



Oregon Convention Center Urban Renewal Area

Refer to map legend for descriptions

Neighborhood People and Places

Legend

- 1** Woodlawn District | Bordered by Ainsworth St, Columbia Blvd, Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd and 22nd St. A small village, Woodlawn became a regular overnight stop on the railroad linking Portland and Vancouver. With no bridge over the Columbia River until 1917, rail travelers stopped in Woodlawn overnight before taking the Columbia River Ferry. Rail station built 1888
- 2** Peninsula Park | 700 N Portland Blvd Previously used as a roadhouse and racetrack for quarter-mile horse racing, this park was built as part of Portland's City Beautiful Movement. The park is home to the sunken rose gardens and gazebo that have been the site of many Rose Festival events. Built 1912
- 3** Bethel AME Church | 5828 NE 8th (currently) Bethel AME is one of the oldest African American churches in the city. First located on NW 10th, then for many years on N. Larabee, the church was located at 5828 NE 8th since 1959. A. Philip Randolph of the Pullman Porters Union spoke in the original location. 1929
- 4** Vann and Vann Funeral Home | 5211 N Williams First African American funeral home in Portland. C. Don Vann and Roberta Vann both held funeral director's licenses. Provided important service to African American community at a time when many other funeral homes would not provide those services.
- 5** Bow and Arrow Culture Club | 5048 NE 10th The Bow and Arrow Culture Club offered a place for Indians to dance, drum, and gather in community. 1970's
- 6** Malloy Avenue Christian Church Housed the NE YWCA for many years after the Williams Ave Branch was closed and sold, despite community objections. Oral histories on this topic available at PSU
- 7** St. Andrews Catholic Church | NE 8th and Alberta German immigrants were the first parishioners at St. Andrews, and they were followed by Irish immigrants. The church operates a legal clinic that serves low-income clients and was involved in social justice issues in the 1960s-80s. Established 1929
- 8** King Neighborhood Facility | NE 6th and Göing The King Neighborhood Facility has served as a central meeting place for the NNE neighborhoods. Founded 1970's.
- 9** Highland United Christian Church Highland United Church of Christ housed Head Start. War on Poverty programs and the George Jackson Memorial Free Breakfast Program. 1970's.
- 10** Maxey's Grocery and Barber Shop | 4601-03 N Williams Charles Maxey left Texas to come work in the Portland shipyards. He opened Maxey's Barber Shop and then Better Buy Grocery. Maxey was an activist in the NAACP and the Urban League and was a founding member of the Portland Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. Arrived 1943
- 11** Edna Robertson Residence | Grand and Prescott Edna Robertson worked for the Model Cities Program. She became the first coordinator for the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, and the director of King Neighborhood Facility and in those positions fought for economic development, public safety, and an end to discrimination in inner NE neighborhoods. Arrived in the 1950's
- 12** Log Front Tavern | NE Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd and Prescott One of numerous taverns along then Union Avenue where German immigrants and descendants gathered regularly.
- 13** Second German Congregational Church | NE 8th and Skidmore (early on NE Malloy) One of the churches built by the German Russian immigrants that settled in this area of NNE Portland. This area became known as "Little Russia." The church was the center of the religious and social lives of those early immigrants. Late 19th and early 20th centuries
- 14** Norwegian Danish Methodist Episcopal | N Vancouver and Skidmore One of the hallmark church buildings of the Scandinavian immigrant population in NE Portland. Today it is the home of First Zion AME. Established 1909
- 15** Maranatha Church of God | 4222 NE 12th Two of the church's pastors were also widely known and respected civic leaders, the Rev. Wendell Wallace (1960's-70's) and Rev. John Garlington (1979-80's).
- 16** Finnish Congregational Church | N Mason and Albina This church served the Finnish immigrant community. Early 20th century
- 17** Geneva's (former location) | 4228 N Williams Geneva's restaurant and nightclub was owned and operated by Paul and Geneva Knauls. The club featured live music, an annual Ebony fashion show, was a regular stop for many of the 1970s-80s Portland Trailblazers, and was a cultural icon before it was leveled by fire in the 1980's.
- 18** Allen Temple CME | 4236 NE 8th Began at the site of the Second German Congregational Church, Allen Temple has been an important religious institution in the African American community. 1949
- 19** German Brethren Evangelical Church | NE Garfield and Mason One of the churches built by the German Russian immigrants that settled in this area of NNE Portland. This area became known as "Little Russia." The church was the center of the religious and social lives of those early immigrants. Late 19th and early 20th centuries
- 20** Otto and Verdell Rutherford Residence | 833 NE Shaver Verdell and Otto Rutherford were leaders in Oregon's Civil Rights Movement. They ran much of the campaign for the Public Accommodations Law out of their home on N Shaver. 1950's
- 21** Repp Brothers Meat and Groceries | NE Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd and Failing First small commercial business that provided the necessities of the surrounding neighborhood, many of them owned by German Russian immigrants. 1899
- 22** Weimer's Hardware and Furniture | 3942 NE Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd (now Hanks Hardware and Heritage Bldg) The Weimer family owned and operated a hardware and furniture store for many years. The upstairs ballroom in furniture store was closed due to anti-German sentiment during WWII. 1910's
