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Letter from the Editor: My Last Issue as Editor of the Eliot News

By Sue Stringer

The time has come for me to step down as Editor of The Eliot News. I have enjoyed sharing the neighborhood's news, introducing new businesses, and telling people's stories. The people I have met, the history I have discovered, and everything I have learned about being involved in a neighborhood association have been so rewarding.

I really want this newspaper to continue and thrive. We are looking for a person or a team to learn the publishing/layout software, find and retain advertisers, invoice and collect advertising fees, call for articles and attend neighborhood association meetings to discover content to share in each quarterly issue.

(See *LETTER*, page 2)

Historical Traffic Diversion in Boise Neighborhood, Installed and Uninstalled

By Allan Rudwick

During the pandemic, I have been doing a lot of reading about the history of my neighborhood, Eliot. I came across a number of plans from the 1960s and 1970s that affected inner North Portland. Joseph Cortright put together a 3-part series on how the Oregon Department of Transportation destroyed Albina, the biggest cultural center for Black Portlanders at the time. At the same time, Emanuel Hospital was expanded intentionally into the area between N Williams and N Kerby all the way to I-5/I-405. This series was presaged by a short study called the Central Albina Study which recommended most of what is now the Eliot Neighborhood be demolished for Industry. Warehouses were

recommended west of MLK Jr Blvd and South of N Fremont. This was later amended to west of N Williams Ave.

The Central Albina study was very quickly ready to sacrifice most of Eliot to Industrial land zoning and demolish much of what is the largest collection of 1890-1910 homes in the City of Portland. Many of these houses were considered to be dilapidated in the 1960s even though 60 years later, some of these same buildings are still standing. Partially in response to these protests, the government agencies agreed to embark on a program to 'improve' a different part of

(See *TRAFFIC DIVERSION*, page 11)

Calling All Eliot Residents!

Eliot Neighborhood Association General Assembly Meeting and Board Elections

Monday, October 18,
7:00-8:30 pm

(Zoom virtual meeting—check agenda on website for meeting link or additional info)

<https://eliotneighborhood.org/category/meeting-agenda/>

All Eliot residents are invited to attend the general assembly meeting and elect the new Board of Directors. Any resident over 14 years old or a representative of a business in Eliot is eligible to be elected to the board. **Add your name to the slate!**

We also need volunteers for a webmaster, Editor of the Eliot News, and our committees including our Adopt-a-block and Livability Team.

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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Eliot Monthly Meetings

Meetings of the Eliot Neighborhood Association are held on the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm St. Philip the Deacon Church, 120 NE Knott Street (due to COVID-19 mandatory guidelines, check agenda online for Virtual Meeting information at <https://eliotneighborhood.org/category/meeting-agenda/>). It's a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, stay informed, help build a stronger community, and have input into city decisions that may effect you.

All meetings are open to the public. All meetings are currently held via ZOOM. Zoom meeting link can be found at [EliotNeighborhood.org/category/agenda](https://eliotneighborhood.org/category/agenda)

- Land Use Meeting - October 11, 7:00-8:30pm
 GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING - October 18, 7:00-8:30pm
 Land Use Meeting - November 8, 7:00-8:30pm
 Neighborhood Meeting - November 15, 7:00-8:30pm
 Land Use Meeting - December 13, 7:00-8:30pm
 Neighborhood Meeting - No meeting in December

For agendas and more information, see www.eliotneighborhood.org

Eliot News

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I am willing to train team members and be available for guidance.

Publishing the Eliot News has been a gratifying and fulfilling job. I knew nothing about being an editor when I volunteered for the position seven years ago, so previous experience is unnecessary. It would be perfect for someone who wants to get into journalism or dust off their creative writing or graphic design/layout skills.

When I started, we had a team that divided up the tasks. We also, at one point, had half a dozen journalists. As happens in life, and especially with volunteer positions, people took on new jobs, had kids, moved, or life went in different directions. We can create that again.

I'm sure we have a lot of unrecognized talent in this neighborhood. We are looking for people who care about telling the story of this rich and wonderful neighborhood. Are

Letter to the Editor/ Readers: Clarification

On social media, there have been questions about the veracity of the anonymously written Eliot News article entitled 'The Untouchable Eliot Mess.'

Conditions vary throughout the neighborhood. This article was written by an Eliot resident who lives near Dawson Park. The author fears for their safety and attests that the article is true and does not have any past, present, or likely future involvement in law enforcement or any related field.

you one of those people? Let's talk!

I want to thank all of you that have taken the time to write an article, share a story idea, given me such great feedback and support over the years. It has definitely been a learning process and one I'll cherish forever.

Who's next? I can't wait to see how the Eliot News flourishes!

For questions or more information, contact me at:
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Pending Listings				
325 NE Graham St #9	3	2	1927	\$479,500
3127 NE 7th Ave	2	2.1	1602	\$535,000
3021 NE Rodney Ave	3	1.1	2089	\$650,000
301 N Ivy St	3	3	2587	\$799,999
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Letter from the Eliot Co-Chairs

By Allan Rudwick and Jimmy Wilson

The Eliot Neighborhood Association board has been working via Zoom for two years due to the pandemic. The existing board has been serving for two years and has been working hard.

We signed on to a lawsuit against the Oregon Department of Transportation over a proposed highway widening in our neighborhood. We have also been working to improve air quality from the large number of diesel trucks that drive through our community. We continue to be a forum for a number of community livability concerns. We

have stepped up to host the Dawson Park Concerts, and we could use your help.

The more energetic and engaged citizens that are part of the board, the more we can accomplish. Our meetings are open to the public, and commitment starts at two hours per month. Come check us out.

The General Assembly Meeting is on October 18 at 7:00 pm on Zoom. The link can be found on our website at: www.eliotneighborhood.org/category/meeting-agenda/

Dawson Park Concert Report

By Allan Rudwick



In March of this year, I called up the City of Portland to see what their plans were for the Dawson Park Concerts this year. They responded that due to COVID-19, they would not be running any of their normal events this year but would instead host a series of 'pop-up' concerts which they would not advertise the date and time until right before the events. In the Eliot Neighborhood, with multiple shootings in and around Dawson Park this summer, I did not think we should sit idly by and go a second year without concerts. I have been pleasantly surprised that other organizations are thinking the same way, as I have seen several other events in Dawson Park in addition to the Concert Series that the Eliot Neighborhood has been hosting.



Jennifer and Johnny, board members, at the Eliot Neighborhood Association booth selling raffle tickets and connecting with the concert attendees.

In the beginning, it was just an idea, "I'll just put in the concert permit and kind of 'fake it until we make it'". We set up a page on our website to sign up for sponsors, volunteers, vendors and donation: eliotneighborhood.org/concerts. Meeting weekly, a team of 4 Eliot Board Members (Jennifer, Shireen, Sue and myself) built up trust, divided up tasks and started knocking down planning tasks. Over the course of 10 weeks we went from idea to reality, picking up some big sponsorships along the way. (see their logos to the right). The City of Portland lowered their permit fees substantially and gave us our largest grant, while many other local organi-

zations chipped in big checks including Legacy Health, Toyota of Portland and the Trailblazers. Smaller donors started coming in but how would the event actually go?

We booked a band, found an MC (Joe Bean Keller) who helped find sound experts and a DJ late in the game. One of the Knott Street Boxing coaches recommended one of his boxers sing a rap he had about Dawson Park. The Boxers also have had some demonstration sparring during the concerts as it is during their normal practice time. The Multnomah County Health department's REACH program contacted us about offering vaccinations, and we had over 50 vaccination shots given at the first concert and over 70 at the second concert. Meeting people where they want to be and giving out gift cards seems to be a good tool in the public health battle that is currently being waged.

With the pandemic still raging, the smaller than expected crowds have been an unsurprising sight, but we still over 400 people come through the first concert and a slightly smaller number at the second, slightly rainy event. We are excited for our future dates, September 16th at 5-8pm and October 7th starting at 4pm and ending at 7pm due to losing sunlight.

