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MADISON HIGH MOVES, GAINS NEW PRINCIPAL

Madison High School students have a new principal, Adam Skyles, as they begin the school year at the Marshall campus, 3905 S.E. 91st Ave., while their 1950s building is modernized over the next two years.

While his title is new, Skyles has been a familiar face at the Madison campus, 2735 N.E. 82nd Ave., where he had been a vice principal for the past four years. Previously, he was a teacher and football coach, then dean of students and athletic director.

Petra Callin, who had been Madison's principal for nine years, left Portland Public Schools to become executive director of high schools in the North Clackamas district.

Staff members with new positions have been named for other North and Northeast schools. Brenda Fox, who has



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been with the Portland district for 18 years, is the new principal at Roseway Heights Middle School, 7334 N.E. Siskiyou St. She succeeds Kathleen Ellwood who has been named Area Senior Director in the district's central office. Roseway's new

assistant principal is Jason Breaker. Fox, a graduate of Portland schools, taught in Rhode Island and California before returning to Portland in 2001 to teach English as a Second Language at Binnsmead School, now called Harrison Park. She also has been a principal at Binnsmead, James John Elementary, Bridger K-8, Lane Middle School and Atkinson Elementary.

Risa Munoz, the assistant principal for two years, has become the new principal at Cesar Chavez K-8 School, 5103 N. Willis Blvd. She succeeds T.J. Fuller. Munoz is a bilingual educator who has taught in the Portland district since 2014. She taught concurrently at Rigler Elementary and at the Summer and Evening Scholars program before joining Cesar Chavez.

"She consistently raised the literacy scores of historically underserved students," according to a district news release.

PANEL TO OUTLINE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

The League of Women Voters will present a panel discussion on "Innovations in Public Education" to show how educators are improving schools in spite of funding challenges.

The free discussion is scheduled for 7-8:30 p.m. Sept. 16 in the Multnomah County boardroom, 501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd.

The panel members include Matthew Utterback, North Clackamas Schools superintendent, who was recognized as the national superintendent of the year in 2017. Also on the panel is Kevin Bacon, director of "3 to PhD." He leads an innovative collaboration between Concordia University and Faubion PK-8 School. A third panelist is Lisa Collins of

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**MADISON, SUMNER PLAN CLEAN-UP EVENTS**

Madison South and Sumner neighborhood associations have scheduled clean-up events for residents to dispose of a variety of items including electronics, household items and things that can be reused.

Madison South will accept materials from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 14 at the Glenhaven Park parking lot, Northeast 82nd Avenue and Siskiyou Street.

Items accepted include metal, electronics, batteries, appliances, furniture, bicycles, lawn mowers, clothing, household items, mattresses and toys. A section for free items is planned.

Sumner's event is scheduled for 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 21 at Helensview School, 8678 N.E. Sumner St. Items accepted are about the same as at Madison South. A "reuse me" sale also is planned.

Questions may be directed to Ronda Johnson [rondaj@cncoalition.org](mailto:rondaj@cncoalition.org).

**PARKS FOUNDATION OFFERS SMALL GRANTS**

The Portland Parks Foundation is offering small grants to support community organizations creating or caring for public parks and park programs, community

gardens and natural areas.

Applications for grants must be completed by Sept. 30. The funds usually range from \$250 to \$2,500, according to a news release. Information on how to apply is available at [www.portlandpf.org/grants-program](http://www.portlandpf.org/grants-program).

Grants may support such things as building revenue sources, updating communications and outreach, improving volunteer recruitment and training, strengthening leadership and volunteer expertise, and developing a fund-raising plan.

Guidelines are available from (503) 823-2525 or at [www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/38280](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/38280).

**BUDDY FEST NW PLANS GAMES, WALK**

The Northwest Down Syndrome Association will mark Down Syndrome Awareness Month with a celebration and accessible walk to promote acceptance and inclusion of people with the genetic condition and other disabilities.

The event, #BuddyFestNW, is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Moda Center Commons, 1 N. Center Court St. Music, games, face painting and a silent auction are part of the fundraising event.

Registration is \$15 for those 18 and older, \$10 for those 4 to 17 years old, and free for ages 0 to 3. Registration or donations may be made by Sept. 19 at [www.buddyfestnw.org](http://www.buddyfestnw.org). Registration may be made in person on the day of the event.

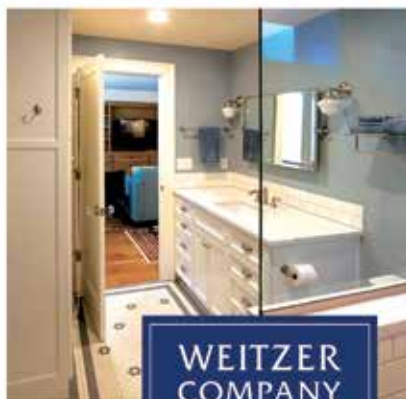
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someone has an extra 21st chromosome, according to an association news release. About one in every 691 births has the chromosomal syndrome, which reaches across all races, ethnicities and socio-economic groups.

Portland entertainer Tony Starlight will be emcee and Karen Gaffney will be the keynote speaker at Buddy Fest. She is president of the nonprofit Karen Gaffney Foundation “dedicated to championing the journey to full inclusion for people with Down Syndrome and other disabilities.”

She is a champion swimmer, a graduate of St. Mary’s Academy and earned an associate of science degree from Portland Community College. She once gave a TED Talk titled “I Have One More Chromosome Than You. So What?”

**NEW CENTER OFFERS HOUSING, TREATMENT**

Central City Concern has opened Blackburn Center, a health and housing complex at 122nd Avenue and E. Burnside Street, named for Ed Blackburn, a former director of the agency.

The six-story building offers primary healthcare, a pharmacy, recovery and mental health services, and 175 beds. These include 34 studios of permanent housing for people in recovery. More than 3,000 clients are expected to be served annually by the on-site clinic, according to an agency news release.

“The combination of housing and health services is part of a growing trend of creating communities where people experiencing complex challenges can thrive together,” according to the agency.

“Housing is health,” is no longer just a catch phrase, said Deborah Kafoury, Multnomah County chairwoman, one of several local officials who attended opening ceremonies for the center in July. “It isn’t just the right thing to do,” she said. “It is also the most effective thing to end people’s homelessness.”

**PROGRAM OFFERS TIPS TO CROSS PARTY LINES**

Older adults can take a leadership role in fostering conversations across party lines, according to a program developed by two organizations. They are SAGE (Senior Advocates for Generational Equity) and Crossing Party Lines.

They have developed a program intended to get back to the good old days when it was okay to disagree but still retain friendships. They will offer guidance for reclaiming a place in the political world without losing friends or one’s “cool.”

A program is planned from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Sept. 6 at the Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave. The event is free but registration is required: (503) 288-8303.

The mission of SAGE is to inspire people over age 50 to support causes and nonprofit programs to benefit children, youth and future generations. [www.wearagesage.org](http://www.wearagesage.org). (971) 717-6570.

**DROP BOXES READY FOR RETURNING MOVIES**

Movie Madness is making it easier for film lovers to return rentals: it has installed return drop boxes throughout the city. Drop off any of the 80,000 video titles in its inventory by 10 p.m. on the date due and save a trip to the video store.

One drop box is outside the Hollywood Theatre, a nonprofit, historic theater that

has acquired the Movie Madness titles. The theater is at 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

Other boxes are at Mississippi Records, 5202 N. Albina Ave.; St. Johns Twin Cinema & Pub, 8704 N. Lombard St.; 5th Avenue Cinema, 510 S.W. Hall St.; Moreland Theater, 6712 S.E. Milwaukie Ave.; and Cartlandia, 8145 S.E. 82d Ave.

**OLDER WALKERS FACE DANGERS ON STREETS**

Portland pedestrians over age 65 are at greater risk of dying in traffic collisions than younger walkers, according to the Portland Bureau of Transportation. Although they make up about 12 percent of the population, older pedestrians were counted in 28 percent of deaths in the past five years, compared to 16 percent in the previous five-year period.

