

Transportation Safety Summit to highlight problems and solutions



SW 35 Pedestrian Island (Jackson Middle School)

Monday, October 3, 2 - 5 pm

Portland Building, 1120 SW Fifth Avenue (2nd floor, room C)

Mayor Potter and Commissioner Adams join dozens of transportation officials, pedestrian and bicycle advocates, community leaders, enforcement officers, school officials, injury prevention experts, and other elected officials for a facilitated discussion about the state of Portland's transportation safety.

"Some of the most recognized leaders in Portland's transportation safety community will be informing attendees on a wide range of critically important safety issues that face our community. Underscoring our continued commitment and dedication to these important issues, we are

proud to hold this Summit on the first day of International Walk to School Week," says Mayor Potter. To open the Summit, the mayor will read a City Proclamation for Walk & Bike to School Week and Walk & Bike to School Day (October 5, 2005) in Portland.

The Summit is intended to raise awareness of Portland's transportation safety issues, to generate interest in and energy for existing efforts to improve transportation safety, and to develop insight into potential solutions that might close the gap between the current state of traffic safety in Portland and the desired state. "Our short and long-term success is ultimately dependent on our ability to guide internal and external partners to good decisions and great results for Portland's transportation safety," says Commissioner Adams.

One of the city's many partners co-sponsoring the Summit is TriMet. "Every transit rider is a pedestrian at some point in

their journey. TriMet welcomes the opportunity to work with the community to provide safe access to public transit," said TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen.

Existing efforts to be highlighted at the Summit include the Community and School Traffic Safety Partnership, which uses traffic-fine revenue to fund traffic safety services in Portland, including Safe Routes to School, adult pedestrian and bicycle safety programs, and services focused on reducing driver errors.

Other existing efforts include the city's community-based process to update its Bicycle Master Plan (adopted in May 1996), the city's Bureau Innovation Project and strategic planning process, and Commissioner Adams' goal for Portland to be the first city to win a "Platinum" rating from the League of American Bicyclists as the nation's premier biking community.

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Are you ready, if disaster strikes?

by Southwest Emergency Preparedness Committee

In our case, Katrina will be a massive earthquake, and will likely be called Cascadia. But the devastation will be no less that what we saw in New Orleans in the wake of Katrina. The scope of the disaster, the total area affected, will be greater than Katrina, and FEMA is likely to find itself unprepared to deal with the calamity. The good news is that there is much we can do prepare for this inevitable event, and if we do, Portlanders can dramatically lessen the trauma they will face.

So what can we do?? The SW Emergency Preparedness committee, in the wake of Katrina, has identified public education as probably the most essential element of our work. To that end, we have organized the following educational trainings to be held at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, at 7 pm in the Senior Center. All trainings are free and open to the public:

Tuesday, October 4
Get Your Family and Your Neighborhood Ready for a Disaster
- Keturah Pennington

Prepare your family to survive a disaster and be as comfortable as possible afterward, in case help is slow to arrive. Tips on how to personalize kits for family needs. Suggestions for how neighbors can organize to share skills and resources to maximum advantage.

Wednesday, October 5
Communication After a Disaster - Gary St. Hilare

A discussion of communication problems after a disaster, a review of some available communication devices and their merits and limitations. Create a plan to communicate with family members and find out what is happening outside your neighborhood. Whistles, mirrors and other signaling tools to have with you.

Thursday, October 6
Prepare Your Family and Pets to Stay Healthy in a Disaster - LeeLa Coleman

A discussion of health topics related to sheltering in place, evacuation or isolation and quarantine. Preparing to care for family pets in a disaster.

If one thing is clear to us in the wake of Katrina, it is that communities need to actively participate in preparing for disasters. Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. has arranged with the Portland Office of Emergency Management (POEM) to host the next Basic Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) Training to be held in January at OHSU. If you are interested in taking the training, call the SWNI office at 503-823-4592 to pre-register.

Many people think of Oregon as an earthquake-free zone. In fact, we live in the most dangerous earthquake region known to exist anywhere on Earth. The evidence which geologists have been quietly gathering the last few decades has reached the point it is incontrovertible: The Cascadia Subduction Zone, which runs from British Columbia to Northern California, regularly produces magnitude 9 earthquakes along the entire region.

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League of Women Voters hosts panel on neighborhood associations

Portland's Neighborhood System: An Open Examination - Effective Participation or Government Panacea? is the subject of a panel discussion

and former deputy director of ONI; and Bonny McKnight, neighborhood activist from East Portland.

"Resources have been reduced, practices have changed..."

"The city's neighborhood associations were created in the 1970's

Tuesday, October 11, at 7 pm in Room 228 (Multicultural Center) of Smith Memorial Student Union at Portland State University, on Broadway between Harrison and Montgomery. The meeting is open to the public.

The presentation is offered by the League of Women Voters of Portland as part of its two-year study of the city's 30-year-old, nationally-renowned neighborhood association program that began under the leadership of Mayor Neil Goldschmidt.

Panel members will include Gretchen Kafoury, former City Commissioner who oversaw the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) in the 1990's; John Canda, director of Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods; Joleen Jensen-Classen, former director of Neighbors West/Northwest

with one set of expectations," states Carol Cushman, league president. "Resources have been reduced, practices have changed, and today is a different era. The league felt it was timely to restudy this issue." The league's study coincides with the city's reexamination of ONI through Mayor Tom Potter's Bureau Innovation Project.

Concurrent with the panel discussion is the release of the first half of the league's study report, *Portland's Neighborhood Associations, Part I: History*, which will be available on the league's website (www.lwvpx.org) in October. The league expects to complete the second part of its study report in 2006. It will also be posted on the league's website. For more information call the league office at 503-228-1675.

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Bigger & Better.... Southwest Neighborhood's Fall Cleanup

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A history of South Portland

by Stephen Leflar

Stephen Leflar is a long-time resident of the Corbett-Terwilliger Lair Hill area and is active in the neighborhood association. We are printing excerpts from Stephen's history. Last month, we focused on the contributions of the Italian community. This month, we continue with transportation and the impact of the automobile.

The Fourth Avenue Train

The early railway lines through South Portland became important transportation routes to the south and west of the city. Shorter routes over the hills existed for wagons at the plank road of 1850 (Canyon Road), Patton Road, Slavin Road and Taylor's Ferry. But a west-bound train line would need to be built, going south to Stephen's Creek, with fill dirt or trestles to cross several ravines (especially Marquam Gulch) before heading west to cross the summit into the Tualatin Valley near the headwaters of Fanno Creek. Only then could a train enter and cross the Tualatin Valley, passing through Beaverton and Hillsboro to Forest Grove with another spur going to Newberg and McMinnville.

Thus, in the spring of 1868, Joseph Gaston and the Oregon Central Railroad began construction on a rail line to connect the downtown wharves to the rich wheat fields west of the city in the Tualatin Valley.

One hundred men were working on the west side, but the work was impeded by rain and the necessity of blasting out rock, filling in gullies, and building bridges. It was more practical to bridge some of the gullies like the massive Marquam Gulch since there was not enough fill dirt immediately available. By June 22, about ten miles of railroad had been completed. The road was completed to Cornelius in December of 1871 and a regular train service was inaugurated between Portland and Hillsboro. Construction on the road continued until it reached St. Joseph, near McMinnville, in November of 1872. [Percy Maddux, *City on the Willamette*, pages 60-1]

This railroad, the Fourth Avenue Train, established South Portland's reputation as a transportation corridor. Because this line was without competition, it was very lucrative and a higher rate was charged to ship to California than anywhere else in Oregon. In 1907, public pressure was strong to remove the enormous, noisy steam-driven freight trains from Fourth Avenue. Southern Pacific refused. Finally, five years after a lawsuit by the city and city council intervention, Southern Pacific removed the steam locomotives and electrified Fourth Avenue for its Red Electric Line.



Electric interurban railways

For nearly 25 years after 1890, electrically powered mass transit grew until by 1915, regional Portland had the third most extensive electric railway system in the United States. It was the golden era for interurban electric railways, providing transportation for commuting to new suburbs and leisurely trips through the Willamette and Tualatin Valleys. The "interurbans" played an important role in Portland's explosive growth during this time but most intensely after the 1905 Lewis and Clark Exposition. The Red Electric was one of the last interurban electric railways. Because it traveled on the same tracks as freight trains, it had to be compatible with the standard gauge tracks and performance requirements of the existing freight trains with their enormous steam loco-

motives. Rolling stock of the electric line included various types of cars: coaches seating sixty; combination baggage and passenger cars; baggage, express and mail cars; and elegant "observation" cars. The only serious accident in 15 years of operation in the valley was at Bertha on Sunday, May 9, 1920, when a head-on collision occurred. Nine persons were killed and a large number injured.

Gradually, the interurban electric lines were abandoned beginning in 1929 and only two years after the Southern Pacific Company started a substantial bus line, the Oregon Motor Stages. In the 1930's, the large trestle over Marquam Gulch was filled in, homes were removed and the upper portion filled and leveled by dozens of WPA workers to create the two levels of today's Duniway Park. In 1976 several old homes on the south side were demolished and the Metro YMCA was built on the edge of the track in the park.

The Rise of the Automobile

Throughout the Twentieth Century, the automobile became and remained the main symbol of progress and prosperity for individuals, families and the nation as a whole. The infrastructure of the city, including sophisticated and efficient mass transportation and many architectural assets, became liabilities and were eliminated. "Portland planners were hostages to the automobile between 1920 and 1940," Carl Abbott said, "and the working definition of their job changed from urban design to traffic engineering."



Glenn's Corner

by Glenn Bridger, Southwest Neighborhoods Chair

You drive in it. You park in it. The storm water wends its way to the streams through it. You walk in it. The public street right-of-way leads to the store, school, streams and work. In order to serve these many purposes, it must be kept open and free of private uses.

What uses? As you try to walk through our community along the right-of-way, or on the few sidewalks, you encounter a variety of private uses. Some of these are easy to correct and some are hard to correct. This applies to both the places where the public right-of-way contained a paved street and sidewalk, as well as those rights-of-way that have no paving, or even seem to merge into private lawns or woodlands.

While most people have a good sense of where the right-of-way rests along the edges of their property, one sure bet is to accept as public right-of-way both the land where the utility lines run and all of the land between them and the street.

If the utility lines are not on your side of the street, look on the other side of the street and expect that the right-of-way beyond the edge of pavement is the same on your side of the street as it is across the street where the utility lines are located. Unimproved streets are a lit-

tle harder to identify as to width, but you can look up on city maps the actual width of the right-of-way. Looking at the aerial photos on Portland-maps.com with the lot lines turned on will also give you a sense of where to find these unimproved rights-of-way.

The easiest step for you to help your neighbors (after all, they are the people who are most likely to walk in front of your house, not you) is to be sure your shrubs and trees in the right-of-way are trimmed back regularly to provide a full sidewalk width of pedestrian space. The next step is to look at bushes and major landscaping (as well as fences, buildings or swimming pools) on the right-of-way. Cut back or remove these items where they lie in the desired walking area off of the street, or where they obstruct trails or foot paths if the property in question is an unimproved street. And please, do not use up the entire walking area as the place for parking vehicles.

One last item. When the lawn or weeds grow in the right-of-way, and when the snow covers the sidewalk, this routine maintenance is your responsibility. Help the walkers use the area off of the street for their transportation or exercise. Keep the right-of-way clear.

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In addition, the Summit will celebrate the recent federal designation of Portland State University as one of ten national transportation research universities in the country – a designation that establishes Portland as a premier location for innovative transportation research and carries a \$16 million matching grant award. According to Commissioner Adams, "Portland State University is a trusted partner and strategic resource which provides great value by helping us understand our transportation safety challenges and identify potential solutions based on global and national best practices."

Summit attendees will participate in two facilitated breakout panels. The first panel will focus on ways of reducing crashes, injuries, and fatalities facing particular parts of the city. Topics will include:

- High-crash intersections
- High-crash corridors
- Main streets with high crash rates
- Neighborhood traffic safety
- Areas lacking sidewalks and other infrastructure

A second panel will focus on issues facing particular transportation modes, and its topics will include:



- Pedestrian concerns
- Bicyclist concerns
- Young pedestrian and bicyclist concerns (Safe Routes to School)
- * Motorists and DUII concerns (Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants)
- Motorists and speeding concerns

- Young motorist concerns
 - Transit safety
 - Motorcycle safety
 - Water transportation safety
- Both panels will report back to the larger group for a facilitated discussion by Commissioner Adams that will conclude the Summit.

Organizers hope to attract a wide public audience of transportation professionals, advocates, and community leaders. To register, call 503-823-5051 or register online at <http://www.portlandonline.com/index.cfm?a=90278&c=26361>.

Sponsors of the Summit include the City of Portland, AAA, Bicycle Transportation Alliance, Elders in Action, Legacy Emanuel Hospital Trauma Nurses Talk Tough, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Trucking Association, Portland Public Schools, Portland State University, State Farm Insurance, TriMet, and Willamette Pedestrian Coalition.

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Our mission statement reads: "SWNI empowers citizen action to improve and maintain the livability of Southwest neighborhoods." Partial funding is from the City of Portland through an annual contract.

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700 bicycle symbols to appear on local streets

by Mary Volm

New bike boulevard pavement markings will direct cyclists

Small bicycle pavement markings have begun to appear on local streets all over the city of Portland. Their installation will continue over the next two months until approximately 700 are installed. These markings, called "Bicycle Boulevard Pavement Markings," are approximately a foot in diameter—with some including directional arrows—and will indicate to bicyclists those local streets that have been developed as "bicycle boulevards."



Streets without symbols can be difficult for the cyclist

Bicycle boulevards are not striped with bicycle lanes, so they are not very visible as good bicycling streets. They do have amenities that make them work well for people riding bicycles, including crossing treatments at major intersections, traffic calming treatments to keep auto speeds slow, and a stop sign pattern that

provides cyclists with a better flow down the street. The pavement markings will make these bicycling streets as visible to cyclists as are the streets striped with bicycle lanes.

