

SWNI Transportation Committee hosts bicycle safety workshop

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist

SWNI's Transportation Committee is pleased to host a bicycle safety workshop led by Portland's Office of Transportation (PDOT). The workshop will be part of the committee's agenda at its **Monday, November 21 meeting**. The meeting starts at 7 pm with the workshop, and will be in the Hamilton Room (Room 33) at the **Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy**. All meetings of the Transportation Committee are open to the public, but for this meeting, we extend a special invitation to anyone interested in bicycling and bicycle safety.

In 2003, responding to calls from the neighborhoods for safer streets in the neighborhoods, PDOT initiated a new project, the Community and School Traffic Safety Partnership (CSTSP), the mission of which is to "create a conducive environment that supports increased walking, biking, taking transit, and responsible motorist behavior, and to enhance neighborhood livability by implementing strategic, collaborative, and sustainable traffic safety improvements."

PDOT then obtained a three-year Safe Communities Grant and formed a Safe Communities Coalition in order to carry out CSTSP initiatives. PDOT has \$300,000 in grant money earmarked for bicycle education, route planning and some infrastructure improvement. This bicycle workshop is part of that.

The workshop will include a PowerPoint presentation that includes some good statistical information on bicycle use and time for discussion. Some ideas being considered and some already being implemented include:

- **Bike boulevards:** They are street routes that have directional signs for bicyclists pasted right onto the pavement. They also have auto traffic calming and stop sign treatments that favor bicyclists. Bike boulevards can be residential streets that run parallel to arterials, getting bicyclists where they want to go in a less dangerous environment. See Mary Volm's article on page 3 of our October 2005 issue.

- **Sharrows:** Short for shared-lane arrows, sharrows are lanes shared by cars and bicyclists. So far, they have been used in places where there is not enough space for a separate bicycle lane. A pavement stencil of two chevrons above a bicyclist alerts auto drivers that they need to share the roadway. Sharrows have some detractors who argue they're not safe.

- A bicycle liaison in each police precinct.
- A bicycle safety group in each neighborhood coalition.

- Family-friendly route planning available for people needing help in identifying safe and convenient routes to destinations.

Discussion may also address bicycle lights and other safety features.



Bike advocate Richard German rides his bike to the Multnomah Center. German supports improvements that will result in safer bicycling, especially on Multnomah Blvd.

TriMet dedicates new shelter to Helen Farrens

by Sylvia Bogert, SWNI Executive Director



Flossie Dunning and William Farrens unveiled a new bus shelter dedicated to their aunt, Helen Farrens.

Riders waiting for southbound buses at the SW Barbur and Hamilton are having a better transit experience thanks to the bus shelter that TriMet recently installed there. The shelter has been dedicated in honor of Helen Farrens, a tireless transit and pedestrian advocate who strongly lobbied for a shelter at that location. Helen used the bus nearly every day. She was active in the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. Transportation Committee, The Willamette Pedestrian Coalition, Homestead Neighborhood Association, and Elders In Action. She died in 2001 at the age of 84.

Members of Helen's family attended the ceremony and helped unveil the shelter and dedication plaque that reads, "In honor of Helen Farrens. Homestead resident, avid pedestrian and transit advocate. Her work enriched our neighborhood." Flossie Dunning, Helen's niece spoke at the dedication and commented that, Helen

enjoyed a 40-year career as a librarian for Girls Polytechnic (now Washington High School). Other family members attending the celebration included Helen's nephew William Farrens, his wife Teresa and her grand niece Amy McDonald with her son Chase and daughter Claire.

The new shelter at Barbur and Bancroft will serve 150 riders on a daily basis. The stop includes bus lines #44, #45, #54, #55 and #56. The shelter features panels sandblasted with an artist-designed motif etched into the glass. Cleaning the glass by sandblasting removes graffiti and scratches and costs under \$20. This saves TriMet at least \$100,000 a year. The shelter is also equipped with a sensor so that a rider entering the shelter at night will trigger a brighter illumination. TriMet officials pointed out that riders can call Transit Tracker at 503-238-RIDE (7433) to receive "real-time" arrival times for buses and MAX trains.

Invasive Species Town Hall by Commissioner Sam Adams

Portland is being overrun by invasive species, such as English ivy, Himalayan blackberry, and Japanese knotweed, causing extensive ecological, economic, and aesthetic damage. Blackberry vines reach across the shoulders of roads and into bike lanes. Ivy climbs large, mature trees, slowly pulling them to the ground, possibly across roadways or onto homes and power lines. Some of these invasives can be seen clogging our watersheds, contributing to erosion with their weak, shallow root systems and dramatically reducing native plants and associated healthy habitats.

I would like to personally invite you to our town hall on invasive species. We will be convening on

Monday, November 7, 3 - 5 pm
Oregon Zoo, Cascade Crest Room

The purpose of this town hall is to plant seeds for developing a long-term strategy for managing invasive plants in Portland. Mayor Potter, Commissioner Saltzman, Commissioner Leonard, and key bureau directors will be listening and discussing solutions.

Your questions and suggestions will be addressed by the panelists. We need a collective commitment to reclaim our shared spaces. It is imperative we act now and with your participation, we can prevent a problem from becoming too costly to control and too costly to bear.

While this town hall is free, your RSVP is appreciated. Please call Brian Russell at 503-823-3021, ext. 2, to confirm.

