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Aerial view of the Fremont Bridge from the 1980s

Comment on the Portland Independent District Commission Draft Plan This Summer

The commission wants to hear from you and there are many ways to engage with the IDC. Use QR code to read all about the process and find out how to weigh in.

Portland's Independent District Commission (IDC) is working to formally establish four geographic districts for city council elections. District selection is one of many changes to Portland's election methods and form of government. As defined in the voter-approved changes,

the independent commission is charged with considering the legal criteria and adopting a district plan by September 2023.

The Charter amendments require that IDC vote on a district plan be completed by August to allow time to prepare for the 2024 election. Nine out of 13

commissioners must approve the district plan for it to be adopted.

No district was drawn for the purpose of favoring any political party, incumbent elected official or other person, or drawn for
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Creating a Better World Through Love and Flavors

Vegan food creations with Mexican roots will tempt even the carnivores

By Jordana Leeb

The sentiment, "Be the change you want to see in the world," attributed to Mahatma Gandhi, sums up Chilango PDX and its owner, Vanessa Arochi.

Arochi brings a deep love of developing complex and delicious flavors and textures in her food creations. She also brings a passion for veganism, which she has been practicing for seven years.

"I believe in a world without violence or suffering and animals are a part of that world,"

Vanessa says. The cafe "demonstrates that you don't need meat to create good food."

"Menu favorites include equites, suadero and the taco capana"

Instead of a "restaurant," Vanessa refers to Chilango PDX as a "project" and wants this project to change the world from the inside out.

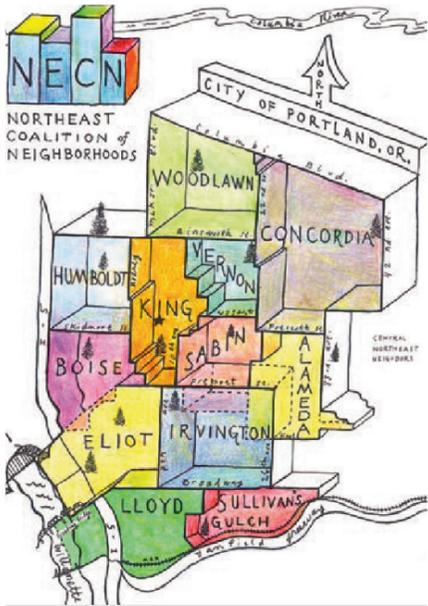
Chilango PDX's business

model includes paying employees (who she refers to as "collaborators") a livable wage of \$20/hour plus tips, cross-training staff on all aspects of

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Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), founded in 1974, is an independent nonprofit organization. NECN is one of seven neighborhood coalitions in Portland, which are primarily funded by the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement. NECN identifies and takes on hyper-local issues to increase neighborhood livability and civic engagement. NECN's service area includes 12 neighborhoods in inner North/Northeast Portland: Alameda, Boise, Concordia, Eliot, Humboldt, Irvington, Lloyd, King, Sabin, Sullivan's Gulch, Vernon, and Woodlawn. Any person that resides or works in North/Northeast Portland can get directly involved!

Block Party for a Panther

A big crowd showed up to celebrate Kent Ford's 80th birthday.

Most a hundred people showed up on Saturday, June 3 for Kent Ford's 80th birthday block party, held right outside the NECN offices. Many VIPs as well as neighbors, students and old friends, dined on chicken wings, salad and a gluten free cake catered by Cason's Fine Meats. While short films made by supporters rolled inside the NECN office, dozens of party-goers relaxed to music under tents set up in the beautiful sunshine. Afro Village gave away dozens of free lavender, chive, raspberry and herb plants. When the time came to sing the happy birthday song, a



hand-made sculpture honoring Mr. Ford's life was bestowed by artist Michael Bernard Stevenson Jr. Ford is the co-founder of the Black Panther Party of Oregon, and he continues to lead the Black Panther Legacy Walking Tour of Albina.
Photo by Lisa Loving

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the purpose of diluting the voting strength of any language or ethnic minority group.

The IDC used voter-approved district criteria which requires that each district, as nearly as practicable:

- be contiguous and compact;
- use existing geographic or political boundaries;
- not divide communities of common interest;
- be connected by transportation links; and
- be of equal population.

