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Non-Profits Bring Music to the Kids

By Mischa S. Webley,
 NECN Staff Writer

The bell strikes at 2:30 PM and the hallways of Rosa Parks Elementary fill with kids from all directions. Some are going home, others to play sports, and about two dozen of them, mostly first and second graders, trickle into a room off the main hall that's lined with cellos,



Photo courtesy of Bravo Youth Orchestra

“The negative effects of the restrictive tax laws that were passed beginning in the 1990s continue to have ripple effects today”

drums, and violins. This is the home of Bravo Youth Orchestras, a non-profit organization that runs music programs in several North Portland schools. The instructor and site director here, Cecille Elliot, sits in the circle with a guitar

strapped around her neck and leads the kids through a catchy rendition of a song about all the state capitals. They'll be here for two hours today, as they are every week day, and in the evening the kids will go home having gotten their dose of a part of childhood education that has been endangered for a long time: music programs.

The negative effects of the re-

strictive tax laws that were passed beginning in the 1990s continue to have ripple effects today, and they are felt most heavily in schools where arts programs tend to be the first to get cut. But a lesser-known aspect of the issue are the variety of non-profit organizations that have stepped in to fill that gap and are working to ensure that an arts and music education is available for the kids who need it most.

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Better Housing by Design Increases Housing Options & Affordability



Irvington apartments from 1924

By Luke Norman, Sullivan Gulch neighbor and co chair of NECN Land Use and Transportation Committee

The City of Portland is continuing to update their zoning code in response to the housing crisis with the proposed Better Housing by Design (BHD) that will bring needed flexibility and simplicity to multi-dwelling zones.

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability recently released the

BHD Discussion Draft focused on multi-dwelling zones (R3, R2, R1, & RH) that are adjacent to our neighborhoods' key corridors including Broadway, MLK, Killingsworth, and Williams. These medium to high-density residential zones represent about 10% of the City's land area, so increasing overall housing capacity, including affordable options, is a key part of the solution to Portland's housing crisis.

In response to community feedback, BHD responds to the need for additional housing by proposing a form-based code where regulations

focus on a building's size and shape, instead of the numbers of units allowed. This leads to buildings that match the neighborhood character, while providing additional housing options in the form of duplexes, fourplexes, and courtyard apartments.

In many ways form-based code is a return to Portland's past. The housing options that BHD allows were widely built across our neighborhoods until they were restricted in the 1950's. A stroll through Irvington is a great opportunity to stop and admire them.

In addition to looking to inspiration from Portland's past, BHD looks to the future by increasing the amount of affordable housing. BHD increases the bonuses available for

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N/NE MAP

Vernon Neighborhood Association

Meetings: 3rd Wednesdays,
7-9 pm, 5431 NE 20th Ave.
vernon@necoalition.org

Woodlawn Neighborhood Association

Meetings: 1st Wednesdays, 7-9 pm,
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info@gowoodlawn.com

Concordia Neighborhood Association

Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays, 7-8:30 pm,
5736 N.E. 33rd Ave.
Kennedy School Community Room,
chair@concordiapdx.org

Alameda Neighborhood Association

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4th Mondays, 7-8:30 pm,
2620 NE Fremont St.
alamedapdx@gmail.com

King Neighborhood Association

Meetings: 2nd Wednesdays,
6:30-8:30 pm, 4815 NE 7th Ave.
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Humboldt Neighborhood Association

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804 N Alberta
HNAnews@gmail.com

Sabin Community Association

Meetings: 2nd Mondays, 7-9 pm,
3535 NE 15th Ave.
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Boise Neighborhood Association

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boisena@gmail.com

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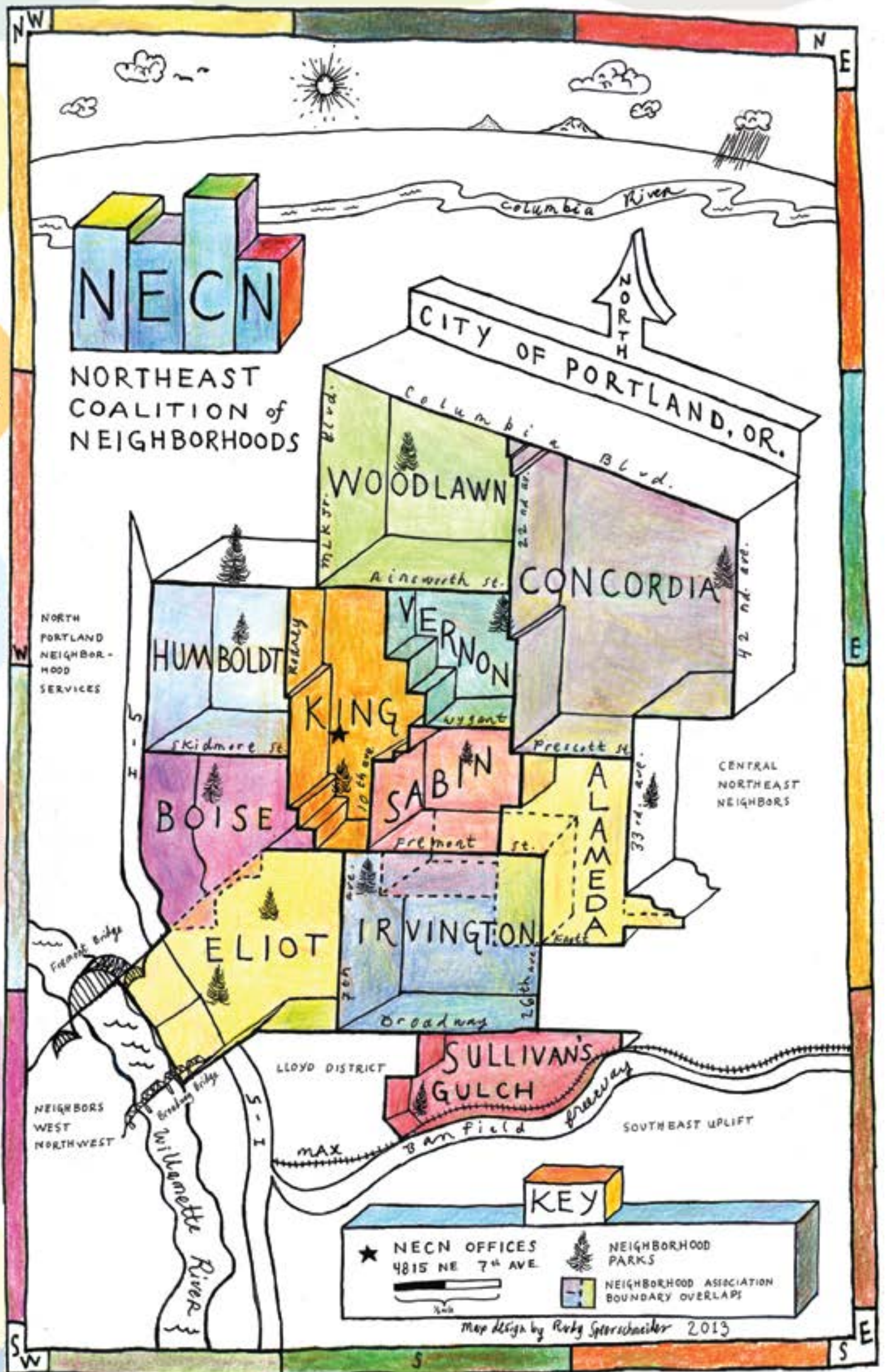
Meetings: 3rd Mondays,
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Irvington Community Association

