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## Retired psychologist attempts to resurrect a 1924 Citroen Cabriolet

By Lee Braymen-Cleary  
The Southwest Portland Post

As some of us envision a Citroen, that French automobile that rolled out of the Parisian factory year after year since 1919, you might say the car is an acquired taste.

But local resident Robert Weisman, Ph. D., a seemingly mellow retired psychologist is more knowledgeable. He has owned two of these exotic Parisians and maintains a Citroen Club membership.

Weisman knows, for instance, that the earlier models—the Type As and Type Cs from 1919 to 1926—did not have that “other worldly” look about them.

The smallish, Type C was dubbed a lady’s car, not only because of its size, which facilitated easier maneuvering, but also because it had a built-in electric starter added to the standard front starting crank.

Thus post-World War I ladies did not need to strain themselves. Too, since the car’s thin tires with

unusually large radii rendered it good for puddle jumping, Type C became a favorite among doctors making house calls.

Weisman said he estimates that today only 200 of these 90-year-old French heirlooms exist worldwide and that there are “fewer than a handful” extant in the United States.

And it is the then-popular 1924 Type C Cabriolet Weisman chose to resurrect, piece by rusty piece, missing piece by missing piece.

This particular two-seat model convertible had not been driven for 30 years; moreover, it had been dis-



Bob Weisman sitting at the wheel of the 1924 Citroen Cabriolet he rebuilt during the first years of his retirement. It is only recently finished, and it is the first time he's put the top down.



Bob Weisman's nearly complete "Lazarus" Citroen Cabriolet. (Post photos by Lee Braymen-Cleary)

assembled even longer. What could Weisman do but christen his newly purchased rust-shrouded heap of parts “Lazarus?”

Citroen aficionado or not, why did Weisman take on Lazarus? “I’ve never been around vintage cars,”  
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## City budget hearing includes requests for several Southwest projects

By Erik Vidstrand  
The Southwest Portland Post

The Portland City Council was on hand at Portland Community College’s Sylvania Campus last month for the first of three community-wide budget hearings. Mayor Charlie Hales’ budget priorities for fiscal year 2014-15 were proposed.

The budget is approximately \$3.6 billion with total program expenditures, such as personnel, materials and services, and capital outlay, of \$1.7 billion.

General fund bureaus were not required to submit reduction packages. Due to limited new resources, bureaus were directed to only ask for critical needs or for enhancements that improve ser-

vices in the following areas: emergency preparedness, complete neighborhoods, and homelessness and hunger.

The Bureau of Emergency Management’s Sears Facility, on Multnomah Boulevard, was allocated \$2.9 million for renovations involving the development of meeting space and storage of emergency equipment.

Neighborhoods would convert seasonal park workers to full-time and investment in SUN schools for a total of \$1.8 million.

Allocations for five Southwest projects were also proposed. This includes the April Hill Park trail grant match, Southwest Portland trail expansion, Spring Garden Park improvements, and the South Waterfront Greenway Trail.

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## Merchants raise funds for Portland Police K-9 unit

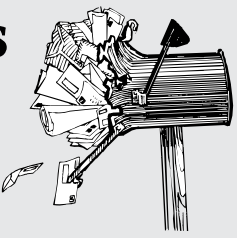
Jason Lensch and Jennifer Robinson, co-chairs of the Multnomah Village Business Association, have assembled donation boxes for the fallen K-9 police dog who lost his life protecting Portland Police officer Jeff Dorn. Early on April 16, police were pursuing three burglary suspects in the Multnomah area when one of them shot and killed Mick, a two-year old purebred German Shepherd. Donation boxes can be found throughout village businesses in early May. All proceeds will go directly to the Portland Police Bureau K-9 Unit.  
(Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

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# Letters to the Editor



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## Why aren't there any ADA accessible parking spots in Multnomah Village?

We were told the sidewalks in Multnomah were changed to meet [Americans with Disabilities Act] requirements. Why then is there only one handicapped parking spot in the Village?

Perhaps someone can investigate. How can this be ADA compliant?

