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PLAN FOR GRANT SOFTBALL FIELD TO GET CITY HEARING

A plan to improve Grant High School's upper fields is expected to have a city land-use hearing in January, although a specific date hasn't been set, said David Mayne, a spokesman for Portland Public Schools modernization projects.

The field configurations were outlined in an online presentation on September 30 with project designers from Bora Architects. The plan includes a regulation softball field on a turf field by the school at 2245 N.E. 36th Ave. A goal of the project is to provide space for women's softball, which has been played at Wilshire Park in recent years.

For both softball and baseball games, the upper field would have lights to extend play and provide safety for students and community members using the facility. The LED lights would be



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"night sky" compliant to shine only on the field, the designers said. Fencing, and landscaping are also part of the plan.

The land-use hearing is necessary because the property ownership is split between the school district and the Portland Parks



An alternate master plan for Grant High School's upper fields has been proposed in two phases. (Bora Architects)

and Recreation Bureau, so the site has two different land-use designations.

The upper fields plan is the result of several years of planning for sports activities at Grant, which has limited field space. It is the only 6A school in the state that can't host home games because of a lack of lighting.

Some Grant sports use the Grant Park Bowl next door, which belongs to the Park Bureau. Early high school improvement planning included the Grant Bowl, but funding isn't available for that site. The Upper Fields Project is being funded out of the 2012 School Building Improvement Bond. To see plans, Google: "Grant athletics upper fields project." Information is available by emailing schoolmodernization@pps.net or calling 503-916-2222.

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ALLIANCE PLANS WORK TO INCREASE HOUSING

The Interfaith Alliance on Poverty will be working with other organizations to increase alternative shelters and villages “to ensure a safe and decent place for everyone to rest, secure their belongings and find community.”

The alliance of 14 faith congregations, already working with 15 allies in the Metro area, agreed at its October meeting to develop an advocacy strategy and messages for dealing with issues around homelessness and low-cost housing.

The plan includes making recommendations on Portland's Shelter to Housing Continuum and related zoning code proposals that were released for discussion in October by the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Group representatives also plan to contact Multnomah County and Metro regional government officials about land-use and other plans that affect housing. The October meeting may be viewed at bit.ly/pdxshelterforum-youtube.

The alliance took steps after hearing a virtual presentation by two representatives of Seattle's Low Income Housing Institute, which has 60 properties in five Washington counties. The institute works with city governments to create tiny house villages, alternative shelters and “urban rest stops” which include toilets, showers and laundry facilities. The institute's website is www.lihi.org.

Representatives Andrew Constantino and Bradford Gerber said their tiny villages include resident managers and counselors who may work with residents on substance abuse and other issues. The pair said the self-governing villages provide a sense of community for residents, which is important as they move from the streets toward stable housing.

RESTAURANTS, SHOPS MAY SERVE CUSTOMERS OUTSIDE THIS WINTER

Restaurants and shops may apply for free winter permits to use sidewalk or street space for serving customers from November through March 31, 2021. This follows a program started in May when 700 businesses received permits that expired November 1.

Businesses have a one-stop permit application process for the Winter Healthy Businesses Program, administered by the Bureau of Transportation. The program is intended to provide physical distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic. Information

is available at www.safestreetspdx.

“With the COVID-19 pandemic, outdoor public space provides a crucial venue for businesses that want to reopen, while ensuring the safety of their employees and customers,” said Chris Warner, transportation bureau director. “We encourage Portlanders to support these businesses and work with us to provide safe operations this winter.”

The bureau will continue to gather comments from businesses and community members through the winter before deciding whether to extend the program beyond March. The bureau will also continue to evaluate the potential as a permanent program.

RESIDENTS EYE CHANGES IN HISTORIC DISTRICTS

Residents of Portland's historic and conservation districts are following action the city may take on proposals for residential code changes that could affect district boundaries, permitted businesses and types of infill housing.

The Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission was scheduled to hear public comment October 27 on a 212-page document outlining the proposals.

Jared Morris, of the Irvington Historic District, said in a NextDoor post that the proposals are “so consequential to historic districts that it would change what you love about living, working or strolling through Irvington.”

The proposals could have some positive impacts, he suggested, including increased flexibility for seismic retrofitting and radon mitigation, greater flexibility for installing solar panels and the opportunity for public comment on a structure replacing a historic house or garage demolished under proper review.

EDUCATION IS GOAL FOR ENDING RACISM

An organization examining ways to end racism through social justice has been distributing pamphlets and planning for educational programs relating to housing, gentrification and displacement in the city.

Organizers of the group, People for Mutual Education or P4ME, are planning a series of events in coming months featuring Black leaders, thinkers and other people of color, said Michael Bernard Stevenson Jr., a co-founder.

Stevenson, who recently completed his Master of Fine Arts degree at Portland State University, said many windows and lawns display Black Lives Matter signs

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in Portland. Yet, he's concerned that the residents don't have a deeper awareness of decisions and procedures that have led to anti-Black outcomes.

"The pamphlets are a starter of information," said Julia Dancis, another P4ME organizer. As more information and ideas are exchanged, she said, policy can develop. Educational events are expected in early 2021.

LLOYD CENTER OFFERS BLOOD DRIVE SPACES

Lloyd Center has provided space for the American Red Cross to schedule blood donor appointments in recent months as the usual donation sites, including schools and many businesses, have closed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The 24 donation drives at Lloyd Center have resulted in the collection of 620 units of blood since March, which is more than ever before, said Steve Wilkinson, Red Cross account manager.

