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4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.



CNA Holiday Party on December 4th!

Tuesday, December 4th, 2007, 6:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.
Kennedy School Community Room



The Annual Concordia Neighborhood Association Holiday Party is just around the corner, so please mark your calendars! All residents and business owners of the Concordia Neighborhood are invited to the free holiday festivities on Tuesday, December 4th in lieu of our General Meeting. The holiday party is a great way to meet new neighbors and mix and mingle with friends, old and new, in a festive and family-friendly atmosphere.

This year we are delighted to be serving homemade Indonesian food that will be generously provided by

Priska Hillis, Indonesian Personal Chef, a new resident to the Concordia Neighborhood. More traditional finger-food and nonalcoholic beverages will also be provided by the CNA.

Additionally, we will be having a cookie decoration station for children so they can create their own tasty



treats. Lastly, a holiday party would not be complete without music! This year, we are pleased to announce that The Portland Recorder Society will be performing festive songs for our listening pleasure. We hope to see you all there for this fun end-of-the-year event!

A member of the green team will be at the door of the Community Room to hand out green gifts, light bulbs, gardening gifts, etc and there are even goodies for drivers. We have a limited amount, so don't be late!

We will also collect any outerwear or blankets there if you missed the original event (see "Recycle" article on page 5).

2007 Year in Review

By Matt Steadman



2007 was another busy and exciting year for the Concordia neighborhood. Among the many highlights was the completion of a seven-year quest to provide a new playground structure in Fernhill Park. This was the first major playground update for Fernhill Park in close to 40 years. As an added bonus, Concordia residents achieved the donations needed to add speed bumps

to be placed near the park to ensure the safety of children who frequent the park. Another project spearheaded by Concordia residents was being involved with City Repair's Village Building Convergence. This project focused on the busy intersection of NE 30th and Killingsworth. Neighbors built mosaic planters, added artwork, and created a shared public place that they envisioned, designed, funded, and will maintain for themselves.

Our dedication to enriching and bringing our neighborhood closer together included a Concert in the Park series during the month of July. We held four free concerts with an impressive music lineup as well as free kid activities. These concerts were attended by approximately 300 to 800 Concordia residents as well as other Portland citizens visiting our outstanding neighborhood. We plan to continue this annual event and make it something that people can look forward to each year. In addition to these events, Concordia once again hosted a Spring Egg Hunt for which we can always count on two things; rain and lots of kids having fun finding all the hidden eggs. We will end the year with our Annual Holiday Party in December which includes live holiday music, food, and kid activities.

Concordia provided several special services during 2007. Two of the most popular services were the 9th Annual Concordia Neighborhood Yard Sale and Concordia Annual Cleanup. The yard sale is supported with notification in the Concordia newspaper as well as a map outlining all participants and locations. The yard sale draws many people out of their homes and gives them an opportunity to meet their neighbors as well as find a bargain. We also host a Concordia Annual Cleanup where neighbors pay a nominal fee and are able to drop off their unwanted items and clean

up the neighborhood. The focus this year was recycling and being environmentally conscious. We were able to recycle metals, cardboards, and computer items. Items collected in good condition were donated to local charities. A new service that was started this year is the Care Network -- a phone tree of residents willing to help the elderly and infirmed with tasks that the recipients cannot accomplish themselves.

As part of our civic duties, we held a workshop with over 50 neighbors and landlords to help in revitalizing a small commercial node at 30th and Ainsworth. This had historically been a neglected area but after our efforts we are already seeing positive steps with new tenants who will contribute positively to the area. Concordia also graciously hosted Cease Fire Oregon in its quest to reduce gun violence. Cease Fire and Concordia collected 124 guns and was one of the first in a series of neighborhood turn-ins for the organization.

One of the areas where Concordia had to be responsive was the growing and successful event of Last Thursday. Due to its popularity and growing crowds, some serious issues have emerged. Concordia business owners and residents worked closely alongside Vernon Neighborhood as well as officials from Multnomah County, Portland Police, and other agencies to self police and maintain the uniqueness of this homegrown event.