The Independent District Commission released three draft maps based on extensive community input. They represent three ways to divide the city into four districts for city

council representation and elections.

The maps share the following characteristics:

- All communities east of I-205 are in a single district.
- The Parkrose, David Douglas, Reynolds, and Centennial school districts (the four non-PPS school districts) are in a single district.
- Neighborhoods along the northern part of Portland are in a single district, with the exception of neighborhoods in the Parkrose school district.
- The north and south sides of Columbia Boulevard are in a single district.
- Historic Albina in N/NE Portland is preserved in a single district.

- All communities west of the Willamette River are in a single district.

The western border of the easternmost district runs along I-205 and 82nd to accommodate the Jade District and Lents neighborhood. Each of the three draft maps illustrate a different rationale to effectively respond to the district criteria, including pre-serving communities of common interest. Read all of the details [here](#).

The District Commission will reconvene in August 2023 to deliberate on input received and vote on the final map. Visit the Independent District Commission website to learn more about the different ways to comment and public hearing locations.

NECN: Celebrating 50 Years of People Power

Join us Saturday, July 22 for a day of celebration, knowledge and fun

By NECN Staff

It was a different time: Portland, Oregon, 1974. As federal bureaus were knocking down Black-owned homes and hostile city policies were preventing homeowners from staying in their homes and businesses in Northeast neighborhoods, local neighbors with a vision coordinated

to demand funds to build a new community center. That community center – now known as the King Neighborhood Facility – became the hub of NECN's operations ever since, housing brand-new nonprofit organizations, new ideas in livability, and support for neighborhood associations to join us as we prepare to celebrate.

celebrate 50 years of community, organizing, and neighborhood support by asking for your stories of NECN through the years! The commemoration kicks off Saturday, July 22, 2023 at 4pm with an NECN 50th Anniversary Open House, at our offices located at 4815 NE

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NECN's Interim Executive Director Jona Davis (right) staffed the organization's table at the GITH festival, engaging with local community members about changes to the city government

PORTLAND HARBOR SUPERFUND



PHOTO BY JESSICA ROJAS



PHOTOS BY SEA MASON

Histories of Presence

The practice of eco-alchemical mapping along the Willamette Cove

By Sea Mason

Welcome, I come from a long line of earth tenders and healers. I identify as mixed-race Black and Queer.

I am a second generation Portlander. My lineage is Italian-Jewish, a mix of European on my mom's side and Black, Creole and Indigenous on my dad's side. I am imaginative. I am creative, and I am in process.

I've spent years gathering memories, witnessing visions and writing them all down in notebooks and journals. So much so, that many of these threads are woven into this.

I think of the land that raised me; St. John's and Willamette Cove. When I think of these areas, I think of beauty and abundance. I think of wild presence, reclamation and care.

Here there are stories and histories everywhere. I see it present in the landscape. In the tree limbs, in the soil. On the pathways, and at the sand meeting the water.

There is such a way that plants can teach and show us what is going on physically, emotionally and spiritually with the environment. Their wisdom is liminal and

inherent.

I use this idea of eco-alchemical practice often when moving through outdoor spaces. What I mean by eco-alchemical is observing where the plants are growing naturally (not landscaped). Especially in areas of heavy industry and development. I think that plants have an immense amount of consideration and care towards us despite everything. The alchemical part is the magic. Everything is working in process to transmute and rebalance the land and water. The alchemy of place.

Another thing I think a lot about is the co-evolution and co-maturity of specific neighborhoods. How long-term place based residency in a single area often distinguishes our habits, exchanges and health. How the affinity towards connectedness has been largely and frequently disrupted. Plants and animals and soil and water working together. The inter-connectedness. The communion.

The practice of bringing an offering to the land is so important. Indigenous and Black people are the original stewards. I think about what I am standing on. What has been buried or paved

over? I think about that all the time. The responsibility. The things our ancestors are speaking of. The desire.

Whenever I spend time at the Cove, I see mullein lining the pathway, horsetail stands along the train tracks, tree of heaven growing tall, poison hemlock at one entrance, and wild lettuce persisting out of the cracks. All of these plants feel the weight of being devalued and disrespected. Although each one has a gift of indication; whether physical or spiritual.

