



# OLD TOWN CHINATOWN CRIER

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## National Night Out Returns to the North Park Blocks

Get to know your community, its valuable people, resources, your neighborhood association, and have fun at National Night Out (NNO)! NNO is a national event that occurs on the first Tuesday in August. Its purpose is to promote a strong, healthy community and to prevent crime in the neighborhood. For the past two years OTCT and the Pearl District have hosted the River District NNO. It is a collaborative effort among the neighborhood associations, the neighborhood crime prevention staff, Portland Business Alliance, Zimmerman Community Center and many community partners.

**Save the date:**  
**National Night Out**  
**Tuesday, August 5**  
**5:30-7:30PM**



*Good Times*



*Good Fun*



*Great Music*

This year Old Town Chinatown neighborhood will join the Downtown Community Association, the Northwest District Association and the Pearl District neighborhood for a community gathering in the North Park Blocks. The NNO planning committee will bring back the jazz ensemble, Sweet Baby James and the Original Cats along with some other musical groups. There will be appetizers, soft drinks, coffee and watermelon for good eating.

Community organizations in all neighborhoods have been invited to have a table to share the things they do with the community. Last year over twenty nonprofits participated. If you are new to the neighborhood, it is a great way to meet new people, check out community service opportunities, and learn valuable tips on how to stay safe.

If you are interested in helping make this event happen, please contact Pat Rumer, ZCC, 503-224-4636 or Karen Goen, OTCT neighborhood association board member, 503-827-8261.

So mark the date, bring friends and come out to the urban National Night Out in the North Park Blocks! See you there.

### Learn More Online! Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Web Site

Want to learn more about Old Town Chinatown? Visit the Neighborhood Association's web site at [www.portlandalliance.com/otct/](http://www.portlandalliance.com/otct/) where you'll find useful information about the neighborhood:

- Housing resources
- Businesses including restaurants, retail spaces, galleries, and professional services
- Community Partners and Social Services
- Current and past Crier newsletters
- Calendar of events, including upcoming neighborhood association meetings
- The Neighborhood Association and how to get involved



# Our Community Our Neighborhood

## Community Partner Profiles

### Outreach Ministry: Family-style support for our most vulnerable neighbors

The sixty-four members and six staff that make up Outreach Ministry in Burnside are like a large family. This 21-year old organization helps people live independent lives with as much stability, dignity and comfort as possible by giving its members a hand with the business of everyday living.

Many Outreach Ministry members have multiple disabilities and live in hotel rooms or SROs. So Outreach Ministry helps them pay their bills and budget limited incomes. Staff and volunteers clean hotel rooms to help them pass inspections and give haircuts and showers. During the day members drop by the lounge in the old Seaman's Building at the corner of NW 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue and Davis to tend to their affairs, do their laundry, and help themselves to lunch from the refrigerator.

Since it is difficult for a person who is mentally confused to deal with the array of social agencies, Outreach Ministry is their advocate and guide. Staff make appointments for doctors, assist with medication, and go along with members to meetings. They also help members reestablish contacts with relatives and hold memorial services for those who pass away. Like other families, Outreach Ministry celebrates birthdays and holidays, arranges outings, and provide support by listening.

A new report from the Schwab Foundation points out that many of our more vulnerable citizens can live independent lives if only they get help with the little tasks that make a big difference. "This is what we've been doing all along," says Outreach Executive Director, Dorothy Jensen.

In addition to serving its immediate family of members, Outreach provides an emergency window for passing street people. From 1 to 3 pm every weekday those in need are offered clean clothing, food, coffee and use of a telephone without charge.

A final goal of Outreach Ministries is to help the more fortunate learn about poverty. School children come to share bag lunches and teenagers to join work parties. Volunteers are welcome, as are contributions of jeans, sweats, socks and underwear. Outreach Ministry is located at 207 NW Third Avenue, where the telephone number is 503-225-0590.

### Urban Fauna is Pet Nirvana!

As you enter the front door (located on 6<sup>th</sup> and NW Flanders), the first ones to greet you are Otter the cat, Ursa the dog and Frankie the African Grey Parrot. Closely behind them is Suzanne Losh, the storeowner. Suzanne opened her doors for business a little over three years ago, and has become quite a success story!

