JCPS Officials Come to Portland

Jefferson County Public School Officials (JCPS) came to The Table Restaurant at 18th and Portland Ave. on Thursday, February 28th upon the invitation of Portland Neighborhood Association (PNI) Board member Mike Neagle. Mike and Autumn Neagle are residents of Portland and operate Argo Computers on 26th St. The couple also has a son, Nicholas, who is enrolled in middle school at the J. Graham Brown School in downtown Louisville.

Mike requested a town hall meeting with JCPS officials to address the concerns of parents in Portland whose children could no longer attend Western Middle School at 22nd and Main when it became a magnet school for students studying the arts. Western Middle School accepts only 300 students and Portland students must compete with students from all over the county. Middle school students in Portland who are not placed in another magnet like the Brown School are bused to either Westport Middle or Kammerer Middle Schools on the eastern edge of the county. Mike and Autumn’s son Nicholas attends the Brown School in downtown Louisville. Although Nicolas is doing well at the Brown, the couple has some concerns about the social effects and hardships of attending a school outside of the Portland Neighborhood. First, there is no transportation provided by JCPS. This means that Mike or Autumn must drive Nicholas to school or have the middle schooler ride TARC. The second option is not something they want for their young son. Second, and probably a greater concern is the social isolation from his peers outside the school day.

“There is a stigma that surrounds the students of Portland,” said Mike. “Parents will not allow their children to come to Portland to socialize after school or on weekends, so we have to drive Nicholas to other neighborhoods to take part in social activities.” Other neighbors shared the same concerns. This concern prompted Mike to collect data about middle school students bused to Westport and Kammerer Middle Schools after the closure of the neighborhood school. The results showed the hardships that affect academic performance of Portland students due to busing. Mike published this research and then initiated the meeting at The Table with JCPS officials who are gathering information through surveys and listening sessions to give feedback to an Advisory Committee charged with creating a “new and better plan” to replace the existing assignment plan.

Dr. De Von Horton, Chief of Schools in JCPS, Diane Porter, District 1 School Board Representative, and Barbara Dempsey, Director of Student Assignment, spent two hours listening to the concerns expressed by middle and high school parents in Portland.

Rose Mollyhorn PTA President of 30 years in the Portland Neighborhood gave a stirring report about the “hardship to kids who have to go to Westport.” Ms. Mollyhorn lives across the street from Western Middle School and said she was fortunate enough to enroll her daughter there. Neighbors living next door were not so fortunate. Ms. Mollyhorn said her daughter had smaller classes, better administrators and teachers and more one on one attention at Western than her neighbors’ children experienced at Westport and Kammerer. These children had to catch a bus at 6:10 in the morning and if they missed the bus, parents were unable to take them. Absences and tardiness were higher causing trouble for the parents who had to appear in court with charges of truancy.

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Portland space fosters creativity, connections

Submitted by Judy Hughes, Communications and Marketing, University of Louisville

An 1880s brick warehouse nestled in the Portland neighborhood has been transformed into space for University of Louisville students and faculty to create art, honor and learn from history and develop partnerships for the future.

City and university officials, along with building owner/developer Gill Holland, ceremonially snipped the red ribbon March 5 to welcome guests to the newly renovated space at 1606 Rowan St. UofL fine arts and archaeology students have settled in this semester to make a home for programs that outgrew Belknap Campus facilities.

“We’re super excited to be here,” UofL College of Arts and Sciences Dean Kimberly Kempf-Leonard told the crowd in thanking people who contributed to the years-long effort. “This is a proud moment for many here.”

UofL is leasing most of the space, about 43,000 square feet, from the Rowan Downstream LLC group that includes Holland, noted for revitalization efforts in Portland and NuLu sections of the city. The building retains some elements that reflect its former uses over time including steamer trunk factory, floor-covering distribution business, storage warehouse and senior nutrition center.

Deadline for Next Issue: April 17, 2019

Look For Your Next Issue: April 26 – May 4, 2019
Dear Ann(PORT)Landers,
So, what’s the latest in the neighborhood that you want to weigh in on?

Answer:
The topic for this month’s column is “PARKING”. You’ve had to have your head buried in the sand to not know this is the latest hot topic in the ‘hood. PARC has been placing warning citations (with the intention of following up with fines) on illegally parked vehicles in Portland and it has been causing heated discussion. I’m not weighing in with an opinion here … just stating what I’ve gathered. So, for those that don’t want to read all the details I’ll get right to the conclusion. There is absolutely “NO PARKING” permitted on sidewalks in Metro Louisville.

