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Above: Radiant Coffee Roasters is one of the vendors at the Hollywood Farmers Market. Right: The Hollywood Farmers Market is a community staple in the Northeast neighborhood. (Photos courtesy of Hollywood Farmers Market)



FARMERS MARKETS OPEN WITH FRESH FOOD, FACES

The farmers market season kickoff has arrived in North and Northeast Portland. Hollywood Farmers Market opens Saturday, April 4, in the usual spot at Northeast Hancock Street and 44th Avenue, in between Rose City Presbyterian Church and Grocery Outlet. Executive Director Kyrsten Williams said the market is thrilled to welcome back 60 of its best-known vendors — plus 10 first-time participants.

“We will have new small-scale farms joining us as well as an array of locally made products including vegan soul food, breakfast sandwiches, fresh bagels, wine, honey and much more,” Williams said.

The Hollywood market regularly hosts community organizations, a kids’ educational program, live music and offers a spot for neighbors to shop, sip and chat. The market gives discounts to shoppers using food assistance programs. This is the market’s 29th season in Hollywood.

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Above: Radishes and carrots are among the huge selection of fresh produce at the Hollywood Farmers Market. Below right: Volunteers make all of the difference for the market at Northeast Hancock Street and 44th Avenue.



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**FOOD PODS COMING SOON TO HOLLYWOOD, BEAUMONT**

Two new food pods are coming to Northeast Portland — one in Hollywood and one on Northeast Fremont Street.

The Hollywood pod is under construction on Northeast 41st Avenue near Trader Joe's. It'll eventually be home to nine food carts.

Developer Trevor Salas said the idea is to create a family-friendly hangout during the day — a spot where neighbors can meet, grab lunch and bring the kids. It'll be more of a bar theme at night, with late-night eats, beer, wine and cocktails. Salas said construction is moving along well and the goal is to open sometime late this summer.

A second pod is under construction at Northeast 44th Avenue and Fremont Street, with plans to open later this spring.

The developers behind this project, DBS Group, are calling it Fremont Garage because it'll reside on the old site of Barrett Automotive. (Note: If you're interested in learning more about the history of Fremont Street auto shops like Barrett, read "Fixing cars runs in the family" on page 6)

This pod will be open 11 a.m.-11 p.m. daily with food and beverage service year-round, plus live music and events.

Both food pods are still taking applications



Sarah Bibb has served loyal customers (aka her "Folly Girls") from her Northeast Fremont Street storefront since 2022. Bibb and her team designed, crafted and sold their own clothes from the store, which is now closing as the business enters a new chapter. (Todd Milbourn)

from food cart owners interested in getting a spot.

**FOLLY BIDS FAREWELL TO FREMONT STREET**

A beloved clothing designer is saying goodbye to Northeast Fremont Street.

Sarah Bibb brought Folly to the area in 2022 after 14 years in Northwest Portland. She and her team developed a loyal following, and stood out by making almost all the clothes they sold in-house.

Bibb said she's loved having a highly

visible storefront in the landmark Dutch Village building, but decided it's time for a change.

"We did manage to have one of our best sales years in 2025 so it isn't a sad decision," she said. "It's a decision based on my own sanity."

Bibb held a moving sale in March, which provided her an opportunity to thank many of her long-time customers. She said she'll continue serving her "Folly Girls" through her online store as well through the Cargo Emporium in Southeast Portland.

— Todd Milbourn

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■ A photo of The Skanner newspaper office on North Killingsworth Street in the March issue was taken by local photographer Mark E. McClure.

■ The name of the artist who created the Little Lights Playground in Parkrose for the Winter Lights Festival was misspelled. It is Bobbi Koller.

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Janet Julian was a beloved local musician who lived in Cully and played at venues throughout the area. (Rocky Butte Farmers Market)



### MUSICIANS PAY TRIBUTE TO JANET JULIAN

Local musicians and music fans are paying tribute to Janet Julian, a well-known Cully singer and songwriter who died in January.

Julian played guitar and developed a strong following at venues like Laurelthirst Public House on Northeast Glisan Street. She played solo as well as with her bluegrass-influenced band called Petty Cash.

Julian's advocacy for Portland's musicians and music-industry workers made an impact. She was instrumental in the creation of the Jeremy Wilson Foundation, a Portland nonprofit to help local musicians and music-industry workers navigate health challenges and pay for medical care.

"In 15 years, she became one of our most significant donors ever — not through wealth, but through pure, unstoppable generosity of spirit," the foundation said in a tribute. "There are no words big enough for how deeply we feel her loss. She is missed in ways we cannot fully express — and she always will be."

Julian's friends are planning a celebration of life concert April 12 at Alberta Rose Theatre. The event will be followed by a parade and gathering at Concordia Commons with lots of music.

### FLORIST BROUGHT LIFE, COLOR TO NE FREMONT

Amy Walling is being remembered as an artist, a business owner, a mentor and more.



Above: A bouquet created by Amy Walling at Beaumont Florist.

Amy Walling, left, ran Beaumont Florist on Northeast Fremont Street. (Beaumont Florist)

The owner of Beaumont Florist on Northeast Fremont Street died in February. A sign posted in her storefront says that sadly, the shop is also now permanently closed.

"Beaumont Florist has been a fixture in the community for a long time and Amy will be truly missed by so many," the Pacific Northwest Florist Association said in a tribute.

Walling shared her love of floral design with her customers, neighbors and the people she worked with, including artists she mentored who went on to start flower shops of their own in the area. She was known to send heartfelt arrangements to neighbors in times of hardship.

The florist association held a celebration and estate sale in Walling's honor March 12.

— Todd Milbourn

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★ STAR FEATURE

# Construction begins on new Movie Madness site

## Emerging Hollywood film district coming into focus

By Maggie Grainger  
Star News correspondent

Construction on the new Movie Madness location begins this month at Northeast Sandy Boulevard and 41st Avenue, opposite the Hollywood Theatre, with plans for a spring 2027 opening.

“The Hollywood Theatre has been the jewel of this neighborhood for a century and is a major cultural and economic driver here,” said Doug Whyte, the Hollywood Theatre executive director. “We’re thrilled to further our organization’s mission by bringing Movie Madness to the district.”

The original store on Southeast Belmont has attracted film lovers from around the world with its extensive range of movie titles as well as memorabilia, props and costumes. Movie lover Mike Clark founded Movie Madness in 1991 and entered a partnership with the Hollywood Theatre in 2017. The store is home to more than 95,000 titles and counting.

Whyte said he hopes bringing what he calls “Disneyland for cinephiles” to the historic Hollywood neighborhood will create more foot traffic, and help strengthen Portland as one of the West Coast’s great movie-going destinations.

Whyte said fans of the original store shouldn’t worry about the spirit of Movie Madness being compromised in the new space — in fact, he said there will be even more room to browse, play and geek out over films.

“We want to keep that lived-in, labyrinthian feeling, with movie props and displays around



Celebrating the relocation of Movie Madness from Belmont to Northeast Sandy Boulevard. From left, Hollywood Theatre Executive Director Doug Whyte; Movie Madness Managing Director and Head Curator Matt Parnell; investor Jeme Brelin; Movie Madness founder Mike Clark; and theater Deputy Director Christen Zatz-Gilman. (Joel Gaddis)

### See Kurt Russell in person

Actor Kurt Russell is planning to attend a special 35 mm screening of the 1982 movie “The Thing” at the Hollywood Theatre on May 9. Afterward, there will be a Q&A session with the legendary actor, who played a year of baseball in Portland before making the big time. Hollywood Theatre and Movie Madness members have first shot at purchasing tickets before they go on sale to the general public. Visit [hollywoodtheatre.org](http://hollywoodtheatre.org) for more information.



