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Jen Shin, Project Manager, New Avenues for Youth

Community Action Spotlight Creating Intentional Community

A Conversation with Jen Shin.

O&E: Tell us about New Avenues for Youth, and the project you are working on in North Portland.

Jen: New Avenues for Youth has provided services to at-risk and homeless youth since 1997. Our agency has served more than 20,000 youth as they work to overcome barriers, pursue their goals, and realize their potential. From supporting basic needs like meals and counseling to providing opportunities for education, job training, employment, and housing, we meet youth where they are and help them get to where they want to go.

Before I tell you about the project I work on, New Meadows, I'd like to tell you a bit about Bridge Meadows, the nonprofit we've partnered with for this endeavor. Bridge Meadows is intentionally an inter-generational community in Portsmouth, that has nine family homes and twenty-seven apartments for elders. Bridge Meadows recognizes and emphasizes the value in creating inter-generational relationships

and seeks to build place, permanence and purpose for foster youth, adoptive parents, and elders.

The partnership between Bridge Meadows and New Avenues is the New Meadows program, which will operate in the newly built Dorothy Lemelson House. New Meadows is an innovative housing community for youth transitioning out of foster care. It sits within 600 feet of Bridge Meadows. The proximity of these two communities was an intentional design, meant to create long-lasting relationships between elders and youth, while youth work towards achieving self-sufficiency in a safe and supportive environment.

O&E: Why is this project important?

Jen: Forty percent of the street-dependent homeless youth served by Multnomah County are alumni of the foster care system.

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O&E: Hi Jen. Thank you for meeting with us. Can you tell us a little about yourself and what you do?

Jen: Sure! I'm a Senior Project Manager at New Avenues for Youth. I've been with New Avenues for a very short period of time (two months, to be exact) but I've loved every minute so far. My background is in social services and nonprofits. I came to New Avenues after spending three years at Central City Concern, a local affordable housing agency. I'm originally from Tennessee but I love Portland. I've found some peace of mind and a renewed love for nature in this beautiful city!

Ever wondered how Killingsworth Street got its name?



Killingsworth Street was named after William Milton Killingsworth, a prominent businessman, philanthropist and politician, who was instrumental in the growth and development of North Portland.

In 1853, at the age of three, W.M. Killingsworth moved to Oregon from Missouri. He grew up in Eugene with his parents, John and Eliza, and his two sisters, Sophronia and Cornelia.

In 1880 William moved to Portland, where he established himself as an astute and charismatic real estate developer. Killingsworth envisioned the land between the Columbia and Willamette Rivers as being the

future “New York of the Pacific,” and he was determined to see this dream come true. His plan appears to have been two-fold: first, stake out an undeveloped section of North Portland in which to create his own subdivision, and second, connect his development to other North Portland communities.

Accordingly, he purchased a large plat of forested land and began developing it for housing. He named the development Walnut Park, and in 1882 its main thoroughfare became Killingsworth Street.

Walnut Park stretched from what is now Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard to Congress Street

(near Jefferson High School) and from Killingsworth Street to Alberta Street. He located his own home at 323 N Alberta St., in the southwest corner of his fledgling community.

In 1887, W.M. Killingsworth began connecting Walnut Park, via rail lines, to other North Portland communities. By September of 1888, rail service ran through Walnut Park and Piedmont. Next came the St. Johns’ line in 1889. This line traveled Killingsworth Street to Greeley Avenue, Greeley Avenue to Lombard Street and then followed Lombard Street to St. Johns. By 1891, over thirty trains made daily trips to Killingsworth’s Walnut Park subdivision.

In 1905, W.M. Killingsworth was elected to the state legislature, where he was a staunch advocate for fair trade. One of his most famous pieces of legislation gave the State Board of Railroads the power to require that the major railroad companies charge fair and reasonable rates to haul cars owned by smaller, local railroads. Killingsworth also served on a commission for the Port of Portland, and organized the

Portland Board of Trade, which arranged for the Lewis and Clark Exposition to be held in Portland.

One of W.M. Killingsworth's lesser known accomplishments was the founding of Peninsula Lodge #128. Killingsworth was a driving force in petitioning the Grand Lodge of Oregon to grant an Odd Fellows charter to University Park. His petition was approved, and Peninsula Lodge was officially instituted on December

15, 1894. Killingsworth was also one of the three original trustees of the Peninsula Lodge who signed the handwritten [articles of incorporation](#), which were filed with the state on October 30, 1895. To see this and other historical documents related to Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge #128, please visit our website, www.KeepPortlandOdd.com, and click on Historical Archives in the navigation bar.

