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ROSE FESTIVAL CELEBRATION TO CONTINUE, DESPITE COVID, WITH PORCH PARADE, MORE

The Rose Festival's second annual Porch Parade will continue through June 13 with neighbors decorating porches and yards to celebrate the annual festivities, which are persevering despite a continuing pandemic.

Because of COVID 19 in 2020 and again this year, the festival called off the usual Children's Parade in Hollywood and the Starlight and Grand Floral parades downtown, with their large crowds, decorated floats and marching bands. Last year, more than 400 homes and gardens were decorated for what the festival called "Parading in Place."

This year, local businesses are expected to join in the fun by decorating their buildings, windows or storefronts, according to a festival news release. The festival expects to produce an online map with locations so the public can walk, bike or drive around to share in the celebration. Information is at www.rosefestival.org.



BY JANET GOETZE

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BILLBOARDS PROMOTE END TO GUN VIOLENCE

Local organizations are cooperating on a billboard campaign aimed at dispelling self-hate and gun violence that has impacted the city's Black community.

"The billboard campaign is done out of love and compassion, with the intent to

bring awareness, action and solutions to the overwhelming number of shootings that impact communities of color, but more specifically Black men in Portland," said Sam Sachs, founder of The No Hate Zone. He has been raising awareness about gun violence for more than 10 years.

Also working on the billboards is S. Renee Mitchell, a 2019-20 Spirit of Portland award winner who spearheaded a youth development organization called I Am M.O.R.E (Making Ourselves Resilient Everyday). Mitchell is a former columnist for The Oregonian who has done academic research on the effects of racial trauma. She created a billboard caption reading, "Racism + Self-hate = Gun Violence."

Taglines are "Reject the oppression, "Do the math" and "Destroy white supremacy, not each other." The effects of racism lead to the self-hate that afflicts some Black men, Mitchell suggested in a news release about the billboard program.

Elijah Hasan, a visual artist and an award-winning filmmaker, worked with Mitchell on the billboard design,

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Faith Isibor, McDaniel High School, left, Kayla Pierce, Jefferson High School, Beatriz Santiago-Perez, Grant High School and Sophia Chin, Benson High School, will be the ambassadors representing North and Northeast Portland schools for this year's Rose Festival celebration. (Portland Rose Festival)



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Ann Hubbard joined the Broadway Vigil for racial justice when it began a year ago. A Tri-Met bus driver became a special favorite of the group because he honks his horn for a full block when the vigil people appear during the noon hour. Hubbard waves a sign she made for him. (Janet Goetze)

including a slave ship superimposed on a gold-colored bullet.

The shootings, he said are “a symptom of the environment you find yourself in. That is the calculated manifestation of an ecosystem promoting self-hate.”

BROADWAY VIGIL GROUP MARKS FULL YEAR FIGHTING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

For a year, nearly two-dozen people have gathered at noon weekdays on Northeast Broadway, near 15th Avenue, with signs supporting social justice. Their 365th day was June 3, said Dave Brook, one of the group’s organizers.

Most of the group expects to concentrate on bringing their messages on Wednesdays and Sundays after June 3, he said. Some from the group may continue to bring their signs on other days, which still draw honks of appreciation from passing cars and buses, Brook said.

When the vigil started, said Ann Hubbard,

a Sullivan’s Gulch neighborhood resident, no one planned for how long it would last.

“A lot of African Americans have stopped and told us they are surprised that white people take it seriously,” said Hubbard, who is white. “They feel it creates a safe place for them.”

“It’s been a reckoning for us white people,” she said. For an hour a day, standing near traffic and waving signs supporting justice, they can focus on the experiences that people of color have every entire day. Then, with the hour over, she said, the white people realize they can leave that experience for the rest of their day.

The group has gained a special friend in a Tri-Met bus driver who travels by the vigil about 12:40 p.m. weekdays and honks for an entire block, Hubbard said. The group couldn’t get his name from Tri-Met, but they got his badge number and sent him a card on Valentine’s Day. When the bus is due, she holds up a special sign for him that says, “We love our #17 bus driver.”

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STREET ROOTS ADVOCATE SAYS HOMELESS CAN, AND SHOULD, AID CITY PLANNERS

Regional policy makers would do well to consult people who have experienced living on the street before developing plans for housing, health programs and other efforts to aid the unhoused, suggested Kaia Sand, executive director of Street Roots, a non-profit newspaper and advocacy organization.

Unhoused people have talents and useful experiences that can be tapped for community work, and they know how to respectfully communicate with others in camps and shelters, Sand said in a recent adult education program at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

For instance, she said, a former Army medic set up a medical tent along the I-5 freeway near the Overlook neighborhood at the beginning of the pandemic to aid anyone unhoused who would need isolation or basic treatment. Some people know how to cook meals for a group and others have skills useful for employment, she said.

Using donations and grants, Street Roots hired the vendors, who usually sell the weekly newspaper, at \$20 an hour to help collect census information last year. Vendors also undertook voter registration. These and other jobs have helped people gain experience that has enabled some to move into employment, Sand said.

However, she noted, many people experiencing homelessness already have jobs but their salaries are too low to pay rent. They need about \$24 an hour to pay Portland rents, she said. As a result, some acquire tents for living outdoors and some homeless families may live in vehicles or couch-surf with friends or relatives, she said.



Kaia Sand, executive director of Street Roots, a non-profit newspaper and advocacy organization, suggests that regional policy makers would do well to consult people who have experienced living on the street before developing plans to aid the unhoused. (Street Roots)

justice through its website and a series of virtual workshops.

Black and Beyond the Binary Collective received \$60,000 to convene five community partners for 10 events focusing on public safety, immigration, public health, indigenous sovereignty and gaps in learning regarding community safety and Black transgender and queer experiences.

Vo Vo will use \$35,000 to hold a series of trainings for the public to reduce harm for the LGBTQIA+ community and people with disabilities. Training topics will include bystander intervention and de-escalation, anti-racist trauma-informed care, communication styles, constructive allyship and building cultural resilience for communities of color.

Street Roots, a newspaper with a focus on the unhoused, will use \$47,319 to start an Ambassadors Program, led by people who have experienced houselessness. Training will be in communication, de-escalation, and outreach with unhoused neighbors to lead conversations that help build relationships among housed and unhoused neighbors.

Bridge-Pamoja will use \$46,000 for virtual community summits and personal storytelling and community listening groups. The goal is to foster better community relations between African immigrant and African-American communities. Small groups are expected to share stories and develop bands across cultures.

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CIVIC DIALOGUE FUNDS DISTRIBUTED BETWEEN FIVE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

Five non-profit organizations have received funds from the \$248,319 Constructing Civic Dialogues grant recently approved by city council, according to a news release from the Office of Community and Civic Life.

The grant program, said Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty, will help Portlanders increase understanding and respect for differences and shared interests. In addition, she said, it "offers tools to deescalate potential conflict situations so that they do not become serious issues."

Grantees include The Curiosity Paradox, which will use \$60,000 to co-host a five-month exploration of disability art and

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GRANT CONSTITUTION TEAM WINS SECOND PLACE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

Grant High School's Constitution Team, a perennial contender for national honors, has placed second in the 2021 "We The People" national finals, designed to promote learning about the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The program, started in 1965, is offered through the Center for Civic Education of Calabasas, California. The center's mission is to promote "an enlightened and responsible citizenry committed to democratic principles and actively engaged in the practice of democracy."

About 1000 students from 48 classes participated in 648 half-hour Zoom hearings during the national finals in April. The Constitution Team from Cleveland High School also was selected to participate in the national competition. First place was won by the Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies in Virginia.

Grant students, whose teacher was Angela DiPasquale, divided into teams to study such questions as "What impediments to majority rule did the Framers embed in our Constitution? What have been the consequences of these impediments?"

VITAL LIFE FUNDS WILL AID GROUPS FOR KIDS, SENIORS

The Vital Life Foundation, established by Marquis Companies in 2008, has donated \$300,000 to two organization because of their innovative work during the COVID-19 pandemic, according to a foundation news release. The two are the Meals on Wheels People and Friends of the Children.

Meals on Wheels increased home food deliveries to seniors and others from 5000 to 8000 a day and gained 7000 new volunteers.

Friends of the Children began the "No Matter What" initiative to connect youth through virtual "Sparks Squads" of common interests. They also provided 4000 snack bags and virtual activity supplies,

delivered 2000 care packages of school supplies, sports equipment and personal protective equipment to 380 youth.

METRO APPROVES PLAN TO ASSIST HOMELESS

The Metro Council, which oversees a range of services in Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties, has voted to approve Multnomah's plan for bringing health care, case management, job training and rent assistance to people experiencing or on the brink of homelessness.

