

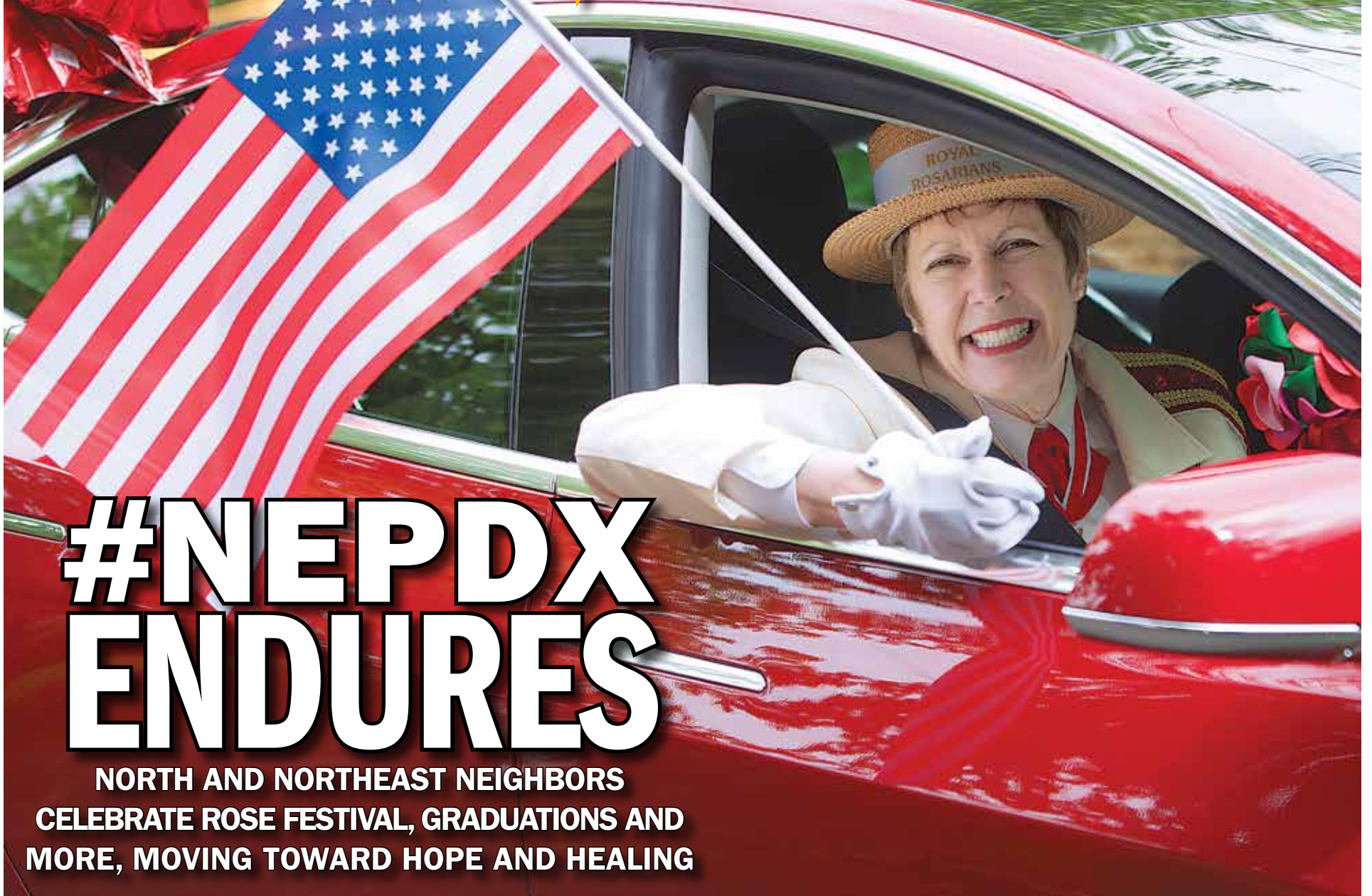
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ALBERTINA'S PLACE RESTAURANT WILL CLOSE, NONPROFIT KERR CENTER PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE

Albertina's Place, the restaurant with the air of a mid-century tearoom at 424 N.E. 22nd Ave. in the Kerns neighborhood, will close permanently at the end of June. The Albertina Kerr Centers will continue to aid people with developmental disabilities and children with mental health issues, said CEO Jeff Carr.

The decision to close is based in part on the uncertainty of how the COVID-19 pandemic will affect future operations of the restaurant and shops, which feature fine dinnerware, clothing and jewelry donated by community members.

"There are many factors involved in our decision, including financial impacts now and in the future for Kerr," Carr said in a letter to volunteers. "The most important one is the health and well being of our volunteers, staff, customers and the people Kerr serves."

The restaurant and dinnerware shop are in a building that opened in 1921 as Albertina Kerr Nursery. It was named for the second wife of Alexander Kerr, founder of the Kerr Glass Company. A nearby building holds the clothing shop.

Albertina Kerr died of typhus in 1911, barely 13 months after her marriage and four months after the birth of her son, John. According to the family, her deathbed wish to her husband was: "Look after other motherless babies, too."

Alexander Kerr donated their home on Northwest 14th Avenue to the Pacific Coast Rescue Society to use as a home for orphans and day care for children of single mothers.

However, it soon became too small. Kerr and his third wife, Ruth, raised money for the brick building on Northwest 22nd Avenue, south of Sandy Boulevard. It became the Albertina Kerr Nursery until 1967, when the society became an adoption organization.

In 1981, the building's main floor opened as Albertina's Restaurant and Shops. The restaurant offered a lunch menu, sometimes with a cheesecake served in a 4-ounce Kerr canning jar. The restaurant servers and shop assistants were volunteers.

The headquarters of Kerr programs will remain in the building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

While the restaurant and shops provided some funding primarily for building upkeep, the Kerr programs are supported by state funding plus private insurance.

"We are trying to prepare for shortfalls in state government programs," Carr said.

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LIBRARIES OPEN SLOWLY

The Multnomah County Library will begin "no contact" sidewalk service on June 8 at four branches, including North Portland, 512 N. Killingsworth St., Director Vailey Oehlke announced June 2. Also opening will be Central, Gresham and Midland.

Sidewalk service expands June 15 to Gregory Heights, 7921 N.E. Sandy Blvd.; Hollywood, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St., and Kenton, 8226 N. Denver Ave.

Book drops will accept returns to be quarantined for 72 hours. Fines and fees remain suspended. Patrons may make appointments for books at 503-988-5123. More information is at www.multcolib.org.

GET ANSWERS FROM URBAN ARBORISTS

Urban Forestry arborists, the professionals who specialize in the care, management and study of trees, are ready to answer Portlanders' questions about leaves, moss and anything else associated with trees.

The forestry specialists, whose division is part of the Portland Parks and Recreation bureau, are accepting questions and photographs through June 5. Send questions and photos online at www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/760221. Sign up for a live session as the arborists answer questions at 1 p.m. June 16.

Advanced tree pruning will be offered via Zoom at 11 a.m. June 3 and a one-hour class in caring for a young tree is scheduled at 12 noon June 11 via Zoom.

For more information, visit www.portlandoregon.gov.

SHOP AT ALBERTA ROSE

A zip-up hoodie or a warm-weather tank top could help support the future of the Alberta Rose Theatre at 3000 N.E. Alberta St. in the Concordia neighborhood. The venue for music, comedians and other performers closed its doors in March because of the pandemic. The merchandise, with a rose logo, is one way the historic building's operators hope to stay afloat until the emergency ends.

The theater also is taking donations to



Tony Starlight will perform live June 5 on Portland Music Stream to help support the future of the Alberta Rose Theatre. (Tony Starlight Showroom)

maintain basic operations and is offering subscriptions to Portland Music Stream with concerts by some of the theater's favorite artists, performed live and streamed to subscribers' devices. Information is at www.albertarosetheatre.com/events/.

The shows begin at 7 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. The June line-up includes Mary Flower on June 3, Crys Matthews & Heather May on June 4 and Tony Starlight on June 5. The aerial dancers, A-WOL Dance Collective, are scheduled June 12. Jenny Conlee (of the Decemberists) & Steve Drizos (of Jackmormons) will perform June 14.

RESTORES GO ONLINE

Portland Metro ReStores, donation-based home improvement outlets that support Habitat for Humanity homebuilding projects, are continuing with an online retail outlet at www.shoppdxrestore.org.

Shoppers will find recycled paint, paint supplies, decorator rugs, bed linens, flooring, clothing and furniture. Customers may pick up purchases by appointment at the ReStores warehouse. Deliveries can be scheduled for an additional fee.

