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**MADISON HIGH SCHOOL NAME CHANGED TO HONOR FORMER PRINCIPAL LEODIS V. MCDANIEL**

When students return to the renovated school at 2735 N.E. 82nd Avenue in the fall, the former Madison High will be renamed for Leodis V. McDaniel, a former principal who was one of the few Black high school principals in Oregon in the 1980s.

The Portland Public Schools board has approved the name change, which was proposed by a renaming committee of students, teachers and community members. The committee gathered nearly 2500 community comments, made hundreds of phone calls and spent many hours considering an appropriate name, according to the school district. The change was made because the school originally was named for James Madison, the fourth U.S. president, who owned slaves.

Leodis V. McDaniel, a Lincoln High School graduate and community leader, was a vice principal at Madison and served as principal in the 1970s and 1980s. Before that, he taught science at MacLaren School for Boys and was a counselor at Adams High School. After moving to Madison, McDaniel led the school through desegregation and busing, according to the district.

"He was well known for his kind demeanor, contagious laugh, absolute integrity and his instinctual ability to deeply connect with all people," a district news release said. "He was popular with students and staff and earned numerous awards and accolades from the many community organizations to which he contributed."

"Having my school named after someone who I feel represents me and



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my peers is extremely meaningful and validating, especially after years of having a name with the opposite message," said student Athene Marston.

**NORTHEAST PORTLAND'S ST. PADDY'S DAY PARADE GOES VIRTUAL IN 2021**

A pandemic can't scuttle Portland's annual St. Paddy's Day Parade, proclaims Steve O'Slavik, the man in green with a big Irish grin. For 2021, the parade will be "VIRTUAL" on March 14.

"Don your best Sunday green, decorate bikes, strollers, cars and floats," he directs. "Take pictures or videos and send them to us through our website at www.portlandstpaddysparade.com."

The deadline for sending entries is March 7. Please limit photos to five, O'Slavik asks, "and keep videos short and concise." From the home page, click on the "2021 Virtual Parade Information" button and follow the instructions.

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The Grant Park neighborhood's annual St. Patrick's Day parade, coordinated by Steve O'Slavik, left, will be 'virtual' this year on March 14. The deadline for sending entries is March 7. (Portland Loves the Irish)

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**PARKS BUREAU PLANS PROGRAMS FOR SUMMER**

The Portland Parks and Recreation Bureau expects to restore its 2021 summer programming, using resources from a voter-approved levy. The bureau will transition from a fee-based model to a service-driven model that eliminates cost as a barrier for those who need programming the most, said Parks Commissioner Carmen Rubio.

The programs for all ages will be in safe, outdoor settings across the city, according to Adena Long, bureau director. The programs will be designed to meet public health guidance for COVID concerns, she said, and they will be flexible as conditions change.

When summer arrives, some sites and programs may need to operate at reduced or restricted capacity, Long said. All programming and participant capacity limits and locations are subject to change.

The long-standing free lunch and play program, to alleviate community hunger, will provide lunches to enjoy in parks or to take home. Free art and music activities also will be available for families, Long said.

Outdoor day camps, sports and art camps will be scheduled at 20 locations, as well as the SUN community schools program – a collaboration between the bureau and Multnomah County.

Other expected programs include Teen Nature Team for middle school students to connect with nature and environmental careers; Fitness in the Park, including outdoor yoga, exercise and Zumba classes; swimming at outdoor pools; outdoor events at community centers, Multnomah Arts Center and Community Music Center; and free arts, fitness, education and music videos at the bureau's YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/pdxparksandrec/videos](http://www.youtube.com/pdxparksandrec/videos).

**VIVIAN MCINERNY DIGS A WHOLE HOLE FOR YOUNG READERS**

Workshops often suggest using constraints to jumpstart writing. Grant Park neighbor Vivian McInerny has written a children's picture book using a hole as the thing that seems to restrict her writing. Instead it shapes the narrative.

Her book is "The Whole Hole Story," recently published on the Versify imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, with illustrations by Ken Lamug.

How to write about a hole? Well, a little girl named Zia has a hole in her pocket. Naturally, things fall through it. One day, even Zia falls through it. Then the fun begins. She discovers a fishing hole, a swimming hole and a watering hole, which brings out a lot of animals. As time goes on, her hole adventures bring an elephant to tears. We won't give away the rest of the story but, dear reader, be assured that it ends with good perspective.

McInerny, who has lived in the neighborhood for 35 years, is pleased with the positive reception her book has received from Publisher's Weekly, Amazon Editor's Picks and a Booklist starred review. Since publication, she's been doing virtual school visits, including one for students in London, where the book is due for publication.

McInerny, a former staff writer for The Oregonian, now writes personal essays for online sites, short fiction in several literary journals and young adult and adult contemporary fiction. She wrote and rewrote the story about Zia and the hole over time but gained no interest from literary agents. She rewrote some more, and then sent the book on her own to a publisher. Children's author Kwame

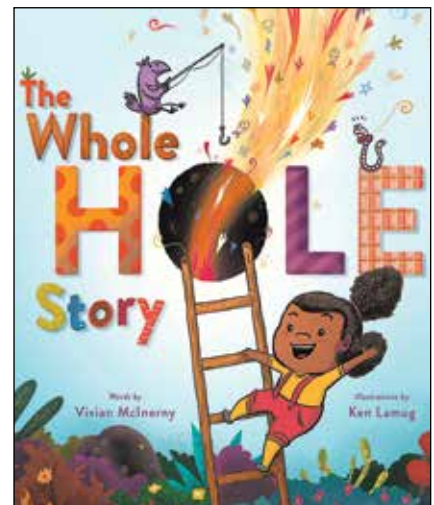
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The Versify imprint of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt recently published 'The Whole Hole Story,' a children's book by Northeast neighbor Vivian McInerny, left. (Vivian McInerny)

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The Woodlawn Farmers Market, which serves Woodlawn, Piedmont and Concordia neighborhoods, plans to open on Saturdays this summer from June through October in the Dekum Triangle. (Woodlawn Farmers Market)

Alexander, whose ideas she has admired, curates the Versify division. He liked the book and helped McNerny toward the next steps of working with editors and with artist Ken Lamug.

“Broadway Books and A Children’s Place Bookstore in the neighborhood have been especially supportive and wonderful,” McNerny said.

**WOODLAWN MARKET SEEKS FUNDING**

Friends of the Woodlawn Farmers Market hope to raise \$10,000 by March 12 for several needs, including replacing supplies stolen after their trailer was broken into twice last year.

The volunteer-run market wants to continue offering matches for customers who use the federal SNAP benefit, or Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for low-income residents. The volunteers would also like to compensate local musicians who provide entertainment.

The market, which serves the Piedmont and Concordia neighborhoods as well as Woodlawn, is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays from June to October. The market is in the Dekum Triangle on Northeast Durham Avenue and Dekum Street.

The materials taken from the trailer include tents, tables, signage, speakers and a hand washing station, volunteers said. A donation button is on the website at [www.woodlawnfarmersmarket.org](http://www.woodlawnfarmersmarket.org). The email is [woodlawnfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:woodlawnfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

**HELP TRACK BILLS, DESIGN NEW LAWS**

To keep track of Oregon legislative bills, log on to OLIS, the Oregon Legislative Information System at [www.olis.oregonlegislature.gov](http://www.olis.oregonlegislature.gov). That’s the advice of John Calhoun of the Oregon Coalition on Christian Values.

Calhoun advised a recent meeting of the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty that if you want to help shape legislation, pick a topic and focus on it. Calhoun said his own topic is taxes, where the money comes from and how it is used.

“Become an expert. We have a part-time legislature,” he said. “The members need information and constituents’ thinking.”

He also advised forming a team and getting to know representatives and senators. It’s easier to talk to them when the legislature isn’t in session, he said. Bills may begin taking shape in the September before the legislature meets during odd years. It’s hard to get new bills introduced after meetings start.

Know committee chairs and get on

their mailing lists, Calhoun said. Attend hearings and submit written testimony, in person or virtually. Learn what opponents of the legislation are saying and frame testimony to anticipate their objections.

One of Calhoun’s current topics is taxation in relation to second homes. He’s also working on a COVID relief bill.

“It’s a long term process,” Calhoun said. “It doesn’t get done in a day.”

**LEAGUE ARRANGES CLIMATE DISCUSSION**

The Portland League of Women Voters is recording an online panel discussion about what we can do to reduce the threat of climate change. The March 12 discussion will be with local and state experts who are taking actions to address the climate emergency and environmental justice.

