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eaumont Village has blossomed over the years, with a host of new and exciting businesses welcomed by a vibrant, local and established business community. After a pandemic-induced hiatus, the village's annual summer celebration, Fremont Fest, will return this month. (See our story on page 3.) Here's a sample of some of the businesses, new and old, that make the village special.

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I've purchased pruning shears, garden gloves, and I think we've even bought our Christmas lights there. One of the great things about Beaumont Hardware is that if they don't have it, they can get it from their warehouse - which has over 67,000 items to choose from. Delivery is free and fast.

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#### **SULLIVAN'S GULCH NEIGHBORHOOD AIDS HEIDI MANOR VICTIMS**

The Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood and neighbors from across the city have rallied to help residents who lost their homes and possessions in a July 4 fire that destroyed the Heidi Manor Apartments at 2226 N.E. Weidler Street.

Christine Cordner, who lives behind the charred wood frame of the apartments, has worked with Dave Brook, chairman of the neighborhood board, and the Rev. Beth Neel, a co-pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church, to coordinate assistance for displaced residents.

Some of those displaced are still looking for places to live, said Cordner, who may be reached at ccvanya89@yahoo.com or by text or phone at 971-225-2014.

Monetary donations may be made on a special section of the church's website at www.westprespdx.org. A tax deductible account has been created to collect cash donations expressly for the displaced Heidi Manor neighbors. Cash and checks, marked for Heidi Manor, also may be taken to the church business office at 1624 N.E. Hancock St., which is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The website will be updated with information about needs. No more donations of clothing and furniture were being accepted, as of late July. The Spin Laundry, 2326 N.E. Broadway, initially acted as a drop-off point for donations that later were transferred to the church where volunteers sorted items. Brook accepted donated suitcases on his front porch before taking them to the church so that displaced people had a way to



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transport their new acquisitions.

Go Fund Me accounts have been set up for some families, including that of Grant High School's Rose Festival ambassador, Beatriz Santiago.

"Fortunately, they all got out safely, but left with nothing," said Karen Tompkins Barker, who organized a fundraiser for the Santiagos.

#### **HOLLYWOOD SENIOR CENTER ADOPTS NEW NAME, PARTNER**

The Center for Positive Aging is the new name, with the same mission, for the Hollywood Senior Center and The Giving Tree, executive director Amber Kern-Johnson has announced.

Over the years, the senior center board and advisors have contemplated a new name, said Kern-Johnson and Jim Paynter, a retired center director. He joined a Zoom meeting with nearly 40 other people to hear about the expansion of services expected with the new identity.

The time for a new name seemed right

with the opportunity to combine with The Giving Tree, which provides educational, recreational and other services for residents of low-income housing in many sectors of the city, Kern-Johnson said. The opportunity arose because Gloria Lee, the executive director of The Giving Tree, was considering retirement.

With the name Hollywood, Kern-Johnson said, the senior center often was viewed as serving only one neighborhood instead of most of the east side. Organizations offering grants sometimes didn't recognize its services that include educational and recreational programs, arts opportunities, health information and support groups.

The enlarged, non-profit organization will still have its office at 1820 N.E. 40th Ave., with its usual programs, the Hollywood Gleaners, the gift shop and a new Asian food pantry, Kern-Johnson said. But it will seek to be more inclusive with more neighborhoods and take on The Giving Tree's enhanced residential services in North, Northwest and downtown low-income housing.

The organization also will have a new logo with a bridge, open on both sides to invite everyone to walk along, leading toward a rising sun and new horizons, Kern-Johnson said.

The center has continued telephone and remote programming during the pandemic and the staff is working toward reopening in September, Kern-Johnson said.

For more information, the website continues to be at www. hollywoodseniorcenter.org and the telephone is 503-288-8303.

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Beaumont Village's annual Fremont Fest is returning Aug. 21 with a bike parade, a host of vendor booths and shopping opportunities. (Beaumont Business Association)

# SOFTBALL PLAYERS FILE DISCRIMINATION SUIT

Three students and the coach for Grant High School's girls softball team have filed a federal suit against Portland Public Schools, alleging sex discrimination because the coach and athletes weren't given treatment and facilities comparable to those provided for the boys' baseball team.

"Coaches, parents and students have complained about Title IX violations and unfair treatment of female student athletes for years," according to the suit filed by coach Deborah Engelstad and students Madyson Roach, Olivia Dunn and Elisabeth Kollrack.

Title IX of 1972 education amendments protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance. Asked for a response, the school district didn't reply by press time.

The coach and student athletes are asking for a judgment that the school district violated their rights under federal law. They also are asking that they receive treatment and benefits equivalent to those provided to boys' athletic teams at Grant High School.

A girls' softball field was planned under Grant's initial modernization proposal but eventually was scrapped while the boys' baseball facility was completed. The softball team has played and practiced for many years on a dirt field at Wilshire Park. It has poor drainage and sometimes practices or games have been canceled because of poor field conditions.

In June, a Portland land-use hearings officer approved a plan for developing the ball fields, including a site for the softball team, on property behind the school owned partly by the school district and partly by the city Park Bureau. The district's next step is to seek relevant permits. Construction is expected to start in the fall and be complete by next year's softball season, a district spokesman has said.

#### FREMONT FEST BRINGS PARADES, GAMES, PUB CRAWL

Beaumont Village's annual Fremont Fest is returning Aug. 21 with a bike parade, a pet parade, kid-friendly games, a pub crawl and a host of vendor booths and shopping opportunities.

The festivities, scheduled from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will stretch along Northeast Fremont Street from 42nd to 51st avenues. The Beaumont Business Association is organizing the event.

Participating businesses include restaurants and pubs featuring sushi, doughnuts, pizza and tavern drinks. Shops will offer flowers, groceries, hardware, shoes, art and more. A dentist, a chiropractor, masseuses, and a veterinarian are also on Fremont. Service businesses include insurance, events planning, a tax preparer and a tailor. For more information, visit www. beaumontvillagepdx.com.

#### APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR NORTH AND NORTHEAST PREFERENCE POLICY

The Portland Housing Bureau is now accepting pre-applications for a year-round waitlist for the North and Northeast Preference Policy. The policy's goal is to address the harmful impacts of urban renewal decisions that wiped out housing in some neighborhoods. It prioritizes applicants who were displaced, are at risk of displacement or are descendants of families displaced by urban renewal in North and Northeast neighborhoods.

Applications may be submitted at any time and the list will be used to fill vacancies in city-sponsored rental housing as units become available, according to the bureau.

