In its 25th year, Good in the Hood (GITH) parade and weekend celebration will be held Friday through Sunday, June 23-25, 2017. This event brings together all elements of North and Northeast Portland.

This year GITH features DJ Price and Sam Thompson of the TOWN, as hosts. Friday evening will include a live performance by the Andy Stokes band.

Good in the Hood is the creative medium by which Portland residents, businesses and organizations can engage in music, food and resources while connecting people with experiences that strengthen unity in the community.

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“This is the festival weekend you do not want to miss. Our 25th annual will be the biggest community music festival in the Pacific Northwest,” GITH president, Shawn Penney said.

The highlight of this family friendly event is a community parade that will take place on Saturday, June 24, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., beginning at King Park (NE 7th and Going) and ending at Lillis Albina City Park (N. Flint St. and Russell St.)

If you’re a drill team, marching band or a community group and would like to participate in the 2017 Good in the Hood parade, email parade@goodnthehood.org.

The finest bands from the Pacific Northwest will perform in the Legacy Health Pavilion. Free health screens for the community will also be offered at the pavilion, plus free bike helmets.

Come sample the finest food our

Photos from past neighborhood cleanups

COMMUNITY COLLECTION

Events (formerly Neighborhood Cleanups) are a partnership between Neighborhood Coalitions, the City of Portland, and Metro in order to build capacity and invest in community, and advance equity, waste reduction and reuse.

They are organized to offer a wide range of Portland residents, including seniors and people with disabilities, with proper disposal of household bulky waste that often accumulates in the home and may otherwise be disposed inappropriately.

The events prioritize recycling and reuse over disposal.

Prohibited Items:

• hazardous waste
• construction, demolition and remodeling debris*
• kitchen garbage
• residential yard debris and trimmings
• waste and recyclables collected curbside
• commercial landscaping
• roofing
• waste not allowed at a regional transfer station*

*construction, demolition and remodeling debris covers asbestos-containing materials www.oregonmetro.gov/asbestosrules

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Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), founded in 1975, is an independent non-profit organization. NECN is one of seven neighborhood coalitions in Portland, which are primarily funded by the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement. NECN identifies and takes on hyper-local issues to increase neighborhood livability and civic engagement. NECN’s service area includes 11 neighborhoods in inner North/Northeast Portland: Alameda, Boise, Concordia, Eliot, Humboldt, Irvington, King, Sabin, Sullivan's Gulch, Vernon, and Woodlawn. Any person that resides or works in North/Northeast Portland can get directly involved!

**Who are we?**

**What do we do?**

**Policy Formation and Skill Building:** NECN convenes volunteers to take up issues and advocate, as well as build knowledge through trainings, events, and workshops.

**Fiscal Sponsorship and Grant Assistance:** NECN provides assistance for projects through funding, sponsorship, and marketing. NECN also awards grant monies to projects that improve the quality of life in North/Northeast Portland.

**Information, Referral, Connections:** NECN serves as a connecting point for residents, community organizations, Neighborhood Associations, and government agencies, as well as a reference point for questions.

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**Multnomah County Drainage District: Protecting our Levees**

The Multnomah County Drainage District, located between NE Columbia Blvd and Marine Drive, is a system of four districts charged with protecting lives and property from flooding. MCDD operates and manages a storm water and flood management system throughout the 1,200 acres of land along the Columbia Slough from Portland Boulevard in the west, near Smith and Bybee Lake all the way to Sandy River. The system consists of 27 miles of levees, 13 pump stations and 45 miles of ditches, sloughs, streams, and culverts.

The drainage district was created in 1917, to manage the 12,000 acre floodplain that makes up much of North and Northeast Portland. The original intention was to convert this land for farming and agriculture.

Construction of the levees began in the 1930s after a period of significant flooding and in 1948 in the aftermath of the Vanport Flood. Over time, land uses have changed but the desire to keep the area drained has stayed the same.

The MCDD maintained area also provides significant middle-income employment in the NECN district; many of which can be accessed with high school education.

**“FEMA requires that the levees be maintained to withstand the 1% annual chance of what is known as the 100-year flood”**

The Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) requires that the levees be maintained to withstand the 1% annual chance of what is known as the 100-year flood. The primary benefit for NECN residents and businesses is flood insurance protection, which is contingent upon levees being federally accredited.

