



OLD TOWN CHINATOWN CRIER

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Community Partner Profile: Zimmerman Community Center

The Zimmerman Community Center is building community in the River District by creating an urban community-gathering place for residents, workers and students in Old Town, Chinatown and the Pearl District. ZCC is located at 915 NW Lovejoy Street and on the web at www.zcommunitycenter.org.

Currently in the midst of the Fall 2002 schedule, ZCC offers classes intended to improve the spiritual and civic life of the River District. **Yoga** classes continue to attract enthused participants from around the district. The classes are structured to fit all levels of yoga skill. Several noontime and evening classes are held each week at the community center and around the River District. Call (503) 224-4636 for more information. The **Knitting Club** continues to grow in popularity. Join in on the fascinating conversation while improving your knitting skills on Tuesdays from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the Zimmerman community space. The **Kids Play Group** is a rousing free parent/children get-together in the community space. Bring a child's favorite toy and treat and join in the interactive fun on Tuesdays from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM. **First Friday Flicks**, a partnership of ZCC and the Pacific Northwest College of Art, brings interesting movies to the River District on the first Fridays of each month in room 201 at PNCA (1241 NW Johnson Street). Call or email your movie suggestions to zimcoriver@cs.com. Volunteer opportunities abound at the Zimmerman Community Center. Please call or email to learn how to join in the fun.

ZCC partners with existing property owners to offer diverse programs in convenient locations. Because programs are being developed with the community, all are encouraged to visit the community space and make programming suggestions.

Third and Fourth Avenue Streetscape Redesign to Go Before City Council

An exciting new plan to improve pedestrian and business activity on Third and Fourth Avenues should be going before City Council for final approval on Wednesday, November 6, 2002. The City Council agenda for that week will be posted on the city web site (www.ci.portland.or.us/agenda/index.htm) late on Friday, November 1, 2002.

For more information on the Third and Fourth Avenues Streetscape Improvement Plan contact the Portland Development Commission at (503) 823-3004 or visit www.portlandalliance.com/otct and jump to "What's Happening".

Visions Committee to Review Development Plan

The Old Town Chinatown neighborhood has been served well by the neighborhood development plan commissioned by the OTCT Visions Committee. Three years after adoption by City Council, the committee is reviewing the document to track our successes and needs.

Currently, a workgroup made up of neighborhood representatives and businesses interests have prepared a draft document and are ready for public comments. The general meeting of the neighborhood association represents a wonderful opportunity for anyone that works or lives in Old Town Chinatown to voice his/her concerns about the future of our neighborhood.

MEETING DETAILS:

Thursday, November 7, 2002
Port of Portland Building
121 NW Everett Street
Portland, OR 97209
4:30PM – 6:30PM

For more information and a copy of the draft document visit the Old Town Chinatown web site at www.portlandalliance.com/otct and click on "What's Happening".



COMMUNITY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

Mums the Word at the Portland Classical Chinese Garden

Prize-winning chrysanthemums will be on exhibit at the Portland Classical Chinese Garden from Oct. 28 to Nov. 17, 2002.

The Portland Chrysanthemum Society is the source of these fall bloomers. Tiny pompoms, anemones, spoons, quills and the elegant spiders are just a few of the colorful examples on display.

These prizewinners come to the Garden directly from the 63rd annual Chrysanthemum Show, which is being held October 26 & 27, 2002 at St. Philip Neri Church at SE 16th and Division, Portland.

Chrysanthemums are commonly seen on Chinese ceramics as the emblem of autumn. They are symbols of longevity and good fortune.

The Portland Classical Chinese Garden is located at Northwest Third and Everett in Portland. The Garden is open daily Nov. 1 to March 31 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and April 1 to October 31 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tours are available at noon and 1 p.m. Gift or personal memberships are available at the garden gift shop, office or by phone at (503) 228-8131. Jump to the Garden's web site from the Old Town Chinatown homepage at www.portlandalliance.com/otct.

The Medford Building: A New Name and a Better Place for Tenants

Things are changing at the Medford Building at NW Fifth Avenue and Glisan. Over the past few months, Central City Concern has been making numerous tenant improvements to the building, formerly known as the Beaver Building, to make it a better place for the low-income residents. These renovations include repainting and recarpeting all 60 tenant rooms and hallways; installing new sinks and furnishings; redoing the community kitchens and staff offices to create larger spaces for tenants to gather in; adding more laundry facilities; and improving the ventilation and heating systems. The building is now an Alcohol and Drug Free Community, which means the tenants are living in a supervised, case-managed clean and sober environment. The Transition Projects Inc. Glisan Street Shelter on the ground floor of the building was already alcohol and drug free, and now the entire building is alcohol and drug free.

