Planning underway for the 53rd annual St. Johns Parade

Committee asks for “Citizen of the Year” nominations to be in by March

It seems too early to start thinking about the St. Johns Parade, but the Saturday, May 9 event will be here quick than you can say, “We Are Family,” which is this year’s chosen theme. The Parade Committee has actually been working on the upcoming event as soon as the 2014 Parade ended . . that’s how much work goes into planning this huge, spectacular community affair.

“We Are Family resonated with the committee members,” said Barbara Legge, Parade Co-Chair. “We feel it is such a great fit for St Johns and will enhance the parade.”

Taken into consideration by the committee members when choosing a theme are ways contestants can decorate their floats, good songs for bands to play, and ways the marching groups can work with it. Anything “family” works well for the Parade since St Johns is such a family-oriented community.

The Parade, a 100% volunteer event, is organized and funded by donations only. Therefore they appreciate any monetary help community members can send. They also welcome new committee members and volunteers to help out on Parade Day. For more information, or to volunteer, email: information@Stjohnsparade.com.

Next on the agenda for the community to think about is who would be a good candidate for this year’s Citizen of the Year. Legge said, “We ask everyone to start thinking about someone who has St Johns in their hearts with that person’s volunteer efforts.”

Specifically, the committee wants a member of the neighborhood who has helped coordinate community activities and/or events, works with local schools, helps seniors, etc. etc. etc., in general, nominate someone in the neighborhood who helps keep St Johns the unique, lively and wonderful community that it is.

Forms to nominate someone will be available at local businesses and also printed in the Review in a future issue. Due date to nominate someone for Citizen of the Year needs to be sent in before March 19, 2015.

2015 St. Johns Bridge photo contest

Who doesn’t like to see pictures of North Portland’s majestic St. Johns Bridge? It’s provides views we never tire of seeing, whether its sunny, rainy, foggy or snow-covered. Therefore, the Review would like to encourage everyone to take and send photographs to the paper for publication this year.

For each issue the editor will choose two pictures to be used as either a Masthead or as a Photo of the Week. A third pictures may also be used as space allows.

At the end of 2015 (most likely in November,) the pictures will be voted upon by readers for which photo you liked the best. The winner will receive a $100 cash prize from the Review.

Pictures must be:
- Sent in high resolution (200+) and sent to reviewnewspaper@comcast.net or reviewnewspaper@gmail.com (only) in JPEG or PDF format.
- * Photos used in 2013 and/or 2014 may be sent and used again.
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Above is one of this week’s winning photos, taken by John “Rotos” Bauchrowitz. On Page 8 is the winning Photo of the Week taken by Paul Urban.

Happy Birthday, Mary!

St. Johns’ Community of Hope expands transitional housing

By Barbara Quinn
Review Reporter

Community of Hope, a new transitional shelter for women and children, located in the Hub building in St. Johns, has taken a big step with a lease and plans to remodel in order to provide new sleeping areas and much needed showers under one roof. Currently, the sleeping quarters are across the street at Red Sea church and mobile showers parked outside are unusable due to lack of volunteer attendants. The building now has space for four families, and after the remodel it will accommodate eight.

The Community of Hope was started in 2011 after Christian churches in north Portland jointly realized transitional housing was a major unmet need. There are around 150 school families in north Portland at risk of being houseless. So the churches decided to concentrate on transitional housing and asked Linda Jo Devlaemker to organize it. In February of 2014, the Community of Hope expanded transitional housing for women and children, located in the St. Johns Bridge building, has taken a big step with a lease and plans to remodel in order to provide new sleeping areas and much needed showers under one roof. Currently, the sleeping quarters are across the street at Red Sea church and mobile showers parked outside are unusable due to lack of volunteer attendants. The building now has space for four families, and after the remodel it will accommodate eight.

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“Community of Hope”
Portland Police Bureau seeking community members to serve on Training Advisory Council

The PPB Training Division provides a critical role in the Portland Police Bureau and public safety in the City of Portland. The Training Division develops and delivers the training that provide officers with the tools they need to keep themselves and the public safe, and also reflect the values of the community. The Portland Police Bureau is one of the first jurisdictions in the country to establish a Training Advisory Council of community members to increase accountability for police training and to provide recommendations to the Chief of Police regarding training content, delivery, tactics, policy and tools.

Applicants should complete the application form and return it to the PPB Training Division by February 27, 2015. TAC members will meet a minimum of four times each year and will be expected to commit additional hours outside of regular meetings. A two-year commitment is required, as it is passing a criminal background check and signing a non-disclosure agreement.

Deadlines:
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- January 23
- February 6 (Valentine’s Day)
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- April 3 (Easter)
- April 7 (Easter Sunday)
- April 21
- May 15 (Memorial Day)
- May 29
- June 12 (Father’s Day)
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Don’t Miss Them!