I believe that one reason poison hemlock sprouts up is to act as an energetic guardian over areas where harm or transgressions have occurred. It's asking for repair and healing.

I think that one reason wild lettuce prefers to grow out of tight areas is it wants to be readily available to people who are housing insecure or who are houseless. Wild lettuce is a mild sedative and ally for pain and suffering.

Sea Mason is a Black & mixed race writer, healer, alchemist, dream and grief worker. Their work is deeply rooted in intuitive and ancestral practice, with an emphasis on plant medicine, queer ecology, spirituality/mysticism, land sovereignty, liberation and community care.

Jessica Rojas, she/her/they pronouns, is a multicultural Chicana, raised in NE, lives in SE and works as a steward for the region's parks and natural areas. Dog mother of Ramone el Chicharrone (former king of Killingsworth).

HANDS

There is always something to create
Spells were cast with hands and love
The acorn peeled back and thrown
into the pot
With years and herbs
And intention and words

stir, stir, stir

Someone's grandmother knew
Still here my hands are
Equally my own and everything
before
Folds like stories
Palms like mountains
Nails like dreams

I guess its been told
A magic whisper
A flame
A tree root
A ceremony

Portland Harbor Superfund Site Kicks into Action

Years of study and analysis are wrapping up, cleanup is moving forward



Community voices are also critical to shaping how the cleanup is implemented, for example, things like the transportation of material related to the cleanup. There is a lot of planning and coordination in moving large amounts of materials around, and Portlanders' voices in that process are

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Right now, the City of Portland is engaged in a critical phase of the Superfund clean up for Portland Harbor, in North Portland. Years of testing and site analysis are at last bearing fruit, as wide scale cleanup plans are taking shape – spoke have already started – but it's time for Portlanders to get involved and make sure the plans are carried out in a way that works for local residents.

“ One thing is crucial about the current moment for the Portland Harbor cleanup: right now is the time for

community members to **step up and partner!** What's going on right now? We are in the remedy design phase. This process includes nailing down critical details to make sure the cleanup will be effective and can be completed with minimal impacts on neighbors, nearby businesses, and the environment. Public agencies and private parties are working to determine how they will implement the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s cleanup plan. It's a vital step to getting us to the goal of a healthy river, and it's a step where community input really matters. For example, the City of Portland is working with the Oregon Department of State Lands and the Port of Portland to design the in-river cleanup at Willamette Cove. Community members have played a critical role by sharing what they want to see and how they want to use that area. They have shared their desires for habitat, recreation, and cultural practices. Just like regulatory requirements, technical limitations, cost, and other factors in the cleanup design, engineers are considering community perspectives. While there is no guarantee that parties will be able to meet all community requests, we are exploring what is feasible and practicable.

involved in the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup. There are more than 150 parties that are potentially responsible for the historical contamination of the river-bed. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) oversees the entire cleanup process and makes sure that all actions taken by parties working on the cleanup align with EPA requirements. Six tribes and natural resource agencies provide expert technical consultation to the EPA, while community members advise and provide feedback to EPA.

What is a Superfund site and how did this one get here? Superfund is shorthand for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). It is the law that authorizes EPA to clean up contaminated land and waterways. In the case of Portland Harbor, the contamination is historical. It is the result of over a century's worth of shipping, industrial, and commercial activity before environmental regulations were in place. Following years of investigation, EPA determined that Portland Harbor was a Superfund site in 2000.

Who are the local community groups and organizations that are working to bring more local residents to the table for this part of the Superfund process? What do they do and how can people connect with them? Several community groups and organizations are working to elevate the voices of

communities disproportionately affected by the contamination and the cleanup process. Their efforts are critical to ensuring an equitable cleanup. Portland Harbor Community A



