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The coverup of a ‘harmless’ prank churns through the city for three years without consequence

The illustration includes the actual spring from the glitter bomb sent to the NW Examiner in 2018.

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Although my home was ground zero in a glitter bomb attack, I was slow to realize anything memorable had happened. I supposed someone was peeved enough by my critical coverage of impact-hammer pile driving—and advocacy for the quieter auger-drilled method—to send a glitter-enhanced “auger this” message.

The glitter bomb mailing tube arrived at our home office in mid-2018. I had no clue of its origin until the following year, when Willamette Week reporter Nigel Jaquiss asked if I had received such a package. He

had indications that someone from the Office of Community and Civic Life had sent it.

Civic Life includes the Noise Control Program, whose manager had been notoriously hostile toward restrictions on pile driving, so that made sense. Still, evidence was scarce and Jaquiss eventually let it go.

Later, I got phone calls from Civic Life employees who had heard rumors about the glitter bomb. In early 2020, I asked the supervisor of the Noise Control Program, Kenya Williams, if he had sent it. He denied any knowledge, even asking what a

glitter bomb was.

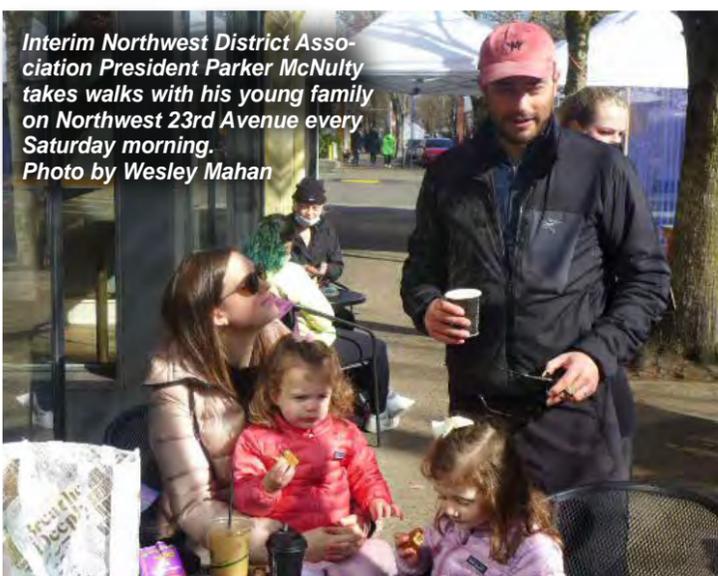
In mid-2020, I filed a public records request with the city, receiving for my \$187 a raft of redacted pages, a regurgitation of my conversation with Williams and the name of Katherine Couch, a Noise Control employee under Williams’ supervision, as the alleged glitter bomber. I learned that by March 4 of that year, Couch had been interviewed by Michael Montoya of Civic Life and Shane Davis of the city Bureau of Human Resources. However, the transcript of the interview was fully redacted on grounds of employee confidentiality.

The dearth of records was puzzling. How do two bureaus coordinate an investigation without leaving some trace of communication?

Jim Redden of the Portland Tribune took a stab at the story, writing last October that Montoya was overseeing an investigation of the glitter bomb incident but had no estimate of when it would be completed. The fact that the investigation was more than two years old could have been a story in itself.

“It’s truly absurd how long this has been dragging on,” city Ombudsman Margie Sollinger wrote. “In retro-

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Interim Northwest District Association President Parker McNulty takes walks with his young family on Northwest 23rd Avenue every Saturday morning. Photo by Wesley Mahan

Storied neighborhood association looks to history for reboot

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

The Northwest District Association used to be the Portland neighborhood association, the one most studied by national scholars and held up as a beacon to grass-roots progressivism. NWDA stopped a freeway, killed a slum-clearance urban renewal project and

birthed a notable neighborhood newspaper*. Its leaders went on to become pillars in city and state politics.

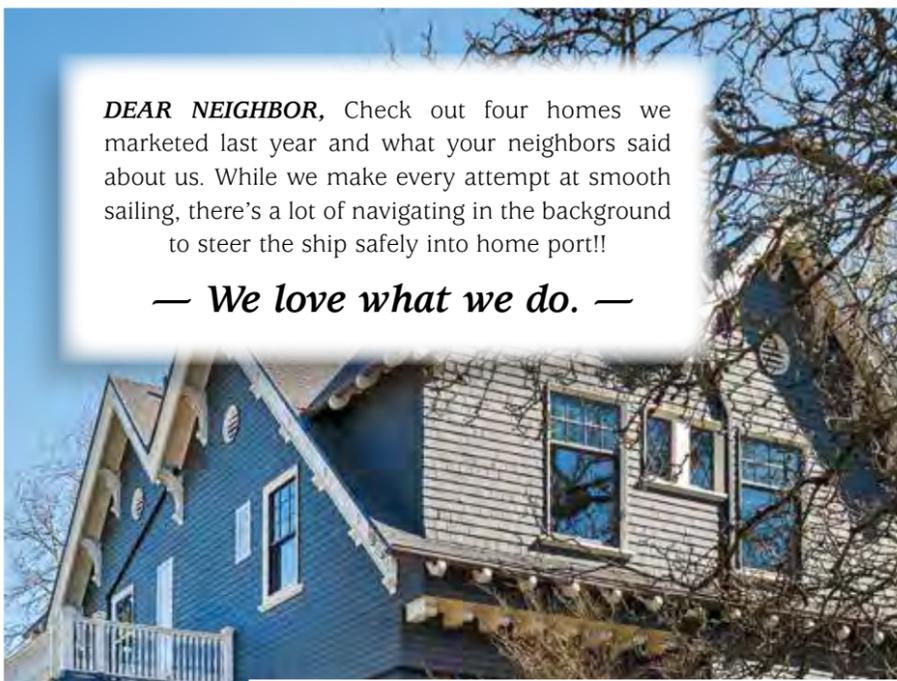
Lately, NWDA has become the weak link among a cluster of five adjacent neighborhood associations coalescing to address Portland’s homelessness and trash crisis now driving the city’s agenda. As

public safety/livability committees in the Pearl, Downtown, Goose Hollow and Old Town come together in an unprecedented call to action, it is not even clear if the Northwest District Association has such a committee and who might be its chair.

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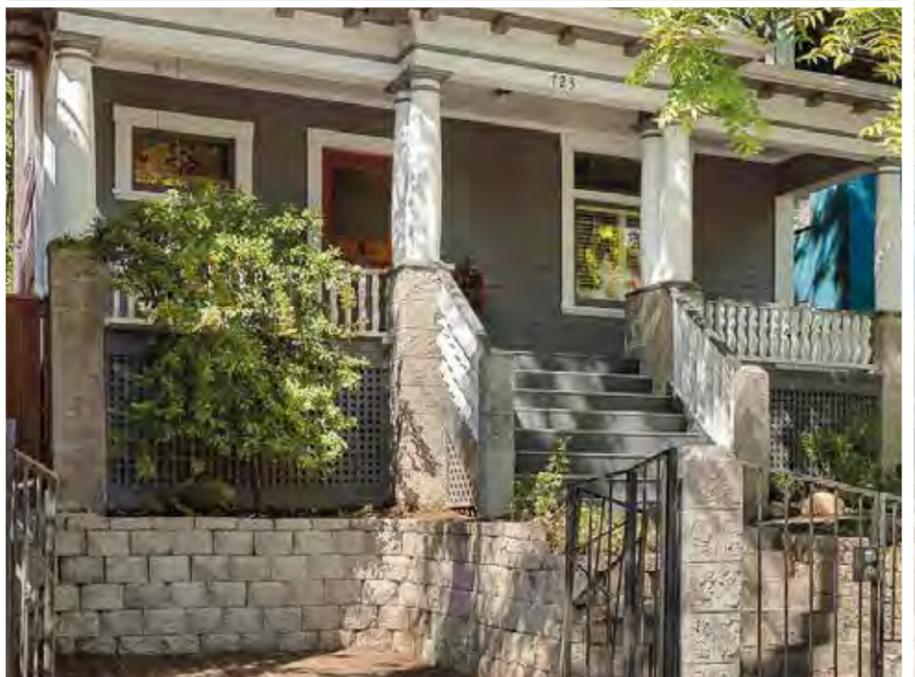
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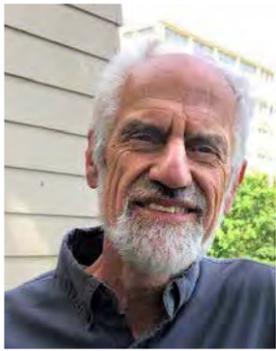


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Old bomb still damaging years later

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The Watergate break-in has been called a third-rate burglary that would not have seriously damaged the presidency of Richard Nixon had he not tried to cover it up. There is something to that summary, but the greater truth is that the break-in was part of a broad crusade to punish perceived enemies and sabotage political rivals. Any thorough investigation would have shown Nixon's crimes, abuses of power and intimidation in pursuit of political power.

