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REGISTER TO VOTE BEFORE OCTOBER 13 TO GET BALLOT

October 13 is the last day to register for the November 3 general election. Registration may be arranged at www.mcelections.org. Voters who need to re-register because of a new address or change of name also may use the form provided at the website.

If you have changed your name, be sure to sign a new card so that elections workers can compare the signature on the ballot with the signature on the file card. When voting, make sure your ballot is in the official mailing envelope and that you have signed the back of that envelope on the correct line.

The Multnomah County Elections Division will begin mailing ballots to registered voters on October 14. Elections officials advise that October 27 is the last day to safely return ballots by mail. In Oregon, ballots must be at the elections office by 8 p.m. November 3. Postmarks don't count in Oregon.

Voters may sign up to track their ballots at mcelections.org. Information also is available from the county elections office at 503-988-VOTE (8583). Information for those displaced by wildfires is available from the secretary of state at www.sos.oregon.gov.

Ballots too late to be mailed may be dropped at the elections division building, 1040 S.E. Morrison St. A 24-hour drop box slot for walkers/bikers can be found on the north side of the building. A drive-up drop box is on the east side and another box is on the north side.

Ballots also may be deposited at 24-hour book drop slots in Multnomah County libraries, where they will be picked up on a regular schedule. The



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Albina library has moved back to the historic Carnegie building at 216 N.E. Knott St. Other North and Northeast neighborhood libraries include Gregory Heights at 7921 N.E. Sandy Boulevard, Hollywood at 4040 N.E. Tillamook St., Kenton at 8226 N. Denver Ave. and North Portland at 512 N. Killingsworth St. Other sites, in commercial districts, are listed at www.multco.us/dropsites.

NECN VIDEO GIVES FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS

If you think most of the city's homeless people live on the street or under blue tarps clustered near highways or walkways, you aren't grasping the problem, according to agencies working with the homeless.

To help provide information about the city's homeless issue, the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods has created a video titled "What Do We Mean When We Talk about Homelessness?" The video was shown at the September meeting of the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty, a five-year-old coalition of 14 faith congregations.

The video notes that most homeless people aren't addicts and most aren't downtown or under those Eastside tarps. Most live in cars, motels or in friends' homes. Their kids go to local schools.

They aren't lazy and they don't choose to be homeless. However, they don't have incomes high enough to pay Portland's

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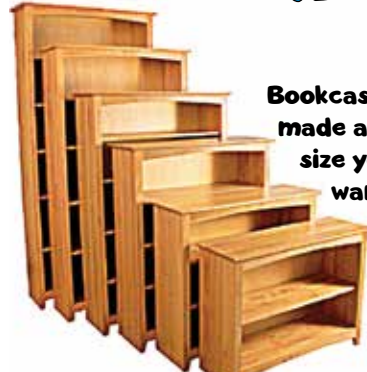
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- **Mother & Child Education Center** provided **Farm to Family** food boxes, diapers, hygiene products and other supplies to families in need
- **Northeast Community Center** opened its outside area to community and business groups who needed a safe place to meet while socially distancing and is now ready to open its pool for life-saving swim lessons
- **Hollywood Senior Center** shifted onsite activities to remote/virtual programming so older adults can continue to participate in the classes and groups they benefit from including **Home Virtual Programming** providing online exercise classes, workshops, entertainment and support groups. Social distancing doesn't have to mean social isolation.
- **Settlemier's Award Jackets** Combined producing jackets and masks to be a resource and keep staff employed
- **Rose City Presbyterian Church** members continue to provide valuable time and resources - everything from financial donations, to opening their doors to groups and promoting social justice.
- **The 42nd Street Station Post Office** stayed open for customers
- **Alameda Realty's Heidi Settlemier** spread cheer by running through the Hollywood District placing homemade easter decorations on trees and shrubs

The list goes on and on, and includes the good works of **Mosaic** and **St. Michael and All Angels** churches. If you would like to join the Boosters and help build our district to grow and thrive, visit www.hollywoodpdx.com for details.



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rising housing costs, which are among the highest in the country. Most homeless people are from the metro area. Only 11 percent come from elsewhere in the country.

Dozens of agencies are working on the issue, the video says. The problems remain, it continues, "but that's not a sign no one is doing anything. It's a sign of how big the problem is."

Groups working on homeless issues include the city and Multnomah County's Joint Office of Homeless Services, Transition Projects, Portland Homeless Family Solutions, plus shelters and other agencies.

LIONS SEEK DONORS FOR BLOOD DRIVE

The Hollywood Lions are planning their semi-annual blood drive to help the American Red Cross. The hours are 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. October 16 at Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, Northeast 44th Avenue off Sandy Boulevard.