Our bathhouse features a saltwater-chlorinated heated soaking pool with jets and a dry cedar sauna in an enclosed outdoor courtyard oasis. The spa area is all-gender and clothing-optional. We host over 20 independent health and wellness practitioners offering Naturopathy, Massage, Acupuncture and More... sessions can be combined with a soak and sauna.

Appointments are recommended. Please call 503-238-1065 to set up your visit. Explore more at cgwc.org
Hey Neighbor: How long have you been in this neighborhood?
Marcia Cole: I was born in Portland, my mother was of Irish descent from Canada and we grew up in S.E. in my early years. Being a hairstylist, one of my clients had gotten a good deal on this house and she was having trouble finding people who wanted to move in. I rented the house in May of ’76 and I purchased it in December of ’96.

During the ’80s, none of my friends hung out here, they would either drop me off or pick me up. There weren’t restaurants on Alberta like there are now. By the time crack cocaine infected the neighborhood, I had bullet holes in the back of my garage which I’m kind of proud of...we all lived through that, and we all tried to still be good neighbors.

What is sad about gentrification is many people who were displaced, were older than me, had owned their homes, stuck through all the horrible times and had to deal with the drive-bys. It is when taxes went up and they couldn’t re-finance, I feel concerned that many people who wanted to move in. I remember hearing all these men yelling at these kids “over there, over there” as where to find the hidden prizes.

It was a regular activity for years, the Easter egg hunt. During those times, there were many struggling low income families that appreciated the Easter egg hunt. These bikers would get these kids outside all day and every year. One can hear those big burly bikers on a megaphone as they fed the neighbors.

HN: Do you remember when there were other clubs in the neighborhood?
MC: My significant other was a founding member of a Biker club “Brothers Free”. Their club was predominantly Black but they allowed White members too. One thing they did was host an annual Easter egg hunt at Alberta Park. I remember hearing all these men yelling at these kids “over there, over there” as where to find the hidden prizes.

“During the ’80s, none of my friends hung out here, they would either drop me off or pick me up”}

Humboldt Neighborhood Association

The unique Humboldt Neighborhood is rich with history and soul. Our residents are multicultural and number over 5,000. Humboldt is the beating heart east of the city. Humboldt is also identified as a neighborhood with some of the highest gentrification and displacement statistics. With the anticipated growth in population, development within Humboldt is happening at an alarming rate! This issue is a primary concern & focus for involvement of neighbors & members of The Humboldt Neighborhood Association (HNA). We’re always looking for enthusiastic and passionate residents to join in preserving & building upon our history as we plan to improve the quality of our future neighborhood.

Hey Neighbor! A free publication by Northeast Coalition of Neighbors
Measuring Residential Displacement in Portland

By Colin Kent-Daggett

Gentrification became a crucial lens through which I viewed Portland after studying the history of Albina during high school. It became increasingly apparent after I left for college, as I see brand new buildings, boutiques, and bicycles everywhere I drive along Williams, Alberta, or Killingsworth. When my professor assigned an open-ended final project in my Geographic Information Systems class this fall, I decided to undertake a quantitative study of residential displacement in Portland to see if data would validate my perception of Portland’s dramatic changes.

I borrowed categories and methods from Berkeley and UCLA’s Urban Displacement project to measure residential displacement in two categories: gentrification and exclusion. Gentrification occurs when a working-class or vacant area is turned into a middle-class or commercial area, while exclusion occurs when upper-class neighborhoods become increasingly exclusive. The area that is gentrifying increasingly homogenous—both racially and economically.
**Events: Spring 2017**

### Institutional Equity: Tools and Frameworks for Leaders

**Thursday, April 6, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Resolutions Northwest – new location 2538 NE Broadway, Suite A (2nd floor)

By the year 2042, white people will become a minority in the United States of America. The context of the world is changing radically, and we are living the response to those changes in our communities and our workplaces. This training intends to empower individuals to take leadership, wherever you are, to ensure that the response to the cultural shift in our country is responsible, healthy, and just. People of any level of experience are welcome. The training will be highly interactive and will invite each of us to move through challenges and discomfort toward engagement, connection, and action. Learn more and register at www.resolutions-northwest.org/events/institutional-equity-3.