Happy Valentine's Day Feb 14!!

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LETTERS

Dear St. John’s Review, Here is my photo of the St. Johns Bridge emerging from the fog for the Superfund photo contest for 2015. It’s a really fun idea that encour- ages participation of our community in their enjoyment of the wonderful architecture that we find all around us in the unique and beautiful area of St. Johns. Thank you, Paul Urban.

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From The Editor

Hi Readers,

Photos of the Bridge

Wow, is all I can say about the number of Bridge pics I’ve received for the 2015 St. Johns Bridge photo contest. In the past ten days there have been 46 pictures sent in. It has been an arduous feat to pick the best ones. I’m NOT complaining though, so please keep sending them in.

Pictures already sent in to continue to be considered for the contest, so don’t resend the same ones. My task just gets larger with each issue as the number of photos each week grows. But, that’s my won- derful problem to have. I love viewing them, seeing the creativity, and look forward to seeing more.

It’s important to note, that photographs must be sent in by the pho- tographer themselves. Please don’t send me someone else’s picture. Also, make sure they’re high resolution and as I’ve stated before, pictures lose some of their quality when printed on newsprint – that can’t be helped.

Articles/Information

Several times each year I like to remind readers (old and new) that the St. Johns Review is YOUR community newspaper and there- fore you all may consider yourself a Review contributing writer. PLEASE send in any information that you feel other readers will find worthwhile, entertaining, or necessary to know. I can’t possibly be everywhere, so I depend on community members, associations and organizations to forward events, meetings, news, pictures, and other important information you feel others need to know. If you find it important and/or interesting, others will too.

The only stipu- lation is that it is an upcoming event, it needs to be sent in by the deadline for each issue. Look on Page 2 for issue dates and their deadline and make sure you email (that’s quickest, easiest, and the most reliable way,) or snail mail it to me.

Until next issue, take care.

Gayla

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Local churches plan Good Samaritan Food Bank dinner benefit

Peace Lutheran Church, 2201 N. Rose Parks Way, is the location for all members of the community to attend the 10th annual Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday) Pancake Dinner on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 between 5:30-7:30pm. There will be food, music, mask designing and a lot of fun for those who attend.

Involved in the event is Bethel Lutheran Church, Blessed Temple Community Church, and Peace Lutheran Church. Monetary and food donations are for the Good Samaritan Food Bank at 8160 N. Jersey. There is a matching grant from Thrivest Financial.

Community of Hope

Community of Hope opened with little money or volunteers at the Hub, a building near N. Chicago and N. Leonard, which Red Sea church generously offered rent-free. The shelter is open to single mothers and children and heavily depends on the help and contributions of community members, local churches and businesses.

The problem of distressed families at risk for houselessness, has long affected the learning environment at north Portland schools, and by extension the entire community. The quality of teaching is hard to maintain when students are stressed, move and change schools often. With safe shelter and support, children are more able to engage in learning and more positive family inter-relationships are possible.

According to Devlaemick, creating a safe, healing environment for the shelter has been a priority at the shelter since many of the women and children come from traumatic circumstances and some have been affected by domestic abuse. While at the shelter, residents provide support for each other and take classes in trauma recovery, parenting, communication and life skills. The shelter helps mothers gain skills so they can maintain a stable home for their children. The average stay is four-six months and by the time they leave, residents often have a job and a place lined up. Devlaemick said, “It’s making a difference in the lives of people. People change when they come here.”

“The Community of Hope is a ministry of presence,” she added.

There is a need for consistent volunteers and a staff person is present around the clock. St. Johns activist, Babs Adamski was recently added as a shelter tender on Saturdays. “I check in with residents, to see if they need some support. Sometimes I host house meetings,” she said. Another staff person tends the shelter overnight, giving Devlaemick a more reasonable schedule.

There is a great need for volunteers and donations for the Community of Hope shelter. Donations can be made online at www.communityofhopepdx.org.

Volunteers are needed for occasional childcare or to provide an evening meal. Volunteers can stay and have dinner with the families or if they prefer, drop off a dinner around 5:30 or 6pm. Contact Linda Jo Devlaemick for more details at 503-852-1070 or by email at linda-jo@communityofhopepdx.org. There is a newsletter sign up on the website to follow the project.

Parade

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Legge said, “If you or your group are interested in placing an order for a large number of T-shirts, or would like to special order some hooded sweat shirts, to email information@stjohnsparade.com.”

The Review will continue to have updates regarding the Parade. Watch for them in each issue, or email or call Barb at 503-515-1287 for more information.

St Johns Main Street

St Johns Main Street is presenting business seminar

The St. Johns Main Street is presenting a seminar: Covering Your Assets: Limiting Liability in Small Business, on February 12 at St. Johns Living Well, 7441 North Leavitt.