At our first concert, we started grilling chicken on a huge grill but we found that this was way too much effort for the Board to do in addition to the many other tasks needed to host the event. We switched to hot dogs, chips and soda which was much more manageable and the second event went smoothly. We'll probably continue with this recipe for the future events, but we're supplementing with a food truck as well.

In the last few weeks before the concerts, our team grew to 6 with my co-chair, Jimmy and Pat joining us. Thanks so much to the team for their support and all volunteers who showed up to help! These concerts couldn't happen without you.

Portland Marathon Traffic Impacts Coming to Eliot Sunday, October 3rd

By Allan Rudwick

The Portland Marathon is back. It doesn't enter the Eliot Neighborhood specifically, but it does cross the Broadway Bridge a couple of times. The Broadway Bridge will be entirely closed to all vehicles (including Portland Streetcar) from 7:15-9:45 am. After 9:45 am, there will be no restrictions on the use of the Broadway Bridge. No vehicles will be able to travel west on Broadway anywhere past Benton Ave.

The Steel Bridge will remain open during the entire event, but vehicles entering Old Town from the Lloyd District using the Steel Bridge will experience delays from 7:15-9:45 am. For more details, check this website:

<https://www.portlandmarathon.com/traffic/eliot>



Loretta Smith Speaks at Dawson Park Concert

By Shireen Hasan

Loretta Smith, the former Multnomah County Commissioner, made a guest appearance at the Eliot Neighborhood Association's 'Concert in the Park' series at

Dawson Park on September 16th. We appreciate her sharing her hope for all communities to have access to opportunities and self-sufficiency.



Loretta Smith speaking at Dawson Park Concert on September 16. Photo credit Shireen Hasan



Autumnal Greetings from Boise Eliot Native Grove

By *Andrine de la Rocha and Howard Patterson*

The summer heat brought some challenges to the Grove this year and many plants were defeated by the Heat Dome event. Our Oregon White Oak in the meadow gave up the ghost, but we were able to reserve another from Friends of Trees that we will plant sometime this fall. (The remains of the old oak are being transformed into a piece of art inspired by an epic dream in the hands of resident Healing Artist, Andrine de la Rocha.) All of the remaining trees have survived so far and in their third year seem to be flourishing, despite the heat. Some of our less established shrubs did not fare as well and we will likely replace them during the wet season to give them a good head start on next year.



Howard and grandbaby Dominic on the rainforest stump. Photo credit Andrine de la Rocha

This summer we had a class from Boise Eliot Humboldt summer school visit daily to sketch and learn about the native plants; it was a joy to have them gracing us with their curiosity and wonder. We also had two enthusiastic neighbor volunteers, Kelly and Sarah, who approached us independently this summer and have been regularly visiting the Grove, weeding and keeping things tidy. They are doing an amazing job. We are ever grateful for our ongoing patrons and donors, who have sustained us financially, keeping us flush in compost, and repair supplies as we go. We still have many trees and shrubberies that you can adopt via Patreon (<https://www.patreon.com/BoiseEliotNativeGrove>), or send a

one-time donation via PayPal (<http://paypal.me/NativeGrovePDX>).

We have not planned any fall group events, as we are carefully watching the Coronavirus statistics, but we encourage you to follow us on Instagram (@BoiseEliotNativeGrove) and Facebook (BoiseEliotNativeGrove) for updates as opportunities unfold. As always, we hope you will walk through and visit as the leaves change color this season.

Andrine de la Rocha, Project Lead
Howard Patterson, Environmental Manager

Gladys McCoy Memorial Garden Update

By *Sue Stringer*

The Gladys McCoy Memorial Garden at the northwest corner of MLK Jr Blvd and NE Knott Street is gradually coming together. Phase one of site preparation is complete.



In June, the Westminster Presbyterian High School Youth Group spread a thick layer of mulch to keep the soil from drying out and suppress the weeds. The Nike Community store provided the work crew with popsicles, and the Hardy Plant Society helped fund the materials.

Volunteers from the neighborhood pick of trash on a regular basis and the area is being used less often as a campsite for the unhoused.

Phase 2 will begin on the week-end of October 16th with the installation of boulders to represent the different neighborhoods and also the addition of more plants. To get involved contact Kate Thompson at katethompsonpdx@gmail.com.

PBOT requests you to adopt a storm drain this fall

Follow these tips for clearing storm drains:

- **Use a rake, shovel, or broom.** Don't use your hands.
- **Wear gloves.** Be careful of sharp objects!
- **Wear reflective clothing** so people driving can see you. Watch out for traffic!
- **Only clear drains you can reach from the sidewalk.** Don't stand in the street and don't clear drains that are in the middle of a street.
- **Clear drains before the rain,** whenever possible.
- **Clear 10 feet** on both approaches to the drain.
- **Watch for standing water** to avoid slipping or stepping on sharp objects.
- **Make sure adults are supervising** if children are helping.
- **Clear surface debris only.** Call PBOT Maintenance Dispatch 24/7 at 503-823-1700 for any emergency hazards or if the drain is still clogged after removing surface debris.
- **Never lift storm drain grates.** They are very heavy.
- **Don't put leaves in the street.** Place leaves in your green yard debris roll cart for curbside pickup. If you have too much for the cart, simply use lawn bags and place them next to the roll cart for pickup.

Cool Options Including Matt Dishman Pool to Refresh and Relax

By *Monique Gaskins*

Portlanders experienced extreme temperatures this summer. During the last week of June, local temperatures hit 112 degrees, the highest temperature recorded. In mid-August, another heat wave rolled through the city pushing temperatures higher than usual. Along with the heat, this has also been a dry summer. As of this writing, the warm temperatures and sparse rainfall haven't retreated yet.

However, the city has options to help keep Portlanders cool this summer. Eliot residents are primed to take advantage without having to leave the neighborhood. During designated heat warnings, all libraries have bottled water on hand to distribute. Albina Library is participating and is now open to the public. Throughout the summer, the interactive fountain / splash pad is open at Dawson Park. For residents looking to exercise or play in a pool, Portland's public pools, including Matt Dishman Pool, are open.

Portland Parks & Recreation opened its eleven pools on June 22. The pools are dispersed around the city and include indoor and outdoor options. Eliot is home to one of the indoor pools at the Matt

Dishman Center at 77 North Knott Street. The pools do not all share the same schedule. Availability of lap swim, aqua fitness, and play periods also vary by pool and by day, so be sure to check the schedule by calling ahead or looking online before planning a visit. The outdoor pools are scheduled to close for the summer at the end of August. Indoor pools should remain open.

At the time of writing, face coverings are required within city facilities to help curb the spread of Covid. The drop-in price for Adults age 18-59 is \$4. For seniors and youth, the drop-in price is \$3, and children 2 and under get in free. 20 visit punch passes and "Pay what you can" discounts are also available. Check <https://www.portland.gov/parks/matt-dishman-indoor-pool> for more details and current schedule or call 503-823-3166.





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The Shopp: A Philanthropic Thrift Shop

By Dana Austin

An angel is amongst us. My good friend, and longtime philanthropic supporter, has opened her ultimate altruistic store – aka The Shopp.

I first met Tarah at Irvington elementary ten years ago. We were auction chairs who bonded over fundraising- a mom of four kids with an itch to make folks feel inclusive, loved, and supported. Tarah's longtime passion is to serve people, especially women in abusive situations, or fighting against human trafficking.

Tarah and her family have pulled together a shop in the Standard Dairy building, and it's open for business. This thrift shop donates all the profits to aid people in need locally and globally. Her shop is rent-free (currently), all the renovations for the store were donated, plus supplies and other items were gifted. Currently, clothing, shoes, and accessories are available for purchase.

The Shopp needs your help. The following things are requested to aid in the success: donations of clothing, shoes, accessories, new hygiene products, luggage, totes, boxes, and bags.

