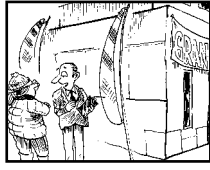
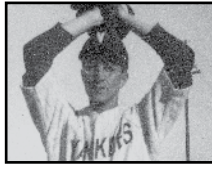


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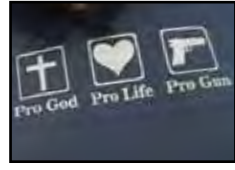
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Café Nell crushes COVID

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

The pandemic has been a full-service plague on Portland restaurants, but at least one local restaurant has made the most of the circumstances.

Café Nell at 1987 NW Kearney St. has expanded its seating capacity and footprint, turning a former parking lot into wall-to-wall tenting while also taking advantage of relaxed COVID-related rules to build covered dining platforms in the street.

Neighbors estimate that the restaurant, which has an indoor seating capacity of 49, now has more than 100 outdoor seats. Propane heaters provide each table with warmth, backed up by an industrial-grade natural gas furnace. In tandem, they keep patrons, in the words of reviewers, "super-toasty" and warm enough to remove one's cashmere sweater.

The furnace also emits noise,

which particularly troubles the family whose home abuts Café Nell on two sides.

"In addition, there is a separate Bluetooth speaker inside the outdoor lounge," said Renee Mercado, who lives with her husband and three children directly north of the

restaurant. "This speaker plays a separate soundtrack and is turned up so that when all 70-plus diners are talking, they can still hear the music. This speaker reverberates between the buildings and into our bedrooms.

"It's putting the neighbors through

absolute hell and bedlam," she told the NW Examiner.

Some neighbors have pointed stereos outward to blare their own music in retaliation. Bedlam indeed.

Scarlett Wise, whose home is

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Renee Mercado, second from left, with her children, Angelo, Sofia and Gabriella, cope with a figurative three-ring circus in their backyard.

Coalition takes turn, seeks OK after fact

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Neighbors West-Northwest hired a consultant to help update its mission a year ago.

A retreat of the neighborhood coalition's board last January led to a brainstorming session and formation of a Visioning Committee. After meeting two or three times, the committee proposed no plan of action, the chair finally apologizing for "dropping the ball."

NWNW Executive Director Mark Sieber remains undaunted. Last month, as he proposed another retreat with a different facilitator, the board balked at a redux.

"The last one didn't work, so let's try it again?" scoffed board member Walter Weyler, who considered the 2020 retreat "a waste of time."

"Can we just talk about our direction?" Weyler asked.

Board member Steve Pinger agreed, suggesting that the board could consider revisions of its mission statement at its monthly meetings.

"These are board issues, not visioning issues," Pinger said.

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Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty

Did mayor short-circuit investigation of Civic Life?

Questions linger as different commissioner assesses the troubled bureau

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Mayor Ted Wheeler could have known the consequences had he given the Office of Community & Civic Life to Mingus Mapps, who was fired from Civic Life in 2019 and ran for City Council on a platform to reform the bureau.

Mapps was outspoken about his intention to clean house at Civic Life, which he expected would be assigned to him.

Instead, Wheeler appointed Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty, who had not requested the

bureau and was surprised to get it.

Hardesty told the NW Examiner last month that she does not yet know what changes may be needed, including whether to retain Director Suk Rhee.

"I've made no decisions one way or another," Hardesty said. "I just got the bureau 10 days ago."

Did Wheeler hand Civic Life to Hardesty to scuttle the shakeup Mapps had in mind?

Predictably, Wheeler's staff brushed off the

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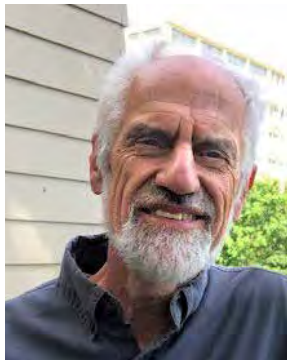


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We'll get back to you

An old political cartoon on global warming entailed a series of frames noting that it was "too soon" to take corrective action. The last frame read simply, "too late."

The lesson applies to neighbors contesting development proposals. Sooner is always better. If neighbors rely on disingenuous assurances that there will be many future opportunities to speak up, they are too late to the party.

Building plans have their own momentum. Every day that passes makes the plan harder to change, for psychological reasons as much as the capital costs piling up before construction can begin.

Preliminary architectural renderings can be modified with a few strokes at a computer, but even preliminary images are based on calculations of building size, unit count and revenue projections—factors tied to financial feasibility that are not so easily recast.

If neighborhood activists are wise to weigh in early, it follows that developers find it strategic to get through preliminary stages quickly and quietly before opposition jells.

Unico Properties LLC, the Seattle-based developer of Montgomery Park and the surrounding 18 acres, is playing the "too soon, too late" game on our neighborhood. Unico bought the property in



sharing the company's latest thinking combined with local knowledge, would be superior in many ways to one handed down from above.

Unico gets some points for including selected neighbors for input, but such representatives can do their best work when they can fully share development proposals with neighbors and have conversations.

I've been tracking development presentations for most of my life, and I still can't imagine half of their weaknesses or possible pitfalls at first blush. After covering a few robust discussions and bouncing thoughts off a range of neighbors, though, I can get much closer to a useful critique. This process is time-consuming, but should not be circumvented. And it can only begin after the developer shares images and details. You can't react to a pile of mush and platitudes.

Oregon's historic land-use system requires every city and county to develop a comprehensive plan for their future. It's called a land-use system, though land-use planning is actually only its second-highest priority. Goal number one is citizen involvement.

When citizens are engaged in the welfare and direction of their communities, the investors, experts, politicians and pundits can do their jobs so much better. For feedback to function, you have to feed it something. ■

April 2019 and five months later its publicist advised me, "It's far too premature in the planning process for Unico to share any information about Montgomery Park at this time. I will update you when we do."

In January 2020, the publicist still had nothing to say.

"We don't have any official project updates or confirmed details to share at this time, but once we do, I'll be sure to let you know."