The panel will include Tim Miller, director of Oregon Business for Climate, speaking about the business perspective on climate change. Also invited are speakers from state and local government who are working on state-level climate change legislation or are carrying out the goals of the Portland Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund.

“The League of Women Voters supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations,” a news release says. Citing extreme weather already experienced in the country, it continues, “We cannot wait to start taking the actions needed to address our changing climate.”

The program will be recorded by MetroEast Community Media and available for viewing on YouTube and public access channels on March 12. Details about the program will be on the league website in early March at [www.lwvpx.org](http://www.lwvpx.org).

**SENIOR CENTER HIRES NEW ACTIVITY MANAGER**

The Hollywood Senior Center’s doors have been closed for more than a year due to COVID concerns, but it continues to provide services by telephone and activities by Zoom. The center has a new activity and event manager, Michael Murphy, who can help make connections for exercise and information.

Murphy joined the staff earlier this year. After in-person scheduling ended at the center, he said, participation in programs declined, due to many possible factors. Some people may lack the technology

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The Rocky Butte Farmers Market plans a comeback for the 2021 season, scheduled on the second Saturday of the month from June to October in the parking lot of Mannahouse Church. (Rocky Butte Farmers Market)

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or knowledge about how to use it, he suggested, yet might be able to use it with some assistance.

Among the activities and programs offered are beginning Tai Chi, Zumba, arthritis exercise, films, a food and cooking group and a virtual coffee klatsch where participants chat once or twice a week.

Murphy can be reached by email at michael.murphy@hollywoodseniorcenter.org or by phone at 503-288-8303, ext. 104. An activity and event schedule can be found by visiting www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org. The center staff noted that most staff are working remotely now and it may take longer than usual for them to reply to phone calls or emails.

**ROCKY BUTTE MARKET TO RETURN IN JUNE**

The Rocky Butte Farmers Market, cancelled in 2020 because of the pandemic, is making a comeback for the 2021 season, according to spokesperson Frances Dyer. The market is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second Saturday of the month, from June to October, in the parking lot of Mannahouse Church, 9200 N.E. Fremont St.

The volunteer-organized market will offer seasonal and locally grown foods and artisan products, especially for the historically underserved Madison South, Roseway and Sumner neighborhoods. Local businesses and neighbors have donated funds to support the market, said Ben Cutler, market president.

"We're focusing on building an inclusive market for emerging farmers and vendors that serves the needs of our diverse community," said Cutler. "Best practice COVID safety measures are in place to ensure the health and safety of our vendors, volunteers, customers and community."

Information about the market, volunteering and donating is at www.rockybuttemarket.com.

**LIBRARY SELECTS 'BOOK OF DELIGHTS'**

The Multnomah County Library has selected "The Book of Delights," by Ross Gay, as its Everybody Reads selection for its 2021 community-reading project. Gay, who is an award-winning poet, wrote the compilation of daily, lyrical essays over a year.

The essays include a wide range of topics, from the natural world to Gay's experience living in America as a Black man.

"Ross Gay's essays are a needed burst of sunshine at a time heavy with rage, sorrow and pain," said Vailey Oehlke, library director. "He encourages us to exercise our

delight muscle every day and to 'attend to the ways we make each other possible.'"

Copies of the book are available at neighborhood libraries, while supplies last, and downloadable audio books are available from the library catalog, thanks to The Library Foundation.

Two free, facilitated discussions about the book are planned. One is 3 p.m. March 16. The other is 6 p.m. March 30. The gatherings on Zoom will include a short reading or recorded video performance by the author, followed by a discussion. Registration is required at www.multcolib.org/events/discuss-book-delights/117927 for the March 16 discussion and the ending number is 117928 for the March 30 discussion.

An online author lecture is scheduled 6-7:30 p.m. April 8. Gay will speak for about 30 minutes and then will be interviewed by local author Lidia Yuknavitch. Ticket prices vary and are available through Literary Arts at www.literary-arts.org.

**ARTISTS SET DATES FOR OPEN STUDIOS TOUR**

Artists in the metropolitan area may apply until March 14 for the Portland Open Studios tour, which features artists at work so that the public can witness art in the making. The tour was online last year because of COVID concerns, but it could be different this year, according to co-leaders Kirista Trask and Leah Kohlenberg.

The juried show will have three artists serving as its 2021 panel of judges. They include Samantha Wall, who has shown work regionally and nationally; Maya Vivas, a multidisciplinary artist working in a variety of mediums; and Taimani Emerald, creator of whimsical illustrations that carry a message of kindness, anti-racism and community empowerment.

Tour dates will be Oct. 9, 10, 16, and 17. Information about the event and application is at www.portlandopenstudios.com.

**CORRECTION**

A story about recycling material left from holiday gift packing, published in the February issue, incorrectly identified that material. It wasn't Styrofoam™ according to a spokesman for DuPont de Nemours, the manufacturer of that material. Materials in packing and for such things as disposable cups are expanded polystyrene foam (EPS) made by different companies. Styrofoam™ is extruded polystyrene (XPS) insulation, a high performance, closed cell foam used to insulate buildings. It is blue or gray. The Star News regrets the error. ★

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# Gardening seminars go online to offer tips

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The daffodils are up, the camellias are blooming and the soil is growing warm. It's time for the gardening webinars planned by the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, a local government unit that helps people keep water clean and soil healthy.

The webinars include "Naturescaping," a half-day session which offers site planning ideas and ways to reduce or eliminate chemical use, said Rhessa Ramdeen, the district's urban outreach and education intern.

Other sessions offer ideas for creating an edible landscape, attracting pollinators, selecting native plants, attracting beneficial insects and creating "rain gardens" that help restore urban streams and reduce pollutants.

The online sessions are free but require registration at [www.emswcd.org/workshops-and-events](http://www.emswcd.org/workshops-and-events). Most webinars have a maximum of 100 "seats," but a few have 150. If a March session is filled, more are scheduled for April and May.

More gardening information is available from the Oregon State University Extension Service and its master gardener program. Oregon residents may submit questions online at [www.extension.oregonstate.edu](http://www.extension.oregonstate.edu). The website offers "Ask An Expert" sections for pollinators, fruits, flowers, vegetables, lawns and gardening techniques.

The conservation district has offered its classes for more than a decade, Ramdeen said, developing subjects based on its



A native bee, left, finds nectar in a Nootka rose. Center, a bee visits a Douglas aster. Right, Oregon iris is among the flowers that participants may learn about in a class on native plants. Classes include sessions on planting to support birds, bees butterflies and other wildlife. Some classes attract those who prefer an edible landscape rather than more lawn. (East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District.)

educational goals and the interests of residents of the district, which includes Multnomah County on the east side of the Willamette River.

In recent years, for instance, many homeowners have been seeking a landscape or naturescape with less lawn. Grass must be mowed and also requires additional water without providing much natural habitat, Ramdeen said.

In the naturescaping session, scheduled 1-5 p.m. March 28, participants assess their yard for shade, full sun, partial sun and which plants do well in each situation. They learn about the benefits of native plants, which usually require less water and pesticides to thrive.

Urban weeds, scheduled 9-11:30 a.m. March 6, is another popular session with tips on how to control or get rid of the pesky plants. The session also outlines which weeds

may be dangerous for the environment and which must be removed with care.

The conservation district encourages methods that don't require sprays because of their potential danger for bees, butterflies, birds and other wildlife. That often means pulling or digging up weeds and then staying on top of new outbreaks. Another method is placing cardboard or newspapers over weeds, called "sheet mulching," to block sunlight. If this fails to kill the weeds, it at least weakens them so they are easier to dig or pull up.

One environmental nuisance is "purple loose strife," a very pretty plant that can blanket waterways, restricting flow and oxygen levels, Ramdeen said. The weed has been a problem at Oaks Bottom, she said. Another dangerous weed is the "giant hog weed," which has a toxic sap. Edible landscaping, scheduled 6-8:30 p.m.

March 18, offers natural, organic ways to grow food and how to decide which fruits or vegetables to select.

"Think about what you like to eat and what you plan to do with it," Ramdeen said. If you want fresh berries, for instance, you would have fewer bushes than if you want enough to make preserves. If you like tomatoes, think about which varieties may be most prolific.

"As a beginning gardener," Ramdeen said, "I like a little excess. It forces you to make friends with your neighbors. You form community that way."