"It's difficult to refer to your bicycle map while on the seat of a bike," states Commissioner Sam Adams who oversees the Office of Transportation. "These Bicycle Boulevard markings will help cyclists find the best routes. It is an important part of our overall bicycling strategy to make our streets safe and convenient for all cyclists, whether you're 7 or 70 years old."

The Bureau of Maintenance will be adhering the markings on local and residential streets over the next two months. The symbols are applied using diecut material that is sealed onto the street surface with heat. Not readily visible to motorists over the hoods of their vehicles, cyclists can see them easily.

"This effort will move Portland toward our goal of Platinum Bicycle Friendly status – and will ensure our continuing to be the best bicycling city in the United States," Commissioner Adams added. "Portland is committed to providing its residents the widest variety of safe and reasonable transportation options."

Hillsdale Park draft master plan available for public review

A draft Master Plan has been developed for Hillsdale Park and will be displayed for public comment in September and October. The draft plan was developed during a Community Design Workshop on July 9th. The public is invited to review the draft plan and related options and to share their thoughts on the comment cards provided.

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| September 16 - October 15 | Draft plan will be posted on the PP&R website: PortlandParks.org |
| October 3 - 10 | Hillsdale Library
1525 SW Sunset Blvd. |
| October 11 - 17 | Southwest Community Center
6820 SW 45th |
| November 2 | Presentation of the final draft plan
Hillsdale Neighborhood Association meeting, 7 pm
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
2201 SW Vermont |

Located in southwest Portland off of Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Hillsdale Park has been part of the Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) system since 1952. The L-shaped 5+acre park has open lawn areas but is otherwise undeveloped. There is a dog off-leash area in the northern portion. Current park users are dog owners and people who enjoy passive activities such as sunbathing, reading and relaxing.

Over the years, several ideas for Hillsdale Park have been suggested for one part of the park or another. A Master Plan considers the entire park and establishes a unified vision for its use and development. The final document will include management policies and identify future development concepts that take into account the park's attributes, its location, nearby recreation opportunities and the needs of local residents. At this time, there are no resources available for development of Hillsdale Park. However, the Master Plan will serve as a guide for current management and for future development when resources become available.

Eagle Scout troop install steps in Woods Park

On August 27th, Eagle Scout Daniel Reid from Sherwood Troop #116 led a volunteer effort to install a set of steps near the SW 43rd and Alice Street trailhead in Woods Park. A welcome addition for walkers who previously negotiated the steep bank to walk through the park, the steps are part of a larger Friends of Woods Park trail improvement project aimed at reducing erosion and increasing trail safety.

Over the past year, the Friends, in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation, the Bureau of Environmental Services, AmeriCorps and others, have

been working to enhance stream health and to give people a better way to enjoy the park. Projects include improving the trail system, including placing boardwalks along the creek, controlling invasives, and planting native trees, shrubs and other flora.

Regular work parties are held every third Saturday of the month. The Friends meet at 9 am at either the Marigold or Alice Street trailheads. For more information on joining the Friends of Woods Park, please contact Colleen Mitchell 503-823-5326 or colleenm@bes.ci.portland.or.us.

Daniel Reid (front, left) and fellow Eagle Scouts from Troop #116 install steps on a steep bank in Woods Park



Rail-Volution arrives in Salt Lake City

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist

Rail-Volution, the annual conference founded by Earl Blumenhauer and Portland's own Office of Transportation, took place this year in Salt Lake City. It focuses on transportation alternatives to the automobile and the relationship between transportation and land uses. So there's a New Urbanist flavor: a philosophy that mixed uses of retail and residential close to public transportation should be added to the urban tableau.

My trip was a short one, just one full day there. I arrived in Salt Lake City on September 8 on Delta Airlines. It was my first time on Delta, and reading that it was close to a bankruptcy filing, I worried my flight might get cancelled. But the bankruptcy came later and in fact my experience with Delta was very good.

My main adventure was a walking field trip on Main Street from the south end of the downtown to Temple Square on the north end. We started at my hotel, the Grand America, and the venue for the conference. The TRAX light rail (the Sandy line) opened in 1998 and runs along Main Street. A second, intersecting line (the University line) opened in 2002.

In sharp contrast to Portland's historic 200 foot downtown blocks, Salt Lake City's downtown blocks are 660 feet long and ten acres in size. Streets are 132 feet wide. There are some advantages to the Brodingtonian sizing. There was plenty of room to put in the light rail, and light rail trains can be really long without blocking crossing streets. But there are drawbacks. The street crossings can be intimidating,

especially for the elderly and the handicapped. And the streetscape scale is a little too big and spread-out. For this Portlander it seemed to discourage the energy and vitality that come from a tighter, more crowded urban environment.

Salt Lake City, with some success, is trying to develop its downtown in a way that respects and reflects historic designs and patterns. Our field trip guide from the city's Planning Division revealed that history has not always been respected, and some buildings that should have been saved have been lost. One historic pattern was the development of tall buildings on block corners. That pattern is now enforced in the zon-

ing code with corner buildings of 100-foot minimum and 375-foot maximum height. The maximum is "soft," meaning it's possible to get approval to build even higher. Mid-block buildings have a maximum height of 100 feet.

People associated with various buildings and projects along the way edified us. We visited the Gallivan Center, a public space with parking below. Dru Damico detailed plans to renovate the 1918 Utah Pantages Theater. Tom Rugh talked about the development of the Utah Museum of Art and History. Bruce Bingham, optimistic about the city's future, talked about plans for a 22-story office building. He regaled us in the well-restored and very beautiful 1887-vintage Karrick Block. We sat in a second floor suite. Like a scene from Deadwood or Tombstone, it's the former location of a pioneer brothel. The gambling hall was one floor above.

Karrick Building



We then met Brent Roberts, Director of Church Headquarters Facilities for the LDS Church. He talked about the Church's commitment to helping revive Salt Lake City's downtown and then guided us through the LDS Convention Center, a 1.5 million square-foot building built in only 1000 days and, like the Grand America Hotel, built to withstand a level 4 (7.5 on the Richter scale) earthquake. Salt Lake City sits on the Wasatch fault. The main auditorium was cavernous (21,000 seats), by far the largest room I've ever been in. I just finished taking photos from the roof when a threatening thunderstorm finally broke loose with a flood of rain. Then it was back to the hotel for a Rail-Volution box lunch.

Volunteer to work in Woods Park!

The next work party will be Saturday, October 15, 9 am, at either the Marigold or Alice Street trailheads. For more information, contact Colleen Mitchell 503-823-5326 or colleenm@bes.ci.portland.or.us.

Fact Sheet for mini-motorbikes/scooters

Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles

Q: Are pocket bikes, mini-choppers or mini-motorcycles legal on Oregon public roads?

A: No. These vehicles are not intended for use on public streets and highways. They are manufactured for off-road use. A mini-motorcycle, pocket bike, go-kart, all-terrain vehicle or similar motorized vehicle is not legal for use on public roads in Oregon. At least two traffic violations could apply for anyone found using such a vehicle on public roads: operation of an unsafe vehicle is a Class B traffic violation (ORS 815.020), with a fine up to \$360; operation of a vehicle that violates equipment rules is a Class C traffic violation (ORS 815.100), with a fine up to \$180.



Example of a motor-assisted scooter

Q: But don't some of these vehicles fit the legal definition of a motorcycle?

A: Not necessarily. A motorized vehicle might fit the definition of a motorcycle and still be illegal to ride on public roads.

To be legal on public roads, motorized vehicles, including motorcycles, need to meet the U.S. Department of Transportation's vehicle design safety and equipment requirements, which are also the standards adopted by Oregon (ORS 815.010 and 815.030).

Manufacturers that meet these requirements provide a vehicle identification number, or VIN, and a manufacturer's certificate of origin, or MCO, which certifies that the vehicle meets U.S. DOT standards.

Oregon, like all other states, requires that if a motor vehicle is designed for use on public roads that it needs to be titled and registered. That requirement includes mounting of a license plate or plates and payment of a registration fee.

The rider must have a driver license or instruction permit. For some vehicles, such as motorcycles, the driver also must have endorsements on their driver licenses.

Q: What about scooters, mopeds, electric assisted bicycles and personal mobility devices?

A: Some of these vehicles are legal in some situations if they meet the specific definitions and restrictions in Oregon law. Also, riders must be at least 16 years old and not have driving privileges suspended or revoked.

Although a driver license is not required for motor-assisted scooters, electric assisted bicycles and personal mobility devices, riders must be at least 16 years old (ORS 807.020 and 814.512) and be eligible for driving privileges. It is also possible for a person whose driving privileges are suspended or revoked to be charged with operating any motorized vehicle while suspended/revoked - including a motor-assisted scooter - on public

roads.

Driving any motor vehicle on a public road while suspended is a Class A violation with a maximum fine of \$720.

Operation by a rider under 16 years of age is a Class D traffic violation with a maximum fine of \$90.

A parent or legal guardian of a child younger than 16 years old who authorizes or knowingly allows a child to operate a motor-assisted scooter may be subject to a traffic citation and fine (ORS 814.536), as well.

Riders must follow Oregon traffic laws and any laws that apply specifically to these vehicles, such as wearing a helmet.

A driver license or restricted license is required for anyone to operate a moped (ORS 807.031). Violation of this law is a Class B traffic violation with a maximum fine of \$360.

Q: Which motor-assisted scooters, mopeds, electric-assisted bicycles and personal mobility devices are legal on public roads in Oregon?

A: To be legal on Oregon public roads, they must fit one of the definitions in the state's laws.

Riders must be at least 16 years old. Use of these vehicles also may be restricted in cities, counties, parks, bike lanes, crosswalks, sidewalks and other locations and situations.

Mopeds must be titled and registered, but Oregon law specifically exempts motor-assisted scooters, electric assisted bicycles, and personal mobility devices from title and registration requirements.

A motor-assisted scooter:

- is designed to be operated on the ground with not more than three wheels;
 - has handlebars and a foot support or seat;
 - can be propelled by human or motor;
 - has a motor capable of propelling it no faster than 24 miles per hour on a level road; and
 - has a motor no bigger than 35 cubic centimeters or, if electric, has a power output of no more than 1,000 watts.
- A moped:
- is designed to be operated on the ground upon wheels;
 - has a seat or saddle for use of the rider;
 - is designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground;
 - is equipped with an independent power source that is capable of propelling the vehicle, unassisted, at a speed of not more than 30 miles per hour on a level road surface; and if the power source is a

New report finds intimate partner violence costs millions a year

Oregon Department of Human Services

A report released by the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) finds that intimate partner violence costs Oregonians nearly \$55 million every year, with more than two-thirds of those dollars spent on health care services.

"The human face of this problem is seen every day by the healthcare system, police, courts and shelters," said Mel Kohn, M.D., state epidemiologist. "It takes a staggering economic toll that we all pay. Calculating the financial cost makes this problem even harder to ignore -- whether you're a legislator, government official or taxpayer."

"These data make a strong case for investing in programs that prevent this violence from occurring in the first place and for minimizing the long-term effects after it happens," Kohn said.

Major report findings: Nearly \$35 million is spent in Oregon every year to pay for medical and mental health care services brought about by intimate partner rape and physical assault.

Other costs include more than \$9 million annually in lost productivity for victims of nonfatal intimate partner violence and approximately \$11 million in lost lifetime earnings to women who are killed by their intimate partners.

DHS public health researchers worked with health economists at the federal Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention to compile the economic estimates, according to Kohn.

"The medical care costs, whether billed through private or public health insurance, are paid for by all Oregonians," Kohn said. "These findings are just the tip of the iceberg because they don't take into account the costs we all pay for law enforcement, criminal justice or social service expenses."

The estimates are conservative, Kohn said, because they are based on 2001 dollars and do not include costs associated with violence against men or against women younger than 20 or older than 55. They also do not account for all the services that victims might need.

The full report, titled "Cost of Intimate Partner Violence Against Oregon Women Age 20 to 55," is available on the Web at <http://egov.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ipv/>

The data upon which these costs were calculated were the basis of a 2004 DHS report, "Intimate Partner Violence in Oregon." That study, focused on women between the ages of 20 and 55, found intimate partner violence to be a problem across all social, economic, religious and cultural groups. It is also on the Web at www.oregon.gov/DHS/ph/ipv/survey.shtml

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combustion engine, has a piston or rotor displacement of 35.01 to 50 cubic centimeters regardless of the number of chambers in the power source; and

- is equipped with a power drive system that functions directly or automatically only and does not require clutching or shifting by the operator after the system is engaged.
- A bicycle equipped with a power source may be classed as a moped if it meets all the moped requirements and also does not meet either the definition of an electric assisted bicycle as defined in ORS 801.258 or a motor assisted scooter as defined in ORS 801.348.

An electric-assisted bicycle:

- is designed to be operated on the ground on wheels;
- has a seat or saddle for use of the rider;
- is designed to travel with not more than three wheels in contact with the ground;
- has both fully operative pedals for human propulsion and an electric

motor; and

- is equipped with an electric motor that has a power output of not more than 1,000 watts and is incapable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground.
- An electric personal mobility device:
- is self-balancing on two tandem wheels;
 - is designed to transport one standing person;
 - has an electric motor; and
 - has a maximum speed of 15 miles per hour.

For more information about the laws and regulations applicable to these sorts of vehicles, go to: http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/DMV/vehicle/pocketbike_factsheet.shtml and click on the link at the bottom of the page for "Oregon Motorized Scooter Pocket Bike Guide."

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Visit www.co.multnomah.or.us/dchs/dv/ or www.takecareonline.org for comprehensive information about domestic and dating violence or call 1-800-799-SAFE

Helping victims of Hurricane Katrina: your guide to giving wisely

Federal Trade Commission

In the wake of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina, Americans are opening their hearts and wallets to help the affected communities in the Gulf Coast. The federal government is advising that the best way to provide immediate assistance is to donate money directly to established national relief organizations with the experience and means to deliver aid.

