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## Does Portland have an Appetite for Restitution?

By Allan Rudwick

**R**estitution - noun - the restoration of something lost or stolen to its proper owner.

Across the country, movements are underway to give land back to descendants of people who had land taken from them. Urban renewal, freeway construction, and other uses of eminent domain removed people from their property at below-market rates across the country. Locally, the City of Portland, Emanuel Hospital, the Oregon Department of Transportation, and others had a hand in a number of these actions in and around our neighborhood. Several large top-down projects cut pieces out of a thriving majority-black neighborhood. There were many more minor land grabs, as well, which are not well documented, about which I have only learned bits and pieces from my older neighbors. Every time the City proposes a new project in the area, this old history is brought up because the impacted residents don't want the City to forget and because until we make amends, we cannot move forward.

Why do we need to push for restitution in Eliot? Eliot sits adjacent to or on top of land affected by the following government-funded or sponsored projects: Interstate Avenue widening, Memorial Coliseum (and parking lot) construction, I-5 construction, Emanuel Hospital expansion, Fremont bridge (I-405) construction. During

these processes, the City and other organizations used their powers to pay landowners substantially less than their properties were worth. The legacy of the 1960s included the Central Albina Plan, which encouraged the demolition of all housing west of NE MLK, Jr Blvd and south of NE Fremont St. The City moved the line to N Williams Avenue, which is why you see housing east of N Williams and almost no historic housing to the west of it. Emanuel Hospital followed this up by buying up roughly 20 city blocks of housing and commercial buildings and demolishing nearly all of them. The justifications from their consultant-written 'Hamilton Report' document appear to offer paper-thin justifications for taking all the land at rock-bottom prices and demolishing all the buildings on them. By the 1970s, over 1,100 housing units and countless businesses were lost through various schemes of urban removal, not renewal, and our neighborhood's population declined from 14,000 in the 1950 census to under 4,000 in 1990 (census tracts 22.02 and 23.03).

What can we do? Taking land from organizations involved with these projects and giving it back as restitution would be taking a real step to recognize the harm done and trying to do something about it. But how can a City that constantly feels financially strapped take this step? We need to be

(See *RESTITUTION*, page 11)

## Craftsmanship 105 Years and Counting

By Sue Stringer

**T**he year was 1912, shortly before World War I, when a new chapter in the Shearer family began. Even though Simon Shearer and his son Fred were plasterers by trade, the family moved from Iowa to Oregon to start a potato farm. They landed in Corbett, Oregon, but as the family story goes, they had a blind mule, and the farm didn't succeed. So, Simon and Fred would travel into Portland to work as plasterers on many iconic buildings and many early 20th century homes that still stand today. Fred Shearer & Sons installed a lot of the plaster in those buildings.

This is the story of that company and the family that built it and the new owners who are carrying on the craftsmanship that would make the founders proud. The company was started in 1916 and has been going strong for 105 years. Even though the business had a few locations in the Portland metro area, the one they resided in the longest is very familiar to



Fred Shearer, far right, and Simon Shearer in the derby hat, in a parade in Iowa 1897

our neighborhood. In 1947 they built what we now know as the home of Ex Novo Brewing on Flint just south of Russell.

Fred Shearer & Sons remained in that location until the late 1990s moving to the Beaverton area so their offices and warehouse could be in the same

(See *CRAFTSMAN*, page 7)



Eliot Neighborhood Association

The Eliot Neighborhood Association represents a geographic area of the city. We want everyone to feel welcome on the streets, parks, schools, homes and businesses in Eliot. That includes those that live in the area now, those that have been displaced from the area and those that are merely visiting.

The Eliot Neighborhood Association is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose members are the residents and business owners of the Eliot Neighborhood. Its purpose is to inform Eliot residents about issues affecting the neighborhood through meetings, newsletters and other activities. Members of the neighborhood association must be over 14 years old and live, own property, have a business, or represent a nonprofit within the neighborhood. The Eliot Neighborhood Association was founded in 1969. It is recognized by the City of Portland, is a member of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, Inc., and its members represent Eliot on other committees.

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- All meetings are open to the public. All meetings are held at St Philip the Deacon Church 120 NE Knott Street (at the corner of Knott St. and Rodney Ave.) Building is ADA accessible.
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- Neighborhood Meeting - July 19, 7:00-8:30pm
- Land Use Meeting - August 9, 7:00-8:30pm
- Neighborhood Meeting - August 16, 7:00-8:30pm
- Land Use Meeting - September 13, 7:00-8:30pm
- Neighborhood Meeting - September 20, 7:00-8:30pm
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Letter from the Editor

By Sue Stringer

Ah, the lazy, hazy days of summer. Eliot is a great place to have a staycation. There are many new businesses to check out, and don’t forget to revisit those opening back up after the Covid lockdown.

Are you looking for a fun urban hike? Why don’t you plan a stroll through Eliot and just beyond our borders and check out all the murals and street art? We have put together a map and legend on page 6 and a link to an online map.

Buildings and residences have commissioned artists to create art accessible to all and help beautify northeast Portland with an fantastic pallet of color, striking images , and geometric patterns.

During or after your art tour, stop by the Jerusalem Rose market for some home-made hummus or a cup of heart-opening cacao from Soul Lift Café. Then finish up with dinner and drinks at Cliff’s PDX, Brasa Haya, or Lottie and Zula’s. These are just a few of the businesses featured in this issue. Plus, check out the “Dining and Drinking in Eliot” list on page 5 for all your options. The variety is incredible.

Eliot has a lot to offer, and it’s easy to forget what lies within our borders. The businesses will appreciate your patronage, and it’s also nice to get to know the owners and employees that work just down the street from where you live.

Also, don’t forget to put the Dawson Park Concert on July 22 on your calendar. This family-friendly event with live music, oral history booth, and vendor booths will be sure to please everyone in your family.

Check out the ad on page 1 and consider volunteering, sponsoring, donating, or tabling at this event.

We can’t wait to see you all at the concert and also around the neighborhood.

Enjoy your summer!

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301 NE Ivy	3	3	3187	\$835,000
517 NE Cook	5	4.1	3710	\$998,000

Pending Listings				
54 Sacramento	3	2	2569	\$550,000
622 NE Fargo	3	3.1	1710	\$565,000
55 NE Graham	2	1	980	\$599,900
119 NE Cook	3	3.1	2030	\$749,900

Sold Listings				
524 NE Brazee	3	1	2085	\$577,000
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# Letter from an Eliot Co-Chair

By Allan Rudwick

The beginning of the end of the pandemic. A return from social isolation. A year of protest. A year of reflection. America and more locally, Eliot has a huge opportunity ahead of us. Things won't be the same as they were in 2019, but the future is bright: vaccines are coming. While the rollout has been inequitable, I am optimistic that the rate of vaccination is reaching an inflection point. Schools will reopen soon. Restaurants and in-person businesses will come back in the not too distant future. Masks might fall by the wayside as soon as this summer. I can't wait.