Also, they would like cash donations or volunteer hours. My daughter is going to gather some ladies from Grant High School to donate time for volunteer hours.

Le Bontemps Café and Catering: New Cajun and Creole Restaurant in Eliot

By Sue Stringer

The newest restaurant in Eliot is serving up Cajun and Creole fare at the corner of NE MLK Jr. Blvd. and Knott Street. According to their website, owner Andrea Stephens-Le Bontemps has 20 years of experience cooking in the finest restaurants. Le Bontemps Café and Catering is currently open Thursdays through Sundays for dine in or take



I am so proud of all Tarah has accomplished. Please join me in supporting this local shop and help create change in someone's life. With love to give back to my community, I am excited to help The Shopp grow.

Tarah told me a sweet story the other day that she had heard about a woman who barely escaped an abusive relationship with the clothing on her back. The joy she had putting together a large suitcase of clothing and accessories for this woman was overwhelming; she can't wait to help more people.

Please keep your eyes peeled for Shopp events and stop by and check it out. My daughter and I just spent an hour and \$300 later of guilt-free shopping. Enjoy!

The Shopp
2808 NE MLK Jr Blvd, Suite 5
503-208-2623
10A-5P Tuesday-Saturday
<http://nwcollaborative.org/theshopp/>

out. They source seasonal foods from local farmers markets using only the freshest of ingredients.

Stop by for some traditional gumbo or crawfish étouffée or some chicken and waffles.

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Last call to buy Ex Novo's Eliot IPA and a Lottie & Zula's Picnic Box to support the Eliot Neighborhood Association!

Ex Novo and Lottie & Zulas's have been generously been sharing a portion of the sales on concert nights this summer and fall. Stop by on October 7 for your last chance to raise some money for the neighborhood association. You can enjoy a pint of Ex Novo's Eliot IPA at the brewery or buy some cans to take home and enjoy.

Ex Novo is located at 2326 NE Flint

Lottie & Zula's has put together a nice picnic box for wo. They are located at 120 NE Russell. Use this link to order <https://checkout.square.site/buy/6UXV2YEQZCDKD5KGTWIAIYO> or call 503-333-6923

Hearts & Bones Kitchen is Back!

By Sue Stringer

Hearts & Bones Kitchen is back and now offering monthly meal pick-up & delivery! They've got all your favorites and more available a la carte and as meal packages. All recipes are Paleo, free of grains (includes gluten), dairy, corn, soy, legumes, and refined sugar.

As owner, Brittany (aka Modern_Cavegirl on Instagram), states on her website, "I started Heart & Bones Kitchen because I believe that eating real, whole food, is one

of the most important things you can do for your health."

You can pick up your order at NE 2nd and NE Schuyler at the old Reverend Nat's location or have it delivered to your door. monthly.

Take \$10 off your first order with our coupon code "YAYfreestuff!"

Check it out: HeartBonesKitchen.com

Dining and Drinking in Eliot

Breakfast/Coffee/Cafés

Compass Coffee Roasting	3290 N Vancouver	(888) 723-2007
Dawn Patrol Coffee	670 N Russell	(971) 271-8151
Le Bontemps Café and Catering	2716 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 327-8162
Little Gotham Coffee	722 N Page St	
Pine State Biscuits	125 NE Schuyler	(503) 719-5357
Soul Lift Cacao	2601 NE MLK Jr.	(503)719-7519
Tiny's Café	2031 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 467-4199
TwentySix Café	2723 NE 7th	(503) 284-6033

Bars/Taverns

Bill Ray's Dive	2210 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 287-7254
Cartside Tap House	1825 N Williams	(503) 327-8234
Cliff's PDX	128 NE Russell	(503) 327-8234
Ex Novo	2326 N Flint	(503) 894-8251
Labrewatory	670 N Russell	(971) 271-8151
Sloan's Tavern	36 N Russell	(503) 287-2262
Waypost	3120 N Williams	(503) 367-3182
Whey Bar	2225 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 284-3366
White Eagle Saloon	836 N Russell	(503) 282-6810

Groceries and Markets

Chuck's Market, J&S Grocery	2415 N Williams	(503) 281-6269
Jerusalem Rose Market	2948 NE MLK Jr.	
Knott St Grocery	2709 N 7th	(503) 284-7490
Merkato Ethiopian Food Store	2605 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 331-9283
New Seasons Market	3445 N Williams	(503) 528-2888
Shop N Go Mini Mart	2858 N Williams	(971) 506-5875

Lunch/Dinner/Food Carts

Back Porch Provisions	1825 N Williams	(503) 523-9212
Better Half PDX	25 NE Fremont	(971) 347-3152
Izakaya Kichinto	102 NE Russell	(971) 255-0169
Jerusalem Rose Market	2948 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 805-2963
Killer Burger	325 NE Russell	(503) 477-6881
Ko Sisters Seoul Food	1825 N Williams	(503) 267-3918
Let's Roll Sushi PDX	1825 N Williams	(503) 716-0126
Lottie and Zula's	120 NE Russell	(503) 333-6923
Monkey Thai	3441 N Vancouver	(469) 922-9751
Mumbo Gumbo PDX	1825 N Williams	(503) 999-0819
OX	2225 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 284-3366
Pastas	3441 N Vancouver	(503) 832-8197
The People's Pig	3217 N Williams	(503) 282-2800
Pepe Chile Taqueria & Catering	3441 N Vancouver	(503) 281-3340
Pocket Pub	2719 NE 7th Ave	(503) 287-3645
Popeye's	3120 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 281-8455
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Queen of Sheba	2413 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 287-6302
Shwarma Express	1825 N Williams	(971) 312-9702
Sizzle Pie	125 NE Schuyler	(503) 234-7437
Smokin Fire Fish	668 N Russell	(503) 432-8661
Sparky's Pizza	2434 NE MLK Jr.	(503) 282-3000
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Transition Projects: From Homelessness to Housing

By Kiley Yuthas

Transition Projects exists to help those experiencing homelessness transition successfully into housing. Founded in 1969, we operate out of 14 Metro-area locations, enabling our team of over 350 employees to assist 10,000 people each year through programs designed to help people survive the streets, find housing, and retain their housing. We are also the largest provider of publicly funded shelter services in Oregon. On any given night, we shelter more than 800 people, including individuals and their pets. Through our Resource Center, we also serve 400-500 unique individuals daily, 365 days-a-year, with services ranging from hygiene and medical support to shelter and housing assistance.

We rely heavily on volunteer hours, clothing and hygiene donations, meal providers, and many others who choose to donate their time and talents to help us support people as they transition from homelessness to housing. There are many ways to get involved in our work supporting neighbors experiencing homelessness, including:



Signing up for our newsletter: Keep up to date with our work, community events, volunteer opportunities, and more! We love to stay in contact with any and all interested members of our community. To sign up, visit bit.ly/transitionprnews

Volunteering: We rely on volunteers for everything from sorting mail to keeping our donation closet organized to teaching yoga or crafts at a shelter! Whether you have special skills or just want to lend a hand, we

can find a volunteer position that will be a great fit. Get started by emailing volunteer@tprojects.org to register for a volunteer orientation.

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Hosting a donation drive: Our donation drive program allows community members and organizations to

collect supplies on our behalf. The organizer of the drive connects with us to arrange the details, and we provide bins and a full suite of digital material to help make sure the drive is a success! To learn more about hosting a donation drive for Transition Projects, email drive@tprojects.org

If you would like more information about our work or are interested in making a donation of time, food, or new and gently used items, please visit tprojects.org or send an email to events@tprojects.org.

Many thanks to the Eliot community for your support!



Black Parent Initiative with Joy DeGruy Publications Awarded \$500,000 from MacArthur Foundation Supporting an Equitable Recovery

By Kristen Mack and Leigh Bohannon



Black Parent Initiative with Joy DeGruy Publications was awarded a \$500,000 grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation for its work to increase cultural competence through cultural education, research and EBPM development. As well as build community capacity and partnerships.