Metropolitan area stores include Portland ReStore, 503-283-6247 and Vancouver Habitat for Humanity Store, 360-213-1313. ★



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A black and white sign in an Irvington neighborhood yard offers thanks to essential workers, represented by symbols for medical, fire, agricultural, delivery and grocery workers. (Janet Goetze)



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SINGING FOR SMILES

A singing quartet has been performing from sidewalks for North and Northeast neighbors for the past month. They're earning a little money, too, since their jobs ended with the April closure of Concordia University.

"We know about 10 songs," Rachel O'Connor said with a laugh. For five years, she had been assistant director for residence life at the university. Gaven Meyer and Andrew Perry, both university juniors, were resident assistants. Gaven was also a campus safety officer and Andrew a groundskeeper. Nathaniel Montano, also a junior, was a social change coordinator and campus safety officer.

The four had known each other for the past three years and periodically got together to make up songs and sing.

"We're not amazing singers," O'Connor said. "We do it for fun. We have dance moves. Anything to make people smile."

"Happy Birthday" is a tune frequently requested by customers, who usually hire the quartet to sing for a friend or relative. Not too long ago, they sang "The Wheels on the Bus Go Round and Round" for a 2-year-old.

One couple hired them to sing as a surprise "thank you" gesture for the mother who came to help the household. Another customer requested rap songs. They also created their rendition of "YMCA" and "Stayin' Alive," with accompanying dance moves.

"It's been nice to interact with people," O'Connor said. "We have conversations with them from the sidewalk."

They charge \$20 for a gig and performances may be scheduled by emailing racheljaneoc@gmail.com.

Places to check include The People's Yoga in Concordia, which live streams classes at www.thepeoplesyoga.org, and Honest Fitness in Beaumont Village also has a variety of offerings at www.honestportland.com.

When pandemic restrictions are eased, Cascadia Pilates and Core Align plans to open a shop at 3808 N. Williams Ave. in the Boise neighborhood – in addition to its current space on Southeast Belmont Street. In the meantime, virtual sessions are available at www.cascadiapilates.com.

The aerial dancers of the A-WOL Dance Collective are offering four-week Zoom classes for adults in June. They include conditioning on Fridays, ballet barre work on Saturdays, and active flexibility on Tuesdays. Information is at www.awoldance.org.

The senior center's free virtual classes are designed for people over 50. They range from exercises for arthritis, senior yoga, chair yoga, Zumba gold and a Tuesday morning class described as "a safe space to discuss how you're coping in social isolation." Check out what's available at www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org.

The senior center also is continuing to provide assistance and resources to older adults, including those receiving case management, said Amber Kern-Johnson, executive director. For information, call 503-288-8303.

MAKE MUSIC ONLINE

Families with children up to age 5 can find online classes with Music Together of Portland, which has been teaching locally for more than 20 years, according to co-director Bonnie Singer.

"We have redesigned our program to continue to support families with young children who are looking to make meaningful connections and fill their days with creativity, joy, fun and music," Singer said.

"During weekly live, online classes, the teachers lead activities for the whole family to join in singing, dancing and jamming along," she said.

Items such as spoons, laundry baskets

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Olaf, the snowman from the film "Frozen," is wearing a dark face covering to protect himself and others from the coronavirus. He's outside on a tree-shaded lawn in the Irvington neighborhood. (Janet Goetze)

and stuffies can become musical props, she said, as parents extend musical fun and learning throughout the week.

A free class is available now. Spring term ends June 20. Summer session begins July 6.

For more information, call 503-236-4304 or visit www.musictogether-pdx.com.

LEARN ART WITH HOT WAX

North Portland encaustic artist Elise Wagner is offering classes via Zoom and video. She is also scheduling private, one-on-one question and answer sessions and consulting on Zoom.

Encaustic, meaning to "burn in," is an ancient medium using molten beeswax combined with dry pigments and natural resin. It is applied in layers and each layer is fused with heat.

Wagner's classes are available at www.elisewagner.com.

VIEW GUARDINO ART

If you're craving new art in a range of styles, Guardino Gallery in the Concordia neighborhood has posted images with sizes and prices on its website at www.guardinogallery.com. To purchase a work or to ask for an appointment, call 503-281-9048 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday.

The work, on display through June 23, includes Cathie Joy Young's painting titled "Notre-Dame is Burning." Kim Murton is showing ceramic inspired by totems and Medieval pillars. Reed Clarke's paintings include faces and figures with both subtle and overt narratives.

WORSHIP ON FACEBOOK

Many churches are holding services on Facebook, scheduling meetings on Zoom and arranging more online contacts. One of them is Calvary Presbyterian Church at 3516 N.E. 71st Ave. in Roseway

Calvary's marquee sign invites those passing by on Fremont Street to check out Sunday service on Facebook. More

information is at www.calvaryprespdx.org.

READING THE SIGNS

Signs and balloon symbols are appearing on lawns in several neighborhoods. One household has a black and white sign that says "Thank You," with symbols identifying first responders, grocery workers and delivery people.

A red-white-and-blue balloon shows a stylized hand with two fingers raised in a sign for luck or winning. Another blue sign with red heart and white lettering says, "Make America Kind Again."

What happens when some people have been in quarantine too long with the computer turned on? They start typing as if hallucinating. Consider the case of Kai Magobenny of Outer Kerns, whose typing was on Nextdoor, the platform read by many residents of Northeast neighborhoods.

Magobenny's immediate problem was a Scrub Jay, which he described as "so loud and disturbing." He likes birds, the writer insisted, but that jay "has scrubbed itself off my list of favorite birds by being a noise polluting nuisance."

One reader responded: "Good thing you're not home with a cockatoo." Another said, "I am so glad I loaned out my cookbook with the recipe of scrub blue jay tongue stew."

OLAF STAYS SAFE

Joan of Arc, atop her steed where Cesar Chavez Boulevard winds around Glisan Street, and George Washington, gazing east along Sandy Boulevard near 57th Avenue, have been properly fitted with masks during the pandemic. But they aren't alone.

A giant Olaf, framed by a tree along Northeast 18th Avenue, also has been wearing a mask. Olaf, the snowman from the movie "Frozen," has skin so pale it almost seems translucent. He has a contrasting dark mask to keep him safe in these uncertain times. ★ - Janet Goetze

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SCORES OF HOMELESS SHELTERED IN SHUTTERED PUBLIC FACILITIES

Charles Jordan, Mt. Scott and East Portland community centers – along with the Oregon Convention Center in the Lloyd District – were converted to temporary homeless shelters as a response to COVID-19 guidelines. Multnomah County Communications Coordinator Denis Theriault said staff at the convention center and a mix of nonprofit staff, volunteers and county employees – some newly hired just for this work – have been finding ways to keep the ad hoc shelter operation running.

Public Information Officer Kimberlee Ables said the massive 600-square-foot Convention Center was set up in mid-March, in a little more than four hours, to ensure physical distancing – including eating areas, beds, showers and other hygiene facilities for up to 140 community members each night.

“To make sure our region’s homeless have access to adequate services, this was a common-sense arrangement for the resources we have,” said Metro Council President Lynn Peterson.

Metro has employees on-site for security, administration and baseline operations. Convention Center staff is not directly involved with most shelter operations. In response to the pandemic, Metro laid off 40 percent of its work force from visitor venues, including the zoo, Expo Center and art centers.

“We anticipate the convention center shelter will be one of the last large regional temporary shelters to close,” said Ables, as the county plans to move the sheltered to private rooms in hotels or motels over the next several weeks.

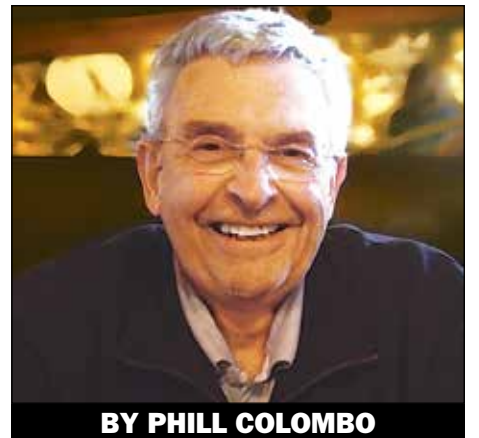
Reopening dates or phases for the convention center and other Metro facilities are uncertain. Metro is working closely with county and public health agencies to determine a time line and ensure the convention center can reopen again as soon as it is safe.