An anonymous package mailed to my home office three years ago could be called a harmless prank. I learned later I was the recipient of a glitter bomb, a commercial product composed of a spring-loaded projectile spewing glitter and a pithy message.

My wife opened the mailing tube and got a surprise. Had it been pointed toward her eyes it could have caused injury. We had no idea who sent it, although the note, "auger this," suggested someone who disagreed with my coverage of impact-hammer pile driving, an extraordinarily loud construction practice largely replaced in cities today by drilling shafts for the piling.

I get angry messages about coverage from time to time so thought little more of it. We discarded the tube, the glitter and the note but for some reason saved the coil. Perhaps it was an old editor's instinct to hang onto an object that might help illustrate a story someday.

About a year later, I got a call from a reporter who had heard it was sent by someone in the Office of Community and Civic Life,



which includes the city noise program. That made sense. The head of the noise program, Kenya Williams, had been singularly disdainful to Pearl residents and others seeking to limit impact-hammer pile driving.

Williams went out of his way to mock citizens and their concerns. Before a Pearl forum on safety and livability issues attended by about 400 people two years ago, he proclaimed that sounds are just a matter of personal preference—just as what is music to some is noise to others.

I learned through an Oregon Public Broadcasting report last month that a Civic Life employee was advised by Williams to take a "f... you" attitude toward citizens. As deranged as that is, the phrase superbly captured Williams' treatment of the public.

After spending \$523 on two pub-

lic records requests to the city, I finally know who sent the glitter bomb in 2018. It was not Williams. Katherine Couch, the Noise Program coordinator, ordered the glitter bomb, a fact she confessed last fall in a recorded interview with Shane Davis of the city's Office of Human Resources and Michael Montoya, a manager with Civic Life.

By then it was old news to Davis and Montoya. Last July, Davis wrote in an email that Williams told his staff in 2018 that he was not happy with the Examiner's coverage of his performance. Couch then showed Williams and other coworkers her cell-phone and said, "See. I sent the glitter bomb. I did it."

Couch's punishment? A private reprimand chiding her for causing "numerous hours of city staff time, a press story, an investigation involving multiple bureaus, mem-

bers of the public, multiple employees and public records requests—all requiring staff time including attorney reviews. Additionally, your report to coworkers damaged your credibility, the reputation of the Noise Office, the bureau and the city."

"Needless to say, it is unacceptable for a city employee to send a member of the media anything as a form of retaliation for an unfavorable story."

Now we come to the really amazing part: Civic Life Director Suk Rhee wrote City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty an email this year stating "an investigation was thoroughly conducted by our office and concluded with no evidence of involvement of any city employee."

This despite Rhee's name on dozens of emails about the glitter bomb, including one in October in which she praised her bureau's spokesperson for his efforts to keep the story out of the press.

In other words, Rhee's statement to Hardesty was a lie, a cover-up of a problem she knew could be damaging to her and the bureau.

On top of all the other evidence of chaos and mismanagement at Civic Life, Hardesty now knows she cannot trust the word of the director. How much damage will a "harmless" glitter bomb be allowed to wreak?

Readers Reply

Letters can be sent to: allan@nwexaminer.com or 2825 NW Upshur St, Ste. C, Portland, OR 97210. Letters should be 300 words or fewer; include a name and a street of residence. Deadline: third Saturday of the month.

Keep exploring

I highly recommend you read Heather McGhee's book, "The Sum of Us," to explore finding ways to begin uniting us out here in the neighborhoods, rather than repeating your argument as to why Ms. Suk Rhee is a bad person and remaining unclear as to why there are people out there unwilling to listen to you anymore even though

you believe in similar social goals. And equity is not a new term for equality.

Ruth Ann Barrett
NW Ninth Ave.

Wilhelms remembered

In 2007 our first Agape Blitz ministry helped rehabilitate many of the structures at Dignity Village, one of Portland's earliest houseless

communities. That Sunday, Louis Wilhelms told me he would come to our new church and thank us. "I probably won't come back, but I will say thank you." Louis was a regular with us for many, many years. He served with our houseless ministry and outreach.

Beginning 2015, we lost contact with Louie as his struggles disconnected him from us and many others. He would occasionally

show up, but his diabetes began to devour his body. My last contact with Louie was 2019. An online article recently informed us that he had died on the street January 2021. While the article did not do justice to his life (<https://nwexam.wixsite.com/nwex.../post/compassion-and-order>) my hope is that this video will show a different side of Louis...one that we

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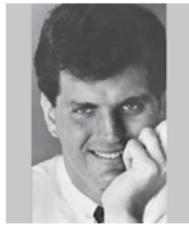


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Daniel Winter



Daniel Patrick Winter, a Chinatown resident, died Feb. 3 at age 62 from Alzheimer's disease. He was born Aug. 13, 1958 in Ottawa, Kan., graduated

from Ottawa High and the University of Kansas with a degree in journalism in 1980. He worked for several banks before beginning a career in social activism that included five years as executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Kansas and Western Missouri, and volunteering for Planned Parenthood Great Plains, the Mid-American ALS Association, the Economic Development Board of Kansas City and The Women's Center of University of Missouri. He was a crusader for LGBT rights, the rights of immigrants and refugees, the separation of church and state, and women's reproductive freedom. He also co-founded and managed a competitive youth basketball team in Kansas City. After moving to Portland in 2012, he joined the board of the ACLU of Oregon and the ACLU National board of directors. He co-founded the Art Task Force of Central City Concern, placing more than 1,000 pieces of original art. He married Wynne Wurster in 1983; they divorced in 2008. He later married John Forsgren. He is survived by his husband, John; his sons, Thomas Adam and John Armstrong; daughter, Mary Lee; brothers, Winton Jr. and Adam; and sisters, Mary Winter-Stingley and Anne; and mother, Nancy.

William MacDonald



William Bruce MacDonald, a longtime neighborhood resident, died Aug. 31 at age 94. He was born in Miles City, Mont., on Nov. 11, 1926, and moved to

the Portland area in 1966. He served in the Army Signal Corp in World War II, ending his service as a sergeant in Korea. A photoengraver, he worked at Twelves Engraving on Northwest Fifth Avenue and was vice president and director of education at Portland's local Graphic Arts International Union. After retirement, he volunteered for Northwest Ministries, driving seniors to medical appointments and organizing social

activities for low-income neighbors in NW Portland. He helped organize a chapter of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays and its national convention in Portland in 1986. He was active in the First United Methodist. He lived on Northwest 22nd Place and Southwest Park Place. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Thelma; daughter, Lee Ann Bourcier; son, Glenn; and one grandchild. His son Gary predeceased him.

Beth Hyams



Beth Hyams, a longtime Northwest District resident, died March 13 of cancer at age 67. She was born Sept. 13, 1953, in Honolulu,

and attended the Hawaii School for Girls. She graduated from Brown University with a degree in English and American literature. She began her career in radio at a community-owned station in Berkeley, Calif., and became a public television producer in San Francisco. In about 1990, she moved to Portland, joining Oregon Public Broadcasting in 1993. She worked there until a day before she died, serving as a news anchor and assistant news director. She married Mark Whiteman, whom she met in college; they divorced. She married L.C. Hansen in 1991. She is survived by her spouse, L.C. Hansen; and sister, Juliet.