Chapter 72: Parking regulations:
72.035 It shall be a parking violation for the operator of any vehicle to stop or park such vehicle except in a case of real emergency or in compliance with the provisions of this traffic code or when directed by a police officer or traffic sign or signal at any time in the following places:
(C). On a sidewalk.

There are plenty of other prohibited parking areas such as on the grass, on the curb cut, or on the area between curb and sidewalk. Read them all at https://bit.ly/2UGdAK5

Some folks are so passionate about participating in this particular activity that I can just imagine how many are high-tailin’ it out of the city right about now! Just slow down though and hear the positives of this before making any rash decisions.

1. Car parking in the street is a natural “Traffic Calming” tactic. No costly speed bumps needed.
2. Pedestrians and wheeled-folk (wheelchairs, strollers, rollerbladers) will have a safe place to get from point a to point b.
3. We get bragging rights for a walk-able neighborhood.

4. If cars comply perhaps PARC will turn a blind eye to other parking violations (parking in “no-parking zones” such as along parts of one side of N. 26th St and parking in the wrong direction).
5. The Water Company will have an easier job reading their meters.
6. It helps the neighborhood look better and visitors from outside Portland will be surprisingly pleased to see we are not as “ghetto” as they have heard.
7. There will be a whole new canvas for chalk artists to discover.
8. Urban activities such as Hopscotch and Chinese (or plain ole) Jump Rope can make a comeback.
9. Children’s (11 and under) right to have a safe place to learn to ride a bike will be restored.
10. It’s good practice for Urban hygiene and following rules (something we Portlandites struggle with).

If none of this helps you feel better there is always the option of standing your ground (or sidewalk) and paying the fine. That will only work for so long though. Eventually everyone (even the diehards) will realize they have to say farewell to this Urban Legend that parking on the sidewalk is somehow permitted in Portland.

Thanks for the question.
Miss (Port)Landers
ann.portlanders@gmail.com for feedback, comments, questions, suggestions.

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Table of Plenty II

“Serving a free meal to all who come”

Wednesday, April 24, 2019

12-5 PM

2222 W. Market Street

This is a joint outreach of St. Agnes Catholic Church, Good Shepherd Catholic Church and Catholic Charities

Please join us for a FREE restaurant style meal.
All are welcome!

My Dog Eats First Waggle Wednesday Foodbank

2nd & 4th Wednesday of each month
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

We have moved to The Church Of The Promise (The Table building) at 18th & Portland Avenue. The entrance to where we will be serving is on the 18th Street side of the building, NOT the front entrance to the Table Restaurant. 2 gallons of dog food, 1 gallon of cat food distributed per adult. No grocery carts please. Donations gladly accepted. www.mydogleatsfirst.com

Ladies of Good Shepherd Luncheon and Card Party for a Cause

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Doors open at 10:30 AM

Lehmann Hall, 3525 Rudd Ave.

Admission is $6.00 per person and includes lunch and a door prize drawing ticket. Raffles, Split the Pot, Cake Wheel, lots of fun! All are invited to attend! 50% of the proceeds will benefit: Hunting Disease All are welcome! For reservations call 502-749-9780.

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Shed What!

Hello Portland, little Carmie and Gram-pa here. We just got back from the farm. We were looking for 'shed antlers", that's the horn from a male deer. No kidding! They lose their horns every year. This one is from a year and a half deer. I learned that from my Grampa. But anyways, see on the water or in the field!

Letter to the Editor

The Neighborhood House at 201 N. 25th Street, has Bingo and Lunch weekdays for Seniors 60 and older. You are welcome to come and they will sign you up. Bingo is Tuesday and Thursday.

William Barnes

Good Shepherd at Church of Our Lady Lehmann Hall 3525 Rudd Ave.

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8th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt

Submitted by Steve Trout; American Legion, Shawnee Post 193

Yes it is true! This will be our 8th annual Easter Egg Hunt for the kids in our community. The previous 7 hunts have managed to have spectacular weather and many excited kids. The event has continued to grow and we are proud of that. We are also proud of the support that we have received from so many different groups and businesses in our community. We are especially grateful of our association with the Good Shepherd Catholic Parish; this is a true outreach to our community with The American Legion and Good Shepherd. There are many other sponsors involved as well and we will provide a list and a thank you in the next available edition of the Portland Anchor. Everyone is welcomed to come and enjoy with the kids. We will have food and refreshments for everyone. Below will list the activities as we see them unfolding now:

• Location: Good Shepherd Catholic Parish
  3511 Rudd Avenue
  Louisville, KY 40212

• Date: Saturday April 20, 2019

• Time: Easter Bunny will be delivered by the 40 & 8 Train at approximately 10:30 AM. The kids will have an opportunity to meet the big furry Easter Bunny and take pictures.