Suzanne offers all your pet supply needs, regardless of what pet you may have. From dogs to birds to fish, she has it all! She also offers many services, including; Doggie Daycare, grooming, obedience school and even some pet sitting services.

Several of Suzanne's specialties include her annual dog fashion show "Puttin' on the Dog", which is held around the holidays. Canines model not only essential outerwear, but the most popular current fashions! Scott, Urban Fauna's Aquatic Specialist, has created a section of the store for setting up your dream fish aquarium. And if you belong to the Portland Horse Patrol, yes, you can also get your horse treats here, too!

So drop on by, this is most definitely a must see store!



Want an Ad in the Crier? Call  
503-224-8684 and ask for  
Kevin or EMAIL - [CLICK HERE!](#)

# "As I See It" A Personal Perspective



By **Paul Fujita**

Owner of Zeitgeist Gallery and Old Town Chinatown Resident

I was born in Portland and one of my first jobs as a teenager was down in Old Town in 1986. If you had told me then that in 17 years I would be living, working, and owning an art gallery in this neighborhood, I wouldn't have believed it. Old Town Portland was a very different place back then. What in the world has happened? How did we go from a quaint, rundown neighborhood in a somewhat sleepy backwater, to a bustling mini-metropolis that is a global destination for cultural connoisseurs?



I think the world has become smaller. People are hungry for something to see and do. And apparently, when the ways of a city become widely known, the people who appreciate a certain quality of life will seek it out. Portland has grown a lot, but the world's awareness of Portland has increased also. Maybe I'm wrong, but I never really remembered so many people coming to visit or live. When a foreign tourist showed up, it was a novelty. Nowadays it is common for some of my daily business to be with people from England, France, Germany, and Japan, to say nothing of the many who come from California and Washington. The sound of a variety of exotic tongues has become an everyday thing.



## Caught in Action

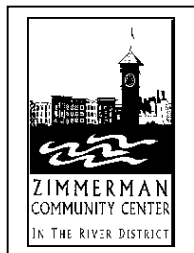


Commissioner Jim Francesconi and Bill Marinelli celebrate the opening of the North Park Blocks Bocce Ball Courts. Regular organized bocce play begins at 6:00 pm every Wednesday. Contact: Bill Marinelli at 503 244 8558 or [marinelli@pacifier.com](mailto:marinelli@pacifier.com) for more information.

And what is it that these travelers seek? In my experience I see the sides of tourism that are not always obvious. Sometimes it is simply a matter of going on vacation, but sometimes it is a journey to find a place to settle down. Kids are looking for a college in a city that has good skateboarding facilities. Folks on a business trip need to grab a gift. Europeans are lured to renowned design firms. And folks of all disciplines are searching for an affordable, inspiring and decent place to pursue their calling. People want something unique. And they appreciate craftsmanship, artistry, and quality.

I originally chose to move into Old Town out of necessity – it was the most affordable location for a small art studio and gallery. But today I feel like I'm in the middle of the action. Earlier today I met some Polish-speaking Minnesotans, and then ran into an old customer who was glad to be back in Portland after a year in Northern Ireland building machinery for the high-tech industry. To my astonishment, he said saw me on a Canadian TV show that featured several Old Town businesses including Zeitgeist Gallery and some of his other beloved Portland attractions, had made him feel a bit homesick. Welcome back to the neighborhood!

*All submissions to "As I See It" must be about topics directly related to the neighborhood and are subject to editing. Publication is not guaranteed and all submissions become the property of the Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association's Communications Committee. For submission information, please contact Howard Weiner at [howard@calsk8.com](mailto:howard@calsk8.com).*



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*Zimmerman Community Center is a nonprofit whose mission is to provide community activities for residents, students and workers in the River District. Some class fees are discounted to River District participants. Volunteer hours can be exchanged for program fees.*

## **SUMMER PROGRAMS**

**Kids Play Group**—Parents and children (ages 6 mos to 2-1/2 yrs) get together to play and socialize in our safe community space. We have a refrigerator and microwave for snacks, two bathrooms and lots of toys. We are seeking parent volunteers to help coordinate play group activities. Call 503-224-4636 for details Free!

