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Longtime Hollywood Booster Alfred Novacek passes in April

The Hollywood community lost a friend when neighbor and Hollywood Booster legend Alfred Novacek passed away on Tuesday, April 21 in Portland.

The son of John and Mary Hamsa Novacek, Alfred was born on June 15, 1935 in Brainard, Nebraska.

Alfred served in the Navy from 1957 through 1959 and was assigned to the Air Anti-Submarine Squadron Twenty-one, serving in Korea. He married Yvonne Liska in 1978 and they were together for more than 32 years.

An active member in Nebraska's and Oregon's Czech Communities, Alfred served as the Czech Society of Oregon's social and publicity committee chairman. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 1100, an active member of the Hollywood District Booster board and a coordinator of the annual Ross Hollywood Veteran's Day Parade.

Alfred organized a polka band and sauerkraut-making demonstration every year for Oktoberfest at the Hollywood Farmers' Market.



Polka from Czechoslovakia to the United States, after he heard it on a trip with his music in Prague to bring home and then recorded a version, singing with the Amy online of Alfred singing the Owl Polka for Czech Days festivals. Alfred also coauthored a book with Dr. Vladimir Kucera

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ALFRED NOVACEK Alfred is credited with bringing the Owl

mother in 1966. He tracked down the sheet Policky Orchestra. There are several videos about the history of Czechs in Nebraska. Alfred is survived by his step-sons Todd







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MAKING THE MOST OF LIFE AT A DISTANCE



Finley "Zipper" Morris, with his mother Eryca Morris, meets an Easter bunny on his sixth birthday when he couldn't invite friends to a party. Instead, North and Northeast residents wrote greetings on sidewalks and signs from apartments to mark his day. (Janet Goetze)

DOZENS OF NEIGHBORS WRITE NOTES FOR 'ZIPPER'S' SIXTH BIRTHDAY

Eryca Morris' son Finley, who goes by the nickname, Zipper, was about to turn six and couldn't invite friends to a birthday party. So she wrote a note on Nextdoor, the local communications platform, asking for people around the King neighborhood to write chalk greetings on the sidewalk for him to see during the family's daily walks.

She thought a few people – perhaps a half-dozen at most – would respond to her request. Instead, more than 35 people, from several North and Northeast neighborhoods, sent notes saying they would write greetings.

In addition to residents with sidewalks, at least two apartment dwellers promised to put out greetings.

One had a sign on the second floor of a building in the Boise neighborhood. Another hung a shower curtain with a greeting from a fifth floor apartment in Irvington.

In Piedmont, along Northeast Russet Street, the Easter bunny also greeted Zipper, whose birthday was the day before Easter this year.

The young man wearing the fuzzy white suit was Zavier Trujillo, 16, sometimes known as the "Z-ster Bunny." The costume belonged to his mother, Monika Trujillo, who periodically needs a bunny for her work as activities director at a long-term care facility.

Zipper initially seemed overwhelmed by the bunny, which was taller than he is. But, with his mom's encouragement, he finally was able to share a greeting with the tall rabbit.

More fun, however, was a Lego set from Joaquin Trujillo, 14, Zavier's brother. Joaquin has been a master Lego builder, and he just happened to have a box of the little blocks he'd never opened.

"So many people were creative, artistic and loving," said Eryca Morris. "Zipper thoroughly enjoyed the scavenger hunt."



A home on Knott Street put a teddy bear that can't be missed on the front lawn. (Janet Goetze)

GIANT BEAR, ORIGAMI CREATIONS DELIGHT NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS

Residents in many neighborhoods are placing teddy bears in windows, facing the sidewalks for families who take children on walks, promising a "bear hunt." The kids can gain some numbers savvy by counting the bears they see.

In the King neighborhood, one resident placed a big teddy bear face on the edge of a balcony. That one is easy to spot. Another one that can't be missed is along

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As Northeast neighborhood residents start writing plant names in chalk on sidewalks, another message of love is created with camellia petals. (Janet Goetze)

Knott Street near 32nd Court. It's a giant, balloon-like teddy bear sitting on the front lawn. It's appears around Christmas, too, and is still carrying its holiday candy cane.

In Laurelhurst, some residents were finding origami surprises in their mailboxes. A letter carrier –variously identified as Chrissie or Christi or Christy – is credited with leaving the miniature creatures, such as swans, created with her paper folding artistry.

"We found a bright yellow butterfly when we opened our box yesterday," said Susan Pryor. "It was a wonderful surprise."

PLANTS GET CHALK IDENTIFICATION AND KIDS WRITE MESSAGES

Another way to add interest to the daily walks – an impromptu garden tour – was an idea started on social media. Residents began identifying plants in their yards and writing the names with chalk on the sidewalk.

Along Northeast 22nd Avenue, north

of Tillamook Street, a gardener identified several plants. At a corner of the yard, was "cerinthe honeywort," with dark green foliage and purple flowers.

Along Northeast 10th Avenue, south of Stanton Street, chalk identified a bush with bright red blossoms as a camellia. In addition, the petals of fallen flowers were arranged to form a red heart in the center of the lawn.

At 19th Avenue and Brazee Street, a chalk message started a treasure hunt that continued south on 20th Avenue, with hunters looking for a green swing. Along the way, they saw greetings to friends written in chalk.

Sidewalks from 20th to 18th avenues revealed the thoughts of children. One wrote on the sidewalk: "Be Safe/ I Stay In/ For my grandparents." Drawings of flowers were around the edge of the message.

Hearts, a smiling cat, a smiley face and a smiling chick were drawn around another child's encouraging message: "Everything will be okay." − Janet Goetze ★



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MORE THAN 50 CANDIDATES SEEK CITY COUNCIL SEATS

The May 19 primary ballot features 54 candidates who are running for four nonpartisan seats on the Portland City Council. That includes the 19 candidates seeking the mayor's office – 18 plus incumbent Ted Wheeler.

