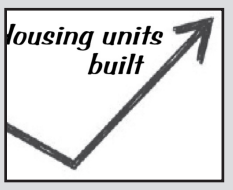
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Broken housing system

Someone else to blame



By Allan Classen

Portland's public housing system is broken, and the people closest to it are well aware of its failings and the burden it places on surrounding neighborhoods.

Their conclusion: Keep building more projects and hope forces outside their control tackle the inscrutable affordable housing crisis.

That was the takeaway from an intense exchange last month between five HomeForward managers and the Pearl District Neighborhood Association board, a meeting necessitated by a subject almost beside the point: the design review requirement woven into Central City projects.

HomeForward is proposing a 14-story, 219-unit apartment building at Northwest Ninth and Johnson streets on the former U.S. Postal Service property, and the agency must engage the neighborhood association in discussion about its plans.

Portland's housing agency brought a team to the Sept. 10 meeting, where for nearly an hour residents battered the delegation with questions and criticisms on topics having no easy answers.

It's not the building's size, style or configuration that

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Above: Neighbors say mismanagement of HomeForward's Pearl Court has made the adjacent Jamison Square a nightmare.

Far left: HomeForward plans to build a 14-story, 219-unit low-income apartment building at Northwest Ninth and Johnson streets.

Portland neighborhood system searches for new vision

Adam Lyons has lonely job at once-prominent agency

By Allan Classen

In past decades, about 20 employees filled the downtown headquarters of Portland's pioneering neighborhood association program.

Now it is just Adam Lyons.

"I am the program right now," Lyons told the NW Examiner.

Lyons has a cubicle in a sprawling—though mostly empty—floor in the Portland Building, about 30 square feet reflecting the diminished status of neighborhoods in City Hall.

His title, under a contract that ends in June, is interim district and neighborhood liaison.

If the program is to grow, it may first need to redefine its mission.

The former chief executive of the Office

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Adam Lyons' Portland Building cubicle is the only office presence of the once-influential neighborhood program.

City Council debate canceled after Green ultimatum



By Allan Classen

Our plans for an authentic debate between the four serious contenders in City Council District 4 on Oct. 5 have been thwarted. The debate has been canceled.

Ultimately, the decision was made after The Armory notified us that the only type of political event they as a charitable non-profit could host would have to include all qualified candidates. There are 12.

Plans began to unwind when Councilor Mitch Green pulled out of the debate because two similarly aligned candidates had not been invited to participate.

Weeks after previously confirming that conditions for his participation were "perfect," he made a demand: "If you want my participation in this event, you need to extend an invite to Jamey and Jeremy," Green wrote in a Sept. 28 email.

He was referring to Jamey Evenstar and Jeremy Beauso-

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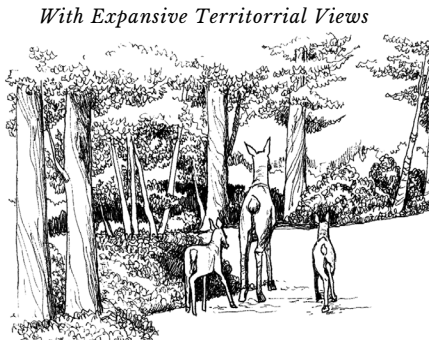


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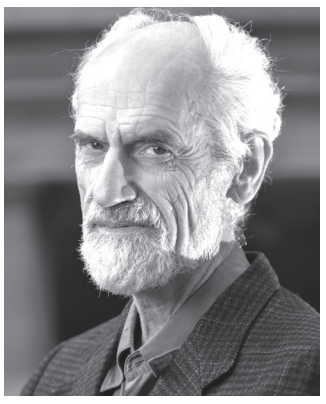
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Editor's Turn

BY ALLAN CLASSEN | EDITOR & PUBLISHER

Housing shortage: Who's counting?

Mayoral candidate Keith Wilson's promised solution to Portland's homelessness problem was keyed on creating 1,500 more overnight shelter beds by Dec. 1, 2025. By his count, he reached the goal by pushing hard against local resistance to siting those shelters in the Pearl District and other residential areas.

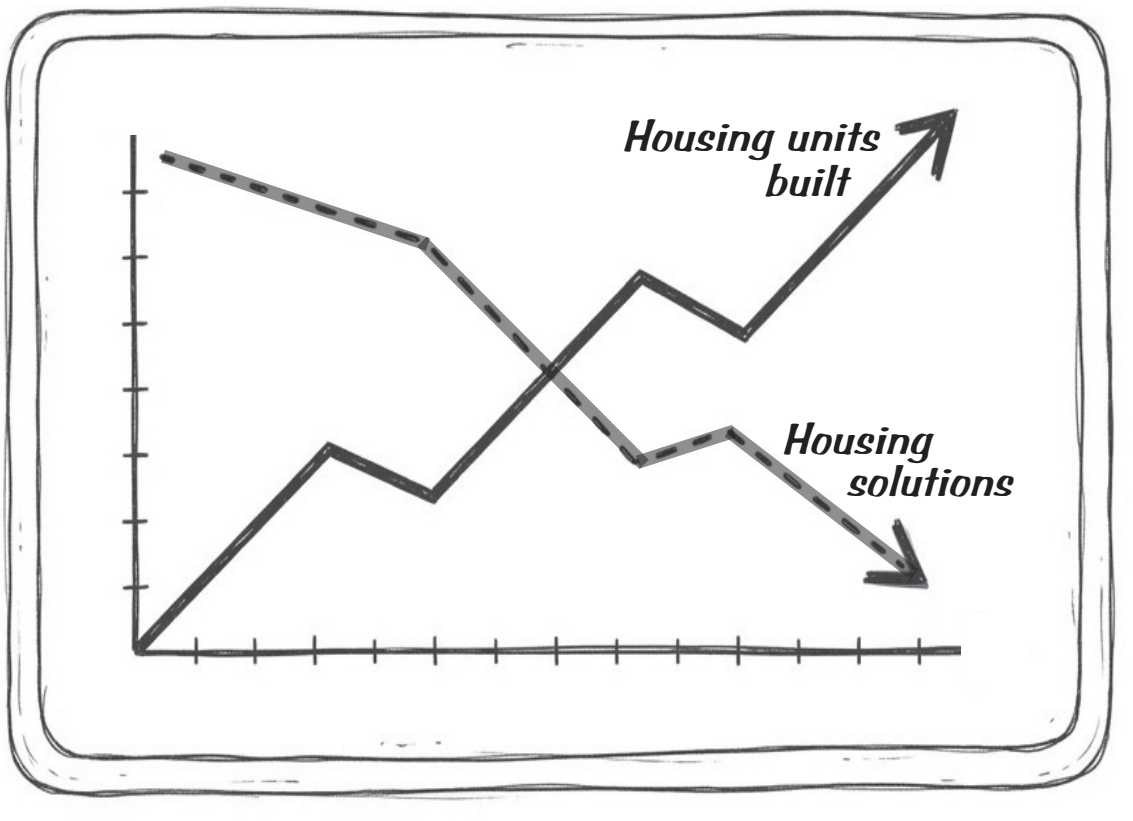
Strictly speaking, the city did not add 1,500 new shelter spaces, but it got close enough so that any person seeking shelter on a given night could be accommodated. Wilson declared victory. Despite boosting the bed count, he did not get homeless people off the streets. Those numbers have only increased, particularly in areas around the new shelters.

Although Wilson promised a virtual elimination of outdoor sleeping in the vicinity of the shelters, in fact, camping, drug activity, crime, trash and physical assaults actually mushroomed around them, as documented by official statistics and systematic daily observations by neighborhood volunteers. The city hired special security and cleanup crews to mitigate the mess, but they could not keep up with the load.

The problem wasn't a shortage of overnight beds. The 200-bed Northrup Street Shelter never had more than 155 overnight occupants, and average occupancy was about 100.