Michael H. Schmeer



Michael H. Schmeer, who grew up in Portland Heights, died Feb. 26 at age 85. He was born in Spokane on April 28, 1935, and as a child moved to Portland, where he lived the rest of his life. He attended Ainsworth Grade School and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1953. After graduating from Stanford Law School in 1959, he joined the law firm now known as Davis Wright Tremaine. He was an accomplished pilot. He is survived by his life partner, Joan McAllister; daughter, Kristen Borges-Silva; son, Jim; sister, Stephanie Fisher; former wife, Eleanor Atkeson DuBois; and two grandchildren.

Scott Sorensen-Jolnik



Scott Sorensen-Jolnik, a longtime Hillside resident, died Aug. 1 of melanoma at age 70. He was born in Fairmont, Minn., on June 6, 1950. He was valedictorian of his class at Edgerton High School in Minnesota. He graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, where he was a member of the school's famed Nordic Choir. He moved to Portland in 1973 to earn a law degree at Lewis & Clark College. He married

Leslie Sorensen in 1975. Scott's career included family law, mediation, reference judge, judge pro tem, arbitrator and parent coordinator. Sorensen-Jolnik and Herb Trubo opened the partnership Sorensen-Jolnik Trubo, which they led for four decades. He was a founding member of the Oregon State Bar Section on Family and Juvenile Law. In 2018, he was appointed as a pro tem judge in the Multnomah County Circuit Court. He authored chapters of the OSB Family Law Handbook. He is survived by his wife, Leslie, daughter, Emma; son, John; sisters, Jan Ham and Susan Tomasko; and two grandchildren.

Greta Norton



Greta Norton, who grew up on Northwest Skyline Boulevard, died March 28, 2020, at age 95. Greta Lindahl was born Dec. 3, 1924, in the home her father

built on Northwest Skyline. She attended the one-room Munson School before graduating from Skyline Grade School in 1938 and Scappoose High School in 1942. In 1942, she and her sister moved to an apartment in Northwest Portland. She worked for the Army Induction Center and Santry Tire Co. She married Alvin K. Norton in 1947; he died in 1980. She is survived by her son, Stephen; sister, Joyce Richards; and two grandchildren.

George Redpath

George David Redpath, a Hillside resident for more than 30 years, died March 4 at age 84. He was born March 30, 1936, in Portland and graduated from Sylvan Elementary and Lincoln High School. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Oregon and a master of fine arts from Reed College. He was trained in medicine in the Air Force Reserve. He taught in the English department at Milwaukie High School for many years.

Molly Whittemore



Molly Whittemore, who attended Ainsworth Grade School and Catlin High School, died Feb. 12 at age 88. Molly Ireland was born June 11, 1932.

She graduated from Whitman College. She married Samuel Whittemore in 1955. She worked for U.S. Bank for more than 20 years, retiring in 1991. She volunteered for the Junior League of Portland and was a child advocate for CASA and a Campfire Girls leader at Riverdale School. She was predeceased by her husband, Samuel S. Whittemore, in 2015. She is survived by her daughter, Jill Williamson; her sister, Martha Ireland; and four grandchildren.

Edmund Devereaux III



Edmund "Ned" Devereaux III, a graduate of Ainsworth Grade School and Lincoln High School, died March 4 from a brain aneurysm at age 80.

He was born in Portland on Aug. 17, 1940, and attended Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1985. In 1959, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving in Germany and in Vietnam, where he was wounded in action. His final Army assignment involved NATO partnership units. After his military career, he worked for 12 years for Contractors Insurance Services. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Doris, his son, Edmund IV, four grandchildren and one great grandson.

Death Notices

BEVERLY (SHELLEY) BORTHWICK, 84, graduate of Lincoln High School.

EVELYN BARCLAY DIJKSLAG, 100, taught at Skyline Elementary School.

GERALD EXLEY JR., 86, Multnomah Athletic Club member.

CORNELIA CERF, 99, 1939 graduate of Lincoln High School.

PATRICIA DAUM MONTGOMERY, 87, resident of Kings Hill.

JEANNE LABADIE PENDERGRASS, 87, attended Ainsworth Grade School.

MALLORY BROOKS LUETHE, 79, attended Skyline Grade School.

ELIZABETH AUTZEN ROSSMAN, 104, graduated from Catlin Gabel School.

JEFFERY P. WARDNER, 79, 1955 graduate of Lincoln High School.

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Correction:

Last month's story, "Compassion and order," described the cleanup of Collins Circle by homeless people. However, this was not part of the Cash for Trash program of the Goose Hollow Foothills League, in which individuals are paid \$1 for each bag of trash collected in other areas of the neighborhood. The pilot program, approved by the Goose Hollow Foothills League last month, is underwritten by donations of beverage containers to BottleDrop at Stadium Fred Meyer. Email: livability@goosehollow.org for information.

at Agape choose to remember about him.

When contacting Louis' son, Louis Wilhelms Jr., we learned that he had just recently been notified of his father's death.

Louie will be remembered by those of us at Agape as a friend and man needing compassion and community ... like all of us.

*Ron Clark
Executive Director
Kairos Church Planting Support*

Economy not zero-sum

Zero-sum thinking is the false idea that whenever someone gets rich everyone else gets poorer. Let's say you invent the pencil. Everyone benefits and you get rich because you made it happen. It's a gain-gain instead of I gain-you lose.

Bill Gates of Microsoft is fabulously rich. Yet, he had the drive and knowledge to sell machines that made every business and every home on this planet run better and produce more ice cream for all of us. I am not a fan of Bill Gates, but he did accomplish that (with others, and many of them are rich too).

The socialists and levelers and tax-the-rich advocates pretend that we have a zero-sum economy so it is justified to "repossess" the money of those who have more, because they took it from "us" in the first place. Not so. We do not have a zero-sum economy.

This is not to say that all wealthy people have earned their wealth by creating wealth for others, and it is not to say that the I-gain-you-gain model works every time. No economic or political system is perfect. Ours just happens to be the best devised so far.

*Roger Ley
NE Summer St.*

More to NW in Motion

While the Examiner's coverage of community topics is generally well done, the March 2021 article "Neighborhood president quits" was misleading. Contextual concerns are:

- The extensive planning and outreach process for Northwest in

Motion was launched in spring 2018 with the first meeting of a 20-member Community Advisory Group. I was the board-appointed Northwest District Association representative among other community, business and institutional representatives. Other NWDA Transportation Committee members attended the seven public meetings which neither the NW Examiner nor NWDA Planning Committee chose to attend.

- The NWDA board intentionally chose not to present oral testimony at the City Council meeting that adopted NWIM but allowed the generally supportive board-approved letter to suffice. Several NWDA-affiliated persons did orally testify but clearly identified themselves as speaking for themselves. One NWDA-affiliated person, however, did not do that and critical personal testimony was received inappropriately as the NWDA board position.

- The city indeed conducted pre-COVID baseline traffic counts against which the performance of the NWIM strategies might be measured. These were presented in various public forums.

- It is unfair to suggest that PBOT's community outreach was absent throughout the planning process. Community Advisory Group meetings were publicized and open to the public. Community-wide in-person and on-line open house sessions were held in November 2018 and again in 2019 to receive feedback on early and draft plan concepts and details.

- The NWDA Planning Committee was late coming to this process. They were largely absent from any of the public forums. The NWDA Transportation Committee was appropriately tracking this process and meeting with PBOT staff from conception to adoption. The NWIM Plan reflects much of that committee's board-adopted work plan over the last decade.

The community should better understand the context around the process of preparing and adopting the NWIM Plan.

*Phil Selinger
NW Thurman St.*

Editor's note: I attended the first NWIM meeting in 2018 and its

Pastor fills in details of Louis Wilhelms' life



BY ALLAN CLASSEN

The NW Examiner's sketchy obituary for homeless amputee Louis Wilhelms last month "did not do justice to his life," wrote the Rev. Ron Clark, who knew him during the eight years Wilhelms was active in Clark's ministry to unhoused Portlanders.

Since 2007, Clark's Agape Church of Christ has helped repair the structures and the souls of Dignity Village, the self-governed community where Wilhelms lived for about four years.

