved by voters in 2020. The Bureau of Transportation manages and the committee reviews projects, construction schedules and budgets.

The deadline is Jan. 10 for the planning commission, which recommends long-range goals, policies and programs for land use and planning to the City Council

The deadline is Jan. 20 for the salary commission, which is intended to add transparency to the process of determining pay for the city’s elected officials.

BOARD APPROVES PLAN TO UPDATE JEFF HIGH

The Portland Public Schools’ board has approved a comprehensive plan for modernizing Jefferson High School, 5210 N. Kerby Ave. Now planning moves to the design phase with a community advisory group providing feedback on details proposed for the project.

The exterior of the 1909 main building will be retained, but the interior will be transformed with new rooms and new electrical and plumbing systems. A theater



Northeast Village PDX membership provides opportunities to expand your social circle through neighborhood walks, discussion groups, happy hour, coffee gatherings and other activities. The group is partnering with the Northeast Community Center to help people age in their own homes. (Northeast Village PDX)

building, with space for arts programs and use by the community, will be constructed south of the main building.

A new entry, on the North Commercial Avenue side of the building, also is in the plan. The original entry, with steep steps on the north side of the building, would remain for ceremonial occasions. A new gym is planned along Kerby Avenue.

The first phase of construction is expected to begin in 2024. A second phase is scheduled for 2026, with all construction completed by 2028. Students will remain on campus during construction, in part to continue middle college programs at Portland Community College, across Killingsworth Street from the high school.

Updates on the project and information about the Design Advisory Group are at <https://www.pps.net/JeffersonBond>. To join the project mailing list, go to JHSBond@pps.net.

NE CENTER, VILLAGE PDX JOIN TO HELP SENIORS

The Northeast Community Center is teaming with Northeast Village PDX, part of a growing national movement to assist people who wish to age in their own homes. Teri McKenzie, the Village manager, is joining the community center staff.

Village members receive assistance in driving, yard care and other tasks that help them stay in their homes. Some who join a village are volunteers who assist others. Villages also provide activities for members to strengthen community connections.

The village will integrate as a program of the community center. “We are excited to improve the lives of older adults by utilizing both NE Village PDX and NECC’s community connections as we look for ways to grow our programming, expand financial

support to those where cost is a barrier, and embed equity and inclusion into the work of both organizations,” according to a center news release.

Northeast Village’s service area includes 16 neighborhoods: Alameda, Beaumont-Wilshire, Concordia, Cully, Grant Park, Hollywood, Irvington, Madison South, Parkrose, Parkrose Heights, Rose City Park, Roseway, Sullivan’s Gulch, Sumner, Sunderland and Woodland Park. Also included are the Lloyd District Community Association and the City of Maywood Park.

ADOPT STORM DRAIN, PREVENT FLOODING

Adopt a storm drain in your neighborhood and keep it free from leaves and other street debris, advises the Portland Bureau of Transportation. The city has more than 58,000 drains, and crews can’t get to all of them all at once, according to a bureau news release.

The storm drains, also called catch basins, help with stormwater runoff and help prevent flooding if water can flow freely into them. If debris builds up against the grates, puddles form and may create floods, according to the bureau.

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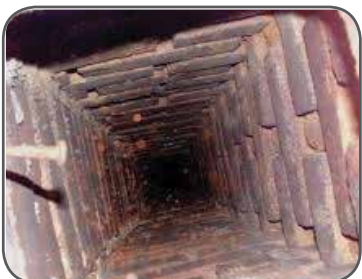
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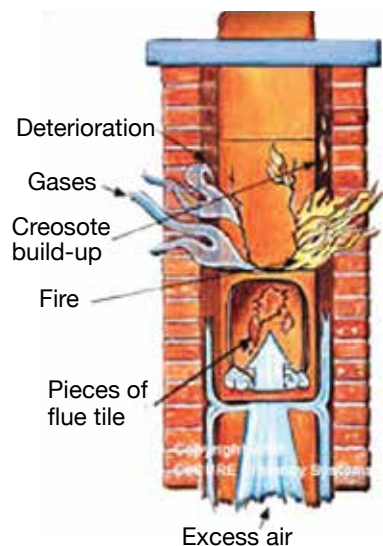
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The Portland Housing Bureau has grants and tips to help homeowners of older houses reduce the toxic hazards of lead-based paint. (Wikipedia / Creative Commons)

BUREAU HAS FUNDS TO ELIMINATE LEAD

The Portland Housing Bureau has grants to help homeowners make free repairs to reduce lead paint hazards. Many homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint, which can cause health issues, especially for children.

When the paint is disturbed by remodeling, wear-and-tear or deterioration, it can create dust and paint chips. The chips can be picked up with a wet paper towel and discarded, advises the bureau. To eliminate dust, wipe flat surfaces with a damp paper towel, then throw it away. Mop smooth floors once a week and take off shoes when

entering the house.

Professionals can test for lead hazards in homes and yards. For information about which repairs can happen and which homes qualify for repairs, visit Portland.gov/phb/lead-grant or call 503-823-3336.



Qualified homeowners can get financial help for fixing leaky pipes, toilets and faucets through a Portland Water Bureau aid program. (Wikipedia / Creative Commons)

PIPES, FAUCETS LEAK? CALL WATER BUREAU

The Portland Water Bureau can help income-qualified homeowners get repairs for leaking toilets, faucets or underground water pipes.

Those eligible must own and live in a single-family home with an active city drinking water account and be enrolled in Portland's financial assistance program. Information and an application are at <https://www.portland.gov/water/water-efficiency-programs/leakrepair>. For questions, call 503-823-4527.