Reminder

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Sunday
November 5
9 am - 1 pm

see pages 8 & 9

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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 of South Portland. Last month, we focused on transportation and the impact of the automobile. This month, we read about damage to South Portland neighborhoods from transportation and land use decisions and the beginning of urban renewal.

The Slums, Zoning and Hippies

The exodus prompted by the automobile persisted, devastating the integrity of Lair Hill and Corbett Avenue's residential population. Immigrants gradually moved out of South Portland to more attractive and modern American neighborhoods, leaving a shell; the heart and soul of a community was becoming abandoned. Traffic projects favoring car traffic instead of community livability eroded any desire to settle in the area for those who wished to live in a stable neighborhood.

Because of this deterioration, by the end of World War II, mostly poorer whites and some black families had made Lair Hill and Corbett their home. The neat yards and vegetable gardens that used to characterize the neighborhood were replaced by dilapidated buildings, overgrown sidewalks, and tenements, sometimes inhabited by transients. Lair Hill and Corbett came to resemble more and more the modern definition of "ghetto," with its absentee owners who neglected their properties.

By the end of the 20th Century, at least a hundred city blocks had been completely destroyed and rebuilt in and around old South Portland: as if a virus had infected the past or the bombing of Dresden had come home to America without killing anyone. North of Arthur Street, only a handful of buildings survive: St. Michael's Church, Mrs. Neushin's home and basement pickle factory, the "Caruthers Street Hilton" and a few apartment houses around PSU.



South Portland Neighborhood

In the 1920s, the same time as highways were being developed, the concept of urban zoning was considered for the city of Portland. And when the city was first zoned in 1924, it was decidedly unfavorable for many neighborhoods. South Portland had always been a mixed-use area of homes, cottage industry, small stores and shops and liverys, interspersed among homes and apartment buildings. But in 1924, the entire area including Lair Hill, Corbett and Terwilliger, was zoned for commercial and light industrial use. The industrial bias undermined what was left of any residential integrity for those who hadn't moved. And the river front itself retained its laissez faire dynamic with no zoning constraints, or with no zoning at all until 1959. Thus, industry and commerce became favored over homes and small businesses.

By the mid twentieth century, Lair Hill and Corbett had deteriorated further. More houses had been lost with the expansion of the Ross Island Bridge ramps of Robert Moses. And the construction of the interstate freeway system and the Marquam Bridge in the 1960s effectively isolated the Lair Hill and Corbett neighborhoods from the waterfront and downtown Portland. South Portland suffered intensely.

In the late 1950s, the Café Espresso at Second and Clay became the hub for beatniks many of whom later morphed

into hippies. By the mid-sixties, the area attracted students and dropouts who fostered the hippie movement in Portland. New creative energy was fostered in the rundown buildings. The Psychedelic Supermarket and a natural food store, "Nature's," began in the same block at the corner of First and Meade Streets. Lair Hill Park became the center for the "Haight-Ashbury" district of Portland with music, drugs, long hair and free love.

By 1960, the area was a host to slum landlords and high-rise speculators, one of whom, Carter, Bringle and Associates, owned 55 properties. Finally in the 1970s, the area was down-zoned and speculators sold off their holdings to residents and renovators. Some of this history is related in Penny Allen's film, "Property."

Urban Renewal

In the summer of 1958, a new agency was created, the Portland Development Commission, headed by Ira Keller with John Kenward as director of its political and administrative forces for systematic planning. At the urging of various civic groups and organizations, the city was ready to renew itself. The City Club, for instance, issued a report in 1958 stating that "if Portland is to keep step with the growth of the Pacific area, it must plan not only for industrial development, ... but must also protect against deterioration and stagnation."

Targeted as a potential renewal zone as early as 1952, the area between SW Market Street, Harbor Drive, Arthur

Street and Fourth Avenue of South Portland was designated the "South Auditorium Project." It was the first use of an "urban renewal" agenda in Portland.

While the vibrant Italian and Jewish community of South Portland had largely moved away by the Second World War, some Italians, Chinese, blacks and a number of elderly, more Orthodox Jews stayed. A strong sentimental attachment to the neighborhood remained for many, especially those whose parents or grandparents still lived there and who themselves had grown up in its sheltered environment. The neighborhood sheltered many of the city's ethnic groups, craftsmen and little delicatessens in rundown hotels, apartments, commercial blocks and junk yards.

To its inhabitants, South Portland was still a tightly-knit, if shabby, island of ethnicity. To Kenward it was a "blighted and economically isolated neighborhood" deserving no better fate than eradication. Some felt that urban renewal improved a deteriorating area. Others, such as Flora Steinberg Rubenstein, spoke for many: "It was a lovely neighborhood. We had everything we needed. There were kosher butcher shops. There were bakeries. There were grocery stores. There was everything here and people were friendly..."

Glenn's Corner



Invasive Plants -- You can't have just one!

by Glenn Bridger, Southwest Neighborhoods chair

The bright yellow flowers give us striking colors along the road. The purple flowers look great in drifts of plants. Have a difficult hillside to cover? Green foliage can cover it up. Or some delicious berries will grow in a wide variety of places. These specific plants I am talking about can be yours for free. They are invasive plants that are common near my home off of Terwilliger - and probably near your home too.