- 23** Polish Library Building Association | 3832 N Interstate The Polonia, Polish immigrants, joined the National Polish Alliance in 1911 and soon began construction on the Polish Hall, which housed meetings, dinners, dances, and the multi-lingual holdings of the library. Built in 1900s
- 24** Black Panthers | 3819 NE Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd The Portland branch of the Black Panther Party established the Fred Hampton Free Clinic, ran a free breakfast program out of Highland Church, and had their headquarters at this location. Clinic established 1969
- 25** St. Paul Evangelical and Reformed Church | NE 8th and Failing One of the churches built by the German Russian immigrants that settled in this area of NNE Portland. This area became known as "Little Russia." The church was the center of the religious and social lives of those early immigrants. 1904
- 26** Lehl and Popp Groceries | NE 10th and Failing Typical small commercial business that provided the necessities of the surrounding neighborhood, many of them owned by German Russian immigrants. 1910's
- 27** Danewolf Groceries and Meats | NE 13th and Failing Typical small commercial business that provided the necessities of the surrounding neighborhood, many of them owned by German Russian immigrants. 1919
- 28** Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church | 3138 N Vancouver Founded by Dr. O.B. Williams, Vancouver Avenue First Baptist Church grew from one rented room in a Mason's hall on Russell Street into the established congregation it is today on N. Vancouver Avenue. 1945
- 29** George Repp Residence | 386 Beech St George Repp, a German Russian, owned a grocery store and meat market and was a principle organizer of the Volga Relief Society. Early 20th century
- 30** Trupp Shoe Repair | 3619 NE Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd and Beech (SW corner) First small commercial business that provided the necessities of the surrounding neighborhood, many of them owned by German Russian immigrants. 1910's
- 31** House of Sound Records | 2628 N Williams A locally run business and cultural institution that sold "the best of Hi-Fi Records". Once owned by Jefferson High School and NFL football legend Mel Renfro and Cliff Walker.
- 32** Free Evangelical Brethren Church | 3605 NE Malloy One of the churches built by the German Russian immigrants that settled in this area of NNE Portland. This area became known as "Little Russia." The church was the center of the religious and social lives of those early immigrants. Late 19th and early 20th centuries
- 33** Albina Head Start | NE 7th and Fremont The local center for the federal Head Start Program. Albina Head Start works with the city's low-income families to provide access to education and development skills for infants and children. Established 1965
- 34** Zion Congregational Church | NE 8th and Fremont One of the churches built by the German Russian immigrants that settled in this area of NNE Portland. This area became known as "Little Russia." The church was the center of the religious and social lives of those early immigrants. Late 19th and early 20th centuries
- 35** Immaculate Heart Church | 2910 N Williams Founded by Irish Catholic immigrants who came to work as laborers for the railroads as St. Mary's, the church became an important parish for African American Catholics and the name was changed to Immaculate Heart. Founded 1919
- 36** NAACP The NAACP strives for the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons the end to racial hatred and racial discrimination. The Portland chapter of the NAACP is the oldest continually chartered chapter west of the Mississippi River. Founded 1913
- 37** Ebenezer German Congregational Church | NE 7th and Stanton One of the churches built by the German Russian immigrants that settled in this area of NNE Portland. This area became known as "Little Russia." The church was the center of the religious and social lives of those early immigrants. Late 19th and early 20th centuries
- 38** Cox Funeral Home | 2736 NE Rodney Provided important service to African American community at a time when many other funeral homes would not provide those services.
- 39** Blessed Martin Day Nursery | 2805 N Williams Operated by Immaculate Heart Church, the nursery provided daycare during the years of World War II.
- 40** Mayfield and Juretta Webb Residence | 2807 NE 8th Mayfield and Juretta Webb came to Portland in the mid 1950s. He completed his law degree at the Northwest School of Law and served as NAACP president. War on Poverty leader, and a founder of the Albina Corporation. Juretta worked as a nurse and activist. Arrived 1955
- 41** Matt Dishman Community Center Named for Vancouver Sheriff, and then Multnomah County Sheriff's Officer, Matt Dishman, this facility has served the youth and adult population of the surrounding neighborhoods for over five decades. Originally called the Knott Street Community Center. Home of the Knott Street Boxing Club, which has produced nationally recognized boxers, several members are in the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame. 1950's - present
- 42** Emanuel Hospital | 2801 N Gantenbein Founded by the Lutheran Church, Emanuel Hospital is today Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Center. In the 1960's an expansion plan resulted in the demolition of 188 houses and businesses. That process, preceded by the massive relocation and demolition of African American-owned homes and businesses for the Memorial Coliseum and the Minnesota Freeway (I-5), left many neighborhood residents embittered. Hospital founded 1912, expansion plan 1960's
- 43** St. Phillip's Episcopal Church The church of the Rev. Lee Owen Stone, a respected clergyman of Portland's African American community. He was on the board of the Urban League of Portland and fought for reform in the trade unions during WWII. A daycare was named in his honor that is still in existence today.
- 44** White Eagle Saloon | 836 N Russell St. Serving as a meeting places for Polish immigrants the Blazy Orzel (White Eagle) drew instant recognition with Polish railroad workers and other laborers by it white eagle on a red background that is a symbol of Poland. 1890s
