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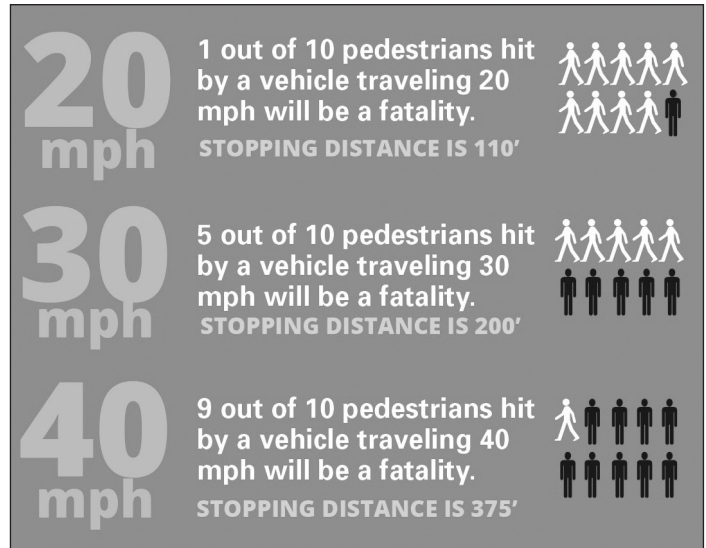
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Our Community in Action

Improving Traffic Safety: We All Have a Role

Over the past five years, Sabin Community Association has taken steps to improve traffic safety in and around Sabin. SCA has worked with the Portland Bureau of Transportation to install marked crosswalks at Northeast Fremont Street and 9th Avenue next to Irving Park, at Fremont and 14th Avenue in the commercial area, and at 15th Avenue and Beech Street next to the Whole Foods complex.

Recently, SCA has considered joining the Alameda Neighborhood Association in requesting a reduction in the posted speed limit on Fremont from 30 mph to 25 mph. As the board weighs the benefits of this request, we recognize that lower travel speeds contribute further to safer roads, especially for people walking and bicycling. However, it is unlikely that posted speed reduction alone will



Travel speed reduction makes a big difference for pedestrian safety.

achieve lower travel speeds. We also need to become better informed about traffic safety laws and be courteous and responsible road users.

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VilleVelo: A Tiny Shop That's Full of Delicious Surprises

VilleVelo Bake Shop opened its doors in February in Prescott Village at the intersection of Northeast Prescott Street and 15th Avenue near to Muscadine and Extracto Coffee Roasters. The name is a play on words from a French phrase meaning, loosely, "Bike Town."

Co-owners Daniel Balliew and Jeffrey Horvitz pride themselves on having an intimate space where customers are surprised by what a personable experience they encounter. Horvitz and Balliew are not only business partners, they also are life partners. Horvitz sees the bakery as an opportunity for them "to create something beautiful together."

Balliew has always enjoyed baking. He says he likes being able to prepare something and then put it in the oven and forget about it for a while. Although he learned to bake bread working at a local restaurant, he considers himself mostly self-taught. Horvitz describes Balliew as having "an intimate connection with the baking. He just knows how to do it naturally."

Horvitz, too, learned bread baking while working in restaurants. He also has worked for several years as a photographer and sees baking and the bakery as an artistic outlet and means of expression. He enjoys the personal interac-

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2015 SCA Meeting Schedule

Board meetings are open to all and are held from 7–9 p.m. on the second Monday of the month (except in July, August, and December) at Whole Foods' upstairs conference room, Northeast 15th and Fremont. Upcoming meetings:

November 9
January 11

EVENTS CALENDAR

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NE Portland Tool Library

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Mt. Bachelor Conference Room, Whole Foods (Friends of the Library Event)

Page-turners Author Visit: Kate Gray
Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

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Sabin Briefs

Volunteers Help Plant Sabin School Grounds

More than 75 Sabin community volunteers of all ages gathered at Sabin School Oct. 18 for a Planting and Fall Harvest Party. Thanks to a generous grant from East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, volunteers added \$6,000 worth of native trees, shrubs, and grasses around the campus.