"Being able to work with the community and utilize the mall to provide a crucial service during this crisis is so important to Lloyd Center," said General Manager Allie Stewart. The Red Cross has been working with Lloyd Center and other locations to provide a clean and safe experience for donors, Wilkinson said. Donors and staff wear face coverings, have temperatures checked and practice social distancing. Appointments are required and may be made at www.redcrossblood.org.

OREGON WALKS LEADER TO MOVE TO HAWAII

Jess Thompson, executive director of Oregon Walks, is leaving the non-profit organization to become executive director of PATH, a biking and walking advocacy organization in Hawaii.

He will stay with the Oregon organization on a part time basis until a new executive director is in place. That's likely to be at the end of January 2021.

Oregon Walks formed in 1991 as the Willamette Pedestrian Coalition to promote walking and make conditions for walking safe, convenient and attractive in the metropolitan area. The name became Oregon Walks in 2012.

During Thompson's tenure, Oregon Walks has shifted focus to center on racial equity work and responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by providing walking kits to agency partners to serve historically underserved communities.

Thompson served on a number of transportation committees as the organization co-hosted the first

Sunday Parkways walking-only section, celebrating Portland's Black communities.

TRANSITION SCHOOL FOR HOUSELESS FAMILIES SEEKS DONATIONS

The Community Transitional School, which has provided education since 1990 for children whose families are without permanent housing, is accepting donations while it continues distance-learning instruction.

In a letter to parents earlier this year, the independent school outlined plans to provide delivery and pick-up of school work and meals while following community health metrics and public health and equity protocols.

The school has classes for children in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Before the COVID-19 pandemic ended in-class sessions, the school provided daily meals and transportation to its building at 6601 N.E. Killingsworth St. Information about the school and donations can be found at www.transitionalschool.org.

ALBERTA ROSE SETS MORE STREAMED SHOWS

The Alberta Rose Theatre is offering a series of live-streamed shows to support local musicians as well as the historic theater at 3000 N.E. Alberta St. Some studio audience tickets are available under social distance and mask guidelines.

Outer Orbit, a funk-soul collective led by Galen Clark with vocalist Sarah Clarke, will perform at 7 p.m. November 5. Tickets for live-stream are \$20 each. Studio audience tickets, with access to the archived show on demand, are \$40 each.

Red Bird, a combination of R&B and roots music, will perform at 7 p.m. November 8. Tickets are \$20 each for live-stream and \$40 for studio audience.

A schedule of up-coming shows and ticket information is available at www.albertarosetheatre.com. Information also is at 503-719-6055 or house@albertarosetheatre.com.

HOLLYWOOD LIONS SEEK DONATED FOOD, GLASSES

The Hollywood Lions Club is conducting its sixth-annual food drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. November 7 at the Hollywood Grocery Outlet, 4420 N.E. Hancock St. The Lions also will accept donations of eyeglasses, cell pads and iPads at the food drive.

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YOUNG POET WINS HONOR IN ART SHOW

Belise Nishimwe challenged herself to write 10 poems each month last summer, and the exercise seems to have sharpened her skills. She won first place for 18-year-olds and younger with a poem in the “Engage In Change” community art show. The show, which was at the Alberta Art Gallery, closed as she was beginning her senior year at St. Mary’s Academy. Since then, she’s turned 19, too.

Nishimwe, who is in Advanced Placement English and is taking a history class at Portland State University, loves to write – although school assignments usually don’t require poetry, she said. She also loves government studies and international affairs. As a second grader, she said, she showed her interest in governing by seeking greater school equity in a letter sent to her principal at Holy Redeemer School.

Nishimwe, who has four sisters and three brothers, arrived in Portland at age 5. Her family originally was from Burundi, a land-locked country in Central East Africa. Her parents fled the country’s civil unrest and Nishimwe was born in a Tanzanian refugee camp. The Holy Redeemer parish assisted the family in settling in Portland through a Catholic Charities program.

“It was definitely exciting,” she said, to win the award for her poem in the art show. She recognizes that some of her experiences as a refugee from Africa are different from those of many African Americans, but she is recognized as a Black woman in America. “I hope the poem speaks to the Black community’s resilience,” she said.

Titled “It Takes Villages to Raise a Child,” the poem presents contrasting experiences. These are the final stanzas:

“In my neighborhood there is a resounding silence / Of peace / With hatchlings nesting between their parents’ arms / And roads retouched / Swings left in pristine condition / Swinging a symphony / Of pride to be American / Where they know they are free / A tune sung / Of home / sweet home.”

“In my neighborhood there is a resounding silence / Of homes torn apart and hatchlings, yet again, ripped / From their mother’s womb, / seen not one good in the world / Only of roads blocked / Swings locked / Away / Of guns cocked / And education systems locked.”

YOUNG THESPIANS BACK FUNDING FOR ARTS

Oregon Children’s Theatre, 1939 N.E. Sandy Blvd., has joined a coalition of youth arts organizations around the country to launch #ArtsAreMySuperpower, a nationwide letter writing effort to urge Congress to support the DAWN Act (Defend Arts Workers Now).

The proposal would be a comprehensive arts relief package. Supporters say the country’s arts and culture sector offers a \$877 billion value-added-contribution to the national economy, which is 4.5 percent of gross domestic product, and employs 5.1 million arts workers.

