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Safe Rest Village on the cut opens over the holiday

Authorities close the Peninsula Crossing Trail through June 16

by Mark Kirchmeier

Boiling tensions between homeowners and homeless people continue to plague the now open Save Rest Village (SRV) in University Park and a similar proposed development at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Portsmouth.

Those pressures flared anew prior to opening, at an invitation-only tour May 19 at the Peninsula Crossing Safe Rest Village site.

During the tour, City Commissioner Dan Ryan praised the 60-unit project that features individual sleeping pods with on site addiction and mental health services. The village is the result of a City Council vote in 2021 to create six citywide Safe Rest Village sites. Four have already opened.

The new Peninsula Crossing village at 6737 N. Syracuse St. is adjacent to the railroad cut and two blocks south of N Lombard Street. The site will be managed and operated by Urban Alchemy, a California non-profit.

In his talk, Ryan described his deep connection to the neighborhood surrounding the village, having grown up in North Portland. He also described experiencing the death of an older brother who battled addictions and died on the street. He emphasized that "the state and city have been failing for years to deal with mental illness and drug addiction." He lauded the innovative strategy of providing safety and services to help homeless people recover.

Ryan cited the fact that half of Safe Rest Village residents have gone on to move into more permanent housing. He called the Peninsula Crossing village a response to a "humanitarian crisis" and a place "of hope and healing."

As Ryan concluded his prepared remarks, he acknowledged that "some people here today aren't really happy with this." That became apparent when he began taking audience questions.

George Siebert is 77 years old and lives at 6623 N. Syracuse Street. His home abuts the village. "My wife and I are very distressed and living in anxiety because our kitchen window is only feet away from the restrooms and laundry rooms," he said. Siebert later told the North Peninsula Review that he's visited other SRV facilities and found that "none of them had any building—not to mention toilets—closer than 40 feet to existing homes.

"I don't understand why the SRV provides such a big area for gardening and for residents to run their dogs, where they could put restrooms, but instead has to place them 14 feet away from my house. We're not trying to sabotage a noble effort to help unfortunate people, but what about how we neighbors have been treated?" Siebert explained, "We've lived here for 42 years and paid off our house. Now, if we need to sell, who'd want to buy it?"

Gary Horton, a realtor who lives nearby, similarly asked Ryan and Urban Alchemy staff for statistics on how other SRV projects have affected home values.

Other neighbors asked about villagers' use of drugs, and pressed hard on that to Kirkpatrick Tyler, Urban Alchemy government and community relations director. "We don't require sobriety [for entrance]," Tyler said, "but we make resources available such as AA and rehab groups." He explained that the facility has a low-barrier entrance, in order to enable

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Roosevelt High athletics shine

by Mark Kirchmeier

Roosevelt High School has completed its most successful sports season in decades, and for girls, perhaps the most stellar accomplishments since the emergence of girls high school varsity sports in the early 1970s. The number of sports participants also rose to 734 students.

Tracksters smash records

While RHS's baseball, softball and track & field have enjoyed banner years at the city and state level, one athlete is earning national attention.

Will Heslam, a slender and sinewy senior, captured the 800 and 1500 meter crowns at the state championships at Hayward Field in Eugene on May 27. Heslam broke the 1500-meter state meet record set in 2004 by Central Catholic's Galen Rupp, a future University of Oregon legend and medalist in the 2012 London and 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Heslam said that after running the 1500 earlier on May 27, he knew he'd face a challenge in the late afternoon 800-meter race against rivals who hadn't run other races that day and were better rested. "I could tell with 500 meters to go that my legs were a little dead from my having run the 1500 meters earlier that day," Heslam told DyeStat.com, and when he was trailing with 200 meters to go, "I knew had to go then—and I put the burners on to win the race."

The RHS athlete earned national attention after running a sizzling 1:49.7 800-meter at the Oregon Relays at Hayward Field last month, the No. 4 best prep 800-meter time in the country this year. An invitation followed to the U.S. Track & Field Association's Under-age 20 national championships at Hayward Field this summer.

The soft-spoken, honors student began his Roosevelt career as a very good three-sport athlete in soccer, basketball and track, and after his sophomore year focused on distance running. A demanding 40-mile

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Frog Ferry pilot tour

by Lisa Manning

On the rainy spring afternoon of April 20, two days before Earth Day, the Friends of Frog Ferry held a press conference followed by a free round-trip boat ride tracing the route of the proposed Ferry. The tour started from the Cathedral Park Boat Ramp and traveled upriver to the Fremont Bridge near downtown Portland and back again. The tour was sponsored by Travel Oregon.

For some passengers, such as a member of the Roosevelt High newspaper staff, this was the very first time they'd taken a boat trip on the Willamette River, a remarkable fact considering that twenty miles of river run through Portland. The Frog Ferry organizers want to change this phenomenon. Under the leadership of Susan Bladholm, the Friends of Frog Ferry envision an all-electric, 7-vessel ferry fleet that will provide river transportation from the boat dock in Vancouver, Washington, all the way to Oregon City. The route would include up to 10 boat stops, one of which would be at St. Johns' Cathedral Park.

Three of the ferries would have capacity for 100 passengers and four would have capacity for 70 passengers. All would have some room for bicycles. They would enable removal of 95 million lbs. of CO2 emissions from our city's air annually and replace 700,000 cars per year on local roadways.