Nancy Carlen  
Southwest Idaho Terrace

**Editor's Note:** Thank you for your letter, Nancy. I relayed your questions to Diane Dulken, media relations manager with the Portland Bureau of Transportation. Here was her response:

Before the project, there was one van-accessible ADA parking space located on the southwest corner of the block that had been installed in 1999 at the request of the adjacent property owner.

As part of the Multnomah Green Street Project, the city replaced that ADA parking space with the one

the reader is referencing. In addition, PBOT is planning to install an extra parking space west of the new ADA parking space and it will be van-accessible.

These additions were made after extensive public and business outreach that was part of the project.

PBOT welcomes additional requests and feedback from the public.

If your reader wishes additional ADA parking or any modification to the existing one, the reader is welcome to contact Julie Roe in the Transportation Bureau's Disabled Parking Program at [disabledparking@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:disabledparking@portlandoregon.gov) or 503-823-5195 ext. 3.



This handicapped parking spot is located on the north side of Southwest Capitol Highway at 35th Avenue. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

## Vote 'no' on Measure 26-156

This ballot measure sets up a new government bureaucracy to manage water and sewer utilities in Portland. There is no guarantee that this new bureaucracy will reduce rates.

It may actually harm water quality by eliminating many of the watershed improvement projects that benefit our neighborhoods, such as planting native plants in place of invasive blackberries and ivy, and constructing storm water facilities that use natural systems to filter rainwater before it drains into our local creeks.

Many suggestions have been made by the City Club and others to improve operations in the existing bureaus.

Measure 26-156 is poorly structured and some provisions make no sense, creating more problems than it would solve. I urge you to vote "no" on Ballot Measure 26-156 on May 20.

Marianne Fitzgerald  
Ashcreek

## City should require builders to install sidewalks in front of new homes

No new taxes to create sidewalks. Yes to requiring builders and contractors to put in sidewalks in front of new homes. It is time for the city of Portland to stop giving out waivers that allow the builder to skip the sidewalk installation.

The logic until now has been to not require new home sidewalks because no sidewalks are on that

street, block etc. Every section of sidewalk already in place decreases the amount of area needed for sidewalks.

If every builder/contractor had put in sidewalks for houses built in the past 50 years, we would have less to complain about.

No new taxes! Be prudent with the funds that I already sent. Portland and Multnomah County residents are already over-taxed.

Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen  
Multnomah Village

## Bioswale in Multnomah Village isn't draining properly

**Editor's Note:** Walking in the village in early April, Post reporter Erik Vidstrand noticed that the bioswale (catch basin) on Southwest Capitol Highway at 36th Avenue was not draining. Vidstrand contacted the Linc Mann, spokesman for the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, for comment. Here is his response:

It was draining for a while after we removed the plants and topsoil. We think some of the restaurants in the area might be dumping washwater in the gutter that drains to the green street.

Sometimes washwater from food service establishments contains fats,

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Cars and trucks line up to drop off recycling at the annual SWNI spring cleanup. (Photo courtesy of Sharon Keast, SWNI)

## SWNI spring cleanup to be held May 10 at Portland Christian Center

By Lee Braymen-Cleary  
The Southwest Portland Post

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. is holding its annual spring cleanup May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Portland Christian Center at 5700 SW Dosch Road (near Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway).

This year's event is also a pilot project for Reuse Alliance. Generally, each spring the neighborhood coalition collects scrap metal, yard debris, wood and bulky waste.

This year the neighborhood coalition will also collect bicycles for the Community Cycling Center, household items for the Community Warehouse, electronics for Free

Geek and high quality building materials for Habitat for Humanity.

The spring cleanup provides Southwest residents with an ideal opportunity to tidy their homes and yards as well as serve greater community needs.

This year more volunteers are needed than ever. Some are needed to collect litter, direct traffic and help unload donated materials from cars and trucks into drop boxes.

Still other volunteers will be invaluable in collecting donated materials from those seniors and the disabled who cannot themselves transport them. For more information call 503-823-4592 or stop by the office (in the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy).