What appeared to Wilson and most voters as a measurable and useful target turned out to be a false summit. Well before reaching the 1,500 number, it was evident that any preconceived number had little to do with factors making unsheltered homelessness such an inscrutable problem. Shelters inevitably embedded a community of addicts and those with mental illness, who clustered around them even if not going inside. A subculture that included drug dealers and predators mixed in with benign individuals just seeking solace in the company others.

The Northrup shelter closed within a year. Unsheltered homelessness rose during that period, and the harm caused to neighbors of the shelter may be felt for years. Businesses closed and property values plummeted, tightening the doom loop around city and even state politics.



Building at all costs is the watchword in all situations. The whole state is committed to building more housing units at all price levels as the corrective to increasingly unaffordable housing. Gov. Tina Kotek set a goal of 36,000 new homes per year, almost double the actual rate of growth. The city of Portland aims for about 3,000 new units per year, even as actual construction is in a deep dive.

Most housing construction going on in the city now is government-subsidized for low- and moderate-income households. As this month's cover story explains, the resulting homes are far more expensive to build than market-rate housing, and the "affordable" apartments created are not even attracting the tenants assumed to be waiting in line for a roof over their heads. About 2,000 such units in the city are vacant as many limited-income tenants find they can get a better deal from a private landlord. Still, nonprofit agencies, policy makers and government authorities think building more of the same is getting us out of our predicament. They use numbers to back their projections.

From shelters to affordable housing to market rate housing, we are trying to dig our way out of a pit. Could it be that we are simultaneously tilting the housing market with huge subsidies? Or by rejiggering the zoning code to increase development rights, we are thereby increasing land values, the bedrock on which all developers begin their feasibility calculations? Are such questions even being posed as we push full speed ahead in the same rut?

As Paul Simon wrote, "The nearer your destination, the more you're slip slidin' away."

And so we are.

Complex social problems do not yield to simple solutions. Their breadth cannot be described by counting a single factor. As remedies are applied, the dynamics evolve, and unforeseen challenges arise. Those who march blindly toward the original goal—never adjusting to new evidence and changing circumstances—tend to defend their intentions rather than admit flaws in their imagination.

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Lincoln's height

We're long past the point when most of us—both left and right—have had it with culture war polarization and with the outrage-entrepreneurs and attention-whores on both sides who seek to inflame conflicts that are almost entirely symbolic.

If we are ever to move from divisive stances to nuanced and constructive dialogue about difficult issues, sources like the NW Examiner need to devote more attention to solutions and less to reigniting divisions.

Currently, there seems to be a faction that is perpetuating a six-year-old controversy by taking an implacable stand over the contrived issue of how high the Lincoln pedestal ought to be when returned to the South Park Blocks.

This faction has seized upon pedestal height as a deal-breaker, a position that only makes sense if you take the hostile stance of assuming that a lower pedestal must inevitably be interpreted as a desire to insult Lincoln. This sort of motive-mongering—simply assuming that public officials are acting out of malice or bad faith—is typical of polarized discourse and stands in the way of a solution.

A step in the direction of putting the culture-war era behind us would be to take "yes" for an answer and to move on to issues that make a material difference in people's lives.

Daniel Friedman
SW Park Ave.

Editor's note: *Several reasons were given by the city Office of Arts & Culture for lowering Lincoln's pedestal, including disparaging his conduct as president.*

Meieran's plan

Multnomah County chair candidate Sharon Meieran has a plan, and she wants to generate critical feedback about it.

It is impossible to refute the essential message of her pictorial decoding of the county's crazy quilt of agencies, bureaus, offices, commissions and task forces. There can be no argument that effective and accountable public management can survive in this organizational frittata.

Her top-down management counterproposal, on the other hand, is worrisome from the opposite perspective. She claims that it will embody provisions for effective and publicly accountable governance but does

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Bruce Ward



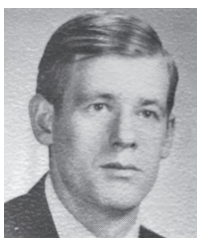
C. Bruce Ward, the former president of Gunderson Brothers, died on Aug. 5, 2025, at age 94. He was born on Oct. 20, 1930, in Portland. His family moved to San Francisco, where he graduated from high school. He attended the University of California at Berkley. He married Joanne Keyes in 1953. After serving in the Marine Corps, they moved to Portland, where he worked for U.S. Steel and then became the Gunderson plant manager in 1965. Two years later, he was named president. In 1985, he revived the Gunderson Marine Division. He is survived by his sons, Richard and John; daughter, Julie; and two grandchildren. His wife, Joanne, died in 2014.

George Lampus



George Lampus, a Willamette Heights resident, died Sept. 21 at age 77. He was born on June 6, 1949, in Portland and graduated from Grant High School in 1967 and from Portland State University in 1971. He worked for the family furniture business in 1984, when he began a career in commercial real estate and development. He is survived by his brother, Jim.

Mark P. O'Donnell



Mark Patrick O'Donnell, who grew up in and practiced law in Northwest Portland, died on Aug. 26 at age 83. He was born on April 14, 1943, in Portland. He attended St Patrick's Grade School and graduated from Madison High School. He received a bachelor's degree from Gonzaga University in 1965 and attended Willamette Law School. He practiced law for 57 years, first as an associate of Ed Walsh, a sole practitioner and then was a partner with Tim Ramis in a Northwest District office that he redeveloped into Emmons Place, a 150-unit apartment building for low-income seniors in 1918. He was a longtime member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He supported charitable work through the Catholic Church and sponsored an annual event for disadvantaged youths at De La Salle High School. He is survived by his sons, Matt, Joe and Kevin; daughter, Megan Murphy; former wife Patricia O'Donnell; and six grandchildren.

Reba Stromme



Reba Gale Stromme, a former Portland Heights and Goose Hollow resident, died Aug. 16 at age 100. Reba Armstrong was born on Sept. 25, 1925, in Enumclaw, Wash. She studied home economics at the University of Washington. She married William Stromme in 1949, and they moved to Portland in 1962. For more than 10 years, she sold real estate for Bill Snyder Co. and MBA Properties with her daughter Marcia. She was a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club. She and William moved to The Legends condominiums in 2005. In 2025, she moved to Touchmark in the West Hills. William died in 2014. She is survived by her daughters, Marcia and Karen; son, Mark; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Barbara Begley

Barbara Begley, who grew up in Portland Heights and attended local schools, died on June 6 at age 91. Barbara Wrightson was born on Jan. 30, 1935, in Seattle. She graduated from Ainsworth Elementary School in 1949, from Lincoln High School in 1953 and from the University of Oregon in 1957. She worked at the Oregon Regional Primate Center. She married Donald Begley in 1965, and they raised a family in Hillsboro. She was a lifelong equestrian and taught riding at Camp Tamarak in Sisters, Ore. In 2012, she and Donald moved to Colorado. She is survived by her daughters, Charis Sederberg and Stephanie Begley; and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Donald.

Death notices

Norma Atkinson, 94, volunteer at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center.

Elizabeth Brooke, 96, member of Multnomah Athletic Club and Portland Garden Club.

Shari K. (McNeil) Beatty, 88, 1956 Lincoln High School graduate.

Clifford Droke, 89, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral senior warden.

Courtney Hass, 78, 1964 Lincoln High School graduate.

Maury B. Hornstein, 87, 1957 Lincoln High School graduate.

Bill Jensen, 68, 1975 Lincoln High School graduate.

David Maurice Junkin, 81, former Platt Electric employee.

Margaret Tilbury, 99, member of the Town Club.

