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From the Editor

Good News. Bad News Hello Readers,

The Bad News is I still haven't been given back the hard-bound issues of the St. Johns Review by the St. Johns Heritage Society, but I have much more good news.

Jake Benshoof, longtime resident and community activist, called me and offered me copies he had saved from the 1960s and 70s. Jake is one of the men responsible for starting the first St. Johns Parade so many years ago and then spearheading the closure of the St. Johns Dump and cleaning up the community. He still lives in St. Johns and is a wealth of information. It was a pleasure to chat with him and I thank him profusely for handing over these wonderful issues.

When I got home, I poured myself a large cold beverage and sat down to start reading each newspaper contained inside the large box. I wasn't looking for anything in particular - just catching up on the era where I came into adulthood and remembered very well with fond

The newspapers in those days were published by Robert and Ellen Irish, and quite large in size measuring 23" long X 17.5" wide. (Today's issue is about 16" tall and 10" wide.)

Inside the yellowed pages I found an article about a business Gayla Patton

called Zimmer's Dog Grooming that had just opened up (still around today); Dad's Restaurant getting some new equip-



ment; the early planning stages for a Parade; Bowling news (anybody remember the bowling alley?); Roosevelt High School's princess Kristi Lee who later became Queen of Rosaria and a few years later her wedding picture and announcement appeared in the paper. There was also news about various businesses coming to the community – many of which are still around and many that are gone. The 50+-year-old papers also had

a section called, "Hi Neighbor" by Jewel Sundquist. - a name many people will recognize as an active and important person for St. Johns, and then of course there were many issues with Mr. Jake Benshoof in them which updated readers about the progress of the dump closure, and who at the time was also running for State Representative.

Since it was the Viet Nam era there was a section called "North Portland Servicemen." I scanned this section because I knew several people who were in the war, but in particular looked for the name Jim Speirs, Marine. Speirs once wrote historical articles for the St. Johns Review but he also served in the

war and finding his name in the paper, and passing it on to him would be fun. Unfortunately I didn't find his name but I found someone elses and gasped when I read in the 1968 issue: Sonarman Technician First Class Brent A. Whitman, USN, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A Whitman. This was my brother. He served 10 years in the Navy and three stints in Viet Nam. I lost my brother seven years ago to lung cancer and I miss him everyday. But, finding this special announcement in this old issue of MY newspaper, meant so very much to me and I was quick to share it on Facebook so my nieces and other family members could see it as well. It was gratify-

So, Jake Benshoof, if nothing ever comes from my plea to retain possession of my other old newspapers, the gratification I got from finding this one article, was enough and I thank you for your generosity and taking the time to call me. You're a gentleman.

I've had several other people offer me issues of the paper that they've stored away, so thank you to them, and I found out that the Oregon Historical Society was given some of the old hardbound copies. I am comfortable that they are safe there.

Also, a caller gave me a website: http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/ lccn/sn00063676/1905-04-07/ed-1/ seq-1/ where most all of the old issues can be found on the web.

I thank everyone for responding

to my plea.

Cathedral Park Jazz Festival

It's hard to believe that we are half way through the year already and that the next issue of the Review will be the Cathedral Park Jazz Festival PRO-GRAM issue. This will be the Review's 21st year being the program for this special event – having just missed one issue a few years ago when the Festival changed hands to a group who didn't want (or appreciate) the Review's (free) contribution by using it as the program for the event. It's now being run by the Jazz Society of Oregon and they seem grateful to have the Review as the official program for the (still FREE) Festival.

The Review publishes more copies of this issue, which are made available for the three-day event, and more are distributed. It will have special articles, and information, pictures, and other relevant information about the Festival, but will also still have regular community news and entertainment items.

To cover the cost of this expanded issue, more advertising is a must. So, if you'd like to advertise your business in this issue, please call ASAP. Drop-dead deadline is June 30 for copy-ready ads and June 29 if you wish the Review to design something for

So until next issue, take care...and I'll see you at the Festival... Gayla



Above: Jake Benshoof (Circa 1972) has donated his copies of the Review from the 1960s & 1970s. He was very influential in the St. Johns community having spearheaded closure of the dump, starting the St Johns Parade and cleaning up the

NEXT ISSUE: # 14 - JULY 10 2015 is the CATHEDRAL PARK JAZZ **FESTIVAL PROGRAM** ISSUE. DEADLINE FOR **ADS AND ARTICLES IS**

JUNE 30 at 1:00pm.

St. Johns Bridge Contest Rules:

For each issue the editor will choose two pictures to be used as either a Masthead or as a Photo of the Week. A third pictures may also be used as space allows.

At the end of 2015 (most likely in November,) the pictures will be voted upon by readers for which photo reader's liked the best. The winner will receive a \$100 cash prize from the Review.

Pictures must be:

Sent in high resolution (200+) and sent to reviewnewspaper@comcast.net or reviewnewspaper@gmail.com in JPEG format.

Pictures may be cropped (by the Review) to fit the paper's perimeters. For photos appearing in the Masthead they need to be vertical more than horizontal. Masthead pictures are 10.25" across, and 3" to 5" tall. Pictures of the Week can be vertical or horizontal

Pictures appearing in the paper must belong to taker of the picture, but the Review has the right to use them in current and future issues.