“We are fortunate in Oregon to have two senators that strongly support small businesses and arts organizations during the COVID-19 pandemic and beyond,” said Michael Hammerstrom, marketing and development director for Oregon Children’s Theatre. “However, we know that’s not enough, in the current makeup of the senate, for the arts to stay alive. By having children and youth reach out directly, the collective impact across the country may be the thing that’s needed to sway the majority in our direction.”

CLASSES, LAP SWIMS OPEN AT COMMUNITY CENTER

The Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave., has opened its pool for private and semi-private swimming lessons and pod classes, which include three to six students who elect to meet together. Members also may sign up for lap swim times.

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**DESIGN COMMISSION
GREEN LIGHTS TWO OREGON
SQUARE OFFICE BUILDINGS**

Portland's design commissioners were unanimous in their early October approval of two midrise office buildings in the Lloyd District's Oregon Square. Located at 827 N.E. Oregon St., the new buildings are expected to increase Lloyd District office space by up to 593,000 square feet.

GBD Architects designed the pair of buildings to sit on the southern half of what is now known as the Oregon Square superblock. The building on the east would be up to seven stories, while the west side structure would rise as many as nine stories. Both buildings would straddle a below-level garage with 246 spaces to be entered from Northeast Ninth Avenue and Oregon Street.

The proposal includes a private Pacific Street to be rebuilt, without curbs, through the square. A pedestrian and bicycle path would run between the buildings, connecting Hassalo Street on Eighth Avenue. Exactly how much additional office space the project will add depends on which design American Assets Trust selects as final.



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**FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR
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Up to \$8.6 million is available for green jobs, healthy homes and community energy from the city's Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund. The fund is accepting proposals for addressing climate change and advancing racial and social justice until midnight on November 16. The fund is the result of a 2018 ballot initiative to reshape climate action, build capacity

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Twin buildings are proposed to occupy the southern half of Lloyd District's Oregon Square superblock. The buildings will share a 246-space parking garage. (GBD Architects)

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HOLLADAY PARK PLAZA IMPROVEMENTS BLOCK GULCH SIDEWALKS

Turner Construction's dumpster enclosure and electrical improvements for Holladay Park Plaza have necessitated sidewalk closures at the corner of Northeast Clackamas Street and 17th Avenue through the end of January, 2021. A temporary path along the fence is opened nightly and during weekends.

Northeast Clackamas Street at 17th Avenue periodically will be closed to through traffic during weekdays through



A new mural by artist Limei Lai adorns the exterior wall of Open Signal. (Open Signal)

November, but the road will re-open nightly and on weekends. In addition, Turner anticipates the water bureau will be closing the street periodically. Site work periodically generating noise is also anticipated between 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. in accordance with city regulations during construction.

OPEN SIGNAL PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR EMERGING ARTISTS OF COLOR

In late September, artist Limei Lai put the finishing touches on a new mural on the exterior wall of Open Signal at 2766 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. The endeavor is the seventh mural to adorn the non-profit's exterior as part of the its Fresh Paint project, a partnership between Open

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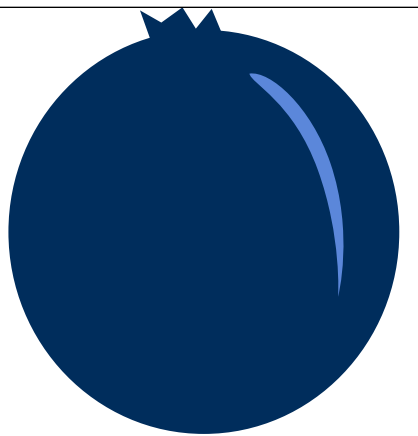


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Signal and the Regional Arts and Culture Council. Through it, emerging artists of color are given the opportunity to paint a public mural in a high traffic setting for the first time, exploring new ways of creating art for public spaces and building professional portfolios.

Titled "Together," the new mural depicts three generations of women.

"The world is extremely beautiful and fun in the kid's eyes," said Lai. "It is a complex chaos in the woman's eyes. It is where the loved ones live in grandma's eyes. The present and the past, the here and there, we are all in this world together, weeping and smiling and hugging, celebrating women's lives and the world community."

Lai, born in China and now based in Portland, is working on a bachelor's degree at the Pacific Northwest College of Art. As her work is informed by immigrant experiences and Chinese roots, Lai believes art not only evokes issues and problems in society but also celebrates the world's beauty in its entirety.

PERMITS ISSUED

In Arbor Lodge at 7126 N. Omaha Ave., 7122 Omaha of Corvallis has a permit to construct a new, three-story, single family home with an accessory dwelling unit and single-vehicle garage on an empty lot.

At 7150 N. Greenwich Ave., Thuy Ngoc Wang has a permit to deconstruct a 1864-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1940. Plans are under

review to build a new, three-story, 18-unit apartment building.

In Beaumont-Wilshire at 3526 N.E. Fremont St., Exceptional Homes by Andre of Lake Oswego has secured permits to deconstruct a 3024-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1919. Plans are under review to build a new, two-story, single family home with an attached garage.

In Concordia at 3575 N.E. Holman St., Brandy and Adiam Mehretab have a permit to demolish a 915-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1950. An application is under review to construct a new, three-story, single-family residence with an attached garage.