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Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association

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Northwest Student Exchange Seeks Host Families

By Patricia Rimmer, Woodlawn resident

Greetings Northeast Portland Neighbors! I'm Patricia Rimmer, a Woodlawn resident for almost 17 years. I love the vibrant NE neighborhoods and have information about an exciting opportunity. Northwest Student Exchange is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting a more peaceful world by increasing international awareness and



“Families and their exchange students make long lasting friendships”

understanding between cultures. We find American host families interested in hosting high school international exchange students. For the past ten years, Northwest Student Exchange has placed international high school students with Portland Public Schools families; I am now recruiting host families for the 2018-2019 PPS school year. Host families can be two-parent or single-parent

families with or without children. Semester- and year-long opportunities are possible.

Our students come from South America, Asia, Europe, and Scandinavia. Their interests range from horses, all sports, choir, band, and drama to church youth groups, sight-seeing, and travel. They arrive with full medical insurance and a monthly stipend from either their scholarship fund or their natural families to pay for their personal items, school registration, and school and family activities. Families and their exchange students make long lasting friendships. This is what the program is all about and is its greatest benefit.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact me, Patricia Rimmer at rimmer9492@comcast or primmer@pps.net. You can also reach me by phone: 503-740-2754. Looking for a new travel destination? Let the world come to you! We are already placing students. Once you reach out to me, I will email you additional information and an application. Let the adventure begin!

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building new affordable housing and preserving existing affordable housing. Additionally, BHD requires that new and existing affordable housing remain affordable for the next 99 years, ensuring that future generations of all income levels will have the opportunity to live in our neighborhoods.

Interested in learning more? Review the BHD Discussion Draft at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/71903>

Both the NECN Land Use and Transportation Committee and the NECN Board will continue to follow and make recommendations on BHD and other zoning code projects through the lens of our adopted housing affordability priority.

Contact Laura Becker for more information on how to engage with NECN laura@necoalition.org 503.388.6088 or contact your neighborhood association.

Why ADUs Are A Great Benefit To NE Portland

By Lucas Gray
Propel Studios

Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, are secondary residences that can be built on any residential property in Portland. As housing costs continue to rise, many neighbors search for affordable housing for themselves or loved ones and ADUs can provide wonderful places to live while being much cheaper than buying a house in today's market. They are also great ways to earn rental income for homeowners, potentially allowing people to stay on their property even if the neighborhood gets more expensive. In short, ADUs are great investments that help build wealth and provide much needed housing. They can be an important part of creating diverse and thriving communities.



Portland modern ADU

Most of the time ADUs are detached buildings (like a backyard cottage), but an ADU can also be created within a renovated basement, attic, or garage. Each property and family is unique, so we work with our clients to talk through all of the options available and find the best solution to their situation - based on budget, existing conditions of the property, and what their goal is for the new structure.

Like any investment, there are associated costs. ADUs are not cheap - we find they cost between \$130,000 to \$200,000 depending on size, complexity, finishes, etc.

“They can be an important part of creating diverse and thriving communities”

At Propel Studio we have been working in NE Portland over the past five years to help people navigate the design, permitting and construction process for ADUs. We find ADUs to be great ways to address our housing shortage, while preserving the neighborhood character that we all enjoy.

Here are a few reasons we think ADUs are a great fit for Portland and something that everyone should consider adding to their property:

- ADUs create opportunities to provide housing while preserving neighborhood character.
- ADUs are sustainable - by doubling down on residential areas with existing infrastructure and services (preventing urban sprawl).
- ADUs give homeowners an opportunity to capitalize on their current investment (their property) and build wealth, provide passive income, and help people plan for retirement.
- ADUs allow for multi-generational living and aging-in-place
- ADUs are a popular way to downsize while remaining in the community you've grown to love.