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OPENING OF NAYA'S HAYU TILIXAM BRINGS 50 NEW AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS

A mid-December celebration opened 50 new affordable apartments in Cully at 5827 N.E. Prescott St. Dubbed Hayu Tilixam, Chinook for “many nations,” the project is the third cooperative venture between the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) and Community Development Partners to offer affordable housing opportunities to Northeast Portland’s Native American and BIPOC communities.

Part of a greater Native community vision in Cully, Hayu Tilixam followed completion last May of Nesika Illahee focused on recovery and Mamook Tokatee, serving Native artists as culture keepers. All three developments are located within a mile of NAYA’s Northeast Columbia Boulevard campus and services.



Cully’s newest affordable apartments are part of Hayu Tilixam at 5827 N.E. Prescott St., a four-story design that employs a ground-floor podium and three wood-framed upper floors. Active ground-floor uses will include community/resident spaces programmed with support services, a lobby with prominent Native American art, a small meeting room, as well as outdoor courtyard/green space. (NAYA)

ALBINA, NORTH PORTLAND LIBRARIES TO CLOSE IN SPRING FOR RENOVATIONS

Two Multnomah County Library branches will close this spring to undergo face-lifts. In Eliot, at 216 N.E. Knott St., the Albina Library will be expanded to 30,000 square feet, four times the current space, while maintaining its historic Carnegie exterior. Exact closure dates beginning this spring are yet to be determined, but the Albina Library is set to reopen in fall 2024.

When it does, patrons will find a new outdoor courtyard for community members to relax and connect, large community and meeting rooms, expanded study spaces, a dedicated teen room with space for technology, homework and creative



North Portland Library in Humboldt is one of several that will close for renovation and expansion in the spring of 2023. (Multnomah County Library)

expression, updated technology and internet, and new art, representing the community.

In Humboldt, at 512 N. Killingsworth St., the North Portland Library also will be updated and expanded by 1,500 square feet that will highlight the community’s diversity and history. North Portland’s new, expanded features will include a Black Cultural Center connecting with and celebrating Blackness, outdoor space for patrons to relax and connect, updated technology and new art, representative of the community. Exact closure dates will be shared widely with the community when set. North Portland Library is scheduled to reopen in summer 2024.

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Interstate Firehouse and Cultural Center's resident artists and Community Advisory Committee pose for a group photo to celebrate reactivation of the center over the next two-plus years. (IFCC)

"Multnomah County Library is expanding and transforming library spaces in a way we haven't seen in over a century," said Vailey Oehlke, director of libraries. "These improvements will cause short-term disruptions, but the long-term benefits to our community and to future generations will be profound. We're excited to lead this transformation alongside the community and are grateful for the community's patience and support in order to make this vision a reality."

During construction closures, the library encourages patrons to visit the branches closest to them and use the many online services at the library's website <https://multcolib.org/events>. Additional services updates can be found at the construction closures website, <https://multcolib.org/library-construction-closures>.

PLAN REACTIVATES INTERSTATE FIREHOUSE CULTURAL CENTER

Artists' residencies and public programs will mark the first two and a half years of Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center's reactivation as announced this fall by Portland Parks Commissioner Carmen

Rubio and the center's Community Advisory Committee. The historic center at 5340 N. Interstate Ave. was a working fire station between 1910 and 1959 when the late Portland Parks Commissioner Charles Jordan established the historic building as a center for Black arts and culture.

In addition to providing residencies for almost a dozen artists, the reactivation will include a feasibility study to research and produce market, financial and operational analyses to nail down a sustainable operating plan in line with the advisory committee's vision for the center. Concordia LLC was selected in a competitive process to conduct that study.

More information about the IFCC grant and residency program can be found at portland.gov/parks/ifcc-grant. Feasibility study updates can be found at portland.gov/parks/construction/interstate-firehouse-cultural-center-feasibility-study.

NE, NORTH PORTLAND POTHOLED, GRAVELED STREETS TO BE SMOOTHED

In 2023, Portland Bureau of Transportation maintenance projects will include gravel streets in Northeast



Before and after: A pothole- and puddle-filled Northeast Roselawn Street between 73rd and 74th avenues in Cully was regraded and graveled during a prior Portland Bureau of Transportation service cycle. (PBOT)



and North Portland. With more than 5,000 residences located on or near gravel streets, the bureau started its gravel street maintenance in 2018, working November through February on a three-year cycle and tackling all sections of the city each of those three years.

In May 2020, voters resoundingly supported a renewal of Portland's 10 cents per gallon gas tax-funded program. The Fixing Our Streets program was funded for an additional four years through 2024, covering all 50 miles of unpaved city roads. Maintenance crews fill in ruts and potholes and grade and re-gravel the streets for a smoother surface, helping people get around their neighborhoods more easily and providing easier access to their homes.

A video about Portland's gravel street service shows crews in action grading and graveling a street at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDsAFC7xWHg>

PERMITS ISSUED

In Alameda, at 3225 N.E. Fremont St., Jeanette Felix, et al., of Seaside were issued a permit to build a three-story, single-family residence with an attached garage on vacant land.

In Eliot, at 140 N.E. Sacramento St., 206 NE Sacramento LLC of Henderson, Nevada, secured permits to build multiple three-story townhouses with single-vehicle garages on vacant property.

APPLICATIONS FILED

In Concordia, at 5019 N.E. 37th Ave., Everett Custom Homes of Northwest Portland asked for permission to deconstruct a 1,368-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1942 along with

three sheds.

In Cully, at 5819 N.E. Mason St., Michael and Jennifer Usselman have filed for permission to deconstruct a 519-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1925 and to demolish a storage shed built in 2017.

In Kenton, at 1526 N. Watts St., Eiko Builders LLC of Battle Ground, Washington, have filed for permits to build two two-story, two-unit townhouses with attached accessory dwelling units and no garages on property where an 807-square-foot, single-family residence had stood since 1923.