• Hunt Starts: Approximately 11:00 AM with (2) age groups.
  o Infants to 4 year olds
  o 5 year to 10 year olds

• Food, refreshments, door prizes and social time will immediately follow the hunt in the Church’s cafeteria. Everyone regardless of age is invited to enjoy the meal and refreshments with us.

Easter Egg Hunt

Molly Leonard Portland Community Center
640 N. 27th Street - 776-0913

Beginner Tai Chi
Mondays - 10:30 - Noon
The Taoist Tai Chi Society brings tai chi for beginners to the Portland Community Center. Exercise your entire physiology to help improve your overall mental and physical well-being. Fee: Free, donations to the Taoist Tai Chi Society are welcome.

ECHO - Educating Outdoors
4/27, 5/1 & 5/15
6:00pm-7:30pm
ECHO - Youth ages 8-14 are invited to sign up for this adventurous program held at the Jefferson Memorial Forest. Activities include touring the nature center, fire building, orienteering, shelter building, and fishing. FREE.

For more information, please contact:
Kyle Dock at 776-0913 or Kyle.Dock@louisvilleky.gov

Spring Foraging Workshop

Find & taste delicious edible wild greens, flowers and fruits!
Sun. April 14, 2-4pm
Tickets $10-$30 (sliding scale)
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www.louisvillelotsoffood.com to register online / 502.715.3807

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SATURDAY, APRIL 13th
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April 1-5: JCPS’s Spring Break. The museum’s normal Young Curators camp had to be
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This and other information can be found on our website: www.PortlandKY.org

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Neighborhood House offers coaching for families

Submitted by Jamie Keith, Executive Asst. Neighborhood House

Neighborhood House has started a new program for adults and families in Portland who could benefit from individual or financial coaching. Would you like to reach your goals, improve your credit score, save money, and create a happier family? We can help!

For more information on any of our Family Services programs, please contact one of the following members of our team:

Allie Johnston, Family Coach: ajohnston@nhky.org
Jasmine Cunningham, Financial Coach: jcunningham@nhky.org
Sara Logsdon, Coach: slogsdon@nhky.org

Neighborhood House has something for the entire family, from art classes and homework help for youth to nutrition and fitness classes for senior adults. For more information on any of our programs, please visit nhky.org, call us at 502-774-2322 or follow us on Facebook at @nhportland.

Portland Museum presents: Topographies

YOU ARE INVITED to a FREE Reception & Curator Talk:
Saturday, April 13, 2019, from 12 to 4 pm

The Portland Museum proudly presents a new exhibition, Topographies, made possible by grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and Louisville Metro Government. This exhibition consists of a selection of original, historic maps created in the years 1544 to 1888. Topographies points to both the land represented in the maps and the surfaces from which the images were printed. Most of these maps and the tools used to render them in print are on loan to the museum from local bronze sculptor Raymond Graf’s extensive private collection.

Being particularly interested in maps of Louisville, Graf’s collection contains many maps of the Portland and Shippingport neighborhoods, as well as Kentucky – from its initial designation as part of the “western territory” to becoming an established state. These maps demonstrate the passing of time, the creation of political borders, and changes to the lands depicted.

The oldest map in Topographies, entitled “Die Neuen Inseln” (The New Island), was created by a German map maker, Sebastian Munster, in 1544. The book from which the map came, Cosmographia, was one of the most widely published works of the 16th century, leading to a revival in geography at the time. The inclusion of compelling and unique woodcut prints, as well as the maps of the known world, lead to the book’s success and wide dissemination.

The historic printing techniques used in the creation of the exhibition’s maps range from hand carved woodcut to steel engraving to photomechanically produced cuts, revealing a timeline of technological developments. The images themselves reflect the advancements made in land surveying, the accumulation of knowledge about the places depicted, and the increased sophistication in rendering and printing capabilities. From Munster’s first map of the Americas to John Filson’s first map of Kentucky (1784), our present-day Louisville emerges, becoming an increasingly distinct and defined place.

This exhibition is one of many activities taking place at the museum that seek to enrich our community through engagement with Book Arts, and Topographies presents a unique opportunity to see these rare and important documents in which our shared (printed) history lies. Topographies will be on view at Portland Museum from the end of March through June (2019).