Nine candidates are running for Council Position One, the seat held by Amanda Fritz, who isn't seeking reelection. Eight are running for Position Four, including incumbent Chloe Eudaly. If no candidate receives a majority of votes in these three positions, a runoff will be in the Nov. 3 general election.

Fourteen candidates are running in a special election to fill the remaining two years of the term for Council Position Two, held by Nick Fish until his death in January. If no one receives a majority of the votes, a run-off election will be Aug. 11.

Non-partisan candidates also are running for the Multnomah County commission and the Metro council. Candidates for state and federal positions, including presidential candidates, are listed on political party ballots. Two measures are on the local ballot. One would renew a vehicle fuel tax for street repair. Another proposes to support services to the homeless through a tax on higher income earners and business profits.

May 14 is the last day to mail a ballot with assurance it will arrive by 8 p.m. May 19, the official voting deadline, according to the Multnomah County Elections Division. The ballots come with a postage-paid envelope. Late ballots won't be counted and postmarks don't count.

Ballots not mailed by May 14 may be deposited before 8 p.m. May 19 at two drop boxes outside the Elections Division office, 1040 S.E. Morrison St. Ballots also may be deposited before the deadline in the book return slot at county libraries. Information is available at multco.us/elections or 503-988-8683.

NO WATER SHUTOFFS

The Portland Water Bureau won't shut off water while everyone is staying safe at home, and no late fees for non-payment will be assessed, according to a news release from the bureau. The bureau also has crisis vouchers and programs for income-qualified customers.

A customer service team is set up to answer questions at pwbcustomerservice@portlandoregon. gov. An email response may be faster than the telephone. However, that number is 503-823-7779. Information on how the bureau is responding to Covid-19 is at www.portlandoregon.gov.

COVID GUIDE ARRIVES

A Covid Resource Guide in English and Spanish is arriving in mailboxes with information about a wide range of assistance, including where to find free groceries, kids' meals, mental health organizations, renters' resources and tips for staying healthy.





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The guide also has information on utilities and housing assistance, new rules for riding TriMet, and information about the federal relief package expected through the Department of the Treasury. The guide is available at www.cnncoalition.org and was developed by the city's non-profit neighborhood coalitions.

"We know that all of Portland's communities have unique needs in normal times, and in this unprecedented public health crisis, we were hearing from community members that vital information just wasn't reaching them," said Adam Lyons, executive director of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods.

As publishers of community newspapers, the coalition directors said the best way to reach people is through direct mail.

"When all of this is over," the guide says consider getting active with your neighborhood association or a coalition office to get community needs met. "No matter your background, race, income level, gender or politics, our peoplecentered neighborhood system is always looking for engaged Portlanders who want to help make Portland a better place."

MEDS ON WHEELS START

Portland Fire and Rescue is partnering with a county agency to deliver medications to people over age 65 who have lifethreatening conditions and disabled people unable to leave their homes.

Working with Multnomah County Aging, Disability and Veterans Services, the bureau has developed Meds on Wheels for community members who would be at risk if they left their homes but have no other way to obtain lifesustaining medications.

The service will be available during the governor's executive order to stay home and save lives. The bureau will deploy the Community Health Assessment Team to pick up medications at a pharmacy and deliver them, using personal protection and social distancing.

The team also will engage with people who may be lonely and leave a community resource flyer listing places to call for help with basic needs during the state of emergency.

The team's hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. The referral number is 971-288-7687. ★

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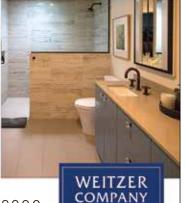
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LOCAL AGENCIES SEEK ASISTANCE

Agencies that provide food and resources in the community are seeking funding and volunteer help to meet needs expanding because of the COVID-19 emergency.

OREGON FOOD BANK

The Oregon Food Bank, www. oregonfoodbank.org, is seeking financial donations and volunteers who are under age 60 and without underlying health conditions. Volunteers work in small groups with social distancing observed.

The food bank distributes food to several sites throughout the state.

"The need for emergency food in Eastern Oregon is unprecedented," according to the group's website.

Local food distribution sites and school meal sites are listed on the website. Those who need assistance may call the food bank at 503-505-7061 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

MAINSPRING

Mainspring, a food, clothing and resources pantry, is seeing an upsurge in people needing food. Volunteers are needed to work client hours from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Monday to Thursday. All volunteers work outside, wear gloves and observe social distancing.

Mainspring, which several faith-based groups started as Fish Emergency Services in the 1960s, needs food, toiletries, gloves and face masks.

Donations may be dropped off at 3500 N.E. 82nd Ave. during client hours. More information and a donation button are at www.mainspringpdx.org. The telephone is 503-233-5533.

NORTHEAST FOOD PROGRAM

The Northeast Emergency Food Program, which normally sees 70 to 80 families on Saturdays, recently served more than 640 families needing food, according to the organization, a program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon.

Volunteers, food and funds are all needed. Volunteers, standing at least six feet apart, prepare food boxes in an assembly line. Those who can help may email Stephen at gracias@reed.edu.

Food donations may be made from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday at Luther Memorial Church, 4800 N.E. 72nd Ave. Funds may be donated on the Ecumenical Ministries website, www.emoregon.org.

MEALS ON WHEELS

The Meals on Wheels People have periodic needs for delivery drivers, but the group is in greater need of financial donations and face masks, according to its website, www.mowp.org/volunteer.

The organization, which delivers meals and makes wellness checks on homebound seniors, also is seeking cards and artwork, which families could make together to be delivered with meals. Send the cards and artwork to Meals on Wheels People, 7710 S.W. 31st Ave., Portland, OR 97219.