Sabin School third-grader Claire waters newly planted shrubs during the school's Planting and Fall Harvest Party Oct. 18.

The community is invited to check out these and other additions to the school's north playground, including the outdoor classroom, natural amphitheater, pathways that are compliant with the Americans With Disabilities Act, a bioswale, and edible garden improvements.

as other elements from the original landscaping plan, which include a ball run, weather station, weights and measures station, and mural, among other features.

The final step will be to weave three willow huts, install the peace garden, and build the climbing structure, slide, and artificial turf surfacing that is designed to protect children from injuries when they fall — all of which are slated to be completed by the end of 2015. Additional funding is being sought to complete this phase, as well

Volunteers of all abilities are welcome to participate. Contact Deborah Pleva at deb@plevaconsulting.com for more information.

Sabin Community Orchard Work and Learn Party on November 15

Join us for the next Work & Learn Party at the Sabin Community Orchard and learn about putting the orchard to bed for the winter. All are welcome, no experience necessary. Come meet your neighbors and help take care of this special Sabin spot!



Sabin students worked on the Pick up the Poop "PUP" project through Sabin SUN School this past spring, reminding residents to clean up after their pets. Hanging on the east fence, the sign is also a reminder that Sabin School is an on-leash only park. Field renovations on the south field will begin again in November, and residents are asked to be mindful of the project when it begins.

When: Sunday, Nov. 15, 2–4:30 p.m.

Where: Sabin Community Orchard, Northeast Mason between 18th & 19th avenues

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SCA's Fall General Meeting set Nov. 9

Sabin residents are invited to attend Sabin Community Association's fall general meeting on Monday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. in the upstairs conference room at Whole Foods Market, on Northeast 15th Avenue at Fremont Street. To celebrate Sabin's diverse cultural heritage and makeup, board members and residents are encouraged to bring an international food item to share.

Among items the board plans to discuss is how to spend surplus SCA funds. At its October meeting, the board earmarked \$500 to be spent on a Sabin School project to be determined. Additional funds could be used to organize neighborhood blocks for the purpose of educating residents about emergency earthquake preparedness or to help fund Northeast Coalition of Neighborhood grants for projects that would benefit Sabin and other Northeast Portland neighborhoods.

In October, the board agreed to contribute \$500 toward the Farmers Market Fund, which provides a dollar-for-dollar match to King Farmers Market shoppers who use Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. For several years, the board has donated between \$250 and \$750 to the fund, formerly known as Fresh Exchange, to help their neighbors afford the farmers market's fresh, local, and organic produce.

In other action, the board decided to move SCA's fiscal year from January-December to July-June to align with NECN's fiscal year. The board doesn't meet in December, so its next regular meeting will be on Jan. 11.

— Susan Goracke

'Get Ready, Sabin!' Helps Prepare Residents for the Big One

On Oct. 16, more than 75 people attended "Get Ready, Sabin!", Sabin School Parent Teacher Association's first-ever earthquake awareness and preparedness event.

In her presentation, Carmen Merlo, director of the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, pointed out that the Christchurch, New Zealand, quake of February 2011 is a good lesson for Portland, both in terms of what to expect and how to recover.

In Portland, unreinforced masonry and lightly reinforced concrete buildings, including Sabin School, are at very high risk of damage in an event as sustained as the Cascadia Subduction Zone quake is expected to be, with 4 to 5 minutes of heavy ground shaking, Merlo said.

In the past, the Cascadia Subduction Zone has produced magnitude 9.0 or greater earthquakes. In such a quake, experts believe the biggest risk of injury and death would not come from building collapse but from heavy masonry and building debris falling on people who exit buildings too soon, Merlo added. Other impacts — such as the destruction of critical energy infrastructure in Linnton, the collapse of bridge approaches and roadway overpasses, and the loss of heating and transportation fuel for many months — are expected.