By last July, I was pretty sure they knew what they wanted to do. They had held private design conferences with various stakeholders, including two from the Northwest District Association,

to critique their plans. The participants were bound to secrecy, however, so I asked the project manager, who merely directed me to the same "say nothing" publicist.

By December, I asked about a rendering shown briefly at a neighborhood meeting and then pulled back. It showed a pedestrian bridge to Forest Park.

"The concept of the bridge is just a very early concept at this time," my old friend the publicist wrote. "As such, we don't have an image."

I finally obtained the renderings from another source and told Unico I would print them in the January edition.

That maneuver extracted a comment, though only one saying the bridge idea was tentative.

Our publishing of the bridge pictures may have served Unico's purpose by whetting appetites and stirring public excitement. Auto manufacturers used to tease the public with blurry glimpses of the next year's models. No great harm was done, other than perhaps stirring unattainable desires in the minds of car-crazy males.

Unico's disclosure dance is a solo act, conducted for its private advantage. Perhaps that's all we should expect. But a process genuinely respecting the community,

Readers Reply

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Poison idea

Thank you for some needed balance in this PC-overdriven world ["Vision for Sale," January Editor's Turn]. You have identified a poison idea seed in your editorial that can eat worthy organizations from the inside out. It seems to be proliferating elsewhere too.

Keep up your good work. Fresh air is getting harder to find these days,

and never more in need than now.
Stephen Gerould
SW Dosch Road

People's park

Thanks to Fred Leeson for writing his article, "State Official Supports South Park Blocks Historic Status" [January 2021]. He captured the importance of this series of 12 blocks intentionally designed 150 years ago on land donated

for "the people's park." The original design, with five rows of tall deciduous trees planted in axial alignment with open space below the canopy, endures today.

As a neighbor of this park, I can note that it is the only place residents in the nearby neighborhood can find respite. COVID has spotlighted the South Park Blocks as a critical, unprogrammed green space where we can escape the

chaos and hard downtown environment. Thanks to its simple design, it has been used for ethnic weddings, farmers markets, arts events, private meditation groups, kindergarten children playing, graduations, workers lunching and picnics. We take long walks under the arching canopy of tall trees, which can be like a meditation.

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Nancy Black



Nancy Black, a Goose Hollow resident, died Dec. 29 of cancer at age 88. Nancy Salt was born Aug. 11, 1932, in Columbus, Ohio. Her family moved to Portland in 1935. She attended the University of Washington and the University of California, Berkeley. She worked for many years as a medical secretary/transcriber. She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Junior League of Portland, Town Club and Multnomah Athletic Club. She was a member of Gov. Robert Straub's Committee of Development Disability and a past board member of the Epilepsy League of Portland. She is survived by her husband, Harvey Black; son, S. Charles Jagger; stepson, Harvey Black III; stepdaughters, Anne Dokken and Caren Deardorf; and five grandchildren. She was predeceased by her daughter, Karen Jagger.

Joyce A. Hollingsworth



Joyce Hollingsworth, who attended St. Patrick Grade School and Lincoln High School, died Jan. 2 at age 85. She attended Portland State University and retired from Oregon State Economic Development Agency. She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Dennis Hollingsworth; daughters, Shannon Atchison, Sheri McCormack and Kelly Murray; and six grandchildren.

Anne Munro



Anne Munro, who was active in local civic affairs, died Dec. 31 of an aortic aneurysm at age 78. Anne Jubitz was born Aug. 30, 1942, in Portland. She attended Raleigh Hills Elementary School, Beaverton High School and graduated from Catlin Gabel School in 1961. She received a degree in occupational therapy from Colorado State University in 1967. She married David Munro in 1967. She was an outstanding swimmer and accomplished pho-

tographer and calligrapher. She was a longtime member of the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, where she served on the altar guild and was a lay minister. She volunteered at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center for many years. She was a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club. She is survived by her husband, David; daughters, Laurie Bird and Sally Williams; brothers, Monroe Albin "Al" Jr. and Frederick; and stepsiblings, David M. Lawrence, H. Abbott Lawrence and Anne Gonzalez; and two grandchildren.

Dr. Michael Borzy



Dr. Michael Steven Borzy, a Northwest Westover Road resident for 34 years and member of St. Mary's Cathedral, died Dec. 22 at age 73. He was born Feb. 26, 1947,

in Cleveland. He attended John Hopkins University Medical School, where he did pediatrics training. He married JoAnn in 1971 and they had three children. In the 1980s, the family moved to Portland, where he was head of the Pediatric Immunology and Rheumatology at Doernbecher Children's Hospital and Shriners' Hospital until his retirement. Most recently, he lived in Vancouver, Wash. He is survived by his wife, Jo Ann; sons, Michael and Charlie; daughter, Kate; sister, Mary Takacs; and five grandchildren.

Marilyn Youngman



Marilyn Youngman, a Catlin Gabel School graduate, died Jan. 1 at age 95. Marilyn Truby Crawford was born Jan. 12, 1925, in Portland. She married Frank N. Youngman Jr. in 1944, and they lived in Portland, where she was active in Junior League of Portland, Portland Art Museum, Boys & Girls Aid Society, the Portland Garden Club, the Multnomah Athletic Club, the Racquet Club and St. Thomas More Parish. She is survived by her husband, Frank; daughters, Beth Baylin, Patricia Smith and Marilyn Blick; sons, Frank, James and John; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Her daughter, Susan Long, predeceased her in 1992.

Zigfield A. 'Zak' Klatthammer



Zigfield Alice "Zak" Klatthammer, who attended Friendly House Preschool, Chapman Elementary School and Lincoln High School, died Dec. 31 at age 57. John Michael Rathe was born Oct. 29, 1963, and changed his name at age 18. He lived in Hawaii, Florida, California and the Portland area, and worked as a residential landscaper and was taught by renowned botanist Jerome Dimitman. He was part of the emerging gay bar scene in Portland in the 1980s and worked to counteract bullying against gay people around the Pink Triangle District between Southwest Stark and West Burnside streets. He is survived by his sister, Karen Rathe; and brothers, Jay, Chris and Eric.

