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BEAUMONT-WILSHIRE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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NEIGHBOR FOCUS

Kitty's Story

BY KATHERINE "KITTY" BUTLER

MY PARENTS, my brother and I moved in to the house where I live on a rainy Wednesday, March 1, 1939. At that time, my father, being a chemist, was making \$60 a month. For a long time my parents had saved a little money each payday until they had enough for a down payment on a house of their own. The house they bought cost \$4,800.

My brother started Beaumont School in the fifth grade. I was in the eighth grade and preferred to finish with my class at Mt. Tabor School where I had been since the second grade. I remember my parents urging me to go with them to a program at Beaumont School because a very talented young girl was to sing. Her name was Suzanne Burce and later in Hollywood changed it to Jane Powell. My brother



Kitty, her mother, also named Kitty and her brother, Allan in 1939.

was one of many boys who had a crush on her.

In 1939 Beaumont School had grades one through eight. Later Kindergarten was added. We are a three-generation Beaumont family. My brother was the first to enter in 1939. My three daughters all went to Beaumont and now I tread those halls once

See KITTY page 3

Confused About Utility Options?

AS PART OF the next phase of Oregon's electricity restructuring, residential customers are being asked to choose from a portfolio of options for their service. The utilities have done a mass mailing explaining the changes and asking customers to choose between their existing service, three "green" power options, and a time-of-use option to encourage using power at off-peak times.

Debra Kennedy, BWNA resident, is working with the Fair and Clean Energy

coalition to help present this information all over the state so customers understand the changes and can make choices based on their own circumstances and lifestyle preferences. Customers can choose to do nothing and keep their existing service, or select a new energy option. Most choices have an open enrollment, where customers can choose to make a change at any time. Some of the programs have enrollment deadlines, and limited enrollment. Come with your questions.

BWNA GENERAL MEETING

All Beaumont Wilshire residents welcome

Monday, February 11 at 7:30 PM

Presenter: Debra Kennedy

Bethany Lutheran, NE 37 & Skidmore

BLOCK WATCH TRAINING—FEB. 21

Neighborhood Responds to Homicide

BY KATHERINE ANDERSON

ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2001, 14-year-old Melissa Bittler was killed in Northeast Portland near Northeast 35th and Prescott Street and nothing has been the same since for many neighbors, friends, family and fellow students.

The death of this young, bright child was the catalyst for two community meetings the following week. Nearly 300 people attended the meetings at Grant High School and Bethany Lutheran Church. Neighbors, students and parents heard presentations from law enforcement, Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention, Dougy Center (for grieving children), Beaumont-Wilshire and Concordia Neighborhood Association representatives.

The issues raised included recognizing and addressing children's fears and anxieties. Presenters discussed child and adult personal safety programs, i.e. Block Home, Street Smarts and WomenStrength. People learned the basics of how to report crime and suspicious activity, as well as how to contact their neighborhood Crime Prevention Specialist. Northeast Precinct discussed neighborhood crime statistics, police patrol

See NEIGHBORHOOD RESPONDS page 4

CALENDAR

Monday, February 11, 7:30 pm

BWNA General Meeting
Bethany Lutheran, 37th/Skidmore

Friday, March 8, 2002

Deadline for articles and ads for
Apr/May BWNA Newsletter

Monday, March 11, 7:30 pm

BWNA Board Meeting
Bethany Lutheran

Saturday, March 16, 2002

BW Tree Planting Day
United Methodist Church
3917 NE Shaver

Monday, April 8, 7:30 pm

BWNA General Meeting/Elections
Bethany Lutheran

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Please send other BWNA correspondence to Willie Nolan, 3215 NE 47th Ave, 97213, or email to wilban2000@yahoo.com. Visit the BWNA website at www.bwna.org

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Call to Action

WITH THE NEW Year comes new development and the continuation of land use issues in our neighborhood. Last year we had a study prepared by a group of graduate planning students from PSU to form the basis of our own design and land use preferences. The exercise clearly demonstrated the complexity and vagueness of the various issues at hand. In my own opinion, clearly the most difficult aspect of the land use topic is that there are no right or wrong answers, only opinions. Just like politics and religion, we cannot gain a clear consensus on the right or wrong, good or bad. In the same vein, personal agendas and misguided "studies" can cloud our judgment. While no fan of most things governmental, and an even lesser fan of things political, I understand the necessity of a process through which we can channel our disparate opinions into a workable format. It is also very clear that we must be vocal and involved to counter the influences of other interested parties with potentially differing agendas. Are ideas such as the urban growth boundary, light rail, and community centers based on proven ideology, a politician's desire for legacy and power or profit? Many studies seem to "prove" either side.