“This is another reminder that we need to keep designing and managing our streets with the most vulnerable people at the top of our minds and creating a safe street system,” said Chris Warner, transportation director, “and that we all need to look out for each other when traveling.”

Speed is related to crashes and deaths, which is why the bureau has reduced speed limits to 20 miles an hour on residential streets and lowered speed limits on an additional 121 miles of streets. The bureau also has installed eight automated cameras at high-crash locations and expects to install more next year.

The bureau reminds drivers that every Oregon intersection is a legal crosswalk, whether marked or not. “People driving must stop and stay stopped for people walking when the pedestrian is in the travel lane or the adjacent lane,” according to the news release.

National data show that pedestrian deaths for all ages increased 51 percent from 2009 to 2018, but the percentage fell in Europe. One reason for the increase may be the growing prevalence of SUVs in this country, which are twice as likely to kill pedestrians in a crash as other cars.

Other factors contributing to the growing death rate among older walkers include inadequate space and time to cross the street at a slower pace and difficulty identifying safe gaps in traffic for crossing a street.

**DESIGN YOUR SPACE ON PARK(ING) DAY**

The Portland Bureau of Transportation is encouraging Portlanders to design their own park – at a parking space. It’s part of a worldwide movement to get people thinking about how to use open spaces and how streets can be designed.

The idea, which began in San Francisco in 2005, encourages residents to be aware of the importance of walkable, livable and healthy cities. Portland joined the movement in 2006.

PARK(ing) Day permit applications are due Sept. 13. PARK(ing) Day is Sept. 20. Details are at the bureau website: [www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/). The PARK(ing) Day location in North Portland will feature “Art for All.” Create art and display the work on display racks on North Denver Avenue, between Schofield and Kilpatrick streets.

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**HELLENIC CENTER TO GAIN DIRECTOR**

The Hellenic-American Cultural Center & Museum has received a three-year, \$151,000 grant from the M.J. Murdock Charitable Trust to fund a full-time executive director.

The new position is intended to facilitate growth and raise the profile of the organization locally and nationally. The center is in the Father Elias Stephanopoulos Center, 3131 N.E. Glisan St. www.hellenicameriancc.org.

The cultural center and museum was founded in 2006 by the Greek-American community in the Portland area and Southwest Washington. It has collected, conserved and displayed artifacts of Hellenic history.

A volunteer board has helped mount 18 major exhibitions. It also has scheduled symposia, theater and dance performances, craft demonstrations, film screenings, and it has hosted visiting authors and musicians.

**GUIDES DUE SOON TO SEE ART STUDIOS**

Art supply stores and other outlets soon will carry map guides for Portland Open Studios, which will include 21 Northeast Portland artists who have been juried into the event. They are among 118 artists who will open their studios to visitors throughout Portland.

Visitors can see artists working and learn about their methods and materials. The work will include paintings, ceramics, sculpture, photography, jewelry and mixed media. The studios will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 12-13 and Oct. 19-20.

An additional venue will be the Portland Art and Learning Studios, an Albertina Kerr program supporting artistic expression in developmentally delayed adults at 4852 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. ★

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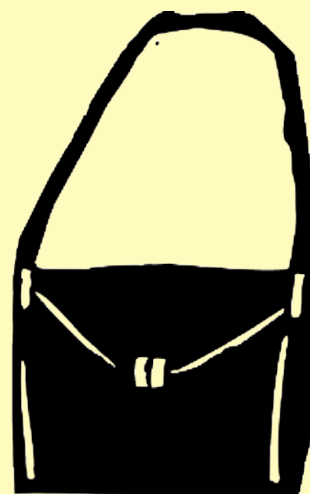


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**Project Lemonade aids local foster kids and gains national attention**

By Penny Cadaret  
Special to the Star News

Local non-profit Project Lemonade will celebrate its mission of inspiring self-esteem in foster youth at an annual luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, September 27 at the Multnomah Athletic Club. Individual tickets are on sale at [www.projectlemonadepdx.org](http://www.projectlemonadepdx.org).

Lindsay McDonnell, Project Lemonade's program director, encouraged neighbors to join in the festivities.

"Community engagement is what makes us who we are," she said.

The mission of the organization, founded in 2012, comes to life through three programs: a store, an internship program and a multiyear strategic plan.

The Lloyd Center store, open since 2016, provides a shopping experience for school-aged foster youth. Children ages five and up are able to select new and gently used clothing made available through donations, mostly through local stores.

The internship program developed organically. Leaders made the connection between work that needed to be done and foster youth who wanted to volunteer their time and enjoyed the store's environment. These paid internships not only offer an added level of career and skills training, they have proven successful. McDonnell said that six former interns have been hired at the non-profit's corporate partners.

Emalee Hart, a bright and vivacious 16-year old, is one of those interns. After having volunteered for Project Lemonade for three years, she says that working at Project Lemonade brings her happiness.

"I really enjoy what I do, and the other interns have been wonderful. We work great together. I would love to work with Project Lemonade forever," she said.

Emalee said she still remembers her own shopping experience at Project Lemonade. After feeling "completely alone" when she first got into the system, learning that she would be able to get a new outfit was thrilling.

She got some "nice Nike shoes, and an awesome matching outfit," which led to a great feeling on her first day of school. "Nobody could stop me," she said.

Now, Emalee's main goal is school, as she is trying to graduate early. Her favorite class is communications because, she said, "Who doesn't like talking?"

The multi-year strategic plan includes serving more youth, expanding the internship program and documenting their model for other groups to replicate. A feature in "Women's Day" resulted in emails from other groups around the country asking how to replicate Project Lemonade's achievements, which McDonnell attributes to establishing trust, as well as community connections built over time.

"The thing that makes us successful is our relationships in the community," she said.



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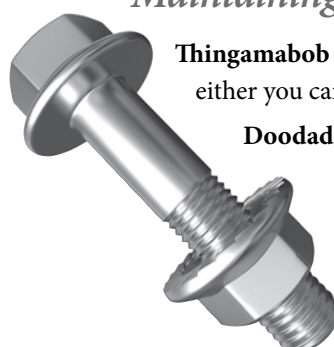
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Slated to open as the KEX Hotel this fall, the 16,000-square-foot building built in 1911 as a multi-family residence at the corner of Northeast Couch Street and King Boulevard draws its name from the Icelandic word for "biscuit" and the name of a Reykjavik social hostel. The heart of KEX hospitality will be found at Sæmundur i Sparifötunum, the hotel's gastro-pub ([www.kexhostel.is/saemundur-gastro-pub](http://www.kexhostel.is/saemundur-gastro-pub)).

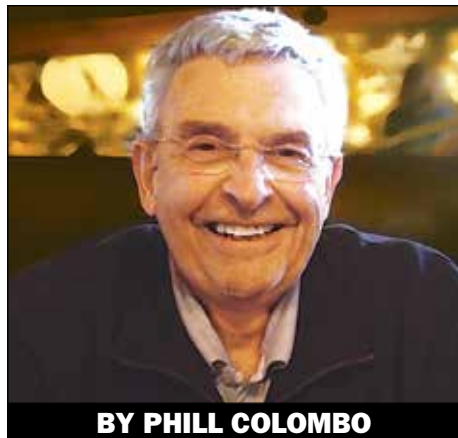
A variety of accommodations will be offered, ranging from a tiny room to dorms with single, double, twin, double-plus and family rooms in between.

**MEYER MEMORIAL TRUST BUILDS NEW THREE-STORY HEADQUARTERS IN ELIOT**

One of the city's premier foundations has begun construction on a new 20,000-square-foot structure, just northeast of the Broadway Bridge at 2045 N. Vancouver Ave., to provide office space for about 50 employees while featuring a library, educational garden and convening space for all-hands meeting and collaborating with community partners. The groundbreaking follows last spring's announcement of the impending move.