Until the funding for the electric fleet comes through, a 70-passenger pilot ferry will cost about $3.50 per trip and run on renewable diesel fuel called R99. It is made from old wood and food scraps and produces 80% less black carbon particulates. It's the fuel that is already being used in TriMet buses. Even one initial pilot boat

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more homeless people to qualify who'd otherwise have nowhere else to go. Tyler said that if residents use drugs, trained staff would do a wellness check by knocking on their pod door every 30 minutes to make sure they respond and then direct them to services.

Dan Ryan speaks, Rep. Travis Nelson and Urban Alchemy staff stand nearby

When another neighbor asked, "Will the Portland People's Outreach Project (PPOP) be allowed to hand out needles and food like they're doing here on the Peninsula Crossing every Saturday?" Tyler answered, "We are neutral toward PPOP."

Tyler also answered concerns about unauthorized camping outside the village, up and down the Peninsula Crossing Trail. He explained the village would have an exterior 150-to-250-foot "No Camping zone." He acknowledged that decisions about removal of campers depend on a matrix and it may take some time before enforcement of that policy.

University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA) chair Tom Karwaki gave one last comment, telling Ryan that the larger neighborhood does support the project. UPNA is working to write a Good Neighborhood Agreement with the city to try to help reduce negative impacts from the Safe Rest Village and lessen unauthorized camping and drug use. Ryan supports Good Neighbor Agreement discussions.

Following the tour, crews from Urban Alchemy and other partners including the Street Services Coordination Center helped moved individuals living in tents on the Peninsula Cross Trail into the new SRV village. A SRV news release described the move as peaceful and dignified.

The trail will remain closed through June 16th, for Portland Parks & Recreation to determine and act on trail restoration needs.

(The North Peninsula Review will continue to report on the Safe Rest Village in North Portland).

Church project encounters pushback

Just off North Lombard at Hereford, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, is in the process of constructing a small-pod micro-village for the unhoused on a former church parking lot. The church has partnered with the non-profit WeShine to develop the project at 7600 N. Hereford Ave. The ten-pod project will be a neighborhood-based micro-village, offering a temporary place to stay and transitional services for the area's vulnerable unhoused population, according to the St. Andrew's website.

Rev. Jennifer Creswell, church pastor, is keenly aware that some neighbors vehemently oppose the project. "People are suffering from lack of housing," Creswell said, "and my faith compels me to help create a community where housing is available to all regardless of who they are or what they've done."

Some critics of the project are within the pews of the St. Andrews congregation itself. Richard Tennant's parents helped build the current church and his family has been associated with St. Andrews for four generations. He also lives only three blocks away. Tennant and others criticize WeShine's policy of not requiring residents to accept drug treatment as a condition to living in the village. "The associated behaviors with drug use are troubling," he said. "It is surrounded by other crimes including purchasing drugs, which supports the manufacturing of drugs, and the drug user often has to commit crimes to get money to pay for their drugs."

Rev. Creswell emphasized that her response to that concern is her individual opinion and doesn't necessarily represent the congregation or WeShine. "My perspective is that drugs are already present in the neighborhood. Church members and myself pick up drug paraphernalia on our daily rounds of the property."

"Furthermore," she asserted, "I don't believe that housing should be leveraged as a reward for people who are able to get and stay sober. Guests will be held accountable for their behavior, but like other citizens living in their own homes, they have the right to privacy within their sleeping pods," Creswell said. "WeShine staff will work with guests continually to reduce drug or alcohol abuse while also supporting them to seek treatment, if they are willing," she added.

The St. Andrew's website cites the nearby Kenton Women's Village managed by Catholic Charities as an example of a similar, successful program with a good rate of transitioning its residents into permanent housing.

Yet parishioner Tennant insists, "They are trying to impose this. They try to label us as people who are not trying to help the homeless, but this is just a disagreement about the safety of the neighborhood."

Bishop Diana Akiyama of the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, supports the project. St. Andrews parishioners include Oregon Governor Tina Kotek whom Creswell said supports the effort. Kotek's communication office did not respond to a request for comment from the North Peninsula Review.

WeShine will invite the Portsmouth neighborhood association and neighborhood watch group to work with the city on a Good Neighbor Agreement.

Tennant isn't optimistic that church leadership or WeShine will opt for a different approach in response to neighbors' concern.

Longtime North Portland community activist Susan Landauer, however, might have a compromise suggestion. "Most neighbors' greatest fear is homeless men with addiction problems," she said. "If WeShine would adjust the project to just female clients, it would get more neighborhood support." Landauer, who lives in close proximity to the micro village project will present her proposal to church leaders, WeShine management and the city/county Joint Office of Homeless Services office.

CONGRATULATIONS

Roosevelt High School Jazz band

for winning first-place honors at the prestigious Oregon Jazz Championship

For the first time in its 100 yr. history, RHS musicians swept top competition including Grant, Cleveland and West Salem high schools in the Oregon Music Education Association championship May 21 at Mt. Hood Community College.

The award will qualify Roosevelt for more top music competition events this summer.

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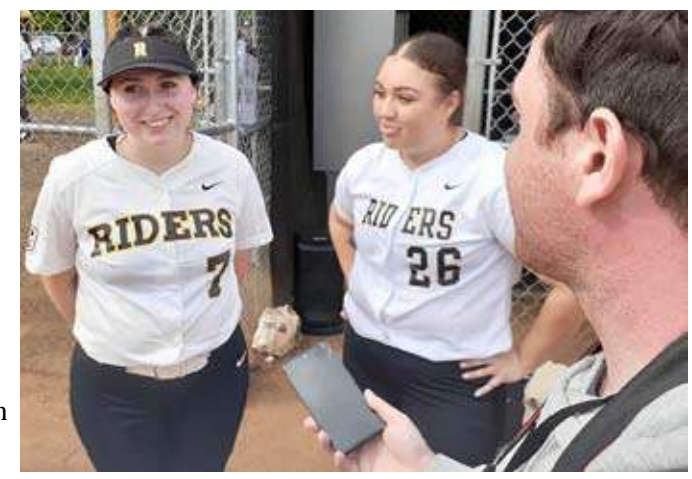

Roosevelt softball players Lily Ferres and Kiara Webb

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a week training regimen dashing through Pier Park forests and North Portland has propelled his success.

