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## BWNA Calendar of Events Community Events

**Friends of Beaumont Middle School  
Meet and Greet Volunteer Job Fair**  
Wednesday, November 13  
10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Beaumont Middle School  
Cafeteria  
(see article on page 1)

**City Council Hearing:  
Code Change Proposal 3.96**  
Thursday, November 14  
5:00-8:00 p.m.  
Portland City Hall,  
Council Chambers, 2nd Floor  
1221 SW 4th Avenue  
(see article on page 7)

**Friends of Wilshire Park Leaf  
Raking Service Project**  
Saturday, November 23  
1:30-6:30 p.m.  
Wilshire Park Pavilion  
(near toddler play area and  
NatureSpace; see article on  
page 13)

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## For family man Darren Stowell, it's back to the future with the Dutch Village building

by Mark Mohammadpour

*Editor's note: For months, a "For Lease" sign marred the iconic façade of the beloved "Dutch Village" building on NE Fremont Street and 41st Avenue, long a symbol of Beaumont Village (and inspiration for the BWNA logo displayed in the upper left-hand corner of this newsletter), until the property was finally purchased in the early fall from B-W neighborhood business couple John and Cleo Rumpakis by Darren Stowell, principal at TS5 Properties. So who is this new owner, and what are his plans for the building?*

**How long have you lived in this area?** We (Jodi and I) have lived in the Grant Park neighborhood for almost 12 years. We moved here in 2007 and started our family in 2009, which now includes our three kids (Isaac, 10; Levi, 8; and Bea, 5), who all attend Beverly Cleary School.

**What does your neighborhood mean to you personally?** This neighborhood is truly our home. When we moved here, we knew it would be an area that we would grow into. This is the neighborhood where we experienced our early years of marriage, and now it is the place where we are raising our family. We are committed to continuing to invest in our neighborhood, because we care and plan on being here a long time. Our kids are also very familiar with the shops on Fremont and look forward to Fremont Fest every year.

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## Magic number this year for Friends of Beaumont School is 100

by Dave Root and Peggy Haggard



*"It's really nice being able to have up-to-date books in the library that make current references to people and issues that are current right now. It's also really exciting to be able to get the next new book in a series just as it comes out."*  
Dani, Beaumont 7th grader

Believe it or not, 2001 is the average publication date of the book collection in the Beaumont Middle School Library. That means many of the books were printed before the students were born! Accordingly, Friends of Beaumont School (FoBS)—a volunteer service group of grandparents dedicated to enhancing school quality, from campus appearance to academic excellence—has as one of its prime objectives the modernization of the library's book collection through the "Honor with Books" program.

Last year FoBS fundraising resulted in the purchase of more than 20 new books, and this year's ambitious goal is to add an additional one hundred! To that end, FoBS is reaching out to the community for support, grateful for donations of any size, with every dollar going directly to the purchase of new books. A \$25 donation will purchase a new hardback, high-interest book for students, and donors can opt to honor someone special with a custom, student-designed bookplate placed in each purchased book

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## President's message

by Tim Hemstreet

## BWNA-BMS partnership a contributor to neighborhood livability

**B**eaumont Middle School (BMS) was the location for BWNA's October general membership meeting—an appropriate venue given the educational hub that BMS is to our neighborhood. Leading off the agenda was SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) Community School Coordinator Malcolm Parker, who provided an overview of the mission and purpose of the program he has headed at BMS since 2017. With the focus on educational success, enrichment, recreational opportunities, and social and health service support, Parker emphasized that the SUN program is not only beneficial for BMS students and parents, but for the local community as well.

We also heard from Marty Stockton of the BMS Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), who discussed different ways the PTA and BWNA might collaborate in the future, including hosting a neighborhood cleanup similar to those that occur in other neighborhoods, which could also benefit BMS students by providing volunteer opportunities. Cindy Marker then discussed her efforts with John Thomas to spruce up the BMS grounds and keep this focal point of our neighborhood looking good, benefiting teachers and students by enhancing their learning environment. Their efforts were profiled in the September-October newsletter.

