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Our 42nd Avenue maps future; Planned Parenthood's new director; other Northeast Portland Wednesday news



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[View full size](#) Bob Granger, a [neighborhood activist in the Cully community](#), told Tuesday night's crowd that the Our 42nd Avenue visioning gives residents and business owners a chance to voice opinions and shape the future of the community's commercial strip. Larry Bingham/The Oregonian
What's happening this Wednesday in Northeast Portland?

- Our 42nd Avenue, the group working to improve the business district at the intersection of Beaumont, Cully, and the Concordia neighborhoods, held an [open house and celebration last night](#).
- Benson High School's [93rd annual Tech Show](#) is Thursday and Friday, from 6 to 9 p.m., and features student work. I will have a more detailed post up later this morning.
- There is [no school today due to all-day teacher professional development at King, Rigler, Scott, Vernon, and Woodlawn](#). All other elementary, K-8 and middle schools have a two-hour late start. High schools are not affected.

- Speaking of high schools, it's ["Get to Know Grant" morning](#) for 8th-graders and their parents in the Grant library at 8:30 a.m.
- The Pete Krebs benefit [concert is Thursday](#) at The Wonder Ballroom.



[View full size](#) Roughly 120 people attended Tuesday night's open house celebration and community design session at St. Charles Catholic Church on Northeast 42nd Avenue. Area businesses, including Rocket Pizza, Delphina's Bakery, and Rose's Homemade Ice Cream, donated food. Larry Bingham/The Oregonian

- The Beaumont Middle School Band is hosting its [Winter Concert on Thursday night](#), as well.
- St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, in outer Northeast, is hosting [a Secrets of Iconography class](#) this weekend.
- Sah'Rah Stylz and the Journey to Freedom Project are hosting an event about "natural Black hair," [according to an article in The Skanner](#). The article promotes the Hairitage Jubilee: "A R/Evolution of Our African Roots" Feb. 23 at the Ambridge Center.
- I'll be shooting a [New in Northeast video](#) this morning at [The Refinery](#), a micro-batch gym in the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood. I'm working a split day to cover the [Kerns Neighborhood Association meeting tonight](#).
- ChildRoots an environmental and Art-and-Science-based learning community dedicated to childcare for children from six weeks to six years, is opening [its sixth annex](#) in the Irvington community, at 3727 N.E. Grand Ave.
- Planned Parenthood, which is headquartered in Northeast, named Stacey James as its new executive director Tuesday, [according to Willamette Week](#).

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