**Wednesdays, 10-11:45 AM at ZCC**

**Portland Farmer's Market**—Keep up with all the exciting activities at ZCC by visiting our informational table at the Portland Farmer's Market. Volunteer to staff the ZCC table in 2-hour shifts and enjoy the outdoor fun and meet exciting people.

**Every Thursday, June 5-August 28, 4-8 PM in the Ecotrust parking lot**

**River District Book Club**—Engaging self-facilitated book discussion in the relaxed community space at ZCC. Free – Participants provide own book. June 23 book selection: **The Life of Pi by Yann Martel**

**4<sup>th</sup> Monday each month, 7:15– 8:45PM at ZCC**

**T'ai Chi (Continuing)**—ZCC brings the NW China Council's Yang style T'ai Chi to the River District. 10-week sessions. Fee: \$60 River District Rate; \$85 Non River District Rate

**Thursdays 6-7:15 PM at ZCC**

**T'ai Chi (Beginning)**—Discover the world of Tai Chi in ZCC's 4-week beginning class. Call now to sign-up for the next beginning session—**details TBA**. Fee: \$35 River district Rate; \$60 Non River District Rate.

**ZCC Yoga** – Relaxing Hatha yoga in two convenient River District locations. All experience levels are welcome. Give us a try– first class is free! Fees: River District community rate: \$8 drop-in/\$60 10-class card. Non River District rate: \$10 drop-in/\$80 10-class card

**Mondays Noon-1PM at ODOT, 123 NW Flanders (main floor fitness room)**

**Wednesdays Noon-1PM at ZCC; Wednesday Evenings 6-7:15PM at ZCC**

**ZCC Space Rental** – ZCC's versatile community space is available to rent. Call for rates and availability.

**ZCC Public Computer** – A computer with internet access and office software is available for public use during ZCC's business hours of 10 AM-6 PM (not available during class times). A printer is not available.

## **SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS**

**First Friday Flicks**—Watch for ZCC outdoor movies when First Friday Flicks moves to the Fourth Fridays in July and August (7/25 & 8/22). Volunteers needed to plan this activity. Call 503-224-4636 to get involved!

**River District Supper Club**—ZCC is launching an exciting partnership between dining patrons and River District restaurants in a group rate fixed-price supper club. Volunteer to help us coordinate 503-224-4636.

**Three on Three Basketball**— ZCC is bringing Three-on-Three basketball to the River District! We are currently recruiting planners to help us organize this popular activity and players to participate in the games. Call ZCC to sign-up, 503-224-4636. Two Tuesdays in July and Two Tuesdays in August

**7/15 & 7/29; 8/12 & 8/ 26, 6:30-8:30 PM in the North Park Blocks**

**ZCC Group Theatre Opportunity**—BroadArts Theatre is offering group rates for *Homeland In-Security*, a unique dark comedy on war and peace. Call ZCC to join our group. The play runs 6/26-28 and 7/3-6. \$15



# Our Community Our Neighborhood

## News and Events

### OTCTNA Names Leadership

its May meeting Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association elected executive officers. Board members were elected at a community celebration at the April meeting. New members are designated by an asterisk (\*):

Howard Weiner (Cal Skate), Chair  
Paul Verhoeven (Portland Saturday Market), Vice-Chair  
Karen Goen\* (Resident), Secretary  
Bill Muir (Blanchet House), Treasurer  
Moinica Beemer\* (Sisters of the Road Café)  
Randy Capron (Omni Gallery)  
Tom Corrollo\* (Beardsley Properties)  
Greg Clark\* (Medford Building)  
Karen Goen\* (Resident)  
Bob Granger\* (Outreach Ministry)  
Carol McCreary\* (Resident)  
Kevin Montgomery-Smith\* (Portland Business Alliance)  
Carl Roberts\* (Crossroads)  
June Schumann (Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center)  
Paul Yauch\* (Central City Concern)  
Dorian Yee\* (Bank of the West)

### Portland Saturday Market Celebrates 30th Birthday

On August 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Portland Saturday Market celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Performances on a special stage in Ankeny Park will feature favorite groups from the past and Reverend Chumleigh as Master of Ceremonies. Children are invited to pick up free balloons and help decorate an enormous birthday cake.

