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GRANT SOFTBALL FIELDS GET OKAY, WITH CONDITIONS

A city land-use hearings officer has approved upper field plans between Grant High School and Grant Park with conditions limiting the hours for sports activities, lights and a school public address system.

The decision is expected to permit Grant's women's softball team to have a place to play games at the school instead of traveling to other fields. The plan expands the existing field to land owned partly by the city Parks and Recreation Bureau and partly by Portland Public Schools.

The effective date for the regulations is July 2 if no appeal is filed by July 1.

Some neighbors were concerned about the hours for activities on the field, but hearings officer Kathryn Beaumont set a condition for ending Park Bureau events at 9 p.m. with lights turned off by 9:30 p.m. High school sports must end at 9:30 p.m. with lights off by 10 p.m. A sound system, to be used only by school officials, can't be used after 9:30 p.m.

Some neighbors feared that new light poles would be too tall and increase glare for homes across U.S. Grant Place from the fields. However, the plan calls for "dark sky" lights that reduce ambient glare. Beaumont set a condition that four new poles be 70 feet high and three be 80 feet high. That's an adjustment from a 50-foot limit for the zone.

The Park Bureau said it will require portable restrooms and trash clean-up as needed for groups receiving city permits for using the field. The school district is expected to direct custodial staff or other responsible parties to clean trash from the fields after games.



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DISJECTA IS RENAMED OREGON CONTEMPORARY

Disjecta, the contemporary arts center that hosts the Portland Biennial in its 12,000 square-foot building, has changed its name to the Oregon Center for Contemporary Art.

Oregon Contemporary, as executive director Blake Shell calls it, remains in the Kenton neighborhood at 8371N. Interstate Ave. While that's the official address, the entry door is off McClellan Street, east of

Denver Avenue.

The organization, which is known for its range of media and styles of presentation, started in 2000 under Bryan Suereth. He selected the name Disjecta from the title of collected writings by Samuel Beckett. It became a non-profit in 2005 and moved to Kenton in 2008. In a dispute with the board of directors over leadership, Suereth left the center in 2016.

The Portland Art Museum ceased hosting the Oregon Biennial in 2006 and the North Portland organization started the Portland Biennial in 2010. In 2011 it began the region's first Curator In Residence program to bring challenging regional, national and international work to the city. The program inspires local audiences and creates connections throughout the worldwide arts community.

Shell, who became executive director in 2017, said the new name speaks "to the caliber of art presented at Oregon Contemporary and projects our vision for the future of the organization, reaching new audiences while increasing equity and accessibility."

A show of six Oregon artists, "Time Being," will continue to Aug. 8. Functional

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Oregon Center for Contemporary Arts is the new name for the arts venue originally called Disjecta in Kenton. This rendering shows a large O planned for the entry of the building. (Oregon Contemporary)

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Kyra MacIvlen says continuing to stand for social justice a year after a vigil began at Northeast 33rd Avenue and Knott Street is an awareness campaign. It reminds people, she said, of important principles to support. Her sign 'Education not Subjugation' is one of the first she made last year. (Janet Goetze)

sculptures by Louise Bourgeois are on loan through the summer in the courtyard. A new cafe has opened. Building partners open for exhibitions and performances include Carnation Contemporary, Mario Gallucci Photo, Open Space, Small Talk Collective and Well Well Projects.

The center's hours are 12 noon to 5 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday or by appointment. Call 503-286-9449 or visit www.oregoncontemporary.org for more information. The gallery is wheelchair accessible.

DEMONSTRATOR SAYS MORE AWARENESS NEEDED

Displaying signs in support of social justice, said Kyra MacIvlen, is an awareness campaign. She believes it's important to remind the community of positive values that still need support.

MacIvlen is one in a group that started demonstrating its beliefs last year at 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Northeast 33rd Avenue and Knott Street. As the days grew shorter last winter, the Knott Street group was joined by some from a group that had demonstrated around Northeast 25th Avenue and Fremont Street during the 5 p.m. weekday rush hour. By moving to Knott Street in morning hours, they were more visible without worrying about traffic safety.

"Education not Subjugation" reads the sign MacIvlen has been displaying as

cars continue to honk in support of the demonstrators. She has other signs, she said, but that was one of the first she made.

Awareness is important in efforts to make changes that support justice and equality, MacIvlen said, but more active support is needed, too. She's sent a contribution to an organization supporting Black businesses and is examining what citizens can do to support legislation that supports greater equality.

FOOD PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The Northeast Emergency Food Program has seen needs multiply in the past year, and it is seeking more volunteers, according to Theodore Montgomery, a program coordinator. It has been providing food to more than 40,000 people each month since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

The agency, operating out of Luther Memorial Lutheran Church at 4800 N.E. 72nd Ave. in Cully, is a program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. Its staff of two expanded to eight as more local people sought food assistance, Montgomery said.

The program also started day and evening shifts, six days a week, to fill food boxes. As cars began to line up, 11 certified flaggers were hired for traffic

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Claire Patin, 17, of Westminster Presbyterian Church and Elijah Martin Collier, 15, of Fremont United Methodist Church shovel mulch at the Gladys McCoy memorial garden. They are part of a group from three churches who spent a week gardening and cleaning parks. (Janet Goetze)



Erin Reid is the new principal at De La Salle North Catholic High School. She succeeds Tim Joy, who held the position for 11 years. (De La Salle North)

management. The longest line of cars in the past year extended for 2.5 miles around Thanksgiving, Montgomery said.

The program had 281 core volunteers, but 341 have been added in the past year. Monthly donors also have grown by 42 percent. In the past year, the program has distributed more than 32 million pounds of food, which is enough to fill 400 semi-tractor trailers.

At one time, the program had “open distribution” for clients to make their own food selections. However, for safety during the pandemic, volunteers assemble free food boxes that are distributed in a drive-through arrangement.

Food boxes are distributed from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays. The program will be closed on July 3 with July 1 hours extended from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Volunteers may decide whether to work a day or evening shift, with a two-hour commitment requested. Masks are worn inside and out. Visit www.emoregon.org/volunteer for more information.

CHURCH YOUTHS VOLUNTEER TO CLEAN UP NEIGHBORHOODS

Teenagers from three Northeast Portland churches spent a week of summer vacation bringing beauty to the city through gardening and clean-ups. They were from Westminster Presbyterian Church, Rose City Park Presbyterian Church and Fremont United Methodist Church.

The group shoveled mulch to prepare the Gladys McCoy Memorial Garden for planting in the fall. The Eliot neighborhood garden, on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at Knott Street, commemorates the first Black person

elected to public office in Oregon. McCoy joined the Portland Public Schools board in 1970. Later, she became the state’s first ombudsman and then served on the Multnomah County Commission.

A group that calls itself Gladys’ Garden Gnomes has been tending the garden since last summer. Crews from the Nike Community Store across the street also help with weeding and trash pick-up. The teenagers’ work will enhance the soil and help with moisture retention when drought-resistant plants are placed in the fall, said Kate Thompson, one of the Gnomes.

Later in the week, the church groups worked with SOLV to clean up streets around Westminster, 1624 N.E. Hancock St., and Alberta Park, Northeast 20th Avenue and Killingsworth Street. They also worked with Friends of Trees to clean up a park in Troutdale.

AARP SEEKS VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KIDS WITH READING

Volunteers may help children improve reading skills through the AARP Foundation Experience Corps, a national, intergenerational tutoring program. The Portland chapter operates through Metropolitan Family Service, which has a mission to “help people move beyond limitations of poverty, inequity and social isolation.”

