

tering School Zone Slow to 20mph"? What about using the techniques pioneered by Mark Lakeman and his group "City Repair" that proves that art painted on the streets slows traffic down? – We've all seen those colorful, painted mandalas in the intersection between streets, why not paint one at the center of Charleston and Lombard, right by James John Elementary's playground? The St Johns Lombard Plan itself tells us on page 86: "Specific design details still need to be developed through a design engineering process with public involvement." We have had NO PBOT hearings, Town halls sponsored by the City Council etc.

Call your City Council today and tell them what you want.

Yours sincerely,

Shae Uisna

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Roosevelt High School Grad Nite Party needs some help

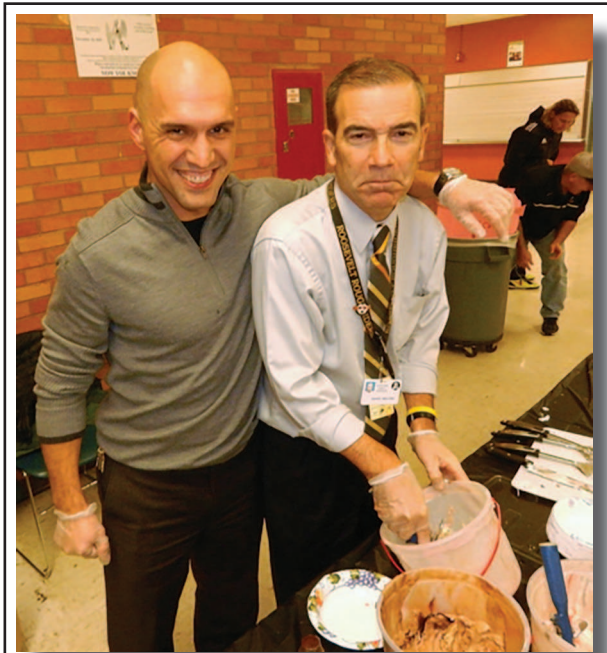
The Parents of the Class of 2016 are throwing a Graduation party after the ceremony on June 5 for any Graduates that want to come. "We are trying to fund the planning to include everyone and are taking donations," said Paula Sylvester.

The purpose for an organized Grad-Night gathering is to congratulate their accomplishments in a safe environment.

Sylvester said, "We remember the tragic loss of a young man on the rail tracks the year there wasn't a parent controlled setting and with all tragedies, lessons are learned. Our North Portland & St. Johns community has a long tradition of supporting our local High School. This Alumni & neighborhood support is what makes our area so unique! The Roosevelt High School Student population with over 30 languages is the future, so let's send them off with a wonderful celebration."

Donations can be sent to; RHS at: Grad-Night Party 6941 N. Central St. Portland, OR 97203

"Thank you to our community for your support of our kids!!!"



Principal Hristic & VP Malone dishing up ice cream

Share Your St. Johns Memories: St. Johns Main Street hosts event celebrating St. Johns history & gathering stories from residents

On Saturday, Feb. 20th, St. Johns Main Street (SJMS) will host "St. Johns Speaks: Our Hearts, Our History," an event celebrating the rich history of St. Johns, from 2-4pm at the St. Johns Baha'i Center (historic St. Johns Post Office) at 8720 N. Ivanhoe Street.

The event marks the launch of an ongoing project to gather histories

and stories from St. Johns residents. SJMS is proudly collaborating with S. Renee Mitchell's new Roosevelt High School journalism class (Urban Griots) and local photographer, Bobby Abrahamson, who has taken more than 300 photos of St. Johns residents over four years. Featured performances will include Cathedral Park Performing Arts Collective's

Intergenerational Choir and Portland's Youth Poet Laureate and RHS student, Alexis Cannard.

There will be a variety of interactive ways for local residents to write, tell, and share their stories. SJMS will provide pie. Bring your story to share, along with a baked good, if you like!

Our History

By Marnie Maurina

St. Johns: Remembering the past . . . but embracing the future

Still, after almost 70 years, driving by the big white house on Lombard Street, my feelings flutter a little. It is that house that represents my childhood – all the aunts and uncles and the cousins and my sisters, but, especially Grandma. An Irish matriarch, she ruled 'all the land' – she wanted the best for her five children and their children. She made her expectations known to all of us – and her prayers for all of us were evident in her daily church attendance.

She (and grandpa) bought the house in 1939 when they moved here from North Dakota for grandpa to work in the shipyards. Grandma managed the house, with borders from the U of P living upstairs. Of course that was an off limits area – she constantly squashed our hopes of playing upstairs and on the stairway up to those private rooms. Did you ever slide on your stomach down a long set of stairs??

Do you remember the olden days –

when there was a bakery kitty-corner from Park N Shop? Grandma would send me to the bakery to get a half of a white cake, no frosting – it was 35 cents! Do you remember The Coronet dime store in downtown St. Johns? The Evening in Paris cologne that we got for our moms, for only 25 cents!

The bakery is now an office near Copy Pilot and Park n Shop is now Auto Zone. (Hello to the former owner and butcher who still lives there.)

The Coronet is Children's Relief Nursery- only an antique storage unit from the Coronet remains - at a well known auto repair shop in deep St. Johns - along with fond memories of times gone by.

Did you swim at Columbia Park pool when it was not yet covered? Did you buy a piece of bubble gum after swimming, for one penny? Did you ever win a free ice cream sandwich at the Big Nickel?

Yes, things change – that is a basic – we must accept it – and be glad for it, and be forward thinking. I miss the olden days but also look forward to improvements and to the future.

Have you noticed the apartment complexes – three stories high, going up? Yes, things are hopping and happening in St. Johns! Soon we will be THE PLACE TO BE!!! If you are new to St. Johns – welcome! And may you make long and lasting memories in your home and your surroundings – just like I did at Grandma's lovely home and in my hometown.

**Share your memories too.
Send them to:
reviewnewspaper@gmail.com
Don't worry about grammar or spelling, just write about your special memories of the North Portland area.**

Obituary:

ETHEL MCGILL

Ethel was born to James and Nettie Barr in the St. Johns community of Portland. She was the elder sister of Betty and Gwendolyn and had an older brother, Mossom, and a younger brother, Donald. The siblings all preceded her in passing. She attended George Grade School and graduated from Roosevelt High in 1933. She married Donald McGill in 1936. While they moved to Beaverton in 1974, they continued to be active in the St. Johns community.

Donald was owner of St. John Hardware founded by his father, Charles S. McGill, in 1908. Ethel worked in the family business over the years along with several of her children. She was active in the community and her church, having been a member of the St. Johns Christian Church since she was 10. She was on the Election



Board, active in PTA, the St. Johns Heritage, and twice, she and Don were Grand Marshals of the annual St. Johns Parade. Don passed away at age 95 in June 2010 after a brief illness. They enjoyed a lifetime of trips to the Oregon and Washington coasts, many cruises throughout the world, rail and car trips throughout

the US. Ethel celebrated her 100th birthday in April 2015 in Beaverton with family and friends.

Ethel and Don had one daughter, Pamela Van Laeken (Richard, deceased), and three sons, Don Jr. Jimmie, Robert, and Patrick. The children all live in the greater Portland area. She had three granddaughters, Kristan Thorne, (Mike,) Megan McGill, and Kelley McGill; two step-grandchildren, Brad and Brenda Van Laeken; one step-great-grandchild, Ashton; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, February 13, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Skyline Memorial Gardens Funeral Home followed by private burial in Skyline Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to the charity of choice. Please visit her online memorial and guestbook at www.skylinememorialgardens.com

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