



CONCORDIA NEWS

A free publication of the Concordia Neighborhood Association

April 2008



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Meetings
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Community Room
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- General Membership**
APRIL 1
1st Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Land Use & Livability Meeting**
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1st Thursday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Board Meeting**
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2nd Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.
- Green Team**
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4th Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Portland City Commissioner Candidate Forum, April 1, 2008

Election time is right around the corner and your Concordia and Woodlawn Neighborhood Associations, along with McMenamins Kennedy School is proud to present a City Commissioner Candidate Forum on Tuesday, April 1st. The forum will start promptly at 6:30 P.M. and end at 9:00 P.M. This will be hosted in the McMenamins Kennedy School Gym, and McMenamins will have pizza and beverages available for purchase during the event.

In order to educate ourselves about the candidates, their positions on the issues, and to make them aware of the issues and concerns we have regarding Northeast Portland and the City as a whole, this forum presents a great

opportunity to access the people that shape our community.

The candidates scheduled to appear:

Position 1:

- Jeff Bissonnette
www.portlandersforjeff.com
- John Branam
www.john4pdx.org
- Amanda Fritz
www.amandafritzforcitycouncil.com
- Charles Lewis
www.charleslewis.com
- Chris Smith
www.citizensmith.us
- Mike Fahey
www.friendsformikefahey.com

Position 2:

- Nick Fish
www.nickfish2008.com
- Jim Middaugh
www.middaughforportland.com
- Ed Garren
www.edforportland.com
- Fred Stewart
- Harold Williams

There will be prepared questions for the candidates for the first part of the forum and then we will open the forum to take questions from the audience.

Mark your calendars and please plan on attending, so you can become better informed and find out what the candidates are able to do for the Northeast Portland community.

Let's pack the house and give them a great neighborhood showing!

Concordia Earth Day Events

8 A.M. Street Cleanup

Meet in front of McMenamins Kennedy School at 7:45 A.M. Bring gloves. The cleanup will proceed up 33rd Ave. to NE Alberta St., down Alberta St. to 22nd. Ave, down 22nd to Killingsworth and back to Kennedy School.

Kennedy School Gym Sessions

10 A.M.
City Commissioners Sam Adams and Randy Leonard will be speaking about environmental issues. Rainbarrel kits donated by The Rainbarrel Man and water saver kits from the water bureau will be given away.

Noon

State Senator Margaret Carter is working to pass a bill to remove phalates from makeup and baby pacifiers and will speak on these and other current issues. We will have drawings for some free shopping bags and a lap blanket.

Mystic Canyon Band will be playing during intermissions and McMenamins will have pizza and beverages for sale.



2 P.M.

Glen Andresen from Metro will guide us through proper composting and how to have great yards and gardens without using chemicals. Door prizes include a compost barrel donated by Metro and flowers and coupons from Cornell Farms and Buffalo Gardens.

3:30 P.M.

Dr. Pat Murphy speaks about the toxins in our homes and how to avoid them. Fred Meyer is donating a rubber hose (no PVC) and houseplants as door prizes for this session.

5:30 to 7 P.M.

Free lead testing for children under six and pregnant or nursing moms. This is a finger-stick test and you will have the results in 30 seconds.

Seating in the Community Room is limited; Pre-registration is recommended but not required. Reservations may be made thru email: concordiagreenteam@yahoo.com or by calling 503.284.1525.

Show me your bag!

We'll give you an extra drawing ticket if you bring a CLOTH bag to carry your goodies from the sessions. We have a lot of information pamphlets available for you to take with you. Table displays include Leave No Plastic Behind, Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, and Master Recyclers. This celebration is open to the public and all events are free.



Part of the Green Team displaying the canvas shopping bags that they will be giving to all the households in Concordia. We received grant money from the NE Coalition and the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. We will be selling advertising on the bags to purchase our next shipment.

Green Team Earth Day Celebration

Do you give a hoot about our environment? Come to Concordia Green Team's Earth Day Celebration Saturday, April 19th at McMenamin's Kennedy School

Based on discussions with and the actions of neighbors and residents, Concordia Neighborhood may be one of, if not the most, environmentally conscious neighborhoods in Portland. We all know there are many things to learn about earth friendly living and the effects that it has on our bodies and lifestyles. What we do now will affect the world that we leave to our children and grandchildren. Earth Day seems the appropriate time to address these issues. Remember, it's not possible to have too many people to save a world. We invite you to celebrate Earth Day with us, and thank McMenamin's Kennedy School for their support of our event.