Kurt Russell played baseball for the Portland Mavericks in 1974. The actor will be visiting the Hollywood Theatre in May. (Portland Mavericks Baseball Club)

every corner,” Whyte said. “The new space, to be located where The Magnolia Beer and Wine Bar used to be, will be bigger than the current spot and feature a 45-seat state-of-the-art auditorium with capacity for 16-mm projection as well as a lounge for gatherings of movie lovers.

“We’ve been running out of room at the current location for years, and we want to make sure our community can always access the full breadth of the collection,” he said. “At the Belmont store we’ve had to get creative

The relocation of Movie Madness comes as another development, The Hollywood Q food hall and brewery, is set to open in the next few months on the opposite corner of Northeast Sandy.

“It’s a match made in cinephile heaven,” Whyte said. “You could grab a bite at the Hollywood Q, see a movie at the Hollywood Theatre and then wander through Movie Madness afterwards, maybe picking up a few films inspired by what you just watched. It creates a full night centered around the love of movies.”

Whyte said he looks forward to even more collaborations between Movie Madness and the Hollywood Theatre once the move is finalized, and envisions guest appearances, signings and special events.

“Movie Madness has always belonged to Portland’s film community. Moving it to the Hollywood District feels like the next chapter in that story, and we’re excited to see what the future of Portland film culture looks like with these two institutions just steps apart,” he said.

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# ALL IN THE FAMILY

## Northeast auto shop spans generations

*Mechanics at Hal Jones Automotive carry on long Fremont Street tradition*

By Maggie Grainger  
Star News correspondent

Chances are, if you've had a car issue at some point and you live in Northeast Portland, you've come across Hal Jones Automotive.

The auto repair shop has been helping keep Portlanders' cars and trucks running smoothly since 1934 and it's one of the oldest — if not the oldest — repair shops in the city.

Current owner Matthew Joy has been working at the shop since the summer he came home from college back in 2010.

"After the summer I realized this was something I was truly passionate about," he said. "I worked on cars and learned from our mechanics for the next five years until my dad retired in 2015 and I took over the shop. I have always been passionate about cars, my dad's side of the family has always been involved in them."

The original owner and namesake Hal Jones first set up shop out of what is today's A-Boy Electric & Plumbing building at 4010 N.E. Broadway with three separate shops all specializing in different types of automotive work. Hal Jones Automotive was the engine repair part of the three.

Jones later relocated to 4403 N.E. Fremont St., operating out of the former Barrett's Automotive building. After serving in the U.S. Army, Jones returned to Portland and purchased the current property and built the shop.

"The two main beams inside our shop



**THEN ...** Hal Jones started his engine shop in the building now occupied by A-Boy Electric & Plumbing on Northeast Broadway. The business began in 1934 and is owned by Matt Joy. Picture shows Bill Joy, left, Matt's uncle; Ron Joy, center, Matt's dad; Bud Joy, right, Matt's grandfather. (Photos courtesy of Matthew Joy)

were sourced from a friend he made when he was in the Army," Joy said. "My grandfather, Bud Joy, and my uncle Bill both worked for Hal as mechanics until he sold the business to my family in 1964. After that they brought my father, Ron, and his sister, Sue, in to run the office while Bud and Bill worked on the cars."

That passion for tinkering with cars came down to Joy, who believes vehicles are more than just modes of transportation for many

people — they create memories.

One of his most cherished experiences was restoring his father's old 1973 MGB GT. After buying it back from a customer, Joy restored the classic to its former glory, eventually sharing the moment with his father.

"It's a car I spent lots of time riding in with my dad and sister," he said. "When I was probably 7 or 8 years old we would put on Santa hats and he would drive downtown



**AND NOW ...** Matthew Joy is the third-generation owner of Hal Jones Automotive on Northeast Fremont Street.

and do circles around Pioneer Square while we waved at everyone.

"I had our mechanics go through and get the car back up and running and now it drives like a dream. My dad got a chance to see the car and it felt like a very full-circle moment with me now running the shop and owning the same car he used to drive to work every day."

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Hal Jones Automotive auto repair shop on Northeast Fremont Street has been in business since 1934. (Matthew Joy)



Hal Jones Automotive is owned by Matt Joy, a third-generation family owner of the Northeast Fremont Street auto shop. (Todd Milbourn)

Says Joy: "My dad passed away May 8, 2023. I spent the winter after he passed working on the car and building it the way he used to always talk about. Now the car sits in the corner of the shop and I take it out to get parts or lunch from time to time but it reminds me of my dad and feels like he's still here."

Joy said he loves having a business in the neighborhood and says he often gets recognized when he's out on walks with his

wife and newborn.

"Some people have known me since I was either a kid or when I was 18 and doing the oil changes on their car," he said. "My favorite thing to do on Saturdays or Sundays in the summer is park at the shop and walk down Fremont to 42nd. We always see customers, we stop and chat for a while, but it has always felt like its own little community."

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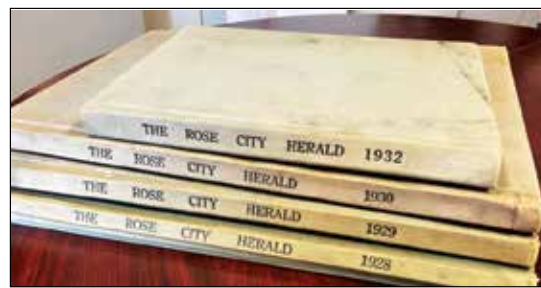


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Back issues of The Rose City Herald newspaper. (Doug Decker)

Read all about it: Northeast Portland neighbors have raised enough funds to begin the preservation of a historic neighborhood archive.

For decades, hundreds of original editions of The Rose City Herald newspaper had been stored in the attic of the 42nd Street Station in Hollywood.

The Star News, Alameda Old House History and the Oregon Newspaper Digitization Project joined forces to preserve the archive — which covers the period from 1922-44 — for future generations.

Over the past two months, Star News readers chipped in \$2,500 to support the project. Propelled by the generosity, the group now has enough support to begin the official preservation process, which will be handled by the University of Oregon Libraries system.



Once completed, researchers and members of the public will be able to access back issues through the Historic Oregon Newspapers database, which is available at <https://oregonnews.uoregon.edu>. Future phases of old newspaper preservation could involve the Hollywood News (1944-83) and the Hollywood Star (1984-94).

Thank you to the wonderful readers who contributed to this first phase, including: Dave Albertine, David Austin, Jonathan Doman, Gilion Dumas, Katie Kaput, Willie Levenson, Lauren Moorman, Jill Murphy, Pete Myers, Julie Omelchuck, Mark Rothert, Marc Schuette, Angela Uherbelau, Ash Woods and Gail Zuro, plus several anonymous contributors.

— Doug Decker and Todd Milbourn



Paul Clark of Hollywood looks at old issues of the Hollywood Star in the attic of 42nd St. Station. (Todd Milbourn)

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Walk, bike or roll to school on April 10. (All photos courtesy portland.gov)



Plant trees or work in the soil at Harrison Park on April 4.



Learn about Black environmental organizations on April 15.

# Nurture nature for our future

*Find simple ways to do your part for planet — right here in North, Northeast Portland*

Star News staff

**E**arth Day, first held on April 22, 1970, has been mobilizing people around the world for decades to protect the planet.

This year's theme is "Our Power, Our Planet," focusing on collective action, renewable energy and community power to drive environmental change and address climate change, food security and health. Make a difference and show your love for Mother Earth by taking action locally in North and Northeast Portland to protect the environment.