This cost is relatively similar regardless of whether you are building new or renovating. Renovating basement or garages into an ADU is not necessarily cheaper than a new building, as often it is more complex to work within an existing structure. In general, new, detached, ADUs are the simplest to build but we have worked on all sorts of ADUs over the past few years.

We are passionate about ADUs as they can be economic, social and environmentally sustainable housing opportunities. If you have any questions or are considering building an ADU, we offer a range of free resources on our website - www.propelstudio.com - and free consultations at our office. Just send us an email at info@propelstudio.com with any questions or to schedule a meeting.

Welcome
to our sixth edition of *Hey Neighbor!* This publication is free and distributed quarterly to you by Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN).

Who are we?
Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), founded in 1975, is an independent nonprofit organization. NECN is one of seven neighborhood coalitions in Portland, which are primarily funded by the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement. NECN identifies and takes on hyper-local issues to increase neighborhood livability and civic engagement. NECN's service area includes 11 neighborhoods in inner North/Northeast Portland: Alameda, Boise, Concordia, Eliot, Humboldt, Irvington, King, Sabin, Sullivan's Gulch, Vernon, and Woodlawn. Any person that resides or works in North/Northeast Portland can get directly involved!

Thank you to our sponsors for supporting Neighborhood Emergency Teams

Coming Soon: Boise Eliot Native Grove!

By Andrine de la Rocha

The Boise Eliot Native Grove is underway on N Ivy St. The project is turning an unimproved right-of-way into a native plant and pollinator grove. The land, situated just to the north of the Fremont Bridge ramp near the Red Cross parking lot, is owned by Portland Bureau of Transportation, but cannot be developed due to a number of utilities running underneath. Community members Howard Patterson & Andrine de la Rocha approached PBOT to ask



Community members Andrine de la Rocha and Howard Patterson approached PBOT to ask for permission to create the Grove

for permission to create the Grove last May 2017 and received the green light.

The Boise Neighborhood Association awarded the project a small grant based upon its community spirit of inclusion and beautification. NECN agreed to become the fiscal sponsor for the project in late summer. Boise-Eliot/Humboldt School partnered with the project in the fall, and has been bringing students to the site (only two blocks from the school) to make nature observations as the land changes. In December 2017 the project enlisted the muscle power of The Ivy School to help lay down sheet mulch, using cardboard donated by New Seasons Market and Widmer Brewing. Over the winter the cardboard and woodchips will suppress the grass that was growing on the site, and decompose into soil.

In December, the Bureau of Environmental Services awarded the project a \$500 mini-grant to purchase native plants for the project, and Friends of Trees donated over \$300 worth of trees. Before then, three Compost Parties enlist volunteers to spread compost over the site to ready the land for planting.



The funds for compost were made possible by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District through their Small Projects and Community Events (SPACE) grant. Other grants have been submitted to secure funding for more native plants, a "Bee Hotel", seating, art installations, and educational signage on the site.

Coming up this Spring, Art Flags are being "commissioned" from the students at Boise-Eliot/Humboldt Elementary and installed in the Grove, and there will be a wildflower seed planting event.

Visit the website www.NativeGrovePDX.org or the facebook page "Boise Eliot Native Grove" to volunteer and keep up with this all-inclusive community project, or just drop by to take a look and enjoy.

Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) Training Prepares Neighbors

By Tom Phillips and Amy Gard, Woodlawn/Vernon/Concordia NET

From the time I moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1997 until July 2015, I did not give a moment's thought to the potential of a natural disaster happening to my family, my neighborhood, or my city. I watched with some amusement as Seattle city buses passed by with service announcements

week, or even in our lifetimes, but at some ominous moment in our future. Well, that woke me up, so much so that I could hardly sleep thinking that we were all going to slip off the edge of the continent at any moment.

I began to take disaster preparedness seriously, and I hope readers will do the same. I started by signing up for training to become a Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) member. The 24 hours of training we received taught me a great deal about preparing myself and my family for a disaster situation as well as giving me information that would help me to help my neighbors if/when such a situation occurred. The bottom line is that, being prepared with information, supplies, and a supportive community, we can lessen the impact and tragedy that a big natural disaster might bring. Also, we will sleep better at night.

We of the Woodlawn/Vernon/Concordia NET team, along with other NET teams operating in the North-

"Preparation is the key to peace of mind"

asking, "Do you have your emergency kit prepared?" Being naïve or willfully stubborn I didn't take the disaster potential seriously.

In July 2015 I read the now famous *New Yorker* magazine article entitled *The Really Big One*, describing scenarios, based on historical information and factual data, of a natural disaster awaiting the Pacific Northwest, maybe not today, next

NECN SMALL BUSINESS PROFILE: Yvette Velazquez

Yvette Velazquez is a native Portlander who styles hair at the Tastemakers Studio on NE Alberta. Her passion and experience for the job has earned her a loyal stream of clients who come to her for everything from life advice to tips on meditation techniques, and of course all things hair. She is a single-mom and self-described hustler who is happy to be working in the neighborhood she grew up in.



Yvette Velazquez, Tastemakers Studio

How long have you been styling hair?

I've been licensed since 2013 but like a lot of girls in my neighborhood growing up, I've been doing hair since I was a kid.

What's your favorite part of the job?

It's the look on a client's face after they get cut or styled, after feeling good on the inside. It sounds like a small thing but a good haircut gives someone that feeling of success, of confidence, that can empower them and help build their self-esteem. And that's what I want to do. At the end of the day, I want to leave an impact on the community. A great smile from a client gives me more than money does any day.

What's the future look like?

I want to open up my own salon that can be a retreat for people when they come there. I imagine a zen feeling, relaxed, cozy, with a cup of tea or water, where my customers are family. The themes of the salon would be empowerment and inspiration. Peace, love and happiness.