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## Free medical and dental clinic May 17 at Wilson High School

By Erik Vidstrand  
The Southwest Portland Post

A free medical and dental clinic will be held on Saturday, May 17, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Wilson High School. All services are free and open to the public without health insurance.

Southwest churches are collaborating with Compassion Connect, a nonprofit organization, to offer this one day compassion clinic. Hundreds of uninsured guests are expected to receive medical, dental, and chiropractic examinations.

Other services being offered include eye and foot care, haircuts, and social services. Free childcare will be provided.

Compassion Connect has organized similar clinics around Portland and the surrounding suburbs

since its inception in 2006. This would be the first of such clinics in Southwest.

Curt Lemrick, a dentist and co-organizer of the event, has performed volunteer dentistry at a number of these clinics and felt the desire to provide much-needed aid closer to his home.

"Without the benefit of insurance, the cost of basic dental treatment can be unaffordable for many," Lemrick said.

"There are people in our community who haven't been to the dentist in years for whatever reason. This clinic is being organized to help those people get the treatment they need."

"For many, Obamacare hasn't either kicked in, or people have had trouble enrolling," said Tom Barker, a member of Riversgate Church in (Continued on Page 6)

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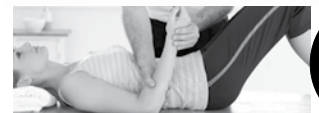
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# Ten things to do to start a community garden

## GARDEN MIND

By Rebecca Hart

In the four-plus years since I first published this primer on making a public garden, our culture has moved to a broader commitment to the essential act of growing our own food.

Whether to preserve organic integrity, to engage in “hands-on” activities, or to get to know our neighbors, for many folks a community garden space is a great solution.

However, it's not always clear how to move forward with success. Here are my suggestions for starting a community garden in your neighborhood:

**1. Gather like-minded people and organize into a group.** When the plot is located and you are ready to begin, apportion and delegate tasks. For tips on organizing a garden community, writing a compact for the group, formulating rules, allocating plots and so on, google community gardens, local extension offices, or inquire of other local groups.

**2. Locate suitable land with access to water and electricity.** You'll need fencing to keep out four-legged marauders. Vacant lots, schoolyards, retirement homes and churchyards are all potential sites. Get permission from property owners, in the form of a written agreement (it doesn't need to be fancy to be binding).

**3. Plan and design your garden carefully.** Gardens need full sun for a minimum of six to eight hours a day. Consider how big a plot for each family. When laying out plots

be sure to leave enough space for paths for walking and trundling wheelbarrows or carts. Remember: most gardens grow in under six months; typically from May, after last frost and when soil has dried out from spring rains, through October, or first killing frost.

**4. Explain clearly the work and commitment involved.** It takes hard work to grow plants successfully and to make sure everyone commits to sharing the labor. Inventory the skills of members. Ask neighborhood gardeners to share their experience. For good basic information on plants, see websites of groups like one popular community garden group (see footnote #1).

**5. Decide whether your garden will be organic, natural or “anything goes.”** Incorporate this essential decision into your contract rules. Compost pile? Educate members about how carbon- and nitrogen-based compost differs; also explain what does **not** go into the pile. One of the best discussions on the role of bacteria-enriched compost can be found in Wendy Johnson's book (see footnote #2).

**6. Barter where you can to cut expenses.** If you need a toolshed built, trade produce for carpentry skills. Scour yard sales. Need to raise money for fencing or building materials? Create a fundraiser tailored your needs. Ask local business for contributions; nothing ventured, nothing gained!

**7. Assemble tools and supplies: hoses, couplings, sprinklers, watering devices, wheelbarrows.** Decide which tools and supplies are for communal use. Are new soil or amendments necessary. It's much less expensive in truckloads! (You



Gardening with children or grandchildren fosters communications and offers an opportunity to work toward a common goal.

(Photo courtesy of Oregon Public Health Institute)

may be able to go in on shares with private gardens.)

**8. Write down your garden's goals and record the progress in a garden journal.** Set up a website. Tweet and blog your successes! Spread the word to local media outlets. Ask farmers at your local farmers' market for expert advice on problems you're having with your crop. Chances are pretty good that your problem is not unique and that you will find a solution. See footnote #3, if you live in an urban area.