An ongoing mission for the past five years has been the Concordia Neighborhood actively working with the City of Portland and the Port of PDX to battle the negative health, environmental, noise, and livability impact that the airport has on Northeast Portland. Currently two CNA members sit on the PAG (Airport Future's Planning Advisory Group). Other committees in which we actively participate are the City of Portland Transportation Stakeholders Committee (as the NECN rep) as well as the committee that is working with ONI, PPS, and city commissioners regarding the future of the former Whitaker-Adams school site that is now vacant.

In our contribution to raising cross-cultural awareness, we have forged a relationship with NAYA (Native American Youth and Family Center). We held a monthly neighborhood meeting offsite, with NAYA as the focus. NAYA also participated in National Night Out. At this 2007 National Night Out celebration, we worked with students for the Northwest Institute for Social Change to conduct a survey to determine how to get more community members, particularly people of color, engaged in the Concordia Neighborhood Association.

Happy
Holidays!



Chair's Corner

by Katie Ugolini

As the holidays approach, I find myself acknowledging how much I have to be grateful for. I begin counting my blessings, big and small, and my appreciation grows for the fortunate moments that sustain my life. This gratitude gladdens my heart and I often wonder why I wait for the holiday season to honor my blessings when moments of goodness grace my life every day.

This has become especially apparent to me living in Concordia where the support and care of the community nurture how I care for my own life. I am so grateful for the community I have been given and the generations of residents in NE Portland that came before me, whose labor and care made this neighborhood the special place that it is today. I am grateful for the people I love and work with and the natural beauty of the earth that is offered up to us in Oregon. As the Portland winter approaches, I am even grateful for the offerings of rain that support every plant and creature in our great Northwest. Moreover, despite my perceived difficulties, I am grateful for the measure of health and well-being I have been given and grateful for the life I have been given. Most importantly, I am grateful for the suffering I have been given in the hopes that it will deepen my capacity for compassion and wisdom.

May you be blessed with good fortune and a glad heart this holiday season! Hope to see you at the CNA Holiday Party, too, to celebrate our neighborhood and lives.



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CNA Website

A few months ago, the CNA launched a new website at <http://www.concordiapdx.org>. It offers neighbors a great opportunity to keep abreast of news and events as they happen, not unlike a continuously updated edition of the Concordia News. The website is a particularly good place to learn about events that cannot be included in the print edition due to space or time constraints.

The most important new opportunity the website offers is the chance for neighbors to post comments on any story. It can be tough to attend meetings, send letters, or otherwise actively participate in neighborhood events, but it takes almost no time to share your opinion or a new idea as a comment on the website. [Note that comments are reviewed before they get posted to protect against malicious "comment spam," so it may take a few hours to see your comment in print.]

Imagine, for example, if we could point local officials to stories about the recent Boeing emissions request, and they saw comments from dozens of neighbors supporting the CNA's resolution on this issue. That kind of uproar would send a powerful message, and all it would require is a few neighbors sitting at home and typing a note shorter than the average email.

The website also includes other great features, including an RSS feed, so anyone can add CNA news to their daily reading list, and a link to the CNA Google calendar, which anyone can subscribe to so they can keep track of upcoming neighborhood events. So take a moment, read a story, and leave a comment or idea to let everyone know that our neighborhood is an active one.

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Now Is the Time: Concordia Needs to Hear From All Residents

By George Bruender

We hope that everyone in the Concordia area has heard about Boeing's Portland Airplane Painting Facility's request to DEQ to increase their release of hazardous emissions into our airshed. This almost tripling of volatile compounds will add to the cumulative effects of similar emissions from PDX itself, from our close-in highways, and from the industries along Columbia Boulevard . It could have immediate and long-term health repercussions, asthma being the most obvious. Plus there will be direct effects on our ozone layer.

Concerned citizens from Concordia, Cully, Vernon , and Woodlawn neighborhood associations plus our Oregon state reps and senator from NE Portland have been meeting weekly to draft plans for fighting this increased burden on our daily lives. Now we are asking you to join us in a series of public efforts. Step one is to sign petitions that will go to DEQ requiring that they force Boeing to apply the most effective pollution control technology available that will capture (minimally) 90% of those volatile organic compounds.