If you're thinking about the best ways to provide help to those affected by the Hurricane, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, has these tips to help you give wisely:

- Donate to recognized charities you have given to before. Watch out for charities that have sprung up overnight. They may be well-meaning, but lack the infrastructure to provide assistance. And be wary of charities with names that sound like familiar, or nationally known organizations. Some phony charities use names that sound or look like those of respected, legitimate organizations.
- Give directly to the charity, not the solicitors for the charity. That's because solicitors take a portion of the proceeds to cover their costs, which leaves less for victim assistance.
- Do not give out personal or financial information — including your Social Security number or credit card and bank account numbers — to anyone

who solicits a contribution from you. Scam artists use this information to commit fraud against you.

- Check out any charities before you donate. Contact the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance at www.give.org.
- Don't give or send cash. For security and tax record purposes, contribute by check or credit card. Write the official name of the charity on your check. You can contribute safely online through national charities like www.redcross.org/donate.
- Ask for identification if you're approached in person. Many states require paid fund-raisers to identify themselves as such and to name the charity for which they're soliciting.

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Family Resource Center serving Katrina survivors to remain open based on demand

by Michael Pullen, Public Affairs Office, 503-988-6804

A multi-agency Family Resource Center serving Hurricane Katrina survivors who have come to Oregon will remain open, due to the continuing inflow of survivors. The center opened on September 12 at the former Washington High School campus at SE 14th Ave. and SE Stark St. as a component of Operation Welcome Oregon. The center is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm.

As of September 20, a total of 494 hurricane survivors had received services at the center. Survivors are receiving assistance with housing, education, employment, health and mental health services. Services are provided at the center by staff from Multnomah County, City of Portland, Portland Public Schools, Head Start and the Housing Authority of Portland.

New survivors are arriving in Portland at a fairly steady rate that is slowly declining. In the last week about 30 new survivors have been arriving at the Family Resource Center each day. The center provides survivors with a single location where they can be linked to the services they need, including a case manager. Staffing at the center will be adjusted based on client needs and the flow of new arrivals. A current priority is registering survivors with FEMA so that they can receive federal assistance.

A statistical portrait is emerging of survivors who have come to Oregon. Ethnically, 53 percent of survey respondents identify themselves as African American, 30 percent as Caucasian, 13 percent as Vietnamese, and 4 percent as Hispanic. Thirty-two percent are younger than 18, 59 percent are ages 18 - 59, and 9 percent are 60 and older. Twenty-eight percent reported having a household annual income of \$25,000 or more, while 25 percent reported having an annual household income under \$7,500.

Other agencies and groups providing services at the Oregon Welcome Center include the local chapter of the American Red Cross, Oregon Department of Human Services, Social Security Administration, TriMet, U.S. Post Office, and the Community Welcoming Committee.

For information on donations and volunteering, visit www.211info.org or call 211 or 1-800-SAFE-NET.

Katrina Family Resource Center Key Points

• At this point in time, there is no intention to shut down the Family Resource Center. As long as there is still a steady flow of people coming in who need services, the facility will remain open as a welcoming place for survivors of the hurricane disaster. The agencies involved in providing services to hurricane survivors are formulating plans for various potential transition scenarios.

We are working together in new and efficient ways to directly help those affected by hurricane Katrina. The Family Resource Center is an unprecedented collaboration of state and local government, private organizations, community groups and individuals working together as a single agency.

- o American Red Cross
- o Community Welcoming Committee
- o Multnomah County (Touchstone Program, Mental Health Services, Aging and Disability Services, Health Department)
- o Oregon Department of Human Services
- o TriMet
- o U.S. Postal Service
- o Note: Of the above agencies, only the County is part of the Family Resource Center. Others are elsewhere onsite.

• Our ability to achieve results in a short amount of time has been noted as a model for the rest of the nation. Oregonians are working together to put resources where they are most needed.

This is an ongoing effort to support the hurricane survivors. Many will have long-term needs for mental health care and social supports.

- o Wherever they decide to live, many survivors will require long term support to deal with issues such as Post-traumatic Stress Disorder.

• Even though we are reaching out to survivors of this tragedy, we recognize the enormous ongoing needs of people in our own community. This experience underscores our commitment to meeting those needs through creative thinking and public/private partnerships.

• Our goal is to stabilize these families in Portland, and help them get their lives in order so they can ultimately become contributing members to the community and to our local economy, if they choose to remain here.

• Local agencies are helping survivors register with FEMA so they can receive federal assistance they are entitled to. Local agencies are seeking payment from the federal government for their own reimbursable expenses related to assisting Katrina survivors.

Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for July 2005															
Neighborhood	Murder	Rape	Molest	Robry	Ag Asst	Res Burg	N/Res Burg	Arson	Theft fr. Auto	Bike Theft	Other Larc	Auto Theft	Vandl	Total	YTD rate/1000 pop.
Arnold Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	4	8.5
Ashcreek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	2	7	18.4
Bridlemile	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	1	2	1	2	13	16.2
Collins View	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	5	13	60.3
CTLH	0	1	0	0	1	8	2	1	27	1	4	5	11	61	51.6
Crestwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	19.4
Far Southwest	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	2	0	1	8	61.5
Hayhurst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	4	8	18.7
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13.6
Hillsdale	0	1	0	0	1	4	1	0	3	0	8	0	4	22	22.9
Homestead	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	4	9	2	1	26	59.9
Maplewood	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	5	10.9
Markham	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	2	0	2	10	17.2
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	9.0
Multnomah	0	2	0	1	5	1	2	0	4	2	6	4	5	32	29.8
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	3	16.4
SW Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	3	0	1	11	20.7
W Pltd Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	6	18.0
Total SW	0	4	0	1	8	17	8	2	82	9	47	13	41	232	26.0

To sign up for the Southwest Public Safety List (email group), send a blank email to: swpublicsafety-subscribe@yahoo.com

Questions? Email Stephanie at sreynolds@ci.portland.or.us

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Art mural goes up at Barbur Blvd Transit Center

by Bruce Solberg, TriMet



Portland artists Laura Bender and John Early stencil paint a mural, depicting world folk art on a walkway retaining wall by Barbur Blvd Transit Center. The mural acts as graffiti mitigation and was created through a partnership of TriMet with the Oregon Department of Transportation and the Regional Arts and Culture Council. The artists have collaborated with architects and interior designers since 1982, synthesizing the power of color and form to enhance the built environment. They've created works of art at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, Walnut Park Health Center and Whitaker Middle School.

Southwest Development Review

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist

Compiled from development review and other notices

Pre-application conferences:

PC 05-148621. Type III design review and Type II greenway review for development of apartments and condominiums on two parcels. Location: 4850 SW Macadam Ave. **N-hood:** CTLH.
PC 05-151339. Type III design review and Type II greenway review for mixed-use building with ground floor retail and five stories of residential units. Location: 7524 SW Macadam Ave. **Neighborhood:** CTLH.

PC 05-154870. Type III review for a 4-lot land division. Location: 3655 SW Scholls Ferry Rd. **Neighborhood:** SWHRL.

Proposals:
LU 05-142597 TR AD. Applicant requests a modification to a tree preservation plan and an adjustment to tree preservation standards. Location: 3344 SW 48th Ave. **Neighborhood:** Bridlemile.
LU 05-148744 CU. Applicant seeks conditional use approval to expand and modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility on roof of a building at the PCC Sylvania campus. Location: 11900 SW 49th Ave. **Neighborhood:** Far SW.

LU 05-153276 CU. Applicant seeks conditional use approval for installation of a wireless telecommunications facility on a water tank at Lewis & Clark College. Location: 858 SW Palatine Hill Rd. **Neighborhood:** Collins View.
LU 05-150486 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a 19,687-SF site into two lots. Location: 8036 SW 64th Ave. **Neighborhood:** Ashcreek.

LU 05-148319 LDP AD. Applicant proposes to divide a site into three lots. Applicant is seeking to enlarge the site with a pending application to vacate a segment of the SW Iowa right-of-way. Location: 2932 SW Iowa St. and 6060 SW 30th Ave. **Neighborhood:** Hillsdale.

Decisions:
LU 05-100186 LDS. Approval of preliminary plan for 5-lot subdivision. Location: 5003-5005 SW View Point Ter. **Neighborhood:** CTLH.

LU 05-141537 EN. Environmental review approval for a two-story single-family residence. Location: 2772 SW Carolina. **Neighborhood:** Hillsdale.
LU 05-110305 LDS. Decision of City Council on appeal approving preliminary plan for 10-lot subdivision, deleting one condition from hearing officer's decision, and ordering implementation of good neighbor agreement. Location: 3105 SW Arnold St. **Neighborhood:** Arnold Creek.

LU 05-141479 DZM. Design review approval for renovation of building facade. Location: 4540 SW Kelly Ave. **Neighborhood:** CTLH.
LU 04-094246 LDS. AD. Approval of preliminary plan for six-lot subdivi-

sion and adjustment to a front building setback. Location: 6726 SW 63rd Ave. **Neighborhood:** Maplewood.
LU 99-017406 EN. Environmental review approval revising earlier approval: approving extension of SW Illinois St, and eliminating provisions regarding construction of house and mitigation that including a covenant not to build on two lots. Location: 2750 and 2710 SW Illinois St. **Neighborhood:** Hillsdale.

LU 05-142463 EN. Environmental review approval for 12 townhouse condominiums. Location: North side of Slavin Rd between SW 1st and 2nd. **Neighborhood:** CTLH.
LU 05-141537 ENM. Environmental review approval for construction of 2-story, single-family residence. Location: 2772 SW Carolina St. **Neighborhood:** Hillsdale.

LU 05-148202 TR. Tree review approval to allow removal of two trees. Location: Lot 6 on Semler Way. **Neighborhood:** Bridlemile.
LU 05-146236 AD. Adjustment approval to increase maximum lot area. The adjustment is related to a property line adjustment. Location: 4060 SW Flower St. **Neighborhood:** Hayhurst.
LU 05-132818 EN M DZ. Approval of environmental and design review and a modification for a new house and garage. Location: SW Terwilliger Blvd, appx. 400 feet north of SW Nebraska St. **Neighborhood:** Hillsdale.

Public hearings at 1900 SW 4th Ave:
LU 05-127029 LDS. Applicant proposes to divide a site into eight lots with a new public street. Location: 11850 SW Boones Ferry Rd. Hearing was scheduled for September 21. **Neighborhood:** Arnold Creek.

LU 05-132348 PUD LDS EN. Applicant proposes a three-lot subdivision with an open space tract. Environmental review is also required, City Council will be asked to modify ordinances related to earlier land use approvals at this site. Location: Tract A along SW Lancaster Rd above Woodlee Heights. **Hearing on October 17, 9:00 am, Suite 3000. Neighborhood:** Arnold Creek.

LU 05-100186 LDS. Appellant CTLH appeals an administrative decision approving a 5-lot subdivision. Location: 5003-5005 SW View Point Ter. **Hearing on October 3, 1:30 pm, Suite 3000. N-Hood:** CTLH.

LU 05-132369 AD. Appellant appeals an administrative decision denying a setback adjustment for an accessory structure. Location: 9038 SW 40th Ave. **Neighborhood:** Multnomah.

Final plats: 3119 SW Dosch Rd, 12210 SW Orchard Hill Rd, 4542 SW Brugger St.
Notices to demolish: Residential structures at 5845 SW 45th Ave., 4929 SW Cameron Rd.

Committee Reports..

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9183

Our scheduled speaker for the August meeting was Charlie Fender from the Portland Police Bureau. He was unable to attend so Scott Westerman updated us on the Portland Police Bureau's pursuit policy. They are in the process of updating the policy which if you read the article in the Oregonian is controversial. Scott did a great job in explaining what the policy is now, what the proposed changes are and how we can keep updated on the process. Jan Weston, who is our representative to the Chief's forum, will keep us informed on the changes. We really appreciate the time and energy and enthusiasm he brings to the Chief's forum and also to our meeting every month.

Our speaker for the September meeting will be Gary Cobb of the Recovery Association Project. He will be discussing recovery from drug addiction and the local resources available.

On October 25 we will have Washington County Sheriff's Office Crime Prevention Specialist Julie McCloud. She will present her short film about meth addiction, "Crystal Misery," which features teens from Washington County.

All are welcome at our meetings. If you have any safety or crime issues in your neighborhood, our meetings are the place to come and share your concerns. We have time on the agenda each month for neighborhood issues.

Next meeting: Tues., Oct. 25, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Transportation Committee

Lillie Fitzpatrick, chair,
503-892-9921

In September, the committee had two guests from PDOT. Greg Raisman proposed holding a bicycle safety workshop. That workshop will be held as part of the committee's November meeting.

Eileen Argentina, Director of System Management, is our liaison to PDOT. She heard from committee members regarding jake brake noise and the deficient intersection of SW Garden Home Road and Multnomah Blvd. We also discussed street sweeping and system development charges and cumulative impacts from new development.

Call the SWNI office for information on the October agenda.

Next meeting: Oct. 17, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Parks Committee

Kirky Doble, 503-246-7970

In September, committee members took their annual trek to the SW Community Center. Recreation coordinator Max Behrens was our guest.

Revenues are up and costs down in the 04/05 fiscal year in all seven departments, and they'll meet their goal of recovering 100% of non-utility costs (and recovering 80% of total costs).

Committee members called for better coordination of pool hours so that Wilson Pool will be open when the SWCC pool closes for maintenance.

Friday Night Live for teens is still popular, usually attracting about 150 teens.

The Center has started a "combination" program for pre-schoolers that includes art, swimming, and sport.

Next Meeting: Thurs. Oct. 6, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president
503-245-0729

Keturah Pennington, a board member and Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) member, informed the board that the Portland Office of Emergency Management (POEM) and the Red Cross has a number of trained speakers to give presentations to neighborhood associations and other community groups. The topics include:

- Make A Plan
- Prepare a Kit
- Get Trained
- Give Blood

If you would like to schedule a speaker for your organization, contact Rachel Jacky with the Portland Office of Emergency Management at 503-823-4375.

