



# CONCORDIA NEWS

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## Concordia Neighborhood Association's May General Meeting: Public Safety

by Katie Ugolini

Come to the May 6th General Meeting of the CNA to learn about and discuss solutions to public safety issues in the Concordia Neighborhood. Additionally, if you are passionate about nurturing and giving back to the Concordia community, please consider nominating yourself for our open At-Large Board position. We will be kicking off the meeting by holding a Special Election to fill this open slot (see accompanying article on this page), so if you are interested in becoming a Board member, please arrive on time! Once a new Board member has been selected by the General membership, we will hear from public safety experts on a number of issues that affect the Concordia neighborhood.

First, Jim Quackenbush, one of our NE Neighborhood Response Team officers, will inform us about crime trends and news in the Concordia neighborhood, such as last month's arrest of the pellet-gun vandals. Next, we will hear a presentation from Rob Ingram, the Director of the Mayor's Office of Youth Violence Prevention. Mayor Potter created the Youth Violence Program in July of 2006 to focus on reducing violence in Portland, with a special emphasis on reaching out to youth and gangs. The CNA is pleased to have Rob speak to us regarding current youth violence trends and issues, and the work being done by law enforcement, community outreach, and prevention organizations. He will also offer the citizens and residents advice on what they can do to make their neighborhood

more safe and livable. Additionally, we will hear from David Smith, an outreach specialist for the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods' Youth Gangs Program. The Youth Gangs Program was founded in May 1988 in response to the needs of youth, families, and communities whose lives have been affected by the presence of street gangs. David works directly with youth (9 to 25 years) and their families, and has flexible hours in order to respond to a crisis 24/7. David will educate us regarding the work he does within Portland Public Schools, providing short and long-term intensive services for youth who are at-risk of becoming involved, or are already involved, in gang behaviors and activities.

Next, Mary Tompkins, our neighborhood Crime Prevention Specialist, will discuss the benefits of having Neighborhood Watch and a Neighborhood Foot Patrol in Concordia, and how to develop these programs. She will also discuss the prevention and removal of graffiti, the upcoming summer curfew laws, how to become involved in Women Strength Classes, and volunteer opportunities for the Girl Scouts' Behind Bars Program at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. She will also provide handouts on the Prevention of Identity Theft and Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED).

Finally, Scott Lieuallen, the School Coordinator for the Safer Routes to School Program, will summarize PDOT's

draft recommendations to make the neighborhood around Faubion School safer for children and families. The Safer Routes to School project seeks to get children and parents more active by encouraging them to safely walk or bike to school. Faubion School is one of 25 Portland schools in the program. As part of the process, the City of Portland works with the community to recommend improvements that enable more people to walk and bike to school safely. Some improvements have already been made at Faubion, such as sign changes that clarify where the school zone begins and ends. Other scheduled improvements are speed tables on NE Dekum from 27th Avenue to 32nd Avenue, and plans to move Tri-Met bus stops away from the intersection of NE Dekum and 29th Avenue in order to improve sight lines for children crossing Dekum. Much of the report recommends curb ramps, curb extensions, and completion of sidewalks in the neighborhood around the school. It also recommends countdown pedestrian signals on NE 33rd Avenue at Ainsworth and Killingsworth, and a leading pedestrian interval at NE 33rd Avenue and Ainsworth. A more detailed description of the recommended improvements will be presented by Scott at the meeting.

We hope you will join your neighbors to learn about these beneficial programs and become educated about how we can come together as a community to make Concordia a safer and more livable neighborhood.

## CNA to Hold Special Election for Vacant, At-Large Board Position at May General Meeting

by Katie Ugolini

The Concordia Neighborhood Association will hold a special election to fill one At-Large Board position at our General Meeting on May 6th. In order to be eligible for this position you must reside or own a business within the Concordia Neighborhood (see map on page 2).

The term for this special-election position will be from May 2008 through December 2008, but the elected person may run for a full two-year term in November. Board members are expected to attend monthly General Membership Meetings (1st Tuesday of every month) and monthly Board meetings (2nd Tuesday of every month). In addition, Board members are expected to actively

participate in Board-sanctioned CNA activities.

The CNA will welcome and encourage nominations from the floor at the May General Meeting. 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 for the open At-Large position by coming to the May 6th General Meeting and participating 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.

## Spring Wellness Festival 2008: Reaching the Children and Our Seniors

**When:** Saturday, May 3rd from 10 am to 3 pm

**Where:** Fox Chase Corners (NE 30th Avenue just north of Killingsworth)

**What:** An outdoor health event focused on, but not limited to, health issues of children and the elderly

Including:

- Children's activities (Puppet Show and Balloon Guy)
- Free lead tests for your home
- Medical pediatric nutrition by Chrissie Ott, MD
- Naturopathic child wellness screenings

- Chiropractic wellness screenings for children and adults by David Higginson, DC and Rebecca Higginson, DC
- Sign-up area for elder care community group (Concordia Care Network)
- Walgreens pharmacists on site to discuss medicare and prescription benefits
- Audiology – Pacific Audiology hearing specialists
- Acupuncture/Chinese medicine by Carie Klein, LAc
- Tai chi in the streets by Nadav Aharonov and Margo Goodman
- Yoga in the streets by Allison Alstrom

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## Chair's Corner\*

by Tony Fuentes

April started off with a bang as the Concordia Neighborhood Association (CNA), in partnership with the Woodlawn Neighborhood and McMenamin's Kennedy School, hosted a community forum featuring candidates for City Commissioner Positions 1 and 2. The event was on April's Fools Day but that was merely a coincidence.

More than a hundred people attended this informative event. But do not fear! If you didn't make it to the forum, or even if you did, you can check out written responses to our questions from each of the candidates on-line at [concordiapdx.org](http://concordiapdx.org). The primary is May 20, so please get informed and VOTE!

One of the many big issues facing the CNA has been the proposed rezoning of the Colwood Golf Course. The current landowners would like to change their zoning from open space to industrial. As reported previously, the CNA formally opposes this rezoning for a number of reasons including the significant environmental impact that would result from allowing industrial growth in this area along the Columbia and Whitaker sloughs. Thank you to everyone who provided verbal or written testimony in support of retaining the open space zoning. Right now we are waiting for a ruling by the hearing officer, so please stay-tuned as we may need your action and support again on this issue.

What's up this month? Please join us on Saturday, May 3 for a FREE Community Wellness Event! The event will happen at NE 30th and Killingsworth, rain or shine, and will feature many informative and fun activities for the entire family. I hope to see you there!