**9. Share your produce.** Plant extra! Encourage neighbors to join you next season. According to figures, one in six Americans faced hunger in 2013; many relied on food pantries to help sustain their families. Plant more than you need and regularly harvest and donate your surplus (see footnote #4).

**10. Get to work now!** If you can't begin a garden now, it is still a good time to plan. FYI: Grants are available for getting a garden started or for taking gardens to another level. For more ideas, see footnote #5.

It may take more than one season to get things underway, but don't fret that our pre-growing season is

upon us if you aren't ready.

It is my hope that this short primer helps get spaces designated so that food and flowers can be grown by anyone who wants to.

Food can be grown almost anywhere, once basic plant needs are understood. Let's get the 'place' to grow in place first. Happy gardening and happy eating!

1. Additional information on starting a garden: [www.communitygarden.org](http://www.communitygarden.org).

2. “Gardening at the Dragon's Gate” by Wendy Johnson ([www.gardeningatthedragonsgate.com](http://www.gardeningatthedragonsgate.com))

3. For information on urban community gardens, visit [www.foodsecurity.org/urbanag](http://www.foodsecurity.org/urbanag).

4. [www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/hunger-facts.aspx](http://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/hunger-facts.aspx)

5. Visit [www.kidsgardening.org](http://www.kidsgardening.org) for lots of ideas for gardening with children.

“Ten things to do to start a community garden,” is a mash-up of an article the author first wrote for *The Nation*, published Sept. 21, 2009. Reprinted in *Huffington Post*, Oct. 20, 2009 and *Pathways to Family Wellness*, Winter 2011.



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### Citroen Cabriolet

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he recalls, “but I was retiring and needed a large project to take up a lot of my time and thought.”

“From some psychology reading of years ago, I learned you can get a lot of satisfaction from undertaking a creative project and that time can fly,” Weisman explained.

“Years ago, I rebuilt a couple of engines and even longer ago upgraded very early home dialysis machines for the University Hospital in Denver. I figured those activities would certainly help.”

They helped alright. Still, what Weisman calls his “magnum opus of mechanics” figuratively threw wrenches into his project many, many times, to the point where he nearly gave up.

Unlike most cars, for instance, Lazarus and his Type C kin have wooden bodies. This body, not large, but more the size of a small rowboat with a pointed rear, put on the brakes of progress because it was dry-rotted out.

He’d have to completely create one. “Rebuilding a wooden chassis without specifications was extremely difficult.” However exasperated he found himself mid-task,

Another of the project’s many cliffhangers involved a missing drive shaft gear. They are no longer made, you see.

Yet again Weisman was not pre-

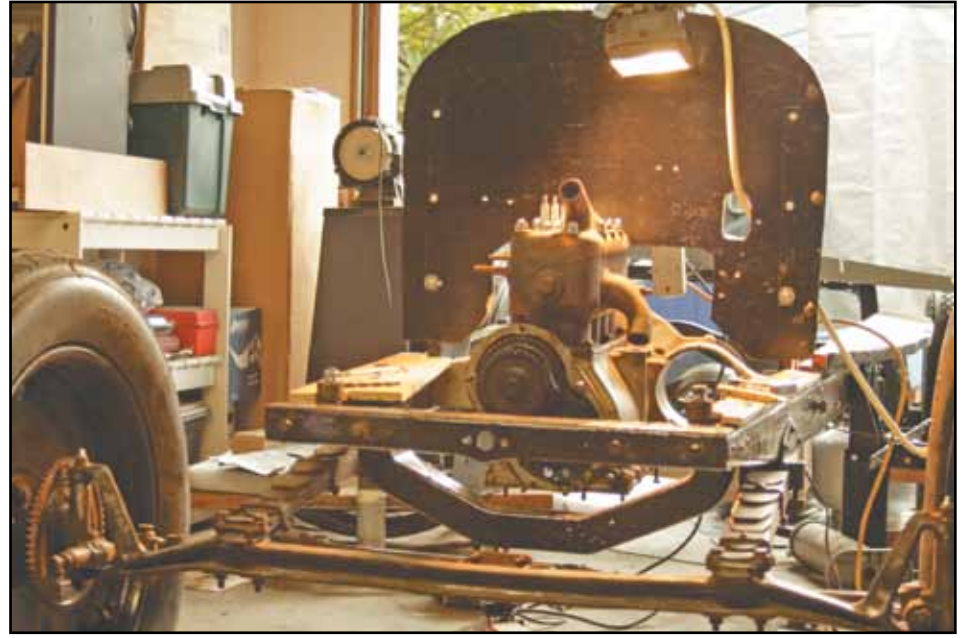
pared to throw in the towel. So he contacted a local foundry to make the gear. “Yes,” said the maker of many things metal, “I can do it for you. It will cost you \$25,000. But once I have created the die, I can sell you a second one for \$50.”

