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Housing heaven or hell?

Putting up to 30 apartments on a small lot in Portland's Bayside neighborhood may be too much of a good thing in small space.

By NOAH BURROWAY

Portland officials say they'll consider raising the number of apartments on the lot to 40.

City Councilor Tom Kane, a housing committee member, said he'd like to see two triple-decker buildings with 20 units each and more parking spaces to accommodate the increased density.

But a number of councilors, including City Councilor Michelle Jackson, said they're concerned about the impact of the increased density on the neighborhood and the city's overall planning goals.

"I'm worried about the potential for increased traffic and noise," said Jackson. "We need to make sure the project is compatible with the existing neighborhood and that it's consistent with the city's long-range planning goals."
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WHEN IT COMES TO S&M, PORTLAND'S HURTING

When the time comes to play, BDSM enthusiasts in Portland, Maine, are left to their own devices to find partners. Some have turned to classified ads, while others attend monthly meetings or regular dungeon nights, like the one at Zootz in Portland. According to Courtney Simpson, a local S&M community member, the lack of organized play spaces in Portland is a significant barrier.

"There's a lot of underground activity," she says. "But it's not easy to find." Simpson, who is also the organizer of a monthly dungeon night in Portland, says she often has to work with limited resources and a lack of support from the local community.

One of the challenges she faces is the lack of a dedicated space for BDSM practitioners. "We don't have a dedicated space for play," she says. "We have to use whatever space is available, and that can be a problem."

Another issue is the lack of education and understanding about BDSM in Portland. "A lot of people just don't get it," she says. "They don't understand what it's all about." Simpson says she often has to educate people about the safe and consensual nature of BDSM.

Despite these challenges, there is a growing community of BDSM practitioners in Portland. "We're starting to see more people interested in it," she says. "And we're starting to see more spaces for play."}

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**DECEMBER 9, 1999**

Portland's S&M community is one of the most active in the country, with a vibrant and passionate group of practitioners. The community is known for its dedication to the safe, consensual, and pleasurable aspects of BDSM, and for its ongoing efforts to educate and advocate for the community.

The Portland S&M community has a number of active groups and organizations, including the Portland S&M Network, which hosts regular dungeon nights and events, and the Portland S&M Group, which provides a safe and supportive environment for experimentation and exploration.

The community is also active on social media, with a number of dedicated groups on Facebook and other platforms, where practitioners can connect and share information about events and resources.

Despite the challenges, the Portland S&M community remains committed to providing a space for safe and consensual play, where individuals can explore their desires and find a sense of community and belonging.
Gerine Christmas lights hung along Congress Street, but let your leather show and you're in for a heckling. Even at munches, participants turn out in ordinary clothing, lest the "vanilla" - those of the national psyche - think that they're turning up for a fetish show. "Don't freak out the mundanes," says Cecelia Tan, communication director for the New England branch of the National Leather Association (NLA). "If you're here to show off your leather, tie yourself up."

"Whatever isn't acceptable goes underground, particularly in the area of sexuality," says Fransuz. "That's the golden rule." But we're a nation of consumers, and it's easier to market objects or ideas than people. "That's why a sex shop can open up downtown and we're not even aware of it," says Wendy Chapkis, who teaches women's studies and sociology at the University of Southern Maine. "We're always teaching people how to transform their bodies into marketable commodities."

Whatever it's called, people are coming to terms with S&M. More and more middle-class folks are discovering it. Folks like Tom and Patti.

Steve offers a folksy explanation: "You're at Mark's Showplace and you think of it as a little joke. But it's not a little joke. We're a family of people who are basically healthy and happy and growing and educating ourselves about sale in a different way."

"Some of the people who are involved in S&M are folks who may be trying to escape the confines of society," says Fransuz. "You're breaking out of the mold of what people think is normal."

"For me, it means change the routine. Did you ever make love to a woman and spank her butt? They generally like it. Guys? Same thing."


"For the majority of us, it won't lead to violence. For the minority of us, it could lead to serious injury...."

"When we think of S&M, we think of as pain, but it's consensual and controlled. It's a beautiful experience."..."
Wrong question about sex

Another man, even once ("Blood money," 12.2.99). Do they know that AIDS is not just a gay disease and Portland opens its flannel-clad arms in acceptance of ALL comments like, "Why do they let straight bitches like her in here?"

In addition to possibility putting too many units on too small a parcel, another problem is the newe itself. It doesn't make sense for the city to create another exemption from its own rules. Although the changes at this point would only apply to a single parcel, establishing this principle could cause other developers with affordable housing proposals to request the same deal.

Concerns about not well served. Experience shows the larger a project is, the more difficult it is to manage.

There's no question the city needs to promote affordable housing.

Portland apartment vacancy rates in Portland are at 2 percent. There are 300 to 400 people waiting to obtain a voucher for the program that provides apartments for low-income tenants. The need is acute. But this is not the right solution.

City officials backing the project say they have learned their lesson from the mistakes of the 1960s and 1970s. They say this will not be another Kennedy Park or Riverton, Neither Jaegerman, the city's chief planner, said the ideal for this piece of land is housing, said City Councilor Cheryl Leeman, "[but] anytime you have that kind of a development in a small area, it's going to raise some red nags."

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Peter McGary, president of the Portland Association of Realtors, said he would oppose any new development that would bring more people into the city. But he doesn't think the city should be concerned about the number of people who are coming in.

I'm glad to hear that the city has come to realize that it is not a good idea to allow more people to come into the city. But we need to be concerned about the impact of new development on the city's budget and the environment.