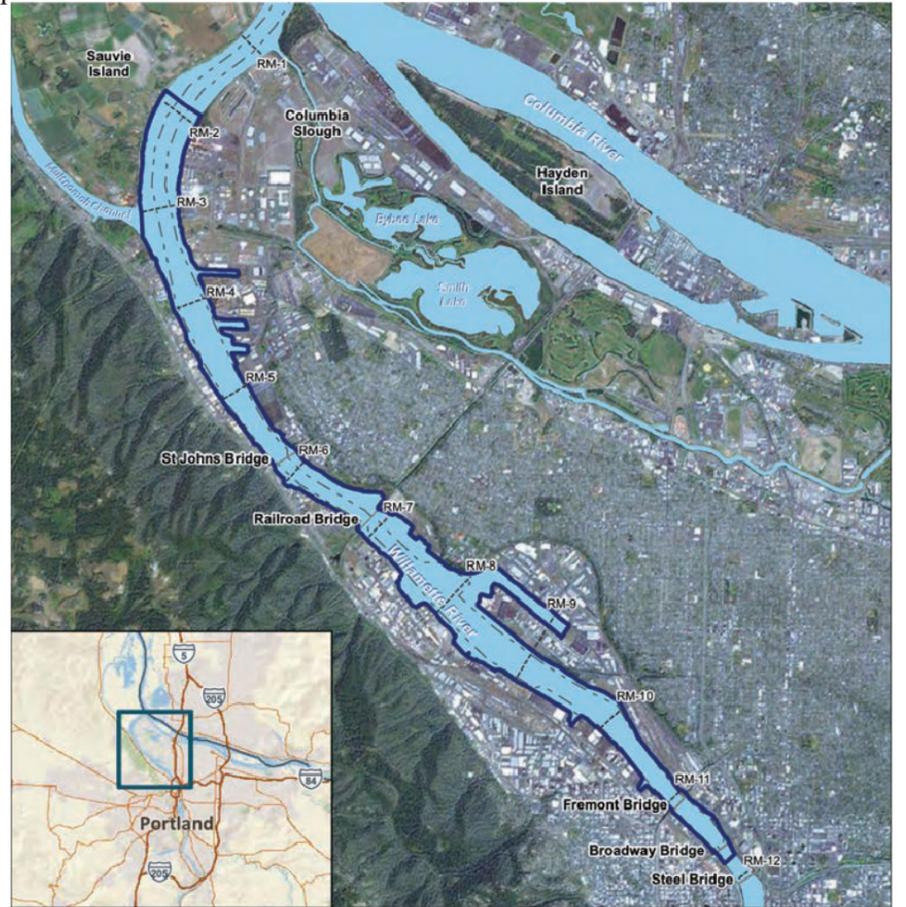
Group, Portland Harbor Community Coalition, Willamette River Advocacy Group, Willamette Riverkeeper, and Braided River Campaign have long been in this space doing important work.

Multnomah County Health Department's fish advisory education and outreach program is resulting in even more community groups getting involved to spread the word about what fish is safer to eat. And the City's Portland Harbor community grants program has also helped grow the number of BIPOC-led community organizations working to engage and educate youth about the contamination and cleanup.

For folks interested in learning how to get involved, I recommend connecting with the Portland Harbor Collaborative. It can be a good place to meet many of these community members in one place and learn more about their work. They meet every three months and provide a Portland Harbor 101 for people who are new to the area. **After years of industrial pollution, is it really possible to clean up a place like this?**

It's not impossible, and it is absolutely worth the effort for far too many reasons to name. Here are just a few:

- The contamination in Portland Harbor has significantly limited the ability of many Black, Indigenous, and People of



Color (BIPOC) communities to practice traditions considered essential to cultural identity, including ceremonies, celebrations, harvesting, and safely feeding one's family with resident fish from the river. Cleaning up the river will ultimately lead to fishers and their families being able to eat more of these fish with less risk to their health. The Willamette River is a significant cultural asset. **See FAQ pg 6**

Willamette River Access: You Could and You Should! Here's How



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When you learn about the Superfund site on the Willamette, it's easy to think: The entire river is completely toxic. It's too dangerous to touch. Right? WRONG! The toxins that harm living things are concentrated in the sediment; that's why swimming in the water and playing on the beach are NOT going to make you sick, but eating resident fish caught in the lower Willamette Channel COULD impact your health OVER TIME. Not only is swimming and playing outdoors good for you, it's free of charge and the only equipment you need is sunscreen, a bottle of water and something to sit on. Some people believe that the secret to managing our local wild waterways is to get more people next to them! Once you stand by the water – or maybe even wade or jump in – you might realize how beautiful and majestic the Willamette really is. Now that you're down with getting involved with the river, how do you get close to it? Here are three ways you can experience the Willamette River for free this summer, in N/NE Portland. Get out there!