- 45** Hibernia Hall | 128 NE Russell Referred to as the "new club house" for Irish immigrants, Hibernia Hall was the social and cultural center for the community into the 1930s. From the 1950s-80s the building houses the Grace Collins Memorial Community Center (daycare), and currently is the Wonder Ballroom. Built 1914
- 46** Urban League of Portland | 2525 N Williams (currently) The local affiliate of the National Urban League, which is the nation's oldest and largest community-based organizations devoted to ensuring equality and access by African Americans to the economic and social mainstream of America. Founded 1945
- 47** Mary Beehan McCarthy Residence | NE Russell and Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd Mary Beehan McCarthy continued to own and operate the Weidler Butcher Market after the death of her husband. She raised their children in the home located directly behind the market, which faced Victoria Street. Early 20th century
- 48** E.D. and Beatrice Cannady Residence | 2516 NE 26th Ave E.D. and Beatrice Cannady were the owners and editors of The Advocate newspaper. E.D. worked at the Portland Hotel for many years. Beatrice actively worked for better "race relations" and hosted many interracial teas at their home in Irvington. 1903 - 1933
- 49** Woodman of the World | adjacent to 128 NE Russell (now Toro Bravo) Part of the national fraternal organization founded to provide insurance to workers working in the woods. Founded 1890
- 50** St. Stanislaus Church | 3916 N Interstate Established at the request of Polish immigrants for a church that would hold Mass in their native language, St. Stanislaus remains at the religious and cultural center of the Polish community in the Portland metropolitan area. Established 1907
- 51** Cotton Club The nightclub was owned and operated by Paul and Geneva Knauls and was the venue for a wide variety of entertainment, from jazz and blues, to comedy, exotic dances, and female impersonators. The club hosted many of the nation's top Black musicians and celebrities.
- 52** Portland American Indian Center | 611 N Tillamook (currently at 5135 NE Columbia Blvd) Formed by urban Indians as a place to nurture Indian culture and they strove to incorporate traditions from the many tribal members who gathered there. The PAIC organized the first modern Pow Wow in the area in 1969. Formed 1959
- 53** Williams Avenue YMCA | 6 N Tillamook Williams Avenue YWCA founded, Portland's African-American women who organize to meet the needs of black women and girls. Closed in an unpopular move by the Portland YWCA, the building now houses the Billy Webb Etkes Club and continues as a hub for social activities in the Black community. YWCA closed in 1950's
- 54** Dean's Barber Shop/Beauty Salon | 213-15 NE Hancock Husband and wife team Benjamin Dean and Mary Rose opened Rosa's Beauty Salon in their home and later opened and operated Dean's Beauty Salon and Barber Shop. The business is still owned and operated by the family.
- 55** Allen and Louisa Flowers & Sons Restaurants | 1745, 1803, and 1811 NE 1st These three homes were built by and for one of Portland's earliest Black families, the Flowers. Today one of the houses is home to longtime Elliot Neighborhood resident and activist, Pauline Bradford.
- 56** Mt. Olivet Baptist Church | NE 1st and Schuyler (currently at 8501 N Chautauque) First African American church financed and constructed in Portland. The site of nationally known lecturers and movement leaders--A. Philip Randolph, Marcus Garvey, and Adlie Hutton--and the church of Rev. John Jackson, a local leader in the Civil Rights Movement. 1921
- 57** Dude Ranch | 240 N Broadway At the height of its popularity The Dude Ranch was considered "the hottest Black and Tan supper club west of the Mississippi," and hosted many of the biggest names in jazz and blues of the era. 1940's
- 58** Weidler Butcher Market | NE 1st and Weidler The Weidler Butcher Market was the first meat market and one of the first businesses in the area. Early 20th century
- 59** Johan Poulsen - Inman Poulsen Lumber | NE 11th and Multnomah (approx) Johan Poulsen was of the partners in the Inman-Poulsen Lumber Company, a significant lumber products business that operated near the present-day Ross Island Bridge. Poulsen built a Queen Anne home that showcased beautiful woodwork where Double Tree Hotel and part of Lloyd Center now stand. Early 20th century
- 60** Golden West Hotel The Golden West Hotel was the only accommodations that allowed African American guests until the Public Accommodation Law passed in 1963. Owned by W.D. Allen, the Golden West was considered the "largest and best equipped hospitality for colored people west of Chicago." 1906-1930
- 61** Norse Hall | NE 11th and Everett The Norse Hall quickly became the center of social activities for the Norwegian and other Scandinavian communities around the city of Portland. With space for meetings, a library, and a dance ballroom the Norse Hall provided the space for a diverse set of needs of the immigrant generation and their descendants today. Built 1928
- * Delta Park Area | N Denver Ave and Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd** 9,000 years ago the area now called Delta Park were traditional ceremonial grounds for Indians from across the region. The annual Rose Pow Wow and Encampment is still held in this location. The area also housed Vanport before it was destroyed by flood waters in 1948.
- * Albina Rail Yards | Historically located at west end of N Russell along the banks of the Willamette River** The city of Albina developed along with the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, and later the Union Pacific Railroad. The Albina Rail Yards, provided work for many immigrant laborers and African Americans. Those workers became the residents of many of the surrounding neighborhoods. Late 19th and early 20th centuries
- * Lower Willamette River** The land along lower Willamette/surrounding area has been home to the Chinook, Clackamas, Multnomah, and Clatskanie People for at least 9,000 years.

