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A QUEEN REMEMBERED

Frances Hulse Boly was about to become a high school senior when her family moved from the Kansas Dust Bowl to Portland in 1937. She was enchanted by waterfalls in the Columbia River Gorge and the roses climbing up utility poles in her new city.

Within a year, she was the Rose Festival princess from Grant High School and then the Queen of Rosaria in 1938. Through the years, she attended the Royal Rosarians' Queens Garden Party, wearing a magnificent green hat and bringing a royal spirit every year, recalled friend Ilse Kindler. "Rest in peace, Queen Frances," Kindler said in salutation.

Frances Hulse Boly, an Alameda neighbor, died November 2, 2020, at the age of 100. A memorial Mass was celebrated November 14 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, where she was a member for many years. She is survived by six sons: Jeff, Paul, John, Bill, Richard, and the Rev. Craig Boly, pastor at St. Ignatius Catholic Church; ten grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her husband,



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Elwyn Boly, died in 1970.

The former queen was a member of a hiking group into her 80s. She also was an avid gardener and past president of the Wilshire Garden Club. She volunteered for many years at the Albertina Kerr Center restaurant. She also worked for many years in the front office at Madison High School. Remembrances may be made to St. Ignatius School.



Frances Hulse Boly, Alameda neighbor and 1938 Queen of Rosaria from Grant High School, passed in November, at the age of 100. (John Butenschoen)

CHABAD SPREADS LOVE BY DELIVERING FOOD AND CONNECTING WITH KINDNESS

Volunteers from Chabad of Northeast Portland are spreading love, through food, for those who need to know that someone cares about them. In Hebrew, it's called a "Chesed" – or a kindness connection.

Each week teens from the Jewish community help pack meals and an older group of volunteers delivers the food to at least two dozen people on Fridays, in time for a Shabbat dinner, a day of rest that begins Friday at sundown and ends Saturday at nightfall.

When the COVID-19 pandemic brought an end to meeting in person, community members thought some people might need a kind connection, said Rabbi Chaim Wilhelm. In April, the volunteers realized that sharing love through food could be their Chesed connection.

Even for people who don't need the food, the gesture has meaning, said Sarah Rosenberg Brown, a Concordia neighbor who regularly delivers meals. Some are just delighted to have the Challah, a braided bread traditionally served with the Shabbat meal. Others really do need the meal because they are short of funds or unable to grocery shop for themselves. Some are home after a recent surgery or an illness.

Although she can't engage anyone in a conversation in the home, she's developing a link with more community members just by saying hello and leaving the meal on the porch, she said.

She brings her 11-year-old son with her. "We have conversations about it so he understands why we are doing this," she said.

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Community members of Chabad of Northeast Portland are sharing love through food in a 'Chesed' or kindness connection. Volunteers say they gain joy in making connections with others. (Chabad of Northeast Portland)

Making the connection isn't a one-way activity. "For me, it has been one thing that has kept me full of joy and feeling positive," Rosenberg Brown said. "It's been a wonderful gift for me."

LIBRARY WILL PAUSE SERVICES AND PUT BOOKS IN 'FREEZE'

The Multnomah County Library is pausing its pick-up service for sidewalk holds in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. The decision is in line with Gov. Kate Brown's four-week freeze on gatherings and shared space in the county. Pick-ups will resume when the freeze status ends.

Patrons are asked not to return books and other items. Fines won't be charged and no item will be due before January 1, 2021, according to a news release from the library.

The library is open for business, however, with online resources and personal help via phone, email and chat. In addition, the library will continue to offer virtual programming, homework help, resources for parents, and GED and adult literacy tutoring, among other services. The library will continue to post updates at www.multcolib.org/covid19.

"Our goal is to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the communities we serve, while finding new ways to provide library services online and remotely," said Don Allgeier, director of operations.

NEIGHBORS GIVE TOYS

Central Northeast Neighbors is collecting toys, gift cards and cash for the Toy and Joy Makers, on behalf of Fire Station 12, next to the CNN office at 4415 N.E. 87th Ave. in Madison South. The office

is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday or by appointment. Call 503-823-2780 or email rondaj@cnncoalition.org for more information.

Cash donations are especially appreciated, because Toy and Joy Makers can now work directly with wholesalers to purchase toys at reduced price. Donations are tax deductible. Parents and legal guardians for children up to age 13 may make toy requests through a special phone line at 503-231-8697.

GRANTS DEADLINE SET

Portland's Office of Community and Civic Life is accepting applications from non-profit and community-based organizations, individuals, firms and consultants for its "2021 Constructing Civic Dialogues" grant.

The program is a free mediation and facilitation service for third-party support in discussing challenging topics. The service also has played a role in diverting matters that might needlessly involve police intervention.