The past year has been a magnifying glass on the inequalities in our society. I have been privileged enough to have my kids in daycare; my job switched to remote, and my life somewhat normal. The main thing my family has lost out on is social contact with our friends and family. I haven't hosted dinner parties for an entire year, and hardly anyone has been inside my house. It has been a hard year for me mentally and emotionally. However, when I look outside, it is obvious how many other people have had a much harder year than I have.

I see an expanding population of people living outside while housing prices have gone up faster than any time in recent memory. I see a city that seems unable to meet the scale of the problem and am thankful for volunteers who are trying to fill the gap. People are out on our streets, and they

are hurting.

Protests have called out the way we police public space. Some have been calling for the need for change for years, but now many more are aware of this need. Some want to abolish the existing system and start over, while others want to try reform.

Racial injustices have become more obvious as well. Participating in a few marches and witnessing quite a number more, I have come to realize that the scars of the past are not just past injustices. I recently came across this 1964 Malcolm X quote: "If you stick a knife in my back nine inches and pull it out six inches, there's no progress. If you pull it all the way out, that's not progress. Progress is healing the wound that the blow made. And they haven't even pulled the knife out, much less heal the wound. They won't even admit the knife is there." We have work to do to right past wrongs, and we have work to do to fix the unjust systems that continue to harm Black Portlanders and other marginalized groups to this day.

Confronting this hard year and understanding problems in our neighborhood has led to some contentiousness in our board meetings lately. I have let a few conversations go long to allow people on all sides to speak, even if it is uncomfortable. I hope to continue the dialog. I hope that it is helping people gain a wider appreciation for their fellow people: Their neighbors.



Michael Earl the Beautifier!

Michael Earl's personal response to the black lives matter protests has been to plant flowers on MLK Boulevard's median strip. It's his way to improve the community and honor Martin Luther King Jr.! Thanks, Michael. Photo credit John Barker

# A Letter of Truth from an Eliot Co-Chair

By Jimmy Wilson

As I look into the mirror each morning, I ask myself what do I see concerning the City of Portland. Do I see a city that resembles the city I once knew? A city that addresses itself to the needs of its people? As I note the extremely adverse media attention our city has received in many months, I ask myself: What is the mindset of the leadership we put in office? Don't they see?! Don't they care? Are they truly searching for answers to the problems that are literally destroying the beauty of the City of Roses? Is there a concern for improving the livability of our great city?

We blame much of our social ills on the Pandemic even though we were in trouble long before the disease took its toll. Some examples are: We have a Black Generation arguing with each other over land ownership who lost their land to others through no fault of their own; ODOT desires to expand the I-5 corridor while remaining under vigorous argument and lawsuits; the coalition of neighborhoods and the neighborhoods' boards must bond together instead of faultfinding. These are just some of the innumerable challenges that must be addressed immediately.

Our City-wide communities need more help and support from our local police bureau. How can this be done when Portland's Chief of Police announced the oncoming possibility of losing 200 officers who are stepping down due to controversial politics or retirement. Included here is the downsizing of police funding while simultaneously murders are up 30 percent due to gun violence. The US Government is suing the City of Portland over various challenges versus working as a team to overcome community issues. All of these adverse issues could be addressed if we had a healthy collaboration between a sup-

portive community and city leadership. Already, Portland is being laughed at by other American cities for losing it! Are the glorious days of the spirit of the Rose Festival gone? Have we lost forever what was in recent years a bright city that millions would come, visit and relocate to? What was once a haven is now a trash heap.

It is high time that we who love our city take our rightful place in leadership rather than sitting back. We must lead the way to return our city to health, positive social justice, and social change.

What is the NEED?

- 1) Wealth creation for people of color since too many black families have been squeezed out of their homes and businesses by power brokers.  
*Note: it would take two hundred to two hundred and fifty years to retain, in today's market, what the black people have lost in the past 50 years.*
- 2) We need black teachers teaching black children the heritage of black history not to lose this precious history in our schools.
- 3) Black people need their own medical facilities. This topic in itself would take pages to write about.
- 4) Afro American's need more control of their own affordable housing; they need ownership and need to be planted back into the soil to which they were accustomed: Reasonably price living conditions.

More about our city: From downtown to the neighborhood (I-5) offramp, we see people crammed into tents and trash strewn helter-skelter. All this represents a people seeking hope while our vested leaders do little to lead and support city-wide healing of this dilemma. Question: is the government of Portland doing all it can to

(See TRUTH, page 11)

## The Untouchable Eliot Mess

By Anonymous

You wake up to the boom of a car stereo or the smell of cigarette smoke wafting through the back bedroom window. Aggressive drivers rev their engines and honk their horns. It sounds like rush hour, but it's 6 AM, and this is the destination.

All-day long, looking outside is like playing bingo. Across, the headings are categories like violence, drugs, sex, vandalism, and driving. Down, the squares are qualified by whether the act is happening on the street, on private property, or with a weapon. A man walks down the street toting a club, a group of people get high on your neighbor's porch, a woman squats on your car's bumper to relieve herself, and traffic spasms as it backs up for a deal in the middle of the street, then a sports car races away. It's an easy five in a row, yet nobody wins.

None of this is a secret. Civic leaders and police are aware. It is in the plain sight of any passerby, churchgoer, or child playing at the Montessori, ironically in the shade of trees the city won't permit to be cut down.

Pleasure ends where business begins. You see it in the age-worn faces selling narcotics and their bodies in front of your home every day. It's just like my touring musician friends say: sex, drugs, and rock & roll aren't everything.

The business has been hard on your neighbors, too. Many plan their comings and goings around not being caught in the middle, if not the outright targets, of the harassment and violence near Dawson Park that has taken at least two lives since December. Their properties are dumping grounds for condoms, drug paraphernalia like syringes, and human waste. Polite requests for quiet at decent hours lead to physical confrontation. Some are intimidated out of looking through open blinds. Their basic liberties are challenged every day and into the night.

Compassion and empathy have their place. For one person, it's because you know they're being exploited. For another, it's because they disappear for months, then turn up elsewhere in town living on the street. I'm haunted

(See MESS, page 11)



# Cliff's PDX: Come for the Food and Cocktails, Stay for the Southern Charm and Midwestern Friendliness

By Sue Stringer

A few different businesses have occupied the bar under the Wonder Ballroom on NE Russell Street. Since I have been in the neighborhood, it has been Trigger and Bunk Sandwiches. Cliff's PDX is the newest tenant, but Josh Luebke has been around for all three of the recent iterations of this space.

Josh Luebke and his wife, Sierra Kirk Luebke, are the co-owners of Cliff's. Josh was one of the original cooks at Trigger and also at Bunk. But let's go back in time a little bit and learn about Josh and Sierra before they decided to open the bar.