“We are fully confident we can return our world-class-level service after the health crisis is over, and, while it will take time, we will also reach full economic recovery,” said Oregon Convention Center Director Craig Stroud.

QUARRANTINE REQUIREMENTS SPUR PROMENADES PROJECT

Opening businesses under COVID-19 restrictions will be touch-and-go without extra room for customers to maintain social distancing.

“A ‘pedestrianization’ of commercial districts,” is what is needed, according to Zach Katz. Katz is leading a project called Portland Promenades, designed to help



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shops and restaurants safely reopen.

“We’re in touch with Commissioner Chloe Eudaly about this,” said Katz. “She’s made it clear that she needs broad community support to make these a reality.”

Katz has reached out to Portland State University urban design students “to create renders to get the public excited about this and to provide the city with fully-fleshed out concepts that are ready to implement.”

Katz said he is making good progress, continuing to talk to businesses and residents and working on detailed proposals. Katz has commissioned an artist to illustrate promenades and plazas.

“It’s very important we create more space for businesses this summer, so they can operate at capacity again while maintaining social distancing guidelines,” Katz said.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED

In **Arbor Lodge** at 1427 N. Bryant St. the Schwartz Family Trust of Vancouver, Wash., wants to replace the 1540-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage on the property since 1910 with a 15-unit apartment building.

In **Buckman** at 1006 S.E. Grand Ave., Arcoa Partners of Northeast Portland proposes to construct a new eight-story, mixed-use building on the property’s east side after removing a one-story, non-contributing structure. The existing, three-story, historic Arcoa Building built in 1907 facing Northeast Grand Avenue would be preserved.

In **Kearns** at 2757 N.E. Pacific St., J & K Armentrout Property of Damascus has requested early assistance with a proposal for re-development of the property into a new four-story office building with ground level retail spaces and partial-below-grade parking. Currently the location for Hollywood Vintage, a clothing and accessories shop, a 17,900-square-foot retail facility has occupied the property since 1931.

In **Overlook** at 5834 N. Greely Ave., Patricia Arnold and the Jacobson Family Trust of Lake Oswego are seeking permits to

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Oregon Convention Center staff set up and distance a temporary indoor shelter for the homeless during the COVID-19 pandemic. Up to 140 are accommodated indoors and provided other amenities. (Metro)

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Making more room for pedestrians and customers in business districts is the goal of Portland's Promenades. Transformation of streets and sidewalks will enable businesses to serve more customers when opening under COVID-19 restricted phases. (City of Portland)

deconstruct an 830-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1932 to replace it with a new three-story, 14-unit apartment building.

In **Rose City Park** at 3450 N.E. 50th Ave., Grove Development of Southwest Portland is proposing to build a new three-story, 18-unit apartment complex made up of two structures connected by stairs and balcony. Deconstruction plans are under review for the 1,439-square-foot, single family residence and detached garage on the property since 1927.

In **Sabin** at 1460 N.E. Prescott St., Vallea Properties of Orlando, Fla., asked for early assistance with plans to build a new three-story, mixed-use building, where a 2,088-square-foot retail facility has stood since 1909.

PERMITS ISSUED

In **Arbor Lodge** at 6416 N. Montana Ave., Montana LLC of Northeast Portland has been issued a permit to build a new three-story, 15-unit apartment building and to deconstruct a 1,272-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1925.

In **Boise**, on a vacant lot at 4224 N. Mississippi Ave., Ben Waechter has been issued a permit to build a new three-story, mixed-use building with offices

on the first two floors and an apartment on the third floor.

In **Kearns** at 465 N.E. Davis St, Fairfield N.E. Grand LLC of San Diego, Calif., has been issued a permit to build a new eight-story, mixed-use building with one level of underground parking with approximately 170 apartments on the upper floors, and 5,500 square feet of retail space on the ground floor. Amenities will include a lounge, fitness room, leasing office, bike storage/ lounge and pet area/wash.

In **Montavilla** at 9015, 9017 and 9023 N.E. Hoyt St., 9000 Hoyt Street LLC of West Linn has been issued a permit to build 13 new three-story, single-family residences in multiple structures on vacant property.

In **Rose City Park** at 3255 N.E. 50th Ave., Kenneth and Holly Kondziela have been issued a permit to deconstruct a 1,100-square-foot, single family residence built in 1922. Plans are under review to build a new three-story duplex with a two-vehicle garage.

In **Roseway** at 3314 and 3316 N.E. 75th Ave., Wilde Properties of Northeast Portland has been issued a permit to construct two new two-story, single-family residences with single-vehicle garages on vacant lots. ★



The three-story, historic 1907 Arcoa Building at 1006 S.E. Grand Ave. would be preserved, according to a proposal to develop the east portion of the property. Arcoa Partners of Northeast Portland plan a new eight-story, mixed-use building and the removal of a one-story, non-contributing structure. (Portland Bureau of Development Services)

Meet your neighbor, Sarah.

Sarah lives in the Rose City Park neighborhood of Northeast Portland. She's a podcast geek who spends her time reading to her daughter, drinking coffee at the New Deal Cafe, and practicing personal injury law at Forum Law Group.

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★ STAR CELEBRATES ROSE FESTIVAL

ROSE FESTIVAL *parades* IN PLACE *In Rose City Park*

By Ted Perkins

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On Friday, May 22, the Portland Rose Festival kicked off its 2020 season with a virtual opening night concert and fireworks streamed on Facebook. This year's festival will be unlike any before. Most events and activities have been suspended, but the festival has inspired neighbors to gather and celebrate – against a myriad of historic and external forces – for the more than 100 years. Event coordinators have had to be creative, finding new ways to engage the community and keep the festival alive.

“The 2020 Rose Festival will be an example of how our community can both honor diversity and celebrate unity,” said Rose Festival President Teri Bowles-Atherton, an Alameda and Beaumont school alum who graduated from St. Mary’s Academy. “We are optimistically planning for a modified celebration and we look forward to being a messenger of hope and healing to our communities.”

This spring, the festival asked members of the community to celebrate and inspire hope by decorating their front porches, windows or sidewalks for a porch parade. Neighbors with rose gardens visible from the street or sidewalks were also encouraged to participate.

Decorations will be displayed through the month and at least 150 registered locations in the metro area are marked with a Porch Parade or Roses for Hope lawn sign. A map of registered locations is available at www.paradinginplace.com, identifying areas to plan a walk or drive and enjoy the celebration.

On Saturday afternoon, May 23, a Rose Festival VIP procession drove through selected neighborhoods to thank creative community members for their participation. One neighborhood that drew special attention was in Rose City Park on Northeast 54th Avenue, between Siskiyou and Stanton Streets, where neighbors have worked hard during social-distancing requirements to support one another and connect their community.

One neighbor, Karen Joyce said that the neighborhood recognizes that small businesses are struggling.

“They worked so hard to bring their dreams to reality and then they just had everything swept out from under them,” she said. “It’s heartbreaking. We love our local businesses and want them to be around when all of this is all over. We miss them.”

The Joyce family decorated their front porch in support of Tony Starlight’s Showroom. “He’s been working really hard to keep his business afloat, support his fellow musicians and keep people entertained during these uncertain times,” she said. “His live YouTube shows have been a great escape for us. We streamed one of his shows from our front porch float last Saturday and a bunch of the neighbors sat – at a distance – in the pouring down rain and sang along.”

In addition to the Porch Parade, on Saturday, June 6, at 2:00 p.m. the festival will host a Grand Petite Parade, featuring shoe box-size floats created by community members, a celebration of marching bands, equestrian units, and other Rose Festival parade favorites. For more information, visit www.paradinginplace.com. ★



Rose Festival Princess Carmella Thomas of Grant High School holds a sign and tiara as part of the Rose Court decorations outside her home. The rose sculptures were created by her grandmother with some help from Carmella.



A clown waves to people on the sidewalk while passing on Northeast 54th Avenue..



Mary Getty of the Royal Rosarians waves to parade goers on Northeast 54th Avenue.



Brian and Karen Aase pose on their front porch decorated in support of Garden Fever, a local plant nursery.



Royal Rosarian Drill Master Antonio Harris Sr. blows a whistle as the neighborhood car parade arrives on Northeast 54th Avenue.



Karen Joyce decorates her front porch as Tony Starlight’s Showroom. Joyce and her neighbors have a tradition of going together to Starlight’s Christmas show.

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Neighborhood princesses working from home

By Ted Perkins

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North and Northeast neighborhood high school students have selected four remarkable young women to serve as their representatives and ambassadors for the 2020 Portland Rose Festival.