SENIOR CENTER ASSISTS

The doors to the Hollywood Senior Center are closed because of the pandemic, but the staff is responding to those who need assistance and coordinating volunteers who can help others. The telephone number is 503-288-8303.

In addition, the center has virtual programming for exercise, workshops and support groups. The programming is available on YouTube, Facebook and Zoom. Information is available on the center's website: www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org.

FOOD FUNDS NEEDED

The Portland Parks Foundation is raising funds to provide meals to children who have lunches while in school but are not being fed with schools closed.

The foundation supports programs of the Portland Parks and Recreation Bureau which serves about 100,000 free lunches to hungry kids each summer through Summer Free for All and SUN community school programs, said Randy Gragg, foundation executive director. A donate site is at www.portlandpf.org.

"With schools closed and, with them, free school lunches, the need is far greater with many of these kids' parents and guardians now out of work," Gragg said.

3D MASKS SOUGHT

Disjecta Contemporary Art Center is showing artists' works online and also is helping to coordinate 3D printing resources, supplies and donations to manufacture face shields and "maker masks."

The center is asking those with access to a 3D printer to fill out a form available upon request at info@disjecta.org.

The prototype face shield is from a 3D printing company based in Prague. Each piece takes about 1.5 hours to print

The Maker Mask is a more complex project, created in Seattle. It has 19 printable parts that fit together for a functional breathing apparatus.

The center also is accepting materials for cloth masks, including 100 percent cotton fabric. The center, 8371 N. Interstate Ave., is open only by appointment. For more information, call 503 286-9449 or visit www.disjecta.org.

AID GOES TO ARTISTS

Several fund-raising sites are open to support musicians and artists impacted by COVID-19, said Robert Bitter, board president of the Portland Chamber Orchestra.

The Portland Area Artist Emergency Relief Fund, www.pdxartistrelief.com, has been launched to meet the growing needs for independent and freelance artists in the tri-county area.

The COVID-19 Oregon Musicians Relief Fund, www.thejwf.org, is supporting the emergency health care fund of the Jeremy Wilson Foundation, which helps musicians pay for medical and other costs.

The Regional Arts & Culture Foundation, www.racc.org, will distribute funds to individual artists and creative workers in need.

AGENCY GAINS FUNDS

The M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust has donated \$100,000 to the Portland Council of St. Vincent DePaul for emergency services to assist families during the Covid-19 emergency.

The agency's emergency service division is serving clients for food, rent and utility assistance, according to Brian Ferschweiler, executive director. ★

STAR UPDATE

Longtime walking group remains close at six feet

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Seven Northeast Portland women have been walking together, some for 15 years and others for more than 35 years, gaining more than early morning exercise. They have built a support group, too, as they have shared one another's happy times and trying times.

Now, in the times of coronavirus, they are a bit more distant – but only about six feet apart, as calculated by the tape measures that Karen Lacrosse brought one morning to make sure the walkers were following medical experts' advice to avoid spreading the virus.

The women, ranging in age from late 60s to early 80s, spread out to walk in the street, starting along Northeast Alameda, south of Fremont Street. They follow the usually quiet roadway as it curves to Siskiyou Street. They continue to 57th Avenue near the George Washington statue facing Sandy Boulevard. Sometimes they take a flight or two of Alameda hill stairs as part of the 3.5-mile walk.

Anne Kelly Feeney began the threetimes-a-week exercise with Karen Lacrosse and gradually added other walkers who live near the route. They walk in the middle of the street or on the sidewalk to avoid the sloping sides of streets, which can aggravate hip or back problems, Feeney said.

They also wear bright green vests with reflective strips. Some vests feature blinking lights and make the walkers visible to drivers, especially in the dark morning hours of fall and winter.

"We get the biggest positive feedback because of the vests," said Carol Turner. "Drivers stop and thank us for being so visible. One of our biggest complaints is people who are walking and are not well lit.

The women include a former school board member, a former county auditor, a psychologist, a real estate broker and a stock broker. Each member usually



calls or texts the night before a walk day to indicate if they plan to join the group. Absences occur if they will be out of town or have some other morning obligation. Turner was absent for several months last year because of a broken leg.

"My walking group walked my dog for me," she said. "Isn't that the epitome of friendship?"

Ann LaBray was away for six weeks after her daughter had twins. She helped with the new babies and a pre-schooler as the family remained in quarantine.

"This is my first time out," LaBray said on a recent walk. "I wanted to see my friends."

Although the members feel a strong commitment to walking with the group, several acknowledged that they only occasionally socialize beyond the walks. They have other friends from other associations. However, as they stay at home to avoid spreading the virus, they don't see their other friends. The walks and walking friends have become very important, the women said.

Feeney and Lacrosse started walking

together about 1984. The group grew gradually, sometimes when they met women walking in the opposite direction on a regular basis and they decided to walk together in the same direction. Several walk more than three times a week with the group.

Isabelle Zifcak grew up in Washington, D.C., with a father, an Italian immigrant, who walked or rode the bus because her mother thought he was a terrible driver. "I just kept it up," she said of the walking habit.

Judy Thodos, 82, walks with her 84-year-old sister when she's not with the seven walkers. "We enjoy being active," Thodos said. "I do





en women who have been walking together for many year are keeping at least six feet apart in these days of COVID-19. Karyl Whelan, left, stretches to warm up outside the home of Isabelle Zifcak and Zifcak, above, puts her mask on before ioining the walk. (Katharine Kimball/www.katharinekimball.com)

whatever I think will keep me healthy."

Karvl Whelan likes the diverse interests of the group. "Each one of them brings something to me," she said. "They have some connections in our world that I don't have and what's said in the walking group stays in the walking group."

