



May 2020 Newsletter

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FEATURE ARTICLE

Portland, Oregon has experienced a pandemic before. During World War I, on October 3, 1918 **Private James McNeese**, a soldier traveling between Leon Springs, Texas and Camp Lewis in Washington, felt sick and sought hospital assistance in Portland. Private McNeese was suffering from the **Spanish Flu** and is the first recorded person in Portland to be documented with the disease.



Mayor George Luis Baker (1868 - 1941)

Four more cases followed, reported among an army training detachment at **Benson Polytechnic High School**, several days later resulting in quarantine of the school. On October 10, Mayor George Luis Baker set into motion a specific policy

that required, among other things, that all downtown stores close at 3:30 PM and offices were required to close at 4:00 PM. Businesses, supplying food and medical supplies, were allowed to remain open. Schools, churches, lodges, public places of meeting and places of amusement were all closed completely, and police and firemen were stationed on streets to keep people from congregating. A distance of 4' was required

between people and people were advised to wash their hands often.



Benson High School Became the Epicenter of the epidemic in Portland

In January 1919, the **Portland City Council** attempted to pass an emergency clause that required wearing masks. This clause was blocked by **City Commissioner Mann** and **Attorney W. T. Vaughn**, calling the clause unconstitutional, suggesting that the clause was, "class legislation and nothing else".



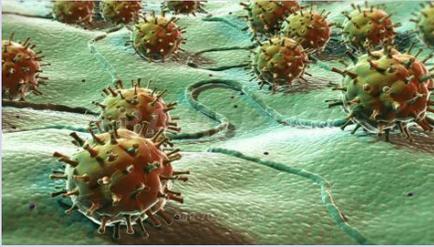
Keller Auditorium was converted into a hospital, with 100 beds acquired from the **Vancouver Barracks,**

linens provided by the **Red Cross** and a separate ward was set up for Japanese Americans.

Teachers were enlisted to survey each house in their assigned districts, providing health instructions and explanations related to the benefit of fumigating thoroughly, while at the health office the quarantine process was underway. By November 3, just 30 days after the first case was diagnosed in Portland, the death toll in the city had risen to 227 individuals.

Gradually, in January, the epidemic waned. (4 months after it began). 7,000 doses of a new serum arrived in Portland, known as **Rosenow**, named for a doctor at the **Mayo Clinic** who developed the antidote. Health officials assumed there would be another wave of the epidemic but it

did not arrive. At the end of the epidemic, 3,500 Oregonians had lost their lives.

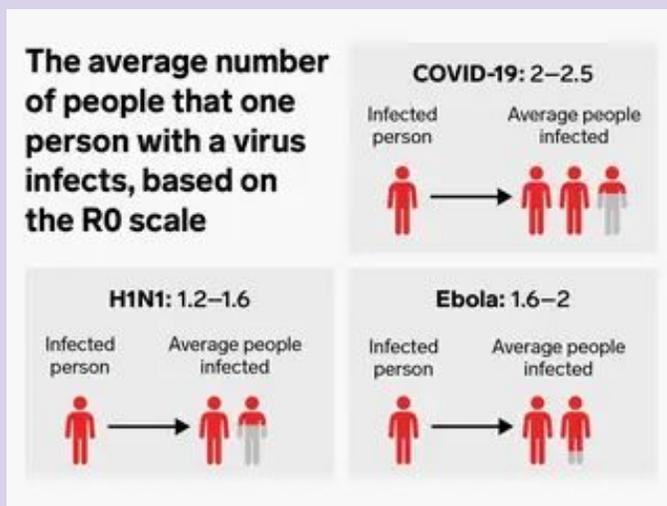


H1N1 Spanish Flu Virus

Scientists at the Medical Research Council have discovered the structural changes

the avian influenza virus underwent that resulted in killing 20 million people worldwide in 1918 - more people than were killed in the first world war, making it the largest pandemic in history.

The virus infected 500 million people worldwide and it is estimated that 20 - 50 million people were killed by this pandemic.



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Tree Assessment and Risk Reduction:

We all love our trees, but sometimes, due to weather, age, or disease, trees become weak and may be damaged. The following risk assessment process will help determine if some action needs to take place in order to save the tree and/or remove the tree for safety reasons:

1. Is there a target of people or property, near the tree and, if so, how often are people nearby? What is the likelihood the tree could cause damage?

