



Pokémon Go gamers congregate in Multnomah Village searching for characters to capture. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

Pokémon Go brings business and problems to Multnomah Village

If you’ve noticed more people hanging out on the streets in Multnomah Village lately, it’s because of the new phenomenon called Pokémon Go. Created by a San Francisco software company, Niantic, Pokémon Go was released on July 6, 2016.

Although it does get gamers outside walking instead of sitting in front of screens for hours on end, adults, teenagers, and tweens alike use their phones to hunt for virtual characters with names like Squirtie, Weedle, and Jigglypuff.

They can show up anywhere and many have been found near certain businesses in Multnomah Village. Business has been so brisk at some locations that trashcans are overflowing and cigarette butts litter the sidewalk.

Pokémon Go has become a worldwide phenomenon attracting over 21 million active users, attracting more users than Twitter. Accidents, cyber safety issues, and trespassing have occurred to players everywhere it’s played. Local leaders urge awareness of potential problems that can take place.

According to the Multnomah Village Business Association, trash has been a sore point and business owners have been instructed to pay more attention to the overflow.

“At the July meeting we had a rather humorous discussion about all the extra people in the village playing Pokémon Go,” said Randy Bonella, MVBA executive director. “We discussed how to encourage them to pick up after themselves.”

One business owner, who wanted to remain anonymous, didn’t find it so

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COMMUNITY LIFE

By KC Cowan
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2 Mixed Media: “Connections,” an exhibit of mixed media paintings and collage by Barbara Rawls and Dale Rawls, will be on view at the Multnomah Arts Center gallery (7688 SW Capitol Hwy) beginning September 2. The artwork consists of mixed media on wood panel or paper with acrylic, plaster, collage, ink, gouache, and graphite. An opening reception will be held in the gallery Friday, Sept. 2, 7 to 9 p.m. The artists will give a gallery talk on Saturday, Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. The two-person show is up through October 4.

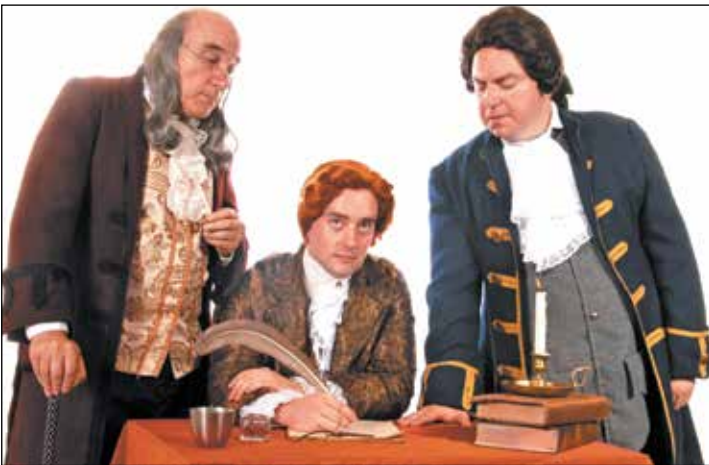
5 Big Truck Day: Come to the Mittleman Jewish Community Center (6651 SW Capitol Hwy) parking lot to meet and listen to the drivers talk about their vehicles up close and personal! Police car, fire truck, antique cars, and more! Monday, Sept. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free and open to all! Vegetarian food trucks will be available for your lunch.

10 Walk to Lake Oswego: This month’s seven-mile SW Trails walk heads to Lake Oswego through Marshall Park and Tryon Creek Park. From the Lake Oswego Safeway you will take TriMet back to Wilson High School, so no dogs allowed. Bring a bus ticket. Meet behind the bleachers, near the food carts, at Wilson High School, Sunset Boulevard and Capitol Highway, and be ready to go by 9 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 10. For more information, or to volunteer to lead a walk in your neighborhood, contact Virginia at vehendric@comcast.net.

14 Let’s Get Physical: No matter your age, you can make lifestyle changes to maintain or even improve your physical and brain health. This workshop covers four areas of lifestyle habits: cognitive activity, physical health and exercise, diet and nutrition, and social engagement. Register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234. At the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd. Wednesday, Sept. 14, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

15 Future Shock: What should the Portland Community College Sylvania campus look like in the next 25 years? Come to a community meeting with experts in land use, campus planning, transportation and architecture

to discuss future campus amenities, transportation, sustainability, green spaces and more. Thursday, Sept. 15 from 8 a.m. to noon and Friday, Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Tree Rooms. Lunch will be served on Friday. For more information, please contact Celina Baguiao at 971-722-4339 or celina.baguiao@pcc.edu.