Beneficial insects, planned 9-11:30 a.m. March 27, is a session to assure gardeners that not all bugs are bad and why some are needed. A separate session for attracting pollinators to the urban garden is scheduled 9-11:30 a.m. March 13. Participants may learn how to identify ladybug larva and how to attract native bees and honeybees, which are both needed for local pollination, Ramdeen said.

Attracting pollinators usually means selecting the flowers they need for food and coordinating the arrival of insects with the time the flowers bloom.

A session on native plants is planned 1-3:30 p.m. March 14. A session for planting to support wildlife is scheduled 6-8:30 p.m. March 16.

Besides landscapes, the OSU Extension Service suggests planting an herb garden, with plants like parsley, sage, chives or lavender, by choosing a sunny spot and planting seeds or transplants as soon as the danger of frost has passed. ★

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**★ STAR DEVELOPMENT NEWS**

**TRIMET, BRIDGE HOUSING COLLABORATE TO BRING AFFORDABLE HOUSING TO HOLLYWOOD TRANSIT CENTER**

For the past 35 years, the Hollywood Transit Center has been an intersection for buses serving downtown, St. Johns, Gresham, Milwaukie and TriMet's regional light rail service. Now, the site is headed toward becoming home to 213 low-income households. Dubbed Hollywood Hub and proposed by TriMet and Bridge Housing, the project is in its community engagement stage, prior to applying for state and city funding this spring or summer. Construction is planned to begin in 2022. TriMet will continue to own the property and Bridge Housing will own and manage the apartments.

Affordable housing is slated to be included in phase one of the project, in a structure parallel to Interstate 84. Additional residential and commercial space is planned for phase two. Also included will be a rebuilding of the ramp to the freeway overpass and MAX station entrance, at which time a permanent memorial to the deadly MAX attack of May 2017 will be included.

Parking access will be from Northeast Halsey Street and the building will be fully accessible with at least two elevators. Because bus lines serving Hollywood Transit Center will have to be adjusted, TriMet is also engaging riders on how best to make that happen. For more information, visit [www.hollywoodhubpdx.com](http://www.hollywoodhubpdx.com).

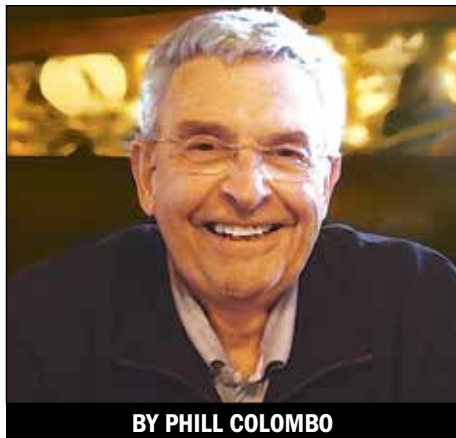
**TARGET PLANS OPENING FOR NEW HOLLYWOOD STORE THIS MONTH**

Minneapolis-based, big-box retailer Target Corp. has announced plans to open its new store in the Hollywood district on March 14.

The 42,000-square foot space, adjacent to Hollywood Transit Center at 4030 N.E. Halsey St., was recently home to a Orchard Supply Hardware store. Before Orchard Supply renovated the building for retail, it served as a neighborhood bowling alley for more than 50 years – first as Timber Lanes and then as the Hollywood Bowl. The 42,400-square-foot building was built in 1963 and is owned by Wilshire Lucas Investments of San Jose, Calif.

"We're excited to bring an easy, safe and convenient shopping experience to new guests in the community with this new Target store," said a Target spokesperson.

Target Regional Development Manager John Dewes and Heather Sexton, the retailer's lead design project architect, originally announced the Hollywood project in 2019, with plans to open by October, 2020.



BY PHILL COLOMBO

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After a series of industry-wide delays due to the COVID pandemic, the project is back on track and will open six months later. Due to supply logistics, Target has deployed a strategy of only opening new stores during the months of October and March. Missing this window would have likely resulted in another six month delay.

Dewes said the Hollywood Target would be a "small-format store," under 80,000 square feet, compared to big format Target stores that are as large as 180,000 square feet.

"Aside from space, the main difference is in the merchandise we carry," he said. "We would not carry in the Hollywood store what we would carry in New York's Manhattan store. The beauty of the small store format is that it can be customized to meet community needs. We expect the kinds and types of merchandise carried will change over the first year."

Target expects to employ between 75 and 100 people, working on overlapping shifts, to keep the store open from 7:00 in the morning until 11:00 at night, seven days a week. For more information, visit [www.jobs.target.com](http://www.jobs.target.com).

**SULLIVAN'S GULCH ENTREPRENEURS RESCUE 110-YEAR-OLD CHURCH FROM LOOMING DEMOLITION**

Completed in 1910 and opened initially as the First Universalist Church of Good Tidings, a building on the southeast corner of Northeast Broadway and 24th Avenue has had several incarnations; as Grace English Lutheran Church, the Church of Divine Science and, most recently, Metropolitan Community Church of Portland. Fast-forward to 2021, and business partners Dustin Harder and Brody Day are planning a mid-summer opening of a restaurant, pub and brewery in the space.

Late in 2018 when Day and Harder first heard the building might be demolished, they met with the church's pastor and elders to make an offer on the property. Day



TriMet and Bridge Housing will create more than 200 affordable housing units at the Hollywood Transit center under a multi-phased plan. Application for state and city funding is expected by summer 2021. (Hollywood Hub)



Target Corp. has announced plans to open its new store in the Hollywood district on March 14. (Jane Perkins)

said they are now in the finishing stages of a renovation that will turn the iconic landmark into a "neighborhood gathering spot" called Steeplejack Brewing Co.

"The ground floor level," Day explained, "will have a large, walk-in cooler and a kitchen. The upper level, in what used to be the church sanctuary, there's lots of space for a restaurant, full coffee service, TV room and great hall." There is so much room that several areas can be screened off for private parties.

According to Day, he and Harder have made substantial investments in the property, have employed artisans to make the place inviting and are keeping high standards for development.

"This is the fulfillment of a dream business we've had in mind for more than 20 years," he said.

Asked what will be done with the church furniture, Day responded, "We're using every piece of wood ... everything's being reused." As an example, he said some of the pews are forming entryway side tables. The new eatery will be accessible, he said "thanks to the last church congregation that had a chair lift installed near the front entrance."

Also planned for the summer is a relaying of the church cornerstone, originally put in place by President William Howard Taft in 1909. Day said neighbors will be invited to contribute messages for inclusion in the cornerstone

at a big neighborhood celebration.

For more information, visit [www.steeplejackbrewingcompany.com](http://www.steeplejackbrewingcompany.com).

**CULLY EXPLORES TAX INCREMENT FINANCING TO STEM DISPLACEMENT**

Cully Association of Neighbors officers explained to over three dozen participants in a February virtual meeting how an innovative plan to apply tax increment financing could soften negative effects of increasing property values. The creation of a Community-Led Development District would be aimed at investing in strategies to prevent displacement of vulnerable families from the neighborhood.

Funding would come from three-percent annual increases in tax revenue over a 20-year period, being set aside in a "tax increment financing bank account." After five years, developers and non-profits could borrow against this fund and pay back the money. After 20 years, the fund could grow to be as much as \$50 million. Investments would be aimed at saving Cully from future blight brought on by rising property values that tend to displace essential workers. Financing stipulations include having 45% of the funds spent on affordable housing.

A collaborative group including

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Work on transforming a church at 2400 N.E. Broadway into the Steeplejack Brewing Co. is expected to be completed this summer. Partners Dustin Harder and Brody Day are planning a celebration to welcome neighbors to their new space. (Steeplejack Brewing Co.)



**★ STAR DEVELOPMENT NEWS**



High quality meats, locally-sourced from area farms, are retailed at Piccone's Corner in Laurelhurst. Overcoming a year of obstacles, Austin Piccone opened his doors earlier this year and looks forward to making a bar and restaurant available as soon as COVID restrictions allow. (Piccone's Corner)

Hacienda CDC, Native American Youth and Family Center, Verde, Our 42nd Avenue, Habitat for Humanity, Cully Boulevard Alliance and Cully Coalition will engage community members in more than a dozen focus groups over the next month, where they will present the concept, encourage ideas and solicit support from women- and black-owned businesses and other interested groups. A finalized improvement district proposal, including how increment funds will be spent and the boundary line of the district, will be presented to city council for a vote on creating the district. For more information, visit [www.livingcully.org/tif](http://www.livingcully.org/tif).

**PICCONE'S CORNER NOW OPEN FOR TAKE-OUT, FARM FRESH CUTS OF MEAT**

After a year of overcoming logistical construction problems, a quarantine and, just last month, a 100-year snow and ice storm, Austin Piccone opened his business in Laurelhurst.

