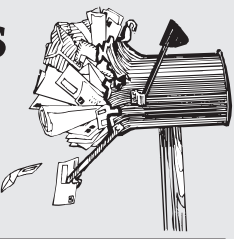


Letters to the Editor



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Fulton Park Community Center should remain open

We've seen the reduction packages being considered by the Portland Parks and Recreation budget advisory committee.

The Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. board, on a motion from SWNI's Parks

and Community Centers Committee, urges (the Park Bureau) to keep the Fulton Park Community Center open.

FPCC has a long history and deep roots in the local community. The building was built in 1914 as a joint project of PPR and Portland Public Schools.

During the day, the building hosts pre-schools. At night, the big gym floor is always in demand. Dancing has a long tradition at FPCC. Waltz dancers have used the facility for 16 years, contra dancers for 22 years.

Israeli folk dancers have more recently begun using FPCC. Weddings are another popular event. Volunteers provide a lot of help.

FPCC has unique attributes that have served the community well and will continue to do so if allowed to remain open.

Like other community centers, FPCC needs a subsidy, but it can generate good revenue. For example, two years ago, the revenue goal for FPCC was \$147,435. However, it brought in

\$157,808.

The only other community centers in Southwest Portland are often filled to capacity and would not be able to accommodate existing Fulton Park uses.

Marianne Fitzgerald
President
Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

Editor's Note: This letter was originally addressed to Portland Parks and Recreation Commissioner Nick Fish.

Neighbor opposes off-leash area at Duniway Park

My view and my views of the Duniway Park jogging track differ from Chris Goodrich's on dogs [New off-leash

dog park proposed for Duniway Park," by Lee Perlman, February 2012].

I see it busy every day with scores of exercisers from Portland State University and neighboring high schools, and residents from nearby Terwilliger Plaza, and a few dog owners.

Most, not all are attentive to (dog poop). Dogs off leash do. We don't need more of it around the track.

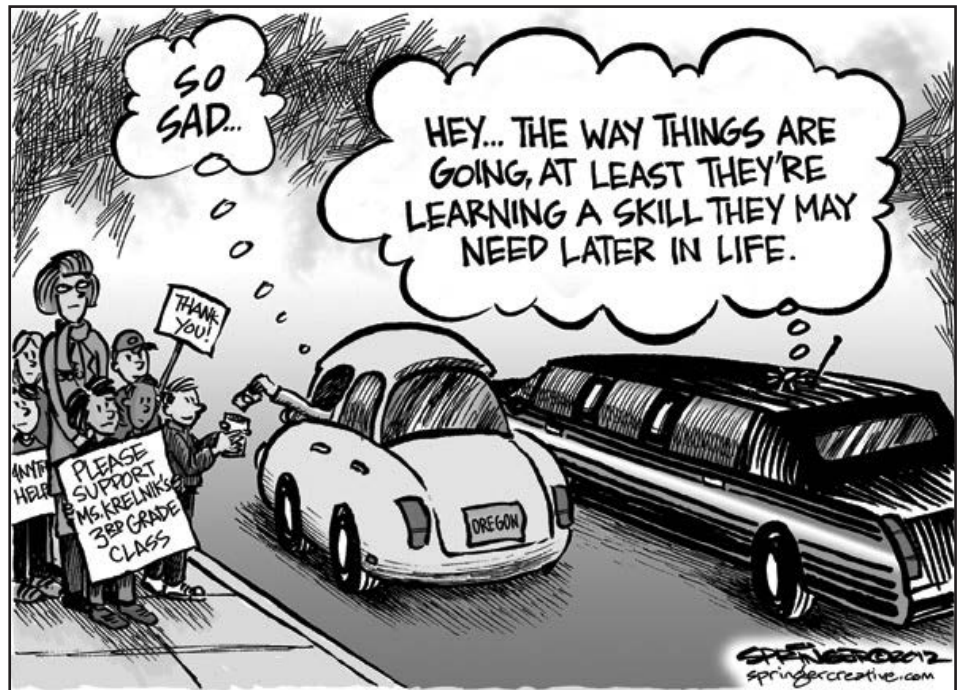
Tom Wright
Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard

Editor's Note: According to our story, the upper section of Duniway Park, and not the jogging track, are being proposed by Goodrich as a dog park. Park Bureau administrators have so far vetoed the idea, most likely because of the proximity to traffic along Terwilliger Boulevard, and no fencing in the proposal. — Don Snedecor



Will one of these candidates be the next mayor of Portland?

New Seasons Market co-founder Eileen Brady, former Portland city commissioner Charlie Hales, and State Rep. Jefferson Smith participate in a debate on local transportation at PSU, February 6. Fifteen other candidates were not invited. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)



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