Clip out the petition on this page and print your information clearly. We encourage you to take this petition around to your next door neighbors (or sympathetic friends), and get them to sign on also – there are 10 spaces. Directions are on the form, as well as suggestions for other actions you can take. Contact George Bruender (gbruender@comcast.net; 287-4787) if you need clarity or more info.

Boeing made billions last year and it has huge government and private contracts. DEQ needs to know that the people in the neighborhood have the most important voice in the livability of their community. We also want Boeing to be a good neighbor, but they need to know that we are serious. Your voice counts. It's our only strength. Speak up today



NE NEIGHBORS FOR CLEAN AIR

Do you want more toxic chemicals in your air?

- Boeing has petitioned Oregon DEQ **to nearly triple the amount** of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) they emit in NE Portland to **99 tons per year**.
- VOCs have been linked to **global warming, cancer, and respiratory ailments** such as asthma.
- Oregon DEQ is reviewing Boeing's petition **as you read this**.
- DEQ can require Boeing to capture nearly all these toxic emissions. **They will only do so if the community pushes for this**.
- **A broad coalition** of neighbors, neighborhoods, businesses, schools, environmental groups and political leaders **has formed to express our concerns and oppose this increase** while there is still time.
- If you or your neighbors are concerned about the quality of the air in your neighborhood, **help us make your concerns known!**

The NE Neighbors for Clean Air expects DEQ to hold Boeing to vigorous and maximum environmental standards for the reasons of human health, environmental quality, and environmental justice.

Here's how you can help:

- Learn more at the Concordia Neighborhood website, www.concordiapdx.org.
- Sign the petition below. Ask your neighbors to sign as well. Return it to the address shown.
- Contact your political representatives and the media (letters to the editor) and tell them of your concern about this issue.
- Volunteer to help spread the word to other neighbors and businesses.
- Express your concern directly to DEQ at: amidon.kathy@deq.state.or.us
Please cc: cleanair@necoalition.org

For more information or inquiries, email cleanair@necoalition.org

Petition to Require Capture of VOCs from Boeing's PDX Airplane Painting Facility

Boeing has applied for a permit to emit 99 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) per year from its airplane painting facility near NE 47th and Columbia Blvd. **We believe Oregon DEQ should require Boeing to apply the most effective control technology to capture the maximum amount of emissions** (current technologies employed elsewhere in the U.S. are effective in removing over 90% of VOC emissions). At a time when Boeing is making record profits (\$2.2 billion net income in 2006), we believe Boeing should support the most effective technology to prevent the potential significant health effects on our community.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION CLEARLY BELOW

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	EMAIL

Fax or mail the petition to: NECN, 4815 NE 7th Ave, Portland, OR 97211, fax 503-823-3150

First Home Moved to Clear Property for New Concordia Athletic Center



Concordia University has moved the first home off its property north of campus to make way for a new athletic complex. In total, 27 structures will be removed or deconstructed by May 2009 which is the planned construction start date for the new baseball and soccer facility. Presently, three other homes are under contract to be moved and five more are in process. The buyers leading the way

are Concordia University employees Greg Close and Rebekah Anderson, a husband and wife team who will lease the house to renters in Northeast Portland.

Concordia University officials want to reuse as many of the buildings as possible. We are offering sales terms that are very favorable to the buyer, says Concordia Chief Financial Officer Denny Stoecklin. Those structures that cannot be moved will be deconstructed so that the materials can be salvaged for re-use. A new 70,000 square foot library/learning center will occupy the location of the university's current athletic field. Construction of the library/learning center, which will be built to LEED Certified Silver standards for environmental construction and sustainability, will begin in May of 2008.



The Little Red Schoolhouse Down the Block

by Don Gire, PTA Secretary

Faubion Elementary School:
Our Lights Are On!

The Concordia Neighborhood is very lucky to have our neighborhood elementary school Faubion. A place where most students can walk or bike. A quick trip for Mom in the car on bad weather days. A school bus ride that is just a short hop away from home.

Years ago, our elementary schools were pretty much restricted to reading, writing, and arithmetic. That's going on at Faubion today too, but you'll find more. Consider, too, an adult Fitness and Pilates class on Tuesday afternoon, or learning Conversational Spanish Wednesday on evenings. How about a Home Winterization Workshop for Dad to help keep the winter chill out. (Tuesday, December 11, 2007). Our favorite neighborhood elementary school with adult classes later in the day – too cool for school!