REVOLUTIONARIES: Mark Pierce as Benjamin Franklin, Adam Elliott Davis as Thomas Jefferson, and Darius Pierce as John Adams in the Tony award-winning musical “1776.” Performances are September 9 through October 16 at Lakewood Theatre Company in Lake Oswego. (Photo by Triumph Photography)

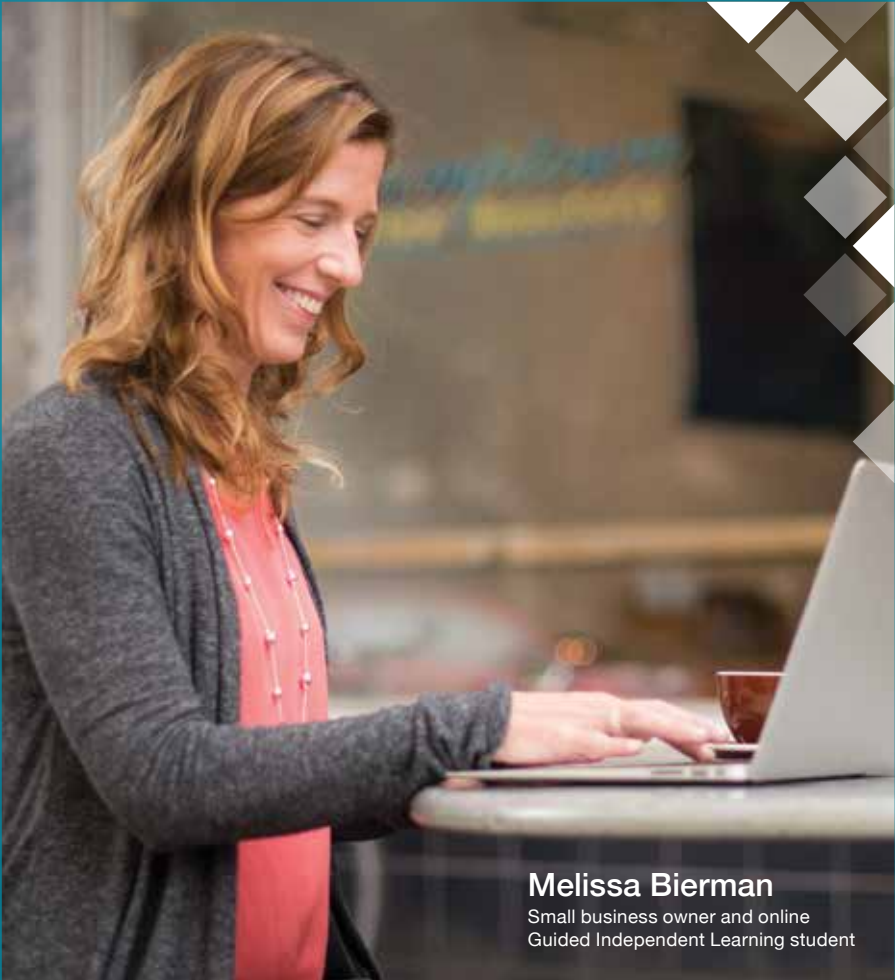
16 Foreign Film Night: Join fellow film buffs to watch “Sea Fog” from South Korea. It tells the story of Kang, a long time captain of the Junjin, who learns his ship has been sold by its owner, leaving Kang’s entire crew in danger of losing their livelihood. At the Garden Home Community Store, 7306 SW Oleson Rd., Friday, Sept. 16 at 7:30 p.m. Free.

17 Lucha Libre Masks: *Lucha Libre* (Wrestler) is one of the most prominent Mexican postmodern cultural icons. *Lucha Libre* wrestlers (“*luchadores*”) traditionally design their masks based on animals, fictional characters and public personalities. Make your own! Saturday, Sept. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Capitol Hill Library,

10723 SW Capitol Hwy. Free tickets available 30 minutes in advance. Call 503-988-5385 for more information.

18 Lead Poisoning Prevention: With all the news of lead in our schools’ drinking water, this workshop is timely! You’ll get the tools and resources to locate lead sources within your home and occupation, stabilize or eliminate hazardous conditions, and find additional agencies and organizations in the Portland metro area for more help. Free booklet and kit of lead-safe cleaning and testing materials. Registration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234. Sunday, Sept. 18, 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy.

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