The grant is part of roughly \$80 million in awards MacArthur announced today in support of the foundation's [Equitable Recovery](#) initiative, centered on advancing racial and ethnic justice. The initiative is funded by MacArthur's [social bonds](#), issued in response to the crises of the pandemic and racial inequity.

"We are passionately compassionate about our community. Our strength and resilience will help us persevere through any hardship. We have always used faith and joy to sustain us, and we will continue to use joy, creativity, and innovation because we have had to make a way out of no way, forever." Black Parent Initiative's Executive Director, Bahia Overton continues, "BPI is here to help shoulder the weight of these challenges and to be a source of strength and healing."

"As we emerge from this moment of crisis, we have an opportunity to improve the critical systems that people and places need to thrive. Our systems and structures must be rebuilt," said MacArthur President John Palfrey. "We are committed to ensuring that our response to the pandemic is focused on supporting the reimagining of systems that create a more just,

equitable, and resilient world."

BPI is a culture-specific, community-centered organization that co-designs and collaborates with our families to ensure that we create innovative, culturally relevant and sustainable interventions and opportunities to help them thrive.

Black Parent Initiative in partnership with Joy DeGruy Publications is one of 37 organizations receiving grants advancing the Racial Justice Field Support, with a Focus on Combatting Anti-Blackness focus area of the Foundation's initiative. Racial Justice Field Support, with a focus on combatting anti-Blackness, supports building Black power by supporting Black-led and focused philanthropic organizations. MacArthur also will take a leadership role in positioning reparations and racial healing as issues that philanthropy helps to meaningfully address.

To advance racial and ethnic justice, MacArthur is supporting work in that focus, as well as three other areas:

- Self-determination of Indigenous Peoples supports uplifting Indigenous communities to enable autonomous pursuit of a recovery guided by their priorities, cultures, and practices.
- Public Health Equity and COVID-19 Mitigation and Recovery supports improving access to resources for immediate health challenges while advancing new policies, models, and structures to support a more equitable and resilient public health sector in the future.
- An Equitable Housing Demonstration Project supports restoring communities and reducing incarceration and housing instability by generating an array of housing

solutions that can help to permanently end the use of jails and prisons as housing of last resort.

MacArthur identified the areas through a participatory process with a [diverse group of external advisors](#), who informed its strategic approach. The participatory process aimed to center the voices of communities that are affected by the Foundation's decisions and have a stake in the grant making outcomes.

This is the first time Black Parent Initiative and Joy DeGruy Publications has received a grant from MacArthur. Almost two-thirds of the awards represent new grantee relationships, and most of the organizations are Black, Indigenous, and People of Color-led or -serving. The grants also reflect MacArthur's global reach: 45 percent of the new funding supports work outside of the U.S., including 12 percent in India, and 14 percent in Nigeria, where MacArthur has offices.

Equitable Recovery Initiative

In the fall of 2020, MacArthur established a \$125 million **Equitable Recovery Initiative**. The Foundation deployed \$40 million of bond proceeds through 24 grants. Initial grants [focused on](#) strengthening voter mobilization and election protection, addressing anti-Black racism, and supporting Native Americans impacted by COVID-19. Grants also supported Black, Latinx, Asian, and Indigenous [arts organizations](#) in Chicago, [technology and justice](#), and a [fund for social entrepreneurs](#) advancing racial equity.

View [all Equitable Recovery grantees](#).

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Paul Knauls: Wall to Wall Soul -Northeast Portland's Incredibly Generous, Respected Businessman and Honorary Mayor

By Sue Stringer

The history of our neighborhood is somewhat easy to find online if you know where to look. The Oregon Encyclopedia and Wikipedia have entries, and many articles are posted on our Eliot Neighborhood Association website. Then there is the Oral History Project, a series of interviews by the youth of northeast Portland talking to the elders of their community. One name that keeps coming up over and over is Paul Knauls.

I had the pleasure of interviewing the "Honorary Mayor of NE Portland" about his thoughts on northeast Portland, its history, and its future. Listening to the stories of his childhood, how he became the man he is today, and his beliefs were inspiring and thought-provoking.

Paul Knauls grew up in Huntington, Arkansas. This coal mining town had an average population of about 600. Growing up with six sisters was a challenge, "mostly because there weren't any hand-me-downs," Paul laughs joyfully. They did teach him how to be a gentleman, which he appreciates.

One story that stuck with me was one about his father. Paul's father was a coal miner and ended up dying from black lung. At that time, the federal government didn't want to pay out claims for this cause of death, especially if you were Black. Instead, officials listing tuberculosis on Paul's father's death certificate meant his family was not entitled to any compensation.

Paul shared that there's a lot of discrimination that most people don't even know about. For 80 years after slavery ended, Black men were arrested on trumped-up charges and then forced to work for businesses or, rather, leased out instead of serving a jail term. This forced labor is uncovered in a book by Douglas Blackmon and documentary of the same title, "Slavery by Another Name." You can find the film on pbs.org.

When I approached him at the Dawson Park concert in July and asked to interview him, he said, "Why would you want to do that? You can find out everything about me if you do a Google search". This is true, and I've listed many sources below if you



Paul Knauls, owner of The Cotton Club, several other businesses and respected elder of our community. Photo courtesy Paul Knauls

want to learn more about our neighborhood, Paul Knauls, and his impact on northeast Portland and the city of Portland's music scene.

I wanted to hear his story about how he came to Portland. After leaving Arkansas, Paul was stationed in Spokane at Fairchild Air Force base. He was the first African American to be stationed at the base, and he was trained to repair typewriters. Paul also worked at the Davenport Hotel washing dishes and eventually became a wine steward there. He had a third job on the weekends as a ski instructor. He always worked 3-4 jobs with little time for sleep or any other activities, which "kept him out of trouble" (giggling as he says this). This dedication to providing for his family and learning the hospitality trade prepared him to be a bar and club owner and then purchase two more restaurants/bars running all three simultaneously.

The Cotton Club is probably the most famous of Paul's businesses. He purchased it in 1963 and turned it from a sleepy club to a musical destination for many renowned singers boasting "Wall to Wall Soul," as the club's motto describes. It was located at 2125 N Vancouver just north of N Tillamook St. and was named after the club of the same name in New York City.

Some of the most famous music artists in the mid to late 60s came through the club and played for lucky patrons who never knew who might walk through the door. The house

band included drummer Mel Brown and could play almost any song requested by artists such as Esther Phillips, Etta James, Mama Cass, Big Mama Thornton, the Kingston Trio, and Sammy Davis Junior, to name a few. Lesser-known bands like the twin brothers Walter and Wallace (Scotty) Scott of the Whispers (who still sing today) and Sunday's Child from the Pacific Northwest and northern California made big names for themselves after playing at the club.

The Cotton Club operated from the early 60s to around 1970, shortly after Martin Luther King, Jr. was assassinated. Unfortunately, there was wariness for Blacks and whites to attend the same entertainment establishments.

Knauls' other businesses include Paul's, a bar, pool hall, and restaurant located in the Hill Block at N Russell and N Williams. It sat near the local pharmacy topped with the dome that now sits above the gazebo in Dawson Park. The expansion of Emanuel hospital was the cause of the closure and demolition of Paul's, and Knauls did not get any compensation except for a plaque in the hospital's display recognizing the displacement of his and so many other businesses and homes.

Geneva's Lounge was the third business Knauls started. It was a soul food buffet located at 4200 N Williams. A plaque is posted by the location as part of the Historic Black Williams Project by artists Cleo Davis and Kayin Talton Davis.

Opening in 1991, the last business Knauls owned and operated was Geneva's Shear Perfection, named after his wife. It was a barber and beauty shop that also served as a vibrant social meeting place. Paul had a shoeshine stand in the shop and enjoyed talking to anyone who stopped by. Many of the Blazers would come in and hang out. Knauls, a dedicated Blazer fan, organized a shuttle bus to Blazer home games. The barbershop just recently closed down in May 2020.

