The City of Portland is continuing to update their zoning code in response to the housing crisis with the proposed Better Housing by Design (BHD) that will bring needed flexibility and simplicity to multi-dwelling zones.

The Bureau of Planning and Sustainability recently released the BHD Discussion Draft focused on multi-dwelling zones (R3, R2, R1, & RH) that are adjacent to our neighborhoods’ key corridors including Broadway, MLK, Killingsworth, and Williams. These medium to high-density residential zones represent about 10% of the City’s land area, so increasing overall housing capacity, including affordable options, is a key part of the solution to Portland’s housing crisis.

In response to community feedback, BHD responds to the need for additional housing by proposing a form-based code where regulations focus on a building’s size and shape, instead of the numbers of units allowed. This leads to buildings that match the neighborhood character, while providing additional housing options in the form of duplexes, fourplexes, and courtyard apartments.

In many ways form-based code is a return to Portland’s past. The housing options that BHD allows were widely built across our neighborhoods until they were restricted in the 1950’s. A stroll through Irvington is a great opportunity to stop and admire them.

In addition to looking to inspiration from Portland’s past, BHD looks to the future by increasing the amount of affordable housing. BHD increases the bonuses available for non-profit organizations that have stepped in to fill that gap and are working to ensure that an arts and music education is available for the kids who need it most.
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**Vernon Neighborhood Association**
Meetings: 3rd Wednesdays, 7-9 pm, 5431 NE 20th Ave.
vernon@necoalition.org

**Woodlawn Neighborhood Association**
Meetings: 1st Wednesdays, 7-9 pm, 817 NE Madison St.
info@gowoodlawn.com

**Concordia Neighborhood Association**
Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays, 7-9:30 pm, 5736 N E. 33rd Ave.
Kennedy School Community Room,
chair@concordiapdx.org

**Alameda Neighborhood Association**
Meetings: 4th Mondays, 7-8:30 pm, 2620 NE Fremont St.
alamedapdx@gmail.com

**King Neighborhood Association**
Meetings: 2nd Wednesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm, 4815 NE 7th Ave.
info@kingneighborhood.org

**Humboldt Neighborhood Association**
Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, 804 N Alberta
HNAnews@gmail.com

**Sabin Community Association**
Meetings: 2nd Mondays, 7-9 pm, 3535 NE 15th Ave.
sabin@necoalition.org

**Boise Neighborhood Association**
Meetings: 2nd Mondays, 7-9 pm, 4115 N Mississippi Ave.
boisenaw@gmail.com

**Eliot Neighborhood Association**
Meetings: 3rd Mondays, 6:30-8 pm, 120 NE Knott St.
info@eliotneighborhood.org

**Irvington Community Association**
Meetings: 2nd Thursdays, 7-9 pm, 1320 NE Bazaar St.
president@irvingtonpdx.com

**Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association**
Meetings: 2nd Tuesdays, 7-9 pm, 1548 NE 15th Ave.
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**Northwest Student Exchange Seeks Host Families**

*By Patricia Rimmer, Woodlawn resident*

Greetings Northeast Portland Neighbors! I’m Patricia Rimmer, a Woodlawn resident for almost 17 years. I love the vibrant NE neighborhoods and have information about an exciting opportunity. Northwest Student Exchange is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting a more peaceful world by increasing international awareness and understanding between cultures. We find American host families interested in hosting high school international exchange students. For the past ten years, Northwest Student Exchange has placed international high school students with Portland Public Schools families. I am now recruiting host families for the 2018-2019 school year. Host families can be two-parent or single-parent families with or without children. Semester- and year-long opportunities are possible.

Our students come from South America, Asia, Europe, and Scandinavia. Their interests range from horses, all sports, choir, band, and drama to church youth groups, sight-seeing, and travel. They arrive with full medical insurance and a monthly stipend from either their scholarship fund or their natural families to pay for their personal items, school registration, and school and family activities. Families and their exchange students make long lasting friendships. This is what the program is all about and is its greatest benefit.

If you are interested in hosting, please contact me, Patricia Rimmer at rimmer9492@comcast or primmer@pps.net. You can also reach me by phone: 503-740-2754. Looking for a new travel destination? Let the world come to you! We are already placing students. Once you reach out to me, I will email you additional information and an application. Let the adventure begin!