Sierra Kirk grew up in the south, mainly in Louisiana and some other cities, before moving to New Orleans in 1994. She started working at the House of Blues in 1997 and started bartending full time in 2000. She went on to bartend at various neighborhood bars and music venues in the French Quarter and Marigny before moving to Portland.

In 2004 when she was bartending an 80s night in New Orleans, Josh Luebke asked her out. They soon got married and moved to Portland in 2010, so Josh could go to the Oregon Culinary Institute. They met fellow New Orleans transplant Nick Wood, who co-owned Bunk Sandwiches through some friends they knew from New Orleans. Nick hired Josh to cook at the Bunk on Water Avenue.

In 2012 when Wonder Ballroom wanted to sub-lease the bar space, the Under Wonder Lounge (formerly the Café Wonder), the Bunk Sandwich owners opened Trigger, a Tex-Mex themed bar serving creative southwestern dishes. Josh moved to this location as a cook and stayed on when it transitioned to Bunk Sandwiches at the Wonder. This Bunk's location was different than the others with some additional menu items. Josh created



Cliff's owners Josh and Sierra Luebke with Josh's parents at the Parkinson's Foundation charity giving event at the bar. Photo courtesy Sierra Luebke

specials that he has continued to offer now at Cliff's. You might have had their amazing Smoked Fried Chicken Sandwich or Shrimp Po'Boy (one of my favorites).

Sierra, during this time, was working at a handful of different places. Her resumé includes Eat Oyster Bar, Pope House, and New Deal Distilleries. She was also one of the opening team of bartenders when Revolution Hall opened. Additionally, she was hired at Hale Pele and became the Assistant Manager there.

Between them, Josh and Sierra have years of food service and hospitality experience. So, when Bunk was anticipating pulling out of the Wonder Ballroom basement space in the fall of 2019, Josh and Sierra considered taking over the sublease and, as she said, "dip their toes into bar ownership. Sierra told me, "We had always been in the service industry, but did we really want to work for ourselves? We thought this is a pretty safe bet because we could take over the space for not a ton of capital, we were intimately familiar with this space and have been in this space working with the Wonder (Ballroom) and working with the neighborhood for years, and I have this great really steady job (at Hale Pele) that will pay our bills. This

is a GREAT plan!"

After a 24 hour turnaround from Bunk, Cliff's PDX opened on October 23, 2019. And then, you know, four months later, the pandemic hit. Life was scary on so many fronts now. All bars closed for what seemed an interminable amount of time, the Wonder Ballroom (who they sub-leased from) was closed and unable to have shows, and Hale Pele was closed too, so they had to rethink their entire business plan.

Take out was an option, luckily, and between having some pop-up events and giving events, they were able to stay open. Since returning to in-person dining, they have continued the charity events, including the Orphan Bartender program, where an out-of-work bartender creates a cocktail.



Some of the beautiful cocktails created by Sierra Luebke. Photo courtesy Sierra Luebke/Instagram cliffspdx

Then a portion of that cocktail's sales goes to that bartender. There is a different bartender each month. What a creative way to give back and help out fellow service industry workers! They will continue this program, but as bartenders get back to work more consistently, they will still compensate a guest bartender for their cocktail creation, but a portion of that cocktail's sales will go to a charity of their choice. In June, it was the Parkinson's Foundation and the Brian Grant Foundation.

What was their vision for the bar? Sierra explained they wanted a "neighborhood bar that offers great food, fun and creative cocktails and is laid back and welcoming to all."

They want it to be a place where you can have a great date night and family-friendly too, similar to the Midwestern supper clubs. Speaking of which, on Friday nights, Josh is offering a fish-fry with walleye, baked potato, and salad but in limited quantities, so get there early.

During the pandemic, they appreciated the support of their friends, regulars, and neighbors, some who ordered weekly and some of whom came from as far as Hillsboro and southwest Portland.

With all the new restaurants and the other restaurants opening up on Russell Street, Cliff's is a great addition to the neighborhood.

(See CLIFF'S, page 11)

## Adopt-a-Block Update

By Jody Guth

It's a beautiful day in our neighborhood – the skies are blue, the sun is shining, and the streets are looking better all the time. Many thanks and kudos to all involved with Eliot's adopt-a-block team. While they may not take credit for the blue skies and sunshine, they most certainly can for the improved look to our streets and avenues.

We've had quite a few people sign-up this past quarter, and the ranks of trash-ridders are reflected in things looking as good as they are...mostly. And, because we're greedy and can always use more volunteers, we're seeking out more. Maybe yourself? You know you want to be a part of helping Eliot look its best, and I can show you how it's done.

All you do is contact me, Jody, at jodyguth@gmail.com or call 971-320-8594, and I'll get you set up with trash bags and gloves - plus, I have just a few more picker-uppers as well. If you're one of the first two lucky winners to contact me, they're yours. We'll decide what block you'd like to "adopt," you care for it like the

adoptee it is, and then you'll even be entered into a contest every three months where you could win a \$100.00 gift certificate to your friendly New Season's market.

What?!...crazy simple, right?...and prizes to boot! So what are you waiting for?....

But before you do, let me announce the current winner of this quarter's New Season's gift certificate. Come on down, Laura and Michael Livingston! Laura and Michael take care of parts of Williams near Tillamook and around other areas as they walk their dogs. It can't be overstated how grateful we are for all those critters who get their humans out for cleaning.

Thanks, Dot and Pipa..

Please consider joining Laura and Michael, and the 6(!) other exemplary volunteers who joined this quarter.... big shout out to Richard DeWolf, Moses Wrosen, Laura Atkinson, Pamela Sery, Linda Kading, and Tyler Brunhart. You do Eliot proud.

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Now Open: Jerusalem Rose Market

By Sue Stringer

A new corner market and deli have opened in Eliot at the corner of MLK Jr. Blvd and Morris Street. The Jerusalem Rose Market sells staples from Southwest Asia and North Africa, focusing on Palestinian products and hoping to celebrate Palestinian culture through the lens of the country’s food.

They also have freshly brewed coffee daily, farm-fresh produce from five small farms, and beer and wine. Their homemade hummus is a family recipe made by the owner’s mother, and house pickles are also a specialty.

Ramzy Farouki is happy to be in the neighborhood and watch for the fall issue when we will share the story about his family and the opening of

the market. So please stop in soon and welcome them to the neighborhood.

2948 NE MLK Jr Blvd  
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Soul Lift Cacao— Open your Heart

By Sue Stringer

A unique cacao café opened in Eliot recently in the space where Goldrush Coffee was previously.

Soul Lift Cacao offers direct trade, non-GMO, unprocessed Guatemalan cacao, the raw form of chocolate without all the sugar and processing. They offer ceremonial cacao, artisanal drinking chocolate, and cacao in smoothies, tea, and coffee. Hey also sell packages of their drinking cacao and cacao paste. You can order online and pick up at the store, or items can be shipped anywhere in the U.S.