As many people would, Weisman found this too much to pay, in fact, way too much. So after all of his meticulous work, our vintage car mechanic gave up. Lazarus could not rise again.

Weisman, adopted a philosophically rueful stance on having had learned many things, including, for what it was worth, that a local hardware store situated a stone’s throw from his house is the best place to buy metric fasteners.

One stalled year slipped by before serendipity crossed Weisman’s path like a white cat: In France with his wife, artist and photographer Ruth Ross, Weisman located a man in Bordeaux whose father had owned a Type C. The son was parting out that ancient rig, and amazingly, Weisman was able to buy an old differential with that requisite gear still in it—and for fraction of the cost of a foundry-made one.

Hallelujah! The game was again afoot and posing myriad additional challenges, things like a dashboard covered with green house paint which, when removed, revealed beautifully preserved



The initial assembly process resulted in a restored Citroen C3 Cabriolet structure, slightly smaller than other Citroen C3's of its day. (Photo courtesy of Ruth Ross)

mahogany.

Then, of course, there was the cloth top hanging in “rags of time” status; it needed fashioning from scratch. Weisman still raves about the small miracle a local automotive upholsterer did to create a water-tight, detailed, dark green, nearly black top.

Now, seven years later, Lazarus has almost risen from obscurity and decay, donning beautiful dark green wheels and a key-lime-pie-colored body. Soon, we will see that miraculous French treasure thread its way through the com-

munity, running on regular, pulling 40 miles per gallon. There is one more glitch, though, just one: a lousy gas pedal. Oh, the labors of love! Then, voila!

When asked if he would like to sell the car, the answer was “no.” Then would he like to raise another Citroen spirit from the dead, create “Magnum Opus Mechanical II?” Weisman minced no words: “No.”

If we’re lucky, Lazarus will rise completely, just in time for the Multnomah Days Parade in August. So much depends on that sleepy gas pedal.



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## Water Main Construction Scheduled in SW Hillsdale Neighborhood

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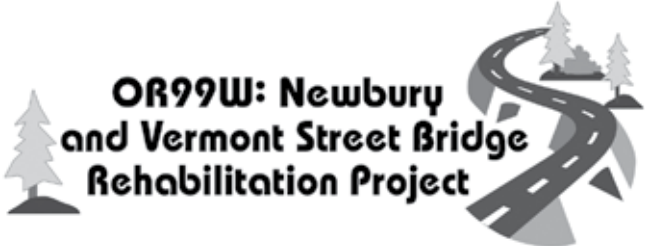


**Phase 2 of the SW Carolina Mains Project** is scheduled to start in June-July 2014. Contractors will install 3,400 feet of new 24-inch diameter pipe from the intersection of SW Burlingame Avenue and SW Chestnut Street, north along SW Burlingame Avenue, then turn east on SW Burlingame Terrace down to SW Terwilliger Boulevard. Once on SW Terwilliger Boulevard, the construction will continue north until the traffic island at SW Capitol Highway where new underground vaults will be installed. The project will take approximately 8-9 months to complete.

The **Bertha Service Area Improvement project** is scheduled to start in June-July 2014. Contractors will install approximately 2230 feet of 8” main and 375 feet of 4” main from the intersection of SW 14th Avenue and SW Westwood Drive down to SW Martha Street, across Martha Street, and up SW 18th Drive until just past the intersection with SW 18th Place.

