

Letters to the Editor



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Correction: Cedarwood is a Waldorf school not a Montessori school

Regarding "Slides and lecture show old South Portland's ethnic history," by Lee Perlman, *The Post*, May 2013.

Thank you for reporting on the fine history lesson Prof. Arnie Panitch provided at our school in April. The turnout and interest were exciting to all of us who helped put it on.

Prof. Panitch's presentation reminded all of us here at Cedarwood of the proud place our historical building holds in Portland.

We would like to add a few clarifications to your otherwise fine article. National Council of Jewish Women, Portland Section opened the original Neighborhood House at 1st & Lincoln in 1905, but soon outgrew that facility and opened the present building at 2nd & SW Wood in 1910.

In 1926 they opened the first indoor pool west of the Mississippi in their new annex. The pool and that portion of the building were abandoned decades ago but were just renovated by Cedarwood and reopened a year ago this past February.

Finally, we would like to correct one small error. Cedarwood is a Waldorf school not a Montessori school.

While Rudolf Steiner, the founder of the Waldorf movement, and Maria Montessori were friends and their respective educational systems have similarities, they founded quite different schools. We would appreciate your correctly identifying us.

David DeMarkey
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Graffiti removal a losing battle

Regarding "CRIME PREVENTION NOTEBOOK: Citizen Involvement needed to prevent, report and remove graffiti," by Erik Vidstrand, *The Post*, June 2013.

Thank you for the informative back page report on removing graffiti. However,

it seems to be a losing battle. The graffiti on the [Multnomah] Viaduct pictured was reported using the PDX Reporter software on October 23 last year complete with photo, GPS coordinates, and a written comment.

If the city or state doesn't have the resources to combat graffiti then I would welcome the city to designate somebody in the Village so we can "officially" take care of it ourselves.

Bryan H. Ackler
Multnomah Village

Editor's Note: Calling 503-823-4TAG is another option for reporting graffiti to the City of Portland to have it removed. For further information, call the Graffiti Abatement Program at 503-823-5860.

Stephens Creek Crossing accepting applications for subsidized housing

EDITOR'S DESK

By Don Snedecor
The Southwest Portland Post

You may have noticed the Stephens Creek Crossing complex under construction the past year at Southwest 26th Avenue and Capitol Highway.

Waiting lists for one, two, three and four-bedroom subsidized apartments will be open from July 9 through July 12.

According to Home Forward (formerly the Housing Authority of Portland) applicants will be placed in order of preference and then by a random lottery number.

There will be 109 apartments with income-based rents, and they will be ready to move in to by January 2014.

"In addition to brand new homes, residents will be joining a community of opportunity and have access to a variety of programs that help them move forward in their lives," said Steve Rudman, executive director.

You can apply from any computer with Internet access at www.homeforward.org. If you need to use a computer, contact your local Multnomah County library branch or Home Forward.

According to Home Forward materials, "Preference will be given for households in which the head of household, co-head, or spouse is working at least 30 hours per month or is attending school or a job training program."

Additionally your total household



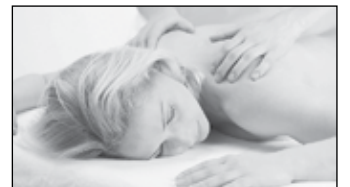
income must be less than 60 percent of area median income. For more information about income or other eligibility requirements visit the website above or call Home Forward at 503-280-3830.

For low-income folks struggling to find affordable housing, one of these state-of-the-art apartments will be literally like winning the lottery!

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