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**Why ADUs Are A Great Benefit To NE Portland**

*By Lucas Gray, Propel Studios*

Accessory Dwelling Units, or ADUs, are secondary residences that can be built on any residential property in Portland. As housing costs continue to rise, many neighbors search for affordable housing for themselves or loved ones and ADUs can provide wonderful places to live while being much cheaper than buying a house in today’s market. They are also great ways to earn rental income for homeowners, potentially allowing people to stay on their property even if the neighborhood gets more expensive. In short, ADUs are great investments that help build wealth and provide much needed housing. They can be an important part of creating diverse and thriving communities.

At Propel Studio we have been working in NE Portland over the past five years to help people navigate the design, permitting and construction process for ADUs. We find ADUs to be great ways to address our housing shortage, while preserving the neighborhood character that we all enjoy. Here are a few reasons we think ADUs are a great fit for Portland and something that everyone should consider adding to their property:

• ADUs create opportunities to provide housing while preserving neighborhood character.
• ADUs are sustainable - by doubling down on residential areas with existing infrastructure and services (preventing urban sprawl).
• ADUs give homeowners an opportunity to capitalize on their current investment (their property) and build wealth, provide passive income, and help people plan for retirement.
• ADUs allow for multi-generational living and aging-in-place.
• ADUs are a popular way to downsize while remaining in the community you’ve grown to love.

This cost is relatively similar regardless of whether you are building new or renovating. Renovating basement or garages into an ADU is not necessarily cheaper than a new building, as often it is more complex to work within an existing structure. In general, new, detached, ADUs are the simplest to build but we have worked on all sorts of ADUs over the past few years. We are passionate about ADUs as they can be economic, social and environmentally sustainable housing opportunities. If you have any questions or are considering building an ADU, we offer a range of free resources on our website - www.propelstudio.com - and free consultations at our office. Just send us an email at info@propelstudio.com with any questions or to schedule a meeting.

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building new affordable housing and preserving existing affordable housing. Additionally, BHD requires that new and existing affordable housing remain affordable for the next 99 years, ensuring that future generations of all income levels will have the opportunity to live in our neighborhoods.


Both the NECN Land Use and Transportation Committee and the NECN Board will continue to follow and make recommendations on BHD and other zoning code projects through the lens of our adopted housing affordability priority. Contact Laura Becker for more information on how to engage with NECN laura@necoalition.org 503.393.6508 or contact your neighborhood association.
By Andrine de la Rocha

The Boise Eliot Native Grove is underway on N Ivy St. The project is turning an unimproved right of way into a native plant and pollinator grove. The land, situated just to the north of the Fremont Bridge ramp near the Red Cross parking lot, is owned by Portland Bureau of Transportation, but cannot be developed due to a number of utilities running underneath. Community members Howard Patterson & Andrine de la Rocha approached PBOT to ask for permission to create the grove last May 2017 and received the green light.

The Boise Neighborhood Association awarded the project a small grant based upon its community spirit of inclusion and beautification. NECN agreed to become the fiscal sponsor for the project in late summer. Boise-Eliot/Humboldt School partnered with the project in the fall, and has been bringing students to the site (only two blocks from the school) to make nature observations and to help with smart changes. In December 2017 the project enlisted the muscle power of The Ivy School to help lay down sheet mulch, using cardboard donated by New Seasons Market and Widmer Brewing. Over the winter the cardboard and woodchips will supress the grasses that were growing on the site, and decompose into soil.

In December, the Bureau of Environmental Services awarded the project a $500 mini-grant to purchase native plants for the project, and Friends of Trees donated over $300 worth of trees. Before then, three Compost Parties enlist volunteers to spread compost over the site to ready the land for planting.

The funds for compost were made possible by East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, their Small Projects and Community Spaces (SPACE) grant. Other grants have been submitted to secure funding for more native plants, a “Bee Hotel”, seating, art installations, and educational signage on the site.

With these funds, the Boise neighborhood has been creating a greener and healthier landscape.

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For more information about the program or to start the certification process, visit backyardhabitats.org and for more information on the Columbia Slough Project, please contact Micah Velazquez, Taste-makers Studio, 6025 NE Prescott

ECN SMALL BUSINESS PROFILE: Yvette Velazquez

Yvette Velazquez is a native Portland who styles hair at the Tastemakers Studio on NE Alberta. Her passion and experience for the job has earned her a loyal stream of clients who come to her for everything from life advice to tips on meditation techniques, and of course all things hair. She is a single-mom and self-described hustler who is happy to be working in the neighborhood she grew up in.

How long have you been styling hair?
I’ve been licensed since 2013 but like a lot of girls my neighborhood growing up, I’ve been doing hair since I was a kid.