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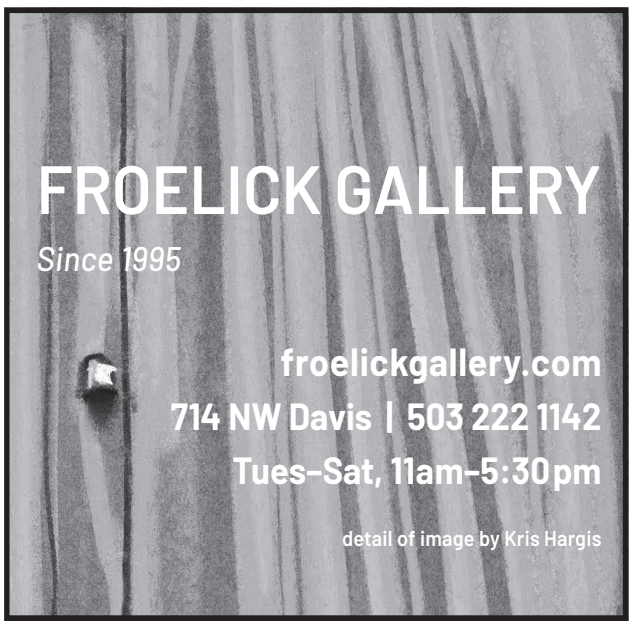
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nothing to demonstrate what they are and how they will work.

To illustrate: Claims made by government contractors for trade secret exemptions as a strategy for blocking the data and information needed for meaningful oversight have commonly been abused by private and public agencies alike. We would like to know how the Meieran plan proposes to deal with this structural gap in public transparency.

A similar gap results from legal prohibitions on robust participation by civil society organizations in public oversight measures. Government agencies have all too frequently blocked accountability by shutting the door to effective participation. They have bought into the argument that public interest groups don't have the requisite legal standing to participate. In so doing, they have ignored the larger public interest. We would also like to know what Meieran proposes to do to encourage rather than foreclose meaningful participation.

It is vital to recall that federal-level arguments on behalf of full executive authority and the application of management tools like executive orders have a frightening record of defeating any benefit of top-down governance. The Meieran plan should take this conflict into account and show how the plan will address it.

Karen Kirsch and Larry Kirsch
NW Irving St.

NW 21st Avenue needs a win

Recently, I walked from Northwest 21st and Johnson to the Stadium Fred Meyer near Burnside. In just a few blocks, I passed two tents, several people passed out on the sidewalk and another person clearly experiencing a crisis. For those of us who live here, this is not unusual. Northwest 21st has struggled for years with vacant storefronts, trash, graffiti, street camping, public drug use and people experiencing visible mental health crises. It is difficult to watch a neighborhood you love feel increasingly neglected.

Since January 2023, I have been trying to accomplish something much smaller: Plant a few street trees near Northwest 21st and Hoyt. I have contacted the city programs (Urban Forestry, Free Trees and Tree Permitting), property owners, neighborhood organizations and others. I have written letters, made calls, spoken with businesses and tried to navigate the city's permitting process. Three years later, we still have no trees.

I know trees will not solve homelessness, addiction or our behavioral health crisis. But improving the physical environment matters. Trees provide shade, beauty and a sense that a street is cared for. They are also something achievable.

Portland's challenges are enormous, but that cannot mean we stop pursuing small improvements while waiting for the big problems to be solved. Those of us along Northwest 21st would simply like one corner we can point to and say: We made this better.

Our avenue needs help. It also needs hope. A few trees would be a good place to start.

Matt Webber
NW 21st Ave.



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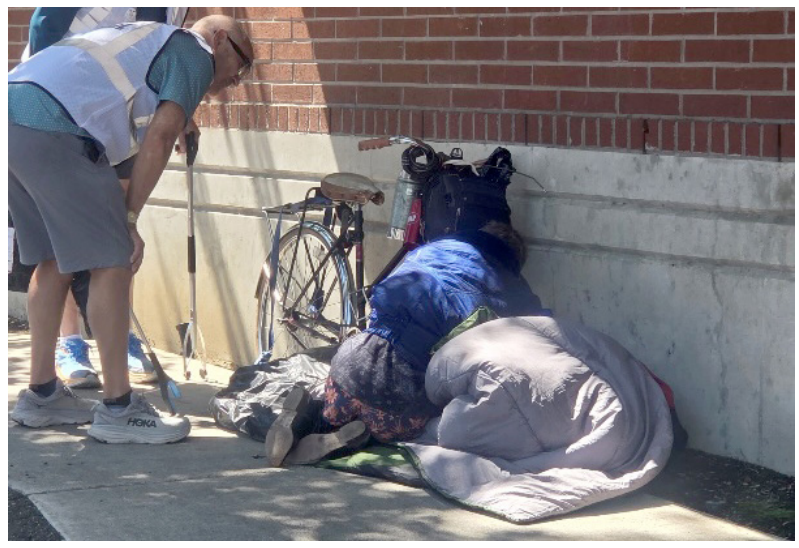
Far left: Jamison Square's fountain once attracted children from across the city.

Left: Current City Council candidates protested on behalf of tenants of The Yards last year after a longtime tenant was threatened with eviction over a billing snafu.

Right: Pearl Court rents to households earning 30% of the area median income.

Far right: Sleeping on the sidewalk around Pearl Court is a common occurrence.





"Broken housing" cont'd from page 1

bothers the locals: It's the thought of one more HomeForward building in a district with three others that bring unmitigated social and economic problems to a neighborhood once considered a model of urban vitality.

Jonathan Trutt, director of development for HomeForward, was asked to justify spending $700,000 per unit to build low-income housing, more than twice the cost to construct market rate homes. Furthermore, why is the agency pushing ahead when it owns 900 vacant units in the city?

Trutt ticked off a list of special circumstances boosting construction costs—such as higher-quality materials meant to last for generations, higher per-unit costs for small units and the lack of staging areas around infill sites.

"There is a cost difference," Trutt said, "but it's important to get at the assumptions we're bringing into it."

"I get that," said PDNA President Bruce Studer, "but here's the facts in the neighborhood: You've got Pearl Court—Home Forward property—a shit show. You've got Lovejoy Station, another shit show. And then you've got The Yards, which is another one.

Studer said Pearl Court "has tainted one of the jewels of the Pearl, which is Jamison Square, to a point where I don't know if it can recover. And I guess we'd be more enthusiastic if you guys had a plan to fix that."

Pearl homeowners are feeling the pain in their pocketbooks.

"[Your projects] drag down our property values," Studer said, "and people are leaving. … We were down 25% in property values in the last four years, while the rest of the city was either plus or minus 5%. … Condos are selling for what they sold for in 2008, and it's because they're sitting next to places like yours."

"I agree," Trutt replied to criticisms of HomeForward's impact on the Pearl. "I have been in the affordable housing world for 25 years. I worked for a nonprofit, and now I'm here 10 years. … I have been saddened—shocked—to see what has changed, and it really has changed in a very fast way in the last three years for affordable properties throughout the region.

"So, the challenges are real. The barriers for your average person who moves into one of our buildings of being a successful tenant are higher than they were 10 years ago."

Evicting drug users or problem tenants is beyond difficult, he said, with little support from the police or courts.

"There are problems, and we are working to address them," Trutt said.

"Not fast enough," said Bill Truncali, chair of the PDNA Parks Committee. "I live next to the Pearl Court. You guys are doing a terrible job. Terrible.

"Don't pander to us about what you're going to do, because you're not doing what you should be doing now.

"I am appalled that they gave you guys this contract, based on what we're dealing with now," Truncali added, referring to the team of HomeForward and Holst Architecture that won a competitive bid to fund the project.

Project architect David Otte, a principal at Holst, said low-income housing has become increasingly difficult to manage.

"There is a very large difference in the acuity of folks that are trying to succeed when they have 30% or less area median income. HomeForward provides a disproportionate number of those units across the city. For the hardest folks to serve, you don't serve them very well if you've got a drug dealer sitting right next door."