Here are some events:

## SPRING PLANTING

April 4. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Join Urban Forestry and APANO (Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon) to celebrate the arrival of spring in the Jade District. Volunteers will plant trees or work in the nature patch to beautify Harrison Park. There will also be crafts, educational tables, a fruit tree giveaway and food. Wear layers, bring rain gear and a water bottle. All tools and materials needed will be provided on-site. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/4uejnmrj> or call Marissa Richerson at 503-200-9366. Harrison Park, 1931 S.E. 84th Ave.

## WALK, ROLL TO SCHOOL

April 10. All day. El Camino de Dolores (Dolores's Path) is a walk, bike and roll to school day where Portland youth and their families can celebrate Dolores Huerta's dedication to social justice. Students will have the opportunity to learn about the farmworkers movement and Huerta's fight for equality. Huerta co-founded the United Farm Workers to improve the lives of farmworkers across the nation, fighting for fair wages and safe working conditions. Huerta, who turns 96 on April 10, continues to be an advocate for women's rights, immigrant rights and education as a tool for empowerment.

## LEARN ABOUT URBAN CANOPY

April 11. 9 a.m.-noon. Learn about the many ways communities can grow their urban tree canopy from the ground up at Tree Summit 2026. Hear presentations and meet community partners working to expand the urban forest. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be served. Cost: Free, but space is limited. Register at <https://>



[www.ly/80EB50YvSMp](https://www.ly/80EB50YvSMp). Mt. Scott Community Center, 5530 S.E. 72nd Ave., 503-823-3183, <https://tinyurl.com/7ntvb3be>

## GET MOVING FOR THE EARTH

April 11. Noon-3 p.m. The theme of the City of Portland's Earth Day celebration for 2026 is "Earth in Motion." How we move shapes our planet. Explore cleaner, more proactive ways to move through and reside in Portland — from biking and TriMet to clean energy and the food we eat. Nonprofits, community organizations, government agencies and other partners will share resources and spread the word about sustainable solutions at Parkrose Middle School, 11800 N.E. Shaver St., 503-408-2900, <https://ms.parkrose.com>



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and Kenya. Afterward, there will be time for a Q&A, mingling, reviewing posters, and materials from other Black environmental organizations. Learn more by calling Marissa Richerson at 503-200-9366. Midland Library, 805 S.E. 122nd Ave., 503-988-5123,

## WALK, TALK ABOUT TREES

April 17. 6-8 p.m. Urban Forestry and the Bureau of Transportation are teaming up for an Earth Day tree walk near Alberta Park that will focus on canopy equity, pedestrian safety and climate change. Participants will walk a slow 1.5 miles taking note of the trees and traffic infrastructure. All ages. Cost: Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/bdedepfy> or call Marissa Richerson at 503-200-9366. Alberta Park, Northeast 22nd Avenue and Killingsworth Street

## EARTH DAY CELEBRATION AND CLEAN UP

April 25. 1-4 p.m. Join the Faubion community for an afternoon of environmental action and family fun. Enjoy recycled art projects, baby chicks, goats and rabbits, electronic waste recycling (for a fee), bottle drop donations, climate action resources, along with food, music, upcycled T-shirts and more. Faubion PK-8 School, 2930 N.E. Dekum St., 503-916-5686

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# What's in your wall?

Readers share historic artifacts lurking inside Northeast Portland homes

As it turns out, the people who built our houses — and who lived in them — left a fair amount of stuff behind for the future to find.

Last month, we invited readers of The Star News to let us know what kinds of “artifacts” and interesting items you’ve found in your old houses. We heard from about a dozen readers who sent photos, memories and observations.

These things left behind remind us about the passage of time; that our homes have been known and loved by many people before us; that we ourselves are a bridge between past and future.

**HOUSE BLUEPRINTS**

The blueprints that are the backdrop here show Tonya Cooper’s Alameda home; they’ve stayed with the house since it was built more 100 years ago. They were prepared by Alameda resident and architect Wade B. Patterson, who worked as a draftsman for the U.S. Forest Service in the 1920s and went on to a career as a draftsman and engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. In the 1910s and early ’20s, Patterson designed numerous Northeast Portland homes.

**COPPER FLASHLIGHT**

When Ralph Sanders was remodeling the bathroom in his 1925 Laurelhurst home, he came across this solid-copper flashlight inside a wall cavity behind lath and plaster. The batteries are

**HISTORY MYSTERY**



Doug Decker

corroded and the ends no longer come off, but it polishes up nicely. Research suggests it was made between 1929-30, meaning it might have been dropped into the wall not during initial construction, but during the home’s early years.

**HOLD ONTO YOUR HAT**

When Dennis Hodge began to dismantle and move the built-in cabinet in his 1915 Laurelhurst dining room, he came across this item, which one of the builders would definitely have missed. The leather cap with fold-down wooly ear flaps must have slipped behind the wall. Now it’s a story of its own, safe in its own protective case admired by friends and neighbors.

**HOUSE PARTS, SIGNED**

Stephen Peifer sent along this photo showing the name of prolific Northeast Portland builder F.E. Bowman written on a piece of trim salvaged from his 1921 Grant Park home. On Peifer’s block alone, Bowman built at least a half-dozen homes. From Joe Cook-Giles in Rose City Park came another piece of trim, this one bearing the builder’s name of his 1915 home: “Moreland.”

**NEWSPAPERS GALORE**

Back in the day, you had your pick of so many Portland newspapers, which came in



Laurelhurst resident Dennis Hodge found this flap-over-ear hat when dismantling and moving a built-in cabinet in his 1915 Laurelhurst dining room. (Dennis Hodge)



A button hook, for lacing up boots. Provided to customers of the Briggs Shoe Store in Ashland in the late 19-teens. (Jane Montgomery)



Top: Joe Cook-Giles in Rose City Park came across a piece of trim bearing the name of the builder of his 1915 home: “Moreland.” (Joe Cook-Giles)

Background on pages 10-11: Blueprints of Tonya Cooper’s Alameda home have stayed with the house since it was built over 100 years ago. They were prepared by Alameda resident and architect Wade B. Patterson, who worked as a draftsman for the U.S. Forest Service in the 1920s and went on to a career as a draftsman and engineer with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. (Tonya Cooper)

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The Evening Telegram front page from July 16, 1918, found in Marjie Fields' Hollywood home. (Marjie Fields)



The Portland News newspaper front-page lead stories from June 12, 1914. (Dennis Hodge)



From left: Ralph Sanders found this flashlight while renovating the bathroom in his 1925 Laurelhurst home. The artifact was inside a wall cavity behind lath and plaster. (Ralph Sanders)

Artifact from Ralph Sanders' bathroom renovations. (Ralph Sanders)

Rose City Park homeowner Melissa Harrington came upon this empty bottle of sherry when tearing out the walls of a tiled shower in a bathroom of her 1937 home. (Melissa Harrington)



handy for insulation, for reading material on a break, or maybe because as a builder you had a glimmer of the future looking back and wanted to leave a clue about life at the time. Here's the front page from a 1918 edition of The Evening Telegram (one cent!) with big headlines from World War I battles in France. It was stashed, nicely folded, in the basement ceiling rafters in Marjie Fields' Hollywood home. Other newspapers turned up, too: a front page from The Portland News from Dennis Hodge; and grocery advertisements from Anderson's Markets in the mid-1930s that were tacked up to the rafters in Becky Farmer's 1921 Roseway attic.

**BUTTON UP**

Beaumont-Wilshire resident Jane Montgomery found this button hook in the upstairs closet of her 1917 foursquare home. Button hooks were indispensable for not

straining your fingers when slipping buttons through the small holes on tall button-up boots. Hooks like this were often given out to paying customers with the purchase of boots. This one is from the shoe store of Monty E. Briggs in Ashland, Oregon, which in the 19-teens operated out of the storefront at 11 E. Main St., Ashland.