A member of the green team will be at the door of the Community Room to hand out goody bags. 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.

Gayle and the Green Team

Nominations Sought by CNA for At-Large Board Position

The Concordia Neighborhood Association will be holding a special election to fill a Board position at our General Meeting in May. We are seeking to fill one at-large board position. In order to assume this position you must reside or own a business within the Concordia Neighborhood (please see map on page 1). The term for this special election position will only be through the end of 2008, however the elected person may run for a full term in November. Board members are expected to attend monthly General Membership Meetings (first Tuesday of every month) and monthly Board meetings (second Tuesday of every month). In addition, Board members are expected to actively participate in Board-sanctioned CNA activities.

The CNA welcomes and encourages nominations for this position. If you are interested in becoming a Board member, you can nominate yourself or ask a neighbor or current Board member to do so for you. If you are passionate about being a catalyst for change in the Concordia community, please consider running by contacting a Board member and coming to the May General Meeting to participate in the special election. If you would like more information about the special election process, please contact Katie Ugolini at 503.617.6810 or kugolini@earthlink.net.



Chair's Corner*

by Katie Ugolini

Now that spring is here, my thoughts and energy have turned to the outdoors and creating my garden. To me, gardening is both satisfying and productive. Not only can you grow a variety of beautiful and interesting plants, but gardening can also promote physical health, neighborly involvement, and a sense of community. However, no matter how you look at it, creating a garden means manipulating nature. Thus, as Earth Day approaches, I have vowed to be mindful of the effect that my gardening practices can have on the surrounding environment. Over the last several years, I have tried to make gardening choices that are environmentally friendly, such as mulching and composting, reducing the use of chemicals, using non-toxic pest control, conserving water, and adding a variety of Northwest native plants to my landscape. But there is always more I can do!

Sustainable gardening practices can produce a healthy and beautiful landscape, while having a beneficial effect on the habitat for native wildlife as well as the human community nearby. Green gardening practices promote healthy air, soil, and water while conserving energy. But "going green" does not have to be difficult. There are a number of simple steps that you can take to conserve resources and contribute to a healthy, natural ecosystem in the Concordia neighborhood. These steps can include composting and mulching to build a healthy soil, using organic, non-toxic fertilizers, leaving grass clippings on your lawn to release beneficial nutrients, watering deeply but infrequently, using non-toxic pest control, and using native plants that are well adapted to NW climate and soils.

These simple changes can make a difference in the environmental health of the neighborhood, and can only enhance your gardening experience. The beauty of your property will increase and before long your garden will attract even more beautiful songbirds and butterflies. Natural gardening will help you share your love of wildlife with neighbors and promote a healthier, more sustainable community.

If you are interested in eco-friendly gardening practices, Metro (www.metro-region.org) is a great resource for tips on how to get started.

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Concordia Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Highlights March 11, 2008

Chair/Co-Chair: Katie Ugolini, Tony Fuentes

Board Members Present: Peggy Alter, Rhonda Bergmann, Belinda Clark, Ike Harris, Steve Hoyt-McBeth, Jason Lindekugel, Ann Rothert, Joel Schuldheisz, Matt Steadman, JulieRae Trunz, Jennifer Warberg, Amy Watson

Others: George Bruender (Chair Land Use), Steve Rowley (C.N.A. Website)

Guests: Robin Denburg (NECN), Cornelius Swart (The Sentinel)

Board Members Absent: Safari Cass

Motions passed:

To support the installation of cross walks at 30th & Ainsworth.

The at-large position held by Safari Cass was declared vacant.

The Board supported maintaining the existing zoning of Colwood Golf Course.

Committee Reports

The construction for the Concordia U Library will begin with a formal ground breaking on April 11th. Full construction will start in May as soon as baseball season is completed.

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A neighborhood meeting was held March 10th for neighbors to provide their input and reaction to Concordia University's proposal to add apartments on the east side of 27th Avenue across from the gymnasium. Neighbors were concerned about the impact the apartments would have on their privacy and implications that parking may have on the quality of their living.