"Louis was a regular with us for many, many years," Clark said. "He served with our houseless ministry and outreach.

Clark videotaped a 2009 interview with Wilhelms in which the latter confessed, "I'm a recovering heroin addict. I've dealt with alcoholic issues and the Lord's helped me in all that."

The video can be seen at face-

book.com/RonClarkAgape/posts/10164832791050188.

"I've been married about 13 years. I've got two wonderful kids," Wilhelms said in the interview. "They live in Arkansas. My son will be 15. My daughter is 11. They live with their mother and grandmother. They're doing good. I'm glad that the Lord brought them back to my wife.

"I follow the Lord's footsteps as best as I can. Everybody backslides, but I try to do my best to help the homeless."

Wilhelms was in Clark's home for many Thanksgiving dinners and other meals.

"We constantly had to wrestle with not making Louis our poster child," Clark said. "Everybody really loved him."

"Beginning in 2015, we lost contact with Louie as his struggles disconnected him from us and many others," he said.

Clark learned that Wilhelms went to prison at about that time for methamphetamine possession.

"He felt ashamed," said Clark, noting that Wilhelms did not confess his transgression to the Agape community.

"He would occasionally show up, but his diabetes began to devour his body. My last contact with Louie was 2019," he said.

Clark said Wilhelms' son, Louis Jr., learned of his father's January death about a month after he passed.

open house later that year. I also attended nine meetings of the NWDA Transportation Committee and perhaps two dozen Planning Committees at which the project was discussed, plus enough NWDA board meetings to have seen the elements and politics of this project from every angle.

Dead and wounded

I was interested to read Wesley Mahan's account of his time as an escort at Lovejoy Surgicenter. It is said that abortion leads to one dead and one wounded. I invite anyone

weighed down by the burden of abortion to reach out to Heart, a ministry of First Image. Through Heart, men and women are gathering all over Portland to experience freedom from the past. Perhaps Wesley will remember this stanza from Psalm 139, both beautiful and true:

"For you formed my inward parts: you knitted me together in my mother's womb/I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

*Juliet Kane
NW 25th Ave.*

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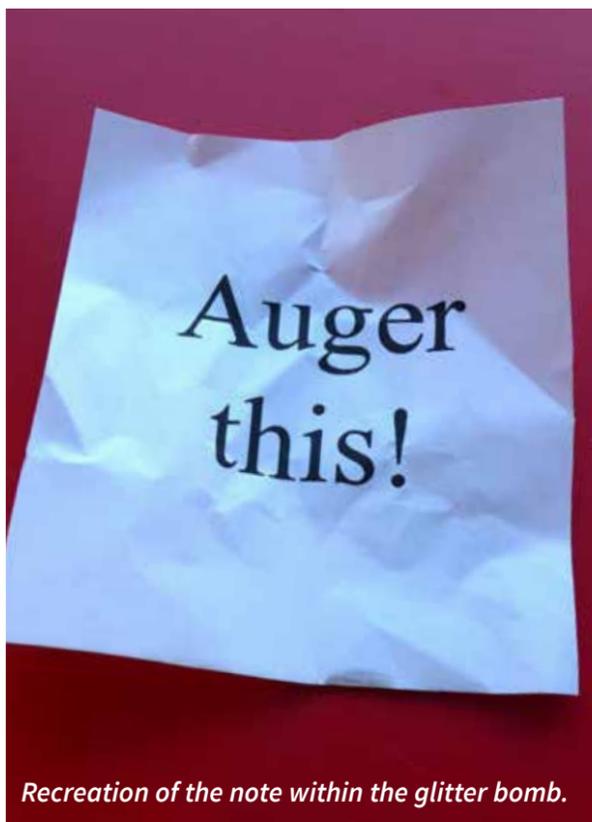
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Recreation of the note within the glitter bomb.

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spect, this seems like another example of the pitfalls of deferring to bureaus to do their jobs properly when the stakes are important."

So I made a second records request. The response was tardy, but it finally came last month. At last I had proof that Civic Life, right to the top, had been suppressing the matter all along.

"Jim Redden is doing an incredibly acrobatic job of connecting anything he knows about Civic

Life to this story," Civic Life Director Suk Rhee emailed Montoya a day after the Tribune story was printed.

"I attempted to get Jim to not run the story, as it involved an ongoing investigation that we just didn't have the answers to and that involved a personnel issue," Civic Life spokesperson Daniel McArdle-Jamies wrote Rhee and Montoya that day. "I also underscored that the outcome of this is bad, as someone could get fired and/or be embarrassed publicly, and that he was blowing this out of proportion."

Rhee appreciated the attempt. "Thanks for your effort here, Daniel," she emailed him.

Neither took notice of the contradictory classification of the story as both too consequential and too unimportant to report.

Although not pleased to read "glitter bomb" in a headline, Rhee had reason for relief. The Tribune story identified Couch as merely a suspected glitter bomber with no further details.

Montoya also felt the damage was limited. "Daniel and I both spoke to him [Redden] trying to dissuade the story, but he already had everything by the time he called me," Montoya emailed Rhee. "Unless you direct me to do something, I am going to ignore this, as it would take a day I don't have to fact check or otherwise do anything in response."

Rhee and Montoya closed the issue—at least for their bureau—with a written reprimand to Couch's personnel file Dec. 15.

"This memorandum serves as a managerial directive related to your report to coworkers that you sent a glitter bomb to a member of the press in retaliation for an unfavorable story.

"[While the] investigation did not result in conclusive findings of your misconduct ... given your admission that you claimed responsibility for the glitter bomb as a joke I want to admonish

you from repeating such statements again.

"Your report to coworkers that you had sent a glitter bomb to Allan Classen was not without consequence. Due to a complaint made about your statement, your comment resulted in numerous hours of city staff time, a press story, an investigation involving multiple bureaus, members of the public, multiple employees, and public records requests—all requiring staff time including attorney reviews. Additionally, your report to coworkers damaged your credibility, the reputation of the noise office, the bureau and the city. These impacts warrant this directive.

"Needless to say, it is unacceptable for a city employee to send a member of the media anything as a form of retaliation for an unfavorable story.

"With this directive I will consider this matter closed."

Needless to say, Civic Life did not get back to Redden to tell him the investigation was completed.

Nor was I informed. At one point, the investigators saw that as a necessary step. Davis emailed Montoya on Sept. 8, "I do think, at some point, we are going to have to ask Classen about it. We need someone to ultimately verify that the g-bomb was actually sent. And if we can get said confirmation it will help us close in on Couch."

In that email, Davis was also concerned with "who outside of the office he [Redden] spoke to about the glitter bomb."

"If such an employee is willing to lie to his or her boss, I would think the employee's lack of a moral compass would result in lying to subordinate employees and to the public as well."
— Bob Weinstein
Former mayor,
Ketchikan, Alaska

Hardesty inquires

In January, I interviewed City Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty about the surprise assignment of Civic Life to her portfolio. In preparation for that phone call, I listed several topics I wanted to raise, including the status of the glitter bomb investigation.

The whole subject was news to Hardesty, so she asked Rhee for background. Rhee sent the following email to me, with a copy to Hardesty's office:

"You have stated that you received a glitter bomb and that you would like to know the results

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Was glitter bomb a joke?

Office of Community and Civic Life employee Katherine Couch was disciplined in December for admitting she sent me a glitter bomb “as a joke.”

But was it a joke? Was her intent to share humor with someone she believed would appreciate a lighthearted gesture?

Shane Davis, a Portland Human Resources business partner, emailed Michael Montoya of Civic Life last July, offering this summary of the situation (according to redacted records obtained by the NW Examiner):

“About 18 months or so ago, Allan Classen of the NW Examiner wrote an article critical of the Noise Program in Civic Life. The article had to do with pile-driver noise.

“The article included a photo of Kenya Williams. Kenya shared with staff that he was not happy about the article.

“Katherine Couch told REDACTED and others REDACTED that she sent a glitter bomb to Classen. She showed something on her cell-phone and said, ‘See. I sent the glitter bomb. I did it.’