Under the SWNI Land Use Committee a group of dedicated individuals has been working in a subcommittee to draft a tree preservation and preservation memo. The memo calls for some changes in regulations, a revival of the tree liaison program, education, and information to home buyers about existing restrictions on the property they are buying. The memo has now been sent out for review by neighborhood associations and various city bureaus. Call the SWNI office if you would like a copy of the memo.

Next Meeting: Wed., Oct. 26, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Land Use Committee

In September, the committee discussed the draft tree protection and preservation memo produced by an ad hoc subcommittee led by Greg Schifsky. The memo calls for some changes in regulations, a revival of the tree liaison program, education, and information to home buyers about any existing restrictions on the property they're buying. The memo recently went out to review by employees at city bureaus: Planning, Development Services, and Urban Forestry. The memo will now go out to the neighborhoods for review.

In October, the committee will review comment from the neighborhoods and again review the tree memo. Also, Sally Edmonds of the Bureau of Planning will tell us about an upcoming project to update the Willamette Greenway Plan.

Next Meeting: Tues., Oct. 18, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

At the late August meeting, committee members heard that signage for the urban trails is mostly up. Identification of locations for posts is done.

A crosswalk will go in on Vermont at Wilson High School. Good news for Urban Trail 6: A short connection through a condominium development might get done. If so, it will be a significant short cut compared to the current trail alignment. Work is going on now on the new trail 13, from the OHSU campus down to the Marquam Shelter.

More good news: the SW Pedestrian Summit on September 10 was a big success. Almost a 100 people attended.

Next Meeting: Thurs., Oct. 27, 7 pm
St. Luke's Lutheran
SW 46th & California

Mark your calendar for the Dickinson Park Playground

Fundraising Auction and Dinner

(an evening of fun for the whole family)

Saturday, October 22, 6 - 8 pm
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Free Admission

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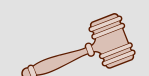
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Party at Westside Dance & Gymnastics



Theater



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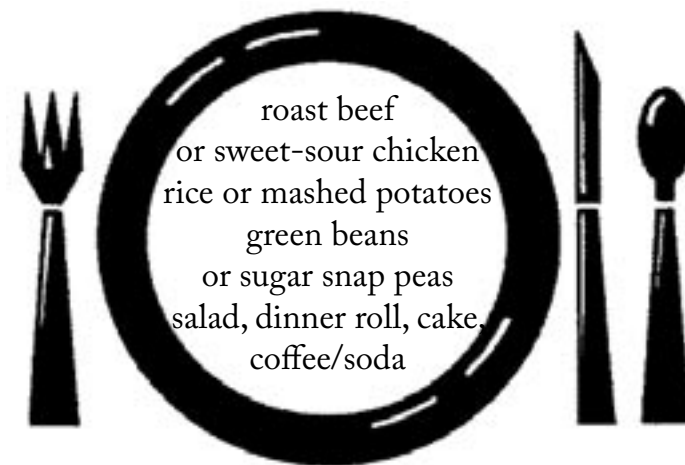


Cultural Events

No time to cook? No problem!

Join your neighbors for dinner

Menu choices include



\$6 suggested donation with proceeds
to Southwest Loaves & Fishes.

Kids can join in on the fun at the Kids Craft Table

Bring your family and invite your neighbors for an evening of fun and contribute to this great cause. For more information, call Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., 503-823-4592

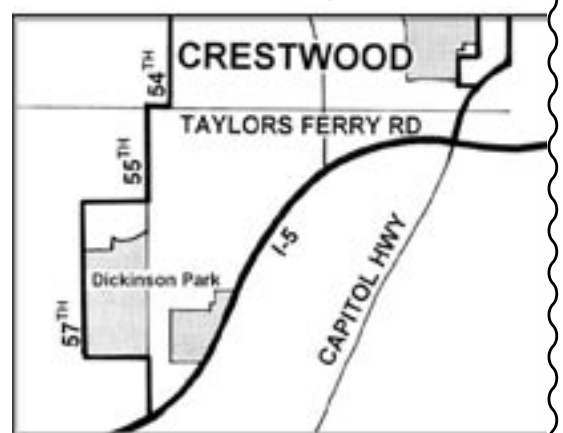
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**Don't forget to purchase
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Southwest Neighborhoods' Inc. Annual Fall Cleanup

Saturday, November 5, 9 am - 1 pm

Portland Christian Center, 5700 SW Dosch Road

Recently we have had numerous requests for a larger venue, more like our spring cleanup. The Southwest Neighborhoods Board has decided there is a great need for more than just wood and yard debris to be recycled. We are proud to announce a bigger, better Fall Cleanup which we hope will help Southwest residents recycle all of their unwanted items.

Acceptable items

Donations: The Arc of Multnomah County will have their truck on hand for your reusable contributions. The Arc accepts all types of clothing and shoes, linens, as well as pots & pans, small appliances, knickknacks, housewares, small working TV's and radios, and toys. *No large appliances or furniture, baby furniture and equipment, microwaves, TV's over 19 inches or nonworking, or exercise equipment.* The proceeds from all contributions help fund the services of The Arc. These contributions fund services for children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.

Bulky items: Oversized items for disposal (furniture including: couches, chairs, mattresses, baby furniture, exercise equipment, glass, etc.)

Scrap metal: Containers need to be empty – no liquids. Acceptable items include appliances, toasters, ladders, empty buckets, etc. Call SWNI at 503-823-4592 to make arrangements in advance to pick up large appliances at your home.

Yard debris and wood items: For yard debris, include basically anything that grows in your yard, such as weeds (knock off as much dirt as possible), leaves, vines (including morning glory and berry vines), grass clippings, prunings (no bigger than 12" in diameter and 8' long), fallen fruit from your fruit trees, vegetation from your garden. It is OK to include diseased plants/leaves. Wood items can include solid wood, furniture, fencing (no brackets or hinges; nails are OK), and yard debris.

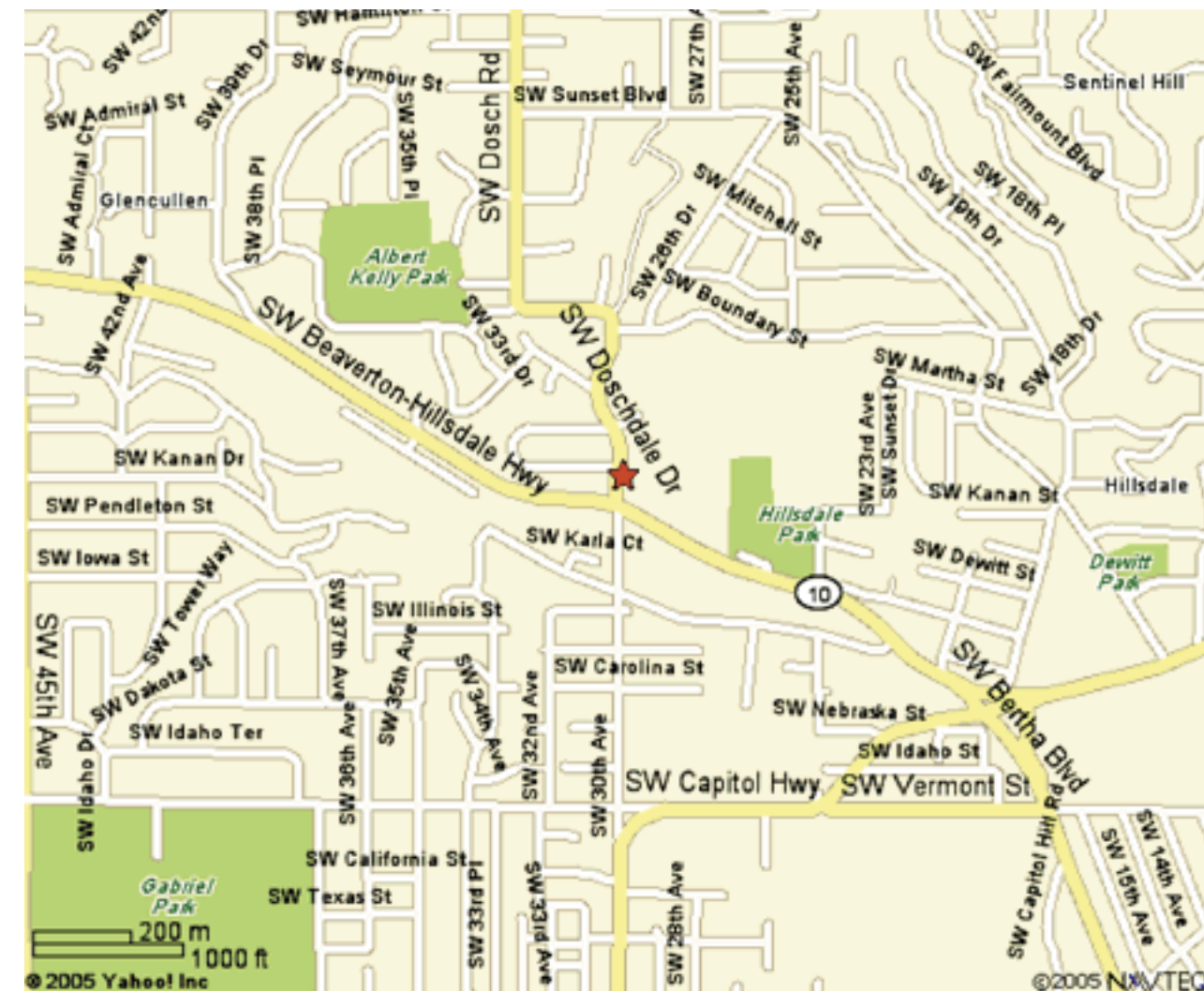
Tires: Tires on and off the rim

Secure Document Shredding: Secure document shredding services will be offered on site for an additional fee.
(bag/small box = \$3, large box = \$5)

Computers/Electronics: computers, power supplies, UPC or Battery backups, car batteries (6, 12, 24 v), scooter/wheel chair batteries, empty computer cases, towers, servers, keyboards, wire, floppies, mother boards or PC cards, hard drives, printers/laser jets, ink or toner cartridges, computer speakers, real to real tape recorders, movie projectors, digital camers, movie cameras, sewing machines, electric scooters, electric motors, electric boat motors and monitors (extra charge for monitors 16-inch and below \$10; 17-21 inch are free).

Unacceptable items

NO hazardous waste (Call Metro Recycling, 503-234-3000), kitchen garbage, stumps, oversized branches, rocks, ashes, asbestos, animal waste, explosives, radioactive or commercial waste.



SWNI/SOLV Litter Patrol works to clean up streets in Southwest Portland

It's Litter Patrol time again

Over the last three years, the SWNI/SOLV Litter Patrol has helped keep our neighborhood a beautiful place by picking up hundreds of pounds of roadside litter and trash.

It's time to get the SWNI/SOLV litter patrol in gear again and clean up the mess that has accumulated over the summer. The next litter patrol pickup is scheduled to coincide with the SWNI Cleanup on Saturday morning, **November 5th**. Bring in your yard debris and other household junk and then stay for an hour or two to help us cleanup the streets in our neighborhood. Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., will provide continental breakfast and pizza for lunch.

We will be meeting at the Portland Christian Center at Dosch Road and Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway at 9 am. Bring some friends. The more people we have, the more streets we can clean up. Call Karen Johnson 503-245-9069 to sign up or for more information.

How much?

Suggested fees will be asked to help recover disposal and related organizational costs generated in sponsoring this event.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. holds 2 major cleanups each year, our Fall (1st Saturday in November) and Spring (2nd Saturday in May). We recover much of the cost of sponsoring this event through the Office of Sustainable Services, but there are many expenses involved in holding these events that are not reimbursed. We are requesting

\$10 per carload (each trip) plus additional charges for monitors and paper shredding

to help cover these additional costs.

Senior or disabled citizen pickup

If you are a senior and/or a disabled citizen and need help getting your stuff to the cleanup, contact us at 503-823-4592 to schedule a pickup. These pickups are done by volunteers, so we must limit the amount to one pickup load per address and request that you have all items in your driveway or placed where our volunteers have easy access to them.

Volunteers needed!

Do you have a couple of hours? We need volunteers to direct traffic; unload yard debris from cars and trucks into dumpsters; and assist drivers pick up debris from seniors and disabled.

Do you have a truck? We need volunteers with trucks to help with our senior and/or disabled citizens pickup. If you are interested in helping contact the Southwest Neighborhoods office at 503-823-4592. Thank you!

This event is sponsored each year by Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI)

We wish to thank Office of Sustainable Development, METRO, Multnomah County Alternative Service Workers, Anfield & Sons Hauling, Heiberg Garbage and Recycling, and The Arc of Multnomah County, and Iron Mountain, for being part of this year's event.

A special thanks to Portland Christian Center for their support and use of their parking lot

Also, thank you to the many neighborhood volunteers who always make this event a great success.



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Sorry, we cannot accept furniture or large appliances or TV's.

Arnold Creek

Tues., October 11, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church
10558 SW 35th
Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483
enhand@hotmail.com

Our October meeting will be October 11 at 7 pm at the Jackson Baptist Church on the corner of 35th and Maricara across from Jackson Middle School. We meet downstairs.

The developments behind Woodlee Heights (3 lots) and at the end of Stephenson on the east side of Boones Ferry, (8 lots) are moving forward. The intersection at Stephenson and Boones Ferry along with the added traffic and speeding on Boones Ferry, were the main topics at our last meeting. We are going to push for a pedestrian path along 8th drive into Tryon Creek State Park. We are also going to lobby for some kind of solution to the dangerous intersection at Stephenson and Boones Ferry. Our first choice would be a stop light. Our second choice would be a roundabout.

I finally was able to go on one of Liz's nature walks. What a wonderful time that was. She had treats to begin and stops along the way to look at how stormwater is handled (or not) in our neighborhood. We also toured a neighbor's property and how they are restoring the creek after it had been filled with tons of concrete. Thank you, Liz, for attending the Trails Committee for us and for organizing such a great walk. She does this once a month. If interested, call Liz Marantz at 503-246-7185.