Is any of this important to us? Well, it is if you have an opinion on the new

developments taking shape at various locations in our own little world. Two such developments, Kevin Cavanaugh's building on 45th & Fremont and Sundance

Development's proposed building on 46th & Fremont reflect a completely different approach to land use and neighborhood involvement. Mr. Cavanaugh approached the neighborhood association early on, solicited feedback, and has taken great pains to make the development esthetically pleasing to many people, environmentally friendly, and in congruence with existing design. While I intend to reserve judgment on Sundance Development's building design, the approach was that of, at best, indifference to the surrounding environment to be impacted. The neighborhood association was advised only after requesting information and no modification or discussion was available. Obviously return on investment outweighs neighborhood concerns in that situation.

What all this leads to is a call to action for those individuals concerned with land use in our neighborhood. We need expertise in zoning, planning and design. We also need individuals who are vocal and opinionated, but sensitive to the myriad of complex issues surrounding the topic and willing to be a voice of reason and negotiation. I will discuss the upcoming election next month, but if interested, please be thinking of how you can contribute to the future development of our neighborhood.
-Willie Nolan



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Kitty

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Recent photo
of Kitty

again as my granddaughter is a seventh grader there.

My brother and one of my daughters had the well-known Miss Blood. I remember attending an Open House when my daughter was in Miss Blood's class. One of the boys had made a volcano for the exhibit. Unbeknownst to the teacher he had arranged that it would erupt with real fire. Miss Blood erupted too!

In the block where I live there are four houses on either side of the street. In 1939 there was a total of seventeen children in those eight houses. Today there are only five and three of those away in college. Back then many families had no car and scarcely any had more than one. We neighborhood children safely played many games that involved being in the street, among them: "Red Rover, Red Rover, Let Someone Come Over," "Kick the can," "Hide and Seek," and "Tag."

At the corner of Fremont and Alameda where the Wilshire Market is located was Carlson's Drugstore and Schafer's Grocery, charge accounts welcome. Teenagers almost never had access to a car and my friends and I often stopped at the fountain in Carlson's Drugstore for a refreshing Lemon-Lime Phosphate after trudging up the hill from Grant.

Beaumont Wilshire is a great neighborhood where many families have come and stayed and stayed. Mine is one of them.

Tree Planting on March 16

BY MELISSA RITTER

THE BEAUMONT-WILSHIRE/Friends of Trees tree planting day—**March 16**—is fast approaching. We are thrilled to report that over 100 people have signed up to plant new trees in their parking strips or yards! These trees will provide beauty and shade for all of us to enjoy as we walk through our community. If you are purchasing a tree, you must contact us with your tree selection by **FEBRUARY 8**. Let us know if you have not yet received a list of tree options to choose from for your property specifications in the mail. Checks can be made out to Friends of Trees. Please remember that we are getting these trees at a tremendous discount and there is limited stock of certain varieties.

We are also still looking for volunteers for the event on March 16. Tree planting is a fun and easy way to provide a service to your community and to your neighbors, many of whom are unable to plant trees on their own. Some of the jobs that need filling include coordinators, drivers—large trucks and pick-ups, planting crews, mulch delivery crew, refreshment coordinator, and clean-up crew. We'd love to see you out there! Please join us. Contact Heidi Blischke at 503-280-0133/hblischk@ch2m.com or Melissa Ritter at 503-493-1922/rittermg@attbi.com.


Website Gets Better

BY JANET BAKER

TAKE A LOOK at our updated neighborhood website at www.bwna.org. We are lucky to have Mario Caoile (webmaster), Rob Vaughn (web host) and the website committee. They have volunteered a tremendous amount of time to make our website one of the best in the city.

New features have been added. There is a page that provides many useful links to local organizations. Also, you can join the BWNA Email List to stay up to date on land use issues and other things going on in our neighborhood. To join the list, click on the button on the left hand side that says "BWNA Email List". This will lead you through the steps to join the list.

Check out the photos of our neighborhood by clicking on the "photo" button on the left side of the top bar. We are looking for more photos to add to this section. If you have any old family or neighborhood photos, we would love to scan them into our website for others to enjoy. We also would like to add more photos from recent neighborhood events, as well as photos from trips. Just let us know at mc-hk@msn.com and we will arrange to borrow the photos.



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Neighborhood Responds

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response and extra measures which were instituted to enhance safety in the area. Police homicide detectives responded to concerns, but they had no new information to share. (Since the meetings, information was released about a suspect connected to a similar attack in 1997.) Parents and youth expressed fears about bus stop safety, as well as, adult fear and vulnerability. Participants were provided with resource information and phone contacts for all the programs and agencies involved (see Community Resource List).

What can neighbors do:

1. Enhance Child Safety

Everyone who lives along a route where children walk to or from school or wait for a bus can look out for the children. Whether you form an informal "bus watch", watch out the window or stand on porch steps as the children pass or sign up to be a Block Home, you can get involved.