“REDACTED said that REDACTED did not have much of a reaction to Katherine telling him about the glitter bomb. She also told REDACTED that she might have sent glitter penises to Classen if she would have known there was such a thing at the time.

“REDACTED thought it was a joke and did not initially believe that she had sent the glitter bomb until he received confirmation from Classen and from Nigel Jaquiss of Willamette Week.”

Montoya did not brush it off as an inconsequential matter. He posed a series of questions to Davis that should be answered:

“Tell me about that meeting where you first learned about the glitter bomb. Who was there? What was said? Ever hear about it again in the office? How did it come up? Was it part of a meeting? Did anyone else overhear it? Where were you? When exactly date time? What was on the phone? Any additional details?”

Last December, Montoya considered the matter closed with a memorandum to Couch’s personnel file approved by Civic Life Director Suk Rhee over her admission that she “sent a glitter bomb to a member of the press in retaliation for an unfavorable story.”

of an investigation of an allegation that an employee of Community & Civic Life was involved.

“An investigation was thoroughly conducted by our office and concluded with no evidence of involvement of any city employee.”

Couch, of course, was and remains a city employee, continuing her role with the Noise Control Program. And since the statement refers broadly to involvement, those involved include employees of Civic Life, the Bureau of Human Resources and the offices of the City Attorney and the City Ombudsman.

In short, Rhee lied to the elected official she is accountable to.

I gave Hardesty evidence of the falsification, asking if this was grounds for Rhee’s dismissal, and got no response for four days. Finally, her spokesperson offered this statement:

“I take allegations of misconduct very seriously, and particularly issues that involve the media and public trust. For these reasons, I continue to look forward to reviewing the results of the upcoming cultural assessment of the Office of Community & Civic Life and to learn more about how the office can improve its internal culture, build trust and better serve our city.

“I am happy to keep the public informed about the process and transformation regarding the bureau as a whole but believe it would be a poor management practice to publicly speak to specific personnel issues.”

It was a stunning deflection over a singular offense known to have ended the careers of bureaucrats

here and elsewhere. We talked to three former elected officials, three others who worked for elected officials and one political consultant to comment on the general principle (separate from Civic Life or the glitter bomb matter). All considered lying by a department head to an elected official a firing offense, with some latitude related to the significance of the deception, but most wanted to speak off the record or limit their comments for attribution.

Northwest Raleigh Street resident Bob Weinstein, the mayor of Ketchikan, Alaska, for 12 years and an aide to a U.S. senator, had no such inhibition.

“Having served for many years in government in both senior appointed as well as elected positions, I cannot imagine tolerating dishonesty on the part of a staff member under my supervision, especially a senior employee in charge of a department,” Weinstein said.

“If such an employee is willing to lie to his or her boss, I would think the employee’s lack of a moral compass would result in lying to subordinate employees and to the public as well.

“An elected official especially needs to be able to absolutely rely on the fact that information provided by professional staff members is presented honestly and truthfully.

“I also worked for a U.S. senator [Mark Gebich] for almost six years. I am sure that, if I were to ever have lied to him or to my direct supervisor, I would have been—and should have been—terminated immediately,” he said. ■

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Renee Mercado, second from left, with her children, Angelo, Sofia and Gabriella, live next door to the Café Nell patio.



Special treatment for Café Nell?

Neighbors challenge noise variance, efforts to override zoning restrictions

COVID restrictions are lifted. Since a business at this site predated the zoning code, the restaurant is allowed to serve up to 49 customers indoors, but no expansion of space or intensity is permissible in its residential zone.

“It is so loud behind my home I am not able to sleep,” Wise told the NW Examiner. “I believe that regardless of residential properties that did not sign up for this, the city has made a decision. I believe that they will grant this bar on residentially zoned land permanent status.”

The office of Dan Ryan, the commissioner over the Bureau of Development Services, is preparing an ordinance for City Council adoption, but the drafting process has been delayed. BDS planner Mike Liefeld told the Northwest District Association Planning Committee on March 4 that an ordinance might

be filed within three weeks, but the expectation is now for mid-April.

Liefeld said the Café Nell situation “caught us off guard because the city’s intent was always to support businesses.”

The special ordinance would pertain only during COVID-related restrictions on indoor dining, which are expected to end April 30.

“This is clearly one of the cases where zoning and land use are in conflict, and it’s affecting neighbors pretty seriously,” said Greg Theisen, chair of the committee.

Bill Welch, a member of the committee, said he had eaten at the restaurant’s patio and “could barely hear the other person I was having dinner with. I was just appalled at the amount of noise generated by outdoor dining.”

Renee Mercado, whose home abuts the parking lot, has appealed the noise variance allowing audio speakers and a natural gas heater to exceed the 55 decibel residential limit. The variance does not address

voices and crowd noises.

“The noise emitting from this restaurant is so loud that with all my doors and windows closed, I can hear it in my house,” Mercado told the Portland Noise Review Board. “There is no getting away from it and, and since you cannot regulate or will not regulate voices, I request that you deny the speakers.”

Noise Review Board Chair Kerrie Standlee advised Mercado that the board could not hear her comments due to the pending City Council appeal, which has not yet been scheduled.

Meanwhile, Wise is finding it difficult to be patient. She played rap music out her window one evening last month until a restaurant employee scaled her fence and took the speaker. The speaker was not returned until she called the Portland Police Bureau and an officer intervened.

Wise said prohibitions on broadcasting music that offends neighbors should “go both ways.”

BY ALLAN GLASSEN

The city of Portland has waived noise limits for Café Nell at Northwest 20th and Kearney streets and is working on an ordinance that would override the restaurant’s zoning nonconformance.

Scarlett Wise, who lives with her two daughters next door to the restaurant, has complained about the noise generated by Café Nell’s expansion into its parking lot, which has been used for outdoor seating during the pandemic.

Wise fears the city will grant the zoning variance Café Nell owner Vanessa Preston is seeking to allow the tented 50-by-100-foot parking lot to serve large crowds after

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BY MICHAELA BANCUD

Papa Haydn does the PPP dance

Papa Haydn co-owner Michael Gibbons has learned a lot about the restaurant business in the 35 years since he began working there as a busboy. But nothing fully prepared him for the challenges of the COVID era.

The business received Paycheck Protection Program loans of \$536,645 and \$751,303 for the Northwest 23rd Avenue location, and \$316,620 for the original Papa Haydn in Sellwood.

Which is not to say it was easy. Gibbon said the company is just “squeaking along on a tripod.”

Business is down 75 percent from last year.

“I had 97 staff on both sides (of the river) and that would go up to about 135 in summer,” he said. “Right now, I’m at about 42 staff. So that’s been awful, just awful. I had employees who went six weeks or even longer to get unemployment.”

The federal loan program was far more difficult to navigate than conventional lending.

“The first time I applied for PPP, it was late March and I must have filled out literally 10 applications,” he said. “I didn’t know if I should apply separately or together for the two restaurants.”

“The period between January and October [of 2020], during Trump’s last gasp, was real seat-of-the-pants,” said Gibbons, noting that the first round of funds was

nearly gone before the second round was approved, necessitating another round of applications and paperwork.

“Everyone was just making it up on the fly,” he said.

The loans can be forgiven if sufficient payroll expenses were incurred in a specified time period, a verification process he is still working on.

It helps that he owns the buildings where his restaurants operate. Bank of America has let him defer some payments on a mortgage on the Northwest building.

“We’ve been on the east side since 1978, so we’ve relied on the good graces of our customers and our brand name to subsist,” he said.

Gibbon is in no rush to reopen.

“I’m not asking anyone to come back until they get the job. I have to keep my customers safe.”

Gov. Kate Brown moved up the vaccine schedule for restaurant workers to April 5.

Papa Haydn will reopen with an upgraded HVAC system and air ionization process that keeps COVID from sticking to nostrils.

Gibbon has found a silver lining in the pandemic crisis—the opportunity to rebuild with a better business model.

“We’re going to come out with a more equitable pay scale here, and we’re going to construct some kind of commission system for staff,” he said.



Far left: Papa Haydn is in no rush to reopen.

Above: The robot coffee maker at Super Joy Coffee Lab

Left: Farmhouse Kitchen recently opened at 121 NW Couch St.