Main Street invites current and aspiring business owners to come learn about small business legal issues. Tricia Juettemeyer, a business attorney with Iannix Law Group PC, will talk shop on avoiding pitfalls regarding: - Entity formation – why it REALLY matters (hint: protecting your personal assets from business assets) - Intellectual property – yours, theirs, and how to play nice with each other - Employees – a whole new world of awesome/disastrous possibilities

The seminar is FREE and will take place from 8:30 am - 9:30 am with an optional half-hour Q&A session from 9:30 am - 10:00 am.

Coffee from St. Johns Coffee Roasters and baked goods from Sweetheart Bakery will be served.

For more information, visit: stjohnsmainstreet.org. Contact: Lindsay Jensen, Executive Director at 360-450-9892 (cell), or Email: lindsay@stjohnsmainstreet.org.

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Notice: Burlington Water District is scheduled to hold its monthly Board meeting on February 18th at 6:45pm. The 1st reading of Ordinance No. 14/15-03, revised Rules and Regulations will be read regarding moorage water service fees. Location of the meeting: The Holbrook Bible Church, 19200 NW Morgan Rd., Portland Oregon 97231. The public is invited to attend.

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Two very gifted musicians played in St. Johns recently when the Martin Hill 3 and Carl Solomon entertained at the Central Hotel, 8608 North Lombard. Ernest Whaley hosted the musicians as part of the Three Chords and The Truth showcase series.

The remarkable singer and songwriter, Martin Hill who teaches music theory and other groups at Artichoke Music, lead the Martin Hill 3. He provides private lessons on many stringed instruments and has strong musical training and poetry in his soul. Sometimes the power of his words, in his lyrics, makes listeners feel the need to catch a breath; they’re powerful. Other times you laugh out loud at his relentless humor and sarcastic truth. He is a warm entertainer and can sing in many voices so there is great variety in this group’s songbook. He is accompanied on bodhran by Jack Mathes and on bass by Tim Davis.

Carl Solomon plays acoustic guitar and sings. He tells American stories; stories that are from his own life and observations. He says he writes about “crossroads, detours and accidents of our life.” His presentation is gentle and compelling. Solomon is an accomplished guitarist and his lyrics have strong images and create contagious mood. He played alone on this particular night, but has a band called Solomons Crow, with percussion and bass. Portland Chapter of West Coast Songwriters has honored him for “best performance” of his song Those Two Crows. He also plays as part of the PDX Art and Entertainment Program at Portland Airport. He will introduce his new CD at a coming out party at Artichoke Music on May 9.

The Grand Central Hotel is offering live music regularly on Thursday nights, and over weekends. The University of Portland Jazz Band appears regularly as does Dennis Hitchcock, jazz guitarist. The online calendar lists coming performances.

North Portland is fortunate to have such fine musicians entertain local audiences.

By Jody Swisher

Mary P.,
Happy Valentine’s Day!
I Love You
Will You Marry Me?
Yours Forever, Richard K.

UP hosts Reading Fair
Free books for children
University of Portland will host the 21st annual Reading Fair from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22 in the Chiles Center on campus, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. The event, “Blast Off Into Reading,” free and open to the public, is hosted by Kappa Delta Pi, the international honor society in education. Every child attending will receive a free, new book of their choice. "Blast Off Into Reading," is designed to be an integrated approach to literacy that will engage students from pre-kindergarten to middle school. Featured author this year is Raymond Macalino, who will read his book Percy’s Planetary Surprise. Kid-friendly events throughout the day will include outer space-related crafts, an obstacle course, and a raffle. Other event sponsors include the University of Portland’s School of Education and the Associated Students of University of Portland.

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Mary’s 102nd Birthday
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DRUGS & VICE ARRESTS TWO IN CONNECTION WITH HEROIN OVERDOSE DEATHS

News Release from Portland Police Bureau
Posted on FlashAlert: January 29th, 2015

On January 16, 2015, officers as-signed to the Portland Police Bu-reau’s Drugs and Vice Division (DVD) arrested two men as part of two heroin overdose death in-vestigations. 41-year-old Arturo Pineda-Chavez and 36-year-old Dimas Rafael La-so-Barragana were booked into the Multnomah County Jail on charges of Distri-bution and Possession of Heroin.

DVD officers investigated over-dose deaths on January 9 and 13, 2015. As part of these investiga-tions, officers obtained informa-tion and evidence that resulted in the arrests of Pineda-Chavez and La-so-Barragana. In Multnomah County, heroin abuse and overdose deaths continue to be a significant issue for the community. According to the Oregon State Medical Examiner, there were 59 heroin overdose deaths in Multnomah County in 2013, and an additional 45 from methamphetamine. 2014 numbers have not yet been tabu-lated. DVD is notified on every overdose death in the City of Portland. If there are investigative leads to followable, officers are notified of the activity in their neighborhoods.