Potential donors must schedule an appointment at www.redcrossblood.org or by calling Bill Stout at 503- 653- 8163. Masks will be required.

NORTHEAST FOOD PROGRAM NEEDS MORE VOLUNTEERS

The Northeast Emergency Food Program, which has been serving local families well above pre-pandemic levels, is seeking volunteers. Those interested in packing or handing out boxes of food twice a week may email nepf@emoregon.org or call 503- 284-5470.

The program, part of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, operates at Luther Memorial Lutheran Church, 4800 N.E. 72nd Ave. Because of the pandemic, distribution

hours have been reduced to 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Thursdays and Saturdays.

The program has been distributing 400 to 600 food boxes daily. More than 40 percent of the recipients are families with children. Most are underemployed or unemployed. Other recipients include the disabled and the elderly, according to the agency.

PORTLAND OPEN STUDIOS PLANS OCTOBER EVENTS

Portland Open Studios, which gives the public an opportunity to see artists at work in their studios, is going virtual this year. However, the artists are keeping to the usual October schedule: October 10-11 and 17-18. The hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The tour will include 51 artists in their studios, live, on Instagram at #INVITEARTIN. Speaking schedules and information about videos and other features are available at www.portlandopenstudios.com. The website also has a donation form to support Open Studios and its scholarship program.

Check the YouTube playlists the night before each event to see three-minute videos posted by the 51 live artists. Some artists will offer virtual preview shows on Zoom. A total of 90 artists will be posting in their shops to offer work for sale.

FRIENDS OF LIBRARY CANCELS BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Library has cancelled its annual October used book sale because of safety concerns related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The board determined it couldn't adhere to state health authority guidance.

The Friends organization, which

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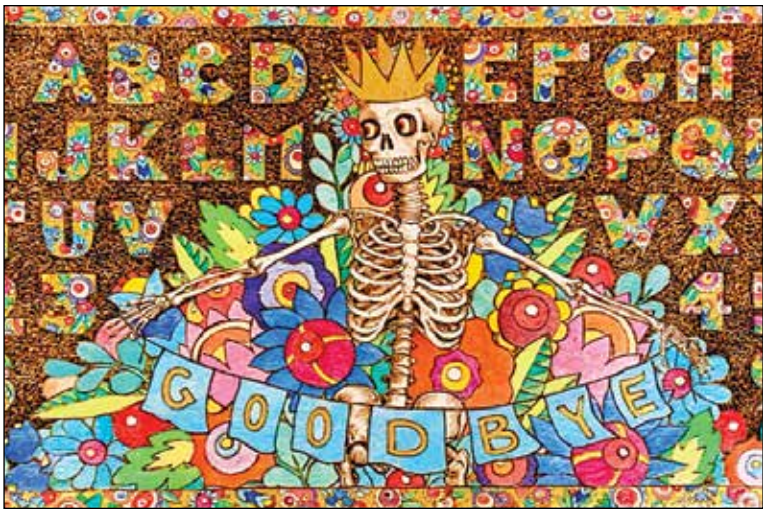
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'Spirit Board With Planchette' in burnt wood, gouache and acrylic gold by Alicia Justus will be part Guardino Gallery's 14th annual Day of the Dead show in the Alberta arts district. (Guardino Gallery)

advocates for and supports the library system, is encouraging members to maintain their memberships and urging everyone to make a donation at www.friends-library.org. The library's resources, including curbside pick up of books and an array of online information for children and adults, are available at www.multcolib.org.

GUARDINO CONTINUES DAY OF DEAD SHOW

The Guardino Gallery's 14th annual Day of the Dead show continues to October 25 on the website: www.guardinogallery.com. In addition, the gallery at 2939 N.E. Alberta St. is open 11a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday for viewers who wear masks and observe social distancing.

To purchase art, patrons may call the gallery during business hours at 503-281-9048. The artwork by more than two dozen artists is influenced by 3000-year-old rituals honoring the dead

that originated in pre-Columbian central Mexico, where death was viewed as a natural part of the human cycle.

Over time, European and Christian influences expanded the honoring of the dead throughout Mexico. The original rituals were at the beginning of summer but later they became associated with the Catholic observance of All Saints Day on November 1.

COMMUNITY CENTER OFFERS PROGRAMS

The Northeast Community Center, 1638 N.E. 38th Ave., offers virtual and pre-recorded classes at www.necommunitycenter.org. Information also is available at 503-284-3377.

Other classes are offered in the main facility in afternoons and evenings and at the annex on some mornings. Masks and social distancing are required. The center staff is exploring ways to open the pool in

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The Bureau of Transportation has added a new fleet of pedal-assisted electric bikes to Biketown. With the support of title sponsor Nike, the Biketown service area has grown to 32 square miles. (Biketown)

October, under state health guidelines.