The Hostel Café

You don’t need to be a tourist to enjoy the Hostel Café, but it may help you feel like you’ve been out of town.

“As I traveled all over, it was obvious the best hostels had good café food,” Portland Hostel owner Jim Kennett said. “Our kitchen stays open late to 11 p.m. to serve travelers who arrive late and need to eat.”

Scratch-made meals from BLTs and hamburgers to German-style schnitzel, plus 12 taps with local craft beers and three types of kombucha, are served in a heated covered area on Northwest 18th Avenue or an open-air central courtyard with a fire pit.

Chef Rolf Gould, who comes from Rosie’s within the Alberta Rose Theater, recently joined the Hostel Café and is busy pickling and making bratwurst.

Kennett runs the hostel with his wife, Britta. They live with their two children in the newest of their sprawling six-building complex.

Farmhouse Kitchen

Fans of Farmhouse Kitchen’s Southeast Hawthorne location already line up for farm-fresh Thai food. Farmhouse Kitchen recently opened a second and fancier location at 121 NW Couch St. An orange and gold dining room is open for lunch and dinner and a side window turns out mobile orders for pick-up. Dishes include flaming bowls of tom kha soup, fresh papaya salad and Spicy Volcano Cup Noodles, a pan-fried noodle dish garnished with a slow-cooked beef rib and Thai devil sauce.

Break Bread

There’s a new Pearl sandwich shop at 1106 NW Hoyt St. in The Dianne building featuring funky sandwiches, like BBQ@Rhianna’s and Jimmy Pesto, wrapped in brown paper. The owners are Pierce Cavallero and Kaitlin Stein, who also have a Break Bread in downtown.

Screen Door

Screen Door restaurant is coming to Northwest Couch Street between 10th and 11th with a projected opening of May 6. Screen Door is best known for its raucous brunch service, Southern hospitality, and chicken and waffles. Its popular first location on East Burnside closed for a few months last year but reopened in June for takeout only, said co-owner Nicole Mouton.

“Portland came to our rescue in a big way,” Mouton said. “We went from 100 employees pre-pandemic to 30. And now we’re up to nearly 70 in preparation for our new location.”

Super Joy Coffee Lab

Super Joy Coffee Lab opened at 1431 SW Yamhill St. last month, offering fresh coffee (roasted in-house), tea and pastries. They also offer an unusual option of non-human contact coffee, made with a specially trained robot.

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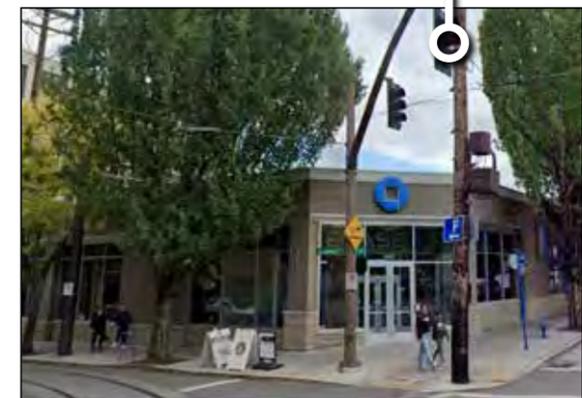
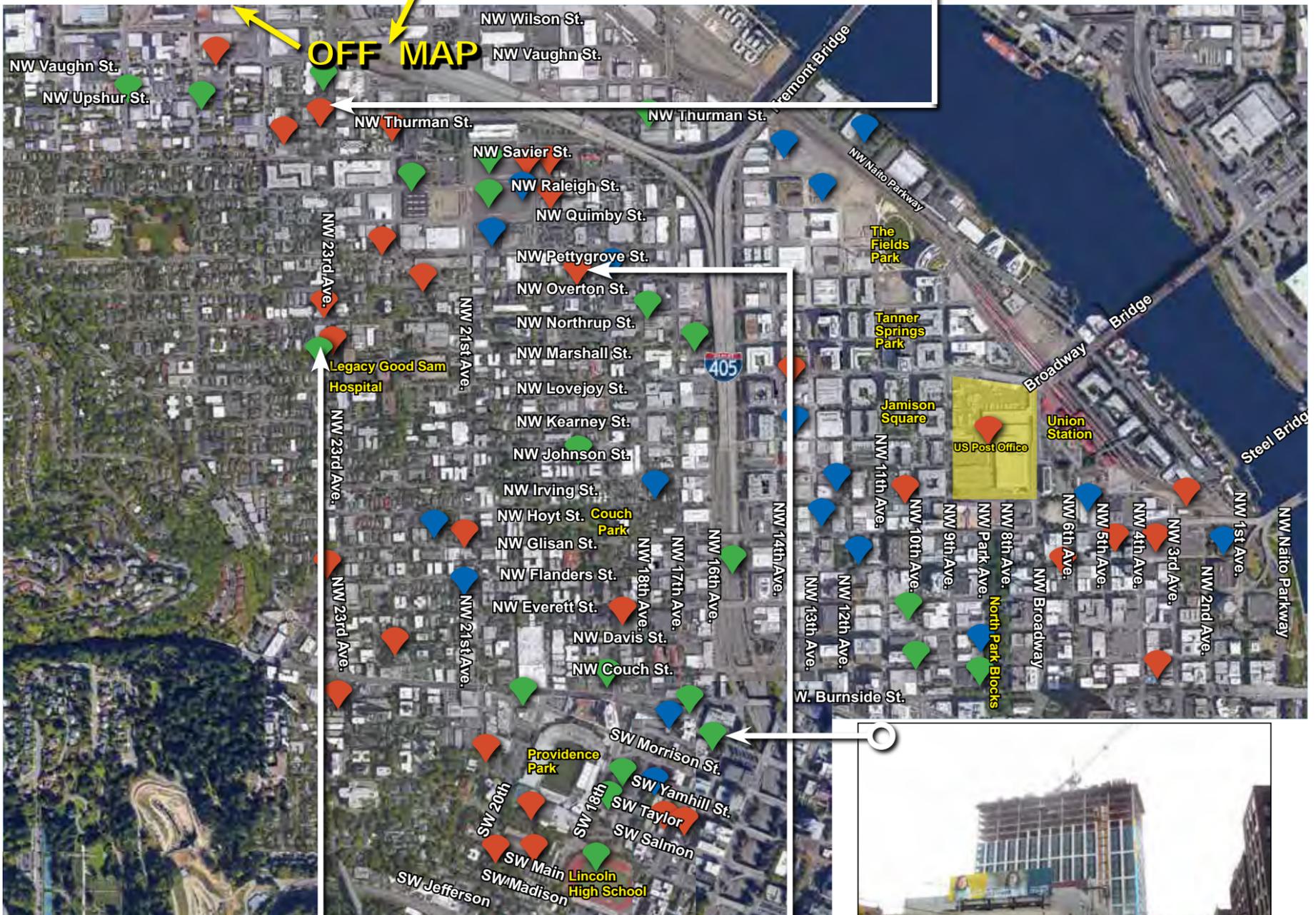
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Portland Japanese Garden is in the process of buying the approximately 1-acre property formerly used as the Salvation Army White Shield Home in Willamette Heights. Japanese Garden trustees intend to expand beyond their main facility in Washington Park to host seminars, speakers and other events for up to 120 people. About 30-40 employees would work there.



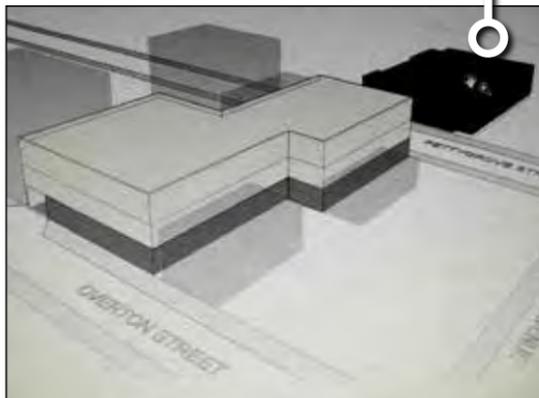
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ART TOWER

The 21-story ART Tower superstructure at 1510 SW Alder St. looms over smaller-scale development along West Burnside Street. It will have 314 apartments and three levels of below-grade parking. The two-story building on the northern half of the block is being remodeled for the Artists Repertory Theatre.