**END-OF-DAY REFRESHMENT?**

Rose City Park homeowner Melissa Harrington came upon this empty bottle of sherry when tearing out the walls of a tiled shower in a bathroom of her 1937 home. It had been placed carefully in the space between two studs after someone's last gulp. Made by the Petri Wine Co. of San Francisco and bottled in Portland. A 1938 advertisement for the drink in The Oregonian reads: "In smart homes, full bodied sherry is served at cocktail time before

meals." Or, I suppose, when building walls in the bathroom.

**OPEN AT YOUR OWN RISK!**

Another artifact from Ralph Sanders' bathroom renovations are these antiseptic tablets. They're made with highly poisonous mercury bichloride, and were used primarily as a treatment for syphilis and designed to be dissolved in water and applied directly. They were made by the Eli Lilly Co. in the first half of the 20th century.

**HAVE HIDDEN HISTORY TO SHARE?**

Send info and photos of your own discoveries to [doug@alamedahistory.org](mailto:doug@alamedahistory.org)

*Doug Decker is a neighborhood historian and writes the Alameda Old House History blog.*

# Searching for Bobby Fischer in Beaumont

*Northeast Portland family creates fun front-yard chess setup where anyone can play*

I often cycle to Grand Central Bakery on Northeast Fremont Street and frequently pass by a very fun boulevard setting on Northeast 44th Avenue. I have stopped to admire the elaborate chess game setup more than

**MIKE on a BIKE**



Michael Wright

once. Next to it is a creative Little Free Library, along with a table and bench. I became curious about who created it. Turns out, it all started with a magnolia tree that had to be removed. Dana and Stan Fisher decided to make use of the remaining stump, and built a

chess table on the top of it, creating an open space where anyone could stop and engage in a game.

Chess soon became interesting to their two sons, Zach and Danny, who sometimes drew a crowd of friends to join in the fun.

As I was writing this column, I thought back to my own roots in the fascinating world of chess. I was introduced to the game in high school. I asked many of my friends, "Do you play? When did you start? Want a game?"

While most everyone has been exposed to chess at some point in their lives, only some carry on; others, like me, have let it slip away.

Chess has an interesting history. The game originated in India more than 1,500 years ago. It traveled through Persia and Asia and later to Europe where it became a game for aristocrats. When it arrived in North America, the game was adopted by all classes, resulting in strategy changes and the advent of tournaments and, ultimately, world



Star News columnist Michael Wright makes a move at a family front-yard chess game that is set up in Northeast Portland. (Sally Wright)



A Halloween-themed replay of the 1972 World Championship chess match between Boris Spassky and Bobby Fischer in Northeast Portland. (Dana Fisher)

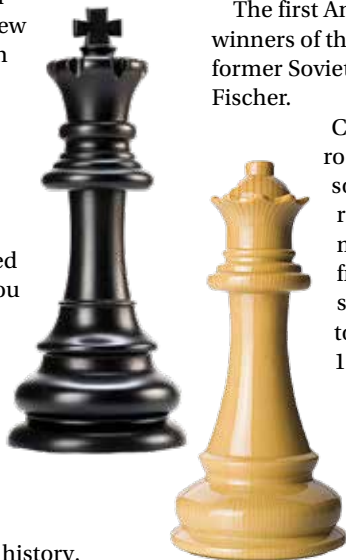
championships.

The first American to defeat the perennial winners of the world championships, the former Soviet Union, was a young Bobby Fischer.

Considering the aristocratic roots of the game, it was quite something for Fischer, who was raised by a single parent with modest means and self-taught from reading books on chess strategy, to be the one who toppled Soviet domination in 1972.

How wild a coincidence that our own neighborhood's Fisher family is just one consonant away from sharing a surname with America's greatest grandmaster.

The family keeps the fun going with an annual Halloween display of two skeletons engaged in a match to entertain trick-or-treaters. The combatants are, you guessed it, Bobby and Boris. (Boris Spassky was the Soviet champion Fischer defeated some 50 years



Stan and Dana Fisher created an interactive, ongoing chess game in their Northeast 44th Avenue front yard. (Dana Fisher)

ago) Dana Fisher says she sees many passersby playing in the sunshine and enjoying an impromptu match, which brings her joy.

Who knows, a youngster who stops to play a game on Northeast 44th Avenue just may emerge as a future grandmaster. That would be check and mate.



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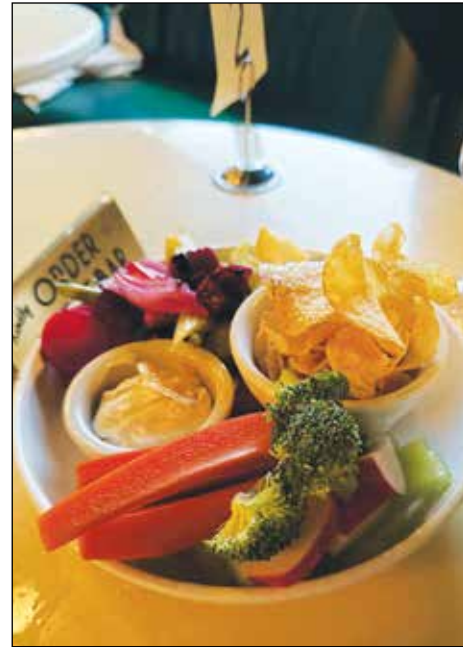
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From left: The legendary corn dog at the Lift Off Lounge on Northeast Sandy Boulevard may be the best in town.

The Grasshopper, which can be made vegan, and the espresso martini are go-to drinks at Lift Off.

The pickled veggie tray is served with chips and garlic dip at the neighborhood bar on Sandy.

# LIFT OFF LOUNGE TAKES FLIGHT

Save room for the corn dog at this emerald-hued Sandy Boulevard gem

By Riley Stevenson  
Star News correspondent

My bar order is normally a Pabst Blue Ribbon beer. If I'm hungry, a BLT sandwich and fries. I know better than to risk an overpriced steak or watery cocktail. But at The Lift Off Lounge, the bar on the triangle corner of Northeast 52nd Street and Sandy Boulevard, I don't need to play it safe. I might even order fish, the boldest of bar food choices.



Riley Stevenson

At Lift Off, the menu surprises and delights. Mussels are steamed in miso butter, martinis served with a champagne chaser. It's not bistro food (no beef tartare and olive oil cake here), but it's quality. And it challenges what

you can expect from a neighborhood bar.

Take, for example, the fried chicken sandwich. Pounded thin, breaded with cornflakes and fried until crispy. The oversized oblong cut of chicken spills over the sides of a potato bun, leaving no choice but to trim the edges into DIY chicken strips. Topped with dill slaw and spicy mayo, it's an absolute joy to eat and a sight to behold. Maybe ask for extra napkins.

The onion rings, a must-order, are also glorious. Battered and fried golden brown, they are crunchy and yet somehow melt-in-your-mouth tender. Servings are borderline excessive (about eight to a plate), but your appetite will rise to the challenge.

Whatever you do, save room for the corn dog. It is, hands down, the best in town. I've sent friends, neighbors and strangers on a pilgrimage just for this dog. It's an all-beef frank, dipped in honeyed cornbread batter and deep-fried. They say every hot dog you consume takes 36 minutes off your lifespan. So be it. I will eat this corn dog until the day I die (prematurely, apparently).