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#### COMMUNITY CENTER PLANS FUND TO EXPAND ACCESS

The Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave. in Hollywood, has started a new community fund to expand access to wellness and recreational activities for more neighbors and to continue to nourish community connections as a whole.

Financial assistance has always been available to individuals, families and other community organizations for programs at the center. However, some people have been left out.

"Our new community fund is designed to advance equity, diversity and inclusion of all our neighbors, embodying the direction that the center has embraced through its newly adopted strategic plan," a news release said.

The center began offering recreational and enrichment programs in 2007 after a group of area residents created the independent, non-profit center in the former Northeast YMCA, built in 1925. The YMCA had announced plans to close the facility in 2004.

The center offers youth sports and enrichment programs, summer camps, adult fitness classes and activities for those with physical limitations. Swim classes, recreational swimming and therapeutic programs are scheduled in a warm water pool. For more information call 503-284-3377 or visit www. necommunitycenter.org.



**ANDREA WILLIAMS** 

#### OREGON FOOD BANK NAMES NEW DEPUTY CEO

Andrea Williams, who has worked in nonprofit operations, program management and policy advocacy for a decade, has been named deputy CEO at Oregon Food Bank.

"I'm really excited about building community power and using that to eliminate the root causes of hunger," Williams said in an interview for the food bank's online newsletter.

Williams was previously partnerships manager for the Portland Office of Community and Civic Life. She began working in advocacy positions after

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In July, the Hollywood Rose City Little League baseball team won the 2021 Oregon State Championship for 8- to 10-year olds. (Darren Stowell)

graduating from Whitman College in Walla Walla. She has worked with CAUSA, Oregon's immigrant rights organization, and eventually became executive director in 2013. She also has served on philanthropic and health service boards.

Born in Eugene, Williams grew up in Salem. Her family spent three generations working in the sugar cane fields of Hawaii, before her parents moved to the Northwest in the 1970s. She is multi-racial with forebears of Filipino, Japanese and White ancestry. She and her husband live in Oregon City with their toddler son.

## HOLLYWOOD ROSE CITY TEAM WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

In July, the Hollywood Rose City Little League baseball team won the 2021 Oregon State Championship for 8- to 10-year olds.

"As head coach for this group of boys from the neighborhood, I know how hard they've worked," said Darren Stowell.
"There were thirteen boys selected as "all stars" from the Hollywood Rose City little league to compete in the local district and, if they won, move on to the Oregon state tournament. Over the last several weeks, they have been practicing five days a week to prepare for the tournaments."

The team beat Northeast Portland's Wilshire-Riverside team in the district championship, which qualified them to play in the state tournament. The team went undefeated in the tournament and beat a tough Murray Hill team 3-1 to win.

Players include Mason Bell, Kellen De Looze, James Fullerton, Buck Gordon, Braylen Hardaway, Adrian James, Kellen Marr, Mateo Ribas-Miller, Landry Norick, Huck Olsgaard, Hudson Reed, Levi Stowell and Mason Vigna. Coaches are Ray Gordon, Brandon Hardaway, Jens Olsgaard and Stowell.

# **COUNTY LIBRARIES REOPEN, PROGRAMS STAY ONLINE**

Multnomah County libraries are gradually reopening through August for book browsing and using printers and computers. Masks are recommended while visiting, according to the library website.

Materials held through the pandemic closure may be returned without fear of late fees, because the library no longer charges fines. Librarians also ask that patrons don't sanitize materials so they won't be accidentally damaged. Programs remain online and meeting rooms aren't yet available for public use.

The Albina library branch, 216 N.E. Knott St., is scheduled to reopen Aug. 24. Other North and Northeast branches opened in June and July, including Hollywood, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St.; Gregory Heights, 7921 N.E. Sandy Blvd.; Kenton, 8226 N. Denver Ave., and North Portland, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

For more information, call 503-988-5123 or visit www.multcolib.org.

#### LEARN TO PRUNE FRUIT TREES IN CITY ORCHARD

The Urban Forestry section of the Portland Parks Bureau has an educational fruit tree orchard where volunteers can learn pruning skills specifically for fruit trees. A class is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Aug. 7 at the Delta Park orchard, 10910 N. Denver Ave.

Urban Forestry planted the 55 fruit and nut trees in 2010 outside its North Portland office. They include apples, pears, cherries, persimmons, mulberries and medlars, among others.

Tools and materials will be provided.
Registration information is at www.
portland.gov/trees/get-involved/events.★





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#### **NORTH PORTLAND DOMINATES LIST OF POTENTIAL HOMELESS VILLAGE SITES**

Most of the potential living spaces for the city's houseless population on a list City Commissioner Dan Ryan released in mid-July are in North and Northeast Portland.

The list was generated after an April council vote created the "Shelter to Housing Continuum," which changed zoning code to allow for outdoor villages and instructed bureaus to identify cityowned properties that could potentially be used for outdoor shelters.

In June, city council unanimously passed a "Paving the Pathway from Streets to Stability" ordinance, codifying its approach to outdoor shelters and providing regulatory tools to build six "Safe Rest Villages" before the end of the year.

Safe Rest Villages will contain outdoor shelters, not tents, as places for houseless neighbors to sleep, and access basic, necessary hygiene and case-management, behavioral-health services. The objective is to provide dignity and stability that will eventually lead to permanent housing.

The locations identified are only under consideration and not confirmed as final sites. Additional city staff review will determine suitable locations from among the city-owned properties. Commissioner Ryan is conferring with jurisdictional partners and expects additional properties may be added to this list, as the city is also open to leasing properties from private landowners.

The complete list can be downloaded by visiting www.portland.gov/sites/default/ files/2021/city-of-portland-bureausurplus-property-list.xlsx.

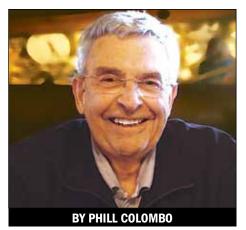
#### **HUNDREDS OF NEW** AFFORDABLE UNITS PROPOSED IN KENTON

Wright Architecture is proposing an 11-story, affordable-housing complex in the 1800 block of North Argyle Street. Two structures currently on the property, a 3521-square-foot four-plex built in 1946 and a 3472-square-foot, 10-unit apartment building built in 1949, will be removed.

The planned development includes as many as 290 residential units in a new, approximately 195,000-squarefoot, 11-story building. All units will be offered at 60 percent of average median income, and are proposed as a mix of twobedrooms, one-bedrooms and studios. Construction plans include for all storm water to be disposed of on-site through swales and drywells.