What’s your favorite part of the job?
It’s the look on a client’s face when they get to a point they feel good feeling on the inside. It sounds like a small thing but a good haircut gives someone that feeling of success, of confidence, that can empower them and help build their self-esteem. And that’s what I want to do. At the end of the day, I want to leave an impact on the community. A great smile from a client gives me more than money does any day.

What’s the future look like?
I want to open up my own salon that can be a retreat for people when they come here. I imagine a zen feeling, relaxed, cozy, with a cup of tea or water, where my customers are family. The theme of the salon would be empowerment and inspiration. Peace, love and happiness.

Yvette is offering free and low-cost haircuts and styling to veterans, low-income customers, and job-seekers. To set up an appointment, contact her at: (503) 957-0424 or by email at yvellez2@yahoo.com.

By Tom Phillips and Amy Gard, Woodlawn/Vernon/Concordia NET

From the time I moved to the Pacific Northwest in 1997 until July 2015, I did not give a moment’s thought to the potential of a natural disaster happening to my family, my neighborhood, or my city. I watched with some amusement as Seattle city buses passed by with service announcements asking, “Do you have your emergency kit prepared?” Being naïve or willfully stubborn I didn’t take the disaster potential seriously.

In July 2015 I read the now famous New Yorker magazine article, entitled The Really Big One, describing scenarios, based on historical information and factual data, of a natural disaster awaiting the Pacific Northwest, maybe not today, next week, or even in our lifetime, but at some ominous moment in our future. Well, that woke me up, so much so that I could hardly sleep thinking that we were all going to slip off the edge of the continent at any moment.

I began to take disaster preparedness seriously, and I hope readers will do the same. I started by signing up for training to become a Neighbor Emergency Team (NET) member. The 24 hours of training we received taught me a great deal about preparing myself and my family for a disaster situation as well as giving me information that would help me to help my neighbors if/when such a situation occurred. The bottom line is that, being prepared with information, supplies, and a supportive community, we can lessen the impact and tragedy that a big natural disaster might bring. Also, we will sleep better at night.

With the Woodlawn/Vernon/Concordia NET team, along with other NET teams operating in the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, ask that you begin to think seriously about preparing yourselves and your families for what might come. Preparation is the key to peace of mind.

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BYOB, or bring your own beverage for this wine tasting class. Space is limited, so call 503-323-1344 or email info@ecnportland.org by August 15 to reserve your space.

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Northeast Neighborhood Associations Snubbed Again at This Year’s Oscars?

Neighborhood humor and satire by Shelly E Caldwall, Woodlawn neighborhood

A s Sunday night draws near and hope begins to evaporate for a last-minute nomination, the people of Northeast Portland are bracing for what appears to be another disappointment.

Each year at this time, many in our commu- nity look south towards Hollywood’s famed Grauman’s Chinese Theatre in hopes that perhaps this will be the year the AMPA finally bestows one of our own with the coveted golden envelope, known as an “Oscar.”

With 11 immensely talented neighborhood associations - working tirelessly to provide many thousands of residences and businesses with a platform for improving safety, livability and the social fiber of ‘place and connection,’ it’s simply incredible we’ve not been shown the least bit of interest from the community. Each year we are left empty handed and frankly dumbstruck at the seemingly bottomless ambivalence the AMPA has shown for our citizenry.

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“I’m not sure when it started,” remarked Tobey Franklin of the King neighborhood, “but I have a theory that Lionel Barrymore used to fish around here and was once bitten by a Prickly Sculpin. He apparently took it as a personal affront and - and remember, the Barrymores are a very powerful family...” he finishes.

“When I first learned that we’ve not won a single Oscar in all 87 years of the awards being given out, I simply could NOT believe it” says Nick Corbu of the Concordia neighborhood. “We’ve increased our blog posts by 63% and last year’s Neighborhood Cleanup was an absolute success. There must be something amiss in the calculating process. They thing amiss in the calculating process. They mean, how can they call themselves a profes-

“I never win anymore,” said Ed Benefor of Woodlawn, “but I’ve gotten a little better at networking.”

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Shawn Penney Looks Forward

By Mischa S. Webley, NECN Staff Writer

Shawn Penney loves Northeast Portland. In fact, he loves it so much that he’s dedicated his life to making it better. As the president of Good in the Hood, the long-standing annual celebration of the black community in Portland, under his leadership, it transformed from being an annual celebration into a more holistic organization with a focus on outreach and creating oppor-
tunity for youth. In addition to the annual parade, the Good in the Hood organization now gives out eight scholarships every year to aspiring graduates and holds free health screening events for the community. The list of Good in the Hood’s sponsors and partnerships is long, and growing. “The goal is one hundred scholar-
ships,” he tells me. “Every year we’re trying to bring in more schools for scholarships, and businesses to place those new graduates in.”

