Two Teachers Change the Cannabis Game

By Mischa Webley, NECN staff writer

You might not know by looking at it from the outside, but inside the old Northeast Portland Craftsman home that houses Green Hop, a new cannabis dispensary, a quiet revolution is taking place. Led by co-founders Karanja Crews and Nicole Kennedy, two public school teachers who both grew up in Northeast, Green Hop introduces the nation’s first hip-hop dispensary and one of the few black-owned dispensaries in the city.

The legal marijuana industry is one of the fastest-growing industries in the country, yet only one percent of dispensaries are black-owned. At the same time, the vast majority of those who have served time in prison for marijuana charges are black, and their numbers nationwide reach into the hundreds of thousands. It’s this disconnect that Crews and Kennedy have their sights set on fixing, and, as you might expect from a pair of teachers, they are tackling it the only way they know how: through advancing education and promoting opportunity.

To that end, the pair formed the Green Hop Academy as an offshoot of the dispensary with the goal of building an apprenticeship program that will train the next generation of African-American youth in the industry. In partnership with other cannabis businesses, they will identify and place promising young people into various corners of the industry.

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Green Hop is located at 5515 NE 18th Avenue and is open 7 days a week.

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By Marsha Sandman

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Concordia resident Luke Griffin is a teacher and self-described mountain climbing troubadour. He and seven other talented and dedicated fathers – and sometimes moms – make up the Vernon Dad Band.

Five years ago the Vernon school choir needed backup musicians for the winter show singers, and the band was born. Each band member has a student or students at Vernon Elementary School. The band performs holiday favorites at the winter program with sing-alongs that include Spanish and Jewish music. They play rock and roll cover songs at the Vernon Annual Fundraising Dinner and Auction.

There have been other band members and there will be others in the future. According to Luke, “As folks age out new folks come in.”

Luke is the group singer. Kevin Hendrickson, professional musician who has led a string of pirate-themed bands, is a well-known composer and multi-instrumentalist who has created songs and scores for cartoons. Nate Flansberg is a guitarist, wine distributor and occasional Jedi knight. Michael Rhode works at the airport and is a nimble-fingered guitar player.

Vernon Dad Band Keeps on Rocking

By Mischa Webley, NECN staff writer

Luke Griffin, Vernon Dad Band singer, is one of eight fathers of Vernon Elementary School students who raise funds for the school. (Inset) The band plays block parties, among other events. Here, from last summer, are (left to right) Kevin Hendrickson, Turner Odell, Luke Griffin, Nate Flansberg, Tim Acock, guest guitarist Chet Lyster and Kyle Delamarter.

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New Regulations will Control Demolition Debris

By Erin Fladet, Portland Clean Air volunteer, who lives in the Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood of SE Portland

Beginning July 1 the City of Portland will enforce new regulations designed to mitigate the dangers of asbestos and lead-based paint in residential demolitions. These regulations stem from a new state law and ordinance, Senate Bill 871, which allows local jurisdictions to create their own rules and regulations to enforce safer handling of asbestos and lead-based paint during residential demolitions and deconstruction. These new regulations will apply to buildings with up to four dwelling units and accessory structures of between 200-3000 square feet in size.

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The new rules apply to demolition permits applied for on or after July 1, 2018. Under these new rules, a Demolition Manager will be assigned to each site and will be certified to inspect asbestos and lead-based paint sites. Each demolition site will submit a detailed plan, including an asbestos survey, dust and erosion measures, and safety considerations. In addition, three rigorous inspections from the Bureau of Development Services will be required throughout the process. Studies have shown that dust can travel up to 400 feet from a demolition site. The new regulations aim to decrease the danger of toxic airborne particles making sure neighbors’ homes and yards are safe. Some basic rules will be required of all demolition sites.

Band: contrl from pg 1

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Preparing for a potential emergency situation can seem overwhelming but it doesn’t have to be. If we knew a large-scale emergency situation was going to happen tomorrow, we could be forgiven for going directly into panic mode but, as with so many other things in life, one step at a time works best. Here is one way to start preparing if you have not already done so. I’ll call it “first things first.”

In the event of “the big one,” meaning the Cascadia subduction zone earthquake that would likely render all of Portland a disaster zone, the first thing to be prepared for is moving around in our homes. Night or day, in a large earthquake there will be broken glass from windows, glasses, and bottles. It will be bumpy and we will not have lights. There will likely be structural damage to our homes making movement potentially unsafe or even impossible.