George reported on the concerns neighbors expressed regarding harassment by a contractor in the neighborhood. In addition, there are concerns about land use laws that have not

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Concordia News is a free monthly publication of the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA). 4,899 newspapers are mailed to its members and surrounding neighbors. 1,000 are delivered to community locations.

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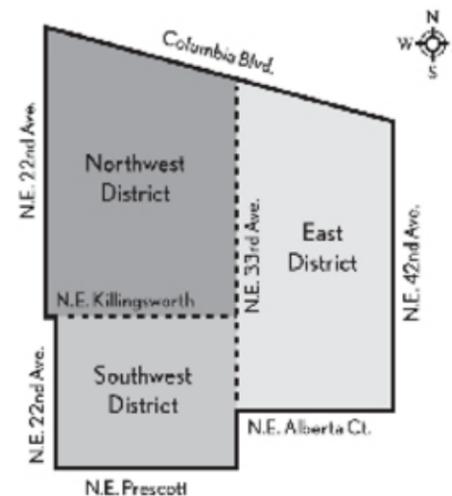
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been followed (see this weeks Rogue in Willamette Week).

Fund raising in underway for the concert in the park; nearly \$6,000 has been pledged already. Security Traders Association of Portland (CSTAP) has donated \$3,000 and Concordia University has committed \$1,000.

Matt reported on the March general meeting. The main discussion was the proposed placement of banners by Concordia University; those present voted in favor of the banner placement, there was one vote in opposition.

Concern was expressed new establishment called "Rocks" will be open until 2:30 A.M.. It was recommended that someone from the C.N.A. serve as a liaison to the ASBA.

New Business

Cornelius Swart from "The Sentinel" shared his background of community activism. His paper is to spotlight concerns that you want to share with your neighbors. Cornelius encouraged members of the CNA to participate by posting items on their web site (15,000 hits per day) for a broader circulation of issues.

Tony highlighted the Colwood Golf Course rezoning meeting on March 24th at 1:30 P.M. at the Fourth Avenue Building. He encouraged CNA members to attend the meeting

Agenda for May General Meeting: Public Safety.



John Elliot, The Rainbarrel Man

The first time I met him he was wearing a kilt. I was quite dazzled to meet this tall man in leather boots and plaid. During this interview I asked him why he chose to wear a kilt. "Because it feels good and it's fun" was his answer. That makes perfectly good sense to me.

He started making his rain barrels in 1999. He and his wife had ugly plastic barrels and he decided to "dress" them to compliment his yard (and ours). He wanted to add beauty and character to them, so he designed a stained wooden "coat" to cover them. John is always trying to make his rain barrels look better and be more efficient.

He said there are no clear cut trees used in his pre-built units, only trees that have blown down or fallen over. He buys from a small family business located in Toutle, WA. He is not only saving water (this water falls free from the clouds) but is also using another product that could easily go to waste.

John will have a display booth at the Green Homes & Garden show in May at the Expo. You can also stop by his place of business at 5024 and 3/4 NE 30th Avenue, just north of Alberta Street. His display garden is open daily this time of year. You can visit his website www.rainbarrelman.com or make an appointment by phone at 503.752.4398. John has also donated a rainbarrel kit to our Earth Day event!

Concordia Spring Wellness Fair

Come outside to welcome spring and wellness by joining your neighbors for a free Tai Chi class or massage in the street. This 2nd annual spring event sponsored by Concordia Neighborhood Association, Concordia Wellness Corner, and Fox Chase Businesses, will have a special focus on children and seniors' health and also provide fun activities and helpful information for the entire family.

Saturday, May 3, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.
**Fox Chase Corners/
 30th & Killingsworth**
Free Event! Come Rain or Shine!

Here is just a glimpse of who will be participating in this year's event:

- Medical and Naturopathic Pediatricians
- La Leche League
- Pacific Audiology Clinic
- Walgreens Pharmacists
- Baby Boot Camp
- Concordia Chiropractic Massage Therapists
- Milagros – Face Painting
- Tai Chi
- Yoga

.....and much more!