"We're excited to be open," said Anna Josephson, operations director for Piccone's Corner. "We are standing by and supporting smaller farms in the community and bringing a quality product to the store."

The final piece in development of what used to be an auto dealership, Piccone's Corner joins La Provence and other retailers and businesses at the crossroads of Northeast Sandy Boulevard and Imperial Avenue. Originally planning to open in early 2020, Piccone and his crew of nearly two-dozen employees (both at the store and on his farm in Sandy) overcame multiple challenges to arrive at a February, 2021 opening, only to be thwarted by the weather.

Now, the afternoon pace of the butcher shop has been brisk, and take-out orders are stacking up.

"We like what we see, and we'll be open

with a full bar and restaurant as soon as the COVID crisis allows," Josephson said.

The restaurant and bar at Piccone's Corner will be on the east end of the one-time automobile showroom, with the distinctive curved windows facing east. For more information, visit [www.picconescorner.com/](http://www.picconescorner.com/)

**PERMITS ISSUED**

**In Concordia at 6305 N.E. 36th Ave.,** Brandy and Adiam Mehretab have secured permission to build a new, three-story, single-family home with an attached garage. Last September a permit was issued to demolish a 915-square-foot, single-family residence that has been on the property since 1950.

**In Humboldt at 210 N. Going St. and 4531 N. Vancouver Ave.,** Milk and Honey Investments has permission to build two, new, two-unit townhouses. A deconstruction permit was issued in December for a 1160-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1906.

**In Kerns at 823 N.E. 29th Ave.,** Turk Investments of Cucamonga, Calif., secured a permit to deconstruct an 823-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1922. Plans are under review to construct a new, three-story, 19-unit apartment building.

**In Overlook at 1430 N. Killingsworth St.,** KOZ on North Killingsworth 2 of Snohomish, was issued a permit to demolish a single-story, 3872-square-foot office building built in 1975 along with the adjacent parking lot. The city is reviewing plans to build a new, six-story, 154-unit, mixed-use building with retail on the ground floor.

**In Sullivan's Gulch between 1610 and 1812 N.E. Multnomah St.,** GPAI Ridge of Denver, has secured permission to convert a 112,203-square-foot, multi-building hotel into a 168-unit apartment complex. ★

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# CULLY SET TO BLOSSOM IN SPRING

Spring gardening is in the air. In the Cully neighborhood, it's in full bloom! This month we'll be exploring a working farm, a taste trip to the Caribbean, a neighborhood appreciation day – with free cookies and coffee – and a garden center with landscape design services.

## CARIBBEAN SPICE GROCERY STORE

Caribbean Spice is an international market and grocery store specializing in Caribbean food staples. On their well-stocked shelves you'll find necessities and key ingredients like herbs and spices that are used in a variety of Caribbean meals, as well as African and Latin American dishes.

I visited the store with my daughter and her husband. My daughter studied abroad in Trinidad and fell in love with what was locally called Cow Heel Soup – basically a collagen-rich, tasty bone broth with added spices and vegetables. Owner Aruna Anderson showed us an extensive line-up of freezers, which included unique meats and cuts, including Burnt Cow Feet Cut – AKA cow heel! If you like bone broth, this cut of meat will increase the flavor, as well as collagen and protein to promote healthy hair, nails, and skin. You'll also find Halal certified goat meat, fish, chicken and other meats and cuts that are better known in other parts of the world.

Popular products include Walkerswood Jamaican Jerk Seasoning, flavorful Caribbean sodas (like Ting, Jamaican Cream and Sir Henry Ginger Beer Cordial), Marie Sharp's Belizean Hot Sauces, and a wide selection of West African dry goods. They even carry my favorite, Chief Curry Powder from Trinidad – which is full of flavor but not too hot or peppery. They also have a small, but lovely, cosmetics and hair care section.

Caribbean Spice has been in business for 20 years, 17 at the current location, after originally opening at Northeast 33rd and Killingsworth. Aruna's son Chris is now part of her team and is working on a business website that will launch soon. As people with big hearts who care about community, The Andersons support local jobs that help incubate restaurant start-ups. On Sunday and Monday you'll find pop-up food carts in the space beside their store. Caribbean Spice has supported local eateries around the city – including Akadi, Yadd Style, Jamaica House and plenty of Caribbean, Latin and African food carts – as a reliable source for specialty foods since 2001.

The shop is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Monday from noon to 8:00 p.m. Stop in, say "hi," and bring home some amazing flavor for your kitchen.

**ADDRESS:** 4516 N.E. 42nd Ave. **PHONE:** 503-493-2737. **WEBSITE:** www.caribbeanspiceinc.com (coming soon) **DON'T MISS:** Marie Sharp's hot sauces from Belize, Obiji Nigerian Palm Oil, Walkerswood Jamaican Jerk Seasoning, a wide selection of Caribbean sodas, and helpful cooking advice from Aruna Anderson.

## MISS ZUMSTEIN BAKERY AND COFFEE SHOP

Miss Zumstein Bakery and Coffee Shop is a friendly, quaint neighborhood gathering place known for its custom high-quality cakes for special occasions, artisanal pastries, seasonal cakes, cookies and desserts using classic American recipes – often with a twist. Owner Anja Spence has been in business since 2007, and appreciates the Cully neighbors (and beyond) who regularly visit the coffee shop and bakery to enjoy her sweet and savory treats and delicious Extracto coffee.

This month, seasonal breakfast and lunch specials include rhubarb hand pies and sandwiches with fresh spring greens. Quiche is back on weekends, with both vegetarian and meat options. Ingredients change, depending on what is seasonal and fresh from local Cully farmers, including Side Yard Farm and Red Truck Homestead. Cafe protocol requires masks, a limit of four customers inside at a time, and payment



The family team at Caribbean Spice includes Catherine, left, Fitzroy, Aruna and Christopher Anderson. (Caribbean Spice)

by card is politely requested.

In 2014, Anja's partner Bill Jones began producing and packaging a live culture hot sauce, Cocinita El Rey, which is available for retail purchase. It is delicious and should be used liberally on Miss Zumstein's quiche or breakfast burritos. Deep Roots Farm in Albany grows the chilis for the hot sauce.

Also, don't miss the delectable work of pastry chef Jade Fernandez, who creates one-of-a-kind cakes and pastries for weddings and special occasions.

You can see daily specials posted on Instagram, or come into the shop to pick up your goodies Thursday through Monday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. You can also call Miss Zumstein to place an order, or email with inquiries about special events, weddings, seasonal cakes, desserts, cookies or catering. Whether for a group or one person, Miss Zumstein is a great place to find your bliss!

**ADDRESS:** 5027 N.E. 42nd Ave. **PHONE:** 971-279-2746. **WEBSITE:** www.misszumstein.com. **DON'T MISS:** Get your green on during St. Patrick's week with Irish Soda Bread specials. March 15 is customer appreciation day. Come by for complementary Extracto coffee and cookies!

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Chris Anderson with Caribbean Sodas. (Barb Hughes)



Anja Spence, left, with Brooklynn Baron, Erika, Bill Jones and Jade Fernandez at Miss Zumstein Bakery. (Barb Hughes)

★ STAR STREETWISE

**SIDE YARD FARM AND KITCHEN**

The Side Yard Farm and Kitchen is an urban farm, catering company and venue space that has been located in Cully since 2009. Looking for organic, farm-fresh veggies? Side Yard still has about 10 Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) shares available for the 2021 season. If you'd rather grow your own food, check out their Garden Start CSA subscriptions – a unique monthly subscription plan for home gardeners that supplies plants and starts, at the perfect time for planting, from March until late August.

Seasonally, Stacey Givens and her team cook up seed to plate meals for take home or dine in. The menu is largely grown on the farm, and supports other local farmers and ranchers as well. Side Yard grows, harvests, cooks, preserves and smokes – using every part of the plant and bringing it back full circle, for dining on the farm where it all happens. Eating at Side Yard is truly unique and unlike any other restaurant experience in town. Events are small, intimate and space is limited. Stacey, a farmer and chef, hosts guest chefs, brewers, distillers, winemakers and artisans of all kinds throughout the season, who join her in making each dining experience unique.

Side Yard is currently offering brunches and dinners. A full schedule of fun “farmy” events begins in April, including a Farm Brunch on April 10, a Monthly Collaborative BIPOC Farmers Market on April 10, a Farm Dinner on April 16 and an annual Tomato Plant Sale and Happy Hour on April 17. Side Yard’s online farm store will be stocked again this season with plant starts and farm-made goods like pickles, pesto, spices and more. Check the website for updates and registration details.