Preparing for an emergency in your home following a major earthquake is important. It is something we can all do, hopefully at little cost and with a bit of scrounging around to find things we might already have at hand. This type of preparation follows a RULE: we hear over and over during training to become NET qualified: Take care of yourselves first! During an emergency you will be no good for anyone else if you injure yourself.

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What will you need at that moment, when the earth stops shaking? You will need and want what it takes to move safely through your home. You will want a hard hat or old bicycle helmet, sturdy shoes and socks, leather work gloves, and a flashlight. Also, in the event you cannot get out of your room, you will want a whistle and a water bottle.

Personally, in the corner of the bedroom, I keep an old pair of hiking boots, a bottle up there, so I rounded these up and marched them upstairs where I hope I will never need them. Preparing for moving around in your home following a major earthquake is important. It is something we can all do, hopefully at little cost and with a bit of scrounging around to find things we might already have at hand.

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To learn more about your local Neighborhood Emergency Team visit: www.portlandoregon.gov/ pbem/31667

“First Things First”

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Portland’s Clean Air Warriors

Greg Bourget
Executive Director and Lead Researcher Portland Clean Air
Directly regulating polluters with data.

Greg Bourget cut his teeth in the Earth First! movement, and its decentralized and mission-focused philosophy informs all the work he does at Portland Clean Air. Unlike many other groups, PCA is not interested in affecting policy directly so much as it is in changing the actions of the polluting industries that policy would seek to mitigate. And they do that with the biggest leverage the public has: information.

Jessica Applegate
Eastside Portland Air Coalition
Upsetting the paradigm of passive citizen involvement.

If you had asked a few years ago if she ever imagined being an environmental activist, Jessica Applegate might have laughed outright. But in just a few short years, she has gone from being a single working mom in East Portland to a figurehead of the local fight against air pollution. When the now-infamous Portland State Moss study revealed that Bullseye Glass was emitting toxic chemicals into her neighborhood with no regard for human health, it became personal and just like that an activist was born. Together with some other processors affected by dirty air, an ad hoc group of Cully-area neighbors started as an ad hoc Community Action Team (CAAT), Gregory Sotir will be the first to tell you that the Cully neighborhood is one of the most diverse areas this side of the nation, with the documented health hazards to show for it. High incidence of respiratory disease, increased cancer risk, and interrupted childhood development. There are many reasons for this, but one fact stands out: Oregon has nearly zero laws on the books regulating what industry emits in the air. Compared to regulations in Washington and California, we are way behind the curve.

CAAT started as an ad hoc group of Cully-area neighbors who were concerned with the toxic emissions coming from a neighborhood industrial plant that was filling their corner of Northeast Portland with noxious odors. After receiving an inadequate response to their complaint from DEQ, the group joined forces with others in the neighborhood to apply pressure to the company directly. While DEQ did ultimately agree to cease operations, a very modest fine for a permit violation, they were concerned with the real, long-term effects of industrial operations. Gregory and his team work to change that narrative through their own community organizing. Gregory believes that power for change. If just one person from one group can talk to another on a regular basis, then that power grows exponentially. Gregory, clean air, and elected officials on policies that address air quality throughout the state. Although he’s steeped in the policy and science of air, he knows that rattling off a bunch of numbers is not what helps to build trust with communities.

By Mascha Welkey and Jessica Applegate

Greg has managed to get access to pollution data from DEQ and can talk in minute detail about the amount and kind of toxics that individuals companies put in the air. Where DEQ fails to act, he takes the fight directly to industry, using publicly-available data as leverage to push them to clean up their act. But he stresses that it’s not about him, or PCA. PCA is structured around what they call a “spokes” strategy, each community connected with one another through shared resources and common interest. PCA counts 32 spokes across Portland but, importantly, PCA doesn’t set their agenda. Greg describes their structure as an inverted pyramid, with the community deciding on priorities, and PCA supporting them with data, media support, or even a campaign team. He says that community members are the real experts and that they know what their communities need the most.

Beven Byrnes
Volunteer Spokesperson, Portland North Harbor Neighbors and Portland Clean Air
Linking communities to build strength in numbers.

The next time you meet someone who wants to see change happen in their community but says they don’t have the time, you may want to mention Beven Byrnes. A mother of four daughters and the Executive Director and Principal of Bridges Middle School, which primarily serves children with learning differences, Beven is also the lead spokesperson for Portland Clean Air (PCA), a non-profit that works with communities to empower them to fight air pollution in their neighborhoods.