The vote is a critical first step before the first funds can be disbursed from a measure approved by voters in May 2020, according to a Metro news release.

The county's Local Implementation Plan, a key part of the measure, includes strategies expected to achieve the desired outcomes of Metro's housing services program.

Homelessness is a regional challenge across the three counties, Metro leaders have said, but situations on the ground are unique to each county. Multnomah County's plan was developed with guidance from an advisory body that included representatives from local governments, service providers, people with homelessness experience, faith organizations, neighborhood advocates and business groups. ★



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Oregon Humane Society will break ground on June 16 with plan for 'New Road Ahead'

Over the last three years, the Oregon Humane Society (OHS) has developed a major expansion plan called "The New Road Ahead." A groundbreaking for the project will be held June 16. The shelter will build two new structures, one housing a community teaching hospital and animal crimes forensic center; the other a behavior rehabilitation and rescue center. Property adjacent to the current shelter at 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd. in the Sunderland neighborhood was purchased from Superior Tire last fall.

OHS funds expansion projects through donations, instead of acquiring debt. Private and corporate donations toward the project have accumulated to the point where construction can begin and the public will now be invited to participate.

Established in 1868, OHS is the oldest animal shelter on the west coast and the third oldest shelter in the United States. Pet adoption is not the only service the shelter offers. Emergency rescue response; investigation and prosecution of animal cruelty or neglect cases; a low cost spay and save program for those on public assistance; private and group training classes; end of life services; and youth programs are all services that are offered at the shelter.

The current medical center at OHS was built in 2007. Since its construction, pets "owned" by OHS and those in the spay and save program have obtained easy access to medical care because they did not have to be transported offsite to clinics donating



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services. The medical center works in partnership with Oregon State University veterinary program. All veterinary students with the program complete a primary care rotation at the shelter.

Aside from the spay and save program, current restrictions do not allow OHS staff to treat animals owned by the public. Sometimes this means that families must surrender a pet to obtain care and families are separated.

"No one should have to surrender a four-legged family member because they cannot afford medical care," said Sharon Harmon, OHS president and CEO.

The new teaching hospital will allow those who qualify to pay on a sliding scale, so families will now be protected from being separated.

The second floor of the teaching



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hospital will become a first of its kind, state-of-the-art animal crimes forensic center. Investigators from OHS will be able to access the most up-to-date science to help discover and prosecute abusers, continuing the OHS mission of preventing animal cruelty. Science has demonstrated that sometimes those who abuse animals go on to commit violence against humans. Rooting out animal abuse prevents needless suffering of animals and protects our society.

The other new building will house the behavior rehabilitation and rescue center, where dogs or cats can be placed in a behavioral modification program if they exhibit a variety of behaviors that prevent them from being adopted. A dedicated staff and team of volunteers will work with the animals, using up-to-date, positive, reward-based training. The animals might come from abuse or neglect cases; have been surrendered because of behavior issues; or come to OHS from other shelters. They may also be unsocialized, fearful or reactive. With time, patience, and love, these animals can be healed from past trauma and become valued family members.

The rescue center will allow OHS to more quickly house animals seized from abuse or neglect cases. When hoarding or neglect situations are identified, OHS investigators have the authority to seize animals and place them in temporary housing until the case is resolved. These cases can involve hundreds of animals, which must receive emergency care, shelter and feeding. When this occurs, OHS has to quickly find locations and construct emergency shelters for medically, or behaviorally, fragile animals. A new permanent space should reduce animal suffering, by allowing OHS to quickly relocate and care for the pets.

Sharon Harmon summed up the "New Road Ahead" effort:

"OHS was founded to prevent animal cruelty," she said. "We endeavor to be the safest place in the United States for animals. We know that Oregon is an incredibly safe place for pets in the shelter system and we want to extend that umbrella of protection across every animal and every home in the state."

Visit www.oregonhumane.org/new-road-ahead/upcoming-events to reserve a spot at the virtual groundbreaking on June 16. ★



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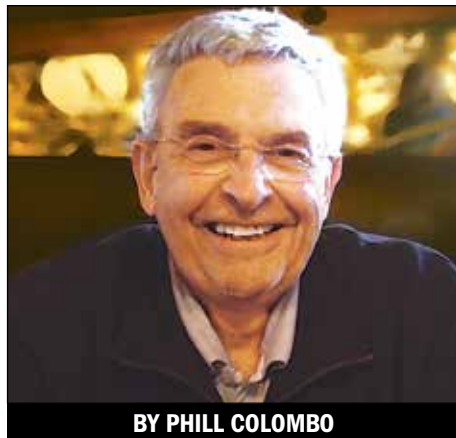
Months of talks between Portland Public Schools, Multnomah County and Albina Vision Trust have resulted in the school board granting the nonprofit trust a first right of offer on the Blanchard Educational Services Center's 10.5-acre property at 401 N. Dixon St. in the Eliot neighborhood.

The school board affirmed its stand in support of a community-led transformation for the neighborhood, where thousands of primarily Black residents have been forcibly displaced through decades of failed urban renewal. Since 2017, Albina Vision Trust has been working to guide the neighborhood's rebirth, by planning a healing transformation of 94-acres in lower Albina, linking private interests and public priorities with community values.

"Our city's history is heavy with institutional and structural racism, and the intentional destruction and dismantling of the Albina neighborhood and its historically Black community is a particularly stark and sad example," said PPS Board Director Michelle DePass. "I am proud that we are taking this step to be a part of reimagining a neighborhood where all residents, especially its Black residents, can live, work and thrive."

Multnomah County was instrumental in the final agreement, relinquishing its existing right of first refusal on the site.

"The county shares Albina Vision Trust's commitment to creating a more equitable future," said Multnomah County Chair Deborah Kafoury. "Ensuring that children and families have the opportunities and environment to thrive, we are pleased to lean further into those



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values by supporting the trust's landmark partnership with PPS."

While there are no imminent plans to relocate the central education headquarters, all future property ownership or sale decisions will align in support of district vision and core values with final real estate decisions executed by the board of education.

DE LA SALLE NORTH'S NEW GYM WILL BE NAMED FOR LONGTIME SUPPORTER

The latest addition to Cully, De La Salle North Catholic High School, has named its newly constructed gymnasium in honor of one of the school's most enthusiastic champions, Michael "Mike" Kelley. A long-time supporter of De La Salle North and member of its board of trustees, Kelley often touted De La Salle North as "The most important school, doing the most important work in our community."

School officials say Kelley had worked tirelessly for years to find a new location for the school and that without Kelley's efforts the new campus at St. Charles

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A new gymnasium at De La Salle North's relocated campus in Cully has been named after the late Mike Kelly. A former basketball player, coach and staunch supporter of the school, Kelly passed away in October after a bout with cancer. (Bora Architects)

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MORRISON BRIDGE LIGHTS TRANSFORM RIVER VIEWS

After two years of darkness, while fixtures were being replaced, color has now returned to the Willamette River, reflecting from colorful architectural lights on the Morrison Bridge piers.

The renewed illumination is a result of a collaboration called "Lighting Partner" between Multnomah County and Willamette Light Brigade, a nonprofit known for its annual production of the Winter Light Festival. The program offers private citizens and organizations opportunities to transform views of the river and city through nightly, colorful, custom displays.

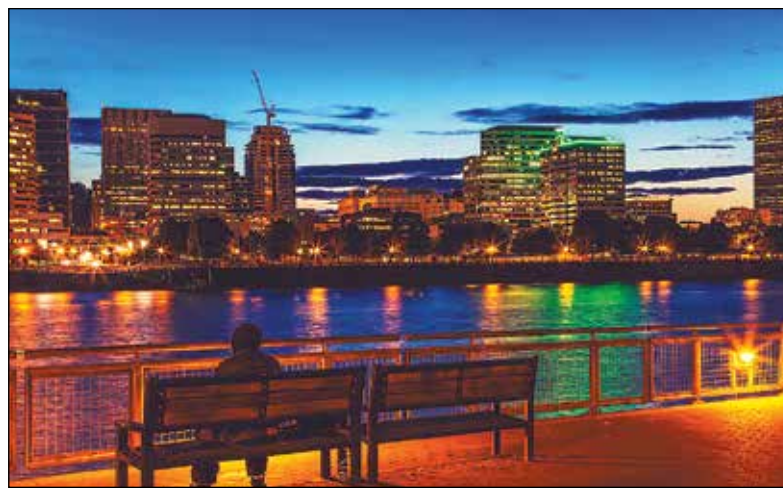
Given USA and Northern Illumination Company's in-kind donation of new, updated LED lighting fixtures made the new lights brighter and three times more efficient than previous lights, which were initially installed in 2009. Lighting partners and modest application fees are expected to ensure that the lights will continue to operate without spending taxpayer money.