Benson students chose senior Roserina Chipen, daughter of Rick Chipen and Lona Arthur, to serve as their princess and candidate for Queen of Rosaria. Grant students selected junior Carmella Thomas, daughter of Coleatus Thomas and Jennifer Watson. Jefferson students selected junior Natalie Cetina-Huchin, daughter of Anthony Cetina-Huchin and Noemi Jimenez. Madison students selected senior Wren Louis, daughter of Brian and Kris Louis.

BENSON

Benson Ambassador Chipen plans to go into social work and hopes to create a community center to provide a safe and fun place for Pacific Islanders to connect with resources. She is an honor student at Benson with perfect attendance and performs Tahitian dances at assemblies. She is involved with Benson Tech News, the volleyball and softball teams and the prom committee. In her spare time, she enjoys singing with her church youth group and volunteering with the Portland Center Youth Collective.

“Although this pandemic has messed up plans I had for the year, I am still grateful that my family and I are healthy and that we have a safe home with food,” she said. “I am also grateful that we are spending more time together. I have been trying to just read my bible and stay connected with friends. One thing I will miss is the traveling and volunteering with the court. The other princesses and I appreciate the mentors, employees and volunteers that are trying their best to make this opportunity a great one for us and our community. I hope the quarantine ends soon, so I can have the experience of what it’s like to start college on campus instead of online. On the bright side, this pandemic has taught me that anything can be taken from you at any time, so I must appreciate what I have and live in the moment.”

GRANT

Grant Ambassador Thomas plans to study business and is interested in footwear and apparel design. She enjoys dancing and was voted “MVP dancer” by her class as the most encouraging, outgoing peer in 2019. She is also in the Grant Dance Collective, a leadership group at Self Enhancement Inc. and has received seven SEI awards for having a GPA over 3.5 from 2017 to 2019.

“Last year I was selected to be a part of the PPS Vision Process Guiding Coalition where adults and students collaborate to find ideas to improve schools for future students. It was beneficial to meet new people and make great connections,” she said. “My favorite Rose Festival event would have to be the Starlight Parade. I go with my whole family and we find a spot on a crowded corner and eat snacks together. My freshmen year, I saw my friend Cash, who was Jefferson’s princess, and my friend Melissa, who was Grant’s princess. Seeing them wave to me from the float was my favorite part of the whole parade. Being an ambassador in 2020 has given me a new perspective on what it means to serve my community. Frontline



The Northeast neighborhood princesses met with the Star via Zoom call on May 8. Clockwise from top left, Benson’s Roserina Chipen, Grant’s Carmella Thomas, Jefferson’s Natalie Cetina-Huchin and Madison’s Wren Louis. (Ted Perkins)

workers are a huge inspiration and inspire me to give back more to those in need.”

JEFFERSON

Jefferson Ambassador Cetina-Huchin plans to major in biology and pursue a career as a dentist or orthodontist. Currently junior class president, she participates in an OHSU biotech program, is involved in SEI leadership and has been on the honor roll for three years.

“My favorite place to visit in Portland has to be Peninsula Park Rose Garden,” she said. “It contains many meaningful memories of my childhood. Being an ambassador this year is different since everything is online. I really enjoy the Zoom meetings with the other princesses. I think I’m doing pretty good with keeping myself entertained. I’m with my whole family. It’s still hard. Something I enjoy about this time is spending time with my family. We usually watch movies or play board games. I’m missing school and just being able to see my friends. I was planning to volunteer during the summer at Red Cross and hoping to get a summer job. I’m looking forward to my senior year and excited for new opportunities.”

MADISON

Madison Ambassador Wren Louis plans on attending an in-state college to become either an ASL interpreter or an independent business owner. Her GPA places her at the top of her class and she is active in the Peace and Justice and Garden clubs. She plays goalie for Madison’s women’s soccer team and was nominated for honorable mention on Portland’s All City team.

“My favorite place to visit in Portland is Alberta Street, where there are many interesting stores and restaurants to explore,” she said. “During the last two summers I have had the opportunity to work for the Rose Festival Foundation. I was able to interact with many exited families who were coming to the waterfront to experience the festival. Just being able to see the kids excited faces when heading to the rides brought me so much joy.

Being a Rose Festival Princess during this time is uncharted territory. The festival staff have worked really hard to give my fellow princesses and I the best experience possible. One thing I believe I will miss most is the bonding with the other girls. We have found ways to connect virtually, but it’s really hard to fully replicate an in-person relationship. I am in quarantine with my

older sister and my Mom and Dad. This quarantine has really brought us together and that is one thing I am thankful for.”

The Rose Festival is still working through alternative coronation plans for selecting a 2020 queen, and a decision may be postponed until mid-summer.

For more information, call 800-745-3000 or visit www.rosefestival.org. ★

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'Diploma Days' will honor 2020 graduates during pandemic

By Janet Goetze
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The high school class of 2020 won't have traditional graduation events because state executive orders have curtailed large gatherings of people during the coronavirus pandemic. However, Portland Public Schools is arranging special events to honor students reaching an important educational milestone.

Individual schools may add special details, but the basic outline approved by the state Education Department includes Diploma Days on June 8, 9 or 10 rather than commencement gatherings. In addition to diplomas, graduates will receive paper programs to retain as a keepsake.

On one of those days, graduating seniors, in caps and gowns, may walk up or drive up to receive their diplomas at a designated site. Each school will provide a professional photographer to record the event. Social distancing must be



(Kimber Dahlquist/www.kimberphoto.com)

observed, according to the school district, and the number of family members accompanying seniors will be limited.

Oregon's first Virtual Prom is planned from 7 to 9 p.m. June 4. The livestream event will feature music with disc jockey O.G. One, the official DJ of the Portland Trail Blazers, plus celebrity guests, special

challenges and giveaways.

The district also is creating virtual programs for each school to be available online in June. These will include photos, words from student and school leaders, lists of graduates and honors.

A 2020 video will be available on the district's cable and YouTube channels in

the summer, according to the district. The videos will include performances by student groups, a photo and video review of the 2019-20 school year, and remarks by principals and student leaders.

Four public high schools are in the Star's circulation area. Madison graduates number 218, Benson Tech 235, Grant 379 and Jefferson 122.

Several schools have distributed lawn signs designating the households with graduating seniors. Other signs are from private schools, and a college in Clinton, New York, has a sign on Northeast 21st Avenue: "Congratulations Eloise, Hamilton College class of 2020."

Helen Bernhard Bakery, 1717 N.E. Broadway, has posted congratulations to a cashier, Melody Nunez, a Grant grad. Others graduates suggested by customers are named on signs in the bakery's front window, including Andrea Baum, Rachel Mindt, Matt Michie, Avery Behnke, Peter Senior, Shainne Rain, Zach Nyman, Ben Weber and Jake English. ★

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The class of 2020 was thrown a curveball beyond measure. Life changed. Graduation milestones transformed before their eyes. Through it all, they remained faithful and true. We are proud of these graduating eighth graders and excited to see the young adults they are becoming.



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LOCAL AGENCIES SEEK ASISTANCE

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

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 assists 1400 sites in the state, and some have seen an increase in demand of 20 to 70 percent, according CEO Susannah Morgan. One in five Oregonians is out of work and many businesses remain closed to keep the coronavirus from spreading, Morgan said.

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.

MAINSRING

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



(Mainspring)

groups started as Fish Emergency Services in the 1960s, needs perishable and non-perishable 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 EMERGENCY FOOD PROGRAM

The Northeast Emergency Food Program, which normally sees 70 to 80 families on Saturdays, recently served 800 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. The website is www.emoregon.org/nefp.

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/give.

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 the 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.

A new "Friendly Chat" program seeks volunteers to provide socialization and human connections for seniors experiencing isolation. A link on the website leads to an orientation program.

SUN SCHOOL PROGRAM

The Portland Parks Foundation, with the help of donors and partners, has provided more than 9000 meals since April 8 to families who are part of the SUN Community Schools program, said Randy Gragg, foundation executive director.

The food went to more than 100 families with more than 170 children, Gragg said. The foundation is seeking more donations to continue its program through June 15, Gragg said, "when we hope federal and local funds can take over." ★




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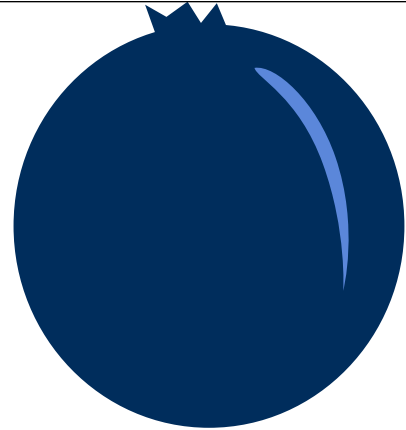


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★ STAR FEATURE

Real estate deals continue during pandemic

By Janet Goetze
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The real estate market is a little softer than a year ago, according to three local brokers. However, people continue to buy and sell homes in the midst of a pandemic, said Sue Coon, Jean Johnson and Lenore LaTour.