Related museum programming is to be announced in the near future, including one other Book Arts exhibition and four Book Arts workshops. Stay up-to-date with these and other exciting events by joining our emailing list! Information will also be posted to our website as it becomes available: www.PortlandKY.org, and we can be reached by email of phone: info@PortlandKY.org (502) 776.7678. Our Spring hours are Thursday-Friday 12-6 and Saturday 12-4.
Louisville Visual Art Brings Public Sculpture-Making With Ohio River Driftwood to Western Middle School for the Arts

By Grant Johnson

Financial support from Jefferson County Public Schools and a Teacher Art Grant via the Louisville Fund for the Arts have allowed Louisville Visual Art (LVA) to offer a month-long public sculpture-making course for more than sixty 6th grade students at Western Middle School for the Arts (WMSFA) this spring. LVA instructors Danny Seim and Katy Delahanty are working with WMSFA teachers Amanda Thompson, Brett Owen, and Steven Rahe on the project - entitled ‘Ohio River Driftwood Floats’ - which teaches students about the maritime history of Portland through hands-on art-making that will result in a colorful installation at the school’s main entryway.

During a field trip to Shippingport Island on March 2nd, students collected driftwood for use in their collaborative project, an experience which taught them that expensive materials are not necessary to make satisfying art. The students’ field trip also included a visit to the Portland Museum, where they learned about steamboat Captain Mary M. Miller and other aspects of the neighborhood’s vital connection to the Ohio River.

The ‘Ohio River Driftwood Floats’ course emphasizes collaborative working methods and, like most of LVA’s in-school classes and workshops, supports the core curriculum with multiple points of contact. Not just art, but social studies, history, and even math and science concepts are reinforced by this project and others like it.

Lead LVA teacher and Portland resident Danny Seim had this to say about his participation, “The collaboration between my favorite arts organization and favorite school in the neighborhood has been a real honor to be a part of. Even better because it involves my favorite medium, Ohio River driftwood.”

WMSFA art teacher, Amanda Thompson said, “Working with Danny has been such an adventure. What a fun way to bridge the history of Portland with the creative energy of our young artists. We can’t wait to share our work with our Portland community!”

Louisville Visual Art has provided exceptional art education to school-age students in the Metro Area since 1925. Recent expansion of those offerings in West Louisville, including Portland, is part of LVA’s mission to use visual art to improve the lives of people who live and work in LVA’s home neighborhood and those adjacent. Anyone interested in partnering with LVA on a Teacher Art or 5X5 Grant can visit: www.louisvillevisualart.org/opendoors-in-schools, or reach out to Katy Delahanty at katy@louisvillevisualart.org.
Obituaries

Kimberly Sue Arwood, 56, passed away March 1, 2019 and born March 1, 1963 in White Pine, TN. She was a former employee for Sav-A-lot and Catholic by faith. She was always seeking a better life with more happiness. She cherished her children and grandchildren. She will be missed deeply forever and always per Mandy. Kim is preceded in death by her biological father, Charles Arwood and her son, Aubrey Arwood. Survivors include her loving daughter, Amanda Arwood (Rusty); mother, Marlene Wilson and step father/best friend Estill Wilson; two brothers, Todd Arwood and Shane Williams; two grandchildren, Caleb and Chace Carroll and her beloved furbaby, Pixie. J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care, 2114 W. Market Street with burial in St. Andrews Cemetery.

Joseph Wade DeWitt, born October 29, 1964, passed away on February 9, 2019 at age 54. He has joined in the afterlife with father Melvin DeWitt and siblings Richard & Otis DeWitt, Mavis Melvin & Ula Couch. Joey is survived by wife Debbie DeWitt and 4 children; mother Nina Lawrence and siblings Jed & Byron DeWitt & Rheta Shaw.

Betty Jean Franzell, 85, passed away March 4, 2019 in Glasgow, Kentucky. She was born January 16, 1934 in Front Royal, Virginia to the late Basil & Grace Williams. Besides her parents she is preceded in death by a daughter, Marilyn O’Keeffe; and three sisters, Madelyn Clark, Martha Arnett and Mary Morgan. Betty Jean was a retired employee for Brownsboro Hills nursing Home and a Baptist by faith. She is survived by one daughter, Carol Mercer (Tim); four sons, Mark A. Barbee (Zetta), Steve, William & Jeff Franzell; one sister, Polly Wiles (Leigh); five grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care, 2114 W. Market Street.