Older adult volunteers are placed in neighborhood schools and matched with students identified by teachers as needing help with reading. Volunteers also may spend time with other students in a classroom to build rapport and become an additional positive role model.

Volunteers commit to serving four to ten hours a week to help students reach their

grade’s reading level, which provides the foundation for future academic success.

Call 503-290-9427 or email volunteer@mfs.email for more information. Informational chats will be held at 2 p.m. on July 16, 10 a.m. on July 29 and 2 p.m. on Aug. 11 at <https://zoom.us/j/7361049406>.

DE LA SALLE NORTH GAINS NEW PRINCIPAL

Erin Reid, with a 20-year career in education, is the new principal at De La Salle North Catholic High School. She succeeds Tim Joy, who has held the position for 11 years but is returning to the classroom.

Reid, who wanted to move to the Northwest to be closer to family, has been teaching at the Robert A. Jamieson School in Peoria, Illinois, an innovative K-12 public school that includes a transitional program for developmentally disabled young adults.

The new principal received a bachelor’s degree in secondary education and master’s degree in special education from Northeastern Illinois University. She also has a certificate of advanced studies in school administration from National Louis University.

“In addition to Erin’s excellent educational background, she brings boundless energy and an amazingly positive outlook that will undoubtedly affect members of the faculty, staff, families and, most importantly, our students,” said Oscar Leong, school president,

VERNON NEIGHBORHOOD, OTHERS GET NATURE GRANTS

The Vernon Neighborhood Association,

the Friends of Pier Park and People of Color Outdoors are among recipients of a small grants program of the Portland Parks Foundation. The program support is aimed at local organizations that steward public parks, park programs, community gardens and natural areas.

Two Southeast groups, Friends of Zenger Farm and Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden, also received the \$2000 grants awarded to each organization.

Vernon expects to use its grant for summer walking tours of Alberta Park and the neighborhood led by local historians Anjala Ehelebe and Doug Decker. Pier Park friends plan to use their funds to develop sustainable and inclusive programming that draws together the local neighborhood of culturally diverse, immigrant and low-income families.

People of Color Outdoors connects Black, Indigenous and People of Color to outings focused on environmental education and environmental justice while acquainting youth with potential careers in parks and nature. The grant will help expand the group’s social media presence, to reach more community members.

Zenger Farm will use its grant to support social media and market delivery for Open Farm Days. These bring families to farm wetlands, where they learn about ecosystems, plant identification, gardening and receive free food prepared by community chefs.

The Crystal Springs group will pilot a program, “Rooting Among Rhodies,” with Latino Network and SUN Community Schools to bring youth to the gardens for learning opportunities. The grant will help transport students from Kelly and Bridger elementary schools to the gardens.

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CITY OFFERS GRANTS FOR HEALING WITH ART

The past year has brought grief for many people, who could find healing through building community connections. However, that is difficult for some community members who don't feel safe gathering because of how they have been seen and treated in public spaces, according to the city Office of Community and Civic Life.

In an effort to break through barriers that prevent healing, the office is offering grants for art-inspired projects described as those "that allow neighbors to address grief and healing so that Portlanders can feel connected and safe."

The deadline to apply is 5 p.m. July 2. Grants may range from \$2000 to \$5000. Applicants may be individual artists, art collectives or nonprofits who have existing or prior experience working with the neighborhood or community identified in the application. The proposed activation or event should be free and open to the public, taking place between Aug. 1 and Nov. 30. Call 503-823-4519 or email civiclifep@portlandoregon.gov for information.

I-84 TO CLOSE JULY 9 TO INSTALL NEW BRIDGE

Interstate 84 will be closed in both directions for one weekend, from 10 p.m. July 9 until 5 a.m. July 12, to install a bike/pedestrian bridge over Sullivan's Gulch, according to the Portland Bureau of Transportation. If weather turns bad, the schedule could change, the bureau said.

After a year of construction, the bureau will install a 400-foot-long, 800,000 pound bridge named the Congressman Earl Blumenauer Pedestrian and Bicycle Bridge.

Blumenauer, elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1996, has supported multi-modal transportation efforts since his terms on the Portland City Council, the Multnomah County Commission and the Oregon Legislature.

On construction weekend, all I-84 eastbound ramps will close from I-5 to Cesar Chavez Boulevard. All I-84 westbound

lanes will close at I-205. Real time traffic information is available at TripCheck.com.

"People driving should expect delays and use alternate routes or ways of getting around, such as walking, biking or taking transit," the bureau said.

When complete in 2022, the bridge will connect pedestrians and bike riders on Northeast Seventh Avenue between the Lloyd and Central Eastside neighborhoods, two of Portland's fastest growing areas. The bridge will be seismically resilient and serve as a backup route for emergency vehicles over I-84 in the event of an earthquake.

Two new public plazas and landings are planned on the north and south sides of the bridge. Project funding comes from the Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Area and Transportation System Development Charges, which are fees paid by development to mitigate the impact of new transportation users.

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE REOPENS WITH 'SOUL'

The Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd., a national landmark with award-winning film programming and educational programs, is scheduled to reopen July 2 after closing for nearly 16 months because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The first film on the schedule is "Summer of Soul (or, When the Revolution Could Not Be Televised)." The 2021 documentary about the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival is directed by Ahmir Khalib Thompson. The festival lasted six weeks and had large attendance to hear top flight performers. However, it was obscure in pop culture. Footage of events sat in a basement for 50 years until producer Robert Fyvolent acquired film and television rights.

The film is scheduled 4 and 7 p.m. July 2-4 and 7 p.m. July 5-8. Schedule and ticket information are at www.hollywoodtheatre.org or 503-281-1142. The screenings will have 25 to 50 percent capacity, depending on state guidelines at show time.

Concessions will be available, but patrons must remain masked in common areas and when not actively eating or drinking. ★



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STATE AND CITY AGREE ON PLAN TO RE-HAB 82ND AVENUE

Motorists' bumpy ride along Northeast 82nd Avenue may soon be a distant memory, following a June announcement from ODOT and PBOT about an agreement to bring long-awaited, much-needed safety and maintenance improvements to State Highway OR-213 – also known as 82nd Avenue. The agreement was outlined in a letter to the co-chairs of Oregon's Joint Committee on Ways and Means, urging legislators to endorse and fund the plan.

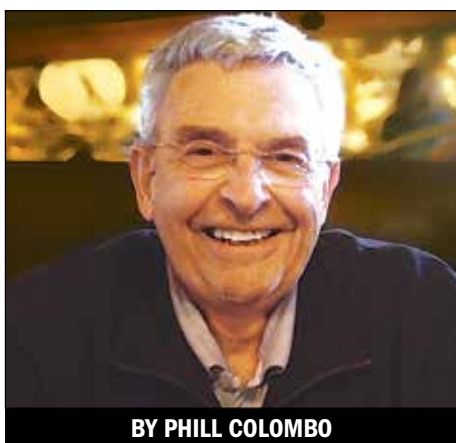
Citing the critical role that 82nd Avenue plays in the region's transportation system, it was agreed that the highway, which runs through one of the city's most diverse areas, needs significant safety and maintenance investments that would cost \$185 million. A transfer of 82nd Avenue from state to city jurisdiction is also proposed.

Under the plan, signals, lighting, ADA ramps, pavement and storm water drainage would be repaired, while the most urgent sidewalk and pedestrian crossing upgrades would also be addressed.

"Eighty-second Avenue is the geographic and cultural center of Portland, with a diverse array of businesses, restaurants and residents," said Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty.

Hardesty also decried recent pedestrian deaths as "Unacceptable but preventable with proper safety infrastructure improvements."