According to their website, pure cacao contains a high level of antioxidants plus magnesium, iron, and other minerals. It also features theobromine, a mildly stimulating compound different from caffeine because the sensation is less jittery and doesn’t lead to crashes or cravings. Contrary to popular belief, Guatemalan cacao contains very little caffeine.

Check out their website for a plethora of interesting information about cacao and the products they offer.

Please stop in and welcome them to the neighborhood and try a soul-lifting, heart-opening drink soon.

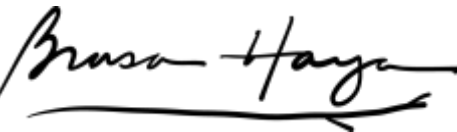


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Spain Comes to Eliot: Brasa Haya

By Sue Stringer



Just one block north of Fremont at 412 NE Beech St (where Beech Street Parlor was previously) is the newest Spanish restaurant and a welcome addition to the Northeast Portland dining scene.

Brasa Haya is the creation of owner and chef Ian Munzert and his partner and wife Erin, who have moved to Portland after the Michelin star restaurant, Commonwealth, closed in San Francisco. Brasa Haya’s menu is more traditional yet very creative Spanish dishes.

After just opening on June 9, I had

dinner there on the 10th and was amazed at how excellent and organized the service was. The food was divine, and I will definitely return soon.

The menu is primarily small sharable plates, and the dishes come out of the kitchen as they are prepared as per traditional tapas-style.

Check out their menu at [BrasaHayaPDX.com](http://BrasaHayaPDX.com) and stop in soon—you won’t regret it.

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Lottie and Zula’s: Indoor Dining Opens Soon

By Sue Stringer

The other day I took time out from work and publishing this issue of the Eliot News and stopped by for lunch at Lottie and Zula’s. If you haven’t had their breakfast or lunch sandwiches or really any of their menu offerings, you have been

missing out.

Besides offering take-out, they now have an awesome patio on the west side of the building. But the best news is they are planning on opening up indoor dining sometime in July. That

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Knott St Grocery	2709 N 7th	(503) 284-7490
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Papa’s Soul Food Kitchen Cart 1	3441 N Vancouver	(971) 804-6004
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Pepe Chile Taqueria & Catering	3441 N Vancouver	(503) 281-3340
Poblano Pepper Mexican Food	1825 N Williams	(503) 597-5694
Pocket Pub	2719 NE 7th Ave	(503) 287-3645
Popeye’s	3120 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 281-8455
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Shwarma Express	1825 N Williams	(971) 312-9702
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Smokin Fire Fish	668 N Russell	(503) 432-8661
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Tamale Boy	668 N Russell	(503) 477-6706
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Thai Time Food Cart	3441 N Vancouver	(971) 335-8253
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is exciting, and I can’t wait to check out how they have decorated the dining room.

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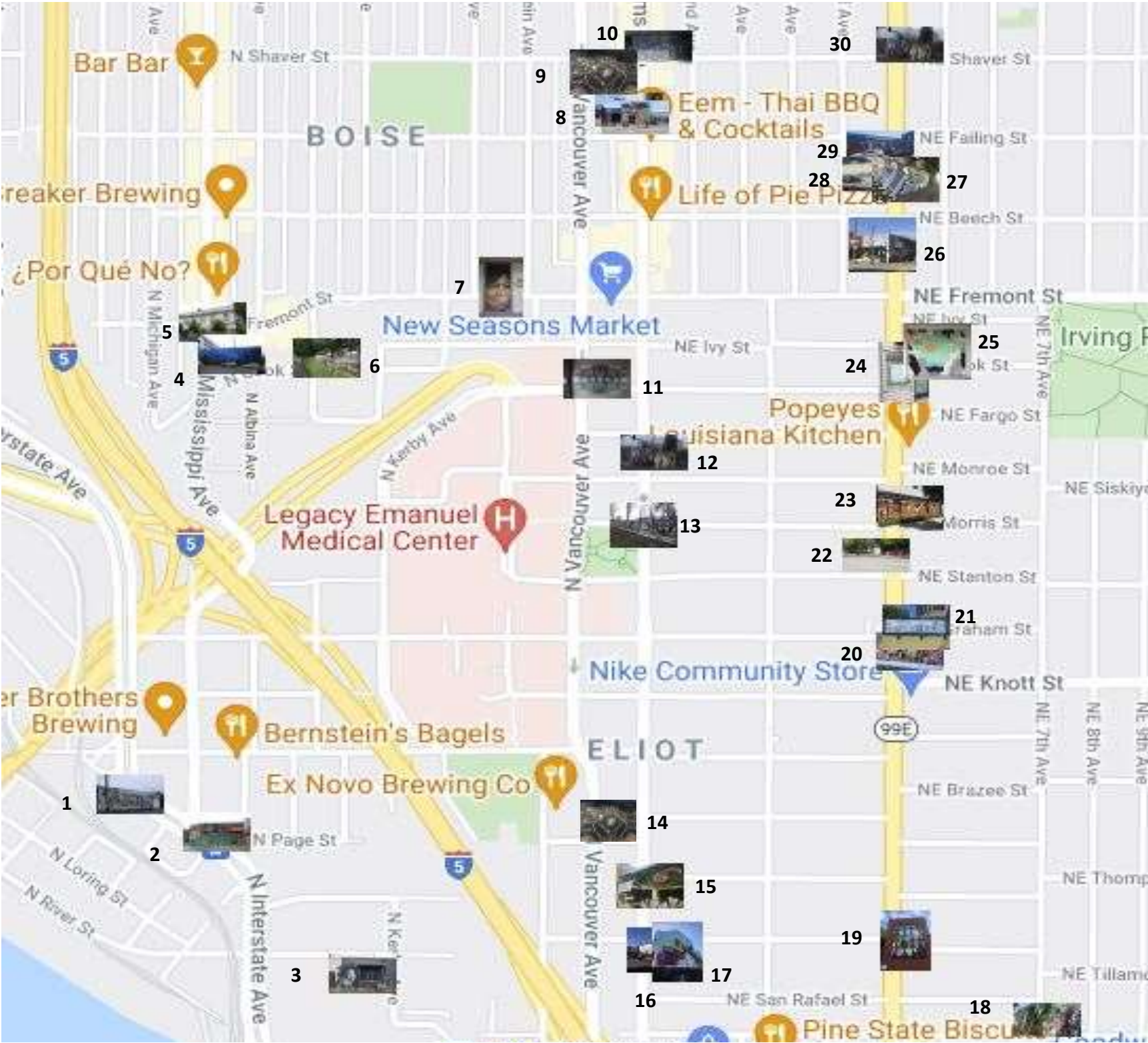


# Within and Beyond the Borders of Eliot: Murals and Street Art

By Julie Doumbia and Sue Stringer

It's been a while since we have had a Within and Beyond the Borders of Eliot column. For this issue we think it's time for a sequel to the piece the Eliot News did three years ago. There's a proliferation of new murals and street art in and around our neighborhood.. You can find the map and also FAQs about murals and street art on the website post "Within and Beyond the Borders of Eliot: Murals and Street Art" at <https://eliotneighborhood.org> )for Unfortunately we couldn't fit the FAQs in the print issue. Photo credit Julie Doumbia and Sue Stringer.