Feeney recommends walking with at least one other person. She learned from another successful group to walk the same route at the same time on the same days so that anyone who is a bit late can catch up.

"Just pick out someone," she advised. 'You can like just about anybody. You'll get to know them after you walk a while." ★



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STAR ERICA ON THE BLOCK

CONNECTING WITH ESSENTIAL NEIGHBORS

rve been working on cross-fencing my front yard for a while. Maybe a few months. Maybe a year. As an artist, building something is always an endeavor. At least, that's my excuse. Since writing is not exactly a six-figure job, I also work as a substitute teacher – and I am now out of work, along with a lot of my neighbors.

I've spun this new reality into something positive. No teaching equals more building, so I'll try to complete my fence during this historic quarantine.

We all have been adapting our work and family lives, and the words "essential workers" have become part of our vernacular. As a community, "essential" means grocery store clerks, the medical community, our police and our firefighters. (Thank you. Thank you so much. Hats off to you. We appreciate you.)

As an individual, I think "essential" means something different. It has become "essential" for us all to get out of our houses and to connect with others the only way we can.

It's not just parents with strollers or people with dogs – or goats – anymore. Everyone finds it "essential" to get outside. The quarantine has stopped most of us from driving and gotten a lot more of us out and talking – albeit from a "safe social distance of at least six feet". I've met many new people and reconnected with many others.

So, let's put our personal public relations firms to work and see what's "essentially positive" about this unusual time.

Connections are being forged between neighbors, who venture out for a midday break while working from home. Couples and families, are reconnecting. They are able to walk together now, because they aren't juggling multiple responsibilities and leaving the house for different places at different times. The dogs must be in heaven, because they don't have to sit at the door all day, waiting for us to get home.

BACK TO MY FENCE

Since I am in my front yard with a pig, I meet a lot of people. People who walk away not knowing my name, but remembering that my pig's name is "Pearl." I had to take a couple of weeks off from the fence after a minor construction incident resulted in a concussion, but a deadline is a deadline, so I went back outside to work and stalk the passersby for this month's edition.

DENISE AND DAVE

Married for 39 years and having lived in Roseway for 38 years, Denise and Dave ride their bikes past my house almost every morning. Now that I'm home all day, I see them. They have raised two children together, and have two grandchildren. They are both such a pleasure to talk to, with historic insight and interesting



Dave and Denise.

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stories. When I found out that they had been married for 39 years, I asked them what their secret was. Dave promptly told me and Denise shushed him and they both began laughing and I promised to keep their secret.

JENNA LUKE, AND GRAY

Jenna and I used to be diagonal backyard neighbors, way back in the '90s. I moved. She moved. But we both stayed in Roseway. Thanks to our mutual coronacation, I happened to walk past her house with my goats and she ran into the street to say hello. She is a writing instructor at a local university and is now teaching online from home. Each with extra time to talk – in the street – with goats – we reconnected.

HILDIE AND ROCKY

Hildie and Rocky, her chocolate lab, are inseparable. Hildie adopted Rocky from the Oregon Humane Society, through a second chance program, when he was a puppy. Now Hildie patiently walks Rocky around the neighborhood, resting occasionally. At 13, Rocky still gets around quite well. Unbeknownst to me, until now, Hildie walks Rocky past my house every day and, even though he can't hear anymore and walks with a limp, he gets so excited when he has the chance to sniff around my yard. Apparently, the aroma of goats, chickens and pig can work as a canine fountain of youth?

LUCIA, 13

"Lulu" is now at home all day. Her school is her iPad.

As I was trying to level a board for my gate, I heard the sounds of a skateboard coming down the middle of the street and, when I looked up, I was surprised to see Lulu riding on her skateboard, like a surfer paddling out to a wave.

Now that most of our cars are just sitting in our driveways, the streets have become an open zone for other things, including alternative skateboard surfing.





Hildie and Rocky. (All photos by Erica Somes)



Lucia.

HAILEY, PIPER AND JUNIPER

Finally, a chance to set the record straight: Piper and Juniper are one-year-old, disbudded Nigerian dwarf does, with what is known as a "buckskin coloring". My buckskin-colored goats are 10 year old wethers with horns.

Fact: Goats do not quadruple in size and grow footlong horns overnight, nor do they shrink. Hailey and I both encounter many people, at different times of course, enamoured with our goats. They will often remark, in a flummoxed way, "Didn't I just see you yesterday? How did your goats get so much bigger – or smaller – and grow horns – or lose their horns."

Now you all know, there are two different crazy goat ladies out there in Roseway, and four different buckskin goats.

MAX AND JULIAN

These two monkeys were found climbing the trees in my parking strip.

My ancient magnolias grow slow and low to the ground. The perfect introduction



to tree-climbing for young humanoids. In fact, countless neighborhood children have begun their tree climbing careers in these trees. The twin boys are kindergartners in the Spanish Immersion program at Scott Elementary and are now, of course, schooling at home.

They walk by every evening with their parents, running and bubbling with excitement to climb the trees – the sound of which makes my heart smile.

KELSEY, THERON AND NEVE

This little family moved to the neighborhood in 2012. Now, with Kelsey and Theron both working from home, the whole family gets out together.

I predict Neve is going to be a farmer, or a zoologist, or a vet because she loves, loves, loves animals. She talks about Pearl every day and looks forward to coming by the house and catching a glimpse of my pig. The last time Neve and her family visited, Neve and Pearl were both eating the same snack – goldfish crackers. A sure sign that the two were destined to meet. **





Luke, Jenna and Gray.

Juniper, Piper and Hailey.

Neve, Kelsey and Theron.