In King, at 5026 N.E. 14th Ave., Blackbird Investments LLC of Battle Ground, Washington, is seeking permits to construct four two-story, four-unit townhouses without garages on property where an 1,128-square-foot, single-family residence has stood since 1903. No deconstruction application has been filed.

At 4834 N.E. Ninth Ave., Nine-Alberta LLC has applied to build two two-story, single-family residences without garages to co-occupy property where a 1,044-square-foot, single-family residence has been since 1919.

In Montavilla, at 964 N.E. 84th Ave., Reed Bettinger and Laurel Rich of Kirkland, Washington, have filed to construct four single-family homes without garages on property where a 2,513-square-foot, single-family residence has stood since 1931.

In North Tabor, at 404 N.E. 54th Ave., DBS Group LLC of Tualatin is seeking permits to build multiple two-story and three-story, multi-unit townhouses without garages. A 2,098-square-foot, single-family residence has occupied the property since 1922. No deconstruction applications have been filed.

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By Nancy Varekamp
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It's been a rough nearly three years for local business owners — navigating a pandemic, closing and reopening at government instruction, surviving supply-chain issues and more. Just like anyone else, their new year resolutions are undoubtedly for health and prosperity. But what about their predictions for 2023? The Hollywood Star News asked a few longtime local business representatives.

MR. PLYWOOD

Bret Brantner has owned the 60-year-old Mr. Plywood store at 7609 S.E. Stark St. since 2009, and he's worked there since 2002. Like other building supply stores, his was deemed essential by the state and never had to close

in 2020. Despite health and safety mandates for masking and distancing, sales boomed. "We did numbers I don't think the store will ever see again," Brantner said. "After about six weeks of being condemned to your home, people got a little stir crazy." So they took on remodeling projects that meant plenty of business for the store. "With that amount of energy going into things people had put off before, pricing skyrocketed," he said. The workload at the mills increased while employee numbers took a dive. So, a half-inch sheet of plywood that sold for \$18 at Mr. Plywood in January 2020 cost \$82 in the early days of the pandemic. "Domestic products being milled locally have come back down," Brantner said. Last month that board at Mr. Plywood cost \$21. "Spring is going to be the interesting time.



Mr. Plywood's Bret Brantner doesn't expect an economic downturn to overly affect business at his building supply store. He bought it in 2009, so he has experience navigating a recession. (Nancy Varekamp)

We're going to see how much inflation has affected everything." With the interest rate increase in December and another he expects this month, Brantner predicts disposable income will shrink. He's not expecting what he called a "full-on" recession like the country experienced in 2008-09. Instead, remodeling jobs — more modest in size and expense — will continue. What's his business strategy for a recession? "Don't overextend. Don't remodel the store itself. Buy the products we know are consistent with our neighborhood ..." that people will want. "As long as we do that, we'll be fine."

PONO BREW LABS

Although its brew pub didn't open at 1728 N.E. 40th Ave. until August, Pono Brew Labs already was six years old, and it took a hit during the worst days of the pandemic. Sales dropped in 2020 when eateries serving Pono were forced to close more than once. That's when Pono founder Larry Clouser retrooled and borrowed a crawler machine. A crawler is essentially a growler in a can. It's a 32-ounce aluminum vessel meant to keep your beer fresh until you decide to drink it. "We emptied all kegs into crawlers. We literally delivered them to people's houses," he said.

That move prompted New Seasons and

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Pono Brew Labs survived the pandemic by revamping its delivery methods. Founder Larry Clouser said his brewery and the restaurant haven't encountered a recession before, but he doesn't expect one to reduce business significantly. (Nancy Varekamp)

Market of Choice to reach out to him for the canned product.

"For us that was just top tier," he said. "Canning opened up a whole new market for us."

This year, Clouser was invited to join partners in a brew pub — in the space vacated by Columbia Brewing — and feature Pono selections from a shared brewery in Lents. December plans called for brewing in the Hollywood facility.

The Northeast Portland community welcomed Pono in August. "September hit like a freight train." September, January and February are always the worst nationwide in the service industry, according to Clouser.

"We're in now and have to stick it through." So he's relying on continued neighborhood support and more retooling of plans.

Pono now distributes locally and in

central Oregon. Clouser plans to expand sales throughout Washington, Idaho and Hawaii. Eventually, he wants to open a brewery in Hawaii.

As for 2023, he hopes to source out some of the brewing.

"That helps these other businesses to keep their employees busy," Clouser said.

"You're still going to see some moderation, but I hope it is better than it was in 2022. And I don't think it helps with some of these large media groups' headlines about the economy. It scares the public."

ROSEWAY BARBER SHOP

Business still isn't like it was pre-pandemic for Marty Pinz' Roseway Barber Shop, 7220 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

Like many businesses, his was closed by state mandate for three months in early 2020.

"That hurt quite a bit because customers



Marty Pinz weathered the pandemic and isn't frightened about the possibility of a recession. He's survived several. "People need haircuts eventually." (Nancy Varekamp)

found others," he noted. "We've always had enough business to stay alive and get the bills paid."

Pre-pandemic, customers would move out of the area and new clients would replace them. "We've always kept a pretty good balance through the years. But, since they shut us down, we've never regained the clientele we had previously."

Pinz said 2022 was better. "As far as 2023, it's uncertain. Who knows if we're going to have another pandemic or other viruses going around? The news shows a new high risk coming out like RSV, and people start to get a little scared."

Unlike health crises, Pinz doesn't worry about the threat of a recession in 2023. He's navigated several in his 32 years in the 107-year-old barber shop. "Recessions never hurt us really bad. People need haircuts eventually."