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## CNA's Candidate Forum Wrap-Up

by Tony Fuentes

The Concordia and Woodlawn Neighborhood Associations, along with McMenamins Kennedy School, presented a City Commissioner Candidate Forum on Tuesday, April 1st. Turnout at the forum was excellent and there was standing room only. The candidates responded to questions prepared by the CNA as well as questions from the audience. Issues ranged from land use to public safety to economic development and beyond.

The primary election on May 20 will be the first opportunity for you to cast a vote in these political races. Depending on the results of that election, a run-off election for one or both of the commissioner races will occur in November. You can get informed on the issue and the policy position of each of the candidates by visiting their websites, reading the voter's pamphlet, and checking out the written responses we received to our questions. Candidate responses to CNA's questions are posted on [concordiapdx.org](http://concordiapdx.org).

The candidates who were featured at the forum:

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- Jeff Bissonnette - [www.portlandersforjeff.com](http://www.portlandersforjeff.com)
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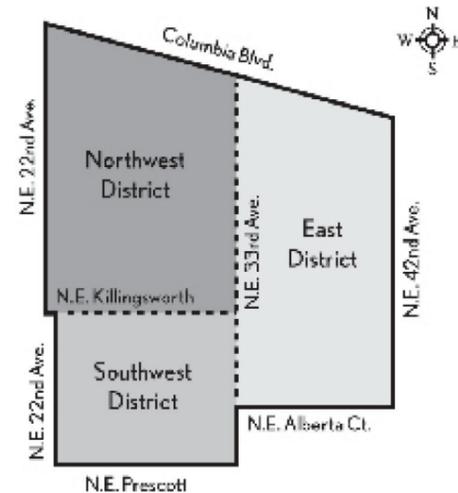
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- Nutrition/Weight/Lifestyle/Behavioral Health by Bob Wilson
- Breastfeeding Support by lactation consultants, Le Leche League, and the Nursing Mothers' Council
- Massage and touch for health by Angela, Amy, and Erin of the Concordia Movement Center
- Live Music by chamber groups from Portland Community Wind Band
- And More!

### Schedule for Exercise in the Streets:

- 10:00 – 11:00 am: Tai Chi
- 12:00 – 12:30 pm: Yoga
- 1:00 – 2:00 pm: Baby Boot Camp



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# Concordia University — 103 Years and Growing

With a ground-breaking ceremony of college officials and Portland leaders on April 11th, Concordia University kicked off probably its greatest round of expansion in its 103-year history. As Mayor Tom Potter said to a gymnasium full of local dignitaries and college folk, Concordia is the City's only neighborhood association to be named specifically for its university. It was Concordia instructor Dr. Art Waller and others who started the CNA 33 years ago to combat a broken sewer system that let rats into neighborhood homes and the college's buildings. That was when Concordia was a small high school and junior college, barely surviving year by year financially. The growth and impact since then have been great.

The new library and learning center development is the first project of many. Since it will be built on the current athletic field, a new soccer and baseball field will follow, replacing four blocks of homes between NE Liberty and Dekum Streets. Watch for those houses to move out within the year.

The home area which now retains some mobile classroom buildings and student housing need to be replaced as there is a lack of close-by student living space. That's where plans for 109 new student apartments along NE 27th Avenue and between Liberty and Highland Streets will be implemented. And more houses will be moved.

Because of crowded conditions on campus, CU's English as a Second Language (ESL) program has moved off campus and will be provided for by the six classrooms run by the Berlitz Company in the old Ainsworth Drugstore at 30th Avenue and Ainsworth. The college bookstore also has been moved across from the ESL center and will open on May 1st for students, but will become a neighborhood bookstore for residents with magazines, popular New York Times listed books, and a sit-down coffee shop.

The athletic program will keep pace. Work is just about complete on a Throws Facility located in the slough area at the end of PDX's east/west runway (see February Concordia News for details). Negotiations continue between CU and Portland Public Schools (PPS) for an indoor sports arena and training facility on the old Adams/Whitaker Schools site. A shareholders group will be forming comprised of CU, PPS, Concordia, and Cully Neighborhood Associations and maybe Portland Parks to plan next steps.

The Concordia University expansion is just the latest in a series of major changes in our neighborhood. It joins the development of Alberta Street's business section, the Foxchase business community, the new Meek Technical and Professional High School, the Kennedy School and New Seasons blocks, and the plans for an improved Killingsworth Street, plus the in-fill of every empty lot for housing.



CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY STUDENT HOUSING

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**Early sketches of the 3 story CU adult student apartment complex to be built on NE 27th between NE Highland and NE Liberty. Construction is to be completed in 2009. On site parking is provided for the 109 units. Image by Group Mackenzie.**



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Library & Athletic Field Perspective

**This baseball and soccer field replaces 4 blocks of homes between NE 27th and NE 29th and Dekum and Liberty. It will be night-lighted and open to community sports as well as college uses. Image by Group Mackenzie.**



**Scheduled to be open by May 1, Concordia U and Follette Publishers will open a combination student and neighborhood bookstore. A small coffee shop operated by Sisters Coffee (of Sisters, Oregon) will be part of the operation.**



**In operation for several months, the ESL School 6 classroom facility trains foreign students who need to develop English speaking skills proficient enough to enroll in local colleges and universities. About 150 students are currently enrolled, including a number who are going, or will go, to Concordia U.**

## Concordia University Neighbors Weigh In On College Expansion

by George Bruender, Land Use Chair

As Concordia University (CU) grows, the character of the immediate neighborhood changes also, sometimes for the best, sometimes not. Do new college buildings across the street or alley from one's house lower its resale value or not? The prevailing opinion is affirmative, but Denny Stoecklin, CU's chief financial officer, says he has never seen facts or figures that show devaluation; in fact, he says the opposite is

true – values are enhanced. Since housing prices in the Concordia area have increased fairly rapidly throughout the whole neighborhood in the past few years, it is probably hard to tell one way or another. Another easier to judge effect is student and staff parking in front of residences, which is certainly a negative effect for people who want to always park in front of their homes.

These differences of opinions and in goals has led to a series of meetings among neighbors, between neighbors and the college, and between CNA and its Land Use Committee and the other two parties. The goal is to come up with either workable or live-with-it solutions. People not directly involved are probably

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## Concordia University Neighbors, continued...

not aware of what has been happening behind the scenes at these meetings, which are encouraged by the City. CNA is informed by the City when permits are about to be allowed and residents and the Association have a certain amount of time to respond.

Some examples include:

When two blocks of Liberty Street were to be semi-closed to be part of the new 175-car parking lot for the new athletic field, neighbors met and decided that the street was seldom used and that no homes would be directly affected. Therefore, the "vacation" of the street was approved.