Outdoor programming will continue as long as the weather holds in the Community Courtyard, a closed section of Northeast 38th Avenue. Light rain may send classes under a tent, at instructor's discretion. Masks and social distancing are required.

Members may take free outdoor classes and community members pay \$5. "AquaLand" exercises, like those previously held in the center's pool, go on land at 9:30 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays and at 9:45 a.m. Saturdays. QiGong is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. Fridays

COMPANY OFFERS CLASSES ON NEW APPS

For those mourning the loss of Apple iTunes, Royalwise Solutions is offering a series of classes for using its replacement apps: Music, Podcast and TV, as users may need to learn how to set up and use the new platforms. A Zoom webinar series begins October 2 with Jamie Pollock. The classes are \$19 each with a reduced price for bundling them. Information is available at 503-406-6550 or by emailing info@royalwise.com.

RESET FITNESS HABITS WITH NEW PROGRAM

Local fitness and wellness professionals are offering a six-week program, "Routine Reset," with information about habit formation, nutrition, recovery and regular workouts.

The talks and forums, via Zoom, begin October 5. Participants may do workouts at home or in a Fulcrum Fitness gym, adhering to COVID-19 sanitation and distancing guidelines. Those choosing only online sessions pay \$45 for six weeks. Those choosing online and in-person workouts pay \$95. The \$5 sign-up fee will be donated to Rock the Vote. Sign up information is at www.fulcrumfitness.com.

CITY EXPANDS E-BIKE TERRITORY

The Bureau of Transportation and Lyft have added a new fleet of pedal-assisted electric bikes to Biketown. With the support of title sponsor Nike, the Biketown service area has grown to 32 square miles with its first expansion into East Portland.

This includes the Jade District, in the vicinity of Southeast 82nd Avenue and Division Street, and portions of Lents, Powellhurst-Gilbert and the Gateway area.

The 500 new e-bikes, bright orange like the rest of the fleet, are expected to grow to 1500, according to the bureau. Riders may rent e-bikes through the Lyft app or a new Biketown app. When a rider pedals, the e-bikes use a small electric motor to boost the rider's pedal power, making longer trips easier. Riders find tips for using the e-bikes when they log in to the new app.

CLARIFICATION

The recipient of a \$10,000 grant from Kaiser Permanente was misstated in our September print edition. The money was given to Villages Northwest, a nonprofit organization that includes Northeast Village PDX.

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STREET ART ENHANCES GRANT PARK EYESORE

The Aircraft Factory building at the southeast corner of Northeast Broadway and 33rd Avenue in the Grant Park neighborhood is looking a little better, following an application of street art sponsored by the Portland Street Art Alliance.

“The upgrade in curb appeal came about in part because of a donation from the building owners and in part by volunteers organized by the Alliance,” said Tiffany Conklin, executive director of the alliance. “The hope is to discourage further vandalism and provide a canvas for local artists to make interesting art.”

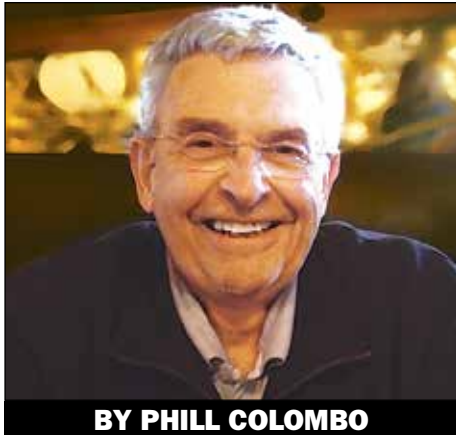
Conklin said the building was originally a production site for World War I floatplane wings. The owners of the building, Aircraft Factory LLC of Spokane, plan to restore the building and nominate it for the National Register of Historic Places. The structure had been the home of Gordon Fireplace Shop and Home Furnishings for many years.

“As with all large projects, especially those of historic nature, the restoration process requires complex coordination of government, financial and construction entities. Developers are working through design and construction plans, hoping to break ground once all moving parts are aligned,” said Conklin.

CHURCH VISION DRIVES AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN THE GULCH

Grace Memorial Episcopal Church Rector Martin Elfert’s vision for a parking lot west of church buildings at 1535 N.E. 17th Ave. in Sullivan’s Gulch had to answer the question: How can we be the best possible stewards of our resources to mutually benefit our church and our community?

On the job for five years now, Elfert



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said his vision was at first modest and simple but has since blossomed into the idea – not without some risk – of developing a space that will serve the poor, the developmentally disabled and the arts with equal dignity.

Engaging a coalition of long-time collaborators like Grace Art Camps and PHAME PDX, Elfert enlisted the talents of Northwest Housing Alternatives to develop a concept that will soon move into its fundraising stage.