The hard hasn’t always been easy. Last year, Good in the Hood received racist death threats prior to the event that never got to the final countdown. But Shawn made the call to keep the event moving, and the whole city rallied to the cause, culminating in one of the larg-
est turnouts in the organization’s history.

But he’s not dwelling on last year. His eyes are looking forward and, like the basketball coach that he is, he’s thinking about the next game, and the game after that. The truth is, there’s really only one game that he’s playing: “Seeing people reach their success,” he says. “If I can help a kid graduate and go to college or help a family pay their bills or get resources - that fills my heart. Community is what it’s all about.”

Shawn Penney loves Northeast Portland, and Northeast Portland is better for it.
 Events & Opportunities: Spring 2018

Free Workshop by East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District on Native Plants
Thursday, April 19th, 6-8:30pm NE Coalition of Neighborhoods 4815 NE 7th RSVP required
For more information, visit www.emswcd.org/workshops-and-events.

SOLVE: Boise Neighborhood Earth Day Cleanup
832 N Beech St Saturday, April 21st 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
We will be meeting at the patio of StormBreaker Brewing at 8:30am for supplies before heading into the neighborhood at 9am. StormBreaker Brewing is donating 1 FREE Beer per volunteer (21 and older) so don’t forget to come back by at 12pm for some food and a cold beer. Contact Chelsie McCarthy chelsie.em@gmail.com

Lloyd SOLVE IT for Earth Day
Saturday, April 21st 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Join us as we clean and recycle in the Lloyd area. We are looking for volunteers to remove litter our streets and parks. In addition, we will provide a couple of opportunities to drop off recyclable materials:
1. We will be collecting electronics that will be donated to FreeGeek. For a list of what they do and do not accept, please refer to this page: www.freegeek.org/ways-give/donate-technology/what-we-dont-accept.
2. Right 2 Dream Too is a rest area in the Lloyd that provides 12 hours of safe sleep and rest to the houseless population, serving about 80 - 100 people a night. We will be collecting returnable bottles and cans and applying the refunded deposits towards Right 2 Dream Too’s operating expenses. Please help us support this worthy organization. Contact Keith Jones keithmj255@mac.com
Volunteers for clean up can meet at 9AM in the courtyard of NE Hassalo on 8th - you will be given supplies and an area to clean. You may also drop off electronics and returnables recycling at this location from 9AM - Noon.

SOLVE: Alberta Street Earth Day Cleanup & Golden Garbage Awards
Saturday, April 21st 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM
Volunteer check-in starts at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 21, 2018 in the courtyard between Umpqua Bank and Barista at NE 18th Avenue & Alberta Street. Coffee and light nourishment will be provided. The clean up starts at 10:30AM and will take place rain or shine! Contact Sara Wittenberg sara@albertamainst.org.

Entertaining Geology Talk
Monday, May 14th, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. Presentation, Sabin School, 4019 NE 18th Ave. (use NE entrance) Dr. Scott Burns, Geology professor from PSU, will be at the Sabin’s annual meeting to give a presentation on local geology and the “Big One.” It will be a great evening as Dr. Burns is an engaging speaker. Food and refreshments will be provided. RSVP at www.sabinpdx.org appreciated, but not required. Contact sean@pritikingroup.com for more information.

North Portland Sunday Parkways
June 24, 2018 - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm (8.8 miles)
City of Portland Sunday Parkways presented by Kaiser Permanente promotes healthy active living through a series of free events opening the city’s largest public space - its streets - to walk, bike, roll, and discover active transportation while fostering civic pride, stimulating economic development, and represents the community, business, and government investments in Portland’s vitality, livability, and diversity.

The Humboldt Unity Circle Street Painting Project and Block Party Event
Saturday June 2nd and Sunday June 3rd 9am-dark On the corner of N. Haight & N. Emerson For more info contact Kymberly Jeka at Unity-CircleStreetPainting@gmail.com.
Tool Library Helps Build a Thriving Community

By Eric Hoyer
Concordia Resident

Imagine you’re in the middle of a wood-working project, and you discover you need a tool you have neither the money or space for, or perhaps your car just needs a tune up to get you to work. If only you had the right socket set.