The new CU Library will be built on the current campus, so the neighboring residents again won't be directly affected. What would affect them though would be the disruption around the construction process. A committee of three, comprised of residents Corrinne Humphrey, Lizzy Hildebrand, and Clifford Dimoff with CNA, crafted a Construction Good Neighbor Agreement with the University. Items agreed upon, among other things, include: routes for equipment and deliveries, parking sites for workers, security, hours of operations, noise levels, and grievance procedures. The committee will monitor the year-long building process.

The new athletic field brought another set of neighbors together to discuss field lighting and sound, parking, hours of operation, and impact on basic livability. Major concerns include requiring the college to add much more vegetation in buffer zones around the field to lessen that impact and to prevent parking on NE 27th Avenue. A monitoring group will be set up to assess the actual operations and the success of policies on usage of the field.

The new apartments to be constructed on NE 27th Avenue between Highland and Liberty Street attracted the largest group of neighbors because the new structures will be behind their houses with only an alley in between.

Originally tenant parking was to be through the alley and into the complex, but after discussion and thought, it will be rerouted under the two end buildings, and a concrete alley-long wall will be replaced with vegetation to block car lights. Still neighbors remain unhappy with the two end buildings being three stories high, which they state will destroy their privacy and ruin the residential character of their homes. This displeasure has already been passed on to the City hearings inspector and could lead to a no vote by the Land Use Committee. Negotiations on permits will start soon and nearby residents will have a public forum to again express their concerns to the City and the University.

One issue that comes up in all of the meetings is the impact of parking on residential streets around the campus. Student and staff vehicles fill the curbsides bumper to bumper from early morning classes through the evening classes. CU Security enforcement of current parking restrictions seems to be spotty at best, with sidewalks and access to garage driveways blocked. A "parking summit" has been suggested to deal with this increasing problem.

At CNA's March meeting, the University presented its plans for a series of power-pole mounted banners around their perimeter and extending out to Ainsworth Avenue. They received nearly unanimous approval to go ahead, with the installation to start soon. When asked if CU really needed to get the Association's approval, the CU spokesperson said, "No, we don't need your approval, but we do want your approval. That's the way communities do things."

After many years of just being in the community, Concordia University has been making efforts over the past few years to become part of the community, says Anne Rothert, a long-time Concordia board member who grew up in the neighborhood. University neighbors are watching to see if this is really true.

## What Concordia University's New Library Will Do For You

Among the dignitaries breaking ground for Concordia University's (CU) new library and learning center on April 11th, were CNA's co-chairs, Katie Ugolini and Tony Fuentes. So what are neighborhood association leaders doing participating in the expansion of a religiously affiliated college?

First, everyone and every business or facility within a neighborhood's boundaries is automatically included in the association. Each then chooses how active they wish to be.

Second, the University is intentionally reaching out to the community, expanding its commitment to North and Northeast Portland. Once just an educational training facility for people going into Lutheran church-related work, now its educational programs have grown to provide programs for graduate students, future nurses, future entrepreneurs, future teachers. You will find CU providing student teachers for Jefferson High and its feeder schools and nurses for the HIV Day Center located two blocks from its campus. CU students have become part of the whole community.

Third, now as every governmental program faces tight economic restrictions, most institutions are realizing that they can achieve much more by working together. Public and private partnerships and consortiums are starting to appear locally. As an example, CU's need for an indoor

sports arena (to compensate for Oregon weather) coincides with Portland Public School's (PPS) need for a new elementary school in our neighborhood, and with Portland Parks Department's promise to build a community center in central Northeast Portland. All three entities are looking at the same site next to Fernhill Park, and trying to figure out how they can work together to meet all needs by partnering.

Now, back to the library. What can you get from this expansion?

You can get a library card with simple proof you live in the neighborhood. The 80,000 volumes now there will soon expand to 200,000. And you can use the computer/on-line facilities on the same basis. You'd be surprised about the number of your neighbors who have been utilizing both services for years.

We will have a Concordia Neighborhood Archives there to collect and make available remnants of our local history, too.

There will be a ground-level designated community room. Our current room at Kennedy School is often



Concordia University Library and Learning Center Groundbreaking Ceremony. April 11, 2008.  
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# Land Use: Busier than Usual, as Usual

by George Bruender, Land Use Chair

The Land Use, Livability, and Transportation Committees hold their joint meeting on the first Thursday of each month (May 1st this month) at 7:15 P.M. in the Kennedy School Community Room. As are all CNA meetings, these are open to everyone with a concern or an interest in volunteering or who just want to sit in. Recent meetings have focused on a variety of issues:

**Killingsworth Street Project:** Despite promised support of the majority of City Council members, Mayor Tom Potter's budget for next year cut out the \$375,000 we were asking to fund a study and implementation of improvements on Killingsworth Street from MLK Blvd. 70 blocks east to the freeway. The money was for crosswalks and traffic islands to improve pedestrian safety and for left turn signals and other calming devices to improve traffic flow at major intersections. The mayor did budget \$1.6 million to improve Cully Boulevard (long overdue!) with basic necessities like sidewalks, curbs, gutters, and safe intersections. Next year (once improvements start on Cully) might be a better time to tag on K Street improvements as these two major arterials streets intersect. We built a strong case this year and contacted the right people, so if we can get Concordia neighbors to support the issue, next year might be our year.

**Concordia University:** There have been a series of meetings between the University and nearby neighbors, coordinated by the Land Use

Committee, focusing on the college's many new projects. There will be more opportunities for resident input as permits are sent out to the public. See the related articles in this CNews.

**30th Avenue and Ainsworth:** Residents near NE 30th Avenue and Ainsworth (where there has been a lot of business re-development) have requested that the Portland Department of Transportation put in marked crosswalks at that intersection. The initial concern was for elementary school students crossing Ainsworth to go to Faubion School. Additionally, pedestrian traffic has increased with more people using the Ainsworth United Church and its facilities, and the ESL classroom complex. With 1600 students going to the bookstore each semester to exchange and buy textbooks, the number of crossings will skyrocket. The college, the church, the Day Center, and CNA's Board have all asked PDOT to at least put in the crosswalk. Most would prefer pedestrian-activated traffic lights like at Vernon School on Killingsworth.

**Development:** There have been a number of business changes. Momizza Pizza has closed after a half year in business. No replacement has been announced. Herbivore has left its site on NE 30th Avenue in Foxchase and will be replaced by an Italian restaurant to open soon. After four years of preparations, Tuan's 76 gas station is completing its expansion by adding a convenience store. CNA Land Use worked with Mr. Tuan and his architect some time ago

on creating a safe, open site on a corner that once saw a lot of illegal activities created in part by the confluence of a number of bus lines.

**Developers vs. Neighbors:** There has been some press recently about verbal confrontations, harassment, and restraining court orders filed by a particular major in-fill developer against residents living near his developments. Neighbors on NE 37th Avenue and NE 34th Avenue and Alberta Court say that they were only asking questions about what was going to happen on the empty lots next door to them, when they were bombarded by verbal threats.