Applicants wishing to book a personal color scheme on the bridge can visit www.lightthebridges.org and review available dates. Fees begin at \$150 per day with discounts for multiple day orders. Synchronized displays are expected to be available later this year.

PBOT NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR HEALTHY BLOCKS, STREET PAINTINGS

As vaccination rates rise and COVID-19 cases decrease, the city's Bureau of Transportation unveiled two new permit initiatives. Healthy Blocks allows neighbors to provide more space to walk, roll, bike, play and socialize – while physically distanced. Street Paintings allows neighbors to design large, decorative paintings and paint them directly on streets to beautify and build community.

Under Healthy Blocks, residents may temporarily close a street, creating more outdoor recreation space for people to enjoy while following social distancing guidelines. Local access, deliveries, waste pickup, and emergency vehicles will still be allowed. Permits will be valid for up to



Colorful light displays will once again reflect in the Willamette River. Old lights on the Morrison Bridge are being replaced with new, more efficient illumination. (Tony Webster/Wikipedia Commons)

eight hours per week. To qualify, activities must be free and open to the public, on a city defined "local service traffic street" and not on a bus or transit route. Healthy Blocks permits are intended for daytime use. Requests for after-dusk use will be considered on a case-by-case basis and require additional traffic control devices with warning lights.

Street Paintings may be as large as an intersection or an entire block. Past themes have included animals, flowers, geometric designs, trees and more. Portland's first modern street painting was done in 1996. In addition to aesthetic beauty, the paintings build community and relationships between neighbors and create a sense of place. Any resident, business, or nonprofit may apply. Design, painting, supplies and ongoing maintenance are funded by the permit applicants. The bureau will offer guidance, engineering review, design approval and grant information. A Healthy Blocks permit is required for painting day, and all permits are free.

For more information, visit www.portland.gov/healthy-blocks or www.portland.gov/transportation/permitting/street-painting.

PERMITS ISSUED

In Arbor Lodge at 6606 N. Greenwich Ave., Block One Greenwich of Northeast Portland has permission to deconstruct a 1174-square-foot, single family residence and garage built in 1949 and build a new, three-story, 12-unit apartment building.

In Boise at 4123 N.E. Rodney Ave., Tracy Anderson-Progrellis and Asa Progrellis of Rhododendron have secured permits to deconstruct a 1505-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1902 and replace it with a new, two-story, single-family home and garage.

At 3727, 3731, 3737 and 3741 N.

Vancouver Ave., DEZ Development of Clackamas has permits to build four, new, two-story, single family residences without garages on vacant lots.

In Buckman at 1010 S.E. Ash St., Troy Laundry Residential Property Holder of Chicago secured a permit to deconstruct a 51,448-square-foot warehouse built in 1914. Plans are under review to build a new, six-story, mixed-use building with one level of below-grade parking, ground-floor retail and residential/extended stay units above.

In Concordia at 5014 N.E. 34th Ave., FX Homes of Sandy has permission to deconstruct a 1134-square-foot, single family home and detached garage built in 1913, while the City reviews applications to construct two, new, two-story, single-family homes with attached, single-vehicle garages.

At 5227 N.E. 35th Ave., Teresa Thomas and John Holt have secured permission to build a new, two-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle attached garage.

At 3101 and 3103 N.E. Alberta St., HMS Alberta Alley of North Portland was issued permits to build the shell only of a new, one-story commercial building and to create three tenant spaces inside the shell of an existing structure.

In Cully at 5506, 5510 and 5528 N.E. 55th Ave., DEZ Development of Clackamas secured permission to construct three new, two- and three-story, single-family homes with single-vehicle, attached garages on vacant property. At 5571 and 5575 N.E. Killingsworth St., permits have also been issued to DEZ Development to build two, new, three-story town houses with no garages on vacant lots.

In Kerns at 3075 N.E. Sandy Blvd., Holman Portland Real Estate of Vancouver secured a permit to demolish a 13,017-square-foot,

commercial, mixed-use building built in 1967. Plans are being reviewed to construct a new, 135,000-square-foot auto dealership facility.

In King at 1130 N.E. Alberta St., Alberta Street Development of Seattle has permission to build a new, five-story, mixed-use building with underground parking. The main floor plans include gym and tenant space, the second floor will have a gym and shell office spaces, and hotel co-housing units are planned for the upper floors. A permit was issued in March to demolish a 2480-square-foot commercial building built in 1952.

In Madison South at 8500 N.E. Siskiyou St., Northwest Zen Sangha has a permit to construct a new, one-story, single-family residence on vacant property.

In Overlook at 5833 N. Montana Ave., 5833 N Montana LLC has a permit to deconstruct a 1020-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1910. Plans are being reviewed to build a new, three-story, 18-unit apartment building.

At 3920 N. Montana Ave., Adrian Vasile was permitted to build a new, three-story, six-unit apartment building with a common lobby. Deconstruction of a 1656-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1898 was allowed in September 2020.

In Piedmont at 7677 and 7681 N. Albina Ave., FX Homes of Sandy has been permitted to construct two, new, two-story, single-family residences with attached, one-vehicle garages.

In Rose City Park at 3224 N.E. 50th Ave., Orange and Black Properties has a permit to deconstruct a 768-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1924. An application is under review to build a new, two-story, single-family house with a single-vehicle garage.

In Vernon at 5480 N.E. 18th Ave., Cedar Fund LP of Seattle secured a permit to build a new, four-story, seven-unit apartment building on vacant property with parking on the ground floor.

CLARIFICATION

In the May edition of the Star News, a story about a new softball field proposed for Grant High School reported that a Grant Park Neighborhood Association sub-committee had hired a land use attorney. Association Land Use Chair Neon Brooks reached out to the Star to report that, "some members of the subcommittee did hire a land use attorney, the attorney was not hired by the association or by the subcommittee." ★



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★ STAR HOME AND GARDEN FOCUS

Longtime Roseway dental hygienist Jerri Crebar hangs up her pick

By Janet Goetze
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What will Jerri Crebar, a dental hygienist for more than 36 years, do when her retirement begins in June?

“Nothing. Nada. Zip. Zero. Zilch.” Those were the words on a big, green poster, created by her colleagues at Smiles on Sandy.

It was one of several posters that her co-workers created for a drive-by parade they planned for patients and other friends, who wanted to give Crebar a raucous send-off, complete with fringed squawkers. Crebar joined her co-workers in blowing the squawkers at every car that passed on the street behind the dental office, whether the vehicle carried someone she knew or just a startled neighborhood resident.

“Honk if you’re going to miss Jerri,” read another poster. And several cars passed with horns blaring.

The scene was a little like her work atmosphere, if Dr. Brett Daby, one of the dentists in the office at 6600 N.E. Sandy Blvd., is to be believed.

“She is fantastic,” he said. “She puts on a good show while doing a good job.”

His brother, Dr. Jon Daby, said, “I would describe Jerri as gentle and zany. Her patients tell her anything. She’s like the hair dresser, the priest and the bartender, all rolled into one.”

Crebar had a different view. “It’s mostly they know my secrets,” she said.

“Yes, she’s the one who does all the talking while their mouths are open,” a co-worker agreed.

Juanita Chereck, a patient for virtually all Crebar’s professional career, said, “We have had lots of laughs. She’s wonderful. We’ve become very dear friends.”

Chereck, who walked to the parade



The Smiles on Sandy team, Kim Endresen, left, Jerri Crebar, Mallory Bertram and Michelle Whitney, held a ‘drive-by parade’ with signs and noise-makers for hygienist Crebar, who is retiring after more than three decades. (Lesley Crawford)

from her nearby home, shares a love of gardening with Crebar, who visits her patient’s yard periodically.

Another patient drove by to give Crebar a card and a pair of earrings decorated with bees, because of the hygienist’s interest in the insects. Crebar raises Mason bees, which are pollinators that don’t make honey. They are named for using mud or other “masonry” to construct nests in tree or rock cavities or in the tubes or drilled blocks of wood many beekeepers create to provide places

for the females to deposit eggs.

Although the big poster said “Nada, Zip, Zero” as Crebar’s activities in retirement, a conversation with her reveals she’s likely to do more than visit gardens and raise bees. She already volunteers for several organizations, including the Sunshine Division and Family Promise, a non-profit that provides food, housing and other services for homeless families.

She picks carrots in season at Washington State University’s Clark County garden, raising produce for a

local food bank. She joins the community clean-up of parks in Vancouver, near where she and her husband live and raised three sons.