Our NET team (Neighborhood Emergency Team) also went out this month on a walk to check out our neighborhood and pockets we weren't familiar with. We will be going on more, so look for us in your neighborhoods.

Thank you to all who came last month.

Ashcreek

Mon., October 10, 7 pm

Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872, jklinker@ease.com

There are 4 parcels of land in the early stages of redevelopment along SW 54th Ave. on each side of Garden Home Rd. They total 130,000 square feet. Where there once were 4 homes, there will now be 12. In the past 25 years, 2 - 4 homes have been built along this section of 54th. In the next 2 years, there will probably be another dozen. And the school board says that there is no growth going on!

One of our concerns with this new building is the state of SW 54th between Garden Home and Smith School. One-half of its length is private easement as narrow as eight feet. The developer has to improve the road leading to one of the parcels. The city must require a comprehensive improvement of its entire length for this re-

development to proceed. And where is the promised traffic control at Garden Home and Multnomah? This intersection continues to spiral into chaos as development happens along Garden Home.

Portland City Commissioner Dan Saltzman visited Smith School recently and was given a presentation about its value to the neighborhood by Jack Klinker, Michael Kisor and Dave Smith of the charter school organization. Ashcreek has no official city park; Smith is our park. We are concerned with the possibility that Smith might be leased to a private high school. We are very concerned about the teenage traffic that this will generate.

There is a new land division happening at 55th and Taylors Ferry. It looks like there will

be a couple of hundred more feet of pedestrian and bicycle path along the north side of Taylors Ferry across from the store. Washington Co. is moving ahead with the connection from Oleson Rd. to Taylors Ferry. A Taylors Ferry neighbor attended the meeting to complain about the evening speeding along 62nd and Taylors Ferry. When do we get our stop sign?

Mikki Carrier of Maplewood presented her findings on how to improve neighborhood meeting attendance. She has been very successful in Maplewood. A once nearly moribund NA now has attendance of around 30 people.

Circuit Court Judge Bloch to visit in October. He will be talking about the court system and possibly the Community Court.

Bridlemile

Board meeting: Wed., October 12, 6:30; general meeting: 7 - 8:30 pm
Library at Bridlemile Elementary School, 4300 SW 47th Drive
Parking: In school parking by front entrance, off 47th Street, and along 47th Street
Contact: Victor von Salza, victor@vonsalza.com, 503-246-2146
http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile



Bridlemile students carry handmade signs to celebrate Walk to School Day 2004

International Walk and Bike to School Day: If you can help by walking a group of students to Bridlemile Elementary School, or just want to find out how your child(ren) can participate, please contact Lillie Fitzpatrick, nunnation@earthlink.net, 503-892-9921 See also: <http://www.walknbike.org/>
Wednesday, October 12th - BNA monthly Meeting: Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S); Pedestrian Safety Update - Lynne Mutrie, from the Alliance for Community Traffic Safety in Oregon, and Lillie Fitzpatrick, SWNI Transportation Chair, will talk about the pilot SR2S program at Bridlemile Elementary School and how you can participate or help. This will be a great opportunity to meet other parents interested in participating in this vital pilot program. Lillie will also give us an update on proposed pedestrian crosswalks on Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway, and other pedestrian safety issues affecting Bridlemile. Lynne Mutrie, lynnem@actsoregon.org, 503-656-7329; see also: <http://www.walknbike.org/>
Ongoing Neighborhood Projects:

Volunteer to help with any of the projects listed below, become a committee co-chair, or bring your own proposal to one of our meetings, but please note that in order to give your proposal adequate time on the agenda AND include it SWNI newsletter, we need to know of it no later than previous months BNA meeting. Your contribution of time and knowledge, large or small, helps keep and make Bridlemile the wonderful neighborhood that we all enjoy. Together, we can do anything, and your volunteer time makes the difference. For more information about all the topics listed here and much more, please visit the BNA web site at: <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile> or Google "Bridlemile Neighborhood."

- **BUSINESS LIAISON** - Questions regarding a BNA business, contact Dave Buchner, dave.buchner.b706@statefarm.com.
- **CREEKS** - Bridlemile Creek Stewards' monthly meeting Tuesday, October 11th; details at BCS web site <http://home.comcast.net/~steve.mullinax/bridlemile/BCS.htm>. Sat., October 15th, invasive removal event at Albert Kelly Park, see <http://www.vonsalza.com/akcr> for details. Contact: Steve Mullinax, steve.mullinax@alum.mit.edu, 503-768-9065 or Greg Schifsky, gregsch@hevanet.com, 503-246-2714.
- **HISTORY OF BRIDLEMILE** - Longtime Bridlemile residents, call Melinda McCrossen, Bridlemile School Media Specialist, to be interviewed for our oral history project. This year, the fourth and fifth graders will talk with residents about the history of our neighborhood. The interviews will become part of our historical record. For details, contact Melinda, 503-916-6292, mmccrossen@pps.k12.or.us. School's starting, it's time to recollect the old times! Ginger Danzer, ggdanz@wans.net, 503-292-9460.
- **LAND USE** - All the development in our neighborhood during the past few years has had a great impact on its trees; even when regulations are followed, trees left behind often die because of soil compaction and other factors. See <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/trees> for additional details or contact Greg Schifsky, gregsch@hevanet.com, 503-246-2714. If you have questions regarding or comments regarding any of the different projects and proposals (e.g., land use reviews) that affect our neighborhood, contact Rich Adelman, 503-223-0992, richard.adelman@gbjarch.com
- **PARKS** - See next section below and Creeks above. Questions or comments regarding Bridlemile's parks contact Victor von Salza, victor@vonsalza.com, 503-246-2146.
- **PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME** - The Hamilton Park footpatrol is expanding, join your neighbors for an evening walk and enjoy good company as we discourage the use of our park as a party site. Your contribution on as little as just one night this fall is all it takes to help keep the foot patrol effective. If interested, contact Ellen Underhill, ellenunderhill@comcast.net, and see the Hamilton Park Footpatrol <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/footpatrol> webpage for more information. Also, there is no parking along Hamilton by Hamilton Park because it endangers pedestrians, including children; please do NOT park there but along 47th (on the north side of the park instead). Concerned about other safety or crime issues in Bridlemile? Contact Tom Doberstein, t.doberstein@comcast.net, 503-319-5884
- **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** - Kathy Bambeck is looking for ways to involve neighbors in active social projects such as picnics, potlucks and parties which can be combined with other neighborhood projects such as with the Creek Stewards, litter patrol, etc. If you would like to help with the former or have any concerns that you would like brought to the SWNI board, contact her at 503-245-2634, kathyb2@teleport.com
- **TRANSPORTATION / Sidewalks / Trails / Safe Routes to Schools (SR2S)** - SR2S pilot program at Bridlemile Elementary, see October 12th program above. If you are interested in helping track and promote BNA transportation issues and projects, come to a BNA meeting and/or contact one or all of the board members listed above. We are seeking a chair (and co-chair) for the transportation committee.

Far Southwest

November 8, 7 pm
Comfort Suites Motel
SW 60th & Barbur

Andy Rocker, 503-452-3145, rockerport@msn.com

The PCC Sylvania Habitat Team received a \$4,000 community watershed stewardship grant to work in the park. We will be focusing on the SW Capitol Hwy side entrance and will be announcing several work parties in the future. Sylvania Natural Area Park will have signage installed soon. For more information, contact April Fong <afong@pcc.edu>

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church invites you and your family to come and enjoy an evening of harp music by nationally known harpist

BRONN JOURNEY

Sunday, November 6, 7 pm

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3405 SW Alice

Tickets will be available at the door: Adults \$10, 12 years and under \$5, or \$20 for a family.

There will be a reception following at which there will be recordings available for purchase. The concert is a fundraiser to help pay for our pastor's further education at the Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI). For more information, call 503-244-4558.

Corbett/Terwilliger/Lair Hill

Wed., October 5, 7 pm, Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church, 0206 SW Condor Ave.
Ken Love, 503-245-7795
TLC11@mindspring.com, www.ctlh.org

Pesticide-Free Parks Celebration at Lair Hill Park



Lair Hill Park is one of Portland's first pesticide-free parks. The pesticide-free parks program is celebrating its one-year anniversary in October. Portland Parks and Recreation has teamed up with the Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) to manage three of Portland's parks, including Lair Hill Park, without the use of pesticides. Volunteer work parties have taken place over the past year to keep the parks weeded, mulched and looking good.

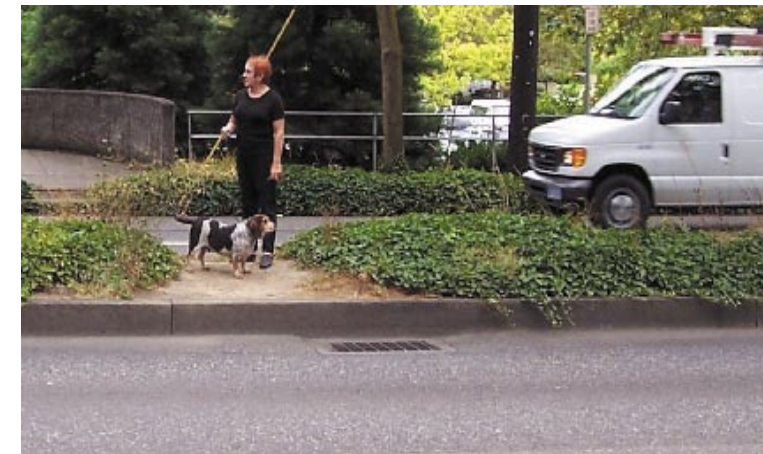
Come celebrate with your neighbors at the Pesticide-Free Parks Celebration at Lair Hill Park!

Sunday, October 2nd, 11 am - 1 pm
at Lair Hill Park

SW 2nd & Woods (between Barbur Blvd & 2nd at Woods)

Program staff will be available to answer questions, light refreshments will be served, and native plants will be given away. This is also an opportunity to learn more about volunteering with pesticide-free parks. For more information, please visit www.portlandparks.org or call 503-823-1636. NCAP can be reached at 503- 423-7549.

CTLH pedestrian issues



Wide pedestrian walkways lead up to a very difficult and dangerous crossing at Macadam and Richardson

Several CTLH pedestrian issues were a topic of discussion at the recent Pedestrian Summit sponsored by SWNI and the Portland Department of Transportation. Examples of those problems were the difficult pedestrian travel along Moody Street due to construction and the difficult crossing at Macadam and Richardson. Having good pedestrian access through the neighborhood is an important part of neighborhood livability. Although CTLH has some good pedestrian walkways such as the greenway trail, we need to work on the problem areas. In the meantime, here are some things that you can do:

- Carry pruners when you walk to keep overgrowth of trails and sidewalks down.
- Keep sidewalks clean and do not park over sidewalks!
- Watch out for pedestrians when you drive.

Call 503-823-SAFE about any pedestrian safety issues you see. Push for improvements. For more information, see the SW Trails website at: <http://explorepx.com/swtrails.html>.

Neighborhood Cleanup

Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. is holding its yard debris cleanup on November 5th and they would like to get CTLH folks involved. You can get rid of your yard debris at a reduced rate and donate to SWNI at the same time. If you are a senior, they have volunteers to pick up one load of yard debris. If you would like to volunteer to help pick up from seniors, SWNI would love to hear from you. Call 503-823-4592.

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Crestwood

Next Mtg: Wed., October 12, 7 pm
West Portland United Methodist Church, library
4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd
Wes McMullen, 503-244-2659
wes@ecosolvents.com
<http://www.http://CrestwoodNA.home.comcast.net>
Dickinson Park group:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dickinsonpark/>

Crestwood concentrating on Friends October auction

Crestwood neighbors worked with city park planners to complete a Dickinson Park Master Plan which includes a designated area within the field at SW 55th for a playground. That playground will move a step closer to reality Saturday, October 22, when the Friends of Dickinson Park hold their third annual playground fundraising auction. The previous two auctions raised \$15,000 of the needed \$125,000 for grading, drainage and surfacing construction as well as equipment for the playground site.

Our city will function for you and your children's future. There's no better way to become involved in this process than to become a member of the Crestwood Neighborhood Association. We are working to improve neighborhood streets, preserve the nature of Crestwood, make areas of the neighborhood as safe as they can be, improve and preserve our stream courses and open spaces, develop our parks and assist with area schools, to name some of the activities we are engaged in.

On the heels of the recent Katrina disaster in the southeastern US, the Southwest Neighborhoods Incorporated Association, of which Crestwood Neighborhood Association is a part, announce plans to hold a neighborhood disaster preparation event, details of which SWNI will announce later this month. This event is not only appropriate given recent events, but is part of October's Public Safety Month observance. This is an opportunity to prepare for a potential disaster in contrast to a lot of the country.

We meet in October
Wednesday, October 12, will be our next meeting. The meeting starts at 7 pm, and actions and discussions will center around final plans and activities for the Friends of Dickinson Park Auction, the future of Smith School, Barbur Boulevard rezoning, urban trail building, Crestwood parks work parties, among many items of interest, and on the CNA action plan for 2005.

There still are important and interesting committee posts to be filled, including those of transportation, crime prevention and public safety, land use, trails and parks. These are groups that meet and consider and act on issues that affect the lives of all of us in Crestwood and all of Portland's neighborhoods. Join us October 12!

Interesting Time to be a Neighborhood Activist

Mayor Tom Potter and several city commissioners have pledged to seek more and more citizen involvement in the future plans and operation of Portland. The mayor just recently unveiled the first phase of his Community Visioning Project, said to assist the governing of our region for the next 30 years! Mayor Potter has asked Portlanders to become directly involved in telling him and other city officials what we want and don't want our city to be by the year 2035. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to impact how

our city will function for you and your children's future. There's no better way to become involved in this process than to become a member of the Crestwood Neighborhood Association. We are working to improve neighborhood streets, preserve the nature of Crestwood, make areas of the neighborhood as safe as they can be, improve and preserve our stream courses and open spaces, develop our parks and assist with area schools, to name some of the activities we are engaged in.