Vacancies abound

A new problem has arisen in recent years. Amid a shortage in affordable housing, HomeForward cannot find enough qualified people to keep its apartments filled.

"I believe you've got a lot of vacancies," Truncali said. "Why aren't you working on getting those filled first before you [build more]?"

T.J. Norton, asset manager at HomeForward answered. Lovejoy Station rents to households having 70%-80% of area median income, and current rates are "way above what a market rent unit would even cost," Norton said.

"So we're offering three-month rent concessions, which would equate to what someone would pay for a 60% [AMI level]. We're still not seeing that much [rental demand], so we may have to go more than that."

Occupancy at Pearl Court is 62% of capacity, he said.

"The reason why Pearl [Court] is like that is because the financial structure has caused us to not be able to pay for managed return units [units so damaged they cannot be occupied]. We've now addressed that issue, and we should expect that to be improved. The goal is to have Pearl at 85% occupancy by Jan. 1 and then to 95% April 2027," Fu said.

That makes no sense to Truncali. "This new building is going to have 200-250 units. … Why are we spending





Jonathan Trutt (L-R), David Otte, Bill Truncali, Bruce Studer and Brendan Jamieson had plenty to say at the September Pearl District Neighborhood Association board meeting.

$700 million on a new building when we've got 900 units that are open? This is insanity."

And if they were built, would they introduce more social problems than they relieve? That's what many neighborhood representatives have seen.

Brendan Jamieson, a PDNA board member who lives at Lovejoy Station, said it used to be different.

"When I moved in in 2004, there was a waiting list," he said. "I was so happy then. … Jamieson Square was the garden of the Pearl District. I used to take my children there. I won't take them there now."

It's no mystery to him as to why HomeForward units sit empty.

"I don't know how you're going to get people in our properties if they look terrible," he said.

Jamieson joins the PDNA's Team Pearl on its almost daily patrols of the district, observing continual problems around the square.

"I believe that came directly from Pearl Court," he said. "What happens inside the building is reflected directly outside.

"Brian [Harvey, a PDNA board member who lives in The Yards] and I had to form tenants' unions in our properties, and then form a coalition so we could get HomeForward and the management company to sit down with us. We're spending hours and hours and hours trying to get things [moving.]

"It's made a huge difference," he said, "but the resistance has been massive. It's just massive. It's like pushing a rock up a hill."

As for the proposed HomeForward building, Jamieson has no quarrel with its size or design.

"I think the building looks great," he said. "The problem is how it's managed, who's in there and what goes on [inside]. That's the broken system, and that's the system that has to be fixed, in my opinion, before something else happens."

Have to build

Otte took in all the comments, but deflected blame from the players in the room.

"We have a systemic problem with affordable housing in our society," he said. "This is not HomeForward's fault. I've been in meetings [with the Seattle Housing Authority] where they get the same treatment and the same accusations from the neighborhoods there. … I'm sorry, but it is a broken system.

"And it is very difficult to place that blame on these individuals that are trying to do good work. We have to keep building. We're half a million units short of housing in this state over the course of the next decade. We have to keep building. We also have to fill vacancies. We have to do all of these hard things at the same time.

"This is not because Jonathan and Julie [Garvey, director of property management for HomeForward] aren't doing their job. They're doing their job the best they can. They're operating within constraints that are very difficult to overcome."

After the HomeForward team left the room, PDNA board members continued to ruminate.

"I know we have no control over this—this is going to get built—but I personally feel that the board should take a position on this so we're at least on record," Truncali said.

"They're building something because they can't stop, for some reason," Jamieson said, "and the compelling argument was that, 'If we don't do it, then all of these tax credits that belong to Oregon we won't get back.' It's complicated, but to me, that's not the argument. I would like to see a pause on this project.

"We're having very successful town halls. Could we do a town hall regarding affordable housing at the Armory and bring in some real players to talk about what's working, what's not working?" ■

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Adam Lyons likes to get out of his office to meet constituents.



"I never would have imagined that there was this much positive energy because of how bad it was before."
—Adam Lyons

"Portland neighborhood" cont'd from page 1

of Community & Civic Life, Amanda Garcia-Snell, was ushered out this spring under a nondisclosure agreement, making the circumstances around her departure a mystery. It may have had something to do with Garcia-Snell's attempt to unilaterally redirect the program without engaging the 95 Portland neighborhood associations or considering their historic role in the system.

City Administrator Raymond Lee hinted at such during a discussion at the Portland City Club in June.

"There was a disconnect between our neighborhood associations and the direction of our leadership within that department," Lee said. "I don't know if we provided the guidance and the support … to ensure that it was meeting the standard that people have of our community engagement and Civic Life programs."

Lee referred to a high turnover rate in program leadership over the past decade, long before he came to Portland last year.

"This tells me this issue is much bigger than just an individual. Is it the structure of how we're functioning as an organization? If not, we're just insane, because we keep repeating the same thing over and over again, but expecting different results," he said.

Absent any clear marching orders, Lyons is listening and learning. He recently was able to add a part-time assistant. His supervisor, Laura Oppenheimer, the interim chief engagement officer for the city, is working with City Council members in applying new city charter code language that puts the office squarely under the authority of the city administrator.

Before Lyons can focus on rebuilding trust in the program, he has some chores to take care of. He recently learned that emails to Civic Life requesting information went into a blackhole for six months, and he's gradually getting back to a long list of spurned citizens.

"I didn't know how much administrative work there is to this program," he said.

Lyons' main thrust is reaching out to associations and coalitions, and assessing where the program might find a niche.

"They asked me to go through a reset process because I have a background in neighborhoods and I have relationships," he told District 4 Coalition board members last month.

Lyons was executive director of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods from 2016-2020, a period in which City Hall was openly hostile toward neighborhood associations, disparaging them as opponents of diversity and inclusion.

City councilors Chloe Eudaly and Jo Ann Hardesty oversaw the neighborhood office for successive four-year terms not known for neighborliness. Eudaly even took the word neighborhood out what had been the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

"I love Northeast Portland, and when I became a director there, I loved that job. Then all of a sudden, the neighborhood war stuff happened. … It was just really depressing," Lyons said. "I had to spend from 2018 to 2020 dealing with an angry or combative city infrastructure.

"The thing that I thought was so detrimental about the approach was that we had amazing neighborhoods and did amazing things."

He then moved on to campaign for Mingus Mapps, who was fired from his Civic Life job and then defeated Eudaly's reelection bid. Lyons then joined Mapps' council staff.

Lyons said the anti-neighborhood attitude has largely

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disappeared.

"I never would have imagined that there was this much positive energy because of how bad it was before," he said. "I hear the City Council members speaking highly of neighborhoods … The bureaus are really interested in getting much more engaged and the neighborhoods seem pretty jazzed."

But before peace and comity predominate, there is still the matter of city charter amendments adopted by the outgoing council in 2024 putting the Office of Community & Civic Life under the control of the city administrator.

District 4 Coalition President Todd Zarnitz discovered the unpublicized and undiscussed transfer of the program that Garcia-Snell relied on to bypass neighborhoods. Other district coalitions joined District 4 in protesting Garcia-Snell's dictate, leading Lee to pause her initiatives.

But until the charter is amended or clarified, Zarnitz said this is no time to relax, fearing the administrator could "clamp down" on neighborhood associations if they interfere with city goals.

"If we're under the thumb of the city administrator, that makes it nonfunctional," he said.

Claire Carder, who represents the Maplewood Neighborhood Association on the District 4 Coalition, shares the concern.

"The way they changed it was underhanded," said Carder, who believes the City Council needs to be involved in decisions about the program's direction.

Another representative to the coalition expressed her skepticism on a private discussion blog.

"Why is this [Lyon's] job temporary?" the representative asked. "If the city won't even put someone in charge who is going to stick around, it sounds like Civic Life doesn't have a future. … This feels all too familiar; that the city is trying to dismantle the neighborhood system yet again."