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Above left: The stone wall is all that remains on the site. Photo by Donald Nelson

Above center: Frank Warren Jr., Anna Elizabeth and Frank Warren Sr. in 1907.

Above right: The Warren House at Southwest Park Place and St. Clair Avenue in 1907.

If Rock Walls Could Talk

BY DONALD R. NELSON

In Portland, many rock walls stand long after the earlier homes they bordered are torn down.

A short rock wall surrounds the Washington Park Condominiums at 2211 SW Park Place and St. Clair Avenue. The Park West Apartments directly behind it were built in 1965. But what was there before?

Originally, the wall graced an elegant 1902 house designed by prestigious architects William M. Whidden and Ion Lewis. The house was built for Frank M. Warren Sr. and his wife Anna Atkinson Warren. Anna was the daughter of pioneer day Congregational minister George M. Atkinson.

The Warren family operated the Warren Packing Co., which had salmon canneries on the Columbia River and in the Alaska Territory. Their son and daughter-in-law, Frank Warren Jr. and Laura Cranston Warren (daughter of Methodist Episcopal Bishop Cranston), lived in a house on today's Northwest Westover Road.

It was a close-knit family. On his way to work, Frank Jr. would occasionally drop off his daughter, Anna Elizabeth, at his parents' house to spend the day with his mother and sisters.

Anna is seen in her father's automobile in this photo from June 1908. Long before today's car seats, her father utilized a safety strap to hold her in place in the front seat of the car on the trip to his parents' house.

After a vacation overseas, Frank and Anna Warren booked passage on the Titanic in 1912. Anna left the sinking ship on a lifeboat; Frank stayed to help others board the lifeboats and did not survive. Anna continued to live in their house until her death in 1925. According to a granddaughter, she and her cousins were not allowed to ask about the Titanic disaster. The stress of the tragedy 13 years earlier was considered a factor in Anna's passing.

The home was offered for sale in 1926. Advertisements stated that the home had 16 rooms and was in excellent condition. There were 11 bedrooms and five baths. Although valued at \$50,000, it was offered for \$27,000.

By the late 1920s, it had become a boarding house named the Yalnif. It continued to be used in that capacity into the early 1960s. It was last known as The St. Clair Guest House.

A new perimeter wall was planned for the 1965 apartment house, but the old wall still stands, though slightly remodeled on the Park Place side.



The Washington Park Condominiums claim the site today. Photo by Donald Nelson

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"There is no monarchy here. We are stewards of the neighborhood."
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President, Northwest District Association

"Storied neighborhood" cont'd from page 1

How has the organization fallen so far, and what might it take to revive it?

The man elected NWDA president three years ago thought he had the answers. A partner in a major downtown law firm who was active in the Chapman School PTA, Ciaran Connelly pledged to build membership, boost outreach and attract a younger generation through social media.

Instead, a series of efforts to update the organization's website and media presence foundered, and Connelly's unflinching advocacy for initiatives generated by City Hall divided the board of directors, which has six of its 15 seats vacant after a series of resignations, most recently his own.

"I am not willing to volunteer my time to oppose initiatives that I wholeheartedly support," Connelly wrote on his way out.

The initiative that broke the camel's back was NW in Motion, a city program of 17 traffic diverters that his board supported only to a degree; it wanted three of the diverters delayed to test the impact of the initial round of installations.

Connelly had become accustomed to a role as dissenter-in-chief. Over his three years at the helm, he twice stood alone against his board on major motions. Helping his board find common ground was not his aim.

With that chapter behind it, the board is mining its history in pursuit of renewal.

Forty years ago, another NWDA president could not stomach his board's failure to support his fight against a motel in a residential zone at Northwest 20th and Northrup streets. When the board voted for compromise in a close vote, Chuck Duffy resigned.

"A president must advocate for the position of an organization, otherwise he should quit," said Duffy, who faults Connelly for dragging the organization down before at last doing the right thing.

After a nearly 40-year hiatus, Duffy is again on the NWDA board, and he is taking a hands-on role in reviving the once-renowned organization.

"We need to speak for the neighborhood and its people," he said.

"The NWDA needs to do some boots-on-the-ground door knocking and talking to our neighbors about all the changes proposed for Northwest.

If we energize the people that live in our neighborhood and can unite them in a cause, then City Council will listen."

In the 1980s, Duffy worked for Mayor Bud Clark, one of the many Northwest District activists who later shaped the city. From that vantage point, he saw how neighborhood associations could set their own course and move City Hall.

"We are not powerless," he said. "Former Commissioner Chloe Eudaly was removed from City Council by the collective power of the neighborhood associations. Without our standing up to her proposals, she would have been reelected."

Portland neighborhood associations not only helped oust Eudaly, they united behind her opponent, Mingus Mapps, who won election while vowing to reform the city's neighborhood program that Eudaly renamed and redirected to other purposes.

Duffy takes a lesson from the 1960s fights against urban renewal in New York City that destroyed neighborhoods: The progressive goals of government leaders can have unintended consequences that are best ameliorated when grass-roots organizations have a healthy adversarial relationship with the city.

New energy

NWDA's interim president, Parker McNulty, will stand for election in May. He agrees with many of Duffy's views though he is not a member of an old guard. He joined the board four years ago and is 35, younger than his predecessor by eight years.

"We have a guiding star and that is to support the community," McNulty told the NW Examiner.

If a majority of the board takes a position different from his own, he will advocate for the majority.

"There is no monarchy here," he said. "We are stewards of the neighborhood."

McNulty believes the opportunity to help shape the future of their neighborhood, to influence development decisions and government policies, will attract good people to the organization.

"That's the same passion that drew me to the neighborhood," he said. "I think a lot of people will be interested in short order."

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NWDA in another way; he is a developer, making it hard to sustain the association's reputation as tough on development. His latest project, a mixed-use building on Northwest 23rd between Thurman and Vaughn streets, is nearing completion.

McNulty believes the association needs to reach out to the people. He is contemplating creating a drop-in space where neighbors can have coffee, hang out and talk about common interests, perhaps even in his newest building.

Steve Pinger, who has been active in first the Pearl and then the Northwest District neighborhood associations for the past two decades, does not believe NWDA's problems are as great as they appear.

"The NWDA doesn't really need too much rejuvenation, but it does need to move past the recent distractions it's been subjected to and get back to its longtime role of monitoring development activity and city policy," Pinger said.

That process involves deliberation, compromise and advocating for positions on behalf of its residents, steps

NWDA "has been almost consistently good at this over the last 45 years," he said.

What went wrong, in his opinion, was that positions hardened abruptly, often salted with reckless rhetoric.

"A lay neighborhood organization is not a platform for absolute viewpoints," Pinger said. "By nature it relies on everyone who participates to know that the person next to you is, in fact, your neighbor and like you is there to find and further a common good."

The path for 21st century Portland neighborhoods may not seem as elevated as those of yore, but they still have a role.

