Surprising Success

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Little has gone as expected with the Northwest District parking plan, which is still only partially implemented four years after its adoption by City Council.

The main holdup has been the bribing of former Portland Parking Manager Ellis McCoy by parking meter supplier Cale Parking Systems USA. McCoy has been sentenced to two years in prison, but the Portland City Attorney's office has still not gotten to the bottom of the scandal to see if culpable parties are still associated with Cale.

McCoy may be a free man before the 360 meters in storage are either installed or returned to seek a new supplier.

While the meters remained in cold storage, the parking permit element of the plan (giving preference to residents and workers) rolled out last February.

But due to a series of compromises to quell resistance from retailers and business interests, the program is so lax that nearly two passes have been sold for every on-street parking space in the district.

Grant Morehead, who is managing the Northwest District parking plan—known as Zone M—for the Portland Bureau of Transportation, said the city "has issued far too many permits" for the number of parking spaces in the district.

When this happens, the same number of people search for the same parking spaces as before, and "the permit essentially has no value."

Beyond that, failing to hold a permit is only slightly restrictive. Because "visitors" are allowed to park up to

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Demolitions by the number

What is the right number of housing demolitions in Portland?

When I heard City Commissioner Steve Novick put such a question to historic preservation advocates, I sensed a clever polemic.

It didn’t surprise me that the witnesses on the stand struggled to give a definitive answer. Any numerical limit or norm suggested would be hard to justify, or a context could be concocted to show the current pattern is acceptable.

The 300 or so demolitions per year in 2014 and ’15 were about twice the average since the best available tabulation began in 2004. But developers counter that what appears to be an alarming spike is merely a correction after an abnormally depressed market period. Taking a page from climate change deniers, one can always pick a graph section to show that what appears to some as a cataclysm is just part of a normal cyclical pattern.

Furthermore, I contest the entire premise that demolitions are OK as long as their frequency remains within some realm.

We could just as well establish a level of income needed per person and forgive theft, extortion and robbery if such crime didn’t push the culprit beyond the per capita income average. Would we assume that an individual tells, say, 10,000 lies in a lifetime and tolerate direct acts of betrayal that are perhaps only 10 percent of those that fell through, the city offered no protection.

Indeed, instead of merely counting demolitions, given that the City itself has essentially no protection.

Some demolitions should be allowed; some should not. Deciding when the public interest should prevail over the desires of a private property owner must to some degree be a subjective process. No rules can adequately express community, historic, cultural and environmental values.

I don’t know what formulas or guidelines should be enacted, and I don’t think we can begin to form such policies until we’ve had a comprehensive community dialogue—a step that has hardly begun.

This leap to the bottom line makes no sense except to cloud an issue deserving more depth and clarity.

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Instead of merely counting demolition permits, policy makers and citizens should educate themselves to the kinds of buildings that are being demolished, by whom, for what reason and to what consequence. As a starting point, anyone can get weekly reports from Portland Chronicle (portlandchronicle.com) with the basic facts of each application, complete with photos of the doomed structures and often renderings of the replacement projects.

For those following actual cases, it quickly becomes clear that many historically significant buildings are not certified landmarks and therefore have no more protection than a Tuff Shed. Locally designated landmarks can be delisted at the discretion of the property owner, again offering no protection.

Many of the demolitions involve small and poorly maintained houses that seem past their utility. Even so, there can be notable trees that should limit the shape of redevelopment. In other cases, the proposed replacement building may be drastically out of context for the block, and if this issue were addressed before ruling on the demolition permit, the rationale for clearing the lot could disappear.

If every demolition application triggered design review of the replacement building, we wouldn’t see a four-story, walled compound as is planned at Northwest 25th and Raleigh streets. A row of graceful old houses with front yards and porches is devalued when splintered by structures like this, yet this concern was essentially irrelevant. Outside of a few designated landmarks districts and the central city, it doesn’t matter what the new building will look like—it just has to meet the code.

Reining in careless demolitions need not thwart higher-density infill. Such infill should not, however, take the place of good houses, and I believe it should not be ominous or ugly. That’s not a dictum, but perhaps it can be a conversation starter.

Difficult situation

I was disappointed in “Falling Apart [November 2015],” the Linnton Plywood Association article, as it missed an opportunity to illuminate a very complicated, difficult situation. By not including the several deals to sell the site that fell through, the city politics involved and local people intent on sabotaging a safe if it didn’t suit them (hence a need for secrecy, even beyond what negotiations usually call for), we’re left with the impression that Jimmy Stahly and Gail Holt er sat around doing nothing, collecting their checks all those years and withholding information because they were up to no good.

Because the article doesn’t mention the various attempts (at least four) that were negotiated to sell the place over more than a decade, we never gain an appreciation of how difficult making a successful deal was. And surely there is more involved in developer John Beardsley’s 2005 offer than his recriminations, given that the City Commission killed a housing project plan for the site in 2006.

The blame game is sexy, but sometimes learning how things work, or don’t, is more useful to the reader.

Bob Lee
NW Harborton Rd.

Stahly honest

I have no dog in the Linnton mill fight. However, I have known Jimmy Stahly for more than 20 years. He is one of the most honest and upright individuals I’ve ever known. To suggest that he somehow has tried to cheat the very people he’s worked hard to save is simply disgusting.

I’m a former neighbor of the Stahlays and I can attest that Jimmy was at that mill every single day during the work week. Anyone driving by could see his truck parked there. The comment that the “for sale” sign was hidden in the weeds is nonsense. There was a huge sign on or close to the roof of the mill that I could see from my house. Over the years, Jimmy worked tirelessly with a number of potential buyers, only to be shot down by the industrialist community of big shots. I know this for a fact as I attended many of the Linnton meetings and city council meetings as well. If there is blame to be laid, my suggestion is that you check with the city of Portland—which lied to the community about how it was going to help the mill property and the community of Linnton by allowing zoning changes, etc. They spent millions of dollars on “The Linnton Plan” with fancy drawings and plans that were never used for anything except to lie to the community. In the end, they were bought off by the industrialists who wanted nothing done with the mill site except fill it with heavy industrial. I cannot speak about Holtzer, as I don’t know him, but any one calling Jimmy Stahly a cheat or a thief is a liar.

Allan Classen, you were front and center in these.

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Norris Ege

Norris Ege, a Northwest Savi- er residence since 1987, died Oct. 7 due to complications of heart surgery at age 84. He was married to Ione Scott in 1957. He is survived by his wife; sons, Chick and Mitchell; sister, Molly Krause; and two grandchildren.

Ronald M. Paul

Ronald M. Paul, the founding executive director of the James Beard Public Market, died Dec. 21 from complications of cancer at age 65. He was born Feb. 7, 1950, in Tucson, Ariz., and graduated from Tucson High School. He graduated from the University of Oregon and received a master’s degree in educational counseling from the University of Oregon. He founded Ron Paul Catering & Cater- cuterie on Northwest 23rd Avenue in 1983. The business grew to three locations. He was chief of staff for City Commissioner Charlie Hales 1999-2002. After Hales resigned, Paul began working for a public market featuring farm-fresh goods and Oregon artisan foods. He served as executive director of the James Beard Public Market from 2006 until retiring for health reasons in August. He was a longtime resi- dent of Northwest Portland. He mar- ried Toni Cole in 1981. He is sur- vived by his wife; sons, Jeremy and Aaron; daughter, Jordan; and two grandchildren.

Evelyn S. Vetsch

Evelyn Susanne Vetsch, who lived most of her life on Sauvie Island, died Oct. 26 at age 88. Evelyn was born Nov. 21, 1925, in Portland. She was the first office manager of the Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, which is now the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conser- vation District. She was married to Richard W. Vetsch; she is survived by her husband; son, Robert; daughters, Sherrill Jacobson and Anita Eggertsen; stepson, Joel Dietz; stepdaughter, Allison Catt; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Richard C. Easton

Richard Critten- den Easton, who grew up in Portland Heights and became a well- known youth coach, died Nov. 20 at age 78. He was born April 6, 1937, in Portland and attended Ainsworth Elementary, Lincoln High School and the University of Oregon. His career includ- ed senior officer positions with both Standard Insurance Co. and Guar- antee Life Insurance Co. He coached his sons’ Goldenball basketball teams, and in 1980 coached the Bredemile Bullets to a city champion- ship. After retiring to the Oregon Coast in 2000, he was a volunteer assistant coach at Warenden High School for 15 seasons. He was presi- dent of the United Way of Clatsop County for several years. He married Marilyn Poston in 1959. He is survived by his wife, daughter, Jan Huffstutter; sons, Mike and John; and seven grandchildren. There will be a celebration of life at 5 p.m., Sat- urday, Jan. 16, at the Multnomah Athletic Club.