In addition, the couple is having a house built in Palm Springs, California, where they have spent vacations for several years. She’s been selecting paint and other details by long distance in her spare time.

The couple, who met at the University of Oregon, won’t be moving to what she called the “winter house,” for at least a few years. Crebar’s husband retired from an airline several years ago and then became a teacher in the Battle Ground School District, where he’s also a cross country coach. He will teach for a few more years, Crebar said.

Although her family has lived in Clark County for many years, Crebar said she continues to think of herself as an Oregonian.

“I’m a Beaverton girl,” she said, who explored medical and dental fields as an Aloha High School student. In a health career program, she found out she preferred the dental field to nursing. She decided to train as a hygienist.

Her first job was with Marshack Dental. When the second-generation, lead dentist retired, he sold the practice to the Daby brothers who changed the name to Smiles on Sandy. They also retained Crebar.

That’s why she has had some of the same patients for her entire career. Some of those started with Marshack and predate her arrival at the practice.

Her patients’ affection was evident in the cards, plants and flowers that arrived in her final weeks at the office.

“My room looks like a shrine,” she said before the drive-by parade. “Find me a tiara.” ★

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★ STAR HOME AND GARDEN FOCUS

Warm up to pandemic-friendly summer fun

By Nancy Varekamp
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The calendar may not claim summer until June 20, but neighborhood summer activities are already in gear during this second year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The city's most renowned June tradition is the Rose Festival. Customarily, it's launched with the Junior Parade in the Hollywood District. However, that's one of three parades – including the Grand Floral and Starlight – that will continue on pandemic hiatus for 2021.

But, what's a festival without a parade? So the Rose Festival Porch Parade is back for a second round, May 31 through June 13, for you to do the parading. Walk, bicycle or drive by this year's entries listed at www.rosefestival.org.

Denise Castanon, PDX Parent editor, reported that scores of additional opportunities for outdoor activities abound for children and families. The magazine's summer issue and its website at www.pdxparent.com offer many more details than last summer.

Castanon believes May news from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention about relaxing the need for masks, will make a big difference.

"I think people just know a lot more about COVID this summer," she said. "So I think people are much more willing to do outdoor activities. It's OK to be outdoors. You can relax a little bit about being outdoors."

Castanon pointed to a series of movies sponsored by the Hollywood Theatre in



Hollywood Farmers Market draws people of all ages each summer Saturday. It's one of at least nine markets this year in Northeast and North Portland neighborhoods. (Nancy Varekamp)

partnership with the Lot at Zidell Yards. Movies and other entertainment events are scheduled through at least early August. For the schedule – and tickets for the two- to six-person seating pods – visit www.thelotatzidellyards.com.

Additionally, the annual Waterfront Blues Festival has moved to Zidell Yards this year. Details are at www.waterfrontbluesfest.com.

Free fun is on tap throughout the summer in the city's parks. Some events continue to be on hold but, overall, there are more activities planned this summer than last, according to Portland Parks and Recreation spokesman Mark Ross.

"We designed summer programming to meet public health guidance and to be flexible as conditions change," he said. "Precautions to protect public health include employees and participants maintaining physical distancing and limited capacities in groups and programs."

Evening concerts and movies will not be on the parks calendar for the second consecutive summer. However, mini replacement shows to entertain children – and the parents who accompany them – will be part of some "Lunch and Play" sessions. The entertainment elements will be unannounced pop-ups at random parks and only at lunch and supervised play events. Days, hours and locations are all available at www.portland.gov/parks/free-lunch-play.

The park department's website offers details on plenty more activities at www.poortland.gov/parks/summer. Just some include splash pads, interactive fountains, day camps, nature camps, swimming classes and fitness classes.

Some of park's summer plans rely



Crosby, top, and Clio Levine enjoy the playground equipment at Fernhill Park. On June 11, the park will open a new splash pad. 'Lunch and Play' sessions – including unannounced, pop-up entertainment – are scheduled for several parks this summer. (Gina Levine)

on having a sufficient workforce. Applications will still be accepted in June for part-time jobs. Positions include over 50 seasonal maintenance workers to care for parks and facilities – neighborhood parks, natural areas, golf courses and Portland International Raceway. For details, or to apply, visit www.portland.gov/parks/employment.

Education is another activity children can pursue during the summer. PPS offers classes for students in both elementary and high school. Visit www.pps.net for details.

The school's website also directs teens to classes offered by PCC's community education group at www.pcc.edu/

NEIGHBORHOOD FARMERS MARKETS

Fruits and vegetables – along with other edibles, entertainment and a taste of local culture – are available at neighborhood farmers markets. The markets are all kid friendly and some welcome dogs. Local markets include:

Cully Farmers Market
www.facebook.com/cullyfarmersmarket

Hollywood Farmers Market
www.hollywoodfarmersmarket.org

Kenton Farmers Market
www.portlandfarmersmarket.org/our-markets/kenton

King Farmers Market
www.portlandfarmersmarket.org/our-markets/king

Lloyd Farmers Market
www.lloydfarmersmkt.net

Montavilla Farmers Market
www.montavillamarket.org

Rocky Butte Farmers Market
www.rockybuttemarket.com

St. Johns Farmers Market
www.stjohnsopportunity.org/stjohnsfarmersmarket

Sauvie Island Farmers Market
www.facebook.com/sauviefarmersmarket


Woodlawn Farmers Market
www.woodlawnfarmersmarket.org

community/teen. It directs students interested in volunteer jobs to www.handsonportland.org/calendar, www.volunteermatch.org and www.portland.gov/parks/volunteer.

What's a summer without consuming a few bushels of fresh fruits and vegetables? U-pick produce farms abound in the area. Use your computer or smart phone to search for "U-pick farms nearby."

Many local farmers bring their harvests to town, and neighborhood farmers markets are listed in the info box on this page.

"In spite of pandemic restrictions, farmers markets still serve as bustling community centers filled with the sights and sounds of the season," said Alison DeLancey, director of markets for the Hollywood and Lloyd districts. "There's more to find at the markets than edibles. Visiting your neighborhood market creates a sense of community. Seeing the produce available at different times of the year connects kids with nature's cycles. Besides that, it is always so much fun." ★



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CAREERS Around the CORNER

LOCAL JOBS FOR LOCAL FOLKS

The goal of Our Careers Around the Corner feature is to connect neighborhood businesses that need employees with neighbors who need jobs, ultimately helping our community to grow a local and sustainable economy that will thrive for generations.

Nectar Cafe in Hollywood is looking for a front of house server/barista/juice and smoothie maker. Enjoy being part of a daily dance party at this vegan cafe, coffee shop and juice bar! Seeking a self-starter able to self-pace during slower hours and manage multiple tasks during higher volume periods. Experience preferred but will train motivated, kind person. Full time, seven to eight hour shifts, between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pay starts at \$13.25 per hour. Benefits include free meals, flexible schedule and playing your own Spotify playlists. Tips are split evenly between front and back of house. Bring in a cover letter, describing yourself and why you'd like to work with us, to 1925 N.E. 42nd Ave. in the Hollywood Mall.



(Nectar Cafe in Hollywood)



(Cully Neighborhood Farm)



(New Seasons)

Nonprofit Word is Bond PDX wants to hire a program manager. Lead and manage racial justice programming for young black men in our community. Develop and implement curriculum and program activities that promote leadership, racial justice and self-identity. Ideal candidate will be kind, responsible mentor who is and passionate about youth, with strong interpersonal skills, a professional attitude and a background in racial justice or Black liberation work. Position is 37 hours per week and salaried at \$38,000 to \$42,000. Send a cover letter and resume to lakayana@mywordisbond.org with "[Your Name] Program Manager" in the subject line. Visit www.facebook.com/wordisbondpdx for more information.

Cully Neighborhood Farm needs a farm crew. Get paid to exercise and play in the dirt, while producing vegetables, culinary herbs and cut flowers. Job is temporary and part-time through September 30. Mondays and Thursdays, hours vary, but approximate start time would be 8:00 or 9:00 a.m. to 4:00

or 5:00 p.m. Prepare planting beds, harvest, clean and pack produce. Requirements are ability to lift 50 pounds, keep accurate records, and use a variety of garden and hand tools safely. Compensation includes \$13.50 per hour, access to materials for educational use, excess produce and a potential work bonus. Submit resume, contact information for three professional references and a short email explaining your interest and availability to Josh Volk at josh@slowhandfarm.com. Visit www.cullyneighborhoodfarm.com for more details about the farm.