Charles Ronald Coogle, Sr., 77, passed away Wednesday, February 27, 2019. He was a self-employed painter and wallpaper hanger and a U.S. Army Veteran. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. He is survived by his son, Charles Coogle Jr. (Christy); daughters, Karen Beyerle (Bryan), Rachel Cortie (David) and Melissa Satterly (Jeff); ex wife, Linda Coogle; brother, Ricky Coogle (Sugar); sisters, Barbara Rankin (Tommy) and Brenda Buntain; 11 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. His Celebration of Life was held at J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care, 2114 W. Market Street with burial in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, Ky.

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Administrative Assistant Week
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Hours:
8 AM - 5 PM Mon. - Fri.
8 AM - 3 PM Saturday
Obituaries

Robert W. Gibson, 38, passed away Monday, March 11, 2019. Robert was a machine operator for TSP Plating. He is survived by his father, Robert Gibson, Jr.; stepmother, Brenda Gibson; mother, Debra Scott; sisters, Amy Roberts; step sisters, Beverly Mays and Jan Regan; step brother, Wayne Gray; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. Celebration of Life was held at J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care, 2114 W. Market Street, with burial in Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Our Special Memory
Submitted by Regina Noble
March, 4 years ago a very special dog named Bobby and some called him Baby, passed away. I'm sure some remember him. He lived with all of us, Randy, his family, Joe and Bertha, Gail, Billy and Violet, DJ and Shelly at 25th & Northwestern Parkway. He slept in Billy's yard. Went to Randy's and from house to house and all the others where they would feed & love him. He is buried at the corner at 25th & Northwestern Pkwy. Some day they can still see him laying on the sidewalk & corner. Like a mystery, he came to the neighborhood and never left. He loved us all and we love him.
The children complained to her that the teachers were not teaching them and there was a feeling that “I’m not good enough.” Greg and Leia Whitt whose son is thriving at The Academy at Shawnee spoke about the problems resulting from poor teachers and administrators at that school as well as the lack of maintenance on the building that made the 3rd floor uninhabitable. They also spoke about the lack of extracurricular activities such as sports that bring the community together. Students attending the Academy from other neighborhoods do not interact with neighborhood students.

Kasie Chase, a new arrival to Portland, expressed the challenge of understanding the process. Frustrated by the challenge, she enrolled her children in private schools. Ms. Chase said, “I have resources and abilities but if I cannot maneuver through this system, what about residents with fewer resources?” Ms. Chase spoke about her neighbor who worked third shift at a minimum wage job. When her son missed the bus, she had no gas money to take her son to school. Ms. Chase said she was able to take him to school sometimes because riding TARC meant changing buses and a 90 minute ride to get to school.

Once again, the sense of isolation not only in their neighborhood but the schools they attended was mentioned. “Children feel they cannot better themselves,” said Ms. Mollyhorn. “Their confidence and feelings of self-worth also suffer. Students need to be listened to and uplifted,” said Ms. Mollyhorn. “Students with special needs are also not being served.” Ms. Mollyhorn spoke about a 4th grade student with special health needs that made the bus ride challenging. She also spoke about a parent she knew who had one child enrolled in the neighborhood elementary school and one child who was bused to Westport. The daughter in elementary school had two or three absences. The son who was bused had 23 absences during the same time period. “Some kids have to climb a much higher hill,” said Ms. Mollyhorn. Evie O’Connell spoke about the refugee population that has settled in the Portland Neighborhood and the lack of programs and translators for these students. The consensus of the group was that Portland and its students were being overlooked, underserved and stuck in a system that is not equitable. Mike Neagle’s data confirms this.

As the meeting came to a close, Brenda Duffey cited the spirit of the Brown vs. the Board of Education Decision that was the catalyst for ending school segregation in order to make public education equitable for all students. All the parents of Linda Brown wanted was for their daughter to attend the neighborhood school a few blocks away rather than ride across town to receive a substandard education. The question is which is more important – equitable division of resources across the board and keeping neighborhood schools or busing students across town where all the resources are in the name of diversity?
Atherton High School Partners with Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville to Give Back to the Louisville Community

On March 15, over 30 juniors and seniors from Atherton High School’s International Baccalaureate (IB) program joined Habitat for Humanity on its campus, in the Portland neighborhood, for a day of volunteer service.

The high school students painted hardie board siding for Habitat’s next home, worked in Habitat’s community garden by prepping the flowerbeds for this spring and completed beautification projects around the perimeter of Habitat’s campus, which is located at 16th and Bank Street.

"Too often, our students, especially the full IB candidates, get 100% immersed in academics at the expense of personal balance and or stopping to help others. This Habitat opportunity comes at a great time, right after all of the major internal assessments are done and right before the external examination sessions begin in May. It will allow the students to get literally in the dirt to help others achieve their dreams. Thank you for all of this," said Rita Cron Hines, Atherton High School’s IB History teacher and Community Service Coordinator.

Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville builds and rehabes stable, quality homes for individuals and families in need of affordable housing. To learn more about Habitat’s homeownership program or to volunteer, please visit www.louisvillishabitat.org.

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April 2019 Portland Branch Library Programs

Portland Library Hours
Monday – Wednesday, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM; Thursday, 12:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Friday – Saturday, 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM; Sunday, closed

Computer and Resume Help by Appointment
Do you need help learning about computers or need help with your resume? We offer one-on-one classes to work on either topic you need help with. Times and dates are flexible and available by appointment only. Call 574-1744 for more details.

Preschool & Toddler Storytime
Preschool storytime will offer opportunities for preschoolers to engage with literature and participate in enrichment activities that build early learning skills. This storytime features engaging books which are accompanied by a variety of activities including: songs, rhymes, art activities, and creative play. Ages 3-5

Wednesday’s @ 11:00-11:45 AM

AARP Tax Help
IRS-certified volunteers provide free tax counseling and preparation services to low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. Bring along the necessary tax forms; information and documentation, and proof of your Social Security number.

Tuesday’s April 2 & 9 @ 11:00 AM-2:00 PM and Thursday’s April 4 & 11 @ 12:00-3:00 PM

Teen Art Smart
Express yourself! Draw, paint, sculpt, shape; cut, paste, design, create!

Ages 12-19

Thursday’s, April 4 @ 5:00-6:30 PM

Thread Counts Stitching Circle
If you knit, crochet, sew or do anything involving yarn or thread, this group is for you! Everyone welcome from beginner to expert. We regularly make items to donate to those in need. Stop by and see what we’re making this month!

Ages 16+

Monday, April 8 & 22 @ 6:00-7:00 PM

Portland Movies: Iron Man 3
Iron Man battles an enigmatic terrorist called the Mandarin with the help of Col. James Rhodes and a precocious young boy.

Ages: 13+

Thursday, April 11 @ 4:30-7:00 PM

Fairy Door Garden Craft
Do you feel your garden needs a magical touch or two, now that Spring is here? Perhaps a Fairy Door would help! Whether your goal is to seek magical creatures or to simply beautify your garden, the Portland Library invites you to craft with us and create your very own fairy door.

Ages 16+

Friday, April 12 @ 2:00-3:00 PM

Number Fun!
Check out the way we crunch numbers! Entertaining games, books, and activities that add up to an afternoon of fun!

Ages 5+

Saturday, April 13 @ 1:30-2:30 PM

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Join us for cookies, tea, and a great discussion! In April, we will be reading The Last Equation of Isaac Severy by Nova Jacobs.

Ages 18+

Saturday, April 13 @ 3:00-4:00 PM

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Meeting of the Portland Friends of the Library. Please join us, we are always looking for a few good friends!

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Portland Movies: Alexander & the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day
Alexander makes a birthday wish that his family would get a taste of what it’s like to have a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad day....

Ages 6+

Saturday, April 27 @ 12:30-2:00 PM

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Students at Western Middle School for the Arts have continued their scientific undertaking through aquaponics. The Aquapunx Consortium’s new mission statement follows as, “Combating food deserts by creating viable, sustainable food sources within communities using aquaponics.” They have been trying to reach this goal through the Student Technology Leadership Program, a program designed by the Kentucky Department of Education to empower students. Last year, the Aquapunx won fourth at the State competition level and Best Showcase Project in JCPS award. This year, they scored a perfect 100 at Regionals and Best Showcase Project in JCPS award. The Aquapunx recently received a donated system from YouthBuild, and are planning to start growing vegetables in late January. The plan is then to spread the knowledge and become the authority of aquaponics in Louisville. Although the Aquapunx Consortium currently seems small in operation, they have momentous goals for themselves and their community.

Don’t miss the Living Well Workshops!
Do you have diabetes, arthritis, asthma, heart or lung disease, high blood pressure, cancer, pain, depression, or other on-going health conditions?
Want to feel better and improve your health? Having a hard time getting started?
Feeling stuck?
This workshop is for you! When you have a chronic illness, staying healthy and dealing with life changes can be hard. The Living Well Workshop is FREE and offers the information and support you need! Plus, everyone who completes the workshop earns a FREE 8-week membership to the YMCA (must attend at least 4 of the 6 classes; not available if you are a current YMCA member or have been a member in the past year).

What is the Living Well Workshop?
The Living Well Workshop is a chronic disease self-management program that meets once week for six weeks. People with different chronic health problems learn together and support one another.