Applications are due by 4 p.m. February 1, 2021. Funding will go up to seven new partnerships and each grant will range from \$15,000 to \$75,000.

Information sessions to learn about eligibility, application procedures and the selection process will be held virtually. Pre-registration is required. Call Carlee Smith at 503-823-5905 or email carlee.smith@portlandoregon.gov to guarantee your spot.

Sessions are scheduled for December 7 at 11 a.m, January 11 at 7 p.m. and January 25 at 2 p.m. For more information, visit www.portland.gov/civic.

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Eliot neighbor Walter Cole, known professionally as Darcelle XV, turned 90 this year. He has been recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's oldest working drag queen. (Walter Cole)

DARCELLE TURNS 90

Eliot neighborhood resident Walter Cole has turned 90, making him the world's even older working drag queen when he takes the stage as Darcelle XV. The Guinness World Records people recognized Darcelle's lasting star power three years ago.

Darcelle, one of Portland's best known charity supporters and tiara collectors, also lives in a house that has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The 1896 Queen Anne style home is even older than the entertainer, who has operated an Old Town supper club for 53 years.

CULLY SELLS TREES

A supply of Christmas trees will be available again this year at the Cully Farm Store, 4227 N.E. Alberta St., with proceeds supporting the Cully Farmers Market.

The lot is open from 12 noon to 6 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, until all the trees are sold. Varieties will include Douglas, Noble and Nordman firs. The tree lot staff includes community volunteers and those who wish to help with the project may call or text Farmer Ted at the Cully Farm Store, 503-729-3508.

PANTRIES SEEK FOOD

The Northeast Emergency Food Pantry and Mainspring Portland have been serving large numbers of people since the COVID-19 pandemic began in March. Both organizations are seeking donations of cash and food for the holidays. Mainspring, formerly known as Fish Emergency Services, also is seeking hats, gloves and other cold weather items.

Both organizations need pantry staples such as peanut butter, canned chicken and tuna, cereal, and canned fruits and vegetables. For the holidays, they can use stuffing mix, gravy mix, instant mashed potatoes and cake mixes.

The emergency food pantry is a program of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon and is located in Luther Memorial Church at 4800 N.E. 72nd Ave. in the Cully neighborhood. For more information, call 503-284-5470 or visit www.emoregon.org/nefp.

Mainspring is at 3500 N.E. 82d Ave. in the Madison South neighborhood. For more information, call 503-233-5533 or visit www.mainspringpdx.org.

WRITE CARDS OF CHEER

Volunteers of all ages are invited to write a winter holiday greeting or compose a poem or create a piece of art to bring cheer to seniors in our community. The Hollywood Senior Center will distribute the special greetings submitted by December 18.

They may be dropped off at the center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave., from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays. The center asks that the cards, letters and art be non-denominational because they will be distributed to individuals from varied backgrounds.

FIND HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Handcrafted Christmas decorations and gifts are available at the Rose City Park Easter House and, like last spring, the arrangement is socially distanced. The items include panorama sugar ornaments, Christmas cards, gift boxes, crocheted dolls, pine cone wreaths and baskets. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. December 4 through 6 and December 11 through 13. The address is 1904 N.E. 56th Ave. in Rose City Park.

SCOUTS SEEK SAILORS

The Sea Scouts have opened a base at Oregon Tackle Marina, just upstream from the Red Lion Hotel in Jantzen Beach, and they are seeking new members. Young men and women between the ages of 13 and 17 may join the group and learn to sail 29-foot sailboats or operate 44-foot motorboats. The local group meets on Saturdays. Sea Scouting can give youths a head start in future military and maritime careers. It also teaches leadership skills from experienced adult advisors, according to Jackson Rodriguez, scout leader. For more information, call 503-839-244, email jacksrod77@gmail.com or visit www.sss601.org.

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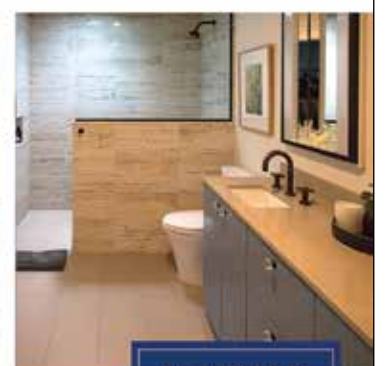


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Dec. 9, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Acompáñanos a una hora de cuentos en vivo llena de divertidas historias, canciones, rimas y más. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org.

LISTEN TO A STORY

Dec. 3, 9:30 -10:30a.m. Continues Thursdays. Join Multnomah County youth librarians for a live story time online with fun books, songs, rhymes and more. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org.