At 3778 and 3820 N.E. Roselawn St., Tucker Northwest of Bend has secured permits to build two, new, two-story, single-family homes with single-vehicle garages. A 1440-square-foot, single-family residence has occupied the property since 1927.

At 2425 N.E. Alberta St., Modern Properties Alberta has a permit to deconstruct a 1674-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1914. Plans are under review to build a new, four-story, mixed-use build with commercial spaces on the ground floor and 29 apartment units on upper levels.

At 4932 and 4940 N.E. 33rd Ave., DK Homes LLC of Northwest Portland has permits to build two, new, three-story, single-family homes with single-vehicle

garages on vacant property.

In Kenton at 3507 N. Willis Blvd., Kimco Properties, Ltd., of Sandy has permission to build two attached town homes with single-vehicle garages on empty lots.

In King at 4066 N.E. Sixth Ave., Renaissance Custom Homes of Lake Oswego has been permitted to deconstruct a 1782-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1901. The city is reviewing plans to build two, new, two-story, single-family dwellings, each with new, two-vehicle garages.

In Montavilla at 285 S.E. 90th Ave., Scott Harger has secured a permit to build a new, three-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle garage on a vacant lot.

At 2366 S.E. 82nd Ave., CSS Properties of Medford has permission to deconstruct a 2724-square-foot restaurant built in 1934. Plans are under review on adjoining south property to build a new, 16,130-square-foot retail building shell ready for additional tenant improvements for future commercial use.

In North Tabor at 6375 and 6383 N.E. Pacific St., Chalet Homes of Southeast Portland has been issued permits to build two, new, two-story, single-family residences with attached garages. A permit was issued in September to deconstruct the 588-square-foot, single-family home on the property since 1917.

In Overlook at 5834 N. Greeley Ave., the Jacobsen Family Trust of Lake Oswego has permission to deconstruct an 830-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1932. Plans are under review to build a new, three-story, 18-unit apartment building.

In Piedmont at 304 N.E. Dekum St., Dekum Properties has secured a permit to demolish a 2280-square-foot triplex built in 1967. Plans are under review to construct a new, four-story, 39-unit apartment building.

In Roseway at 3342 N.E. 77th Ave., Wilde Properties has a permit to construct a new, two-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle garage on a vacant lot.

In Rose City Park at 3285 N.E. 50th Ave., Kenneth and Holly Kondziela have a permit to construct a new, three-story duplex with two, single-vehicle garages. Permission was granted last May to deconstruct a 1100-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1922.

In Vernon at 5309 N.E. 14th Place, Property Cousins of Vancouver, Wash., secured permits to construct six, new, two-story, attached townhouses on vacant property.

In Woodlawn at 1315 N.E. Liberty St., Michael and Marie Walker have a permit to build a new, two-story, single-family home with a single-vehicle garage. A permit was issued in August to demolish a 1016-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1967. ★

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Humane Society unit works to reduce abuse, neglect

Since 1868, the Oregon Humane Society has worked to protect animals and give them a voice. Initially, the society received its authority from the governor's office. In 2015, investigators became "Humane Special Agents" and began receiving their authority directly from the state police – which created stability for the unit.

Today three investigators respond to over 100 calls per week and prosecute about 1000 cases a year, involving pets and livestock. While most of the calls are from the metro area, agents have authority throughout the state. In some instances, a complaint is resolved through education and temporary help provided to owners. Occasionally, it is necessary to seize animals for their protection. If owners are found guilty, animals are rehabilitated and offered for adoption through the society.

Chris Allori became Chief Humane Special Agent this past April. Allori has been on the police force for 25 years, working with the Department of Fish and Wildlife for much of that time. He cites his love of animals – domestic and wild – as a motivator for his work. Education is an important element in the unit's work and to help during the pandemic, Allori created a training video for use in schools. Young readers interested in a career as a special agent are advised to apply to the police academy. Volunteering at the humane society



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could be another helpful step.

While Oregon's animal protection laws are good, more needs to be done. Sharon Harmon, CEO of Oregon Humane Society, would like to see laws prohibiting owners from carrying dogs in the back of open pickup trucks. It is often said that a culture is defined by how it treats its most vulnerable members. Chris and the OHS Special Agents are champions for the most vulnerable in our community. While they receive their authority from the state police, they are employees of by Oregon Humane Society. Your contributions fund their important work.

To report abuse or neglect, visit www.oregonhumane.org/report-cruelty. To view Special Agent Chris Allori's training video, visit www.youtu.be/7vdxehiLt1Y.



Dixie, above, was rescued from a hoarding situation where she lived in neglect and filth – chained to a tree. She survived, but others did not. Dixie now has a happy life and roams her own backyard with her new mom. (OHS)

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★ STAR STREETWISE

SUSTAINING IN SABIN

This November, Sabin neighborhood small businesses are finding creative ways to bring their goods and services to celebrate and support our community. Stop by and enjoy their fall ambiance and products. Since all these stores now have online options, you can take a look at their goodies from the comfort of your couch as well.

ROSE CITY BOOK PUB

Rose City Book Pub brings together everything we enjoy – books, drinks, music, art and community. Open from 12 noon to 10 p.m. daily, you can enjoy salads, pasta, sandwiches, appetizer plates, a kids menu, desserts and more – in house or take out. November is cider weather – growlers on tap include Cider Boys Peach and Avid Apple Starburst Cider as well as ales, stouts, IPAs and wines. You can also warm up with hot cocoa or tea or cool down with soda or a Humm Kombucha Strawberry Lemonade.