When I asked Paul why he thinks discrimination is still so prevalent here in Portland and across the country, he said, "Somebody has to feel their better than someone else always. If everybody was green like plants, there's

always a darker green, and somebody always has to discriminate against that darker plant, that darker person, because that's just how people feel about skin color. The white homeless man still feels he's better than me even though I have a car and money in the bank—he's never going to feel I'm equal to him. And that's just the way it's going to be because that's what he's been taught from the time he was born. A young kid was not born with prejudice in his heart, but it's taught, and he grows up with it."

So how do we move forward and get past discrimination? Paul says, "If everyone could read up on the history of black people, some of the minds would be changed. But no one will go check out a book. They only see the rich ballplayers that make millions and feel I'm stuck here with this job making so much less."

Paul has a contagious laugh that is joyful and so heart-warming. His smile lights up a room. He is so generous with his time and was willing to share his thoughts about many topics.

At 90, he still leaves the house and walks for an hour each day, either walking the Lloyd Center mall or one of the big box stores. Even though things have changed a lot since Knauls' moved to Portland, he has faith that our community will recover and thrive. Let's prove him right and instill the sense of community and caring that he has modeled all these years. It's not too late to start.

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Albina Soul Walk—Experience a Tour of the History of Musicians and Clubs Eliot

From Albina Music Trust website

The late 20th century was a vibrant time for music in Albina. From the roots of gospel, blues, and jazz sprang new forms of soul, funk, disco, and electrified R&B. Teenagers and elders alike fused genres to create new sounds in church. Musicians spent afternoons and after hours hopping from jam session to jam session. And residents dressed to the nines, hitting the clubs every night of the week.

Over time, however, this rich musical culture was immobilized by redlining, community disinvestment, and gentrification. Black musicians experienced

racism in the city's club circuit, restricting access to capital and recognition outside of Albina. Though music in the neighborhood was alive and well, record labels largely ignored Albina musicians and few albums were produced in their time.

Narrated by lifelong Portland musicians Calvin Walker and Norman Sylvester, this one-mile self-guided audio tour explores Albina's musical culture of the 1960s-1980s. Along the way, songs from the Albina Music Trust archive complement oral histories from Ken Berry, Bill Deiz, J.W. Friday, Joe "Bean" Keller, Marilyn Keller, Paul Knauls Sr., Marlon McClain,

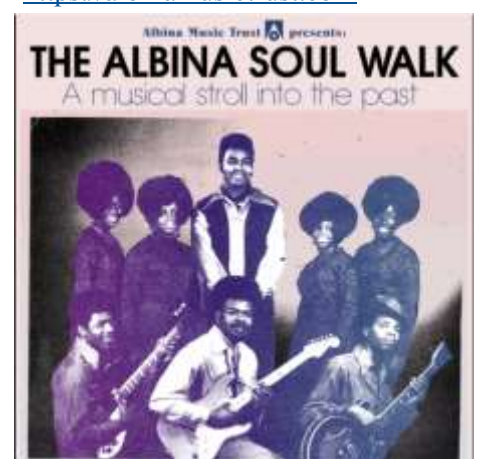
and Gregg A. Smith. Visiting former venues and community hubs, we invite attendees to view these historic landmarks and consider how we might preserve Albina's music for future generations.

THE ALBINA MUSIC TRUST is an initiative of World Arts Foundation Inc., preserving African-American contributions in American culture, since 1978.

MEGAN HATTIE STAHL is a Portland and New York City-based documentary artist and musician. Her work explores how music, sound, and place can work together to awaken

our histories and create human connection.

<https://albinamusictrust.com>



Historic Billy Webb Elks Lodge Devastated by Fire, Needs Help from Community

By Sue Stringer and Restore Oregon

The following is a press release by Restore Oregon which includes the history of the Billy Webb Elks Lodge that sadly was the victim of a fire recently. The Eliot Neighborhood Association has donated funds to the Elks Lodge for restoration. We hope that others will join us in helping this organization restore the historic building that has meant so much to our neighborhood for so many generations.



Billy Webb Elks Lodge N Tillamook and N Williams. Photo courtesy Portland City Archives.

In the early morning of September 11th, 2021, the Billy Webb Elks Lodge in North Portland's Albina neighborhood suffered a devastating fire as a result of trespassers. The decking attached to the rear of the building caught fire, which in turn ignited two adjacent walls and the roof above the lodge's ballroom. Thankfully, the fire was reported

quickly enough that it was contained in time to save much of the building. Unfortunately, the blaze left gaping holes in the building's roof, and burnt rafters throughout. Water has destroyed the walls and floor of the ballroom, as well as the basement below, and the entire interior has been damaged by smoke.

Open Signal's Director of Equity Wins National Award

By Daniela Serna

Open Signal's Elisa Barrios has been selected as the recipient of the 2021 Emerging Leader Award from the Alliance for Community Media (ACM), the national organization for community media centers. One of four awards delivered each year by the ACM, the Emerging Leader Award recognizes a professional under 40 years of age, working in the field of community media, who embodies the values of building community through media on a consistent basis.

Elisa won this award in recognition of her equity-forward work at Open Signal since joining the organization in 2015. Currently the Director of Equity and Community Media, she has designed, led and contributed to programs that push forward equity initiatives while lowering barriers to access to media making skills and tools. Programs include:

- Summer camps designed for youth of all ages, focused on film, animation, and viral video (including Reel Voices, a camp specifically designed for women or non-binary identified youth)
- Smart Access, a training program that hosted digital literacy classes in low-income and BIPOC communities across the Portland metro area
- Echo AiR, an after-school program designed to give youth the tools they need to develop career-building media skills. Students received thoughtful mentorship from media arts professionals, including staff from Wacom, a graphics tablet company, and Instrument, a digital agency that works with Google and Nike

Tucker Johnson, former Open Signal youth media student, shares: "I can say that being able to work together truly was a formative experience that shaped my future. Elisa was a joy to work with and taught me a great deal about what it means to be an educator—including being able to adapt the difficult processes behind digital media to a format understandable by any age. I have seen her apply this same

ability to tie media to activism in very accessible ways."

In addition to her programmatic work, Elisa is a member of Open Signal's unconventional shared leadership team, in which department leads collectively share responsibility for the health of the organization, making decisions by consensus.

Speaking about her work, Elisa says: "Effective leadership begins with truly believing that change is possible, and by being willing to model challenges and take risks. Digital equity in our work goes beyond just offering a space for creative expression; the tools of technology give voice, agency, power and even in some cases, it means survival for our community."

Elisa is also a leader at other organizations that work directly with communities to rebuild inequitable systems. She has been a part of the Alliance for Media Art + Culture's national Youth Media Network, a network that supports innovative and emerging models of practice within the fields of youth media. As an active member of the City of Portland's Digital Inclusion Network, she has worked with a consortium of diverse community-based organizations, public agencies and businesses to raise awareness and develop solutions to bridge the digital divide locally. She is also the board president and trauma-informed trainer and camp director for The Healing Circle, a summer camp for child survivors of sexual abuse.

Watch Elisa's acceptance speech here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YLIRVLcnk-s>

About Open Signal

Open Signal is a media arts center in the Pacific Northwest. Open Signal offers media workshops, a public equipment library, artist residencies and five cable channels programmed with locally produced content. Open Signal delivers media programming with a commitment to creativity, technology and social change.

Learn more at opensignalpdx.org.

Lodge Exalted Ruler, Louis McLemore, estimates that between maintenance, general overhead, and insurance premiums, it costs roughly \$100,000 a year to keep the beloved lodge at 6 N. Tillamook Street open and operational. And this weekend's debilitating fire has rendered the organization unable to use its sole asset -- its historic building -- to raise the money needed for its survival. McLemore and others are working tirelessly to save and plan for the rehabilitation of the heavily-damaged structure, which serves as headquarters for Portland's only remaining African American Fraternal Organization, but they need help from the community.