David F. Wrench



David F. Wrench, a resident of Willamette Heights for 30 years, died Jan. 5 at age 88. He was born in 1932, in Ann Arbor, Mich. He received a doctorate from the University of North Carolina and taught social psychology at Portland State University from 1966-1995. He authored "Psychology; A Social Approach," published by McGraw Hill. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, Paul; and daughter, Jaime Sanders. His son Thomas died in 2006.

Rev. Canon Jack Hilyard

Rev. Canon Jack Lee Hilyard, a longtime resident of Northwest 20th Avenue, died Dec. 28 of pneumonia at age 87. He was born Feb. 11, 1933, in Meacham and grew up in Pendleton, where he graduated from high school. He received a bachelor's degree in art from the University of Northern Colorado in 1954. He married Jane Adele Zack in 1955. He received a master's of divinity at Church Divinity School of the Pacific in Berkeley, Calif. He was ordained an Episcopal priest in 1959, and served at several parishes in Oregon and for Campus Ministry at the University of Oregon and at Mich-

igan State University. From 1973-95, he was director of Christian education for the Diocese of Oregon. He then cofounded the Abbot of Trinity's Cornerstone Benedictine Community. He and his life partner, David Druse, hosted many parties and provided hospitality to those in need at their home. He is survived by his daughter, Karen Whitefield; son, Kirk; and his six grandchildren.

Death Notices

BEVERLY BOYSEN CAMERON, 90, a longtime resident of Northwest Germantown Road.

LILLIAN A. FEDERIGHI, 93, a 1945 graduate of Lincoln High School.

THOMAS J. GAVIN, 91, Multnomah Athletic Club member.

FR. FRANK KNUSEL, 79, former priest at St. Patrick's Church.

MARY F. MEYER, 92, graduated from Lincoln High School.

RICHARD P. OTTAVIANO, 75, member of First United Methodist Church.

RICHARD NEWMAN, 80, worked for Gunderson in Northwest Portland.

JAMES A. SCHLUETER, 87, worked for Consolidated Freightways for 35 years.

TODD G. ANDERSON, 59, born at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center.

JEROME NEWMARK, 64, member of Congregation Beth Israel.

PAULA LEWIS, 100, a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club.

JOYCE I. MOORMAN, 94, attended St. Helens Hall (now the Oregon Episcopal School).

LILY L. PIENOVI, 90, nursing assistant at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center.

BONITA "BONNIE" L. PETERSON, 88, graduate of Lincoln High School.

DOROTHY JEWITT ROSE, 88, worked at the Marshall Street Ice Arena.

THANE TIENSON, 74, a longtime resident of Northwest Irving Street.

ALBERT Y. WONG, 85, part owner of Tuck Lung grocery store in Chinatown.

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Left: Paveskovich family circa 1928. Back row: Papa Jakov Paveskovich (L-R), the priest of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Mama Marija Paveskovich, Anna and Tony. Front row: Vince, Johnny, Millie and Catherine.

Right: Vince Pesky at Sand Point Naval Air Station dance with the Jive Bombers band during World War II.



Far left: Pesky throwing a screwball at Lincoln High School, circa 1940.

Left: Johnny, Tony and Vince, circa. 1943

Above right: Pesky at Regency Park in 2016.

BY DONALD R. NELSON

Northwest Portland icon Vince Pesky passed away on Jan. 3 at age 99.

I first met him 20 years ago when interviewing him for a NW Examiner article about the old Marshall Street Ice Arena.

I interviewed him in 2014 regarding the 125th anniversary of the parochial school operated by St. Patrick Catholic Church. That's when he introduced me to his friends from St. Patrick School, who continued to meet once a month for what they called the Slabtown Boys Breakfast.

Pesky sent me on an "archeological dig" that year in the basement of his house on Northwest Overton, where he had lived most of his adult life. He had just moved into Regency Park Assisted Living and Memory Care Center on Southwest Barnes Road, and I was invited to sort through his memorabilia for photos of Vince and his brothers, Johnny and Tony, for another article. I would bring photos to him two or three times a week and record his memories.

Vincent J. (Pesky) Paveskovich was the son of Croatian immigrants Jakov and Marija Paveskovich. The rest of the family included Marko, who died young; Anna, known as Anne; Tony, Catherine, Millie and Johnny. Johnny, who played and coached in a 61-year career with the Boston Red Sox, legally changed his last name to Pesky on the advice of The Oregonian sports writer L.H. Gregory. Vince and Tony also identified as Pesky but did not make the change legally.

Vince was a baseball enthusiast from an early age. He credited the nuns at St. Patrick for fostering his

interest in sports. He was a fixture around the Vaughn Street Ballpark, where he bagged peanuts, picked up seat cushions and served as a batboy for the Portland Beavers.

While closing windows at the ballpark in 1934, Vince fell, breaking both arms. His sister Catherine took care of him during his recovery, a favor he returned by caring for her in her later years.

As a right-handed pitcher, Vince felt the healed arm put extra hop on his pitches. He played baseball at Lincoln High School, class of 1940, and the University of Portland in 1941 and 1942. Local newspapers noted his success in an all-star tournament at Jantzen Beach and speculated that the slumping Beavers could have used him.

Pesky joined the Navy in 1942, serving at Naval Air Stations in Pasco and Seattle. He also played on the baseball teams at the bases.

He performed as the witty master of ceremonies at the Sand Point Naval Air Station dances in Seattle, backed by a small ensemble, the Jive Bombers, who were part of a larger all-Black orchestra.

Pesky finished his bachelor's degree at the University of Portland in 1948, then signed with the New York Yankee organization, which assigned him to their Ventura, Calif., minor league affiliate. The next year he was with the Victoria Athletics. He coached the University of Portland baseball team and managed the Calgary Buffaloes in 1950. He continued to play semipro ball until the early 1960s.