2005 Spirit of Portland Awards: Nominations now being solicited

Nominations are being solicited for the City of Portland's annual "Spirit of Portland Awards." The Spirit of Portland Awards, given annually to individuals, neighborhoods, businesses, and volunteers are one way the City recognizes the importance of citizen involvement in shaping the livability of Portland. The Mayor and City Commissioners will present awards in December.

Awards will be given for Humanitarian effort, Independent Spirit, Large Business, Small Business, Non-Profit Organization, Neighborhood of the Year, Outstanding Partnership and Youth Volunteer of the Year.

Nomination forms can be obtained at the Southwest Neighborhood office, the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (located in City Hall) or it can be downloaded at <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/> click on "Getting involved" and the information can be found under "committees."

Nominations are due to the Office of Neighborhood Involvement by Friday, October 21, 2005. For more information, contact Amalia Alarcón at 503-823-5542 or aalarcon@ci.portland.or.us.

Collins View

Wed., October 5, 7 pm
Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, Room 201
Charlie Weiss, 503-799-4848 charliew@launchbx.com
www.collinsview.org

Boones Ferry/Terwilliger roundabout report

Our meeting in September included an informative discussion of roundabout possibilities and process for the Boones Ferry/Terwilliger intersection. We had two experts on hand to give advice and answer questions: Scott Batson, a traffic engineer from the Portland Dept. of Transportation (PDOT) as well as Brian Ray from Kittleson and Associates, a traffic planning and engineering firm. Prakash Joshi, our Transportation Committee chair, started with an overview of the issues that have encouraged us to pursue building a roundabout at the intersection of Boones Ferry/Terwilliger/Maplecrest/2nd.

Current problems include:
1. Difficulty of turning left onto Terwilliger out of SW Maplecrest, Riverdale High School and many other side streets up to Taylors Ferry. This is challenging because of Terwilliger's traffic speed (and speeding) both north- and south-bound, and, at certain times of the day, the traffic volume, too.

2. The stoplights cause traffic to move in large "stacks" of cars that build up behind red lights and cause large numbers of cars to stop for several turns of the light during rush hours.

3. Increasing traffic congestion on I-5 has drivers seeking alternatives; there are few, and Boones Ferry is one.

4. Increasing residential and commercial development south of our neighborhood in Lake Oswego, Lake Grove and Tualatin increases the volume of traffic at all times of the day.

5. Safety is a huge issue. There were 13 reported crashes at this intersection from 2000-2003; all were rear-end collisions, and several involved multiple cars. Pedestrians and bicycles also have a hard time navigating the intersection safely, due mainly to traffic speed.

6. Livability is also degraded by the current intersection. The traffic situation is a strain on everyone living in the neighborhood.

7. Aesthetics is another issue. The current intersection is an eyesore, and the neighborhood sees multiple aesthetic benefits in changing to a roundabout beyond the traffic benefits, including the opportunity to give the area an identity through an attractively landscaped center island and a reduction in the wide stretches of pavement dominant there.

The idea of a roundabout at this intersection has been around for many years, but the

TriMet #39 news

TriMet is sponsoring an information and comment-gathering forum to hear what Lewis & Clark students and neighbors would like to see happen with the #39 bus line on September 29th at 5:30 pm in the Templeton Student Center Council Chamber on the Lewis & Clark campus.



successful installation of the roundabout by the Lewis and Clark Law School has led to renewed interest. The hope is that a roundabout will be able to solve many of the problems listed above.

Prakash presented sketches of several possible designs, including one that would include a second roundabout at the entrance to Riverdale High School, as this is also a problematic intersection, and a second point to slow Terwilliger traffic would be desirable.

Here's a short FAQ based on questions generated by the discussion:

Q: How will a roundabout help the speed and stacking problems?

A: The design of the roundabout will cause traffic to slow down to get through the intersection; this should result in reduced speeds overall.

Q: With heavy traffic on Terwilliger, won't it still be hard to turn out?

A: With a roundabout, traffic would be moving slower and would be less tightly bunched, so merging would be easier and safer.

Q: Why not have Maplecrest feed into the roundabout?

A: That is a distinct possibility, though it may be more difficult to engineer.

Q: What happens when the traffic volume is very high?

A: The same number of cars as we have now -- or more -- would be able to get through the intersection during peak hours, but rather than having to wait for lights (stop and go), the flow would be "metered" more evenly, as it is on metered freeway ramps. For comparison, the intersection where the Lewis and Clark roundabout is now used to have 8,000 vehicles/day, it now handles 11,000 and could handle as many as 20,000 vehicles/day.

Q: What will be the impact to SW 2nd?

A: Since it will be easier to get out onto Terwilliger with the roundabout in place, SW 2nd may see increased traffic from residents choosing to leave the neighborhood via 2nd.

Q: Is this politically possible? What are the hurdles?

A: Scott Batson (from PDOT) shared his assessment of the biggest hurdles:

1. **Rights-of-way** - acquiring the property necessary to accommodate the width of the intersection with the roundabout in it. Lewis & Clark owns all the adjacent prop-

erty on the west side of Terwilliger, which might substantially mitigate this concern.

2. **Topography** - The slopes above and below the intersection will add challenges to its design and possibly expense to its construction.

3. **Geometry** - The roundabout's design will require precise realignments of the entering roadways to effectively slow traffic, allow sight distances and ease of merging.

4. **Acceptance** - Possibly the biggest challenge is that most people using this intersection are in a hurry to get through it and may be reluctant to support such a high-volume use of a roundabout.

And there are many people who are unfamiliar and/or uncomfortable with the idea -- and the reality -- of driving through roundabouts.

5. **Funding** - What will it cost? The roundabout by Lewis & Clark cost the college on the order of \$1 million, which included some significant property acquisitions to secure rights-of-way. These expenses may not be as significant here. Further, it appears possible that this roundabout might qualify for some federal funding, based on its potential contribution to safety for cars, pedestrians and bikes.

Next Steps:
CVNA will form a committee to gather the necessary information and initiate the process, in which the city would do a feasibility study. Prakash Joshi will head up the committee; anyone else who is interested is welcome to participate. Contact Prakash for details: artalive@comcast.net.

Next Meeting
We meet again on October 4, where we will have progress reports on the roundabout, the #39 issue, a visit from Terri Preeg Riggsby with a brief discussion about Tryon Creek Watershed Council, and other business. If you have other agenda items to suggest, contact Charlie Weiss, charliew@launchbx.com, 503-244-7887. You may also visit our website at www.collinsview.org.

Hayhurst

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 6, 7 - 8:30 pm,
Vermont Hills United Methodist Church
6053 SW 55th Drive

Lillie Fitzpatrick, lf@pdx.edu
www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst

Cedar Sinai Park (CSP): David Fuks, CEO of Cedar Sinai Park, told us that the final design of the CSP trail is complete and permits are in process. If the weather permits and funding is secured, the trail could be built this construction season. They will be adding benches and a gazebo to the trail and the area will be very park-like.

The Lunch and Learn Program is going well and CSP has applied to the city to have it as a permitted use. The neighborhood association voted to support the wording, with minor changes, offered by CSP to include the Lunch and Learn Program in their Conditional Use Permit. CSP has prepared for a disaster by storing enough food and water to last a week. There is ongoing disaster and emergency training in their facility.

Safety: Officer Scott Westerman summarized a problem with a party house on Martha St this summer. Working with the neighbors, the landlord and OLCC, the excessive number of loud and drunken parties was eliminated. Officer Westerman also answered questions related to noise violations, arsons around Hayhurst Elementary, loud truck brakes and disaster preparedness. He encourages everyone to attend Neighborhood Emergency Training offered by the city. We expect another class to be offered in SW Portland at OHSU

in January. Everyone should also keep a 72-hour kit in a box or bin near the door, perhaps in a closet. The kit should contain enough food, water, medications, pet food, etc. to sustain the entire family for 72 hours. Portland safety personnel would be overwhelmed in the case of a major disaster and citizens should be prepared. Officer Westerman can be reached at 503-823-0235.

SWTrails/Transportation: The Red Electric Trail draft report has been posted to the web. Everyone should read and comment on the report by the deadline, October 3. We really need a representative to sit on all the SWNI Committees - Parks, Safety, Transportation and Land Use. Please consider donating a few hours each month to your neighborhood. It's a great way to meet a fantastic bunch of concerned neighbors. Contact Lillie Fitzpatrick for more information, nunnation@earthlink.net or 503-892-9921.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, December 6, 7 - 8:30 pm, Vermont Hills United Methodist Church, 6053 SW 55th.

Our meetings are informal and open to all residents and business owners in the Hayhurst Neighborhood. We encourage anyone who is interested in neighborhood issues to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please email or call the chair, Lillie Fitzpatrick: nunnation@earthlink.net or 503-892-9921.

Hillsdale

Wed., October 5, 7 pm
St Barnabas Church, 201 SW Vermont

Don Baack, 503-246-2088 baack@pacifier.com

Agenda for Hillsdale Meeting
A - Meeting called to order. Welcome, approval of agenda, review of last month's meeting minutes. (see http://explorepdx.com/hnmeet.html for the minutes)

Featured Speaker Janice R. Wilson, Circuit Judge, Multnomah County will be speaking on the criminal justice system of Multnomah County.

B - Reports
- Hillsdale Park Plan discussion of what is proposed and possible neighborhood action.

C - Land Use
- Land Division - 2021 SW Vermont Street

- D. - Committee Reports
- Outreach Committee
- Meghan MacKenzie
- Hillsdale - SWHRL survey form and process
- SWNI Report
- E - Announcements and reports
- Storm Sewer Filters
- Lights along pool
- Signage for Pool and other facilities
- Hillsdale Plaza
- Stephens Creek Walkway
- Public comment, announcements, concerns, and questions.
- F - New business
- G - Adjourn.

Markham

Tuesday, October 11, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church 10558 SW 35th
Tim Cushing, 503-244-0759 tcushing@cfpwood.com,
http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm

At our meeting in September, Amanda Black reported on the bio-swale at 17th and Taylors Ferry Road. The Bureau of Environmental Services intends to finalize their plan this fall and begin planting in late winter.

It was also reported a fourplex is being built at SW 19th and Spring Garden. At 17th and Lobelia, the old house was torn down (along with some mature trees) and two houses are being built.

Ms. Black reminded us about Operation Backpack, for which citizens are asked to fill a backpack with school supplies for distribution to children displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Backpacks should be dropped off at the National Guard Armory in Tigard. Go to www.ode.state.or.us/news/disasters/katrina/katrinastudentsupplykit.doc for a list of requested school supplies.

Homestead

Tues., October 4, 7 pm
OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor
Chair: Anton Vetterlein
503-790-0719

The recent hurricane on the Gulf Coast has reminded many of us of the need to prepare ourselves for disasters. The flooding in New Orleans and the inability of government agencies to help tens of thousands of stranded people for a week or more points out the fact that we have to be ready to take responsibility for our own well being, both as individuals and as a community. Every household should have emergency supplies on hand and some plan for how to cope and communicate in the event of disaster (visit www.redcross.org for more info.) And neighbors need to be prepared to help each other out because emergency personnel would not likely be able to respond for several days or longer. With this in mind, everyone is encouraged to take a Neighborhood Emergency Training course (NET). Information about up-coming NET courses can be found elsewhere in the pages of the SWNI News.

The Marquam Hill/Terwilliger Parkway Traffic Calming Plan has been stalled all summer pending an agreement between the City and OHSU about who pays for the planning. Word is a resolution is forthcoming.

An initial meeting has taken place between representatives of SWHRL and Homestead NA regarding boundary issues. The discussion was open, frank, and cordial. All agreed better communication and cooperation between our groups is vital, especially regarding OHSU. We are currently trying to agree on a method for resolving the boundary dispute. At this point there is mutual interest in giving the residents of the overlap areas a say in determining which neighborhood(s) they will belong to. We hope to have a process agreed upon by early October.

At our next neighborhood meeting on October 4th, we will have more to report on all the above-mentioned issues, as well as the latest on additional planning efforts that will affect views through the South Waterfront area.

Marshall Park work parties continue to be held on the first Saturday of each month. Come help rid the park of invasive ivy, help maintain a safe & clean park environment! The next two dates are October 1 and November 5.

Marshall Park

October 13, 6 pm
Papaccino's Coffee House
8421 SW Terwilliger

Jen Seamans and Neil Blatner, 503-246-2434
marshallparkna@yahoo.com

MPNA will return to our fall meeting schedule on Thursday, October 13th, at 6 pm at Papaccino's Coffee House. Current items on the agenda include:

A postcard to help get the word out about the neighborhood association is in the works. We will be needing volunteers to sign up for shifts & areas in which to hand-deliver the postcards.

We will also hear from a homeowner on Taylors Ferry who wishes to divide his property. Copies of the proposed Type II division can be obtained in advance of the meeting by contacting the co-chairs, below.

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Maplewood

Wed., November 9, 7 pm
West Hills Friends Church,
7425 SW 52nd

Brad Baugher, 503-244-7025
baugherb@oes.edu

Homelessness ends here — Portland Rescue Mission

by Mieke Gray, Director of Community Relations, Portland Rescue Mission

Currently, there are more than 4,000 homeless people living in Portland, with 40% of them being women and children. Women and children are the fastest growing population in the homeless community. The number of homeless individuals and homeless families has been steadily increasing in Oregon in recent years.

Since 1949, the Portland Rescue Mission has provided hope, transformation and total life recovery for these individuals and families. The focus and goal is to permanently break the revolving cycle of homelessness.

Through emergency shelter and long-term programs skills training, education, and voca-

tional assistance is provided to help people get back on their feet and achieve total life recovery.

Total life recovery does not happen in 30 days or even 6 months. It requires a comprehensive, long-term plan that addresses behaviors and decision-making ability. That is why a recovery program that lasts from 18 months up to 36 months is provided. At Portland Rescue Missions' women and children facility, Shepherd's Door, and Next Step Transitional facility for men, residents are given the extended time needed to make permanent life-recovery changes in a safe environment.