In the plan, an \$80-million commitment from the legislature dedicated to fixing the most pressing safety and maintenance needs would be followed by a \$70-million investment from ODOT and a \$35-million PBOT commitment. After state funding is



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in place, agencies pledged to execute an agreement to transfer the roadway to the city by January 2022.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY AIMS HIGH, SEEKS TO TRIPLE IMPACT ON COMMUNITY

With neighbors across the state facing skyrocketing housing costs and an economic crisis with a devastating impact on communities, Habitat for Humanity Portland Region has launched a \$25-million Triple Your Impact campaign to increase the non-profit's capacity to partner annually with three times as many people.

"We have a growing shortage of housing, causing home prices and rents to go up, putting the dream of an affordable home further out of reach," said Habitat for Humanity CEO Steve Messinetti, "Solving this will take a coordinated effort from public, private and nonprofit sectors."

Habitat's bold goal will mean 500 more people would be able to experience the stability of a safe place to call home

every year.

To expand the impact even further, Habitat launched an ambitious capital campaign to take its home-building and home repair efforts to the next level.

Details on Habitat for Humanity's Triple Your Impact Campaign are available at www.habitatportlandregion.org.

DE LA SALLE NORTH SETTLES INTO TEMPORARY LOCATION

As work nears completion at De La Salle North Catholic High School's new Cully campus, school offices will be located temporarily until August 13 at Portland Public School's Columbia Annex, 716 N.E. Marine Dr.

The new campus at 4300 N.E. Killingsworth St. is expected to be ready by mid-August for students, faculty and staff to begin the 2021-22 academic year. A new gym and commons area along with remodeled classrooms and gymnasium at the former St. Charles School are the result of a year-long project. Details can be seen at www.delasallenorth.org.

BUREAU OF TRANSPORTATION SEEKS INPUT FOR POSSIBLE BIKETOWN EXPANSION

Portland's Bureau of Transportation is seeking input from neighbors to evaluate Biketown service area boundaries and analyze where new stations could be sited. PBOT will conduct a survey and meet with organizations interested in providing input over the coming months. The survey is open and can be found online.

PBOT and Lyft will use insights from the survey and public outreach to plan future expansions. The current 32-square-

mile service area could expand by up to eight square miles, or by 25 percent, by the end of 2021. In September 2020, the system expanded by 13 square miles when PBOT, Nike and Lyft transitioned Biketown to 1500 electric pedal-assist bikes and expanded into East Portland for the first time. Organizations interested in providing feedback should email the bureau at pbotsharedmicromobility@portlandoregon.gov.

PBOT LAUNCHES 'NORTH PORTLAND IN MOTION' TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Bureau of Transportation's latest planning effort kicks off in North Portland this week with the launch of North Portland in Motion.

Recognizing that North Portland is long overdue for a community-driven transportation plan, the bureau is moving with convening the community to identify transportation needs and near-term investments to improve access to destinations and support walking, biking and transit use in the North Portland peninsula.

The plan is to identify shared priorities and key opportunities for new investments to support better access to important places within the peninsula, as well as better connections to Northeast Portland and Downtown. The project timeline is roughly two years, having begun in January 2021 with an anticipated final plan appearing before city council in the early months of 2023.

To learn more and get involved check out the North Portland in Motion website at www.portland.gov.

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USTORE SELF STORAGE advertisement with locations in Rose Quarter, East, and Central City.

Fire on the Mountain Portland's Original Wing Joint advertisement featuring a logo and address information.

Olivine Land LLC Landscape Design Services advertisement with contact information and logo.

Peter Dillenburger real estate advertisement for Hasson Company Realtors, including a photo of him with a dog.

Noble Root Organic Kitchen Gardens advertisement featuring images of fresh vegetables and contact information.

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De La Salle North Catholic High School has moved out of its Kenton location and will have temporary offices in the Portland Public Schools Annex Building until mid-August. (De La Salle North)

PERMITS ISSUED

In Boise at 3814 N. Vancouver Ave., Double Double LLC has a permit to build a new, two-story office building at the rear of the property, allowing retention of the existing residential building fronting on North Vancouver Avenue.

At 4051 and 4057 N. Commercial Ave., Exceptional Homes by Andre of Lake Oswego has permission to build two, two-story, two-unit town homes with accessory dwelling units and single vehicle garages on vacant property.

In Cully at 5506 and 5510 N.E. 55th Ave., DEZ Development LLC of Clackamas has permission to build two, new, three-story, single family residences with attached accessory dwelling units and single-vehicle garages; at 5528 N.E. 55th Ave., to build a new, two story, single-family residence with an attached, single vehicle garage; and at 5571 and 5575 N.E. Killingsworth St., to build two, new, three-story townhouses with attached accessory dwelling units on the ground floor and no garages. All construction is on vacant properties.

In Kenton at 3841 N. Columbia Blvd., Copart of Washington, Inc., of Dallas, Tex., has permission to deconstruct 14 commercial building built in 1927.

In Kerns at 2220 N.E. Flanders St., Oleg Lupekha and Dwell Development have secured permits to construct six, new, two-story, attached townhomes with no garages on a vacant lot.

In King at 1014 N.E. Alberta St., 1016 Alberta LLC Et Al has a permit to deconstruct a 931-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1910. Plans are being reviewed to construct a new, three-story, 11-unit apartment building.

At 485, 489 and 495 N.E. Church St., Provision Group LLC of Vancouver, Wash., have permits to build three, new,

two-story, attached town homes with no garages.

In Montavilla at 1921 and 1925 N.E. Hoyt St., 9000 Hoyt Street LLC of West Linn has secured permits to build two of 13 planned, three-story, single-family residences on vacant property.

At 1205 N.E. 70th Ave., Provision Investments, Inc., of Vancouver, Wash., has permission to deconstruct a detached garage built in 1928. Plans are under review to build a new, two-story, single-family residence with an attached accessory dwelling unit and no garage.

At 8671 and 8675 S.E. Washington St., Hien Tieu of Southwest Portland secured permits to construct on vacant property a new, two-story, single-family residence and a new, three-story duplex with three attached, single-vehicle garages.

At 621 N.E. 82nd Ave., Pacwest Energy LLC of Meridian, Ida., secured permits to deconstruct gas station and restaurant, including convenience store, carwash and connected fuel canopies and equipment built in 1984. Plans are under review to build new storage and utility buildings.

In North Tabor at 371 N.E. 52nd Ave., George Laird has been issued a permit to construct a new, two-story, single-family residence with an attached accessory dwelling unit and single-vehicle garage.

In Overlook at 5235 N. Minnesota Ave., Aquiles and Julianne Montas secured a permit to deconstruct a detached garage. Plans are under review to construct a new, detached, single-story accessible dwelling unit without a garage.

At 5780 and 5790 N. Greeley Ave., GN 26 LLC of Northwest Portland secured permits to construct two, new, multi-story, 13-unit apartment buildings. ★

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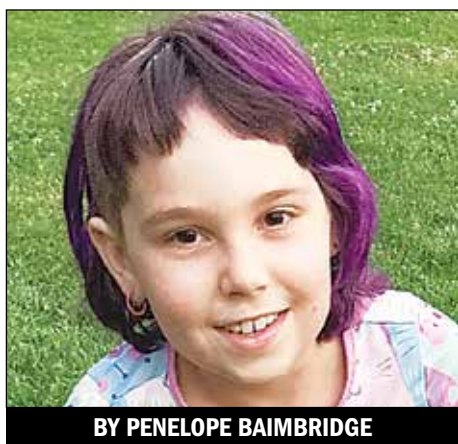
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Barking at the park with Penelope and Baron

The Grant dog park is very cool. There are lots of dogs, obviously. The park is pretty big and lots of dogs are usually there at 4 p.m. There's barking, playing and also my dog, Baron, always steals other dog's balls. Baron is a Rottweiler-Labrador mix and is very fun to play with. He's very soft on his head. There are awesome dogs. There's a dog named Murdoch who just sits and cuddles. Once I threw a ball for him when I first met him and he didn't chase it! That's a crazy dog. (Good thing he didn't. Baron would have stolen it.) He just sat there and let me pet him. Here are some people and pets I got to interview at the dog park.

