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## Residential Infill is Coming to Alameda to Mixed Reactions *by Dan LaGrande*

Like it or not, big changes are coming to Alameda and other neighborhoods throughout Portland. They are the result of a new law enacted by the Oregon Legislature, and the Residential Infill Plan being developed by the Portland City Council.

The changes will effectively eliminate single-family zoning in most cities. That could have a big impact on Alameda and other inner-city neighborhoods, many with classic homes and big yards. And it will allow multi-family apartments or condos, possibly up to four stories or perhaps higher – not just on corner lots, but on any lot that has until now been limited to a single-family house.

At an Altar Society meeting in February at the Madeleine Parish, City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty was the invited feature speaker. The commissioner explained that new rules the City is developing for the Residential Infill Plan would help provide much needed new housing, and more affordable housing. A number of people attending voiced support and agreed that increased housing density is needed, although others were skeptical.

In Alameda and adjacent neighborhoods, there are examples of recently built three-story duplexes on corner lots that replaced single-family houses. And in the middle of some blocks are examples of large two and three-story houses, where a much smaller single family home once stood. Some neighbors object that the new houses don't fit in with adjacent smaller homes, and have nicknamed them "McMansions." However, the City already permits this, and more of these are under construction now.

For some time, the City has permitted replacing a single-family house on a corner lot with two houses on the same site. Neighbors have varied opinions. Some are hesitant to speak for the record, or ask that only their first name be used. One is Edie. She lives across from two new houses on a lot that was previously occupied by a single-family ranch style house.

"I have lived here 20 years and have watched the neighborhood change," Edie said. "I have mixed emotions. Alameda is a wonderful neighborhood with great schools and everything close by. It's very livable, but we do need more housing. So if the City increases density and replaces single-family homes with a duplex or triplex, we still need parking spaces underneath them. Otherwise traffic and parking will worsen."

Some neighbors we talked to were unclear about what the Portland Residential Infill Plan is and how it came about.

In its 2019 session, the Oregon Legislature passed a measure, HB 2001, sponsored by House Speaker Tina Kotek (D-Portland), which effectively eliminates single-family zoning in most communities in the state. "This bill will increase housing choice and the supply of more affordable housing in high opportunity areas of Oregon," according to the Speaker's written testimony. "It is another important part of addressing our housing crisis."

The new state law has provisions that affect Portland and other larger cities in the state. For example, it allows for construction of three and four-unit structures, referred to as "missing middle" housing, on nearly all single-family zoned lots. The goal is to slow rising rent and home prices by easing the restrictions on the supply of new housing. Cities must adopt standards for middle housing by June 30, 2022.

Three years ago, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability began creating its own plan to overhaul the city's zoning laws. The result was the Portland Residential Infill Project (RIP). The RIP was created after hearing extensive public input through online surveys, open houses, public hearings, and a Stakeholder Advisory Committee made up of community members, architects, developers and other affected Portlanders.



SIGNIFICANTLY LARGER HOUSES OFTEN REPLACE EXISTING NEIGHBORHOOD HOMES

After a series of preliminary drafts - followed by opportunities for public input - the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability recommended its proposal to City Council, adding several final amendments. The amendments, which were still being deliberated on at press time, would allow more housing options in Portland's neighborhoods, including duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes, but would require that they adhere to new limits on size and scale.

Thomas and Barbara live across the street from a modern style, three-story duplex. "People who live there don't associate much with neighbors," Thomas observed, "and they probably sense the neighbors are not excited by a big duplex that does not fit in with the character of the neighborhood."

Thomas said he would favor giving neighborhood associations authority to review and approve proposed multifamily projects, to ensure they fit into the neighborhood.

"I dispute the claim of a housing shortage," he continued. "There are single family houses for sale in neighborhoods near the more expensive inner northeast neighborhoods, and those homes are less expensive per square foot than..."

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## ANA Selects New Co-Chair

The Alameda Neighborhood Association Board voted in a new Co-Chair, Robert McConville, at its January meeting.



ROBERT MCCONVILLE

McConville is originally from North Carolina, and moved to Portland from Salt Lake City in 2018. He has a background in healthcare policy and administration, and works as a healthcare consultant. In his spare time, McConville enjoys biking, jogging, getting to know neighbors, and spending time with his family.

"My wife, Sarah, my daughter, and our cat and I are happy to make Alameda our home. We have wonderful neighbors who are generous and welcoming, and we are grateful for the many who have become our friends," says McConville, who will join fellow Co-Chairs Travis Weedman and Steve Backer on the ANA Board.

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## Editor's Message by Annette Bendinelli



It feels like spring came early this year - probably because of the nice run of sunny days we had toward the end of February. Flowering trees and bulbs bloomed at least two weeks ahead of schedule, and some of us started thinking about getting seedlings in the ground. It was a little early then, but now it's time to get out in the garden and start planting!

To help kick off the growing season, check out Barbara Brower's adventures in backyard beekeeping on Page 9. And if you're interested in attracting butterflies, Monarch enthusiast Ida Galash reminds us on Page 7 which plants we can buy to encourage these migrants to pass through Portland.

If you're not into gardening, there are plenty of other ways to get out and enjoy the spring sunshine. Doug

Decker has a great suggestion for combining a walk or a bike ride with an Alameda history lesson on Page 7.

While spring is generally a time of rebirth, we've recently seen the demise of two longtime neighborhood institutions - one small and one much larger. The Food King Market on NE 29th and Prescott closed its doors at the end of January, and Concordia University will shut down at the end of spring term. Doug Decker takes us back to the '50's with a fun Page 5 story on one of the previous occupants of the Food King space, and on Page 4, Blythe Knott provides some insight into possible reasons for Concordia's closure, and what it could mean for students.

As we celebrate nature this spring, we also need to remember that it can turn on us in an instant. That's one reason it was good to see so many neighbors at the Alameda Neighborhood Association's Disaster Preparedness event last month. Over 90 people came out on a cold February night to grab a slice of pizza and hear a presentation by the Beaumont-Wilshire/Alameda Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET).

Clearly, the topic of preparedness resonated with a lot of people, and the NET team provided important information on how to survive an earthquake or other natural/manmade disaster.

One of the biggest takeaways from the evening was the importance of getting to know the people who live near us - who's elderly, which families have kids, who has special needs, who has specialized skills or equipment - the list goes on, but the point is that the more familiar we are with one another, the better chance we have of saving ourselves, and others, in an emergency.