Our committees, about 40 neighbors, City mediator Judith Mowry, NECN crime prevention specialist Mary Tompkins, Officer Ric DeLand of the Northeast Precinct, and Bureau of Developmental Services (BDS) reps held a meeting in March to express dissatisfaction with the events and to air their stories. Since that meeting there have been several developments:

The developer, with Ms. Mowry, and Concordia's Land Use Chair have met. They have agreed to create a Good Neighbor Agreement that spells out what developers, contractors, and neighbors can expect from each other in this situation with the goal of avoiding future confrontations. This agreement would be used for other developments as well. So far these meetings have shown somewhat limited success, but at least civil contact has been made.

Additionally, both the Land Use Chair, Ms. Mowry, and the developer are part of a city-wide commission that is fine-tuning regulations on how skinny lots can be developed. There have been wide-spread complaints of developers gerrymandering lots and violating both the spirit and the letter of the laws. It remains to be seen if the City will just tell the neighborhoods that's the "way things are", rather than listening and responding appropriately. The first session was not promising for residents.

The two lots on NE 37th Avenue have been returned to their original configuration of 45 feet in width, which will allow the construction of compatible old Portland style homes. The huge old growth trees on the back of the lots will be retained and the developer says he's trying to see if they will be able to save the one in front. The developer has publicly touted the three corner houses on NE 34th Avenue and Alberta Court as examples of excellent corner development.

Commissioner Randy Leonard, who oversees BDS, the office that issues and approves all building permits, despite repeated requests, has refused to get involved, shunting off all attempts to open a dialogue to BDS.

These are just a few of the issues we are currently facing and addressing. See another article in the CNews for more specific needs. And then volunteer.

## CU Library, continued...

too small – just recall the crowds at the holiday party. And it will be a fall-back if the Kennedy School room contract is not renewed six years from now.

The University boasts its Northwest Center for Children's Literature, one of the largest in this part of the country, which is a terrific resource.

There will be the ubiquitous coffee shop, and with it, a lot of opportunities to interact with students, many of them adult returnees, and staff. They are interested in what we can mutually offer each other. And, of course, there are classes to take or to audit.

With the new building, the campus layout will be physically much more open to the neighborhood with a large green and bell tower in the center and campus sidewalks fanning out to neighborhood sidewalks. CU wants to do away with its ivory tower;

it doesn't want to hide behind ivied walls.

Watch to see what develops under the guidance of Group

MacKenzie, the design administrators, and the Union Corner Construction Inc, the general contractors, over the next year. Then accept Concordia University's open invitation to interact.



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## You Are Needed By the Land Use, Livability, and Transportation Committee and the Green Team

Land use, livability, and transportation committees and the Green (environmental) Team have repeatedly asked for help on our projects – no, actually they're your projects. We welcome people to come to us and say that they need information or help on certain issues. But resolution will require all of us, so we make an appeal once again for your help to make some of these things happen. If we get no responders, the projects will be dropped, for the time being at least.

1. Someone needs to step forward and take charge of the naming of the business district at 30th Avenue and Ainsworth. We can provide contact names. And you could use some other volunteers to help as well.

2. Another someone could organize an open house celebration at that same corner. We have folks who have experience at Foxchase and Arts on Alberta to give you tips. Again, you are going to need help.

3. The Killingsworth Street Improvement Project didn't get funded so we'd like to try again next year. A lot of the groundwork has been laid, but we still need leadership and about 20 enthusiastic supporters.

4. Neighbors got organized and stopped Boeing from dumping 99 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) into our Concordia air

stream. We're sure that there are a lot of other environmental health and justice issues affecting all of us. After all, we have the highest rates of respiratory-related illnesses in the city. Other nearby neighborhoods are ready to work on overlapping issues. Team members and leaders are needed.

5. We need folks to go out and talk to new businesses in our area that serve alcohol and work out agreements that satisfy both business owners and residents. Small teams of two or three people would be great.

6. Do we need marked crosswalks going to the parks, more speed bumps on particular streets, more stop signs where cars never seem to know the yield rules, a lower speed limit on Ainsworth? If your answer is yes, what are you going to do about it?

7. New developers can cut down huge old trees and replace them with one and a half inch new ones, destroying Portland's signature green canopy. This practice will continue until citizens take action.

8. You name it, you can do it!

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## The Little Red Schoolhouse Down the Block By Don Gire, PTA Secretary

Still, with so many unanswered questions, the realization that Faubion Elementary School might and probably will be demolished and rebuilt sometime soon is of serious concern to our neighborhood. There are 10 schools in a similar situation, with a total bill of \$190 million. Funding – a bond issue – in the middle of tough economic times is a challenge, but certainly a priority for what we leave our children and grandchildren.

The COO of Portland Public Schools (PPS) held a meeting open to all at Faubion on April 7th. About 40 parents and teachers attended, and discussed the rebuild, including the following information:

- A minimum of three acres are required for the rebuild, with 10 acres or so for fields, parking, and school facilities. This could occur at Faubion's current site or another close site such as Whitaker School.

- No intention to move area boundaries except some expansion to the east (maybe to relieve Scott and Riegler?) Maybe 600 students?

- Faubion is the tenth school in the near term that needs repairs and, therefore, is an early priority. Near term and early priority are, of course, without definition at this point.

- The schools that will be retained and modernized were built in the 1930s and earlier. These old schools are solid, stone, multi-storied. Others, like Faubion,

built in the 1950s, can't really be salvaged.

- Other recently closed schools in the community could be used as temporary school sites if Faubion rebuilds on site. This rebuild could take a year.

- The new schools are all 'green', and configured for a brighter educational future for our kids. See the new Rosa Parks School if you want to see the style and direction.

There are so many factors here to consider but certainly not much of a reach when you do see the age and condition of our current facilities.

On a lighter note: Faubion School and Faubion PTA wish to express our appreciation to McMenamins Kennedy School for hosting a 50 /50 evening (April 8th) on behalf of Faubion PTA. Many school friends and families joined regular patrons to have one heck of a fine evening including good food and great service. The PTA's fundraising expectations were met and we will be able to fund our Reader Board project as a result.

And, thank you Concordia University, for the gala evening and groundbreaking for the new Library and Sports Field Complex that was held on CU campus April 10th and 11th. Your neighbors appreciated the invitation and involvement.

Next big Faubion event is, of course, the Annual BBQ and Talent Show on Thursday, May 22 in Faubion's Courtyard and Cafeteria. This is a whole community event. See you there!