Then there are all the extra curricular classes for our kids. All week long, Ashley Coltin, Site Manager for SUN Community School at Faubion, facilitates an amazing number of free or low cost classes after regular school hours. Homework Help, Tennis, Positive Play Soccer, YMCA KidzLit, SUN

Leadership Council, Pee Wee Soccer, Bike Safety Club, fun and games like Hula Hoopin, Chess, Young Inventors, and YMCA ARTS, and more. The SUN programs at Faubion provide fun and learning rolled into a variety of after school events. These events are for kids from PreK through 7th grade.

Want more options? Try SUN's Clay and Sculpture, Drama Club, Ballet, a variety of Science Classes, Art from Nature, Walk-A-Bout Club, Fabric Painting, Legos, African Dance, Kids Cooking, Story Scouts, Big Circus, Cartooning, and Games Galore.

To learn more about why those lights are on at Faubion after school, contact Ashley at 503.916.5694 and ashley.colton@ci.portlandor.us or www.co.multnomah.or.us.dscp search SUN (go) Faubion.

If you have an idea for a class concept or an interest in teaching a SUN class, please contact Ashley, too.



Baby Boomers Face Retirement Challenge

By Adina Flynn, JD

Financial Advisor, Ameriprise Financial

While baby boomers have enjoyed a generally improved quality of life over the past decade, as many as 25 million, or nearly one third, have virtually nothing saved for retirement and face a shaky retirement picture, according to a recent study by the American Association of Retired People (AARP).

The 76 million baby boomers who will turn 65 during the next two decades face many retirement challenges, including ballooning health care costs, the rising age for full eligibility for Social Security benefits, and a recent three year bear market and lower returns on investments. Two main retirement problems were identified by the recent AARP study. First, the study noted a significant drop in median income last year for the 50 and over crowd. Second, it revealed a heavy reliance by many retirees on Social Security for a large part of their annual income, with nearly half of retirees looking towards Social Security to provide more than half of their annual income.

Furthermore, while the number of retired people receiving pensions increased nearly 10 percent in the last decade rising to nearly 50 percent, more than 50

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percent of the retired community remains without pension compensation. What can boomers do to best prepare for and protect their pending retirement?

Plan, plan, plan

The federal government is encouraging savings with increased contribution limits and even offering catch up contributions for those 50 or older. Create or update your financial plan to take advantage of these opportunities to save.

Your financial plan should include an assessment of how much you need to save for retirement and what percentage of pay you should be putting aside to get there. Your plan should include holding assets in many segments of the market. An investment mix for baby boomers should aim to keep the purchasing power of your assets ahead of inflation and provide protection from future market setbacks. In order to outpace inflation, your portfolio may also contain high yielding investments like stock.

Consider retirement alternatives

Working part-time through part of your retirement or delaying retirement even by a few years can dramatically change your retirement needs. Take for example, a 60-year-old working person with accumulated retirement assets of \$411,440. Assume he is saving \$24,000 per year with an estimated average investment return of 8 percent. Assuming his retirement income goal is \$4,000 per month, with Social Security kicking in at age 65 (\$1,640 per month,) this is how he will fare:

If he retired at age 62, his assets would be depleted at age 77. If he retired a mere three years later at age 65, he would be covered until age 90. If he retired instead at 67, his assets would not deplete until he was 102 years old. A few additional years of working can make a big difference in providing coverage throughout your lifetime.

(This illustration is hypothetical and is not meant to represent any specific investment or to imply any guaranteed rate of return.)

Expect the unexpected

A growing number of baby boomers say they'll retire after 65 but while more than half of current workers plan to work to age 65 or older, and 68 percent plan to work in retirement, the current average retiree actually retired at age 62, according to a recent study by the Employee Benefit Research Institute. About 37 percent of retirees said they left the workforce earlier than planned, citing health problems or disability as the reason.

Polish your skills

According to Age Wave, a research firm that focuses on the graying workforce, investing in your education, skills, and other "human capital" by returning to school, volunteering, and making contacts in your field before you retire can be worth more than what you have in the bank.