Yvette is offering free and low-cost haircuts and stylings to veterans, low-income customers, and job-seekers. To set up an appointment, contact her at: (503) 957-0428 or by email at yvelez22@yahoo.com.

east Coalition of Neighborhoods, ask that you begin to think seriously about preparing yourselves and your families for what might come. Preparation is the key to peace of mind and ability to successfully cope with tough situations that might come our way. We suggest that you visit portlandprepares.org. There you will find out where your local team is and get preparation information. We plan to keep the conversation going on how we can help each other to survive "the big one" and maybe some of the smaller ones that may pop up from time to time.



Come learn about the Backyard Habitat Certification Program and a special pilot project in neighborhoods near the Columbia Slough.

Since 2009, the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, a joint venture between the Audubon Society of Portland and the Columbia Land Trust, has been creating a greener and healthier region where people and wildlife thrive together.

As a result of the Backyard Habitat Program, our urban area now boasts more than 4,500 backyard habitats; yards where program participants are controlling invasive weeds, planting native species, reducing/eliminating pesticide use, improving their onsite rainwater management, and stewarding wildlife. Cumulatively, these yards span more than 1,100 acres and act as a crucial network of habitat connectivity across an increasingly urbanized landscape.

Attend one of the upcoming neighborhood meetings (listed below) to learn more about the Backyard Habitat Program, as well as to hear about a pilot project aimed at making the program more accessible to communities along the Columbia Slough, including Woodlawn, Concordia, and Cully Neighborhoods.

UPCOMING PRESENTATIONS

April 4th - 7pm: Woodlawn Neighborhood Association - Classic Foods, 817 NE Madrona St.

May 2nd - 7pm: Concordia Neighborhood Association - McMenamins Kennedy School, Community Room

May 8th - 7pm: Cully Neighborhood Association - Grace Presbyterian Church, 6025 NE Prescott

For more information about the program or to start the certification process, visit backyardhabitats.org and for more information on the Columbia Slough Project, please contact Micah Meskel, mmeskel@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6128



Northeast Neighborhood Associations Snubbed Again at This Year's Oscars?

Neighborhood humor and satire by Shelly E Caldwell, Woodlawn neighborhood

As Sunday night draws near and hope begins to evaporate for a last-minute nomination, the people of Northeast Portland are bracing for what appears to be another disappointment.

Each year at this time, many in our community look south towards Hollywood's famed Grauman's Chinese Theatre in hopes that perhaps this will be the year the AMPA finally bestows one of our own with the coveted golden statue, known as an "Oscar".

With 11 immensely talented neighborhood associations - working tirelessly to provide many thousands of residences and businesses with a platform for improving safety, livability and the social fiber of 'place and connection', it's simply incredible we've not been shown the least bit of interest from the Academy. Each year we are left empty handed and frankly dumbstruck at the seemingly bottomless ambivalence the AMPA has shown for our citizenry.

"...We've increased our blog posts by 63% and last year's Neighborhood Cleanup was an absolute success"

"I'm not sure when it started", remarked Tobey Franklin of the King neighborhood, "but I heard from a neighbor that Lionel Barrymore used to fish around here and was once bitten by a Prickly Sculpin. He apparently took it as a great personal affront - and remember, the Barrymore's are a very powerful family..." he finishes.

"When I first learned that we've not won a single Oscar in all 87 years of the awards being given out, I simply could NOT believe it" says Vickey Munro of the Concordia neighborhood. "We've increased our blog posts by 63% and last year's Neighborhood Cleanup was an absolute success. There must be something amiss in the calculating process. They did award the wrong film for best picture last year... maybe they've simply misplaced our envelope?"

When asked about this string of bad luck, Ed and Sally Benefor of Woodlawn remarked "Personally we make a point of never watching the Oscars - just for this very reason. I mean, how can they call themselves a professional organization without so much as a nod in our direction? "Sally looked a bit guilty and did whisper to me later that she sometimes will turn on the red-carpet coverage in the den, away from Ed. "He gets very upset, so I try not to let him hear it."

As this year's ceremony draws near, there's a palpable sense of foreboding that we will be overlooked again - yet area residents continue to show resolve and resiliency in the face of disappointment. Does it matter if our snub is the result of a badly timed fish bite, or clumsy envelope lickers - our community keeps its head up, and back straight. It's at times like these that one needs their neighbors. We're proud to live among such steadfast people- we must all remember that in the face of adversity, our community must continue to persevere and focus on what's important - making this place we call home safe, happy and fun.

Shawn Penney Looks Forward

By Mischa S. Webley, NECN Staff Writer

Shawn Penney loves Northeast Portland. In fact, he loves it so much that he's dedicated his life to making it better. As the president of Good in the Hood, the organization behind the annual festival of the same name - as well as a parent coordinator at Self Enhancement Inc. - the guiding mission for his extensive work with youth in the community comes down to two words: education and opportunity.

This passion for helping others realize their potential stems from experience and tragedy. As a third-generation Portlander, the grandson of a Texan pastor who arrived here looking for work in the railyards, Shawn grew up in Northeast at a time of transition and struggle. During the 1980's and 90's, gangs were prevalent in the neighborhood, and Shawn saw the repercussions first hand. "I counted sixteen toe tags," he says. Sixteen friends of his; sixteen families devastated; sixteen futures cut short. Two of those toe tags were his brothers, and the tragedy of losing them changed his life. He kept the tags as a souvenir of sorts, a grim reminder of the high stakes of the streets. "Losing my brothers," he says, "gave me a direction in life in how I wanted to make an effect on kids growing up." All this conspired to create a sense of mission and urgency in his life that he carries with him every day.