When I first decided to cut the yellow-flowering plant growing at the bus stop near my house, I heard the cries of "but the flowers are pretty!" from my wife. And they are. The names or the plants above are Scotch broom, purple loosestrife, English ivy, and Himalayan blackberry. They are all listed as invasive plants in the Portland Plant List.

You cannot have these plants individually. Like potato chips, you cannot have just one! These plants have mastered the science of propagation and can overrun your yard and our parks and roadsides with ease.

You are an important part of the community-wide battle to maintain some control over these and other invasive plants. The first step you need to take in this battle is to never plant or culti-

vate any invasive species, no matter how pretty they may be. Other plants have abundant flowers, berries, and ground-cover attributes. Select your plants wisely. From there, you have to get personal. Removal of invasive plants requires your direct intervention and work. Know the plants and learn the effective ways to remove them or lessen their impacts. This is hands-on work.

The Scotch broom at our bus stop (and spreading) has the ability to scatter seeds that can survive for years before germinating. I cut off the plants before they bloom (again). Ivy takes pulling and cutting. Carry clippers and cut the vines growing up the trees. Not just a simple snip, but take out a section of the vine, or pull the root portion away from the tree and the rest of the vine. Pull or dig out the roots of the blackberries during the wet seasons. Discouraged because you thought you got it all and you find more the following year? As long as there are birds to spread the seeds, these plants will reappear. Keep cutting and removing, and soon you will only be working with seedlings, not plants that seem to devour you.

Trees, flowers, and landscaping are all important to our community. Your personal efforts in helping to control invasive plants will help us retain our quality environment.

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Conference Room- Visitors & guests welcome

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Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., (SWNI) is a nonprofit coalition that provides services to promote citizen participation and crime prevention in 16 Southwest Portland neighborhood associations and three business associations.

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.

Our office is located in the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. We are open 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. To reach us call 503-823-4592, email swni123@spiritone.com.

SWNI staff: Sylvia Bogert, Executive Director; Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist; Ginny Stromer, Administrative Assistant.

The 2004-2005 SW Neighborhoods, Inc., Board Officers are Glenn Bridger, President; Jayne Cronlund, 1st Vice-President; Ester McGinnis, 2nd Vice President; John Gould, Secretary; and Patty Lee, Treasurer.

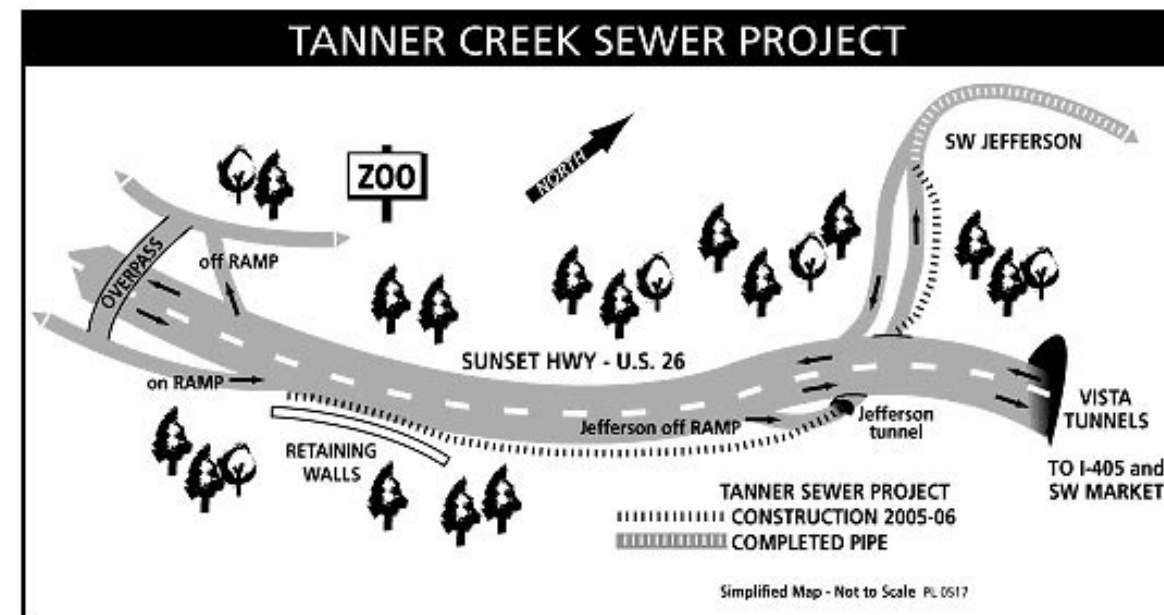
In your back yard

Tanner Sewer Construction start set for February New pipeline will follow the Sunset Highway for 1.2 miles

by Bob Cynkar, Community Outreach Specialist, Bureau of Environmental Services

Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services will start construction of the Tanner Creek sewer project along the Sunset Highway early next year. Work is scheduled to start in February and continue until the end of 2006. The project is part of Portland's program to reduce combined sewer overflows to the Willamette River.

Next year's work will build a new sewer pipe along the south side of the Sunset Highway next to the eastbound lanes. The new pipe will start about 700 feet east of the PGE Park exit tunnel, go west through the tunnel, continue parallel to the highway and end near the bottom of the Oregon Zoo on-ramp. The sewer work will not directly affect the six-lane Vista Ridge Tunnel that connects the Sunset Highway to downtown Portland and I-405.