Owner and Book Publican Elise Schumock has created a safe environment during COVID and for after COVID is over. If you want to safely enjoy time at the pub, choose from seven indoor tables, five tables on the back patio or two seating areas on the sidewalk all spaced six feet apart. Employees wear masks, sanitize often and have six-foot ground markers for safety.

If you choose to stay home, Rose City Book Pub can still be a part of your social life. You can order food and drink and attend a Virtual Trivia night every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. You can also enjoy a live music stream, featuring local music every



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time to relax with a brew and a book. The current tap list, menu and online virtual socials are listed on the website. Take out is available for growlers, food and books too.

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GARDEN FEVER

With fall in full swing, it's time to decorate with indoor plants, as well as prepare your garden for fall and winter. Open Wednesday through Sunday 10am-5pm, Garden Fever is a neighborhood nursery where novice and expert gardeners can find good plants, tools, dirt, and helpful advice on sustainable gardening practices.

You'll find instore, outside, and online plant selections. Garden Fever has pots, outdoor rugs, trellises, soil products (including organic), gardening supplies, seeds, and a huge assortment of amazing puzzles. With more time spent indoors, it's time to stock up on house plants to clean and freshen your air – the staff can give suggestions on which varieties would be right for your space.

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ADDRESS: 3433 N.E. 24th Ave. **EMAIL:** info@gardenfever.com **WEBSITE:** www.gardenfever.com **DON'T MISS:** The amazing puzzle wall! Also, sign up for email notifications for holiday gifts for gardeners. **GIVING BACK:** Check out the 'Benefit Grab Bag' in December supporting Growing Gardens, a local non-profit.

GINGER SALON NORTHEAST

Ginger Salon owner and founder, Deanna Everson (a rare natural ginger) chose a name for her shop that expressed her vision of a salon where fabulous hair and great careers were the norm. As North America's first certified B Corp salon, Ginger Salon is where Vidal Sassoon-trained stylists can make a living, care about the environment and empower people with a passion to make a difference.

Ginger Salon provides a variety of price points for haircuts, color, specialty wig design, editorial styling and more. For safety, staff get tested regularly for COVID-19, wear face masks and other protective equipment, limit people in the salon and disinfect and clean after each client. Additional protocol information is available on the website. As a B Corp salon, cut hair gets picked up by Green Circle Salon service and turned into mats to absorb spilled oil in global waters.

In-salon appointments are available for booking. Hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. at the Fremont shop. You may also book a virtual appointment and get a personalized tutorial for a self-care session, including things like trimming your own bangs or perfecting fabulous curls. Ginger Salon is making a positive difference for clients, employees, community, and the planet.

ADDRESS: 1319 N.E. Fremont St. **PHONE:** 971-267-4080 **WEBSITE:** www.gingersalon.com **DON'T MISS:** 'Silent services' from stylist Shakya for a quiet, stress-free experience. Also, with proof of ballot submission, Ginger Salon is offering clients a free traveled-sized product. **GIVING BACK:** Ginger Salon stylists have volunteered to cut hair at Rose Haven, done hair at Randolph's Children Hospital, and more.



Reegan Priest at Ginger Salon. (Sam Garcia)



Veronica Jones at Beanstalk Children's Resale Clothing Store. (Barb Hughes)

BEANSTALK CHILDREN'S RESALE CLOTHING STORE

Award-winning, family-owned children's resale store Beanstalk began in 2012 to provide neighborhood families a modern shop offering stylish, secondhand children's clothing, toys and equipment. The Fremont store selects the best quality from the community of consignors for preemie to youth size 10. Stock includes baby and kids clothing, shoes, toys, books and gear in the current season and style – with everything checked to ensure it meets current government safety standards.

Since Beanstalk "recycles" gently used products, the shop is helping the environment. Beanstalk stocks locally-sourced, artisan items in addition to locally consigned items. They get to know you and your family, so they can provide things you're looking for. Plus, Beanstalk has been the winner for four years running of the PDX Parent Pick Award.

"Every day is a good deal at Beanstalk," said owner Carmen Ripley Wilson. "But we'll have some special, fun sales on Small Business Saturday, November 28."

Beanstalk's flagship Fremont store (and their second store in Montavilla) are both currently open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays.

With our lives turned upside down due to the pandemic, Beanstalk has also launched an online location so families may conveniently shop from the safety of their own homes. Shopping with Beanstalk supports local business, as well as neighborhood consigning families.

ADDRESS: 3527 N.E. 15th Ave. **PHONE:** 503-477-7776 **WEBSITE:** www.beanstalkchildrensresale.com **DON'T MISS:** Check online store for locally made masks and accessories, as well as the latest consignments such as rain and snow gear including boots. **GIVING BACK:** Every week Beanstalk donates to local charitable organizations and families in need, including Portland Public School's Clothing Closet, Brown Hope's Black Resilience Fund and the Don't Shoot PDX Clothing Closet. If there's a local charity you feel may benefit from Beanstalk's gently used items, please let them know.