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Recycle - Reuse - Regift

The power of individual actions adds up

By Gayle and the Green Team

In the spirit of the season and with a goal of the Green Team to cut down on waste, we will be sponsoring a Warm Winter Clothing Drive. We welcome donations of blankets, warm winter coats that don't fit you anymore, neck scarves, rainwear, stocking hats, and gloves and mittens. We need mostly adult sized items, but there are a few families we'd like to give such items to as well, so we will accept some donations of women and children's warm outerwear.

This event will take place on Saturday, December 1st between 11 A.M. and 2 P.M. in the parking lot of the St. Michael's Church at 6700 NE 29th Avenue, just South of Dekum Street. You can also bring your donations to the CAN Holiday Party on Tuesday, December 4th, at 6:30 P.M. held in our Community Room at Kennedy School. We will have a donation box outside the room door. Clothes and blankets will be donated to our local HIV support facility at Ainsworth United Church of Christ at NE 30th Avenue and Ainsworth and to the Union Gospel Mission. Please bring items in good, clean condition as we don't have facilities to wash or to mend clothing items. (In case of inclement weather this event will be cancelled so you'll be able to bring your donations to the holiday party.) This is a great opportunity to help those in need, and clean out your closets of unwanted/unused items.

Another wonderful neighborhood event that's coming up is the annual tree planting. This event enables neighbors to work together to plant trees in our neighborhood, not only beautifying it, but adding other environmental value. Trees are of major significance in the fight against global warming. Humans and trees compliment each other so much as they recycle our waste and we recycle theirs. The process of photosynthesis allows plants and trees to take in water and carbon dioxide (CO₂). Remember that CO₂ is a product of respiration and combustion and it is this greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming. Over its lifetime, one tree absorbs about one ton of CO₂. In return for this, trees give us back oxygen. They also provide shade, reducing our need for air conditioning. Trees lower the summer heat in the city and offer refuge for birds and other wildlife. Some produce flowers in the spring, some during winter, to feed our spirit while others produce fruit to feed our bodies. Some trees give us leaves for compost, some give us cones for decorations. Trees even increase the value of our property and act as a sound barrier. so if you live on a high traffic street, a bus route, or a corner with traffic lights or stop signs, you should give serious consideration to planting trees on your parking strip.

For more information about the neighborhood tree planting event, contact Jordan McCann at Jordan_friendsoftrees@hotmail.com or visit www.friendsoftrees.com and click on Order Street Trees. Don't miss the deadline of November 30th to order your own carbon eating, oxygen making green friend, the tree. If you miss the deadline, plant a tree anyway. Everyone in the neighborhood will benefit!

I have a 'two thumbs up' observation to share with you. I've noticed that the utility poles on 30th Avenue and Alberta Street are always kept free from the visual pollution of layers and layers of flyers stapled to them. Thanks to Guardino Gallery, Victory Outreach Church, and the Appliance and Refrigeration Hospital for 'adopting' the poles outside their businesses and keeping them clean. This reflects positively on the appearance of their businesses and the look of the neighborhood. Also, thanks to those cleaning the poles on 33rd Avenue and Killingsworth.

We have new members that have brought their project ideas and enthusiasm to our October meeting and we are looking forward to implementing those projects and sharing them with you. We always welcome new ideas and invite you to bring them to us. There will not be a December meeting. The next meeting will be January 22nd. Bring your ideas and come join us at the first meeting of the new year.

We will be sponsoring guest writers occasionally who would like to write article concerning some aspect of green living. Please submit articles to concordiagreenteam@yahoo.com or bring it to our meeting for consideration and approval.

A member of the Green Team will be at the door of the Kennedy School Community Room at our December Holiday Party to hand out goody bags from us. Don't be late as we have a limited amount of them. Remember the clothes and blankets, remember the trees, and we'll see you at the party!

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Free Compost

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What do you need it for?

If you need mulch for landscaping, a manure pile with mostly bedding is a good choice. For improving garden soil, a material with little or no bedding is usually better. Different beddings will compost at different rates - straw breaks down quicker and cedar shavings take a very long time. For an all-purpose compost that will be ready to use more quickly, a manure to bedding ratio of 1:1 or higher (such as 1:0, 20:1, 3:1) is more desirable.