Grace Art Camps provides creative arts experiences for over 1250 children annually and PHAME PDX creates performance opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The team’s proposal will include the construction of nearly 100 units of affordable housing on the upper floors of a six-story building, with about 24,000 square feet of office, church and classroom space on the ground floor. The L-shaped structure will be completely accessible. The church building, built in 1927, will remain as is.

Jenny Stadler, executive director of PHAME PDX for the past three years, is an eager participant and avid cheerleader for the project.

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Grant Park’s Aircraft Factory building was decorated with murals by volunteers for the Portland Street Art Alliance. Owners plan to renovate the building and enroll it on the National Historic Registry. (Phill Colombo)



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Carpenters and iron workers build forms for the fittings of one building while concrete for a second building dries at the corner of Northeast 51st Avenue and Fremont Street. Grove Development of Beaverton began work on the site of a former Christmas tree lot in late August. (Phill Colombo)

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“PHAME is booming by leaps and bounds, and we need more space,” she said. “I’m especially enthused about a new, accessible performance theater that will serve the entire arts community.”

Stadler said there is a huge lack of accessible performance and rehearsal space in the city.

“We’ve found in the church, landlords who are friends and who understand the equity and inclusiveness of our community,” she said. “As we grow and thrive, our organization will reach out to others in the community to help with the fundraising.”

Rector Elfert characterized the project as “... the right people descending from heaven on a cloud to move the concept out of fantasy mode.”

After conversations with Walsh Construction, Carleton Hart Architecture and capital campaign consultants, the church selected Northwest Housing Alternatives as its developer for the project.

Destin Ferdun, Northwest’s director of real estate development, said the regional agency “... is super-thrilled to come aboard.”

The development team is eyeing the fall of 2023 as a possible completion date for the project and has proposed to the city that a short portion of Northeast 16th Avenue between Weidler and Halsey streets be vacated. Tentative schedules call for Grace Arts Camps to be moved off-site for 16 months during construction.

“The main task now is getting the capital campaign back on schedule,” said Elfert.

For more information, visit www.grace-memorial.org, www.grace-institute.org, www.phamepdx.org and www.nwhousing.org.

CONSTRUCTION OF 28 APARTMENTS GETS GOING IN ROSE CITY PARK

Grove Development of Beaverton began excavation in September on part of a property where two, single-family homes built in 1925 and 1927 were razed in August.

Houses once owned by the same family at 3450 N.E. 50th Ave. and 5024 N.E. Fremont St. previously book-ended an empty lot used for annual Christmas trees sales.

The city has approved the project to build two, three-story apartment structures, connected with stairs and balcony on the corner of Northeast 50th Avenue and Fremont Street. One building will have six units and the other will have 12. By mid-September, footings for one building were complete and forms for a second building were being built.

On the property to the east, Fremont Street Project of Tualatin has plans under review for a third, three-story building proposed to be mixed-use with ground-floor retail space and 10 apartments on upper floors.

MONTAVILLA PICNIC SHELTER CONSTRUCTION ON HOLD

Originally slated to begin in the fall, construction on a new picnic structure in Montavilla Park has now been placed on a “to be determined” schedule. The old wading pool in the park will also be razed.

“The wading pool has to be removed because it does not conform to state regulations which went into effect some years back,” said Mark Ross, Parks and Recreation spokesman

The picnic structure has been fenced and is slated for demolition.

ISSUED PERMITS

In Arbor Lodge at 6814 N. Delaware Ave., Spartan Redevelopment of Sherwood secured a permit to build a new, two-story, single-family house with a single-vehicle garage on empty property.

In Eliot at 2130 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., CNS Properties of Northwest Portland has a permit to deconstruct a two-story office building and workshop. Plans are under review to build a new, two-story, 27,595-square-foot, brick

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office building with an adjacent ten-vehicle surface parking area.

In Kenton at 2010 N. Farragut St., Hayes Enterprises of Southwest Portland has been permitted to build a new, three-story single-family residence with an attached accessory dwelling unit and no garage on a vacant lot.

In Kerns at 2214 N.E. Flanders St., Dwell Development and Oleg Lupekha secured a permit to deconstruct a 974-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1924. Plans are under review to build three, new, two-story, attached townhomes with no garages.

At 1912 N.E. Couch St., David and Lisa Smith have a permit to construct a new, detached, two-story living unit without a garage. A 1749-square-foot, single-family residence has occupied the property since 1916.

In King at 1206 and 1238 N.E. Alberta St., Virtuous Developments of Vancouver, B.C., has been issued permits to deconstruct two commercial buildings built in 1913.

At 3603 N.E. Grand Ave., Modern Homes has secured a permit to deconstruct a 1391-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1900.