With such undercurrents perco-lating, Lyons has little job security.

City Council was scheduled to hold a work session on Sept. 29 regarding policy direction for OCCL programs and citywide community engagement practices. ■

Lyons knows the 'hood

Adam Lyons is no stranger to the Northwest District and Goose Hollow.

In the 1970s and '80s, his parents operated Urban Gardens at 2714 NW Thurman St., which is now a bike shop.

"My dad was friends with Bud Clark, and my parents' courtship happened at the Goose [Hollow Inn]," he said, "My entire childhood … was around civic activism."

His parents were also close to Mike Ryerson, a longtime Northwest District resident who published The Neighbor newspaper and later worked 20 years for the NW Examiner.

Although Lyons grew up near Lloyd Center, "I spent a ton of time in Northwest," he said.

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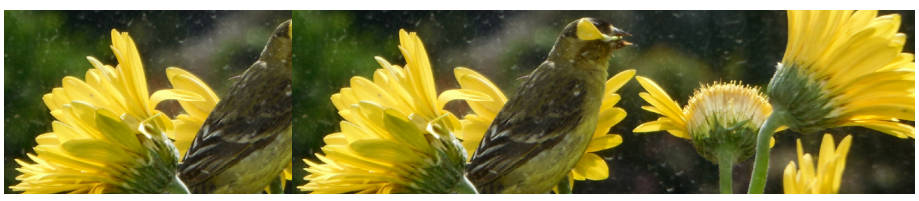
Last month, The Malarkey, 1210 NW Hoyt St., unveiled a seven-day-a-week happy hour served from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in a sunken bar where a bronze elk with thick haunches confronts you. Cheeky, gleeful homages to Portland radiate from there.

Happy hour menu offerings include a Caesar salad; crispy chicken; halibut ceviche; and a vegan cauliflower dish. Draft beers are $2 off, and Pacific Northwest oysters are two bucks a shuck. The star is the smash burger ($10). With it comes an option to order a $1 Miller High Life. The burger is two patties, and a real doozy. It's served with Tillamook cheddar cheese, grilled onions and ramekins of ketchup and aioli for the curly fries.

Chef and restaurant partner Jose "Lalo" Camarena said Portland feels more awake, reporting how large groups of people glide in for dinner at 10 p.m. Every Thursday, Friday and Saturday, from 8 p.m. to close, there is a live DJ in the lounge.

General Manager Britt Sparkey, or just "Sparkey," moved to Portland before the Malarkey's late July opening to oversee operations. She has teamed up with celebrity chef Brian Malarkey at 16 of his 27 restaurants. She and chef Lalo are partners at the new restaurant. Neighbors have shared photos of themselves at Oba, once the beating heart of this part of the Pearl District, which has been closed since 2017.

The Malarkey is open Sunday-Thursday, 4:30-9 p.m., and Friday-Saturday 4:30-midnight.



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Don't park too close to this curb



We wondered what was going on this summer when the city put strange markings all over our sidewalk. Was it sidewalk art of the kind we did not fully appreciate? Were extraterrestrials planning to land? Was the city going to make us replace the concrete?

The project is finished and it's a …. curb. The kind that usually goes on the other end of the sidewalk that meets the street. Could it be a subtle reminder to curb your drinking? Perhaps a safer way to be kicked to the curb (where you won't be run over by a car). Second curbs may not be such a bad thing after all. You can admire it on your way in.

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I find it useful to live as if one step from financial catastrophe. Then, when disaster doesn't strike, that's a pretty good day! A recent story about a co-worker who spent an unexpected $500 at a salon on Alberta Street was fresh in my mind when I spotted a handwritten flyer posted in our mailroom. It recommended a place that cuts hair for $25. I was all in on the charming-sounding deal.

I called the number and made an appointment, warning "Liz" that I hadn't had a haircut in a long spell. It should be a relatively easy task, I just wanted a bunch of it, sort of, chopped off. "OK," she said, "text me when you get here." I hoped Liz's chair could ratchet up high enough to cut my long hair. I resolved to brush it well before I arrived so that she wouldn't have to.

Liz turned out to be the only stylist in a salon on the ground floor of Marshall Union Manor Apartments, 2020 NW Marshall St., facing the Northrup Street side. She's been here for 12 years. The salon is open to the public, but many of her clients, logically, happen to be building residents as well. Many request permanents, she told me. Another regular client has her install white extensions into his beard, a practice she told me he took up after an ex-wife cut off his long white beard. This gave me something to think about as she washed my hair.

My eyes perused the walls. There were plants here and there, and slogans and signs on the wall: "Be Your Own Kind of Beautiful," "Some Girls are Just Born with Glitter in their Veins" and a succinct one over our mirror that read "Wild Child."

I learned that Liz grew up in the Skyline area but today lives in Vancouver with her extended family. She keeps up a warm, pleasant conversation without probing too much, which I appreciate. She shampooed and cut 4 inches from my hair, and even added a few layers.

For $25 (plus tip), I left feeling like a million bucks.

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String quartet and a slice of pizza, too



The Russian String Quartet brings a classic touch to the Ecotrust building the last Monday of each month.

Articles by Michaela Lowthian

Hotlips Pizza manager Neil Hollister is orchestrating free noon concerts inside the Ecotrust building, 921 NW Ninth Ave.
"The owners, staff, and I have been talking about getting a group to perform for quite some time," said Hollister.

Joining Hollister for a recent concert were old friends Kirsten Hisatomi (violin), Shauna Keyes (viola) and Ashley Peck (cello). At one time, the quartet went by the name Ruslan String Quartet. They've decided to revive the name.

The foursome played together from 1995-2015, but Hollister, who hasn't played much in recent years, suggested that they get together and play like they did in the old days: for fun, pizza and beer. "For me there's nothing more beautiful than matching tone and anticipating expression in a quartet. It takes spaces like the atrium to make that possible," he said.

The other musicians play for local arts institutions, including the Portland Opera, Oregon Ballet Theater and Vancouver and Eugene Symphony.

Concerts are held on the last Monday of the month. The next concert is Monday, Sept. 28. The easiest entry is from the Northwest 10th Avenue parking lot.

Musicians interested in playing here are encouraged to contact Ecotrust manager Autumn Sharp.

Cloud latte and blue sky at Hypnos on 21st Avenue

Nob Hill's newest coffee shop is next to the Russo Lee Gallery.

Hypnos Coffee, 807 NW 21st Ave., opened Sept. 10 next door to Russo Lee Gallery, where the artist Laura Domela's show "Bright Side" is up for the month of September. This is the café's second location; the first is on North Williams Avenue. On a recent visit, all the café tables were filled with people locked in a deep trance with their laptops. The walls are a perfect light tan, and the baristas are welcoming and polite. They're listening to Steely Dan, a soundtrack that matched the atmosphere of studious calm. Someone suggested the salted pistachio latte, but I went for the Cloud Top Latte. Resting atop single-origin Coava coffee is a sweet layer that tastes like an elevated version of Marshmallow Fluff, if you experienced that growing up.

Briefly . . .

Dunken Group Real Estate

Judie Dunken has sold her longtime real estate practice and is retiring. Dunken, a Pearl District resident since 1996, was a leading broker of Pearl properties and headed Dunken Group Real Estate. Travis Krapf, who bought a condominium in the Pearl from Dunken in 1999, bought her business and will merge it into his Coldwell Bank Bain agency on Northwest Ninth Ave.

ReClaim It

Nonprofit reuse store ReClaim It has leased a spacious warehouse on the corner of Northwest 17th and Irving streets. The new space has over 10,000 square feet of space, allowing room for trucks to load in, as well as areas for furniture repair. ReClaim It salvages materials directly from the Metro Waste Transfer Center, AKA the dump, giving housewares, stuff and treasures a new lease on life. ReClaim It accepts donations. Plans call for a late November opening, when a Reuse Art Show will kick off in the new location.