Elise Schumock at Rose City Book Pub. (Barb Hughes)



CJ at Garden Fever. (Barb Hughes)

★ STAR FEATURE

Sidewalk pantry in Madison South feeds neighbors

By Nancy Varekamp
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James and Colise Johnson have run a food bank from their front porch for 21 years. With donated materials and volunteer labor, they now have a pantry on their sidewalk. It's painted white with purple trim to match their home. (Nancy Varekamp)

"It takes a village to feed a country." That's a different variation to the adage from a woman whose variation of a food bank is different too. Colise Johnson and her husband James run a food bank from their home at 2447 N.E. 86th Ave. in the Madison South neighborhood.

For 21 years, they've served up groceries from their front porch. Now the hungry can peruse the shelves in a new, self-standing pantry on the front sidewalk. Refrigerated and frozen foods will still require a visit to the porch. Hours are 8 a.m. to dark, seven days a week. Like the food supplies, most of the pantry building materials were donated and labor was volunteered.

"We took the rest out of our pocket," Johnson said. "We do the best we can with the donations we have, and we don't want anyone to go hungry."

Johnson remembers hunger from when she was a young, single mother of two. Strangers helped her. So did family and friends. And so did Habitat for Humanity, with the house it helped her build. That's why she believes in her village concept. And that's why the Johnsons named their food bank "God Always Provides."

Surprisingly, she finds that people actually try to steal from a food bank that would give them the food. Even carts used to sort and move food supplies have been stolen. Johnson misses two of them especially, due to her cerebral palsy and epilepsy.

"I could use those with my legs," she said. Once, she prevented the theft of food

from her front porch at 3 a.m.

"I went out and asked what he was doing. I wasn't nice about it," she said. "I threw two cans of soup at him and told him to get out of here."

The man collected the cans and disappeared. She recalled one woman asking for food was dissatisfied at the selection and drove away with just one can of soup.

"They're not starving if they're going to be picky," Johnson said.

That doesn't deter Johnson from her mission.

"I don't care who I help," she said. "I will help anybody. I don't care about race, color, creed or religion. And we don't require paperwork."

One of Johnson's many happy memories from two decades of giving away food was a three-year-old who accompanied his mother.

"He asked if he could have an apple and I gave him another one," she said. "I told him to put it in one of his pockets for later. He said 'I don't have to go to bed hungry,

Mommy.' Any child that has to go hungry, it is just wrong."

Johnson has noticed a definite uptick in food need caused by the pandemic.

"We have two or three families living in one home," she said. "That's because their finances are suffering from job losses, furloughs or waiting for unemployment checks."

The pandemic also has caused a drop in donations. One sporadic source is what she calls the "back door" of grocery stores that can't claim tax deductions. That's

because Johnson's food bank doesn't have a designation from the IRS. Applications require time and attorney fees.

"If I'm going to spend money on our food bank, I would much rather spend it on food, not bureaucracy."

Most supplies come from individual donors and from other food banks. The Johnsons return the favor when they can.

This month and next, Johnson is putting out the call for holiday meal supplies, "very simple dinners. A piece of meat, potatoes, bread, gravy, a vegetable and maybe a small dessert."

Donations aren't limited to food. "We take everything Goodwill does except large furniture," she said. "There's not much we say 'no' to."

In fact, the Johnsons filled 4 large trucks with supplies for wildfire evacuees. Word of mouth sends people to the food bank. Nextdoor.com has been a helpful spot for Johnson to seek donations and inquiries for more information are welcome at j.colise@yahoo.com.

"We never take a donation for granted," she said. "We appreciate everything. It takes a village to run this food bank. My village is food angels." ★



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★ STAR FEATURE

Ariadne Garden readies for winter in Sabin

By Janet Goetze
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Flowers are still blooming around the edges of Ariadne Garden, which has closed for the winter – except for volunteers checking the grounds and the leafy greens growing beneath the tunnels of plastic that protect them.

The year's discarded stems, stalks and leaves – surrounded by orange nasturtium blossoms – slowly decompose into cold compost for enriching the soil next year. As if dozing under its cover at the back of the garden, the hot compost is breaking down other garden discards that require turning and more attention to produce a soil amendment faster than cold decomposition.

The late Kim McDodge launched the 100 x 100-foot garden in the middle of the Sabin neighborhood in the mid-1990s. She placed it in the Oregon Sustainable Agriculture Land Trust (OSALT) in 1997 to protect it from future development.

McDodge, who died in 2011, purchased the land on Northeast 11th Avenue north of Fremont Street in 1993 as a teaching and sharing garden. Her goal was to follow organic ideas that enhance the soil in order to enhance nutrients in the food grown there. She called it the "Soil Food Web."

McDodge initially designed a labyrinth for the garden and named it for Ariadne of Greek mythology, who gave a ball of yarn to Theseus, so he could find his way out of the labyrinth after slaying the Minotaur at its center.



Andrea Lowgren, a volunteer at Ariadne Garden, snips basil. Volunteers are able to take produce for home use. They also share food from the garden with several neighbors in the Sabin neighborhood. (Janet Goetze)

McDodge and her husband, Terence, attended classes with Dr. Elaine Ingham, a researcher at Oregon State University. In an oral history published in 2011, McDodge outlined what she learned about "that busy garden community beneath our feet."

Plants, she said, "get fed by the microbes, bacteria, fungi and protozoa. These plants exude a substance out of their roots made up of carbohydrates, protein and some sugars – essentially cake and cookies coming out of their roots, which the little bacteria and fungi love to eat."

The fungi can move in the soil, and when bitten by the plant, can get raw materials which are pumped via their

filamentous tubes. The fungi, McDodge said, come back to the plant and "poop and sweat it out for roots to take up, often in a symbiotic embrace."