The site has been an impound yard and automotive repair operation since the mid-1990s and is closer to where Trust's founder, grocer Fred G. Meyer, lived and began building a reputation as a customer service-driven business owner.

The trend-setting building design includes strategies to achieve LEED v4 Platinum certification, including a solar photovoltaic (PV) array, an energy efficient building enclosure and HVAC system, on-site stormwater management, regional materials and native plantings. Together these innovations will result in 30 percent less energy use than if built to minimum code, with a total of 50 percent less energy and carbon savings when the photovoltaic panels are included. The building is slated for completion next summer.



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**PROJECT AIMS TO BUILD COMMUNITY AROUND 'PREPHUBS'**

Being prepared for a variety of natural and human-caused disasters is the object of a project coordinated by Portland's Bureau of Emergency Services in collaboration with Portland State University, Portland General Electric and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dubbed PrepHubs (Emergency Preparedness Hubs), the aim is to improve neighborhoods' disaster resilience.

PrepHubs, designed to operate entirely off-grid during a disaster, would typically provide critical services like power, communication and emergency first aid supplies. Hubs would also offer cell phone recharging during a natural disaster and provide secure, locked storage for Basic Earthquake Emergency Communication Node cache equipment. The Nodes would be places for Portland residents to go after a major earthquake to ask for emergency assistance and get information. PGE will provide power to the PrepHubs from the grid and from energy storage devices, supplemented by solar arrays and pedal-power.

According to Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler, "The City is leading the nation on emergency preparedness efforts thanks to this innovative solution from MIT, hopefully serving as a model in other cities, making our cities safer and more prepared." The pilot PrepHub is to be installed at Portland State University. PrepHubs are a set of urban installations designed to be used by everyone in an emergency to support community gathering and access to information after a disaster. If the Pilot PrepHub at PSU is successful, the City of Portland will evaluate other sites for installations and develop effective community engagement strategies.

Further PrepHub information at: [www.smartcitypdx.com/prephubs](http://www.smartcitypdx.com/prephubs).

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The July 29 ceremonial groundbreaking kicked off construction on a new three-story office building in Eliot to serve as Meyer Memorial Trust headquarters. The foundation currently leases space in the Pearl and employs 50. (Meyer Memorial Trust)



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Ashley and Lindsay Butler, owners of Brown & Carter Management Group, are collaborating with Cully business owners to site a food cart court on Northeast 42nd Avenue near Emerson Street. A home staging business will operate in a warehouse to the north. (Phill Colombo)

### MULTIPLE FOOD CART BUSINESS COMING TO CULLY

Landlord Tyrone Harvey is feeling good about having signed leases with two businesses at 5230 and 5240 N.E. 42nd Ave. in Cully. The building and parking lot at 5240 will be occupied by as many as eight food carts, two of them attached to the former garage building and dubbed Fatsquatch PDX Food Cart and Fatsquatch PDX Coffee and Beer Cart.

The food cart concept was explained by Ashley and Lindsay Butler, owners of Brown & Carter Management Group. The Group aims to partner with under-represented businesses (female, minority, LBGQT) to enable the businesses to scale operations to meet growing market demands. The food carts being sought will be offering vegan and allergy-conscious fare.

Specifically which food carts have been engaged and the precise number of the carts was undecided by deadline, but the Carters said, "We will be changing the cast of carts that will join us based on our plumbing requirements and lot dynamics (that require) front-opening carts."

Target opening date was the beginning of September. The coffee and pastry cart will be open from 6:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Next door in the warehouse to the south at 5230, there will be a home staging business which is expanding and moving from Southeast Portland. Realtors use this type of business to improve the appeal of properties they are helping owners sell.

### NON-PROFITS, NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS SHARE IN TRUST FUND GRANTS

Portland's Parks and Recreation Bureau, Portland International Raceway, North Portland Neighborhood Services and Portland's Office of Community and Civic Life have awarded 14 organization grants. The grant program, established by Portland's City Council, enables the city to spread economic benefits from events held at Portland International Raceway and to help PIR be a good neighbor. Over time, the fund has paid out approximately \$297,000 in grants of no more than \$5000 each.

The 2019 North Portland Trust Fund Placemaking Grant recipients are: Arbor Lodge/Kenton Neighborhood Emergency Team, working with Portland Bureau of Emergency Management – for a pilot program of emergency supplies (\$1725); Blessed Temple Community Church and Peace Lutheran Church - for the North Portland Community Fair (\$2000); Camp ELSO – for its Wayfinders science and education camps/activities (\$3500); Friends

of Overlook House – for improved outreach and digital presence (\$2500); Historic Kenton Firehouse Committee – to purchase tables for the facility (\$1500); Janus Youth Program and Village Gardeners – for an outdoor kitchen gazebo and welcoming/shared meal space (\$3500).

Also awarded: Kenton Business Association and Venture Portland – for a new and expanded Kenton business district map (\$1200); Kenton Farmer's Market – a street painting project (\$1650); Kenton Neighborhood Association (KNA) for a Kenton Rose Garden sign and bench (\$4925), North Portland Tool Library – for addition funding for outreach and efforts (\$500); Oregon Bravo Youth Orchestra – for community concerts and guest musicians (\$3500); St Johns Center for Opportunity – in part to revitalize the food pantry, an Oregon Food Bank distribution partner (\$4000); Vanport Placemaking – for signage and displays around the historic area (\$1500); and Ya Ya Resources – for sex trafficking awareness and education (\$3000).

Portland Parks & Recreation Director Adena Long had words of gratitude: "Thanks for all the work that the recipients do to build a stronger community."

### RESIDENTIAL INFILL DRAFT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The public can now view the Planning and Sustainability Commission's draft recommendations to City Council on how housing densities might be increased in parts of Portland zoned for single-family homes. The Council will hold a public hearing on the draft in November for which a specific date has not been finalized. Testimony will be open at least 30 days prior to the hearings.

Key zoning changes in the Commission's recommendation include:

- Increasing range of housing types
- Expanding areas where these housing types would be allowed
- Scaling building size limits to incrementally get bigger with the second or third units.

An example of the third recommendation: on a 5,000-square-foot R5 zoned lot, a house could be up to 2,500 square feet, a duplex 3,000 square feet, and a triplex or fourplex would top out at 3,500 square feet.

Additional amendments are being developed to respond to new state laws that would affect the city policy. These amendments will be posted as soon as they are available. All Recommended Draft material is available online at: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/79619.

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A simple "Coming in October" sign marks the newest Roseway business, Justin King's Ben & Esther's New York-style bagel shop. For decades, the storefront was the office of Linda Bowers' Roseway Tax & Accounting. (Phill Colombo)

**BAGEL SHOP COMING TO ROSEWAY IN OCTOBER**

Justin King had no sooner inked the lease with entrepreneur Melissa Cooper than he launched the new website for Ben & Esther's ([www.benandesthers.com](http://www.benandesthers.com)). Moving into the 6912 N.E. Sandy Blvd. store vacated by Linda Bowers' Roseway Tax & Accounting, King is aiming for an October opening for his bagel shop.

The website describes the product as grounded in New York City: "Ben & Esther's bagels are hand-rolled, boiled and baked daily, using only whole grains with no additives or preservatives to bring you a traditional, kosher-certified New York-style bagel."

Also to be offered are schmears "hand-mixed with the freshest locally sourced ingredients" and smoked salmon and beverages. King named the shop after his grandparents and hopes to preserve his East Coast Jewish roots by providing "the tastiest bagels in town." A catering service will complement the storefront.

**MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMING TO ELIOT**

Close to 50 new affordable housing units will be offered to qualifying tenants between September 3 and 16 at Magnolia II, 415 N.E. Fargo St. The apartments are the result of a partnership between Portland's Housing Authority and nonprofit Innovative Housing, Inc.

Applicants who are current or former North/Northeast Portland residents will be prioritized for 47 one- to three-bedroom apartments. The preference policy is aimed at tenants who have been displaced by development in that part of town.