At 1130 N.E. Alberta St., Alberta Street Development of Seattle has been granted permission to demolish a 2480-square-foot commercial building built in 1952. Plans are under review to construct a new, five-story, mixed-



Portland Parks and Recreation has fenced off Montavilla Park's picnic structure. It will be demolished along with a park wading pool. (Portland Parks and Recreation)

use hotel building with underground parking, commercial tenant space on the first floor, second-floor gym and office spaces and hotel co-housing units on upper levels.

In Madison South at 2120 N.E. 90th Ave., Bret and Carrieann Woehlert have a permit to construct a new, two-story, single-family dwelling with a single-vehicle garage on a vacant lot.

In Montavilla at 8014 S.E. Madison St., Capital Builders has permission to build a new, two-story, single-family house with a single-vehicle garage on a vacant lot.

At 1430 N.E. 72nd Ave., L. Scott Harger has been issued a permit to construct a new, three-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle garage on a vacant lot.

At 342 N.E. 78th Ave., Capital Estates of

Vancouver, Wash., has permission to build a new, two-story, single-family dwelling with no garage and an attached accessory dwelling unit.

In Overlook at 6325 N. Interstate Ave., Fairfield Killingsworth of San Diego has been given a permit to construct on vacant property a new, seven-story, mixed-use building with underground parking, bike parking, retail on the ground floor and 140 apartments on the upper six levels.

At 1525 N. Humboldt St., Reid Benson has permission to deconstruct a 1385-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1907. Plans are being reviewed to build a new, four-story, 16-unit apartment building.

In Piedmont at 7675 N. Albina Ave., FX Homes of Sandy secured permission to deconstruct a 1211-square-foot, single-

family residence built in 1949. Plans are under review to construct two, new, single-family homes with attached garages.

At 617 N. Lombard St., Provision Investment of Vancouver, Wash., has been issued a permit to build on a vacant lot a new, two-story, single-family residence with an attached accessory dwelling unit and no garage.

In Roseway at 4420 N.E. 65th Ave., Portland Houseworks of Southwest Portland has permission to build a new, two-story, single-family residence with no garage and a new, two-story accessory dwelling unit with no garage.

At 3342 N.E. 77th Ave., Rubix Property Solutions of Hillsboro has been granted permission to build a new, two-story, single-family dwelling with a single-vehicle garage. Last January, deconstruction was approved of a 516-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1914.

In Sabin at 1510 N.E. Fremont St., the Robert P. Ambes Trust has been issued a permit to build a new, three-story duplex with finished basement and two, new, single-vehicle garages on an empty lot.

In Woodlawn at 1315 N.E. Liberty St., Michael and Marie Walker have a permit to demolish a one-story, 1016-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1967. Plans are under review to construct a new, two-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle garage.



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Board Chair Kathy Vos loves her birds and their crazy personalities. Her cockatoos are very smart. They can dance and talk. One can disassemble his cage and will then go on to free her other birds.

"These birds are smart and need mental stimulation, like toys and shreddable



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objects to stay healthy and avoid behavioral issues" Vos said. "Leaving a smart bird alone all day in a room is neglectful. They need companionship and a buddy bird is recommended."

Some species, like cockatoos, can be demanding.

A healthy diet is critical. Nutritional

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One of the greatest dangers to kept birds is toxic odors from items that we use every day. Using Teflon or silicone when cooking will emit fumes that can kill birds immediately. Another danger is various cleaning fluids, scented candles and air fresheners.

Exotic birds are companionable, colorful and make wonderful pets for families who are ready to cope with their unique personalities and needs. If you think an exotic bird is in your future, more information can be found at the Exotic Bird Rescue of Oregon website: www.rescuebird.com. All potential adopters will need to take the organization's online bird-care classes. Even those who currently have birds can learn new information by taking these free classes.



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ROSEWATER TATTOO SHOP

People get body tattoos for many reasons. My daughter got three trees on the back of her calf to remind her of Portland. If I ever got a tattoo it would be probably be to add form or color to my eyebrows or lips. I was mesmerized by the work of Nikki Rice and how she's able to shape eyebrows and color lips customized for each client. You can check out the amazing work of all of



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Thanks, neighbors, for reading. If you have a favorite neighborhood business, or know of a kind resident making a positive difference in our community, let's celebrate them together! Send information to barbhughes@star-news.info



Sativa Leigh at Hair Design East. (Barb Hughes)



Dr. Amelia Schildmeyer at Somatic Clinic (Barb Hughes)



Staff at Rosewater Tattoo shop. (Rosewater Tattoo Shop)



Savannah and Joe at Pets on Broadway (Barb Hughes)



Laura May and Larry McCoy at Portland Music Company. (Barb Hughes)



Landon Lynch and Maddy at AT&T Store. (Barb Hughes)

★ STAR FEATURE

Rose City Futsal team responds to wildfire crisis

By Nancy Varekamp
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Carlee Brounstein and the 75 full- and part-time employees of Rose City Futsal have experienced challenging times since mid-March when COVID-19 caused their furlough. So their hearts went out to fellow Oregonians challenged by the devastation of September's wildfires.