Heslam cites Statistics and English as his top RHS classes and a favorite book is the *The Perfect Mile,* on the men who first broke the four-mile barrier including Oxford University medical student Dr. Roger Bannister in 1954. He considered track scholarship offers from national track powers Georgetown, the University of Portland and Arizona, before signing with the University of Oregon.

The invitation to the national U-20 Championships suggests potential to excel at the college level and perhaps beyond that. "I'd welcome the opportunity to compete at a higher level after college," Heslam wisely says, "but I'm not putting my cards on it."

The Portland Interscholastic League (PIL) is one of the top track leagues in the state and the Rider girls and boys took third and fourth places. Roosevelt qualified several athletes for the state meet including girls, freshman Aster Jones and Ellie Heslam (Will's sister).

Other Riders winning places at the state championships included Havana Alonzo earning 2nd place in the girlsi javelin and Nywaun Campbell 4th place in the boys shot put. Dylan Ford also qualified in the boy's pole vault.

Softballers nab title

Roosevelt's softball team wrote history this spring winning its second consecutive PIL title and fourth PIL crown in the last nine years—an unprecedented achievement in the last 50 years of Rider sports.

Seniors Kiarra Webb and Lily Ferres swept the coveted citywide PIL Player of the Year and Pitcher of the Year awards, respectfully. They led RHS led a to a 16-8 record and first-round State Playoff game against perennial power Grants Pass. The Lady Riders team also achieved a 3.49 team grade point average.

What accounts for Roosevelt's softball excellence? "It's rising enrollment, good turnouts and an ambitious summer softball program," said Coach Jason Ferres, a former RHS varsity baseball player himself in the early 1990s.

This year's 2023 PIL championship season wasn't without some tense moments against rivals Cleveland, Franklin and Lincoln. "We hit the ball pretty well, but fielding was Jekyll and Hyde until the final part of the season," Ferres said. The coach praised other graduating seniors including JayJay Camacho, Kaylee Downs, Claire Knapp, Payton Mills and Parker Wilson

Webb and Lily Ferres will both play for Centralia College next season and Payton Mills is signed with Willamette University. Key returning athletes next year will include varsity veterans Livi Jones, Gillian Thurston, Zulaykha Armstrachan, Leslie Homa, Ashley

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Barnard and a host of talented JV players.

Baseball team makes state

Some RHS baseball players weren't even glimmers in their parents' eyes in 2007, the last time Roosevelt made the state playoffs.

But, oh, how they've grown up. The Riders this season captured their first PIL title in 16 years when they were in the 5A classification of mid-sized schools. This year they won at the big school 6A division.

Coach Daniel Stauffer can see the big picture unfolding here. His father and older brothers all played for Roosevelt and he himself pitched for the RHS varsity from to 2012–2016.

Stauffer, in his third season with Roosevelt and second as head coach, has seen the Riders become one of the PIL's premier programs narrowly missing a state playoff last year and in 2023 advancing to the state tourney barely losing to Sherwood in the first round.

Senior pitcher Henry Frish led the crew athletically and academically with a 4.1 GPA. Other senior standouts were first baseman and pitcher Seth Fellinger, center fielder Makrios Macris and catcher Jonathan Schmer. Shortstop Easton Lasich and Jace Imes each finished the season with a 3.9 GPAs and second baseman Sol Scharp Salter completed a 3.8 GPA

"What's led to this turnaround isn't necessarily the talent on the field, but our team's core values team to get it done in the classroom," Stauffer said, "and giving it all they've got on the field."

Frish spoke of the long-standing bond he feels with teammates he's known since childhood, and a new bond he felt to the community. "It feels really good to have people who went to Roosevelt 50 or 60 years ago coming out supporting us this season," he told other news media.

And Stauffer, who also teaches Health Sciences classes, says " My dream is to stick around Roosevelt for a long time."

Business Corner

by Liz Smith

What a great time was had by all last month, with the opening of the St. Johns Farmers Market and the long-awaited comeback of the St. Johns Parade and St. Johns Bizarre! It was truly inspiring to see the district filled with music, food, and community groups for all to enjoy. A huge thank you to all who made those events happen! Our St. Johns Bites Instagram event ended May 15 with hundreds of photos submitted and $600 worth of gift certificates given to the winners, which gives extra support to our food and beverage businesses.

Summer is HERE and with it are a host of events to keep St. Johns busy and activated! Below are some fun things that we have planned for the Plaza.

June 8 is the kickoff of our Game Night in the Plaza series. Every Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 pm in the months of June, July and August, the St. Johns Boosters invite you to Game Night in the Plaza in partnership with PBOT. Each week a different business or community organization will host. We have a ton of great games for you to use—just bring yourselves!

June 10 from 11am-2pm, Weird Sisters is hosting a Knit in Public Day in honor of Worldwide Knit Day. This is a drop-in event and is a great time to knit or crochet outside with your community.