Finally, Laura Queen, Portland Program Director of Sparrow Clubs, provided an inspirational media-assisted presentation

on the Sparrow program at BMS, in which students commit volunteer hours and raise funds for a child in medical need. Laura emphasized how transformative it is for children to help other children and learn empathy and compassion in the process. As publicized in the newsletter earlier this summer, BWNA became a BMS Sparrow sponsor last year and was an active participant at the Sparrow awards assembly.

Rounding out the meeting was a discussion of the current status of the Office of Community and Civic Life's (OCCL) 3.96 Code Change process, which may or may not wind its way to the city council on November 14 (read the related article on page 7 for details.) If the matter is taken up by the council on that date, it is uncertain if a vote will be taken or if the council will simply opt to learn more about the proposal and discuss the issues involved. Neighborhood association (NA) advocates and others interested in retaining Portland's model of neighborhood-based democracy are concerned that the proposal would result in OCCL terminating support for the NA system. I encourage you to voice your support for NAs to the city council and ask that a more inclusive process involving NAs be undertaken to consider code revisions. These revisions should expand the city's ability to hear from diverse stakeholders without eliminating a NA system that has contributed meaningfully to the livability of our city over many decades.

Best wishes for a happy holiday season.



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## Editor's notes

by Al Ellis

At the heart of the winter holiday spirit is the mitzvah of “outreach,” i.e., making that extra

effort to think and act inclusively during Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, and Christmas (the latter two, by the way, coinciding on the same week this year... so “Happy Chrismukah!” in advance.) But for neighborhood associations, “outreach” is a year-round essential, the key to sustainability, with newsletters like this one conveying a message that democracy-by-neighborhood is inclusive of all residents.

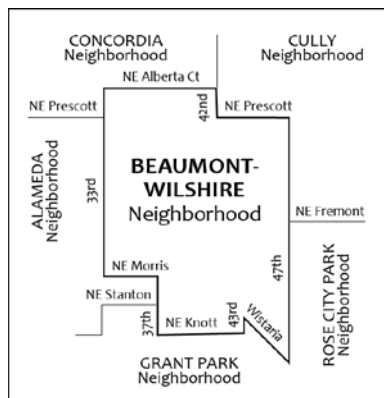
How ironic, then, that high on the list of criticisms leveled at neighborhood associations by Office of Community and Civic Life leadership (namely Commissioner Chloe Eudaly and Director Suk Rhee) is inattention to community outreach. Their mantra goes something like this: neighborhood association leaders will do whatever is expedient to protect turf and power, purposefully neglecting and marginalizing those with views and lifestyles differing from their own, particularly people of color, young renters, and residents from abroad who speak languages other than English. One major problem with these generalities: they're untrue. Trust me, the very last thing neighborhood association leaders like me want to see is less participation by any resident! Encouraging neighbors to attend general meetings, fill board positions, and serve on committees is the norm, not an anomaly.

Can we do better? Absolutely. And to that end, it would have made sense for the Office of Community and Civic Life (formerly the Office of Neighborhood Involvement!) to work collaboratively with neighborhood association leaders on the development of outreach programs rather than slamming the door shut. But it is what it is, and doctrinaire attitudes at Civic Life don't bode well for reconciliation unless there is an electoral regime change this spring.

Meanwhile, the BWNA board is moving forward on a program to reach out to one of our most underrepresented groups: apartment renters (Attention Chloe!). In the past, apartment buildings were almost non-existent in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood, but that changed with the construction of the Beaumont Village and Bridgetown apartment complexes on Fremont Street. BWNA's plan, approved at the October general meeting, is to purchase additional copies of the newsletter for dissemination to apartment dwellers in hopes of sparking both interest and involvement. Another nascent BWNA outreach initiative is to partner with the Beaumont Business Association (BBA) to welcome new residents to the neighborhood via greetings and goodie gift bags from BBA. Stay tuned!

We've also reached out from time to time to the B-W artistic community, most recently with a story about Portland Open Studios in the last issue. In connection with that article, my apology goes out to gifted wood image artist Jennifer Foran for misspelling her last name. Thanks for the heads-up, Jennifer. Accuracy matters.

Happy Holidays to you all, and a warm BWNA welcome to our two newest advertisers—**Bolt Fabric Boutique** and **Forever Strong**. Great to have you aboard!



## Calendar of Events (cont.)

### Community Events

#### Fremont Holiday Fest

Friday, December 6

1:30-6:30 p.m.