So put on some walking shoes and enjoy a day of wandering through the neighborhood and enjoy the free art show accessible to all. We're still waiting to get an update on the new mural/art on the building at NE Russell and MLK Blvd., so check back with us in the fall for that one. Also, a mural was approved to be painted on PICA's and RH Brown's buildings. Installation starts sometime this summer or fall.



Below is the legend for the murals and street art noting the artist, if available, and the address/intersection. Find the corresponding art by number on the map above.

Click [HERE](#) or go to the website post to access the Google map and more information on street art and murals.

1. Women Making History: N Harding Ave and N Interstate Ave sponsored by In Other Words Women's Books and Resources (closed) [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women\\_Making\\_History\\_in\\_Portland](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Women_Making_History_in_Portland) Artist Robin Corbo

2. Mural plus lots of street art: Ecliptic Brewing Warehouse 2410 N Interstate Artist Pablos Murals <https://pablosmurals.com>

3. MLK Jr. Mural 627 N Tillamook St. Artist Shane Grammer @shanegrammerarts, <https://shanegrammer.com>

4. Night Stars, Camping & street art: 2410 N Interstate Ave Ecliptic Brewing warehouse

5. Geometric patterns and scenes: N Mississippi and N Fremont (NE corner)

6. Salmon along a fence: Boise-Eliot-Humboldt Elementary N Borthwick at N Cook St

7. Michelle Obama: residential front door 329 N Fremont St. Artist Dianne Bocci

8. People and aliens: Grains of Wrath 3901 N Williams

9. Tropical fruits and desert scape: MF Tasty food truck 3925 N Williams Ave

10. Geometric shapes: Parallax apartments 4030 N Williams Ave

11. Urban scapes: Cook St apartments parking lot access via N Ivy between Williams and Vancouver

12. Musicians and Dancers: Above The Waypost 3120 N Williams Ave

13. Honey in the Bee Ball—I Can't See Y'all - Medallions: Dawson Park fence N Williams Ave at N Stanton St. Artist Isaka Shamsud-Din

14. Geometric design: Breadwinner Cycles 2323 N Williams Ave

15. Frogs: Port City Gallery (closed) 2170 N Williams

16. Birds: Pacific North Press 16 NE Tillamook St

17. Flowers: Tillamook Row 22 NE Tillamook St
18. "MIKE" (Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program) Mural: 1914 NE 7th Ave. Artist Robin Corbo

19. "In My Skin" : PDX RedWall, Oregon First Realty 2106 NE MLK Jr.- Rotating art - current artist Jason Hill

20. "Together" Rotating Mural: Open Signal 2766 NE MLK Jr. Artist: Limei Lai

21. Mural (by students?): Growing Seeds Child Development Center : 2808 NE MLK Jr.

22. "In My America" Flag mural: 2915 NE MLK Jr.

23. Mural and Tiles and Sculpture: Cascadia/Garlington Center NE MLK Jr and NE Morris St. Artists south side bldg. mural –Arvie Smith, panels at front door on MLK – Jeremy Davis, sculpture by parking lot –Hillary Pfeifer

24. "Jumptown Video Wall" : The Magnolia apartments 3262 NE MLK Jr. Artist Pamela Chipman. Thomas Robinson and Portland City Archive contributed photos/videos.

25. Residential garage mural : 435 NE Cook St. Artist Ryan Bubnis

26. Waves of color : Mothership Music 3611 NE MLK Jr. Artist Pablos Murals

27. "Peace in the Hood": mural on residential wall 3792 NE MLK Jr.

28. Women and shapes: Luna Wellness 3801 NE MLK Jr

29. Ahmaud Arbery, George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and BLM Protestors mural: North side of Sengatera Ethiopian Restaurant 3833 NE MLK Jr.

30. MESO murals, plant/art piece, garage mural -4008 NE MLK Jr. Artists: south side - Adia Gibbs, Latoya Lovely, Kyra Watkins, Alex Chiu, Emmanuel Dempsey. Panels/ plants -Peg Butler. North side Isaka Shamsud-Din, Garage - Emmanuel Dempsey
- For more information and FAQs about murals and street art visit post on our website: Within and Beyond the Borders of Eliot: Murals and Street Art



# What’s so Scary about RIP? Residential Infill Project—Part Two

By Mike Warwick

The City of Portland initiated the Residential Infill Project (RIP) to enable the development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Air B-and-B type units on properties zoned “exclusively” for single-family homes. The logic was that this zoning was intentionally discriminatory. Although it does prevent the development of duplexes and other multi-unit buildings, it is arguable that it was specifically to discriminate against residents without the means to own or rent a single-family home on a single lot. A more compelling reason to implement RIP is that land for new dwellings is scarce in Portland, and enabling additional units to be constructed in more zones would create so-called “middle housing,” including 1,2, and 3-plexes, townhomes (units with shared walls), and cottage clusters (tiny homes).

In the last issue of the Eliot News, I described why the fear of RIP leading to new 6-plexes next door was misplaced. Specifically, adding units to an existing home site requires the site’s owner to finance the develop-

ment. Portland implemented a fee waiver for ADUs to reduce the costs; nevertheless, the homeowner still has to finance construction, usually with a bank loan, which increases their debt. The additional unit increases the value of the property in the eyes of the County Tax Assessor. Still, it is less clear that future home buyers will place a similar value on what would essentially be a rental property (or Air B and B) and make them landlords, subject to the City’s and State’s notorious landlord regulations and fees. That prospect isn’t attractive to all homebuyers, especially in the pandemic. Similarly, the current owner/builder of the ADU may tire of their landlord role but require the income from the unit to pay back the construction loan. What to do?

Eliot’s “residential” zoning already allows multiple dwelling units per lot, so RIP changes little for us: you can build that ADU (or 2), but you can’t sell it. As the previous article noted, trying to sell the new unit as a separate dwelling unit would require navigating Portland’s unnecessarily re-

strictive lot partition regulations at considerable expense. Here is why.

Zoning and building codes have strict rules for “setback” (the distance from other properties) and access to public streets and utilities. To facilitate ADUs these regulations are flexible; however, an ADU that meets ADU rules may NOT qualify as a separate dwelling on its own lot, a “lot partition.” The most common partition is a “flag” that carves out property behind an existing building with access to the street via a strip of land, the “pole” for the flag lot. The typical flag lot is “T” shaped, although I have seen “T” shaped ones in Eliot.