After twenty years in the corporate world as a District Controller at Waste Management, he took an early retirement and became the president of Good in the Hood, the long-standing annual celebration of the black community in Northeast Portland. Under his leadership, it transformed from being an annual celebration into a more holistic organization with a focus on outreach and creating opportunity for youth. In addition to the annual parade, the Good in the Hood organization now gives out eight scholarships every year to aspiring graduates and holds free health screening events for the community. The list of Good in the Hood's sponsors and partnerships is long, and growing. "The goal is one hundred scholarships," he tells me. "Every year we're trying to bring in more schools for scholarships, and businesses to place those new graduates in."

The road hasn't always been easy. Last year, Good in the Hood received racist death threats prior to the event that nearly shut the festival down. But Shawn made the call to keep the event moving, and the whole city rallied to the cause,



Shawn Penney, Good in the Hood

culminating in one of the largest turnouts in the organization's history.

But he's not dwelling on last year. His eyes are looking forward and, like the basketball coach that he is, he's thinking about the next game, and the game after that. The truth is, there's really only one game that he's playing: "Seeing people reach their success," he says. "If I can help a kid graduate and go to college - or help a family pay their bills or get resources - that fills my heart. Community is what it's about. Helping neighbors and strangers feel good. It brightens my heart when I can make someone happy." As for Good in the Hood: "Nothing's changed. We want to make it better. Keep going forward, getting stronger day by day, building a foundation."

Shawn Penney loves Northeast Portland, and Northeast Portland is better for it.

RULES OF THE ROAD: 2018 Bike Legal Clinics

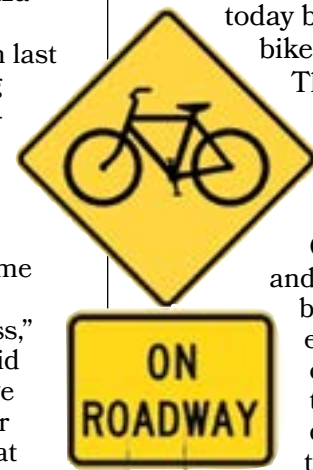
By Cynthia Newton and Chris Thomas

If you have questions about your rights as a bicyclist in Oregon, come to a free Bike Legal Clinic in 2018. The clinics are hosted by Thomas, Coon, Newton and Frost in partnership with the Street Trust. This tradition goes back to 1993, when attorney Ray Thomas hosted his first clinic, and is continued today by TCNF's four

bike trial lawyers: Ray Thomas, Jim Coon, Cynthia Newton and Chris Thomas, who will take turns presenting. Cynthia Newton and Chris Thomas both live in Northeast Portland, and commute by bicycle to the TCNF office downtown. Cynthia will present at several 2018 clinics,

including the July 10th clinic at Gladys Bikes for women cyclists. Cynthia has defended the rights of injured Oregon cyclists in hundreds of cases since 2004, giving her abundant experience on the practical effect of Oregon law following a collision. She has written extensively on the application of Oregon insurance law to bicyclists and the danger to cyclists posed

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www.coffeehousefivepdx.com

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods thanks Coffee House 5 for supporting The Humboldt Neighborhood Community Meeting Discussion in January.

Support community building by supporting local businesses.

THINGS TO DO

Events & Opportunities: Spring 2018

Free Workshop by East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District on Native Plants

Thursday, April 19th, 6-8:30pm NE Coalition of Neighborhoods 4815 NE 7th RSVP required
For more information, visit www.emswcd.org/workshops-and-events.

SOLVE: Boise Neighborhood Earth Day Cleanup

832 N Beech St Saturday, April 21st 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

We will be meeting at the patio of StormBreaker Brewing at 8:30am for supplies before heading into the neighborhood at 9am. StormBreaker Brewing is donating 1 FREE Beer per volunteer (21 and older) so don't forget to come back by at 12pm for some food and a cold beer. Contact Chelsie McCarthy chelsie.em@gmail.com