Fremont Street between 41st and 47th Ave.  
(see article on page 11)

#### 2020: A Vision of Clarity, Formal Dress New Year's Dance (BYOB and bring old eye glasses as a donation)

Tuesday, December 31

6:00-10:00 p.m.

Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny Street

For details and to RSVP: gerry.hubbard@gmail.com

### BWNA Meetings

#### Location and Time:

Bethany Lutheran Church

Corner of NE Skidmore and 37th

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Board meetings in Library Meeting Room  
(enter on 37th side of church)

General meetings and Friends of Wilshire  
Park committee meetings in Fellowship Hall  
(down walkway on Skidmore side)

**Monday, November 11:** Board Meeting

**Wednesday, November 13:** Friends of  
Wilshire Park Committee Meeting

**Monday, December 9:** General Meeting

**Wednesday, December 11:** Friends of  
Wilshire Park Committee Meeting

## BWNA Newsletter

### Submission Deadline

**Friday, December 13** (for the January-February newsletter)

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## Dutch Village building (continued)

**What prompted you to purchase the Dutch Village building?** It is an amazing building! I really enjoy investing in neighborhood assets that are truly a part of the community. I own a handful of properties on the inner east side of Portland and really enjoy the process of getting to know the neighborhood, understanding what the building needs, and putting time and resources into revitalizing and restoring historic buildings. This historic building is an exciting project for me, and I look forward to carrying on the tradition that Cleo and John Rumpakis started.



*Jodi and Darren Stowell with children (L to R) Isaac, Levi, and Bea. Darren recently purchased the Dutch Village building on NE Fremont Street at 41st Avenue. Photo provided by Darren Stowell*

**What plans do you have for the Dutch Village building?** My vision for the property is to revitalize the building by creating a true mixed-use community through restoring the second floor to its original use as apartments and bringing in a few new ambitious tenants. I look forward to working with the community, the Beaumont Business Association, and the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association to create a vibrant corner that continues to serve the neighborhood. I will also be

exploring putting the Dutch Village on the National Historic Registry.

We've seen Fremont Street evolve a lot in recent years—new shops, restaurants, and mixed-use buildings generating new interest in the neighborhood.

### ***How do you envision Fremont Street further evolving in the coming years?***

My hope is that NE Fremont Street continues to grow and become a destination spot for the surrounding neighborhoods. I am excited about the new businesses and buildings that have come in, as I think they have brought some new energy to the street. I really believe there is more room for growth, while maintaining the history, feel, and culture of the area. I

look forward to being part of the efforts to continue that growth and bring in more new businesses that provide the neighbors what they are looking for.

*Darren is speaking at the BWNA Board Meeting on November 11, which, as is the case with all BWNA meetings, is open to the public. See the Calendar of Events, BWNA Meetings, on page 3 for time and place.*

## Friends of Beaumont School book goal (continued)

(hence the title, “Honor with Books” program). The donor and honoree receive hand-written acknowledgment, with the donor recognized as a “100 Club” member.

Teacher Librarian Julie McMillan, who splits her week between two middle schools—Beaumont and Robert Gray—is the designated selector and purchaser of books for the Honor with Books program. Selection is based on student interests, with purchases made locally to keep donated money in the community. Julie is buoyed by the success of the program thus far: “We are really excited to have so many new books in our collection. The kids are requesting them faster than we can stamp and ready them for circulation!”

Interested in becoming a 100 Club donor? For instructions, go to either the school website ([www.pps.net/beaumont](http://www.pps.net/beaumont)) and click on the “Donations to the Library” link or go to the FoBS website ([www.friendsofbeatmontschool.org](http://www.friendsofbeatmontschool.org)). Contributions can be made by credit card or by check made out to Beaumont Middle

School (note “Honor with Books” in the memo) and mailed to the following address:

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Don't forget to let Julie know whom you've chosen as an honoree, mailing that information to the same address as checks.

On the way to the 100-new-books goal, Friends of Beaumont School hopes to attract new volunteers to assist with future Beaumont Middle School service projects. A Meet and Greet Volunteer Job Fair is scheduled for Wednesday, November 13 in the Beaumont Middle School cafeteria, from 10:00-11:00 a.m., with Principal Harriet Vimégnon and Assistant Principal Tonya Arnold in attendance. Interested in participating? If possible, please RSVP via the FoBS website by November 10.