A Good Neighbor Agreement for the Medford Building was approved and signed at the March Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association Board meeting. The purpose of this agreement is to establish lines of communication between Central City Concern, Multnomah County and the neighborhood. This agreement created a Community Advisory Committee that has been meeting monthly to discuss any issues that might arise involving the Medford Building. This group consists of representatives from the neighborhood association, Central City Concern, Multnomah County and immediate building neighbors. There have been no problems or concerns raised by the Advisory Committee, and at the most recent meeting the group toured the building to see the progress of the renovations. The Advisory Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 11:00 am at Central City Concern, 232 NW Sixth Avenue, immediately before the monthly OTCTNA Public Safety meeting. Anyone who has a concern or would like more information about the Medford Building is welcome to attend.

To contact the Medford Advisory Committee, you can call E.V. Armitage at Central City Concern, (503) 294-1681. To contact the Medford Building staff, you can call the building at (503) 274-0449.

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Downtown Fax Alert Network Beats the Bad Guys to Your Business

Developed by the Portland Business Alliance's Crime Prevention Program, the Fax Alert Network is a service for retailers, property owners, managers, residents and private security providers. Utilizing an internet fax machine, the system distributes timely crime prevention information alerts to people who work and live in downtown Portland. The network provides information on potential criminal activity, as well as crime prevention resources available from The Alliance, Downtown Clean & Safe and other agencies.

The Downtown Crime Prevention Program is funded through a cooperative effort between the Alliance and the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI). These services are available at no additional cost.

If you would like more information on any public safety concerns listed below...

- Recording & Reporting Crimes
- Graffiti Removal & Prevention
- Responding to Shoplifting
- Identity Theft Prevention
- Preventing Trespassing
- Shoplifting Prevention
- Fax Alert Network
- Building Security
- Office Security
- Street Safety

...please contact:

Samantha Kennedy
Crime Prevention Coordinator
Downtown Clean & Safe
(503) 224-PETE (7383)
Fax: (503) 224-5041
E-mail: samanthak@portlandpatrol.com

Artist's Paintings Are Perfect Fit for Portland Classical Chinese Garden

The works of Wang Gongyi will be on exhibit at the Portland Classical Chinese Garden from Oct. 25 to Nov. 10, 2002.

The beauty of the Portland Classical Chinese Garden was the inspiration for 20 of Wang's one-of-a-kind ink wash paintings. They have been created to fit in the frames of the intricately carved windows of the Hall of Brocade Clouds.

Wang was recently an Artist-in-Residence at the University of Oregon and a Visiting Artist at the Pacific Northwest College of Art. She has lectured and exhibited her works throughout Europe, China and the U.S. Current collections are on exhibition in France, British Columbia and Oregon.

A native of Tianjin, China, Wang attended and taught at Zhejiang Academy of Fine Arts. She moved to France in 1986 after receiving the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs fellowship. She currently resides in France.

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Association Committees and Meeting Information

Board of Directors Meeting
First Tuesday of the Month (no meeting this November in lieu of the General Meeting on the Visions document— See Page One)
Port of Portland Building
121 N.W. Everett
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
OTCTNA Contact:
Howard Weiner
(howard@calsk8.com)

Joint Land Use & Design Review Committee Meeting
First Tuesday of the Month
Port of Portland Building
121 N.W. Everett
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
OTCTNA Contact:
Paul Verhoeven
(paul@saturdaymarket.org)
Visions Contact:
Patrick Gortmaker
(patrick@kalbererco.com)

Medford Advisory Committee Meeting
First Wednesday of the Month
Central City Concern
232 NW Sixth Avenue
11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Medford Contact:
E. V. Armitage
(ev@centralcityconcern.org)

Public Safety Committee Meeting
First Wednesday of the Month
Central City Concern
232 NW Sixth Avenue
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
OTCTNA Contact:
Howard Weiner (howard@calsk8.com)

Communications Committee Meeting
Last Monday of the Month
Central City Concern
232 NW Sixth Avenue
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
OTCTNA Contact:
Jan Anderson (otctna@quik.com)

Public Spaces Committee Meeting
Last Tuesday of the Month
Central City Concern
232 NW Sixth Avenue
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
OTCTNA Contacts:
Kevin Montgomery-Smith
(housing@portlandalliance.com)
Jackie Peterson
(oldtownproj@earthlink.net)

Visions Committee Meeting
Second Wednesday of the Month
Central City Concern
232 NW Sixth Avenue
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Visions Contact:
Mark Riesmeyer
(mark@centralcityconcern.org)

Moment in Time...

Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community.
Anthony J. D'Angelo

The community stagnates without the impulse of the individual. The impulse dies away without the sympathy of the community.
William James (1842 - 1910)

For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other.
Millard Fuller

Not a Member? Be Involved. JOIN Now!

Do you live or work in the Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood? Then you owe it to yourself to become a member of the neighborhood organization. Membership is free and open to all that are concerned about our future. Join on-line today at www.portlandalliance.com/otctna or call OTCTNA Chair, Howard Weiner at (503) 248-0495.