Locating Inc. in Cully is hiring utility field technicians. Work outside, locating and marking underground utilities. Need valid Oregon driver's license, high school diploma or GED. Paid training, vehicle and fuel provided. \$16.50 per hour is the starting wage with 401K, stock options, paid time off and holidays. Office is located at 6601 N.E. 78th Court. Apply online at www.locatinginc.com or call Olivia at 503-255-4634 for more information.

New Seasons Markets in Arbor Lodge, Concordia, Grant Park and Williams have several positions available, including bakery clerk, floral designer, beer and wine clerk, cook and cashier. Full time flexible shifts for friendly people, lifestyle scheduling, starting wages at \$15 per hour with regular raises and medical/dental/vision benefits at 24 hours per week. 20 percent store discount, paid volunteer hours and one-month parental leave are also offered. Apply online at www.newseasonsmarket.com/careers.

If you run a business and are looking to fill a full-time, part-time, consignment or other paying position in the Star's North and Northeast Portland neighborhoods, please contact barbhughes@star-news.info for information on how to be included in Careers Around the Corner. If your organization or business would like to support practical neighborhood job creation, please consider sponsoring this feature. Contact Jane Cullinan for details at janeullinan@star-news.info. ★



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★ STAR STREETWISE

HOORAY FOR HOLLYWOOD!

With a walking score of 95, Hollywood is one of the most walkable neighborhoods in Portland. Anchored by stalwarts like the Hollywood Theatre, Hollywood library, Hollywood Senior Center and Northeast Community Center, the bustling hub of the district, since 1984, has been 42nd Street Station, just south of Sandy at 2000 N.E. 42nd Ave.

In addition to being the best spot in town to pick up a copy of the Star News, the cozy, community-minded mall in the heart of the district offers historical murals, local art, a community bulletin board and even a miniature train running through the rafters. Locally owned businesses that call the station home include Himalayan Gifts and Candies, MB42 Salon and Barber, Aunt Tillie's Deli and Pub, Postal Station and a whole basement full of novelties and whimsy at Antique Alley.

From new businesses like ChimcKing Korean-style chicken and Doe Donuts, to old favorites like Sam's Billiards or the Wet Spot, the Hollywood district offers a fantastic mix of both practical and playful for all to enjoy.

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With full-service tailoring and fast alterations, my husband chose Tie's to re-fit his favorite jeans. Tie's tailoring department did their magic, and my satisfied husband wears the results proudly.

If large items won't fit in your machine, Tie's can clean and sanitize bulky items – like comforters, sleeping bags, blankets, rugs, drapes, curtains and stuffed toys. Delicate items like a wedding dress or antique clothing can be cleaned and then packed for storage. Tie's uses acid free paper and airtight boxes.

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"We have night shift nurses get dinner here at 8 a.m. and slow risers who roll in for brunch at 3 p.m. on a Tuesday," said Ellison Rose, manager.

Beautifully prepared with fresh fruit, Nectar beverages are a taste treat for the eye as well as the palate. The cafe just got a full-service liquor license, so they now serve



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Tie at Tie's Dry Cleaners. (Susanna Kang)

cocktails and pitchers of mimosas. Nectar smoothies use coconut or almond milk instead of dairy, and are sweetened – when needed – with dates. Juices are cold pressed from whole fruit. You'll find kombucha (Which I had. It's delicious.), lemonade, house-roasted coffee, a full espresso bar with lattes and cappuccinos and a few taps featuring local beer, wine and cider.

After you wet your whistle, dig into the Panini-pressed breakfast sandwiches, fresh-from-scratch scrambles, breakfast burritos or made-to-order waffles – both sweet and savory. Brunch choices include a pulled-not-pork sandwich on a Grand Central baguette, spread with aioli and piled high with BBQ soy curls, onions, and carrot-cabbage-apple coleslaw; a decadent non-dairy grilled "cheese," or a hearty French "dip." Salads, bowls or grab-and-go wraps are great for folks who like lots of veggies and flavor – without the carbs.

House-made, gluten-free pastries will satisfy your sweet tooth, including favorites like carrot cake, berry bars and cowgirl cookies. Vegans will be glad to know they can eat anything on the menu! Friendly staff is helpful and knowledgeable. They know the regulars by name and choose the eclectic music – which customers often say is the best.

Hours are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Enjoy the expanded outdoor dining patio or order online for curbside pick-up of creative cuisine, available seven days a week.

ADDRESS: 1925 N.E. 42nd St. **PHONE:** 971-302-6359. **WEBSITE:** www.nectarcoffeebar.com. **DON'T MISS:** Gift cards for your vegan friends. Breakfast and brunch all day, every day. Nectar catering truck is now available for events and gatherings.

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Ellison Rose, left, Kai Nahas and Natalie Yap at Nectar Cafe. (Barb Hughes)



Alex at Hollywood Shoe Repair. (Barb Hughes)

★ STAR STREETWISE

HOLLYWOOD SHOE REPAIR

Owned by leather-repair expert Alex, who revives and renews shoes, sandals, boots, bags, belts or any leather item, this little basement shop is one of Hollywood's affordable, friendly secrets.

I brought in my dad's old binoculars – with a strap that had disintegrated. Alex put on a new strap. It looks great and will last for years. We've brought in belts and he's punched new holes in them. We've brought in fancy leather boots that we got at a thrift store, with worn out heels and soles. Not only did Alex put on new soles and heels, he shined up the boots so they looked brand new! If you ever need a zipper or rivet replaced on a shoe or purse, Alex can do that and more.

Along with quality repair, Hollywood Shoe Repair stocks a selection of new, high-quality NAOT shoes for men and women. Need shoe polish, laces, shoe care items, or comfy high-end orthotic inserts? Get the products and advice you need from Hollywood Shoe Repair. Wide feet? Alex has shoes in extra wide. Need to replace or repair a sandal strap? Alex can fix it. Alex is the reason we can afford to buy nice things in our family – because when they wear out, Alex refurbishes them for a fraction of the price of buying new again. Not just good for the pocketbook – but good for the earth.

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SPARK ARTS CENTER

Spark Arts Center provides supplies and opportunities for creative types of all ages. Packed with inspiring paints, brushes, canvasses, colored wool, embroidery thread and coloring books, you'll also find craft books, pom-pom puppy kits, papier mache bird kits, glue guns, googly eyes and more. Remember those paint by number kits you loved as a kid? Spark carries those too!

As for Spark's popular classes and camps, owners Julie Jetton and Marla Munnich have made safety adaptations for the COVID era. Classes are smaller now, allowing each student their own table to maintain distancing. (Family members are allowed to share a table, however.) Masks are required, students have individual supply bags, classroom has HEPA filtration, temperatures are taken, spaces are sanitized between classes and protocols are in place for drop-off and pickup. At Spark, you can be safe AND have fun. This summer, Spark is partnering again with Northeast Community Center for camps. Contact NECC directly for more information.

Spark is the place to find all your creative gear for summer – craft supplies, kits, books, drawing and painting supplies for all ages and experience. Spark has everything you'll want to explore your creativity – whether traveling or staying home.

ADDRESS: 1805 N.E. Cesar Chavez Blvd. **PHONE:** 503-281-6757. **WEBSITE:** www.sparkartscenter.com. **DON'T MISS:** Father's Day Mug Painting on June 5. Summer Art Supply Sale from June 7 to 21. Drop off your old newspapers or wine corks anytime for reuse in Spark classes and camps.

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Ragan VanSise at Ragan's Boutique. (Barb Hughes)

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★ STAR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

KIDS TEENS AND FAMILIES

AUTHORS TALK TO TEENS

June 10. 4-6 p.m. Local authors Kim Johnson and David Walker talk about their latest works, "This is My America" and "The Black Panther Party: A Graphic History." The authors explore ways that teens can and are demanding social justice, the current crisis with police and how writing can facilitate change. Discussion will be led by teens for teens. Free. Registration required. 503 988-5123. www.multcolib.org. Go to "Events and Classes" tab.

PRACTICE READING

June 16. 4-5 p.m. Most Fridays. In a Multnomah County library program, students in kindergarten through second grade can practice skills by reading with a teen via Zoom. Each week, listen to a story and practice reading. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org. Go to "Events and Classes" tab.

EXPLORE SCIENCE

June 22-24. 3-4 p.m. Tweens, ages 8 to 12, can explore science in a three-part Explorers Camp from several perspectives. For instance, through insects and other creatures or paints and dyes from natural materials. Spaces limited. Supplies are by library pick-up following email alert. Please register two weeks before event to get supplies. Free. 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org. Go to "Events and Classes" tab.