The Portland Museum of Art did allow a choreography of music and dance to occur. However, it is not clear how this will affect the overall experience of the visitors. The museum's policies are aimed at creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all people.

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Arts, Entertainment, Weirdness

**ApARTment**

Local artists turn their rental unit into a gallery

**Chris Bubu**

Some exiled Portland artists squat in their studios to save money. Others, reviving the tradition of a gallery show, exhibit work in their own space. Growing artists Christopher Rice and Timothy Cicchetti took another approach. Known by their friend and fellow artist Thomas Baldwin, they showed all their furniture in one bedroom, hung paintings, drawings and found-object works in another bedroom, the living room, kitchen and hallway and opened their Cumberland Avenue apartment to the public for a one-night-only exhibit on Dec. 5.

**First Friday**

The exhibit was inspired in part by the First Friday art openings happening in other cities. Baldwin is an artist and a member of the church, which also owns the accessible Achieve Restaurant in Portland. The exhibit was part of First Friday, which is sponsored by the Portland Public Market, Richard Carr, a member of the church, who organized the first St. Lucia Festival in Portland seven years ago.

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### Calendar

**Friday, December 10**

**Maine Photo Co-op Benefit**
- The Maine Photo Co-op, the state's only nonprofit color and black-and-white darkroom rental facility, is celebrating its 20th year with a benefit for the community and to honor the co-op members.
- Stop by to see photos from the co-op's members and enjoy the company of fellow photographers and enthusiasts.

**WCYY "Holiday Bazaar"**
- Join us for a holiday shopping event where you can find unique gifts for everyone on your list.
- Browse items from local artisans and vendors, all while enjoying festive music and holiday cheer.

**Saturday, December 11**

**GREGG ALLMAN BAND**
- Gregg Allman returns to Portland, with his touring band featuring proteins and percussive powerhouse Gov't Mule.
- Don't miss this opportunity to see one of the greatest blues and soul/blues artists of all time.

### Sound Bites

- **Support your community radio station** at the "Local Motives Blowout" benefit for WMPG, with metal monsters Trivium, Passenger and Snakes.
- **Hear the heavy sounds** of local rockers Sevendust, Dope and Chevelle on Sun., Dec. 12 at the State Theatre. 609 Congress St, Portland (7 p.m.; $20-

### Sullivan's "Holiday Happenings"

- **Online and in-person** holiday sales and plays continue all the way through the holiday season.
- The Portland Lyric Theatre's version of "A Christmas Carol" opens Dec. 9 at the State Theatre, 609 Congress St, Portland, at 7:30 p.m. (Sat., Sun. and Thurs.); 2 p.m. (Fri.).
- "The Portland Symphony Orchestra" concert includes "The Magic of Christmas," a holiday concert with the Portland Symphony Orchestra, Dec. 14 at the Maine State Music Theatre, 100 Meadow St., West End, Portland, at 7:30 p.m. (Sat., Sun.).
- "The Portland Ballet Company" performs "A Holiday Festival" of tales and music beginning Fri., Dec. 10 at the Theater East, 202 Woodford St., Portland, at 7 p.m. (Fri., Sat.).

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**HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS**

- Visit the many events and activities happening in Portland this month.
- For more information, call 207-775-3333 or visit www.cbs.com.

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**Local note:** The Bazaar is back, with many of the vendors from last year's Bazaar. Enjoy a festive atmosphere, delicious food, and unique gifts for everyone on your list.

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Annual Craft Show Sat., Dec. 11 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 12 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. There will be a variety of locally-owned craft vendors selling their unique wares.

Stir Up Christmas, Winter Parties in Season Sat., Dec. 11 from 3-5 p.m. Picturesque Christmas parties will be served for the holiday season. Located in the Southerland, Portland, Mt. Hope.

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**MUSEUMS**

- **Artspace at 253 Congress**: Featuring Judy Paul's solo show, "Revere," through Jan. 8. Hours: Noon-5 p.m. Tu-Th, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. F. 288 Congress St., Portland. 773-1393.

- **Bates College Museum of Art**: "What's Next?" an exhibition of works by Bates students. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. M-Sa, 1-5 p.m. Su. 147 College St., Lewiston. 759-5126.

- **Frost Gully Gallery**: "Not in the Style of" by Benjamin Paskowitz. Through Dec. 24. Hours: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Tu-Sa, noon-6 p.m. Su. 301 Lawrence Ave., Portland. 792-1882.

- **Frye Art Museum**: "Exuberance: The Energetic Art of Thomas Wilmer Dewing" through Jan. 10. Hours: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tu-F, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Th. 70 Vose St., Portland. 776-9273.

- **International Museum of Modern Art**: "Nuns of the Air" by John Gossage. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. M-Sa, noon-5 p.m. Su. 200 Water St., Portland. 797-3322.

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- **Victoria Mansion**: "A Tum of The Century: Admissions" through Feb. 6. Hours: 1-4 p.m. M-Sa, noon-4 p.m. Su. 109 Danforth St., Portland. 774-5336.

**OTHER VENUES**

- **Hole in One**: "Orchid" by Laura Fuller. Through Jan. 15. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. M-Sa, noon-4 p.m. Su. 623 Congress St., Portland. 792-1140.

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- **Clickety Clack Children's Musical Theatre** Presents: "Icky Picky" Info Session: Jan 29. Call (207) 774-5564 for details.

**Workshops/lectures**

- **Cape Elizabeth Library** Presents: "Art of Beading" Workshop: Jan 29. Call (207) 799-6277 for details.
- **Easton Community Center** Presents: "Art & Craft" Workshops: Jan 26. Call (207) 772-3317 for details.

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