The site is considered a good location for higher density housing because the it is close to light rail, the Denver Avenue Business District and other Kenton neighborhood amenities.'

The Kenton Downtown Plan identified the site as a prime location for tall,



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high-density housing, noting that sloped acreage limits blocked views, reduced privacy and shadows on neighboring lots.

According to the plan, the location should "reinforce the potential success of Denver Avenue businesses by fostering development of additional housing within walking distance.

Funding for the project includes Oregon Housing and Community Services tax credits, a Metro transitoriented development grant and Oregon Multifamily Energy Program funding.

For more information, contact John Wright at503-206-8380 or john@wrightarchitecture.com.

#### **GREENWAY SURVEY RESULTS** ARE AVAILABLE FOR 72ND AVE.

Portland's Bureau of Transportation and Metro are partnering to make Northeast 72nd Avenue safer and more comfortable for pedestrians and people biking. Between Northeast Killingsworth Street in Cully to Sandy Boulevard in Roseway, a neighborhood greenway is expected to be complete by 2023, with priority for pedestrians and people biking on residential streets.

This spring, PBOT and Metro detailed the project's plans and requested feedback from neighbors, workers and visitors to the area. Some 500 respondents provided feedback to use as design continues. Overall reaction to the project was mostly positive:

- A shared path from Killingsworth to Sumner received approval from about 70 percent of both walkers and bikers'
- · Separated pedestrian and bike paths from Sumner to Prescott were acceptable to over 80 percent.
- For the park blocks from Prescott to Sandy, shared travel lanes received approval from about 60 percent.
- Turn restrictions at the Sandy/ Fremont/72nd intersection were viewed positively by clear majority.
- 63 percent supported right turn only from southbound 72nd to westbound Sandy.
- 58 percent supported a right turn only from northbound 72nd to eastbound Fremont.
- 70 percent supported restricting right

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In a move to



replace tent cities with small structures, officials envision Safe Rest Villages in as many as 70 sites around the city. Most potential sites are in North Portland. (City of Portland)

#### STAR DEVELOPMENT NEWS



Wright Architecture is proposing a new, 290-unit, 11-story, affordable housing structure in Kenton. The apartments would be open to renters making less than 60 percent of average income. (Wright Architecture)

turns from westbound Fremont onto Sandy and 72nd.

 Both pedestrians (72 percent) and people biking (66 percent) liked poposed changes to Prescott crossing.
 To learn how the bureau will use survey feedback and to view the full report, visit www.portland.gov/70s-greenway-cully.

#### **PERMITS ISSUED**

In Alameda at 2730 N.E. 30th Ave., Naomi Diallo was issued a permit to build a new, two-story, detached accessory dwelling unit without a garage.

In Arbor Lodge at 6704 N. Knowles
Ave., Etruscan Ventures of Southwest
Portland was issued a permit to build a
new, two-story, single-family residence
with an attached, single-vehicle garage
on vacant property.

At 1427 N. Bryant St., the Schwartz Family Trust of Vancouver has permission to deconstruct a 1540-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1910. Plans are under review to build a new, four-story, 15-unit apartment building.

At 6957 N. Montana Ave., Montana Sky Townhomes of Sherwood secured a permit to deconstruct a 909-squarefoot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1926. Plans are being studied to build six new, threestory townhomes without garages.

At 7013 N. Montana Ave., Kevin Batty of Northeast Portland has been permitted to demolish a fire-damaged, 1040-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1973.

In Beaumont-Wilshire at 4325 N.E. 35th Ave., Robin Selig has been issued a permit to deconstruct an 836-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1939. The city is reviewing plans to build a new, two-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle garage.

In Boise at 4037 and 4039 N. Williams
Ave., Williams 40 LLC of Northwest
Portland secured a permit to
deconstruct a 3620-square-foot
duplex built in 1890. Initial design
was approved in October 2020 for
two, residential, mixed-use, four-story
buildings around a central courtyard for
residents' use with the main residential
lobby/entrance of the eastern building
to face the interior courtyard rather
than Williams Avenue.

At 4064 N. Mississippi Ave., the 4064 North Mississippi Avenue LLC of Milwaukie secured a permit to construct on vacant property a new, four-story, mixed-use building with 15 market-value apartments on the upper floors over two ground-floor commercial spaces.

In Cully at 6128 N.E. Milton St.,

DEZ Development of Clackamas
has permission to deconstruct a
commercial carport built in 1940. Plans
are under review to build four, new,

two-story, single-family homes with single-vehicle garages.

At 5911 N.E. Emerson St., Sarah
Perine has a permit to deconstruct
a 1264-square-foot, single-family
residence built in 1946. Plans are being
reviewed to build a new, one-story,
single-family home with a singlevehicle garage.

In Eliot at 547 N.E. Stanton St., James and Katherine McCartan of Southwest Portland secured a permit to build a new, two-story accessible dwelling unit with a single-vehicle garage on the ground floor and a breezeway connecting the new structure to the existing single-family residence.

In Humboldt at 4325 N. Mississippi Ave., Block 2 Mississippi of Vancouver has permission to deconstruct a 1546-square-foot, single-family residence, detached garage and shed built in 1920. Plans are being reviewed to build a new, three-story, 12-unit apartment building.

At 1525 N. Humboldt St., Reid Benson of Southeast Portland secured a permit to construct a new, four-story, 16-unit apartment building on vacant property.

At 4750 N. Albina Ave., ABN Development Co. has permits to demolish a 3750-square-foot warehouse built in 1955 and construct a new, five-story, 55-unit apartment building.

In Kenton at 9126 and 9130 N. Seward Ave., Fish Construction NW secured permits to construct two, new, two-story, single-family houses with single-vehicle garages on vacant property.

In Kerns at 831 N.E. 29th Ave., Turk
Investments of Rancho Cucamonga,
Calif., secured a permit to construct
a new, three-story, 19-unit apartment
building on vacant property.

In Montavilla at 8671 and 8675 S.E.

Washington St., Hien Tieu of Southwest
Portland has two permits to build a
new, two-story, single-family residence
and a new, three-story duplex with
three, attached, single-vehicle garages
on vacant property.

In Overlook at 5531 and 5541 N.
Greeley Ave., GS24 of Northwest
Portland has permits to build two,
new, three-story, 12-unit apartment
buildings on vacant property.