Major Highway, Major Project

The Tanner Creek Project will have significant impacts on Sunset Highway traffic and nearby neighborhoods for much of 2006. These will include:

- The eastbound PGE Park off-ramp and tunnel that leads to SW Jefferson Street will be closed for up to 75 consecutive days starting in February.
- Work along the highway below the zoo on-ramp will at times reduce eastbound traffic from three to two travel lanes. These lane reductions will be limited to nights and weekends.
- Work will take place near homes on the hillside below the Jefferson tunnel.

Learn More at a Public Information Meeting

Environmental Services will hold a public information meeting about the Tanner Creek project:

Tuesday, November 1, 2005
6:30 to 9 pm - Presentation at 7 pm

First United Methodist Church - 1838 SW Jefferson Street

Project managers and community outreach staff from Environmental Services and ODOT will present information, answer questions, and hear comments about the Tanner Creek/Sunset project. Topics will include schedule, traffic control, work hours, and construction impacts.

For more information, call Bob Cynkar of Environmental Services at 503-823-7898, or email robertcy@bes.ci.portland.or.us.

If you have questions, comments or concerns . . .

We want to be sure residents and businesses in the project areas, as well as Sunset Highway motorists, understand this project and its impacts and have an opportunity to express their concerns. If you have questions, comments, or concerns, you can:

- Attend the November 1 public meeting.
- Call 503-823-7898, or email robertcy@bes.ci.portland.or.us.
- Comment via the City website: www.portlandonline.com/bes.
- Send written comments to BES, 1120 SW 5th Avenue #1000, Portland 97204.

Watershed Resource Center job announcement

Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI) is hiring a part time Watershed Education Coordinator for the SW Watershed Resource Center located in the SW Community Center. The position is part time (20 hours a week) and pays \$16/hour (no benefits).

The coordinator will be responsible for completing outreach and educational activities, including: community presentations; support various watershed groups; assist with school restoration events; conduct watershed tours; perform various administrative tasks; and identify and assist in obtaining additional resources and funding.

Send cover letter and resume to SWNI, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland, OR 97219 by November 11, 2005. Call 503-823-4592 for further details.

Tree planting leadership training

On Nov. 12 and 19, Friends of Trees will host the following crew leader trainings for all who want to learn about tree planting and restoration work and how to guide other volunteers during the winter and spring.

Natural Area Restoration Crew Leader Training
November 12, 9 am to 3 pm
Location to be posted on "training schedule" at www.friendsoftrees.org. Pre-register at 503-282-8846, ext. 15.

Neighborhood Trees Crew Leader Training
November 19, 9 am to 3 pm
Location to be posted on "training schedule" at www.friendsoftrees.org. Pre-register at 503-282-8846, ext. 13.

The trainings are free, but pre-registration is required. In addition to proper tree planting techniques, participants at both trainings will learn about the urban forest, volunteer man-

agement, and Friends of Trees' programs. Crew leaders form the core group of volunteers who ensure the success of each planting. Crew leaders are asked to lead other volunteers during four weekend events during the planting season, between November 2005 and April 2006.

The Neighborhood Trees program brings together neighbors, community groups and businesses to expand the urban forest and foster environmental stewardship through street and yard tree plantings. The Natural Area Restoration program restores and enhances degraded urban natural areas to preserve biodiversity, improve water and air quality, protect native species, and enhance wildlife habitat.

To learn more about the trainings or upcoming plantings, visit www.friendsoftrees.org.

Future of Fulton Park Community Center

will be discussed at a public meeting on

Tuesday, November 8, 7 pm

Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles

Lisa Turpel, Portland Parks & Recreation Work Force Support & Community Alliances and Cheryl Martin, Supervisor, Fulton Park Community Center will provide updates on the proposed community action that may be required to keep Fulton Park Community Center open to the public. For more information, contact: Marsha Weber, 503-244-5017 or mannwe@juno.com.

Naturescaping for Clean Rivers

We're in the middle of the fall 2005 season of Naturescaping workshops, but you still have plenty of opportunities to attend one.

Attend this FREE 4-hour workshop to learn how to Naturescape your yard. Naturescaping features beautiful native plants, natural landscapes and environmentally friendly gardening practices. The result is less water use, fewer chemicals and less maintenance - direct benefits to you, your garden and the environment. Plus, it attracts interesting and beneficial wildlife. The workshop includes before-and-after Naturescaping examples, advice on landscape design and native gardening, networking with neighbors, 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.

Saturday, October 29, Basic

9 am-1 pm
Gresham City Council Chambers

1333 NW Eastman Pkwy
Saturday, November 5, Basic

9 am - 1 pm
Fairview Community Ctr

300 Harrison St.
Saturday, November 19, Basic

9 am - 1 pm
Sunnybrooke Service Ctr

in Clackamas
9101 SE Sunnybrook Bv

Saturday, December 3, Basic

9 am - 1 pm
SW Portland

(location to be determined)

Pre-registration is required for all workshops. All workshops are free and open to the public. To register, 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.

Native plant of the month

Vine maple, *Acer circinatum*

by Betty McArdle, Naturescaping Coordinator

It's the middle of fall and the leaves are showing their annual color display. One of the most beautiful is the Oregon native, vine maple. The deciduous leaves are small for a maple with seven to nine lobes. Fall colors range from yellow to red. The seeds are double samaras (like little helicopters) often bright red when mature.