But fried food occasionally begs for the relief of a vegetable, which can be found in the form of a kale salad or relish tray. You might be tempted to skip the tray, as you conjure memories of dry carrot sticks and

### If you go

Price for two including tip: \$84

To eat: Onion rings, relish tray, hand-battered corn dog and fried chicken sandwich

To drink: Only Fans Martini, the Jungle Bird and Miller High Life



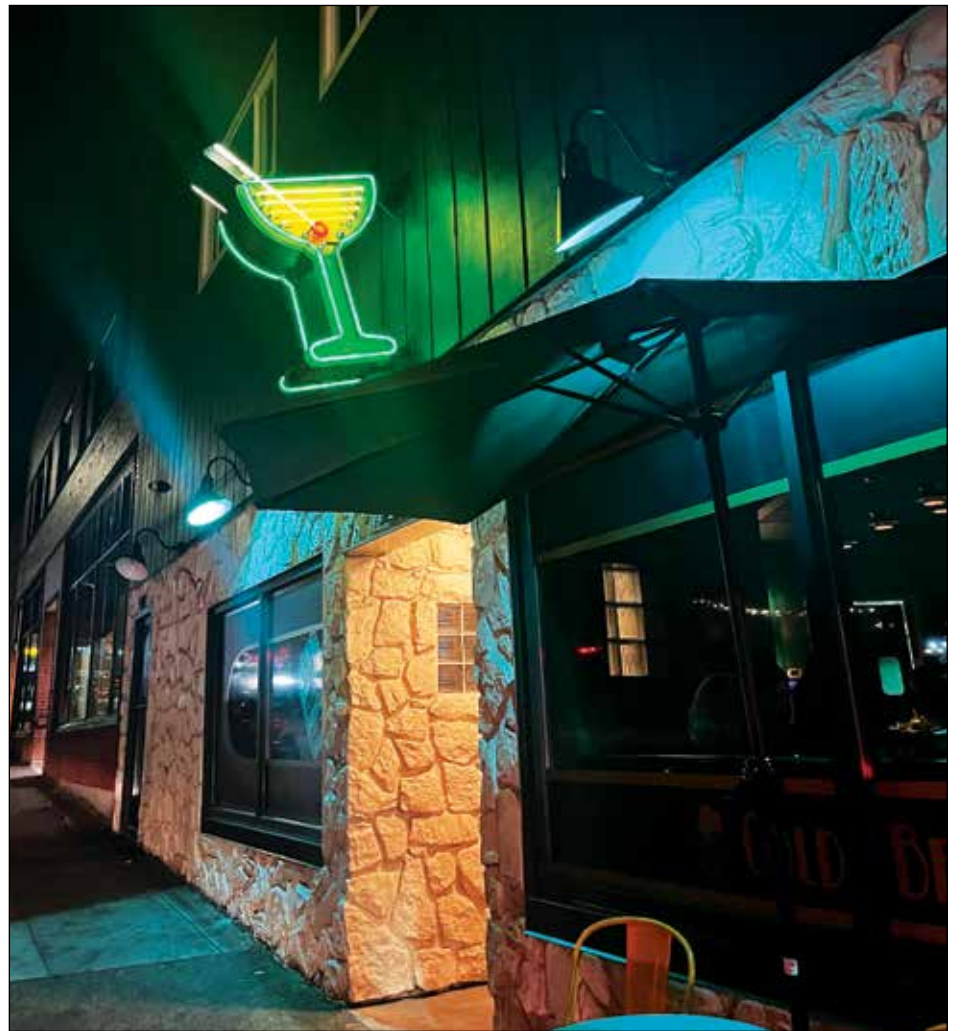
The bun can't contain the fried chicken sandwich, breaded with cornflakes and fried at Lift Off Lounge.

broccoli crowns in sad plastic containers. But as any Midwesterner will tell you, a pickled veggie plate, served with chips and garlic dip, can be so much more. And, while you're feeling picky, why not try the pickled deviled egg. Classics are classic for a reason.

The drinks are equally delightful. Keep it simple with a martini or Bee's Knees or take a risk with the Jungle Bird — Bacardi, Campari, pineapple and demerara — or the Ballroom of Mars — bourbon, pineapple, lemon, falernum and mint — inspired by the 1960s band, T. Rex. For dessert, the only choice is the bright green Grasshopper, with creme de menthe, fernet branca, creme de cacao, ice cream and whipped cream. It can be made vegan for \$2 more).

Speaking of green, you can't escape it at Lift Off. From the neon martini sign outside to the walls, leather booths and space-themed decor inside, it's a level of green that puts "Wicked" to shame. The kitsch continues (in the form of rocket-ship shaped bathroom garbage cans, a jukebox and custom matchbooks), but I'm not complaining. The food, the drinks, the space, the prices — Lift Off Lounge reminds you that the best bars let you have it all.

For more recommendations, visit [www.pdxrecs.substack.com](http://www.pdxrecs.substack.com).



The iconic martini glass beckons visitors to the Lift Off Lounge on Sandy Boulevard. (All photos by Riley Stevenson)

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# 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade turns 20

## April festival to showcase history of East Portland

By Angela Britton  
Star News correspondent

The 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade is leveling up this year. From carnival games and food carts to car shows, rides and a photo contest, organizers are describing this year's event as a family-friendly get-together.

The events build up to the signature parade, which takes place Saturday, April 25. Normally, the parade and events bring out more than 5,000 people.

Bridget Bayer, the parade committee team leader, said her goal is to "get more people involved and build this



**Join the fun**  
What: 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade  
When: 9:30 a.m. start Saturday, April 25



community." This year's theme is "The History of East Portland," which is designed to shed light on the many accomplishments of East Portland's residents.

"We're such a diverse parade. There's so many different cultures people are going to represent in all kinds of different ways," said Bayer, who's helped organize the event for a decade.

The 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade is 100% volunteer-run.

Kristina Hill, the owner of KC Cars Inc. on 82nd Avenue, is serving her first year as treasurer on the organizing committee.

"So we found out about it and then we started participating in it, and then I just happened to acquire a car lot within it. And so then it was just like, 'Let's jump on board,'" Hill said about getting involved.

Hill said she looks forward to throwing on a car smash and handing out hotdogs to the community.

Neighbors and parade-goers contribute everything from floats to music.

This year is extra special. Organizers are bringing back the carnival. Visitors can find food carts, games and rides available starting Friday, April 24, through Sunday the 26th.



Children, families and people of all ages participate in the fun at the 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade. The parade is run entirely by volunteers, who play a key role in organizing, promoting and putting on the celebration. The 20th annual parade takes place Saturday, April 25. (Photos courtesy of 82 Roses Community Enrichment Coalition)

Organizers will also be announcing this year's rose photo contest winners. An experienced panel of judges will be on hand to decide the best rose photo in Portland.

Eilene Curtiss, a 20-year parade volunteer, said part of the fun is beautifying the 82nd Avenue streetscape.

Our goal is to "plant as many rose gardens on 82nd as possible to bring beauty back to the avenue," she said.

The main attraction remains the parade itself. With floats of all varieties, everyone in the Portland community is encouraged to participate.

Beginning at Eastport Plaza, the parade

spans just over a mile long, eventually ending on Division Street.

"Every year, everybody gets to come out, get some candy and have some fun and listen to music and watch the parade" Hill said, "And learn a little bit more about their community."

Hill encouraged newcomers to attend the parade and enjoy the festivities. "And then, if you enjoy the parade and you come up with ideas of how you want to help or be in it, then you can go to the website and find forms or make comments or put in your advice and your opinion," she said.

Angela Britton is a reporter for Grant Magazine at Grant High School.

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# Williams walk-about

Savor sandwiches, wine, fine art and more on your next stroll through this vibrant district

Portlanders are emerging from their winter hibernation and ready to explore their favorite neighborhoods. With a rich cultural history and more than 150 businesses in the area, there are few places as fun and dynamic as the Williams District in North Portland. From innovative sandwich shops to renowned restaurants and art galleries, the area is lively any day of the week.