Much of the fight for air quality happens in isolation; one neighborhood fights their fight, unaware that the next one over is also. So Beven sees part of her role, and the role of PCA, as a convener of communities to share information and provide a platform for others to tell their story. It’s building power in numbers, then giving people what they need to use that power for change. If just one person from one group can talk to another on a regular basis, then that power grows exponentially. Clean air, she says, is in everyone’s best interest, including polluting industries. So it’s a matter of making clean air an irresistible choice for polluters.

By Bevan Byrnes

“When the Cleaner Air Oregon” suit was filed, he was the first to tell you that the Cully neighborhood is one of the most diverse areas this side of the nation, with the documented health hazards to show for it. High incidence of respiratory disease, increased cancer risk, and interrupted childhood development. There are many reasons for this, but one fact stands out: Oregon has nearly zero laws on the books regulating what industry emits in the air. Compared to regulations in Washington and California, we are way behind the curve.

When the Cleaner Air Oregon process was initiated by Governor Brown last year, it was a wake-up call for polluters. To show that change was already underway with new regulations coming down the pipe despite some criticisms that it didn’t go far enough, it was widely seen as a victory for major environmental groups across the state who had spent years lobbying for these regulations. But behind the headlines and lesser-known are a multitude of individuals and organizations that have worked tirelessly to organize impacted communities and lead the charge for change from the street level.

In many ways, it’s these grass-roots efforts that form the foundation for state and city-wide policy, as pressure trickles up from the ground level to force change from policymakers. This is where the hard work of organizing and activating community takes place and where good citizenship sometimes demands getting active. In the fight for cleaner air, a wide swath of Portlanders from all walks of life are taking their fight directly to industry and government by publicly sharing their own data, organizing community stakeholders, and negotiating directly with industry.

“We talked with a handful of these clean-air warriors, most of them volunteers, who work tirelessly to change the status quo. And we found that, with anything else, there is more than one way to get the job done.”

"Legislators do listen, but you have to raise your voice, they have to be able to hear you."
**Non-Profit Spotlight: Do Good Multnomah**

When you hear about a young entrepreneur who moves to a new city, puts everything on the line and bootstraps their business from a makeshift office in a basement, you probably imagine the origin stories of a tech startup like Snapchat or Facebook. But to get his Redling nonprofit off the ground in 2015, Chris Aiosa hustled and risked everything.

Do Good Multnomah is a social enterprise tech firm, and not for eye-popping profits. Do Good builds, then, isn’t more housing but more homes; a home base for our community’s veterans who have already sacrificed enough.

**Events & Opportunities: Summer 2018**

**Peninsula Park Rose Garden Volunteer**

June - September Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Volunteers help maintain the liltline of Peninsula Park Rose Garden. We care for 5,000 + roses of 35 varieties. We work through the Moon season - June through September on Mon, Wed, and Fridays from 9 am until 12 noon. You may contact us at volunteers@penrosefriends.org or just show up in the designated times.

**Humboldt Neighborhood Association Clean-Up**

Saturday July 7, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM; Emmanuel Church Parking Lot 1033 N Summer St. Contact Anne Laborde at anne.laborde911@gmail.com

**National Night Out**

Tuesday August 1
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Woodlawn, Alberta and Fernhill Parks. Music, booths and food! More information visit www.gowoodlawn.com.

**FREE Summer Concerts and Movies in the Park**

Concerts and entertainment begin at 6:30 pm and movies begin after dusk, including live performers by local musicians and free popcorn. For full listing of all movies and concerts in the Park please visit www.portlandoregon.gov/parks or call 503-823-PLAY (7529)

**Friday, July 6**

Fernhill Park, NE 37th Avenue and Alberta Street. Portland Interfaith Gospel Choir - Traditional and contemporary black gospel music

**Friday, July 13**

Willie Park, NE 53rd Ave. and Skidmore St. **The Secret Life of Pets** (2016) PG

**Friday, July 13**

Fernhill Park, NE 37th Ave. and An- 
sworth St. **Sonny Hess and Lady Kat** - Modern blues or soulful rhythm and blues

**Friday, July 20**

Fernhill Park, NE 37th Ave. and An- 
sworth St. **Trujillo** - Chicano/ Latinx rock ‘n roll

**Saturday, July 21**

Fernhill Park, NE Fremont St. and 7th Ave. **Apollonia** - New Orleans style funk, blues, folk, and reggae and *Star Wars: The Last Jedi* (2017) PG-13

**Thursday, July 26**

Albina Park NE Annsworth St. and 16th Ave. **World-in- fused funk and Kubo and the Two Strings** (2016) PG