V&M Jewelry

A jewelry shop that buys and sells gold and offers on-the-spot jewelry repairs opened at 604 NW 12th Ave. in the Pearl District. V&M Jewelry sells chains, bracelets, rings and earrings.

ILY2 art center

ILY2 art center, stationed at Northwest Ninth and Flanders since 2023, will bring its youth-based arts programming from the Lloyd Center to the same address this fall. Classes and workshops for adults and after-school programs for youth are scheduled. An option for working parents who need to keep their kids busy during Portland Public Schools holidays is coming to the Pearl.

Latte Stone



After extensive demo and cleanup, Northwest Portland resident Dabina Cruz will open Latte Stone café in October at 2340 NW Westover Road. The menu will blend flavors from Southeast Asia, the Pacific Islands and the Pacific Northwest. Cruz roasts coffee beans from Papa New Guinea, Laos and East Timor. She is teaming up with Chef Ed Sablan, who like Cruz is originally from Chammoru, Guam.

Oven and Shaker

Oven and Shaker will close its Pearl District pizzeria Oct. 30 after 15 years in the Pearl District.

Alai House

Alai House will open soon at 1234 NW 13th Ave. in the Brewery Blocks. The wellness hub will offer nourishing drinks, a run club and house music socials, plus a match and coffee bar.

"City Council debate" cont'd from page 1

leil-Smith, a fellow member of the Portland Democratic Socialists of America. The pair finished fifth and sixth in direct fundraising.

The Examiner selected participants based on private money voluntarily contributed to campaigns as of Sept. 25.

Candidate	Private donations
Eric Zimmerman	$75,150
Olivia Clark	$72,502
Eli Arnold	$68,398
Mitch Green	$66,522
J. Beausoleil-Smith	$22,007
Jamey Evenstar	$20,345

The four candidates with the most privately raised money were invited.

"That's a pretty narrow single-metric," Green told the Examiner, "given that all of the candidates are participating in the Small Donor program and have received eligibility for matching funds.

Green suggested that public matching funds should be considered, as well as the number of individuals donating.

"Additionally, Jeremy has more individual donations than Eric and has unlocked the full $100,000 from Tier 1," he said. "Jamey has unlocked almost $70,000 in matching funds."

Green was referring to Portland's Small Donor Election program, which matches donations under $25 at a 10:1 ratio. The program is designed to make small contributions more consequential. The program makes it possible for marginal candidates to receive substantial levels of government assistance.

Candidate	Matching funds
Eli Arnold	$200,000
Olivia Clark	$178,580
Mitch Green	$173,256
J. Beausoleil-Smith	$100,000
Eric Zimmerman	$98,700
Jamey Evenstar	$62,360

"You've excluded two very competitive candidates with a serious shot of unseating one of the incumbents—including me—arbitrarily. It's unfair to them and to voters, and appears to put your thumb on the scale for one candidate," Green wrote the Examiner.

"I'm displeased by this. If you want my participation in this event you need to extend an invite to Jamey and Jeremy."

An all-candidates forum without penetrating questions or in-depth dialogue is a pale form of democracy. The legal jeopardy faced by the facility and the neighborhood association, combined with political players wielding leverage in the week before the event, tipped the scales. That in itself may be voter education.

City Club of Portland will hold a District 4 debate Tuesday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. at the University Place Hotel, at Southwest Third and Lincoln streets. All six of the aforementioned candidates will be there. To register, visit: pdxcityclub.org/event/city-council-district-4-debate-2026/

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The Cardinal Times

Volunteers work to restore full route of Oregon Zoo Train

By HANA FARES

The Zoo Railway began operating in 1958. The 40-minute ride spanned from the Oregon Zoo to the Rose Garden. It served millions of riders, including presidential candidates Jimmy Carter and John F. Kennedy.

In 2013, the route was cut to a six-minute ride within Oregon Zoo limits due to factors including changes in animal enclosures and fights between the city and the Zoo over who should maintain the tracks.

Now a group of volunteers, including advocate Kathy Goeddel, are restoring the attraction so that future generations can ride.

"It takes the community to get this kind of thing done," said Goeddel. "We had over 100 people help clean up the tracks, clearing out blackberries and ivy, [doing] really hard work. Everyone really loves the train."

Fiona Lyon joined the train restoration initiative in August, when she reached out to offer support in obtaining funding because of her professional experience writing grants for public transit.

"I think it'd be great for not only residents of the Portland metro area, but also, at large, it could be a great tourism amenity for folks visiting," said Lyon.

Michele Potestio, a Portland resident, feels emotionally connected to the train because she rode it when she was younger.

"I was really sad because at that time [the train closed] I was having my own kids and I wanted to take them," said Potestio. "I mean, there's nothing cooler than riding a train looking at animals, going through a forest."

Goeddel says Friends of Washington Park and Zoo Railway have already raised $60,000 of the $200,000 needed to fund preliminary studies and plans required by the city for the safety and viability of the train.

"I expect there to be crowds waiting to get on that [first] ride. To be able to see little kids and their parents and grandparents and maybe great-grandparents on that train will be everything," said Goeddel.



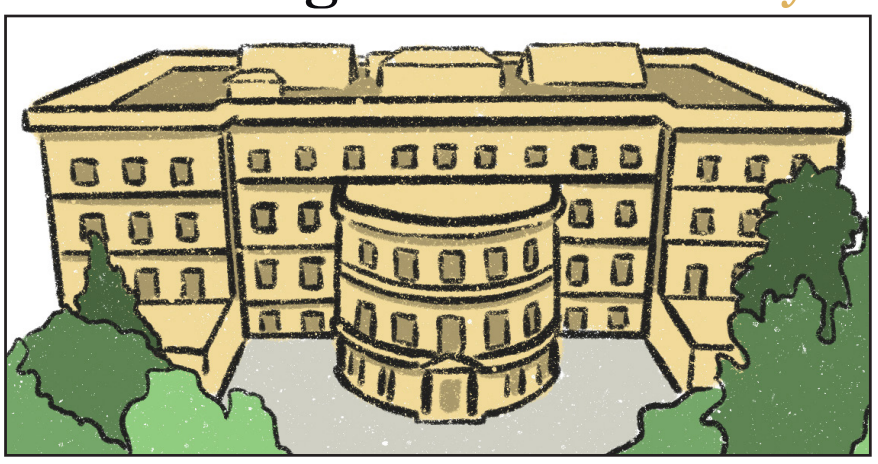
Michele Potestio, who grew up in Portland, hopes the Zoo train will run again.
By HANA FARES



Friends of Washington Park and Zoo Railway volunteers tell people how to support their mission to have the zoo train running in the next few years.
By HANA FARES

Meet the candidates running for Portland City Council District 4

By ISAAC PHILLIPS and SIRENA CHEN



The election will be held on November 23 this year.
By SIRENA CHEN

Fall brings pumpkins, rainy days and football. It also brings election season. This November, Portland has six City Council seats up for reelection, with three in Lincoln's District 4. The Cardinal Times asked each District 4 candidate to name their top three issues and, in one sentence or phrase, what they would say to all students, teachers and parents.

Mitch Green (he/him)

Top three issues: Homelessness, utility affordability and improved safety of the energy infrastructure hub.

"If you're paying attention to the city council and you're not happy with the direction that [the city is] going, then I think you should show up at City Hall."

Matt Schulte (he/him)

Top three issues: Developing more opportunities, restructuring downtown power grid and action over consensus.

"I don't think you can change stuff if all you can talk about is how this doesn't work. You should look for reasons to be optimistic."

Jayne Cronlund (she/her)

Top three issues: Increasing revenue by attracting jobs, safer third spaces and more efficient planning.