He worked there with his father for 17 years, a few decades after his father purchased the shop in 1956 and changed its name to Roseway Barber Shop. Previous owners — John and Estella Woodman and Willard Bramble — had called it Sandy Boulevard Barber Shop and Dick's Barber Shop respectively.

"I don't think a lot has changed here in 100 years," Pinz said. The shop doesn't take appointments, have a website or accept credit cards. "People like the feel of the old-time barber shop, like the one on 'The Andy Griffith Show.'"

"I guess I'm doing something right. If it's fixed, don't break it."

So Pinz is optimistic about 2023. "Overall, we've got enough business to survive. It's picking up, and we'll get over this one."

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Patty Spencer (foreground) closed her window repair business for six weeks during the early days of the pandemic. She expects business to fare well if a recession hits in 2023, just like it did in 2008-09. Her crew consists of Sarah Roderick (left) and Pavel Ammon. (Nancy Varekamp)

FRESH AIR SASH & CORD REPAIR

"As a small business, I've always felt I can feel what the economy is doing before some of the larger businesses," Patty Spencer said. "Are more people calling? Are fewer ready to commit?" she asks herself.

Spencer founded Fresh Air Sash & Cord Repair 23 years ago. In the case of 2008-09, she recalls receiving no lack of calls from potential customers compared to pre-recession. However, some took longer to commit to projects, and others reduced the number of window sashes and cords to replace.

"There's a little more money to be had coming out of the pandemic, and you'd think people would pull back with the recession," Spencer said. One might expect potential customers to consider, "What do I truly don't really need?" But I'm not feeling that." In fact, her crew is already scheduled into

the first week of May.

Spencer closed her business for six weeks in early 2020 because she couldn't bear the thought of infecting a client or infecting her crew of two. "Once we figured it out, it never slowed down.

"I couldn't have predicted that," she added. "I think people weren't traveling. They were working at home, their kids were at home. They'd say 'Oh my gosh, we've been dealing with these windows for so long, let's take care of it now.'" Money traditionally spent on recreation and travel were devoted to home projects.

Spencer's clients hold her same esteem for early 20th century homes. She likens replacement windows to "poking out the eyes of their home. ... That house has been standing there for 100 years. Think of all the eyes that have looked through the wavy glass."

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Splish splash!



ABOVE: "Pooly-ball," a version of volleyball played with beach balls in a swimming pool, is a game of dexterity and aim for members of an aquatics exercise group. ABOVE RIGHT: A swimmer kicks off from the side of the pool and begins doing the backstroke. (NE Community Center)

Pools around town provide opportunities for exercise, learning how to swim or just plain fun

By Janet Goetze
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“People who don’t know how to swim drown more often than people who do,” said Otter Annonson, a swim instructor for 21 years at the Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave. His forthright view of swimming as a life-or-death safety measure isn’t his only idea about the benefits of climbing into a pool. Exercising in water, Annonson

said, is comfortable for people who have various physical problems, including joint replacements and arthritis.

“Instead of jumping around on the ground, you can use the water’s resistance to do exercise,” he said. In addition, he added, “Water’s just fun.”

The Northeast Community Center (NECC), a former YMCA purchased and transformed into a nonprofit operated by a volunteer community board, offers swim classes for children and adults as well as a variety of exercise and recreation programs.

In that respect, it’s similar to the Portland Bureau of Parks & Recreation. The city agency operates community centers, including indoor pools, throughout Portland. In summer, the bureau opens outdoor pools.

However, the bureau had a shortage of pool lifeguards in 2022, as did other programs across the country, according to Mark Ross, the agency’s public information officer. The shortage extended to swim and

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RIGHT: A child takes off from the side of the pool, gaining confidence in the water. Learning to swim becomes a safety feature for people of all ages, instructors say. (NE Community Center)



FAR RIGHT: Members of a water workout group grab pool "noodles" for exercises to work leg and upper body muscles that keep them flexible as well as strong. (NE Community Center)



water recreation instructors, he said, which reduced some class schedules.

Nevertheless, the bureau continues to offer training for lifeguards and instructors through the year. Those interested may learn more at Portland.gov/parks/employment and scroll down to the section headed "Aquatics Training Programs."

An indoor, year-round pool in Northeast Portland is at the Matt Dishman Center, 77 N.E. Knott St. Outdoor pools, open from June through August, include Grant Park, 2300 N.E. 33rd Ave., and Peninsula Park, 700 N. Rosa Parks Way.

Unfortunately, North Portland's Columbia Park pool is closed permanently because of safety hazards and diminishing

structural integrity, Ross said in a news release. However, Carmen Rubio, the parks commissioner, is working on a replacement.

"We can't simply shut it down after 93 years and not put something in its place," Rubio said. "I've directed Portland Parks & Recreation to plan a new, full-service aquatics center for North Portland, and I will continue to explore funding options for it in addition to the more than \$31 million in city and state funds already secured."

The City Council has approved a \$1.5 million fund to ensure that those affected by the closure can get to other city pools. Rubio's office is working with community

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Instructor Otter Annason, in red shirt, leads a class in some aquatic exercises. (NE Community Center)

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members to use the funds effectively, according to a news release.

Despite one closure and the shortage of instructors, people who already enjoy water recreation have many reasons for going to the pool.

Sara Normington, who started swimming in warm waters off the Philippines and Guam when her father was stationed there with the military, enjoys the warm water of the NECC pool where she joins recreation classes. They keep her muscles strong and help maintain her range of motion and flexibility, the retired teacher said.

Some days, when few people are in the pool, she enjoys the play of light on the water from the overhead windows. The city's Matt Dishman and Mt. Scott pools have enjoyable views of nature from large windows, but the light on the NECC pool "provides a sense of serenity," she said.