And speaking of getting to know each other, even though the topic was serious, the evening was also a lot of fun. My husband and I reconnected with neighbors we hadn't seen all winter, and met some new people as well. There was definitely a shared sense of community, and we're looking forward to more ANA events to bring neighbors together in the coming months!

— Annette

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## Grant High Constitution Team Headed to Nationals

On January 25, the Grant High School Constitution Team placed second in the “We The People” state competition, earning them a wild card spot at the national competition in Washington, D.C. April 24-28. This is the sixth consecutive year Grant has qualified for the competition, and the school brought home national titles in 2013, 2015, and 2018. Lincoln High School placed first at state this year.

The Constitution Team consists of six units, each of which focuses on a specific area of constitutional interest, including history, philosophy, and modern

implications. The competition simulates congressional hearings. Each unit participates in 20-minute hearings before a panel of lawyers and judges, with students presenting four-minute opening statements prepared ahead of time in response to specific questions. They then answer questions from the judges, supporting their positions with constitutional references, Supreme Court rulings, and extensive research.

A typical question could be “What is the difference between procedural and substantive due process, and what are the origins of these principles? Are the protections

of procedural due process more fully guaranteed in an adversarial or inquisitorial system of justice? Does procedural or substantive due process cause more conflict between the national and state governments? Why?”

Judges score the units based on the teams’ application of Constitutional principles and depth of knowledge. Over 1,200 students from across the United States will be competing, and the teams with the ten highest scores advance to the finals on the third day. While in Washington, D.C. the Grant High School team will also have the opportunity to meet elected officials and do some sightseeing.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation to help the Grant Constitution Team raise the \$90,000 necessary to send 32 team members and their volunteer coaches to the national competition, go to: [grantboosters.schoolauction.net/con2020/give](http://grantboosters.schoolauction.net/con2020/give), or mail a check to: Grant High School Constitution Team, c/o Jen Mass, 2325 NE 20th Ave., Portland, OR 97212.

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GRANT HIGH SCHOOL CONSTITUTION TEAM

## Home Stretch For Friends of Wilshire Park Fundraising Campaign *by Tiffney Townshend*

On a characteristically drab and wet February evening, the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association’s Friends of Wilshire Park (FoWP) Committee kicked off its final fundraising push for the children’s play area at Wilshire Park with a successful open house at FoWP member Audene Walraven’s home.

Audene graciously welcomed contributors, providing delicious piping-hot homemade soups complemented by donated bread from Grand Central Bakery. Neighbors stopped by to chat, learn about FoWP activities, and write checks. The event generated over \$600 toward the purchase of a new playhouse for the Wilshire Park children’s play area.

The new off-road vehicle play structure that was installed last year was paid for entirely by community donations, and several thousand additional dollars are needed to purchase the new playhouse, which replaces the former structure that was removed months ago by Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) due to safety issues.

Because no PP&R funding has been allotted for a replacement, FoWP requested and was granted permission to fundraise the needed \$15,000. FoWP is hopeful that PP&R will cover the cost of installation, as was the case with the vehicle play structure.



IMAGE OF FUTURE WILSHIRE PARK PLAYHOUSE

Now in the homestretch of its fundraising efforts, FoWP is over halfway to its goal. Like the vehicle structure, the new playhouse will be made in the U.S. of durable materials that should last well into the next generation.

Donations for the new playhouse can be sent directly to the FoWP fund at Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN), 4415 NE 87th Ave, Portland, OR 97220, or donate online at [www.friendsofwilshirepark.org/donate](http://www.friendsofwilshirepark.org/donate). All donations are tax deductible.



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As of January 2020, the Alameda Neighborhood Association now meets on the second Monday of every month. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. at Fremont United Methodist Church, 2620 NE Fremont. They are open to the public, and provide an opportunity for neighbors to

connect, express concerns, and participate in decisions that affect the Alameda neighborhood. The next meeting will be Monday, April 13. For more information, go to [alamedaportland.com](http://alamedaportland.com).

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# Concordia University to Close by Blythe Knott

On Monday, February 10, Concordia University announced that it will be closing permanently at the end of the Spring 2020 semester. Thousands of students will have to finish their education elsewhere, and 1,500 employees will be laid off.

I work at Lewis & Clark and follow the higher education landscape in Portland closely. The closures of Marylhurst University, then the Oregon College of Art and Craft, and now Concordia University have sent shock waves through the local college community.

For residents of Alameda, the closure of Concordia hits closest to home. Concordia is less than two miles from my house - and it's very close to Alameda's northern border. Established in 1905 as Concordia Academy, it began as a training center for Lutheran pastors and parochial school teachers. In 1962, it was accredited by the Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges and changed its name to Concordia College. In 1995, the school added graduate programs and became Concordia University.

At present, Concordia has about 1,500 undergraduate students, and about 4,300 graduate students - many of whom take classes online or off-site. I've been to a number of meetings on its beautiful campus, and my kids have played soccer and lacrosse on its newly refurbished turf field. Concordia says that after the spring semester it will return the property to the Lutheran Synod, which is expected to sell it. I'm sure our neighborhood is curious to know who will be the next inhabitants of Concordia's 24-acre campus.

This closure took everyone I know by surprise. In hindsight, one could see a few warning signs. There was rapid turnover in the upper administration of the school in recent years. An attempt at increasing online enrollment ended up attracting federal scrutiny due to the tactics of one of the online recruiting partners. The school has run



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY WILL CLOSE AT THE END OF SPRING TERM

a budget deficit the last few years, and its endowment was relatively small - which made Concordia very tuition-dependent and less able to withstand the inevitable ebbs and flows in student enrollment.

Many schools are giving a lot of thought to student enrollment right now, because due to demographic shifts, there will be fewer college-aged students to go around in the next few years. Many experts feel that further school closures will be inevitable in the next decade.

According to local news reports, many students think Concordia is handling the closure the wrong way, and some are filing lawsuits against the school. When there's a sudden closure, the immediate thought is: Who knew what, and when? Why would this happen days after a gala at which over \$300,000 was raised for the school? If there were such severe warning signs, why take people's money? And why wait until right after the spring add/drop deadline, so that students are locked into the semester at the moment this decision is announced?