On Wednesday January 28, 2015, at 7:31 p.m., North Precinct offi-cers responded to the report of an armed robbery at the Wendy’s, lo-cated at 9800 Northeast Cascades Parkway. Officers arrived in the area and contacted employees who told police that the suspect was armed with a handgun as he demanded money. After obtaining an undisclosed amount of cash, the suspect ran out the door and rode away on a bicycle East towards Airport Way. Several officers checked the area but did not locate anyone matching the suspect’s de-scription. The suspect is described as a white male, 25 to 45 years old, thin build, blue eyes, wearing a gray hoodie with a skirt print, a black mask, riding a bike. Anyone with information about this incident should contact Robbery detectives at (503) 823-0403.

February
Kenton
Library Events
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503-988-5370
www.multcolib.org

For Adults
Out of Africa: Story of Adinkra
Sunday, February 8, 3-4 pm
This is a digital slide presen-tation on the origin and histo-ry of the Adinkra symbols of West Africa, which are widely used all over the world in fabric prints.

Health Insurance Information & Enrollment Assistance
Wednesday, February 11, 1-3:30 pm
Open enrollment for health insurance ends February 15, 2015. If you have questions about the application and en-rollment process, visit the li-brary to get them answered. Enrollments are accepted at the request of the Multnomah County Health Department. Registration re-quired; call 503.988.5370.

For Teens and Adults
This Side of Home: Writing About the People and Places That Shaped Us
Saturday, February 7, 3-5 pm
In this inter-generational writ-ing workshop, author Renee Watson will read excerpts from her novel, This Side of Home, and share poetry about what it was like growing up as a black girl in Portland, Oregon. Par-ticipants will write poetry and prose using prompts and inspi-ration from the characters and scenes in the book. For teens and adults.

For Children & Families
North/Northeast Preschool Fair
HELD AT NORTH PORTLAND LIBRARY
512 N. Killingsworth St.
Saturday, February 7, 10 am-noon
Looking for a preschool? Meet representatives from north and northeast area pre-schools to ask questions and gather information about their different programs. Hosted at North Portland Library

Black Storytime
Sundays, 2-2:30 pm
The African and African Amer-ican experience comes alive for children 0-6 years (with a favorite adult and other family members).

Books, Books, Books ... Time to Create Your Own
Saturday, February 21, 3:30-5 pm
Learn the art of making blank books in which to record your thought and dreams. You will create your one-of-a-kind books.
Obituaries

Dennis Thomas McCormack
Dennis Thomas McCormack passed away in his favorite chair on Thursday January 15 at 91 years of age. He was born on May 28, 1923 in Great Falls, Montana to William & Catherine McCormack. He is the brother to four sisters, Eileen, Nora, Helen, Kathleen & Maureen. Dennis graduated High School in 1942, and later moved to Portland, with the intention of enlisting in the Service. In 1943, he joined the Navy and served during WWII aboard the USS Dashiell, where despite failing typing, he was deemed the only Sailor with enough typewriter experience to keep the Ship’s Log. On June 10, 1946, Dennis married Carol Adelaide Anderson. They eventually settled in North Portland where they began their Family. Despite juggling several jobs, including working for Underwood Typewriter, Dennis enrolled in classes at the University of Portland. He graduated in 1960 while working for United Airlines and in 1963 opened Ace Typewriter & Equipment Co in St. Johns, where he worked until his passing. Dennis is survived by his children - William, Susan Morton (William), Melissa, Mary Therese, Anne, Christopher (Karen), Patrick (Kari), Matthew (Maureen) and Maria McCormack. He is survived by his grandchildren, Phillip, Catherine & Carol Morton, Ryan, Girls Scouts, Friends of Columbia Park, Portland Community Policing, and helping at Northwest Place where she lived the past 14 years. Mina was preceded in death by her parents Peter and Marie, her husband Donald and all of her siblings. Mina is survived by her son John Stratford (Ronda), daughter Marie Stratford and son Merlin Stratford. Dennis is survived by his grandchildren Reuben Stratford (Sarah) and Andrea Parmalee (Tyrone); Great Grandchildren Robin, Holly, Brene, Joshua, Hailey, Jennifer and Emma; and a long list of very dear friends and relatives. A celebration of Mina’s life was held December 29th and she has been laid to rest alongside her husband at Willamette National Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the charity of your choice. The family of Mina wishes to extend our sincere thanks to Legacy Hospice Services and the caring staff at Empres Hillsboro for the care and comfort they provided during the past month. Arrangements were made by Husstad Funeral Home.

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Mina Stratford
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