

Community News

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Portland Greenway Trail will eventually pass through the site.

The Willamette Cove is closed to the public. If you choose to walk in the area, DEQ warns that shoes should be removed before entering the home and dogs' feet and legs should be washed after a visit to the site to avoid bringing contamination into your home. There is a fish advisory for resident fish caught in the area as well. A fact sheet about the project can be found www.PortlandHarborCAG.info.

**Willamette Cove,
a little known
wild space**

The Willamette Cove is one of the last river front greenways left in Portland and is closely connected to the Willamette Bluff system. It is around 27 acres and extends for 3000 feet along the Willamette River shoreline. The Cove was once the site of feverish industrial activity. In the early 1900s workers scurried around factories, mills and docks that once jutted out well into the river. Since the mid 1960s

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plans of stopping this adventure and sees herself getting gigs in more local clubs.

Christine hopes people in the metro area are reminded to stay in touch with how much great jazz Portland fosters and features. Aficionados come from the region and even from distant national and internationally places to enjoy many incomparable events like the Portland Jazz Festival (just wrapping up at the end of this month,) and Cathedral Park Jazz Festival (cpjazz.com), which takes place in St. Johns July 17-19 this year.

Christine has lived in Arbor Lodge since 1997 and works as the Principal's Secretary at Astor Elementary School.



it has been deserted, with only skeletal remains of cement foundations grown over by plants and barely visible to the eye. The site was abandoned as the economy changed but left chemical contamination behind.

It was not an intentional urban greenway, but manifested due to human neglect. In spite of its industrial past and urban surroundings there are signs of nature returning as if healing over the scars. There are groves of native cottonwoods, willows, alder, as well as fir, madrone and native oak and there are signs of life in the trees—nests and the tapping of woodpeckers. Coyotes, deer, rabbits, beaver, Western painted turtle, frogs, snakes, raccoons, squirrels, osprey, bald eagle, and hawks have found the only shrubby refuge left to them.

The Cove has great potential as an outstanding urban natural area, with contaminant clean up and removal of invasive plants. In contrast to other so-called greenways like the one on the South Waterfront, it is not human-scaped with too few natural sights and sounds. There, the riverfront as an economic asset trumped everything else. And what do we have to show for it? A sterile landscape with

neatly coiffed blossoming trees and tastefully barkdusted plants. There are few surprises and little to cause wonder or amazement.

St. Johns' Willamette Cove greenway on the other hand has been miraculously marginalized. It is human disinterest that has created room for nature. There are sights and sounds of life all around. With every visit new things are noticed: the surprise of an unusual looking nest, a Peregrine falcon high overhead, or the glint of sun on the river as a large fish jumps in the air. These are the things that denote true urban wilderness, delight the viewer and will make the St. Johns greenway a local asset and a superior trail experience.

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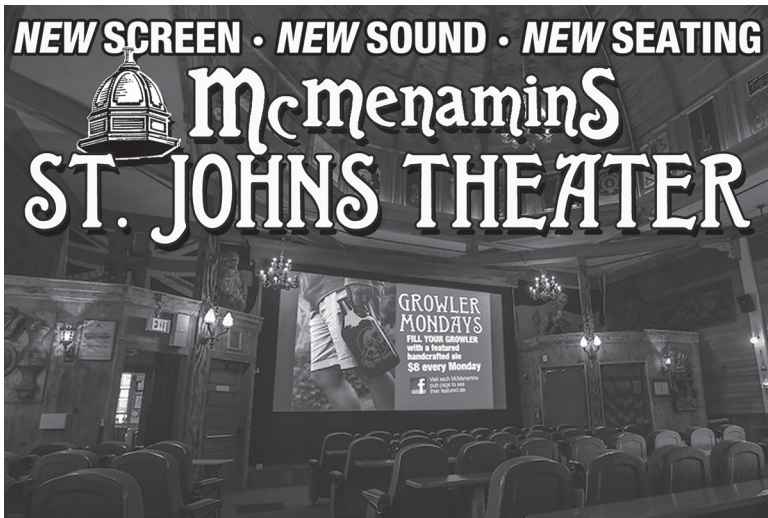
Burlington Water District is scheduled to hold its monthly Board meeting on March 18th at 6:45pm. The 2st reading of Ordinance No. 14/15-03; revised Rules and Regulations will be read regarding moorage water service fees. Location of the meeting: The Holbrook Bible Church, 19200 NW Morgan Rd., Portland Oregon 97231. The public is invited to attend.

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