For catering, Givens and her team work with clients for all occasions, every step of the way, to craft a custom menu and provide excellent service. Side Yard hosts events of all kinds at the farm and at other venues, following strict COVID guidelines and offering a contact-free dining experience. For more information and booking, email [thesideyardkitchenpdx@gmail.com](mailto:thesideyardkitchenpdx@gmail.com).

**ADDRESS:** 4800 N.E. Simpson St. **WEBSITE:** [www.thesideyardpdx.com](http://www.thesideyardpdx.com). **ONLINE STORE:** [www.side-yard-farm.myshopify.com](http://www.side-yard-farm.myshopify.com). **EMAIL:** [thesideyardkitchenpdx@gmail.com](mailto:thesideyardkitchenpdx@gmail.com). **DON'T MISS:** March 14 Farm Brunch and March 26 Farm Dinner. Garden Start CSA subscriptions are going fast.



Owner Stacy Givens masks up for harvest in a greenhouse at Side Yard Farm and Kitchen. (Shawn Linehan)

**PORTLAND BLOEM, PLANTS, POTTERY AND LANDSCAPE DESIGN**

Portland Bloem offers garden design services, plant sales and local seed sales. You'll find both indoor and outdoor plants, garden supplies, imported and local pottery, and home goods at this cute, local garden shop.

With spring starting this month, owner and founder Vanessa Guzman is stocking up on all types of outdoor plants. March through May are Bloem's busiest season, as industrious gardeners put their dreams into action. Perennial flower selection is probably at its widest range now. Through mid March, you'll find a new batch of drought tolerant evergreen plants, the backbones of any garden. Be on the lookout for all sorts of manzanitas, ceanothus (California lilac), leptospermum (tea tree plant) and wax myrtles.

If you'd rather have someone else do the planning and design work, Vanessa and her husband, lead designer Andrew Huie, work together to design dynamic garden spaces that can connect your built environment to the living nature surrounding it. They will consider unique site conditions, ecology and context, and aim to highlight those individualities by designing an outdoor space to relax, play and interact.

Vanessa and Andrew's design principles emphasize climate appropriate plants, regional hardscape materials, storm water mitigation and wildlife habitats. They're able to create a variety of spaces – from water-loving, rain gardens that collect runoff; to arid, xeriscape, dry gardens; to year-round shelter and foraging gardens for birds and pollinators. A garden consultation includes a one-hour site meeting and written review. Since so many of us are our spending time at home

now, it could be the perfect time to create your own private Shangri-La or friendly play space to enjoy.

The shop is open for extended spring hours Thursday through Monday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Find inspiration and freshen up your indoors and outdoors at Bloem!

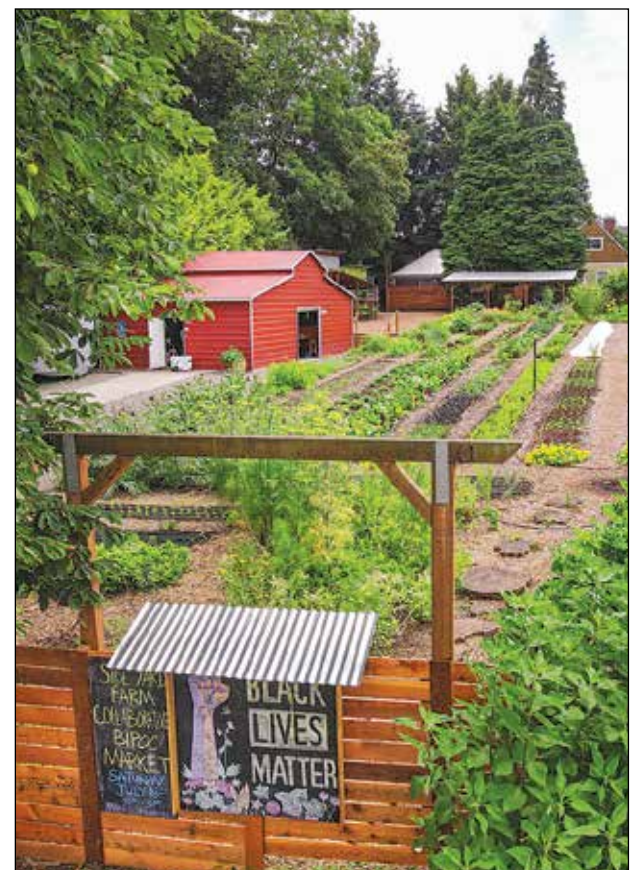
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Stacy Givens at at Side Yard Farm and Kitchen. (Shawn Linehan)



Andrew Huie, left, and Vanessa Guzman at Portland Bloem. (Portland Bloem)



Side Yard Farm and Kitchen in the Cully neighborhood. (Shawn Linehan)

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March 1. 6-7:30 p.m. An award-winning Audiobook narrator, Prentice Onayemi, helps teens and adults build read-aloud skills. He guides workshop participants through exercises to have them reading with confidence and enjoyment. Free. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**LISTEN TO A STORY**

March 4. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Continues Thursdays. Youth librarians lead a live storytime online with fun books, song, rhymes and more. Free. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**ENJOY BLACK STORYTIME**

March 6. 10-10:30 a.m. Stories help African and African American experience come alive for children from birth to age 6, accompanied by a favorite adult. Free online. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**LEARN 3D ANIMATION**

March 6. 2-4 p.m. Teens learn how make animation or model come to life in augmented reality. The technology allows students to visualize and imagine a world with superimposed images. Free. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**HEAR NATIVE STORIES**

March 24. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Master story teller Harvest Moon, of the Quinault Indian Nation, tells stories and sings songs for families, from the Northwest Coastal Salish tradition. Made possible by The Library Foundation with support from The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Fund. Free online. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**ARTSEVENTS**

**REALITY OR MEMORY?**

March 2. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Kelly Neidig's paintings contest the division between the realm of memory and the realm of experience. Adrienne Eliades shows ceramic work reinforcing the influence of routine and ritual with everyday objects used for eating. Justin Auld's cloud paintings speak to how humans seek to form sense within chaos. Through March 23. A new feature on the website is "Artists Showcase," showing art in the studio. Call about purchases. Wear a mask to visit. www.guardinogallery.com. 503-281-9048. Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

**DRAW FOR DELIGHT**

March 9. 6-7 p.m. Slow down and delight in the beauty of natural specimens while drawing, observing and learning about plants and animals. All skill and experience levels are welcome to draw detailed nature-based artworks. Free online. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**DISCUSS 'THE PROPHETS'**

March 9. 6 p.m. The Broadway Books Book Club discusses the highly touted debut novel by Robert Jones Jr., "The Prophets." In lyrical prose, Jones describes Isaiah and Samuel who tended to animals and to each other in a plantation barn. But an older fellow slave seeks to gain favor by preaching the master's gospel. The book is offered at a 20 percent discount until March 9. Register for the free book club at www.broadwaybooks.net.

**VIEW VARIED ARTISTRY**

March 13. 7 p.m. Junction features A-WOL Dance Collective, Tempos Contemporary Circus, Ela Fala and push/FOLD. Each local company contributes a unique piece to the four-part live stream performance. The show includes dance, acrobatics, physical theater and aerial movement. \$25 with opportunity to make additional donations to the companies and the Alberta Rose Theatre. www.albertarosetheatre.com.

**ENJOY 'DELIGHTS'**

March 30. 6-7 p.m. Join an online conversation about "The Book of Delights," the Everybody Reads 2021 book for Multnomah County Library. It presents a compilation of daily, lyrical essays written over a year by Ross Gay, an award-winning poet and author. Gatherings will include a short reading or recorded video performance by Gay, followed by discussion. Free. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**FORSENIORS**

**PRACTICE CHI KONG**

March 1. 9-9:45 a.m. and March 5 - 9:30-10:15 a.m. Continues via Zoom on Mondays and Fridays. Learn the practice of Chi Kong (Qigong) for strengthening the Chi or life energy for general health. Movements are combined with appropriate breathing and visualization. No stepping required, so balance isn't an issue. Free. Registration required. Find a link at www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org on the Virtual Events Calendar. 503-288-8303.

**MEET FOR COFFEE**

March 2 and 16. 10-11 a.m. Continues first and third Tuesdays. A virtual coffee klatsch offers a chance to check in and share news of the week through Hollywood Senior Center. Drop in with facilitator Paul Iarrobino. Find a link at www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org on the Virtual Events Calendar. 503-288-8303.