Sales prices are close to last year's levels in most neighborhoods, but they are higher by about 4.8 percent in Northeast areas, which are particularly popular, said Sue Coon, who specializes in close-in East Side properties. In contrast, the West Side's prices have leveled off with low appreciation, she said.

"I spent a lot of time in the 1980s defending the East Side," said Coon, who has been working in real estate for 35 years. "It was a well-kept secret. Now the secret is out."

Northeast's walkable neighborhoods attract buyers, said Jean Johnson, including Hollywood, Alberta, Beaumont and Mississippi Avenue.

"People can move in without a car and walk out for a social life," she said, noting the restaurants, pubs, coffee places and small shops in neighborhood commercial districts. "That's why the East Side has finally come into its own."

In many neighborhoods, she added, residents can catch MAX or take a bus to attend events downtown. That makes public transportation an attraction for some buyers.

Southeast neighborhoods also have lively social scenes drawing people to such districts as Division Street and Hawthorne Boulevard, Johnson said. The median Southeast housing price of \$405,000 is lower than the Northeast median of \$440,000 and North median of \$423,000, she said.

A median price needs some explanation. It is the value at the midpoint of a list of prices. That is, as many prices are above that figure as are below that figure. It shows the central tendency of values. However, it doesn't show extremes in the



list, which could include the \$1.4 million home that broker Lenore LaTour cited as a recent sale on Northeast 16th Avenue.

Buyers arriving in Portland often have a job waiting, said LaTour. Others move here to be closer to family or they are attracted by the quality of life. Affordability, compared to other West Coast cities, also draws buyers to Portland.

Local people are buying and selling because of growing families, downsizing, or a death creating estate issues, LaTour said.

Interest rates, between 3.5 and 3.75 for a 30-year fixed mortgage, are historically low, she said, which makes buying attractive at this time.

While the real estate market is "moving right along," as LaTour described it, she joined Coon and Johnson in observing it's not moving as quickly as during the early months of 2019. Sales dropped in March 2020 after the governor issued orders to stay home to avoid the coronavirus, then picked up in April as safety systems for

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showing homes were devised.

Nevertheless, the three brokers said, the inventory of houses for sale is low. A balanced market is considered 4 to 6 months, meaning if no new houses came on the market in that time, the supply would be exhausted. Figures show an inventory of 1.9 months in April 2020, down from 2.3 month in April 2019, LaTour said.

"Low inventory creates a seller's market," she said.

Making sales requires new ways to show homes in the time of pandemic, the brokers said. Open houses aren't done.

New protocols call for working by phone and video conferencing with sellers and showing videos of home interiors to prospective buyers. If a buyer elects to see a house, the seller is asked to leave all internal doors open and lights on so visitors can avoid touching surfaces.

Homes are shown only by appointment. Before entering the house, everyone puts on booties, applies hand sanitizer, wears gloves and the broker carries sanitizer and wipes. Social distancing is observed, too.

"People are being very thoughtful and cautious," Coon said. ★

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★ STAR ERICA ON THE BLOCK

HOLLYWOOD HANG TIME

HISTORY

The Hollywood neighborhood gets its name from the historic Hollywood Theatre at 41st and Sandy. If it were called “the neighborhood cut in half by Sandy Boulevard,” or “the never-ending street of confusing intersections,” it wouldn’t sound nearly as cool.

The theater – which has been around since 1926 – is one of the coolest places in town and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It features old movies (when the world is healthy), a neon sign, a real marquee and live palm trees on the sidewalk to complete its California aesthetic. It’s a surefire selfie destination for tourists and neighbors alike.

The neighborhood is also home to the Hollywood Farmers Market, which I think is more fabulous and quirky than the other market downtown. It is still open from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. every Saturday in the Grocery Outlet parking lot, with an hour dedicated to vulnerable shoppers from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m.

In the spirit of our coronation, I have planned a day full of spectacular food, drink and activities. (You might need to order the delivery of your own pinball machine or host a Basic Mystery Yard Party.)

DANA HERBERT AT THE UNION

Hollywood is home to The Union by Dana Herbert, designer of shawls, wraps, bags and scarves – which are sold all over the world. The coronapocalypse has shifted the shop’s creative focus to masks. You can choose between three sizes and fabric styles galore.

(Make sure you have a mask and wear it. It makes everyone feel better and safer. If it saves even one life, it’s worth it.)

Find Herbert’s Portland-made masks on her website or in any local New Seasons markets, including Grant Park. They sell for \$14. Fashionable, affordable, Oregon-made products and woman-owned company too? The only thing that could make me like Ms. Herbert more, is if she had an in-house alpaca to pet when her shop reopens.

Address: 3525 N.E. Broadway **Phone:** 503-281-1231 **Web:** www.danaherbert.com. **Instagram:** @shopdanaherbert

HUMAN BEAN

To this day, most people I know still refer to the Hollywood Human Bean as, “that coffee place in the old KFC building right?”

I was not a fan of KFC. I adamantly oppose factory farming of chickens, so when KFC was toppled and Human Bean was erected in its place I was singing Hallelujah. I went in once and became an



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instant addict and fan.

The baristas are often energetic, high-school students from surrounding neighborhoods – which I love. They have a plethora of pleasurable coffee beverages to choose from – hot, cold and blended. If you hang out there, you can enjoy free newspapers like the Oregonian, Willamette Week and of course, the Star. They also offer free WIFI. (Pro tip: There is always a Human Bean coupon hidden somewhere in the Star newspaper.)

Address: 4835 NE Sandy Blvd. **Phone:** 971-254-8933 **Web:** www.thehumanbean.com **Instagram:** @thehumanbeancoffee.

HIT THE SPOT!

I might be a grass-puppy-loving vegan, but my 17 year old son is a full bore carnivore. Our compromise is this little burger truck in the parking lot of Human Bean that the owner started as a way to provide farm-to-table, high-quality, fast-food-style burgers.

Pre-coronapocalypse, my son Somes (yes, his first name is my last name) and I enjoyed hanging out at Human Bean. He could do homework and I could get some writing done. Then when we were mentally fried, I would give the carnivore some cash to get a burger. According to my son, the burgers rock.

The basic burger starts at \$4.50. You can add additional patties, bacon and cheese for a bit more. Complete your carnivore meal with shoestring fries and a killer fry sauce (which I have tried and it’s yummy) and you will be fully satiated. The burger spot and coffee shop share inside and outside seating as well as parking. Enjoy the community and pop in.

Address: 4835 N.E. Sandy Blvd. **Instagram:** @hitthespotburgers.

WEDGEHEAD

Pinball Baron Chris Rhodes and Chef Alan Robertson opened Wedgehead in a flat iron building in Hollywood, formerly home to Tony Starlight Supper Club.



Above, Erica Somes and Meghann Street play pinball at Wedgehead. Left, Alan Robertson and Chris Rhodes opened Wedgehead in 2018 in the Hollywood flat iron building that was formerly home to Tony Starlight’s Supper Club. (Meghann Street)

Their dream was to house vintage pinball machines along current models, host tournaments and do it while serving an amazingly inventive menu and full bar. They slayed! (My 15 year old daughter just cringed.)

I have enjoyed many a tasty cocktail with my friends while playing one of the revolving 25 pinball machines they offer – and the coolest part is that at 6:00 p.m. the OLCC kicks out the kids.

Now that I’ve got you all worked up and ready to play pinball . . . they are unfortunately closed for the quarantine.

But you can have your very own pinball machine delivered to your house.

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THE VENDERIA

I lost my Venderia virginity outside of Wedgehead Pinball – on that crazy corner of Sandy and Halsey in Hollywood – and

never regretted it. Not. Even. Once.

A homemade Garbage Pail Kids notebook caused this major event. I’m not going to give the year I was born and cement my age in print (I’m still single and on the market.) but if you ever wanted a Cabbage Patch doll you probably had Garbage Pail Kid cards.

I freaked out and became a fan of The Venderia and Taylor Valdésin. Valdésin began her vending machine revolution in 2013 and has her machines all over North and Northeast Portland. (Including, formerly, in front of Wedgehead – where someday she will return.)