LISA AND THORA

Lisa has lived in Portland for 17 years. She works at the Native American Youth and Family center. Thora is a mixed black



BY PENELOPE BAIMBRIDGE

lab who is 13 years old. Lisa has had her for 11 years. Thora's favorite food is popcorn. She likes waiting for it to fall from people's hands while they're eating. She hates onions and dried lettuce.

Nobody likes onions and dried lettuce – except people who do. Thora's favorite expression is rolling over for a treat. Her motto is, "Eat. Sleep. Play. Chasing squirrels is my game."

CHRIS AND SUKI

Chris has lived in Portland for 21 years and six in Grant Park. She is a physical therapist, so if someone hurts their knees or back she will help them get their bones stronger. She loves working with people and making them feel better. She loves the neighborhood because of the beautiful houses, a great dog park, and great neighbors. Her dog's name is Suki. Suki is a Portugese water dog. Suki is a girl and she is four months old. Her favorite food is red peppers. Smiling is her favorite expression. Her motto is, "Food off the counter tastes the best."

JAMIE AND POPPY

Jamie has lived in Portland for 21 and in Grant Park for 18. She works for public health and likes working there because she likes helping people and using her brain. Her dog's name is Poppy. She's 2.5 years old. Her favorite food is dog ice cream. Ice cream is my favorite food too. Even dog ice cream! "Woof" is her favorite expression. Poppy's motto is, "Go for walk."

Dogs have fun at the dog park. I can't wait to interview some more people!

Eight-year-old Penelope Baimbridge lives in the Grant Park neighborhood with her parents, brother, and dog. In the fall, she will be a third-grader at Beverly Cleary school. She likes gymnastics, roller derby, and swimming. Those are her all time favorite sports. ★



Jamie and Poppy.



Chris and Suki.



Lisa's dog Thora.



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Bushy grass season poses threat to pets



BY LISA LAKES

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It's the time of year when foxtail, timothy, and cheat grass thrive. Have you seen these in your neighborhood? These grasses have bushy seed-bearing tips called awns which can harm pets. These indestructible little seedlings are

highly efficient at burrowing and can enter pet's bodies through feet, ears, tails and other areas. They can cause infections and other serious health problems – even death. Clear these dangerous plants from your garden and encourage neighbors to do the same. Check your pets regularly – especially ears, feet, and legs – for problems.

For more information, symptoms and details about foxtail grasses, visit www.tractive.com/blog/en/safety/grass-awns-can-be-deadly-dangerous-for-your-dog-2

If your family is ready for a short road trip, you may want to check out the Rose City Classic Summer Dog Show. It will take place outdoors on the St. Paul Rodeo Grounds, July 28 through August 1. Breed judging begins on the July 28 with the Terrier Group. For more information, visit www.rosecityclassic.org.

As the weather heats up, remember hot

weather pet safety tips.

When walking dogs, remember the five second pavement rule. If you cannot hold your hand on the pavement for five seconds, the pavement is too hot for your dog's paws and burned pads may result.

Walk dogs during cooler, early hours. Make sure pets have access to cool water and shade. If your dog enjoys being in water, try offering a shallow kiddie pool in a shady spot. Never leave a pet in a hot car. Even at relatively low temperatures such as 70 degrees, the inside of a car can reach 104 degrees in half an hour.

Pets are susceptible to heat stroke. Symptoms include excessive thirst, panting, lethargy, dark tongue or gums, vomiting, lack of coordination or collapse. Try to reduce internal temperature to 103 degrees and seek medical advice immediately to avoid potential health problems that may develop. ★



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★ STAR HOME AND GARDEN FOCUS

Paul Clark, Hollywood's senior champion steps down after 48 years

By Nancy Varekamp
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Throughout its growth, changes and challenges, the Hollywood Senior Center has benefited from two constants: its commitment to serve seniors and the 48-year tenure of a member of its board of directors.

Paul Clark was one of the young local businessmen in 1973 who founded the center as a project of the Portland Jaycees Hollywood committee. This summer he's retiring from the center's board of directors.

Clark and other longtime leaders contribute significantly to the center's success, according to executive director Amber Kern-Johnson.

"It's pretty unique to have individuals involved that long with an organization," she said.

Kern-Johnson began working at the center 12 years ago as, remarkably, only the fifth director in its history. Her predecessor, Jim Paynter, retired after 21 years.

Clark recalled that he and fellow Jaycees had a tiger by the tail when they founded the center. The Jaycees offered leadership training and civic involvement opportunities. Success was the goal, but failure offered its own lessons.

"If you go broke, you don't have to bring it home," Clark said.

The Hollywood group's civic involvement had included taking troubled youths on camping trips, hanging holiday lights, installing U.S. flags for holidays and even burning brambles on a vacant lot that is now the Hollywood Transit Center. An earlier Jaycees project had been a drop-in center for seniors in a storefront on Belmont Street.

"That kind of went successful," Clark said.

Later he and Tom Turner were together at the Hollywood Burger Bar – now Reo's



Paul Clark, a founder of the Hollywood Senior Center, is retiring from its board of directors after 48 years. He has plenty of stories to tell. (Nancy Varekamp)

Ribs – and noticed a van drive by. It was marked "Gresham Senior Center."

"That gave us the idea of a larger, more comprehensive senior center in a big building," he said.

"We had no idea," he said, about what it would take to develop a successful senior center. "It was way above our pay scale."

Yet they succeeded, and the group received the Project of the Year Award and \$5000 from the national Jaycees.

The original senior center was less than 50 feet from today's venue, in the building that today houses Spud Monkey's Bar and Grill. Jeri Hunt was the first director, followed by Paul Campbell, Larry Schuck, Paynter and then Kern-Johnson.

The board of directors included several Jaycees and others whom Clark

called "heavy weight people who knew people." Among them were Jane Cease, Jim Douglas, Eric Fuller, Paul Hart, Steve March, Gary McDonald, Mother Mary Michaels and Ed Perkins. Schatzie Perkins served as the center's bookkeeper.

The board designed programs to serve seniors, including activities, classes and outreach. Next came the gift shop – with items made only by seniors – just a few doors away at Sandy Boulevard. It's location at a bus stop drew a lot of business, Clark noted.

From a business sense, the Jaycees faced two challenges, he explained. It took financing and elbow grease to open the center, and more to continue it.

"Building anything isn't rocket science," Clark said. "You've got to think

of that next step."

In 1965, the federal Older Americans Act began providing funding for services for seniors. The Hollywood Senior Center received – and continues to receive – that program funding through Multnomah County. Other grants helped pay for facilities. Local businesses contributed and the Jaycees raised funds through several means, including newspaper recycling.

Clark is relieved the board didn't jump at more opportunities, like constructing senior housing. Options to move to a third location were also considered and rejected. He credits the senior center's sound fiscal standing to the board of directors being weighted on the business end and fiscally conservative.