Creating a flag lot in Portland is tricky. For example, I wanted to partition an ADU/duplex using a T-shaped lot. I was told the “pole” MUST be a minimum of 12’ wide. I only had 11’, so no go. I proposed demolishing a building on one side of the “pole” to get the required 12’ and rebuilding a new unit in its place. Here is where things got crazy. The new lot created by removing that building would be

subject to current setbacks from existing lot lines, including the new pole. That left a buildable area of only 7 feet! I could appeal for smaller setbacks, which could leave 21 feet, but that appeal would cost a minimum of \$16,000, take several months, and there is no guarantee it would be granted. Eliot is in a Historic Conservation District, and if “historic” review was also required, that would add at least \$21,000 to the cost. This is a crazy way to encourage “middle” housing affordable to people of modest means! Fortunately, it has been noticed, and State Senator Lew Frederick from Irvington submitted a bill to facilitate lot partitions to create more middle housing; SB 458. The bill was signed on May 26th.

What SB 458 does is prevent jurisdictions from imposing zoning requirements that make lot partitions for “middle housing” overly difficult. It prohibits things like Portland’s 12’ wide “pole” mandate. It also requires a prompt treatment of lot division applications and rapid review and deci-

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building. However, the business owners still feel connected to northeast Portland and want us to hear their story.

Tresholm Plaster hired Fred Shearer to help build the original Multnomah Hotel downtown at SW Third and Pine (currently the Embassy Suites). Fred worked his way up to project manager, and when the owner of the company passed away, the widow Tresholm sold the company to Fred. Thus, Fred Shearer & Sons was born and through four generations, 105 years later, and with two new owners, the company is still going strong.

Fred passed the company to his sons, Fred Jr. and Victor. Next came Bill and Dave, who are Fred Jr. and Victor’s sons who then passed the business to the fourth generation, Bill’s son, Jeff Shearer. Jeff owned the company until 2016 (the company’s 100th anniversary) when employees John Park and Ralph Schultz bought out Jeff Shearer, becoming the new owners.

In the last 34 years, John Park has had only one employer, Fred Shearer & Sons. His grandfather and father were both lathers. A little lesson in historical construction, laths are the horizontal wood slats nailed to studs with a bit of space left in between the slats so the plaster will attach or key in when it spreads across the laths.

So, when John needed a job during college, construction seemed like an obvious choice. He started working at Fred Shearer & Sons as an apprentice carpenter and became a superintendent and eventually co-owner.

Ralph Schultz had been working for a competitor to Fred Shearer & Sons. When they opened up a branch in New Mexico, he transferred to that location. However, he and his wife did not really like living in the southwest, so, as he says, “Happy wife, happy life,” they packed up and came back to Portland. Fortunately, a Fred Shearer & Sons vendor who was also



John Park (left) and Ralph Schultz (right) owners and employee Chris Haynes (center) of Fred Shearer & Sons in front of photo of original building on NE Flint Avenue. Photo credit Sue Stringer

a mutual friend of Ralph and Jeff Shearer introduced Ralph and Jeff. They hit it off, and Fred Shearer & Sons hired Ralph. He had experience in the semiconductor segment, so it was a good fit. He is now the co-owner with John.

Chris Haynes had wanted to work for Fred Shearer & Sons for years. He knew he wanted to work with his hands but had not worked with plaster before. So Chris started working as a plasterer in the early 2000s. He tried for ten years to work for Fred Shearer & Sons, and in 2011 his dream came true. Chris has been with the company ever since. Ralph says, “he’s become an artist,” mastering the art of plastering. Chris has also been working on marketing to homeowners in the Portland area to spread the word about the company’s services, especially for the old Portland homes with original plaster needing renovation or restoration. “Plaster walls breathe better than drywall, and air quality in homes with plaster just seem better,” Chris says. Plus, maintaining the old Portland charm and character of the turn of the century homes is a bonus.

In addition to sharing about the company’s history, John, Ralph, and Chris want to share a current revival of careers for men and women learning a craft or trade. The variety of job sites and projects, good pay, meeting many different people, and having a hand in constructing new buildings or restoring historic architecture are perks of the trade. Also,

exercising your artistic ability is a great way to spend your working hours.

John and Ralph are proud to own a company that has been around for 100 successful years through many trying times, most recently the Great Recession and a global pandemic, and they want to set it up for the next 100.

John shared, “We’re stewards of that, and we value what craftsmen can bring.” In addition, John’s daughter is working for the company now as an estimator. So who knows, maybe she’ll carry on the company for the next generation.

Fred Shearer & Sons  
www.fredshearer.com  
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## One Street, Five Generations... Shaw-Harris-Clark Family Update

By Sue Stringer

In the spring issue of the Eliot News we published an [article](#) about the Shaw-Harris-Clark family and the property they own on Graham Street. Shalamar Clark and Francine Tessitore Clark graciously shared stories of their family with me. Currently, Shalamar has been planning on renovating the properties.

Sadly, Francine passed away unexpectedly this spring. Our condolences go to Shalamar and the rest of the family in this tough time.

A friend has set up a Go Fund Me to raise money to help with the renovations of the house so that the Clark

family name can be a proud example on Graham street for many years to come. Francine would be so proud that Shalamar is improving the property and would have appreciated the community’s support. Please consider contributing.

Here is the link to the donation page.

Help Honor the Clark Name & A Mothers Legacy: <https://gofund.me/1d9ad899>

KGW TV also did a piece on the Clark family and properties: <https://www.kgw.com/video/news/local/five-generations-three-homes-one-portland-street/283-86ebc40f-7941-410b-be9d-32347b7c49a8>



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# Home is Where the Heart is...

By Tess Fields, Home Share Executive Director



Oregon is in an affordable housing crisis that threatens a stable future. While many equate homelessness with individuals who are suffering from addiction or mental illness, the reality is most individuals and families who are displaced or housing insecure, are gainfully employed or living on a fixed income.

Home Share Oregon is a non-profit organization committed to solving the affordable housing crisis in Oregon. Our mission is to prevent housing instability, foreclosure, and homelessness through home sharing. According to the Oregon census, there are 1.5 million owner occupied

homes throughout the state of Oregon which have a spare bedroom. If only 2% of these homeowners decided to rent their spare bedroom, we could house 30,000 people. Home sharing is a time-tested tradition that communities all over the world use to create homes for more people and bring the community together.

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- ⇒ Additional support services for those who qualify!

Please go to [HomeShareOregon.org](http://HomeShareOregon.org). Sign up and become a part of the solution. Thank you!

Home Share Oregon in the News!

[Sharing Is Caring – Eugene Weekly](http://eugeneweekly.com/2021/02/04/sharing-is-caring/)  
<http://eugeneweekly.com/2021/02/04/sharing-is-caring/>

Housing News and Research!  
[Oregon House passes new foreclosure moratorium: would extend protections until Sept. 1 \(registerguard.com\)](https://www.registerguard.com/story/news/2021/04/06/oregon-house-passes-new-foreclosure-moratorium-would-extend-protections-until-sept-1/registerguard.com)  
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## Boise Eliot Native Grove Update

By Andrine de la Rocha and Howard Patterson



Andrine de la Rocha and Howard Patterson in the willow tunnel. Photo courtesy Andrine de la Rocha

Now in our fourth year at the Boise Eliot Native Grove, the space has become lush and gorgeous. We were proud to be one of the top five finalists out of 48 entries in the Portland Parks Foundation Championship Awards. It was such an honor to be nominated and to be in such an esteemed company!