Typical work hours for both projects will be 7:00 am to 6:00 pm, Monday – Friday, with the option of working on Saturdays. The project will take approximately 4-6 months to complete.

Please contact Terry Black, Public Outreach, at 503-823-1168 or terry.black@portlandoregon.gov with any questions. For updates and maps visit: [www.portlandoregon.gov/water/swcarolina](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/swcarolina) or [www.portlandoregon.gov/water/berthaarea](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/water/berthaarea)




### OR99W: Newbury and Vermont Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project

**Construction starts early this month on the Newbury and Vermont Street Bridges on Barbur Boulevard, near the Hillsdale exit. The project is expected to take four months.**

**Traffic will be reduced to one lane in one direction on one bridge at a time, around-the-clock, seven days a week. When a lane is closed on one bridge, the other will have all lanes open.**

**For more information on traffic impacts, visit the project website at: [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/Pages/newbury\\_vermont/index.aspx](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/Pages/newbury_vermont/index.aspx)**





## City budget hearing to include Southwest projects

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Permanent housing was budgeted \$1 million along with another \$3.5 million for the prevention of youth homelessness and housing investment.

According to Andrew Scott, the mayor's budget director, the economy is growing, not as fast, but business and property taxes are up.

"We had a one-time surplus of \$8 million to pay off city debt," Scott announced to a crowd of about 70 citizens.

"We're happy to say that we didn't have to ask any bureaus to cut their budgets this year."

All four city commissioners and the mayor were in attendance but none of them spoke or asked questions. The evening was allocated for community members to ask for additional discretionary funds.

Approximately 20 people were selected by random drawing to speak for a strict two-minute spot.

Funds were requested for retaining Outdoor School; scholarships for Student Connect (engaging youth to community college programs); and the mounted police patrol.

Beth Madison, principal of Robert Gray Middle School, asked for a one-time allocation for a "safe route to school" to be developed near Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. Madison said she had broken her elbow while walking down the steep ravine.

"The [current] route poses a difficult, dangerous way for my

students to get to the school," she said.

Don Baack, of SW Trails, requested funds for stairs, sidewalks, and a bridge to allow the new Stephens Creek Crossing (the new low-income housing development that replaced Hillsdale Terrace) residents to walk to school safely. Approximately 40-60 new students will be attending schools in the area.

Additional requests were made for retaining small community grants programs, watershed projects, and turning the Willamette Shore railroad right-of-way between Portland and Lake Oswego into a "trolley trail."

Mayor Hales has proposed a package of changes to urban renewal areas that are projected to produce an additional \$158 million of revenue to the taxing jurisdictions over the next 30 years.

If the package is approved, the city can expect to have an additional \$1.8 million in the general fund in fiscal year 2014-2015.

Community members will have future opportunities to weigh in on several more key hearings. On May 14, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., the utility rate hearing will be held at City Hall chambers. An additional budget hearing will be held on May 15 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at City Hall. The final budget approval will be held on May 28 from 9:30-10:15 a.m. at City Hall.

Adoption of the city budget is scheduled to take place on June 19 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall.

For more information, contact the city budget office at 503-823-6925 or visit [www.portlandoregon.gov/budget](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/budget).



This bioswale located on Southwest Capitol Highway at 36th Avenue isn't draining properly.

(Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

## Bioswale not draining well

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oils and grease and that stuff can actually form a layer on top of the soil that makes it difficult for water to infiltrate.

A member of our Pollution Prevention Services staff visited some businesses last week to talk about this. Sometimes people don't realize the problems this can cause and often when we explain it to them we'll see an improvement in facility operations.

We have hundreds of green streets and every now and then we'll put one in an area that has these kinds of issues. Sometimes people are not aware that green streets are part of the city's stormwater management infrastructure.

People occasionally dump trash in them, remove rocks that serve as check dams to slow the flow of runoff, and let their kids play in them.

Obviously, they aren't designed for any of that. In the meantime, I think there will be more repair work at this facility. I'll keep you posted.