If you are interested in helping with this community event please contact Jason Lindenkugel, DC by e-mail at: concordiachiro@yahoo.com

Geno Hill/MOMO Inex, Functional Wood Artist

By Lisa Reeve

"Functional Wood Art Brings about a Celebration!" proclaims Concordia-neighborhood artist Geno Hill on the website for his Alberta storefront. Born and raised in Portland, with stints in Europe and the East Coast, Hill now uses Northeast Portland as the base for his wood furniture and art. A self-proclaimed "busy body," Hill started working with wood about thirteen years ago in an effort to "try to stay married." Overwhelmed by an excess of collected wood around his house and yard, and intrigued by the DIY projects on HGTV, he started small and taught himself how to make birdhouses. When the birdhouses were snapped up by co-workers, he was inspired to branch out and move on to bigger projects and a full-time career making art and furniture.

Hill uses only reclaimed wood, which he finds in all types of places—from construction sites to the side of the road, from Craigslist to friends' donations. He sees potential gems in pieces of wood that many people would write off as ugly or worn out. The old flooring you just tore out of your house? The timber structural beams from a local demolished factory? Hill might use these to create a beautiful bench or table. The process of his art is inherently "green," as all his materials are pre-used and would otherwise be headed for the wood chipper or a fire.

"Wood should come out and talk to you," says Hill, whose aesthetic is unrefined and organic. Surfaces ripple and tree



rings shine through under Hill's able hand. Varnish, glue, nails, and screws are the only materials he uses aside from the main attraction: the wood. Hill says there is increasing interest from consumers to know where the wood came from; he has started labeling the origins of his furniture to fulfill this curiosity. More of an artist than a custom-order furniture maker, Hill says, "I make each piece for someone I haven't met yet."

He used to sell from his home and workshop on NE 29th Avenue but now has a whole store featuring his functional art: Momo Inex is located at 915 NE Alberta Street. Momo was the nickname of his beloved deceased grandmother-in-law. Inex represents the two uses of his functional art—Interior and Exterior. The store also sells furniture made by fellow Concordia artist/furniture maker, Joel Verdon.

What does Hill think of his Concordia neighborhood? He thinks it's a "cool" neighborhood that keeps reinventing itself into newer, possibly better, incarnations. He finds it a good neighborhood for kids, of which he has three. It has a way to go, however, in becoming a true community. To help with this community-building, Hill hosts "Fire Pit Fridays" in his yard and tries to be a community ambassador through his art and actions.

Check out Geno Hill's art at his store, 915 NE Alberta Street, and his website, <http://www.momoinex.com/>.

Margaret Carter to Speak at Concordia Earth Day

Margaret Carter, our State Senator (representing North-Northeast Portland - District 22) will be joining us for Earth Day at Kennedy School on April 19.

Recipient of the 2008 "Heart of the Community Award" from Hands On Greater Portland in February, Senator Carter has a long history of involvement and experience in public affairs. As Chair of the Joint Ways & Means Subcommittee on Human Services in 2007, Margaret guided one of the most difficult budgets through the Legislative Assembly. For her work, Senator Carter and Ways & Means Co-Chair, State Representative Mary Nolan (D-Portland) received the OHCA "Senior Champion Award" for exemplary service in protecting Oregon's most vulnerable citizens.

Less known is Senator Carter's work on environmental protection issues. In 2007, Senator Carter was the first state legislator to raise the need to protect the public from potential risks of phthalates. Phthalates have been banned in products by the European Union (2002). Phthalates are industrial chemicals that can act as plasticizers and widely used in many products including cosmetics (deodorants, fragrances, hair spray, nail polish) and children's toys. A number of phthalates have been co-related in studies to testicular deformities, liver damage, liver cancer and teratogenicity in laboratory animals. Working with Rachel's Friends, a Portland group, Senator Carter introduced legislation calling for Congress to require testing and approval and actual labeling of the chemicals in cosmetics and used for children's toys, in particular for dibutyl and diethyl phthalate. A mother to 9 children, Senator Carter has long been an advocate for



children's health and women's wellness. As President & CEO of the Urban League of Portland, she worked to raise awareness of the dangers of lead paint to children.