How much do you need?

Calculate volume needed (depth x area = cubic feet) then convert to cubic yards (27 cubic feet in one cubic yard). Plan for the number of truck loads required for target volume. Most pickups can only handle 3/4 to one yard at a time. If you are getting a lot of material, choose a supplier with a loader or plan to spend a lot of time with your shovel loading your truck.

What is the difference between "Fresh" and Aged"?

Aged material may be closer to finished compost than newer material though it may take a little green material to heat your compost pile which is needed for optimal decomposition. Fresh material may begin to compost more quickly, but it may have an aroma until it cooks a bit. The only way to determine if a pile is composted properly is to have the pile tested (usually by a soil lab). Most, if not all, suppliers will not have had their piles tested so plan on composting it a bit more at your home before use.

Is it safe for your garden?

Fresh manure in the garden carries a small risk that pathogens which cause disease may contaminate garden vegetables. To prevent illness use only composted/aged manure on food gardens. Do not use cat, dog, or pig manure in gardens or compost piles, because some of the parasites which can be found in these manures may survive and remain infectious for people.

How do I compost?

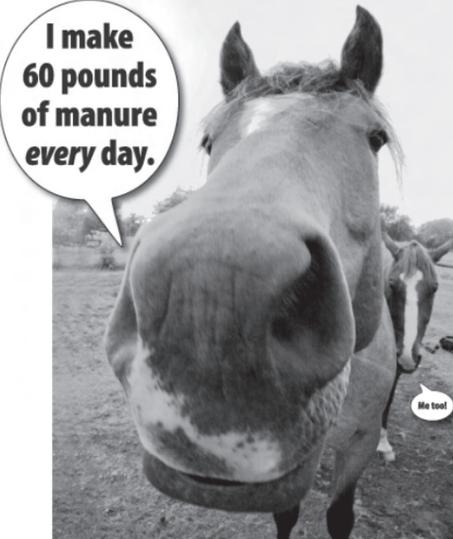
Composting is easy. Metro produced an excellent nine page booklet that includes what and how to compost, different methods and uses, ideas for yard debris, grasscycling, and solving common problems. It can be downloaded at: http://www.metro-region.org/files/living/04144_home_composting_booklet.pdf or visit your local library for a more in-depth book on the topic.

What about weeds?

Most weeds present in manure piles are generated from seeds of weed plants growing near the manure pile, but different species let different amounts of weed seed pass through their systems as

well. Keep the pile covered with a tarp to prevent weed seed invasion, and compost the pile before using. The heat and time involved in composting will kill most weed seeds. Because we can't vouch for the weed seed content of these manure piles, we highly encourage you to cover and compost all material for a month or two before applying it to your garden.

We help people care for their land. East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District is a unit of local government serving the residents and landowners of Multnomah County lying east of the Willamette River by providing conservation education, technical, and financial assistance to private land and home owners, governments, and non-profit organizations. We use a cooperative, non-regulatory approach to preserve our soil and keep our water clean. We've been helping people care for their land for over fifty years. Visit us at www.emswcd.org.



Going Green at Home is Easy: Saving Money-and the Environment-with Recycled Paint

The City of Portland prides itself on leading the nation in 'green building'.

You may not be doing a major remodel project or constructing an entire building, but there's an easy way you can put sustainability principles into your everyday home improvement projects – and save money too. Start by using recycled paint.

Every year, Metro reblends more than 100,000 gallons of leftover paint into MetroPaint 100% Recycled Latex that's suitable for interior or exterior use. The low sheen paint comes in fifteen colors ranging from Mountain Snow (white) to Espresso (dark brown). You can also mix MetroPaint colors together to enlarge the distinctively Northwest palette.

You can save money on your painting project by using recycled paint because MetroPaint costs less than half the price of new or "virgin" paint. But what about the quality? Does recycled paint perform as well as new paint? Yes, and external certifying organizations confirm this.

Recently, MetroPaint became the first Green Seal certified recycled latex paint in the world. Green Seal is a third party independent non-profit that develops standards to assure consumers that a product or service meets both environmental and performance standards. MetroPaint has also been certified by Master Painters Institute (MPI), the leading paint performance certification organization in North America.