In spring, the color show turns to shades of pink. The flowers have pinkish white petals with reddish purple sepals that dangle in loose clusters of 10 to 20.

You can plant vine maple in full shade, partial shade/sun, or full sun. For more spectacular fall colors, plant it in a more open, sunny locale. In open sunshine, it becomes a small tree with several erect stems, or it can blossom into a bushy shrub. In the shade, vine maple contorts and twists becoming a sprawling vine with a few long arching branches.

Vine maple likes moist, well-drained soil in a pH range of 5.5-7.5 but is adapted to many soil types including clay and



sandy loams as well as rocky talus soil. This long-lived species has a moderate growth rate, 1 to 2 feet per year, and an ability to re-sprout from its root crown when damaged.

Many First Peoples occasionally used vine maple for bows for fishing net frames. Some groups used the wood for making snowshoes and cradle frames. Its long straight shoots were appreciated for making openwork baskets to carry wood, clams, and fish. Some used saplings as swings for babies' cradles. Also, salmon tongs were made from the wood. In many places, it was used for firewood, and the charcoal was mixed with oil for black paint.

Sources of information: *Pojar and McKinnon, Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast; University of Vermont Dendrology website; Wallace W. Hansen's Native Plant Nursery & Gardens.*

Citywide Parks

The Citywide Parks Team will meet on Thursday, 11/17/05, at 7:00 pm in the Rose Room on the 3rd floor of City Hall, we will focus on Portland Parks 2006-07 budget process.

Southwest public safety activists honored for their contributions to the community

Stephanie Reynolds, SW Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

The fourth annual event recognizing public safety volunteers from all over Portland was held on Tuesday, October 11th, at the East Portland Community Center. This event is a chance for the Crime Prevention Program of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and their partners, the Portland Police Bureau and Portland Parks and Recreation, to say thank you to Neighborhood Watch organizers, Foot Patrol members, and people who participate on advisory committees about such issues as liquor and graffiti. These city agencies are immensely grateful to community members who roll up their sleeves and help make the city a safer and more livable place for everyone.

The event was sponsored by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Portland Police Bureau, Portland Parks & Recreation, Citizen Corps Council, Applebee's, and New Seasons.

Mayor Tom Potter, Assistant Police Chief Stan Grubbs, precinct commanders from all the city's precincts, and Office of Neighborhood Involvement director Jimmy Brown and Crime Prevention Program Manager Eric King joined the crime prevention staff to thank all volunteers for their service and to single out a group of people for special recognition.

Southwest well-represented among special honorees

Several members of the Southwest community were among the individuals and groups receiving special honors during the event.

Hamilton Park Foot Patrol

Southwest Portland's Hamilton Park Foot Patrol formed in December of 2004 in response to neighbor frustrations with teen partying in Hamilton Park and at Bridlemile School. Neighbors were being kept awake by late night



Hamilton Foot Patrol members Ellen Underhill and Ginger Danzer (center, holding certificate) pose with (L to R) Central Precinct Commander Dave Benson, Mayor Tom Potter, Assistant Chief Stan Grubbs, and Crime Prevention Program Coordinator Stephanie Reynolds

noise from stereos and squealing tires, and found broken bottles in the street and under the playground structure where they took their small children to play. In addition, they were worried that neighborhood teens were driving drunk. The neighbors formed an active Foot Patrol, which works with multiple city agencies and school staff on creative ways to solve the problem. Since the Foot Patrol was formed, neighbors of the park and school report a dramatic decrease in the problem.

Hamilton Park Foot Patrol members Ellen Underhill and Ginger Danzer were at the recognition event to accept the award on behalf of the whole group. Ellen Underhill is currently serving as the organizer of the patrol.

Lynn O'Brien-Wolfe

Collins View resident Lynn O'Brien-Wolfe was one of three members of the National Night Out Citizen-Business

Committee. The committee created lawn signs and pre-party planning packets to support the 160 National Night Out (NNO) events held in Portland this year. They also selected the focus of this year's NNO to be neighborhood residents connecting with neighborhood businesses.

Howard Weiner

Southwest resident and Old Town business owner Howard Weiner has done more than 21 years of community building in the downtown core, much of it spent actively involved in the Old Town/Chinatown Neighborhood Association, including three years as chair and five years coordinating the public safety committee. Howard was a founding member of the Mayor's Downtown Livability Group and has been involved in the citizen's commission on homelessness.

These and the other special honorees received framed certificates of recognition and were thanked by Mayor Potter, Assistant Chief Grubbs, and their precinct commanders for the positive impacts they have made on the community.

Attendees receive training

Prior to the recognition ceremony, those in attendance at the annual event received training in "Reinvigorating and Growing Your Neighborhood Watch or Foot Patrol," and "Battling Methamphetamine in Neighborhoods." The former was taught by Stephanie Reynolds and Celeste Carey, the Crime Prevention Coordinators in SW and NE, respectively. The latter was taught by Walter Garcia and Rosanne Lee, the Crime Prevention Coordinators in downtown and SE, respectively, with a guest appearance from Grant Coffey, the hazardous materials coordinator for Portland Fire & Rescue.

Change in format next year

Starting in 2006, this annual event will change in format in order to provide more training and networking opportunities for public safety activists.