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# Next stop for Civic Life's code change proposal: City Council?

by Al Ellis

Will the director of the Office of Community and Civic Life, Suk Rhee, go before the city council as anticipated on Thursday, November 14, to introduce the controversial "3.96 code change" proposal during a dedicated twilight session from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.? Or will Commissioner Chloe Eudaly, Rhee's boss, opt to yet again postpone the hearing (originally scheduled for September 3, then late September, then October)? Or will a majority of the city council (three votes) direct Eudaly and Rhee to scrap the code change proposal all together and go back to the drawing board? As of press time, the decision was still anyone's guess. This issue's Calendar of Events has a hearing listed for November 14, but should there be a change, go to the BWNA blog (i.e., home page of the BWNA website) [www.bwna.us](http://www.bwna.us) to read about it.

If adopted by the city council, the code change would end more than four decades of formal city recognition of neighborhood associations and possibly end insurance funding essential for neighborhood association community events and projects. Not surprisingly, neighborhood association activists and supporters strongly oppose the proposal in its current form. For insights into the BWNA board position on this issue, go to the BWNA blog and scroll down to "Letter to City Council from BWNA Board." Proponents of the proposal cite the "privileged status" in the code for neighborhood associations and welcome the inclusion of

"traditionally marginalized" community groups instead. Absent from the proposal, however, are criteria by which groups would qualify for inclusion, the number of groups to be included, and the process by which these and other related matters would be decided. The code change proposal does, however, specify the person who has the final say on all decisions: Civic Life's director.

The code change was crafted by Civic Life's staff after months of input from a 25-person Code Change Committee hand-picked by Commissioner Eudaly and Director Rhee. Almost totally absent from the committee's mix were neighborhood association leaders, who were neither briefed about the formation of the committee nor informed of the committee's predetermined objectives, including the elimination of any mention of neighborhood associations in the code. Incredulous over the lack of transparency in the process, neighborhood association leaders subsequently organized a Google Group that grew in size from half a dozen to over 30 representatives from various neighborhoods. Group members communicate online with each other and meet monthly for strategy sessions. Based on feedback from several group members who met with commissioners and the mayor, it became evident that Commissioner Eudaly did not have council support for the proposal, hence the multiple hearing postponements. The drama continues.

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# BBA bids adieu to Amy, welcomes Kathy as new District Organizer

by Susan Trabucco

Not uncommonly, life's journey takes twists and turns—some by choice, some by necessity. In Amy Hamdan's case, who's been District Organizer for the Beaumont Business Association for the last two years, the need to spend more time tending to the medical issues of her parents and assist her husband brand and market his mortgage loan business brought her to the end of her tenure with the BBA in late September.

## Amy Hamden departs

Amy leaves the business development organization in good stead, and with a great deal of BBA appreciation for her contributions. This year she was the recipient of the E. John & Cleo Rumpakis award, a new BBA award named after these longtime Beaumont-Wilshire business and property owners, civic and community improvement activists, and philanthropists.

"Amy was the first recipient of this award," said Andrew Frazier, BBA president and principal of Frazier Wealth Management in Beaumont Village. "It was presented to her because she did such an awesome job for the organization and in connecting with the community." Frazier cited some of Amy's successful efforts, which include a significant BBA membership increase, a reintroduction of the hanging flower basket program, public art installations, and the new "Fright Night" event that offered a little Halloween fun, complete with trick-or-treating and a haunted house.

In the spirit of community cooperation, Amy also served as the BBA representative at Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association meetings to collaborate on matters of mutual interest to the neighborhood and BBA businesses. (In a reciprocal arrangement, Al Ellis serves as BWNA board member representative at BBA meetings.)

Amy had a sincere fondness for her job, as she explained upon her departure.

"I don't think I've ever said I loved a job before, but I loved working for the BBA," she said. "It's my neighborhood, so I had a vested interest in making our events a success."



*Kathy Madore was recently hired for the role of Beaumont Business Association District Organizer. She's pictured here in Beaumont Village with Luke, her dog. Photo by Carl Madore*

As for her take on her replacement, Kathy Madore, at the helm, Amy is confident about Kathy's ability to expand the reach of the BBA, and announced enthusiastically, "She'll kill it!"