## BLOCK X BLOCK



Maggie Grainger

Here are a few spots to savor on your next stroll:

### LOTTIE AND ZULA'S

Life is too short to eat mediocre sandwiches. Good thing there's Lottie and Zula's.

The brainchild of owner John-Fletcher Halyburton and his sister Emily Peterson, the sandwich shop attracts a large breakfast and lunchtime crowd with their hearty subs, homemade giardiniera, vibrant wall art and pulsating music.

Named for two of his aunts, Halyburton opened the shop back in October 2020, when the world was still deeply locked down due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We operated like a food truck almost with online orders and takeout," he said. "We got used to listening to the music as loud as we wanted, and we operated in this bubble where friends would come in and stick stuff up on the walls."

He says when COVID restrictions lifted and the dining room opened, he was surprised by how many people came in, sat down and vibed with their decor and distinctively loud music.

"It's sensory overload for sure," Halyburton said. "It didn't really ever dawn on me that



Lottie & Zula's sandwich shop in the Williams District. (Photos by Gabrielle Milone)



- CONTINUED ON PAGE 16 Lottie & Zula's attracts large breakfast and lunch crowds in the Williams District and is known for using high-quality ingredients for its sandwiches.

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people were going to hang around other than just to wait on their sandwiches.”

Popular sandwiches include the Bob, a breakfast sandwich with eggs, sausage, Swiss cheese, onion and their breakfast sauce; the Jeff, which involves house deli chicken, melted Swiss, bacon, cranberry sauce and more on toasted sourdough; and the Ricky, an Italian grinder topped with mortadella, soppressata and finocchiona salamis, provolone and homemade giardiniera.

Looking for a unique angle on a classic? The Charlie is the shop’s smoked beet melt, which comes with smoked beets, cabbage, chive cream cheese, melted Swiss and a spicy maple Dijon.

Customers can also enjoy a variety of salads, side dishes, desserts and lattes.

Halyburton credits his small-but-mighty staff for keeping the shop running smoothly and says everyone is always making adjustments and throwing around creative ideas.

“I think in all the sandwiches, it’s about the balance of everything,” Halyburton said. “You’ve spent all this time making all these good ingredients — now you have to put them together in a logical way with the first bite, the middle bite and the end bites as reasonably close to each other as possible.”

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DIY Bar is one-part craft workshop, one-part bar in the Williams District. (DIY Bar)

work events, family outings and more. Events this month include a DIY broom workshop on April 12 and a painted pet portrait workshop on April 16. Reservations required for both.

**ADDRESS:** 3522 N. Vancouver Ave. **WEBSITE:** diybar.co **INSTAGRAM:** @diybar

**INHERENT VINE**

Expand your mind (and wine knowledge) at Inherent Vine, a natural wine shop on North Williams. Not only do they offer a variety of budget-conscious options, they’ve also created helpful guides and suggestions to make customers’ wine-browsing experience less intimidating and more fun.

**ADDRESS:** 4067 N. Williams Ave. **WEBSITE:** Inherentvine.com **INSTAGRAM:** @inherentvine

**MIGRATION BREWING**

The Williams location of Migration Brewing boosts an especially huge patio — making it the perfect spot to enjoy a pint outside on one of those rare, but greatly celebrated, Portland spring days. Plus, kids always eat free on Sundays with the purchase of an adult entree.

**ADDRESS:** 3947 N. Williams Ave. **WEBSITE:** migrationbrewing.com **INSTAGRAM:** @migrationbrewing

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1714 NE Broadway, Portland



★ STAR BLOCK X BLOCK

Catherine Freshley sells colorful paintings from her studio in the Williams District. (Maggie Grainger)



line? Takeout is always an option.

ADDRESS: 3808 N. Williams Ave. WEBSITE: eempdx.com INSTAGRAM: @eempdx

LUA VIETNAMESE RESTAURANT & BAR

For a mix of traditional and new-school Vietnamese dishes, head to Lua. From hearty bowls of pho to a variety of Vietnamese iced coffees, the extensive menu always delivers.

ADDRESS: 3971 N. Williams Ave. Suite 103 WEBSITE: lua-restaurant.com INSTAGRAM: @luaapdx

ORA ET LABORA WINE SHOP

Looking to try some original natural wines from around the world? Come

in for a tasting. Hoping to expand your wine knowledge further? Their "Wine for Newbies" class on April 8 is perfect for inspiring connoisseurs who are interested in learning the basics in a judgment-free zone. Sign up through the website.

ADDRESS: 3928 N. Williams Ave. WEBSITE: oraetlabora.wine INSTAGRAM: @oelwineshop

CATHERINE FRESHLEY FINE ART

Add a splash of color to your life with a visit to Catherine Freshley Fine Art. Gallery owner and artist Catherine Freshley is a Portland native who loves sharing her bold, vibrant Pacific Northwest-inspired pieces with the public.

ADDRESS: 4085 N. Williams Ave. WEBSITE: catherinefreshleyart.com INSTAGRAM: @catherinefreshley



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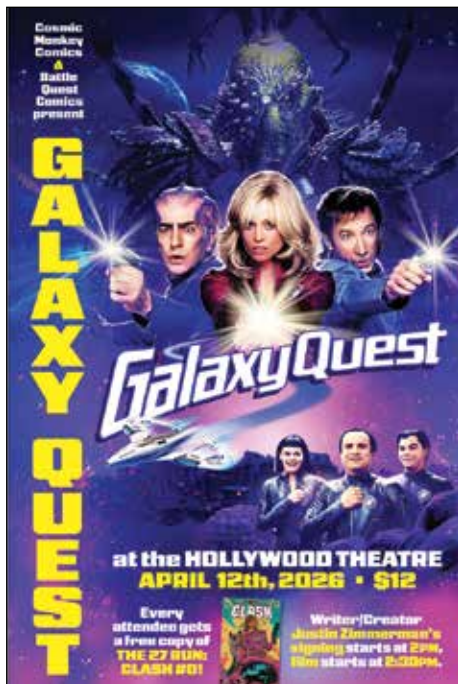
**KIDSTEENS AND FAMILIES**

**OREGON SOAR TAKES FLIGHT**

April 5. 2-4:30 p.m. Gates open at 1 p.m. Oregon's professional women's and nonbinary Ultimate Frisbee team — Oregon Soar — will play the Colorado Alpenglow in Portland, with additional home games on May 4 and May 17. Games will be streamed on YouTube. No dogs allowed. Cost: adults \$17, students \$11, youth (10 and under) free; parking is free. University of Oregon Portland campus (formerly Concordia), 2800 N.E. Liberty St., <https://oregonultimatealliance.com>

**HELP NURTURE NATIVE PLANTS AND TREES**

April 11. 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Volunteers are



27 Run creator Justin Zimmerman will be at the screening of "Galaxy Quest" on April 12 at the Hollywood Theatre. (Hollywood Theatre)

needed to mulch and care for recently planted native shrubs and trees at Kelley Point Park. Join the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and Portland Parks & Recreation's stewardship efforts. Mulch helps plants hold moisture during dry weather and reduces weeds. Native plants support a diversity of insects and wildlife, and provide cleaner air and water. Dress for inclement weather, wear sturdy, waterproof shoes and bring personal water bottle and snacks. Tools, gloves, instruction, coffee/tea and light snacks will be provided. Kids under 14 years must be accompanied by an adult. Children over 14 need to have a



Watch Ultimate Frisbee team Oregon Soar battle the Colorado Alpenglow on April 5.