PS: Always remember the sunscreen! PPS Also remember these Willamette Beaches with public access: Sellwood Park (near the foot of the bridge of that name) in Southeast Portland, perhaps one of the most known and all-around best developed access points to the Willamette; there is also Poet's Beach, down-town under the west side of the Marquam Bridge; Audrey McCall Beach and boat dock, just south of the Hawthorne Bridge; and back on the west side, Tom McCall Park (almost right across the river from Audrey McCall). Look them up and check them out!

Kevin Duckworth Memorial Dock
Free swimming and dancing every Wednesday starting July 5 from 5-9 pm with the Human Access Project, BikeLoud, and Lloyd EcoDistrict at the Kevin J. Duckworth Memorial Dock! The spot is a hidden gem nestled steps away from the Burnside Bridge and the Oregon Convention Center in the Lloyd district. This is your chance to dive into the best swimming hole in central city Portland, right on the Eastbank Esplanade. With lifeguards on duty for the event, swimmers will be safe while they cool down. Party tunes are provided by Bike DJ PopCartPDX. The dock is only accessible by foot or small wheels. Bike racks and swim ladders are available onsite. If using a car, park under I-5 on Oregon Street or at Lloyd Lot #236 just south of the Oregon Convention Center. See the entire summer's list of

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Portland Harbor Superfund Engagement Directory

These local nonprofits receive funding from the City of Portland to help get the word out on the Portland Harbor superfund cleanup process. Check them out and follow their work!

The Blueprint Foundation works to bring Black youth into environmental science with activities across the board – hiking, camping, science, engineering. Over the coming year, Blueprint's BIPOC youth and under-graduate peer mentors will engage in field activities, including conducting air and water quality monitoring in and around the Portland Harbor Super-fund site, and expand their Portland Harbor education, stewardship, and STEAM education. Read more online

Ecotrust impacts Portland Harbor through its work with Green Workforce Academy, a jobs and leadership training program in partnership with Blueprint Foundation, Native American Youth and Family Center, Self Enhancement, Inc., and Wisdom of the Elders. They offer paid internships in the green workforce economy, with more information on Portland Super-fund cleanup processes and jobs. Find out more online at

ELSO provides culturally relevant science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics programs for kids and young adults. Camp ELSO is beloved for their unforgettable activities, tied into what they call "a J.E.D.I. (Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion) lens." Check out their Wayfinding Camp, Spring Break Camp, and the Tappin Roots teen internship program. More online at

Esos Pacific Islander communities, **Living Islands** is an information hub for cross-cultural education and awareness on health and other crucial issues. They run an education program on safer fishing practices called "Go-Fish PI," covering the Lower Willamette Fish Advisory against toxic fish. Find out more about their work online at

The Lower Columbia Estuary Partnership brings together education, conservation, testing and advocacy – their name sounds dull but their work is amazing. Their new project is hiring and training BIPOC interns to lead kayak canoe trips for Portland Harbor activists and volunteers. Find out more about them at estuarypartnership.org/.



Nesika Wilamut is an Indigenous-led organization currently working in habitat restoration, but also in community education. More at nesikawilamut.org/
Pacific Northwest Council of Water Protectors is a coalition of Indigenous and non-Indigenous supporters moving forward the activist vision that emerged from the Standing Rock protests several years ago. Their focus is on Medicine Gathering, Portland Harbor riverbank cleanup, and Water Blessing for Indigenous communities. Learn more about them on their web-site, pnwccwp.com/
People of Color Outdoors/Columbia Slough Watershed Council
People of Color Outdoors was started years ago by local residents who wanted to inspire more youth of color to explore the outdoors through skiing, hiking and more. This coming year, PCO and the Council plan an interactive learning series for BIPOC community members with environmental scientists, environmental remediation professionals, river-dependent industries, and employers. Find out more online at peopleofcoloroutdoors.com/
The Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group helps local residents and organizers plug into federal and state policy processes that can seem confusing or intimidating. Especially through educational projects and direct advocacy. Find out more about them online at portlandharborcag.info/wp/. Currently they're developing the River Education Center and associated programming at Green Anchors, on the riverfront of the Portland Harbor. With a grant from the city of Portland, the **Portland Harbor Community Coalition** is collaborating with tribal representatives and Indigenous Mayan community members to organize a culturally inclusive water ceremony along Portland Harbor. They will also work with organizational partners and youth to co-create an interactive educational workshop and field trip to increase awareness and interest in Portland Harbor, the river, Lower Willamette Fish Advisory, and safe fishing practices. Find out more on their website at phccoalition.org/.