Led by general manager Brounstein, several employees volunteered to collect, sort, pack and send in excess of 60,000 new and gently-used items to wildfire evacuees.

They were joined by more volunteers – to total about 50 during the full week of the project – who devoted two 12-hour days to collect items and five to pack and ship them.

"I have to do something," Brounstein told her boss Kevin Murphy, one of Futsal's owners and its managing director. "He said 'Absolutely.'"

She wasn't surprised at Murphy's response. "Even though we're not a nonprofit, we do incredible work in the community. We host fundraisers pretty consistently."

In fact, at least four fundraisers are organized at the business annually, and employees select the beneficiaries.

The September collection event was important to Brounstein. For one thing, her hometown is Phoenix, Oregon, where the Alameda Drive fire left a wide swath of ashes, along with the neighboring city of Talent. Her family was evacuated and the fire came within a few blocks of their home.

"It's our responsibility as Oregonians to help each other," she said.



Carlee Brounstein, Rose City Futsal general manager, is flanked by husband Aaron Brounstein and sister Hallie Storey loading trucks destined for wildfire evacuation centers in Marion, Linn and Jackson counties. (Nancy Varekamp)

Brounstein and a core of the employees announced collection plans on social media and emailed the company's database. They used the Rose City Futsal building and parking lot, bordered by I-84 on northeast Oregon Street.

No financial donations were requested because, "It's a tremendously hard time for people right now," she said.

Little did anyone expect the fires that prompted the collection effort would make it difficult on September 13 and 14. That's when Portland was to have the worst air quality among 50 major cities across the globe.

Volunteers who unloaded donations from cars, vans and pick-ups wore N95 masks or filtered ones and rotated between outdoor and indoor duties.

"People really showed up – family, our players, children and neighborhood folks," Brounstein said. "Everybody was feeling incredibly helpless. That's what spurred the event in the first place and it allowed people to have an outlet to be helpful."

Brounstein admitted to tearing up. Three generations of employees, friends, families and other volunteers pitched in.

"Seeing people so happy to be able to do something ... it was an outpouring of

love for our community," she said. "We really need that right now. It has not only been an incredible team effort, it's been like a family affair. It's been neat to be near people who care so much."

Response to the supply drive not only surprised the general manager and others. It overwhelmed them.

"To say we were inundated doesn't quite cover it," she said.

Nearly three hours into the first day's four-hour collection, she and her team had to begin turning away donations of clothing and bedding. That was necessary to balance the capacity of the Futsal building and volunteers with the needs of the shelters.

"We simply could not continue to prioritize them over items evacuees needed more," she said. So collections were then limited to masks, hygiene and cleaning products, camping gear, water and nonperishable foods, baby items, and supplies for animals.

Just as contributors and volunteers showed up in droves, so did opportunities to transport the items to evacuees in shelters.

Brounstein had planned to crowdsourcing funds to rent trucks for delivering the items. However, Mason Evans, another of Rose City Futsal's owners, provided trucks and drivers from his construction company, JH Kelley.

By the time the final load left Portland on September 19, Brounstein was tired but gratified. Would she ever spearhead an effort like this again?

"I wouldn't hesitate," she said.



About 60 volunteers altogether were tireless in the effort to send necessities to wildfire evacuees in Marion, Linn and Jackson counties. (Carlee Brounstein)




The generosity of Portlanders overwhelmed Rose City Futsal employees, families, friends and other volunteers. About 60,000 items were collected and sent to wildfire evacuation shelters. (Carlee Brounstein)



Trucks and drivers were donated by JH Kelley to carry seven loads to wildfire evacuees. Items ranged from clothing to nonperishable foods and camping gear to masks, hygiene and cleaning products. (Carlee Brounstein)

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★ STAR FEATURE

New plants rooted at McCoy memorial on MLK

By Janet Goetze
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Fall into winter is planting time in local gardens, and the Gladys McCoy Memorial, on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at Knott Street, is among the sites that will have new plants to produce greenery and blooms in warmer seasons.

In addition, a crew from Mossy Tree Care will remove storm damage and trim limbs, shrubs and a hedge at the memorial for the first Black woman elected to public office in Oregon.

A team of volunteers has been rejuvenating the memorial oasis since summer when Kate Thompson, a retired nurse, took a close look at the low brick wall with a memorial plaque at the back of the garden.

