

# Tool Library Makes Repairs Affordable

## Borrowed tools free of charge

Have a house or yard project you are putting off for lack of the right tools for the job? Procrasti-

with common home-repair and gardening tools that can be checked out on a weekly basis.

For the first few months reservations and returns must be done in person, but phone and online reservations will be available

in the Kenton neighborhood of north Portland and several cities across the country, the tool library encourages residents to take pride in their living spaces, properties, and neighborhoods by making repair and beautification tools and

lords are fixing up their properties, new businesses move in, and over time the feel of a street and even a whole neighborhood can change. It shows people care about where they live."

Not having even basic hand tools can inhibit many people from repairing or sprucing up their homes or apartments, a situation the tool library hopes to correct.

"In studying other tool libraries, we found out that the most frequently borrowed item is a simple screwdriver," said Tom

Thompson, a contractor who will manage the Library's tool inventory. "The next most-borrowed item? A hammer."

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods offered to sponsor the new tool library and made the first donation of tools to start the collection.

Redeemer Lutheran Church agreed to let the library store its tools rent-free in an unused garage. Several other northeast neighborhood associations have pledged to support the Library

with grants and tool donations. Parr Lumber agreed to donate supplies at cost.

"Response from the community has just been awesome," said Fair-Layman.

Donated tools are welcome and can be dropped off during business hours at Garden Fever, 3433 N.E. 24th; Buffalo Gardens, 3033 N.E. Alberta and Hankins True Value Hardware, 3942 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

For large donations, call Tom Thompson at 503-539-1756.

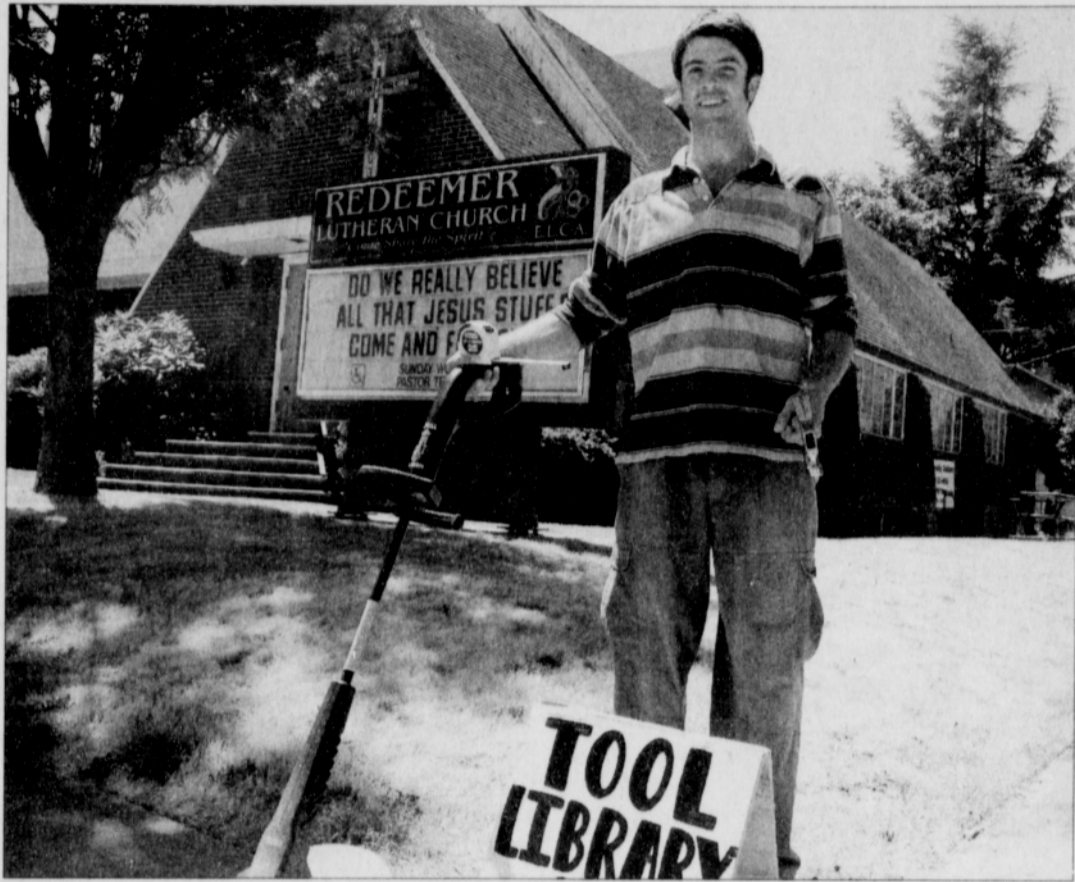


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Woodlawn resident and high school teacher Eric Fair-Layman invites the community to use the new public tool library at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5431 N.E. 20th Ave.

nate no longer!

The Northeast Portland Tool Library lends out tools free of charge to residents of Northeast Portland on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The library's tool shed, located at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 5431 N.E. 20th Ave., is stocked

soon. As its tool collection and funding grow, the library will extend its hours of operation, expand to serve more northeast Portland neighborhoods, and offer community education classes on home maintenance, remodeling, and gardening.

Modeled on another tool library

skills affordable and accessible.

"It's amazing what happens when one or two people in a neighborhood that's seen better days fix up their houses," said Eric Fair-Layman, a high school teacher, Woodlawn resident, and lead coordinator of the new library.

"Soon other owners and land-



## Bikes Take Over City Bridges

More than 18,000 people soaked in the views from Portland's bridges on Sunday for the 13th annual Providence Bridge Pedal and Stride, the second largest organized bicycling event in the country.

## Transit Expert Focuses on Access

For elderly and people with disabilities

Ted Newton has joined TriMet as the new director of Accessible Transportation Programs with special responsibilities on services to the elderly and people with disabilities.

He brings decades of experience in the transportation field, working most recently as Direc-

tor of Transportation for Dayton Public Schools in Ohio.

Newton will oversee LIFT services which provide door-to-door transportation to people who are unable to use regular TriMet services. He will be responsible for minimizing the ride time to and from destinations, efficiently using buses for load capacity, improving on time performance, and

employing high quality customer service. "With baby boomers beginning to retire, we're going to see more and more people needing accessible transportation in the future, and Ted will help us meet that increasing demand," said TriMet operations executive director Steve Banta.

Newton began his career in transportation after graduating from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University with a degree in political science. He joined the Air Force, where he was trained in various traffic and vehicle operations, management and maintenance.

He later worked for Seattle Public Schools as the Director of Transportation, followed by another Director of Transportation position at the North Carolina Zoo. While there, he completed a master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in customer service. Newton lives in northeast Portland with his wife, Linkin. They have two adult children. A history and travel buff, Newton has visited 49 of the 50 United States. He and his wife plan to visit Wisconsin, the only one left, this summer.



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