ARTS AND LITERARY EVENTS

ART PURGES DEMONS

June 1. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Oil paintings by Jill McVarish carry the theme "Purge the Demons," a concept related to new beginnings. Stephanie Brockway's interactive sculptures reveal her mantra: "Let's play and learn to smile again." The paintings and sculpture remain to June 22. Mike Wellins, known for his poster art, has work on display until June 20. "Last year was the year where I was able to do pieces I wanted to do, that just interested me, and not much beyond that," he says. View more art at www.guardinogallery.com. Call 503-281-9048 to purchase. Visit with mask and social distancing. Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

HEAR CHOIR ON YOUTUBE

June 5. 7:30 p.m. Hear newly commissioned choral works for a program, "A Roof and a Bed," presented by the Portland Lesbian Choir to amplify housing insecurity in the community. The concert by 100 singers is scheduled to show on www.youtube.com/portlandlesbianchoir. The concert is free, but to honor the choir's 35th anniversary season, the directors are asking 100 people to donate \$35. All songs are closed-captioned and American Sign Language will be available for four pieces.



A newly commissioned choral program presented by the Portland Lesbian Choir will amplify housing insecurity in the community. The concert by 100 singers is scheduled to show on YouTube, beginning June 5. (Portland Lesbian Choir)

SEE FILMS IN THE LOT

June 15. Doors open 6 p.m. See "Crazy Rich Asians," with opening music by Small Million starting at 6:45 p.m. The Hollywood Theatre teams with The Lot at Zidell Yards for films and music scheduled through August. Other June films include "Troop Beverly Hills," and "Coming to America." Seating in outdoor pods of 2, 4 or 6. Tickets \$70 for two, \$140 for four. Schedule and ticket information at www.hollywoodtheatre.org. The Lot, 3030 S. Moody Avenue, 97201.

HEAR ANDEAN MUSIC

June 15. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Join Chayag Andean Folk Music for a performance of music and dances, oral traditions and folkloric representations of the Inca empire and the Andes. Free online. Registration required. 503 988-5123. www.multcolib.org. Go to "Events and Classes" tab.

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★ STAR STREETWISE

RAGAN'S BOUTIQUE

Ragan's is a great, little, upscale boutique, selling new, on-trend, quality women's fashion and staples in clothing, shoes and accessories.

Owner Ragan VanSise's background spans fashion, management, importing – and even the biopharmaceutical industry. Her dream has always been to open a boutique, selling cute, creative new clothes. That dream came true in 2017, when her perfect Hollywood location opened for lease. She's been scouring fashion shows ever since – stocking her store with trendy, comfortable and classic items that have local tastes in mind.

This summer you'll find jumpsuits, fun kimonos, adorable sundresses and lightweight, cotton tops and bottoms in sizes from petite to plus. You'll also find whimsical, one-of-a-kind, locally designed jewelry, handmade embroidered boots, RGB and Obama merchandise, purses, wallets and umbrellas. I purchased a lovely pair of linen pants that are perfect for summer and will be a classic for years to come.

Ragan loves to interact and contribute to the community. This summer she's offering "Mannequin Styling" for kids and teens ages 9-17. If your little fashionista loves styling, this is a chance to show off their creativity – using anything in the store!

Dates include June 5, 19, July 3 and 17, every hour from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All outfits will be displayed for sale in the store's windows. Please call or email to schedule an appointment. Spaces fill quickly. Ragan also donates clothes to an area women's shelter and will participate in the Rose Festival Porch Parade from May 31 to June 13. Ragan's Boutique is open Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Stop by and let Ragan spoil you with her exceptional customer service.

ADDRESS: 1925 N.E. 42nd Ave. **PHONE:** 503-206-5071. **WEBSITE:** www.ragans-boutique.business.site. **Instagram:** @ragansboutique. **DON'T MISS:** Summer clothes, including sundresses, organic cotton and linen, wedge sandals and breezy kimonos. Don't forget to reserve a spot for your child to style a mannequin this summer!

DOE DONUTS AND ICE CREAM

Doe specializes in traditional and mini, vegan, artisanal donuts and ice creams made from scratch with local, fresh – and sometimes unusual – ingredients. You'll find daily and seasonal flavors of both sweet and savory donuts, hard and soft serve ice cream and appropriate dunking drinks, including Heart Roasters coffee, house-flavored milks, organic fair-trade tea, kombucha and juice. At Doe, any day can be a celebration day, with a



Paige Thor at Doe Donuts. (Barb Hughes)

birthday cake donut and ice cream!

Other donut flavors include Earl Grey-infused Portland Fog, Tiramisu, French toast, salted vanilla bean and strawberry milk with sprinkles. Check Instagram or Facebook for the latest seasonal flavors. I'd never heard of savory donuts before, but it seems fair to me that if you eat a savory donut for your meal then you should follow with a sweet donut for dessert. Meal accomplished!

Year round ice cream flavors include chocolate, cookie dough, birthday cake and chipped mint. Soft serve is available in earl grey and blueberry. Seasonal ice creams change, depending on fresh fruit and flavors available.

Donuts may be ordered ahead of time for celebrations and gatherings. Doe will create fresh donuts in whatever flavors and sizes you prefer – even letter-shaped so you can spell out words and feelings.

Although Doe is vegan, they are not gluten-free or nut-free. (They do carry many nut free items.) They are open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Of course you can get your treats for takeout, but you might want to stick around. Doe has plenty of outdoor tables, painted with colorful donuts for a festive, happy vibe.

ADDRESS: 4110 N.E. Sandy Blvd. **PHONE:** 503-333-4404. **WEBSITE:** www.doeonuts.com. **DON'T MISS:** Weekend donut specials! Doe gives back to the community by donating to two nonprofits every month.



Jed Bindeman at Little Axe Records. (Barb Hughes)

LITTLE AXE RECORDS

Little Axe Records is a record shop with two record labels – Little Axe and Freedom to Spend. Warren Hill and Jed Bindeman started the company in their garage in 2011. They opened the shop next to the Hollywood Theater in 2017. Hill has since moved on to Springfield, Ore. to open Little Axe's second store, but often returns to work the Hollywood shop with Bindeman.

The Little Axe labels reissue small pressings of mainly international music, as well as cassettes of geographically themed mix tapes and work by Portland poet Ursula K LeGuin. The great thing about having their own private labels, they say, is that if something sells out they can just re-print more.

Little Axe Records also buys and sells VHS movies, used cassettes, vinyl albums and singles in a variety of genres including classic rock, soul, blues, electric, metal, jazz, new age, dance and disco. Call for details. Since both Warren and Jed have totally different music tastes, the store has a lot of variety.

ADDRESS: 4142 N.E. Sandy Blvd. **PHONE:** 503-320-3656. **WEBSITE:** www.littleaxerecords.com. **DON'T MISS:** Owner Jed Bindeman suggests checking out new music from the Little Axe labels – and not just automatically going after the music you're familiar with. ★

★ STAR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



On June 16, Karen Kitchen of the Osage Nation will lead songs, stories and books from Native cultures free online. All ages welcome. (Multnomah County Library)

LEARN NATIVE SONGS

June 16. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Karen Kitchen of the Osage Nation leads songs, stories and books from Native cultures. All ages welcome. Free online. 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org. Go to "Events and Classes" tab.

TECH OPPORTUNITIES

LEARN INTERNET SAFETY

June 4. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Learn how to recognize scams, how to protect yourself from fraud and what steps to take if you become a technology victim. Portland Youth Builders Virtual technology classes pair one-on-one assistance with live instruction and demonstration of technology tools for adults. Free online. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org. Go to "Events and Classes" tab.

NAVIGATE A PHONE

June 15. 6-7 p.m. Learn the basics of navigating and customizing a smartphone or tablet with a Multnomah County Library assistant. Free online. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org. Go to "Events and Classes" tab.

PREPARE FOR ZOOM

June 29. 3-4 p.m. In a live Zoom webinar, learn the basics of being prepared and confident for virtual and in-person interviews. Free from Multnomah County Library. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org. Go to "Events and Classes" tab.

FOR SENIORS

VISIT OVER COFFEE

June 1 and 9. 10-11 a.m. Join a virtual coffee klatsch on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Participants come together to chat, check in and share news. Newcomers are always welcome. Free through the Hollywood Senior Center. 503-288-8303. www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org. Click on "Virtual Events" calendar, go to the date in the calendar and click on the activity for the Zoom link.

MOVE WITH ARTHRITIS

June 2. 11-11:50 a.m. Continues Wednesdays. Arthritis exercise with Sandy Morales. For questions, contact smorales@email.com. Free. Drop-ins welcome. www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org. Click on "Virtual Events" calendar, go to the date in the calendar and click on the activity for the Zoom link.