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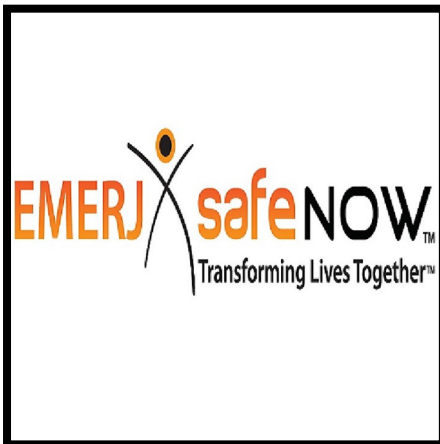
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Summer Camps at Peninsula Lodge

**Aikido Camp****July 16-20, July 23-27, July 30-Aug 3, Aug 6-10****All sessions are 10 am-2 pm**

Aikido Portland's summer camps for children ages 5-13 are extremely popular, and sell out every year. Campers learn samurai stories and Japanese myths, play games that incorporate Aikido skills, learn to fall and roll safely, and practice as partners how to perform throws and pin each other. Cooperation, confidence, leadership, and respect are at the core of instruction.

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**Peaceful Warriors****July 9-13****12pm-3pm**

Peaceful Warriors is designed for students to have fun and build confidence while exploring topics related to self-defense using drama, martial arts, games, writing and other activities. Topics include healthy relationships, self-care, mindfulness, de-escalation and assertive communication street smarts and bullying prevention. The class culminates in a fun demonstration for caregivers and friends. Students of all genders welcome!

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**GirlStrength****June 11-15 and Aug 20-24****Both sessions are 9am-12pm**

GirlStrength is a free violence prevention program offered through the Family Services Division of the Portland Police Bureau. GirlStrength is designed to meet the developmental needs of youth ages 10-17. The programs, workshops and classes are inclusive and offered to any youth who identifies as a girl, or whose gender expression is female, fluid or non conforming.

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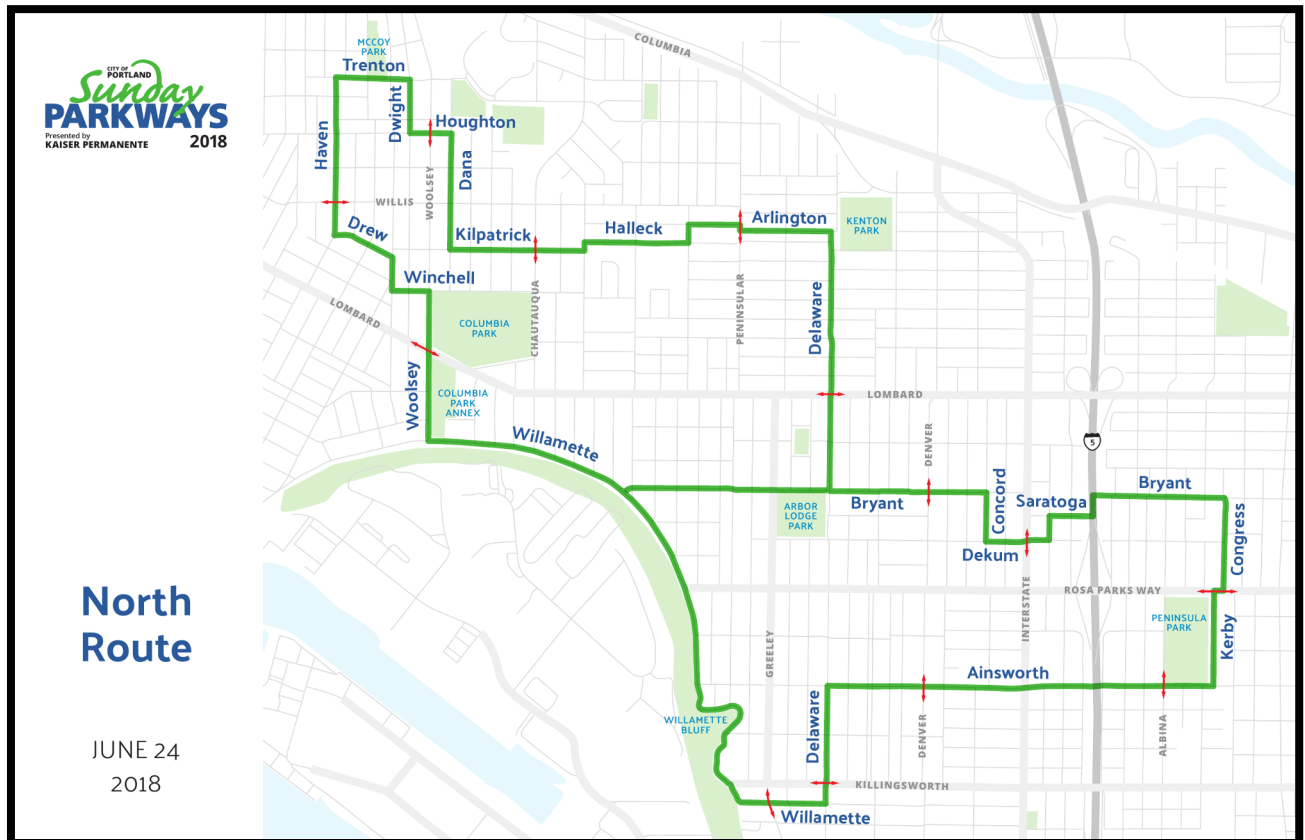
Free Lunch in North & Northeast Parks

Summer break evokes images of children laughing, playing, and enjoying two months of freedom. However, for many children, summer break means going hungry. Fifty-seven percent of Portland's children qualify for free or reduced price lunches at school. During summer, a lot of these children get no lunches at all. To address this issue, Portland Parks and Recreation has teamed up with schools, neighborhood associations and local businesses to extend the free lunch program to the parks during summer. See the chart below to find out when and where free lunches are provided near you.