Informational meetings have been scheduled for September 3, 6:00 to 8:00

p.m. at Magnolia I, 3250 N.E. MLK, Jr. Blvd. and September 10, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Midland Library, 805 S.E. 122nd Ave. These sessions are free, and refreshments and childcare will be provided.

**APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, UPDATES**

In **King**, Structure Redevelopment LLC of Clackamas has been permitted to construct a new three-story, single-family dwelling on a vacant lot at 541 N.E. Humboldt St. Plans include an attached accessory dwelling unit and single-vehicle garage.

In **Rose City Park**, KOZ on N.E. Sandy Blvd. LLC took about two weeks in August to demolish the former Umpqua Bank at 2180 N.E. 47th Ave. The stubborn item was the bank vault. Portland's Bureau of Development Services is reviewing plans for a new six-story, mixed-use building with 112 living units on the upper floors above ground floor commercial tenant spaces, bike parking, parking, mechanical and trash rooms.

At 2351 N.E. 51st Ave., the Sandy 51 project, a six-story, 85-unit mixed-use building has completed footing and ground floor concrete work and is moving to the second-floor construction. In addition to commercial space fronting Northeast Sandy Boulevard, the ground floor will include a lobby for residential tenants on upper floors and bicycle/vehicle parking.

In **Sunnyside**, Everett Custom Homes of Northwest Portland has a permit to build a new single-family residence with a two-vehicle garage on a vacant lot at 4317 S.E. Alder St.

In **Woodlawn**, James Kosta of Happy Valley has a permit for an addition to the 960-square-foot, single-family residence at 1636 N.E. Morgan St. to convert it into a duplex with three bedrooms, two baths, garage, great room and new address to be created at 7071 N.E. 17th Ave. ★



A total of 47 more affordable housing units will be available in January 2020 to North and Northeast qualified tenants at Magnolia II, 415 N.E. Fargo St. Applications will be taken between September 3 and 16 at Magnolia I, 3250 N.E. MLK, Jr., Blvd. (Magnolia II)

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MISSISSIPPI AVE



BY ERICA SOMES  
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Hidden patios, vegan truffles, book ‘blind dates,’ swivel stools and more on bustling Mississippi Avenue

The Mississippi Blocks are not unknown to us locals. When we have visitors in town, chances are they will want to take a trip to this Portland tourist destination. The Rebuilding Center is located here with its rows of donated items, including a matching dark magenta toilet and sink I saw on my last trip. ¿Por Qué No? has the best margaritas and a killer Brian’s Bowl. Paxton Gate, an oddity shop, makes frequent appearances on screen.

Despite its history of red-lining and 30 years of gentrification, this area remains a beautiful mixture of old and new and has a bit of everything in a manageable amount of walkable blocks. It’s not overwhelming and could never, ever be accused of being underwhelming.

Take your parents here for brunch, a date here for dinner. Walk about and into the multiple dog-friendly shops and find innumerable outside seating areas, some hidden from view in the backs of the old houses turned restaurant/bars.

I love the fact that the main street going north/south is a tiny two-lane. The buildings are tall and enveloping but not overshadowing in any way. It’s fun to meander up and down and in and out of all the shops. I dare you to go and not fall in love.

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# Neighborhoods devalued by city's 'disconnect'

By Janet Goetze  
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Neighborhood volunteers are dismayed and some are downright angry at the way a city commissioner and a bureau director have described them: white, home-owning elites intent only on preserving their own property.

The description is especially galling to volunteers who have worked for traffic and safety improvements, parks upgrades, school projects, neighborhood clean-ups, organizing for disaster preparedness and working on safety improvements at a seniors' public housing building.

Last year, the city Office of Community and Civic Life (formerly the Office of Neighborhood Involvement) and a 25-member committee appointed by director Suk Rhee began rewriting City Code 3.96. As currently written, the code includes the authorizing language for the city's neighborhood system and directs the office to develop regulations for neighborhood associations, business district associations and district coalitions of those groups.

However, the committee rewrites have eliminated references to neighborhood associations. Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, who oversees the Civic Life office, said neighborhood associations won't be eliminated but the rewrite is an effort to make Portland more inclusive by opening up processes for groups representing ethnic, racial, religious, sexual and other minorities.

Rhee's office organized meetings with a variety of ethnic and youth groups to gain their ideas of how to engage with city government. Virtually all said they would welcome information on how to take their concerns and ideas to public agencies and elected officials. However, Northeast neighborhood volunteers who attended a meeting with Rhee and a facilitator earlier this year said they didn't feel they had a two-way conversation. One commented that Rhee seemed to avoid using the word "neighborhood."

Eudaly abandoned a plan to send proposals to City Council on Sept. 3 because so many groups, including the League of Women Voters, which studied the neighborhood association system in 1973 and 2006, raised questions about the rewrite process.

Instead, the council schedule lists a "special session for Civic Life code change" from 5-8 p.m. Nov. 7. No meeting place is listed.

So far, the rewrites give the Civic Life director authority to determine which



In an effort to make city processes more inclusive, bureaucrats within the newly re-branded 'Office of Community and Civic Life' want to rewrite cite code to eliminate references to neighborhood associations. (Irvington Community Association)

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– DEAN GISVOLD

groups will be accepted under a revised code. That's too much power for a city employee overseeing an office established to foster citizen participation, several observers say.

Neighborhood volunteers also complain that they had no notification about meetings of the rewrite committee and most knew nothing about it until last spring. Rhee insists they had notifications. Several neighborhood representatives said they had no opportunity to comment at the meetings when they learned about them. At the start of a session, 10 minutes were allotted for public comment with each speaker determined by lottery and allowed to speak for 60 seconds.

Neighborhood volunteers say they have no objection to reexamining the code and opening processes to other groups. But they do object to the closed process, unfounded accusations against them, and proposals to eliminate requirements for open meetings and record keeping among "recognized" groups.

Those who attended the last meeting in July said the rewrite committee didn't approve final language but voted to let city staff "wordsmith" a proposal to go to council.

The proposal is available online at [portlandoregon.gov/civic/article/738276](http://portlandoregon.gov/civic/article/738276). A survey to determine public feedback is at [surveymonkey.com/r/Q85NPP9](http://surveymonkey.com/r/Q85NPP9).

In a letter to City Council, the League of Women Voters says the rewrite proposals don't make clear how Portland could meet Goal 1 in Oregon's Statewide Planning Goals and Guidelines. Portland's current neighborhood association system is intended to give residents an opportunity to participate in city land-use decisions.

Neighborhood associations are required to hold open meetings, provide public notice, and post agendas and minutes to keep residents informed even if they don't attend meetings, the letter continues. However, that's not required in the draft language.

"If these requirements that promote transparency are no longer required or effective, then what will be required

for community groups to be officially recognized by the city?" the league asks.

The letter continues: "If the current system isn't working for community members, the league is interested in understanding why and how new systems would be better."

Bob Dobrich, president of the Irvington Community Association, said neither Rhee nor rewrite committee members seemed to know anything about neighborhood groups and how they operate. When he attended a committee meeting, he said, "Falsehoods were being discussed as truths with no way to refute them."

"There's an overriding theme of good and evil, and they're good and neighborhood associations are evil," said Dean Gisvold, who served on the original Model Cities board in the 1970s. That's when North/Northeast neighborhood groups formed to meet federal citizen participation goals for Great Society programs.

More neighborhood associations formed after residents saw how citizen participation worked in the eight Model Cities groups. A code for neighborhood groups was approved after a few years, following more than two dozen public hearings.

Al Ellis, a Beaumont-Wilshire resident who attended a rewrite committee meeting, termed the proposed code changes "platitudes with no specific language because they don't have a plan. There's a disconnect from reality." ★

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# Darcelle honored by musical, book, museum exhibit

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That's no lady. That's Darcelle, the world's oldest performing drag queen. And now there's a musical about her life, plus a book, plus an exhibit of her gowns, many designed and sewn by herself, at the Oregon Historical Society.