It's easy to imagine that students who aren't graduating this spring can easily transfer to other schools to finish their degrees - but it isn't always that simple. Each school has its own graduation requirements, and almost all schools require a certain number of credits be taken on campus, especially toward the end of the degree process. So, unless Concordia creates agreements with other schools to ease those requirements, affected students will find graduation timelines extended. This affects not just undergraduate students, but also Concordia's many education and nursing graduate students.

Many of us know students and faculty and staff who are directly affected by this closure. I'm certain they'll appreciate our support as they make new plans to finish their education and seek new employment.

*Blythe Knott is an Alameda resident and the Director of Overseas and Off-Campus Programs at Lewis & Clark College. She is also a former editor of the AlamedaPDX Newsletter.*

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## Another Neighborhood Goodbye: Food King Market by Doug Decker

We know change is the only real constant in our neighborhood life, but it seems we've been saying goodbye to businesses and buildings more frequently than usual these days.

January 31, 2019 was the last day of business for Food King Market at 2909 NE Prescott. The building has recently sold and the family that has met the neighborhood's convenience store needs for the last 20-plus years is closing up shop.

There most certainly is a story here about owners David and Kaybee and their own history in the place, and where their path leads from here. The neighborhood will miss them and the convenience of having a small market nearby for last-minute needs.

As for the building, it's unclear where the path will lead. The new owner is conversing with the city regarding permitting and here's what the official status of remodeling plans says: "Remodel and change the use of the existing structure (which is now consisting of three units: a grocery store, a residence, and a current vacant unit), to either 100% office or a combination of office and retail sales and service. Also



PRESCOTT FOUNTAIN, 1955. LOOKING NORTHEAST FROM THE CORNER OF NE 29TH AND PRESCOTT. PHOTO COURTESY OF TOM ROBINSON.

proposed is to convert 500-800 sq ft of existing footprint into covered or partially-covered outdoor areas."

The silver lining at this point for the neighborhood appears to be that this is not a multi-story Airbnb hotel or condominium. It seems the new owners are considering repurposing aspects of the original building.

Thanks David and Kaybee. We'll miss being able to zip over for the missing ingredient at the last moment, and we wish you well. And we'll continue to follow remodel plans for this building, which has been a neighborhood institution of sorts for almost 100 years.

**Editor's Note:** The following is a post written by Doug Decker 11 years ago describing the history of the stores that have operated on

the Food King site, and shared memories of some of the "kids" who dropped by for iced cokes on credit.

### Prescott Fountain - Hunderups

By Doug Decker, January 16, 2009

I've embarked on a line of research that involves trying to understand the businesses that have served Alamedans over the years, with a focus on the smaller shops that existed around the perimeter of the neighborhood. Here's one that will bring back some memories for those who knew it, and will intrigue those of us who didn't.

We live not too far from Food King and drop in from time to time, almost always in the evening after other stores are closed, to get a gallon of milk for the morning. When I found the 1955 picture, I stopped in to see if the owners knew anything about the building, but they don't, so I turned to others I know (thank you Steve Goodman and John Hamnett) who do.

The building was built in 1922, so there are a couple of generations who shopped here before this early picture was taken, and about which we don't know much (yet). But here's the lowdown on this place from the vantage point of the mid- to late-1950s.

I'll let Steve Goodman tell this story from here:

*"First, this is actually four businesses. The left door (about one-quarter of the total building) was the Prescott Fountain. But no one called it that. From the late 50's until it closed (sometime in the mid to late 60's), it was know as Hunderups, for its owner (we kids pronounced it "Hun-drups").*

*It was not what you might envision. Likely in earlier days it was a modern, clean, well respected establishment, but that's NOT how we knew it. Adults would never go in there. It was a dingy hang-out for kids. It was dark (only about two lights lit the whole place), dirty (old Mr. Hunderup, who resembled Charley Weaver, let the store go into disrepair and never cleaned it). The product on the shelves was all old and never sold - items you'd expect in an old drug store, hot water bottles, etc.*

*It did have an old fashioned counter and stools where grade school and high school kids (boys, never a girl) would gather. He had candy behind the counter, but we hardly ever bought it, as fresher was available next door. The attraction was the iced Cokes in a bottle, a nickel or dime each. He'd keep them in a "too cold" refrigerator, and kids would go there to socialize in an "adult free" zone, and drink the Cokes from the bottle with a straw. Sometimes Mr. Hunderup would have to break through the ice with his ice pick so we could get the straw in.*

*Rumor has it that someone once saw a rat running through the store. Maybe yes, maybe no - but in this dark, dirty establishment it wouldn't surprise anyone. My mother went in Hunderup's once (once) looking for some item, and I think she disallowed me from going in there again - or couldn't figure out why we'd want to.*

*I got the feeling that before it was the run-down place we knew, Mr. Hunderup might have owned it when it was nice and*

*new(er), but just let it get run-down. Looking back, he loved seeing us and chatting with us while we kept him in business.*

*Mr. Hunderup passed away in the late 60's. They cleaned it all out (and we joked about how much they probably had to fumigate the place), and it soon became part of the store next door."*

Steve explains that the second door from the left was a thriving, clean, well-lit family owned neighborhood grocery called Hume's Foods. . you can see it on the awning in the photo. It sold in 1963 to the Brandel family (which later owned Alameda Foods at 24th and Fremont).

*"It was unlike the convenience stores of current times. They had a large produce section on the east side of the store. In the back was a large butcher case, well-stocked and staffed by a real butcher. While this wasn't a "supermarket," it's where many in the neighborhood did their weekly shopping; always busy. And it had several adults working there - back when they could support a family with that type of job. No turnover, but the same people. Mr. and Mrs. Brandel would always be in. I can remember their faces like it was yesterday. They kept ledgers behind the counter where some customers ran a tab."*



FOOD KING MARKET, CIRCA 2009

On the east end of the building, beyond Brandel's, was a beauty shop and a barber shop, complete with the twirling red and white barber pole and a row of hair dryers against the wall.

Thanks to the helpful memory of blog reader Steve Turner, we now know that the proprietor of the Prescott Fountain was named August Herman Hunderup. I've done a little genealogy and learned that he was born in 1891 in Minnesota. In the 1920 census, he's living with his parents on SE 87th Avenue and is listed as a "minister" at a Catholic Church. Death records show he passed away on September 3, 1970. I'd love to hear from any family members, or others, who have a memory of Mr. H. and his quirky, memorable shop.