June 17 from 12-4pm, the Boosters are hosting a Block Party in the Plaza, a public event in partnership with SJNA and the Safer Together initiative with PBEM and the St. Johns NET Team. Instead of a potluck for this party, we are encouraging folks to grab some takeout from one of our local businesses and bring it to the Plaza! We'll have coupons and specials to entice you. There will be a short presentation on disaster preparedness and the opportunity to mingle with businesses and neighbors.

June 18 is Father's Day and our Events Committee is coming up with some fun itineraries to celebrate those special dads in your life.

June 29 from 6-8pm Dance United returns to the Plaza for some Bollywood dancing, led by DJ Prashant! This is a multi-cultural celebration that is free to attend and open to all! For those that attended last year, you will remember what a great time we had, and we can't wait to dance with you again!

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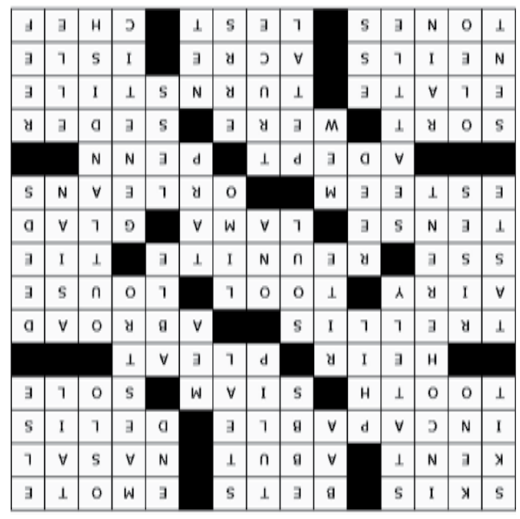

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Let there be Hope

by Barbara Quinn

Update on Bybee Lakes Hope Center

When the city, county and state declined funding support for a homeless shelter at the facility now called Bybee Lakes Hope Center, they cited reasons including its location in North Portland's Rivergate district far from services, the lack of a willing manager, and the fact that it was formerly Wapato jail. Nonetheless, Alan Evans, the founder of the Helping Hands Reentry program offered to manage the site along with his other 11 facilities in Oregon. With the help of private investors, the Bybee Lakes Hope Center opened its doors to accept residents in October, 2020.

Mike Davis has taken the helm as CEO. He is casual in manner and youngish. Camaraderie between him and staff members is apparent.

Davis discusses Helping Hands' founder Alan Evans who was unhoused and addicted by 13 years of age. After traveling around the country, Evans found that housing alone was not enough because formerly homeless people didn't have the tools to be successful. He established Helping Hands as a trauma-informed, data-driven based organization that would address that gap.

Recreation Room

Upon entering Bybee Lakes Hope Center, Davis noted that "people have 30-days to decompress. They have shelter, food, and services. Then we work together on a long-term plan. The Center offers physical and occupational therapies, addiction programs and other services. Our job is to give people all the skills they need to successfully move to housing. We serve men, women, children, and have a rainbow unit for LGBTQ residents. 10% of our residents are children."

Davis shared an impressive list of 143 different entities including city, county, state agencies as well as private organizations that refer homeless clients to the Hope Center. Currently about 200 beds are filled and 118 more are ready for new occupants. This, as city leaders struggle to raise millions to create new beds for unhoused people. Davis poses the question, "Why don't leaders fund an existing facility with beds ready to accept new residents?"

"We don't do things that line up 100% with HUD (US Housing & Urban Development) rules that the city, state and county follow," said Davis. "We don't want to change our successful program though, so it's difficult to get dollars to sustain us. We do an individualized approach. The other way isn't working. Homelessness is not getting better. It's increasing by the year. It's risen 23% every year."

chef preparing Lunch

"The agencies supported by city/county/state have a Housing First approach—in other words, get them housed and then hopefully they will take services. Helping Hands Reentry is Housing First lite—we ask people to be clean and sober. There is some accountability there. We don't test people to make sure they are sober but we will help them find a place in other programs if they aren't interested in sobriety."

When asked about approaches to sobriety, Davis said, "We don't just use AA, but also alternative approaches as well as medical approaches. We offer mental health services, occupational and physical therapy. And once a week, we have a medical van come out."

Residents' long-term personal goal setting includes work toward independence. "When people come into our program we help them find a way to make a living. Some of the large businesses nearby like Amazon hire people because they know us and know they will get good employees. And we hire from within our program. 80% of our staff have lived experience with homelessness."

When asked about early objections to the location of the Hope Center, his response was, "Did you see people in distress when you came out here or drug dealers?" As far as access to services, he noted that "When the pandemic hit, residents could set up tele-health video appointments with their doctor. They were able to do their court dates virtually. They could meet with their case managers or parole and probation officers on video calls. That has continued."

Is Davis happy with the progress of Bybee Lakes Hope Center? "Absolutely!" He is proud of the Center's careful use of resources. "We work hard to keep our costs low. We are a really efficient organization. We can take pallets of food, and our donors know that. For instance, we got a whole pallet of broccoli. We blanched it and froze it. We cover all these services for less than $35.00 per day per person. Some other programs can cost $95.00/day for a simple mat to sleep on."