Earlier legislation introduced by Senator Carter include a landmark law setting forth requirements for wetland mitigation banking, the first in the nation. The wetlands law expanded the regulatory and enhancement capabilities of the Oregon State Land Board, and directed federal funding to assist wetlands creation and mitigation of freshwater and estuarine habitat. Another landmark bill introduced by Senator Carter was the protection of waterfalls in the Columbia Gorge from appropriation - the first successful legislation in this area in 70 years. Margaret also helped to create the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps.

Most recently, Senator Carter serves as President Pro Tempore of the Oregon Senate, Vice Chair of the Joint Ways & Means Committee (Legislative Emergency Board) and a member of the Senate Interim Committee on Health & Human Services. Margaret currently is working to identify gaps in mental health in the community, within corrections and for returning veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. In October 2007, she organized a national symposium on the need for integration of physical and mental health care to improve patient outcomes. A graduate of Portland State University (Bachelor's) and Oregon State University (Masters degree), Margaret also has the distinction of being the first African American woman elected to the Oregon Legislative Assembly.

Help Keep Our Streets Clean! Earth Day Clean Up

In honor of Earth Day, the Green Team would like to extend an invitation to all neighbors to join us in cleaning up our streets. We will travel down 33rd, Alberta, and Killingsworth picking up litter along the way. Snacks and happiness provided at the conclusion of the clean-up! Children welcome, but a parent or guardian must also be present.

When: Earth Day, April 19th, 7:45 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

Where: Kennedy School (33rd St. entrance)

What to Bring: Clothing appropriate for the weather and a smile! (gloves will be provided)

Why: Clean Streets and Free Food!

Honey Bee Swarm Help

By Glen Andresen, Beekeeper

The old trees in the Concordia neighborhood are home to perhaps hundreds of feral honey bee nests. Every spring, most of these nests divide themselves in two when the old queen bee leaves along with thousands of her offspring. She typically lands on a nearby branch (or mailbox), where she is then surrounded by all the other bees. This is called a swarm.

Although swarms are not very dangerous, you still may wonder what to do if you find one on your property. One great option is to call a local beekeeper who will remove the swarm without killing them and take the bees to an apiary, where they will continue to live out their gentle pollinating lives. Always happy to help, just call Glen!



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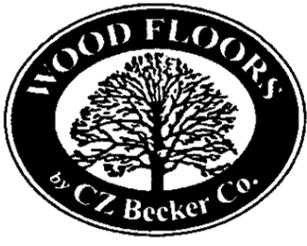
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Gain crime prevention and critical emergency preparedness skills.
 Honor fellow community members at the annual awards ceremony.

There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required.

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- Victim Extrication and Patient Transport
- Foreign Language Phrases for NET Responders
- Shelter Operations
- Disaster Medicine: On Scene Treatment
- Emergency Preparedness and Sustainability
- Oregon's Major Earthquake Potential
- Emergency Preparedness 101
- Designing an Exercise for Your NET Team

Neighborhood/NETS

- TOPOFF Lessons Learned
- Neighborhood Watch/NET Table Top Exercise
- Special Needs Rescue

Crime Prevention

- Livability Impacts of Homelessness in My Neighborhood
- How to Handle Graffiti and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design
- Alcohol in My Neighborhood
- Online Complaints/Information: Save Time with PortlandOnline
- Community Organizing Strategies to Keep Your Neighborhood Safe
- Identity Theft, Fraud and Mail Theft
- What Happens to a Case in the Court System
- Child Predator Awareness
- Domestic Violence in My Neighborhood

Registration Deadline: April 9

Information and Registration at:

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discount is \$73 per quarter this fiscal year. Once in the program, customers may qualify for crisis vouchers worth up to \$150 per year as well as leak and fixture repairs.

The Bureau of Environmental Services also offers a discount on stormwater management charges for all City of Portland ratepayers who maintain their stormwater onsite. It is called Clean River Rewards. Read about this at www.cleanriverrewards.com or call Portland Water Customer Service.

Your Help Is Needed for the Fernhill Concert Series

By Katie Ugolini & Judith Yeckel

The Fernhill Concert Series Committee is still looking for local businesses and institutions to help raise the money we need to produce another memorable concert season in Fernhill Park. This summer we are planning on offering incredible music four consecutive Fridays, from July 11 to August 1, plus a concert for National Night Out on Tuesday, August 5th. Our audiences always give generously when we pass the hat at intermission, but it is truly the investment from the business community that allows us to offer these exceptional concerts free to the public.