"City administrations seem to have become less and less interested in what the neighborhoods, and the people that live in them, have to say," he concluded. "But this is Portland, and I imagine that neighbors will continue to figure out how to lock arms and have their voices heard." ■

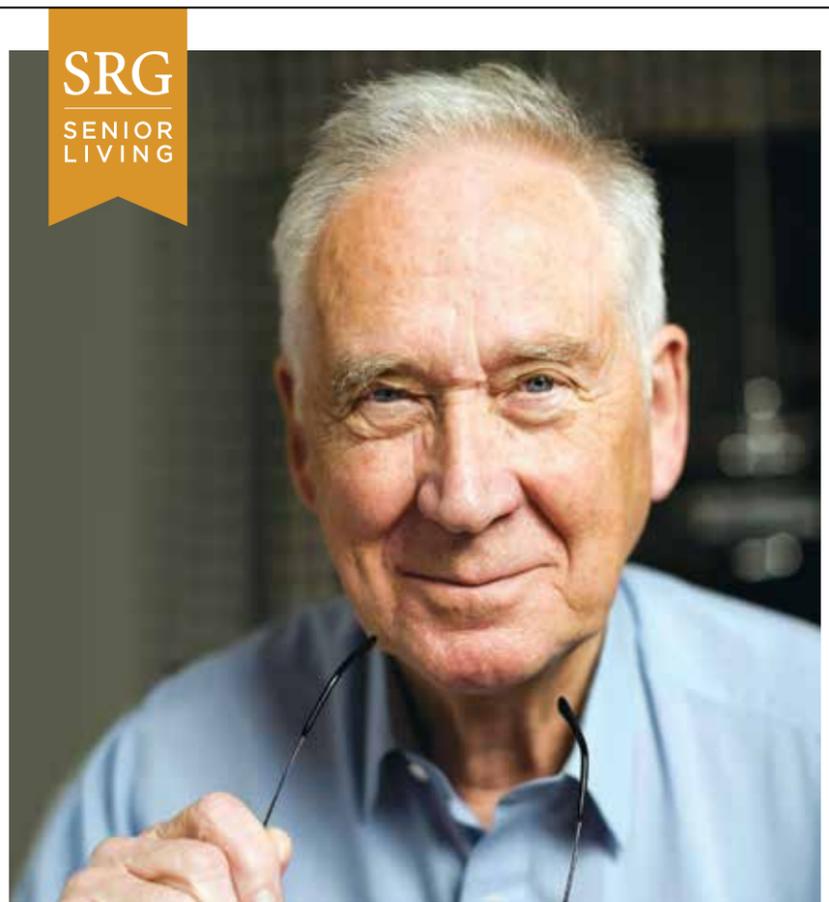
**The Neighbor, where I got my start in neighborhood journalism, was founded in 1975 by future mayor Bud Clark.*

Northwest District residents, business owners or property owners are eligible to become members of the NWDA and nominate themselves to the board of directors. To do so, sign up at northwestdistrictassociation.org or contact mark@nwnwn.org by April 15.

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2021	Parker McNulty	1988	Steve Fosler
2020	Ciaran Connelly	1987	Frank Dixon
2019	Ciaran Connelly	1986	Frank Dixon
2018	Ciaran Connelly	1985	Joleen Jensen
2017	Karen Karlsson	1984	Joleen Jensen
2016	Karen Karlsson	1983	John Werneken
2015	Tavo Cruz	1982	John Werneken
2014	Tavo Cruz		Nancy Randall
2013	Phil Selinger		Rachel Jacky
2012	Ron Walters	1981	Stephanie Allman
2011	Ron Walters		Ken Elliott
2010	Ron Walters		Nora Lenhoff
2009	Juliet Hyams	1980	Chuck Duffy
2008	Juliet Hyams		Ernie Munch
2007	Frank Bird		Rick Michaelson
2006	Frank Bird	1979	Mary Boyl
2005	Frank Bird		Rick Michaelson
2004	Sandy Diedrich		Richard Sends
2003	Frank Dixon	1978	Peg Henwood
2002	Frank Dixon		Marc Whitlow
2001	Frank Bird		Penny Davis
2000	Marty Birkenthal	1977	Steve Lowenstein
1999	John Bradley		Bill Scott
1998	Frank Bird		Bea Holzapfel
1997	Frank Bird	1976	Max Bolte
1996	Frank Bird		Martin Davis
1995	Greg Byrne	1975	Jan Bruckner
1994	Marvin Pohl		Winnie Francis
1993	Marvin Pohl		Edgar Waerher
1992	Heath Silberfeld	1974	Marvin Witt
1991	Georgeann Sahaida	1973	Edgar Storms
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ETHAN ALLEN home furnishings (right) is opening in the former Restoration Hardware's spot at 315 NW 23rd Ave.



DAZZLE, (far right), the store long known for its fiberglass horse on the sidewalk, held a going-out-of-business sale and closed after 23 years in business at 704 NW 23rd Ave.

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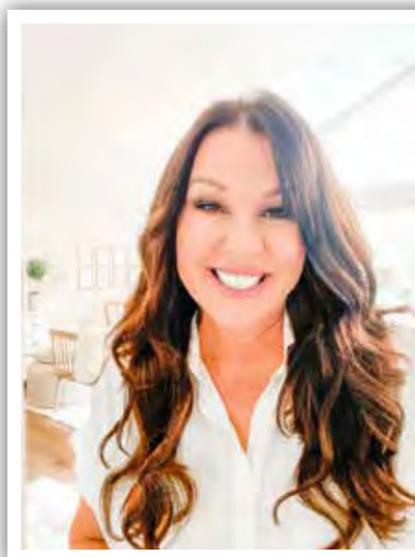
Traffic diverters closing the south end of Northwest 24th Avenue at Westover to auto traffic were installed last month. Bicycles can pass between them. This is the first of 17 diverter NW in Motion projects approved by City Council last October. The installations are temporary and will be evaluated over the next year to determine whether to modify them or construct permanent concrete barriers.



The turf at Steve Brand Field, the soccer field at Chapman Elementary, is 10 years old and overdue for replacement. Hillside Soccer Club is leading the fundraising effort for the project.



Friends of Wallace Park will host a neighborhood trash pickup event in conjunction with SOLVE on Saturday, April 24, 9:45 a.m.-noon. Preregistration is required: visit wallaceparkpdx.org/.



Stephanie Thornton Plymale, an interior designer and author of "American Daughter," will speak Tuesday, April 20, noon, at the William Temple House third annual Style & Sustainability for Social Good event. "I encourage people to make thoughtful purchasing decisions by recycling and exploring secondhand stores," Plymale said.



Longtime Goose Hollow resident George Johanson, 92, continues to draw and paint. In his recently produced Zoom webinar, he talks about where art has taken him, and why he feels the need to keep making it. [youtube.com/watch?v=JYiaEgLNucg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JYiaEgLNucg)



Northwest Thurman Street resident Scott Kocher has developed ideas to reduce speeding east of the bridge, a section he calls "a 1,300-foot drag strip." Urban designer Claire Vlach has illustrated several of them, including this one at Northwest 29th with a raised concrete island and a marked crosswalk. Kocher considers the solution attempted about 25 years ago—speed bumps—infeasible due to shaking and damaged foundations that homeowners haven't forgotten.

Neighborhood Activist



Neighborhood Association Board Meetings

NWNW Coalition	2nd Wed., 5:30 pm
Arlington Heights	2nd Mon., 6:00 pm
Downtown	4th Tues., 6:00 pm
Forest Park	3rd Tues., 7:00 pm
Goose Hollow	3rd Thurs., 7:00 pm
Hillside	2nd Tues., 7:30 pm quarterly
Linnton	1st Wed., 7:00 pm odd months
NWDA	3rd Mon., 6:00 pm
Old Town Board mtg	2nd Wed., 11:30 am
Community mtg	1st Wed., 11:30 am or 6:00 pm quarterly
Pearl District	2nd Thurs., 6:00 pm
Sylvan-Highlands	3rd Tues., 6:30 pm

See NWNW.org/calendar for details.

Contact Neighbors West-Northwest
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NWNW.org - coalition@NWNW.org

Make a Difference In Your Neighborhood 2021 Annual Elections - Monday, May 17th

The Northwest District Association (NWDA) is seeking candidates to run for the Board of Directors. NWDA is a city-recognized neighborhood association that represents portions of northwest Portland. NWDA provides advice to the City of Portland, its bureaus, commissions and City Council on affairs affecting the character of the neighborhood and it's quality of life.

Candidates must be members of the NWDA. Membership is free and open to all residents, property owners, and

representatives of business or non-profits in the district. To join: go to northwestdistrictassociation.org and click on "Apply for Membership" at the bottom of the page.

To vote in the annual elections, you must be registered as a member of the NWDA by May 17, 2021. Online balloting will run May 10-17, instructions will be included in the next notice.

To be on the ballot, you must declare your candidacy for Director or for President by 5:00pm, Thursday, April 15th.

Send declarations of candidacy or inquiries about becoming a member to: mark@nwnw.org or to NWDA Elections Committee, 2257 NW Raleigh Street, Portland, OR 97210.

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