Capron P. Meyers

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Tom and Chris Neilsen
SW 10th Ave.

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I find it completely unacceptable that Portland, renowned for its past achievements in livability and its reputation for citizen involvement, should squander that reputation through corrupt cronyism in producing and adopting the current West Quadrant Plan. The Oregon ethics laws were clearly violated.

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Suzanne H. Crowhurst
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flights with City Hall and the industrial community. You should know exactly what went on through the many years that this was going on. Shame on you for the attack on Jimmy Stahl that is based completely on hearsay from disgruntled mill workers.

Kristin Roberts
SW Rosewood Way

Protection promised

Voters have spent more than $400 million to buy and protect wildlife in green spaces around the city (“Tualatin Mountains wildlife may soon have company,” December 2015). We felt that it was important to have some undeveloped areas dedicated to wildlife. Metro got our money by promising to “protect wildlife and restore habitat.” For years, Metro has had signs in these areas that prohibited biking, horses and dogs because of the impact to wildlife. Now they are taking the money voters gave them for wildlife and building a huge adventure park with trails through areas that elk have used for years.

I have no problem with mountain bikes, but if Metro were going to use the money voters gave them for mountain bike trails then they should have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen. The voters have said that, but that didn’t happen.

Michael Wisdom of the U.S. Forest Service says that when you include mountain bikes, your priority has changed from wildlife to recreation.

Save wild spaces

The North Tualatin Mountains look to be the next place where human activities will trump the interests of those who want to save wild spaces. Why is it that when these decisions are made, the animals who live in these wild areas are always the ones who have to make all the sacrifices? I sat in on a Metro hearing a couple years ago when Metro decided to expand the urban growth boundary onto 9 acres of wetlands—for an indoor tennis court in Lake Oswego. The room was packed with pro tennis advocates, each carrying a tennis racket as a prop to drive home their point. Only one woman testified that she opposed the expansion onto this wild area—she wanted to protect the wildlife that made use of that wetlands as a migration area.

And now mountain bikers are poised to take over 500 acres of what we have been fortunate to have here in Portland: wilderness in the city. I have nothing against tennis or mountain biking. But if we want to keep our quality of life, maybe we humans should be willing to make some of the sacrifices and allow the wildlife that lives in these areas to have a voice too.

Thanks to the activists mentioned in this article for being their voice, for fighting this incursion onto this public treasure and doing their part to protect the wildlife that made use of that wetland as a migration area.

Courtney Scott
NE Flanders St.

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Parking idea

The Oregonian is ending its print operation near Providence Park. Meanwhile, the Multnomah Athletic Club is looking for more off-street parking. Also, while I favor mass transit, I note that some Timber fans will continue to drive to games no matter what.

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The Timbers fans who drive are currently parking in Northwest Portland, where the Bureau of Transportation has conveniently lengthened visitor parking to four hours for most of the neighborhood and three hours for most of the rest. That’s plenty of time to park and see the game. Enforcement has faded away anyway. What about TriMet loving customers? These are people who won’t take transit anyway; I’m just willing to spend tens of millions of dollars to create more parking.

Bruce Silverman
NW Irving St.

Fortress houses

I have not been able to get the notice about the (what looks to be) enormous house that is being built on Quimby out of my mind (Nov. 2015). This is now the second such residence (that I know of) being built in Northwest; both having been reported in this paper. Huge, modern and, most remarkable to me, disconnect-ed from the surroundings. To me, the residents are sending a strong message that they are not interested in neighbors or local community. They seem to actually be fortifying themselves against these things.

I don’t understand these kinds of choices in a neighborhood like Northwest Portland. I really don’t want to be anti-change, or anti-harbingers of societal/cultural shifts that are not positive.

Karen Backstrand
NW Lovejoy St.

Change is good

My husband and I moved to Portland 20 years ago and chose to live in the Northwest neighborhood. We congratulate ourselves almost every day on that choice.

I’m writing about some of the letters complaining about building “modern” architecture mixed in with the old homes. We love the beautiful old houses, but we also love the apartment houses where our young people can afford to live, the new modern townhouses and even having the industrial area right next to us. When nothing changes in a city, or a neighborhood, it either dies or becomes a museum.

I understand that change can hurt. Our wonderful view of Mount Hood just disappeared behind the 28-story new condo building in the Pearl. But that is part of a lively growing city, just the same as the fact that we are becoming a more culturally diverse city. It just keeps getting better and better.

Nancy Thorn
NW 25th Ave.

ESCO closing helps

As a resident of Northwest Roosevelt Street for 27 years, I certainly don’t feel like it’s the end of the neighborhood, perhaps just the beginning (“There goes the neighborhood,” December 2015). Why is the closing of the mill a bad thing? Why the gnashing of teeth over ESCO’s plan to develop some property that is sitting vacant and has been sitting vacant for years?

Guess what? Part of this sanctuary is residential. There are five houses on Roosevelt Street and three around the corner on Northwest 23rd between Roosevelt and Wilson streets. The changes that everyone seems to fear have already happened in many cases. What used to be blue collar neighbors are now executives with Nike and Adidas. We have an assistant district attorney, a business owner and entrepreneur, a surgeon, a financial planner, etc. living on our street. Closings old No. 1 at ESCO will be a boon for everyone in the neighborhood.

As the kicker quote most tellingly says in the story, when it comes down to rezoning, you have to side with the property owner. I am proud to be one of those property owners. Slabtown rules!

Stuart Tomlinson
NW Roosevelt St.

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Speed sells

Good analysis of the streetcar speed ... or lack thereof [“Too many stops,” December 2015]. As a lifelong student—OK, rail fan—with an engineering and safety background, I think this analysis is incomplete.

The streetcar and MAX suffer from a city/county policy that treats all vehicles equally. My SUV with engineering and safety background, I think this analysis is incomplete. As to the stops: Two blocks equals 400 feet. Eliminating the Everett stop would necessitate a walk of less than that to either stop. Even for an honored citizen like me, that is not an obstacle. While you are thinking of stops, why does the streetcar, safe, cruising speed between all stops, even if it means investing in traffic lights. Last week in the Czech Republic, I rode the identical Inekon car at almost 40 mph. The Streetcar need not operate to this speed; just progress with out slowing between stops at a safe 20-25 mph.

Further, stop signs should be realigned to allow the streetcar, safe, cruising speed between all stops, even if it means investing in traffic lights. Last week in the Czech Republic, I rode the identical Inekon car at almost 40 mph. The Streetcar need not operate to this speed; just progress without slowing between stops at a safe 20-25 mph. Same for MAX.

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While you are thinking of stops, why does the MAX stop at Providence Park and 300 feet later at the Goose Hollow Inn? Speed sells. Speed ‘em up!

Geoffrey W. McCarthy
NW Melinda Ave.

No need for speed

The idea that the Portland Streetcar line in the Pearl has too many stops and some should be eliminated is so wrong-headed in so many ways that one hardly knows where to start.

1. Portland Streetcar Inc. Executive Director Dan Bower asserts that the public wants the streetcars to go faster. Since when did streetcars or trolley cars become rapid transit? One of their charms is precisely that they are NOT rapid transit in a speeded-up, constantly connected world.

2. Should some stops be eliminated, those who paid an assessment for the streetcars and their stops will not be getting what they paid for.

3. It would cost a great deal of money to remove stops that are already there.

4. The Pearl District is constantly building more hotels and tourist destinations. Do those tourists really have a desire for the streetcars to be rapid transit with fewer stops? Are tourists in San Francisco saying, “If only these streetcars and cable cars were rapid transit with fewer stops?” I kind of doubt it.

5. The majority of the committee is opposed to the elimination of the stops. Is there to be no public process or referendum about this? I would hazard a guess that the vast majority of the public would be against the elimination of any stops.