**Friday, July 27**

Fernhill Park NE 37th Ave. and Annsworth St. **The Nsans - Chauvet dance rock**

**Wednesday, Aug 1**

Woodlawn Park NE 37th Ave. and Annsworth St. **Ma, Ettas World featuring Arriete Ward - Funk, soul, rhythm and blues and Hidden Figures** (2016) PG

**Friday, Aug 4**


**Thursday, Aug 9**

Dawson Park NE 26th and Williams Ave. **Eldon “T” Jones & N Touch** - Groovy jazz

**Thursday, Aug 16**

Dawson Park NE 26th and Williams Ave. **Zoulful Muzic - Uptempo rhythm and blues, jazz, neo-soul, and blues**

**Friday, Aug 24**

Woodlawn Park 510 N Shaver St. **Black Panther** (2018) PG-13, English with Spanish subtitles

**Other FREE park supported activities at Holladay Park**

*Every Saturday in the heart of the Multnomah Village*

**June 1 - September 3**

11AM - 7:00PM

**Daily Drop-In Activities**

**Wednesdays, July 11 - August 22**

6:30PM - 8:00PM

**Wednesday Evening Concerts**

**July 11 - August 30 5PM - 4PM**

**Non-Profit Spotlight: Do Good Multnomah**

By Mosha Webley, NEON Staff Writer

Do Good Multnomah’s new project is extremely well located in NE Portland and in close proximity to transit and high frequency bus lines. The project also stencil centrally located to parks, services and amenities, and is close to the Columbia Slough watershed.

The space itself is only one piece of a larger puzzle. A‘ut-species shelter provider instant camarade- rie with others,” Aiosa says. “Like a heater. Vets do better with other vets”. Their goal wasn’t just because the need is so strong. At last count, there were 426 home- less veterans living on the streets of Portland, and the numbers grow every year.

So in 2015, Aiosa hatched a plan for a shelter that would cater exclusively to vets and, after open- ing up with 13 beds in the cramped basement of a downtown church, they quickly outgrew the space. Before they knew it their little organization was expanding into a newer, larger shelter in the Rose City neighborhood.

An Air Force vet himself, Aiosa spent years as a case manager for local veterans nonprofits such as Transition Projects and Community Covenant. He was aware that several clients were falling through the cracks, or not getting served at all. “Housing programs have to do a better job serving people who aren’t even on their radar,” he says.

The Do Good crew, mostly made up of vets, works hard and they work long, but Aiosa says that’s because the need is so strong. At last count, there were 426 home- less veterans living on the streets of Portland, and the numbers grow every year.

But when they opened their new location in 2016, Aiosa admits, he had more vision than plan. Short on staff and long on re- sponsibility during that first year, Aiosa worked graveyard shifts and did the residents’ laundry at his house before the shelter had even opened and drew them the few hours he had between waking up and going back to work on the phone, making orders and answering cli- ent referrals. It was pure, mission- driven hustle.

**Tuesday, July 24**

Baskin Park 510 N Shaver St. **Zoulful Muzic - Uptempo rhythm and blues, jazz, neo-soul, and blues**

**When I saw that third- semi-colon in the fifth paragraph, I was stunned**

Woodlawn neighborhood this summer has been watching homelessness and the city’s efforts, which has responded favorably to the draft agenda in an understatement, by the Do Good staff. Many were surprised off guard by the stunning lineup of events coming to the neighborhood.

When I saw that third semi-colon in the fifth paragraph, I was stunned.” June Piper says.

“From what I’ve read” starts Brad Roberts. “When I saw that third semi-colon in the fifth paragraph, I was stunned.” June Piper says.

**When do I see that kind of dedication?”** Roberts Book of Rules” (known to veterans as “Roberts Book of Rules”) is a book that has been creating a greener and healthier region where people and wildlife thrive together.

As a result of the Backyard Habitat Certification Program, our urban area now boasts 4,500 backyard habitats; yards where program participants are controlling invasive weeds, planting native species, reducing/eliminating pesticides use, improving their onsite water management, and stewarding wildlife. Cumulative yards span more than 1,100 acres and act as a crucial network of habitat connectivity across an increasingly urbanized landscape.

For more information about the program or to start the certification process, visit https://bbsaudubonpartners.org or for more information on the Columbia Slough Project, please contact Micah Meskel, media@audubonportland.org or 971-222-6128.

**Woodlawn Neighborhood Meetup & Social Hour at Solera Lounge**

Wednesday, September 19, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM 1801 NE Alberta St

**Parking Lot**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

June - September

**Summer 2018**

Music, booths and food!