(Rowdy Webb Photography / Oregon Soar)

guardian sign the waiver form available on the registration page. Registration required; visit <https://tinyurl.com/muz33ktx>

**MEET 27 RUN CREATOR JUSTIN ZIMMERMAN**

April 12. 2 p.m. signing; 2:30 p.m. Screening. Cosmic Monkey Comics presents a special signing by Justin Zimmerman, creator of "The Killing Jar" and the 27 Run series, at The Hollywood Theatre paired with the feature film "Galaxy Quest." All attendees will receive a free copy of an exclusive 27R comic. Cost: \$10-\$15. <https://hollywoodtheatre.org/show/galaxy-quest>; Cosmic Monkey Comics, 5335 N.E. Sandy Blvd., 503-517-9050, [cosmicmonkeycomics.com](https://cosmicmonkeycomics.com)

**SIDEARC MINICON & GEEK MARKET**

April 26. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Attention fans of all things geek — comics, games, tcg, manga, anime and more. This family-friendly event will feature over 25 local artists, creators and vendors, along with anime voice actors from "Demon Slayer," "JoJo's Bizarre Adventure," "Genshin Impact" and a surprise special guest. Cost: Free. Los Prados Event Hall, 10105 N. Lombard St., 503-289-9505, <https://sidearcstore.com>

**WITCHY WATERCOLOR**

April 26. 1-3 p.m. doors open at noon. Enjoy a fun, casual and magical afternoon

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# Violin Squared

A World Premiere Event featuring Portland composer Kenji Bunch

45<sup>th</sup> Parallel Universe Violins:

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An exhibit of watercolors by Lily Seika Jones will be on display at Nucleus House April 11-30. (Nucleus House)

painting tarot postcards with Jes Schrock and enjoying mini readings by Babetriarch Tarot. No experience in watercolor or tarot needed. All ages. Cost: \$23.18, includes all art supplies for two postcards and step-by-step instructions; add a tarot reading for \$10. Oakshire Beer Hall, 5013 N.E. 42nd Ave., 971-323-1414, WitchyWatercolor.com

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Sundays. 11:30 a.m., 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. Movie Madness miniplex offers free community screenings. Everything from cult classics to family faves to foreign indies and unstreamable oddities. Find out what's playing by checking out the schedule posted in the store or by signing up for the newsletter at www.moviemadness.org/ Cost: Free, but tickets must be reserved in-store or by calling 503-234-4363. Snacks and beverages available for purchase. 4320 S.E. Belmont St., www.moviemadness.org/miniplex

'SAVANNAH SIPPING SOCIETY'

April 2-18. 7:30 p.m. Thursday-Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday, April 12. Four middle-age, Southern women needing to escape their mundane routines are drawn together by an impromptu happy hour and decide it's time to reclaim the enthusiasm for life they've lost in this Triangle Productions comedy. Over six months of hilarious misadventures and liquid refreshments, the women jumpstart their lives and realize it's never too late to make new old friends. Cost: \$5\*- \$40 (\*Arts For All, walk-up only) Triangle Productions at The Sanctuary, 1785 N.E. Sandy Blvd., 503-239-5919, trianglepro.org

TAP YOUR INNER CHILD THROUGH MYTHS, FAIRY TALES

April 11-30. Noon-4 p.m. Saturday-



Celebrate National Poetry Month in the Columbia River Gorge. Walk, bike or roll on paved trails at your own pace. Stop, breathe and take in the poetry and artwork placed along the path.

(Gorge Pedal)

Sundays. Artist-illustrator Lily Seika Jones creates detailed, whimsical watercolor paintings depicting how myths and fairy tales shape our childhood and the world around us. Opening reception 4-6 p.m. April 11. Nucleus House, 1137 N.E. Alberta St., nucleusportland.com

REINFORCING SOLIDARITY WITH NATURAL WORLD

Through April 27. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. A multimedia group show, "Intimate Ecologies," explores themes of migration, dislocation, ritual and the relationship between people and place. Curated by Ryan-Ashley Anderson, the exhibit features risograph prints by Stephanie

Adams-Santos, ceramic sculptures by Ari Albertson, intermedia print art by Kobey Bonin, textile art by Mei Lai, and ekphrastic literary responses by Sequoia Snogren-McGinnis. Sound art compositions accompany the show. Alberta Street Gallery, 1829 N.E. Alberta St., 503-953-3314, albertastreetgallery.com

POETRY IN THE GORGE

April 11-12. 7 a.m.-6 p.m. A self-directed pop-up celebration of poems and artwork placed amid the grandeur of the Columbia River Gorge. Walk, roll or cycle along two



Head to The Sanctuary for Triangle Productions' staging of "The Savannah Sipping Society," a comedy with heart. (Triangle Productions)

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MUSICNOTES

CLASSICAL UP CLOSE FESTIVAL

All month. Various times and locations. The festival showcases Oregon Symphony musicians in full-length evening concerts, shorter pop-up performances and interactive kids' shows, held across Portland, including at cafes, community centers, libraries and churches. Highlights include soprano Madeline Ross performing works by Strauss, Jones, Handel and Mozart with members of the Oregon Symphony string section. Also, the symphony's percussion section will perform works by seven-time Grammy nominee and local composer Andy Akiho. Cost: Free; seating is first-come, first-served. Details at [www.classicalupclose.org](http://www.classicalupclose.org)

'MALLETS OF MASS PERCUSSION'

April 11. 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m.; doors 11 a.m. Put on your dancing shoes and enjoy six marimba bands playing high-energy music from Zimbabwe and beyond. Come for any part of the show. All ages. All performers are students of MyLinda King of Boka Marimba. Neighbour's Table cafe will be open in the lobby and there will be an African marketplace with handmade gifts from Zimbabwe. A musical instrument will be raffled; a portion of the marketplace proceeds and donations will benefit Humwe.



Get moving and have fun while doing it at Food Court 5000 mall walk every Sunday at the Lloyd Center — 1980s-era workout attire encouraged. (Food Court 5000)

org. Learn more by emailing [marimba@teleport.com](mailto:marimba@teleport.com) Cost: Free. Alongsiders, 2830 N.E. Flanders St., 503-232-5155

'WHISPERS OF DESIRE'

April 18. 8 p.m.; April 19. 4 p.m. The women's vocal ensemble In Mulieribus, which specializes in works written before 1750, pays tribute to Sappho. The concert explores the Greek lyric poet's legacy through a selection of music by Johannes Brahms, Undine Smith, Ildebrando Pizzetti and others and features the premiere of "The Sleep Wind," by Portland composer Charles Rose. A pre-concert event includes art, poetry, adult beverages and a talk by classics scholar Ellen Greene. Cost: \$5.49-\$46.90. The Historic Old Madeleine Church, 3123 N.E. 24th Ave., 503-283-2913, <https://www.inmulieribus.org>

[inmulieribus.org](http://www.inmulieribus.org)

VIOLIN SQUARED

April 20. Doors 6 p.m. Show 7 p.m. This 45th Parallel concert features violin works in a new series commissioned by Greg Ewer from composer Kenji Bunch. In addition, Portland visual artist Theresa Bear's projected artwork will unfold throughout the concert. Ages: 21 and over. Cost: General, \$30; senior \$20. Polaris Hall, 635 N. Killingsworth Court, 463-242-6237, [www.45thparallelpdx.org](http://www.45thparallelpdx.org)

INGENERAL

FOOD COURT 5000: MALL WALK

Sundays. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Strut, sweat,



New parent or expecting? The Mother & Child Education Center workshop will ease your fears and offer valuable resources. (Mother & Child Education Center)

repeat. Here's a group fitness class that doesn't take itself too seriously. Food Court 5000 is a retro-fitness mall power-walk that's part workout, part performance meant to spread joy and celebrate movement and community. Cost: Free. Bring water. Costumes are optional but attendees are encouraged to channel '80s styles — headbands, leg warmers, windbreakers, fanny packs. All ages welcome. Meet host Vera Mysteria at the food court. Lloyd Center, 2201 Lloyd Center, <https://mailchi.mp/f989cd62e464/food-court-5000>

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Above: Enjoy music all month long during the Classical Up Close Festival, featuring Oregon Symphony musicians at venues around town. (Classical Up Close)

Right: Get your feet moving during "Mallets of Mass Percussion," a showcase of marimba bands April 11. There will also be food an African market and raffle. (MyLinda King)



last much longer. Head out early this month to ooh and aah before the flowers reach their peak. A couple of good spots to ogle the pink petals are at Mount Tabor Park, Southeast 60th Avenue and Salmon Street, and at the quad in front of Dundon-Berchtold Hall at the University of Portland. North Willamette Boulevard and Main Drive.