6. I smell a moneyed interest scheming as to how they can squeeze out more money for themselves at the expense of everyone else.

Richard Viden
Orangevale, Calif.

Corrections

Our Page 1 story last month, “There goes the neighborhood,” referred to monthly commercial lease rates of $25 a square foot and industrial rates of $6 a square foot. The rates are per year.

The current photo at Northwest 16th and Raleigh (“General store bridged pioneer, modern era,” December 2015) did not show the western side of the intersection, where the former store was located.

Portland Streetcar (“Too many stops,” December 2015) is proposing trial closure of northbound and southbound stops on Northwest Everett Street, but we erroneously reported in one instance that the Glisan Street stops would also be affected.

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With renovations have come changes. No more ice cream sundaes sprinkled with freeze-dried scorpions and chocolate-covered scorpions for sale in the gift shop.

Two new exhibits have been added. The first is called Buried Alive. It’s an interactive coffin; you can get in, close the lid and watch a movie (made by Wellins, whose day job is commercial filmmaking) that simulates burial from the corpse’s point of view.

The other is a tongue-in-cheek art installation about illegal organ harvesting, blood and guts oozing from a bathtub filled with fake ice. These exhibits, like the rest of the objects in the museum, are not for the squeamish, though all in the name of fun.

Also new is the $5 admission charge. It’s still free for those who arrive in costume and for dogs. (Now that the Peculiarium no longer serves food, dogs are permitted and are welcomed with a biscuit.) Wellins says the admission charge hasn’t changed the volume of visitors and is necessary to keep the place running.

Just in time for the holidays, the gift shop offers Santa Monsters gift wrap and a variety of Krampus-themed objects, including a tree ornament and stockings to be hung by the chimney with care, for according to Germanic folklore, the horned creature is the one in charge of dealing with naughty children around Christmastime.

The Peculiarium originally opened in 2011, the brainchild of three local artist/filmmaking friends: Wellins, Lisa Freeman and Eric Bute.

“This place keeps me busy,” said Wellins, citing the woes familiar to anyone running a small business—city permits, tax filings and the ebb and flow of customers.

Coming in the new year: an art exhibit for dogs.

"Not to be confused with dog art," said Wellins, currently at work on a series of smell-o-rama dog butts. The Freakybuttrue Peculiarium and Museum

Open Thursday-Sunday, 11 am-6 pm.
Floodwaters from the Columbia River backed up the Willamette River in the spring of 1948, creating high-water scenes reminiscent of last month’s flooding.

A 1948 aerial photo may have been taken for the novelty of seeing many blocks underwater. But today, it strikes interest for what it reveals about an earlier era long before there was a Pearl District. The photo shows the freight depots of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway’s North Bank Station buildings at Northwest 11th Avenues, Hoyt and Irving streets in the right edge of the frame. Those structures survive today as two-story condominiums.

The SP&S roundhouse (bottom center) was at Northwest Ninth, 10th and Lovejoy next to the Lovejoy viaduct, which was removed in 1999. A 10th Avenue ramp connected to the main viaduct.

At the center of the photo is the Southern Pacific Railroad’s main freight house, which became the site of Portland’s main post office in the early 1960s.

Across Hoyt Street is the old post office, sometimes called the 511 Building, which is today the Pacific Northwest College of Art. Union Station (left of center) served passengers of Great Northern, Northern Pacific, Southern Pacific, Union Pacific and the SP&S railways. The Yards at Union Station apartments occupy part of the former rail yards that were removed along Northwest Naito Parkway, west of the Steel Bridge.

On the upper left is the inundated McCormick Terminal at the river’s edge. In the early 1980s, it became the McCormick Pier Condos.

To the immediate right of McCormick Terminal were the Union Pacific freight offices and depot. Today, a piece of the facade facing Naito Parkway is part of McCormick Pier’s parking lot. McCormick Pier Grocery and Deli, Blum Floral Design, and Rusty Nail Pizza and Pub are among the businesses occupying the former Freight Office.

At left center edge, next to the Broadway Bridge, is the Albers Bros. Milling Co. Cereal and Flour Mill and Dock No. 1, which was renovated into offices and is known as the Albers Mill Building.

Below the building in the flood photo are Albers Docks Nos. 2 and No. 3, which were leased to Interstate Terminals. They no longer exist.

The structure at the lower left is the Mersey Dock & Grain Warehouse, which was leased to the Balfour Guthrie Co. That area is occupied today in part by the Waterfront Pearl’s Azure and Mistral towers.

In the past 68 years, almost all of the grain mills and associated warehouses have been removed. The lone exception is the deteriorating Crown Mill complex now known as Centennial Mills. Demolition of the complex is underway, and the Portland Development Commission will consider clearing the entire site next this year.
four hours without a permit, and enforcement ends at 7 p.m., anyone arriving after 3 p.m. may park until the following morning.

(A three-hour visitor grace period remains in effect between Burnside and Irving streets until meters are installed.)

No other Portland permit district has such lenient parameters. Under the circumstances, one might assume the program has been ineffective or worse.

To the contrary: Most people living or working in the district contacted by the NW Examiner say the system has helped, making it easier to find vacant parking spaces. Ten of 14 residents report noticeable improvement.

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the number of permits based on the available parking supply, charge higher rates to owners of multiple cars, increase the annual rate, extend the period of enforcement later in the evening and perhaps even deny permits altogether to occupants of new apartment buildings that do not supply off-street parking.

The latter would be novel, but members of the SAC expressed interest in the approach as a way to discourage apartment developers from offloading the parking burden of their tenants onto the neighborhood.

Proposed administrative rules would also allow the general public to pay to use off-street parking facilities associated with commercial properties.

Some tweaking of the parking dis- trict has already been made.

In fact, residents of several small residential pockets just west of 21st Avenue have petitioned to be included, and these areas are being added if a majority of residents opt in.

Pending updates of citywide park- ing rules will allow districts to limit the number of parking permits issued on-street. It will be a difficult task to balance the desires of different neighborhood communities with the need to manage parking demand.

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Chapman feels the squeeze; it could get relief...in a while

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nown for high-achieving students and highly involved parents, Chapman Elementary School is one of the strongest K-5 schools in the city. It may also be the most overcrowded.

“We’re at the building’s limit,” said Jason Trombley, who chairs the 24-member, all-volunteer District-wide Boundary Review Accountability Committee (DBRAC). “There is clear and persistent overcrowding.

“Every space that I would have expected as storage has been repurposed,” he said in an interview in Chapman’s entryway, at a child-size table where students sit for reading assistance.

Furthermore, he sees a wave of housing development coming to long-vacant sections of Slabtown and the North Pearl.

“We can see the growth,” he said. “There are [construction] cranes everywhere. … That’s what makes this Chapman case a real sense of urgency with 56 fourth-graders,” Platt continued.

According to Chapman PTA President Rosie Platt, there is a “construction boom” involving 4,454 units in 37 buildings proposed or currently being constructed in Chapman’s catchment.

PPS needs to understand that even though these apartments and condos are predominantly studios and one- and two-bedroom units, families will continue to move into these small spaces due to their affordability in an increasingly tight housing market.

The committee will recommend strategies to deal with imbalances in enrollment and facilities to Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith before the end of this month. The school board could vote on a growth-management plan as soon as February.

The 1923 Chapman building, considered “right-sized” for 550 students, now has nearly 790 in kindergarten through fifth grade. The auditorium, used as a theater, music class and regular classroom, reflects the cascading compromises triggered by the space crunch.

“We have converted building closets into staff offices,” wrote Platt in a mid-November call to action letter sent to PPS. “Reading groups and tutoring take place in our hallways and wherever there is available floor space. Our third-, fourth- and fifth-graders now eat lunch in their classrooms because there is no room in the cafeteria.

“Our basement now houses a double classroom with 56 fourth-graders,” Platt continued.

“My son is in the fourth-grade classroom in the basement with 64 kids,” wrote Vikki Reade, using a different class size calculation, in response to Platt’s letter. “He feels completely lost in such a large group. His patience and love of learning is slowly evaporating. Chapman administration and staff have totally exhausted creative ideas for the expanding population. It is time for some real assistance here.”