STAR PHOTOGRAPHY



NEIGHBORS making the **MOST OF IT**

Photos by Katharine Kimball

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The masked George Washington statue in front of the German American Society on the cover of this month's edition is the whimsical -and temporary - work of the Kearsley family of Rose City Park. Above, Monica, Everett, Davin, Dan and Nolan Kearsley relax on their porch. Left, Nolan and Dan, sometimes known as 'Director of Whimsy,' mask a Ramona statue in Grant Park. Below, the family bang pots and pans to thank healthcare and front line workers. Below left and center, Davin and Everett mask statues of Henry and Ribsy at Grant Park. Bottom right, Monica and Nolan sew homemade masks.



















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STAR FEATURE

Neighbors can shop safely for their pets at Salty's, Fang! and Three Paw's

By Lisa Lakes

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As essential businesses, local pet supply stores Salty's at 4039 N. Mississippi Ave. in the Boise neighborhood, Fang! at 3131 N. Lombard St. in Kenton and Three Paws on the West Side have remained open during the pandemic.

All three shops have safe shopping rules in place. Going to the stores, be prepared to wear a mask, to designate one individual to shop for your family and to maintain essential, six-foot social-distancing guidelines.

"The staff at all three stores are superstars and are doing an incredible job making sure that neighborhood pets are being taken care of and that everyone that comes into the store is staying safe," said Owner Nancy Fedelem. "I'm impressed every day how well everyone works together to make sure we are addressing all the new ways customers can communicate with us. The staff adjusted to this with grace and also gave great feedback on other changes that they felt would help with workflow and safety. I feel lucky to work with such amazing people and that we all serve such wonderful communities."

Checkout counters are sanitized after each sale and no more than three shoppers are allowed in the stores at a time – so a short wait may be necessary. For a small fee, delivery is an option for most neighboring zip codes and you can also phone in your order for curbside pickup.

Fedelem reports that her suppliers are still keeping up with demand. Only on rare occasions has there been a slight



Three pet supply stores owned by Nancy Fedelem are open and keeping neighborhood pets healthy and fed. (Nancy Fedelem)

delay with a weekly order or limiting some supplies to prevent hoarding. In-store shopping, delivery, and curbside pick-up are all being deployed equitably.

"Never in my life did I ever expect to be living through anything like this," said Fedelem. "I even dusted off my sewing machine and spent a weekend making masks so everyone could work safely in our stores. I feel lucky that I've been able to keep my doors open while so many other small business owners in our community have had to close and live in uncertainty. One thing I look forward to is being able to pet all the dogs that come into the stores again."

Fedelem reports there has been a sharp increase in puzzle toy sales.

"I think pets are trying to teach their owners how to play during self-quarantine," said Fedelem. "It is heartwarming that people are trying to support our locally-owned small businesses. Some neighbors are buying supplies for those in need. Portland is amazing in how it can pull together and we can all take care of each other. Hopefully that will continue as we move toward life after we adjust to COVID-19." Fedelem knows she is not alone.

"I want to give a shout out to all the other independently owned pet supply shops in Portland," said Fedelem. "They are all working hard to keep their doors open and their customers taken care of.

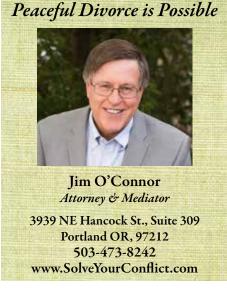
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STAR UPDATE

'Masking' remedy proposed for controversial Grant murals







Controversial Grant High School murals could potentially be covered by a masking process, above, that may prevent the artwork from being removed or destroyed. The finished effect would cover both pioneers and Native Americans, below, with a green triangle divided by golden light, descended from mythological Greek figures in the centers of the murals. (Heritage Conservation Group)

By Janet Goetze janetgoetze@star-news,info

The controversial figures in Grant High School's auditorium murals could be covered by a masking process that wouldn't require the artwork to be removed or destroyed, suggests Nina Olsson, an art conservator familiar with the panels.

Olsson, the president of Heritage Conservation Group of Portland, has sent a report to Amy Kohnstamm, the school board chairman, and plans to send reports to other school officials.

The report outlines how other jurisdictions have dealt with controversial art, from accompanying text explaining period interpretation to hanging cloth over the work.

Grant's Indigenous Student Union says that the mutual greeting of Native Americans and pioneers at the bottom of the facing panels is historically inaccurate and is a source of distress for students.

To restore the 20-foot by 25-foot murals, Grant's alumni association, encouraged by the district, raised more than \$100,000 which was then matched by an additional \$100,000 from the Leo Lester Browne Fund.

The murals were painted by German immigrant Carl Hoeckner, a key player in the Chicago mural movement and a proponent of social justice. Art historians note that a recurring theme in his work was an abhorrence of violence and support for efforts to achieve peace and harmony among all people.

Olsson suggests that the green forest behind the Native and pioneer figures could be digitally copied onto a canvas and mounted onto a rigid backing. Magnets or bolts, positioned in gaps in the original canvas, would hold the masking over the figures.

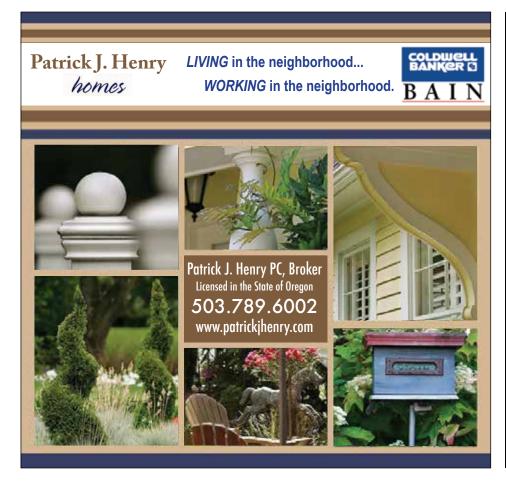
The finished effect would cover both the pioneers and the Native Americans with a green triangle divided by golden light descended from the mythological Greek figures in the centers of the murals, Prometheus and Athena.