The next event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 29th, 2006, and will be a mini-conference for Neighborhood Watch organizers, Foot Patrol leaders, Neighborhood Emergency Team members, and others involved in keeping their neighborhoods safe and healthy. The event is still in its initial planning stages, but it is likely that there will be tracks for beginning and advanced public safety activists, and a recognition ceremony during the lunch hour. Mark your calendars now, and watch this space for more information.



Collins View resident Lynn O'Brien-Wolfe (third from left) smiles for the camera with (L to R) Mayor Potter, fellow recipient Nancy Chapin, Assistant Chief Grubbs, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator William Warren, and Crime Prevention Program Manager Eric King



Bridlemile residents Ellen Underhill (L) and Ginger Danzer smile after receiving a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Hamilton Park Foot Patrol.



Howard Weiner is applauded as he receives recognition for his work in Old Town/Chinatown.

Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for August 2005															
Neighborhood	Murder	Rape	Molest	Robry	Agri Asit	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	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	9.9	
Ashcreek	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	15	0	6	0	8	33	25.3
Bridlemile	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	1	1	3	0	11	18.4
Collins View	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	5	12	66.2
CTLH	0	1	0	0	0	6	3	1	14	3	5	5	6	44	60.2
Crestwood	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	21.4
Far Southwest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	63.2
Hayhurst	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	1	0	2	9	20.4
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13.6
Hillsdale	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	8	2	3	16	25.0
Homestead	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2	4	0	2	13	64.9
Maplewood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	11.3
Markham	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	7	20.2
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	11.2
Multnomah	0	0	0	2	1	2	4	2	5	0	3	4	4	27	33.1
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	18.0
SW Hills	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	9	22.9
W Ptlid Park	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	3	0	2	0	6	16	22.2
Total SW	0	3	2	2	6	22	10	3	61	7	40	15	39	210	29.5

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

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

Bridlemile School included in new Safe Routes to School pilot

by Sylvia Bogert, Executive Director, Southwest Neighborhoods Inc.

The Bridlemile Elementary School will be one of eight pilot elementary schools receiving Safe Routes to School (SR2S) services for the 2005-2006 school year. The goal of the pilot program is to get as many kids as possible safely walking and biking to school. Other Portland schools include: Abernethy, Boise-Eliot, Buckman, Gilbert Park, Lewis, Prescott, and Vestal.

Portland's program is based on the highly successful national SR2S model developed in Marion County, California, where they realized an 82% increase in the number of kids walking and biking to school and a 29% decrease in vehicle trips to school - all in the first year!

Learning from the national Safe Routes model

A range of strategies and activities can be implemented to promote and support safe routes to school. Following the national model, we will work with schools to:

- Identify and map existing walking and biking routes
- Identify safety problems along those routes
- Implement operational improvements based on a review of school zones, pedestrian facilities, bike facilities, parking controls and drop-off/pick-up plans
- Implement small capital improvements like pedestrian refuge islands, curb extensions, raised crosswalks, sidewalk infill, or flashing beacons
- Identify and map recommended walking and biking routes, transit routes, drop-off/pick-up zones
- Provide education around occupant protection, pedestrian and bicycle safety, transit use and safety, school bus safety, and carpooling.
- Develop and coordinate special events and activities throughout the year that encourage and reward walking and biking

Why we need your help

To make the program successful and to achieve maximum benefits, we need your help. SR2S Team Leader Lillie Fitzpatrick says, "The pilot project will involve bike education for the 4th and 5th graders, pedestrian training for 2nd and 3rd graders, and occupant safety (using seat belts and booster seats) for 1st and kindergarten. It will also involve identifying safe routes and doing some engineering fixes along those routes." Fitzpatrick reports, "We would like volunteers to help with identifying the safe routes and fixes needed." Contact Lillie Fitzpatrick at 503-892-9921 or email her at nunnation@earthlink.net.

Walk and Bike to School Day - October 5

Bridlemile students, teachers, parents, and neighbors joined others in the city and around the world on October 5th to celebrate International Walk to School Day. Lillie Fitzpatrick estimated that 3/4 of the student body (465) walked, biked, scootered or rode the bus to school that day. Fitzpatrick noted, "In these hilly and large geographical school feeder areas, buses are a great alternative to sitting in traffic every morning and afternoon. With fewer cars around school, it makes it safer for those kids who are not served by the Portland Public School bus system. With fewer cars on the road, the air is cleaner for our children."

Funded by traffic fine revenue

The Safe Routes to School program is funded by the City of Portland through increased traffic fine revenue generated from the people who violate laws in Portland. SR2S is one program of the Community and School Traffic Safety Partnership - a community-based, coalition-led effort to improve traffic safety in Portland. Schools are important partners in promoting safer communities.