Amy Kohnstamm, PPS school board member for Zone 3, which includes all of Northwest Portland, calls Chapman “a fantastic school” and is aware of its predicament.

“They are quite literally packed to the gills down there,” she said of the basement classes, “and that has an effect on educational programming.”

Indeed, some families are jumping the packed ship, moving within the Ainsworth School boundaries or choosing private schools.

According to a chart in a PPS report, of the 796 elementary students in Chapman’s catchment, 622 (slightly more than 75 percent) attend their neighborhood school. Trombley of the DBRAC says overcrowding is one reason many of the other 174 have gone elsewhere.

There is no shortage of ideas on how to address the problem.

DBRAC held about a dozen public comment sessions last fall, and nearly 1,500 emails were sent to the committee. Suggestions for Chapman include:

• Moving Multnomah Learning Center programs, which attract students mostly from the east side, to another building and placing Chapman students there;

• Expanding the PPS Early Learners and Head Start programs currently renting space in the Pearl District’s Ramona Apartments to add kindergarten classes;

• Redistricting the Chapman area (which goes south to the Ross Island Bridge, north to Yeon Avenue and to Skyline Boulevard to the west) and sending up to 87 students to Bridlemile and Ainsworth elementary schools;

• Using East Sylvan Middle School as an elementary school; and

• Building an additional elementary school.

The Pearl District relief valve is unlikely, according to Christine Miles, PPS public information officer.

“PPS is not looking at renting space to relieve overcrowding at Chapman,” Miles said in an email. “It has been considered in the past. From an operational standpoint there are transportation and limited nutrition services accommodations.”

Chapman’s growth is part of a Westside pattern also inundating West Sylvan Middle School and Lincoln High School. PPS projects there will be another 5,000 students in the school system by 2025.

Anna Dvorcik, a Chapman parent who last fall helped circulate Platt’s original letter and a petition calling for construction of a new elementary school in Northwest Portland, now says she is satisfied with progress.

“It is my understanding that [DBRAC and the school board] have listened to these concerns and are working toward finding another solution to address the overcrowding at Chapman,” she wrote in an email to the Chapman community as preamble to Platt’s letter.
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2014
Tom McCallister
Mary Cornwell Houle
Ethan Uthendahl
Jose Hurline
Bill Failing
Paul Terald
Eliza Elbacht-Eisen
Stanley Perkins
Heidi Rose
Ron Wolters
Judy Kautz
Joan Pedersen

2013
Guy Bodin
Carol Monzey
Shari Raider
Cindy Kaplan
Michele Budinskas
Gustavo J. Cruz Jr.
Brian Vogtlander
Brice Levy
Brian Lightcap
Peter Wanger
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Bill Hawkins

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Bill Dolan
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Just a Field Team
Cindy Reid
Ruth Roth

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Don & Carol Sterkel
Noam Gershon
Alice Defley
Gary Kish
Tanya March
John Baymiller
Linda Young
Josh Ryan
Blaine Bartolomew
Brian Harmon
Steve Brand
Ants Niles

2010
Paul Koberstein
Phil Gettler
Quinn Robb
Frank Weigel
Jan Valentine
Elaine Mann
Thomas Manley
Don Kruger
Mary Peveto
Juliet Hyams
Laura Russo
Donna Mattrazier

2009
Joe Bianco
Cantores in Ecclesia
Bob Shores
Susan Anderson
1998
Jackie Mathys
Gwen Farnham Hyland

2008
Jeff Jojola
Bill Welch
Greg Hermes
Carrie Case
Rachel Bachman
Anna & Jeff Phelps
Caroline Fenn
Sherri Nee
Becca Kavell
Phil Selenger
Kelly Walston
Michael Hall
Charlotte & Ogden Beam

2007
Tatia Morrison
Buffy Franklin
Elizabeth Abery
Pam Britt
Nigel Jaquius
Joe Justice
Ann Niles
John Thorne
Elisabeth Douglas
Gail Snyder
Mike Ryerson

2006
Dale Bullock
Ginger Prince
Sarah Macozzo
Pat Burner
Jerry Powell
Bill Boggs
David Popina
Brian Sarver
Nikko Lopez
Bianca Mathabane
Rep. Mitch Greenlick
Peter Kioni
Vicki Freya
Ed Morrison
Father Murphy
Charlie Lehr

2005
Patricia Gardner
Tom Badrick
Lauryn Gorel
Julie Decaire
John Craznecki
Preston Hult
Jon Duclos
Matt Krueger
Umpqua Bank
Eli Lamb
Garry Schubert Baeer
Sally Lawrence

2004
Perry Westbrook
Bill Aldridge
Marti & Glenn Gordon
Homesteerer Bank
Roz Rubenberg
Joe Moreau
David August
Hugh Ackroyd
Gayle Hammond
John & Tom Berci
Caida Mea
Amy Cobble
Vera Katz

2003
Mary Edimann
Mark Engen
Walter Cole
Joseph Scott
Mike McGrath
Lee Rosenau
Ron Waterford
Berta Delman
Gwen Farnham Hyland
Vaune Albaanse
June Schumanni
David & Josephine Cameron
Jackie Mattlits
Arthur Spencer
Carol Smith-Larson

2002
Bene Cinniamms
Mark Wheeler
Gary Cole
Judy Vogtlander
Jacqueline Stoeckler
Tim Hills
Pat Wagner
Catherine Rudinsky
Diana Masciari
Tracy Reeve
Bett Hutchins
Diane Lund
Sean Sosnovich
Dick Bennisworth
Revd. Bud Thurston
Pete Luth
Ken’s Artisan Bakery
Richard Singer
Ron Korkina
Rich Philofsky
Elisabeth Linder

2001
Dave Edschaugh
Bob McHale
Ray & Jerry Grimm
Linda Fortini
Lindsay Evans
Andrew H. Stamp
Delbert Wagner
Dan Volkman
Roger Vikesa
Allison Chadwick
Allana Vincent
David Vandell
Bob Dunst & family
Richard Becker
Terry Carrier
Cates Cafe
Dr. Ralph Cranshaw
Rick Rubin
Chris Smith
Augusta Reinhardt

2000
Jane Glaser
Jeff Boly
Frances & Frank Lohc
Tina Ely
Dave Carter
Bill Karrow
Megan Ross
John Bradley
Sandra Diedrich
Chuck Pahlanik
Taj Wilson
Julie Fale
Mike Sublett
Mary Birkenshak
Johannes Classen
Greg Hermes
Carlos Caimus
Ashley Linder
Doug Lynch

1999
Bob Landberg
Nob Hill Bar & Grill
Russell Kaye
Stacy Mattauer
Kissy Brown Mahoney
Kari Maplecreek
Jane Netboy
Al Mouzon
Katie Harper
Michael Harrison
Sichel House
Upton Rauscher
Janice & Georgia Baldwin
Nicole Mone
Canon John Strege
Owen Casey
John Bradley
Cindy Hill
David Stember
Jason Reynolds
Patton Richard Berg
Helen Gaozun

1998
John Waidly
Gerald Palmore
Maryn Greenway
Al Solheim
Bob Shumna
Ryan Grossenbacher
Karl Witzel
Sharon Geno
Dan Anderson
Rick Michaelson
John & Betty Geiger
Bing Sheldof
Hannah Wine Culver
Cantores in Ecclesia
Joe Blanco
Art in the Pearl
Frank Dixon
Stephen McCarthy
Homer Medica
Michele Russo

1997
Lilly Scholz
Kurt Oldaker
Mark Eisenhart
Lincoln HS Constitution Team
Sue Ballinger
Gary Jundal
Lauren Thies
Joan Chase
Bob Ball
Dan Volkman
Gloria Cross
Mike Menolomino
Ipping Street Charnnels
Beverly Baker
Nancy Lasicki
Steve McCarthy
Chris Benson
Tony Belusko
Milt Ohbren

1996
Trudy Walka
Pete Curti
Christin Denecke
Phyllis Denny
Bob Dunst
Mikah Housek
Chuck Martin
Louise Moelies
Mary Temple House
Shet Orolf
Art Demun
Fayse Foulser
Bear Essential
Maureen Andrews
Michele Russo
Restoration Hardware
Jon Farmer
Ed Grossenbacher
Christian Lacey-Krieta
Buck Clark

1995
Lynn Reid Miller
Nils Schullman
Hal Hart
Greg Hermes
John Giaggy
Robert Libbey
Daves Urban
Arnie Rolfson
Fred DeWolfe
Hazel Hall Poetry Park
Portland Brewing Taproom
Zeff's
John Callahan
John Monerevede
Phil Koskin
Portland Rockers
Peg Hemmood
Chuck Martin
Arthur Spencer
Howard Glazer

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“I like Portland,” says Boston native Sarah Schafer. It reminds her of her hometown, especially the Pearl District, with its cobbled streets. She calls it “a small town within a big city.”