Justine Sutton, who retired as a middle school teacher four years ago, said she enjoys the sense of community in her exercise class. When she first joined a water workout session, she said, "I was welcomed with open arms."

Sutton also finds she is shedding weight in her regular program. "When you eat well and exercise, it's amazing what can happen," she said.

Linda Rasmussen, who joined NECC



On Fridays, members look forward to the last 15 minutes of class and playing "pooly-ball," which is like volleyball but played in the water with beach balls. (NE Community Center)

when it opened in 2005 and serves on its board, also likes the community feeling in the water recreation sessions. In addition, she said, "I like working with the weights."

On Fridays, Rasmussen said, some members enjoy the class concluding its 45-minute session with 15 minutes of "pooly-ball," a form of volleyball played with beach balls smacked across a midpool net.

Annason said he's seen people gain confidence as they learn more swimming skills. "It's nice to see when a child learns to float by themselves," he said.

But, he added, water is just plain fun. "It's the closest you can come to flying without the equipment," he said.

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MIXING IT UP IN MONTAVILLA

In 2017, the “Lonely Planet” guidebook named Montavilla one of the country’s top 10 neighborhoods to visit. In the years since, the East Portland neighborhood has only built upon the qualities that earned that praise.



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GRANT HIGH STUDENT

After a hike at Mount Tabor Park, stroll, bike or drive a few blocks to Montavilla to fill up on yummy goods from the neighborhood’s family-friendly eateries. If you want to stick to Northeast Portland, pay a visit

to Futura Coffee Roasters for a warm drink and sourdough treat. For readers who want to venture below Burnside — into Southeast — pay a visit to Paula Asunción at Mixteca Mexican Restaurant to try her mole and tamales.

Montavilla offers plenty of great shopping to couple with its array of cafes, restaurants and bars. Union Rose offers unique, handmade clothing, while Flipside Hats sells the perfect accessories — with the two boutiques being just a block apart on Southeast Stark Street, you’ll simply have to visit both.

Montavilla is one of the most beautiful historic districts within city limits. Between farmers markets and street fairs, holiday parties and movie nights, the community is deeply invested in ensuring that the neighborhood can remain a wonderful place for all Portlanders to visit or reside. Keep reading to learn more about some of Montavilla’s best spots.



Jake Wollner and Kori Giudici co-own Flipside Hats. Giudici started handcrafting hats almost 20 years ago while trying to offset some of the costs of the medical school she was enrolled in. They aim to minimize world waste through the slow fashion movement. (Kori Giudici)



Flipside stocks a wide variety of hats including beanies, ball caps, buckets, flat caps and sun hats in wool, organic cotton, waxed canvas and other sustainable materials. (Charles Gullung Photography)

FLIPSIDE HATS

When Kori Giudici moved to Portland to attend medical school, she quickly realized she never wanted to leave. So, she began the work of offsetting her education expenses and started making hats. Husband Jacob Wollner joined her with big ideas, and together, they started Flipside Hats — a Portland business committed to sustainability and producing excellent handcrafted products.

“Since 2002, we’ve handcrafted handsome, quality ball caps, beanies, sun hats, men’s hats and soft stretch hats,” Giudici says. “Despite the tough path, we have

made everything in the United States, supporting U.S. workers and U.S. manufacturing.”

In the business’s innovative fashion, they took a unique approach to overcoming the challenges of COVID-19. They converted their hat materials to mask materials in a turn-around time of just a few weeks, and they got right back to work.

Flipside made thousands of masks over the course of the pandemic and donated more than \$80,000 in masks to organizations and individuals. “It was quite a feat,”

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Giudici says. "But it was worth every weary hour we all put in."

As Portlanders began returning to pre-lockdown normalcy in November 2021, the business relocated from Belmont to Montavilla. "We love Montavilla," Giudici says. "It has all of our favorite restaurants, like Redwood, Ya Hala and The Observatory." Each of these restaurants are within just a couple of blocks of the store.

Flipside has made a true home for itself in Montavilla. If you're on a stroll down Stark Street, you'll be drawn in by the colorful maze of caps and beanies visible through the window.

"We are daring in our designs" Giudici says. "If you want to stand out, check out the wall of one-of-a-kind ball caps. You will rejoice in the selection."

Along with their ball caps, Flipside's beanies are best-sellers. They come in mulesing-free merino wool, alpaca, mohair, recycled cotton and recycled poly. You can find one in almost any color, shape and warmth.

The store is open from 10 a.m.- 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Giudici says, "We love helping people find their perfect hat or most appropriate gift, so come on by!"

ADDRESS: 7850 S.E. Stark St. **WEBSITE:** flipsidehats.com **INSTAGRAM:** @Flipsidehats **PHONE:** 503-272-1359 **DONT MISS:** one-of-a-kind beanies

FUTURA COFFEE ROASTERS

Futura Coffee Roasters is ridiculously picturesque. It's hard to believe that the coffee is so good, too.

CJ Speelman, owner of Futura, has been in the coffee industry in Portland for over 10 years. "My passion in coffee is twofold: I love the hospitality practice of working in coffee shops, and I am also committed to building relationships with farmers and sourcing coffee as ethically and sustainably as possible," he says.

In partnership with other coffee



CJ Speelman opened Futura Coffee Roasters in Montavilla last January and prides himself on serving ethically, sustainably sourced coffee. The shop is a comfortable, inviting hub with a variety of seating arrangements to linger over a beverage and a snack. (Futura Coffee Roasters)

professionals, Speelman has treated coffee-making as a "delicate science and beautiful piece of art." It's evident in every facet of the business, from the intricate foam details atop lattes, to the community values stated in bold across the front door: "Souls on a mission for soil regeneration."