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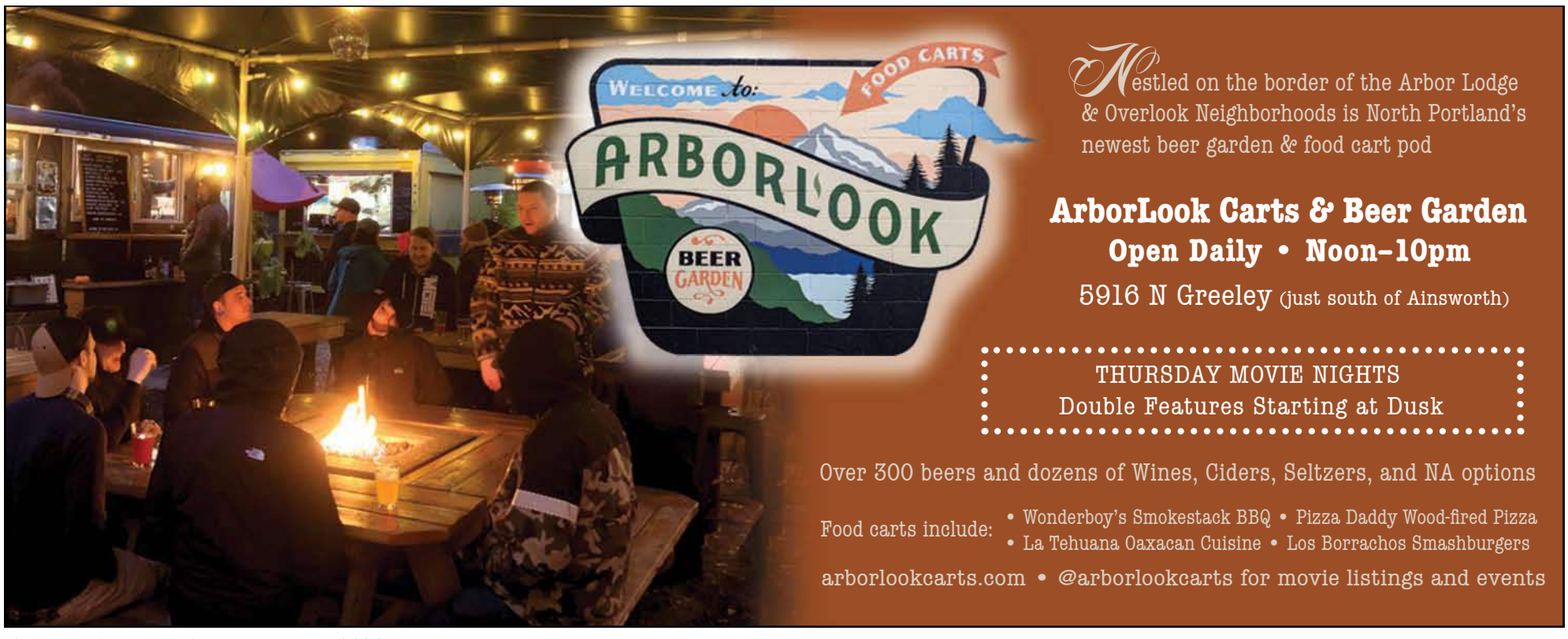
Grant funds also will be used to develop a public participation plan and conduct 7 community meetings.



Summer Reading:

Where Bigfoot Walks: Crossing the Dark Divide

by local writer Robert Michael Pyle *by Barbara Quinn*

Robert Michael Pyle

Summer is perfect time to pick up a good book! Robert Michael Pyle resides in Grey's River, Washington, 60-plus miles to the northwest of North Portland, not far from the Columbia River. He is a renowned butterfly expert, founder of the Xerces Society, a Yale-trained ecologist and co-author of *Butterflies of the Pacific Northwest*. He is also a full-time author of books ranging from memoir to poetry, essays and fiction.

Where Bigfoot Walks: Crossing the Dark Divide, is particularly compelling for its descriptive journey into local landscapes, especially the depths of the one million-acre Gifford Pinchot National Forest in SW Washington. The author delights in describing its flora and fauna, both real and legendary. Pacific northwesterners often forget that our old-growth forests are unique in the universe because of the size, old age of their trees, and the variety of other organisms they can support.

In the book, which is part memoir, Pyle isn't just obsessed with butterflies, he's also obsessed with the possibility that a reported human-ape-like creature, bigfoot, could yet exist outside the purview of modern civilization in those deep forests just north of us. He asserts that either an "undescribed species of hominoid primate dwells there, or an act of self- and group deception of astonishing proportions is taking place." In either case, he is interested in exploring the phenomenon and takes the reader on an intriguing journey into the wooded wilds in the process.

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What are the biggest challenges going forward? "The biggest challenge is ensuring sustainability in this location into the future," Davis notes.

What can local residents do to help? We can rally behind Bybee Lakes Hope Center to demand that the city, county and state support it with funding. There are millions of public dollars available to help address homelessness, but none of that funding is going to the Hope Center even though it offers a viable alternative to unhoused people. A fraction of those funds could support the Center as it provides a quiet, safe, healing environment with ample access to services for residents who want to work to overcome addictions and other serious issues. It also offers a haven away from drug dealers. For those seeking change in their lives it offers a path forward.

Bank Street Community Garden ready for gardeners

by Babs Adamski, Community Organizer/Career Coach and St. Johns neighbor

It's summer again at the Bank St. Community Garden! In early April a half dozen volunteers removed grass and weeds from overwintering plots and added hazelnut shells to paths. The 6' x 13' beds have great soil and there are a number of spots available for community members. At the corner of N. Bank and N. Burr, the garden is snuggled between a church and middle school and is a lively spot above N. Fessenden.

The Bank St. Community Garden was started about 10 years ago by an interning minister at Grace Community Fellowship. After his moving on, the garden was stewarded by Sara and Kelly Cohoe who were both gardeners and ministers at the church. Last year Kelly and Sara retired from the congregation and recruited me to take over the management of the garden with its 25 plots.