We encourage everyone to stop in this summer and bathe in the glory of these flourishing plants and spaces. Our willow tunnels and dome are finally as we envisioned and provide a cool reprieve from the summer heat. Now that our birdbath is installed (and repaired), the winged friends have a place to refresh themselves. With the support of our patrons and donors, we were able to repair the damaged salmon sculpture.

This summer, our trees are mostly established enough not to need the 3-

times-a-week watering, but we will keep an eye on the heat and drought to keep them going, as well as minding our smaller shrubs that are just getting established. Let's hope the rain falls as needed to keep everyone alive and healthy.

This fall, we will hopefully be able to have a clean-up and planting, so keep your eyes open for announcements on our Facebook and Instagram and our website.

FB: [BoiseEliotNativeGrove](https://www.facebook.com/BoiseEliotNativeGrove)  
IG: [BoiseEliotNativeGrove](https://www.instagram.com/BoiseEliotNativeGrove)  
[www.NativeGrovePDX.org](http://www.NativeGrovePDX.org)

See you soon!



Newly repaired salmon sculpture at the Boise Eliot Native Grove. Photo courtesy Andrine de la Rocha

## Find Your Oasis in the Portland Pre-K Desert

By Ben Earle

The possible closure of Portland’s largest preschool, Childsworld Learning Center in Sunnyside serving 250 kids, alongside recent government and university studies indicating that all the state’s counties are becoming various levels of “child-care deserts,” only confirm what anyone with young children has long known – finding child care is a real challenge. And then COVID hit, making everything harder for parents and service providers.

Beyond the venerable word-of-mouth approach, fortunately, there are numerous resources to help locate a daycare or preschool program best suited for both your child’s and your needs.

- Google Maps, MapQuest, and Yelp are always good places to see what might be available nearby.
- Oregon’s Early Learning Division has teamed with Western Oregon University to compile a “Find Child Care Oregon” list of state registered and licensed programs, accessible online or by calling 211Info. Their websites provide step-by-step guides and helpful tips, plus links to a wide range of reports, research, and related info.

- On “The Press” front, both the long-running Portland Parent Magazine and Oregon Live have decent online search tools.
- Of the many listing sites a search for “preschools” or “daycare” in Portland reveals, the locally operated Growing Upwards pops up, along with the more generic Care.com Preschools, Expertise.com 12 Best Portland Preschools, Great Schools, Judy’s Book, Top Oregon Private Daycares and Preschools, Winnie.com, and YP.com, to name but a few. Checking Facebook, NextDoor, and even Craigslist’s “Daycare” section can sometimes also be helpful.

Though they fill up fast, Portland Public Schools offers some Pre-K classes, as does Portland Parks & Rec. And Head Start now has a couple of east-side locations.

Be sure to check as many sources as possible since no particular one can capture all available options. Just remember to stay diligent, patient, and positive – with a bit of luck, you’ll find a good spot for your special little one that’s cost-effective and within a reasonable striking distance!



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# Gladys McCoy Memorial Garden Update: Nike and Teens Help Tidy Up the Garden

By Kate Thompson and Sue Stringer

The Gladys McCoy Memorial Garden is looking all spruced up because of its recent help from several different organizations and volunteers. In the middle of June, the high school mission team from several nearby churches helped by spreading mulch over the area to be planted in the Fall, when the rain begins. The mulch will enhance the soil and help with moisture retention when the drought-resistant plants are put in place.

Friends and neighbors continue to be helpful in picking up litter on a regular basis. John Barker brought in some heavy equipment to remove some of the old plantings and invasive species.

Nike employees continue to be a huge help



with weeding the garden.

The roses are in full bloom, and maybe the begonias will bloom soon too. Stop by and check out the garden and if you want to volunteer and become a Gladys Garden Gnome, contact Kate Thompson at [katethompsonpdx@gmail.com](mailto:katethompsonpdx@gmail.com).

As Kate says, “Onward together!”

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sell Street, there’s more activity on the street than even just a few months ago. And more good news, the Wonder Ballroom is opening back up in August, and Cliff’s will be open every night that they have a concert booked. They will also continue to be open during the regular hours posted below. Still, check their website and Instagram page for an up-to-date menu and hours.

So now the question I really wanted to be answered. Where did the name come from, and what’s the story of the logo design? Sierra explained, “The bar is named after Josh’s grandfather, Cliff. Cliff was a dairy farmer in Wisconsin. He also hunted and often hung antlers from deer hunting in the barn.” One summer, a bird made a nest on one pair of antlers and then laid its eggs. That pair of antlers hang in Josh and Sierra’s house to this day. What a sweet reminder of family and



how unlikely and unexpected things come together at a perfect time to make something special.

**Cliff’s PDX**  
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creative. We need to look outside of the box of normal and look to the realm of possibility. We need to look at the vacant land that remains near the areas where land was taken. A few months ago, I wrote an article about Eliot’s vacant land and how much tax revenue we are missing out on (<https://eliotneighborhood.org/2021/03/25/who-pays-property-taxes-and-who-does-not-land-speculation-has-been-hurting-eliot-for-generations/>). I believe that the easiest way to create value for restitution without breaking the bank is to find land that is not even on the tax rolls and give it away to those who were wronged in the past. It is essential that the land we find has real value for this project. It doesn’t have to be in Eliot, but finding land in the vicinity would be a huge plus.

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make this degradation well? Are the people we voted in just collecting healthy paychecks without checks and balances to support their success and support in making sound decisions for this city? Do we have people following the financial paper trail representing money spent on governmental

paychecks versus creating the immediate financial need for city-wide healing? The Chief of police - and his constituents - including the DOJ and the Attorney General cannot do it all in helping the people left behind. We need people holding high governmental offices to come down to where the rubber meets the road.

# Win Prizes! Join Library Summer Reading Game

From Multnomah County Library Website

Reading colors your world! Explore a world of science and art activities with the Summer Reading game.

Read for fun and prizes this summer. Babies, kids and teens can play the Summer Reading game by starting a daily reading habit. In addition, the library will have lots of fun interactive virtual performances, storytelling, and arts and crafts for kids and families. It all kicks off June 16.

Kids of all ages can play online or on paper.