"Numerous museum curators, conservators and art historians have reviewed this proposal, and find it an elegant solution to a moral dilemma," Olsson says in her report:.

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STAR DEVELOPMENT NEWS

COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS IMPACT DEVELOPMENT

Depending on the project, COVID-19 guidelines and restrictions have affected our city's construction progress in several ways.

For the De La Salle North Catholic High School project – knee-deep in the city permitting process –the school may have to delay a planned May groundbreaking, with city employees now working from home. Previous timelines had construction set to complete in mid-2021, and the new campus at St. Charles Church in Cully open for students in August 2021.

Already well into construction, VWR Development's six-story, mixed-use Sandy 51 building topped out in March, and, VWR spokesperson, Stephanie Hosmar said construction "is still on track for completion sometime late this fall."

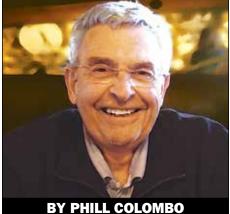
On property once occupied on the north by Taco Time Restaurant and on the south by a single-family residence, the apartment building's lobby will be at 2351 N.E. 51st Ave. The ground floor will include 21 vehicle spaces and commercial space facing Sandy Boulevard. Eighty-five apartments – including studio, one- and two-bedroom units – on the upper five floors will be leased at market rates to be set at the completion of construction.

For the University of Western States, poised to complete a move that took more than a year to execute, a planned opening of its new campus doors at 8000 N.E. Tillamook St. on April 6 has been postponed and its more than 1200 students are now taking classes digitally. COVID-19 shelter-in-place guidelines spurred administrators to regroup and work with the school's IT department to create online classes. Despite a global pandemic, the university was successful in completing this complex relocation.

Progress on the city's residential infill project has also stalled.

"The COVID-19 guidelines resulted in the cancellation of our March 12 council hearing," said City Planner Morgan Tracy. "We are still in the process of identifying a new council hearing date but are hoping for June."

"What has been inspiring is witnessing the generosity of neighbors and adaptability of our communities to lift each other up, show up where needed and support one another," said the city's Planning and Sustainability Director Andrea Durbin. We will continue to apply our toolbox and smart, dedicated staff to help with the recovery so that we are a more equitable, resilient, prosperous and lower-carbon community when we get to the other side."



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HOLLYWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD AND DEVELOPER SEE EYE TO EYE ON PROPOSED PROJECT

Following an online presentation to a digital meeting of the Hollywood Neighborhood Association's land use committee, both the developer and neighbors expressed satisfaction with a proposed project at 1645 N.E. 41st Ave.

Project Manager Tony Jones of Home First Development described the project as 17 new residential apartment units in a single five-story building to be occupied by developmentally disabled adults who have a shared passion for art and a desire for collaborative supportive housing. Jones said on-site amenities would include rooms for art, music, fitness and socializing with bike storage, and shared outdoor area.

"We were pleased with the meeting and look forward to being an asset to the neighborhood and the community," said Jones, speaking for property owner Mark Gardiner of Caudaloso LLC. Jones also credited Gardiner's vision to address a community need.

Speaking for neighbors, Jo Schafer said overall comments were very positive with many attending saying one reason this site would work so well was its proximity to many daily needs of the residents.

Trader Joe's grocery store is across the street, Hollywood Transit Center is a little over a block away and many other nearby, easily accessible businesses, especially important because most residents would typically be unable drive, eliminating the need for off-street parking.

PERMITS ISSUED

In **Arbor Lodge** at 7333 N. Boston Ave., Fabrycki Development of West Linn, will deconstruct a 1523-square-foot, singlefamily residence and detached garage built in 1919.



Affording future residents vistas of downtown Portland and Mt. Hood, Rose City Park's Sandy 51 Apartments topped out in March. The 85-apartment complex will have commercial and retail space on the ground floor, along with a lobby and parking for 21 vehicles. (Stratoscape Corp.)

At 1605 N. Rosa Parks Way, Rosa Parks LLC of Vancouver, will deconstruct a 966-square-foot-single-family residence built in 1926. Plans are under review to construct a three-story, 18-unit apartment building.

At 6940 N. Greenwich Ave., R.H. Avery Quinn Apartments of Lake Oswego, will build a three-story, 12-unit apartment building on a vacant lot.

In **Boise** at 3512 N. Haight Ave., K&C Custom Homes of Northeast Portland will deconstruct a 1590-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1900. Plans are under review to build six units of two-story attached townhouses at 3520, 3522 and 3524 N. Haight.

At 3218 N. Borthwick Ave., Timothy P. Brown Trust will deconstruct a 1650-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1874. Plans are under review to build a three-story, three-unit apartment building.

In **Concordia** at 5547 N.E. 28th Ave., DBS Group of Tualatin, will build a two-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle garage.

At 3124 N.E. Columbia Blvd., Jean-Claude & Hirigara Hirigaray Trust will build a one-story office building on vacant property. At 5590 N.E. 21st Ave., I&N Construction of Clackamas, will construct a three-story, single-family residence with single-vehicle garage. Plans to construct a new three-story, two-unit townhouse are under review.

In **Cully** at 4611 and 4615 N.E 73rd Ave., Advance Design Build of Southwest Portland will construct a two-story, two unit attached townhouse with singlevehicle garages on empty lots. In Humboldt at 720 N. Prescott St., Brent Bowling of Northeast Portland will build a four-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle garage on an empty lot.

In **Kenton** at 8550 N. Argyle Way, Lisah Limited Partnership of Northwest Portland will build a three-story apartment building consisting of 35 studio units, one one-bedroom unit, two offices, a kitchen and community room with pantry, a laundry room and two utility rooms on an empty lot.