Kern-Johnson pointed to the center's current funding sources. In addition to 30-40 percent from government support, bills are covered with fundraising events, corporate contributions, foundation endowment support and planned giving. In fact, this summer's restroom renovation will be financed by the center's investments.

Clark takes pride in the board of directors' adaptability, and continuously being aware of needs that seniors have.

The center serves about 1700 seniors each month. In addition to classes and social contact, it offers case management, information and assistance, wellness services and support groups. It also manages the Neighborhood Gleaners program.

Clark praised the center's efforts during the pandemic to keep food deliveries going, along with so many of its other services – moved temporarily to the internet.

"They've made a huge effort to reach out and tried to be as creative as they can so people aren't isolated," he said. ★



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★ STAR HOME AND GARDEN FOCUS

Grant Park neighbor launches career as artist

By Janet Goetze
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When Sophia Hatzikos left her Grant Park neighborhood for Wheaton College in Norton, Mass., she hadn't had any art classes at Portland Public Schools. But she discovered art in college and graduated in May with a double major in visual arts and economics.

That combination may seem unusual but, Hatzikos explained, "I'm usually illustrating concepts that can be drawn from other fields." At the small liberal arts college, she said, she enjoyed balancing artistic and numerical course work.

Hatzikos, 23, has explored a variety of media from eggshells, leather and seaweed to ropes, paper and clay. Her work has been selected for five group exhibitions in 2021 and four others between 2018 and 2020.

Hatzikos has recently been designated one of two Emerging Artist Scholars for 2021 by Portland Open Studios. The other scholar is Amy Reader of Northwest Portland, a fiber artist creating embroidery, wool wall hangings and fiber art jewelry. Each receives a \$300 stipend to further artistic endeavors. The scholarships are named for Kimberly Gales, an original open studios board member who died suddenly two decades ago.

Portland Open Studios is a 22-year-old organization that juries more than 100 metropolitan area artists, who open



Sophia Hatzikos discovered art in college and had a double major with economics. She often illustrates concepts from several fields. These grooved ceramic pieces developed from her interest in the world's arable land and food supplies. The pieces resemble farm lands planted in different products. (Sophia Hatzikos)

their studios for visitors to see how they work. This year, tours will be on the second and third weekends in October. The organization will publish a tour guide and map on its website at www.portlandopenstudios.com.

Hatzikos, in an interview in Grant Park on a sunny morning, smiles as she contemplates how she will open her studio, which she calls a "backpack studio."

"I'm not at the stage where I have one place to work," she said. "I keep my projects in boxes and they're stored." By October, she hopes to have a studio solution.

Some of her work, however, is displayed, including a collection of grooved ceramic pieces that grew out of her interest in the world's arable land and food supplies. The

ceramic pieces, each in a different earth tone, resemble agricultural lands planted in a variety of products. The work has been exhibited in The Dalles.

In 2019, she was an artist in residence with Casa Seguro, a partnership with Sustainable Bolivia in Riberalta, Bolivia. On a tour of a nut processing plant, she saw colorful burlap bags used for storing the nuts. She asked to have them and, after washing dirt from the bags, recycled them into a blouse and pants sewn from the heavy fabric.

Hatzikos photographed a young person wearing the clothing. The photos were accepted by the Blue Sky Gallery, a Northwest Portland center for photographic arts.

Hatzikos came back to her family home to complete college online in early 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic closed the campus. Last fall she was hired as an art teacher for junior and senior high school students at Oregon Episcopal School. She had been a teaching assistant in college but teaching art in a school, and online, has been a new experience.

"I thought it was fantastic," she said. She sent a bucket home to each student filled with mallets, pliers, wire, clay and other materials for their projects. They sent photos of their work to share on Zoom.

"It was a lot of image sharing," she said. "We talked a lot about art history, other artists and more talk."

Then when students returned for four-day, in-person classes, Hatzikos said, "I've loved having them in person and seeing how much more they can excel."

When she returned to Portland last year, Hatzikos said the city looked different to her, possibly because she was seeing it through an arts lens. She didn't expect to have art opportunities after college, but she applied to galleries and special programs during the pandemic.

"I had a lot of yeses," she said, which connected her with other artists and opened new opportunities.

She has joined the Arts Education and Access Fund Oversight Committee that oversees Portland's Arts Tax. She hopes to be an advocate through the committee to widen, sustain and create equity in arts education in Portland. ★



'Earring,' 2020 by Sophia Hatzikos, agar, spirulina, calcium carbonate, coconut and tumeric. (Blue Sky Gallery)



'Jawbone,' 2020 by Sophia Hatzikos, agar, calcium carbonate and pectin. (Blue Sky Gallery)



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A century ago, Mississippi Avenue in the Boise neighborhood was a streetcar community with approximately 400 homes built by Northern European immigrant craftsmen. Light industrial businesses populated the street, along with a smattering of variety stores, green grocers and apartment buildings. After World War II, a variety of multi-cultural groups settled in the neighborhood and revitalization efforts in the 1990s set the stage for community stability and growth. By the turn of the century, the district had evolved into one of the city's most desirable retail corridors. From new businesses to old favorites, Mississippi offers a fantastic mix of both practical and playful for all to enjoy. Following are a few you won't want to miss:



BY BARB HUGHES
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Hanna Sharp is a black belt and IBJJF World champion who loves serving as women and kids program coach. She has built an incredible women's community and is



Dr. Staci at NoPo Kids Dentistry. (Barb Hughes)

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With three locations in town, Mississippi's Paxton Gate is the one my adult daughter Aubrey Frimoth, a teacher and a regular Paxton Gate customer, scours for gifts and science items for her classroom.

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Long-time customer Tom Hall has spent over ten years stopping by the store on his daily walks to explore what's new and visit with the staff. On any given day you might run into owner Andy Brown, or be helped by a kind staff that includes Callie, Ashley, Sierra, Elise and Amanda.

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Kay Newell, also known as "The Light Bulb Lady", founded Sunlan Lighting in 1989. Starting as a warehouse, Kay had so much energy and enthusiasm and so many bright ideas that her baby quickly turned into an offbeat emporium, supplying a huge assortment of rare, retro-style and specialty light bulbs. You'll also find standard bulbs, reading bulbs, "I've never seen that before" bulbs, colored bulbs, a world of fun LED bulbs, holiday lighting and more.

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Sunlan even has all the parts you'll need to create custom lamps, or fix the lamps you already own. They are the go-to shop for the local film, advertising and special effects industries.

One of Kay's favorite bulbs is the "Neodymium." Created in Finland to prevent seasonal depression, Kay uses Neodymium's unique lighting to protect and highlight her original art collection, and for fine tasks like cooking, reading and creating art.

With summer in full swing, check out the wide selection of deck, patio, and yard lights. Flip a switch and turn your yard into a party with red, white and blue for July 4! Other lighting treasures include full spectrum lighting, miniatures, bulbs with flowers inside, bright LED lights and classic Edison bulbs on show stands. You'll find the perfect lighting to help set the tone for any room.

Visit the Sunlan Lighting store Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and meet Kay, Dennis or John – the friendly knowledgeable staff who will brighten your day.

ADDRESS: 3901 N. Mississippi Ave. **PHONE:** 503-281-0453 **WEBSITE:** www.sunlanlighting.com. **DON'T MISS:** Neon bulbs from the 1960's with figurines inside that glow! Check out the store display where you can 'try out' different lighting. Kay moonlights as a cartoon illustrator. Find her work on Instagram at "The Lightbulb Lady" – and in her Hollywood Star ads!

