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Cherry Street Bistro has been operating as a cafeteria, but as of December 8 is able to serve the community as a full fledged restaurant. (Branden Andersen / Newsberg)

## Cherry Street Bistro Officially Opens Doors to Newberg Community

*The Friendsview-based café can now market to the public after securing its county restaurant license.*

By Branden Andersen  
Founding Editor

**NEWBERG, Ore.** — After a year and a half operating quietly under a limited food-service designation, Cherry Street Bistro has officially secured its full restaurant license, allowing the downtown-adjacent café to openly serve — and advertise to — the wider Newberg community for the first time. The bistro marked the shift with a grand opening on Monday, Dec. 8.

Cherry Street Bistro opened in summer 2023 as part of Friendsview Retirement Community’s dining program. While the public was welcome to stop in, the business was technically considered an internal dining venue and could not market itself as a standalone restaurant. That constraint shaped its first year in operation.

“Cherry St. Bistro was designed to offer a more traditional bistro or café dining experience to the residents of Friendsview,” said Bistro manager Phillip Berns. “We first opened as a dining area of the Friends-

view campus that was allowed to serve the community as well, should they wander in. Now that we are fully licensed through the county, however, we are able to get the word out much more through sources like Newsberg.”

Berns said the decision to attain full licensure had always been on the horizon, but growing interest from the broader community accelerated the timeline.

“It was the influx of customers from our Newberg community that really pushed us to pull the trigger,” he said. “This past year really showed us that Cherry Street Bistro is a spot that the community wants to support, too.”

Berns describes the food as “classic American bistro fare with a twist,” emphasizing that everything is made from scratch in-house.



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## NDPD, NDPS Clarify Role in ICE Operations Amid Public Concerns

*NDPD and school leaders respond to community questions amid concerns about federal immigration activity.*

By Branden Andersen  
Founding Editor

**NEWBERG, Ore.** — Amid growing public concern about federal immigration activity in Newberg, local police and school leaders outlined their respective roles in ensuring community safety and responding to rising anxiety among families.

At the Dec. 1 Newberg City Council meeting, several residents questioned the Newberg-Dundee Police Department’s relationship with Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

NDPD Capt. Ryan Simmons told Newsberg that the agency does not enforce immigration laws or assist in apprehending people suspected of immigration violations, except under narrow circumstances defined by state statute. Simmons said the department’s Policy 413 is based on Oregon Revised Statute 181A.820, which restricts local law enforcement from using resources for federal immigration enforcement.

“The bottom line is we do not enforce immigration violations or assist in apprehending people who are suspected of violating immigration law or have committed an immigration violation,” Simmons said.

The exception, he noted, applies when federal immigration warrants have been issued by a magistrate, in which case local police are required by law to make an arrest.

Questions from residents also focused on unmarked vehicles and how citizens should respond if they witness someone being detained by individuals who have not identified themselves. Simmons said NDPD will respond to calls when a resident believes someone is being held against their will or a crime may be occurring.



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## Two Wednesday Market Staple Businesses Announce Closures

*Newberg Glass Studio announced its closure last week, while Kayt’s Kitchen said it is pausing operations indefinitely.*

By Branden Andersen  
Founding Editor

**NEWBERG, Ore.** — Two longtime fixtures of the Newberg Wednesday Market announced last week that they are ceasing operations.

On Tuesday, Dec. 5, Kayt Eborá of Kayt’s Kitchen announced on Instagram that she is in the process of selling her food truck. Eborá temporarily closed the business in August while on medical leave.

“In late August, I had major surgery as part of my cancer treatment,” Eborá said in a video announcement. “I was out of com-

mission for about two months, and in those two months I did a lot of rethinking and replanning of what my life could practically look like.”

Eborá opened Kayt’s Kitchen in 2020, offering porch-pickup baked goods during the COVID-19 pandemic. She began selling at the Newberg Wednesday Market in May 2021 and opened a food truck between Pulp & Circumstance and Blue Trout Gallery on College Street in April 2023.