There are about 10 plots available including some raised beds that are in metal troughs. The height on these three spaces is such that one does not need to bend over to tend to plants.

Last spring, art students at George Middle School made a bright new sign for the garden. Other placemaking improvements for this year will be a newly painted bench and, with luck, a new composting bin.

If you would like to get a plot, it's easily done. They are $25.for the season, per plot. Double sized plots are $50. Send a text or call Babs at 503-421-5934 or email babsia@gmail.com.

Year round gardening is encouraged! Whenever you start, you're welcome to join your dirt-loving neighbors!

(Note: Next month Babs will be reporting from the field in Spain while hiking the Camino de Santiago an ancient pilgrimage trail).

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Letters to the Editor

Upcoming RHS Centennial Activities

Dear Fellow Roosevelt alumni,

We are celebrating 100 years!

Centennial Music Night:
Band students have been winning awards left and right. This will be a unique performance.

The 2023 Spring Concert -
Thursday, June 1st, 2023

- Doors open 6:30pm, Show at 7pm.
- Held in the Roosevelt Auditorium, entrance on Ida St.
- Free admission, donations to the music program are encouraged.

All of the donation information for the RHS Alumni Association is on our website rooseveltalumni.org.

We do take online payments via PayPal. Please let me know if anyone has any issues doing so. Checks should be made out to RHSAA and mailed to:

RHSAA
8316. Lombard Street, #446
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PLEASE MARK how you want the donation to be spent.

Thanks Again, So Appreciated!
Mike Verbout

RHS Class of '73 Reunion

Dear Roosevelt class of 1973.
The Class 50 yr. Reunion is on July 14th, 2023, 6pm at North Portland Eagles Lodge at 7611 N. Exeter.

Thanks to generous donations, attendance will be free to our classmates, just register in advance by calling 503-799-3605 or 503-890-2058.

~ Kathleen Holmes

Editorial

15+ years ago Cathedral Park Neighborhood Association bought into the Housing First model for formerly houseless people. With just 13 units, Bridgeview Apartments near N. Edison and Trumbull is a small project. After glowing presentations by Innovative Housing (IH), where they cited 24 hr. on site management and social workers available during working hours, the CPNA agreed to the project. We wanted to help people in transition. It has not turned out to be a positive experience.

The reality is that management of the building is practically non-existent. The "24 hr" manager was almost always asleep. Currently, there is no manager at all and hasn't been for a few years. As for the social workers, they are observed arriving, waiting a short time to see if anyone visits and then leaving.

Some, though not all, tenants have been affected by severe addiction and/or mental health issues. There have been a few who have chosen criminal activities, such as selling drugs or stealing items from construction sites and storing them nearby. IH leaders have chosen to ignore almost all of it. They've said they could not evict or even screen tenants.

In sharp contrast, the Kenton Women's Village transitional project has been regarded as positive. From most reports, it has stood the test of time. That is in large part because leaders such as Catholic Charities considered it a pilot project for all subsequent transitional housing. They were invested in making it successful. When more on site support personnel were needed, major funds were invested to get them.

The big question for new transitional housing organizers in North Portland including those discussed in this newspaper is this: Are they willing to back up their promises, observe what's needed and have the motivation and deep pockets to add personnel as required? It all boils down to quality of management. Those organizing these projects should strive for open communication with neighbors who have rightful fears about livability. Organizers exhibit arrogance when they ignore neighbors' concerns. It is only fair to address these legitimate questions in advance.

Barbara Quinn, co-editor

Frog Ferry *continued from page 1*

photo courtesy of Friends of Frog Ferry

would remove 600 commuting autos daily from city streets and displace 3,170 metric tons of CO2 annually.

The main thing standing in the way of the project is partnership with the City of Portland. Once there is a partnership, the Frog Ferry organizers would have the green light to apply for needed federal funding. For the last six years the Friends of Frog Ferry have made a huge team effort to produce feasibility studies and bring their proposal before the city council. It is currently an ideal time to request federal matching funds since green infrastructure projects are a high priority in the Biden Administration. If the city decides to sponsor the project, 80% of the projected budget could be available from the federal government.

This is a great opportunity to revitalize the downtown waterfront in our St. Johns community. A recent poll in St. Johns revealed that 78% of respondents would welcome ferry transportation. It would reduce traffic congestion and cut down on greenhouse gases. It could provide an alternative transportation system in the case of natural disasters such as an earthquake or other emergencies. It would connect residents to the beauty and natural wonders of the river ecosystem that relatively few Portland residents now enjoy. This could lead to more river stewardship and ecotourism.

The Frog Ferry would be a public entity like TriMet, and provide jobs in our community such as dock construction, boat and engine maintenance, and ferry pilots. The new river travel system could enhance tourism opportunities with new pubs, restaurants and other shops along its route. If city partnership can be developed in the next few weeks, it would take about 2 years for the first pilot ferry to be built and ready for its first run.

If you care about the future livability of our city, this is a significant opportunity to reduce the effects of climate change. Now is the time for action. The Frog Ferry Fleet will not only enhance the local economy and help clean our environment, it will provide a beautiful way to experience the river flowing through the heart of Portland.

You can show your support for the Friends of Frog Ferry by signing up for public testimony before City Council or by writing letters to the below. Watch for testimony times at FrogFerry.com.

- Mayor Ted Wheeler at mayorwheeler@portlandoregon.gov;
- Commissioner Mingus Mapps at MappsOffice@portlandoregon.gov; and
- Commissioner Carmen Rubio, at comm.rubio@portlandoregon.gov.
- Please cc Susan Bladholm, at the Friends of Frog Ferry at susan@frogferry.com.