**MOVE WITH ARTHRITIS**

March 3. 11-11:50 a.m. Continues Wednesdays. Arthritis exercise offered via Zoom through the Hollywood Senior Center. 503-288-8303. Registration required with instructor Sandy Morales. smorales@email.com.

**CHAT ON FRIDAYS**

March 5. 2-3 p.m. Continues Fridays. Bring thoughts and interests to the Friday Afternoon Chat via Zoom with the Hollywood Senior Center. Find a link at www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org on the Virtual Events Calendar. 503-288-8303.


**STRENGTH IN ZUMBA**

March 5. 3-3:45 p.m. Continues Fridays. Zumba Gold is strength training and high energy, but some is from a chair and adaptable to each person's needs. Drop-in Zoom session through Hollywood Senior Center with instructor Jennifer Portnick. Find a link at www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org on the Virtual Events Calendar. 503-288-8303.


**DIG COOL JAZZ**

March 8. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Gordon Neal Herman presents "Billie Holiday: The Tragic Life of Lady Day," one of the great early jazz vocalists. Registration required for a Zoom presentation through Hollywood Senior Center. Find a link at www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org on the Virtual Events Calendar. 503-288-8303.

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On March 18, Pamela Slaughter, founder of POCO - People of Color Outdoors - will share stories, photos and tips about her group's adventures. (Oregon Metro)

**LEARN ABOUT MEDICARE**

March 17. 2 p.m. Cascade West Insurance will host an informal online chat about Medicare 101. Call Michelle at 503-780-0228 or email michelle@cascadewip.com for link to program.

**INGENERAL**

**WHAT IS DEMOCRACY?**

March 3. 6-7:30 p.m. "What is Democracy and Why Does It Matter? Our Right to Vote" is led by Donna Cohen, founder of Civics for Adults with a discussion led by SAGE. Explore what democracy means to those who created our country and how well the federal government represents people. Discuss the differences between declared and lived values and whether we should consider changes to our systems of representation. Free online. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**FACING NEO-NAZIS**

March 4. 6-8 p.m. Scot Nakagawa and Eric Ward were interviewed for "It Did Happen Here," a podcast about fighting neo-Nazis in Portland in the 1980s and 1990s. Join them as they talk about their work with the Coalition for Human Dignity and where the fight against white nationalists stands today. Free online. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**DELIGHT IN NATURE**

March 18. 6-7 p.m. "Delight in Nature: Reconnecting Black, Indigenous and People of Color to the Outdoors" is the goal of Pamela Slaughter, founder of POCO (People of Color Outdoors). She shares stories, photos and tips about her group's adventures. Free online. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**FIND CRAFTS IN SCRAP**

March 20. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Makers Market is a craft fair featuring items made from scrap and other materials from the waste stream. The makers say, "We provide responsible craftsmanship to give you peace of mind with your purchase." www.metalwoodsalvage.com. 503-715-5432. metalwoodsalvage@gmail.com. Metalwood Salvage, 4311 N.E. Prescott St.

**USE YOUR PHONE**

March 23. 6-7 p.m. Learn the basics of how to navigate and customize an Android smart phone or tablet. Free online. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123.

**FIND HISTORIC DETAILS**

March 26. 3-4:30 p.m. Learn techniques for using The Historical Oregonian for finding obituaries, researching house history and other information from the past in local newspaper articles. Free online. Registration required. www.multcolib.org or 503-988-5123. ★



On March 4, Eric Ward, left, and Scot Nakagawa will participate in an online discussion about their work with the Coalition for Human Dignity and where the fight against white nationalists stands today. (Multnomah County Library)

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Beaumont Hardware, left, and McMenamins Kennedy School in Concordia are two neighborhood businesses with job openings this month. (Star file photos)

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insurance, paid vacation, matching 401K and discounts. Previous related hotel or customer service experience is helpful. Apply online at [www.mcmenamins.com/jobs](http://www.mcmenamins.com/jobs) with job requisition number #Kennedy School 21-0186.

Cully-based nonprofit **VERDE** – which serves neighborhoods by building environmental wealth through social enterprise and advocacy – is seeking a new executive director, following Tony DeFalco's transition to a leadership position with Latino Network. Recruitment details can be found at [www.verdenw.org](http://www.verdenw.org). The ideal candidate will be a hands-on leader with skills in leading programs and operations; vision and strategy; relationship building with diverse partners; strategic resource development; and internal team building and collaboration. The new director will continue Verde's tradition of servant leadership by working with the low-income and Black, Indigenous and People of Color communities Verde serves. Prospective candidates can contact Verde's search consultant, Paula Manley, for a confidential conversation

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★ STAR ARTS AND CULTURE FEATURE

# Social distance is no problem for Alberta Arts tour

By Nancy Varekamp  
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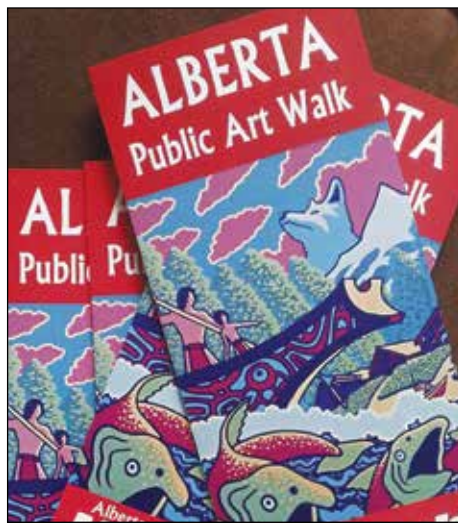
With warmer temperatures on their way – yet COVID-19 restrictions still in place – Alberta Art Works offers opportunities to stretch your legs and enjoy the street art of the Alberta Arts District.

The art works program offers public art walks in two forms, guided 90-minute tours and do-it-yourself brochures. For the latter, free maps are available at most galleries and in many stores on Northeast Alberta.

The maps cite more than 50 art features on the street and name the artists. They are available year round for tours at any time. For guided tours, mark your calendar to order tickets in May, when reservations begin at [www.albertaartworks.org](http://www.albertaartworks.org).

Maquette Reeverts serves as the guide for group tours. She's a member of the board of directors of Alberta Art Works, a nonprofit organization whose efforts create, initiate and nurture art, artists and art education in the community. Reeverts has lost count of the number of tours she has led over the past six years. Groups can range from handfuls of tourists to entire classrooms of students. Students from elementary schools through advanced degree programs have followed her and learned from her unscripted – but often-told – stories. Tourists come from out of town specifically to visit Alberta Street and local residents come from throughout the metro area.

Both printed and live, the tours offer information on public art on Alberta between 15th and 30th avenues. The art itself ranges from wall murals, light post



No tickets and no waiting are needed for an Alberta Art Works tour. Free maps are available in most galleries and many stores on northeast Alberta Street. (Alberta Art Works)



With the weather improving and social distancing still in effect, Public Art Walks on Northeast Alberta Street may appeal. Maquette Reeverts leads a 90-minute tour, including a stop at this mural on the eastern wall of Blind Insect Gallery. (Nancy Varekamp)

fixtures, sculptured metal entry signs and bus benches to ATMs, sticker art, sidewalk art, graffiti and more.

In a category of their own are the intricate designs of tiny tiles at Guardino Gallery and on the front walls of Mimosa Studio. The latter displays larger tiles, painted by children in 2002. Even the Alberta Street trash receptacles are pieces of art, thanks to an Alberta Main Street project from 10 years ago.

"There's nothing new about public art," Reeverts explained. It dates back to at least as long ago as Roman wall paintings in Pompeii.

Graffiti is a serious form of public art that gave voice to settlers in wagons traversing the Oregon, California and Mormon trails. At least two large rocks

where settlers chiseled their names appear on the National Register of Historic Places. It was the settlers' way of saying "I was here." And the art form lives on.

"Graffiti is currently the largest worldwide art movement," Reeverts explained. Some has made its way into galleries, and renowned street artist Shepard Fairey's work appears on Alberta Street, with a poster in the Community Cycling Center.

A side note from Reeverts about the cycling center is the massive effort that went into the mural on 17th Avenue, on its west wall. Fifty volunteers participated in painting it. All of the forms of public art – on Alberta Street and elsewhere – have at least one element in common. They are statements – social, cultural, economic and political – from their

artists, even taggers.