She gathered volunteers, dubbed Gladys' Garden Gnomes, to remove most of the weeds, although some remain. Employees of the Nike Community Store across the street also form weekend crews to do clean-up work.

Thompson called for an estimate on tree trimming from Mossy Tree Care, which has done work in her own yard on Northeast 11th Avenue. When owners James Unger and Andy Brown learned about the community interest in the memorial garden, they decided to donate their work.

In October, Mossy arborists expect to remove a big limb torn from a sweet gum tree in an early September wind storm. Tall dogwoods, with red fruit that attracts birds, will be trimmed. The hedge at the back of the garden will be reshaped.

"We can make some corrective cuts,"



Noah Taylor, left, of Mossy Tree Care, and John Barker, a volunteer, confer about tree trimming and rejuvenating the Gladys McCoy Memorial on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. (Janet Goetze)

Noah Taylor, a Mossy employee, said of the hedge as he made notes of the work to be done. A goal will be to encourage better growth of the hedge growing behind the wall's memorial plaque.

The tree company also will cut back a line of laurel shrubs that have volunteered at the front of the garden, beside the sidewalk. The "gnomes" continue weeding. Tamara Boyd and Jeff Strang dug up masses of quack grass, an invasive plant that sends roots deep into the soil.

John Barker, a retired architect with a passion for gardening, is another gnome who reshaped the rose bushes planted

about 25 years ago. Barker is working with a local nursery to select drought-tolerant plants that will bring new color to the garden in the spring and summer. He hopes to start planting in coming months.

Leonna Hardiway, the manager of the Nike store, told Thompson in an email why her crew members – most of them from the neighborhood – joined in the garden work.

"You only have to be human to see the love, appreciation and respect Gladys has within this community," she said.

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A rosebush, planted about 25 years ago, continues to bloom with pink blossoms. Venerable Booker, founder of one of the Northwest's first Black-owned banks, established the memorial to Gladys McCoy. (Janet Goetze)

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Mary McCoy, one of the children of Gladys and Bill McCoy – Bill McCoy was the first Black man elected to the state legislature – also sent Thompson an email.

“On behalf of the McCoy family, we thank you, Jeff Strang, Tamara Boyd and John Barker (aka Gladys’ Garden Gnomes) for your thoughtfulness in beautifying our mother’s memorial,” she said.

Thompson took her first close look at the memorial garden after the May death of George Floyd in Minneapolis. For many years she had walked by the garden on her three-mile walk to work at Good Samaritan Hospital. After she followed the curving walkway into the garden and read the plaque listing Gladys McCoy’s achievements, Thompson saw a project to undertake. She didn’t feel inclined to join the downtown marches for equity and justice. Instead, as an experienced gardener, she felt better suited to

rejuvenating the memorial to Oregon’s first Black elected official.

Gladys McCoy was elected to the Portland Public Schools board in 1970. She went on to become the state’s first ombudsman in 1976. She served as a Multnomah County commissioner from 1979-1984. In 1987 she was elected county chair, serving until 1993 when she died of thyroid cancer.

The memorial garden was a project of Venable Booker, a McCoy friend. In 1969, Booker started the American State Bank, one of the first Black-owned banks in the Northwest. The bank was on the property next to the memorial.

Booker died in 2005 and a family company retained the memorial property after selling the former bank building and land. Thompson contacted the family’s lawyer, who expressed approval for neighbors to begin caring for the memorial.



Kate Thompson pulls weeds at the Gladys McCoy Memorial. She and volunteers, dubbed ‘Gladys’ Garden Gnomes,’ are rejuvenating the garden where new plantings are planned in coming months. (Janet Goetze)

★ STAR PHOTO OF THE MONTH



BACK TO SCHOOL Five-year-old Everly Clampitt meets Spanish-immersion kindergarten teacher Mario Interian during her first kindergarten assessment at Scott Elementary School in the Roseway neighborhood. Clampitt’s parents are Cully neighbors Erik Clampitt, a musician and graphic designer, and Amanda Haworth, a realtor at Living Room Realty. Due to pandemic restrictions, Portland Public Schools will begin this year offering all classes – including kindergarten – with online instruction only. (Amanda Haworth)



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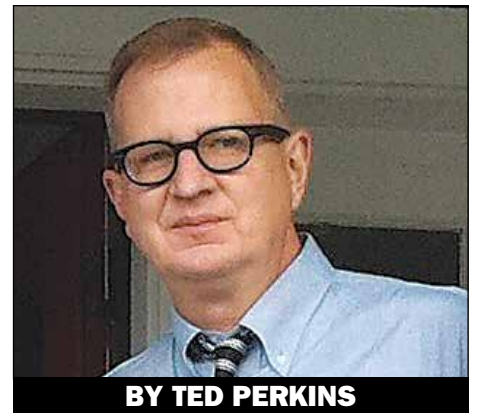
COOPERATIVE ART GALLERY STARTS HANGING IN BEAUMONT VILLAGE

Artistic Portland Gallery – an art cooperative with 25 member owners – has opened a new gallery space at 4110 N.E. Fremont St. in the Beaumont neighborhood's Dutch Village building. The space had previously been home to Liz Page's Amenity Shoes.