The Portland Police Bureau, Portland Public Schools and Crime Prevention are collaborating to bring a form of StreetSmart training to middle school students. This training will be designed for both boys and girls. Contact your school for more information.

2. Increase Block Watch and Block Captains

Block Watches are organized and effective: Neighborhood Watch, Apartment Watch or Business Watch. Community members are trained to recognize and report crime and suspicious activity. Block Captains are individuals from these watches who have undergone background checks by the Portland Police Bureau and agree to act as a liaison with the police and crime prevention for their watch. Contact the Crime Prevention Specialist for your neighborhood for more information.

3. Beaumont-Wilshire Block Watch training

Mark your calendar for **Thursday, February 21, 2002!** In an effort to increase the number of Block Watches in this neighborhood, there will be a special training from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 NE 37th Avenue. Please pre-register by calling Katherine Anderson at 503-823-2781 or leaving an email message at:

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BY DALE ALLEN

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Don't despair. Solid ground is in sight. The Parks Department has agreed to take the matter seriously, and a group of neighbors is forming to help out. You too, can save a life—or keep a dog out of trouble! Call Dale Allen at 503-288-1780 to find out how.



You are Invited to Enter Your Home in the Beaumont-Wilshire Small Homes and Gardens Tour

TIRED OF HEARING about the Irvington Large Homes Tour and the suburban Streets of Dreams? Well here is your chance to show the public what can be done with small spaces! We at the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association invite you to apply to have your own home included or to nominate a neighbor. Just fill out the information below and send it in. We will contact you with details. (We may not have space for all who apply.) Proceeds will go toward Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood projects.

The tentative viewing is Saturday, June 15.

Yes! I want my home and garden to be included.

Yes! I want to nominate my neighbor. The address is below.

Yes! I want to volunteer to help with the event.



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NET Training Begins March 10

By LIZ JOHNSTON

A Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) is a group of at least 20 citizens trained by the Portland Fire Bureau (PFB) to provide emergency assistance in their own neighborhood for 72 hours following a disaster such as a severe winter storm or major earthquake.

Be a part of Beaumont-Wilshire's team and attend this free 8-session training by the PFB. You can receive advance notice and a registration form by calling the NET info line at the PFB (503) 823-1260, and leave your name and mailing address.

Sign Up for 'No Call' List

By LIZ JOHNSTON

SO, YOU DON'T want to receive telemarketers calls? Oregon law directs Attorney Hardy Myers to contract with an administrator to create and maintain the "No Call" List. This List replaces the former "black dot" law, and allows Oregon consumers to limit the number of calls they receive from telemarketers. Any residential telephone subscriber can register to have their phone number(s) included on the list. By law, business phone numbers may not be included on the list. If your phone number is on the "No Call" List, telemarketers cannot call unless:

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2. The telemarketer calls on behalf of a public agency or charitable organization you belong to or to which you have previously



donated or expressed an interest in making a donation (in this instance you can always tell this type of organization to remove you from their lists going forward);

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4. The call is from a business you have bought from in the past. (I think you can ask to be removed from their lists also.)

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BY RUSSELL ABNEY

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2002 Wilshire Little League Sign Ups

BY BOB O'HALLORAN

IF YOU MISSED the January registration for Wilshire Little League Baseball and Softball you can still sign up your son or daughter during the Wilshire Little League February try-outs. Try-outs are held at Beaumont Middle School at 4043 NE Fremont and will take place during the weekends of **February 16 and 17, and 23 and 24**. Swing by the concession stand at the baseball field behind Beaumont for application forms and information. Boys (ages 5 to 12) and girls (ages 5 to 15) can participate in Little League on teams including Tee-Ball, Machine Pitching, Softball and Baseball. Children ages 9 - 12 will need to try out for assignment to teams (all children make a team, try-outs are used solely to evenly distribute the players across teams). A copy of the child's birth certificate and proof of residence (i.e. utility bill) are required.



from Alameda, Beaumont, Madeleine, All Saints and Archbishop Howard Schools. The Wilshire Little League district generally includes the area bounded on the North by Prescott Street, the East by 57th Avenue, the South by Knott Street and the West by 16th Avenue.

If you have any questions regarding registration or Wilshire Little League, contact Bob O'Halloran at 503.227.2242

Neighborhood Summit 2002

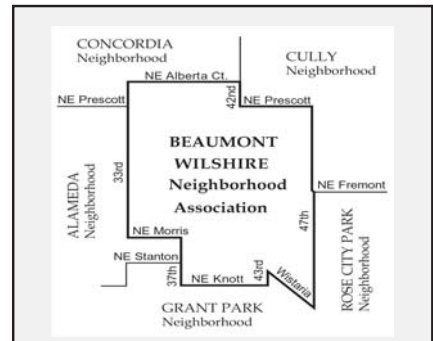
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- Metro: Let's Talk workshops on 2040 Vision Plan

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