Pesky taught at Irvington Elementary School in the early 1950s was a teacher at Lincoln High School for a year in 1955. He attained his master

of education degree at University of Portland in 1956 and then became a teacher and coach at Jefferson High School, serving with Tom DeSylvia and Andy Pienovi until 1960.

He was the fourth teacher hired in 1960 at the new John Marshall High School, where he was a physical education teacher and baseball coach for several years. He later became an administrative assistant, a position equivalent to vice principal. His genial nature made him a favorite among students. He retired in 1987.

Pesky was a longtime member and a past president of Old Timer's Baseball Association of Portland. He also was a member and past president of the Ex-Newsboys Association.

Many Marshall High School students visited him in his later years.

"Mr. Pesky was the cool adult of my teen years," said Juanita (Martzolf) Speer, class of 1969.

He was interviewed by fellow Croatian, Stephanie Kravevich, for FOX 12's "More Good Day Oregon" television show in 2018.

He told her his secret to living a long life was "homemade bread and Croatian wine."

"He had a wonderful sense of humor and a generous heart too," Kravevich said.

Pesky is survived by his nephew, David Pesky, and grandnephew Patrick.

He was known as Uncle Vince by the Benevento family, descendants of Beavers groundskeeper Rocky and his son Dick. ■



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implication.

"The assignment of the OCCL, and all other bureaus, leverages commissioners' talents and skills to ensure all commissioners are working collaboratively and with urgency toward a more just, resilient future," wrote mayoral spokesperson Tim Becker.

But three bureaus controlled by Wheeler worked furtively last year to head off an independent investigation of Civic Life management in response to an "unprecedented" number of employee grievances. City Ombudsman Margie Sollinger apologized to employees who came forward after the City Attorney's office, the Bureau of Human Resources and the Office of Management and Finance subverted the investigation Sollinger was about to announce last August:

"The city agreed to our recommendation and had been working to secure a third-party to conduct the review. Unfortunately, late last week I learned that the review has not been designed as I expected and its purpose has changed to the point that I don't believe it will be responsive to the many allegations you raised.

"Rather than being employee-centered, it instead appears to be intended as a tool to help management achieve the organization's goals.

"Given what I've heard from many of you, I am skeptical that Civic Life can succeed in transformative organizational change without first undertaking a process to redress all of the harm done, including holding accountable anyone found to have engaged in unethical, improper or other misconduct."

The three bureaus that turned the investigation into a management tool each pointed to other parties as responsible when questioned by the Examiner last year. Asceta LLC, a Portland firm selected by former Civic Life Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, has sent a questionnaire to employees. There is still no word on when the report, earlier announced to wrap up this month, will be completed.

If the mayor's office was either guiding or tolerating the machinations necessary to turn the targets of an investigation into its beneficiaries (if not its controllers), why would Wheeler not go to the same place in his selection of the commissioner in charge of Civic Life? The appointment leaves no fingerprints: No explanations or justifications are required when bureau assignments are handed out, and no controversies over the Civic Life assignment have surfaced in the news media.

Same goals

Although Hardesty and Eudaly were often allies on

council and Hardesty supports the goals of greater diversity and inclusion in the city's citizen engagement program, the new commissioner of Civic Life disapproved of the way those goals were pursued. That process was widely panned for holding public hearings on transformational changes to the city code governing the purpose of the bureau without notifying the city's neighborhood associations.

Eudaly conceded the mistake after a trusted community leader, Kathleen Saadat, advised her that greater inclusion of marginalized people could not be achieved "by intimidating, ignoring and discouraging one group in order to establish or expand another."

At a City Council hearing in 2019 on changes in City Code 3.96, Hardesty drew a red line.

"I won't support anything that divides our community any further," she said. "How do we build power together?"

Still, Hardesty wants to make her own assessment of Civic Life and its director. She noted that the \$127,000 Asceta contract is being managed by the City Attorney's Office, which gives her confidence in its independence.

She confirmed that she had heard some employees feared retribution and therefore have been reluctant to reveal their thoughts regarding working conditions. She plans to work with the employee's union and hold an all-staff meeting to help form her own opinion of the situation.

Even before her diagnosis is complete, one thing is clear to her about Civic Life: "It should run a lot better." ■



Suk Rhee remains director of the Office of Community & Civic Life even after an "unprecedented" number of employee grievances were filed in her first four years at the helm.

**"I am skeptical that Civic Life can succeed ... without first undertaking a process to redress all of the harm done, including holding accountable anyone found to have engaged in unethical, improper or other misconduct."
— City Ombudsman Margie Sollinger**

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My neighborhood has one of the highest densities of affordable and missing-middle housing in the city, so the preservation of this simple design and its resulting flexibility is also an equity issue. The park's designation on the National Register is long overdue.

Wendy Rahm
SW 10th Ave.

Why not Mapps?

I am still mystified by the failure to assign the Office of Community & Civic Life to Mingus Mapps, especially since my expectation that he would be assigned to the job was the main reason I voted for him. I have little faith in Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty's ability to turn things around.

Page Stockwell
NW Irving St.

Partnership charade

Let me get this straight: Unico is trying to sell the public on paying for appropriation of part of our dedicated public space in order to enhance the marketability and profitability of their private development? ["Bridge to Forest Park appeals to Montgomery Park developer," January.] How about they build an urban oasis for their well-heeled buyers using their own property and profits? Developers need to

stop the public-private "partnership" charades and stop taking what little public land has been left for the masses.

Kari Fredericksen
Posted: nwexam.wixsite.com

Quality Pie remembered

Oh, the memories ["Fryer's Quality Pie Shop: Of characters and cream pies," January]. I actually remember this article from back in the day. I was one of those AA kids who would hang out there and yeah, we called it our clubhouse. I never actually read the article firsthand until now, but people spoke of it a number of times when talking about the odd collection of people who would come through. Thanks so much for posting this. Those were certainly interesting times. I miss that place.