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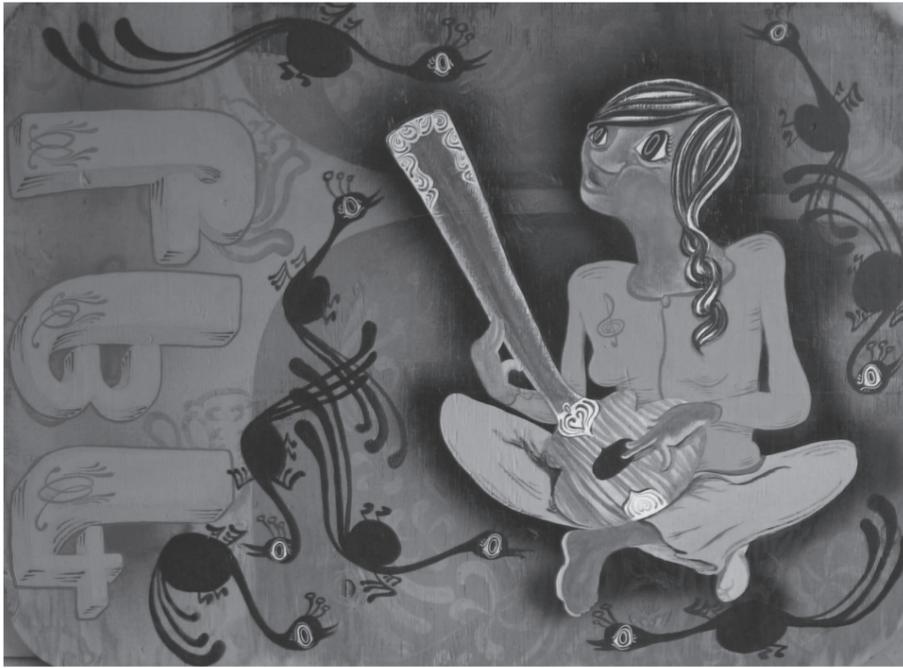
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## Ninth Annual Alberta Art Hop Saturday, May 17th, 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

This year, the 9th Annual Alberta Art Hop will take place on Saturday, May 17th. This creative/cultural arts festival is put on by the street's local business owners and artists, coordinated by Art on Alberta. Together we create community through the power of the arts.

Each year a theme guides the project. This year's theme is synergy. Artists and residents will demonstrate, using various original art forms from visual arts to fashion, what the Alberta Arts community means. The festival theme will spotlight what's new and special, what lights up our eyes and our imaginations.

Every year, Art Hop chooses one artist to feature for its annual celebration, strategically placing their artwork at various locations on Alberta Street. For

the 2008 Art Hop, we are conveying the idea of synergy by choosing three artists to represent the cultural diversity of Alberta Street. This year's artists are Adrienne Cruz, Analee Fuentes, and Tripper Dungan.

Art students and artists marketing their work, bands, strolling performers, impromptu street performance, art bicycles, or the hundreds of visiting artists displaying and promoting their own creations street side. There will be something to delight everyone.

As street elder Allan Oliver of Onda Gallery puts it: "Art has a transcendent kind of power. It adds an aspect that is very important to the emotional and spiritual quality of our lives and to the community in which we live."

Parade starts at 3pm

## Art on Alberta Seeks Board Members



Art on Alberta is a small nonprofit organization that has been fostering the artistic spirit of NE Alberta Street for the past decade. Art on Alberta's mission is to promote Alberta Street's distinct culture and identity through public art, visual art events, and educational activities.

In the past, Art on Alberta has organized many community events throughout the calendar year in addition to the monthly Last Thursday gallery openings. Since our inception in 1998, we have seen the retail community grow as a result of these actions. Recently, a neighborhood business organization has taken root, which has allowed Art on Alberta to refocus efforts on art-related events for this neighborhood, as we wish to enhance our status as the only art-identified neighborhood in Portland. We are a small but mighty organization, with a pro-active and supportive spirit that is excited about our newly refocused mission.

We are currently looking for new board members who may have strengths or interests in the following areas:

**Secretary**—takes accurate notes at meetings, edits, and distributes to board members.

**Membership**—plans, organizes, and actively reaches out to businesses, artists and neighborhood residents.

**Newsletter**—gathers, edits, and distributes information about the arts and Alberta Street for our online and email newsletter.

**Marketing and PR**—composes and sends press releases, spreading the word of Alberta to residents, the city, and media sources.

**Volunteer Coordinator**—seeks and coordinates volunteers for our events and distribution of art maps.

**Curator and Exhibition Coordinator**—seeks artists for our monthly art exhibits in Art on Alberta office and for the featured artists of our larger events.

Board members should plan on attending our meetings the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 P.M. and are requested to serve for a two-year term.

Those interested in applying are requested to send a resume, cover letter, and any other materials you deem fit to:

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## Concordia Neighborhood Association Board Proposes Revised Bylaws

At the June 2008 Concordia Neighborhood Association General Meeting, the membership will vote on a proposed revision of its bylaws. You can find the proposed bylaws in this issue. We encourage you to review them.

Bylaws are one of the drier aspects of neighborhood associations, but provide direction on how the neighborhood association shall operate. Our current bylaws are 11 years old and were in need of review. In addition, City Council approved new Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) Standards in 2005. ONI encouraged neighborhood associations to update their bylaws to conform with new provisions surrounding nondiscrimination and offer clearer guidelines surrounding public notice and transparency.

Most importantly, CNA's bylaws update subcommittee found many areas that would benefit from streamlining and clarifying. The subcommittee decided to use the template provided by the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement as a starting point.

The proposed major bylaws changes are summarized below. If you wish more background, here are some documents that you may find useful:

Current CNA Bylaws : <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=34265>

ONI Bylaws Template and FAQs: <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=42039>

ONI Standards: <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=40260>

- **Article IV, Associate Member Status Removed:** Currently, an Associate Member is someone who doesn't live, own property, or a business in Concordia but wishes membership in the neighborhood association. The Associate Member does not have voting rights. We believe Concordia can continue to welcome all to participate without the need of this provision.

- **Article VI, Section E, Quorum at Membership Meeting:** Quorum requirements for General Meetings would be changed to 15, not including Board members. Currently, quorum is defined as 60% of the members present at the present at the previous General Meeting, which is cumbersome in practice.

- **Article VII, Section A, Number of Board Members:** This would increase the number of Board members from 13 to 15. The Board would be comprised of a non-voting Chair and Vice Chair and 13 voting members. It also changes the number of Board positions representing a geographic district within CNA boundaries from 12 to 6. The seven remaining board positions would be at large. The proposed Board composition would thus be: Chair (non-voting), Vice Chair (non-voting), six Board members representing geographic districts (two each from East, NW, and SW), and seven at-large members.