Schafer runs the show at Irving Street Kitchen, and like many Portland chefs, Schafer didn’t get her start here. She got her start—like a lot of chefs—by picking up what she could from her mother and grandmother before taking a job in high school at an East Coast cafe.

At the time, a sous chef she worked with had just taken a course at the Culinary Institute of America. After observing her efforts in the kitchen, he suggested that she further her pursuit of cooking—a pursuit she wasn’t even aware of at the time—by taking a few classes herself.

She did and after graduating from school she worked in several coastal kitchens, including San Francisco’s Anchor & Hope, New York City’s Gramercy Tavern and Eleven Madison Park, where she got to work alongside chefs like Danny Meyer and Daniel Patterson.

We recently spoke with Schafer as she was gearing up for a frantic week of Christmastime dining. Here’s what she had to say.

How long have you worked in the neighborhood?

I’ve worked in the neighborhood as long as I’ve been in Portland—six years total. I had been living in San Francisco when I was asked to move up north to open up Irving Street Kitchen.

Where in Portland do you live, and how do you get to work—car, bus or bike?

I used to live in the Pearl District for four years, but last year I bought a house on the edge of University Park and St. Johns. When I lived in the neighborhood, I’d walk, but now I drive to work. Parking can be difficult, but it’s easier to drive from that far away than it is to bike. Plus my hours are super sporadic. Sometimes I have to be there really early, and sometimes I have to stay really late.

When your shift is over for the day, where in the neighborhood do you go to unwind?

I like Hamlet. I love what [owner] Cathy Whims is doing, and she did a great job with the space.

What do you order when you drop by?

[Laughs] Well, ham.

We know that you’re famous in town for your buttermilk fried chicken, but what else should folks in the neighborhood expect when dining at Irving Street Kitchen?

Right now, I’d recommend most of our seasonal fish dishes, like the miso-grilled monkfish [with celery root purée, hominy, cipollini and mushroom konbudashi], our Dungeness crab dirty rice or our pork belly, which gets slow cooked and served with Rancho Gordo beans, mustard greens, chicharrones and a tasso ham sauce that’s been slow-cooked for so long that it’s like drinking a slice of ham. And at brunch, people like our seared foie gras crostini. Basically, it’s a crostini filled with quince butter and served with foie butter mouse and a piece of seared foie gras. It’s fatty, sweet, rich and buttery.

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Happy hour: 4:30-6 p.m., daily
Brunch hours: 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday
BY CHAD WALSH

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Split the leek in half, wash the inside, and cut into quarter-inch slices. Place into pot with canola oil and sauté until tender. Add butter and melt. Sprinkle in flour and stir to incorporate. Cook the flour-butter mixture for a few minutes—you will see the color turn slightly darker. Pour milk and cream into pot and stir to incorporate the leek-roux mixture. Cook over medium heat, stirring frequently. Once you see steam come from the cream, mix in Worcestershire sauce and Champagne vinegar. Blend well in food processor or blender until smooth. With a whisk, mix in the sour cream to the blended sauce and finish with freshly grated nutmeg.

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Sauté garlic, shallots and chanterelles in two tablespoons olive oil in a large pan. Once the garlic, shallot and chanterelles are soft, add the pork and sauté until crispy browning happens. Add stroganoff sauce and noodles. Heat until bubbly and hot. Serve with a dollop of sour cream and chives.

**Ingredients**

- 1½ pounds pork shoulder
- 32 ounces milk
- 1 bunch thyme
- 2 ounces butter
- ¼ cup flour
- 1 tablespoon canola oil
- ½ leek
- ½ cup milk
- ½ cup cream
- ½ cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon Champagne vinegar
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 pound egg noodles
- 3 medium garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 shallot, julienned
- 2 tablespoons chives, finely chopped
- 1 cup chanterelle mushrooms
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Another successful, festive Festivus celebration had just ended at the Nob Hill Bar & Grill when Woody, a regular, screamed like a little girl, “The Festivus Pole is gone!!”

Sure enough the 8-foot-tall traditional aluminum Festivus Pole was missing! The centerpiece for many Festivus traditions, it had stood witness to too many “feats of strength” and “airings of grievances,” all mandatory to an authentic Festivus celebration.

The pole itself was actually half the handle of a 20-foot-long smelt dipping net. Jed, a loyal Nobby regular, drove all the way in from the South Umpqua River to deliver the smelt dipper handle/Festivus Pole. Jed looked forward to it every year. He returns to the South Umpqua this year with half a dipper. A reward of a five-gallon bucket of smoked smelt has been offered. Eye witness reports describe an odd looking thief in a goofy green elf hat. Be on the lookout, and you could collect the smoked smelt—crisp, delicious and perfect for a Festivus smelt toss.

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THE GRINCH WHO STOLE CHRISTMAS

Jed hoping for a “Festivus Miracle”

Tracking down NW Portland’s

BY CHAD WALSH

Yes, it may indeed be hot toddy season (and eggnog season, and hot buttered rum season), but your bartenders have been busy this winter dialing in the kinds of drinks most of us can’t make at home.

So the next time you belly up, consider skipping the kinds of drinks where one of the main ingredients is hot water, and ask whoever’s behind the stick to make you something special to cold, dark nights. Here are a few neighborhood places that are shaking and stirring up some interesting, and sometimes bewildering, winter drinks.

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most interesting seasonal cocktails

Teardrop Lounge’s Fallen Fruit

Teardrop’s Fallen Fruit cocktail, ginmed up by bartender Daniel Osborne, has both obvious and hidden layers. When finished, the drink is split in two, with a frothy, foamy head like a Black and Tan (or, if you’re Irish, a half and half). But it’s in the drink’s hidden layers where the magic happens. Made with Blackstrap rum, lemon juice, soda water, egg whites and a homemade quince-and-pistachio shrub, the Fallen Fruit drinks with a lemony top, a nutty finish and a big round apple-like middle. Garnished with pistachio crumbs.

TEARDROP LOUNGE
1015 NW Everett St., 503-477-9505
teardroplounge.com

The Fireside’s Julenisse

By the time you read this, The Fireside will have discontinued its December holiday cocktail menu, but owner and bartender Sue Erickson promises that you’ll still be able to order by name the bar’s Julenisse, authored by bartender Nick Spencer: It’s nothing fancy too look at—it’s served unadorned in a rocks glass with one single, large rock—but it tastes like it’s been given a burnished savoriness, with a subtle stab of tanginess at the end. Made with rye whiskey, Bonal All Spice liqueur, Chinese five-spice bitters and Krogstad Gamle Aquavit, you’ll still be able to order by name the bar’s Julenisse, authored by bartender Nick Spencer. It’s nothing fancy too look at—it’s served unadorned in a rocks glass with one single, large rock—but it tastes like it’s been given a burnished savoriness, with a subtle stab of tanginess at the end. Made with rye whiskey, Bonal All Spice liqueur, Chinese five-spice bitters and Krogstad Gamle Aquavit, savoriness, with a subtle stab of tanginess at the end. Made with rye whiskey, Bonal All Spice liqueur, Chinese five-spice bitters and Krogstad Gamle Aquavit, the latter of which gives the drink its star anise and caraway notes.

THE FIRESIDE, 801 NW 23rd Ave., 503-477-9305, pdxfireside.com
Aria Gin, Bull in China and the Society Café open; Besaw’s, Chk Chk!! and The Hairy Lobster are on the way

By Chad Walsh

Last month, Northwest Portland got its very own distillery and a new hotel cafe. But many more places will open their doors in early 2016.