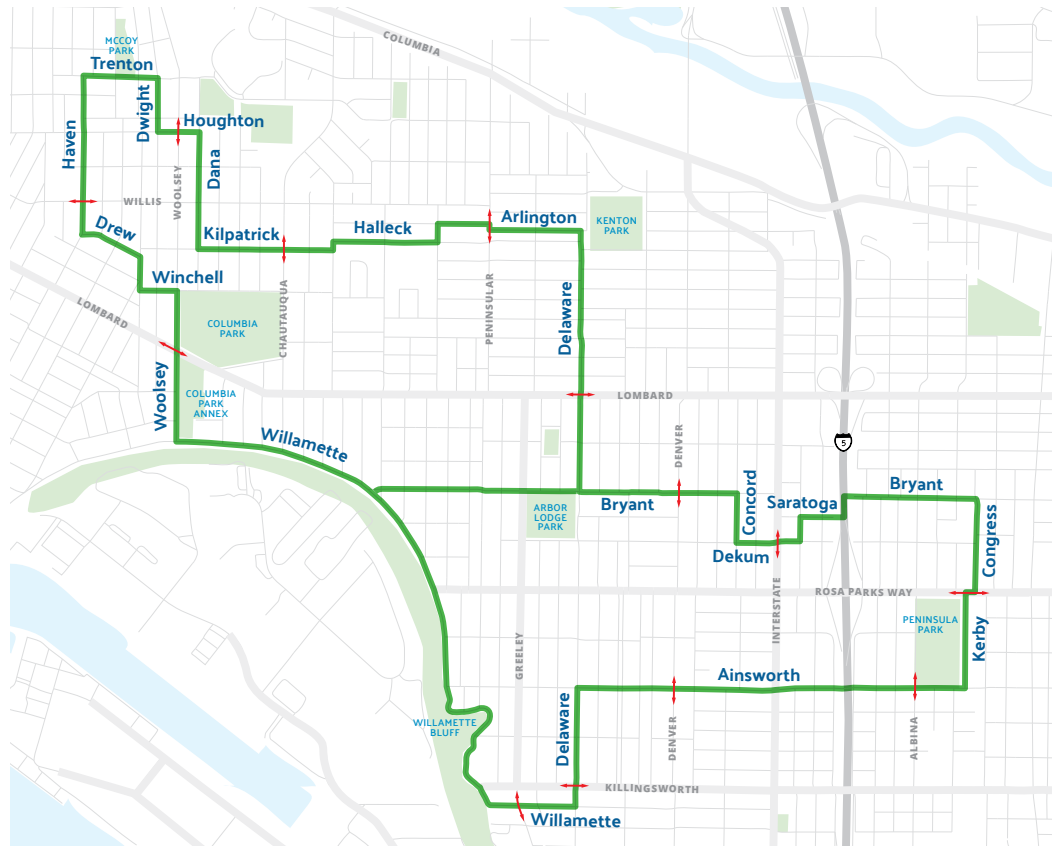


Lloyd SOLVE IT for Earth Day

Saturday, April 21st 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us as we clean and recycle in the Lloyd area. We are looking for volunteers to remove litter our streets and parks. In addition, we will provide a couple of opportunities to drop off recyclable materials:

1. We will be collecting electronics that will be donated to FreeGeek. For a list of what they



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do and do not accept, please refer to this page: www.freegeek.org/ways-give/donate-technology#what-we-dont-accept.

2. Right 2 Dream Too is a rest area in the Lloyd that provides 12 hours of safe sleep and rest to the houseless population, serving about 80 - 100 people a night. We will be collecting returnable bottles and cans and applying the refunded deposits towards Right 2 Dream Too's operating expenses. Please help us support this worthy organization. Contact Keith Jones keithmj255@mac.com

Volunteers for clean up can meet at 9AM in the courtyard of NE Hassalo on 8th - you will be given supplies and an area to clean. You may also drop off electronics and returnables recycling at this location from 9AM - Noon.

SOLVE: Alberta Street Earth Day Cleanup & Golden Garbage Awards

Saturday, April 21st 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Volunteer check-in starts at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 21, 2018 in the courtyard between Umpqua Bank and Barista at NE 18th Avenue & Alberta Street. Coffee and light nourishment will be provided. The clean up starts at 10:30AM and will take place rain or shine! Contact Sara Wittenberg sara@albertamainst.org.

Entertaining Geology Talk

Monday, May 14th, 6:30p.m. Food & Social, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Presentation, Sabin School, 4013 NE 18th Ave. (use NE entrance)

Dr. Scott Burns, Geology professor from PSU, will be at the Sabin's annual meeting to give a presentation on local geology and the "Big One." It will be a great evening as Dr. Burns is an engaging speaker. Food and refreshments will be provided. RSVP at www.sabinpdx.org appreciated, but not required. Contact sean@pritingroup.com for more information.

North Portland Sunday Parkways

June 24, 2018 - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm (8.8 miles)

City of Portland Sunday Parkways presented by Kaiser Permanente promotes healthy active living through a series of free events opening the city's largest public space - its streets - to walk, bike, roll, and discover active transportation while fostering civic pride, stimulating economic development, and represents the community, business, and government investments in Portland's vitality, livability, and diversity.



Sunday Parkways, North Portland, 2013

The Humboldt Unity Circle Street Painting Project and Block Party Event

Saturday June 2nd and Sunday June 3rd 9am-dark On the corner of N. Haight & N. Emerson

For more info contact Kymberly Jeka at Unity-CircleStreetPainting@gmail.com.



Submit events to events@necoalition.org



NATIVE PLANT WORKSHOP

Explore the benefits of gardening with Native plants!

Discover Portland's most common native plant communities, learn which species do well together, and get tips to help them thrive! A slideshow will highlight their unique features and desired growing conditions so you can decide which plants will work best in your own yard.



Thursday, April 19th
6:30- 8:30 pm

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Register online at: www.emswcd.org/workshops
Information: 503-222-7645

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Tool Library Helps Build a Thriving Community

By Eric Hoyer
Concordia Resident

Imagine you're in the middle of a wood-working project, and you discover you need a tool you have neither the money or space for, or perhaps your car just needs a tune up to get you to work. If only you had the right socket set.

No need to worry. If you reside in a northeast Portland neighborhood west of 82nd Avenue and east of north Portland, you can visit the Northeast Portland Tool Library.

“We live in tough economic times. We really need to focus on helping each other out and being good neighbors”

It is located in the basement of the Leaven Community Salt and Light Church at 5431 NE. 20th Avenue and NE Killingsworth Avenue. The library provides hundreds of home



Volunteers assist neighbors at the Northeast Portland Tool Library

repair and automotive tools on a one week free checkout for a one-time \$12.00 membership fee. To become a member requires only a driver's license or passport and proof of your address such as a utility bill, insurance, or car registration.

Operated as a nonprofit community organization supported by member volunteers, the NEPTL is one of a small group of volunteer tool libraries spread among Portland's



The NE Portland Tool Library is located in the basement of the Leaven Community Salt and Light Church

neighborhoods. They are a home-grown resource for the do-it-yourself generation with big dreams, who might be short on a budget or space for tools. Their mission statement reads: “The Northeast Portland Tool Library provides Northeast Portland residents of all income levels access to tools, empowering our neighbors to build and maintain a sustainable, thriving community.”