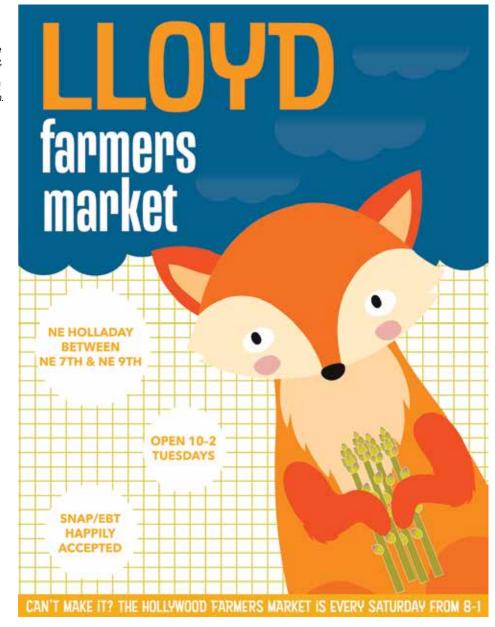
In Roseway at 6835 N.E. Stanton St.,
Willamette Investment Group of Camas,
Wash., has permission to build a new,
two-story, single-family dwelling with
an attached garage on vacant property.

In Vernon at 5265-67 N.E. 15th Ave., BTS
Homes has a permit to construct a new,
two-story duplex with additional, lowerlevel living space and two, single-vehicle,
attached garages on vacant property.

In Woodlawn at 6517, 6519 and 6521

N.E. Grand Ave., Brendan and Breanne

Monahan have permits to build three,
new, three-story, attached townhomes
without garages on empty property. ★





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# **BEAUMONT GETS BACK TO BUSINESS**

#### **PAPERJAM PRESS**

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Co-owners Deborah and John Field love living and working in the Beaumont neighborhood. As a family business, their son and business partner Myles serves as main printer and post production artist. Julie and Sapphira make up the rest of the staff, and can answer any questions you may have about printing needs.

Making a difference in the community is important to Paperjam. As a sponsor of Fremont Fest, they'll feature a free temporary tattoo booth. Myles designs and creates new tattoo designs each year – just for the event.

Paperjam re-uses scrap paper, turning it into note pads. To support local, Black artists, Paperjam has printed free posters for BLM artists. You can purchase prints of the popular posters in the shop, with 100 percent of proceeds donated to Don't Shoot PDX.

To beautify and bring joy to the neighborhood, Paperjam hires a window designer to create a new showcase theme each quarter. Summer's theme has been 'Celebrations', with wedding and other invitations displayed. In September, the theme will be 'Transitions'.

Open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., stop by to take a look at the window display, then come inside to look around, visit and pick up a free recycled note pad!

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#### **ARTISTIC PORTLAND GALLERY**

Artistic Portland Gallery is a collective of more than 25 diverse artists who seek to capture the creative spirit of our city with all its quirks and beauty. With a wide variety of styles, you'll find paintings, woodcraft, metal sculpture, jewelry, ceramics, pottery, glass, fiber, photography, small gifts and more. The gallery is stocked and staffed entirely by members, so there's a friendly, knowledgeable atmosphere.

Guest artists and window displays change each month. In August, the guest artist is Jeff Strickler, a wood turner. "The Dog Days Of Summer" is this month's "Artist Challenge," where artists create summer-inspired themes like beaches, pets or hot days. The new works are featured in the window throughout the month.

The gallery has donated over \$11,000 from their "Community Bowl Project" to Sisters of the Road and St. Johns Food Share. They look forward to partnering with Beaumont Middle School on future philanthropic projects.

You can donate to the cause by purchasing a \$10 take-home kit, which includes a unique, bisque-fired bowl – ready for glazing – and all the supplies necessary for you to paint at home. Once you return your kit, the artists will fire your bowl and you can pick it up at the gallery during the first week of the month. Your \$10 is donated to charity, you get to be an artist and you receive a cool usable bowl to keep. A great deal all around!

Visit in person 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. seven days a week, or browse online for in-store pickup. Pick the perfect art for your home or gift at the gallery. Many artists will ship by special arrangement. New art is constantly being added, creating fresh treasures, inspiration and beauty.

**ADDRESS:** 4110 N.E. Fremont St. **PHONE:** 971-339-0945. **WEBSITE:** www.artisticportlandgallery.com. **DON'T MISS:** Ever-changing, monthly window display of themed art. Once-a-month, group bowl painting activity outside – contact gallery for details. If you are interested in joining the collective, you may apply online at www.artisticportlandgallery.com/join.

#### **BEAUMONT VISION**

At Beaumont Vision, Dr. John Lewis and staff provide a full suite of eye care services and offer a large selection of sunglass and eyeglass frames at all price points. Dr. Lewis was a clinical professor at Pacific University College of Optometry for ten years and his credentials include specialization in advanced medical cases.

Beaumont Vision is able to care for the whole family, from simple exams to advanced



Artists Ammi Brooks, left, Karen Friedstrom, David Leonard, Ben Gilbert and Susan Hunter at Artistic Portland Gallery. (Barb Hughes)



Myles, Deborah and John Field with shop dog Benny at Paperjam Press.

testing, including visual field testing and digital retinal imaging. Dr. Lewis also provides cataract and LASIK co-management, with pre-procedure testing and post-surgery checkups. As our family's eye doctor, we appreciate Dr. Lewis' calm, professional demeanor and attention to detail at yearly wellness exams, as well as my own cataract pre- and post-surgery care.

Accidents happen. Kids wrestle and someone gets poked in the eye, or an eye injury happens at work, or a bug flies into your eye while biking. With a state-of-the-art optical lab and testing, Beaumont Vision can treat emergency situations – from eye trauma to removing foreign items.

You'll find over 400 frames at Beaumont Vision – designed and produced in a variety of colors and materials, some infused with fabrics and natural materials like pinecones and mushrooms! Beaumont Vision partners with fair practice eyeglass producers, including smaller, local companies.

Opticians Shenyah, Amy, and Margot have backgrounds ranging from vintage fashion, to fine art to industrial design. They can assist in styling patients of all ages and help select the perfect frame and lenses for their style, needs and budget.

Contact lens wearers are in luck, as Dr. Sarah Pajot, a clinical professor at Pacific University's Optometry School, specializes in contact lens fittings, including hard to fit lenses for corneal reshaping, keratoconus and post-surgical fits.

Beaumont Vision accepts most insurance and makes billing easy. Hours are by appointment, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** 4331 N.E. Fremont St. **PHONE:** 503-331-3937. Website www.beaumontvision.com. **DON'T MISS:** Beaumont Vision offers free adjustments and repairs on all eyeglasses they sell. Try on frames inside, or from a sidewalk staging area under natural light.