LISTEN TO A STORY

Dec. 10, 9:30 -10:30 a.m. Continues Thursdays. Youth librarians lead a live story time online with fun books, songs, rhymes, and more. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org.

LEARN ABOUT ZOOM

Dec. 4, 11 a.m.- 12 noon. Portland Youth Builders Virtual Technology Class pairs one on one tech assistance with live instruction and demonstration of technology tools. This session focuses on Zoom gatherings. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org.

VIEW RACIAL IDENTITY

Dec. 15, 5:30- 7 p.m. This Building Bridges workshop encourages a deeper understanding of participants' own experiences with racial identity and microaggressions. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org.

CHECK FACTS

Dec. 8, 6-7:30p.m. Join Donna L. Cohen from Civics for Adults in this class about misinformation, fake news and political propaganda. Look at messages from politicians, news sources and other media and learn how to distinguish truth from fiction. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org.

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Dec. 16, 3 - 4p.m. Join the Microsoft Portland training team to learn tips, tricks and best practices to build a strong LinkedIn profile. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org.

CLOWN AROUND

Dec. 19, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Nikki Brown Clown is back with an online story time that is a culturally creative blend of picture books infused with sounds and activities for all. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org. - Janet Goetze

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Dec. 9, 7-8 p.m. Youth in grades 6-8 gather

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REVIEW OF ZONING CHANGES AIMS TO IMPROVE SHELTER ACCESS FOR UNHOUSED

At a December 8 session, the city's planning and sustainability commission will review proposed zoning code revisions that seek to give those without housing increased access to shelter. In October, public comments on changes were collected and a discussion draft of the revised code was published in late November. October informational sessions were recorded and can be viewed at www.portland.gov/bps.

Dubbed "Shelter to Housing Continuum," the project partnered the city's planning bureau with the housing bureau and the joint city-county office of homeless services to review and retool zoning regulations. Objectives include expanding allowed shelters and group living options; amending city code to facilitate needed emergency shelters; day storage and hygiene facilities; transitional living facilities and stable housing for individuals and households with extremely low incomes; and improving how regulatory environments affect private, nonprofit and public-sector shelter and housing providers.

"Matters not in the discussion draft likely to arise in testimony before the commission are the number of shelter beds to be allowed; whether to allow living in non-motorized recreational vehicles or tiny houses on wheels on residential lots; and continued use of parks and community centers for shelters after the COVID-19 pandemic has been brought under control," said Project Manager Al Burns.

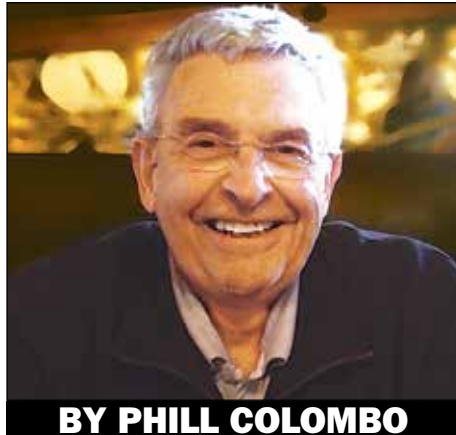
Although the time for comments has expired, questions may still be sent by email to s2hc@portlandoregon.gov.

VENTURE PORTLAND GRANTS RESPOND TO ECONOMIC NEED

As home to more than 23,000 neighborhood businesses that provide more than 300,000 jobs, the city has been hit hard by COVID-19 closures and limited operations. Responding to the current economy, Venture Portland awarded \$35,000 to fund eight grant projects in neighborhood business districts, helping winterize outdoor seating areas, retain critical staff and promote unique commercial corridors during the holiday season.

Venture Portland's grants committee evaluated grant submissions to determine business district funding.

"As a small business owner, I



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understand firsthand the importance of a strong, inclusive and collaborative community – which is why my business calls Portland home," said Committee Chair Bridgid Blackburn, co-owner of Cargo in the Central Eastside. "I am hopeful that this funding will keep the city strong while creating more equitable opportunities for small business as we move forward from these difficult times."

Included in the grant-funded activities were the Beaumont Business Association to maintain current staffing and the Williams-Vancouver Business Association to install holiday lighting. Last year, Venture Portland awarded \$118,300 to fund 38 projects in 20 business districts, leveraging an additional \$168,710 in private investment.

VOTERS APPROVE FUNDING TO EXPAND LIBRARIES, IMPROVE PARK FACILITIES

The Albina and North Portland branch libraries are among seven expected to be enlarged and updated over the next nine years because voters approved a \$387 million capital bond measure by an almost two-to-one margin.

The county will collect a new property tax of 61 cents per \$100,000 of assessed value, costing the average homeowner \$121 annually. The money will allow library staff to move forward with plans to renovate existing facilities and build new ones, while continuing to fund essential programs.