What do you know about this place? Care to share a memory about another neighborhood business?



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## Jury Duty Enlightens and Saddens *by Sonia Acharya*

We've all gotten that envelope in the mail, the call to jury duty. We cringe and look for excuses: We have dependents, we need to work to make mortgage payments, we - or a loved one - are ill. But many of us go to serve our two days. Often, we leave without serving, and instead spend the time reading a book, scrolling through our phones, or chatting with other potential jurors.

But some of us get called. And we can get called not just for trial jury, but also for grand jury, which I recently was chosen to serve on.

The presiding judge reminded us that jury duty is the most immediate way to serve our democracy, with fallout that affects human beings in ways that casting a vote doesn't. Our decisions are more powerful because we are one of six or twelve votes that affect lives within days, power usually only granted to physicians or lawyers. We are the last defense against the machine of the state, a jury of peers who has the power to call out injustice.

So you may ask, what does grand jury service mean? For me it meant a month out of my life spent listening

to state prosecutors present cases for indictment. Grand Jury 1, consisting of myself and six other jurors, heard evidence and listened to witness testimony for the most egregious felonies: Murder, manslaughter, sexual assault, trafficking, rape, domestic violence. Occasionally the cases were light, but mostly they left me with a sense of dismay and exhaustion. Were all people like this, full of anger and alcohol, a potent and often lethal combination?

The binder of felonies that we were presented with seemed like a mini-course on what not to do to avoid trouble with the police. Many of us felt it should be taught to every young person of high school age. We also noticed that the charges moved so easily from a misdemeanor to a felony. It seemed like once you were on that slippery slope there was no heading back, no clean slate.

Even the process of jury selection made me sad. It wasn't really a jury of my peers, because most of us don't have enough financial security to serve for a month without pay. Young mothers, sole supporters whose paycheck means the mortgage payment, small business owners - most of us live paycheck to paycheck, no retirement in sight. As



a result, the jury is made up of government workers and retirees who don't need to supplement their income with work.

Our jury had two scientists, a tax accountant, a radiation technologist, two retirees, and one person whose business was public-minded enough to pay for community service. It reminded me that "We, the people" often doesn't mean all of us, it means a few of us.

Grand jury service was enlightening, grueling, and saddening. It also gave me a new appreciation for the police and other keepers of the law who serve on the front lines every day.

## ANA Disaster Preparedness Draws a Crowd

Over 90 Alameda neighbors came together at Fremont United Methodist Church on February 10 to share pizza and hear a presentation from the Beaumont-Wilshire/Alameda Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET).

NETs are made up of Portland residents who have been trained by the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within their own neighborhoods. They're trained to save lives and property until professional responders can arrive.

The presentation, which was sponsored by the Alameda Neighborhood Association, provided residents with a chance to socialize while learning more about what to do in case of a major emergency.

NET team members stressed preparedness and developing strong relationships with neighbors as the most important keys to surviving an earthquake

or other catastrophic event. Following the presentation, there was a Q & A session that covered a wide range of disaster-related scenarios.

An earthquake kit created by high school student and Alameda resident Anastasia Klingler was raffled off at the end of the evening. Klingler has started a small business assembling the kits and selling them online.

Watch for more information on disaster preparedness—including information on where Alameda residents should assemble in case of a major emergency—in the next issue of AlamedaPDX.



NEIGHBORS HAVE LOTS OF QUESTIONS FOR NET TEAM

## Wilshire Park Neighbors Gather to Maintain NatureSpace *by Peter Mogielnicki*

Mr. Rogers would have been pleased. November 23, 2019 was a "beautiful day in the neighborhood," as a group of enthusiastic rakers and weeders spent a couple of hours working together and getting to know one another at Wilshire Park.

The excuse for the event was the need to weed the park's NatureSpace, to help its array of barely year-old native plants get established without competition. To begin with, a carpet of fallen leaves needed removal to reveal the interlopers. Several hundred - possibly thousands - of baby Douglas firs and oak seedlings were removed from the fertile, hospitable soil by the energetic crew. While this was an important task, an equally valuable function was the opportunity for public-spirited individuals to chat and get to know each other, and for oldsters to model community volunteerism for the upcoming generation.

Workers ranged in age from preschoolers to others well past retirement. Many attended because they'd read about the event in the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association Newsletter, seen it publicized on the Beaumont NextDoor website, gotten a Friends of Wilshire Park e-mail, or heard about it through Quiet Clean PDX - a group devoted to replacing the health and environmental hazards of two-cycle, gas-powered maintenance equipment with cleaner, quieter alternatives. Fittingly, the Wilshire Park work wasn't powered by fossil fuels - instead it was fueled by an offering of delicious breads and pastries donated by Grand Central Bakery!



VOLUNTEERS HELP MAINTAIN NATURESPACE

For information about Friends of Wilshire Park events, volunteer opportunities, and group meetings, visit the FoWP website at [friendsofwilshirepark.org](http://friendsofwilshirepark.org).



## Walking Alameda by Doug Decker

We all know that getting outside for a walk or roll is a great way to clear your head, get some exercise, and stay connected with the neighbors and the neighborhood. What if you added a little history exploration to your next walk? Every walk in Alameda has the potential to be a history walk, and here's one you might try with a friend or family member, the dog, or maybe just solo to soak up a sense of place.

For a map, photos, and other clues to check out along the way, visit my blog [alamedahistory.org](http://alamedahistory.org) and enter the search term "Walking Alameda."

### Alameda Park Plat Perimeter Walk:

This 2.45 mile walk will take you all the way around the perimeter of the original Alameda Park subdivision plat, which we often refer to as "The Park." Bring the plat map along (from the website), and pay attention to the interesting alignments on the west edge of the neighborhood, especially around Crane Street.

You can start anywhere along the perimeter of the original subdivision plat, which was filed in 1909, but I chose the northwest corner, in the shadow of the big water tower known as the Vernon Tank at the corner of NE 20th and Prescott. Head south on NE 20th to Alameda Drive and around the corner to NE 21st, then west on Ridgewood to NE 20th, and then left down the hill on NE 20th to Fremont.

Turning left (east) on Fremont, you pass by what once was the Irvington Dairy (with a large dairy barn at the northeast corner of NE 21st and Fremont). Heading east you have the long straight south edge of The Park to walk, passing by where the streetcar ran up NE 24th and the busy commercial hub that included the Alameda Pharmacy, the old Safeway (now Union Bank) and what used to be two gas stations marking the northeast and northwest corners.