Fire damage in the ballroom. Photo credit Restore Oregon.

- Operating expenses while the lodge remains unusable
- Consultations with historic preservation experts about restoring what has been lost
- Costs that may not be covered by insurance

Although Billy Webb Elks Lodge has insurance coverage, and SERVPRO of Portland has already visited the site to assess damage and offer assistance, it is estimated that full repairs and mitigation could take at least a year to complete.

While the lodge does collect fees from its members, the vast majority of its operating budget comes from rental of its ballroom, kitchen and bar for events, classes, meetings, and shows, all of which are impossible for the foreseeable future.

During a site visit by Restore Oregon staff earlier this week, McLemore stated in grief that "We were starting to gain so much momentum, and after a year of COVID-19 closures and planning, things were taking off...and now this devastating event has set everything back."

How the Community Can Help:

A GoFundMe page has been established to assist the Billy Webb Elks Lodge as they recover and rebuild. Every contribution, however small, makes a difference.

Funds raised through GoFundMe will assist with:

- Securing the building post-fire
- Making up for lost revenue

Billy Webb Elks Lodge Mission & History:

The mission of the Billy Webb Elks Lodge is "to promote Charity, Justice and Love, to our members and the community. Our building is our greatest asset. We provide space for residents, other community-based and

(See FIRE, page 10)

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(FIRE, from page 9)

non-profit organizations to host meetings and trainings who often provide knowledge regarding social services, mental and physical health, and financial stability. We often provide the spaces free of charge to several of these entities.”

The lodge has a long association with the historic African American community in the Albina District of Portland. It first served as the African American branch of the Portland YWCA and was part of a larger historical context of “Colored Women’s Clubs” in early 20th-century Oregon. For a four-year period during WWII, the lodge was loaned to the United Service Organization (USO) for use as a recreation center for African American servicemen. In 1948, the building was used as an emergency

shelter during the Vanport Flood disaster providing shelter to the African American community, which was disproportionately impacted. In 1956, the Portland Branch of the NAACP established its first official headquarters in the basement of the lodge, focusing on African American community issues like the value of organized opposition, state support for education, housing accessibility, discrimination in labor unions, and displacement by urban renewal programs in inner northeast Portland.

During the 1950s and 60s the site became a meeting place for Black community groups like the Urban League of Portland and the Congress of Racial Equality. In 1959 it was sold by the YWCA to the Improved Benevolent & Protective Order of the Elks (IBPOEW) who own and occupy it today. The IBPOEW was established



Where fire started at building’s rear corner. Photo credit Restore Oregon

in response to racial exclusivity of American fraternal societies and continues the legacy of uplifting the surrounding African American community through fellowship, benevolence, charity, citizenship programs, economic, and business objectives.

The lodge has been on Restore Oregon’s Most Endangered Places list since 2020, and our organization has been working with its leaders -- Lou McLemore, Exalted Ruler and Deborah Roache, Daughter Ruler -- and experts in the community since 2019 to create a plan for the lodge’s future. Recent listing in the National Register of Historic Places has opened doors for grant funding that can offset the costs of preservation and business planning, as well as staffing. Last month, the lodge was awarded a small grant by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to fund a feasibility study exploring self-sustaining uses for the property that will outline steps to optimize the building and its operations for new income-producing uses. Thus, the fire really could not have come at a worse time.

Randall Children’s Hospital Opens New Family Birth Center

By Kristin Whitney

On July 7, Legacy Health announced the opening of a new Family Birth Center at Randall Children’s Hospital, the most ambitious center of its kind in a generation and the most comprehensive, state-of-the-art birth center in Oregon.

What separates this center from others are the forward-thinking, innovative ways medical expertise is conveniently brought to mothers and babies in the hospital. Obstetricians (O.B.) and pediatric specialists come to mothers and babies for every service they need; sub-specialists are called to provide care for mothers and babies within the same hospital setting, thus making it fast and easy for families to get the specialty care they need during their stay.

Featuring more than 48,000 square feet of beautifully designed labor and delivery services for expectant mothers, babies, and their families, the Family Birth Center provides everything Randall Children’s Hospital is known for: The widest range of exceptional labor and delivery services in the region, including specially trained maternal, fetal, and newborn health care professionals who can oversee any type of pregnancy regardless of circumstance. From low-risk pregnancies to high-risk pregnancies with unexpected complications, Randall Children’s Hospital provides all-encompassing, comprehensive birthing specialty services on one campus.

“Since I started delivering babies at Legacy Emanuel Hospital 47 years ago, I have dreamed of having a facility that provides an environment as beautiful and supportive as the care delivered by the renowned staff working within it,” says Dr. Duncan Neilson, clinical vice president of women’s services for Legacy Health. “The design and beauty of this unit will inspire confidence and strength for the families who come to us for their childbirth care and will provide even more support to the multiple teams who are dedicated to helping these families during such important life events.”

The new Family Birth Center further highlights Randall Children’s Hospital’s leadership, expertise, and reputation in the field of pediatric care and its commitment to caring for the families of Portland and Southwest Washington. Families have full access to numerous subspecialties offered throughout the hospital, such as pediatric surgery, cardiology, and neurology.

Additionally, families have access to world-class surgical specialty and support services for baby and mother, including interventional radiology and in-house anesthesiologists - even trauma teams in the event of unexpected circumstances surrounding delivery.

The new Family Birth Center highlights the warm, thoughtful design

work of ZGF Architects. This new campus extension welcomes family members to be part of the birth experience with a spacious waiting area and amenities such as a gym and movie theater.

Low-risk pregnancy

With over 1,700 annual deliveries, the new Family Birth Center offers personalized childbirth to accommodate a full range of birthing options, including midwifery services, water birth options, and nitrous oxide. Expectant parents can bring their own doula to join them in their birthing experience. The birth center’s stylish spa environment features 12 private rooms that offer panoramic views of Mt. Hood and downtown Portland, with soaking tubs available in all patient rooms.

Design teams took careful consideration when creating the look and feel of the birth center. The focus was to craft a relaxing, peaceful environment for families, emphasizing soft natural colors while reflecting elements of the Pacific Northwest through nature-inspired textures and patterns. Medical equipment is discreetly hidden behind cabinetry—it’s there when needed but otherwise out of the way to create extra space for families in every room.

High-risk pregnancy

For parents who may be concerned about possible complications from a high-risk pregnancy, Randall Chil-

dren’s Hospital offers the highest designated Level IV NICU care in Oregon and Southwest Washington. There are three dedicated operating rooms, three triage rooms, and a large pre-and post-recovery room with an infant stabilization room large enough to support up to three medical teams for multiple births.

In-house obstetricians coordinate with the patient’s O.B. provider and maternal-fetal medicine team to ensure a continuum of care for every patient.

Babies born at Randall Children’s Hospital will receive care from the most highly trained neonatal specialists, including neonatologists, neonatal nurse practitioners, pediatricians, and a full newborn resuscitation team available to ensure the optimal health of both mother and child.

“Those first hours and days after birth spent building healthy bonds are critical in the life of a child,” says Bronwyn Houston, president of Randall Children’s Hospital. “The pediatric care teams at Randall Children’s Hospital understand that creating a caring, nurturing, and culturally appropriate environment for mothers and babies can positively influence a lifetime of health outcomes for children and their families.”

Generous community and employee donors raised close to \$1 million to support the new Family Birth Center at Randall Children’s Hospital.

Huge Turnout for Free Vaccine Clinic by Legacy and Incentives from REACH at Dawson Park Concerts

By Sue Stringer

At the Dawson Park Concert series hosted by the Eliot Neighborhood Association this summer and fall, hundreds of people showed up to get their free Covid vaccines.

Legacy Emanuel staff administered the vaccines while REACH of Multnomah handed out \$50 incentives for referrals and \$150 to those getting vaccinated.