The first project will be a new library in East Multnomah County that will be similar in size to the central library in downtown Portland. It is expected to open in early 2025, according to Shawn Cunningham, library communications director.

Each new library project will begin with community engagement to determine design and other features. The bond funds

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are also expected to add gigabit speed internet to all libraries. Also planned is a centralized operations facility for materials handling and distribution to increase efficiency and cut costs.

The other branches to be updated include Belmont, Holgate, Midland, Northwest and St. Johns. Multnomah County hasn't invested in libraries in about 30 years. It is the state's largest county and is expected to add 135,000 residents by 2035.

"Our community will enjoy larger and more equitable library spaces for generations to come," said Libraries Director Vailey Oehlke, thanking voters for their support.

Also, beginning in 2021, a temporary parks levy of 80 cents per \$1000 of assessed value will cost the average property owner about \$13 per month for five years, raising an average of \$48 million per year, according to city estimates. The parks bureau plans to consult community members and nonprofit partners to determine how levy funds will be used. A five-member oversight committee will review proposed expenditures for council approval of budgets.

CLEAN ENERGY FUND OFFERS \$8.6M TO PROMOTE CHANGE, BUILD CAPACITY

Reaction in response to the city's request for proposals this fall was characterized as "excitement" by bureau staff who were impressed by interest in the \$8.6 million made available for green jobs, healthy homes and community energy. The money will come from Portland's Clean Energy Community Benefits Fund, created by passage of a 2018 ballot initiative to reshape climate action, build capacity and support ingenuity in communities on the frontlines of climate change.

Originally set for November 16, the deadline was extended to November 23 after hundreds of individuals representing 170 organizations signed up for a dozen webinars and grant writing trainings. Because engagement was virtual, staff were able to track how

many people learned about the grant process and how to apply. A total of 219 individuals attended the sessions, and asked more than 150 questions.

"We'll spend the next couple of months reviewing and evaluating the proposals, using guiding principles and scoring criteria to ensure that the grants fulfill the promise of the initiative that voters overwhelmingly supported," said Eden Dabbs, project spokesperson.

In early 2021, names of those with the highest scoring proposals will be revealed. For more information, visit www.portland.gov/bps/cleanenergy.

PERMITS ISSUED

In Arbor Lodge, at 6843 N. Montana Ave., Modern Dwellings PDX secured permission to deconstruct an 861-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1926. Plans are under review to build two, new, two-story, six-unit apartment buildings.

At 1550 N. Buffalo St., Lucid Ventures of Vancouver, Wash., has a permit to build a new, three-story, 18-unit apartment building. Last May, deconstruction of the 1916, 1125-square-foot, single-family residence on the property was approved.

In Concordia, at 6217 N.E. 33rd Ave., Samantha Wiener and Dylan Cauchon have a permit to replace a deconstructed, detached garage built in 1949 with a new, 733-square-foot, single-story, detached accessory dwelling unit.

At 4932 N.E. 33rd Ave., DK Homes of Northwest Portland secured a permit to build a new, three-story, single-family home with a single-vehicle garage on vacant property.

In Eliot, at 2320 N. Vancouver Ave., DIG RH Vancouver Apartments of Southwest Portland has permission to deconstruct an 869-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1900. Plans are under review to construct a new, three-story, 18-unit apartment building.

In Kenton at 8601 N. Hamlin Ave., KIMCO Properties

of Southeast Portland has permission to demolish a 670-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1949. Permits are under review to construct three, new, two-story, single-family homes with attached garages.

At 8923 N. Drummond Ave., FX Homes of Sandy secured a permit to demolish a 1032-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1955. Plans are under review to construct three, new, two-story, single-family homes with single-vehicle, attached garages.

In Kerns, at 2416 N.E. Flanders St., 2514 LLC of Henderson, Nev., has been permitted to construct a new, three-story, six-unit apartment building. A permit to deconstruct a 1272-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1925 was issued in November.

At 2651 E. Burnside St., Jema Bitar Properties has permission to demolish a 3848-square-foot, one-story commercial structure built as a restaurant in 1972.

In Montavilla, at 1430 N.E. 72nd Ave., L. Scott Harger of Southeast Portland secured a permit to build a new, three-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle garage on vacant property.

In North Tabor, at 5127-5159 East Burnside St., Homma of Hayward, Calif. has been issued permits to construct 16 townhouse units in four, two-story buildings without garages on vacant property.

In Overlook, at 4641 N. Campbell Ave., 4641 North Campbell Houses has a permit to deconstruct a 1364-square-foot, single-family house built in 1924. Plans are under review to build four, three-story duplexes with single-vehicle garages on this property and an adjoining vacant property to the west, 1823 N. Going Ct.