The Northeast Portland Tool Library is a 501(C)(3) organization founded in 2008 because, in the words of cofounder Tom Tompson, “We live in tough economic times. We really need to focus on helping each other out and being good neighbors.” These sentiments could not be more true today, and the mission never more important. Started as a volunteer effort with private donations and seed money from the Vernon and Concordia neighborhood associations, NEPTL has become a vibrant, active community resource.

On visiting one Saturday morning, I found the library inundated with do-it-yourselfers borrowing tools, and new members joining for the first time. It's a casual, friendly community where neighbors can catch up on news and their projects around the house. New tools are always being purchased and the present inventory of donated tools is so large that the library has outgrown its present location.

Visit the neptl.org website for hours of operation, the tool inventory, how to join, and how you can become a community volunteer in support of your neighborhood.

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by commercial vehicles.

Although Chris Thomas is the most recent addition to the TCNF team of bike lawyers, he has been actively involved in the Portland bicycle community for over 15 years. He has lived in, and commuted primarily by bicycle from, Northeast Portland, Downtown, Beaverton and rural Washington County. He also competes as a Category 3 road cyclist. As a father to two young boys, most of his weekend riding currently involves pulling a kid trailer, which gives him a heightened sense of the importance of protected bike routes.

Each clinic attendee receives a free copy of Pedal Power: A Legal Guide for Oregon Bicyclists by Ray Thomas, which is a compilation of statutes and articles regarding Oregon bike law. Clinic topics include taking the lane, riding on sidewalks, signaling, lighting, e-bikes, riding under the influence, and more.

2018 CLINIC SCHEDULE:

- **April 10** at 6 p.m. at Velo Cult – 1969 NE 42nd Ave, Portland
- **May 8** at 12 p.m. at Multnomah Building – 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd. Portland
- **June 11** at 6 p.m. at REI Pearl – 1405 NW Johnson St, Portland
- **July 10** at 6 p.m. at Gladys Bikes (Women's Bike Clinic) – 2905 NE Alberta St, Portland
- **August 14** at 6 p.m. at Outer Rim Bicycle Shop – 10625 NE Halsey St, Portland
- **September 10** at 6 p.m. at REI Clackamas – 12160 SE 82nd Ave, Portland
- **October 9** at 12 p.m. at Multnomah County East Building – 600 NE 8th Street, Gresham
- **November 12** at 6 p.m. at REI Portland – 1405 NW Johnson St, Portland
- **December 10** at 6 p.m. at REI Hillsboro – 2235 NW Allie Ave, Hillsboro

Spring Cleaning is Easier with Community Collection Events

ALAMEDA NEIGHBORHOOD

May 5, 8:30am - 12:30pm

Madeline School Soccer Field
3240 NE 23rd Ave.
Charles Rice, charlesricepdx@gmail.com

SABIN NEIGHBORHOOD

May 12, 10am - 2pm

Maranatha Church Parking lot
4222 NE 12th Ave.
Shayan Rohani, shayanrohani@gmail.com

SULLIVAN'S GULCH & IRVINGTON

May 12, 9am - 1pm

Holladay Park Church of God
2021 NE 21st Ave.
Dave Brook, dbrookportland@gmail.com

CONCORDIA NEIGHBORHOOD

May 19, 8am - 12:30pm

PCC Workforce Training Center
5600 NE 42nd Ave.
Katie Ugolini, ktugolini@gmail.com

ELIOT NEIGHBORHOOD

May 19, 10am - 2pm

Legacy Emanuel Parking Lot
120 N Knott St.
Sue Stringer, sstringer22@gmail.com

WOODLAWN NEIGHBORHOOD

May 27, 9am - 2pm

Henry V
6360 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd.
Shelly Caldwell,
shelly@toolbox4healthcare.com

VERNON NEIGHBORHOOD

May 5, 9am - 1pm

Leaven Community Center
5431 NE 20th Ave.
Brendan Mortimer, bmortimer@gmail.com

BRING:



Furniture, mattresses, kitchenware, lamps, clean linens (sheets, blankets, towels), irons, fans, alarm clocks, canes, crutches & medical gear.



Wood (no treated wood, but paint and nails ok) and large branches. Lumber in 5 ft lengths or longer (no nails), doors, usable building materials, scrap metal. Tools (yard & home).



Appliances, TVs, phones, computers, and anything with a cord.

Household Junk

NOT ACCEPTED:



Hazardous or chemical wastes. Motor oil, paint. Cement or bricks. Ceiling tiles (asbestos hazard). Tires, commercial by-products, batteries. Curbside recycling or yard debris.

NO COMMERCIAL LOADS.