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Recycled Paint cont...

Green Seal and MPI both require that Green Seal certified MetroPaint perform as well as new paint. MetroPaint Green Seal Certified paint and Metro Premium White paint also both contain added biocide to prevent mold and mildew on the dry paint film. Metro warrants the paint to remain intact and free from functional defects for five years from the date of purchase.

To meet the stringent Master Painters Institute standard, the paint must undergo more than a dozen application and performance tests four times a year, which is more often than new paint. And every batch of MetroPaint is tested for consistency (viscosity), fineness of grind (filtration), finish (degree of sheen), and hiding power.

MetroPaint follows a detailed sorting protocol to ensure that only good quality latex paint coming through its household hazardous waste collection program is recycled. Paint that is moldy, separated, gloppy, or hardened is rejected, along with paints that have added toxic ingredients.

Metro also conducts periodic tests on the paint to confirm that it meets consumer product safety standards for lead, mercury, and other heavy metals.

"MetroPaint completes the environmental loop," said Metro Councilor Kathryn Harrington, who chairs Metro's Solid Waste Review Committee. "The program not only makes use of leftover paint that would otherwise end up in the waste stream, it also employs earth-friendly manufacturing and packing standards throughout its process."

Consistent, Pleasing Colors

Metro is able to achieve very consistent colors with its recycled paint because it mixes most of its standard fifteen colors in 1,000 gallon batches. The law of averages applies here. For example, all of the shades of yellow paint that Metro collects are blended in one vat. The light, medium, and dark colors even out to one consistent shade of yellow – the color of sweet corn. However, some shades are so distinct that Metro splits them into dark and light vats. For instance, all the darker shades of brown go into one large vat to produce Espresso (dark brown). All the lighter shades of brown go into another large vat to produce Fawn (light brown).

MetroPaint's standard colors come in one-gallon cans and five-gallon buckets. To achieve more colors, customers can mix the standard colors together to get custom blends. For example, MetroPaint does not produce peach colored paint, but you can mix their pink and yellow together for a pleasing peach color. At its Swan Island sales facility, MetroPaint maintains a binder of color chips detailing the colors and mixing ratios to make a wide range of colors and shades.

Depending on the color, Green Seal Certified MetroPaint and Metro Premium white paint sell for \$25 to \$44 per five-gallon pail or \$6 to \$10 per gallon.

For more information on MetroPaint, please call Metro Recycling Information at 503.234.3000, Monday through Saturday from 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. You can also log on to www.metro-region.org/paint to gather important information. MetroPaint Sales at 4825 N. Basin on Portland's Swan Island does not accept leftover paint. Please call Metro Recycling Information on safe disposal options.

Tannenbaum Madness Strikes Alberta Street



For the fourth consecutive year Alberta Street businesses, including galleries, will demonstrate their creativity with unique tree displays. Starting Last Thursday, November 29th, over sixteen trees will be entered in the light-hearted competition.

Tannenbaum Madness is organized primarily through the efforts of Art on Alberta, neighbors Hilary Pfeifer, Rochelle Clark, and Kathe Swaback, owner of Art Up LLC. The 2006 event started in the first week of December. This year, organizers are planning a much bigger kick-off celebration by timing it with Last Thursday.

Art Up LLC at 1614 NE Alberta Street will have Saint Paint up along with their young artists' works. Carolers, musicians, and other performers will be in attendance at this family friendly location. Merry twinkle lights on Alberta have been made possible thanks to a grant from Alliance of Portland Neighborhood Business Associations.

Some themes include: Frock's "Glitter Dolls," Guardino's "Silly Faces," Tour de Crepes "Le Petite Prince," Foundation Garments, "Haute Hanukkah," and Videorama's "Tinseltown Tree" to name just a few. A complete directory will be available by the 29th.

Be sure to step out and cast your vote! Can Guardino be beat? Winners will be announced on the Art on Alberta website, artonalberta.org, on December 3rd.



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Nov. 23rd – Dec. 24th
Little Things

WHAT: Guardino Gallery shows forty-three artists' works. Each piece must be smaller than a seven inch cube. In its seventh year, the Little Things show, is bigger than ever before. Works will be shown in a variety of mediums including: paintings, clay, blown glass, handmade paper, resin, encaustic, metal, wood, photography and mixed media.