Next, you pass east by Alameda Elementary school, built in 1921 after much lobbying by the locals and a few protests that the construction contract was awarded through some favoritism. Tip your hat to the Pearson Pine, the big old ponderosa pine tree on the southwest corner of NE 29th and Fremont. It's been there since at least 1885.

Up the hill on Fremont you go. As you pass the staircases that head up to the top of the ridge, keep in mind there are old water mains under those steps, placed when they were built in the teens. At one point, maybe in the 1920s and early 1930s, women from the Alameda Tuesday Club acted as ushers for young children passing up and down these stairs on their way to and from school.

The crest of the hill at Fremont and NE 33rd was known as Gravelly Hill, which was both a gravel pit and garbage dump for many years. The dump was under the entire two block area between NE 33rd, NE 32nd, Klickitat and

Fremont and received all of Portland's eastside trash from 1923-1924.

As you walk north on NE 33rd, think about the 33rd Street Woods (today's Wilshire Park), originally part of the Kamm Estate, which was a dense forest that played a large part in the memories of youngsters who grew up here in the 1930s and 1940s. While you're enjoying the evening, you can also tip your hat to the home guard, made up of Alameda dads who patrolled the neighborhood at night during World War II, enforcing blackout rules and making sure families kept blankets and light dampers up on their windows.

And then there are the thousands of stories that rise up from the generations who have lived in the houses you'll pass. Lots to wonder about as you and the dog push on around the corner at Prescott and head home!



ORIGINAL ALAMEDA PARK PLAT MAP



IDA GALASH

## Plan Your Garden to Help the Butterflies by Dan LaGrande

An article in the winter issue of AlamedaPDX introduced readers to Ida Galash. She's a neighbor who is dedicated to saving and helping Monarch butterflies—those delicate and lovely creatures we sometimes see pollinating plants in our gardens.

There are two Monarch migrations a year – in the spring, and in the fall. Ida is now appealing to residents in Alameda, and adjacent neighborhoods, to help aid the Monarchs by planting the food they need to survive: Showy Milkweed.

As you plan your spring garden, Ida hopes that you will plant some milkweed in pots in your garden, or on your porch or deck. You can get Showy Milkweed starts by mid-April at most garden stores, including Garden Fever at NE 24th & Fremont. It's not a big outlay: around \$5 for a small container, \$10 or so for a larger container. And

it is easy to grow. Also, it's important to include sources of nectar, especially colorful flowers like goldenrod and asters. And avoid using any pesticides.

Ida has established a "Monarch Waystation" in her yard to nurture the butterflies and help prepare them for their annual migration to California. She also is reaching out to communities along the Oregon and California coast on the butterfly migration route for their support. She's hoping to create a "Monarch Corridor" where people plant milkweed to sustain the butterflies throughout their long migration.

To learn more about Ida's efforts, and why it's important to help protect and support the butterflies, you can join her Facebook group, "Portland Monarchs." Other good resources include: [www.MonarchWatch.org](http://www.MonarchWatch.org) and [www.JourneyNorth.org](http://www.JourneyNorth.org), and [www.MonarchJointVenture.org](http://www.MonarchJointVenture.org).

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### PORTLAND CHINATOWN MUSEUM INFO

In the Portland Chinatown Museum article in our Winter 2019 issue, we neglected to include the museum's address and website. The museum is located at 127 NW 3rd Avenue, Portland, 97209. For more information, call (503) 224-0008 or go to [portlandchinatownmuseum.org](http://portlandchinatownmuseum.org).



## Letters to the Editor

### On the Willamette River:

Thanks for running Nina Bell's correction/addition to my letter from several months ago. She is absolutely dead on about the role of NW Environmental Advocates in getting the City of Portland on board with the Big Pipe. My bad for failing to note that in my letter.

And I was pleased to see Willie Levenson call out both the CoP's Big Pipe and Nina Bell/NWEA for their amazing work in getting our river to a cleaner place. What neighbors!

Now if we can get the wheels in motion for the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup!

Lenny Anderson

Board member, npGreenway (aka Friends of the N. Portland Willamette Greenway Trail)

Swan Island Business Association Executive Director (retired)

### On Leaf Blowers:

The Quiet Clean PDX team wants to give you an update on our campaign goal of eliminating gas leaf blowers. When we last reported in AlamedaPDX, we were preparing for a December, 2019 Portland City Council hearing on a resolution championed by Commissioner Nick Fish to eliminate gas leaf blowers owned by City bureaus.

The good news is that the resolution passed unanimously and the City of Portland will be taking roughly 300 hand-held gas leaf blowers off our streets and out of our parks by 2021. The terrible news is that Commissioner Fish died just a few short weeks after he sponsored that resolution. Nick Fish was a wonderful advocate for Portland's quality of life in so many ways, for such a very long time. He will be greatly missed by the Portland community.

Part of his resolution states that "Portland City Council supports efforts to regulate gas-powered leaf blowers in urban environments and shall convene a working group to consider an equitable city-wide transition to electric and battery-operated leaf blowers."

Following Nick Fish's death, we have been in discussion with Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson and her staff. They have expressed a willingness

and desire to facilitate that working group at the County level, with the intention of passing a County resolution similar to the City resolution, eliminating gas leaf blowers owned and operated by Multnomah County.

We are grateful for the support of so many Alameda neighbors, and of local and national organizations that have endorsed Quiet Clean PDX. Please take a moment to check out our supporters and endorsers. Go to [quietcleanpdx.org](http://quietcleanpdx.org) and click on the "Our Coalition" page.

We are hopeful that the Alameda Neighborhood Association will soon join the growing list of those who endorse transitioning away from gas leaf blowers in favor of both battery operated and hand held lawn and garden equipment. The reasons are many, including public and operator health hazards, noise pollution, toxic emissions, fine particulate dispersion, pollinator destruction, and the terrible impact of gas leaf blowers on the global climate emergency that we all face.

Your thoughts on the matter are appreciated and help guide our actions. We can be reached at [michael@quietcleanpdx.org](mailto:michael@quietcleanpdx.org). We look forward to your emails.