That's not to say Reeverts respects how taggers choose to make their statements. When visiting one of her favorite murals, she pointed to tags outside the edges of the mural. "That's dog pee," she noted. But even taggers determined to leave their mark are choosing locations near murals instead of on top of "statements" that mural artists toiled to create.

"Murals are the best form of graffiti abatement to date," Reeverts pointed out. That's one of the reasons art works collaborates with building owners, businesses and artists to continue populating Alberta Street with them.

Another reason is to keep Alberta Street a beautiful place to live, work and visit. ★



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**PAULSEN'S PHARMACY SEES 103-YEAR HISTORY IN HOLLYWOOD COME TO END**

After 103 years, the Hollywood district has lost a piece of its history with the January 27 closing of Paulsen's Pharmacy. The pharmacy was heralded in a 2014 issue of the Star as Hollywood's longest continuously operating business.

"It came down to the drug buying current reimbursement for small, independent pharmacies," said Joe Amspoker, who became general manager of Paulsen's after it was purchased by Haller's Pharmacy Group – a collection of independent pharmacies in California. "The margins were two and three percent. You'd buy drugs for more than you'd get reimbursed for."

Trade magazines and national news media have reported for years that many independent pharmacies are closing due to reimbursement reductions that cause them to lose money on the prescriptions they dispense.

Amspoker said it was within a year or two after his group bought Paulsen's in 2016 that the reimbursement reductions became an increasing concern. Reports vary on the number of independent pharmacies that have closed in the past few years. "It's very sad," Amspoker said. "Across the nation, capitalism at its best and its worst."

Amspoker was pleased with the outcome of Rite Aid taking over Paulsen's client list and inventory. "We almost looked at it as a partnership. They saw an opportunity to expand their customer base, and they made the commitment to do free delivery and uphold Paulsen's standards of customer service."

Gary and Karen Balo, who owned and operated Paulsen's Pharmacy for 45 years before selling to the Haller's group, agreed that reimbursement practices are unfair and have taken a toll on the industry.

"We are saddened over the closing of any small business, especially Paulsen's Pharmacy," he said. "A big shout out to all the generations of patients who supported us."



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**FAIRLEY'S GETS NOD TO ADMINISTER VACCINE**

Fairley's Pharmacy in the Roseway neighborhood is one of four independent pharmacies in the Portland area that will administer COVID-19 vaccinations. Delivery date for the vaccines is still to be determined.

Dan Lee, Fairley's owner since November, expects to receive 100 vaccination doses initially from the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program.

"It's going to go by really fast," he said. "Our goal is to give out our 100 doses as quickly as possible. As things become more streamlined, more vaccines should become available."

Priorities for people who receive the initial 100 doses are still being determined. Lee expects high-risk patients will receive highest priority.

"We'll try our best to accommodate our customers first," he said. "There are no guarantees. We want to make it as fair as possible."

The 108-year-old pharmacy is one of 6500 selected nationwide in early February to administer the vaccines. Plans are to boost that number of pharmacies to 40,000.

"Pharmacists are highly trusted and trained healthcare providers who have direct access to and knowledge of their patient populations," according to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "Pharmacists are trained to counsel patients, administer vaccine



Paulsen's Pharmacy closed in January and is likely to stay vacant until at least April, when its lease expires. During recent storm conditions, Joe Amspoker boarded the windows and doors after three break-in alarms. "People basically broke into the front door," he said. "I think they were looking for a warm place." (Nancy Varekamp)

and provide vaccine education, and pharmacies are readily accessible in communities – with most Americans living within five miles of a pharmacy."

For updates and more information, visit [www.fairleyspharmacy.com](http://www.fairleyspharmacy.com).

**WITH BINKSTER, HAPPY HOUR CAN BE AT HOME – OR BAR**

When life gives you lemons, make Whiskey lemonade and deliver it to your customers. That's what the owners of Binks Bar decided to do in January when no one could predict when indoor dining would resume. During Binks' 20th year of business in Concordia, owners Jason and Bianca Youngers realized they needed to modify their business plan.

"We could never have expected that

times would be as strange as they are," Jason Youngers said.

He and his wife developed a new delivery concept called [www.binksterpdx.com](http://www.binksterpdx.com). They tested it with a soft opening and launched it in mid-January. Although they were allowed to re-open the doors at 2715 N.E. Alberta St. in mid-February, the delivery business continues and the establishment's slogan is now "Binks Bar ... at your place or ours."

"We're trying to bring a small slice of the bar experience to your home and help you have a little fun, relax, de-stress, treat yourself and party down," Jason Youngers explained.

Available are take-and-bake pizza, lasagna, snacks, growlers, cocktails, items from the online bottle shop, flowers, gifts, CBD and more.

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The team at Fairley's Pharmacy in Roseway hopes to begin administering COVID-19 vaccinations soon. Initially, Owner Dan Lee, right, expects to receive 100 vaccination doses from the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program. Delivery date is still to be determined. (Barb Hughes)



Binks Bar in Concordia is a family-run business owned by the Younger family. Bianca, center, and Justin Younger, right, have developed a new delivery concept called [www.binksterpdx.com](http://www.binksterpdx.com). The establishment's new slogan is 'Binks Bar ... at your place or ours.' (Binks Bar)

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The delivery site provides customers the ability to send items to friends and colleagues and invite them for Zoom happy hours. Customers who order before midnight on Wednesdays may select weekend delivery windows.

“Each week we will curate our list of offerings to reflect the best of what we’ve been enjoying lately, what’s fresh and in-season, and staples that we just can’t do without,” Younger said.

The website also offers items for sale to benefit nonprofit organizations and people struggling through the pandemic.

“We plan to invite more artists and startups to participate in this program, a sort of local GoFundMe where people can help people while getting a little something in return,” Younger said.

**NEW THAI RESTAURANT PRACTICES ASIAN FUSION**

Opening another Thai restaurant in a town already known for Thai food didn’t daunt three Portlanders from wanting to make new contributions to the local food scene.

“We wanted to be different from others, but still have traditional Thai foods at our restaurant, but in a fun way where we mix other countries with Thai cuisines,” Ammy Nguyen said.

Nguyen and partners Nong Namsri and Che Phatumratanachot had worked together for a few years at another local Thai restaurant. Nguyen’s parents are from Vietnam, and Phatumratanachot



Ammy Nguyen, left, Che Phatumratanachot and Nong Namsri were coworkers who became friends while working together at a Thai restaurant. In November, they opened their own space, Udom Somboon, at 2512 N.E. Broadway in Sullivan’s Gulch (Udom Somboon)

and Namsri knew each other in Thailand before they moved to the U.S.

The partners opened Udom Somboon in Sullivan’s Gulch in November, so food service was initially for pickup and delivery. In mid-February they opened their doors for indoor dining. New menu items are due in March. They remain undeterred by the pandemic and, just as their offerings are distinctive, so is their restaurant’s name.

“My partner Nong came up with Udom Somboon,” Nguyen said. Translated literally, it means “abundant.” Conceptually it means more. “He told us that we should imagine a kid who’s really

happy and full of food and life. Content with everything. That means Udom Somboon. We want our customers to be really happy, full of food and life after eating at our restaurant.”

“We didn’t want to be like other Thai restaurants,” Nguyen said, pointing to their katsu x khao soi. “Our take on this dish is to make it a dried khao soi with chicken katsu, influenced by Japan.” The Udom Somboon lemongrass chicken is influenced by Vietnamese lemongrass chicken, but ties the flavors with different Thai spices.

For updates and more information, visit [www.udsbpdx.com](http://www.udsbpdx.com).

**HERE WE GO AGAIN MOVES SHOP TO JOHNS LANDING, AND CUSTOMERS FOLLOW**

Here We Go Again may be gone from Sullivan’s Gulch, but loyal customers are now finding the resale boutique less than six miles away in the Johns Landing neighborhood. Owner Chris Gouger merged her northeast shop with her southwest location at the end of January.

“2020 was a stinker, for sure,” she said. “While HWGA has survived, we’ve not been immune to its ravages. Trying to find

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**Plenty of guinea pigs still available for adoption**



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Baby pigs Cairo and Luxor are an adorable result of the 250 guinea pigs that were taken in and cared for by the Oregon Humane Society. (Jenny Navis, OHS Volunteer)

In December, the Oregon Humane Society took responsibility for over 250 guinea pigs from a single owner in Lane County. Because many veterinarians do not spay and neuter guinea pigs, owners must seek out a veterinarian that treats “exotic” pets in order to effectively control overpopulation. Unfortunately, the Lane County colony became overpopulated and the owner did the right thing requesting assistance for their pig predicament.