A Public Chair Toss near the Firehouse will revive a tradition from days past when merchants threw chairs ahead of themselves as they ran to claim market spaces. There will be special art exhibition and a display on the history of the Market. Here customers can post photographs of themselves visiting the Market in years past.

Established in 1974, Portland Saturday Market is the largest outdoor arts and crafts market in continuous operation in the United States. To learn more, to contact a vendor, or to order on line, visit the Saturday Market Website at [www.saturdaymarket.org](http://www.saturdaymarket.org).

### Association Committees and Neighborhood Meetings

OTCTNA Board of Directors Meets monthly on the first Tuesday of the month at the Port of Portland Building 121 NW Everett from 4:30 to 6:30 PM Note that the August 2003 meeting will be replaced with National Night Out. Contact: Howard Weiner ([howard@calsk8.com](mailto:howard@calsk8.com))

OTCTNA Joint Land Use & Design Review Committee Meets monthly first Tuesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 PM at The Port of Portland Building 121 NW. Everett. Contact: Paul Verhoeven ([paul@saturdaymarket.org](mailto:paul@saturdaymarket.org))

OTCTNA Public Safety Committee Meets monthly first Thursdays from 11:30 AM–1:00 PM at Central City Concern, 232 NW Sixth Avenue. Contact: Howard Weiner ([howard@calsk8.com](mailto:howard@calsk8.com))

OTCTNA Communications Committee Meets monthly last Mondays from 4:00-5:00 PM at Northwest Resource Credit Union 221 NW Second Avenue. Contact: Carol McCreary ([carolmccreary@comcast.net](mailto:carolmccreary@comcast.net))

Old Town Chinatown Visions Committee Meets monthly second Wednesdays from 11:30 AM. – 1:00 PM at Central City Concern, 232 NW Sixth Avenue. Contact: Mark Riesmeyer ([mark@centralcityconcern.org](mailto:mark@centralcityconcern.org))



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## OTCTNA gets updates on Waterfront Park, the Big Pipe and the Waterfront Development Plan.

At recent OTCTNA meetings community members have had the opportunity to learn the latest developments in projects affecting Old Town Chinatown and get their questions answered. On June 3<sup>rd</sup>, Amy Miller Dowell of the Portland Development Commission shared details of the Waterfront Development Plan. At the May 6 meeting, Jolleen Classon of the City of Portland Environmental Services made a presentation on the "West Side Big Pipe" project, which affects access to Waterfront Park and Front Avenue starting in summer 2003. Updates are available at [www.cleanriverworks.com/index.html](http://www.cleanriverworks.com/index.html) or call 503-823-7740. Also at the May meeting, Kurt Lango of Portland Parks and Recreation presented the Waterfront Park Master Plan. Full documentation is posted at [www.parks.ci.portland.or.us/waterfrontpark/masterplan.htm](http://www.parks.ci.portland.or.us/waterfrontpark/masterplan.htm).

## OTCTNA Sponsors Workshops on "Public Safety" and "Homelessness"

On June 5<sup>th</sup>, more than 30 experts and community members joined forces in a forum on Public Safety sponsored by the neighborhood association. This followed OTCTNA's May work meeting on Housing and Homelessness. Both events support OTCTNA's efforts to gain official recognition for "Weed and Seed", a program of the US Department of Justice which would make Old Town Chinatown community projects eligible for special federal funding and management support. For more information or if you would like to attend OTCTNA's July 10<sup>th</sup> forum on Mental Health, please contact Howard Weiner at 503-248-0495 or [howard@calsk8.com](mailto:howard@calsk8.com).

## Tri-Met and Metro Present Plans for Light Rail Extension

OTCTNA and the Old Town Chinatown Visions Committee hosted Tri-Met and Metro officials at a neighborhood discussion at Central City Concern on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Tri-Met and Metro officials presented updates on proposals for extension of the MAX yellow line north-south along Fifth and Sixth Avenues. Information about the revitalization of the Mall and a map of the proposed alignment is at [www.tri-met.org/improving/tmall.htm](http://www.tri-met.org/improving/tmall.htm). Questions can be addressed to Tri-Met Community Affairs at 503-962-2150.