## Kathy Madore takes the reins

A Boston native, Kathy is no stranger to the neighborhood—she and her family have lived in the area for 24 years, leaving only for a two-year stint in Montreal for her husband's work. Her two kids, now ages 19 and 21, attended Alameda, Beaumont, and Grant schools. She knows the job brings challenges, but she's looking only at the positive.

"I was drawn to the variety the role offers," said Kathy. "I can do a great deal of work from the comfort of my home, but I also like being on the street meeting shopkeepers and getting the lowdown on what's going on."

With a professional background steeped in creative pursuits that include graphic design, four years at Wieden & Kennedy in advertising production and concept development, and five years as the volunteer newsletter producer for Beaumont Middle School, Kathy brings an array of talent to the district coordinator job.

"We're very excited to have Kathy on board," said Frazier. "The BBA board was most interested in finding someone to fill the district coordinator position who, like Amy, lives in the neighborhood and has established community relationships here."

Prior to even posting the position, Kathy's name came up, and early in hiring process she was interviewed and offered the job.

"Kathy is part of the neighborhood; her children attended school here, and she's known here," Frazier said. "Importantly, too," Frazier added, "Kathy is very organized, and we believe she'll add on to what Amy brought to us and take us where we want to go."





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# Fremont Holiday Fest brightens Beaumont Village the first Saturday in December

by Kathy Madore

Fremont Holiday Fest, proudly sponsored by the Beaumont Business Association (BBA), returns to Beaumont Village on December 6. The village will be bustling with carolers, activities, warm beverages, and a village tree. For little ones with an early bedtime, Santa and Mrs. Claus will be extending their hours this year! They will take appointments from 1:30-6:30 p.m. And thanks to Portland Fire & Rescue Station 28, the little ones can marvel at Santa and Mrs. Claus arriving in a shiny red fire truck! Reserved spots are

the only way to ensure a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and they fill quickly. Visit [www.beaumontvillagepdx.com](http://www.beaumontvillagepdx.com) to access the Santa and Mrs. Claus reservation link as well as activity updates.

The Beaumont Village business district loves hosting neighbors near and far, and Holiday Fest is the perfect time to take in all of the variety the street has to offer. Come join in on the holiday fun and explore festive Fremont while you're at it.



## Friends of Trees goal for Beaumont-Wilshire: 100 New Trees

by Janet Baker

Interested in helping to fight climate change, assist wildlife, and enhance the look of the neighborhood? Planting trees accomplishes all three. The U.S. Forest Service estimates neighborhoods with well-shaded streets can be 6 to 10 degrees cooler than neighborhoods without street trees; moreover, urban trees beautify our neighborhoods as well as provide habitat for birds and other wildlife.

A recent tree inventory of the Beaumont-Wilshire (B-W) neighborhood identified over 1,000 available spaces for trees in parking strips, 255 of which are six feet or wider without overhead electrical wires. These strips can accommodate larger tree species, which in turn provide the community with greater environmental and health benefits. But if the preference is for a tree-free parking strip, consider yard tree plantings as an alternative.

On April 4, 2020, Friends of Trees will be hosting a community tree-planting event in the B-W neighborhood, with the goal of filling at least 100 of those empty spaces with new trees. By planting with Friends of Trees, residents are offered a wide selection of

city-approved trees, sourced from local wholesale nurseries. With assistance from neighborhood volunteers, a 6- to 15-foot-tall tree is delivered, a hole dug, and subsequent maintenance checks and tree

care tips provided. The trees cost \$35 each, a fraction of what most nurseries charge. However, if affordability is a barrier, Friends of Trees also has a donation-funded tree scholarship fund to assist.

A Friends of Trees neighborhood event is more than just a way to increase the tree canopy; it's also an opportunity to bring neighbors

together to meet each other, learn more about the urban forest, and help improve the community. Beaumont-Wilshire residents are encouraged to sign up now on the Friends of Trees website ([www.friendsoftrees.org](http://www.friendsoftrees.org)). For answers to questions about Friends of Trees or the process of getting a tree, contact Michelle Yasutake (Friends of Trees Neighborhood Tree Specialist) at 503-467-2520. For general questions about B-W neighborhood tree planting and ways to involve schools, youth groups, or other community groups, contact Janet Baker at 503-288-3441.