McDodge, speaking with oral history collaborator, Kay Reid, said gardeners herd not cattle but microbes, "those wonderful little devils that feed our vegetables from under the soil." They are needed to keep soil alive, she said. Water is a necessity that remains in soils with properly applied organic material. A mineral cycle arrives with organic matter, primarily nitrogen, contained in all living bodies from bacteria and insects to raccoons and cows.

The oral history continues with McDodge's

views for retaining the underground actors and their activities that lead to successful, nutritious gardening.

However, most of the people who visit the garden to buy vegetables on Saturday mornings, from May through October, seem more interested in the fragrant tomatoes, shiny zucchini and colorful chard than the microbes, bacteria and protozoa that make the produce possible. The sales help pay the annual water bill and buy seeds and other materials for the following year.

Some shoppers return as volunteers to work in the garden, said Tamara Boyd, one of the lead gardeners. The number fluctuates from 12 to 16 and sometimes grows to a couple dozen, she said. The volunteers are entitled to take some of the produce to their own kitchens, she said.

"We feed a number of little households in the neighborhood," said Boyd. That's been a practice since the garden started and gardeners became aware of who needed the food.

"We leave food on the fence," Boyd said, depending on what's available from season to season.

Volunteers also arrange food baskets, with flowers and herbs, for residents of Providence Elder Place on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Meanwhile, as days grow shorter, the cover crops are bright green against the ground, the compost piles transform last year's detritus into next year's nutrients and the leafy greens grow slowly under their plastic tunnels. ★



Tall marigolds grow in the garden to attract bees and other pollinators and to repel harmful insects. (Janet Goetze)



Late tomatoes struggle to turn red as fall comes to the Ariadne Garden. (Janet Goetze)



Salad greens will grow through the winter, protected by a cover made from curved hoops and a length of plastic. (Janet Goetze)



Edible nasturtiums climb the side of a cold compost pile of stems, leaves and other garden detritus. (Janet Goetze)



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NEW AMERICAN FLAG WILL RISE IN HOLLYWOOD TO HONOR OUR VETS

A new American flag will rise on the flag pole at the Ross Hollywood Chapel, 4733 N.E. Thompson St., at 11 a.m. November 11 to honor past and present service members on Veteran's Day.

However, the annual Hollywood District parade, started in 1974 by chapel owner Vernon E. Ross, won't be held because of health and safety restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic, said Caryn Knight, general manager.

Vernon Ross, who died in 1983, was a veteran of World Wars I and II. He envisioned the parade with bands, flags and military and scouts groups as a way to honor all men and women who served in the military.

"The coordination and logistics required to execute the Veterans Day celebration take months of committee meetings and planning well before November 11," said a company statement. "This decision was not made lightly, as honoring our Veterans has been our privilege for the past 45 years."

Knight said Ross Hollywood is offering pre-arrangement services with a 10 percent discount for veterans and spouses who make decisions at this time. ★

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EMISSION-FREE DELIVERY SERVICE COVERS CITY

There's a new local delivery service in town that boasts 100-percent-emission-free service.

Beaumont neighbor Dan Woodward, a native Portlander and founder of Legwork Local Delivery, was surprised such a service didn't exist prior to May of this year.

"You hear about UPS and FedEx testing electric cargo trikes or about Amazon testing drone delivery, but I want my goods delivered 100-percent-emission-free today," he said. "The planet can't wait."

His initial fleet is his own electric smart car, with plans to add more cars and bicycles – both electric and pedal powered.

Legwork partners with small businesses of all types to connect and strengthen the communities it serves, one zero-emission delivery at a time. The company offers same-day, next-day and time-specific courier services with one dollar per mile base pricing.

"I combined my working knowledge of logistics and distribution systems with inspiration from, among other things, the city's '20-minute neighborhoods' initiative," Woodward said. "That initiative envisions the vast majority of residents being able to walk or bike easily to access fundamental goods and services."

For details and pricing, visit Legwork Local Delivery at www.facebook.com/legworklocaldelivery.

TROPICALE FOOD CART MOVES INTO BRICK-AND-MORTAR SPOT ON GLISAN

Although Tropicale, the outdoor cocktail cart is opening with a brick-and-mortar venue at 2337 N.E. Glisan Street in the Kerns neighborhood, never fear. Its carts will continue to be available for local, outdoor events.

Owner Alfredo Climaco, created his cocktail cart in the image of those in his home town of Puebala, Mexico. His cart has served up cocktails, sans alcohol, at Portland Night Market and other city street fairs. Pineapples are hollowed out for his signature piña coladas and carnitas.

In addition to alcohol and non-alcohol pina coladas and margaritas, the menu offers small plates, all of them the tip of Climaco's hat to Latin America and the Caribbean. Select from among especiales, antojitos, ensalada, cemita, anticuchos, a variety of tacos, tostada, ceviche and pulpo.

But don't ask for a burrito. The banner for Tropical's website at www.tropicale.co/ banner blares, "NO TENEMOS BURRITOS."

LIVING ROOM REALTY OFFERS 'THE FIXERS' TO PROPERTY INVESTORS

A new service, The Fixers, was introduced this autumn by Living Room Realty to serve clients with home rentals and investment properties with maintenance and repairs. Additionally, The Fixers can help real estate agents and their clients complete repairs to prepare a home for sale.