Michael Hall

Quiet Clean PDX

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## Please Don't Doom My Bees *by Barbara Brower*

Imagine a tick about the size of a salad plate, attached to your abdomen, or worse—to your baby brother. That's a Varroa mite on a bee—Varroa destructor, scourge of honey bee colonies around the world. The mites, invaders from Southeast Asia, target larval bees still in their cells; in addition to the weakening effect of feeding on the baby bees, the mites carry a range of bee pathogens (including one that destroyed my two booming hives last year, the awful and aptly named “deformed wing virus”).

Bees can sometimes survive a Varroa infestation, and/or the heavy-duty chemical treatments used to combat the mites—but in combination with neonicotinoid pesticides (“neonics”), Varroa are behind the catastrophic losses suffered by both commercial and backyard beekeepers. At least that's the evidence that has so far emerged, in a complex investigation made more difficult through disinformation from chemical companies and political influence of agribusiness.

I grew up with a colony of feral bees in the stucco wall behind our house. Climbing over the wall to sneak into the vacant lot on the other side, you could feel the vibration of tens of thousands of bees' wings inside. They'd swarm in our yard, or next door, and bees were a wonderful and amazing part of my childhood—once I'd learned that a bee doesn't like to be petted if she happens to land on your hand.

Fast-forward about 50 years, and one fine spring day in 2013 I found myself talked into acquiring my first “nuc”—the nucleus of a hive, a queen and 5 frames of workers. My bees came from neighbors Tim Wessels and Glen Andresen, then co-owners of Bridgetown Bees, and with the bees came the endless patience of Tim and other neighbor beekeepers, ready to help me navigate the complexities of apiculture. My interventions were premised on the idea that bees know more about being bees than I could ever know, and my role was to observe and stay out of the way. The hive sat on a terrace, and I watched them for hours and hours.

Did you know the bees in a hive can look very different from one another? Not just the long-abdomened queen, attended by her retinue and depositing egg after egg in its own cell, or the big-eyed, big-bodied, klutzy drones, crash-landing at the entrance of the hive after an afternoon cruising in the “drone zone.” Those drones are on the lookout for a virgin queen on her nuptial flight; if they get lucky, it will be their last hurrah, as the queen flies off with the drone's male parts. A number of drones can get “lucky” in this way, and the queen returns home with a collection of genetic material that results in a wide variety of sizes and colors in her subsequent offspring.

Beekeeping for me in Alameda has been an unending source of fascinating entertainment and information, beeswax and honey. . . and heartbreak. Those first



BARBARA BROWER'S BACK YARD BEE COLONY

marvel-revealing bees? All dead by spring, the lid of the hive having blown off, rain then pouring in, chilling and killing most of the colony, leaving a small cluster gathered around their queen. One by one they too died, not enough buzzing bees to keep the hive at the necessary 90 degrees. But I was hooked, and started again—ensuring this time that the lid was weighted down. But by the next spring, once again, after falling in love with the biological wonder and hard work of my bees, spring brought the heartbreak of a deadout—a hive full of honey, dead brood, and the carcasses of the few last survivors. I'd been so hopeful as winter set in! They were active, thriving! How could they all be dead? What should I have done differently?

That was the question I asked for the next 5 years, each year starting with a fresh nuc, setting up a colony with high hopes, only to have hopes dashed, bees dead, sometimes even before winter added its stresses to the colonies. Three years ago I decided maybe the bees could use some help, and tried treating for those diabolical mites, but—another spring deadout. Then in 2018 I bought an entire booming colony, and split it into two (given enough workers and brood, a queenless colony can create its own queen simply by the care and feeding given to the chosen larva). I treated those bees following the advice of the seller, and both lively hives survived the winter! Come spring, I added hive boxes, harvested a little honey, and gloated (only a little) at the sad postings

of other members of Portland Urban Beekeepers who reported their losses.

I shouldn't have gloated. By midsummer, I noticed the area in front of my hives thick with bee bodies and crawling with bees, but such odd-looking bees: strange shapeless bodies and little curled or furled wings. Deformed-wing virus is almost a sure sign of a mite infestation, so even without conducting a mite count (put a cupful of bees in a jar with powdered sugar, shake it up, spill the bees into a strainer over white paper; watch the bees shake themselves and fly home, and count the red dots of mites, loosened by the sugar treatment), I hit them with a thyme-oil based miticide, left instructions for a subsequent treatment, and went on vacation. I didn't add a second treatment, and by early fall, there were no survivors.

We ask a lot of bees. This week I drove south through the Sacramento Valley, past thousands and thousands of almond trees breaking into bloom, each orchard served by multiple pallets holding 16 to 20 hives of bees. Those bees—80 to 90% of commercially raised bees in the US, according to one source—are trucked from all over. The stresses of travel, pesticides, limited diet, and pathogens traveling with the bees and transferred by Varroa mites mean a lot of losses for those beekeepers, who compensate by producing queens and colonies as fast as they can. So it's possible to keep up with the casualties, for now.

But wouldn't it be better if we could make the world safer for bees, mine in the backyard and those slave bees making our almond milk? The European Union has banned key neonics, but the Trump administration rolled back the token restriction in the US, which outlawed neonicotinoids on farmed federal reserves. There's room, then, for education and activism on the issue here.

But closer to home, in our neighborhood, we can work for bees. We can applaud efforts like Bridgetowns' to breed bees tough enough for wet Northwest winters, and able to stand up to Varroa. And we can give up those handy neonicotinoid pesticides, great for bug-free gardens, but doom for the pollinators drawn to those gardens. Please? Give my latest colony—a swarm from last summer, still hanging in there as of last week—a fighting chance!



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## National Recognition for Alameda Home by Dan LaGrande

The December 2019 issue of a national magazine, *Old House Journal*, features a seven-page, full-color spread on a historic house restoration formerly highlighted in the AlamedaPDX Newsletter in its Spring 2016 and Winter 2017 issues.

The magazine tells the story of how Jerod and Maria Fitzgerald spent several years restoring a mundane, 1960s remodeled house covered with aluminum siding. The result was a magnificent 1913 Craftsman with 9-1/2 foot ceilings on the main floor, 90 scroll-cut rafter tails for the roof, and 70 scrolled balusters for the front porch railings. The interior rooms of the house were also beautifully restored.

Fortunately, the Fitzgeralds' house, located on NE 25th Avenue, had two surviving nearly intact "twin" houses in northeast Portland. The owners of those homes kindly allowed Jerod Fitzgerald to go up ladders to take

precise measurements so he could recreate the all-important missing components for his restoration project. Jerod found a local tree farm that provided rough-cut dried wood that he took to a shop in Portland for finishing and milling to the dimensions and style of the original 1913 Craftsman house design.