Volunteers are the lifeline of Peninsula Park

**Hey Neighbor!**

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**Hey Neighbor! SUMMER 2018**

**Community Collection Event**

HUMBOLDT NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION AND EMMANUEL TEMPLE CHURCH

Emmanuel Church, 1033 N Summer St. Anne Laborde, anne.laborde911@gmail.com

**BRING:**

Furniture, mattresses, kitchenware, lamps, clean Irans (sheets, blankets, towels, etc), fans, alarm clocks, cameras, clothes & medical gear.

Wood (no treated wood, logs and nails oil) and large branches, larvae in 5 ft lengths or longer (no nails), doors, usable building materials, sinks, Woodlawn & Fernhill,

Appliances, TVs, phones, computers, and anything with a cord.

**Humboldt Junk NOT ACCEPTED:**

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Part of port of Portland Land Trust
Volunteer to Help Your Neighbors

Metropolitan Family Service (MFS) is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to help people move beyond the limitations of poverty, inequality, and social isolation. MFS has delivered proven programs to help people succeed at home, in school, and in the community for over 67 years. We do so in partnership with fantastic volunteers. Join our wonderful volunteers and help your neighbors. We are looking for volunteers for three of our programs.

Want to help older adults and people experiencing disability?

Volunteer with our Benefits Outreach Center. This program improves awareness, access, and enrollment in services and entitlements for older adults and people living with disabilities in Multnomah County.

The Center screens clients for eligibility and assists clients with all steps of the application process. Volunteers assist participants in getting connected to critical financial benefits that will help them save money on groceries, prescription costs, Medicare premiums, co-pays, and their energy bills.

Do you drive?

Through a partnership with Ride Connection, Project Linkage (PL) delivers accessible transportation that supports more than a thousand older adults and people with disabilities in our community.

Our goal is to help people stay connected with the world and live comfortably in their homes. Project Linkage has a volunteer opportunity for you to provide safe, reliable transportation for older adults in our community. You can provide one or two rides per month or several per week. It's up to you. The ride you provide can make the difference in getting someone to a medical appointment, pharmacy or other vital destination.

Are you age 50 or older?

Become an Experience Corps volunteer mentor. AARP Experience Corps is an intergenerational program that focuses on helping children become great readers before finishing third grade. Working one-on-one and in small groups with young children in elementary schools, older adult mentors provide the needed support and attention for students to succeed.

Volunteer today or ask more questions by calling 503-290-9427 or emailing volunteer@mfs.email.

Experience Corps mentor Betty Jones helps a child with her reading.

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"you can visit the cuneiform tablet in Ipswich, Suffolk.

- 1224 BC – The Bronze Conclave, where they first elected a Secretary to record minutes (he was killed 12 minutes into the meeting after asking how to spell Thursday)
- 19 AD – Jesus assigns Mathew the task of writing the "Drafts Agendi" (Draft Agenda) at the Sermon on the Mount.
- 1986 CE – The colon edges out the semi-colons – is proclaimed ‘official clause separator’ (6 die in brutal wrestling match)

Just when you think the WNA is only interested in having a good time at their meetings, they show us what dedicated community stalwarts they truly are.

To view this miracle of milestones – join us at the next Woodlawn Neighborhood meeting, or, if you are trapped in your house, visit the Draft Agenda online at www.gowoodlawn.com.

Hey Neighbor! Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
3 Backyard __________ Certification Program
6 Along with lead, a toxin released during demolition
7 Vernon Dad __________
8 Metro __________ Services

DOWN
1 Chris __________ with Do Good Multnomah
4 Apprenticeship program, Green Hop __________
5 Peninsula Park __________ Garden
9 Cleaner __________ Oregon

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

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ask questions and for it to be okay to learn and to not know everything about cannabis is a huge piece for bringing more people of color in," Kennedy says. Their efforts were paying off: they were recently awarded a grant from the city of Portland to administer their program and on June 16th, Tupac Shakur’s birthday, Green Hop held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate their grand opening. At press time, their attendance sheet was impressive and listed City Commissioner Amanda Fritz, Mayor Ted Wheeler and Congressman Earl Blumenauer as attendees. Clearly, Crews and Kennedy are filling a need, and getting noticed: “Green Hop’s mission to promote community health and wellness, and increase economic opportunities for people of color is something the City of Portland wholeheartedly supports,” said Mayor Wheeler in a press release.

As they gear up for the grand opening, Crews and Kennedy are focusing on the day-to-day struggles of running a business, especially one with so many twists and turns. With annual licensing costs for a cannabis business exceeding $10,000, the hustle to stay afloat is neverending. But it’s all worth the struggle to build a business in the community that they grew up in."