John Rodgers
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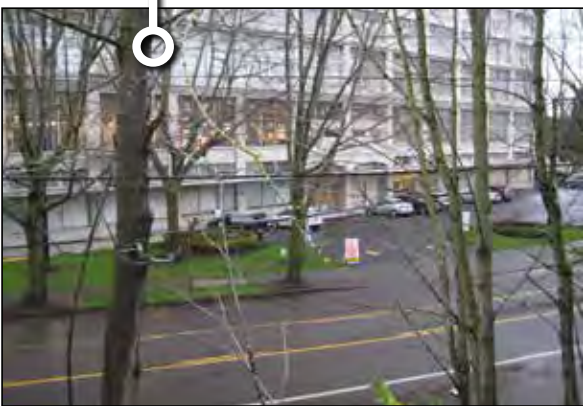
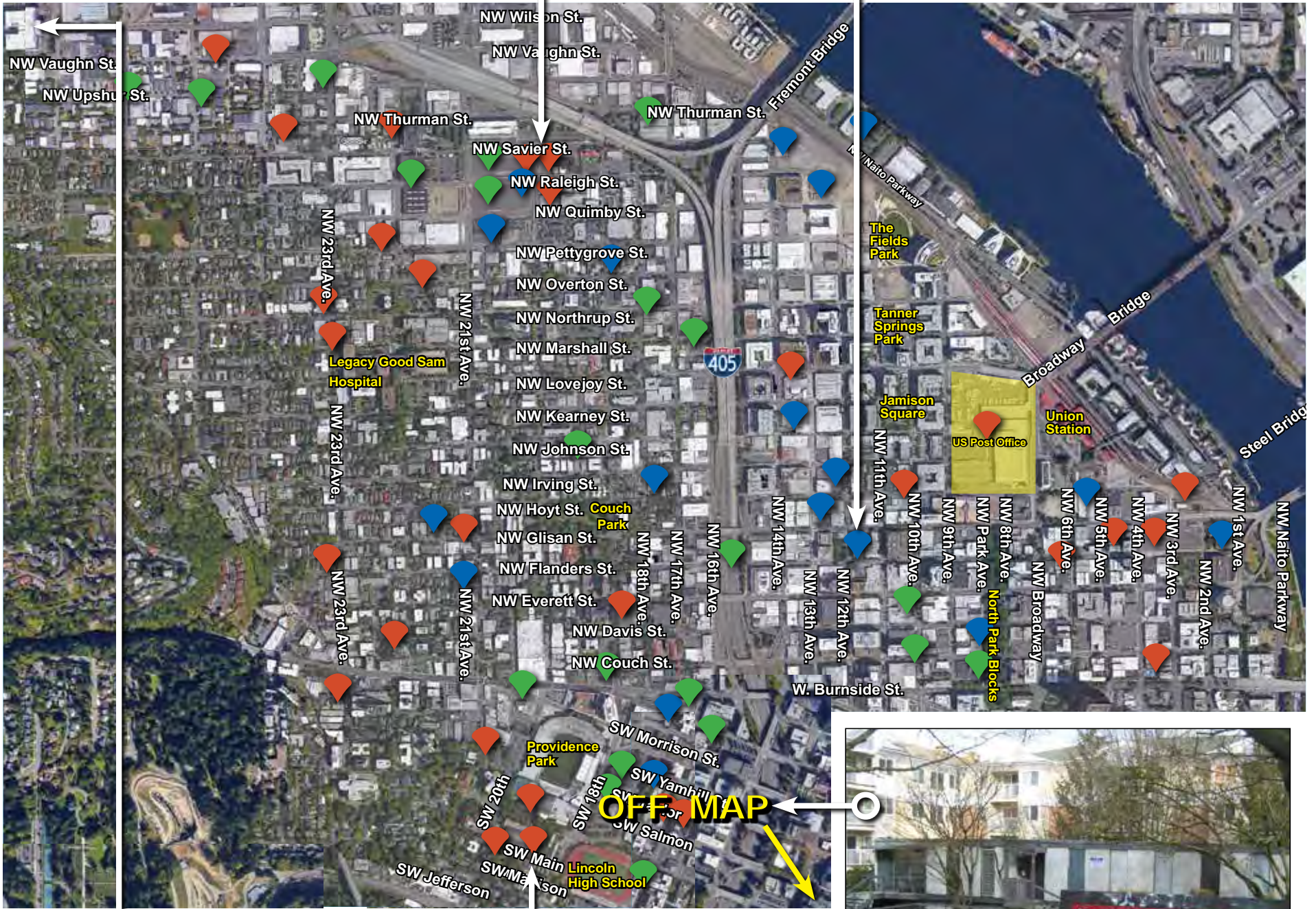
BLOCKS 261-262

National developer Lennar Corp. is bankrolling mixed-use buildings straddling Northwest Savier Street at 20th Avenue just west of St. Patrick's Church. Five- and six-story buildings having 138 and 214 residential units with off-street parking and some retail are planned. A 30-foot wide pocket park to create extra space from the church is proposed, but Northwest District Association representatives fear the new structure would still overshadow the 131-year-old landmark.



HYATT PLACE

City Council unanimously denied an appeal by Portland Neighbors for Integrity in Design last month, paving the way for construction of a 23-story Hyatt Place hotel and short-term rentals tower at Northwest 12th and Flanders. Mayor Ted Wheeler said greater urban density is the tradeoff made for the urban growth boundary while commissioners Dan Ryan and Mingus Mapps wondered whether current codes and policies have gone too far.



MONTGOMERY PARK

Unico Properties plans minimal changes to the south side of Montgomery Park, which is a mistake in the minds of several on the Northwest District Association Planning Committee. The neighborhood representatives say the south entrance faces the residential district and is diminished by the small parking lot between the building and the sidewalk. The project is in the early stages of design review.



MODERA MAIN STREET

Goose Hollow residents are taking their objections to a 16-story apartment building on a block owned by the Multnomah Athletic Club between Southwest 19th, 20th, Main and Madison streets to trustees of the club. MAC has an agreement with Mill Creek Residential Trust to transfer ownership of the block in return for 225 parking spaces in an underground garage. Without fees or restrictions on its use, neighbors say the additional spaces will increase parking demand and undermine the club's mission.