## How to play:

- Starting June 16, come to the library and pick up a gameboard or sign up online. Watch instructional videos on how to get and use Beanstack.
- Mark one space for each day you read or listen to a book, or do any of the fun activities, between June 16 and August 31, 2021.
- Each time you mark at least 15 days (they don’t have to be in a row!), come to the library to receive a prize. If you play on paper, fill out one of the cards on your gameboard and bring it with you.
- Once you’ve read 45 days total,



you’ve completed the game! Come to the library (if you play on paper, bring your last card) on or after July 30 to receive a T-shirt (while supplies last) and an entry in the Grand Prize drawing for your age level.

- Claim your prizes by August 31, 2021.

For prizes and more information visit: <https://multcolib.org/summer-reading>

There is also a summer reading program for adults too. For details, visit <https://multcolib.org/read-4-life-adult-summer-reading>

The library is also offering free printing services. Contact the library at <https://multcolib.org/contact> or (503) 988-5123 for more information. Albina Library address is 216 NE Knott Street.

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sions. This schedule is written into the legislation, so Portland can’t “slow walk” an application or delay it with unnecessary hearings or public notices. Neighbors within 100’ of a proposed division will be notified as well as the neighborhood associations, but there will be limited opportunities to comment and none to object if the standards in the bill are met. As always, how this is translated into Portland’s zoning code isn’t clear at this point, although land divisions under these rules are expected to begin next July. After that date, my interpretation is that a homeowner with an ADU on

their property will be able to split that unit into a separate lot and sell it off. This bill could be a godsend for people needing extra income or tired of being a landlord. There is a potential risk to Eliot as well, and that is that it could encourage speculators to purchase our large lots specifically for this purpose. That risk is tempered by the fact that the residential properties in Eliot already allow the development of multiple units. This change will simply make it easier to offer those units for sale to buyers who can’t afford the prices current full-sized lots and houses cost, which is the goal for RIP and “middle housing” initiatives.

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by cries of "pull the trigger, I don't give a f\*\*\*." Every day is like watching people drown.

Compassion and empathy also have limits. You can't say people don't know better: they'll tell you they do. You can't say there's nowhere else to go: sometimes the park is empty, or pushers complain about having to deliver on foot in icy weather. If people aren't comfortable in Dawson Park anymore, then fix the park! Gathering a block away from its public comforts and facilities isn't the answer for anybody. We all deserve better.

These issues didn't start with COVID; that's just when they got out of hand. It shows in the turnover, where a once stable group of residents has become an exodus: from the nine homes nearest the park and facing the street; seven households moved out in the last year. The following is a collection of quotes from people who recently left Eliot for good and were willing to talk about it:

"[B]eing away has been very nice. I go on walks with my dog at night now... [living on Stanton] was one of the toughest years."

"It's definitely been a life changing experience living in relative peace and solitude [in inner SE Portland]. Anyone that lives on Stanton and [in]

Eliot neighborhood is getting a raw deal."

"[I'm] currently in a [nearby rental] ... I don't walk south of Fremont anymore with the exception of New Seasons. Just a little too traumatized by our experiences..."

Defund and other schools of thought believe that incarceration and violent police action won't fundamentally solve anything. I, with a family involved in criminal justice reform, am inclined to agree. However, citizen interventions like basic cleanup prove dangerous and ineffective. The city's new Street Response Team neither serves Eliot nor responds to incidents with weapons. Community reinvestment, if successful, will take longer than some of your neighbors have to live. Long term solutions are important, but your past and present neighbors—Black and other POC, LGBT, children, elderly, economically displaced, and immigrant—need relief with the methods available today.

Alas, nobody knows those methods are. We can't talk about them until press, law enforcement, or leaders—at any level—listen and understand. Your neighborhood paper is the first to even start this long overdue conversation. We pray it won't be the last.





Event information may be out of date due to COVID-19 restrictions. Confirm details with event organizers.

### Community Events

**Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC) Meeting**  
St Philip the Deacon 120 NE Knott St  
(for virtual meeting info see agenda at <https://eliotneighborhood.org/category/meeting-agenda/> )  
7:00pm Monday—  
July 12, August 9, September 13

**Neighborhood Association Meeting**  
St Philip the Deacon 120 NE Knott St  
(for virtual meeting info see agenda at <https://eliotneighborhood.org/category/meeting-agenda/> )  
7:00pm Monday—  
July 19, August 16, September 20

**Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods**  
4815 NE 7th Ave  
[www.necoalition.org](http://www.necoalition.org), 503.388.5004

Meetings:

- ♦ *Safety and Livability Meeting*—6:30pm, 3rd Monday of month
- ♦ *NECN Board Meetings*—6:30pm, 3rd Tuesday of month
- ♦ *Community Police Relations Committee*—5:30pm, 3rd Wednesday of month
- ♦ *NECN Land Use Transportation Committee*—7:00pm, 4th Wednesday of month

### Entertainment

**Civilian Studios**  
2210 N Lewis Ave  
503-476-2716

**Fisk Gallery**  
3613 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd  
Wednesday-Friday 12-6  
Saturday and Sunday 12-4  
[fiskgallery.com](http://fiskgallery.com), 661-733-3521

**Open Signal**  
2766 NE MLK Jr Blvd  
[opensignalpdx.org](http://opensignalpdx.org), 503-288-1515

**PICA**  
15 NE Hancock St  
[Pica.org](http://Pica.org), 503-242-1419

*Exhibit:* Aki Onda -A letter from Souls of the Dead  
July 10-Sept. 4  
<http://pica.org/events/ALetterfromSoulsOfTheDead>

TBA Festival: Sept, 16 - Oct. 3rd see website for details about specific shows/exhibits

**Union Knott Gallery**  
2808 NE MLK Jr Blvd, #2  
971-207-1231 By Appointment

**The Waypost**  
3120 N Williams Ave  
[thewaypost.com](http://thewaypost.com), 503-367-3182

**White Eagle**  
836 N Russell St  
[mcmenamins.com/WhiteEagle](http://mcmenamins.com/WhiteEagle)  
503-282-6810

**Wonder Ballroom**  
128 NE Russell St  
[wonderballroom.com](http://wonderballroom.com), 503-284-8686

### Recurring Events

**Mondays** - 11:00 am-12:30 pm Healthy Eating Class at Garlington Health Center  
- 7-9 pm reading group at Black Hat Books

**Tuesdays** - 4-5 pm Book Club Garlington Health Center  
- 5pm Labrewatory brewery tour, 5:30 pm new beer release  
- 6-8 pm live music at Labrewatory  
- 7 pm Trivia at The Waypost

**Wednesdays** - Karaoke at The Waypost

**Thursdays-** - 11:30 am-12:30 pm Walking group at Garlington Health Center  
- 1:30-2:30 pm Music Meet Up at Garlington Health Center  
- 6-8pm FIRST THURSDAYS Game night at Garlington Health Center

**Saturdays -** -2 pm Public Speaking class at Black Hat Books

**Sundays-** -12:00-1:30 pm Refuge in the Park at Dawson Park 2926 N Williams @refugeportland on Facebook  
-5-8 pm Free jazz music at Billy Webb Elk’s Lodge

*Did we miss something?  
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