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Kayt Eborá serves breakfast to a customer on her last day of service at the food truck on August 17. (Branden Andersen / Newsberg)

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WorldAtlas Names  
Newberg One of the  
Pacific Northwest’s  
Most Adorable Small  
Towns

NEWBERG, Ore. — Newberg is one of the most adorable small towns in the Pacific Northwest, according to an article published Dec. 5 by WorldAtlas.

The online geography resource listed Newberg alongside 11 other towns in the region, defining “adorable” as places with “natural beauty, fascinating culture, and exciting adventures.”

The article features a photo from George Fox University’s Wheeler Sports Complex and credits Newberg’s designation to its proximity to Portland and Willamette Valley wine country, as well as its access to luxury accommodations at The Alison Inn & Spa.

Other Oregon towns named in the article include Cannon Beach, Mount Hood Village, Sisters, Yachats, and Ashland.

“With so much to see and do across the Pacific Northwest, it is easy to understand why many travelers fall in love with the small towns found throughout the region,” the article states.

Survey Finds  
Neighbor Support for  
Ewing Young Park  
Bridge

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Park and Recreation District officials reported that most neighbors near Ewing Young Park support plans to build a bridge that would provide access to 11 acres of currently unreachable parkland.

CPRD board members Jason Fields and Jim McMaster went door-to-door to gather feedback from adjacent property owners. While some neighbors raised concerns about access, theft, and vandalism, Fields said the district more often heard support for moving the project forward.

“I was really surprised because when I went to meet these neighbors, I believed it was going to be one after the other telling us about how they did not want to have us expand this park and put this bridge in,” Fields said. “But more often, we found that people were excited about the idea of having access to this park from their own property.”

The outreach followed public open houses and an earlier disagreement with Yamhill County over the

bridge approval process. CPRD officials said the district plans to continue pursuing the project based on community feedback.

FORGE Seeking New  
Location

NEWBERG, Ore. — FORGE: an Acton Academy, a kindergarten-through-eighth-grade micro school, is seeking a new classroom space for the 2026–27 school year.

According to its website, FORGE is a learner-driven school serving approximately 30 students in the Newberg area. The program emphasizes online tools, Socratic discussions, hands-on, real-world skills, and character development. The school formerly operated at Camp Tilikum at 15321 NE North Valley Rd.



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UPCOMING EVENTS CALENDER

DECEMBER 17

6 p.m. —Resonate Health  
Spa Holiday Party  
*Resonate Health Spa, 2119 E  
Portland Road*

DECEMBER 18

11 a.m. — CPRD & NWSDS  
Congregate Dining Open  
House  
*Chehalem Senior Center, 101 W  
Foothills Dr.*

5 p.m. — Tap Takeover |  
Block 15  
*Red Hills Market, 155 SW 7th  
St, Dundee*

DECEMBER 19

12 p.m. — American Red  
Cross Blood Drive  
*The Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints, 1212  
Deborah Road*

6 p.m. — Holiday  
Extravaganza  
*Chehalem Cultural Center, 415  
E Sheridan St.*

5:30 p.m. — Coppola Movie  
Night: Isle of Dogs  
*Domaine Lumineux, 115 N  
Washington St*

DECEMBER 20

11 a.m. — Sip While You  
Shop: Selections from  
Casa Bruno Wines  
*Good Company Cheese, 602  
E 1st Street Suite A*

2 p.m. — ROCO Discovery:  
Sparkling Wine & Caviar  
ROCO Winery, 13260 NE Red  
Hills Rd

DECEMBER 21

10:30 a.m. — Classroom  
Series: Bûche De Noël  
*Ambar Estate, 12550 NE  
Worden Hill Rd*

10:30 a.m. — Sunday  
Sessions  
*Abbey Road Farm, 10280  
NE Oak Springs Farm Road,  
Carlton*

DECEMBER 22

12 p.m. — Sip While You  
Shop: Selections from  
Trisaetum Winery  
*Good Company Cheese, 602  
E 1st Street Suite A*



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