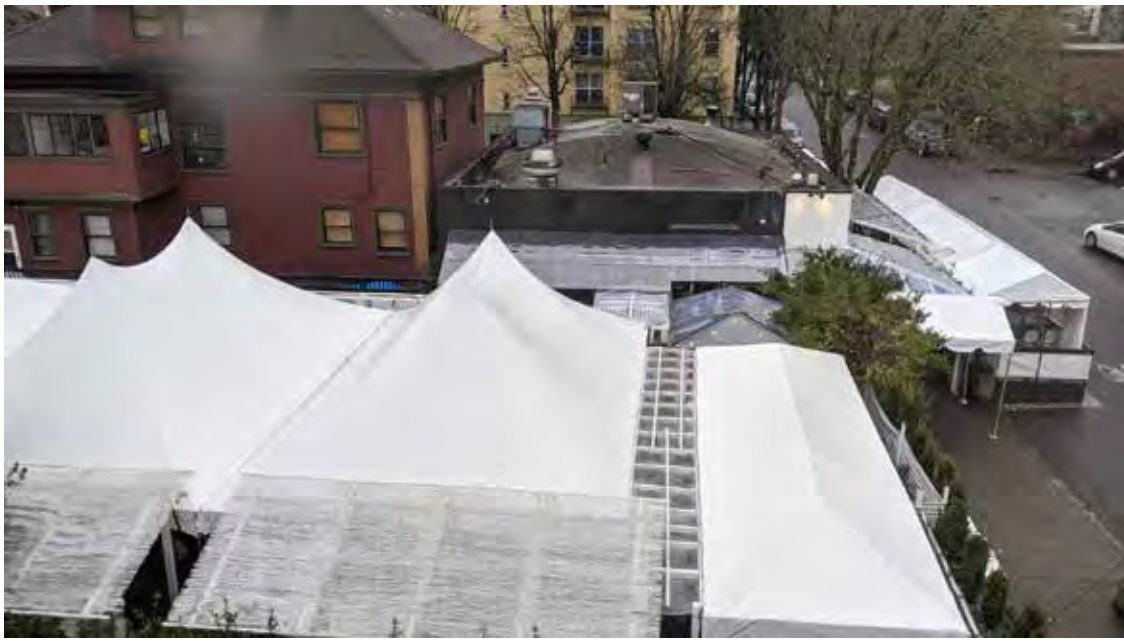


1541 SW MARKET ST.

A preapplication conference has been scheduled to explore construction of a nine-story affordable housing project at 1541 SW Market St. next to the freeway. A nonconforming office building erected in 1964 would have to be demolished.



For an interactive and continually updated version of this map, visit: NextPortland.com
Also see the development map maintained by the Goose Hollow Foothills League: goosehollow.org/images/GooseHollowDevelopmentMap.pdf



Upper left: Tents and structures cover the parking lot and street on three sides around Café Nell.

Upper right: Café Nell's outdoor speaker and light, which remains on all night, caused the Wise family to abandon a child's bedroom and sleep on the other side of the house.

Far left: Scarlett Wise and her daughters, Beatrix and Pamela.

Left: The city noise control officer found this industrial grade natural gas furnace to exceed the noise limit for residential zones by 15 decibels.

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hemmed in on two sides by the restaurant, said, "We ... live through pure hell. Music, high-powered machines and crowds of people 12 to 14 hours per day, seven days per week.

"I took my daughters to stay with family for the weekend and dreaded returning home. My ears are ringing, and I am not able to focus when I am in the house.

"My daughter has a learning disability and is suffering from headaches, and her ears are also ringing. She is having a terrible time focusing on her schoolwork under these conditions.

"We have moved out of our bedrooms and are bunking on the other side of the house. We pray for 11 p.m. to arrive each day so we can get some rest," Wise said.

Calls to Café Nell owner Vanessa Preston have been "completely ignored," she said. "I have called the city crying my eyes out on two separate occasions. Nothing has been corrected."

Preston did not respond to offers to comment on this story.

Mercado has also been complaining, beginning last June. By January, she became so frustrated with inaction that she blasted about a dozen city officials with a three-page accounting of grievances City Hall could no longer ignore.

City responds

Mercado was pleased to get a thorough response in late January from Jill Grenda, supervising planner with the Portland Bureau of Development Services.

Grenda's four-page email noted several things amiss. Because Cafe Nell is on a residentially zoned parcel, it is only allowed to continue operating there if it does not expand or intensify its activity. The business rents a parking lot behind the property, and this

space is now fully covered by a tent and lean-tos.

"Expanding the restaurant use into that parking lot would not be allowed without an approved Nonconforming Situation Review," Grenda wrote. No such permission has been sought.

Mercado registered an official zoning violation complaint in late January.

Complaints to Portland Fire & Rescue that the gas-powered heater is a fire hazard and emits carbon dioxide got nowhere.

"These types of heaters are allowed and often used to heat tents for special events and construction sites when temporary heat is needed," wrote Assistant Fire Marshal Nate Takara.

The noise complaints went to the Noise Control Office, which is part of the Office of Community & Civic Life.

Noise Control Officer Paul van Orden inspected the site and measured 70 decibels from the gas-powered heater, well over the 55 decibel limit in residential zones. He met with Preston, who agreed to install a temporary sound barrier by the machine.

"This will reduce the sound significantly," van Orden wrote in a letter to Neville Mercado, Renee's husband.

"I had a discussion with the operators of the business about my expectations for these small (Bluetooth) speakers being kept in compliance with the city code," he continued. "This includes the need to be sensitive to not leave the units on past 10 p.m. I cannot legally ask them to remove these speakers, but they are removing the closest one to your neighbor at my suggestion."

Van Orden promised to follow up to see "there will be no significant noise" requiring enforcement during the pandemic.

Pandemic blamed

That word again. The Healthy Businesses program was unfurled by the Portland Bureau of Transportation to give businesses and restaurants in par-

ticular a means to stay open despite limits on indoor dining. The program has encouraged restaurants to put seating in parking lanes by waiving normal fees and by expediting the permitting

process.