### Youth-led Climate Camp by HELP Portland/Create Plenty

**Friday, April 7, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Leaven Community/Salt & Light Lutheran Church 5431 Northeast 20th Avenue

Free event! HELP (High School Environmental Leadership Program) Portland is collaborating with YouCAN (Youth Climate Action Now) to present a youth-led camp to motivate and inspire children in grades 2-8 to learn about climate change and join a growing number of youth in passing a Climate Recovery Ordinance at City Hall.

For more information or to reserve a spot please visit: www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/youth-led-climate-camp-tickets-32006403013.

### 2017 Portland Spring Beer and Wine Fest

**Friday & Saturday, April 14-15, noon-10 p.m.**

Oregon Convention Center

The 23rd annual Portland Spring Beer and Wine Fest is happening April 14th and 15th at the Oregon Convention Center. Come enjoy beer, wine, spirits, cheese, chocolate and more! www.oregonbeer.org/events/2017/04/spring-beer-wine-fest-2017

### Spring Egg Hunt

**Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m.**

Fernhill Park Playground along NE 37th Ave.

The hunt begins at 10 a.m. SHARP! Don’t be late – it ends in a flash!

This event is sponsored by Concordia Neighborhood Association & American Legion Post 134.

**Movie Screening & Q&A: “Unprepared”**

**April 19th, 2017, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

Concordia University Student Event and Activities Center, Hagen Campus Center

The Concordia/Vernon/Woodlawn NET is hosting a showing of Unprepared (2015, OPB, 55 minutes)

“Scientists say there is a 1 - 3 chance that a magnitude 8 or 9 earthquake could strike the Northwest in the next 50 years. Unprepared examines the ways Oregon is - and isn't - prepared for what experts expect will be one of the greatest natural disasters ever to strike North America.”

The CVW NET team will be hosting a Q&A following the one hour long documentary.

For more information contact concordianets@gmail.com

### Earth Day Green Streets w/ Widmer Brothers Brewing and Surfrider Foundation

**Thursday, April 20, 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.**

929 N Russell St.

Free Event! Join the Green Streets crew this month as they team up with Widmer Brothers Brewing and their employees to clean up our streets! Hit the pavement early, meeting at 4pm at the Widmer brewery to kick things off. There will be food, drinks, laughs, and plenty of trash to be picked up! Come get in on the fun.

### Metro’s Earth Day Celebration

**Saturday, April 22, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

Lone Fir Cemetery

- SE 26th between Stark and Morrison

Oregon’s largest Earth Day event needs you! Pick your favorite park and join Metro rangers, neighbors and friends in a day of work and fun.

Gloves, tools, training and snacks are provided. Choose from projects at a variety of Metro sites, including Lone Fir Cemetery. For more information, visit oregonmetro.gov/calendar

Cost: free; advanced registration required

Ages: all ages

Level of difficulty: easy

**Portland “Breaking the Chain of Generational Poverty”**

Sunday afternoon, May 7 (time to be determined)

The Madeleine Parish, 3240 NE 23rd

The Interfaith Alliance on Poverty will host a presentation by Dr. Mandy Davis, LCSW, Co-Director and Trainer of Trauma Informed Oregon, Portland State University School of Social Work.

There are no “poor children.” But, there are children living without the critical resources needed to achieve normal development. Come for an afternoon exploring the role poverty plays in the lives of children and limits them to lower educational and economic outcomes. Learn ways we, as individuals, people of faith and faith communities can make a difference in their lives. Learn techniques and skills to be of more caring direct service. And, how we can help break the chain of generational poverty.

For more information, contact John Elizalde john_elizalde@hotmail.com

**Village Building Convergence 2017**

**June 2-11**

Volunteers needed across metro region! Natural building, permaculture, and street art opportunities.

For more information contact volunteer@cityrepair.org.

www.cityrepair.org

**Classes & Story Time at the Library**

Multnomah County libraries

Technology/Computer classes and help sessions; Story Time for babies, toddlers, children. For locations, dates and times, visit www.multco.lib.org/events or call 503-988-7924.