Today, the house is truly a showpiece – an example of the lovely Craftsman homes found in Alameda and adjacent neighborhoods more than a century ago. On the next sunny day we get this winter, treat yourself to a walk along NE 25th, just north of Knott. You can't miss the house – and you'll walk on with a spring in your step!



RESTORED HOME FEATURED IN OLD HOUSE JOURNAL

### Infill... *(cont. from page 1)*

the new duplexes. I feel part of the City's push for higher density in close-in neighborhoods is to justify the big public investment in mass transit and other major public projects."

A few houses down the block, also across the street from the three-story duplex, Lindy and Katherine LaHatt offered another perspective.

"I'm fine with increased density, but I'm concerned about putting a monolith next to normal-sized neighborhood homes, with front and back yards," Lindy said.

"Each case should be considered individually, to assure that a proposed infill project fits in with its surrounding neighboring houses, both in size and style," he continued. "It would also be a big concern if the City did not require adequate off-street parking for the new structure."

"It comes down to a matter of scale and location," Lindy explained. "Infill structures should be in similar scale to the surrounding houses in the neighborhood, so modest two-story homes would not be overpowered by a huge three or four-story structure. It is an aesthetic issue and also a practical one, when a big building blocks the sunlight on adjacent homes for much of the day."

"The logical thing," Lindy suggests, "is to allow smaller scale infill structures along streets within neighborhoods, and larger scale infill structures along arterial streets or in neighborhood business districts, where there is already higher density and taller buildings."

Talking with folks at Guilder Coffee Shop on NE Fremont and 24th – the heart of Alameda's business district – I learned what some residents, who do not live next to a recently built duplex or "McMansion," think about the Residential Infill Plan. As with comments above, most people prefer to be identified only by first name.

Her young daughter at her side, Hailey, who lives in the Alberta neighborhood, was enjoying coffee with a friend.

"I'm skeptical about the need for more housing in Portland neighborhoods, because I see so many of these new apartment houses that are not filled," Hailey said.

She explained that she lives in a fourplex, so she's not concerned about building them in residential areas, but would be concerned if larger units went in.

"I feel Portland is not set up for a big increase in population," she said. "Residential streets can't handle the traffic, public transit is inadequate, and most of the city's infrastructure would need rebuilding."



EXAMPLES OF MULTI-STORY INFILL

"A more practical approach," Hailey suggested, "would be to build more housing, if it is needed, in locations where there is more room and streets and infrastructure are better, as in suburban areas."

At a nearby table in Guilder, Aeron and Alejandra offered another view.

"We have always lived in condos and in cities with much more density than Portland," Aeron said.

"I am from Spain where cities are much more dense than in Portland," Alejandra explained, and she went on to say, "We have now bought our first house and we live on Fremont, across the street from Alameda Elementary School, so we are used to the busy street and all the activity at the school."

They both agreed that the new residential infill proposals for higher density sound fine. "They wouldn't bother us," they both said.

"The biggest issue for us," Aeron added, "would be to have architectural and design standards, so new buildings would fit into the older neighborhoods. And to design and

build new housing to last – to be of high quality so they don't fall apart in 10 years and become an eyesore."

"Also," he continued, "the design criteria needs to preclude big, hulking buildings that are not compatible with surrounding homes. Plus, it's important to address the loss of parking."

Also enjoying their morning coffee at Guilder, Paul and Susan compared the situation to their earlier life in the Bay Area, before moving to Portland 20 years ago.

"We left Berkeley, and never want to go back because it had become a difficult place to live in," Susan explained. "It was overcrowded, traffic and parking were terrible, and public schools had declined."

"We found Portland so much more livable when we moved here," she continued. "We could walk to our neighborhood shopping area in Hollywood, it was easy to drive when we needed to, there was adequate parking, there were good schools, we enjoy living here."

"Other things that make our neighborhood so pleasant is that we have sunlight, we can see the sky, there's an open feeling in a residential neighborhood, and that's why we moved here," Paul said.

"We have seen the future from what happened when we lived in Berkeley years ago," Paul recalls. "It became so overcrowded, congested, not the place it once was."

Both agreed they're not happy with the possibility of a four or six-story structure going in next to their house, closing in on their feeling of openness, perhaps blocking the sunlight. It would be intolerable, they agreed, but their question was: Where could they move that would offer the livability they enjoy now?

If you have not yet done so, you have the opportunity to express your opinions and suggestions on this issue to members of the Portland City Council.

Contact Mayor Ted Wheeler at [mayorwheeler@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:mayorwheeler@portlandoregon.gov), or Commissioners Amanda Fritz at [amanda@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:amanda@portlandoregon.gov), Jo Ann Hardesty at

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*Editor's Note: Writer Dan LaGrande notes that this article is meant to be a small snapshot - not a scientific survey - of what some Alameda residents think about residential infill in NE Portland.*



## Picture Windows: “When the light shifts, I see...” by Gail Jeidy

I love the painting hanging to the left of my picture window -- “Pink Sky” by SE Portland artist Alison O’Donoghue. I appreciate it any time of day and from any angle -- when I come home, when I leave and from my cozy couch. More than two dozen imaginative bird characters come in this cotton candy sky and my favorite has long been a dark pink, short, stout, tea kettle of a bird ready to bounce on the tail feathers of a regal peacock-ish friend.

Lately, my favorites rotate as a different bird draws my focus. Today my favorite is a hunch-backed, penguin-like character with big dark dots.

Discovering a new bird each day could simply be what good art, good movies, or good literature do for those who engage. The more you look, the more you see.

Or perhaps my viewing pattern is like the anecdote about the student whose professor had him look at the same fish specimen for hours and then days, instructing him to continually look deeper. The student, made miserable by the tedious process, did as he was told and surprised himself by seeing more with each passing hour.

The difference here is I’m not really trying to see something new, I just am. It’s been a long, dark winter and the mood in the world no better. Friends in the neighborhood and throughout the Pacific Northwest have echoed what I’ve felt. The dull, dark, dankness has been a downer. I’ve had a subconscious need to allow my light to shift and see the world anew.

Here are some recent personal illuminations in and around the neighborhood.