#### **MERCHANTS COLLECTION**

Merchants Collection, owned by Robin and Theresa Ady, is committed to selling quality, handcrafted furniture from Indonesia, and items handcrafted locally. Robin specifically looks to stock sustainably sourced items from local artists, as well as handmade items imported for home and garden, featuring Indonesian furniture, accessories and decor made from re-claimed teak, rattan and stone.

On the sustainability front, crafters in Central Java work with 100 percent FSC certified or reclaimed teak from old buildings, fishing boats, fallen trees and even roots. You'll find beautiful wood furniture and unique pieces – like a table made from a single, large tree root. Since rattan is made from palms that require tree canopy to grow, forests must be left intact to protect and sustain the rattan industry.

Craftspeople heat mold rattan into incredible designs. Rattan furniture includes

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Dr. John Lewis and Shenyah at Beaumont Vision. (Barb Hughes)

#### STAR STREETWISE







Owners Genevieve West and John McInroy at Blind Ox Taphouse. (Barb Hughes)



Pranaya Dangol at Nepali Kitchen and Chai Garden. (Barb Hughes)

gracefully curved pieces such as an infinity couch, a rattan coffee table, and a hanging chair. Indonesian volcanic greenstone and riverstone are quarried, hand-harvested and hand-carved by local artisans to create benches, water features, vases, planters, fountains and garden statues.

Visit the Merchants Collection showroom to see and feel the amazing materials and craftsmanship for yourself Thursday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., or shop online for curbside pickup and delivery.

**ADDRESS:** 3430 N.E. 41st Ave. **PHONE:** 503-488-3600. **WEBSITE:** www.themerchantscollection.com. **DON'T MISS:** Selection changes often, with new shipments arriving regularly. Sign up online to receive notifications. Try the beautiful soaps and candles handmade by store co-owner Theresa Ady.

#### **BLIND OX TAPHOUSE**

Blind Ox Taphouse is in the Alameda Hops Hall building – with the big black metal hop hanging in front. This friendly, community-gathering place features amazing drinks, live music and unique entertainment. Hosting local brews, like Three-Way IPA from Fort George and Razzleberry Hard Citrus by Ruzzo, plus growlers and crowlers to go, you'll also find a rotating tap of 24 craft beers and ciders. Try a wine by Gersing Cellars, made by local jazz musician Jason "Goose" Gersing, or keep cool with a Boozy Slushy in Margarita or Razzleberry flavors. Specialty cocktails, non-alcoholic Kombucha and root beers are available, as well as a curated food menu.

Thanks to Mix 'n' Match Creamery, owner John McInroy performs science magic with a dairy cream or coconut base, adds flavorings of your choice and then blasts the goods with liquid nitrogen to create delicious fresh ice cream! All ages can enjoy flavors like Salted Caramel and Heath Bar or Cheesecake and Fresh Strawberries. For ages over 21, adult flavors include best-sellers Salted Caramel Whisky, Blind Pirate and Lemon Drop.

Embracing community is important to owners John McInroy and Eric and Genevieve West. Blind Ox displayed art by St. Rose School students during the Rose Festival Porch Parade and was the Grand Sponsor of Fremont Fun Run Brews and Scoops. They are also sponsoring the 61st annual Roosevelt Charitable Golf Tournament Open.

Live entertainment is back! Jazz, swing and blues return every Sunday and Monday night. Fremont Fest music will be free, all day, on August 21 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Upcoming performances include Sonny Hess on August 22 and Phil Baker of Pink Martini on August 23, Open Stage Tuesday's from 6 to 9 p.m., Sip and Paint August 9 and

two Gypsy Jazz bands with dancing August 16. Sign up online for a newsletter listing additional events.

Blind Ox is family-friendly during the day and evenings are adults only. Open Monday-Friday noon to 10 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Enjoy air-conditioned seating indoors, outdoor seating or order online for pick up or delivery.

**ADDRESS:** 4765 N.E. Fremont St. **PHONE:** 503-841-5092. **WEBSITE:** www.blindoxpdx.com. **DON'T MISS:** Blind Ox Society monthly subscription. You pay \$20 and get a \$25 gift card, plus 20-ounce pours instead of 16-ounce pours! Don't miss the boozy, liquid-nitrogen ice cream.

#### **NEPALI KITCHEN AND CHAI GARDEN**

Nepali Kitchen and Chai Garden is a real treat in the Beaumont neighborhood due to authentic Nepalese food, adorable, family-built, red dining huts and a colorful Nepalese garden. Sarbagya Dangol and Sunita Shresthra immigrated from Nepal as young adults and started their first cafe in Lincoln City with family recipes. They moved to Portland and opened Nepali Kitchen and Chai Garden in December of 2020 for take-out. To accommodate customers wanting outdoor dining, they added cozy seating huts – each uniquely decorated – and open garden space.

Sarbagya's parents owned and operated a restaurant in Nepal. He had always dreamed of opening his own place. His dream came true and we get to enjoy the results of his family's delicious heritage and cooking.

Enjoy authentic Dal-Bhat, Paratha, three kinds of Momos, a variety of Currys and lentil soup. Drinks include homemade Nepali Chai – iced or hot – but you can also get water, pop or green tea. The food is reasonably priced, so this is a great place to bring the family or enjoy a date in a cozy private hut.

As a family business, son Pranaya Dangol works the front of the house, filling orders with great customer service. He is also studying biology and environmental science, so your patronage helps to fund his education.

August may find some new items on the menu, and possibly extended hours. Nepali Kitchen is currently open Thursday through Tuesday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** 3434 N.E. 49th Ave. **PHONE:** 503-477-6683 **WEBSITE:** https://cybergardencafenepali-kitchen.business. site. **DON'T MISS:** Sit in cute, red huts or peaceful garden tables to eat, relax and sample Momo dumplings and Chai.

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#### STAR HOME AND GARDEN FOCUS

# With new name, new building, McDaniel High ready for students









The McHenry High School renovation includes a new science wing, new theater, new student commons with a second-floor walkway connecting both wings and passing over the commons. (Portland Public Schools)

#### **By Janet Goetze**

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McDaniel High School not only has an updated building at 2735 N.E. 82nd Ave. in the Madison South neighborhood, but also a new name. In February, the school board approved a new name for the school, Leodis V. McDaniel, honoring a man who was a beloved principal during the 1980s. Students asked for a change from James Madison High, recalling the country's fourth president and co-writer of the constitution, because he was a slave owner.

When McDaniel students return to the modernized school on Sept. 1, light will be streaming through large windows that reveal the surrounding community and natural sites in the distance, said Principal Adam Skyles.