The multifaceted tribute is the brainchild of Don Horn, a playwright and founder/director of Triangle Productions, which has been staging plays and musicals for 25 years, currently at Sanctuary Plaza, 1785 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

For 30 years, Horn has been a friend of Walter Cole, who operated a coffeehouse and an ice cream shop until both were wiped out by downtown urban renewal. Then he transformed the old Demas Tavern, 208 N.W. Third Ave., into the Darcelle XV Showplace. The 1970s business transformation came after Cole discovered himself, one might say, and he revealed a bejeweled performer in an elegant, glittering dress.

Walter Cole, 88, a longtime Eliot neighborhood resident, didn't become a tavern owner nor a supper club entertainer because of a long-range plan. He found himself in those roles after encounters, seemingly by chance, with people who saw something in him that he hadn't realized was there.

That's a significant part of the story of "Darcelle: That's No Lady," the musical opening Sept. 19 in Lincoln Performance Hall at Portland State University. It will continue for 10 performances, Thursdays to Sundays, Sept. 19 to Oct. 5. Tickets, \$35 each, are available at [www.darcelle-themusical.com](http://www.darcelle-themusical.com).

Horn wrote the book and cowrote some of the songs. Much of the music comes from some of Portland's best known musicians with ties to Cole/Darcelle. For instance, an early public performance by Tom Grant was at Studio A, in the basement of Cole's coffeehouse. It was the only time his father saw him play the piano in public, Grant told Horn.

Storm Large, singer, songwriter and actress, is a friend of Cole and has had Darcelle on stage in some of her productions, Horn said. More friends who contribute to the musical are Marv and Rindy Ross, from the band Quarterflash; John Quesenberry, a composer, singer and actor; Rody Ortega, composer, musician and sound designer; and Wesley Bowers, musician and songwriter.

The musical includes details of Cole's life. He grew up in Linnton, a blue-collar mill community across the Willamette River from St. Johns. His mother died when he was young and his father disintegrated into alcoholism. He felt loved and protected by his Aunt Lil after his mother's death.

He graduated from Lincoln High School and when he was discharged from the Army, he married Jean, whom he had known since grade school. They had two children and remain married, although his wife has dementia, he revealed in a 2018 interview, and only recognizes him in drag.

The musical includes Cole's unexpected meeting with Jerry Ferris as he opened early one morning at Demas, a lesbian bar in 1967, when only winos and lesbians ventured north of Burnside Street. A woman dashed into the tavern restroom and emerged a few minutes later as a man. That was Cole's introduction to a drag queen.

Later, with Ferris, he went to a show at



A beaded dress in shades of blue is in the lavish style favored by Darcelle XV, the stage persona of Walter Cole, who designs and sews many of Darcelle's gowns. The Oregon Historical Society has a selection of them on display through Nov. 3. (Triangle Productions)



Darcelle XV performs at the showplace in Old Town which was created from a tavern. The hand-beaded dress weighs about 12 pounds. It is one of five gowns on display at the Oregon Historical Society through Nov. 3. (Triangle Productions)



Walter Cole, who performs as Darcelle XV, says he made this Christmas dress for a show about seasons of the year. It lights up, thanks to a 25-foot extension cord. Darcelle has worn the dress at several holiday events. (Triangle Productions)

the Roaring 20s Room in the Hoyt Hotel, at Northwest Sixth Avenue and Hoyt Street before its 1977 demolition. At the Hoyt, he met Gracie Hansen, the room's ruling chanteuse, known for wearing jewels and sparkling gowns, much as Darcelle does today.

Hansen brought to Portland a dancer she saw in Las Vegas. He was Roc Neuhardt, who became Cole's companion for 47 years, until Neuhardt's death in 2017.

Cole doesn't do female impersonation as Darcelle, Horn said. It's acting, which Cole was doing in local theaters in off-hours from his small businesses. "I'm an entertainer," Cole often says. "I put on a dress to entertain."

"Every show is a love song," Cole told Horn, and Horn and Storm Large wrote the musical's finale with that title.

Horn collected photos and information for a 700-page book with a forward by

Matt Groening, another Lincoln High grad, who went on to create television's "The Simpsons." The book is expected to be available in the lobby at Performance Hall.

The Historical Society has an exhibit of five Darcelle gowns until Nov. 3. Included is a gown worn by the 5-foot-2-inch Hansen. Cole, a 6-footer, acquired the gown after Hansen's death and "made a few alterations in the back," said Horn. "Who wore it better? I'll let you guys decide." ★

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**★ STAR BUSINESS BUZZ**

**ICE CREAM STANDOUT COMES TO BEAUMONT-WILSHIRE NEIGHBORHOOD**

Travel can be a revealing and enriching experience, and not just for the traveler, as the experience of husband and wife Kevin Gillette and Beth Czischke nicely demonstrates. On vacation in New Zealand, the pair fell in love with a type of ice cream blended with real fruit unique to that island nation, and then they decided to bring the treat to the good citizens of Portland, giving it a Northwest spin, of course.

Two years ago, Gillette and Czischke opened Beaux Berry in the St. Johns Marketplace and Food Pod, having imported a special blender from New Zealand which gently mixes ice cream with Oregon berries – marionberry, raspberry, strawberry and blueberry – and other mix-ins to produce irresistible fruity creations with a smooth, silky texture. An instant hit and now with a cult following, it was inevitable that the business would expand.

Open since late July in the parking lot of Tacovore, 3707 N.E. Fremont St. in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood, Beaux Berry's second location continues to serve up its signature New Zealand-style ice cream, along with small-batch Scoop Handmade Ice Cream, which they've purchased from former business partner Sean Sitton.

"We're honored to carry on the Scoop legacy," said Beth Czischke. "We recognized we shared a love for ice cream and an unwavering commitment to high-quality ingredients, so we partnered to offer Scoop's ice cream at Beaux Berry." Scoop's popular flavors include Churro Sabroso™, Oatmeal and Brown Sugar, and Lemon Chiffon.

Sean Sitton, Scoop's former owner, wouldn't want it any other way. "I chose not to put my company up for sale. Instead, I wanted to handpick my successors who would be dedicated to the same values I hold."

On a recent visit, no fewer than a dozen rotating flavors were on offer, including a Vegan Coconut Bliss, Madagascar



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Vanilla, and local Raw Honey Lavender. The handmade, small-batch ice cream is produced at a Beaux Berry facility in Sellwood, according to vendor Meley. The company is committed to responsible sourcing and uses local, organic, and fair-trade ingredients whenever possible.

**PFI OFFERS APPAREL ENTREPRENEURS A LEG UP**

With over 25 apparel manufacturers in the greater Portland area, "Our city is known nationwide for its fashion," said Sharon Blair, Director for Portland Fashion Institute (PFI). "We want our apparel designers to continue that image, to express themselves and have fun. But we also want them to make money and stay in business."

"It's no fun to go broke," Blair added. With that caution in mind, PFI has announced the launch of a slate of new classes for apparel start-ups, with instructors from Nike, Wieden & Kennedy, and local designer and Project Runway winner Michelle Lesniak.

The series leads with talks from Lesniak and the Oregonian's former fashion editor Vivian McInerny. "We have an exciting group of speakers willing to share what they know and help others succeed," Blair said.

Blair added that the classes are for everybody. "Half our students are here for one or two classes. The rest are here for a career. These classes are useful whether you start your own business or work for



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an apparel manufacturer."

"Nowhere else can you get this caliber of instruction for such an accessible price," Blair says. "Our hashtag is #schoolwithoutdebt."

PFI places 100 percent of its career school graduates in the apparel industry with jobs at companies such as Adidas, Nike, Columbia Sportswear, Bridge & Burn and Kroger Corp., according to Blair.

The Oregon-licensed fashion design school aims to be the "best education center for apparel in the United States," and will celebrate its 10th anniversary in 2020.