Neighborhood sidewalks are Monet’s lily ponds. River deltas



PINK SKY BY ALISON O’DONOGHUE



MURAL OFFERS TIMELY ADVICE ON NE ALBERTA

underfoot. Silt and mud, aka rich bottom soil, have claimed even the scantest depressions and every street corner. Lush moss spreads neon as soft and inviting as a putting green, and pending spring brings adornments of pick-up sticks and confetti blossoms plus an occasional waft of daphne joy.

The DMV is a rent-free creative studio. If you haven’t recently, you may be going soon for your Real ID. I arrived 20 minutes before the doors opened and was 15th in line, which meant an hour and 45-minute visit. It was illuminated, though, by a peer citizen who sat down, opened his handbook-sized sketchpad, pulled out his Flair pen and inked meticulous drawings, oblivious to passing time.

Hale Pele will uplift your spirits. This tropical tiki hut with its hanging puffer fish and tropical food and drink on NE 27th and Broadway has the power to pull you out of winter doldrums, even with the sights and sounds of thunderstorms within. How is it that I had never been to this place that’s only 10 blocks from my home?

There is a sun at the center. After a long run of gray, it showed up one day as proof, eliciting an overwhelming feeling of nostalgia.

Brussel Sprouts are hearty heaven at Radio Room on NE 11th and Alberta. Proof of sun. When is the last time eating a winter vegetable brought a pause and an “ummmm” comparable to a visceral response to a good poem?

There is meaning to the acronym HOV. I hate acronyms and am likely a slow learner as I don’t regularly commute north, but I had to look up the meaning of HOV on those signboards for the carpool lane. High Occupancy Vehicle lane. Shouldn’t the subheading “more than two riders per vehicle” suffice?

My comfy shoes are like cat paws. The partitioned soles of my well-worn Sketchers mirror my cat Buger’s paws. Both have deep grooves between pads. Buger’s collect litter (that scatters all over the house) and mine collect mud and pebbles (that gouge our floor).

The Alberta murals are best appreciated one at a time. I saw the Keep Your Chin Up on a gray day while sitting in my Eurovan, eating a Double Folded Vanilla ice-cream cone from Salt and Straw and blotting drips off my sweatshirt. Timely.

The proper spelling of ‘aperture’ is aperture. Aperture is an opening or specifically an opening in a lens that admits light and the metaphor is not lost on me. I’ve spelled it with an extra ‘a’ all these years until a student used the term to discuss focus and depth in her response to Wes Anderson’s film, *The Grand Budapest Hotel* (an enlightenment all its own.)

Widen your aperture when you walk. This applies to not only watching out for mud, but to appreciating the neighborhood’s many pleasures. I took one of the sets of Alameda stairs a couple of days back and, in between breaths, spotted a hand-painted stone with an apt message: “Pobody’s Nerfect.”

## Daylight Saving Survey Results

In our last issue, we asked readers to respond to Blythe Knott’s article on Daylight Saving Time. The results of our highly unscientific survey reveal that people prefer keeping DST all year, or are at least opposed to a bi-annual change. Here are two letters from Alameda residents:

### Keep Extended Hours of Daylight

To me, our long summer daylight hours, thanks to daylight savings time, are absolutely the best time of the year in Oregon, with our mid-April to mid-September extended hours of daylight!!!

Oregon’s twilight is absolutely the best! We get to play outdoors, have picnics, barbecues, take evening walks, garden, chat with neighbors, watch our kids play, take a swim...a special time to truly enjoy our beautiful environment and our best weather in all its glory!

Why would anyone want to give up this most glorious time in light and twilight when we know we will be waking up to and driving home in gray skies from October through March in our rainy months, any way you cut it?

May our late twilights last forever!!!

— El Lawrence



### Change is Disrupting

I’m responding to the invitation in your article to express an opinion on the proposed termination of the yearly time changes. I am all in favor. I don’t care that much whether we stay with DST year round or return to Standard Time. It is the change itself I dislike - that disruption of eating and sleeping patterns, and something more subtle: I treasure the long days of summer, and regret when evening comes earlier and earlier. Then suddenly a whole hour of twilight is lost. But I could live with either Standard or DST; it’s the change I don’t like.

— John Hammond

*Editor’s Note: For now, Oregonians will enjoy Daylight Saving Time from March 8 – Nov. 1, but a legislative bill is being considered that would keep Oregon on Daylight Saving Time year-round.*

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# UPCOMING ALAMEDA NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS

## BEAUMONT MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Science Fair

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 - 8 p.m.

<https://www.pps.net/>

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## GRANT HIGH SCHOOL

### Spring Choir Concert

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 - 9 p.m.

<https://www.pps.net/>

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## THE MADELEINE OLD CHURCH

### Concerts by Bravo! Concerts Northwest: Phantom of the Opera

Sunday, March 29, 3 p.m.

[www.bravoconcerts.com/madeleine-series.html](http://www.bravoconcerts.com/madeleine-series.html)

### St. Patricks Day Dinner

Saturday, March 14, 5:30 p.m.

[https://www.themadeleine.edu/church\\_new/events-st-pats.html](https://www.themadeleine.edu/church_new/events-st-pats.html)

### Fish Fry

Friday, April 3, 5:30 p.m.

[https://www.themadeleine.edu/church\\_new/calendar.html](https://www.themadeleine.edu/church_new/calendar.html)

## FRIENDS OF WILSHIRE PARK

### Native Plant Talk

Sunday, April 5, 1 p.m.

Willow Elliott, President of the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Native Plant Society, will give a free talk on the identification and ecological role of the plantings in the Wilshire Park NatureSpace. Meet at the NatureSpace located on the north side of the park at the end of the paved pathway. [www.friendsofwilshirepark.org](http://www.friendsofwilshirepark.org)



## COLUMBIA SLOUGH WATERSHED

### Stewardship Saturday: Johnson Lake

Saturday, March 21, 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Johnson Lake North Trailhead  
9707 NE Colfax St, Portland

Come help with a long-term restoration project at this urban greenspace! Register at <http://bit.ly/stewardship-saturdays>

### Stewardship Saturday: Earth Day at Wilkes Creek

Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m. - 12 noon

Wilkes Creek Headwaters  
15401 NE Fremont St, Portland

Celebrate Earth Day by restoring habitat at the headwaters of the Slough! Register at <http://bit.ly/stewardship-saturdays>

## NE COMMUNITY CENTER

### NECC Summer Camps

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