

# ST. JOHNS REVIEW

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## 2015 St. Johns Parade in pictures

More pictures on Page 8 with a final message from Parade Chair Barbara Legge

Right: Portland Samoan Church carried the opening banner for this year's Parade.



Below: State Representative Tina Kotek is always an enthusiastic Parade participant. She is also a North Portland resident.



Pictures taken and sent to the Review by: James Moulton and Paula Sylvester. See more on Page 8

## Concerned citizens fight for a larger STEM area at RHS

*Hiring an attorney, they simply want RHS's STEM to have a suitable space*

(STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and gives students a foundation for a career and/or college path)

Concerned with an area of Roosevelt's remodel that many local citizens think is inadequate and substandard to other schools, a local group, which has studied and met with PPS on several occasions to discuss and improve the plan, say their efforts have unfortunately fallen on deaf ears.

The area of concern is RHS's planned 3,000 sq. ft. STEM section, which is one-third the size of Franklin High School's 9,000 sq. ft. STEM space.

The group has spent a year and a half on the issue and found what they believe to be a better plan for RHS and have shared their ideas with the PPS remodel planning group. "The plan is straightforward," said Donna L Cohen, Master of Library and Information Studies. Cohen is one of the concerned North Portland

citizens. "In fact, it is so intuitive that when we suggested it to PPS in May, 2014 they took our advice. Our suggestions was to move the gym/athletics area westward by about 30 feet; that would give us the space STEM needs. But about a week later, at the last DAG [Design Advisory Group] meeting, they announced they had moved the building and added space, but it was to the auxiliary gym instead!!"

Cohen said the athletics/gym space is already huge compared to STEM. "We know that Athletic spaces take up a lot of room, but, the STEM space is about the size of the Athletic's storage area. This isn't an arrangement that is proportional to the needs and significance of each program."

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"STEM at RHS"*

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## Roosevelt Softball team wins PIL

*First time in school history*

By Coach Kelsey Green

With a 22-4 record this season and 17-1 in league, the Roosevelt Roughrider Softball team has been named PIL champs for the first time in school history.

As an alumni, RHS school counselor and head coach of these amazing young ladies, I can wholeheartedly say that this team most certainly has made



Left: Pitcher of the Year, Freshman Grace Ferres. PIL Coach of the Year, Kelsey Green. Player of the Year, Senior Megan Verbout

Far Left: Varsity Softball in San Diego Spring Break 2015. The Lady Riders went 3-1 in Southern California.

Pictures submitted by Kelsey Green



their school and the St. Johns community very proud.

Taking on the program five years ago, the growth in talent and dedication of these female athletes as well as support from outstanding assistant coaches and incredibly devoted parents have transformed this program from the bottom of the league to the top.

Senior four-year starting catcher Megan Verbout was named PIL Player of the year and freshman Grace Ferres, Roosevelt's ace was named PIL Pitcher of the Year. Eight additional Lady Riders including senior Natalie Walters, senior Ruth Henry and senior Mariah Olson were honored with all league recognition this season.

Roosevelt began the OSAA 6A playoffs Monday, May 25 vs. Forest Grove High School at Delta Park Softball Complex (as this issue goes to print.)

Go Riders!