Valdésin morphed her business to accommodate the quarantine and she now brings her vending machine magic to you and any sized outdoor space you inhabit – yards, balconies, etc.

Her “Basic Mystery Yard Party” starts at \$45. Fantastically fun party favors are stored in a private, sterilized storage room. After paying on her secure website, your prizes will be prepared, delivered and installed by a lady with obsessively washed, clean and gloved hands, wearing a homemade face mask. Let the fun begin. All that scavenging entertainment for \$45 bucks? Insane!

Web: vendingmagic.com. **Instagram:** @thevenderia.



(Dana Herbert at The Union)



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NEIGHBORS making the MOST OF IT

Photos by Katharine Kimball

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On May 1, Alameda School families held a neighborhood celebration and parade to reconnect their community, after practicing social distancing since schools closed on Friday, March 13. Teachers and staff drove through the neighborhood and families gathered along the route to cheer them on at a safe distance.

In addition to honoring teachers, the PTA partnered with Oregon FoodBank, Portland Backpack, Grow Portland and others to reduce food insecurity in the community by collecting food, supplies and care cards for PPS students and families. Several PTA members marched at the end of the parade to collect bagged donations that families had set near their viewing spots.

Kindergarten Teacher Karla Hudson, left, waves to students.

"When schools were closed on March 13 we had no idea that our first time gathering our community together again would be for a parade in May," said Hudson. "It was so exciting to be together and see all of those sweet faces again. I miss my students, colleagues and families so much. There were so many big emotions that day, it was overwhelming."

The Chamberlain family, top left, holds a sign they made while waiting for the parade to start. From left are Jack Chamberlain, his mother Rhiannon, brother Henry and father Bill. Henry is a second grader at Alameda.



Clockwise from above Cathy Melton, para-educator, waves from her car. Regina Ingabire, with Andrei Kvingedal and Keza Ingabire, wait for the parade to begin. Andrei is a fourth grader at Alameda. Luke Baumgartner, a fifth grader, rings a cowbell. The Hunnicutt family hold a sign reading 'May the Force be with Alameda.' Ella and Luke Hunnicutt are both Alameda students. Heather Sakamoto and her daughter Kira, a first grade student, hold signs thanking teachers and staff. They are joined by other family members.



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Neighborhood wine merchants keep spirits up

By Barb Hughes

Grant Park Neighbor for the Star News

Along with jigsaw puzzles and toilet paper, one product that enjoys strong demand during social-distancing requirements has been wine. We are lucky in to have several neighborhood wine shops, often within walking distance and flying under the radar. While big grocers carry large international and domestic brands, locally-owned shops can offer unique, artisan wines – plus tastings and opportunities to learn and chat with friendly, knowledgeable staff. Here are a few shops that are deploying some bold and creative strategies to keep their doors open during these unusual times:

BLACKBIRD WINE SHOP AND ATOMIC CHEESE BAR

Owner Andy Diaz gave Blackbird Wine Shop its name because it captures the accessible location and the approachable, fun vibe of Beaumont Village. Little did he know blackbirds would magically fly over the shop each night at dusk.

This unique wine shop and cheese bar has been in business for more than 12 years and continues to be a gathering place – when we aren't in a global pandemic – to enjoy a relaxed atmosphere with a cheese plate, wine, and good conversation. The 16-foot-high walls make good backdrops for local artists to display their works and the acoustics work well for supporting choral groups from Grant and Beaumont.

Along with local art and music, Blackbird specializes in small production wines. Smaller producers with high quality and low-yields don't typically have SKUs or barcodes, so they can be difficult to find in grocery stores.

What's new at Blackbird? Orange wines. These light, silky wines are made from grapes that are not red or white. Orange wines typically have more viscosity and a smoother, longer finish.

During the pandemic, you can order bottles through Blackbird's website. If you want to order cheese from Atomic Cheese, you can order for pickup or delivery with your wine. Delivery is free in Northeast Portland and \$10 throughout the city.

Blackbird now hosts a weekly Zoom wine and cheese tasting tour. Diaz will have a guest chef talk about history and climate and introduce growers and unique wines. It's a fun social time – and a good date. To enjoy the tour, customers can order a



Adria Bauch and Andy Diaz present assorted cannoli – available with their wines at Blackbird Wine shop. Barb Hughes

weekly three-pack or a whole month of tours and tastings. When they order the wine, they get a Zoom link so they can participate in the broadcast after the wines are picked up or delivered.

Scheduled tours for June include the Portugal Douro region on June 4, with Maritime White, Bordeaux Red and a Tawny Port paired with Charcuterie Blue cheese; the France Rhone Valley region on June 11; comparing Grenache Syrah globally, in California and the Columbia Valley on June 18; and new Italian and Oregon orange wines compared with pink wines on June 25.

All wine tours take place at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$50 and includes three bottles of wine, online tasting, mingling, teaching, a guest chef and surprises – sometimes cheese is included.

Walk-ins are currently welcome in the store seven days a week from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. All staff wear masks and appreciate that customers wear them as well.

Address: 4323 N.E. Fremont St. **Phone:** 503-282-1887 **Text:** 503-821-9188 **Web:** www.blackbirdwine.com **Unique offerings:** Small production wines in an approachable, relaxing environment that supports local art; Zoom social-distance wine tours and amazing cheese.

PAIRINGS PORTLAND WINE SHOP & BAR

Jeff Weissler, Pairings Portland Wine Shop and Bar owner, and co-workers Dillon and Morgan are known for their friendly, fun, positive, down-to-earth attitudes. The quirkiness of the shop attracts people eager to share their ideas, knowledge, humor – and sometimes their dance moves. The staff has oodles of entertainment in the works to keep customer spirits lifted and community friendships growing.

Dillon is a musician and helps with tasting live streams every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. Morgan is an alt-film buff and designs movie pairings. All three work on wine education packs and classes – including a cyber wine and food pairing class in the works.

Weissler, who preaches the gospel of organic, sustainably-farmed wines – can pair literally anything with an appropriate wine.

Some pairings include: Binge Watching Packs: Wines paired to characters from favorite TV shows like Buffy or The Sopranos. Movie Packs: Wines paired to 12 movies including The Manchurian Candidate and Who Framed Roger Rabbit. Wine Education

Packs: A program of wines presented “blind” (in paper bags). Handout included. Astrology Two Packs: A red and white wine paired to each sign of the Zodiac.

A “Personal Pairing for Two” six-pack, includes three wines paired to each member of a couple – one paired to their astrological signs, one using numerology, and one paired on two words describing what they like, love, or hate about each other.

If your business or group wants to hire Weissler for a virtual tasting, he'll work out a package deal of wine and snacks to be delivered and provide a Zoom gathering.

You can also join a wine club at Pairings. Members get a monthly tasting and ten percent discounts. During the pandemic, members can buy anything in the shop for 20 percent off when they pick up their wine.

Pairings is currently open daily from noon to 6:00 p.m. Check the website for details, as schedule, offerings and safety parameters continue to evolve. Live streams are every Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. Pairings provides free delivery seven days a week throughout Portland with a six-bottle minimum, and delivery to Beaverton, St. John, Milwaukee and parts further out with a 12-bottle minimum.

Although Pairings is known for its quirkiness, Weissler has a huge heart and loves to use his knowledge in an unpretentious way, connecting customers to the joy of wine. He gets to explore and create an experience of play through kindness. Jeff feels that wine plays a part in helping us experience joy, and loves seeing customers grow, learn, connect and realize that change is just a part of the journey.

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Web: www.pairingsportland.com **Unique offerings:** Seven day delivery, huge organic selection, clubs, classes and bizarre pairings that help keep Portland weird.

GREAT WINE BUYS

Great Wine Buys – established in 1984 – is Portland's oldest independent wine shop. Located on Northeast Broadway at 15th Avenue, where the Irvington and Lloyd District neighborhoods meet, the cute and easy to find shop offers plenty of choices – with over 1500 bottles from the world's top regions, including more than 400 from some of the Northwest's best wineries. They're currently open for walk-in customers and offer curbside pickup and deliveries.

The friendly staff (owner John Kennedy, Murray, Don and Jeff) has more than 85 combined years of experience in the

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Owner Jeff Weissler welcomes you to live an organic wine adventure with whimsical pairings at Pairings Portland Wine Shop and Bar. (Pairings Portland)



Great Wine Buys owner John Kennedy discusses the merits of a Northwest wine with longtime customer Doug Couch. (Murray Koodish)

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wine business. They're happy to use that knowledge and be your wine concierge to select bottles that fit any desire or budget. Being a smaller shop means the team tastes almost everything to make sure it's great before putting it on the shelf.