**Submit events to: events@necoalition.org**

### Block Party?

As the weather warms up for spring and summer, you must wonder... how can I throw a block party? Thinking of connecting to your neighbors but you are not sure where to get started?

Have no fear, the NE Coalition of Neighborhoods is here to help you!

Check out our website to learn more: www.necoalition.org/how-to/block-party.

Download “How to Throw a Block Party in 6 Easy Steps”.

Or call us at 503-388-5004. We are here to help!

**RESOURCE ALERT: Wood Chips!**

Residents- Are you looking for wood chips to provide mulch for your garden? Arborists- Are you looking for a place to take your removed tree? Visit www.chipdrop.in. Sign up to receive or give wood chips!
Boise Releaf Project

The Albina ReLeaf project is the first program of its kind in Portland, according to the Albina Neighborhood Tree Team (ANTT), and it has already served as a model for other Portland tree teams to begin helping low-income homeowners plant and maintain healthy trees in more areas around town.

The Albina ReLeaf project, part of the ANTT, is a fiscally sponsored project of NECN. With funding support from the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (www.emswo.org), the Albina ReLeaf project provides assistance to low-income homeowners by removing dead trees and replacing them strategically to minimize risk and increase biological diversity.

The ANTT reports that 54% of households in Boise are low income, which is above Portland’s average, and when the project began working in the Boise-Eliot neighborhoods, the Boise tree canopy cover was only at 21% of the area. Tree care can be an economic burden to property owners. In urban areas dying trees are a safety liability to homeowners.

Long term tree survival requires consistent investment in arborists, which can be a financial barrier for many, especially for fixed income seniors.

In 2014, the ANTT’s inventory of the neighborhoods’ 4500+ trees, completed with the help of Portland Parks and Recreation’s Urban Forestry program, revealed a lack of species and age diversity among the trees in the Boise-Eliot neighborhoods.

The dominant family of species belongs to the Rosaceae family, consisting mostly of Prunus (cherry and plum) and Acer (maple) genera, making this limited diversity of trees vulnerable to pests and pathogens in addition to the increasing impacts of a climate in flux. Maintaining a diverse mix of species ensures a forest’s (whether urban or rural) ability to protect its own health by disrupting the pathways for disease and pests to flourish.

While a conventional metric for evaluating forest health by measuring species diversity is the 10-20-30 rule: no more than 10% of one species, 20% of one genus and 30% of one family, the Albina ReLeaf project proposes that in the face of climate change and considering Portland’s temperate conditions that naturally welcome species diversity, a 5-10-20 practice, in line with more progressive forestry programs, should be the ideal goal.

To help the new trees get their best start, Depave (www.depave.org), a local nonprofit that specializes in recruiting volunteers to remove concrete, will assist by cutting out a strip of the concrete to widen tree wells and make more room at the base of the tree. This will prevent the roots from breaking up the sidewalk, another liability to pedestrian safety.

The Albina ReLeaf team members hope to expand this work to address the sidewalk repair from past trees, hopefully with permeable paving, which allows rainwater to be absorbed. This also alleviates the stormwater burdens on our city’s sewage system.

Learn and volunteer

The Albina Tree Team is looking to expand the ReLeaf program to adjoining neighborhoods and hold more events aimed at promoting a healthy urban forest. To learn more and sign up as a volunteer, please contact albinaneighborhoodtreeteam@gmail.com or visit www.albinatrees.org.

MLK Celebration

In Honor of MLK Jr.: It’s time to be blunt about Oregon’s “Progressive” past and present

By Anna Daggett

On January 15th, at an MLK Jr. Celebration Mayor Wheeler described Oregon’s racist past: “The 1857 Oregon Constitution explicitly excluded black people from living in Oregon. There were 20,000 KKK members in Portland in 1920. During WWII, Portland wanted black workers, but didn’t want black neighbors. Vanport was created outside of the city limits for a reason...18,000 people were displaced by the Vanport floods, 25 percent of whom were black.”

Wheeler hadn’t planned to focus on Oregon’s exclusionary past during his speech. He had come with a written speech, but admitted to the crowd that he rewrote it while others were speaking in order to reflect their perspectives.