In Piedmont, at 330 N.E. Dekum St., Dekum Properties has permission to construct a new, four-story, 39-unit apartment building. Permission was secured in September to demolish the 2280-square-foot triplex that has been on the property since 1967. ★

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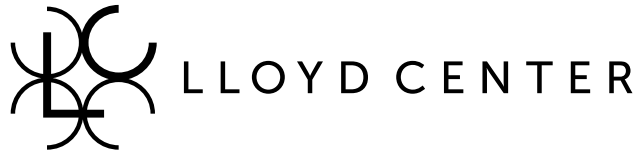
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Jessica and Charley Wheelock at Woodblock Chocolate. (Barb Hughes)

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After years of studying the history and philosophy of cacao and visiting chocolate farms from Hawaii to Peru, they created a chocolate mission similar to a wine bar, seeking to complement each cacao's terroir, climate and culture with just the right ingredient pairings.

Just because the cafe is closed due to COVID doesn't mean you can't enjoy some fun.

Watch chocolate being made in their manufactory and, when it's safe to do so again, savor cacao creations in their cafe. Wear a mask and visit the store to purchase a delicious assortment of chocolate bars, chocolate candies, drinking chocolate, chocolate teas and chocolate coffee – as well as T-shirts, stocking caps and aprons – while enjoying the beautiful woodwork and amazing chocolate factory smells.

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FOR DOGS

Alcohol, chocolate, coffee, caffeine, grapes, raisins, macadamia nuts, onions, garlic, chives and the artificial sweetener xylitol are all toxic for dogs. Even small amounts of these foods can be extremely dangerous. Instead, choose from cheese, eggs, peanuts, and peanut butter (be careful that it does not have artificial sweeteners), meat (remove bones which can splinter) and small amounts of tuna.

FOR CATS

Cats should avoid ingesting alcohol, chocolate, tea, coffee, energy drinks, cheese, milk, raw eggs, raw meat, raw fish, grapes, raisins, onions, garlic and xylitol. Safe foods for cats include cooked, salmon, cooked eggs, cooked meat, cantaloupe, oatmeal, pumpkin, cheese and bananas.

DANGEROUS PLANTS

Certain plants given and received during the holidays are also potentially dangerous for your dogs and cats. If you decorate using poinsettias, pine,



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mistletoe, holly or amaryllis make sure that your pets can not ingest any part of these plants. Keep the plants out of reach and clean up leaf and flower debris.

TRY THESE HOMEMADE TREATS

These holiday recipes are approved by the Oregon Humane Society and made from foods safe for your pets:

GOOD DOG BISCUITS

- 5 cups flour
- 1 cup milk
- 2 eggs
- 10 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cold water

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 350 degrees F and grease cookie sheet.
2. Mix all ingredients well.
3. Pinch off pieces of the dough and roll them into half-inch balls.
4. Bake biscuits at 350 degrees F for 20 to 25 minutes.
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CHEESY CAT TREATS

- 3/4 cups flour
- 3/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 5 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 10 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1/4 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 cup cornmeal

Instructions:

1. Preheat your oven to 325 degrees F and grease cookie sheet.
2. Combine the cheddar and parmesan cheeses with the yogurt in a bowl.
3. Add the flour and the cornmeal and mix well until a dough forms.
4. Knead the dough into a ball and roll out with a rolling pin to 1/4-inch thickness.
5. Cut the dough into one-inch sized pieces.
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★ STAR FEATURE

Faith-based holiday celebrations move traditions online

By Janet Goetze
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The 2020 holidays will be like no other, say two neighborhood Christian pastors and a Jewish rabbi. The pastors are preparing Christmas Eve services to go online while the rabbi is offering convenient at-home Chanukah celebrations.

The congregations at Westminster Presbyterian Church and Augustana Lutheran Church, like many others around the city, won't be together because of health concerns during the COVID-19 pandemic. Instead, neighbors who go to the church websites can enjoy readings and music from the comfort of home.

Chanukah is typically a family celebration at home, marking the rededication of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem when the Maccabees were victorious over their Greek-Syrian oppressors, said Rabbi Chaim Wilhelm of Chabad of Northeast Portland. When the Maccabees returned to the temple, they found only enough oil to light for one night, but it lasted for eight days, until more oil could be prepared under ritual purity.

Wilhelm said a generous sponsor has made free Chanukah craft kits available for children, if ordered by December 5. The kits are a plush "build-a-dreidel," a four-sided top used in holiday games, or "create-a-menorah," a Jewish candelabrum with eight branches used at Chanukah. For more information, email rabbi@jewishnortheast.com or try visiting www.jewishnortheast.com.