Know Before You Go!

Which fish should I eat?

Safe to Eat

- Coho Salmon
- Shad
- Steelhead

Limited

- Crappie*
- Crayfish*
- Mussels*

Don't Eat

- Bass
- Catfish (Brown Bullhead)
- Carp
- Clams*

Some fish that live their whole life in the Lower Willamette River near downtown Portland contain dangerous contaminants.

Eating these fish can damage children's brain development, cause lifelong learning disabilities, disrupt hormone and immune systems, and increase the lifelong risk of cancer.

Know where your freshwater fish is from!

* These are listed as safe to eat. However, the advisories for mussels and steelhead are based on the monthly limits for Crappie, Crayfish, and Mussels.

For more information, contact:
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 Oregon Health Authority Statewide Fish and Shellfish Advisories - www.health.oregon.gov/fishadv

Multnomah County Health Department

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cultural resource for tribal members. All salmon in the Willamette River must travel through the Portland Harbor as part of their migration. Addressing the contamination is the first step to creating a protective environment for humans and wildlife.

- We are stewards of this natural resource, and we must address contamination so that it does not risk human health or the environment. Portlanders

Contamination from decades of industrial use in the Portland Harbor has settled into the river bed:

- Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)
- Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs)
- Dioxins/furans
- Pesticides

love the Willamette River and want to feel safe while enjoying and recreating on it.

What is the timeline for important public meetings and processes on the Willamette Harbor

GET INVOLVED!

Go to a meeting, meet a scientist or policy maker! Email for sign up information: contact@phccoalition.org

Public Meetings:

Date: 2nd Wednesdays (Jan., Feb., April, May, July, Aug., Oct., Nov.)
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Where: Zoom

Working Group Meetings:

Date: 2nd Wednesday quarterly (March, June, Sept., Dec.)
Time: 6:30pm - 8:30pm
Where: Zoom

Superfund Cleanup Design Phase?

The Portland Harbor Collaborative meetings take place quarterly. All are welcome! Next meeting is in June. Contact phcollaborative@triangleassociates.com for more information.

What is the most important thing about this issue for local residents to know?

Portlanders' tireless activism and engagement have been critical to moving the Portland Harbor Superfund cleanup forward and the City's increasing investment in supporting community involvement in the process. We are thankful for the leadership and commitment of those who have been involved for many years and the energy and involvement of those who are newer to Portland Harbor space. We are excited to continue working with all Portlanders, particularly those disproportionately affected by the contamination, to achieve a healthier river.

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Duckworth Dock events online at www.ecolloyd.org.

Cathedral Park

One of the most beautiful scenic spots on the Willamette in Portland, under the St. John's Bridge, here you will find swimming and fishing areas, a boat dock and ramp, restrooms,

picnic tables, and a grass amphitheater. It has a small sand/gravel beach, right across from a bridge support. As part of the Portland Harbor Superfund site, be aware that swimming, boating, wading and playing on the beach are all safe, but eating resident fish caught here is not. Located at N. Edison and Pittsburg Ave. under the east end of the St. Johns Bridge.

Lloyd EcoDistrict presents

BROADWAY IN BLOOM

A Celebration of Health, Sustainability, and Community

Friday, July 14
5-8PM
 NE 17th between Broadway & Weidler

Broadway in Bloom is a block party with a purpose, bringing live tunes, tasty treats, and eco-friendly fun! Join us for free bike repair, recycling with Ridwell, fitness classes, market pop-ups, active transit with Go Lloyd, and more!