"It changes the atmosphere of the whole place," said Skyles, who arrived at the former Madison High in 2010 and has been with the students on the Marshall High campus at 3905 S.E. 91st Ave. for the past two years of rebuilding.

The original building opened in 1957. After a multi-year planning and designing process, 170,000 square feet of new construction have been added. The building, with a total of 292,000 square

feet, is expected to accommodate 1700 students. Last year's enrollment was nearly 1400 students.

The school is one of the most diverse in Oregon with students who speak more than 30 languages. However, they can blend, designers expect, in a Commons and Crossroads Atrium. The Commons near the main entrance was designed for several school events, including registration, family nights and a gathering place for lunch. Students won't have to spread throughout the school because of inadequate seating in a traditional cafeteria, according to school district information.

The Crossroads Atrium connects all major wings of the building and the three classroom levels. The school has a total of five levels accessible with elevators in different parts of the building.

The science wing, with tall windows visible from 82nd Avenue, is a two-story atrium where physics students can conduct drop experiments from the second floor. Sustainable agriculture students can bring plants in from the garden and chemistry students will work in spaces with view windows, according to the district.

A new music and theater facility is designed for students and the local

community. A new gymnasium includes a 1700-seat main gym, an auxiliary gym, a weight room and a wrestling and dance room. An updated field is designed for soccer, softball and baseball.

The school will offer career and technical education courses, with opportunities for hands-on learning in fields such as health care, construction, engineering and digital media. Specialty labs are available for digital design, robotics and biomedical studies.

A Makerspace with a 3D printer, laser cutter and other devices will have a specialist who can work with teachers to develop programs for hands-on learning, said Principal Skyles. For instance, a student might produce a wood carving with the use of a special device.

"This creates more ways for students to show they understand a concept," Skyles said. While writing reports is important, he said, sometimes students can demonstrate what they have learned by what they can produce.

The McDaniel renovation is part of a \$790 million bond measure passed in 2017. Since 2012, voters have approved bonds for Portland Public Schools to modernize several schools and improve water quality, install new roofs, remediate

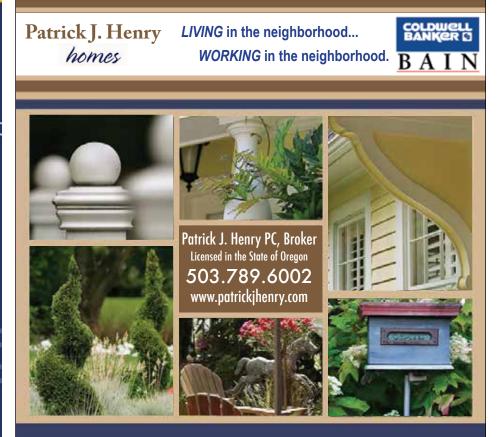
radon, stabilize lead paint and retrofit for earthquake safety. Modernized high schools include Franklin, Grant and Roosevelt. Other schools that have been rebuilt include Faubion PK-8 in Concordia and Kellogg Middle School in South Tabor.

Benson Polytechnic, which draws students from throughout the city to the school at 546 N.E. 12th Ave., has now moved to the Marshall campus on Southeast 91st Avenue. Staff and students will remain during its three-year modernization project. Construction also has started at Lincoln High near downtown, with reopening planned for the 2022-23 school year.

The updated McDaniel building, Skyles said, "has a feeling of warmth. It's inviting." Looking out the expansive windows, he said, "You can sit and soak in the beauty around us."

Skyles expects that feeling to enhance learning in a building where students feel uplifted and valued. In May, when five students joined him on a walk around the nearly finished building, he heard one say to another that he always wondered how some places get outstanding looking schools. Skyles said the student commented: "Now, we get one of those high schools."







# **STAR PET CONNECTIONS**





# What does a veterinary social worker do?

Veterinary social work is a relatively new field, which has gained adherents over the last couple of decades. A veterinary social worker assists veterinarians and pet owners in four key areas: compassion fatigue; grief and pet loss; study of the link between animal and human violence; and animal assisted therapies – including therapy pets, service pets and emotional support pets.

Just like human doctors, veterinarians and animal care providers are subject to a great deal of stress and responsibility. Over time, this can lead to exhaustion and depression, called "compassion fatigue." Suicide rates among veterinarians are high and veterinary social workers are trained to assist, providing management tools and techniques.

Pet owners can experience feelings of grief and loss when a pet dies. Many owners see pets as family members. Social workers provide grief counseling, assistance in making end of life decisions and other difficult pet-related, health questions like understanding medical conditions and treatment options.

Statistically those who abuse animals are more likely to progress to committing violence against humans. Social workers study these links and assist in developing strategies to combat the trend.

Kelly Bremkin, who has a masters in social work and a certificate in



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veterinary social work, recently completed an internship at Oregon Humane Society. Because of the broad scope of the society's services, Bremkin was able to serve in all four

major veterinary social work areas. She counseled staff, volunteers and the public when they lost pets. She assisted the Humane Law Enforcement Unit and the admissions staff to effectively manage the intersection between animal abuse and human violence. She helped the Humane Education Team with animal assisted therapy issues and she provided staff with the tools to remediate compassion fatigue and successfully manage conflict.

Bremkin's passion is "helping people who help animals."

"You can do everything right for an animal and for a person and still have the situation not end up how you would have hoped," she said. "Sometimes you are picking the best of the worst options."

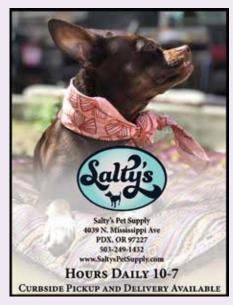
Bremkin finds her work most rewarding when teaching about resilience, burn out and compassion fatigue. Additionally, she enjoys assisting clients and staff in finding resources. Her training allows her to navigate the regional network effectively and to identify resources clients and staff may be unfamiliar with. In these situations, Bremkin's expertise goes beyond basic pet care, providing assitance to the entire family.

If funding permits, a new teaching hospital now under construction (see our story in the June 2021 Star) will provide one or more active positions ready and equipped to assist humans who love animals. For people who love and work with animals the role is a vital link to our community's health and wellbeing.

For more information about suicide rates among veterinarians, visit www. todaysveterinarybusiness.com/cdc-reports-elevated-suicide-rates-for-veterinarians.

For more information about service animals, visit www.halifaxhumanesociety. org/the-different-classifications-of-service-animals-1-30.html. ★







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# COMMUNITY



Multnomah County Library's Black Cultural Library Advocates host yoga instructor and author Jessamyn Stanley on August 17 in an online discussion of her new book, Yoke, My Yoga of Self-Acceptance. (Jessamyn Stanley)

#### **KIDSTEENSANDFAMILIES**

#### **HEAR STORY, SONGS**

Aug. 5. 9:30-10:30 a.m. Join a librarian for a live story time with books, songs and rhymes for infants and toddlers. Free. Register at www.multcolib.org/events.