Great Wine Buys is known in the neighborhood for being friendly, knowledgeable and great at finding wines you'll love. They believe wine is joyous, and should be fun for everyone. The staff is happy to help wine novices explore uncharted territory with inexpensive bottles, while getting geeky with more experienced customers.

The crew love wine (obviously), the social and communal experience around it and new discoveries. Jokes fly along with wine suggestions in a friendly atmosphere.

The shop's monthly newsletter and website feature a "Case of the Month" and monthly selections. The popular "grab and go" case of the month includes a mix of 12 bottles from all over the world with different styles, regions and varieties. The staff tastes hundreds of wines to find a dozen favorites and offer the case for \$118, which can also be customized to preferences.

Featured selections are wines the staff feels are distinctive, personality-filled and deliver on complexity and depth. The team puts their taste buds to work, finding favorites and selecting a range of grapes and regions to highlight.

Great Wine Buys offers generous discounts on full and mixed cases,

including ten percent off a mixed case and 20 percent off a full case.

During COVID-19, purchases can be completed in person or via phone or email for those who prefer to keep contact to a minimum. Pickup and delivery are available.

Current hours are Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sundays from Noon to 5:00 p.m. The staff wears masks and appreciates customers doing the same. Popular Friday night and Saturday afternoon wine tastings are on hold for the moment.

Great Wine Buys continues to offer party planning assistance, with food and wine pairing suggestions, wedding planning and registry, glassware, accessories and more. They're seeing more intimate family gatherings now, like remote tastings and parties via video chat or driveway get-togethers. Wine can be picked up, delivered or shipped – including nationwide – so your friends across the county can enjoy gathering for a drink.

Address: 1515 N.E. Broadway **Phone:** 503-287-2897 **Email:** info@greatwinebuys.com **Website:** www.greatwinebuys.com **Unique offerings:** Oldest independent wine shop, case of the month, celebration planning, local and national shipping.

MOM & POP WINE SHOP

Telina Rohrer and Dan Kunnecke, founders and owners of Mom & Pop Wine Shop, are a pair of restaurant professionals (and a mom and pop) who bought their first house a few years ago in the Roseway



Mom & Pop Wine Shop owners Telina Rohrer and Dan Kunnecke. (Alyson Levy)

neighborhood. As they settled in, they wished there were more shopping choices nearby, especially for the affordable, quality, food-friendly wines that sit on their table with the meals they love to cook.

They'd talked about opening a wine shop for many years, and finally in 2015 found the right space. The outpouring of support from their neighbors has been gratifying, and they love living and working in the neighborhood they call home.

Currently all sales are being handled online. Mom & Pop Wine Shop will be launching some specialty six-packs soon, with descriptions printed and tucked into handsome totes.

If you live in Roseway, Rose City Park, Madison South, Cully or Sumner

neighborhoods, Mom & Pop offers free delivery on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Mom & Pop's website offers a list of goodies, along with local and worldwide wines. You'll also find a variety of sake, cider, beer, glassware, pottery and a book on making plant-based projects.

The beautiful pottery is handmade by "Pop" Dan Kunnecke. Dan's introduction to the craft of pottery came from visiting the famous Japanese wood-fired pottery village of Mashiko, not far from his hometown in Tokyo. Currently on the site are matte white cups, a blue sake set, a blue ice bucket, and blue serving and dark green serving bowls. Dan's pottery is pleasant to look at, comforting to touch and will be practical and useful for years to come.

Telina and Dan think that customers who want to spend less than \$20 a bottle deserve knowledgeable, attentive service and better affordable choices. Mom & Pop Wine Shop is happy to do special orders for you or your business. Details about hours, delivery and pick up can be found on the shop's website.

Whether it's wine, cider, beer, or sake you can relax – possibly enjoying your drink in handmade pottery by Dan – with an affordable beverage from your friendly neighborhood Mom & Pop Wine Shop.

Address: 6908 N.E. Sandy Blvd. **Phone:** 503-913-4929 **Email:** telina@momandpopwineshop.com **Web:** www.momandpopwineshop.com **Unique offerings:** distinctive, affordable, and unique wines, beers, ciders, and sake. Handmade pottery by Dan (the "Pop" of the business), free delivery to neighbors.

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HIGHER STRESS LEVELS MAY IMPACT PETS DURING COVID-19

Just like humans, a pet's ability to adapt to changing routines exists on a continuum. Some pets adapt quickly and easily. Others struggle. During the COVID-19 crisis normal routines for many owners have changed dramatically. Work, social, exercise, and childcare schedules may have been upended. Family members may be working from home, while children are schooled remotely.

Increased activity in the home and higher stress levels of owners may negatively impact pets. Dogs may sleep up to 14 hours per day, cats up to 16 hours. These normal sleeping routines and opportunities for quiet periods may have become scarce. While some pets are ecstatic to have their humans home all day every day, others may show signs of stress leading to behavioral and medical problems.

Every pet is an individual, so signs of stress vary. If you know your pet well, you may recognize the signs or notice new or worsening symptoms. In dogs you may see inappropriate marking, defecating, growling, snapping, depressed mood, excess licking, attention seeking, shaking, drooling, diarrhea, or vomiting. Cats may hide, avoid interaction, over groom, lack appetite and have litter box accidents.

Consult your veterinarian to rule out medical problems. Your vet may recommend one of a variety of medications available to treat stress. In addition, experts recommend



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establishing a daily routine. Include time for, feeding, exercising, grooming and playing with your pet. Cats and dogs benefit from knowing what to expect.

Provide safe and quiet places for your pet to escape for some Zen time by closing doors or using baby gates. If your dog is crate trained, it is an ideal spot to relax with a Kong or puzzle toy. Allow your cat's favorite napping spot to be off limits for specific periods. Keep litter boxes extra clean. Both cats and dog will benefit from quiet background music or nature sounds. Make a practice of leaving home periodically, which will help when you eventually return to a more typical schedule.

When it is time to return to normal activities, start modifying your stay at home routine gradually to mesh with



your resumed schedule. Try to keep feeding, play and grooming times as close as possible to your prior plan. Above all practice patience and positive reinforcement with your pets. There are several veterinary behavioralists in our area that can assist for severe problems.

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AUNT TILLIE'S DELI IS BACK IN BUSINESS IN HOLLYWOOD DISTRICT

After being closed for nearly a month, Aunt Tillie's Deli in Hollywood's 42nd Street Station is back in business with contact-free pick-up by phone and online ordering.

The first day of mandatory "take-out only" for restaurants and bars in Oregon was also St. Patrick's Day, traditionally the deli's biggest day of the year, with a special menu of corned beef and cabbage and a lively gathering of neighborhood regulars singing traditional Irish songs.

"We were busy, but only about half of normal," said Owner Don Meagher. "I realized then that I couldn't safely "social-distance" inside the deli. My customers and employees would be at risk of spreading the coronavirus. It was a tough decision, but in order to keep the community safe I had to close up completely. Aunt Tillie's has been in continual operation since 1984. We've closed up occasionally for an ice storm or two, but this has been unprecedented."

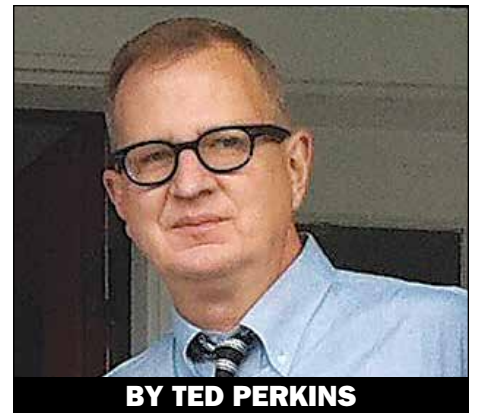
A month without "Deli Don's" fresh, homemade sandwiches, soups and salads has been hard on the community.

"After a few weeks of deep-cleaning and fixing things up around the shop, I decided it was time to implement a plan that would keep our customers and employees safe, while still serving up the same great sandwiches the neighborhood is accustomed to," said Meagher. "I put together a new website with pre-paid online ordering and we now offer delivery through GrubHub, Postmates and a few others. You can still come to the deli and order or phone-in your order for pick-up. I've paired down the menu a bit, but I'm still making soup and salads. Currently, we are open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., but we look to expand those hours soon. We might even offer beer to go, which would be quicker than bigger stores and a nice alternative for the neighborhood."