WWW.ECOLLOYD.ORG/EVENTS/BROADWAYINBLOOM

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Looking for ways to impact your block?
 Get involved with your neighborhood association!
 Email lisa@necoalition.org

New Affordable Housing

The NECN community is celebrating a new bounty of beautiful affordable apartment buildings in our networks! Across the inner northeast neighborhoods, a whole new crop of affordable apartment buildings has gone up in the past few years, courtesy of nonprofit organizations like Hacienda CDC and NAYA, in partnership with the City of Portland. Newer additions include the Urban League of Portland's Hattie Redmond building – elegant,

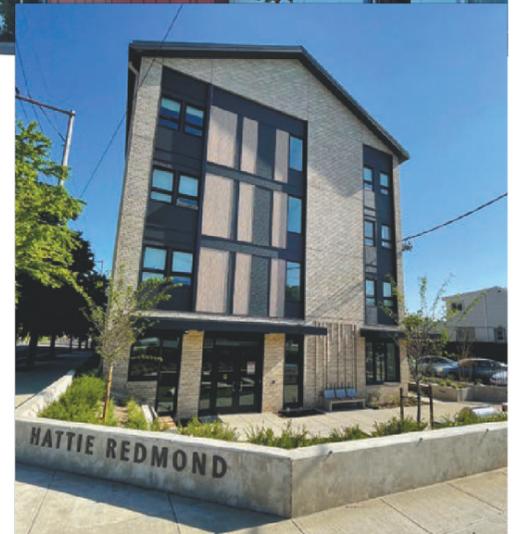
central and close to transit. Built by architect for the African American community, the Hattie Redmond is hoped to be the first of more housing developments by one of the oldest racial justice organizations in Portland.

Meanwhile, the Sabin CDC's dream of honoring beloved former board chair Harvey Rice with new affordable housing projects is officially a reality! The City of Portland is right on track,

an established community garden. Lewis, a renowned artist who used her paintings in service to social change and community education. Nearby, the Isaka Shamsud-Din on Killingsworth Street offers studios, one- and two-bedroom apartments. It will soon hold original art by its namesake, one of Portland's greatest fine art painters.



Charlotte Lewis



Hattie Redmond

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Savanna Carillo, Vanessa Arochi and Diego Neri stand in front of the luchadores mandala in Chilango PDX. (photo by Jordana Leeb)

the business from cooking to serving, fostering a non-toxic work environment using nonviolent communication, sharing 30% of the business profits with staff, celebrating Latin American culture and creating a space free from stereotypes of Mexico. Originally from Mexico City, Vanessa says she has a background in biochemistry with a focus on food science. Prior to moving to the United States, she had a career in developing new food products for companies in Mexico. After coming to the United States, first to San Francisco and then to Portland, she con-

sidered different career options before trying her hand at restaurant pop ups, a food cart and eventually Chilango PDX. Carillo says “vegan food gets a bad rap,” and encourages people to give it a try. Chilango PDX is always experimenting with new recipes and more are in the works. Her favorite dishes from the menu include equites, suadero and the taco capana. For anyone who is curious, “Chilango” is slang for someone who is from Mexico City. Vanessa is proud of her Chilango roots and honors her heritage through artwork on the walls, including a giant metal luchadores (Mexican wrestlers) mandala. She sees this image as a metaphor for “fighting together” to create a better world. Chilango PDX is located at 2217 NE Alberta Street.

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7th Ave., Portland, OR 97211. Enter through the King Courtyard Entrance at NE 7th and Wygant. Later that evening, our Summer Free For All movie event in the King School Park will feature the animated film, “DC League of Super Pets,” featuring the voices of Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Keanu Reeves and McKinnon. The movie is free, and sweet treats will be available for purchase at a truck from Dairy Hill Ice Cream (including vegan flavors and gluten-free cones). Looking through our box of

old photos and news clippings, you can see that people power is what created the King Annex building and also NECN itself,” says NECN Communications Director Lisa Loving. “It would be great to bring people back around the table to talk about who built this organization, how did they do it, and whether there are lessons we can take today in organizing for a better community.” This coming year, NECN staff hopes to create an oral history project on the past 50 years of grassroots organizing, based on stories from the many people who played a role in NECN over the decades so far.

At our 50th Anniversary House, we'll also be providing information on how to use the meeting space at the Annex, how to join neighborhood associations and ways to engage communities in politics and campaigns.



Do you know someone who played a role in the past 50 years of the North East Coali-

tion of Neighborhoods, or any of our sponsored projects or programs? Email Lisa@necoalition.org, we would love to hear from you!



**DWAYNE
JOHNSON**

**KEVIN
HART**

SIT, STAY, SAVE THE WORLD.



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KING SCHOOL PARK • FREE!