#### **MEET THE REPTILES**

Aug. 11. 2 p.m. Join the Reptile Man, Richard Ritchey, in meeting his crew of snakes, lizards, turtles and tortoises. He's been taking his traveling collection of scaled creatures throughout the Northwest for 20 years. Free. Information from the Multnomah County Library, 503-988-5123. Register for Zoom at www.multcolib. org/events, scroll down to date and time.

#### **DISCUSS SOCIAL TOPICS**

Aug. 11. 7-8 p.m. Students in grades 6 to 8 may gather online to discuss contemporary themes of social justice through recent literature in a Multnomah County Library event. Free. Information: 503-988-5123. Email libraryevents@multcolib.org for details on how to join the book group.

#### **ENJOYARTS**

#### **SEE GUEST ARTIST, JEFF STRICKLER**

Aug. 1-31, open every day, 10-6. Artistic Portland Gallery welcomes wood turner Jeff Stricker, whose creations include graceful bowls, birdhouses and sculptural forms. The window display for August features "Dog Days of Summer" with interpretations from more than 25 local artists. At Fremont Fest, visit the gallery's booth for bowl painting and enter a raffle to win art. Artistic Portland Gallery, 4110 N.E. Fremont St., 971-339-0945. www.artisticportlandgallery.com.

#### **SCULPTURE ON DISPLAY**

Aug. 1. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. Dennis Peterson's sculpture and wood art and Nanette Wallace's monotypes are in the main gallery. The feature area includes linoleum relief prints by Gail Owen and ceramics by Scot Cameron Bell. Exhibited to Aug. 24. 503-281-9048. www.guardinogallery.com. Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

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#### **FORSENIORS**

#### **TAKE A WALK**

Aug. 3 and 5. 10:30-11:45 a.m. Continues Tuesdays and Thursdays. The Community for Positive Aging offers weekly walking groups through a Northeast neighborhood, each led by a guide. Free, Meet at the northeast corner of Grant Park, Northeast 36th Avenue and Brazee Street.

#### **CONNECT THROUGH LOSS**

Aug. 6. 1-2 p.m. "Connecting Through Loss: A Time for Remembrance" is a conversational group, meeting on the first Friday of each month, for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. It's not therapy but a time of reflection and remembrance, where people share memories in a friendly environment. Leader is Jim Rico. Free. Registration through the Hollywood Senior Center (now the Community for Positive Aging) is required at www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org. Click on the calendar date and time.

#### **PLAN THE ESTATE**

Aug. 12. 1-2:30 p.m. "A Will is Not Enough in Oregon -Estate Planning" with Schneider Rasche LLC. Program offers practical advice on how to safeguard assets and health care wishes. Information also includes wills, living trusts, health care documents, guardianships, conservatorships and power of attorney. Free. Registration through the Hollywood Senior Center (now the Community for Positive Aging) is required at www.hollywoodseniorcenter.org. Click on the calendar date and time.

#### **CHAT OVER COFFEE**

Aug. 17. 10-11 a.m. A virtual coffee klatsch, on first and third Tuesday, is a time to chat, check in, share news about the week and learn from each other. Paul larrobino is facilitator. Free. No registration required, but join by link on calendar date and time at www. hollywoodseniorcenter.org.

#### **INGENERAL**

#### **IMPROVE JOB SEARCH**

Aug. 3. 10-11:30 a.m. "Nail Your Job Search" is a live webinar presented by Grow with Google, a partner with Multnomah County Library, It outlines simple techniques to improve a job search. Learn how to identify and track new job opportunities using Google Search and how to enhance a job search with Google Workspace tools like Sheets, Docs and Meet, After the webinar, learn how the library can support your career goals. Free. Register at www.multcolib.org/events, scroll down to date and time.

#### **ENJOY PEOPLE'S MARKET**

 $\boldsymbol{\text{Aug. 6.4-8 p.m.}}$  Continues Aug. 7 and 8, 12 noon to 6 p.m. "My People's Market," has been created by Travel Portland and Prosper Portland, to advance opportunities for business owners of color. Shop, eat and watch performances by entrepreneurs, makers, artists and culinary specialists. Free. Information on Instagram: @ mypeoplemarket. North Park Blocks, 220 N. W. Eighth Ave.

#### PRACTICE ENGLISH

Aug. 10. Also Aug. 24. 5:30-7 p.m. Practice speaking English with other English language learners online. It's not a class but an opportunity to meet new people and share cultures in a Multnomah County Library event. Free. Get registration information by email at mcl.adult. literacy@multco.us or call or text 503-577-9984

#### DRUM FOR FUN

Aug. 11. 1:30 p.m. A dementia-friendly drum circle is for people with early stage memory loss. Drumming is fun, may relieve stress and may have positive effects on the brain. Drums and simple percussion instruments are provided or bring your own. Wear a mask and observe social distancing, Offered by Portland Parks Bureau and Touchmark at Fairway Village. For more information, email Anita Thompson at franzs2008@yahoo.com or shelby.coshow@portlandoregon.gov. Portland Memory Garden, 10401 S.E. Bush St.

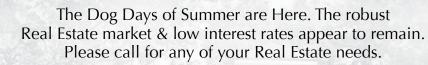
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#### **LEARN ABOUT TREES**

Aug. 25. 2-3 p.m. Take a walk with Urban Forestry, a branch of the city's Park Bureau, in North Portland's Columbia Park. Learn how the park's tall firs are working to keep us cool, discover more about other park trees and find out about urban heat islands. Free. 4503 N. Lombard St. Meet in front of the pool house on the east side of the park. \*









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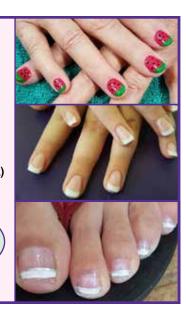
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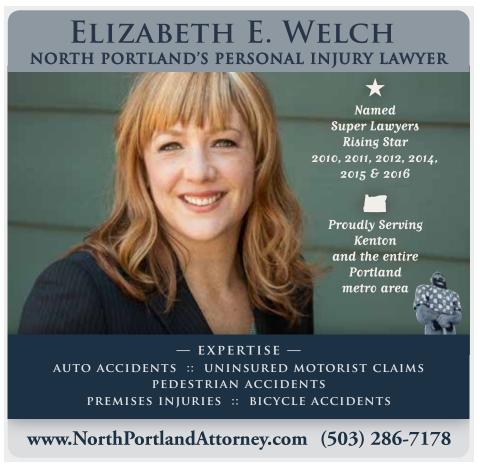
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#### STAR BUSINESS BUZZ

# Puddletown makes a splash in Beaumont Village

**By Ted Perkins** 

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In July, Miles English and his wife Jessie opened Puddletown Games & Puzzles next door to Bagel Land at 4120 N.E. Fremont St. in the Beaumont Village Building. The space had previously been home to women's clothing boutique Adorn, which moved several blocks east in May to the Bridgetown Building. The beautiful and eclectic shop now offers a colorful and well-curated array of games and puzzles for sale or rent.