MATT'S BBQ

Matt's BBQ is billed as the best Texas BBQ in Portland, featuring catering, and a fixed food truck spot at 4233 N. Mississippi Avenue where meats are cooked for the day on an offset smoker using oak wood.

Open Monday to Sunday from noon to 7:30 p.m. or until they sell out, I gave this meaty place a try, ordering a half-pound, sliced brisket with a side of pickled red onions and cucumbers and a little tub of sauce. It was amazing! The brisket was melt-in-your-mouth, thick and juicy. The sauce was perfect – not too sweet nor too vinegary. The pickled veggies were tangy and crisp. Outdoor seating is available. but I brought it home to enjoy.

Matt's BBQ has had a lot of press, including 2019 winner of Portland's "Food Cart of the Year" in the Oregonian, and "Number Nine Hottest Restaurant in the Country" in Bon Appetit Magazine. Due to COVID restrictions, Matt's BBQ is currently only taking orders online, or through your smart phone from a scan code menu onsite. Quick, easy, and delicious, Matt's BBQ is the best Texas BBQ in Portland!

ADDRESS: 4233 N. Mississippi Ave. **PHONE:** 503-504-0870. **WEBSITE:** www.mattsbbqpd.com. **DON'T MISS:** The beef brisket and the tacos. Ordering is first come first serve. They do have a pre-order option online. ★



Halley Graves, Rachel Medeiros and Maia Green at Pistils Nursery. (Barb Hughes)



Callie Stinson and Ashley Laboie at Paxton Gate. (Barb Hughes)



John O'Malley at sunlan Lighting. (Barb Hughes)



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Red Yarn and the Critters will perform folk-rock songs, puppet skits and explore the multi-cultural roots of beloved folktales for free on July 13. (Multnomah County Library)

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July 6. 3:30-4:30 p.m. Continues Tuesdays. Preschool story time is especially welcoming for children on the autism spectrum and families looking for a more adaptive virtual story time. Free through the Multnomah County Library. Registration is required at 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org, click on "events and classes."

MEET REPTILE MAN

July 8. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Join Richard Ritchey, the Reptile Man, and meet his crew of snakes, lizards, turtles and tortoises. Free through the Multnomah County Library. Registration is required at 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org, click on "events and classes."

SING WITH RED YARN

July 13. 10:30-11:15 a.m. Sing, dance and learn with Red Yarn and the Critters. Through folk-rock songs and puppet skits, explore multi-cultural roots of beloved folktales and other songs. Free through the Multnomah County Library. Registration is required at 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org, click on "events and classes."

SING BI-LINGUALLY

July 17. 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Nathalia, a Colombian singer-songwriter, mixes English and Spanish in a poetic, rhythmic, educational and entertaining way for children. Listeners may have such musical adventures as a walk along the Amazon River, traveling to space or exploring dinosaurs while singing in English and Spanish. Free through the Multnomah County Library. Registration is required at 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org, click on "events and classes."

MAKE A VIDEO

July 19-23. 1-3 p.m. Teens in grades 6-12 can make YouTube and TikTok videos. Learn the basic techniques of composition, light, audio, editing and storytelling through film in a five-day workshop. Space limited. Free through the Multnomah County Library. Registration is required at 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org, click on "events and classes."

LOVE THROUGH ART

July 24. 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In a painting workshop especially for Black families, explore paintings that highlight the diversity of Black people, with an emphasis on self-love, Black relationships and Black woman empowerment. Free through the Multnomah County Library. Please register by July 10 to get supplies. Library will email when supplies are ready for pickup. Registration is required at 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org, click on "events and classes."

FUN WITH PUPPETS

July 27. 10:30-11 a.m. Penny and her magic suitcase have puppets, music and humor in a show recommended for preschool and older children. Free through the Multnomah County Library. Registration is required at 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org, click on "events and classes."

ARTSANDLITERARYEVENTS

SEE LOCAL ARTISTS

July 1. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Open daily. Local artists show paintings, jewelry, ceramics, photography and more fine art and handcrafted items in a cooperative gallery. Visit or view online at www.artisticportlandgallery.com. 971-339-0945. Portland Artistic Gallery, 4110 N.E. Fremont St.

ARTISTS USE PAPER

July 1. 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. Three Portland artists, Kim Nickens, Hazel Glass and Donald Friedman, use paper as their medium in different ways. The show ends July 27. This artists' collective also has an online store: www.albertastreetgallery.com. 503-954-3314. Alberta Street Gallery, 1829 N.E. Alberta St.

SIX STRETCH FIGURES

July 2. 12 noon to 5 p.m. Open Fridays through Sundays. "Time Being" is an exhibition featuring the work of six artists. They stretch, lengthen, squish, time loop, mediate or layer figures and body parts. Continues to Aug. 8. Info@oregoncontemporary.

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★ STAR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS



LaRhonda Steele, 'The First Lady of Portland Blues,' will be featured at a July 24 picnic in the park hosted by the Rose City Park and Hollywood Neighborhood Associations. (LaRhonda Steele)

org. www.oregoncontemporary.org. Oregon Center for Contemporary Art (formerly Disjecta), 8371 N. Interstate Ave.

GUARDINA SHOWS TOYS

July 6. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays. Closed Mondays. A group show features toys through July 25. Visit with mask and social distancing. View art at www.guardinogallery.com. 503-281-9048. Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

ENJOY IMPROV GROUP

July 23 & 24. 7:55 p.m. Students graduating from "Impulse!" the improvisational group of Young Professionals in the Oregon Children's Theatre, present an in-person performance, "Impulse XIV: Bonus Level!" directed by Blake Wales. Recommended for ages 7 and older. Ticket and performance information at octc.org/impulse-xiv-bonus.

HEAR LARHONDA STEELE

July 24. 6 p.m. Hear LaRhonda Steele, "The First Lady of Portland Blues," is featured in a "Picnic in the Park Concert" hosted by Rose City Park and Hollywood Neighborhood Associations. In Rose City Park, Northeast 62nd Avenue and Tillamook Street.

'BOOGIE CAT' TO SING

July 31. 6 p.m. Hear Norman Sylvester, "The Boogie Cat" who is dedicated to the soul healing force of music, featured in a "Picnic in the Park Concert" hosted by Rose City Park and Hollywood Neighborhood Associations. In Rose City Park, Northeast 62nd Avenue and Tillamook Street.

TECH OPPORTUNITIES

LEARN WINDOWS 10

July 13. 6-7 p.m. Learn to improve computer skills and navigate and customize your Windows 10 computer. Explore what's new and familiar on Windows, get started with Microsoft Office, keyboard shortcuts for improved efficiency, customize settings for a more user friendly device, and learn about safety and keeping the device updated. Free through the Multnomah County Library. Registration is required at 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org, click on "events and classes."

FOR SENIORS

YOGA ON A CHAIR

July 1. 9 a.m. Continues Thursdays. Jennifer Cho Kain offers chair yoga sessions via Zoom through the Hollywood Senior Center. Free. Registration required by email at michael.murphy@hollywoodseniorcenter.org.

TAKE A WALK

July 1. 10:30-11:45 a.m. Continues Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Hollywood Senior Center offers weekly walking groups through the neighborhood, each led by a guide. Meet at the northeast corner of Grant Park, Northeast 36th Avenue and Brazee Street. Free.

LEARN ABOUT BERNSTEIN

July 12. 12:30-1:30 p.m. Gordon Neal Herman presents an exploration of Leonard Bernstein's career as conductor, composer and music educator through recordings and video. Free. Registration through the Hollywood Senior Center is required at www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org/events-calendar. Click on the calendar date and time.