"We opened August 1 and our grand opening week will be October 8 through 11," said Marketing Coordinator Jen Cook-Chrysos. "We will have prizes, art giveaways and activities. Artistic Portland began in 2013 in a member's kitchen. It was composed of local artists who wanted to have a retail shop to sell their art. In June 2013 Artistic Portland opened at Northeast Sandy and 41st, a block from the Hollywood Theater. After a couple of years, we decided to expand our space downtown on Southwest Third and Taylor – the former Looking Glass Bookstore. We flourished for four years. When COVID hit, downtown became unsustainable for the artists. After the members voted to move, we found this wonderful spot in this friendly and beautiful neighborhood. And here we are."

The artists took about a month to get the space ready, doing most of the work themselves. They removed a back wall to increase floor display area, modified the lighting, built display structures and re-painted the gallery a subtle white to highlight artwork.

"We have paintings, drawings,



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photography, felted scarves, paper art, fine jewelry, glass art, ceramics, metal sculpture, up-cycled art and small gifts – such as prints, cards, journals, felted animals and other items," said Cook-Chrysos. "Visitors and nearby businesses have been kind and welcoming, since we add a unique local element to this beautiful area. We love the neighborhood and are looking forward to becoming part of the community."

"Come to the gallery October 8 through 11," said Cook-Chrysos. "We will be having door prizes, artist demos, hands on activities and a huge art giveaway. To enter the giveaway, come to the gallery during the grand opening to put your name in for the artwork of your choosing. Twelve to 15 works of art have been donated. Drawing will be October 11 at 4:00 p.m. You don't need to be present to win."

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Shelly Durica-Laiche from Indio Metal Arts is one of 25 member owners who have opened a new gallery space, Artistic Portland Gallery, in the Beaumont neighborhood's Dutch Village building. (Jane Perkins)

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VIVA 50! RETURNS WITH ONLINE FASHION SHOW FROM STEFANA SARDO'S CHE FIGATA!

Stefana Sardo, founder of Che Figata!, is an Italian-American who is passionate about all things Italian: food, family and – especially – older people. From the time she was a little girl, Stefana savored listening to the stories of her elderly relatives, enjoying their characters and personalities. There was always so much emerging from their faces, their expressions and the forthrightness of their words that struck Sardo as “Che Figata!” (Che Figata! is Italian slang for “How Awesome!”)

Sardo has now dedicated more than three decades to managing and coordinating opportunities and support services for



Che Figata! will launch a virtual fashion show for people over 50, Viva 50!, October 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (Claudia J. Howell)

people over 50, including mixers, events and fashion shows through Che Figata!

“We are now a society with more people over 60 than under 18,” she said. “Whether or not we are truly living longer than our ancestors, we are nonetheless changing

the way we view and live our later years.”

Sardo is still awestruck in the presence of people who are older than her – though she says the gap is rapidly closing.

“It is that feeling of awe that propelled me to jump on a train with only one

destination,” she said. “To change perceptions of aging in the most passionate way I know, through distinctive art, cultural activities and events that passionately convey our lives in a cool way, in an awesome way and in our way.”

Sardo had planned to hold her second annual Che Figata! Viva 50! Fashion event at Lloyd Center this year, but COVID regulations led to a postponement. Now, she’s pivoted to launch a virtual fashion show that will be held online October 8 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

“Viva 50! returns,” she said. “And all are invited to join the fun safely from home.”

If you are interested in attending the free virtual event, email chefigata50plus@gmail.com and Sardo will send you a link.

For more information, call 503-789-3573 or visit www.chefigata50.com. – Barb Hughes



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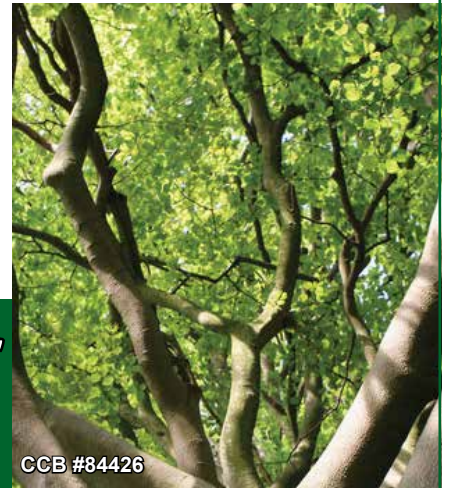
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