Students gather at Albertson's to get organized for their Walk/Bike to Bridlemile School

photo courtesy Kathy Bambeck

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911 | Office of Neighborhood Involvement
503-823-4519 |
| Non-emergency police assistance
503-823-3333 | Neighborhood Mediation Center
503-823-3152 |
| Portland Police information & referral
503-823-4636 | Mayor's Comment Line
503-823-4127 |
| City of Portland/Multnomah County information and referral
503-823-4000
503-823-6868 TDD | City Ombudsman
503-823-0144 |
| Elected Officials | |
| SW Crime Prevention Coordinator
Stephanie Reynolds
503-823-3131 | Mayor Tom Potter
503-823-4120
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| Neighborhood Response Team Officers
Steve Andrusko & Scott Westerman
503-823-0234 & 503-823-0235 | Commissioner Sam Adams
503-823-3008
samadams@ci.portland.or.us |
| Mental Health Crisis Line
503-988-4888 | Commissioner Randy Leonard
503-823-4682
randy@ci.portland.or.us |
| Traffic Safety & Livability Hotline
503-823-SAFE | Commissioner Dan Saltzman
503-823-4151
dsaltzman@ci.portland.or.us |
| Nuisance, housing code violations
503-823-7306 | Commissioner Erik Sten
503-823-3589
erik@ci.portland.or.us |
| Abandoned auto hotline
503-823-7309 | City Auditor Gary Blackmer
assessments & liens, audits, city elections, recorder, independent police review, ombudsman
503-823-4078
gblackmer@ci.portland.or.us |
| Noise control office
503-823-7350 | |
| Graffiti abatement hotline
503-823-4TAG | |
| Liquor license issues
503-823-3092 | |
| Independent Police Review
503-823-0146 | |

Helpful websites

- Office of Neighborhood Involvement website
www.portlandonline.com/oni
- Neighborhood demographics
- Neighborhood association contact info
- Maps of neighborhood boundaries
- Crime prevention educational materials
- Portland Police Bureau website
www.portlandonline.com/police
- CrimeMapper- see crime levels for 8 different crimes in your immediate area for the past 12 months. Just type in your address.
- "Guide to home & vehicle security"- an excellent booklet detailing measures you can take to improve your home's resistance to burglary, vandalism, and other crimes.
- Guide to robbery prevention & response- great tips for businesses to both reduce the chance of being robbed and know what to do if it happens.
- "Problem-solving resource guide"- the same list of referral numbers the police officers carry around. Very helpful.
- Public information office- sign up to receive emailed notices of CrimeStoppers alerts and other news related to crime prevention and law enforcement. This is the list that local TV stations and newspapers use to find out about breaking stories.
- Suspected drug house complaint form- the Drugs and Vice Division wants to hear from you if you know about a possible drug house.
- Sites for federal statistics on crime
www.ncjrs.org
www.ncvc.org
www.ojp.usdoj.gov
www.fedstats.gov
www.albany.edu/sourcebook/
- City of Portland main website
www.portlandonline.com
- Multnomah County main website
www.co.multnomah.or.us
- Metro regional government main website
www.metro-region.org
- State of Oregon main website
www.oregon.gov
- Information on domestic violence
www.co.multnomah.or.us/dcb/dv/
Good basic information and many local resources. It also includes an excellent web-based training for businesses and other groups. Highly recommended.
- Information on identity theft
www.consumer.gov/idtheft/
Includes detailed materials on preventing and recovering from identity theft. A site run by the Federal Trade Commission.
- Information on hate crimes
www.tolerance.org
A website of the Southern Poverty Law Center, one of the nation's leading authorities on violence based on racism, homophobia, religious bigotry, etc.
- Information on sex offender registration.
www.co.multnomah.or.us/dcj/acjs/offender-sup.html
Info on how sex offender registration & notification works in Oregon
- Resources for youth
www.girlsinitiativework.org
A local community-based coalition of girls, young women, and their supporters involved in advocacy, education, and activism.
- www.yar.org
Provides grants to young people to design and carry out service projects.
- www.girlsinc.org
National non-profit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.
- www.mcgruff.org
A site run by the National Crime Prevention Council. Includes many games and activities to teach children about crime prevention.

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Southwest Development Review

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist
Compiled from development review and other notices

Pre-application conferences:
PC 05-160693. Type III design review for 31-story condominium tower and 5-story residential building. Location: SW Gaines and Bond. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

PC 05-155103. Type III conditional use review to expand use of Cedar Sinai facility for a lunch and learn program. Location: 6217 SW Boundary St. **Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**

Proposals:
LU 05-141456 LDP AD. Applicants propose to divide a 29,000-SF site into two lots. Location: 10151 SW Lancaster Rd. **Neighborhood: Marshall Park**

LU 05-154934 AD. Applicant proposes to build a new garage and seeks adjustments. Location: 1377 SW Taylors Ferry Ct. **Neighborhood: Marshall Park.**

LY 05-155914 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots for row-houses. Location: 6718 SW 36th Ave. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 05-157841 LDP AD. Applicant proposes to divide a 35,122-SF site into two lots and seeks an adjustment to increase maximum allowable lot size. Location: 12223 SW 29th Ave. **Neighborhood: Arnold Creek.**

LU 05-160730 DZ. Applicants seek design review approval to install wireless telecommunications antennas atop the parking garage stairwell. Location: 4620-4630 SW Macadam Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

LU 05-160681 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a 16,261-SF site into two lots. Location: 6206 SW Garden Home Rd. **Neighborhood: Ashcreek.**

LU 05-162509 CU. Applicant Cingular Wireless seeks conditional use approval for wireless communications facilities on the roofs of four buildings at Lewis & Clark College and Law School. Location: 0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd. **Neighborhood: Collins View.**

Decisions:
LU 05-144206 AD. Approval of setback adjustments. Location: 3628 and 3629 SW Hillside Drive. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**

LU 05-111418 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan for 2-lot partition. Location: 3532 SW Alice St. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 05-128857 LDS EN. Approval of preliminary plan for 4-lot subdivision and environmental review with a modification. Location: 3609 and 3617 SW Cullen Blvd. **Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**