At 1615 N. Willis Blvd., 1615 North Willis Apartments of Southwest Portland will build a three-story, 14-unit apartment building on a vacant lot.

At 2975 N. Hunt St., I&N Construction of Clackamas, will build a three-story, single-family house on an empty lot.

At 1350 N. Watts St., 1336 North Watts Apartments of Southwest Portland will construct a three-story, 14-unit apartment building. Applications are under review to deconstruct the 730-square-foot, single-family residence and garage on the property since 1926.

In **King** at 3917 N. 10th Ave., Town Developments of Vancouver, will build a three-story duplex with a single-vehicle garage per unit. Demolition was permitted in January for an 880-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1977. In **Montavilla** at 713 and 719 N.E. 93rd Ave., Chalet Homes of Southeast Portland will build two, three-story, single-family homes with single-vehicle garages on an empty lot.

In **North Tabor** at 226 N.E. 65th Ave.,Christopher Palistrant will build a two-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle, tuck-under garage. ★



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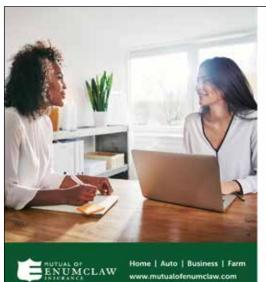
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STAR FEATURE

Grant Park store cares for customers, staff, community

By Barb Hughes

Grant Park Neighbor for the Star News

The Grant Park neighborhood's New Seasons Market at 3210 N.E. Broadway has always been a friendly store, where the staff goes out of their way to make customers feel at home.

Now, the company's core values - as well as kindness, respect and practicality have created some unique and, hopefully, temporary ways to benefit customers and staff during this rapidly changing time.

Those orange dots that you might see on the sidewalk and in the store are more than just mood brighteners - they also double as social distance markers to stand on while waiting. Extra staff has also been hired to clean carts, cashier surfaces and more.

If you're over 65, you can now enjoy the store's senior discount during all days and all store hours. If it's hard to get in to the store on "Senior Discount Wednesdays," you may come in any day that is convenient for you and still get a 10 percent discount.

To allow for extra cleaning and re-stocking, store hours have temporarily changed from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. seven days a week, with the first hour of the day reserved for at-risk customers. Everyone can shop from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. The store also provides special shopping hours for staff only.



Dominique in the produce section. (Barb Hughes)

New Seasons is doing everything they can to care for their staff during the pandemic. Plexiglas shields have been installed at cashier stations and masks and gloves are supplied. If members of the staff are sick, or any family member gets sick or needs care, they will get supplemental $% \left(1\right) =\left(1\right) \left(1$ paid sick leave to care for themselves and family members. Staff members who are at-risk are also given paid time off to keep themselves safe. Employees working during this time are receiving bi-weekly bonuses. And the staff discount has been temporarily raised to 30 percent.

As for the New Seasons community, a few things have been temporarily paused or changed. In-person preschool story time and game night will be postponed for now. The New Seasons website has posted



Sandy at the cheese counter. (Barb Hughes)

a recipe page to help with shopping and cooking inspiration and, instead of a weekly flyer, the store is offering sales pricing on shelf-stable products and other items so that shoppers are better able to stock up for a week or more.

Here are a few suggestions of things neighbors can do to help make grocery shopping a safe and successful experience for all in the community.

- Only touch what you plan on buying. While it's tempting, please don't poke the produce - but feel free to ask produce staff what they would recommend as the ripest.
- Keep pocket hand sanitizer with you to use before, during, and after shopping. There are also hand-sanitizing sheets



Brittany and Benzel in the wellness department. (Barb Hughes)

near the front door for your use.

- Opt to pay with a card if possible instead of cash.
- Leave your re-usable bags at home baggers will pack your items in clean paper bags from the store.
- Consider handwriting a list to limit in-store phone use and opportunities for hitchhiking germs, or put your phone in a plastic zip lock bag.
- Have one member per family shop, and try to keep your shopping to 30 minutes or less if there are people waiting to get in.
- Above all, be kind to each other we're all in this together.

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OREGON HUMANE SOCIETY RESPONDS SWIFTLY TO CRISIS

The Oregon Humane Society reacted quickly to the Covid-19 threat, announcing new precautions and new procedures on March 13.

Tours, group volunteer parties, after school clubs and school visits were halted.

In addition, the public was encouraged to have emergency plans in place for

Beginning March 19, pet adoptions were scheduled by appointment only. All adult volunteering activities were suspended on March 23.

The new adoption by appointment process is meeting with great success, resulting in significantly higher adoption rates. Potential adopters complete an online application and discuss the suitability of the pet with a counselor over the phone. If it sounds like a match, an in-person visit is scheduled. Pet meeting rooms are set up to maintain six-foot social-distancing requirements.

Foster families also responded quickly. At one point the shelter had 250 animals in foster care, including some longterm residents from the behavioral modification program.

The shelter also put out a call for emergency foster families - should the need arise to close down the building. The response was overwhelming with over 1000 applications submitted. The applications are being reviewed and will be contacted if necessary.

By March 27, the society donated a total



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of 23,000 N95 masks and 100 Tyvek suits to Providence Health and Services and Clackamas County. The equipment came from the program's disaster relief and investigations units. Current inventory is being checked to see if other personal protective gear could be available.

Shelter volunteers are being kept informed now by live stream videos, emails, and Facebook posts. Volunteers have also sewn and donated masks and surgical scrubs.