"I would encourage any students who have interest in politics to really explore the resources that the City of Portland offers because it will help you understand how to be part of the political process."

Josh Leake (he/him)

Top three issues: Ending the drug crisis, ending car break-ins and supporting arts and culture.

"I'm hoping that we can use tough situations, we can learn from our experiences and we can make our city better."

Jeremy Beausoleil Smith (he/him)

Top three issues: Ending toxic algae blooms, municipalizing the power grid and investment in pedestrian infrastructure.

"Life doesn't have to be this hard, and I'll fight to make it easier. Because Portland's worth fighting for."

Eli Arnold (he/him)

Top three issues: Affordability, 911 response times and increasing revenue.

"We can do really exciting and innovative things."

John Goldsmith (he/him)

Top three issues: Clean streets and camping plan, sustainability in the power grid and safety.

"In Portland, we are free to be you and me."

Jamey Evenstar (she/her)

Top three issues: Housing, economic development and effective government

"We have everything we need in order to rise to the challenges that we face."

Olivia Clark (she/her)

Top three issues: housing, affordability and public safety.

"Stay active locally. All politics are local, as they say, but right now it's even more important that you get involved locally."

TJ Anderson (he/him)

Top three issues: Career and job opportunities, budget and accessibility.

"Just because you're not a political person doesn't mean you can't make positive changes here."

Eric Zimmerman (he/him)

Top three issues: affordability, public safety and livability.

"Put down the phones, put down the tablets... and then do stuff with other people."

John McDonald (he/him)

Top three issues: Root out corruption by auditing all bureaus, stop political ideology and repair roads.

"Be smart, be good and be kind."

Any Oregon resident 16 and over can register to vote, and you will receive your first ballot when you are 18.

Portland restores vacant buildings to fight housing crisis

By NOELLE H. VERDEFLOR

As a city, Portland is known to prioritize sustainable building, public transportation and bike lanes.

Despite this climate-responsive and people-friendly reputation, Portland has been experiencing a housing crisis as residential construction fails to accommodate the growing population, according to Portland Housing Bureau (PHB). Moreover, rent continues to rise, forcing many households to choose between essential needs like food, clothing, childcare, and more.

Gabriel Mathews, class of 2009 and a public information officer for PHB, says that affordable housing not only helps the houseless but also the youth.

"[Affordable housing] creates more stability for them, and creates long-term benefit in terms of community cohesion," said Mathews.

While there is a need for more housing in Portland, many buildings downtown remain empty. Some urban development agencies want these properties to become affordable housing.

One of these organizations is Prosper Portland, an economic and urban development agency for the city of Portland.

"We are currently working with private developers to provide financial assistance for two projects, the Casket and Falcon buildings," said Yume Delegato, a senior communications coordinator, from Prosper Portland.

According to Delegato, the Casket and Falcon buildings, historic downtown properties, are being converted into a total of 78 middle income housing units.

"These two projects were selected as prototypes so that we could understand the implications for a range of factors like building construction type, age, size of floor plate, and rent expectations," said Delegato.

Collaboration with Gensler, an architectural firm, and Prosper led to a study in 2023 on the conversion of commercial to residential spaces in downtown Portland. Many buildings in the study show a conversion compatibility higher than 70%. According to the study, conversion compatibility is based on floor size, building shape, location and the environment.

Converting commercial buildings would result in thousands of new affordable housing for lower-middle income families, allowing them to live in nicer spaces while being able to afford other necessities.

Prosper said there are additional advantages. Compared to demolition, converting an older (and potentially historic) building saves infrastructure, protects the history of Portland, and without the need for new construction permits, cuts down on redevelopment time. Additionally, the cost of construction would drop about 30%, saving millions of dollars.



Development agencies in Portland are working on converting vacant office buildings to residential spaces in Downtown Portland.
Courtesy of NOELLE H. VERDEFLOR

Alex Stegner, social studies teacher at Lincoln, says he is in huge support of these conversions

"I think it would generate economic activity. People moving in, community gathering areas, stores, and more," said Stegner.

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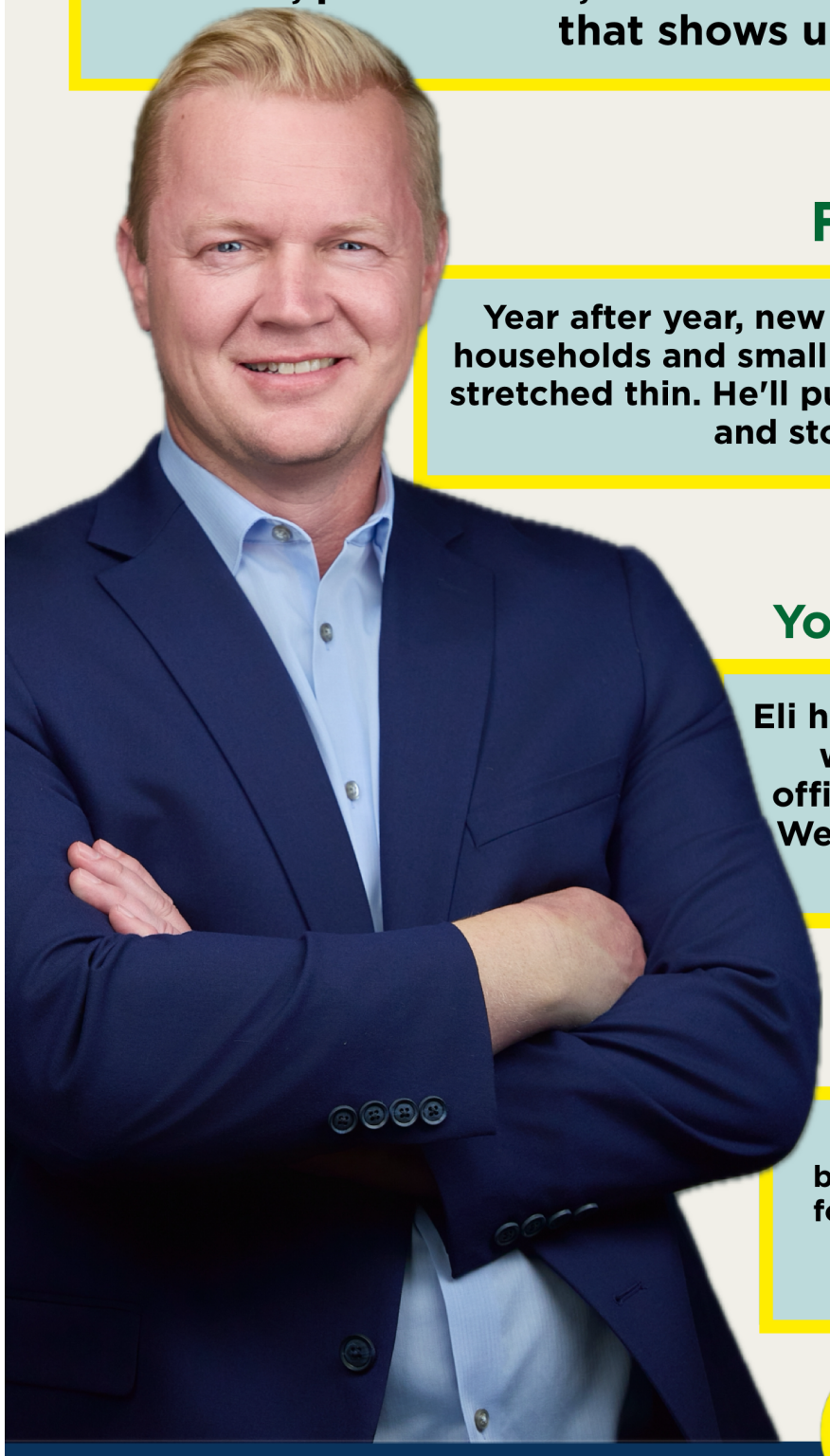
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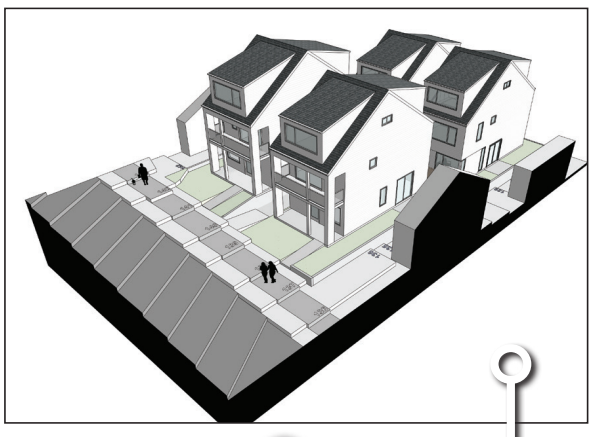
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GREATER NORTHWEST PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT MAP