"We're excited to offer this much needed service to property owners and agents," said Jenelle Isaacson, owner of Living Room Realty. "The job market for skilled labor is tight and we've been working to build up our maintenance team for a while."

"Thanks to a great relationship with Oregon Tradeswomen, we've attracted top



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talent in the field and built a great team of highly skilled professionals," she said.

For more information, visit www.livingroomre.com.

KALEAFA OPENS 6TH PORTLAND DISPENSARY

When Kaleafa opened in October at 11821 N.E. Glisan St., it was the medical dispensary's sixth store in six years. Two more are expected in the near future.

According to John Widmer, president-retail, each dispensary is a comfortable and educational environment with a knowledgeable staff. Staff helps customers navigate the experience, answer any questions and find the right product for the customer's specific taste or needs.

Each also has a wide selection of products from the best farms, producers and suppliers in the state. The Glisan venue offers a variety of both recreational and medical cannabis products – flower, edible, extract, vape, pre-roll, tincture, topical – and gear to use them.

Details are at www.kaleafa.com.

BOLT RE-OPENS DOORS

Bolt Fabric Boutique planned to re-open on October 29, its 15th birthday. To start with, three masked customers will be allowed in the store at the same time. Bolt originally opened on Alberta Street and moved to the Jane Dough building at 4636 N.E. 42nd Ave. in January 2019. The store closed its doors on March 17 due to the pandemic and shifted business online quickly, with mail delivery and curbside pick up.

"It's been a wild ride, particularly due to mask making," reported owner Gina Cadenasso "We saw a huge surge in sales of quilting cottons in April."

"A lot of customers shop with us to see, touch, drape the fabric they are considering for an apparel project. Obviously, that can't happen online, so that part has been challenging." She thanks the longtime customers who continued to shop Bolt online. She even picked up a few new customers online.

New hours are Tuesday to Friday, 11



Beaumont neighbor Dan Woodward launched Legwork an emission-free delivery service, in May. (Dan Woodward)

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a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments are also available by visiting www.boltfabricboutique.com.

Classes continue to be suspended, and the classroom is reorganized to allow customers to move through the store with more space.

MIMOSA WILL DONATE PORTION OF HOLIDAY SALES

Mimosa Studios at 1718 N.E. Alberta St. continues the community-focused efforts it began when it opened in November of 2001.

This season, the paint-your-own ceramics store is making a \$10 donation to Raphael House for each tree and menorah sold.

"People love to paint our vintage Christmas trees and beautiful menorahs during the holidays," said Austin Raglione, store owner.

Three different tree sizes ordered by November 15 will be available to paint by

November 26. Menorahs are generally in stock and don't require special orders.

Mimosa Studios is now open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day. One to two groups at a time may paint inside the studio by reservation or you may pick up a to-go kit or order it online to paint at home.

"We started building community partnerships in 2001, inviting neighborhood children to paint free tiles which now hang in two large panels outside the shop's front façade," Raglione said. "We have donated hundreds of auction items and projects for community and nonprofit organizations, as well as dozens of neighborhood schools."

Raphael House supports families to end the cycle of violence and build lives without domestic and sexual violence.

For more information, call 503-288-0770 or visit www.mimosastudios.com. ★



Austin Raglione's Mimosa Studios will donate \$10 to Raphael House for every ceramic tree or menorah sold during the holiday season. Raphael House supports families to end cycles of violence and build lives. (Mimosa Studios)



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COLORING CONTEST WINNERS!



Ages 1-5
Celia Platt, age 5



Ages 6-8 (Tie)
Wellington, age 8



Ages 6-8 (Tie)
Campbell Cornell age 8



Ages 9-12 (Tie)
Lyla Grossman-Ferris,
age 12



Ages 9-12 (Tie)
Layla Courtnage Knudsen
age 10



Ages 13 & over
Will Black, age 13

Thanks to everyone who entered! The choice was tough!

(Please forgive us for any misspelled names.)

Age 1-5:

- Teagan Coon
- Ruby Hellman
- Atlas Stark
- Gloria Nehemiah
- Eva & Quinn Krahenbuhl
- Juliet Short
- Rainey Rogers
- Abe Green Abbott
- Willa Grace Wright
- Celia Platt
- Owen Kay's
- Charlotte Pulley
- Leah Beck
- Naomi Sullivan
- Lennox Kendall
- Seri
- Enzo Yamamoto

Age: 6-8

- Campbell Cornell
- Sofie Moran
- Sabine Dumont
- Anna Clementine Short
- Wellington
- Evelina Moore
- Ciara Hodge
- Haven
- Alison Burch
- Sebastian
- Lukas Beck
- Remkable Stills
- Nolan Ryerson
- Grace Miller
- Amara Kea
- Yamamoto
- Tate Courtnage
- Knudsen

Age: 9-12

- Evelyn Arlene
- Enriquez
- Alex Lily Gaston
- Emma Moran
- Amy Estok
- Olivia Muraki
- Varvaka Coasins

- Chelsea Ellison
- Eloise Hook
- Eleanor Black
- Connor Ho
- Lyla Grossman-Ferris
- Cat Dunn
- Johanna Greiner
- Endeavor Stills
- Amethyst Stills
- Layla Courtnage Knudsen
- Vincent Miller
- Gavin Diani
- Conor H.

Age: 13+

- David Gaston
- Willa Black
- Josh Hepner
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