Meagher is grateful for the support of his neighbors and local business community.

"I think that re-opening has been a great thing for the community, bringing some sense of normalcy to our loyal customers," said Meagher. "Things are a little different. No one is allowed inside of the actual deli and we have a counter set up in the lobby to preserve distancing. We are all doing our part to stop the spread of the virus and flatten the curve. We have done a tremendous job here in Portland and I think everyone is looking forward to a taste of the life we had a couple months ago. Come on in to Aunt Tillie's and we'll take care of that."

For more information, call 503-281-1834 or visit www.aunttilliesdeli.org.



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SABIN NEIGHBOR LAUNCHES CLEAN BODY CARE WITH NO FOOTPRINT

In January, Sabin neighbor Tanya Hartnett launched a home-based business called Clean Body Care. She makes all-natural, organic body-care products and delivers directly to doorsteps in North, Northeast and Southeast neighborhoods.

"Every day I think of ways that I can make less of a footprint on the planet," said Hartnett. "It's all about the environment for me. The fashion and beauty care industries are some of the highest contributors to our landfills, so I started researching how to make my own soaps and body care. I was amazed at how everything worked just as well as the packaged and expensive products we get in the stores. I was trying to think of a way to create body care products without all the packaging. I have subscribed to local, community-supported agriculture (CSA) services over the years, and decided I could use the CSA model to deliver body care instead of produce."

Hartnett's all-natural, organic products feature no packaging and are delivered by bike or foot.

"I wanted to have no footprint of packaging or carbon in delivery," said Hartnett. "When the product is delivered, the customer puts a container on their porch that I fill. No sacks or cardboard boxes. My products are for everyday use at an affordable price. Everything is unscented, but it is customizable, so if a customer wants a grapefruit scent, they just request it. I'll add it. Scents are polarizing, so I wanted to give people the choice to have no scent or the scent they choose."

All of Hartnett's products are customizable. After first delivery, customers can set up a delivery schedule.

"There is nothing else like this," said Hartnett. "Everyone uses shampoo, soaps and lotions. This is a way to use use natural body care with no packaging and have it

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Sabin neighbor Tanya Hartnett launched a home-based business called Clean Body Care. She makes all-natural, organic body-care products and delivers directly to doorsteps in North, Northeast and Southeast neighborhoods. (Tanya Hartnett)

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delivered to your door. No footprint on the environment or yourself – and at a price that is totally affordable. I am hoping to build a sense of community and get to know my neighbors, helping them along the way to help with the environment. I am even thinking about doing a monthly or bi-monthly club for the neighbors to talk about helpful hints on how to reduce waist and different ways to support each other.”

For more information, call 503-381-6713 or visit www.cleanbodycare4u.wixsite.com/website.

ALTHAUS FAMILY AIMS TO KEEP THAI POD SIZZLING IN IRVINGTON

In January of 2016, Suwida and John Althaus took over the cozy Thai Pod restaurant at 2015 N.E. Broadway



In 2016, Suwida and John Althaus took over the cozy Thai Pod restaurant in Irvington. The family-owned, neighborhood favorite offers an array of familiar dishes in a bright and easygoing atmosphere. (John Althaus)

in Irvington. The family-owned, neighborhood favorite offers an array of familiar dishes in a bright and easygoing atmosphere.

“We made improvements to the building right away and my wife added her own flare to existing recipes,” said John Althaus. “All of Suwida’s dishes are

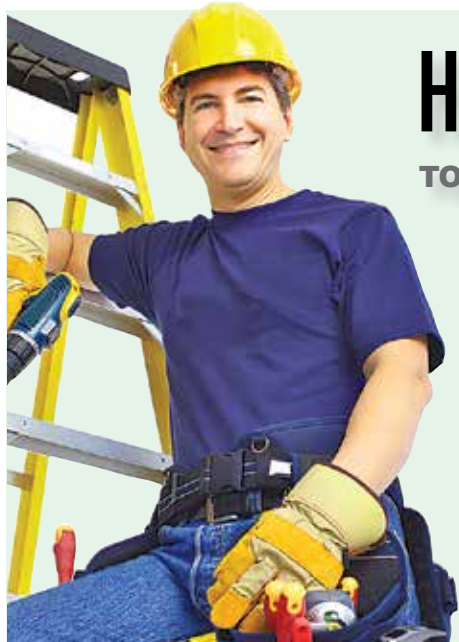
authentic to Thai culture and taste. She came over from Thailand in 2007 and we were married in 2009. We have two beautiful children. A boy who is almost 10 and a lovely, little girl who is six. Suwida has cooked in Thai restaurants for many years. Customers always compliment us on how great the food is. Thai Pod is in

a beautiful, walkable neighborhood and we’ve always done very well until the coronavirus pandemic.”

With social-distancing requirements and a downturn in business, the Althauses have turned to takeout to save their business. Popular choices include Salmon Pumpkin Curry, Lemongrass Chicken and Thai Barbecue Pork Fried Rice.

“We’ve always done good takeout, but this crisis has cut our business nearly in half,” said John Althaus. “We would love the opportunity to feed more people and keep our doors open. We proudly present original cuisine at an affordable price, made with fresh quality ingredients, herbs and spices. If you are looking for a unique meal that you can relax and enjoy with your family, please check us out.”

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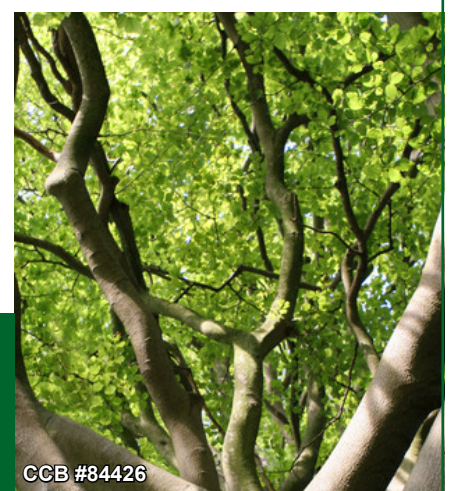
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LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION. Steps from public transportation, near restaurants & shops with quick access to down-town/freeway. Main floor vintage 1950's one bedroom, one bath condo. It's 705 square feet lives large with open living/dining room. Updated kitchen & bath. Laundry and storage room in nearby basement. Deeded parking spot. HOA includes heat. Call for private showing.

1424 NE 21st Unit #19 \$239,900

GOOSE HOLLOW CONDO



WESTSIDE AFFORDABILITY at The Clayborn Condominiums. Convenient down-town location to freeways, MAX, Providence Park, PSU, restaurants & shops. Main floor unit with entry & laundry. Two bedrooms, two baths, include master-suite. Generous sized rooms through-out. Tall ceilings, bamboo flooring, open dining/living room with gas fireplace & slider to outside balcony. Beautiful remodeled kitchen with granite & stainless appliances. **TWO DEEDED PARKING SPOTS.**

1441 SW Clay, Unit 110 \$400,000

GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE ON ALAMEDA!



THIS CHARMING BUNGALOW pended at a much higher price. Enjoy the 3 bdrms, 2 full ba, formal living room w/built-ins, formal dining with wainscoting & remodeled kitchen with granite. Unique open-staircase with great character greets you at the front door. Huge private master-suite up with newer tiled bath & walk-in closet. Bonus up for nursery or office. Additional livability in finished basement with family room, work room & laundry. No mow backyard with patio and large storage area. Convenient to everything!!

5519 NE Alameda
 (originally 685,000) Price Adjusted to **\$600,000**

WILSHIRE TREASURE - Just Listed!



THIS HOME IS PERFECT for those ready to scale-down, starting out or in-between. Darling 1942 bungalow on oversized manicured corner lot with excellent curb appeal and over 1300 sf on one level. Bay & newer French-panes windows, new interior paint & refinished hardwood floors. Remodeled kitchen w/eating area & laundry. Original charm, built-ins & tiled bath. Full basement for expansion with 2nd fireplace. 2 bedrooms on main + 3rd up. Double garage.

3944 NE 36th Ave \$635,000

IRVINGTON DUTCH-COLONIAL



PRIME LOCATION. Excellent outdoor space with terraced deck & water feature in back. Formal entry, grand sized living and dining rooms. Three bedrooms up include large master-suite with sitting area, built in book shelves & high-end tiled bath. Period gourmet kitchen with Viking stove. Family rm-dining combo with wall of glass doors to backyard oasis. Partial finished basement with family room & 3rd bath.

2826 NE 18th Ave \$899,900