The enthusiastic feedback from audiences sends a clear message "We want more!" "Of course they do!" -- and that's why we are counting on the generosity and community spirit of local neighborhood businesses to help raise the dollars we need to make this event happen. Free concerts in neighborhood parks are one of the best ways to build community and increase safety for neighbors.

As an added incentive, we will be offering Contributing and Major Sponsors extra coverage in the Concordia News. We also encourage individuals and /or families to contribute to the concert series, and any contribution (e.g., \$5 or \$10) is greatly appreciated. Contributions are tax deductible.

The benefits to you and your business:

- A chance to give to your neighborhood
- A tax deductible contribution staying "close to home"

- The option to display, give, or sell items at the concerts
- Your business name recognized:
- Displayed at all concerts
- In the city-wide Summer Concerts Brochure (25,000 circulated)
- In the Concordia News, reaching 5000 households
- On the Portland Parks and Recreation website
- Thanked over the "P.A." at concerts

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Airport Futures Public Meetings:

April 8th, 2008
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Port of Portland, Commission Room
121 NW Everett
Portland, Oregon

April 9th, 2008
5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
Discovery Middle School, Gallery Room,
800 E 40th Street
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Please Contact Jay Sugnet at 503.823.5869 for meeting details

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Airport Futures Public Advisory Group (PAG): www.pdxairportfutures.com or contact Jay Sugnet at 503.823.5869

The Little Red Schoolhouse Down the Block

By Don Gire, PTA Secretary

Did we really think we'd get by under the radar? Maybe, but that ended February 28th when the headlines in the Oregonian tooted "District marks 10 for scrap". Personally, I'd of thought that 10 schools that have given their all since the 50s (one since 1911 and one since 1930) could have elicited a better description than "scrap" but, so be it.

The Little Red (or whatever color) Schoolhouses, they will be tumbling down.

Nothing lasts forever, even though the well-worn gouges in the gymnasium floor at Faubion Elementary tell of time and periods past. PPS has recommended that the neighborhood schoolhouses make way for newer edifices of education. New bricks and mortar will heat efficiently, have better light from natural sources, and all manner of modern frills.

At a cost? Some say \$18.6 million, part of \$190 million for all 10 schools. This process will take about 20 years to complete if and when it's funded. So, once things settle down from the Concordia University library and athletic field project, we can look forward to a complete rebuild of Faubion. And it's about time.

Faubion has educated the Concordia neighborhood for half a century. We hope the process of rebuilding is speedy and solid, so the school can last another 50 years.

Please note! Kennedy School's Courtyard Restaurant is giving 50% of its proceeds to Faubion PTA on Tuesday, April 8th from 5 P.M. to midnight. Come along. Just say Faubion and bring your neighbors, friends, and family.

Low Back Pain Study: Participants Needed

Western States Chiropractic College (WSSC) is currently enrolling participants for a study on low back pain. The research was funded by the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine at NIH, and calls for treatment of 400 participants over four years. The study is being conducted under the direction of Dr. Mitchell Haas, Dean of Research at WSSC. Participants



are being recruited from all age groups, ethnicities, and walks of life. Those determined eligible receive 18 visits to a chiropractor, with different combinations of treatments, over six weeks. Chiropractors throughout Portland, including Dr. Jason Lindekugel of Concordia Chiropractic Center, are treating study participants.

Anyone interested in participating should call WSSC Research at 800.678.9072.

Neighborhood Housing for Concordia University Members

Do you have space in your home or a local rental property within a five-minute drive from Concordia University that you would be interested in renting to students, faculty, or staff from the Concordia University community? If so, we would like to help you advertise.

Please stop by the Student Services house on the corner of NE 29th Avenue and NE Liberty Street (6521 NE 29th) to pick up our Off Campus Housing Form, Monday through Friday 9 A.M. to 5

P.M., or contact us at the email below and we will send one to you. Once you complete the simple form, we will post the advertisement in an effort to match your available space with community members in need of affordable, local housing for the following academic year (2008-2009). If you have questions, please contact Concordia's Office of Student Services at studentservices@cu-portland.edu or 503.280.8512.