- **Article VII, Section E, Filling Board Vacancies:** In the new bylaws, vacant Board positions would be filled by the Board at a regularly scheduled Board meeting as opposed to by the general membership. This is a common practice with many neighborhood associations. Regular Board elections would continue to be held in November at the CNA Annual Meeting.

- **Article VII, Section G, Eligibility for Secretary and Treasurer Officer Positions:** The proposed bylaws would allow both Board members and general members to be directly elected to these officer positions. The current bylaws require that all officers to be elected are members of the Board.

- **Article VII, Section I, #4, Quorum for Board Meetings:** The quorum is proposed to be changed to 50% plus one Board member instead of the current two-thirds (66.6%).

- **Article VII, Section K, Removal of Board Members Due to Non-Attendance:** Board members who don't fulfill their duties make it difficult for the Board to conduct the neighborhood's business. The proposed bylaws would continue the practice of allowing the removal of Board members who miss three consecutive meetings and also include a provision allowing the Board to remove Board members who miss five meetings during their two-year term.

- **Article VII, Section L, Creation of an Executive Committee:** Currently the Board can only deliberate or take votes during Board meetings. The Board is sometimes hamstrung to take positions because certain issues require a faster response than the Board's meeting schedule (for example, on land use decisions whose comment period is less than 30 days).

- The Executive Committee would be comprised of five Board members who could vote on matters on behalf of the full Board. This Committee is only foreseen to be used under special circumstances and is not intended to supplant the authority of the full Board.

**Article VII, Recall of Board Members:** The proposed bylaws do not outline a specific process. Any recall effort would follow the process outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.

**Article X, Grievance Committee:** The current bylaws do not outline a grievance process. The proposed bylaws provide for a grievance committee of three members. It would be comprised of one Board member, one member of the general membership proposed by the grievant, and one general member agreed upon by both the Board and grievant.

**Article XII, Public Meetings/Public Records Rules:** The proposed bylaws would follow the public meetings and records rules as outlined in Section VIII of the City's ONI Standards. This change is recommended by ONI from the current practice of adhering to state Oregon Revised Statutes 192.610 – 192.690 on open meetings. The ONI Standards provisions maintain the ethic of transparency and open participation without the requiring neighbors to interpret complex legal statutes. (The Attorney General's guide on these statutes is 500 pages long).

Questions about the proposed bylaws can be directed to the bylaws update subcommittee, which consists of Board Chair Tony Fuentes, and Board members Jennifer Warberg and Steve Hoyt-McBeth (contact information on page 2).

## Naturescaping Workshops

Spring is upon us, and just about everyone has noticed the unseasonably warm and shockingly sunny weather. Many of us have spent the last several weekend mornings sitting on our front porches with a hot cup of coffee watching families biking by and birds chasing each other around in the trees. The red-flowering currants are bursting with color awaiting the hummingbirds, and Indian plum flowers are attracting the season's first pollinators. Soon the trillium will open, and on it will go until the vine maple leaves unfold at last.

We've also been watching the springtime itch spur one of the most primal instincts among our fellow humans: the urge to plant. Everyone is beginning to get their hands dirty, but we know some are scratching their head wondering where to start. As every gardener knows, it can sometimes be challenging to get your landscaping just right. Where should the herbs go? What is the best place for a tree? How does one go about managing a lawn, and how on earth to block the unsightly chain-link fence across the alley?

If you're not sure where to start, consider attending a Naturescaping workshop. Naturescaping is landscaping with native plants and using environmentally-friendly gardening practices. Why native plants? Natives are adapted to our climate, and we have a spectacular variety to choose from in the Willamette Valley. You are bound to find one that's appropriate for your yard's particular sun exposure, moisture level, and design aesthetic. Native plants also attract native wildlife, including birds and insect pollinators.

Because native trees, shrubs, and flowers are adapted to their home climate, most will easily tolerate dry summers once established. This helps you save money on summer irrigation. They also resist pests and disease, allowing you to eliminate those hazardous chemical pesticides. With a little care, your garden of native plants will thrive and might just be the envy of the neighborhood.

If you are itching to dig in the dirt and are interested in sustainable gardening with native plants, come to one of our free Naturescaping workshops this spring. We'll cover basic garden planning ideas and methods for garden care. You'll receive a free workbook and a native plant. Each course will visit a naturescaped yard or restoration site. Those who have completed Basic Naturescaping are encouraged to sign up for Site Planning I and II. On June 1 we're hosting a free tour of naturescaped yards across the city. To sign up, visit our website and register online at [www.naturescape.org](http://www.naturescape.org). If you do not have access to the internet, please call 503.222.7645 x 115.

Optional:

May 4, 1:00-5:00 (Northwest Portland); May 18, 1:00-5:00 (Southeast Portland). Site Planning I (Naturescaping is a prerequisite): May 10, 9:00-1:00 (Sherwood); June 7, 9:00-1:00 (Tigard).

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While ELS students can choose to live in limited on-campus dormitory

rooms or in private housing, many ELS students prefer to live with local homestay hosts because they are eager to learn American culture first-hand and to use English in their daily lives. They also appreciate the support and help of their homestay hosts as they settle in to life in Portland. Students enjoy becoming “a part of the family” and

participate in daily and special activities with their homestay hosts. ELS homestay hosts come in all shapes and sizes, including couples with and without children, single adults with and without children, and retired people. The most important thing is that homestay hosts welcome their student into their home and interact with them on a daily basis. ELS requires hosts to provide a private, furnished bedroom and two meals a day. Hosts receive a generous monthly stipend to offset the food and utility expenses of an extra family member.

Kelly Duncan, Student Services Coordinator at ELS, is looking for more homestay hosts in the Concordia neighborhood for the upcoming busy summer season. She can be reached by email at [kduncan@els.edu](mailto:kduncan@els.edu), or phone 503.493.6281 for more information about the ELS Homestay Program.



## Gardens for Our Pollinators

By Michele Eccleston, Garden Designer

I walked outside this morning and not only did it feel like spring with bulbs busting out of the ground and leaves unfolding on the shrubs, but it smelled like spring. Thankfully, we've made it through another rainy Portland winter. Now that spring is here, it is time to start thinking about your garden.

Portland's movement to grow more food than lawn is right on, and no one loves having a kitchen garden more than myself, but, this year, I am also promoting “grow more flowers for yourself and our pollinators.”

I am passionate about designing gardens using native plants and hardy, colorful perennials that attract and feed our pollinating beneficial insects, birds, butterflies, and hummingbirds. The population of some of our pollinators is rapidly declining and our gardens can support them by providing water sources and the plants they feed on.

Planting trees, shrubs, grasses, and herbaceous species provide the structure and diversity necessary to attract pollinators. These plants also provide seeds, berries, and nesting opportunities for many varieties of songbirds and other wildlife. Berry producing plants provide a food source for birds and other wildlife during the winter months.