The number of shots in arms has been overwhelming. The first concert 52

got vaccinated, 72 at the second concert and a whopping 194 vaccinations were given at our third concert.

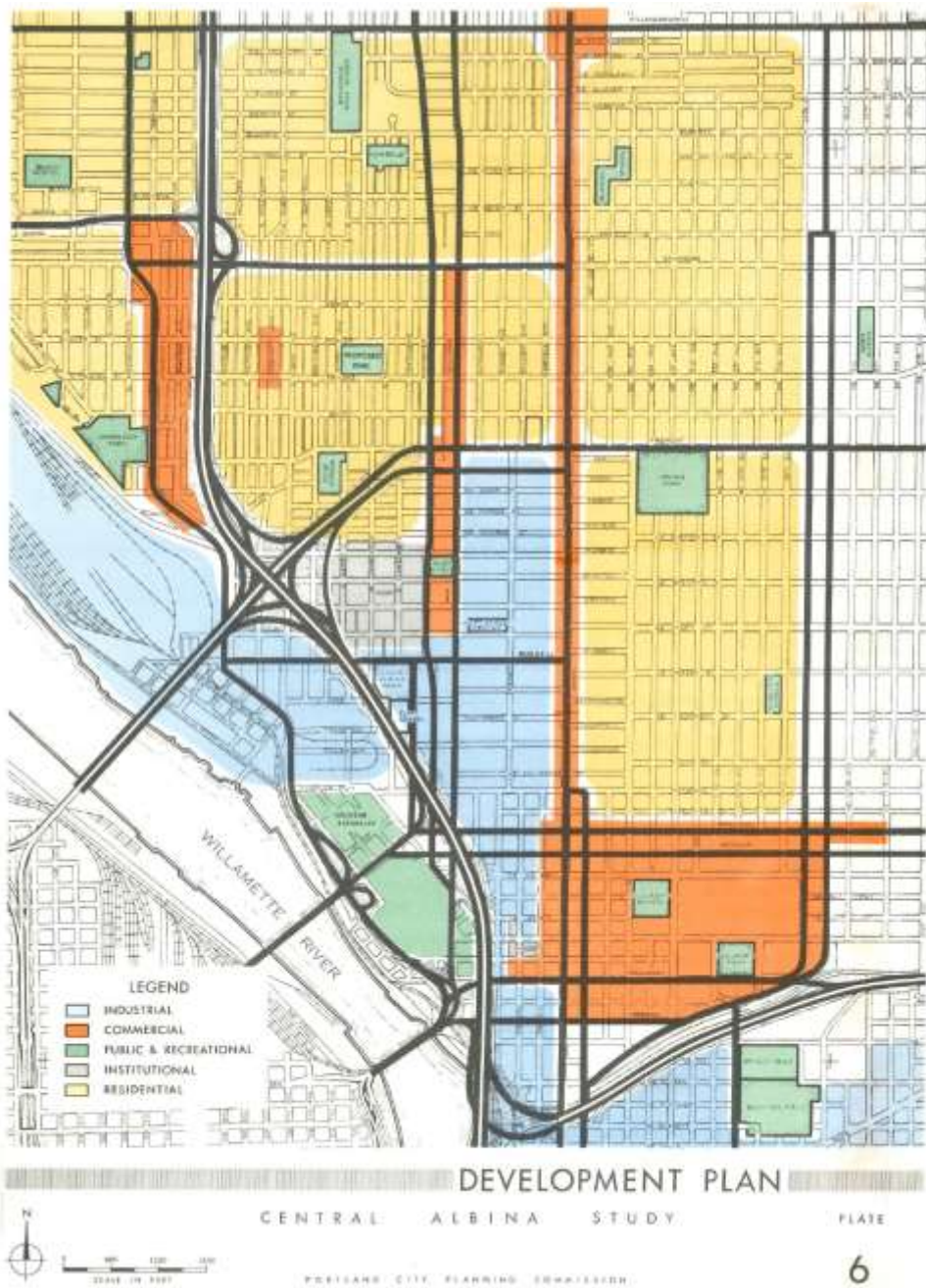
Be sure to attend the fourth and final concert on October 7 from 4-7pm and get your vaccine or refer someone and get your own cash incentive and get peace of mind that you are helping to keep you and others safe and healthy.

If you can’t make this event you can find vaccine sites and information at <https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov> or <https://getvaccinated.oregon.gov>

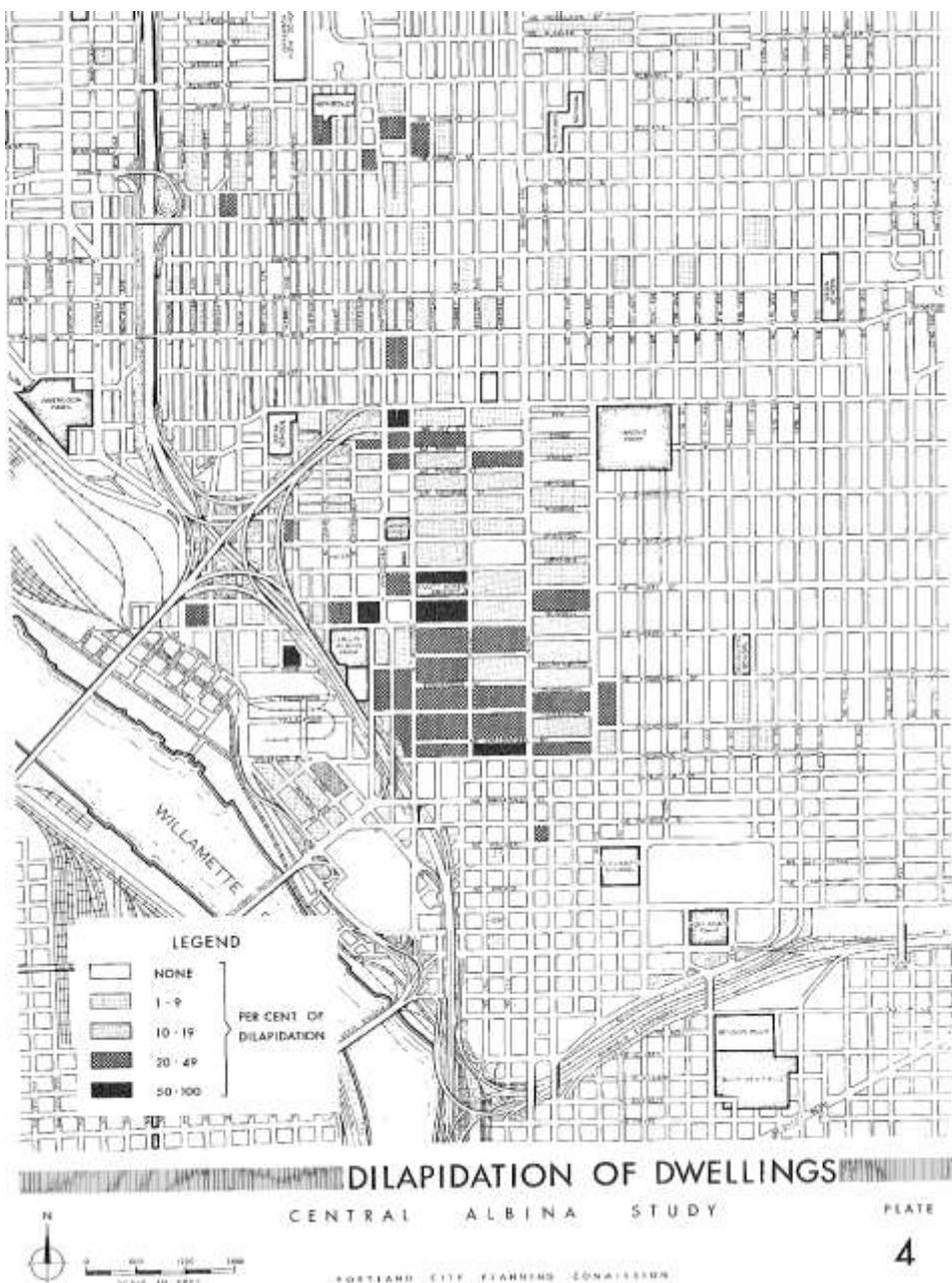
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The Central Albina Study Plate 6 showing division of land in Albina including Eliot where 123 acres of industrial property was slated to be developed. Photo courtesy Auditor’s Office City of Portland.