Workshop topics include:
1) How to make goals and solve problems
2) Ways to deal with frustration, fatigue, pain, negative emotions, and isolation
3) Healthy eating
4) Staying active to maintain and improve strength, flexibility, and endurance
5) Using medications
6) Good communication with family, friends, and your doctors

Has the program worked for other people like me?
Yes! Research shows that people who attend the workshops are more active, take better care of their symptoms, and talk more with their doctor. They also feel healthier and worry less about their health. And they accomplish many personal goals during the 6 weeks that they meet!

Upcoming classes at Portland Family Health Center, 2215 Portland Ave:
- April 12th – meets every Friday morning at 10:00am for 6 weeks in a row.
- April 18th – meets every Thursday evening at 5:30pm for 6 weeks in a row.
- Other locations are available.

Call Kristin at Family Health Centers for more information: 772-8588.
MUST LIVE IN OUR SERVICE AREA OF PORTLAND
If you have a special event coming up, let us know before deadline and we will carry it in the Calendar of Events. Call Sherry Stewart, 775-6036 to list your event. If your club or organization is not listed here and you would like it to be, just give me a call.
If your group information changes, please let us know.

Everyone Is Welcome to Portland Now, Inc.
Meeting: Tuesday, April 2
6:30 p.m.
Farm to Fork, 2425 Portland Ave.
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American Legion Post 193
4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm,
2800 W. Main St. New members welcome.

American Legion Post 193
Ladies Auxiliary
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Lewis/Parkland Lodge & FAM
Meets 1st and 3rd Fridays, 7:30 pm,
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Help Us Help Others!
All we need is one hour of your time to help a senior citizen in your neighborhood!
Meals-on-Wheels is looking for volunteers to deliver lunchtime meals to homebound senior citizens. There are many senior citizens living in the Louisville Metro area that are unable to receive meals on wheels due to a severe shortage of volunteers.

Qualifications:
- Complete an application, including police record check
- Provide own transportation

Meals are picked up around 10:00 - 10:30 am and delivery takes about 1 hour. Training is provided. Call 574-6420 to volunteer.

1st Division Police Auxiliary Meeting
The April meeting will be held on the last Thursday of the month which will be April 25th at 6:30 pm. The location of Molly Leonard Portland Community Center, 640 N. 27th St. Please come to discuss ways to make our area a safer place to live and work. Please bring friends to get involved.

Everyone Is Welcome!

Birth Parent Support Group
For those considering placing a child for adoption and for those who have placed a child. Sponsored by Adoptions of Kentucky, Inc. Call (502) 585-3005 for additional information.

Consoling Parents
A support group for parents who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn death, 6:30 pm. Tuesday at First Lutheran Church, 417 E. Broadway. Information: 629-2103.

Manic Depressive & Depressive Association of Louisville
6pm Sunday at the Urban Co. Government Center, 810 Barret Ave. Separate meetings for clients and their families are available. Information: 897-9717.

Thyroid Cancer Survivors
The ThyCa Louisville Support Group (for survivors of Thyroid Cancer) will meet from 10 - 12 pm monthly at Norton Audubon Hospital, Louisville, KY. Call for times and dates; also directions and other details about ThyCa Louisville. Contact group facilitator Pamela Pringle at (502) 394-0354. All ThyCa Louisville Support Groups are free and open to anyone diagnosed with thyroid cancer, their families, friends, and colleagues.

Metro Dare to Care Meal Program
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Monday through Thursday
5:00PM - 6:00PM
Friday 4:00PM - 5:00PM
Free Hot Meal for youth ages 18 and under
No registration is required; just show up at a site near you. For more information about Portland’s hours, activities and directions, call 776-0913. For information about other Community Centers serving meals, call Metro Call at 311 or visit www.louisville.gov/metroparks/community centers.

Join the Friends of the Portland Library!
Please join us on the Third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm, or call 574-1744 for more information.
Recipes from the Ladies of Baptist Tabernacle

They tell me Spring is here. Let's hop she stays for a while. It's a new season so let's try some new recipes!

Pea Salad
1 (10 oz.) frozen peas
1 Tbs Dijon Mustard
cooked and cooled
1 Tbs lemon juice
6 slices bacon, fried and crumbled
1 Tbs sugar
1 Tbs white vinegar
½ cup chopped pecans

Dressing:
¼ cup mayonnaise
salt and pepper to taste
1/8 cup sour cream
dash of garlic powder

Whisk together mayo, sour cream, and mustard until blended. Whisk in lemon juice and sugar and season with salt and pepper. Combine peas, bacon and pecans. Pour dressing over mixture and toss.

