

**Community News**



...little changes in the last 105 years. It has been for sale by Open Meadow since they vacated it last year. Andrew Mason, Open Meadow Executive Director, said it's possible the home could be a Montessori school in the future. Open Meadow would like sell it and build a new building in east Portland to reopen the high school.

As a city park, it will cost approximately \$3,000 a year to maintain and Jennifer Yonem, Portland Parks spokesperson said, "We will maintain (the park) for passive recreation including mowing, pruning, trash clean up, etc., but we won't be making any big changes to it at this point." She added that the park will immediately be open to the public once the sale is closed. That's good news for North Portland neighbors.

**More History:**

After Amos Benson moved from the house on North Crawford, the large Chaney family of St. Johns owned the house up until the late 1980's. The eleven children of Leona Chaney played in the ballroom on the third floor and recall high school dances held there as well as wiener stands, and end-of-school year parties hosted on the lawn. The house has landmark status that should protect it from being torn down for development.

*This is the view from North Portland's newest park on three acres at 7634 N. Crawford.*



*Right: Simon Benson, who was instrumental for many positive things in Portland. Amos Benson (who built the home on N. Crawford,) was his son*



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