Classes begin September 14 and will run on Saturdays through November 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Portland Fashion Institute's Hollywood campus, 2111 N.E. 43rd Ave. The series of 11 classes costs \$680 or \$65/class. For a list of classes and more information, call 503-927-5457 or visit [www.portlandfashioninstitute.com](http://www.portlandfashioninstitute.com).

The list of classes includes:

- September 14. Start an Apparel Business with McInerny and Blair.
- September 21. Fashion Forecasting with Lesniak.
- September 28. PR Secrets. Kim Bedwell, FLM Harvest Public Relations Sr. Vice President
- October 5. Excel for Apparel Professionals, Dana Ditto, Nike Materials Mgr
- October 12. Costing & Pricing. Dana Ditto, Nike
- October 19. Sourcing 101. Dana Ditto, Nike
- October 26. Contracting Basics. Owen Schmidt, Contracts Attorney
- November 2. Working with Production. Jason Calderon, West Daily Designer & S Group Sr Product Developer
- November 9. Working with Boutiques & Buyers. Celeste Sipes, Thunderpants USA owner and former owner of Radish Underground boutique
- November 16. Truth about Trade Shows. Jason Calderon, West Daily & S Group
- November 23. Social Media Marketing. Rebecca Russell, Wieden + Kennedy Social Media Strategist ★

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# SEPTEMBER 2019

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## KIDSTEENS AND FAMILIES

### DO RIGHT - READ

**Sept. 7. 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** The 21st annual Children's Book Fair proclaims, "Do the Right Thing and Read." Join families with children from preschool to fifth grade for fun activities and a free book. Free. (503) 988-5123. [www.multicolib.org](http://www.multicolib.org). On the back lawn of North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

### CELEBRATE MOON FEST

**Sept. 13. 3-4:30 p.m.** Celebrate the Mid-Autumn Festival, also known as the Harvest Moon Festival, one of the best loved holidays in many parts of Asia. Hear festival stories, enjoy craft activities, sing traditional children's songs and enjoy moon cakes. Free. (503) 988-5123. [www.multicolib.org](http://www.multicolib.org). Gregory Heights library, 7921 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

### FUN ON WATER

**Sept. 14. 12 noon to 4 p.m.** For families, Aquifer Adventure offers games and a scavenger hunt for hidden treasure: groundwater, a precious resource beneath our feet. Dress in pirate togs, if desired. Take 15-minute canoe rides, walk the wooded trail along the Columbia Slough, and build aquifers from ice cream and cookies. Free. Sponsored by the Columbia Slough Watershed Council. [www.columbiaslough.org](http://www.columbiaslough.org). Meet next to Portland's Water Bureau groundwater pump station, Northeast 166th Avenue at Airport Way.

### ENJOY HIP-HOP

**Sept. 14. 1-1:45 p.m.** Cykphia and the Hip Hop Soulsation Academy bring an upbeat, interactive dance performance for the whole family to enjoy. Free. (503) 988-5123. [www.multicolib.org](http://www.multicolib.org). Gregory Heights library, 7921 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

### LEARN BASKETBALL

**Sept. 16-Nov. 13.** Mondays or Wednesdays. Basketball fundamentals classes for ages 5-11. Members \$32, non-members \$40. Financial assistance available. Pre-registration required. (503) 284-3377. [www.necommunitycenter.org](http://www.necommunitycenter.org). Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave.

### SEE FANTASTIC MAGIC

**Sept. 21. 11-11:45 a.m.** Mr. Fantastic delivers a magic show for kids and their families with comedy that wraps up a motivational message in a way to get young people involved while laughing. Free. (503) 988-5123. [www.multicolib.org](http://www.multicolib.org). Albina library, 3605 N.E. 15th Ave.

### KIDS CAN MOVE

**Sept. 24-Oct. 29.** Movement classes for children ages 1-3 and 3-6, including gymnastics, obstacle courses, relay races, tumbling, balance beam and more. Members \$48, non-members \$60. Financial assistance available. Pre-registration required. (503) 284-3377. [www.necommunitycenter.org](http://www.necommunitycenter.org). Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave.

### LEARN ABOUT WOLVES

**Sept. 28. 3-5 p.m.** Kids 8 and older, with a favorite adult, make cut-paper masks while getting to know Oregon wolves. Free. Part of the #NowhereWolfFilmProject, funded in part by Regional Arts and Culture Council. (503) 988-5123. [www.multicolib.org](http://www.multicolib.org). Kenton library, 8226 N. Denver Ave.

## FOR ART LOVERS

### PAINTINGS ON DISPLAY

**Sept. 1-30.** Building hours. See paintings by local artist Jodi Burton in the lobby. (503) 284-3377. [www.necommunitycenter.org](http://www.necommunitycenter.org). Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave.

### 'CORPSE' WORK SET

**Sept. 1. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Paintings by William Hernandez are in the feature gallery, "Exquisite Corpse" work by Dave Benz, Nanette Wallace and Karen Wippich is in the main gallery. Continues to Sept. 22. The annual Day of the Dead show is scheduled Sept. 26 to Oct. 29. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday-Saturday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday; closed Monday. [www.guardinogallery.com](http://www.guardinogallery.com). (503) 503-281-9048. Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

### ART BIENNIAL OPENS

**Sept. 6. 12 noon to 5 p.m.** The Portland 2019 Biennial of Contemporary Art focuses on site, cultural evolution and multifaceted histories of the region. It reflects an inclusive view of Oregon art-making and socio-political relationships. Continues to Nov. 3. Hours: 12 noon to 5 p.m. Friday-Sunday or by appointment. [www.dissecta.org/](http://www.dissecta.org/). (503) 286-9449. Dissecta, 8371 N. Interstate Ave.

## FOR BOOK LOVERS

### MEMORIES OF ETHIOPIA

**Sept. 11. 7 p.m.** Portlander Caroline Kurtz, who grew up in a remote area of Ethiopia as the daughter of missionaries, reads from her memoir, "Down on Both Sides." Free reading. (503) 284-1726. [www.broadwaybooks.net](http://www.broadwaybooks.net). Broadway Books, 1714 N.E. Broadway.

### MEET THE AUTHOR

#### Sept. 17. 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Meet Portland resident Omar El Akkad, who will read from his book, "American War," set in a near future United States ravaged by climate change, where a second civil war has broken out over the use of fossil fuels. Free. (503) 988-5123. [www.multicolib.org](http://www.multicolib.org). Kenton library, 8226 N. Denver Ave. The author also reads 6:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 19 at the Hollywood library, 4949 N.E. Tillamook St.

### MOLLY GLOSS TO READ

**Sept. 18. 7-8 p.m.** Award-winning Portland writer Molly Gloss reads from "Unforeseen," her first complete collection of short stories, including two new tales. Free reading. [www.broadwaybooks.net](http://www.broadwaybooks.net). (503) 284-1726. Broadway Books, 1714 N.E. Broadway.

### DISCUSS FAMILY STORY

**Sept. 21. 4:30-5:30 p.m.** Discuss "The House of Broken Angels" by Luis Alberto Urrea, a poignant and funny novel about a Mexican American family that has been in California for generations. Free. (503) 988-5123. [www.multicolib.org](http://www.multicolib.org). North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

### LETTERS FROM ASIA

**Sept. 25. 7 p.m.** Portland writer and artist, Marilyn Stablein, reads from "Houseboat on the Ganges & A Room in Kathmandu: Letters from India and Nepal 1966-1972." Her letters home detail her life, travels and studies as she immersed herself in Eastern spiritual and artistic traditions. Free reading. (503) 284-1726. Broadway Books, 1714 N.E. Broadway.

## HEAR MUSIC

### HEAR ZYDECO

**Sept. 2. 7:30-10:30 p.m.** Continues Mondays. The Bayou Boyz play blues, rock, gospel zydeco and more, interpreted through their Louisiana roots. All ages. No cover. Mekong Bistro, 8200 N.E. Siskiyou St.

