

Love of trees shouldn't hinder Portland's infill development

Letters to the Editor



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green plan envisioned in the '70s to minimize urban sprawl.

Kenneth A. Boehlke
Multnomah Village

Correction: Mocks Crest has staged Gilbert & Sullivan operettas since the 1990s

Regarding, "Operetta 'H.M.S. Pinafore' sets sail for Multnomah Village," by KC Cowan, *The Post*, June 2016.

The story on "Pinafore" contains a content error that was either the result of poor research by the person being interviewed, or by [writer] KC Cowan. Whichever it was, it grossly misstates the status of Gilbert and Sullivan in Portland. The 5th paragraph of the article states that Portland didn't have a G & S company [until Dennis Britten launched the Dairyville Players in 2012].

Our family and friends have been attending wonderful productions since the early 1990's given by Mocks Crest every June. They are staged at the Mago Hunt Theater at the University of Portland. They are traditionally even listed as Rose Festival events, and are wonderfully produced and performed. Information on their productions can be found online at <http://college.up.edu/pfa/default.aspx?cid=10351&pid=187>.

Tomorrow evening we will be attending "Ruddigore." I am sorry,

Regarding "Heritage tree in Multnomah Village endangered by new development," by KC Cowan, *The Post*, May 2016.

This is the second time in my neighborhood that the issue of a tree has hindered development of property in Multnomah Village. In addition to the lot at 7316 SW 33rd Ave, there are the lots at 7208 SW 28th Ave and 2736 SW Nevada Street that have been embroiled in controversy.

At a time when Portland is facing both a housing crisis and global warming problems, I am convinced that higher density infill is the correct solution. Infill not only provides for more housing for residents, because this is at a higher population density it also decreases the carbon pollution of cars.

I can understand the love of trees, as I have planted more than a dozen trees in my yard, but why turn our back on the planet just to satisfy our visual desires?

Portland should continue with our



however, that the organization discussed in your paper has not had more publicity. I only learned of the Cox and Box production last year, one day too late to attend.

And I do already have conflicts with the performance dates for "Pinafore" for this year. I wish them well! I welcome having another venue to attend to enjoy the music and comedy.

Glenn Bridger
Hillsdale

Don Snedecor responds: Thank you for your letter, R. Roy. The Peace Shelter is a temporary location downtown on Southwest Broadway provided by Menashe Properties. Before the expansion they were providing space for 80 people. After expanding to more of the building they will be able to accommodate 260 people—to make up for the loss of the Sears homeless shelter in Multnomah. Does that make better sense?

Peace Shelter to provide temporary housing for those displaced by Sears closure

Regarding, "Mayor Hales decides to close Sears homeless shelter in Multnomah," by Erik Vidstrand and Don Snedecor, *The Post*, June 2016.

To the Editor: Thank you for your publication. Just read it over coffee in the Grand Central Bakery.

Does this make a lick of sense to you? "Before the expansion the space provided 80 beds for homeless men. The Peace Shelter will now provide 260 overnight spaces for homeless men and women. It closes in July."

R. Roy
Southwest Portland

NEWS BRIEF

Capitol Highway ped & bike improvements scheduled for 2019

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

The Portland Bureau of Transportation recently announced that construction improvements on Southwest Capitol Highway will begin by mid-2019, or shortly thereafter.

According to Chris Lyons, transportation chair of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association, the ad hoc committee will remain engaged in the process.

"We want to ensure that the preferences of Multnomah residents are reflected in the final project design," Lyons said. "Please continue to stay engaged in future meetings to ensure that your voice is heard."

The Bureau of Environmental Services recently released a stormwater concept design for the project. Stormwater is a huge component and challenge on this project. The environmental and transportation bureaus are working to explore the various options for the project.

Roughly a dozen residents turned out at a recent Southwest Watershed open house to discuss the importance of the project.

"Bureau staff heard loud and clear about the need for this project," Lyons said. "Thank you for speaking up."

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