Oregon Humane Society’s foster care community promptly took all the female pigs into care. Pregnancy watches commenced and many foster families were rewarded with baby piggies. The babies are a good size when born and fully covered with fur.

“We fostered a pregnant mama, and she had one baby, a girl, and we adopted both,” said one foster mom, Sara Wright. While some foster families have adopted one or more of their charges, plenty of guinea pigs are still available.

If you are considering adding a pet to your family this spring, why not consider a guinea pig? The domestic guinea pig (cavia porcellus, or cavy) are not native to Guinea and not related to pigs. They originated in the Andes and scientists suspect that they did not originate in the wild but were domesticated from other cavy species.

The piggies are very social, so it is recommended that you adopt two or more. Their lifespan is five to seven years. Enclosures for a pair should be a

minimum of ten feet and the flooring should be solid as wire bottom cages can damage their feet. Recycled paper or washable fleece is the preferred bedding. In addition, plenty of tunnels, huts, and wooden blocks for chewing keep them mentally active. Timothy hay, food pellets and small amounts of vegetables make up their diet. Because of their small size, they are suitable pets for apartments. Your pigs will let you know when they want a treat by vocalizing soft “wheet, wheet” sounds. As a former owner I can attest that Guinea Pigs are enjoyable and relatively easy to care for pets. To apply, visit [www.oregonhumane.org/guinea-pig-adoption-questionnaire](http://www.oregonhumane.org/guinea-pig-adoption-questionnaire). ★

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The pandemic forced Chris Gouger to adjust the business plan for her Here We Go Again resale shops. After more than 13 years with a second location in Sullivan's Gulch, she merged operations with her other store in Johns Landing. (Here We Go Again)



Jason Yovu, left, and Alec Stevens find Japanese cuisine is a perfect fit with the retro video games and craft cocktails at Retro Game Bar on the western border of the Woodlawn neighborhood. (Nancy Varekamp)

balance during all this has been a huge challenge. I've been fighting this outcome for 10 months and I simply cannot sustain both locations. It's a difficult and sad decision. I'm doing this to ensure HWGA's survival. We are not going out of business."

"I am mourning the loss of that sweet Broadway space with its century-old Acme two-ton safe upstairs. I swear they built the building around it!" Gouger wrote to customers in January. "I love that store, the vintage vibe of our tiled storefront and the history inside."

Next year will be Gouger's 30th in business, after originally opening on Southwest Barbur. The Johns Landing store opened in 1997 and the Broadway store followed in 2007. Two employees had staffed the Sullivan's Gulch store while Gouger worked solo in Johns Landing.

Merging the two stores not only enabled Gouger to keep both Amanda-Jean

McNamara and Andrea Gochez-Wilson on payroll, but allows her to now enjoy days off. Gouger is also pleased to see northeast customers visit the Johns Landing location. In fact, customers and consigners showed up with large vehicles to help her move.

"They've been very supportive," she said. "We're continuing to see our regulars come over."

**JAPANESE COMFORT FOOD COMES TO GAME BAR MENU**

Jason and Shira Yovu's Retro Game Bar had been in business for 10 months at 6720 N. MLK Jr. Blvd. in Woodlawn when the pandemic forced it to close its doors for last spring's first period of no indoor gaming, drinking or dining.

The owners rallied with a covered, heated outdoor patio, continuing to serve up craft cocktails and sticking

to a menu of gourmet hotdogs with creative toppings. They had stocked their indoor bar with games from a personal collection, which customers could play at various stations hooked up to vintage televisions. In the outdoor setting, some customers brought their own video gaming devices to play. But the imaginative hotdogs weren't selling. From the beginning, Jason Yovu reported, the hotdogs had taken a back seat to the 1000-plus video games and craft cocktails. In Retro Game Bar's new reality, the food didn't fare well for takeout or for delivery.

"People assumed they were just another hotdog," he said. Facing a lengthy ban on indoor dining beginning in November, the Yovus sought a different cuisine, and Japanese food topped the list.

"A lot of our video games come from Japan, and that's brought a lot of the Japanese culture over here," Yovu said.

The Yovus posted a Craigslist ad and Alec Stevens responded, passing an audition with his Japanese cooking skills. Customers are finding the food a good fit – both indoors at the bar, now, and at home. The menu items are easily packaged for takeout and take well to reheating, Stevens said.


"Japanese food is comfort food," he said. As a video gamer, Stevens enjoys the relaxation of sitting on a cozy couch, game controller in hand, with a serving of Japanese curry.

The Yovus dubbed the bar's kitchen "Yoshi's Kitchen" in honor of Stevens' great grandmother, who immigrated from Japan. Her skills and recipes were passed down to Stevens' mother and then to him. Shira Yovu designed a logo of a cheerful, elderly Japanese woman with a bowl of steaming curry. It now appears side by side with Retro Game Bar's logo at [www.rgbpdx.com](http://www.rgbpdx.com) and at the game bar. ★





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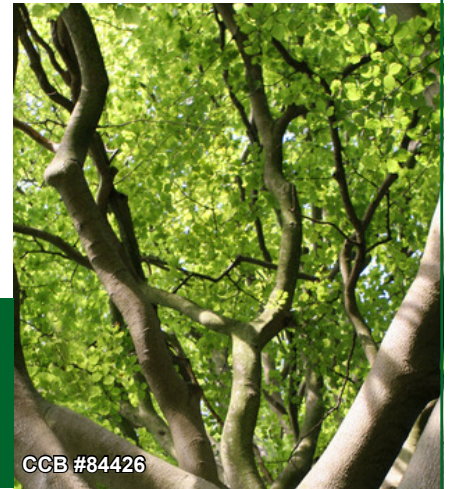
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### WHAT IS AN ADU?

An ADU - or mother-in-law apartment, or ancillary unit, or granny flat, cottage, etc.- is a secondary living space added to a single-family home. It can be created in a garage, over a garage, in a basement or attic, an addition built onto a home, a new detached structure, or integrated into the plans for a new home.

#### WHY CONSIDER AN ADU?

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#### Clean Gutters

Grab a ladder, and check your gutters for debris. Remove as much as you can with your hands (Don't forget to wear gloves!) Remove any leftover gunk with a garden hose. Take off any nozzle and have a helper turn on the water when you're ready. Shove the hose into the downspout to power out of gooseneck bends. Make sure your downspouts channel water at least five feet from foundation walls.

#### Scrub Walls, Baseboards and Outlets

Scrub all the walls — in the bathroom, kitchen, bedrooms and living areas — with a sponge or brush and mild soap and water. This includes baseboards and outlets. Make sure to completely dry outlet covers before replacing.

#### Replace Filters

Replace all filters including water, range hood and air vent filters. You should replace these filters every 3-6 months depending on the type of filter you have.

#### Clean Faucets and Showerheads

Unscrew the faucet aerators, sink sprayers and showerheads, and soak them in equal parts vinegar and water solution. Let them soak for an hour, then rinse with warm water.

#### Clean Out the Dryer Vent

A clogged dryer vent can be a fire hazard. To clean it, disconnect the vent from the back of the machine and use a dryer vent brush to remove lint. Outside your house, remove the dryer vent cover and use the brush to remove lint from the other end of the vent line. Make sure the vent cover flap moves freely.

#### Wash Exterior Windows

Hire a window-cleaning service to clean all exterior windows.

#### Keep Allergens Away

Keep dust, mold and pollen at bay by decluttering your home, checking pipes for leaks and keeping the air clean.

#### Check Foundation Vents

A house with a crawl space has vents along the foundation walls. The vents provide air circulation that helps prevent excess moisture and mold growth, and they prevent critters from taking up residence underneath your home. The screens collect leaves and other debris from fall and winter. Spring is a great time to clean them out and check for damage. Clean the vents by hand or use a shop vacuum. Repair any damaged screens — critters can get through even the smallest holes.

#### Clean the Grill

Your grill has most likely collected dust during fall and winter. Charcoal grills use a good scrubbing, gas grills need to be taken apart, scrubbed and inspected.

#### Prep Your Garden

You can't have a successful garden without good soil. Begin by clearing out all the weeds and debris then add a good compost to mix in with the soil. Check your tools, too!

#### Test Smoke Alarms

Test smoke alarms and CO detectors, and change out batteries as needed. It's cheap, only takes a few minutes and can save your family's lives.

#### Clean Outdoor Furniture

Outdoor entertaining season is just around the corner. Scrub off all the dirt from the furniture and patio. Clean cushion covers according to manufacture's instructions.