"We took the keys on June 1 and opened on July 6," said English. "I moved to Portland in 2012 to be the parts manager at MotoCorsa, an amazing Ducati motorcycle shop in Northwest. I worked there for seven years and enjoyed every minute of it. It was a fun place with great people. After 15 years in the motorcycle industry, though, it was time for a change."

English, who has nurtured a lifelong passion for games and puzzles, decided to open his own shop, so he could be directly involved with his customers

"We are a board game, role-playing, collectable card and puzzle store," said English. "We have a beautiful space and a well thought out collection of games and puzzles for sale. I love helping people find the right game to play and it's fantastic when they come back to let me know that they had a great time with it."

Puddletown offers rentals of games, so customers can give their games a trial spin.

"It makes my job easier," said English.
"You can take home a game for three days for five dollars and upon return, if



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you decide that you'd like to purchase the game we'll discount it by the rental price. It's a great opportunity to try before you buy. We also have a rewards program that we call our 'Victory Point Program.' For

every \$100 you spend in our store, we give you back a ten dollar coupon as a thank you for shopping locally with us."

While the interior of the shop is both welcoming and amazing, the build out of the former clothing store was a lot of work for the English family.

"The space was great with clean painted walls and a beautiful wood floor," said English. "I decided to build the shelves myself and it was definitely more work than I anticipated. With help from many wonderful friends, we cut, sanded, stained and sealed nearly 400 linear-feet of shelving material. Additionally, we

assembled and attached the steel pipe structure to the walls that held the shelves up. This was by far the bulk of the work and, at times, it was hard to stay motivated – it felt like I wasn't making any progress."

The Puddletown team also recovered a fireplace mantle and restored an older display case in need of some love.

"The fireplace mantle needed almost no work and went on the wall quickly," said English. "The display case was mostly my wife's project and I love her results! We purchased a few custom items from Grand + Benedict and finally had our retail space finished."

The last piece for the Englishes to tackle was the front window display.

"Our space has these beautiful floor to ceiling windows with a small platform for displaying product," said English. "I didn't really have an idea for them, so I asked a friend to help. She offered to handle it entirely, as her gift to our shop, and I gladly accepted. The results absolutely blew me away. She handmade or modified everything. If you haven't seen our window displays yet, you really need to come by and check them out,"

The English family lived in the Concordia neighborhood until about two years ago.

"We love Northeast Portland and have spent a lot of time on Alberta," said English. "We're excited about getting to know Fremont Street. So far we've enjoyed some donuts at Pips, Italian food at Amalfi's and, of course, delicious bagels from Bagel Land next door. During the build I think I must have visited Beaumont Hardware about eight times a day, every day. They always had what I needed – which was hugely helpful. Green Dog Pet Supply also has amazing staff – and an excellent selection of pet stuff."

For more information, call 503-764-9711 or visit www.instagram.com/puddletowngames or www.facebook. com/puddletowngames. A website is coming soon. ★

## **PAID ADVERTORIAL**

#### "The Mural" by Rodger Eddy, Class of '47 First President of the Grant High School Alumni Association

Imagine Girls League president Nancy Merki, one of the world's most famous athletes, addressing the student body from between the auditorium's beautiful murals less than 20 years old. Nancy would have been the high school's first Olympic champion had not WWII cancelled the 1940 Olympics. I remember student body president Jim Fabian leading a clamorous assembly before the football team embarked on a successful quest for the state's first high school championship. The backdrop was still the beautiful murals that flanked the stage.

Student body president Tom Shaw and legendary principal Colton Meek in the same auditorium a few years later commended and inspired a crowded assembly, the city's only high school that refused to participate in a "strike" that closed every other city school. Grant High School chose its own position and declined to follow the crowd. That quality, joined with the school's spirit of always doing one's best, accounted for not only Pageant magazine's designation of Grant as the county's best high school, but for the success in later life for countless graduates as aviators, doctors, judges, engineers and everyday lives of those who lived the Grant spirit and the magnificence of the graceful murals that enclosed the school auditorium.

That magnificence has been reduced to a pile of bricks ordered by a superintendent named to lead the district in disregard for locally developed school leaders and indifference to compliant board members and a perverted cluster of school district officials. While this "achievement" might be the highlight of Native American students' warped vision, it lends support to those determined to ignore and destroy our history and culture as the world's greatest nation.

The school's once glorious auditorium murals were the gift to the students by the school's first principal that depicts harmonious relations between races and was a world class work of art meant to bridge the old building with the new. A Saving the Mural fund had generated more than \$200,000 to preserve the murals as requested by the school district from the Grant Alumni Association. Destruction of the murals was apparently paid for by district taxpayers.



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#### Just My Opinion...

For my 36 years in the real estate business I have experienced what I have named "Summer Slow-down."

It typically happens just after the 4th of July. With 2021 being the fastest, craziest market I have witnessed I was anxious to see if it would arrive this year and it did! Right on schedule or started a bit early when school let out.

Many of you have likely noticed the lack of traffic on most of our neighborhood streets. It's no surprise to find that after over a year of dealing with this pandemic and no traveling that many Northeast Portlander's have hit the highway and skyways.

Having said that, at least through the end of June, we still have less than a months worth of inventory. Homes will and are continuing to sell quickly but we may see 1-2 offers made on homes in the first 7-14 days, verses 5-10 offers in the first 2-3 days. Some properties are even making price modifications if no offers received in 2 weeks and that's why I feel **August is still the best time to be a buyer in our close-in neighborhoods.** 

So for those discouraged buyers that have been fighting the battle to score their first or next home, consider getting back out there to look during the month of August. Typically, after Labor Day, our market picks up until the holidays begin.

Per RMLS stats, Median sales price in NE is \$525,000 and average appreciation over last year is up 14.4% through June 2021.

Wishing everyone a happy and fun filled-August!

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