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3935 N. Lombard
503-289-8636

Sunday morning worship - 11am

Holy Cross Catholic Church
5227 N. Bowdoin
503-289-2834

Mass Times:
5pm Saturday Mass
9am Sunday Mass
12pm Spanish Mass
8:30am T - F Mass

Community Forum: Rumble on the River

This spring a series of free Portland-wide forums called Rumble on the River were held in various neighborhoods. The St. Johns Church at N. Richmond and Central was the site for the fourth forum in late April. The events are sponsored by a coalition of 26 neighborhood, river and climate advocacy organizations in order to increase public awareness of the safety, health and seismic risks associated with fossil fuels and their infrastructure. A particular concern is Zenith Energy and the tank farm known as the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) hub opposite North Portland. The Hub contains 90% of the fossil fuels used in Oregon.

Each forum is different in its approach to examining the issues and each has a unique set of panelists. One St. Johns panelist with an especially urgent message was Umei Wang, a geologist with the Portland State University Institute for Sustainable Solutions with 30 years of earthquake engineering experience. Wang shared facts she learned about soil liquefaction while investigating earthquakes in Japan in 2007 and 2011. She discussed the vulnerability of the Hub due to its location on dredged sand with fuel docks and tanks that are structurally unable to withstand earthquake damage.

She feels that Bill SB 1567 in the Oregon legislature is a start in addressing the problem of unsafe conditions. It requires the companies that own the tanks and docks to submit a plan to address seismic vulnerability by June 2024.

"Essential next steps must include federal support for:

1) an earthquake early warning system
2) wildfire control measures
3) major oil spill response capability

These upgrades should happen right away."

- Umei Wang, a geologist with 30 years of earthquake engineering experience

"If an earthquake occurs prior to addressing structural upgrades, we can expect explosions, fires, spills, toxic fumes, and damage to our river likely exceeding that of the Deepwater Horizon accident. A fire could also place Forest Park at risk."

Several of the Rumble on the River events can be found on Youtube. Stay tuned to the North Peninsula Review for more.

North Portland Summer Events

- **St. Johns Farmers' Market, Saturdays 9am–2pm**, May 6–October 28, N. Charleston Ave. at N. Central St.
- **Kenton Farmers' Market, opens June 7**, 3pm–7pm, Wednesdays. Live music. Details at www.portlandfarmersmarket.org/our-markets/kenton.
- **Porch Concerts, May–September**, 2nd & 4th Saturdays of the Month, 10am–12:30pm, Pioneer Methodist Church, 7528 N Charleston Ave, Sponsored by Cathedral Park Art Collective, cathedralparkarts.org/porch-concert-series.
- **Healthires Virtual Job Fair / Career Expo Event #Vancouver, June 2,** first Friday of each month, 11–2pm, Event link: https://jobfair.tao.ai/pod/healthires. To signup: Visit https://healthires.com/wertual/login/jobfair and complete the profile.
- **North Portland Tool Library Tool Sale, June 3,** 10:30am–2pm, 2209 N. Schofield St., Miter Saws, Circular Saws, Sanders, Garden Tools, Automotive Tools.
- **St. Johns Food Share Book Sale, June 9–10,** Arches Bookstore, 8900 N. Wall Ave.
- **Paddle Zenith Out of Portland, June 11,** Cathedral Park, 9am Kayak training, 11am start.
- **Delta Park Pow Wow & Camp Out, June 16–18,** 2023, Free, Delta Park, 10737 N. Union Ct.
- **Juneteenth Oregon Celebration, June 17–18,** Lillis Albina Park, near the corner of N. Flint and Russell. It is an inclusive event that brings community together, commemorates the emancipation of slavery and celebrates Black culture.
- **Pier Park Summer Concerts,** 3-6pm, Donations, **June 24** - Award Winning Roosevelt High School Jazz Band; **July 29** - Takohachi; **August 26** - Glitterfox.
- **Rose City Open, July 7–9**, disc golf tournament sponsored by Huk Lab, Pier Park. Details at www.discgolfscene.com/tournaments/2023_Rose_City_Open_Presented_by_Stumptown_DG_2023.
- **Peninsula Park & Rose Garden 110th Anniversary, July 8,** 11am–3pm, the Friends of Peninsula Park invite the community to celebrate anniversary of the park and iconic Rose Garden. There will be family and kids' fun including performers, a puppet show, and art.
- **43rd Annual Cathedral Park Jazz Festival, July 14–16,** Cathedral Park. Free. Featuring local jazz, blues, soul, and Latin artists. See the July edition of the North Peninsula Review for the event schedule.
- **Kenton Steet Fair, Aug. 27,** N. Denver Ave. A lively street fair with multiple live music stages, 80+ vendors, food vendors and plenty of great businesses on the block. Join the Kenton neighborhood for food, music, crafts and fun.