### LATIN FOLK SLATED

**Sept. 15. 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Grupo Condor performs Latin American folk music featuring Spanish, African and Native American influences. Free. (503) 988-5123. [www.multicolib.org](http://www.multicolib.org). North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

### LOS BORICUAS TO PLAY

**Sept. 21. 3:30-4:30 p.m.** Hear Los Boricuas, musicians performing Puerto Rican, Cuban, Brazilian bossa nova, Dominican Republic merengue and bachata. Free. (503) 988-5123. [www.multicolib.org](http://www.multicolib.org). Kenton library, 8226 N. Denver Ave.

### HEAR CLASSICAL GUITAR

**Sept. 29. 3-4 p.m.** Guitarist and composer Ricardo Cardenas, a Eugene resident originally from Chile, presents a concert featuring works by Heitor Villa-Lobos of Brazil, Antonio Lauro of Venezuela and Agustin Barrios of Paraguay. Free. (503) 988-5123. [www.multicolib.org](http://www.multicolib.org). Kenton library, 8226 N. Denver Ave.

## CATCH A PLAY

### WILL THEY, WON'T THEY?

**Sept. 6. 8 p.m.** "The Smell of the Kill," by Michele Lowe, a dark comedy, features three tormented wives married

to three unloving husbands. Not suitable for those 17 or younger. Continues Thursdays through Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 3 p.m. To Sept. 22. Tickets \$18 adults, \$16 students and seniors. [www.TwilightTheaterCompany.org](http://www.TwilightTheaterCompany.org). Add \$2 if purchased at the door. (503) 847-9838. Twilight Theater, 7515 N. Brandon Ave.

## CATCH A FILM

### SEE ACCLAIMED WESTERN

**Sept. 7. 2 p.m.** View John Ford's "The Searchers," considered one of the best westerns of all time. John Wayne stars as an ex-Confederate soldier who seeks to save his niece (Natalie Wood), kidnapped by Comanches. Matinee tickets \$6. [www.hollywoodtheatre.org](http://www.hollywoodtheatre.org). (503) 281-1142. Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

### 'OTHER BORDER' SLATED

**Sept. 22. 4:45 p.m.** View "The Other Border" featuring high school student Gerardo Hernandez, raised in the United States since age six months. Filmed in 8mm and 16mm, he and his sister tell their stories. Director Justin Zimmerman attends the screening with representatives of justice, immigrant and workers' rights groups. Free. [www.hollywoodtheatre.org](http://www.hollywoodtheatre.org). (503) 281-1142. Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

## FOR SENIORS

### GET FRESH PRODUCE

**Sept. 3. 8:30 a.m.** Continues most Mondays. The Hollywood Farmers Market gleaners provide fresh produce and other food to seniors. Arrive early for best selection. Bring reusable bags. Free. Information: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

### FLEX THOSE JOINTS

**Sept. 3 and 5. 11 a.m. to 12 noon.** Continues Tuesdays and Thursdays. An evidence-based arthritis exercise program promotes optimum joint flexibility, muscle strength, endurance, coordination and cardiovascular conditioning. Free but \$1 donation appreciated. Information: (503) 288-8303. Leaven Community Center, next to Salt & Light Lutheran Church, 5431 N.E. 20th Ave.

### ENJOY LUNCH

**Sept. 3 and 5. 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon.** Continues Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meals on Wheels People serve lunch. \$3 suggested donation for people over age 60. Price is \$7.89 for persons under age 60. Information: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

### MAKE ARMENIAN TREAT

**Sept. 3. 3-4 p.m.** Armenian chef Angele Mahshigian will teach participants how to make beurek, turnovers, with shrimp and cheese. Free. Information: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

### MOVE WITH TAI CHI

**Sept. 4. 10-11 a.m.** Continues Mondays and Wednesdays. Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance was developed by Oregon Research Institute researchers to reduce the likelihood of falling. It also increases muscle strength and flexibility. Free but \$1 donation appreciated. Information: (503) 288-8303. Bridge Meadows, 8502 N. Wayland Ave.

### CROSS PARTY LINES

**Sept. 6. 9:30-11:30 a.m.** Conversation on Crossing Party Lines: The Leadership Role of Older Adults. SAGE (Senior Advocates for Generational Equity) and Crossing Party Lines will discuss the work being done in Portland to bridge the divide between left and right. Free. Registration required: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

### GET FIT WITH ZUMBA

**Sept. 6. 3:30-4:30.** Continues Fridays. Zumba Gold instructor Debbie Karavias gets participants dancing to the beat of Latin-inspired and world music while adding low and high intensity moves. All fitness levels welcome. Drop-ins welcome. Free. (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

### GRANDPARENTS GAIN AID

**Sept. 9. 10-11 a.m.** Continues Mondays. A support group for grandparents and other relatives parenting children they didn't expect to raise at this stage of life. The group provides support and ideas for dealing with the stresses and joys of raising the children. Free. Information: (503) 288-8303. Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N. Foss Ave.

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for people 55 and older, helps improve balance and breathing. Free but \$1 donation suggested. (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**LEARN ABOUT E-DEVICE**

**Sept. 10 and 24. 9:45, 10:30 and 11:45 a.m.** Computer tutor John Lucas offers one-on-one, 45-minute guidance to understanding an electronic device. Bring the device and charging cord. Free but \$1 donation to the center is appreciated. Appointment required: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**PREVENT FRAUD**

**Sept. 10. 1-2:30 p.m.** In a Fraud and Scam Prevention seminar, learn to safeguard information, spot a potential fraud, report a concern and stop a scammer. Offered by Hollywood Senior Center. Led by Kevin Jones, University of Portland professor and elder abuse evaluator. Free. Registration required: (503) 228-8303. Umpqua Bank Pearl store, 1139 N.W. Lovejoy St.

**CARE FOR CAREGIVERS**

**Sept. 11. 2-3:30 p.m. Also 2-3:30 p.m. Sept. 22.** A support group for Alzheimer's caregivers shares ideas for coping and caring. Free. Information: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**PLAN AN ESTATE**

**Sept. 12. 3-4:30 p.m.** An estate planning seminar, led by a representative of Myatt and Bell law firm, offers information about wills, trusts and other details of estate planning. Free. Registration required: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**DRIVE SAFELY**

**Sept. 13 and 20. 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** AARP Smart Driver class provides information about safe driving and driving skills. Some insurers offer discounts for completing the class. \$15 AARP members; \$20 non-members. Registration required: (503) 288-8303.

**VIEW 'ROCKETMAN'**

**Sept. 13. 1 p.m.** View "Rocketman," a musical fantasy about the human story of Elton John's breakthrough years. Free but \$1 donation suggested. (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**LEARN ABOUT 'VILLAGE'**

**Sept. 14. 1-2:30 p.m.** Learn about activities and services offered by Northeast Village PDX to support seniors as they age in their own homes. New members and volunteers welcome. (503) 895-2750. Hollywood library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St.