Along with the facility on Burnside, men, women and

Multnomah

Tuesday, Oct. 11, 7 pm,
Multnomah Center,
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Zachary Horowitz,
503-293-5967
zacharyhorowitz@hotmail.com

Hi, neighbors! We had a great meeting in September, with lots of folks in attendance and lots to discuss on the agenda. Darby Cave, from oregonlive.com, attended our meeting and spoke about the neighborhood weblogs that are available online at http://www.oregonlive.com/weblogs/. If you are interested in working on a Multnomah weblog, please let me know.

Devon Delaney, a Multnomah resident and volunteer for a group called City Repair, spoke to the neighborhood about the possibility of building a community project that will enhance our community. She will be hosting a "Tea Party" on Monday, October 3, at 7 pm to brainstorm ideas and begin the planning. This will be an exciting addition to our neighborhood and I hope you will consider participating. Please contact me for further information.

The MNA will hold its annual elections at our next meeting in October. Due to the neighborhood bylaws, I am unable to serve as chair for more than two consecutive terms, so I will not be running for re-election. At our September meeting, we held nominations for the four leadership positions and received three nominations - one in each of the three positions. I encourage you to attend our October meeting, where nominations will be open again before the neighborhood casts votes for each position. The four positions are Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Interested persons can contact me or the SWNI office to learn more about the responsibilities and time commitments of each role. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn and to be active in your community!

The next meeting of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association will be held on Tuesday, October 11th at 7 pm at the Multnomah Center on Capitol Highway. I hope to see you all there!

children learn the new skills and behaviors that address the root causes of homelessness and the skills needed for everyday living. Classes such as addiction recovery, budgeting, parenting, and job placement assistance are led by experts in the field, both staff and volunteers.

"It's all about transition. Our goal is to have the alumni come back and teach the others so they can run this place someday," says Marshall.

To learn more about the Portland rescue mission, join us for a tour of our facilities or for an informational meeting on October 11th or October 22nd. Contact us at 503-906-7602 to register. You can also visit us online at www.PortlandRescueMission.org.

South Burlingame

Monday, November 14, 7 pm
Capitol Hill Elementary 8401 SW 17th Avenue

Chair, Marti Long, 503-452-1450, sethandmarti@comcast.net

NEW MEETING PLACE AND TIME!

November 14th at 7 pm
Capitol Hill Elementary
8401 SW 17th Avenue
(Spring Garden and SW 17th)

Attendance at the South Burlingame meetings has been poor for quite a while. This is the time to get involved! If you enjoy our neighborhood now, or would like to see some changes, it is vital that you participate.

Our September meeting brought about major changes. We will still meet the second Monday of every other month, but the time and place have been changed. After years of meeting at Burlingame Baptist Church, we are going to try meeting at Capitol Hill Elementary. Thanks to Burlingame Baptist for hosting us for all these years. We will still meet for an hour and a half but beginning at 7 pm.

A resident raised the issue of home upkeep at the September meeting. While we live in largely well-kept area, some residents have done better than others in the gardening and junk removal departments! Currently, our association does not have a procedure for addressing neighbor complaints about yard upkeep. It was agreed that we should tackle this issue at the November meeting.

Here are some guidelines pertaining to trash and yards:
· City code requires that tall grass and weeds be kept under

10 inches in height.
· The City of Portland has enacted an ordinance requiring that all rental property have weekly garbage service. This service must be subscribed to and paid for by the owner of the property. Owner-occupied properties are not required to have weekly garbage service but are required to maintain their property in a clean condition.
· Inspectors enforce the accumulation and storage of non-trash items such as appliances, building materials, furniture or other items not suited to outdoor use.

Here are some guidelines for vehicles:
· Disabled vehicles stored or parked on the sidewalk, planting strip or public right-of-way should be reported to the "Abandoned Auto Hotline" at 823-7309.
· City code does not permit the storing of a disabled vehicle for more than 7 days on private property.

To report a violation, contact the City at 503-823-7306 between the hours of 8-5, Mon-Fri.
· We hope to have someone from the City at the November meeting to help us solve the problems created by the complicated intersection Spring Garden/Taylors Ferry/11th Avenue.

If there is an issue that you would like added to the agenda, please contact Marti Long at the number or e-mail above.
· See you in November!

West Portland Park

Next Mtg: Thurs., October 13, 7 pm
Hospitality Inn Conference Room
10151 SW Capitol Hwy

David Gens, 503-244-8043
www.neighborhoodlink.com/wppna

SAVE THE TREES! Join your West Portland Park neighbors on Sunday, October 16 to kill the ivy that is climbing the trees in the green space bordering Arnold Creek. We will start at 2 pm with a short lesson on the best method for getting the ivy out of the trees. We plan to end at 4 pm. Contact Adam Grimshaw, sundance@teleport.com if you're interested in helping. Bring gloves and loppers. If you do not have your own, that's OK. We can borrow some to have available. Just let us know.

Litter! Trash! Garbage! Whatever you call it there is a lot of it on Capitol Hwy/49th between the PCC Sylvania campus and Barbur Blvd. How do we know? During his morning walk one morning, West Portland Park neighbor Frank Dieryx, decided to pick up the litter he encountered. He picked up 167 pieces of trash. That's a lot. WPP is hosting and Frank is organizing a litter pick-up day soon contact Frank via the SWNI office at 503-823-4592 if you

and/or your youth group want to help.
The Muslim holy month of Ramadan will be in October this year. There will be many more people than usual attending services at the Islamic Center at SW Alfred and 43rd. The center wants to inform its neighbors that there will be more traffic and more people trying to find a place to park. The center will have members helping with parking to prevent problems such as blocking driveways.

Study it again? There is talk of starting the process over of finding a location for the new fire station for southwest. Many volunteers already spent a lot of time studying potential locations. They came to a decision to locate the station on Barbur near Luradel St. Why does it need to be studied again? Why waste all that effort? The West Portland Park board voted to write a letter of objection to starting the process over again.

Join us to cut ivy, pick up trash, or come to the WPP board meeting. See you in the neighborhood.

Neighborhood House Senior Center

7688 SW Capitol Hwy., 503-244-5204 (Open 9 am - 3:30 pm, M-F)

Casino Night -- Friday, October 7, 6 - 10 pm

Advance tickets \$15, \$20 at the door. Includes admission, dinner, and playing chips! (Alcoholic beverages sold separately.)
At the end of the evening, exchange your chips for raffle tickets and a chance to win great prizes!
Ask any Senior Center staff member how to purchase a ticket!

Must be 21 to attend. You can reserve your tickets by calling 503-244-5204, then sending your check.

All proceeds benefit the Senior Center and Emergency Food Box Program.

Plant Sale

Thursday & Friday, October 6 & 7, 9 am - 4 pm



This is the perfect time of year to put new plants in your garden. By planting in the fall, these plants will develop strong roots by next spring and will be primed for impressive spring growth! Take advantage of some great prices while supporting your local Senior Center.

OCTOBER TRIPS

Call 503-244-5204, to register for these trips.

GREEK FESTIVAL: Saturday, October 1, 10 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$4. Sample pastries, view beautiful art, and take a tour of the Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church. Bring \$10 for a traditional Greek lunch plate.

MOUNT ST. HELENS: Wednesday, October 5, 8:30 am - 5 pm. Cost: \$14 plus \$3 admission, lunch on your own. Learn about the eruption at the visitor's center, and see for ourselves how nature has repaired itself in this once-devastated region.

CANNON BEACH: Wednesday, October 12, 8:30 am - 5 pm. Cost: \$15. Lunch on your own. Registration begins October 3. Enjoy the ride to Cannon Beach as the trees turn to fall colors! Next we'll stroll along the water, sample some saltwater taffy, and visit the many shops in this quaint coastal community. Bring money for lunch at Mo's Restaurant.

OMNIMAX: Tuesday, October 18, noon - 4 pm. Cost: \$3.50, plus cost of admission. Registration begins October 3. We will take in this exciting film called *Magnificent Desolation: Walking on the Moon*. The large screen will put you right in the middle of the action.

LUCKY EAGLE CASINO: Thursday, October 20, 8:45 am - 5 pm. Free. Registration begins October 3rd.

LUNCH AT THE GEORGIAN ROOM AND DOWNTOWN SHOPPING: Thursday, October 27, 10 am - 3:30 pm. Free, lunch on your own. Registration begins October 3. Start with lunch and then shop together at Pioneer Place shopping center in the heart of Portland. Bring money for your lunch and any purchases you would like to make while shopping.

Senior Center Membership

Annual membership is \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a couple. Membership includes delivery of our monthly newsletter, and membership is required for participants in most activities, classes and trips. It is open to all individuals 55 & older, or if the spouse is 55 years of age. (Scholarships are available.) There are no fees for services, e.g., tax assistance, legal assistance, health clinics, support groups or information and assistance. Center membership is not required for classes co-sponsored by PCC or Senior Studies Institute.



Harvest Bazaar

November 17 & 18
9 am - 4 pm

Neighborhood House
Senior Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Odyssey's Voyage Home

Drive along Shattuck Ave towards Fanno Creek and you'll notice a school new to our area tucked into the fir trees behind Albertson's. This summer, Odyssey Montessori School (not to be confused with the Odyssey program at Hayhurst) moved from its original location at St. Barnabas Church in Hillsdale to its new home on 53rd and Shattuck. Steady growth led the school to outgrow its original home, and a desire for a site that could support outdoor education led them to Shattuck Ave.



Since its founding 6 years ago by a group of dedicated parents, Odyssey has remained focused on its mission to provide authentic Montessori education to children in grades 1 through 6. The new site, with additional classroom space, kitchen, and large outdoor areas, turned out to be perfect for a Montessori elementary school, with its emphasis on independent research, environmental stewardship and community service. The school is an accredited AMI Montessori school.

Odyssey Montessori School has made significant improvements to the site at Shattuck Ave., including remodeling and updating the interiors of the buildings and beautifying the wooded outdoor areas. Parents, friends, current students, and alumni have worked all summer to weed, rototill, plant, water, spread bark chips, paint, sew curtains, and complete dozens of other projects to get the space ready for the children's arrival this fall. To increase the safety of students and neighbors, the school had an arborist widen the usable shoulder on Shattuck.

One of the highlights of the new site is its proximity to Fanno Creek, which borders the property on the south. Because a large part of the work of Montessori students is environmental education and service work in the community, the school is interested in restoring the riparian zone around Fanno Creek with the help of their students. Odyssey students and staff hope to remove invasive non-native plants and restore native species there. Next to the school buildings, the students will plant an edible garden, start a compost pile, maintain a worm box, and learn water conservation techniques.

Open letter to the community

In August, the *SW Neighborhood News* ran an article about Neighborhood House's need for help in support of our Emergency Food Program. Neighborhood House fights hunger by providing emergency food boxes that feed about 1000 people per month. Summer is a high demand/low supply period. The response to the article from the community was outstanding. I want to thank our neighbors for their response to our call for help. Immediately following the publication of the article, individuals and groups brought in bags of food, cash donations and even fresh salmon and sliced turkey.

It may be trite to say that "it takes a village," but in this case it's true. Most of us think that poverty and hunger occur someplace else. We think of hunger as a problem in Africa, Latin America, maybe Portland's Eastside but certainly not in the beautiful hills of SW Portland. I am here to tell you that, poverty and hunger is right in our own back yard. Without the help from community faith organizations, the Hillsdale Farmers Market, local business, families and individuals, we would not be able to address the nutritional needs of food insecure children and families living in our neighborhoods. I am appreciative of the ongoing generosity and my witness of neighbors. Thank you.

Rick Nitti, Neighborhood House

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FOR FAMILIES

Toddler Storytime: For children 24-36 months. Thursdays, 10-10:30 am.

Preschool Storytime: For children 3-6 years. Thursdays, 11-11:30 am.

Tiny Tots: For children 12-24 months. Fridays, 10-10:30 am.

Wooden Plate Painting: Design and paint your own batea, a wooden plate. Thu., October 6, 3:30-5 pm.

Barely Boo: Slightly scary stories and songs that won't give you nightmares! Sat., October 29, 3:30-4:15 pm.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Read to the Dogs: Preregistration required; call 503-988-5385. Sat., October 15, 10 am-noon.

FOR ADULTS

Talk Time: Informal conversation circle for non-native speakers to practice speaking

English. Food will be served. Tuesdays, 12:30-2 pm.

Pageturners: Engage in stimulating conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plot, and get to know your neighbors. Thu., October 6, 1:30-3 pm.
Read The Bookseller of Kabul by Asne Seierstad. Tue., October 11, 7-8 pm. Read *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies* by Jared Diamond.

Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd., 503-988-5388

FOR FAMILIES

Story Stop: For children 0-6 years with adult. Mondays-Saturdays, 11:30-11:45 am.

Toddler Storytime: For children 24-36 months with adult. Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 am.

Book Babies: Storytime for children 0-12 months with adult. Thursdays, 10:15-11 am.

Tiny Tots: Storytime for children 12-24 months with adult. Mondays, 10:15-11 am.

Preschool Storytime: For children 3-6 years with adult. Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45 am. (except October 4)

Puppet Show: For preschool children. Tue., October 4, 10:15-10:45 am.

The No. 1 Hillsdale Knitting Society: Learn basic knitting skills or get help with an existing project. For children 5 years and older as well as adults. Sat., October 8, noon-2 pm.

Barely Boo: Slightly scary stories and songs that won't give you nightmares! Sat., October 22, 11-11:45 am.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Teen Lounge & Homework Center: Use library computers to access the Internet and do word processing get homework help or just do your homework and listen to music while hanging out in beanbag chairs. Teens grades 6-12. Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 pm.

Read to the Dogs: Preregistration required. Sat., October 15 and 29, 10 am-noon.

FOR ADULTS

Intercambio/Language Exchange: Engage in conversation with native English speakers who want to practice their Spanish and with native Spanish speakers who want to practice their English. There will be time for conversation in both languages. Conversación para los hablantes nativos de inglés y español que quieren mejorar el segundo idioma. Habrá tiempo para conversar en ambos idiomas. Tuesdays, 6:15-7:45 pm.