Tents and canopies are allowed, and in practice almost any type of structure seems to pass muster. Original

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NOBBY NEWS

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Prime Time Swine

The Nob Hill Bar & Grill's pretty bartender Megan is convinced that Nobby's sidewalk pigs stare through the front windows. She concluded they are watching Nobby's TVs.

She talked to Greg, short order cook and drone repairman, into hanging a flat screen TV in the window closest to the hogs. Megan thought they would enjoy the Super Bowl.

The TV was turned on days before the big game, and it turned out the hogs prefer watching "The Jerry Springer Show," old Three Stooges films and "The Bachelor."

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Patio construction began last summer. Semi-enclosed dining rooms surround a central bar.



Below left: Scarlett Wise measured 90 decibels, 20 higher than the city's reading, on her own meter.
 Below center: Vanessa Preston runs a staff of 20, according to her loan application to the Payroll Protection Program.
 Below right: Vanessa Preston is seeking permission to exceed noise code limits "to stay a part of the community."

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requirements that outdoor shelters be open on three sides have given way to many largely enclosed spaces.

The temporary Healthy Businesses program was to expire last November, but it was extended through March 31. The Mercados worry that the elaborate outdoor operation will become permanent.

How much accommodation to business is appropriate in these times?

"Especially during this COVID time," wrote Civic Life manager Michael Montoya, "we are attempting to find the least-worst solutions to control

unwanted noise while enabling our businesses to remain open."

Van Orden wrote of providing "leeway ... in the pandemic period."

"I am very concerned about the point you made that the city always tries to help businesses come into compliance," Renee Mercado wrote. "I think that is a compassionate goal in most cases, but in this one, it comes at a great expense to many tax-paying residents that border this venue, to only benefit one financially."

In addition to 70 seats in the former parking lot, tables on the street and sidewalk can seat 38, she calculates.

"While most restaurants are at 25 percent of seating capacity from a year ago, this restaurant has more than doubled their seating capacity, and this is at the expense of the neighboring residential properties," she said.

"We are also all committed to Café Nell continuing its operation," her husband added, although "the cost and impact to our neighborhood is immense."

Wise sees no hardship for Café Nell. There are far more customers at the restaurant now than before the pandemic, and prices have gone up, she said.

Steak frites went from \$24 before

COVID to \$32 now, and grilled salmon from \$29 to \$38, for instance.

Unmentioned was a forgivable \$183,280 loan to Café Nell in April, and two later ones of \$150,000 and \$10,000 under the federal Payroll Protection Program to keep 20 employees on the job.

"COVID has been a windfall for this place," Wise said.

Late last month, she notified neighbors of intent to seek a waiver of noise limits "to stay a part of your community and continue outdoor operations through the winter with additional heating equipment." ■

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Goose Hollow	3rd Thurs., 7:00 pm
Hillside (quarterly)	2nd Tues., 7:30 pm
Linnton (odd months)	1st Wed., 7:00 pm
NWDA	3rd Mon., 6:00 pm
Old Town Board mtg	2nd Wed., 11:30 am
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Pearl neighbor Deanna stays warm on the patio at The Fields Bar & Grill, 1139 NW 11th Ave., with the aid of a lap blanket and her rescue dog, Abby. Owner Jim Rice pours beer, dispenses dog treats and patrons' favorite channels selected on the window-facing screens.

Photo by Michaela Bancud

Pearl restaurants, patrons bank on a turn of fortune

BY MICHAELA BANCUD

The Pearl District Neighborhood Association has done all it can to support local restaurants, including a \$10,000 program to buy gift cards from every bar and eatery and then give them all away in a free raffle.

The project, conceived and managed by PDNA board member John Hollister, distributes about \$1,300 in cards every month.

"People care. They're really making an effort to support these restaurants," said Hollister, adding that "we have

about four more months more of giving these out, and we're continuing to promote it."

While a few of the restaurants are temporarily closed, most are soldiering on.

Hollister noted that "Verde Cucina Verde looks very good with their zip-up eating areas and heaters," a typical strategy restaurants are employing to endure the winter.

"Restaurants are weathering the storm as well as can be," he said. "I think it'll be this way until April. Then we'll be taking a turn as we get people vaccinated and we'll start opening

up again as a state."

An experiment by the Pearl District Business Association to close three blocks of Northwest 13th Avenue to vehicles continues, allowing River Pig, Papi Chulo's, The Star and others to offer distanced-dining to larger tents in the street.

"There is a lot of talk about whether Northwest 13th can stay open like it is on a permanent basis," Hollister said.

Some resistance comes from Barista, Hunt & Gather and other businesses that are not as enthusiastic about long-term street closure, he said. ■

Coming Soon

Stella's Kitchen

The paleo and Whole30 meal delivery service Stella's Kitchen will soon open at 1632 NW Thurman St., according to the building's owner. The space was last occupied by Olympia Provisions NW, which closed due to COVID-19 and has consolidated meat production and dining in its original Southeast Portland home. Stella's Kitchen currently has a location on North Williams Avenue.

Miss Winnie's Kitchen

Trail Blazer Carmelo Anthony's personal chef, Alexia Grant, will unveil a Jamaican and Indian food pop-up restaurant inside River Pig restaurant, 529 NW 13th Ave., this month. Grant named the business for her grandmother, the inspiration for her Caribbean dishes.

Harlow Café and Juice Bar

Harlow Café and Juice Bar is claiming the corner at 505 NW 23rd Ave. long occupied by Pizzicato. It's the second location for Harlow, which originated at 3632 SE Hawthorne Blvd.

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At the end of the January board meeting, there was general agreement to take both lanes at once: The board will discuss its goals and direction each month while staff will schedule another retreat, possibly in March.

Sieber still saw the retreat as the main path forward and the board discussions as "the preliminary work for the retreat."

The Visioning Committee has left few crumbs along its trail. Occasional reports at board meetings have mentioned little beyond the committee's existence. But two records requests by the NW Examiner have uncovered a strategy to gain the organization's imprimatur.