Now Open

ARIA GIN

It’s official. Now that Aria Gin (aka, Martin Ryan Distilling Co.) has opened at the corner of Northwest Savier and 23rd, Northwest Portland officially has a distillery district. (Aria joins the neighborhood’s Clear Creek and Bull Run Distilleries.) Founded in 2007 by Erik Martin and former Wildwood bartender Ryan Csanky, and distilling for local markets (and beyond) since 2012, Aria specializes in producing a London-style dry gin, Portland-style. In other words, each bottle’s ingredient comes straight from the Pacific Northwest, all the way down to its Bull Run Watershed water. Csanky says he and Martin distill all of their gin on site, but the distillery has a tasting room, too, where Csanky will drop on you all of the necessary science needed to make a proper gin martini. (Please note: A vodka-kin is not a martini.) Stop by for a taste, pick up a bottle for your home bar, and take home some bitters, barware or some locally made stirring vessels, too, courtesy of Bull in China. Hours: noon-6 p.m., daily.

BULL IN CHINA

Speaking of Bull in China: It, too, has opened at the corner of Northwest 21st and Raleigh. Owner Cane Flug has pushed back her opening by a few weeks to Thursday, Jan. 14. 2109 NW Irving St., 971-888-4085 bullinchinapdx.com

THE SOCIETY CAFÉ AND LOUNGE

There’s a new, painstakingly restored hotel at Northwest Third and Burnside that features four stories, almost 40 rooms, two dozen banks for hotel lodging and a rooftop deck. Naturally, since visitors (and the neighborhood’s business crowd) have to eat, the hotel also has a 35-seat cafe that serves soups, salads, panini, Bovary Bagels, pastries courtesy of Postie’s Bakery and coffee from the folks behind Upper Left and Risotto Roasters. A small selection of beer, wine and signature cocktails rounds the menu out. Hours are 7 a.m.-11 p.m., daily, with happy hour each day from 4-6 p.m. 203 NW Third Ave., 503-443-0444 thesocietyhotel.com

Coming Soon

BESAW’S

Sad news—but not too sad—for those of you waiting for the resurrection of Besaw’s at the corner of Northwest 21st and Raleigh. Owner Cane Flug has pushed back her opening by a few weeks to Thursday, Jan. 14. 1565 NW 21st Ave., 503-228-2619 besawsv.com

CHK CHK!!

If you’ve attended a concert at The Schnitz in the last three years, you’ve probably dropped in either Picnic House or Barlow before or after the show. They’re both owned and operated by Jessica and Aaron Grimmer, and now the couple is bringing a fast-casual chicken concept to the space just vacated by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission, which is currently occupied by Besaw’s and operated by Jessica and Aaron Grimmer. Hours: noon-6 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday. 2304 NW Savier St. • ariagin.com

In Progress

LE VIEUX / FILLMORE TRATTORIA

In mid-December, a Bay Area man named Jack Krietzman applied with the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for a permit to sell alcohol at a restaurant he plans on opening called Fillmore Trattoria. What makes this interesting is that the address where he intends to sell food and booze is currently occupied by Annette Yang and Brian Leitner’s Le Vieux, 1937 NW 23rd Place. We contacted both parties, who say nothing is set in stone. Yang says, “We had a great December, and it’s business as usual at Le Vieux.” Krietzman, whose Jackson Fillmore Trattoria just celebrated 30 years of business in San Francisco, confirms that there is no done deal. If at this location, he says he plans to open a new Fillmore somewhere in Portland. “We love Portland,” he says. “We are moving there regardless.”

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Rotary programs
Portland Pearl Rotary Club meets Tuesdays at 7:25 a.m. in the Ecostrust Building, 721 NW Ninth Ave., second floor. The public is invited. A $10 charge includes breakfast. For information, contact Randy Vogt, vogtدمی@icloud.com or 503-228-9858.
Jan. 19: Bridge Meadows Executive Director Derenda Schubert.
Jan. 26: Rotary International Monsoon Wedding, Don Smith.

Peace choirs
“Singing for Our Lives,” a joint concert of Oregon peace choirs, will be held Sunday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m., at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 1126 NW Park Ave. The family-friendly concert will be followed by a bake sale. A donation of $5-15 is suggested.
Participating choirs include Eugene Peace Choir, In Accord Community Choir, Portland Peace Choir and Rogue Valley Peace Choir. For information, visit portalpeacechoir.org.

Children’s classes
Northwest Library, 2300 NW Thurman St., offers free classes for children this month. Infant/Toddler Sign Language Beginning Basics meets Wednesday, Jan. 13, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.; Snowman meets Thursday, Jan. 14, 3-4:30 p.m.; and “Super Ana” is the featured book for Everyday Reads, Thursday, Jan. 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Community Events

Adult classes
Free classes on resume help (Monday, Jan. 25, 5:30-7:30 p.m.), earthquake preparedness (Monday, Jan. 11, 6-7:30 p.m.) and introduction to computers (Sundays, 12-3:30 p.m.) will be held at the Northwest Library, 2300 NW Thurman St., this month. To register, call 503-988-5234.

Family dance
A family dance featuring a live performance by Red Yarn and his local kiddie tunes will be held at Friendly House, 1737 NW 26th Ave., Saturday, Jan. 23, 3:30-5:30 p.m. The cost is $20 per family (up to five) and $10 per individual. Enjoy the music, snacks, face painter and boogie-woogie fun. Call 503-228-4391 for information.

Dancing in Pearl
Friendly House in the Pearl, 1542 NW 14th Ave., hosts Dancing with No Shoes On, featuring Chuck Cheesman, Saturday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m. The event is free. Call 503-228-4391 for information.

Healing for dogs
Workshops on how to create wellness, reduce stress and enhance your pet’s life will be held Jan. 19, Feb. 16, March 15 and every third Tuesday through June, 7-8:30 p.m., at Friendly House, 1737 NW 26th Ave. The cost is $7 for members; $9 for nonmembers. A 30-minute presentation on Pranic Healing will be followed by supervised practice with your quiet, well-behaved dog. Bring a bed for your dog. For information, call 503-228-4391.

Preventing falls
A free class on assessing and preventing falls by aging adults will be offered Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1:30-2:30 p.m., at Friendly House, 1737 NW 26th Ave. Ariel Salzman will discuss falls in older populations and their implications. She will also identify fall risk factors and how to minimize the chance of injury. Call 503-228-4391 for information.

Liver health
A class on the liver and its relationship to hemorrhoids, skin conditions and estrogen dominance will be held at Friendly House, 1737 NW 26th Ave., Wednesday, Jan. 13, 6-7 p.m. There will be a cooking demonstration and information about foods that support liver function. The cost is $7 for members; $9 for nonmembers. Call 503-228-4391 for information.

Cleanup days
Neighborhood cleanup days in the Northwest District are held the second and third Saturdays of each month. Volunteers are asked to meet at Food Front Cooperative Grocery, 2375 NW Thurman St., at 9 a.m., Jan. 9, and at Elephant’s Deli, 115 NW 22nd Ave., Jan. 16. Both events will last 90 minutes.

Superfund forums
Public forums regarding the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s draft plans to clean up the Willamette River will be held Tuesday, Jan. 26, at the St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Central St. and Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the Linton Community Center, 10614 NW St. Helens Rd. (Parking is available for the February meeting at Linton Feed & Seed, 10920 NW St. Helens Rd.)
Both forums, which are sponsored by the Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group, will be from 7-9 p.m. EPA’s Proposed Plan for the Willamette Superfund will be released in late March, followed by a 60-day public comment period, the final opportunity for citizens to comment. For information, contact barbaraqm718@gmail.com or 503-954-3142.

Hunger banquet
A hunger banquet, an interactive event focused on humanizing global hunger issues and empowering attendees to make a difference, will be held in the Linton Community Center gym, 10614 NW St Helens Rd., on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 18, at 4 p.m. The event is underwritten by grants from Metro and Clark Foundation. All proceeds go toward the construction of the Linton Community Center Teaching Kitchen, where volunteers will prepare meals for community cultural events and fundraisers. Tickets for the hunger banquet can be purchased at Linton Community Center, Linton Feed & Seed or PayPal. Persons interested in helping with the banquet should call LCC at 503-286-4990 or email dan@linton.com.
Schnitzer saw his overview last October as merely a conversation starter. He expected to be invited back to flesh out options and learn which elements would fly and which might need to be scrapped.