Speelman says, "the future of coffee, and more importantly, the future of our planet is really dependent on how quickly we as a humanity can join together to implement change." As a company, Futura Coffee Roasters believes that regenerative agriculture, rehabilitation of soil and increasing biodiversity can all be key forces in combating the climate crisis. "We are in a unique position to not only make an impact, but also empower our neighbors and customers to do so as well, even if it is the simple ritual of drinking coffee."

The business opened its doors in late January 2022, moving into the

space previously owned by Fillmore Coffee. "We definitely realized that opening a business during a pandemic and time of economic uncertainty has carried a lot of risks. But at the same time, we believe very strongly in our product and in our community," Speelman says.

"We really love Montavilla," he says. "Our neighbors and community take a lot of pride in our corner of Portland, and we are happy to contribute to that."

Most of the business's coffee comes from Colombia and Panama, but in partnership with Catalyst Coffee, Futura imports coffee from Ethiopia and Kenya as well. "We are very focused on regenerative agriculture, not only supporting local farmers who are caring for the soil in their growing practices, but also supporting small farmers in coffee growing areas transitioning their farms towards regenerative soil and biodiversity," Speelman says. "To that end, we are

committed to giving back 3% of our profits to regenerative agriculture, 1.5% locally and 1.5% to the coffee regions."

Enjoying a hearty breakfast sandwich and matcha latte is even better when you know you're supporting a great, climate-healing cause. Even in a town known for coffee, Futura stands out.

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MIXTECA MEXICAN RESTAURANT

After decades of working in the food industry and learning as an apprentice, restaurant owner Paula Asunción has mastered the craft of making mole, putting her unique flavor spin on the traditional Mexican sauce and marinade. It's a customer favorite at Mixteca.

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Mixteca Mexican Restaurant serves traditional dishes with a focus on food from the Oaxaca region, like this plate of Costillitas, which is spare ribs in red sauce. (Mixteca Mexican Restaurant)

“Doña Paula’s famous mole is not to miss,” says Guadencio Felipe, Asunción’s son and the restaurant manager. The restaurant is family-owned and operated, involving Asunción’s children and grandchildren at every level.

Mixteca officially opened its doors in February 2019, moving into the former location of Buckley’s Catch Sports Pub. They already had been in the Montavilla neighborhood for many years, selling at the Montavilla Farmers Market and out of a food cart. Opening a brick-and-mortar location was a long-awaited dream.

Only a month after Mixteca officially opened its doors, the restaurant’s operations were interrupted by COVID-19. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, Mixteca has remained resilient in its mission to bring the recipes and flavors of Oaxaca, Mexico, to Portlanders.

“We would like to invite people

who would like to try fully authentic Mexican food,” Felipe says.

Mixteca offers typical Mexican food favorites, like burritos, tacos and tamales, but they’re best known for the Oaxacan dishes that would be hard to find anywhere else in the city. For Asunción, creating this indigenous experience and reconnecting with fellow Oaxacaños has been one of the most special parts of running Mixteca restaurant and catering.

With a full bar offering mezcal and



Mole sauce is a staple in Oaxacan dishes. Here, homemade tamales are wrapped in banana leaves and topped with mole. Choices for fillings include pork, chicken, vegetable and vegan. (Mixteca Mexican Restaurant)

draft Mexican beer, Mixteca also is a great spot to stop and watch a sports game in a laid-back environment. In early December, Mixteca provided the perfect space for World Cup fans.

With Portland Community College’s Southeast campus right across the street, students often come in to grab a study snack between classes or a late-night dinner. Pay a visit to Mixteca to try some of the students’ favorite dishes for yourself.

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Humane Society Behavior and Rescue Center opens



BY LISA LAKES

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The building housing the Oregon Humane Society's Behavior and Rescue Center is ready for occupancy. The facility will host two populations. The section of the building designated as an emergency rescue center will cater to pets removed from abuse, neglect or hoarding situations.

The other section will house dogs and cats with behavioral issues. These pets will complete their training in the Behavior Modification program and learn new skills so they can be adopted.

The building is directly north of the new community hospital so medical care is readily available. The facility will allow staff and volunteers to work with pets that have experienced trauma to become happier, healthier family members.



A major tenet of the humane society's mission is to prevent animal abuse, neglect and other crimes. When a case is reported, the officers in charge have the power to take animals into protective custody pending an investigation. Often this involves a large number of animals that frequently are in poor physical and emotional condition. In the past, this meant creating large, temporary spaces to house the affected animals. The new rescue center will allow OHS to quickly move these animals into clean humane spaces where they can be cared for pending an investigation and potential legal trial.



LEFT: The common room for cats gives them plenty of sensory stimulation and visual enrichment.

FAR LEFT: A typical kennel for cats.

BELOW: Annika Howland, the Behavior Modification program manager, points out the natural light and soundproofing in the new dog kennels. (Lisa Lakes)

The Behavior Modification program is staffed by professional trainers and volunteers who work with pets experiencing challenging issues such as reactivity, overstimulation and fear. These pets required dedicated time to learn new behaviors before they can be placed in their forever home.

The new space has been designed with these pet needs in mind. There are larger kennels, state-of-the-art soundproofing, and windows that provide natural light. The outdoor runs have slats in the fencing to reduce triggering reactive animals that

are distracted by other dogs or people. The catteries have windows that provide natural light and look out on small gardens, so the cats have added visual enrichment.

Enclosed office spaces have large windows overlooking the kennels, so behaviors can be observed. Training rooms and commissaries are tucked into accessible spots. "Real-life rooms," which mimic normal living spaces, are available so staff and volunteers can acclimate pets to indoor life. A large chip yard (also enclosed) is near so that dogs can play off leash and expel excess energy.