Merlo explained that recovery will be slow, so people should prepare to be on their own without support for at least two weeks. Residents should be able to provide their own water, food, shelter, and sanitation. Merlo suggested that Portland residents can prepare for an earth-



Courtney Brown (left), a co-organizer of the event, talks with attendees about home emergency kits.

quake by building home kits, making a plan, talking to neighbors at a Map Your Neighborhood event, and signing up for training to become a Neighborhood Emergency Team member through the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management. For more information, visit www.prepareoregon.org/MYN_overview and www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/58587.

The "Get Ready, Sabin!" event also included a resource fair divided into three categories: home, classroom and community. It was a huge success all around. People learned a lot, got scared, but were motivated to act, which is the whole point!

— Andria Jacob

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Traffic Safety

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An important traffic safety law that many drivers are not aware of is the Oregon crosswalk law. Pedestrians have the right of way at all intersections, which are legal crosswalks whether they are marked with paint or not. People driving are required to stop for people walking if they show intent to cross the street at an intersection or other legal crosswalk (ORS Chapter 811). Sabin has a lot of T-intersections, which count too.

In addition to complying with the Oregon crosswalk law, there are things we can all do when we are behind the wheel and when we're on foot to keep ourselves, our neighbors, and fellow Portlanders safe.

Tips for drivers:

- Slow down.
- Continually scan your environment looking for people on foot and on bikes.
- Never drive distracted by cell phones.
- Never, ever drive impaired. Typically, over half of Portland's pedestrian fatalities involve alcohol.

Tips for pedestrians:

- Make yourself visible by wearing bright or reflective clothing.
- Eliminate distractions such as cell phones and ear buds.
- Be alert and exercise extra caution if you've been drinking alcohol.

Sabin neighbors, let's continue our tradition of striving for better traffic safety by doing what we do so well in other aspects of our lives: slowing down, looking out for one another, and being courteous of everyone on the road.

— Clay Veka

VilleVelo

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Jeffrey Horvitz and Daniel Balliew invite customers to stop by their VilleVelo Bake Shop, say hello, and pick up a breakfast scone or place a special order for a Thanksgiving pie.

tions with their customers and thinks that the intimacy of the shop (he describes it as having a very European feel) is the reason the business has grown.

Horvitz explains that he and Balliew are always asking for and implementing customers' feedback. For example, when customers commented that the shop was easy to miss tucked in the corner, they painted stripes on the outside to make the shop more eye catching. After a customer brought in a box of Asian pears, Horvitz created an Asian pear tart.

In addition to preparing delicious fresh sweet and savory treats every day of the week except Monday, VilleVelo Bake Shop also makes cakes, tarts, pies, biscuits and gravy, scones, and other delicacies by special order. Currently, the owners are planning their Thanksgiving special order treats.

VilleVelo Bake Shop can be reached at 503-522-9310 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, and from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. For more information and to see mouthwatering pictures of the bakery's creations, visit the website at www.villevelobakeshop.com.

— Kyann Kalin

PPS Proposes District Boundary Changes

Enrollment in Portland's school district, Portland Public Schools (PPS), has been steadily rising and is projected to grow by another 5,000 students by 2025. This population increase, according to PPS informational literature, will necessitate boundary changes and possible grade configuration changes at schools across the district.

Superintendent Carole Smith has requested the PPS District-wide Boundary Review Advisory Committee (DBRAC) develop a framework to balance enrollment district-wide. In October, DBRAC drafted sample scenarios for district boundary changes, but details of the plan presented to the public were not available in time to be printed in this newsletter.

PPS encourages community members to review the scenarios and voice opinions. Public discussion is planned for November, including several community meetings throughout the city. The school board will vote on a final proposal by February.

PPS estimates that implementation of the boundary-review proposal could begin as early as fall 2016. For more information about the boundary review, to view dates and times for community meetings, and to see the full implementation timeline, visit www.pps.k12.or.us/departments/enrollment-transfer/9522.htm. The public may also submit questions and share their views by emailing ppsgrows@pps.net.

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