Salmon Burgers
1 lb. Can salmon
½ cup dry bread crumbs
½ cup onion, chopped
2 eggs, beaten
½ cup cooking oil
¼ cup chopped parsley
¼ cup salmon liquid
1 tsp powdered mustard or milk
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Drain and flake salmon. Cook onion in oil until tender. In a bowl add milk, 1/3 cup of crumbs, eggs, parsley, mustard, and salmon. Mix well. Shape mixture into 6 patties and roll in 1/2 cup dry crumbs. Heat skillet over medium heat. Spray with cooking spray. Fry for 5-8 minutes, turning once.

Vidalia Onion Pie
1 cup cracker crumbs
2 eggs
¹⁄₄ cup melted margarine
¹⁄₄ cup milk
2 Vidalia onions thinly sliced
¹⁄₄ cup grated cheese
2 Tbsp salt
2 Tbsp pepper
to taste

Combine crumbs and margarine and press into an 8” pie plate. Bake in pre-heated, 350 degree oven for 8 minutes. Meanwhile, saute onion slices in oil until tender but not brown and place in prepared crust. Combine eggs, milk, salt and pepper and pour over onions. Top with cheese and return to oven for 45 minutes.

Baked Pineapple
1 lg Can crushed pineapple, with juice
¼ cup sugar
4 slices bread, cut into cubes
¾ stick margarine, melted

Mix all together in buttered casserole and bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. This is especially good with ham, roast, or pork.

Banana Nut Bread
1 cup sugar
1 ½ cups sifted flour
¹⁄₄ cup margarine
1 tsp soda
2 eggs
1 tsp baking powder
3 ½ mashed bananas
1 cup nuts
½ cup orange juice

Cream sugar and margarine. Add bananas, then eggs and blend. Sift dry ingredients and add alternately with liquid to creamed mixture. Grease 2 loaf pans and add mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

Brunch Casserole
Prepare night before.

- 1 cup crumbled cheese
- 1 ½ cups cubed bread
- 2 eggs
- 1/3 cup milk
- ½ cup grated cheese
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp pepper

Spread butter on both side of bread and cut into cubes. Combine first six ingredients. Beat eggs until foamy, stir in milk, add to sausage mixture and stir well. Pour into lightly buttered 13X9 " baking pan, cover and refrigerate overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour.

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2. I recently thought of a really good way to get rid of the illegal minibikes and off roaders that wreak havoc on historic sites on our river bottoms, but decided to keep it to myself because of the high illegality of the potential actions.

3. Surveillance cameras in our Kroger should be used to offer all parents who hit their kids in the store a free foam bat since they are softer than the back of a hand. Best if a loving, roving robot makes this offer since there is inherent danger of the messenger/bat-giver being pistol whipped.

4. Reverse street musical buskers should be allocated to our high traffic sidewalks and offer half-dollar coins for passers by to listen to a single song of hope, fairness, justice, peace that'll stick in their memories like a brainworm. Go Fund Me was born for such as this.

5. Vigil keepers should station themselves in the newly razed and exposed area near the L&I Bridge giving wide access to the river during Thunder-- to call in ambulances for the dozen or so humpty folks sure to fall off the quarter-mile 10-foot concrete retaining wall when trying to free solo while fully inebriated and wholly distracted by the non-stop overhead, dizzying entertainment.

6. "Self-culling" is an evil concept that pops up in a wide variety of social settings and gaining popularity in these parts, rather than staying latent and hidden as in the past. (sic, The Trouble With Normal, a la Bruce Cockburn; saying the quiet part out loud)

7. Half dozen secret plantings of kudzu in our wild places will soon and inexorably displace nasty and rampant poison ivy (that'd be good) and provide edible leaves to subsidize diets with healthy greens (that'd be good). Also would provide opportunity for public art-by-kudzu. (See Annihilation (2018)) to rival our 10th Street flotsam globe art on the bike path.

8. Mung bean and rye sprouts will continue to grow in your insides and pop out your belly button just before you die in agonizing pain. (Annihilation again)

9. Sign posting on library kiosk on school strike days: "We're not on strike, just get over here and read already."

10. True insults require the question to your foil: "Is this your Asperger's talking or are you just mentally challenged or neurochem-cally maladjusted?" Practice this insult aloud 10-times daily in front of a mirror to get used to the complex word salad which promises consistently devastating results.

11. This blurb is not endorsed by anyone and I'll lie to your face if anyone asks me if I wrote this. (800 words exactly; awesome!)

Ill-advised and disrespectfully,
PortlandNate's Bot