Many of our native plants produce berries that are edible (for both people and wildlife) and are attractive year-round. By mimicking the natural environment, native plants offer many advantages such as requiring less water, remaining naturally resistant to native pests and diseases, and providing food and habitat for native wildlife. These plants create beautiful low maintenance landscapes while preserving the lush green heritage of our region.

A list of native trees and shrubs that attract pollinators includes bitter cherry, Western crabapple, common chokecherry, black twinberry, Oregon grape, oceanspray, blue-blossom ceanothus, mock orange, red flowering current, bald hip rose, blue elderberry, and snowberry. Native grass species such as tufted hairgrass and Idaho fescue can be planted for food and cover. Native flowering herbaceous plants such as yarrow, pearly everlasting, three-leaved anemone, red columbine, showy milkweed, butterflyweed, leafy aster, bleeding heart, purple coneflower, joe-pye weed, pacific silverweed, black-eyed susan, Canada goldenrod, and yellowwood violet add stunning color to any garden. A beautiful vine that is a favorite of the hummingbirds is the hairy honeysuckle.

Some other colorful, non-native, low water plants include salvias, sedums, lavender, penstemons, cape fuchsia, hollyhock, daisy, cosmos, foxglove, hyssop, bee balm, zinnias and four o'clocks. These plants also look great as cut flowers in the house.

When researching which plants are right for your garden, make sure you are familiar with their water and light requirements. Provide seating areas in the garden for viewing all the wonderful, winged creatures that will come visit you. Consider purchasing birdbaths that will not only provide water sources for the pollinators, but will look beautiful in the garden.

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Michele Eccleston is the Garden Designer for The Purple Garden

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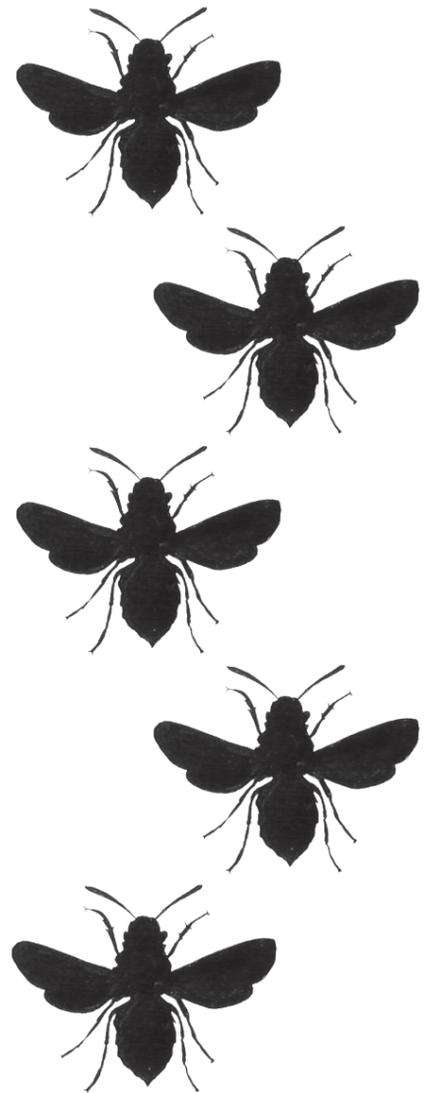
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Questions contact Yard Sale Coordinator Donna Carrier 503-288-9826 or email: [dmc@teleport.com](mailto:dmc@teleport.com).

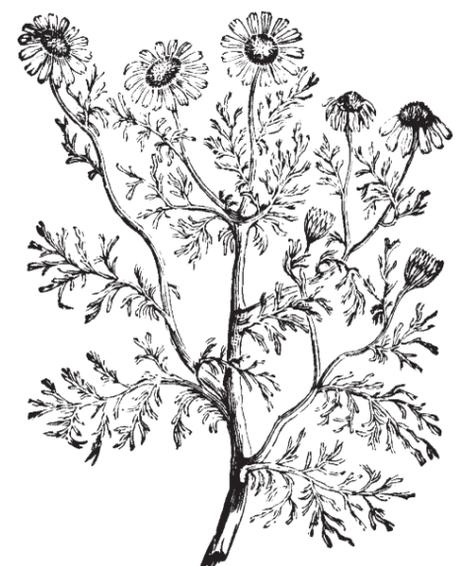


### Help Available For Honey Bee Swarm Removal

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. I will be happy to help – just give a call.

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Concordia  
Neighborhood  
Association's

Spring  
*Wellness*  
Festival

reaching out to our community's  
children and seniors

Saturday, May 3, 2008

NE 30th & Killingsworth

10 am - 3 pm

featuring:

- children's events
- complimentary wellness screenings and advice from a variety of local practitioners, including:
- medical, naturopathic, and chiropractic physicians
- massage
- acupuncture/chinese medicine
- pharmacists
- audiologists
- nutrition & lifestyle counseling
- lactation consulting and support
- and more!

Exercise in the Streets!

- 10 - 11 am Tai Chi
- 12 - 12:30 pm Yoga
- 1 - 2 pm Baby Boot Camp

**A Good Investment: Your Hearing**  
by The Wellness Team

Hearing loss is the third most common health issue in the United States today. One in every 10 Americans has some type of hearing impairment. Hearing loss can strike at any time and at any age. And, when left unaddressed, hearing loss can affect virtually every aspect of an individual's life. Numerous studies, in fact, have linked untreated hearing loss to a wide range of physical and emotional conditions, including irritability, negativism, anger, fatigue, stress, and depression.

Despite the numbers and the far-reaching impact hearing loss has on so many aspects of an individual's life, many people who are aware that their hearing has deteriorated are nevertheless reluctant to seek help. Unfortunately, too many wait years, even decades, before getting treatment and thus become more disconnected as time goes by.

Although hearing problems are commonly associated with the normal aging process, over half of all hearing impaired persons are under the age of 65. While 95% of individuals with hearing impairment could be successfully treated with hearing aids, only 22% currently wear them. Hearing aids hold such great potential to positively change people's lives. Treatment in hearing impairment has shown to improve such things as communication in relationships, emotional stability, and sense of control over life events.

For questions or comments please contact Doctor Allison Bradley at 503.284.1906.

**\*\* Please come see us at the Spring Wellness Event on May 3rd at 30th and Killingsworth.\*\***



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# concordia CULTURE

April 30th  
**Why Politics Will Never Be the Same**

**WHAT:** The changing relationship, and new partnerships, between government & community: A Talk by Matt Leighninger, Executive Director of the Deliberative Democracy Consortium. Find out what's happening in Portland and how you can get involved with the new Public Involvement Advisory Council and other City of Portland public engagement efforts. For more information, contact Afifa Ahmed-Shafi at 503-823-5202 or email: afifa.ahmed-shafi@ci.portland.or.us  
**WHEN:** 6 P.M.  
**WHERE:** City Hall 1221 SW 4th Ave.