**ENJOY GARDEN PEACE**

**Sept. 16. 12:30-1:45 p.m.** "Visit" the peace and tranquility of the Japanese Garden via a slide show presented by Sherry Johnston, a garden docent. Free. Registration required: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**DISCUSS 'STONEWALL'**

**Sept. 17. 6-8 p.m.** Hear a panel discussion, "Commemorating Stonewall," about the 1969 events credited with starting the gay rights movement. Free. Registration required: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**LEARN ABOUT ADUS**

**Sept. 18. 9:30-11 a.m.** Learn about ADUs, Accessory Dwelling Units. An informational panel will include a designer and builder for Universal Design ADUs, a designer of Remodels for Sharing and financing options. Free. Registration required: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**HOW TO PREVENT FALLS**

**Sept. 23. 9-11 a.m.** Providence Hospital presents a workshop on preventing falls. Information includes fall risk factors and how to stay healthy on your feet; a medication review with a pharmacist; and interactive Tai Chi demonstration. Vendors also provide information and answer questions. Free. Registration required: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS**

**Sept. 24. 12 noon.** A birthday celebration for those born in September. Lunch available from Meals on Wheels People. Free for birthday celebrant. Seniors over 60 pay \$3. Under 60 pay \$7.89. Everyone enjoys birthday cake. Information: (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**VISIT JAPANESE GARDEN**

**Sept. 25. 10 a.m.** Meet the Riders Club ambassador before boarding a TriMet bus to the Japanese Garden. Tour with docent Sherry Johnston. Fee: \$14.25 is group discount for 15 or more participants. Registration required: (503) 288-8303. Meet by 10 a.m. at Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**SEE CHEERLEADERS FILM**

**Sept. 27. 1 p.m.** View "Poms," a film comedy about a group of women who form a cheerleading squad at their retirement community. Stars Diane Keaton, Jacki Weaver, Pam Grier and Rhea Perlman. Free but \$1 donation suggested. (503) 288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

**TECHASSISTANCE**

**TECH EXPLAINED**

**Sept. 5 and 19. 3-5 p.m.** Meet one-on-one for 30 minutes with a Tech Helper who finds answers for questions about mobile devices, websites, downloading, e-readers and getting started with tech. Need help with a smartphone, tablet or laptop? Bring it with you, along with usernames and passwords. Free. (503) 988-5123. www.multicolib.org. Albina library, 3605 N.E. 15th Ave.

**MAKE A WEBSITE**

**Sept. 10. 9:15-11:15 a.m.** Learn to make a basic website using the Google Sites application. Get a Google or Gmail account before class. Bring your phone to verify the Google account. Must be comfortable using a keyboard and mouse. Registration required: (503) 988-5123 or www.multicolib.org or in Albina library, 3605 N.E. 15th Ave. The class, with the same directions and separate registration, is presented 12 noon to 2 p.m. Sept. 14 at North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

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By Lisa Lakes

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An increasing number of pet owners consider pets as family members, and their safety, especially that of free roaming cats, has become a major concern. Cats allowed to roam outdoors are vulnerable to coyotes, disease, toxins, and cars. In addition, The Audubon Society and other bird conservation groups want to reduce the number of birds killed by cats. "It's about the changing mores of animal care," explained Devon Jahn of The Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon.

One solution is to build a catio, a screened outdoor enclosure which allows your pets exercise and mental stimulation, without the added danger of open roaming. Catios do not need to be elaborate affairs, and apartment dwellers with balconies can create an attractive area with netting (see link below for supplies and DIY videos). Adding cat-safe plants to the catio enhances the aesthetic and gives your felines the feeling of being "in the wild."

The seventh annual Catio Tour will be held Saturday, September 7, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. You must pre-register for the event, so act quickly as tickets can sell out (link below). This year there are five catios on the tour in North Portland and three in Northeast Portland (one close to the Hollywood Theatre). Attendees receive a guide, a map, and instructions to check in at any of the catio locations. The tour is self-guided, and the ten-dollar registration fee goes to the Cats Safe at Home initiative, an alliance of Portland Audubon, The Feral Cat Coalition, Bonnie L. Hays Small Animal Shelter, and Multnomah County Animal Services. These partners aim to reduce the outdoor cat population of Portland and encourage owners to keep their cats safe indoors. About 1,300 visitors each year take the tour to gain inspiration and socialize.

For more information, visit [www.catssafeathome.org/catio-registration](http://www.catssafeathome.org/catio-registration), [www.feralcats.com](http://www.feralcats.com) and [www.catnetting.com](http://www.catnetting.com).

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**LEARN ABOUT BOSSA NOVA**

**Sept. 1. 3-4 p.m.** "Bossa Nova: A Musical History" outlines the characteristics, history and major figures of the music that became popular in the 1950s and 1960s. Leave with a new playlist of tunes for everyday listening enjoyment. Made possible by the National Endowment for the Humanities Fund of The Library Foundation. Free. (503) 988-5123. www.multcolib.org. North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

**EAT WITH VIKINGS**

**Sept. 8. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** Enjoy a Viking pancake breakfast with scrambled eggs, sausage, fresh fruit, strawberry compote, lingonberries and coffee or tea. \$8 adults, \$4 ages 3 to 10 and free for children under age 3. Parking is free. Bergen Dining Room at Norse Hall, 111 N.E. 11th Ave.

**REDUCE STRESS**

**Sept. 9 or 16. 6:30 p.m.** Free orientation to see if an eight-week mindfulness-based stress reduction program is a good fit. The curriculum provides tools to transform stress and bring healing to illness, pain, loss, anxiety and life's challenges. Register for the required orientation: <http://www.mindbodymindfulness.com/>

mbsr-1/. Questions: (503) 890-8965. Harmony Yoga, 2108 N.E. 41st Ave.

**CREATE WITH FELT**

**Sept. 10 and 24. 5:30-7:30 p.m.** Create a needle felted mini breakfast of coffee, eggs, bacon and toast with LeBrie Rich, known for her detailed felted sculpture. Learn her techniques for making more tiny things from felt. Free. Registration required: (503) 988-5123 or www.multcolib.org or in Albina library, 3605 N.E. 15th Ave.

**GAIN HOUSING HELP**

**Sept. 14. 9 a.m. to 12 noon.** Energy Trust of Oregon, the Portland Housing Bureau and the Oregon chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors offer a community resource fair for current and prospective homeowners and contractors. Learn about home repairs, weatherization, energy-efficient upgrades and affordable pathways to home ownership. Contractors can discover apprenticeship and job training opportunities. Free. Information: (503) 445-7628 or Cameron.starr@energytrust.org. New Song Community Church, 2511 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

**LEARN ABOUT BRIDGE**

**Sept. 14. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Take a 10-minute, free introduction to bridge for beginners. Drop-in tables

are available for those who already play. Information is available, plus coupons, to two Portland bridge clubs for first play free or a discount to classes. Information: acblUnit487@gmail.com or visit unit487.acblid20.org/ to see special events. Second floor, east end, of Lloyd Center.

**IMPROVE WITH IMPROV**

**Sept. 14. 3-4:30 p.m.** Improv for adults can help build better relationships with family, friends and coworkers. Improvisational games help improve listening skills, build empathy and teach flexibility. No special skills or experience needed. Free. Registration required: (503) 988-5123 or www.multcolib.org or in Kenton library, 8226 N. Denver Ave.

**TOASTMASTERS TO MEET**

**Sept. 21. 8:45 a.m.** Moser Community Toastmasters hears Dr. William Toepper of Portland Street Medicine, which includes 43 clinician volunteers to serve homeless communities, and club member Bill Burns. Free. (503) 984-1842. vppr@cctmporland.us. Second floor, Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 N.E. Alameda.

**WAS BACH A FAILURE?**

**Sept. 21. 2:30-4 p.m.** Fame is fickle, elusive and it comes and goes. Some people, like Melville, Bach,

Van Gogh and Dickinson, were little known in their lifetimes despite prodigious effort and output. Dr. Bill Thierfelder explores people who didn't "fail" but became famous posthumously. Free. (503) 988-5123. www.multcolib.org. Hollywood library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St.

**MAKE LINO BLOCK ART**

**Sept. 22. 3 - 4:30 p.m.** Design, carve and print lino block stamps for seasonal autumn decorations and cards. Learn techniques for safe carving. Take the lino blocks home to continue creating printed works of art. Free. Registration required: (503) 988-5123 or www.multcolib.org or in Gregory Heights library, 7921 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

**DINE OUT TO WIPE OUT CANCER**

**Sept. 24. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.** Dine out all day at the Laurelwood Brewing Sandy location, and 20% of the proceeds will benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, which exists to find cures and ensure access to treatments for blood cancer patients. Music by Catch & Release from 6 - 8:30 p.m., special appearance by Timber Joey from 5 - 6:30 p.m., special Prevale Ale and more. Laurelwood Brewpub, 5115 N.E. Sandy Blvd. For more info contact Tam Driscoll at 503-704-4085. ★

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