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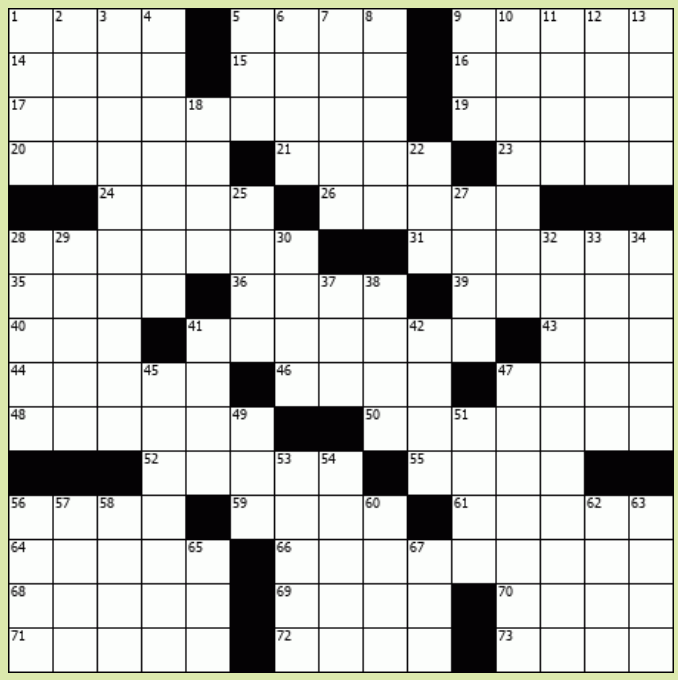

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21. Thailand, formerly
23. Shoe part
24. Will beneficiary
26. Kilt fold
28. Vine support
31. Overseas
35. Well-ventilated
36. Handyman's need
39. Certain parasite
40. Wind dir.
41. Get together again
43. Make a knot
44. Keyed up
46. Dalai ___
47. Happy
48. Self-___
50. New ___, Louisiana
52. Proficient
55. Actor Sean ___
56. Classify
59. "The Way We ___"
61. Passover feast
64. Make happy
66. Subway gate, e.g.
68. Diamond and Armstrong
69. Farm unit
70. Capri or Wight
71. Hues
72. For fear that
73. Head cook

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1. Brief play
2. Gambling game
3. Unintelligible
4. Majestic
5. Sheep's bleat
6. Flows back
7. Spring flower
8. Burglarize
9. Conclude
10. Eminent conductor
11. Norwegian city
12. Kite feature
13. Or ___!
18. Dr. ___ of TV
22. "Cry ___ River" (2 wds.)
25. ___ of passage
27. Ready, willing, and ___
28. Personal preference
29. Moves upward
30. Spirit
32. Bizarre
33. Chinese, e.g.
34. Property documents
37. ___ roll (2 wds.)
38. Chauffeured car
41. Marsh plant
42. Field cover
45. Seahawks' hometown
47. Passed on by DNA
49. Kitten's cry
51. Minus
53. Flower part
54. Cease-fire
56. Exported
57. Butter's rival
58. Drought's lack
60. Miscalculates
62. She, to Pierre
63. Coral ridge
65. Curvy letter
67. Butterfly catcher

St. Johns Parade May,13, 2023—it WAS something special!

Rep. Travis Nelson and Rep. Maxine Dexter

RHS Rose Princess MaryMer Kansou

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make it happen!

Police Reports

News Releases from Portland Police Bureau

PERSON DECEASED AFTER A SHOOTING IN PORTSMOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD

On Friday, May 12, 2023, at 11:30 p.m., officers from the North Precinct responded to a shooting call in the 7600 block of North Portsmouth Avenue. Officers arrived to find a man who suffering from an apparent gunshot wound. The man was transported to an area hospital where he died.

The victim in this Portsmouth Neighborhood shooting is identified as 22-year-old Kenny Martinez. The Medical Examiner confirmed his manner and cause of death to be homicide by gunshot wound. Martinez's family has been notified of his death.

SINGLE-VEHICLE CRASH WITH LIFE THREATENING INJURIES CLOSES N MARINE DR

On Saturday, May 27, 2023 at 11:55p.m., North Precinct officers were dispatched to a report of a crash near North Marine Drive and North Bybee Lakes Road. When they arrived they found a vehicle crashed into a tree. Both male occupants were transported to the hospital with serious injuries, one of which is life threatening. Due to the level of injury, the Portland Police Bureau Traffic Division's Major Crash Team is responding to the scene to investigate.

PPB INVESTIGATING FATAL CRASH IN NORTH PORTLAND

A driver has died in a single vehicle crash on North Marine Drive. On May 3, 2023, just after 1:00 p.m., North Precinct officers were dispatched to a single vehicle crash in the 5900 Block of North Marine Drive. Officers arrived to find that a vehicle had crashed into a pole, and determined the driver was deceased.

STREET RACING MISSION RESULTS IN ARRESTS, DOZENS OF CITATIONS

A special detail involving multiple agencies focused on street racing and takeovers netted dozens of citations and multiple arrests of criminal suspects and towed vehicles last night.

The mission was run the evening of Friday, May 5, 2023 by Portland Police Bureau (PPB) North Precinct. Oregon State Police (OSP) assisted, as did members of the Multnomah County District Attorney's office. PPB Air Support Unit, K9, former Traffic Division officers, and detectives also participated, which resulted in adequate resources to address organized street racing/takeover events on Swan Island and North Marine Drive west of I-5.

Arrests - 5; Citations - 33; Vehicles towed - 6; Eludes - 5; Car tires spiked - 1; DUII - 1 arrest (after obtaining a warrant for a blood draw).

NORTH PRECINCT CONDUCTS ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT MISSION

On May 2, 2023, North Precinct officers, in collaboration with business partners, conducted another successful retail theft mission in the Jantzen Beach area. These missions have had a significant impact on retail theft, property crime and community livability.

North Precinct officers along with loss prevention assets, K9 officers and East and North Precinct detectives, conducted several felony and misdemeanor arrests of chronic shoplifters in the area. Officers made five arrests, six traffic stops, recovered $600.74 in retail merchandise, seized an illegal firearm and recovered two stolen vehicles recovered. Two vehicles eluded police.