One of those leaders that Wheeler listened to was NACCP Portland Chapter President, Jo Ann Hardesty. Hardesty illuminated the outcomes of progressiveivism: “We are not living in a time where liberalism passes for equality. When you look at the outcomes, we don’t live in a progressive state. Our first order of business is we have to tell the truth. As I get older, I have less patience for pretend liberals and people that accept the status quo as it is.”

The Southern Poverty Law Center recently published an analysis of hate crimes reported within the first 10 days after Trump was elected. With 33 hate crimes reported, Oregon ranked 1st in hate crimes per capita. How could such a “progressive” state reflect such regressive behavior?

It’s time to be blunt about Oregon’s “progressive” past and present. What does progressive continue in Portland?

Many young liberals from across the nation have flocked to Portland for its relatively cheap prices and “progressive” culture: music, art, bike lanes, restaurants and access to the outdoors. Developers have sold off lots for a liberal haven. Consequently, the city is rapidly gentrifying, and affordable housing is increasingly rare.

Instead of empowering our most vulnerable community members, progressivism has pushed them out.

We need to focus on being radical, less on being progressive. One aspect is recognizing all of our privileges; race, gender, age, physical, or class related, and using them to advocate for community members who have less privilege or access to institutional support.

At the MLK Jr. Celebration, Wheeler locked eyes with Hardesty. Wheeler ensured that he would advocate for her, in recognition of the fact that she does not have access to the same decision-making spaces that he does.

Our Mayor asked the crowd: “Can we celebrate and embrace pluralism in this community in the toughest political environment? Are we willing to be deliberate in our defense of our values? You can’t stand in the middle. It’s on one side or the other. We stand on the side of justice. Pretty words. Tough actions. We have to fight for pluralism.”

Are we willing to hold Wheeler and other officials accountable for their pretty words? Let us redefine what progressive means in Portland. Let us make radical demands in defense of our neighbors and families and those who have less privilege than we do.

In the words of Dr. LeRoy Hayes of the Albina Ministerial Alliance’s Coalition for Justice and Police Reform, “There is a present state of insurgency and turning back the clock. We must go forward. We must keep advancing the dream, a community of beloved justice.”

Anna Daggett graduated from Lewis & Clark in 2014 with a B.A. in History, currently works as an educator in St. John’s and lives in the Eliot Neighborhood.
By Garlynn Woodsong

O
ing day, my son and I will pack our panniers and jump on our trusty bi-
cycles. We will ride south from the Concordia neighborhood, down the Alameda Ridge, through Irving-
town, and down into Sullivan's Gulch, where we will turn left onto the Rose Quarter to Gorge (RO2G) trail.

We'll ride for a few hours east on the trail, passing through the new Gateway Green. We'll follow a tree-lined path adjacent to I-84, through Troutdale, and onto a new grade-separated pathway running through the forest uphill from the freeway, through and over new pedestrian/bicycle tunnels and bridges. We'll thread a needle through the topography of the Gorge, until finally, we pull into a new initiative to link the Sullivan's Gulch Trail Project with the Historic Columbia River Highway Trail project. The goal is to provide a continuous pathway from downtown Portland to downtown Hood River (and then, on to The Dalles) via a near-water-level passage through the Columbia River Gorge.

The second phase of the Cascadia High Speed Rail projects (the first phase of which is the north-south line from Oregon to British Columbia) will extend east-west from the Oregon Coast to Boise, Idaho. Trains will inter-line with other traffic on the existing, newly-electrified transcontinental rail main lines to points east.

Together, these two visions could be part of our generation's legacy, transforming our state and our bioregion, strengthening the economy, and laying the foundation for sustainable growth well into the second half of the 21st century.

NECN has taken many positions in support of this vision, dating back at least as far as the organization's support for High Speed Rail and the Sullivan's Gulch Trail, during the Adams administration in 2011 and 2012, respectively. This past summer, NECN again expressed support for this vision in a letter to Mayor Hales and the City Council in August 2016. Our organization, all of us as neighbors, want to turn this vision into reality.

If you're interested in helping with this effort, please drop a line to RO2G@necoalition.org. Garlynn Woodsong is co-chair of NECN's Land Use & Transportation committee.