A Broken Birch Tree, Ivan Ivanovich Shishkin



2. What is the condition of the tree? A systematic examination should be made to observe any defects or dangerous site conditions and a determination should be made of the likelihood of tree/limb failure.

3. If a potentially dangerous condition exists, evaluate the consequences of failure and rate that failure from negligible to severe and determine your next steps based on the assessment.

About the Artist:



Ivan Ivanovich Shishkin, born January 25, 1832, died March 10, 1898

Shishkin was known as the “tsar of the woods” based on his love of forests and many beautiful paintings of that subject. He studied at the School of Painting, Sculpture and Architecture in Moscow from 1852 - 1856 and at the St. Petersburg Academy of Art from 1856 - 1860.



Helianthus annuus

May is the time to plant sunflowers. The seeds take four to six days to germinate and grow rapidly to maturity by the end of August. Native to the United States, these flowers tolerate a variety of moist soils and exposure to the sun. With regular watering the sunflower will grow to 4' to 5' tall.

“Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” Vincent Van Gogh

STATE OF OREGON

Executive Order: 20-12 - Governor Kate Brown's executive order regarding public activity related to the Covid-19 event:

<https://govstatus.egov.com/or-covid-19>

**State of Oregon Small Business Ombudsman
for Workers' Compensation
350 Winter Street NE
Salem, OR 97301-3878-0405
PO Box 14480
Salem, OR 97309-0405**

This office was created as part of the 1990 workers' compensation reforms to educate and advocate small businesses. The ombudsman serves as a workers' compensation resource center, assisting small businesses in the areas of insurance and claims processing. This includes the intervention, investigation and resolution of any workers' compensation-related issue. The office also provides education and information to employers, trade groups, agents and insurers on relevant workers' compensation issues.

2016-2017 PROPERTY TAXES IMPOSED BY TYPE OF DISTRICT:

Community Colleges:	4%
Urban Renewal:	4%
Special Districts:	14%
Counties:	16%
Cities:	21%
K-12 & ESDs	42%

Property tax rates differ across Oregon with rates being approved by local voters and limits established by the Oregon Constitution. The total tax rate on any particular property is calculated by adding all local taxing district rates in the area. The total tax rate is then multiplied by the assessed value of the property. The county assessor verifies the tax rates and levies submitted by each local taxing district on an annual basis. The county tax collector collects the taxes and distributes the funds

to the local districts. **Measure 5**, which was passed by the voters in November 1990, restricted non-school taxes on any property to \$10 per \$1000 of real market value. It restricted school taxes on any property to \$5 per \$1000 of **real market value**.

NOTE: Definition of "Real Market Value": the price your property would sell for in a transaction between a willing buyer and a willing seller on January 1, the assessment date for the tax year.

How is "Real Market Value" Calculated: Add up three sale prices and divide the total by the number of comparable properties:

For example, $\$330,000/3 = \$110,000$. In this example, the Fair Market Value is approximately \$110,000, with ranges of a low price of \$100,000 and a high value price of \$120,000.

Oregon - The Sunstone State



The 1987 Legislature designated the **Oregon Sunstone** as the state gemstone. Uncommon in its composition, clarity and colors, it is a large, brightly

colored transparent gem in the feldspar family. The Oregon Sunstone attracts collectors and miners and has been identified as a boon to tourism and economic development in southeastern Oregon counties.



CITY OF PORTLAND

Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)

A message from PBOT, as they look to the coming months, when Portland will be back to business:

"During this crisis, we have seen how absolutely vital safe, well-maintained transportation assets are," said Director Warner. "We will get through

this crisis. Today, we are rightly focused on keeping our transportation system safe and accessible. But we also need to think about the future and how we should improve mobility for Portlanders, especially ones hardest hit by this crisis.”

“PBOT staff have started to develop ideas for how streets, sidewalks and other parts of the public right-of-way could be reimagined to support social distancing after the current Stay Home. Save Lives order is lifted.”