**KNIT FOR FOOD KNIT-A-THON**

April 11. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Puddletown Knitters Guild is planning a local effort in support of the national Knit for Food Knit-a-Thon, a crafting event in support of organizations feeding the hungry. All funds raised will be equally divided between Feeding America, World Central Kitchen, No Kid Hungry and Meals on Wheels. Join the knitters for any amount of time. Fundraising for Knit for Food is encouraged but not required. You may seek donations independently or join the Puddletown Knitters Guild team. Cost: Free. Rose City Park Presbyterian Church Library, 1907 N.E. 45th Ave., 971-295-6995, rosecityparkpres.org

**SPRING NEW PARENT WORKSHOP**

April 11. 2:30-4:30 p.m. The Mother & Child Education Center provides hands-on help for parents who are expecting or have a child 6 months or younger. This workshop offers resources and education on a range of topics, from diaper changing, bathtime basics and postpartum planning to car-seat safety. Meet other new parents, speak with a doula and learn from experienced professionals. Cost: Free, register at https://

tinyurl.com/4tnp9wc8. Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, 1907 N.E. 45th Ave., 503-282-9065, rosecityparkpres.org

**BEACH SCHOOL AUCTION**

April 13-19 (online); April 25 (in-person). Support Beach School through the online auction or in-person 21-and-older event with buffet dinner and bottomless drinks. The auction is the school's biggest fundraiser of the year, with proceeds going toward SUN Community School, which offers free after-school enrichment programs, teacher mini-grants, field trips and financial help to students/families in need. Questions? Email Rebecca and Millie at BCU. Fundraising@gmail.com; https://beachpta.membershiptoolkit.com/auction. Rossi Farms, 3839 N.E. 122nd Ave., 503-737-9994.

**CONNECT WITH CULLY NEIGHBORS**

April 14. 6-8 p.m. Cully Association of Neighbors (CAN) invited people to connect, hear local updates and learn ways to get involved. The evening will also include board elections, offering community members the chance to join a group working to create positive change at the neighborhood level. Saxali Community Space, 4636 N.E. 42nd Ave., Suite B, or join online via Zoom. Cullyneighbors.org

**HOLLYWOOD WALKING TOUR**

April 16. 10 a.m.-noon. The namesake for this Northeast Portland neighborhood is the iconic Hollywood Theatre, which opened in 1926. Beyond the theater lies

a blend of residential and commercial architecture. This walk explores both sides of Sandy Boulevard, where you'll see historic structures, along with the impacts of ongoing redevelopment. Cost: \$35 general; \$20 AHC members. Space is limited. Preregistration is required. Architectural Heritage Center, 701 S.E. Grand Ave. https://tinyurl.com/2hphvccb

**BENEFIT PLANT SALE**

April 18-19. 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Find a variety of landscaping shrubs (\$20 for 3-5 gallon) and small trees (\$60) at this spring pop-up plant sale. Twenty percent of all proceeds will go to Northeast Village PDX. Arrangements can be made for tree delivery and installation. Plants and expert advice provided by Dean Fagan, owner of Vivero Plant Nursery. Northeast Community Center parking lot, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave., 503-479-7061

**TABOR NEIGHBORS YARD SALE**

April 18. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Locations across the

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Wednesday, April 8  
**DRAG QUEEN BINGO w/ POISON WATERS**  
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Saturday, April 11  
**OPERA ON TAP PORTLAND**  
7pm - Free - 21 & over

Sunday, April 19  
**LOOSEWIG JAZZ SERIES**  
hosted by BRENT FOLLIS  
7pm - \$20 adults, \$10 students

Monday, April 27  
**HISTORY PUB**  
7pm - \$5 adv, \$6 at door

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**GULCH'S TULIP, OTHER FLOWERING TREES**

April 19. 1-2:30 p.m. With the arrival of spring, the trees are starting to bud and flower. Join this walk led by arborist Biz Miller to learn about flowering trees and the neighborhood's two heritage tulip trees. Cost: Free. Limit 15; sign-up details will be available in early April. <https://tinyurl.com/mv2wnz3d>

**COUNTING CROWS**

April 22. Doors 6 p.m. Show 7-8:30 p.m. Raucous and recognizable, most Portlanders see crows every day, yet they are still so mysterious and captivating. Brodie Cass Talbott with the Bird Alliance of Oregon explores what makes the American crow so special in this lecture that is part of the Science on Tap series. Minors OK accompanied by an adult. Cost: \$31.25-\$52.75 (includes fee and taxes). Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., 503-719-6055, [albertarose theatre.com](http://albertarose theatre.com)

**TABOR CLEANUP, BULKY WASTE COLLECTION**

April 25. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Connect with neighbors while responsibly disposing of small electronics and bulky waste at this annual cleanup event. One person's trash is another's treasure — there will also be

a designated reuse area where items are available for visitors to take home. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2ydjdh4z> for details on what will be accepted. 4700 S.E. Stark St.

**CUTTING-EDGE DEMO FOR KOREAN CUISINE**

April 25. 11 a.m.-noon. Steelport Knife Co., a local manufacturer of handcrafted cutlery and kitchen tools that uses premium materials and traditional forging techniques, welcomes Chef Peter Cho of Han Oak. Cho will demonstrate knife skills for Korean cuisine and will prepare samples of a dish that will be shared. Cost: Free; no reservations required. The factory is open to the public from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Steelport Knife Co., 3602 N.E. Sandy Blvd., Suite B, 503-498-8132, [steelportknife.com](http://steelportknife.com)

**SAVE A LIFE; GIVE BLOOD**

April 29. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Portland Hollywood Lions will host its semi-annual blood drive. Schedule an appointment with Dan Norton at 503-720-6557 or with the Red Cross at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org). Rose City Park Presbyterian Church, 1907 N.E. 45th Ave., Enter on Northeast 44th Avenue.

**CREATE AN EDIBLE LANDSCAPE**

April 30. 6-8:30 p.m. This workshop will teach how to incorporate edible plants into your landscape. From annual veggies and herbs to perennial berries and fruit trees, learn design tips, how to attract beneficial insects to your garden, ways to create fertile soil and how to conserve water. Cost: Free, but registration required; visit <https://tinyurl.com/3smx82fy>. Leikam Brewing, 5812 E. Burnside St.

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- Inspect the washing machine hoses for cracks and dry vent for lint buildup
- Clean air ducts
- Clean gutters and downspouts to ensure water is diverted away from your foundation
- Inspect wooden decks, railings and trim for rot
- Trim trees and shrubs that are up against your house to prevent damage to the siding and roof
- Pressure wash driveways, walkways and sidewalks to avoid moss and grime build up
- Check your sprinkler system to make sure it is in good working order
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