No need to worry. If you reside in a northeast Portland neighborhood west of 82nd Avenue and east of north Portland, you can visit the Northeast Portland Tool Library.

“We live in tough economic times. We really need to focus on helping each other out and being good neighbors.”

It is located in the basement of the Leaven Community Salt and Light Church at 5431 NE 20th Avenue and NE Killingsworth Avenue. The library provides hundreds of home repair and automotive tools on a one week free checkout for a one-time $12.00 membership fee. To become a member requires only a driver’s license or passport and proof of your address such as a utility bill, insurance, or car registration.

Operated as a nonprofit community organization supported by member volunteers, the NEPTL is one of a small group of volunteer tool libraries spread among Portland’s neighborhoods. They are a home-grown resource for the do-it-yourself generation with big dreams, who might be short on a budget or space for tools. Their mission statement reads: “The Northeast Portland Tool Library provides Northeast Portland residents of all income levels access to tools, empowering our neighbors to build and maintain a sustainable, thriving community.”

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9 Word meaning ‘Character’ in Greek, and name of Portland-based music education nonprofit

Answers located at www.necoalition.org/latest-news/newspaper/

COW Mobile Pantry Reaches Underserved Neighborhoods

By Katie Wilson, PACS Development Associate

If you see a large trailer with black and white cow prints on the side of it rolling through your neighborhood, you’re looking at the latest tool to help fight hunger in the Portland area: it’s a mobile food pantry called Commodities On Wheels, or C.O.W., called Commodities Portland area: it’s a tool to help fight hunger in your neighborhood, of it rolling through your neighborhood.

Despite our booming economy, poverty and food insecurity are persistent across the nation and the numbers are staggering: nationwide in 2016, 41.2 million people lived in food-insecure households and 6.5 million children lived in food-insecure households. For Oregon households, 14.6% are considered food insecure. Clearly, the need for solutions is there.

Since it launched the C.O.W. program in 2011, PACS estimates that its mobile food pantry has helped thousands of families in need. In 2017 alone, the Pantry fed 5,858 children and adults in 2,369 households.

On a monthly basis, the COW trailer with black and white cow prints on the side of it rolling through your neighborhood is there.

For more information, contact Sam Pellecer, mobile pantry coordinator, at 503-893-9022. If you are interested in volunteering, you can contact the Volunteer Coordinator at pacsonline.org/volunteer.

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Ethos, based in a building at the corner of North Killingsworth and Williams, is another such organization. Founded in 1998 in response to the passage of those ballot measures, Ethos operates in 13 schools across the city, largely in inner North and Northeast. Scott Moore, Executive Director of Ethos, says that first and foremost they go where they’re needed.

In the Portland area, that means partnering with schools that serve primarily lower-income students, as these are often the schools with the largest funding gaps. At Ethos, between one-quarter and a third of students qualify for the free or reduced lunch program. Through an innovative partnership with Americorps their Rural Outreach Program targets similarly-lacking schools throughout rural Oregon. In addition, even the full cost of the programs that serve primarily lower-income students, as these are often the schools with the largest funding gaps. At Ethos, between one-quarter and a third of students qualify for the free or reduced lunch program.

The COW comes to the King Neighborhood Facility parking lot (4906 NE 6th Ave) every third Tuesday of each month and is there from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Space is limited to the first 30 individuals, and you can schedule an appointment by calling 503-893-9033. Those coming to the food pantry will be asked to provide a photo id and proof of Oregon residency (license, utility bill, etc.). Participants will be able to select from a range of foods including, fruits, vegetables, meat and dairy, and bread that are available.

that day. A partnership with Stone Tower SDA Church and People to People Ministries brings this opportunity to the King Neighborhood. In addition, PACS provides a Food Pantry, Health Clinic, and Thrift Store located at 11020 NE Halsey St.

Music is absolutely fundamental.” Bravo’s Elliot says that seeing the children grow through music is one of the most gratifying parts of the job. “If a student is struggling with one specific area then suddenly it clicks, those are some of the most exciting moments because they get to see their hard work paying off.”

Thankfully that hard work is available for the public to see. Both Ethos and Bravo, and other organizations around the city, perform regularly at events around the state including the state capital and city hall, and are available to be booked. Portlanders, and Oregonians in general, clearly think that arts and music programs are valuable to a child’s well-being. But until policy can be changed at the higher levels, it will be up to non-profits organizations to continue to put an arts education for students within reach.

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