## Central City Concern Recognized Nationally for Innovative Program

In June, Central City Concern was recognized by the Leader to Leader Institute for its groundbreaking Recovery Mentor Program. Peter F. Drucker initiated the Award for Nonprofit Innovation "to find the innovators, whether small or large; to recognize and celebrate their example; and, to inspire others." The Recovery Mentor Program promotes long-term recovery and participation in the recovery community by pairing experienced individuals who have been in recovery from heroin themselves for at least three years with the newly recovering person as they leave detox.

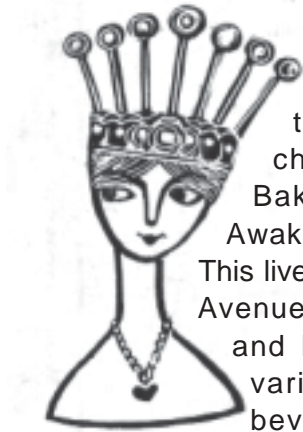


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## News and Events

### WEB EXTRA!

#### Brewed Awakening Welcomes Chess Players



The chess board laid out on the rear table welcomes chess players to Baker's Brewed Awakening Coffee Bar. This lively locale on NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Everett and Flanders offers a variety of coffee beverages, the daily papers, exhibits of art work, and information on community events.

#### Bocce Comes to the North Park Blocks

The City of Portland's first public Bocce courts were formally inaugurated on June 11<sup>th</sup> at the North Park Blocks. City Commissioner Jim Francesconi was on hand to cut the ribbon and to greet Bocce enthusiast Bill Marineli, old players and new recruits.

Bocce is a competitive game of skill that sharpens the reflexes and judgement while stimulating good fellowship among players. The roots of the game probably go back to the dawn of history. By the third century BC, Roman soldiers were unwinding between battles of the Punic War by playing a game very close to contemporary Bocce.

Portland's newly formed Bocce league consists of six four-man teams that play every Wednesday evening at 6 PM. The public is invited to stop by the courts between Glisan and Flanders. As new teams form, play will take place other nights as well. Prospective players are invited to call Bill Marineli at 503-244-8558.

#### Chinese Classical Garden Announces Concert Series

Tuesdays by Twilight is the new summer music series which brings some of the region's most exciting performers to the Chinese Classical Garden. For five consecutive weeks beginning in July, music-lovers can enjoy a range of interesting sounds against the magical backdrop of the Garden at dusk.

The series opens on July 8<sup>th</sup> with the vocalist Mia Nicholson and her Jazz Quintet. The series moves from cool jazz to hot salsa with Ramsey Y Los Montunos on July 15<sup>th</sup>. Led by pianist Ramsey Embick, members of the group hail from Peru, Chile, Venezuela, California and Nevada. Violinist Adam LaMotte with pianist Janet Jones for classical music on July 22<sup>nd</sup>. On the program are selections from Beethoven, Enesco and other salon pieces for violin and piano.

On July 29<sup>th</sup> Gypsy Cab revives the tradition of the infectiously bohemian, swinging sound known as gypsy jazz, which was popularized in pre-WWII France by gypsy guitarist Django Reinhardt and violinist Stephane Grappelli. Gypsy Cab features guitarist Jason Okamoto, guitarist Bryan Cole Darby, violinist Eddie Parente and bassist Craig Snazelle. The closing concert brings to the Ming dynasty-inspired garden the than the evocative sounds of Chinese music written 500 to 1,000 years ago. The Portland Classical Chinese Trio features Jerry Lin and Zhengyang Liu on *erhu* (Chinese violin) and Wen Kuo on Chinese *zeng* (a stringed plucking instrument).

All concerts begin at 7 pm. Single ticket prices are \$8 for garden members; \$10 for non-members. The series pass is \$30 and \$40, respectively. Please reserve at 503-228-8131 x2001. Fine Oregon wines and Pan-Asian bento boxes from Dragonfish Café are also available. Tuesdays by Twilight is made possible by a generous sponsorship from Millicent Naito in memory of her husband Bill Naito.