## Free medical and dental clinic

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Multnomah Village.

Barker is coordinating the food with the help of local restaurants such as the Olive Garden, Food Front, Starbucks, and Le Cordon Bleu.

The organizers of Compassion Connect are mobilizing several hundred volunteers and are hoping for an equivalent number of guests. Interpreters will be available.

Due to the high demand of dental services, guests specifically seeking dental care are advised to arrive early to sign up and ensure an appointment at the clinic. Limited time slots are available and it is first come, first served.

If you are part of a social service, would like to volunteer, or sponsor a guest, please email [compassion-swpdx@gmail.com](mailto:compassion-swpdx@gmail.com) or visit [www.compassionsw.org](http://www.compassionsw.org).

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# East end of Multnomah Village becomes a trove of treasures

## THE COUNTRY STORE

By Erik Vidstrand  
The Southwest Portland Post

Several new businesses have surfaced in the village recently with most of the activity occurring at the east end of town. Some have dubbed it East Village—the area northeast of Lucky Lab on Capitol.

Mary Truitt's Little House of Treasures, located at 7435 SW Capitol Hwy, offers one-of-a-kind objects on consignment.

On the same side of the street, next to Village Hut, is Hum, Strum, and Drum, a music store featuring a colorful assortment of banjos, violins, guitars, basses, and ukuleles. Eventually the store will offer music lessons.

Across the street, construction has begun on the new Riversgate Church sanctuary and offices. Riversgate has been serving the community since 2003. The congregation of 300 uses the Multnomah Arts Center every Sunday. However, the administrative offices are on Troy Street.

"It'll be nice to have everything in one place," Pastor Jeff Golden explained at a recent village business association meeting.

"When we open [in the fall], there will be a space for the community to use and a small plaza will be out front as an additional gathering area."

Closer to the center of town Parsons Farm Stand, on the corner of Southwest 35th Avenue and Multnomah Boulevard, has reopened daily for the third year and will have a new neighbor on May 15: the Flying Fish Company fea-

turing fresh, Northwest seafood.

Right next door and sneaking into town without much fanfare, Lounge Lizard opened last fall. It took over the space occupied by Keith's Auto Service.

East of here, along Multnomah Boulevard, the city has been removing trees, adding sidewalks, and installing bioswales at a fast pace, yet construction is still due to be completed in early fall.

"Because traffic seems to fly by faster than the posted speed limit," said one Multnomah resident, "hopefully the construction on Multnomah Boulevard and these new businesses will slow everyone down a bit."

The Multnomah Village Business Association welcomes new members and meets the last Thursday of every month at O'Connor's annex, The Vault. For all the latest, please visit [www.multnomahvillage.org](http://www.multnomahvillage.org).



A variety of musical instruments can be found at Hum, Strum and Drum in Multnomah Village. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

## COMMUNITY LIFE

By Don Snedecor  
The Southwest Portland Post

**6 Portland Housing Plan:** The Portland Housing Bureau is holding a public hearing on their annual action plan Tuesday, May 6, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at 421 SW 6th Ave, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97204. Voice your opinion on rental housing, homelessness prevention, home ownership, affordable senior housing, home repair, and more. For more information contact the Portland Housing Bureau at 503-823-2375 or email [phbinfo@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:phbinfo@portlandoregon.gov).

**8 A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff:** Following an initial sold-out run

*A Kaddish for Bernie Madoff* is back for four encore performances presented by Boom Arts. Don't miss the chance to experience Alicia Jo Rabins's spellbinding narrative song cycle on the spiritual implications of the 2008 financial collapse, which one audience member called "the most significant performance I've ever seen in Portland." Performances will take place Thursday, May 8 through Sunday, May 11 at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall Studio Theatre, 1620 SW Park Avenue. Tickets are available now at [www.boomarts.org](http://www.boomarts.org). For more information contact Ruth Wikler-Luker, [ruth@boomarts.org](mailto:ruth@boomarts.org) or call 503-567-1644.

