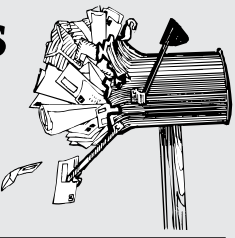


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Spring Garden Park should not be subject to noise of amplified music

Regarding, "Neighbors concerned about proposed amphitheater in Spring Garden Park," by Erik Vidstrand, *The Post*, August 2016.

I'm writing regarding the inclusion of a paved amphitheater with electric hookups to the proposed "improvements" to Spring Garden Park.

I am a former resident of the

surrounding neighborhood and am astounded to hear of such a proposal.

Spring Garden Park is a quiet, open green space, and as such deserves protecting for that alone. Portland has many, many venues for amplified music; a small park in a quiet neighborhood should not be among them.

There is little parking in the area, for one thing, and most visitors walk to this park. I do not imagine teenagers, for whom this particular feature has been

touted, will be walking in with their amplifiable instruments.

People who visited the park when I lived there walked their dogs, picked blackberries, had quiet picnics in the grass and sledded occasionally in the winter.

If amplified music is a possibility in our green spaces going forward I predict there will be much more local resident opposition to Portland Parks and Recreation development in the future.

Noise pollution is difficult enough to avoid in our urban environment; it is no small issue that this proposal includes such an outlier of a feature.

I do not feel it is appropriate for this or any small green space with adjacent housing where residents will be held captive to whatever noise emanates.

Michele Dickson
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Garden Home reader wonders what happened to his right to sunlight

Regarding, "Giant cedar tree in Multnomah Village cut down in July," letter with photos from Stewart Rounds, *The Post*, August 2016.

In Stewart Rounds' letter published in your August edition, he said "These grand old trees are a wonderful feature of this place" in reference to the 60-year-old ornamental landscape tree that was recently felled in his neighborhood.

A tree that was likely planted when the house was originally landscaped following construction in the mid-1950s. Hardly a "heritage tree" by my estimation. Still, a nice big tree.

It's easy to make demands about other's property when you have no
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CORRECTION

Regarding, "Park bureau and school district continue to test lead levels in drinking water," by Jack Rubinger, *The Post*, August 2016.

As soon as the Portland Parks and Recreation director and commissioner-in-charge became aware there had been previous water testing at the Multnomah Arts Center, which showed some fixtures had lead levels above the Environmental Protection Agency's actionable threshold, the parks bureau closed off access to Multnomah Arts Center drinking fountains.

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