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## e sighted near Fessenden Street

fruit, so it's important to pick up downed fruit on your property or call the Fruit Tree Project to remove it in order to avoid attracting them.

Coyotes are highly intelligent and beautiful animals whose role in the ecosystem has not yet been well understood or appreciated by humans. They are relatively small, usually only a lean and rangy 20-30 lbs. and like most wild animals, require cover and privacy from humans. Nonetheless, they have found urban habitat to provide enough shelter, food and water to flourish here. The urban environment has become an important habitat for coyotes.

The coyote is mainly interest-

ed in catching rodents and rabbits, though it is good to remember they are also opportunist feeders. It's best to avoid creating opportunities. Some caution called for regard to small domestic



animals and small children if you suspect the animals are around. At night, it's best not to let cats out and small dogs out only on a runner leash. Chickens should be secured after sundown. It goes without saying that very small children should be watched at all times.

The Fruit Tree project can be reached at 503-284-6106 for free fruit pick up.

(The above information on urban coyotes is based on a study by Stan Garrett of Ohio State University shared at an Audubon lecture entitled Myths & Truths of Urban Coyotes).

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with assumptions, test them and draw a conclusion.

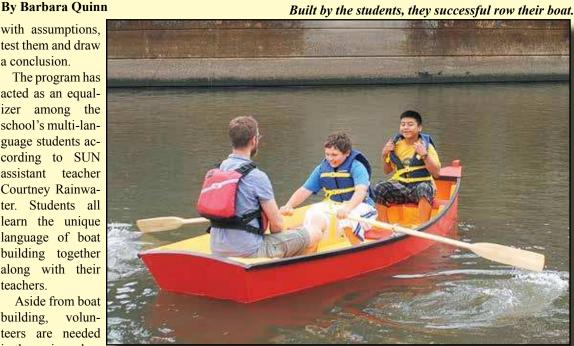
The program has acted as an equalizer among the school's multi-language students according to SUN assistant teacher Courtney Rainwater. Students all learn the unique language of boat building together along with their teachers.

Aside from boat building, volunteers are needed in the spring when

students create a variety of projects for the STEM Expo. All interested can contact Michelle York at myork@pps.net. If community members wish to commission a rowboat, contact Michelle.

For more information about Wind & Oar Boat School or to

join their network of support, see windandoar.org or email peter@ windandoar.org.



## **Odor Investigation Update: August 20, 2015**

From Debbie Caselton Community Outreach City of Port Environmental Serv.

Last summer, Environmental Services staff began investigating unusual odors reported around North Portland and near the Columbia Boulevard Wastewater Treatment Plant. After significant effort, the investigation discovered that the source of

some odors was industrial solvents, particularly DMSO (dimethyl sulfoxide). DMSO is odorless but degrades in the sewer system and can cause a sickly-sweet chemical odor.

In June, Environmental Services identified Portland companies that were discharging DMSO to the city sewer system and informed them that city code prohibits any discharge that creates noxious odors. The companies

immediately ceased DMSO discharges. In turn odor reports dimin-

Odor reports from our neighbors were instrumental in Environmental Services efforts to identify and eliminate these discharges to our system.

To report sewer odors online or to subscribe to receive odor alerts by email, go to www.portlandoregon. gov/bes/odors or call 503-823-1700.

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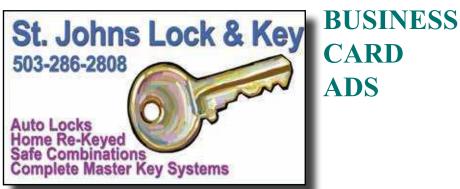
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