LOCATION	DATES	DAYS	ACTIVITES	LUNCH	TRANSIT	DETAILS
NORTH PORTLAND						
Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N Foss Avenue	June 12–August 22	Monday–Friday	11AM–1PM	11:30AM	4, 35	 
Columbia Park, N Woolsey Avenue and Winchell Street	June 12–August 22	Monday–Friday	11AM–4PM	Noon	4, 35, 44, 75	 
Dawson Park, N Stanton Street and Vancouver Avenue	June 12–August 22	Monday–Friday	12PM–1PM	Noon	4, 44	 
McCoy Park, N Newman Avenue and Newark Street	June 12–July 20	Monday–Friday	11AM–4PM	Noon	4	 
Peninsula Park, 700 N Rosa Parks Way	June 12–August 22	Monday–Friday	11AM–5PM	Noon	4, 6, 44	 
St. Johns Park, 8427 N Central Street	June 12–August 22	Monday–Friday	11AM–3PM	Noon	4, 44	 
NORTHEAST PORTLAND						
Alberta Park, NE 19th Avenue and Jarrett Street	June 12–August 22	Monday–Friday	11AM–3PM	Noon	8, 17, 72	 
Khunamokwst Park, 5200 NE Alberta Street	June 12–August 22	Monday–Friday	11AM–3PM	12:30PM	71, 72, 75	 
Montavilla Park, NE 82nd Avenue and Glisan Street	June 12–August 22	Monday–Friday	11AM–4PM	Noon	19, 72	 
Ortiz Community Center, 6736 NE Killingsworth Street	June 12–August 22	Monday–Friday	11AM–3PM	Noon	72	 
Wellington Park, NE 66th Avenue and Mason Street	June 12–August 17	Monday–Friday	11AM–3PM	Noon	24, 71	 
Woodlawn Park, NE 13th Avenue and Dekum Street	June 12–August 17	Monday–Friday	11AM–3PM	11:30AM	6, 8, 75	 

Sunday Parkways in North Portland

Scheduled for June 24, 2018 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm



Sunday Parkways is celebrating its eleventh year of bringing families, friends and neighbors together. This year's event follows a nine and a half mile double loop connecting Peninsula, Columbia, Arbor Lodge, Kenton and McCoy parks.

Food, drinks, music, entertainment and informational booths will be featured at each park.

Sunday Parkways began with the intent to encourage more people in Portland to choose bicycling as their main mode of transportation. It has

morphed into a Portland tradition, linking neighborhoods, parks and local businesses into an annual day of fun, discovery and community building.

There are five Sunday Parkways scheduled for 2018.

May 20 - SE Portland

June 24 - North Portland

July 22 - Downtown

August 19 - Outer NE Portland

September 23 - NE Portland

Neighborhood Association board meetings for June 2018

Portsmouth

June 5, 2018 6:30 pm
Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge
4830 N. Lombard St.

University Park

June 11, 2018 7:00 pm
Portsmouth Trinity Lutheran
7119 N. Portsmouth Ave.



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Nationally, fifty percent of youth who leave foster care end up homeless. When a youth turns 21, they age out of the foster care system, meaning the resources they have been granted fall away. Building long-lasting relationships will decrease their risk of becoming homeless, which is what this program intends to achieve. Additionally, this fifteen-unit transitional housing program is meant to be a stepping stone for youth. As it stands, there are few options for youth transitioning out of foster care. New Meadows seeks to address this by providing a space where youth can gain the life skills necessary for independence

with the support of the program staff and the Bridge Meadows community.

O&E: When is the project expected to open?

Jen: We hope to start filling our units in the beginning of July 2018.

O&E: What can the North Portland community do to help?

Jen: We have a beautiful new building, but now need supplies to fill it! When youth move in, we want to supply them with the basic necessities — bedding, kitchen wares, towels, hygiene products, baby supplies for our parenting youth — you name it.

Each youth will have their own apartment which includes an efficiency kitchen and bathroom. Our goal is to provide them with a move-in kit so that they can have one less thing to worry about as they begin their path towards self-sufficiency. For a complete list, go online to: newavenues.org/archives/4325

O&E: Thank you for your time and for the great work you and New Avenues for Youth are doing!

Jen: Thank you for the chance to share with your readers what we are doing. I love this project and think it's incredibly valuable, not only for the youth we serve, but for the community as a whole.

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