HELP THE POLLINATORS

July 21. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Learn to garden for pollinators with native plant landscaping or flowers in pots. Flowers of all types help support bees and butterflies in urban settings. Zoom presenter is Ian Horvath, president of The Honey Bee Society. Free. Registration through the Hollywood Senior Center is required at www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org/events-calendar. Click on the calendar date and time.

INGENERAL

MAKE HEALTHY TREATS

July 15. 2-3:30 p.m. During hot weather, make Mexican fruit pops for a healthy treat. Recipes for four different kinds will be emailed ahead of class. Free through the Multnomah County Library. Registration is required at 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org, click on "events and classes."

ENJOY CRAFTS, MUSIC

July 24. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Makers Market showcases local artists and small businesses. Enjoy handmade crafts, music, food and artists' demonstrations. To learn more or become a vendor, call 503-715-5432 or email metalwoodsalvage@gmail.com. Metal Wood Salvage, 4311N.E. Prescott St. ★



Norman Sylvester, 'The Boogie Cat,' will be featured at a July 31 picnic in the park hosted by the Rose City Park and Hollywood Neighborhood Associations. (Norman Sylvester)

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★ STAR BUSINESS BUZZ

MUSIC DOC WILL ROCK HOLLYWOOD THEATRE FOR JULY REOPENING

The Hollywood Theatre reopens July 2 with “Summer of Soul.” The documentary also opens that day in theaters across the country and on Hulu. Based on the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival, the film premiered in January at the Sundance Film Festival.

Doug Whyte, Hollywood’s executive director, is enthusiastic about the movie.

“It’s a party and a revolution all wrapped up in one and will create good vibes within the walls of the long empty Hollywood Theatre,” he said.

According to Variety magazine, the film includes never-before-seen performances by Stevie Wonder, Nina Simone, Sly and the Family Stone, Gladys Knight and the Pips, Mahalia Jackson, B.B. King, The Fifth Dimension and more.

During the pandemic shutdown, the 95-year-old theater’s ventilation system was improved, and cleaning and sanitizing protocols are now in place. For details on those and other protocols, visit www.hollywoodtheatre.org.

“Going into this crisis, thankfully the theater was already in a decent financial position,” Whyte said. “We own our building outright and had a reserve but, as time pressed on, it became more challenging. Members and donors really stepped up to sustain us. We also have received generous federal, state, city and foundation support.”

Private auditorium rentals, along with Movie Madness curbside pickups, Movie Madness University Online and online streaming also helped keep the theater engaged with the community and provided some revenue.

“Our staff has done an amazing job juggling all of the opportunities, reinventing how we did things and creating new programs,” Whyte said.

Pre-pandemic, theatre employees numbered about 40. At reopening, the payroll is at 30 and climbing.

IS IT FRUIT OR IS IT ICE CREAM? NICO KNOWS

Nico Vergara is set to open a food cart in mid-July in front of Prost! at 4237 N. Mississippi Ave., serving Nico’s Ice Cream – a twist on New Zealand ice cream.

Descriptions of his product – real fruits swirled in vanilla ice cream – have prompted neighborhood nextdoor.com members to drool in anticipation.

Vergara describes his product as a soft-serve texture with Willamette



BY NANCY VAREKAMP

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Valley fruits blended in Tillamook ice cream. He also offers dairy-free versions. Containers, spoons, cups and napkins are all compostable.

Delivery on the custom food cart has been a moving target for Vergara. He said he has had to pivot his business plan more than once, which included reaching out to future customers on social media in May.

Vergara started making his ice cream and selling it in half-pint containers for curbside pickup. In May and June, he sold at pop ups on the Eastside and in Troutdale. Flavors included strawberry, marionberry, raspberry and blueberry. There were also a number of Nico’s @ Night appearances and sales at Saint Simon Coffee Company in the Irvington neighborhood. At a recent pop up, he shared half his proceeds with the Portland Q Center, which provides services to the LGBTQ+ community. He plans to participate in more fundraisings.

Half pints are currently available at both Taco Pedaler locations – 2225 N.E. Broadway St. in Irvington and 5427 N.E. 42nd Ave. in Cully – and at Envi Adventures at 1350 N.W. Perimeter Way in Troutdale. Most recently, the Tender Loving Empire store at Portland International Airport Concourse D began stocking the ice creams.

Check your local nextdoor.com for updates on sales and locations, or visit @nicosicecream on Instagram or nicosicecreampx.com on Facebook.

YOUNG DANCERS’ FEET BARELY TOUCH GROUND IN BEAUMONT VILLAGE

Beaumont Village’s new dance studio is open, but don’t look for any classes in two step. In fact, dancers won’t have their feet on the floor, much. Aerial Dance PDX puts children ages 4-18 in the air via apparatuses made of fabric and trapeze.

“Aerial dance allows dancers to move



Doug Whyte is pleased to reopen the Hollywood Theatre after more than 15 months. A documentary, ‘Summer of Soul,’ will feature performances from the 1969 Harlem Cultural Festival. (Nancy Varekamp)

through space three-dimensionally,” said Alicia Anthony, owner and instructor, who has trained in and taught the practice throughout the country.

She now lives in Beaumont-Wilshire with her husband and their 3-year-old son.

“Students work foundational strength and conditioning skills,” Anthony said. “The lesson for the day might then include climbs, locks, inversions, or sequences. Our programs build discipline, promote positive self-image and boost confidence. We are a community for youth to feel encouraged, supported and free to be themselves.”

Classes are offered at three age-level groupings. Private and semi-private lessons are available, along with specialty workshops. Birthday parties may also be hosted at the space at 4831 N.E. Fremont St.

“Our primary audience is youth,” Anthony noted “We also offer private and small group lessons for adults upon request.”

For details on aerial dance and the local classes, visit www.aerialdancepdx.com.

STEELPORT CHEF KNIVES HANDCRAFTED AT LAURELHURST FACILITY

No one knows kitchen cutlery better than a chef – or perhaps a chef who became a bladesmith. That describes Eytan Zias, bladesmith and cofounder of Steelport Knife Co. He spent the first 10 years of his career as a chef.

“For the last 15 years I’ve been sharpening, selling, forging, teaching, and this is the result of everything I’ve learned,” he said.

That result is an eight-inch, solid one-piece, drop hammer forged steel knife with long-lasting sharpness and a softer spine for durability.

Steelport was founded last year. In March, it released its first 85 knives from its assembly facility at 3602 N.E. Sandy Blvd. The batch sold out before mid-April.

More were produced in time for Father’s

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Nico Vergara didn’t allow a delayed delivery of his custom food cart to postpone making and selling his ice cream. He pivoted to sell at pop-up events and local businesses, which now includes Portland International Airport. (Nico’s Ice Cream)



Aerial Dance PDX owner and instructor Alicia Anthony teaches children three-dimensional dance while suspended in air. She is pictured with 3-year-old son Xavier, who is almost old enough to enroll. (Aerial Dance PDX)

★ STAR BUSINESS BUZZ



Like any chef, Eytan Zias knows his knives. Now he's making them, which he says are the only drop hammer forged carbon steel blades made in the United States. (Steelport Knives Co.)

Day, and a June 12 open house promoted the knives as gifts, while it introduced neighbors and local chefs to the flagship knife and its production.

According to Zias, Steelport brings modern American innovation to traditional forging methods. Whereas today most steel knives are manufactured overseas, Steelport handcrafts its knives using premium American materials, including Oregon big leaf maple for the handles and sheaths. In fact, Steelport is said to be the only American company to produce drop hammer forged carbon steel blades.