The shelter's largest fund raising drive, 'Doggie Dash," had to be cancelled this year. Monetary donations may be made online. Donations of food, cat litter, and supplies are also requested and may be dropped off in bins outside the shelter. The society's headquarters are located at 1067 N.E. Columbia in the Sunderland

For more information or to view available pets, visit www.oregonhumane.org. ★



Chihuahua mix, was adopted from the a Grant Park famil during the COVID-19 crisis. Pet adoptions are scheduled by appointment only and potential adopters complete an online application to discuss the pet with phone. (Madelyn Miller)

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GREEN DOG OPEN TO ENSURE PETS ARE FED, HEALTHY AND CARED FOR

Deemed an essential service by the state, Green Dog Pet Supply at 4327 N.E. Fremont St. in Beaumont Village is open for business during the coronavirus quarantine to ensure that neighborhood pets are fed, healthy and cared for.

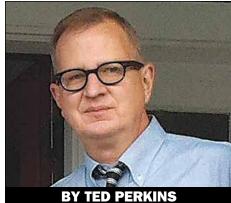
"We're so very grateful to be considered an essential service and to be able to remain open," said Green Dog Owner Christine Maller. "Dogs and cats need groceries too. We've had to make a few changes to how we're doing business. Our hours are a bit shorter and we're encouraging people to keep their visits short. We're also encouraging customers to use our curbside pickup, if they know what they need."

Mallar and her staff allow two customers in the store at a time and encourage the wearing of masks while shopping.

"Our new policies have made us feel a little safer, but it's so very strange to work in a nearly empty store," said Maller. "Most of all, we miss our community so much. People ask us how we're feeling, and of course we're feeling the same as many others. There's a lot of mental fatigue involved with making sure the employees we have are safe and that the three employees who aren't able to work are well taken care of."

Like many small business owners, Maller has been attempting to navigate the maze of loans and grants that appear accessible, but are proving difficult to close. After 15 years of business, she continues to come up with novel ways to keep her customers engaged.

"Most of the joy of this job is that so many of our customers are long time regulars and we've known their dogs from the time they were babies," said Maller. "There are many dogs that would stop in every day or two on their walks. We've become accustomed to seeing all of our friends regularly and helping them with medical and behavioral issues, or just hearing about their day and passing out treats."



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Dogs are still allowed in the store, but most interactions now are curbside and Maller says the dogs just can't understand why they have to stay in the car.

"We've been so honored by our regular customers who send messages of encouragement and thanks through social media," said Maller. "They help keep us afloat by tacking on a toy or a bag of treats to their food order. Although it's been a hard time for our business and we respect the need to wait long enough to make sure we're all safe, we sure do long for the day when we can throw the doors wide open and give lots of big hugs."

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FIRE ON THE MOUNTAIN'S WINGS CONTINUE TO SOAR DURING PANDEMIC

Tired of home cooking and looking to spice things up? Both of the Fire on the Mountain Buffalo Wings shops in Northeast Portland are open for takeout and delivery during coronavirus social distancing requirements.

The Fremont location at 3443 N.E. 57th Ave. in Rose City Park is open for takeout from Noon until 8:00 p.m. with delivery available from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

The Burnside location at 1708
E. Burnside St. in the Buckman
neighborhood is also open for takeout



Both of the Fire on the Mountain Buffalo Wings shops in Northeast Portland are open for takeout and delivery during coronavirus social distancing requirements. (Fire on the Mountain)

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The original Fire on the Mountain location in the Overlook neighborhood has temporarily closed. Orders for both open locations can be made online at the local chain's website.

"Thank you so much to our neighbors for all the support during this new reality we are living," said Maclean Mullette, admiral of customer happiness. "Our staff appreciates being able to come in and cook wings for our community. We hope everyone is staying healthy and are able to take advantage of our beer sales and delivery options. We also hope everyone is staying happy and we wish all our neighbors the best."

For more information, call 503-894-8973 or visit www.portlandwings.com.

GRANT HIGH SCHOOL HIRES JAMES MCGEE AS NEW PRINCIPAL

Portland Public Schools has announced that James McGee will be the new principal of Grant High School, beginning in the 2020-21 school year. McGee will succeed Carol Campbell, who is retiring after seven years as Grant principal and almost four decades serving as an educator.

"James is a skilled, motivated leader who is dedicated to meeting every student's educational and developmental needs," said Shawn Bird, PPS chief of schools. "Carol's leadership was instrumental as Grant relocated to the Marshall campus for two years, and moved back into the modernized campus this school year. We

thank her for her dedication and service, and wish her all the best."

McGee is currently serving at Lincoln High School, where he started as a school counselor in 2014 before becoming a vice principal in 2018. During his time at Lincoln, he has earned a reputation for connecting with students and prioritizing their needs. He advises Lincoln's Black Student Union, created the school's Brothers of Color affinity group and leads the AVID team. He is known for closely collaborating with teachers and community partners in an effort to help students reach their full potential.

Lincoln principal Peyton Chapman credits McGee for helping Lincoln enjoy a steady rise in graduation rates, especially for students of color. Last year, 100 percent of Lincoln's African American

students graduated in four years.

McGee brings more than 20 years of working with students and at-risk youth to Grant. Before moving into education, McGee held positions with organizations that support youth, including New Portland House of Umoja and Friends of the Children, which serve at-risk youth and students of color, and Young Minds of Awareness, which serves developmentally disabled students.

McGee earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Science, with a certificate in Black Studies, from Portland State University; a Master of Arts in School Counseling from George Fox University; and a Preliminary Administrative License Certificate from Concordia University.

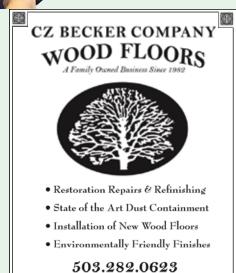
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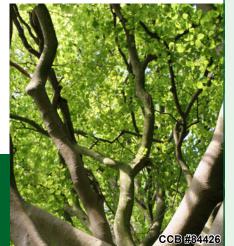
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