WHEN: Two reception dates: November 23rd and November 29th from 6 – 9 pm

WHERE: Guardino Gallery, 2939 NE Alberta Street



Nov. 29th – Dec. 3rd
Tannenbaum Madness

WHAT: The Northwest's premier holiday tree contest starts on Last Thursday. Maps and ballot boxes will be available at various locations for voting on your favorite tree. If you don't vote you can't complain.

WHEN: Starting November 29th, trees will be on display all month.

WHERE: Alberta Street from Frock to Guardino Gallery (14th to 30th)

Nov. 29th – Jan. 1st
LET HER PRESS

WHAT: OFFICE PDX celebrates the love of letterpress. Ten artists have created 11 x 17" prints exclusively available for this show.

WHEN: Artists' reception on Last Thursday at 7 pm

WHERE: OFFICE PDX. 2204 NE Alberta Street



Dec. 7th – Dec. 20th
Christmas Ship Parade

WHAT: The Christmas Ship Fleet comprises almost sixty boats festooned with lights They will parade on the Columbia and Willamette. On the Tenth you can watch at Salty's, the James M. Gleason boat ramp or along NE Marine Drive between 29th and 42nd. To see the complete viewing schedule and locations go to christmasships.org

WHEN: Dec. 10th, 7 pm

WHERE: From I-5 to Hayden Bay



Dec. 3rd
Espanol Sin Fronteras

WHAT: Work your lengua at In Other Words' drop-in Spanish class. The class is introductory and teaches some grammar along with learning through lyrics, poems and conversation. Cost is \$5 - \$10.

WHEN: Dec. 3rd Held on Mondays, call (503) 232-6003 for other dates.

WHERE: In Other Words bookstore, 8 NE Killingsworth St.



Dec. 7th, 8th, 9th
Christmas Chorale 2007

Concordia University presents its annual Christmas concert featuring handbell, small string and brass ensembles. The concert will follow a format of traditional service of lessons and carols where the Christmas story is told through the readings of scriptural passages and alternated with musical selections. Attendees will also be invited to sing Advent and Christmas carols. More than seventy students make up the performances' corals and ensembles. Highlights include the Ukrainian, "Carol of the Bells" and the Advent processional on the chant, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

WHEN: Dec. 7th and 8th at 7 pm, Dec. 9th at 3:30 pm

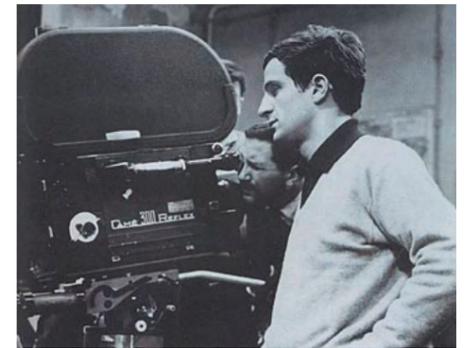
WHERE: St. Michael Lutheran Church, 6700 NE 29th Ave.

Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th
Free French Movies

WHAT: Francophiles and others can enjoy cinematic masterpieces by French directors including Godard, Truffaut, Tati, Renoir and contemporary directors continuing their tradition.

WHEN: Fridays at 7 pm

WHERE: Tour de Crepe, 2921 NE Alberta St.

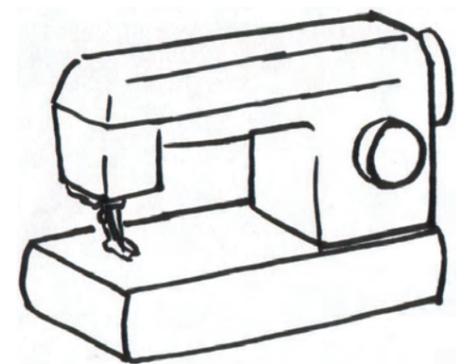


Dec. 22nd
Crafty Mamas Bazaar

WHAT: Milagros' showcase of crafty goods made by local mothers and are lead-free. All proceeds go to the makers. Last minute gifts anyone?

WHEN: Dec. 22nd and every fourth Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm.

WHERE: 5433 NE 30th



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