2857 NW SAVIER ST.

Demolition is beginning on a derelict 1908 house at 2857 NW Savier St. The 5,000-square-foot property was sold in 2025 for $540,000 to a developer who plans to build four three-story houses under the city's Cottage Clusters program. Each 1,450-square-foot house will sell for about $800,000, going on the market as soon as next summer.



NW NINTH AND JOHNSON

The proposed HomeForward affordable housing building on the former U.S Postal Service site has been modified from 229 to 219 units, the result of expanding some smaller studio apartments into one- and two-bedroom units. There will be no off-street parking. The project is in the design review stage.



511 NW BROADWAY

Approval has been granted to demolish an existing parking lot west of Pacific Northwest College of Art to extend the North Park Blocks between Glisan and Hoyt streets. The project, creating a plaza with benches, tables, green loop and sculpture gate, is projected to be finished in the fall of 2028.

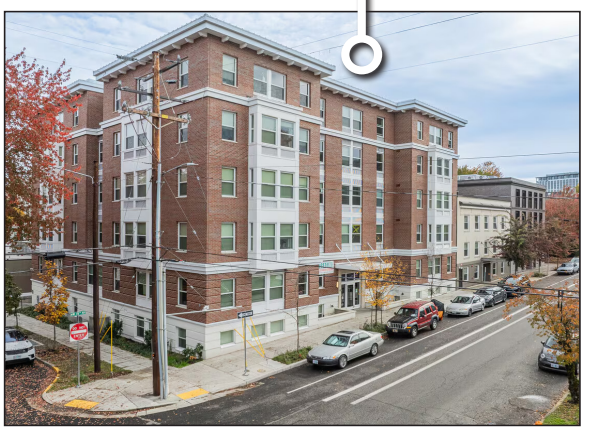






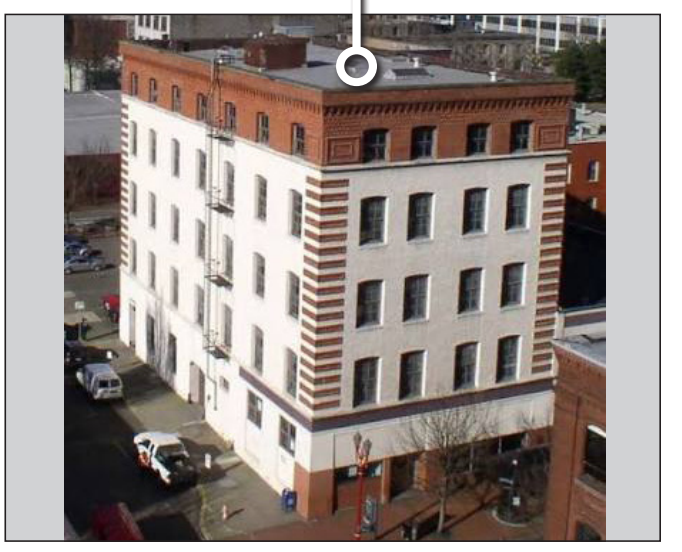
MONTGOMERY PARK

The city has approved converting the ground floor of Montgomery Park into a racquet sports facility. Approval involves almost doubling the maximum retail allowance for the site. Menashe Properties bought the building in 2024 for $33 million, down from the $255 million paid by Unico Properties in 2019.



EMMONS PLACE

Emmons Place, a two-phase affordable housing project on Northwest 18th Avenue that preserves the historic Buck-Prager building, will receive a DeMuro Preservation Award from Restore Oregon Oct. 23. For information, visit: https://restoreoregon.org/restoration-celebration-2026/.



OREGON CASKET CO.

The 1897 Oregon Casket Co. building at 403 NW Fifth Ave., a National Register of Historic Places landmark, may be converted into 34 housing units, including two live-work units on the ground floor. The conversion involves a seismic upgrade. The casket company left in 1950. The building is now owned by a group registered to Michael E. Menashe.

Proposed | Under Review | In Construction | Other

Portland City Council Needs One Member Who Truly Understands Our Public Safety System

Right now in Portland, calling for help doesn't always work the way it should. Calls stack up, response times stretch, and people are left waiting when it matters most. High-priority calls can take 20 minutes. Lower-priority calls can stretch past 90. At any moment, only about 56 officers are available citywide, and the rest of the system is just as strained.

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The Problem Is Bigger Than Policing

Public safety is a system, not one agency: police, fire and EMS, 911 dispatch, and Portland Street Response. Together they handle more than 220,000 calls a year, about 600 a day. That system is now overloaded and out of balance. Calls sit in queue, the wrong responder gets sent, frontline teams run thin. We must do better.

A Better Way Forward

This isn't one fix. It's making the whole system work together: a 911 center that answers fast, fire and EMS that roll without delay, Portland Street Response fully deployed on behavioral health and non-emergency calls, and police focused on the calls only they can handle. I've worked this system at street level. I've seen where it works, where it breaks, and what it takes to fix it.

The Bottom Line

This is about reliability. A city where, when you call for help, someone shows up. The right team, at the right time. That's the standard Portlanders should expect, and it takes a clear plan and the discipline to execute it.

Want to learn more? Visit my website to see the full plan for restoring public safety at eliforportland.com/public-safety.





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Snapshots



Friendly House celebrated the remodel of the Brentano Building on Sept. 19 with music, food and activities. The 120-year-old former church structure now has three more rooms for growing preschool and afterschool programs



Rose, the glitter-breathing pink dragon mascot of the Portland Fire, joined other local sports mascots at the Pearl Party last month.



A West Burnside Policy Walk, sponsored by the Portland Bureau of Transportation and Oregon Walks, reviewed plans and completed projects along the street last month.



Vernetta Fish, 63, was found beaten to death in her Emmons Place apartment at 625 NW 18th Ave. on Sept. 10. Louis Chlumak, 51, was arrested and charged with second degree murder. Emmons Place offers affordable apartments for households earning 60% or less of the area median income.



The 30th annual Art in Pearl brought art and artists from around the country for a three-day festival in the North Park Blocks.



The bus shelter at Southwest St. Clair and West Burnside streets, where a pedestrian crossing and signal were installed in August, has been removed. The property owner, Cultus Crew Investments LLC of Nevada, withdrew its permission for use of its land.



Steve Holgate portrayed Abraham Lincoln in the South Park Blocks before a forum in which the city Office of Arts & Culture advocated a plan to reinstall the Lincoln statue at ground level rather than upon a pedestal. Two days later, Mayor Keith Wilson ordered the statue returned to full height. "It is time to restore it to its original pedestal as a proud piece of our citywide revitalization," Wilson said.



Montgomery Court, a 1917 Portland State University residential hall designed by famed architect A.E. Doyle, and the adjacent Blackstone Hall were demolished last month. The university plans to replace them with 550 student housing units.

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