**14 Northwest Senior Theatre:** A musical variety show featuring songs from the fabulous

1920s, '30s, & '40s. Plus a salute to early radio. Popular songs include "On The Sunny Side Of The Street," "Are You Havin' Any Fun," "Happy Days Are Here Again," "Thanks For The Memories," and "Anything Goes." Performances at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday, May 14, 15, 16 and 17. Alpenrose Dairy Opera House, 6149 SW Shattuck Rd. Admission \$5.00 at the door. Open seating. Lots of free parking. Wheelchair/walker accessible. For more information call 503-227-2003, email [bettymer@comcast.net](mailto:bettymer@comcast.net) or visit [www.nwseniortheatre.org](http://www.nwseniortheatre.org).

**20 Spring Swap Meet:** Clean out those attics, basements, closets and more. Bring unused good stuff and you get to shop (all items are free). Also hosting toilet-

ries drive for Neighborhood House. Popular stuff in past includes clothing, toys, movies, electronics. Small items please. All leftovers will be donated to charity. Tuesday, May 20, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Garden Home Community Library, 7475 SW Oleson Rd. Portland, OR 97223. For more information call 503-245-9932 or visit [www.wccls.org](http://www.wccls.org).

**27 Free Foreign Film Night:** "Aliyah" was an official selection of the Cannes Film Festival's Directors' Fortnight. From France. 88 minutes. In French with English subtitles. Film shows Tuesday, May 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Garden Home Community Library, 7475 SW Oleson Rd. Portland, OR 97223. For more information call 503-245-9932 or visit [www.wccls.org](http://www.wccls.org).

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# Salon Dirk and Northwest Wools celebrate 25 years in business

By Erik Vidstrand  
The Southwest Portland Post

Jo-Anna Dirk, owner of Salon Dirk in Hillsdale, and Linda Berning, of Northwest Wools located in Multnomah Village, are both marking milestones this month as their businesses turn a quarter-of-a-century.

Salon Dirk, located next to Salvador Mollies, has been coifing customers since Ronald Reagan was just leaving the White House. Dirk grew up in the New York City metropolitan area knowing at a very early age she wanted to take care of people.

Since then, Dirk has trained and mentored many students coming right out of cosmetology school.

"I usually hire students," Dirk said. "But over the years, they come and go, especially the young ones."

Dirk was one of the first business owners to help shape the Hillsdale Business and Professional Association by getting grants and creating a business plan for the community.

Plans for the 25th anniversary are delayed due to a car crashing recently into the salon; no one was hurt.

"We were planning a celebration in April, but due to all the excitement," Dirk said, "we're planning on something soon."

When asked if she was retiring anytime soon to spend more time with her three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, she laughed and said, "When I die; I love my work."

Across town at Northwest Wools, long time owner, Linda Berning, is retiring. Located across from Key Bank, the wool shop recently hit the 25-year mark.

Northwest Wools is Portland's oldest yarn shop providing fiber, yarn, accessories, and instruction to local fiber artists. Portland has 18 yarn shops and has the largest number of yarn shops per capita in the world.

Northwest Wools has a large, loyal customer-based following due to Berning's dedication to creating a service-oriented environment. Berning has always told her staff that the shop is the 'Les Schwab' of yarn shops.

"If someone walks in with a fiber problem," Berning said, "our aim is to assist them whether they purchased the yarn from us or not. We even have a 100-year-old woman as a customer. Men are coming in as well working on projects for wives or girlfriends."

"Much of the yarn comes from local Oregon artists and independent dyers," Berning continued. "We call it 'farm-to-needle'".

Under the new ownership, Jackie Howard Kraybill plans to carry the shop forward for many years to come. Her first order of business is to hook the business into social



Jo-Anna Dirk, owner of Salon Dirk, is an icon colorist with seven years as a platform artist and educator for the Wella Corporation, and 10 years as a national educator for Paul Mitchell. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)



Jackie Howard Kraybill, current owner, and Linda Berning, retiring owner of Northwest Wools will hold a 25th anniversary party at First Friday in Multnomah Village. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

media and attract even more customers.

Northwest Wools will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on the upcoming First Friday in the Village and honor Berning. Wine, prizes, and a flamenco party will be featured.

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