Annika Howland, the Behavior Modification program manager, said, "The BRC [Behavior Rescue Center] is dedicated to the behavioral rehabilitation of shelter animals to better prepare them for adoption and also expands OHS's capacity to provide care for animals that have been rescued from natural and man-made disasters.

"These services will be transformational for pets and people in this community and beyond. Our goal is to help animals stay with their families. Giving these dogs time to settle, come out of their shell and grow with training in a safe space helps us match them to their perfect home for long-term placement success. When we understand the dogs better, we can help them find their perfect home."



The cattery common room has windows that provide natural light and look out on small gardens. (Lisa Lakes)



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Sweet Exchange

Alameda Elementary School students make the world a better place one cookie at a time

By Janet Goetze
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Nearly two dozen fourth-grade girls gathered for a cookie exchange, but they didn't keep all the sweetness for themselves.

The Alameda Elementary School students also packed tins of cookies for emergency family housing.

Some of their parents pitched in with boxes of diapers, baby wipes and snacks for the families, too.

A half-dozen girls envisioned the project as a way to help their community, and they invited friends to join them, said Temple Martin, one of the mothers. In developing good community members, Martin said, parents hoped the girls would learn ways to solve — or at least alleviate — problems and not just complain about them.

In addition, the girls had fun baking and sharing time with family members. Some of them really liked their cookies, too.

Hazel Weedam baked her two dozen cookies — one for the exchange and the other dozen for the homeless shelter — with her grandmother. Kira Sakamoto baked what



she called a simple recipe for peanut butter cookies.

"I really love peanut butter," she said.

Penelope Carpenter baked stained-glass cookies. They came in many shapes with cut-outs showing translucent colors of sugar, like pieces of a stained-glass window. Brooklyn Siegel said she undertook her

baking with the idea of helping a family in need.

After the girls packed a variety of cookies in each of about 45 tins, they decorated the lids with artwork and messages.

The gifts were delivered to emergency family housing, a repurposed motel, operated by Our Just Future, formerly known as Human Solutions. It partners with the Joint City-Multnomah County Office of Homeless Services. The Our Just Future website explains that it is a multicultural organization with programs focusing on stable and affordable housing, economic agency and an end to poverty.

The girls' project, student Asha Clark said, "is to make the homeless feel they are loved. And so, they feel better and that they are gifted, and they are the hearts of the friends they have."



Hazel Weedam baked cookies with her grandma and then decorated them in brightly tinted frosting. A group of Alameda Elementary School fourth graders donated cookies, diapers and other items for a family homeless shelter. (Janet Goetze)



Ann Fort inspects the tins of cookies she and a group of fourth-grade friends baked for a family homeless shelter. Each girl baked two dozen cookies, saving one for the shelter and the other to exchange among themselves. (Janet Goetze)



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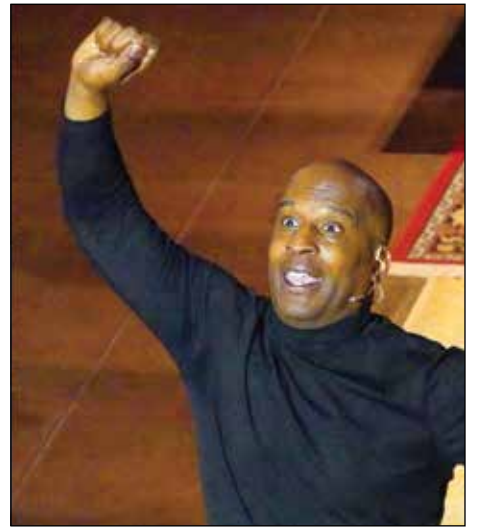
★ STAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Devin Bernard's paintings, including this one titled "Night Visitor," will be on display at Guardino Gallery Jan. 5-24. (Guardino Gallery)



Flutist Adam Eccleston (above left) and actor Darius Wallace pay tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. in a musical drama Jan. 14 at the Patricia Reser Center for the Arts in Beaverton. (Joe Cantrell)



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

KIDSTEENS AND FAMILIES

ARTS CLASSES SET

Jan. 3. 3:45-4:30 p.m. Continues Tuesdays to Feb. 28. Youth art class, for youngsters 6 to 12, includes supplies for drawing, painting and other media. Projects may include fairy nightlights, succulent gardens and birdhouses. \$180; financial aid is available. 503-284-3377. necommunitycenter.org/youth-dance-art-classes/. Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave.

BABIES ENJOY BOOKS

Jan. 4. 11:15-11:45 a.m. Babies up to 12 months, with a favorite adult, enjoy songs, rhymes and sharing a book together in a Book Babies session. Young



Movie Madness University, the educational arm of the Hollywood Theatre, shows films in its modern miniplex. (Movie Madness)

children hear language, rhythm and melody while adults get acquainted. Free. 503-988-5123. Gregory Heights library, 7921 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

FAMILIES SHARE STORIES

Jan. 6. 10:15 a.m. Family Storytime for children up to age 6, with a favorite adult. They enjoy books, songs, rhymes and movement activities. They can build language and literacy skills. Room capacity is 30 people. Free

tickets available 15 minutes in advance. 503-988-5123. Hollywood library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St.

KIDS ENJOY DANCES

Jan. 6. 3:45-4:30 p.m. for 6- to 8-year-olds; 4:45-5:30 p.m. for 9- to 12-year-olds. Continues Fridays. Youth dance classes offer hip hop, salsa, Latin flamenco, bachata and meringue while working on flexibility, balance and coordination in an engaging way. \$140; financial aid available. 503-284-3377. necommunitycenter.org. Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave.