Other items used for the celebration – including candles, dreidels, menorahs and chocolate coins, called gelt – will be available at the Chabad House pop-up shop at 2858 N.E. Sandy Blvd. in the Kerns neighborhood. The shop will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, December 6 to 10. The eight-day festival will begin this year on December 10. More information is available at www.jewishnortheast.com.



Some of the musicians who are expected to play for an online Christmas Eve service at Irvington's Augustana Lutheran Church gather at a distance in the sanctuary. (Mark Knutson)

In pre-CIVID days, Augustana Lutheran, a multi-cultural and multi-national congregation, had three Sunday services with traditional, Spanish and jazz musical styles. At 7 p.m. December 24, the Christmas Eve service will include all those styles offered by the congregation's musicians, said the Rev. Dr. Mark Knutson. "We'll have carols and the reading of the Christmas story from the Gospel of Luke," he said.



Traditional and family services at Westminster Presbyterian, similar to one from last year shown here, will be moved online this year to limit the number of people in the sanctuary, according to health guidelines. (Katy Wilgus)

In the second chapter of Luke, angels come to shepherds, abiding in the field, to announce good tidings of great joy. "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord," the scripture reads.

The service will end with singing "Silent Night" and lighting candles, a ritual that those watching at home can share, the Rev. Knutson said.

Westminster usually has an early family service featuring young musicians and a later classical service on Christmas Eve, said the Rev. Beth Neel. The custom will continue this year but both services will be on videotape, with various segments taped at different times to limit the number of people in the sanctuary, according to health guidelines, she said. Some of the choir music and congregational singing will be from tapes of past services.

Carols, including "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night" and "Joy to the World," will be sung, concert bells will be rung and readings will be from Isaiah, John 1 and Luke, the Rev. Neel said.

In pre-Covid times, Westminster's

Augustana's service will begin at 7 p.m. December 24. It will continue online after the first viewing. Information is at the church website: www.augustana.org.

Westminster's family service will begin at 4 p.m. December 24. The traditional service will begin at 7 p.m. December 24. Both will be online later. Information is at the church website: www.westprespd.org.

Christmas Eve services could draw as many as 1,500 people, she said.

"We really are going to miss all the people we usually see," she said. "We love our neighbors but we want them to stay home and be healthy."

The Rev. Knutson said this year's online Christmas Eve services may attract people who don't go to church at all. It will be a chance for them to participate in the holiday experience.

"Walking into a big church is intimidating for some people," he said. "They can come in for five minutes (online) or stay longer." ★

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★ STAR FEATURE

Pandemic doesn't deter Meals on Wheels People

By Nancy Varekamp

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Dining out has seen a dramatic shift since the nation began its response to COVID-19 last spring. Dining in has too.

Clients of the Meals on Wheels People haven't had the option to dine at its 25 Portland Metro group sites – including one in Hollywood – since mid-March. Home deliveries have moved from five drops per week to just one delivery that covers meals for seven days.

"Older adults are more susceptible to the virus, so we don't want them gathering," said Julie Piper Finley, public relations director.

The organization revamped what is included in its deliveries, according to Finley.

Previously, two boxes were delivered to clients each weekday by volunteer drivers. One was a hot entree with a starch and vegetables. The second contained salad, dessert and roll. Meals on Wheels had settled into that successful routine for 50 years. The pandemic has required many changes, and those changes, with practice, have evolved. The once-a-week deliveries now come to Northeast and North Portland clients from kitchens in the King and Portsmouth neighborhoods.

"By the seventh day, the salad was looking a little bit droopy," said Finley. So seasonal whole fruits replaced salads. Loaves of bread replaced individual rolls and milk is now delivered in quarts.

Deliveries include extras when available. Those may include hardboiled eggs, cottage cheese or peanut butter.

"Sometimes these are donated



Meals on Wheels volunteer Carrie Wheadon delivers meals to Portland seniors. She's among more than 5500 volunteers who provide meals and check in on seniors by phone for wellness and social interaction. (Tom Cook)

products, other times at deep discount," said Finley

Before the pandemic, deliveries averaged 5000 per day, now it's closer to 8000.

Volunteers were previously asked to deliver ten meals by car, but the changes have boosted that number to 70. Routes across Multnomah, Washington and Clark counties have been split to accommodate the increase. This not only requires many more drivers, but the need has been made greater by many longtime volunteers taking leaves of absence.

"Some people have been volunteering since the mid-1970s, and they're older

than the people they deliver to," said Finley. "In early April, we put out a call for drivers, and 1800 people replied in ten days. The average before the pandemic was ten per week. It has been huge."

Lots of people found themselves suddenly unemployed and wanted to help.