“The bureau would like to hear from Portlanders with ideas and residents who would like to contribute are encouraged to email:

Active.Transportation@portlandoregon.gov

Portland Water Bureau (PWB)

The following information will help you seek assistance if you are having difficulty paying your bill at this time: The PWB has an ongoing process to assist with any affordability crisis day to day. During this time of recovery, the following information will assist you with contact information related to:

- Payment arrangements
- Bill Discounts for sewer and water
- Crisis vouchers
- The Utility Safety Net program

To access information about these programs access the following links or phone number contact:

www.PWBCustomerService@portlandoregon.gov

Or,

Call: (503) 823-7770

Application Document:

https://portlandwaterbureau.seamlessdocs.com/f/19_20PortlandCares

Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) Financial assistance in the form of payment arrangements, bill discounts for your sewer bill,

crisis vouchers, fixture repair services, and the Utility Safety New program are all available by contacting the website and/or phone number shown above under the Portland Water Bureau information shown above.↑

Portland General Electric (PGE)

Programs that may help:

- Suspended non-payment disconnections and late fees
- PGE customer service team ready and available to help with bill payment:
 - Request more time to pay by logging in to your account, or
 - Call (503) 228-6322 or call (800) 542-8818
 - Get bill help on line at
 - <https://www.portlandgeneral.com/residential/help/bill-payment-assistance>
 - PGE is temporarily removing no-check and cash-only restrictions for customers, allowing anyone using safety pay to use their checking account or with a physical check

Contact PGE: (503) 228-6322

PORTLAND HISTORY



Did You Know, **Mel Blanc** grew up in Portland during the 1920's and attended **Lincoln High School** in Portland, Oregon?

His biography seems to indicate that he was infamous in high school. He enjoyed making unique, echoing sounds

in the empty halls of the school, particularly practising a cackling laugh that later became

Woody Woodpecker. Portland radio hosted Mel Blanc until he moved to Hollywood, to entertain us with the likes of **Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Yosemite Sam, Pepe le Pew, Barney Rubble** and many others.



software or give the technician remote access to their computer.

The Romance Scam: This scam is associated with online dating sites. The scammer will use a fake online dating profile to pose as a romantic interest living in another city. The scammer eventually asks for money to help with a financial emergency.

The Charity Scam: A caller or emailer solicits a donation for a charity. Beware if they ask for the donation in cash or by wire. Investigate any donation you make on line to be sure your gift arrives at the appropriate charity. For more information visit the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance at www.give.org to determine if charity requests are legitimate.

Medicare Scam: Medicare scams occur year round but increase during the annual open enrollment window. Scammers pose as representatives of Medicare or other government agencies looking to verify personal information, such as Medicare ID or Social Security numbers. (The government will never ask for information over the phone or through email, do not comply with these requests)

Phishing: Phishing is an attempt to trick someone into giving out personal information. This scam can involve authentic-looking emails or text messages



that appear to come from a legitimate company or institution. These communications typically include links to phony sites that ask

recipients to update or verify their Social Security number, credit card numbers or other vital, personal information.

Another hint: check your banking accounts, daily. Increased internet use these days exposes us to illegal use of our credit card numbers.



Common Fraud Scams

We are on our computers a lot these days and the number of financial

scams are on the rise. Stay alert and aware of the types of scams around. Here are a few common scams to be aware of:

Financial Exploitation by Fiduciary, Power of Attorney, Family Member, or Caregiver: This scam is especially important for seniors to be aware of when others have been entrusted or named to help manage the senior's finances. Many seniors lose their funds, property and other assets to this abuse which may be conducted on the internet or sadly, in person.

Lottery/Sweepstake Scam: Potential victims receive a call informing them they have won a sweepstake or lottery. All the victim must do is provide a small upfront payment to receive the prize. These scams may arrive by phone, email, or letter.