Hey Neighbor! Crossword Puzzle

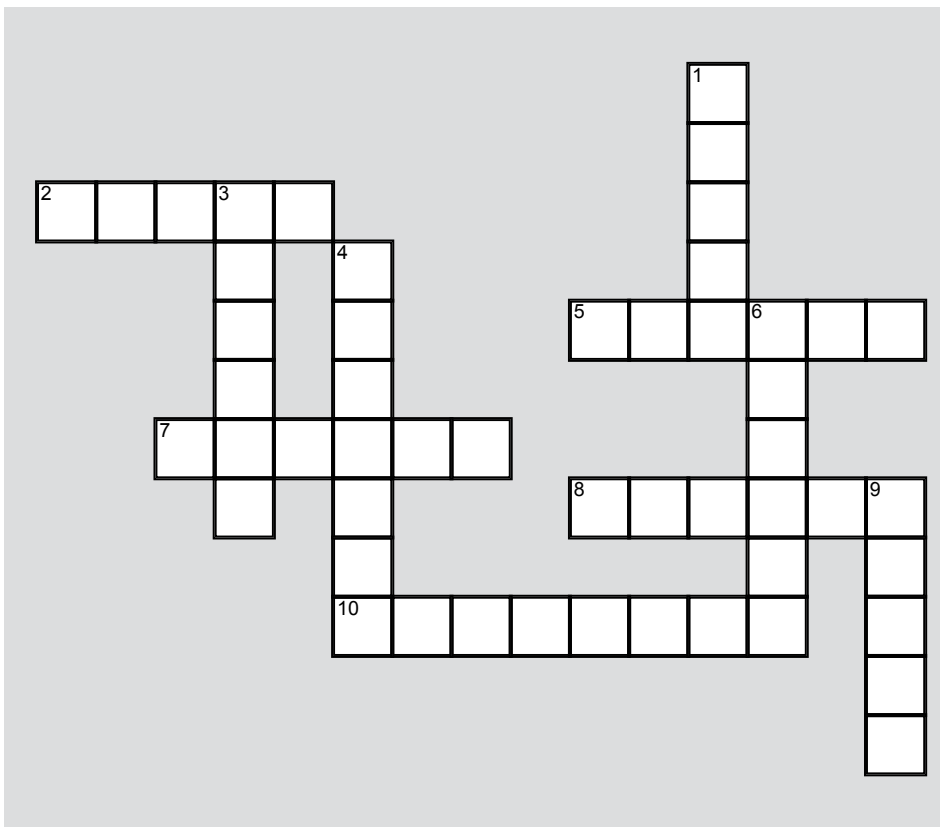
ACROSS

- 2 Scott _____, Executive Director of 9-Down
- 5 Ray _____, Bike Trial Lawyer
- 7 Better Housing by Design
- 8 Boise Eliot _____ Grove
- 10 NW Student _____

DOWN

- 1 _____ Youth Orchestras
- 3 Patricia _____, Woodlawn Resident
- 4 _____, Edwards, Executive Director of 1-Down
- 6 COW _____ Pantry
- 9 Word meaning 'Character' in Greek, and name of Portland-based music education nonprofit

Answers located at www.necoalition.org/latest-news/newspaper/



COW Mobile Pantry Reaches Underserved Neighborhoods

By Katie Wilson,
PACS Development
Associate

If you see a large trailer with black and white cow prints on the side of it rolling through your neighborhood, you're looking at the latest tool to help fight hunger in the Portland area: it's a mobile food pantry called Commodities On Wheels, or C.O.W., and it's an extension of Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS).

Despite our booming economy, poverty and food insecurity are persistent across the nation and the numbers are staggering: nationwide in 2016, 41.2 million people lived in food-insecure households and 6.5 million children lived in food-insecure households. For Or-



Sam and Katie (top) and Stone Tower volunteers (above) collect, organize and load food onto COW.



that day. A partnership with Stone Tower SDA Church and People to People Ministries brings this opportunity to the King Neighborhood. In addition, PACS provides a Food Pantry, Health Clinic, and Thrift Store located at 11020 NE Halsey St.

For more information, contact Sam Pellecer, mobile pantry coordinator, at 503-893-9022.

If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact the Volunteer Coordinator at pacsonline.org/volunteer.

“For Oregon households, 14.6% are considered food insecure...”

regon households, 14.6% are considered food insecure. Clearly, the need for solutions is there.

Since it launched the C.O.W. program in 2011, PACS estimates that its mobile food pantry has helped thousands of families in need. In 2017 alone, the Pantry fed 5,858 children and adults in 2,369 households. On a monthly basis, the COW program collaborates with churches and other partner organizations

to bring a mobile food pantry to neighborhoods and housing centers at eight different locations. The program not only provides food to people in need but also reduces the travel burden for low-income families who are already strapped for time and money.

The COW comes to the King Neighborhood Facility parking lot (4906 NE 6th Ave) every third Tuesday of each month and is there from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 30 individuals, and you can schedule an appointment by calling 503-893-9033. Those coming to the food pantry will be asked to provide a photo id and proof of Oregon residency (license, utility bill, etc). Participants will be able to select from a range of foods including, fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy, and bread that are available

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Ethos, based in a building at the corner of North Killingsworth and Williams, is another such organization. Founded in 1998 as a response to the passage of those ballot measures, Ethos operates in 13 schools across the city, largely in inner North and Northeast. Scott Moore, Executive Director of Ethos, says that first and foremost they go where they're needed.

In the Portland area, that means partnering with schools that serve primarily lower-income students, as these are often the schools with the largest funding gaps. At Ethos, between one-quarter and a third of students qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. Through an innovative partnership with Americorps their Rural Outreach Program targets similarly-lacking schools throughout rural Oregon.

In addition, even the full cost of the program for students who are able to pay is well below market rate. “We know that the programs we're providing are never going to be a substitute for full time music instruction,” he says. “But it's filling a hole.”

That hole is far greater than non-profits alone can resolve but

organizations like Bravo and Ethos are undaunted by the challenge because their impact is undeniable and the stakes are high. “We know that students perform better academically and behaviorally when they have access to music education,” says Moore. “If we think about education and childhood development, then [music education] is absolutely fundamental.”

Bravo's Elliot says that seeing the children grow through music is one of the most gratifying parts of the job: “If a student is struggling with one specific area then suddenly it clicks, those are some of the most exciting moments because they get to see their hard work paying off.”

Thankfully that hard work is available for the public to see. Both Ethos and Bravo, and other organizations around the city, perform regularly at events around the state including the state capital and city hall, and are available to be booked. Portlanders, and Oregonians in general, clearly think that arts and music programs are valuable to a child's well-being. But until policy can be changed at the higher levels, it will be up to non-profits organizations to continue to put an arts education for students within reach.