MAKE SALAD ROLLS

June 12. 1 p.m. Yuki and Yu demonstrate how to

make salad rolls. Take an ingredient kit and recipe home or take a pre-made roll to go. Also get a "Food Justice Kit" that includes herb and veggie starts or seeds for windowsills or gardens, food justice "zines" with resources and tips and a token for a Hollywood Farmers Market purchase. www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org. Click on "Virtual Events" calendar, go to the date in the calendar and click on the event. Demonstration is in the NECC parking lot between Northeast 37th and 38th Avenues, Broadway and Sandy Boulevard.

MEET IRVING BERLIN

June 14. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Gordon Neal Herman presents a program about Irving Berlin, regarded as one of the greatest song writers in history. Dozens of his 1,500 songs became iconic, including "God Bless America" and "White Christmas." The presentation traces how he became a musical legend. Free through the Hollywood Senior Center. Registration required. 503-288-8303. www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org. Click on "Virtual Events" calendar, go to the date in the calendar and click on the activity for the registration link.

INGENERAL

LEARN TO MEDITATE

June 2-29. 9-10 a.m. Continues Tuesdays. Learn and practice mindfulness meditation, followed by a question and answer time about the experience and to deepen your practice. New and experienced meditators welcome. Free but registration required. Email instructor Nancy Boros at mindbodymindfulness@gmail.com.

SCHOOL PLANS AUCTION

June 5. 6-8 p.m. Laurelhurst Elementary School holds a virtual auction to benefit the school and the Portland Public Schools' Parent Fund. The theme is "Shine," as the community comes out of the dark into the light and as teachers have been a shining light this year. Auction categories include "Learn to Make or Do," as in learning to knit or juggle. Other categories include "Offers of Help," "Baskets and Packages" and "Getaways." View the catalog: www.laurelhurstschool.schoolauction.net.

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH

June 12. 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Multnomah County Library has a full day program a week ahead of June 19, or Juneteenth, the day in 1865 when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Tex., with news the Civil War and slavery had ended. Events highlight history, culture, music and healthy eating in live presentations and COVID-19-related information. Free online. 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org. Go to "Events and Classes" tab. ★

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ELENA HELLER HELPS NEIGHBORS EXPLORE PLANT-BASED NUTRITION WITH NEW FAVORITES

Four years ago, Elena and Neil Heller became aware of the value of eating a whole-food, plant-based diet. Now it's become a life value for them, and the basis of Elena Heller's two-month-old business, Finding New Favorites.

During training 100-plus miles a week for a 2017 bicycle event, Neil Heller reasoned his metabolism could handle a wayward diet. Blood work disagreed, and his doctor recommended a plant-based diet.

"We went all in, and just two months later his blood work came back to normal," Elena Heller said. "Food tasted better, and we were supporting more of our local economy."

Now she delivers healthy, ready-to-cook meal boxes to customers throughout the city. But Elena Heller's life and livelihood are on the Eastside – with a kitchen in Eliot, a home in Montavilla and a day job at a dental clinic in Roseway.

The self-taught cook has adapted recipes from food blogs and recipe books.

"I have converted recipes to have more seasonal vegetables and even have converted some of my favorite non-plant-based recipes to fit in as well," she said. "We want to help you transition to a plant-based diet without all the homework."

That is why she named her business "Finding New Favorites." The ingredients in each meal box are sourced locally, and Elena Heller features her providers – primarily women-owned and BIPOC companies – on her website. Customers can order the boxes from www.findingnewfavorites.com and will receive deliveries on Fridays.

POPINA CLOSES HOLLYWOOD SHOP AND OPENS NEW SPACE IN ALAMEDA'S LYON COURT

Popina Swimwear Boutique began a new chapter May 27, with a move from the Hollywood district to the Alameda neighborhood. The large swimwear store will refine its focus to the Popina label, plus what Lulu Levenson calls the 10 "best of the best" other brands, down from the 60 that were offered in the Hollywood shop.

"That's where the creativity and the fun is," Levenson said.

She and husband Willie began their



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business in 1996 with the swimwear she created in their Northeast Portland basement. In 2006 they opened their first shop, a 250-square-foot venue in the Concordia neighborhood. In 2013 they moved to the 5000-square-foot space in Hollywood and, for several years, even had a second store in the Pearl District.

The pandemic prompted the decision to close the Pearl store last year when the lease was up. Related restrictions prompted changes for doing business in Hollywood. Even before the pandemic, Lulu Levenson reported, "The future of retail was already in question."

Although the new space in the west end of the Lyon Court building at 2393 N.E. Fremont St. will be smaller at 2800-square-feet, it appears spacious – thanks to a mezzanine installed by the previous event space tenant, 24 Fremont. Popina's signature decor – which the Levensons call "Gilligan's Island chic" – will continue to greet customers. So will an in-house tiki bar with beer on tap.

Store hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays, and there will be no change in contact information. Call 503-282-5159 or visit www.popinaswimwear.com.

SODA JOY PUTS THE FRUITY BUBBLY IN VODKA

Since February, The Dystillery in north Portland's Piedmont neighborhood has combined vodka, fruit flavors and carbonated water to create Soda Joy – sparkling concoctions in individual serving cans. Soda Joy Owner and Distiller Christopher Croteau's proprietary process results in custom flavors like lime-ginger, limoncello, strawberry-mango and cucumber-mint.

"Each Soda Joy has been carefully vetted with the drinker's experience in mind,



Elena Heller started converting her recipes to plant-based ingredients four years ago. She's found new favorites in her repertoire and even named her new business Finding New Favorites. Heller delivers meal boxes weekly for customers to prepare in their own kitchens. (Finding New Favorites)

including the addition of ice and calibration of carbon dioxide," Croteau said.

The vodka base comes from California grapes, which offer natural sweetness with no added sugar, and is both gluten- and preservative-free. Each can is 10 percent alcohol by volume and contains 150 calories.

Soda Joy products are designed and sold to be consumed at home, over ice instead of directly from the can.

"Bubbles form best on surfaces that have tiny rough spots where the gas can collect," Croteau said. "Ice cubes have lots of those spots – many more than an empty glass does. And it's all those little bubbles that give Soda Joy the soft mouth feel that makes it so refreshing."

Soda Joy features online ordering and will delivery anywhere in the metro area. It's carried in various liquor stores. Visit www.sodajoy.com for details.

BEAUMONT'S ADORN DRESSES UP A NEW RETAIL SPACE ON FREMONT

Adorn, the women's clothing boutique founded in Beaumont Village in 2008, moved on May 1 to a new venue – its third on Northeast Fremont Street.

The new, modern and open setting at 4529 N.E. Fremont St. is just a stone's throw from its original, smaller space three blocks east. It's been a hectic 15 months

for the Adorn employees and their four stores, and Manager Jennifer D. Harris said it's energizing to settle into the new space.

When pandemic restrictions arrived in March 2020, the stores in Beaumont Village, Lake Oswego and downtown all shuttered. All four Adorn operations were combined into a web-order, curbside-pickup business from the Southeast Division Street location.

"We shifted and adapted," Harris explained. "It became a kind of a warehouse there."

In addition to the combined operations, employees navigated pandemic restrictions by launching "Style Box," a service that has them curate outfits for delivery to customers' doors. That service continues to be popular with customers, even after the Beaumont store re-opened a year ago and in its new building.

"Customers have been very faithful and loyal," Harris said.

Do they like the new quarters?

"The fresh vibe and energy just feels right," Harris said. "We have all the benefits of a new building, it's brighter and there's more space."

Harris especially likes the wall of windows facing Fremont, which open to the street and can serve as an alternative entryway.

Stay current on Adorn's product updates by visiting the new shop in person, or online at www.shopadorn.com.

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Lulu, left, and Willie Levenson didn't leave their 'Gilligan's Island chic' decor behind in Hollywood. Both longtime and new customers can now find it at a new Popina venue in the Alameda neighborhood. (Nancy Varekamp)



Distiller Christopher Croteau's proprietary process combines vodka, fruit flavors and carbonated water to create custom flavors like lime-ginger, limoncello, strawberry-mango and cucumber-mint. (Soda Joy)

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Adorn Manager Jennifer D. Harris and her team at the Beaumont Village women's clothing boutique are settling into a new space three blocks east from their former home in the Beaumont Village building. (Nancy Varekamp)

CREDIT UNION REWARDS WOODLAWN TEACHER FOR INNOVATION, PASSION

In May, Lionel Clegg, a first grade teacher at Woodlawn Elementary School, was one of three Oregonians named as an OnPoint 2021 Educator of the Year. The OnPoint Community Credit Union award will include having his mortgage, or rent, paid for one year and an additional \$2500 for his school to spend on resources and supplies. OnPoint sponsors the awards to celebrate innovative teaching methods that spark enthusiasm and passion in students, parents and the community.

