

# RECOVER NW23

An update from the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management on the NW 23<sup>rd</sup> recovery project

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## A RESILIENT COMMUNITY

The Alphabet District is more resilient than ever before. For two months, you have united in the face of trauma, going above and beyond to help each other out. Generosity and good will are alive in your neighborhood, but there's more to it. You're rebuilding, sharing lessons learned and taking steps to improve your community's flexibility and durability. You're strengthening business ties and relationships with neighbors. Next time you're faced with trouble, you'll be able to respond and recover more quickly because you are forging relationships that thicken community fibers.

### WAYS TO CONNECT

**Email:** PBEM sends out regular email updates. Add your name to the list by emailing

[RecoverNW23@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:RecoverNW23@portlandoregon.gov).

**Website:** We will continue to post information about resources, fundraisers and various types of assistance on the Recover NW23 website:

[www.portlandoregon.gov/RecoverNW23](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/RecoverNW23)

**Twitter:** Two accounts will be used to push out new information or updates to projects: @RecoverNW23 and @PortlandBEM. Use the hashtag #RecoverNW23 to join the conversation.

**Phone:** Call 503-823-3809 if email and internet resources don't work for you.

### HERE FOR THE LONG HAUL

We said it once, we'll say it again: The **Portland Bureau of Emergency Management** remains committed to recovery. Don't hesitate to call or email to let us know how it's going, to share your ideas on ways we can help, or inform us of problems you don't yet know how to solve. If you see something great going on in the district, we'd love to know and share that information, too.

*Left: Performers from MarchFourth delight shoppers on NW 23rd during Celebrate the Season of Joy event, Dec. 3-4.*



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**Dosha:** Not much luck getting in touch with Dosha’s spokespeople, but during a recent hair appointment at Dosha Hawthorne, PBEM’s Felicia Heaton learned that many of the stylists who worked at the Northwest Portland location are currently working at other Dosha sites. Book an appointment [here](#).

**Demolition on the Dosha building** continues. Building owner Bob Sacks tells PBEM the building will be rebuilt to look almost identical to the original building design by Allied Works Architecture. An entirely new design will be done for the property on the northeast corner of the intersection of NW 23<sup>rd</sup> & Glisan. It will also be designed by Allied Works, a highly respected firm with offices in Portland and New York. Visit their [website](#) to learn more about some of their recent projects, including the [Schnitzer Center for Art and Design at the Pacific NW College of Art](#). Wow!

**Fetch Eyewear** has moved into a new location under Will Leather Goods on NW 23<sup>rd</sup> between Johnson and Kearney. If you’re new to Fetch and an animal lover, you’ll be happy to know that 100% of the business’s proceeds support animal rescue. Visit the shop or [check out their stylish frames online](#).

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**Traffic woes:** Hopefully, by the time you read this, the abandoned cars will be removed from right-of-ways after our snow event. If you observe traffic safety concerns related to the weather or to ongoing work in the area, please report them at 503-823-SAFE (7233) or online.

- PBEM continues to work with Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) to improve pedestrian access and safety on Glisan, since that the current coned-off walkway isn’t great.
- Bremik Construction, working on the Restoration Hardware Gallery project, has been granted a half-day lane closure on NW Glisan immediately east of 23<sup>rd</sup> to move ahead on construction on the southeast corner of that intersection. PBOT’s Holiday Moratorium Committee is allowing the limited closure from 7 to 11 a.m. on one day only: Tuesday, Dec. 20. The allowance requires the company to keep a pedestrian walkway in place on Glisan and keep the drop-off area for the William Temple Thrift Store clear. Any apparent violations of this limited lane closure agreement should be reported to PBOT by calling 503-823-SAFE (7233).
- **Explosion site clean-up: Heads up!** Interstate Restoration is continuing work on the site of the explosion. Some of the cleanup requires more asbestos removal which could lead to a week-long street closure on NW 23<sup>rd</sup> at Glisan. Interstate is working with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) to identify how much space they’ll need to do their work safely and with PBOT to identify the most practical way to get the work done with as little impact to surrounding businesses and residents as possible. We’ll let you know more details as they become available.



*Dickens Carolers sing holiday favorites during the Celebrate the Season of Joy event Dec. 3-4.*

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**All that racket!** PBEM has been working with the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement to address concerns about ongoing construction/demo noise outside of permitted work times. A few complaints have been received and investigated. Interstate Restoration, doing the demolition on the Dosha building, has been sent a warning letter to let them know they will be subject to fines and ongoing enforcement action if they violate the terms of their permits.

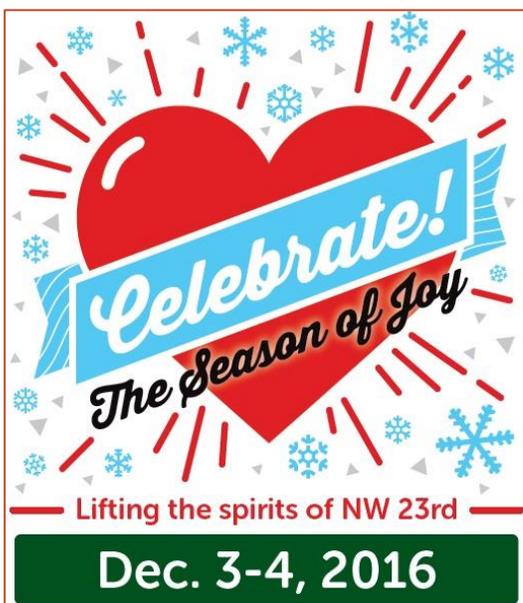
If you hear construction going on outside of the regular work times (7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday), it is very important to document the time and date of the work, describing the type of sound you're hearing. The more evidence the City has, the easier it is for our code enforcers to do the necessary work to stop the violations. Use the form [here](#) to file a noise complaint.

**That fence:** The final design of the wrap for the fence around the reconstruction/demolition zone on NW 23<sup>rd</sup> and Glisan is almost done. The designer will be sending a proof to the businesses to be featured in the design soon. Not long now!

**Take care:** Trauma can settle in weeks and months after an incident. You might wake up one day and discover you're feeling a little out of sorts, not realizing that what your feeling might be residual distress from something that happened ages ago. Not to mention, the holidays can be a tough time for anyone. If you are feeling down or overly stressed, help is available. Multnomah County's mental health services, including counselling and referrals, can be accessed any time by calling 503-988-4888. You don't need to have insurance, and you don't need to be in crisis to ask for help.

**Incident investigation:** The Oregon Public Utility Commission investigation into the incident continues. Kevin Hennessy, head of natural gas safety for the PUC, says he expects the investigation to be complete by the end of January, if not sooner.

**Loy Clark Pipeline Co.** has set up a website to provide more information about the explosion and their response: [www.loyclark.com/RecoverNW23](http://www.loyclark.com/RecoverNW23). You can sign up for updates from them as well.



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### SPECIAL THANKS

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A huge amount of appreciation goes out to **Pat Fiedler** and the **Nob Hill Business Association** for coordinating entertainment by **MarchFourth** and the **Dickens Carolers** for the *Celebrate the Season of Joy* event on Dec. 3 & 4. Talk about festive! The event was promoted with support from **Legacy Good Samaritan's** communications staff member **Megan Deisler**.