The knives are available online at www.steelportknife.com and at select local retailers, including Knife House at 2637 S.E. Belmont St. and Cord at 2916 N.E. Alberta St.

ROSE CITY PARK NEIGHBOR LAUNCHES EVENTS BUSINESS

As the pandemic ebbs and social gatherings start populating calendars again, Lisa Mattera, certified meeting professional, is launching an events planning company.

"After an unprecedented time of separation and cancelled gatherings, there are exponentially more aspects to consider when hosting an event," she said. "I know

how to convince the many details of an event to work nicely together."

The events industry brings together local artisans, professionals, skills and resources – from entertainers to stylists, florists, caterers and everyone and everything in between like photographers, audio and visual specialists, hotels and other event venues, and more.

The Rose City Park resident and Oregon native reported she is part of the region's network of those professions. She combines 25 years of experience in coordinating events and gatherings in her new business, Lisa Mattera Weddings and Events.

In addition to weddings, Mattera has experience planning holiday parties, annual dinners, surprise birthday bashes, fundraising events, celebrations of life, bar and bat mitzvahs, team building events, retirement parties and fully-themed corporate events and retreats.

"While guests might not always know what makes a great event, they can always tell when it's not so great," Mattera said. "It's all in the details – not just details that are seen, heard, or tasted – but the details that quietly go unnoticed are equally as important."

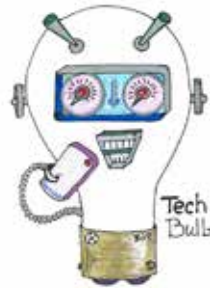
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★ STAR SUSTAINABILITY MADE SIMPLE



By Kate Gaertner and Amy Hall
For the Hollywood Star News

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2. Commit to a Pacific Northwest eco-adventure. One of the many reasons Oregonians stay in their state for generations is because of all the natural richness and historical significance the Pacific Northwest has to offer.



most of these compelling adventures are within 90 miles of Portland downtown.

Check out Ecotours of Oregon, a North Portland touring company that offers group, private and custom tours to Mt. Hood and the Columbia Gorge, Mount St. Helens, whale watching on the Oregon coast and historical tours of the Lewis and Clark trail and Native American tribal lands.

3. Ditch the plane and travel scenically. Flying is a carbon emissions buster for individuals and given the altitude at which planes cruise, a negative double-whammy to the environment.

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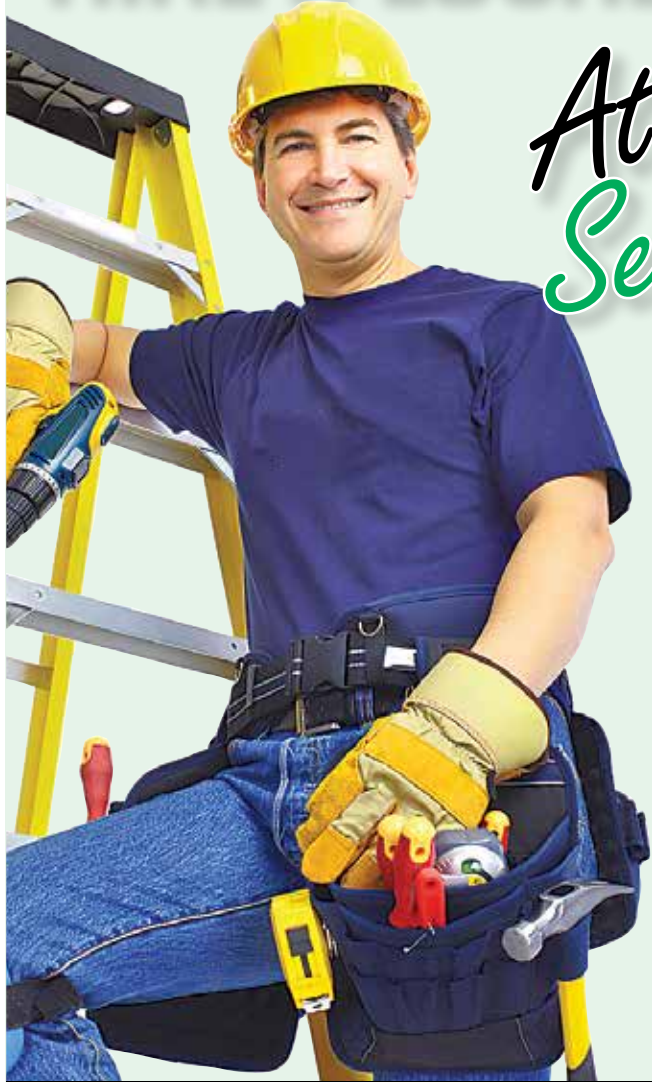
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NE Portland

MARKET UPDATE in Your Neck of the Woods!

- **Year to date appreciation** in NE Portland is 12.4% through May 2021 per RMLS.
 - **Our inventory** still remains at less than 1 month. Some homes continue to sell quickly with multiple offers
- while others are selling within 7-10 days with just one offer.
- **Will we experience** the typical “summer slow-down” like past years? It remains to be seen with such low inventory.

ROSE-CITY COLONIAL



LOVED BY SAME OWNER FOR MANY YEARS! Your opportunity to freshen this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath up with paint, some polish and your personal decorating taste! Situated on treed, lush corner lot, just a block from Sacramento Ridge, this location will not disappoint. Entry, formal living & dining room, fireplace, open-staircase, nicely remodeled kitchen with eating nook. Marmoleum floor & quality SS appliances. Rare main floor bedroom with private bath + 2 generous sized bedrooms + full bath up. Unfinished basement. Convenient to schools, shopping and popular walking & biking path on Sacramento.

2506 NE 62nd x Brazee \$610,000

NORTH PORTLAND DUPLEX



GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER, INVESTOR, OR THOSE LOOKING FOR ONE-LEVEL LIVING. These 2 bedroom, 1 bath units with approximately 807 square feet have good rental history & parking. Well cared for with remodeled kitchens, utility room, living room & dining room w/outdoor access. WW carpeting. Vacant unit is move-in ready. Close to transit, Farragut Park and freeway access.

626 N. Watts \$450,000

HISTORIC GEORGIAN COLONIAL ~ PREMIER LOCATION!



CONSTRUCTED IN 1925 BY PROMINENT BUILDER F.B.TURNER & BEAUTIFULLY RESTORED! Central entry with formal staircase & French drs to living room, dining room & sun-room. 5 bedrooms, 2 baths up & includes finished 3rd floor & Master with fireplace. Gorgeous gourmet kitchen with vintage feel, hex tiled heated floor, and eating bar. Finished basement with family room. 2 patio areas to relax or entertain. Convenient to schools, park, shopping & public transportation.

2510 NE Thompson \$1,207,000

BRICK RANCH ON THE EASTSIDE ~ GOLF COURSE VIEW!



RARE TO FIND FOR THOSE WANTING GREAT LIVABILITY ON MAIN FLOOR. Located on popular Sacramento Ridge, a pedestrian paradise overlooking Rose-City Golf Course! Ability to live on main floor with a separate living space if needed in daylight basement. Grand sized living room + dining room with newer windows to capture one of the best views available on this popular street! Updated mechanicals. Original tiled kitchen & baths for the 1950's mid-century lovers. Gorgeous hardwoods and primary-suite with private bath + cool den on main, laundry & attached double garage. Family room w/2nd fireplace, 2 bedrooms + game room or 5th bedroom, bonus rooms and 3 exterior doors for potential ADU.

7530 NE Sacramento St. \$785,000



HAVE A HAPPY

4th of July

From The Coon Team