Writers Talking: Masha Hamilton, author and foreign correspondent for *The Associated Press* for five years in the Middle East. Mon., October 10, 6:30-7:45 pm.

Pageturners: Engage in stimulating conversation about books. Tue., October 11, 6:30-7:45 pm. Read *Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Forgotten Walk Across Victorian America* by Linda Hunt. Thu., October 20, 1-3 pm. Read *The Known World* by Edward P. Jones.

COMPUTER CLASSES

TechnoHosts: Volunteers help you search the Web, play educational CD-ROM games, and look up materials with the library's online catalog. Use the library's online databases and guides and practice basic computer skills. Thursdays, 1-3 pm. Sundays, 3-5 pm.

New Catalog with Mouse Basics*: Learn how to use the mouse as you learn about our new library catalog. Mon., October 10, 3:30-5 pm.

Computer Lab: Lab assistants are available to help beginners practice their computer skills. You may also ask for basic assistance writing reports, creating résumés, establishing an e-mail account, preparing research projects, filling out online application forms, and locating library and Internet resources. Sundays, 2:30-4:30 pm.

New Catalog for the Computer Savvy*: Learn about the new features and all the great things you can do with this new system. Sat., October 8, 3:30-5 pm; Thu., October 27, 1:30-3 pm.

Laboratorio de computadoras: Es una sesión abierta para usar las computadoras v dis-

poner de asistencia en inglés y español. No es necesario inscribirse de antemano. Si tiene preguntas o desea inscribirse, marque el número de la biblioteca indicado, oprima el "0", y pregunte por alguien que hable español. domingo 9 de octubre, 2:30-4:30 pm; domingo 23 de octubre, 2:30-4:30 pm.

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: Series of classes for seniors who want to learn how to use a computer. Learn to use a mouse, search the Internet, and send and receive e-mail. Each session will consist of one hour of instruction and one hour of practice. Must attend all three sessions. Mondays, October 10, 17, 24; 1-3 pm. *Preregistration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Web Basics*: Learn about the World Wide Web, explore the library's home page, and practice entering Web addresses. Need to be comfortable using a keyboard and a mouse. Mon., October 17, 3:30-5 pm.

Taller de computadora*: Instrucción seguida en base a la necesidad de los estudiantes. Los estudiantes eligen de una variedad de temas populares acerca de Internet y los recursos de la biblioteca. ¿Necesita ayuda en usar el nuevo catálogo de la biblioteca? Asista a una de estas sesiones. Si tiene preguntas o desea inscribirse, marque el número de la biblioteca indicado, oprima el "0", y pregunte por alguien que hable español. sábado 22 de octubre, 3:30-5 pm.

Check the Free Classes @your-library schedule for a complete list of computer classes.

Emergency preparedness group explores monolithic domes and prepares for emergencies

by Michael Kisor

At our September meeting, we viewed a video on the super energy-efficient, disaster resistant monolithic dome architecture. It can be used for building houses, schools, fire stations and even large sports arenas. For small structures like homes, construction costs are about the same as conventional designs, but for larger buildings, costs can be dramatically lower (as much as half the cost). The dome structure is the strongest shape which can be built. Monolithic domes can withstand hurricanes, tornados, fires and earthquakes. Energy savings typically range from 50-75%. With all these advantages, we have resolved to push for these structures when constructing critical public facilities like fire stations and schools. When the Cascadia earthquake hits Portland, many people will become homeless. The more domes we have, the more shelters will be available for those who need it. Links for domes and other emergency preparedness resources may be found on the Pacific NW Earthquake Resource website at: <http://quake.xzyzy.info/>.

We spent a lot of time discussing Katrina because we expect the Cascadia earthquake to dwarf Katrina in scope. We decided that educating the public about the dangers we face, and what can be done to

prepare and mitigate the disaster, are our group's most important task. We also decided that we should be talking about a 240-hour kit rather than a 72-hour

We are continuing our efforts to gear up our Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NET's) with HAM radios and other vital supplies. We are also working to fully staff our NET's. When hits, your neighbors and NET members will be your first responders. It may be days or even weeks before the professionals arrive.

To have an effective education program and do other work, we need to begin a fundraising effort. You might consider a tax-deductible donation to the SWNI Emergency Preparedness Fund to help us meet our goals. If you have the time and are willing to help in our efforts, please come to one of our meetings and tell us what you would like to do. Everybody has something they can do to contribute to our efforts, whether you know what it is or not.

Over the course of the next several months, we expect an interesting assortment of special guests, including a number of city commissioners. We meet the second Thursday of each month at the Multnomah Center, 7 pm. Hope to see you there.

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Are you prepared?

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This is very unusual as most earthquakes have an almost point-like epicenter, the effects of which ripple outward and diminish with distance. Between these cataclysmic events, Cascadia remains perfectly, beguilingly silent. The pattern is quite consistent. And we entered the window of the next event more than five years ago.

During disasters like Katrina or the Indian Ocean Tsunami last winter, the media and public's attention are focused on disaster preparedness. But this quickly fades as the weeks and months pass by. FEMA calls this hazard amnesia. This especially describes Oregon with respect to earthquakes. Too many (western) Oregonians are complacent about earthquakes, either because they are unaware of the earthquake threat they live under, or because of hazard amnesia.

It is hard for us to wrap our brains around the fact that when the Cascadia earthquake hits, it won't be limited to Portland. It will strike every city and town in western Oregon and Washington. FEMA will have their hands full; Portland will not be its sole focus of attention.

An interesting point was made at the last SW Emergency Preparedness committee meeting: SW is likely to be the last part of Portland to receive relief. In part, this will be due to the fact that SW Portland, with all its hills, trees and bridges, will have more roads impassible than other part of town (and fewer alternate routes around blockages). We are also likely to have more landslides.

If you are interested in finding out more about emergency preparedness, attend any of the SW Emergency Preparedness meetings (see above).

LOCAL 14 celebrates

The Child Within-Tapping our Creativity
More than 95 Northwest women artists exhibit fine crafts and art at our annual art show and sale

Thursday, September 29, 6 - 9 pm - GALA SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT

Friday, September 30, 10 am - 9 pm
Saturday, October 1, 10 am - 5 pm
Sunday, October 2, 10 am - 5 pm
World Forestry Center / Miller Hall

The multi-media show includes paintings, sculptures, collage, printmaking, photography, fine jewelry, glass, basketry, metalwork, weaving, wearable art, quilts, pottery, calligraphy, custom woodworking, dolls, beadwork, book arts, handmade paper and furniture.

For more information, contact Sue Jensen, 503-297-3745.

for more information, contact: kw@tryonwatershed.org (503) 636-4398

Fall 2005

Tryon Creek Watershed Council

Month	Date	Time	Event
October	1	9:00-12:00	Marshall Park Ivy Pull at the end of SW 121st Dr, Portland
	6	5:30-6:30	\$2 Beers Benefit-Rock Bottom Brewery Have a beer! All proceeds go to support the Council. 206 SW Morrison, downtown Portland
	8	9:00-12:00	Tryon Creek Ivy Pull Tryon Creek State Park, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland
	10	7:00-9:00pm	Tryon Creek Watershed Council Meeting Find out about what's going on in the watershed! Tryon Creek State Park, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland
November	15	12:00-3:30	Native Plant Sale October is the time to plant! Proceeds benefit the Council. SW Community Center, SW 45th and Vermont
	29	9:00-12:00	Quail Creek Ivy Pull Contact Monica at SOLV, (503) 844-9571 or monica@solv.org
	5	9:00-12:00	Marshall Park Ivy Pull at the end of SW 121st Dr, Portland
	12	9:00-12:00	Tryon Creek Ivy Pull Tryon Creek State Park, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland
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	14	7:00-9:00pm	Tryon Creek Watershed Council Meeting Find out about what's going on in the watershed! Tryon Creek State Park, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland

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identifying native plants, and a short outdoor field trip to a nearby home or community project to see naturescaping in action. Get ideas for your garden, a guide book and a native plant to get you started. Open to all.

The FREE basic workshops will be:

Oct 1, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm in Sherwood, hosted by Raindrops to Refuge

Oct 8, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm in SE Portland, hosted by Johnson Creek Watershed Council

Oct 15, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm in Mt. Tabor, hosted by Mt. Tabor Neighbors

Oct 29, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm in Gresham, hosted by Gresham Butte Neighborhood Assn

Nov 5, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm in Fairview, hosted by the City of Fairview

Nov 19, Basic, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm in Clackamas, hosted by The Wetlands Conservancy

Dec 3, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm in SW Portland (site TBA), hosted by Three Rivers Land Conservatory.

To register for a workshop, phone 503-797-1842 or email naturescaping@yahoo.com.

The Naturescaping for Clean Rivers Program is a partnership of the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District; Environmental Services, City of Portland; Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc; METRO; and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

Join the Mansfield Mayhem Team at the 2005 Alzheimer's Memory Walk



2003 Mansfield Mayhem Team – 80 walkers strong

Penny Mansfield invites Southwest residents to join her team on **Sunday, October 2, 10 am at Pioneer Courthouse**

Square for the 2005 Alzheimer's Memory Walk. Registration fee is \$20 which includes a T-shirt.

Penny has been walking in and organizing her own team for this event for 8 years and has exceeded her goals for fundraising in last few years and she is looking forward to gathering a great team from Southwest again this year and reaching her fundraising goals to help the Alzheimer's Association raise funds and awareness for the programs and services.

Memory Walk is the largest single fundraiser for the Alzheimer's Association and helps them to bring awareness and support to those directly affected by Alzheimer's disease, their family and caregivers.

To register or contribute contact Penny Mansfield, 503-246-3814.

The River Plan City seeks public input on Willamette River plan update

by Peter Ovington, Community Involvement Intern/River Plan



Portland's Bureau of Planning is beginning work this autumn on the River Plan, a comprehensive update of the Willamette Greenway Plan, code, and design guidelines. It will reflect the vision of River Renaissance, a citywide initiative to reclaim the Willamette River as Portland's centerpiece.

The river plan's first phase will focus on the North Reach of the Willamette (roughly the Broadway Bridge to the Columbia River). Future phases will address the south and central reaches inside the city.

The river plan will address a broad set of issues related to the Willamette River corridor. These include:

- § Harbor industrial districts
- § Neighborhoods
- § Recreation
- § Natural resources
- § Portland's Greenway plan and code

The project will provide opportunities for the community to help shape the future of the

river corridor. Public discussions and activities will involve residents, property owners, neighborhood and business associations, community groups, agencies and others interested in Willamette River issues.

Input gathered will help shape the draft river plan, to be published in Winter 2006/2007. The Planning Commission and City Council will make decisions on it in spring/summer 2007.

A seven-member River Plan Committee was formed in August. It is a voluntary citizen advisory group that will provide guidance for the city's river planning. Their next meeting is October 13 (see below).

For more information, please visit www.portlandonline.com/planning/index.cfm?c=38943 or contact Sallie Edmunds at the Bureau of Planning at (503) 823-6950 or riverplan@ci.portland.or.us

River Plan Committee meeting, **Thursday, Oct. 13, 5 to 7 pm, Portland Bureau of Planning, 1900 SW Fourth Ave.** (at Hall St.), 4th floor. The public is welcome. Meeting agenda and minutes at www.portlandonline.com/planning (click on "Search" and type "River Plan Committee.")

As of press time, Bureau of Planning staff are tentatively scheduled to give a presentation on the river plan concept at SWNI's Land Use Committee meeting, **Tues., Oct 18th, 7 pm at the Multnomah Center.** Public comment on the concept will be accepted through December 1, 2005.

October 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 9:00 AM Marshall Park Workparty
2 11:00 AM Pesticide Free Park @ Lair Hill	3 2:00 PM Traffic Safety Summit	4 6:00 PM CTLH Trans/Pking Comm 7:00 PM Disaster Preparedness Training 7:00 PM Homestead NA	5 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM CTLH Board 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA Walk/Bike to School Day	6 5:30 PM TCWC Benefit @ Rock Bottom Brewery 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	7 First Friday in Multnomah Village	8 9:00 AM Trail Walk
9	10 5:30 PM ONI BAC 7:00 PM Ashcreek NA 7:00 PM Tryon Creek WC	11 11:30 AM SW Bus Assoc 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Bridlemile Ck Stewards 7:00 PM LOWV Panel Discussion 7:00 PM Mackham NA 7:00 PM Multnomah NA	12 7:00 PM Bridlemile NA 7:00 PM Crestwood NA	13 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 7:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Committee 7:00 PM Trees Committee 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	14	15 9:00 AM Albert Kelly Pk Workparty 9:00 AM Butterfly Park Work Party 9:00 AM Woods Park Work Party* 12:00 PM TCWC Native Plant Sale
16 2:00 PM WPP Work Party along Arnold Creek	17 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm 7:15 PM CTLH Land Use	18 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	19 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 7:00 PM CTLH Parks & Grwy	20 7:00 PM CTLH Planning Comm	21 5:00 PM Spirit of Ptd nomination deadline	22 6:00 PM Dickinson Park Auction & Dinner to raise funds for playground equip
23	24	25 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/Public Safety Mtg	26 7:00 PM SWNI Board 7:00 PM CTLH Finance/ Communications*	27 8:00 AM Malt Village Bus 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	28	29
30	31					

People with disabilities who need special assistance to participate at a neighborhood meeting should call Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) at 503-823-4592. Citizens needing a sign language interpreter should call at least 48 hours prior to the need.

Name misspelled on the newsletter label? Receiving multiple copies? Want to add or remove your name? Let us know! Call 503-823-4592 or email swni123@spiritone.com.

Urban trails walk a mystery this month

Join us for a mystery walk with a mystery leader on **Saturday, October 8**. We will be walking 5 to 6 miles with 600 to 800 feet elevation gain. Where we are going is our "mystery," so be prepared for an adventure.

Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School (Sunset Blvd. and Capitol Hwy.) at **9 am**. For additional information, call Phyllis Towne at 503-223-3723.