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The Independent Police Review (IPR) division is Portland's civilian police oversight agency, established in 2002 under the authority of the independently elected City Auditor. IPR is monitored and advised by a nine-member Citizen Review Committee (CRC). The City Auditor and IPR Director are seeking five volunteers to serve three-year terms, positions commencing in January 2012.

CRC members hear community and Portland Police Bureau member appeals of police misconduct investigations, listen to public concerns regarding police conduct, engage in training and other activities to learn about policing, review Portland Police Bureau policies and procedures, and advise IPR on complaint handling processes.

Candidates must be Portland, Oregon residents or business owners and be impartial and objective with a lack of real or perceived conflicts of interest for or against law enforcement. Applications are available at the IPR office or online at www.portlandoregon.gov/auditor/ipr. Applications must be received at the IPR office in City Hall by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 28, 2011.

Delivery can be made by: mail or in person at 1221 S.W. 4th Avenue, Room 320, Portland, OR 97204; e-mail at crc@portlandoregon.gov; or fax at 503-823-3530. Questions, please call IPR's main line 503-823-0146.

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she said she learned to inject heroin using her toes —just in case.

Metaphorically under the same bridge as Wedge, and sometimes under the actual same bridge, Katz continued to do as many drugs as she could, only to "wake up and be pissed that I was still alive".

Her realization of hitting bottom came in the vision of a little old lady rocking in a chair with no arms. In jail on a 90-day stint, Katz decided to live and not die in limbo. Out of jail at midnight with no plans and just \$1.25 to her name, she shuttled to downtown Vancouver and checked into a Clean and Sober Club.

From then on, Katz attended meetings, stayed sober, and after two years of transitional housing, got her first job at Hooper Detox where she re-united with a recovering Wedge. As a volunteer spokeswoman for a "drug-free workplace," Katz became publicly involved in breaking the stigma of addiction for herself and others.

After "using" for 35 years, Wedge spent her last 14 months of prison in a drug program. At first she rejected the steps to recovery, just wanting to be free from prison, but her attitude finally changed. She took the only job she could get —scrubbing prison floors. With treatment, her self-esteem rose as she worked her way up and out.

Once sober, Wedge struggled with finding a place to live, "Nobody wants to rent to you if you have a record and any credit you have is bad," she said. Nearly 20 apartments denied her before she found one empathetic landlord.

Wedge told him, "If you rent to me, I will be the best tenant you will ever have," and for seven years, she was. She became certified as a drug and alcohol counselor and soon could afford her own house. Now, she is a mentor for HARRP, a recovery program that provides transitional services to men and women coming out of

prison.

In 2001, Katz and Wedge decided they would stand on top of the Burnside Bridge at daybreak to celebrate that they were no longer under the bridge in their addictions, but on top of the bridge to celebrate their recovery.

Marking a tradition for years to come, Patty Katz and Louise Wedge held the first Hands Across the Bridge celebration on the I-5 bridge in 2002 with about 200 people in attendance while the following year's event grew to include 500 people.

Today, Katz works as the Program Director for Beyond Barriers, and along with other volunteers, mostly recovering addicts wanting to build leadership skills. She helps organize the Hands Across the Bridge event year after year.

Katz says the biggest prize of the event is watching former addicts do things they've never done before; evolving from a volunteer the first year to a mentor the next, and finally, to a leader in the recovering community.

"I am just so proud to hear them bear their souls to the community," she said, "Sharing stories helps break the stigma of addiction and puts a face and voice to recovery." This year's theme is Recovery benefits everyone.

on the event on Monday, attendees will hear from Washington's Clark County Commissioner Mark Bolt and State Sen. Craig Pridemore, and from Multnomah County Commissioner Judy Shiprack, State Rep. Michael Dembrow, and State Rep. Lew Frederick.

Ivette Torres of SAMHSA (Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Association) and Rhode Island's Steve Gumbley of Faces and Voices of Recovery will also speak at the event.

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