May 1st  
**Learn to Dance**

**WHAT:** Connie Jo Collins teaches free dance classes every Thursday at the Ponderosa Lounge. The May classes starting on the first are: Drifter, Two Step, Traveling Cha Cha, Waltz, and Horseshoe Shuffle. More info at: www.cjscountrydance.com  
**WHEN:** Every Thursday, 7:30 – 8:30 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Ponderosa Lounge, 10310 N Vancouver Way

May 3rd  
**Concordia Neighborhood Wellness Street Fair**

**WHAT:** A Wellness Fair sponsored by the CNA. Free Tai Chi class, massage, acupuncture, nutrition info, a Baby Boot Camp session and more. More information is available at concordiapdx.org  
**WHEN:** 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.  
**WHERE:** NE 30th and Killingsworth Ave

May 3rd  
**Master Recycler Spring Plastics Roundup**

**WHAT:** Take the plastics that aren't accepted curbside to round-up. Making products from recycled plastic rather than raw materials saves natural resources, saves energy, and reduces carbon emissions that cause global warming. The list of what's allowed and what's a "no-no" is at www.masterrecycler.org, along with lots more information.  
**WHEN:** 9 A.M. – 2 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Kaiser Permanente West Interstate 3325 N. Interstate (Off Fremont and Overlook Park)

May 5th  
**Grassroots Organizing**

**WHAT:** A discussion panel of new and long time grassroots organizers. Learn and share stories about grassroots organizing over big issues affecting your community. Panel members include: Bob Granger: Organizer for NE Neighbors for Clean Air, Dawn Rasmussen: President of Save NE 82nd Ave, Meeky Blizzard: Advisor for Livable Communities, Congressman Earl Blumenauer, Moderator Jeri Williams Office of Neighborhood Involvement, and Former Executive Director of Environmental Justice Action Group (EJAG).  
**WHEN:** 7 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Central NE Neighbors, 4415 NE 87th Ave

May 5th  
**Espanol sin Fronteras**

**WHAT:** Celebrate Cinco de Mayo by learning new Spanish phrases! Sliding scale. Es Estupendo!  
**WHEN:** 1st, 3rd and 4th Mondays, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M.  
**WHERE:** In Other Words, 8 NE Killingsworth

May 8th  
**Community Budget Hearing**

**WHAT:** This is a hearing on the Mayor's Proposed Budget for next fiscal year (2008-09). City Council will vote on an Approved Budget on May 14th, so this is an important time for public input. The public will be able to sign up at the hearing for testimony time slots of up to 3 minutes. The Mayor and City Commissioners will be present to hear your testimony. Public testimony can also be submitted electronically from May 2 (release of budget document) - 12th at www.portlandonline.com/communitybudget.

**WHEN:** 6:00 – 8:30 P.M.  
**WHERE:** King School Cafeteria, 4906 NE 6th Avenue  
May 9th  
**Brunch with the Birds**

**WHAT:** brunch, slough stories, and a short walking tour of Whitaker Ponds, the junk-yard turned environmental education center located on the Columbia Slough. Special guest Metro Naturalist James Davis will help to ID the many birds that call Whitaker Ponds their home. This casual event is open to everyone interested in learning more about the Columbia Slough watershed. Registration required. Contact Katie at 503-281-1132 or katie.meckes@columbiaslough.org

May 10th  
**Who Gets the Last Laugh?**

**WHAT:** Portland Storyteller's Guild performs in the Community Room. Raconteurs will be Barbara Fankhauser, Lynn Fike, Rick Huddle and Savina Darzes.  
**WHEN:** 7 P.M.  
**WHERE:** McMenamin's Kennedy School Community Room.

May 17th  
**9th Annual Alberta Art Hop**

**WHAT:** Synergy is this year's theme for a Art Hop that promises to be bigger, yet, better than ever before. Parades, artists, kids activities abound. NE Alberta will be closed to traffic from the 12th to the end of the 29th block with 15th Ave and 27th Ave opened to cross traffic  
**WHEN:** 11 A.M. – 7 P.M.  
**WHERE:** NE Alberta Street

May 28th  
**Evening Canoe the Slough**

**WHAT:** Columbia Slough Watershed Council, City of Portland's Environmental Services and Northwest Discoveries host a guided paddling tour to explore the tree-lined Whitaker Slough. During this special evening trip, guides will travel with participants in canoe bimarans (think canoe catamaran - two canoes secured together). They provide the boats & life preservers. Pre-registration is required and space is very limited, so please register early. . katie.meckes@columbiaslough.org or (503) 281-1132  
**WHEN:** Two trips: 6 or 7 P.M.  
**WHERE:** Whitaker Ponds Natural Area, 7040 NE 47th Ave., Portland, OR 97218

## KENNEDY SCHOOL McMenamins EVENTS

Thursday, May 8  
**SISTERS IN CRIME**  
Portland singer-songwriters,  
REINA COLLINS, KATE MANN  
& PAULA SINCLAIR  
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Sunday, May 11  
**MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**  
Here's to moms, aunts, wives,  
sisters, grandmas and all your  
favorite women!  
9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m.  
\$23.95 adults; \$18.95 for seniors;  
\$11.95 kids 6-12; free kids 5 & under  
All ages welcome; reservations required

Thursday, May 15  
McMENAMINS and  
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**GREAT NORTHWEST MUSIC TOUR  
THE LUMINESCENT ORCHESTRII**  
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frenzy, salty tangos, hard-rocking  
klezmer, haunting Balkan harmony,  
hip-hop beats and Appalachian fiddle  
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Thursday, May 22  
**THE HARMONICA POCKET  
CHILDREN'S SHOW**  
Keeth Monta Apgar delivers  
storytelling lyrics accompanied by  
thick jazz chord progressions.  
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

Thursday, May 29  
**SONNY HESS PRESENTS  
"WOMEN'S MUSIC REVUE"**  
SONNY HESS · LISA MANN  
JOLIE CLAUSEN  
with featured guest  
RAE GORDON  
Renowned blues guitarist Sonny  
Hess hosts a revue showcasing  
Cascade Blues Association Muddy  
Award-winning female talent.  
7 p.m. · Free · All ages welcome

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Concordia  
University Events

May 2  
President's Reception for Graduates and their Families  
5 P.M. to 7 P.M.

May 3  
Spring Commencement  
9 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

May 8  
MAT and MEd Information Sessions  
6 P.M.

May 12  
Summer Session Begins

May 22  
MAT, Med, Health Care Administration and Social Work Information Sessions  
6 P.M.