Tech Support Scam: Intended victims receive a call, email or pop-up message from someone posing as a technician from the internet service. They claim the victim's computer has been infected with a virus, and to fix it, they need to buy some

Board Meetings and Events

Rachel Davies, Chair

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Darian Davies, Treasurer

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Grace Emanuel, Secretary

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Elizabeth Durham-McPherson, Outreach and Communications

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Members At Large:

Charles Brody - SE Uplift Representative

Carol Gossett - Land Use and Transportation

Active Committees

Land Use and Transportation Committee:

Joe Hovey, Chair

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Community Preparedness and Resilience:

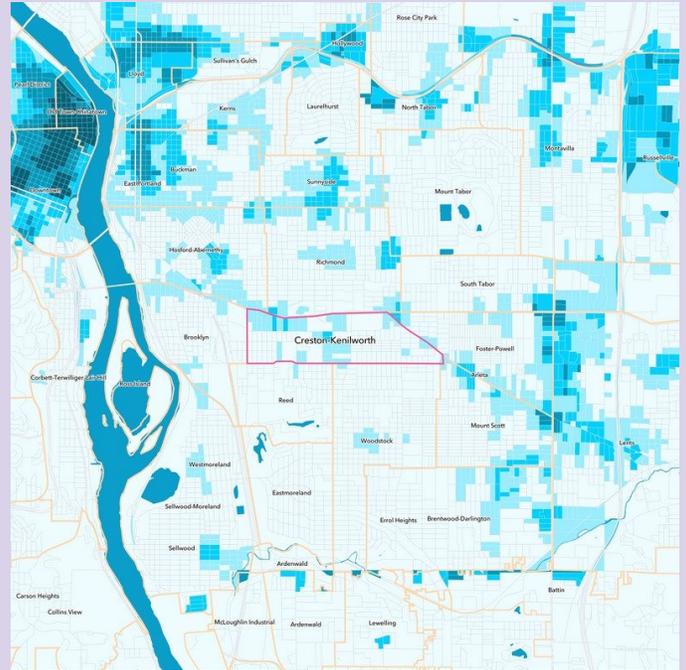
John Legler

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Land Use and Transportation Committee

Sub-Committees:

1. *Inner Powell Alliance (IPA) - planning and implementation visioning along SE Powell Boulevard for thoughtful, market driven development along the corridor*
2. *Diesel Trucks/Brooklyn Yard Initiative to research, plan and take action for new legislation related to diesel fuels.*



Meeting Dates and Events:

Date: May 18th, 2020

Time: 6:30 PM

Meeting: TBD

Meeting updates can be found here:

<http://www.creston-kenilworth.org/>

https://www.facebook.com/pg/CrestonKenilworth/events/?ref=page_internal



Latest Covid-19, State of Oregon Case Summary as of April 27, 2020:

Tested Positive:	2,354
Total Deaths:	92

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!

May Activities Around Town:

May 7, 2020

[Virtual OMSI Science Pub: Adapting to a Changing World](#)

Facebook Live

FREE

The increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events like hurricanes, wildfires and droughts threaten the world's food supply, drive people from their homes, separate families and jeopardize livelihoods. All of which increase the risk of conflict, hunger and poverty.

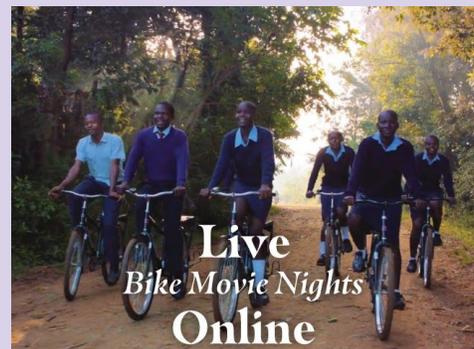


May 15–17, 2020

[Filmed by Bike Film Festival: Bike Movie Nights](#)

YouTube

Filmed by Bike is a film festival that features the world's best bike movies. The packed weekend includes a bike ride, visiting filmmakers, six film showtimes, dozens of films, afterparties and much more.



May 23 and May 30, 2020

[Rose Festival Porch Parade](#)

FREE

Rose Festival has always been a celebration of people, events, and traditions; bridging communities in the City of Roses and beyond. This spring we are asking members of the community to celebrate with us by decorating their front porches. Choose one of our themes as inspiration, or go wild with your own ideas. The purpose of decorating is to unleash your creativity and bring a smile to your friends and neighbors. The Rose Festival will produce a virtual map with the locations of all our registered Porches, so you can plan a walk or drive around your neighborhood to see and share in the celebration.

Porch Parade