“We had all these experts ready to tell them anything they wanted to know,” he said. “They never asked us back.”

PDC Executive Director Patrick Quinton said the lack of ongoing communication was due to the absence of anything to communicate.

Schnitzer said he was restrained from advancing the project by an agreement giving the agency total control over public dissemination of information.

While champing at the bit to go public, hold forums with neighborhood groups and find out what citizens thought about his plans, he was put on hold.

“We didn’t have all the answers,” he said. “If we’d had had those public meetings, we might have gotten new ideas.”

Schnitzer wanted to talk to Portland Parks & Recreation and the Portland Parks Foundation about funding, design and maintenance issues.

“Their rules there would not allow us to meet with the parks bureau and Parks Foundation,” he said.

Asked to respond, PDC referred only to Quinton’s November 2015 letter in which he ended the relationship with Schnitzer.

“Now that we have a better picture of the demolition costs, the plans for the Mount Home Police Unit site and the size of the remaining public resources available for the project, the original development concepts both you and we had in 2013 are no longer practical,” the letter stated.

To many observers, Centennial Mills redevelopment took a back seat to acquiring the main U.S. Post Office site, which Mayor Charlie Hales has made a priority despite a $115 million price tag that alone outstrips PDC’s budget for the River District Urban Renewal Area.

What’s the plan?

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“The most disturbing thing is this: PDC seemed to be consumed with money. What was this project going to cost?

“Cost is secondary to first finding out what the right plan is. When you get the right plan, then you get to work to find where the money is.”

With a better idea of the project’s scope, Schnitzer said he would have been able to knock on the door of local foundations and corporations, some of which he believes.

While Schnitzer’s proposal gathered dust, supposedly unrelated events were turning the table. The price of the post office property dropped substantially, and PDC began a public process to solicit ideas for its build-out. The city’s homeless problem was deemed a crisis, and in response the city raised the share of urban renewal revenues devoted to housing from 30 to 45 per-

**What’s the plan?**

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“The most disturbing thing is this: PDC seemed to be consumed with money. What was this project going to cost?

“Cost is secondary to first finding out what the right plan is. When you get the right plan, then you get to work to find where the money is.”

With a better idea of the project’s scope, Schnitzer said he would have been able to knock on the door of local foundations and corporations, some of which he believed.

While Schnitzer’s proposal gathered dust, supposedly unrelated events were turning the table. The price of the post office property dropped substantially, and PDC began a public process to solicit ideas for its build-out. The city’s homeless problem was deemed a crisis, and in response the city raised the share of urban renewal revenues devoted to housing from 30 to 45 percent.
scent, further limiting funds for other redevelopment projects.

Then, the city was unable to find a new location for the Portland Police Bureau’s Mounted Patrol Unit as promised. This eliminated nearly half of the developable land on the Centennial Mills site and threw a major kink into Schnitzer’s proposals.

Learning after the fact that the city had given up on moving the horse patrol is “what broke the camel’s back,” Schnitzer said.

PDC had again unilaterally changed a critical condition with its Centennial Mills development partner, just as in 2011, when it told LAB Holding LLC that at least half of its tenants would have to come from industry sectors other than food. Food was the central premise of LAB’s proposal, which had been selected after an exhaustive public participation process.

LAB CEO Shahseen Sadeghi cried foul and sued the agency, eventually settling for $200,000.

The parallels to the current situation seem more than coincidence to Schnitzer. LAB was told “at the last minute to put it in offices, and in our case we learned that half the site wouldn’t be there.”

Had PDC approached him with its dilemma in moving the Mounted Patrol Unit, he might have been able to help.

“They should have called about MPU move,” he said. “How do they know we wouldn’t find a way to raise money for the horses?”

“We’ve given away almost $140 million,” Schnitzer said of his foundation.

Pearl activists mobilize

Schnitzer’s outrage is shared by Patricia Gardner, president of the Pearl District Neighborhood Association. Gardner began advocating for preserving Centennial Mills not long after the city bought it in 2000.

“This is the last building on the river that talks about the history of Portland,” she said. “It’s not a Pearl project; it’s a regional site.”

Gardner plans to call a public meeting to mobilize opposition to demolishing the remaining buildings and to hear development ideas that have been so sequestered for too long.

“They don’t get to decide behind closed doors, which is what they’ve done,” she said, noting that the neighborhood association had no input into critical policy decisions concerning Centennial Mills.

PDC contracted last summer for removal of all but the largest structures.

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JORDAN SCHNITZER

Jordan Schnitzer, second from left, toured the Centennial Mills complex in May 2013 soon after his selection as the developer.

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The other side

While PDC often retreats from controversy and would not comment on this story, Bing Sheldon, who has been centrally involved in Portland affairs since the Neil Goldschmidt era, offered a perspective on what people in the agency might have been thinking.

Sheldon, co-founder of SERA Architects, and former chair of the Portland Planning Commission, was part of the professional team that helped develop Schnitzer’s Centennial Mills proposals.

Nevertheless, he thinks Schnitzer was naïve to expect PDC would participate in shaping the project and helping generate public support.

“PDC doesn’t like to be involved in a development in the way that I think Jordan expected them to be,” Sheldon said.

Had they picked an option, he surmised, they would have taken on a degree of responsibility for finding the additional funds required.

“They're modus operandi is to pick a developer and let them develop the project,” he said.

PDC's unwillingness to schedule public meetings or allow Schnitzer to approach neighborhood associations or agencies was also understandable.

“It was his assumption that he would get the public to weigh in, and he expected that public participation would essentially force the city and PDC to put more money into the development. ... There's an ardent minority who want to save everything.

“PDC could see that,” he continued, “and could predict that the only people who would come out [at public forums] would be advocates for preservation. I'm sure they knew this and didn't want to be put in a position to be forced to tell them no.”

Sheldon agrees that PDC was never enthusiastic about this site, and the result, while sad, was “totally predictable.

“His was too risky a project and never had the unanimous support at council to justify the kind of money that was going to be required.”

Irene Bowers, a project coordinator for PDC, gave credence to Sheldon’s interpretation that the agency saw public support for preservation as adamant but unrealistic.

“The community has a desire to save these iconic buildings,” she advised the commission in November. “They always have. That's the reason these buildings are still standing.

“I think the developers who were on the [stakeholders advisory committee regarding demolition] were a little more even keeled about it. They understood what the conditions were.”

Gardner has lost faith that PDC will do the right thing and at this point would prefer that the agency turn the property over to a private developer and hope for the best.

That was her message to PDC staff and advisers favoring razing the entire site.

“My message was really clear,” she said. “I told them, 'You guys are the problem here, can you get out of the way?'”

The 1929 grain elevator in the Northwest corner of the complex is comprised of full height silos separated by planks stacked and nailed together. “The only floors are at the basement, where the grain was collected by a conveyor system, and at the attic, where grain was distributed by another conveyor system,” said Nathan Ingraffea, a principal with KPFF Consulting Engineers. “Back 100 years ago, timber was cheap and plentiful in the Northwest and labor (carpentry) was also much less expensive than it is today. This probably worked out to be the least expensive way to build solid walls that were about 80 feet high.”
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State reprimands Realtor who bought house from elderly man

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

A real estate broker who purchased an 1892 house on Northwest Irving Street from its owner in 2014 has been reprimanded by the Oregon Real Estate Agency.

Jean Marie Rychlik signed a stipulation admitting that she failed to disclose whether the property would transfer via a deed or land contracts.

Dean Owens, deputy commissioner of the Real Estate Agency, said a reprimand is the first rung of disciplinary action. Reprimands are published in the agency’s newsletter, and full reports are available to the public.

Owens said reprimands typically involve violations of real estate rules or laws not reaching the level of fraud or public harm. If the same violations are repeated, however, a suspension or revocation of license is possible.

The case was the subject of Page 1 NW Examiner stories in March and April 2015.

Rychlik purchased the house, valued for tax purposes at $433,000, for $250,000. Hoyt told REA investigators and the Examiner he was aware of higher estimates of the property’s value but he considered it fair given the house’s condition and his need for assistance and accommodation in removing many books, magazines and other personal property.