TWEENS AID LIBRARY

Jan. 10. 4:30-6 p.m. The Tween Council, for kids ages 9-12, helps the librarian choose the best books, movies, comics and programs for the age group. Member-volunteers may work on special projects to create a "perfect library." Room capacity is 20 people. 503-988-5123. Kenton library, 8226 N. Denver Ave.

ENJOYARTS

STUDY FOUR FILMS

Jan. 4. 6:30 p.m. Movie Madness University, the educational arm of the Hollywood Theatre, offers a four-film "crash course" in the work of Chantal Akerman and the critical reassessment of her work. No lecture, but films are curated by staff experts. \$30. Mask, vaccination proof and ID are required. To learn films: education@moviemadness.org with "class title" in subject line. Registration: www.hollywoodtheatre.org/events/crash-course-chantal-akerman/. Movie Madness Miniplex, 4320 S.E. Belmont St.

GUARDINO SHOWS WORKS

Jan. 5. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Continues to Jan. 24: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, closed Monday. Paintings by Devin Bernard are showing in the main gallery. Paper constructions by Ken Overman are in the feature area. 503-281-9048. Additional works on guardinogallery.com. Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

FILM COURSES SET

Jan. 5. 6:30 p.m. Movie Madness University offers

"Arthouse Horror: Origins." These films begin in the 1940s with influences today. Other four-film courses continue: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 7, "What Is Movie?"; 6:30 p.m. Jan. 9, "The Art of the Noir: Into the Dark," analyzing structure to determine what the genre is; 6:30 p.m. Jan. 10, "Iconic Queer Ancestors: Derek Jarman," exploring the impactful career of the painter and filmmaker; 1-3 p.m. Jan. 14, "What is Cinematography?" Prices range from \$45-\$75. Mask, vaccination proof and ID are required. Registration: www.hollywoodtheatre.org/events/. Movie Madness Miniplex, 4320 S.E. Belmont St.

OPEN HOUSE SLATED

Jan. 7. 5-8 p.m. First Saturday open house and an opportunity to see the home schools show. A 6 p.m. performance is scheduled by artist Intisar Abioto, who works within and between the forms of dance, photography, prose and poetry. info@oregoncontemporary.org. Oregon Contemporary, 8371 N. Interstate Ave.

HEAR 'OPEN MUSIC'

Jan. 11. 7:30 p.m. The Oregon Symphony presents open music with Vijay Iyer, composer, pianist, bandleader. Named Jazz Artist of the Year four times by Downbeat magazine, he has been nominated for a Grammy award. Tickets \$20 general, \$10 students. Masks encouraged. Check event for specific safety policies. Albertarosetheatre.com/event/Oregon-symphony-presents-open-music/. Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St.

FLUTE, DRAMA FOR MLK

Jan. 14. 7:30 p.m. To commemorate the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr., Adam Eccleston is the soloist for Mozart's Flute Concerto #2 with the Portland Chamber Orchestra. Actor Darius Wallace performs "My Words Are My Sword," set to music by Jasnam Daya Singh. The musical drama for orchestra and actor features a fusion of hip-hop, jazz and classical styles with the words of Frederick Douglass, Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, who sought to bring people of all races together in peace. Tickets \$19-\$44: thereser.org/event/my-words-are-my-sword/. Patricia Reser Center for the Arts, 12625 S.W. Crescent St., Beaverton.

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FOR SENIORS

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Jan. 3. 1:30-3 p.m. A food pantry features items provided by local businesses. Free. 503-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

MEET THE CENTER

Jan. 5. 10 a.m. Those new to Portland or new to the Community for Positive Aging & Hollywood Senior Center can learn what the center offers, how to get involved and meet staff and volunteers who can answer questions. Free. 503-288-8303 or staff@communityfpa.org. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

MOVEMENT WITH JOY

Jan. 9. 10:30 a.m. In Joy of Movement, participants

explore movement at their own comfort levels, individually and as a group, and create dance. Maximize physical potential, feel vital and energized and connect with others. Free. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

MEMORY CARE CAFE SET

Jan. 13. 12:30-2 p.m. The Memory Care Cafe is a social event for those with dementia, Alzheimer's or memory loss, accompanied by a friend or family member. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

EAT PIZZA, SEE FILM

Jan. 19. Noon. Pizza lunch. 1 p.m. View a film about the life of Jackie Robinson, hired by Branch Rickey in 1946 to break the color line in major league baseball. Stars Chadwick Boseman and Harrison Ford. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

SCHEDULE TAX HELP

Jan. 23. Begin making appointments for in-person tax assistance through CASH Oregon. The 90-minute appointments, beginning Feb. 2, are offered Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. New appointments will be announced every two weeks. Wear a mask to the appointment. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1840 N.E. 40th Ave.

INGENERAL

USE GOOGLE TOOLS

Jan. 4. 6-7:30 p.m. Google Tools for Small Business is offered online to help organize a small business. The class covers ways to set up templates and filters, how to use contacts for communication with customers, using project management tools, organizing documents, spreadsheets and files in Google Drive. Free. Registration required: multicolib.

org, click on Events & Classes, scroll to date and time.

EAT VIKING PANCAKES

Jan. 8. 8:30 a.m.-noon. Sons of Norway, Grieg Lodge, offers all-you-can-eat pancakes in a breakfast also featuring eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, tea and coffee. \$10 adults, \$6 children ages 3-10, free children under age 3. The Landhandel Nordic Boutique is open in the upstairs lobby. Norse Hall, 111 N.E. 11th Ave.

JOB HELP OFFERED

Jan. 11. 2 p.m. Job help is offered with a staff member to get started on the search, create a resume or cover letter, research career paths and refer applicants to helpful community organizations. Free. Appointments are about 30 minutes. 503-988-5123. Hollywood library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St.

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