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Join us as the dream becomes a reality and share in the celebration. Mark your calendars for **Friday, April 11th at 10 a.m.** and say you were there "when."

For more information, visit **www.cu-portland.edu** and click on the Campus Expansion home page window.



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March 28th
Heidi Balcameda and Fortunato Ramirez

WHAT: Onda Gallery presents the work of two emerging Portland artists. Both artists have recently been featured on the covers of El Hispanic News. Balcameda works in mixed media on canvas, using bold colors and strong lines. Ramirez will be showing wood sculptures influenced by waves. Find out more about these artists and what's new at Onda by going to ondagallery.com
WHEN: Last Thursday
WHERE: Onda, 2215 NE Alberta

April 5th
Art Show

WHAT: Crazy Jodie's Fantastical Art Spectacular, a mixed media painting show brought to you by Portland artist, Jodie Nichols. She calls it a post-modern surrealist comment on the past year of her life.
WHEN: Saturday, noon – 10 P.M.
WHERE: McMenemy's Kennedy School Community Room

April 8th
Streetcar System Plan Workshops

WHAT: Are you interested in learning more about the streetcars in Portland? How about a streetcar corridor in your community? In either case, come to the Streetcar System Plan Workshop in your district. The outcome of these meetings will be a community decision about whether to take on a two-month study of potential streetcar corridors in each district or decide that it's not a priority for the community at this time.

Go to portlandonline.com to find out other neighborhood dates and more information.
WHEN: Tuesday, April 8th, 7 – 9 P.M.
WHERE: Grant High School Choir Room, 2245 NE 36th Ave.

April 14th
Parenting with Love and Logic

WHAT: A free parenting seminar, emphasizing support for setting boundaries, avoiding power struggles and developing responsibility with children. Organized by Concordia University, visit cu-portland.edu for more information.
WHEN: 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 6700 NE 29th Ave.

April 17th
Lyceum Series Holocaust Lecture

WHAT: Learn more about this critical chapter in our history. Visit cu-portland.edu for more information.
WHEN: 7 – 8:30 P.M.
WHERE: Concordia University, Luther Hall, Room 121, 2811 NE Holman Street

April 19th
Earth Day Celebration

WHAT: A whole day of fun, learning and honoring of our dear Mother Earth, as well as a chance to win a handsome rain barrel from The Rainbarrel Man. The morning starts with a neighborhood clean-up. Be at the School at 7:30 to join neighbors in ridding the streets of litter. There will be light refreshments and gloves

provided. City Commissioners Sam Adams and Randy Leonard will talk about their environmental concerns. At noon, Senator Margaret Carter will speak and possibly grace us with a song, accompanied by the Mystic Canyon Band. Leave No Plastic Behind (Inbp.org) will have a crafts table for the kids.

Unlike other Earth Day celebrations, we will be indoors! Thanks goes to the Kennedy School who has donated the gym to Concordia Neighborhood Association's Green Team for this event/

April 20th
Spring Concert

WHAT: Concordia University's spring concert entitled, "Building Bridges – Serving Like Christ." The concert will feature the University's Choir, Handbell, Brass, and Small String Ensembles.
WHEN: Sunday, 3:30 P.M.
WHERE: St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 6700 NE 29th Ave.

April 25th and 26th
Shining Star Waldorf School Rummage Sale

WHAT: Rummage Sale and Treasure Faire. Shining Star raises the fun bar with a creative rummage sale that offers bargains plus will have live music, a cakewalk, and lunch. Furniture and vintage items, as well as arts and crafts will be for sale to raise money for Shining Star School's financial aid programs. More information at shiningstarshool.com or call (503) 753-4459.
WHEN: Friday April 25th 1 – 5 P.M. and Saturday the 26th 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.
WHERE: Shining Star School, 4317 NE Emerson St.

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Sunday, April 6
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World Music
7:30 p.m. · \$12 adults; \$5 kids
All ages welcome

Thursday, April 10
THE OLD YELLERS
Old-Time Roots Rock
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Sunday, April 13
VAGABOND OPERA
Gypsy Cabaret World Music
3 p.m. · \$10 adults · \$5 kids
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Thursday, April 24
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Sunday, April 27
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