Although many of the volunteers have now returned to work, others have continued. More are always needed. For details, visit www.mowp.org/volunteer.

In addition to providing nutritional assistance to seniors at home, Meals on Wheels People have historically provided social interaction on seniors' doorsteps

five days a week. Many volunteers used to rotate their routes so they could make lengthier visits at final stops – without risking a cool down on entrees to their other nine deliveries – and have time to engage in conversation or hugs. Now drivers and clients keep their distance, and wear masks. To replace that personal contact, Meals on Wheels created the "Friendly Chats Program." One thousand people volunteer to call 2500 seniors on a regular basis.

"It has been tremendously popular," said Finley.

Many among those 1000 people aren't new to the organization, but are seniors who changed their assignments during the pandemic instead of delivering meals. More volunteers are also always in demand for the chats, and they receive orientation. "Wellness Check Call" volunteers are also always in demand and they receive training prior to making structured calls to homebound seniors. These volunteer positions, like the drivers, are subject to background checks.

Financial donations are always welcome. Finley said the federal government provides about 40 percent of the regional organization's \$12 million budget and local fundraising accounts for the remainder. Donations can be made by visiting www.mowp.org/donate and checks may be mailed to Meals on Wheels People, P.O. Box 19477, Portland, OR 97280. ★



Interaction between Meals on Wheels volunteers and clients, during these days of social distancing, isn't what it used to be – but volunteer Carrie Wheadon can offer a masked smile and a wave to clients like Dorothy and Hurtis Hadley. (Tom Cook)

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★ STAR BUSINESS BUZZ

BLIND OX TAKES CREATIVE APPROACH TO PANDEMIC

It has been a long autumn for both the owners of Blind Ox Taphouse and the neighbors who have been awaiting its opening in the former home of Alameda Brewpub at 4765 N.E. Fremont St. in Beaumont Village. Turn-around time for a liquor license had delayed an anticipated opening in October but, in mid-November, co-owners John McInroy and Eric West opened their doors anyway – sans beer, wine and a specialty, artisan, alcohol-infused ice cream they had planned – which will be made to order quickly with liquid nitrogen.

Instead, they began offering soups, bratwurst plates and grilled panini sandwiches – available for pick-up and delivery. Days later, the OLCC finally license came through and craft beer is now flowing from 20 rotating taps, along with wine and the original dessert plans – also available for pick-up and delivery. Unhindered by the pandemic or executive orders to prevent its spread, McInroy and West developed a novel and safe way to get their business up and running.

After opening, they began offering subscriptions to the “Blind Ox Society.” For \$20 a month, members will receive monthly \$25 gift cards that are transferable and have no expiration dates. Additionally, member photos will be posted on the taproom’s walls and they will always get 20-ounce pours for 16-ounce prices. They’ll also get access to space for work-sharing and distance-learning. For special events at the taproom, all cover charges for members will be waived and one free beverage provided. For more information, visit www.blindoxpdx.com.

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If you’re quarantined or working from home, you may hear the sound of trumpet-inspired music coming from a truck traveling along your street. It’s coming from the speakers of The Food Truck, a converted ice cream truck.

Italian-born chef Lorenzo Daliana drives it through neighborhoods that include Concordia, Vernon, Woodlawn, Piedmont and King. Daily routes differ and can be found at www.thefoodtruckpdx.com. Wheels turn between 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. on Mondays through Fridays.

For service, wave down the truck and receive freshly prepared meals, socially distanced and curbside. You’ll meet the former owner of Lorenzo’s on north Mississippi Street, and be served from a



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menu of wraps, salads, snacks and even Mr. Fred’s Thin Sriracha Macaroon.

SORBU BRINGS ERICSEN BACK TO HIS OWN KITCHEN

Portlander Chris Ericson, his Italian wife Aurelia Galimberti and their young family are back in town and again serving up food. Neighbors can find them now at Sorbu Paninoteca, a restored vintage food cart nextdoor to Oakshire Beer Hall at 5011 N.E. 42nd Ave. in Concordia.

Topping their menu are salads and sandwiches, all seasonal and simple rustic offerings born of Galimberti’s Tuscan heritage, Ericson’s Northwest roots – and their travels together.

Ericson’s cuisine has attracted diners to Beast in Concordia, a Pickathon food booth and an international food cart, Spork, in Bend. His efforts at Cost Rica’s Clandestina helped that restaurant earn the honor of TripAdvisor’s top destination in Montezuma.

According to Eater Portland, the owners have a future goal to institute a day each week when diners who cannot afford food cart prices are able to pay what they can.

“We’re trying to help people out and let them know we’re here,” Ericson told Eater Portland. “If I see my neighbor doesn’t have food on his plate, I’m going to put food on his plate. He would do the same.”