As determined by the 1960 Census of Housing—degree and dispersion of dilapidated dwellings. Photo courtesy Auditor’s Office City of Portland.

the Albina Neighborhood, north of Fremont St.

This project would be called the ‘Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project’. This project made certain infrastructure and financial improvements that benefit neighborhoods: home improvement loan assistance, improved street lighting, traffic diverters and installing a neighborhood park (a number of houses were removed for this park). The system of traffic diverters shown to the right were implemented to prevent through traffic from taking straight routes in the 5 by 6 block region between N Fremont St, N Mississippi Ave, N Skidmore St and N Vancouver Ave.

The large neighborhood park described in the plan (now Unthank Park) was created in part to get a large contiguous parcel for a future school (envisioning Boise and/or Humboldt Schools being relocated). At the time there was a focus on larger sites for schools to give staff more parking than they had at the time. It seems like this was not needed as the Boise School (now Boise-Eliot/Humboldt) is doing fine with a similar footprint that it had in the 1960s. While this was happening, the Eliot school - located where Tubman is now - was proposed to be sold off for industrial land. Clearing the residents out of Eliot would make it no longer necessary.

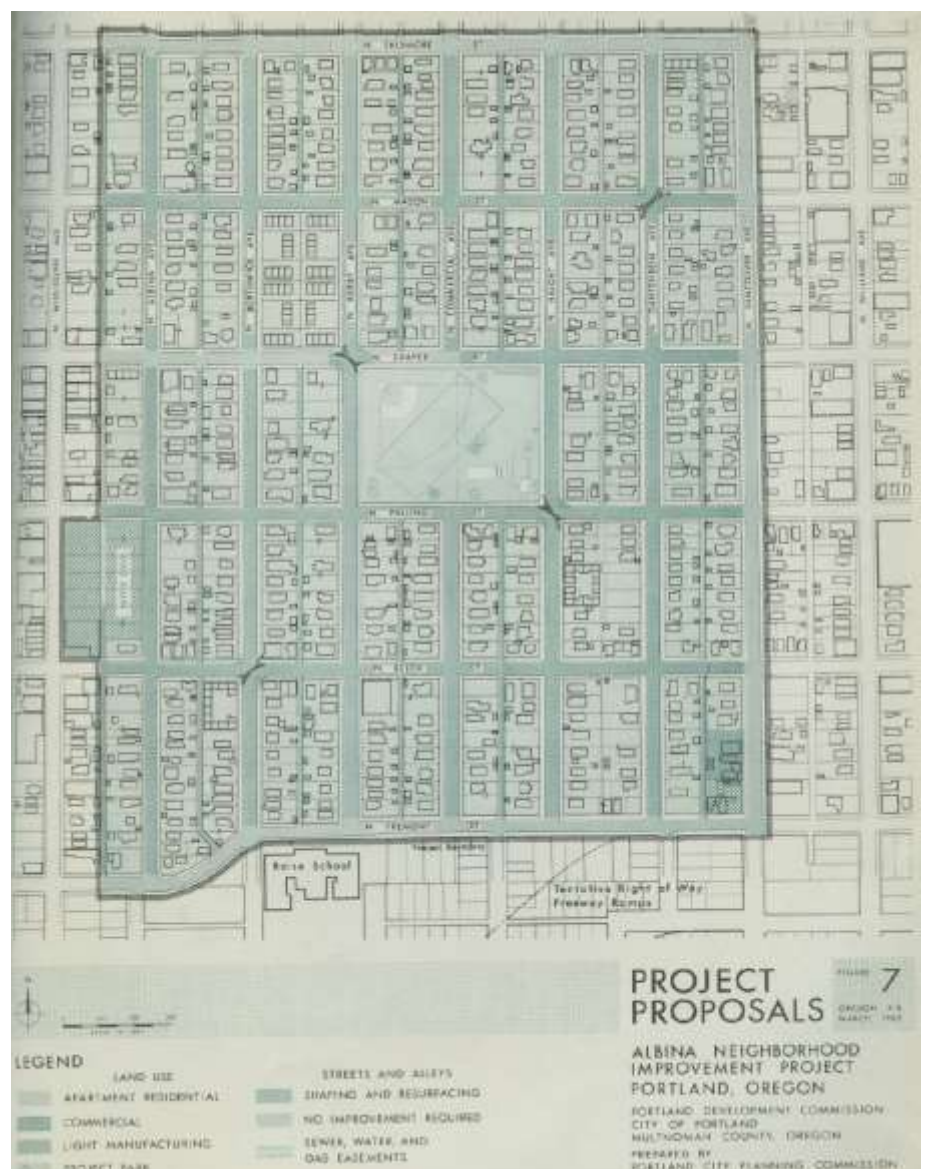
Interestingly in this same document scan, the Irvington Community Association was also able to get its own diverter at NE 16th and NE Tillamook which is still in place today. One thing I remember from the City of Portland’s Traffic and Transportation class is that the diverter at 16th and Tillamook was removed during water main construction and neighbors fought to have it rebuilt. I was digging through the City’s records to see what happened to these diverters from the Albina Neighborhood Improvement

Project in the Boise Neighborhood and what I found was water maintenance records in 1998. The [archival satellite photos](#) show this diverter disappearing between the 1996 and 1998 photos. This leads me to believe that the diverters were removed for construction and were never replaced. Around the same time, the Center for Self Enhancement was built at the Unthank Park site in 1997. They may have encouraged the removal of the 2 diagonal diverters bordering the park at that time. During its life, it operated for a time as a charter middle school. This project was so popular that residents petitioned to add large areas to the improvement district, and some were added to the north, but there was never a southward expansion which prevented homeowners south of Fremont from getting access to loan assistance and other benefits.

There is evidence as far back as the 1960s that City of Portland Planners knew how to improve a neighborhood and make it more welcoming for residents. Some of this was giving money to people to improve their properties, some of this was minor traffic diversion, some bigger plans like building a new neighborhood park. There is also evidence that they knew how to destroy neighborhoods. Building highways through, using eminent domain to force the nicest housing to be vacated, and creating the conditions for disinvestment. Citizens are right to push to make things better by advocating for small and large projects. Politicians should be wise enough to know the difference between a project that is going to make life better and one that will make it worse.

Web addresses: [Central Albina Study](#) and [Albina Neighborhood Improvement Plan](#).

Find this article and the full website addresses for hyperlinks on our website and to see the graphics in a larger format. <https://eliotneighborhood.org> and search TRAFFIC DIVERSION.



Traffic diverters as part of Albina Neighborhood Improvement Project proposal—Figure 7. Photo courtesy Multnomah County Library.

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U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) Leed Platinum v4 Designation
Forest Stewardship Council (FSC) 2020 Leadership Award
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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—
October 11, November 8, December 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—
October 18, November 15, No meeting in December

Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

4815 NE 7th Ave
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

Columbia River Model Railroad Club Open House weekends in November

2505 N Vancouver Ave
503-288-7246
<https://cgmrc.com/events>

Fisk Gallery

3613 NE Martin Luther King Jr Blvd
Wednesday-Friday 12-6
Saturday and Sunday 12-4
fiskgallery.com, 661-733-3521

Open Signal

2766 NE MLK Jr Blvd
opensignalpdx.org, 503-288-1515

PICA

15 NE Hancock St
Pica.org, 503-242-1419
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, 503-367-3182

White Eagle

836 N Russell St
mcmenamins.com/WhiteEagle
503-282-6810

Wonder Ballroom

128 NE Russell St
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

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