Rychlik was a principal broker with Summa Real Estate Associates until March. She then opened her own brokerage, Portland-Property.

Rychlik told REA investigators that renovation of the Irving Street house has stalled due to repair costs of $457,000 that “far exceed what she had originally thought” would be required.

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plans to open a restaurant at 1933 W. Burnside St., the former home of Panda Express (photo above).

STROHECKER’S grocery store
in downtown Portland will remain open until its lease expires in July. Strohecker’s Liquor Store is a separate business, and it will remain open until its lease expires in July.

KEEN INC., the outdoor shoe and apparel company headquartered at 515 NW 13th Ave., has opened a separate office at 1734 NW 15th Ave. for its KEEN Utility footwear division.

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NET Member Training

Last Fall several NW residents completed the NET training to create new teams for their neighborhoods. Thank you for your commitment to emergency preparedness and supporting the community!

NET: In the event of a city-wide or regional emergency such as a severe storm, flood or earthquake, households need to be prepared to be on their own for at least a week. Volunteer neighborhood rescuers will likely be first on-the-scene when firefighters and police are slowed by impassable streets or overwhelmed by calls for help.

Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs) are Portland residents trained by PBEM and Portland Fire & Rescue to provide emergency disaster assistance within their own neighborhoods. NET members are trained to save lives and property until professional responders can arrive. These volunteers are specially trained to help others without putting their property until professional responders can arrive.

Prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks during any emergency.

Able to provide emergency assistance to their family and immediate neighbors.

Able to work within an emergency response team to save lives and property in their neighborhood.

Able to guide untrained volunteers who want to help others during a disaster.

NNCC 2016 Annual Meeting

The Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center (NNCC) Annual Membership Meeting
Thursday, February 4, 7:00 pm
The Cultural Center, Looking Glass Hall (lower level)
1819 NW Everett

Directors for the term beginning in 2016 will be elected. The current NNCC Board proposes the following candidates: Elizabeth Aaby, Ginger Burke and Alisha Hanks. NNCC members may nominate candidates for Director positions by petition until January 25, 2016. Deliver petitions to the Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting. The petition must be signed by at least ten (10) members naming the nominee(s) and stating that each nominee has agreed to serve if elected. At the Annual Meeting, the Secretary shall state the names and qualifications of those nominated by petition.

Mail nominating petitions to the NNCC Secretary: NNCC, P.O. Box 96116, Portland, OR 97296-6002.

The bylaws limit the maximum number of Directors to eleven (11) and three (3) of the eleven (11) positions need to be filled. Go to sites.google.com/site/nnwccorg for a membership application form and additional information on NNCC.

Volunteer Opportunities

Linnton Restoration Projects

Saturday, 9:00 - 10:30 am
January 9th & February 3rd
Linnton Creek Trailhead
NW 105th & St. Helens Rd.

January 23rd
Ma Olsen Garden
NW 108th & St. Helens Rd.

NWDA Clean-ups

Saturdays, 9:00 - 10:30 am
January 9th & February 3rd
Food Front Co-op
2375 NW Thurman St.

January 16th
Elephants Deli, 115 NW 22nd Ave.

Forest Park NA Annual Elections

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
The annual FPNA election of members of the Board of Directors will be held February 16 to fill four positions with expiring terms. The four candidates will be elected to 3-year terms.

Qualifying nominations submitted by members of the association will be accepted if received by January 25, 2016. Candidates must be members. To submit nominations, join the association, or for more information, contact Neighbors West-Northwest: 2257 NW Raleigh St., Portland OR 97210 503.823.4288 coalition@nwnw.org

Nominations must be submitted by the person nominated, or accompanied by written consent of that person. Each candidate’s name, home address, phone number and any other preferred means of contact must be included. A candidate’s statement of up to 20 words may be submitted with a nomination. Names, statements, and the time and place of voting, will be published in the February 2016 edition of the Northwest Examiner.
**January 2016**

### Neighborhood Calendar

#### Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association
- **Board Meeting**
  - Mon., Jan. 11, 6:00 pm
  - Sylvan Fire Station
  - 1715 SW Skyline Blvd.

#### Forest Park Neighborhood Association
- **Board Meeting**
  - Tues., Feb. 16, 7:00 pm
  - Willis Building
  - 360 NW Greenleaf Rd.

#### Goose Hollow Foothills League
- **Board Meeting**
  - Weds., Jan. 13, 7:00 pm
  - The Legends Condominiums
  - 1132 SW 19th Ave.

#### Hillside Community Center
- **Board Meeting**
  - Tues., Jan. 12, 7:30 pm
  - Hillside Community Center
  - 653 NW Culpepper Terr.

#### Linnton Neighborhood Association
- **Board Meeting**
  - Mon., Feb. 1, 12:30 pm
  - Linnnton Community Center
  - 10614 NW St. Helens Rd.
  - Location TBA

#### Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Association
- **Board Meeting**
  - Tues., Jan. 12, 7:30 pm
  - Sylvan Fire Station
  - 1715 SW Skyline Blvd.

#### NW District Association
- **Board Meeting**
  - Weds., Jan. 13 & Feb. 9, 7:00 pm
  - Community Meeting
  - 2333 NW Vaughn St.

#### Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association
- **Community Meeting**
  - Weds., Feb. 3, 11:30 am
  - Central City Concern
  - 232 NW 6th Ave.

#### Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association
- **Board Meeting**
  - Mon., Jan. 11, 6:00 pm
  - Sylvan Fire Station
  - 1715 SW Skyline Blvd.

#### Pearl District Neighborhood Association
- **Board Meeting**
  - Thurs., Jan. 14 & Feb. 11, 6:00 pm
  - Sylvan Fire Station
  - 1715 SW Skyline Blvd.

#### West Northwest
- **Board of Directors Meeting**
  - Weds., Jan. 13, 8:00 am
  - NWNW Office
  - 2257 NW Raleigh St.

#### West Northwest
- **Executive Committee**
  - Tues., Jan. 12 & Feb. 9, 6:00 pm
  - Transportation Committee
  - LGS, Wilcox B

#### West Northwest
- **Executive Committee**
  - Tues., Jan. 26, 7:00 pm
  - Public Safety, Parking, & Transportation Committee
  - LGS, Wilcox B

#### West Northwest
- **Executive Committee**
  - Weds., Jan. 13, 8:00 am
  - Emergency Preparedness Committee
  - NW 24th Place & Vaughn St.

#### West Northwest
- **Executive Committee**
  - Thurs., Jan. 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4 & 11, 8:00 am
  - Planning & Transportation Committee
  - Location TBA

#### West Northwest
- **Executive Committee**
  - Thurs., Jan. 21, 6:00 pm
  - Public Safety & Livability Committee
  - 2375 NW Thurman St.

#### West Northwest
- **Executive Committee**
  - Thurs., Jan. 28, 10:00 am
  - Planning & Transportation Committee
  - 232 NW 6th Ave.

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- **Executive Committee**
  - Weds., Jan. 27, 11:30 am
  - Central City Concern
  - 232 NW 6th Ave.

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  - Central City Concern
  - 232 NW 6th Ave.

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  - Planning & Transportation Committee
  - Location TBA

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### Find calendar updates at: nwwn.org/Calendar
Snapshots

Floodwater inundated the Northwest 13th and Quimby intersection and much of the Pearl District in early December. Guy Bodin

About 150 Santa’s helpers stripped down for the Santa Speedo Run in Northwest Portland Dec. 19. The “keep Portland weird” event collected used shoes for people in need in Ethiopia. Photos by Guy Bodin

Students from Oregon Episcopal School deliver gifts to William Temple House for families in need. Donated food, toys and clothing helped 87 households and fed 346 people.

James Baldwin and David Carter, who paid $665,000 for a 1904 house at 2486 NW Raleigh St., only to tear it down, have added another floor to earlier plans for their new home. The pair apparently intended to soften neighborhood disapproval by posting a large sign stating that building materials would be salvaged. Image courtesy Portland Chronicle

Left: Timbers defender and captain Liam Ridgewell (with trophy) during the team’s championship rally at Providence Park last month. Below: Midfielder Diego Valeri, who scored the first goal in the Portland Timbers’ 2-1 Major League Soccer Cup victory last month, holds the trophy at the Providence Park celebration. Photos courtesy Portland Timbers
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