For more information, visit www.instagram.com/sorbu.pdx. Phone-in orders are welcome by calling 503-704-1577.

NEW JUICE BAR IN VERNON, OFFERS TWO ‘GOOD’ MENUS

There are two menus in the Vernon neighborhood’s newest juice bar, a “Feel Good” menu and a “Taste Good” menu. Both offer fresh juices, smoothies, teas and cleanses. Black- and woman-owned Drink Mamey (mom-ayyye) at 1615 NE

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Eric West, co-owner of Blind Ox Taphouse, is pleased to offer the addition of craft beers to pick-up and delivery orders at the new Beaumont Village establishment. (Nancy Varekamp)

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Due to the pandemic, Drink Mamey founder Cydnie Smith-McCarthy may not be allowed to invite you into her new Vernon neighborhood juice bar. But she'll take your order and payment online, and will greet you at the door with a smile. (Nancy Varekamp)



The Woodlawn neighborhood's P's & Q's Market will spend a recent \$2000 grant to create an outdoor dining structure. The Northwest Wine and Food Society created the program to assist the industry in weathering the pandemic. (NWFS)

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For more information, visit www.drinkmamey.com, call 503-432-8376 or stop by the shop on Thursdays through Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

MOMIJI OPENS NEW SUSHI SHOP IN BEAUMONT VILLAGE

Soon, there will be two outlets for Momiji Sushi in Northeast Portland. The second was due to open Nov. 19 in the former Batter space at 4425 N.E. Fremont St. It joins two other Momijis in the city, one at 1469 N.E. Prescott St. in Sabin and another in Southwest Portland, bringing the total number of the Oregon chain's restaurants to eight.

Known for its blend of traditional and "outside the box" sushi, Momiji was founded in 2010 by two brothers in Silverton, Ore., offering fresh sushi daily, a huge menu and quick service. The pair's iconic "Salem Roll" sold more than 100,000 orders in 2018.

Neighbors can find a menu and pick-up and delivery details at www.momijiinc.com or by calling 971-370-8088.

WINE AND FOOD SOCIETY GRANT HELPS P'S & Q'S

P's & Q's Market at Northeast 13th and Dekum in Woodlawn received a \$2000 "Restaurant Reboot Grant" from the Northwest Wine and Food Society last month. It was the fourth award by the society this year, and additional grants are now available.

"This award will kick start an outdoor dining structure with heaters to serve our customers this winter," said co-owner Emily Anderson. "Beyond the money, it's just so heartwarming that our community nominated us for this award."

The market and restaurant opened seven years ago after Anderson and husband Paul Davis restored the structure that had previously housed a church and a couple of soul food restaurants.

The Northwest Wine and Food Society

provides educational opportunities in fermentation sciences, viticulture and culinary arts through scholarships, grants and endowments. It created its reboot program in response to challenges faced by the industry during COVID-19.

An initial grant of \$10,000 was to be distributed in five \$2000 allotments. The society has since raised an additional \$5000 for additional grants.

To make a tax-deductible donation, seek a grant for your business or vote for your favorite restaurant, visit www.nwwfs.org.

BOOSTERS SHARING TREE PUTS OUT CALL FOR GIFTS

The Hollywood business community is asking again this year for help in brightening the holidays for our neighborhood non profits. The Hollywood

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The Hollywood Senior Center is a multipurpose facility that promotes health, independence and well being for

adults 55 and older. Its onsite activities are currently remote or virtual, so that seniors can continue to participate safely in classes and groups.

For more information about the Boosters' Sharing Tree, call Jan at 503-201-7341 or Arlene at 503-252-0320.

GNOME FOR HOLIDAYS IS BACK ON FOR ALBERTA

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Main Street businesses from participating in their annual Gnome for the Holidays event. Austin Raglione of Mimosa Studios is again providing ceramic gnomes for businesses to paint and hide in their windows – for neighbors and shoppers to find.

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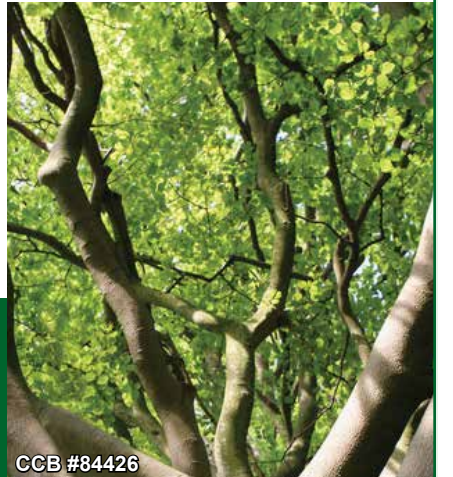
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