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## B-W Behind the Scenes: Wilshire “Car” Park?

by John Sandie

Today’s Friends of Wilshire Park (FoWP) group is the latest incarnation of neighbors joining together to support the “33rd Street Woods” (as it was known in the 1920s) and preserve it as a community-shared nature space. One hundred years ago, when the 15-acre wooded area was part of the Jacob Kamm estate, a Portland city commissioner suggested converting the woods into an auto camp/tourist park. After years of local youth enjoying the natural area for their own creative exploration and play, neighbors joined in protest, submitting petitions and making passionate pleas for an alternative to commercialization. It only took a few days for the City of Portland to back down and support a park and playground concept as presented by neighbors. In 1926, the Wilshire Addition Community Club—a kind of early

neighborhood association and social club—made a proposal for the city to float a bond to fund the work. However, it wasn’t until 1933 that the city got serious about the plan and formed an agreement with the Kamm family to allow the property to be converted into a recreational park. Financial issues kept further formal city progress at bay until 1940, when the city finally purchased the land, but it wasn’t until the early 1950s that the actual clearing was completed and the ball fields constructed.

For more historical detail and pictures, go to the FoWP blog ([www.friendsofwilshirepark.org](http://www.friendsofwilshirepark.org)), click on Resources, and then on the link to the Alameda History blog, scrolling down to the Wilshire Park articles. It truly is a fascinating read.

## FoWP initiatives continue to enhance Wilshire Park

by Peter Mogielnicki and John Sandie

Residents of Beaumont-Wilshire and Alameda neighborhoods have made steady progress upgrading Wilshire Park, overcoming ongoing financial constraints experienced by Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) budget deficits. The grant-facilitated NatureSpace planted last fall has provided a peaceful spot for contemplation, logs for youngsters to balance on, and snacks for birds and pollinators. The new slide in the children’s play area installed shortly thereafter has been a hit with toddlers, and this fall, kids and adults watched as the PP&R staff installed a shiny new play vehicle. These welcome improvements are largely the result of a series of park enhancement initiatives launched through BWNA’s Friends of Wilshire Park (FoWP) committee, which first called public attention to the sorry condition of the play equipment three years ago, researched possible remedies in conjunction with PP&R, and then set about the ambitious task of raising thousands of dollars needed to get the ball rolling on long-overdue renovations and replacements.

FoWP leaders have been very encouraged by strong support from the community: “What is most remarkable is that **this has all been possible thanks to the generosity of local residents, businesses, and neighborhood associations.** Without these contributions none of this would have happened, and all of us who use the park owe those who have pitched in a big thank you! And we’re not done yet!!” Friends of Wilshire Park now has permission from PP&R to replace the toddler playhouse, and the fundraising campaign got off to a fast start. With an early rough estimate of \$20,000 for a newly purchased and installed structure, a quarter of that amount had been raised by

mid-October from a variety of donors (the youngest of whom is a five-year-old who was motivated to donate her entire life savings of \$39 in pennies from her piggy bank!). Assuming continued fundraising momentum, it’s feasible the toddler area could be enhanced by yet another new play structure in early 2020.

Interested in joining the effort? The FoWP committee meets across from the park at Bethany Lutheran Church (basement activity room on the Skidmore Street of the church) at 7:00 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month. Or if you don’t have the time or inclination to attend (and even if you do), consider mailing a check made out to Central Northeast Neighbors (BWNA’s coalition organization with 501c3 nonprofit status), 4415 NE 87th Avenue, Portland, Oregon, 97220, or go to the FoWP website ([www.friendsofwilshirepark.org](http://www.friendsofwilshirepark.org)) and click on the Donate button. And while on the website, check for information about opportunities **to volunteer your time** on various work details to maintain and improve the overall appearance and utility of the park. For example, on Saturday, November 23, FoWP is organizing to assist PP&R with leaf raking. PP&R Park Supervisor Mike Gross explains, “Late in November, after the turf becomes too saturated, it is more difficult to use heavy equipment on the grass, and more manual removal is needed.” Volunteers are asked to bring a bamboo or flexible-tined rake and meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Wilshire Park pavilion, between the toddlers play area and NatureSpace.