Clegg was nominated in the K-5 segment of the competition for 2021 Educator of the Year. A veteran of 23 years of teaching, he

is a former Woodlawn student himself. He challenges his students, while supporting and encouraging them at the same time, according to principal Andrea Porter-Lopez.

"His lessons build critical learners and thinkers while also creating a safe and structured environment for students to learn and grow," she said. "When the pandemic hit, Lionel's relationships with his students didn't skip a beat, as he quickly created a culturally responsive online environment that maintained virtual relationships."

For the past 20 years, Clegg has worked for Self Enhancement Inc.'s summer program. He has also worked with The Black Parent Initiative and is a member of the Portland Teach Program Alumni Alliance to support future educators.

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Lionel Clegg, second from left, has been named OnPoint 2021 Educator of the Year. The Woodlawn Elementary School teacher was honored for his innovative teaching methods that spark enthusiasm and passion in his students, their parents and the community. (OnPoint)

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★ STAR SUSTAINABILITY MADE SIMPLE



By Kate Gaertner and Amy Hall

For the Hollywood Star News

How we think about and casually use water in our daily lives, and across the many activities we engage in, is no small thing. We all require clean, fresh, drinkable water to live. We also use it for a variety of important purposes such as cooking, cleaning, growing food and washing clothes. For one person, let alone a community of tens of thousands, plentiful access to water is critical to our health and well being. Thankfully, we are blessed with some 36 inches of rainfall annually in Northeast Portland. There are ways to manage, conserve and utilize well that three-feet of magical earthly goodness, provided to us for free each and every year.

THREE WATER TIPS FOR SUSTAINABILITY

1. Ditch buying plastic water bottles and go durable. We all know that plastic waste is a major pollution source for our land and waterways. Even though water bottles are increasingly made with highly recyclable plastic, why perpetuate a problem that is easily solvable with

durable water containers made from aluminum, glass, ceramic and stainless steel? Here in Oregon, you can find some of the best durable water containers made on the market today, including the ultra-hip, colorful “Hydro Flask” made with stainless-steel; “Love Bottle” made with glass that incorporates 40 percent post-consumer recycled glass; and “Fifty/Fifty” containers also made from stainless steel. Reusable items are both sustainable and beautiful. Check out Ecovibe on Northeast Alberta Street for all your eco drinking needs and more. Or visit www.ecovibestyle.com.

2. Embrace the (rain) barrel to feed your lawn. Portlanders don’t necessarily consider water “precious” since we often feel inundated with it. But, we appreciate how green and lush the prodigious rainfall makes our state. Why not consider doing something as simple as capturing the rain that drops from the sky onto your roof with a rain barrel? All that captured H₂O can be used to irrigate your lawn and deck plants, while also serving the very useful secondary purpose of preventing storm water run-off that causes landslides, property damage and sewage overflows that push contaminants into our



waterways and pollute our natural water systems. Rain barrels are an inexpensive investment and can be situated out of sight or in plain view. Your choice! Get your rain harvesting systems from Rain Barrel Man Co., headquartered in the St. Johns neighborhood, and you will want to proudly display your hand-built water barrel. They also sell drip irrigation systems and solar timers. Visit www.rainbarrelman.com for more information.

3. Choose water-efficient appliances and behaviors at home. Did you know that simply turning off the water while brushing your teeth, flushing the toilet every other time, and limiting showers to five minutes or less can all help to conserve water and put money back in your pocket? Have you considered pursuing a free water audit to identify additional money saving measures in your home? Learn more at www.portland.gov/water/water-efficiency-programs/save-water-home.

Look for the WaterSense label (www.epa.gov/watersense/watersense-label) to ensure you have the most water-efficient shower heads, faucets, and outdoor gardening needs. These are available in most hardware stores, including one local favorite: Beaumont Hardware (www.beaumont.doitbest.com).

Rose City Park Climate Communications Expert Amy Hall (co-founder of THRIVE creative) and Kate Gaertner (Corporate Sustainability Consultant and Founder of TripleWin Advisory) write this monthly column with ideas that neighbors can implement to live more sustainable lives and combat climate change. Gaertner is author of the forthcoming book ‘Planting a Seed: Three simple steps to sustainable living’ to be published this October. ★

★ STAR BUSINESS BUZZ

ONPOINT OPENS NEW BRANCHES IN HOLLYWOOD, GLISAN FRED MEYER STORES

In more OnPoint news, four additional branches of the former Portland Teachers Credit Union opened in April, two of them in Northeast Portland. That brings the credit union’s branch count to 44 in Oregon and Southwest Washington, with plans for 12 more in the coming months.

To celebrate the opening of the new branch at Fred Meyer Hollywood West, OnPoint donated \$2500 to the African American Alliance for Homeownership. The nonprofit and HUD-approved housing counseling agency works to increase homeownership and economic stability for Black Americans and other underserved individuals.

For the Fred Meyer Glisan opening, the credit union donated \$2500 to the Sunshine Division, which has provided emergency food and clothing relief to local families and individuals in need since 1923.



UWS OPENS CLINIC IN MADISON SOUTH CALLED CONNECTED WHOLE HEALTH

In April, University of Western States (UWS) opened a new clinic, Connected

Whole Health, on its campus at 8000 N.E. Tillamook St., the former headquarters of Banfield Pet Hospital in the Madison South neighborhood.

The clinic will provide UWS student interns with opportunities to observe and

participate in caring for patients from a broad variety of backgrounds and a wide diversity of clinical presentations and complexities.

Services offered will include whole-person health evaluations, physical medicine, joint manipulation, soft tissue myofascial therapy, disc care, exercise therapy, rehabilitation therapy, radiographic imaging, diagnostic musculoskeletal ultrasound, sports performance therapy, nutrition and dietary counseling. Visit www.uwsconnectedhealth.com for details.

The new Madison South clinic will be directed by William “Bill” Moreau, a doctor of chiropractic care who, for the past decade, has served as leader of medical services for the sports medicine division of the United States Olympic Committee. UWS is a private, nonprofit, integrated health sciences university serving Portland since 1904. For more information, visit www.uws.edu. ★

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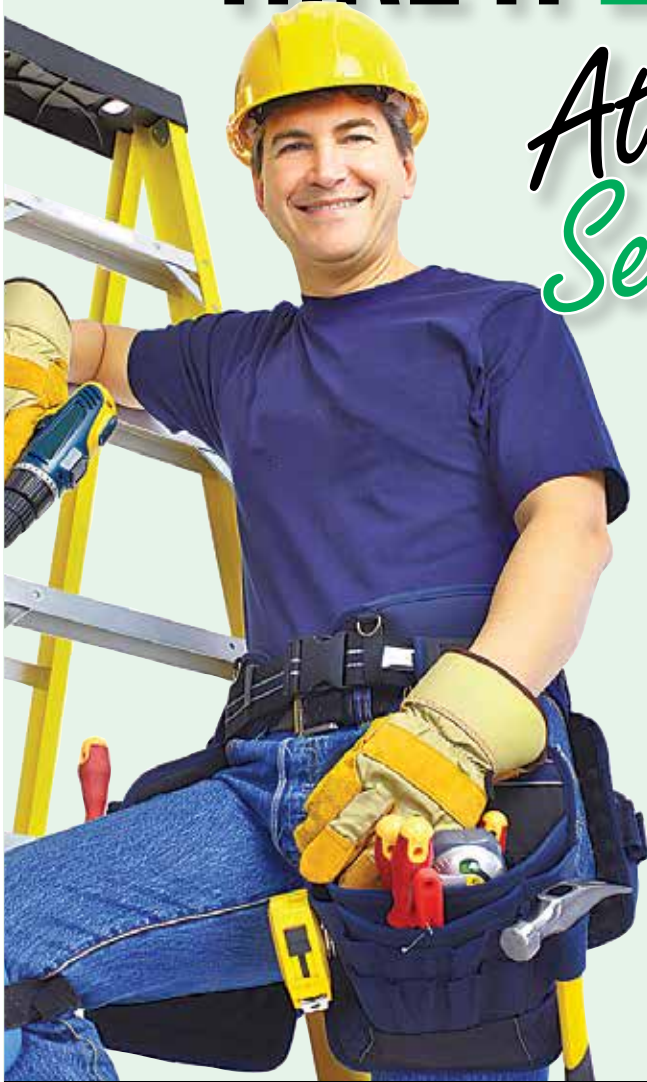
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