Color pictures are preferred, but outstanding black & whites might be used.

Photos used in 2013 and/or 2014 may be sent and used again.

* If multiple photos are sent at one time by a photographer, the Review will use judgment for the picture (or pics) we think will print best in the paper.

Since this is a first, these rules may change during the year, or more suggestions and rules added. (We'll learn as we go.)

One vote per person. Voting begins in November where all the year's pictures will be

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North Portland Meetings

The following free listings are meetings for North Portland organizations. Updated information is the responsibility of each organizations.

Arbor Lodge Neighborhood Assn:

Meet on the 3rd Thursday each month, 6:30-8pm, Kenton Firehouse, 2209 N. Schofield

AMERICAN LEGION, ST. JOHNS POST #98 Meets 4th Tuesday, 11:00 AM, St Johns Community Ctr. 8427 N. Central. Contact Gerald 503-289-0855

BOY SCOUT TROOP 52:

Meets Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. at St. Johns Christian Church, 8044 N. Richmond. We welcome boys ages 11-17. For membership info, contact Anthony at 503-913-7085.

BRIDGETON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION:

General Meeting: 3rd Mondays at 8pm, Port Yacht Club, 1241 NE Marine Dr.

Сив Scout Pack 52: Meets Mondays at St. Johns Christian Church, 8044 N. Richmond.

EAST COLUMBIA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN:

Meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30pm at the Columbia Rvr RV Park Comm. Rm, 10649 NE 13th. FRIENDS OF CATHEDRAL PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN: General Meeting: odd months at BES Water Lab; 7pm. Board Meetings on even months at St Johns McMenamins,

7:30. All meetings on 2nd Tuesdays of the month. FRIENDS OF BALTIMORE WOODS: General meeting: 3rd Tuesdays, 6:30pm at the BES Water Lab, 6543 N. Burlington.

FRIENDS OF PIER PARK: MEETING: Third Monday, 6:30pm at St. Johns Community Ctr., 8427 N Central

HAYDEN ISLAND NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK:

Meetings: 2nd Thursday, 7pm, at the Oxford Suites, 1226 N. Jantzen Beach Dr., Hayden Island.

KENTON BUSINESS ASSN: 1st Thursday of the month, 9am at Kenton Firehouse 2nd fl. 2209 N. Schofield

KENTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN:

Board Meetings: 2nd Wed., 7pm, Kenton Firehouse, 8105 N. Brandon

LINNTON NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN: Meetings: 1st Wed. of odd mos; 7-9 at Linnton Comm. Ctr., 10614 NW St. Helens Rd. NORTH PORTLAND LAND USE GROUP:

Meets 4th Thursday of the month at Kenton Firehouse, 8105 N Brandon. 7pm

NORTH PORTLAND SOROPTIMIST CLUB meets the 2nd Wed at 6PM at the Lung Fung Restaurant, 2025 N Lombard Street. Public welcome to attend meetings to learn more about the club.

OCCUPY St. Johns: Meets Weds. 7:00pm at Anna Bannanas, 8716 N Lombard

OVERLOOK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.:

General Meetings: 3rd Tues of each month except Aug & Dec at Kaiser Town Hall, 7-9pm. Board Meetings: 1st Tues. each month at Overlook Hse, 3839 N. Melrose Dr.

PENINSULA OPTIMIST CLUB:

Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays (except holidays) at noon at Christie's Restaurant, 5507 N. Lombard. General public is welcome to attend meetings to learn about the club. There will be a guest speaker at most meetings. Questions—contact Sharon at 503-490-2889.

PORTLAND HARBOR COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

Offers a gathering of thoughts on the Superfund. Concerns about the contamination in the Portland Harbor Superfund? Join the community to meet with the agencies in charge. Meetings include Informational presentations; Opportunity to render your opinion. Meet agency leaders in charge of clean up. 2nd Wednesday-Monthly at BES: 6543 N Burlington, beneath the St Johns Bridge 6:00 PM. www.portlandharborcag.info

PORTSMOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN:

Board Meeting: 3rd Tues of ea mo, 6pm, Bridge Meadows, Bridge Community Room, 8502 N. Wayland Public Safety Action Committee: Meets 4th Wed. ea. mo., 7-9pm, Kenton Firehouse, 2209 N. Schofield.

SAFETY AND LIVABILITY TEAM (SALT) MEETINGS are the 1st Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the St. Johns Main Street Office.

St. Johns Boosters: Gen Meetings 3rd Tues at Central Hotel, 7:30-8:30. Meal provided. Board meetings:1st Tues at 7pm at Central Hotel.

St. Johns Lions Club: Meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays each month at Patti's Deli, downtown St. Johns

ST. JOHNS MAIN STREET: Meets at 8250 N. Lombard. Fore more info go to: stjohnsmainstreet.org St. Johns Neighborhood Association:

General Meeting is 2nd Mon. at the St. Johns Community Ctr, 8427 N. Central.

UNIVERSITY PARK BUSINESS ASSOCIATION:

Meets in 2014: 2/25; 4/22; 6/24; 9/23; 11/18 at 7pm at Darcy's at the corner of Fiske/Lombard from 6-7:30pm.

University Park Neighborhood Association:

Meets: Jan., Apr., July & Oct on 4th Monday 7pm at the Chiles Center at the UP, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd..



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