FoWP thanks you in advance for your dollar donations and volunteer help with the raking!



*This new play vehicle recently installed in the children's play area at Wilshire Park was made possible by the FoWP committee and the generosity of local residents, businesses, and neighborhood associations. Photo by John Sandie*



Winter holiday treat from Kathy's Kitchen!  
by Kathy Campbell

## Cranberry Brie Bites

1 8-oz. tube crescent dough  
1 8-oz. roll of brie cheese

½ c whole berry cranberry sauce  
6 sprigs rosemary, cut into 1" pieces

Cooking spray for pan  
Flour for rolling surface

Preheat oven to 375° and spray a mini muffin tin with cooking spray. On a lightly floured surface, roll out crescent dough and pinch together seams. Cut into 24 squares. Place squares into muffin tin slots.

Cut brie into small pieces and place inside the crescent dough. Top with a spoonful of cranberry sauce. Bake until the crescent pastry is golden, about 15 minutes. Place a sprig of rosemary on the top before serving.



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# Take it to the bank with upbeat, community-anchored Clint Elliott

by Al Ellis

This issue's advertiser profile interview is with Clint Elliott, assistant VP and mortgage consultant in the residential lending department at Union Bank on the corner of NE Fremont and 24th. In addition to his responsibilities at the bank, Clint serves on the Beaumont Business Association (BBA) board.

*Where did you grow up, and what were your interests as a kid?*

Clint grew up in the desert heat of Tucson, Arizona, but that never slowed him down. He was an ardent athlete engaging in an array of sports and an avid motorcyclist taking advantage of the natural terrain. ("There are a ton of great places to ride there!").

*When did you decide to become a banker and why?*

The catalyst for Clint's career path epiphany was a good friend whose enthusiasm for helping people realize their dreams of home ownership made a lasting impression: "He loved it so much that I decided that I had to give it a try, and he was right! Sixteen years later, it is an honor helping people get the keys to their dream home. Home ownership represents so many different things to so many different people, and it is amazing to get to be a part of that journey."

*What drew you to work at Union Bank?*

It was an easy decision for Clint, having done his personal banking at Union Bank for many years, during which the quality, variety, and affordability of services stood out above the rest for him: "We are a great regional bank, just named 'Best of the West' by Kiplinger's magazine! I love the loan programs and great rates that I



*Clint Elliott, assistant VP and mortgage consultant in the residential lending department at Union Bank on NE Fremont Street, also serves on the board of the Beaumont Business Association.*

am able to offer clients because we loan our own money."

*What do you enjoy most about working where you do?*

Living in northeast Portland, Clint gets satisfaction from being able to serve as a resource to his friends and neighbors in the community. And it certainly doesn't hurt that his bank office is just across the street from the popular Lucca restaurant: "Everyone in Northeast knows right where we are, which makes me easy to find!"

*What are your interests away from work?*

Free time is a precious commodity for Clint, and for him there's no better way to spend it than with his wife and three

children, ages 12, 16, and 19: "We are always up to something, whether it be fishing, golfing, or doing projects around the house... never a shortage of things to do!"

*What motivated you to join the BBA Board, and what do you hope to see accomplished for the Beaumont Business District?*

Clint volunteered to be on the BBA board to help contribute to the evolution of Fremont Street as a nexus for social activity and retail vitality: "I joined because I wanted to be involved in making the Beaumont Business District a place where the community wants to come, hang out, and get to know each other. The thing I love about Portland is that there are so many micro towns within the city that people can walk or ride their bikes to. They can spend time with their friends and family, get to know the shopkeepers at their favorite places, and feel connected. Fremont Street embodies that spirit, and it's amazing to be a small part of that. I hope to continue what those before me have started and make our district the talk of the town!"

## Calling all Volunteers!



BWNA has volunteer opportunities to suit every interest! From serving on the board to delivering the newsletter to reporting/article writing to offering your neighbor a hand or helping to maintain and beautify Wilshire Park, there's much work to be done to keep our neighborhood strong. Want to know more? Contact Al Ellis (editor@bwna.us) and get involved!



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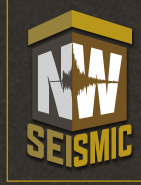


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