**Entry not located on Neighborhood People and Places map.*

Selected Bibliography

- "It's About Time: Black Panther Party Legacy & Alumni." <http://www.itsbouttimebbp.com/index.html>.
- Bosco-Miligan, Foundation. Cornerstones of Community: Buildings of Portland's African American History. Portland, OR : Bosco-Miligan Foundation, 1996.
- Dietsche, Robert. Jumpstart: The Golden Years of Portland Jazz, 1942-1967. Corvallis: Oregon State University Press, 2005.
- MacColl, E. Kimbark. The Growth of a City: Power and Politics in Portland, Oregon, 1915 to 1950. Portland, OR: Georgian Press, 1979.
- The Shaping of a City: Business and Politics in Portland, Oregon, 1885-1915. Portland, OR: Georgian Press Co., 1976.
- MacLellan, Ingeborg Nelson. Danish in Portland : Past and Present. Seaside Where Seeds Are Planted, 1882-1982. Limited ed. Tigard, OR: Skibsted Press, 1982.
- McLagan, Elizabeth and Oregon Black History Project. A Peculiar Paradise : A History of Blacks in Oregon, 1788-1940. 1st ed. Portland, OR: Schreiber, Steven. The Volga Germans in Portland." <http://www.volwagermans.net/portland/index.html>.