Documents from an April 30 visioning session, attended by two coalition staff members, three past board presidents and a former neighborhood association president, include this opening statement:

"It has become more and more clear, especially over this last year, that NWNW needs to evolve beyond the current model of providing support services almost exclusively to its member neighborhood associations.

"The inequities of the past have taken center stage, and actively working to support previously underserved populations is no longer suggested but essential, even (and especially) if they don't filter in through our established channels.

"Given these circumstances (and because it's about time!), NWNW staff want to move this organization forward."

The manifesto was not shared with the board, which throughout 2020 was given a few brief updates that did not mention policy goals or the assumed declining demand for services by neighborhood associations.

How was the coalition to be brought on board?

In another document, the visioning project manager wrote of the need to "give them [vision committee members] the extra buy-in that is needed to sell this all to the board."

NWNW Treasurer Les Blaize

insists the vision process "was not unilaterally thrust upon a comatose board by our staff."

The board has "been discussing this in some form or another" since he joined the board in 2000, Blaize wrote in an email to the NW Examiner.

"There is no staff cabal. ... I can assure you, no matter how many times staff snaps their fingers, the board will not blindly approve a 'major mission-changing program' without critical thought and a vote."

Changing the mission of NWNW may involve more than critical thought and adoption of a motion.

Coalition bylaws stipulate its purpose as serving the goals of its member neighborhood associations. To add other types of organizations to the coalition, or "expand the membership with intentionality," in the lingo of a staff memo, would seem to require at least bylaw revision.

It may entail more than that. The Portland Office of Community & Civic Life, which provides almost all of NWNW's funding, is bound by city ordinance to recognize and fund neighborhood associations. An effort by former City Commissioner Chloe Eudaly to remove the agency's specific focus on neighborhood associations failed for lack of support from any other members of the council.

Despite this rebuke, Eudaly accomplished her goals administratively by removing or redirecting virtually all Civic Life staff that were previously serving neighborhood associations.

NWNW staff apparently drew the conclusion that it was easier to make changes on their own without waiting for approval. With no board vote or budget authorization, a new program managed by new hire Rhys Hawes, Building Diverse Communities, began holding online discussions, workshops and lectures in January.

Topics for February include "What does it mean to be an active ally?" "Stating your pronouns and other small things to promote inclusion" and "Hate, housing and the landscape of our city." ■

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My days at Lovejoy Clinic

BY WESLEY MAHAN

I became a regular volunteer “Pro-Choice Clinic Escort” at Lovejoy Surgicenter about six years ago, spending several hours most Saturdays escorting patients into the clinic, past protesters who regularly picketed the clinic. The protesters came from different locations and had different religious beliefs.

The most regular group came from Beaverton Grace Bible Church, led by “Pastor Chuck.” Others came from Catholic churches, especially during their annual Forty Days of Life, and there was another group of young men who regularly join the Rose Parade with signs reading “You Are Going To Hell.”

Police visits were regular during those Saturdays, especially when neighbors of the clinic complained about Pastor Chuck’s preaching through loudspeakers. One Saturday, an off-duty police officer, who had an appointment with his wife at the clinic, revealed his concealed weapon before proceeding into the clinic. Pastor Chuck called 9-1-1 and about five police vehicles quickly responded, defusing the situation.

One day, I confessed to my fellow escort that I had earned a bachelor of theology degree from Multnomah Bible College, the same college that Pastor Chuck had attended. (In recent years, I gave up my religious beliefs and upbringing.) The protesters overheard my conversation and thereafter they called me “the antichrist.”

Despite the label, I found my time volunteering at Lovejoy Clinic deeply satisfying in the knowledge that I was helping people of all religious beliefs (and no religious beliefs) receive valuable and necessary medical treatments.

(Editor’s note: Lovejoy Surgicenter at Northwest 25th and Lovejoy streets closed in mid-January after 50 years in business.)



Above left: Wesley Mahan with fellow-escorts Elizabeth Darby and Rita Szkaradek. Right, above and below: Protesters warn patients of eternal damnation. Below: Pastor Chuck of Beaverton Grace Bible Church preaches with a loud-speaker to people inside, while patient escorts try to deflect the sound.



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A landslide on West Burnside Street on Jan. 12 knocked over about six large trees, destroying power poles and covering the street with enough debris to fill 42 dump trucks. The street was closed for a week. Engineers are assessing possible damage to the Barbara Walker Crossing caused by a falling tree.



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Directors for the term beginning in 2021 will be elected. Louisa McCleary, Juliet Hyams and Tavo Cruz, all incumbent Directors, have announced that they will stand for re-election.

If any member of the corporation wishes to nominate for Directors persons other than those proposed by the Nominating Committee, said member shall do so by delivering to the Secretary not less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting a petition signed by at least ten (10) members naming the nominee or nominees and stating that each nominee has agreed to serve if elected. The Secretary shall state at the Annual Meeting, prior to the election of directors, the names and qualifications of those nominated by petition. Nominating petitions may be delivered to the NNCC Secretary by US Mail at Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, P.O. Box 96116, Portland, Oregon 97296-6116.

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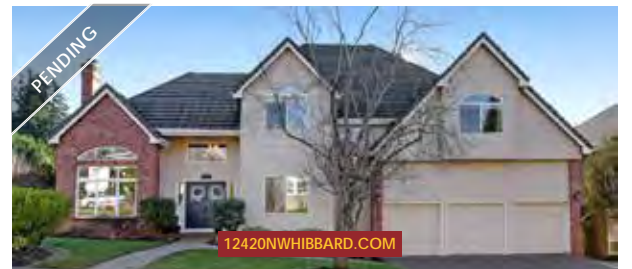
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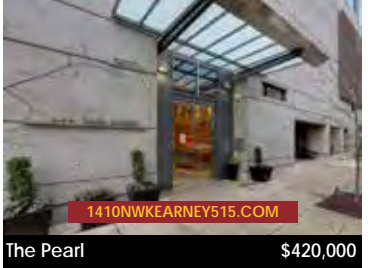
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