LU 05-128928 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan for 2-lot partition. Location: 3021 SW Florida St. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 05-148744 CU. Conditional use approval to expand and modify an existing wireless telecommunications facility at PCC Sylvania. Location: 11900 SW 49th Ave. **Neighborhood: Far SW.**

LU 05-153276 CU. Conditional use approval for a wireless telecommunications facility at Lewis & Clark College. Location: 858 SW Palatine Hill Rd. **Neighborhood: Collins View.**

LU 05-138775 DZM. Design review approval for 23-story condominium tower with modifications to development standards. Location: Block 34 in South Waterfront at SW River Parkway and Gaines. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

Public hearings:
LU 05-148202 TR. Appeal by neighborhood association of decision approving tree review allowing removal of two trees. Hearing was scheduled for October 19. Location: Lot 6 on Semler Way. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**

LU 99-017406 EN. Appeal of decision revising an earlier environmental review approval including elimination of a covenant not to build. Location: 2750 and 2710 SW Illinois St. **Hearing on November 2 at 1:30 pm at 1900 SW 4th Ave, hearing room 3000. Neighborhood: Hillsdale.**

05-164552 DA. Design advice hearing before the Design Commission regarding the design of a proposed 30-story tower on Block 38 in South Waterfront. Location: SW Gaines and Bond. **Hearing on November 3 at 3 pm at 1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 2500A. Neighborhood: CTLH.**

Notices of intent to demolish:
5121 SW Corbett Ave., 5045 SW View Point Ter., 5212 SW Florida St., 6810 SW 52nd Ave.

Notices of environmental zone developments:
3146 SW Fairmount Blvd.
Final plats: 3402 SW Moss St, 12511 SW Boones Ferry Rd, 3808 SW Martins Lane

How to get that grant and other ways to track down resources

Office of Neighborhood Involvement will offer introductory training on grant writing and resource development for small neighborhood groups on

Thursday, November 17, 6:30 - 9 pm
Historic Kenton Firehouse
8105 N. Brandon Ave. at Schofield.

For bus service take the #4 or MAX Yellow Line which stops nearby several blocks east.

The event is free. However you must pre-register for the workshop. Space is limited to the first 40 who register.

Learn about resource development strategies for your neighborhood groups, how to make fundraising a part of your group's work plan, understanding the local foundation and philanthropic community, and the basics of writing small grant proposals.

Workshop trainers and neighborhood leaders will share their experiences on what has worked and hasn't worked in their fundraising efforts, potential grant sources, and key components of a development strategy for small neighborhood

organizations. The training will help current and future leaders understand the fundamentals of writing small grant proposals. It is designed for neighborhood leaders wanting to develop fundraising strategies for their organizations or needing to raise funds for special neighborhood projects.

To register or for more info, contact Brian Hoop, 503-823-3075, bhoop@ci.portland.or.us. Or go to www.Portland-online.com/oni.

Join us for a Community Planting and Pizza Party Saturday October 29, 9 am

Help establish an emergent wetland and open canopy for Stephens Creek

The project should only take an hour or two if we have enough volunteers on hand so tell one and tell all able bodies you know!

Meet at the South intersect of SW Bertha Blvd and Chestnut St. Questions or comments, contact: Julie Querido, Grant Coordinator.

Committee Reports..

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

Our scheduled speaker for the September meeting was Gary Cobb from RAP (Recovery Association Project). He brought along several guests with him. They were recovering addicts who shared their stories and expressed a desire to give something back to the community. They brought a different perspective and were very gracious and answered all our questions.

In October, we viewed a short movie that was produced by the crime prevention staff at the Washington County Sheriff's Office. The movie is called "Crystal Misery" and features teens in Washington County who became addicted to methamphetamine. The movie was produced as a way to educate the community, and especially teens, about the dangers of meth.

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.

At our November meeting, we will have a representative from the Oregon State Construction Contractor Board speak about construction fraud. See you at the next meeting!

Next meeting: Tues., Nov. 22, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Transportation Committee

Lillie Fitzpatrick, chair, 503-892-9921

Will Stephens with the Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT) was our October guest. He showed a conceptual drawing of a pedestrian refuge island in the middle refuge lane of Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy about a half-block east of SW 62nd Ave. The island will be about 15 feet wide and 40 feet long. It will have an unusual "Z" design walkway at grade within the island. Walkers will briefly walk along the length of the island to reach the offset legs of the crosswalks. The cost is about \$20,000. Will hopes PDOT can break ground in 30 to 45 days and have the island finished in 60 days.

Be sure to read other transportation-related articles in this issue: the celebration of the Helen Farrens bus shelter and the bicycle workshop at our next committee meeting (see page one).

Next meeting: Nov. 21, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Parks Committee

Kirky Doble, 503-246-7970

Linda Robinson is the new chair of the City-wide Parks Team (CWPT). They need a secretary. Contact Kirky or Leonard at the SWNI office if you might be interested. Community centers were the main agenda item at the last CWPT meeting, and next month the focus will be on community gardens.

Committee member Ester McGinnis attended a recent school board meeting that addressed the issue of a charter school at the Smith School site. She testified that there is strong community support for a school there.

One motion was approved at the meeting: that SWNI should send a letter to the city regarding pool hours at the Wilson pool.

Next Meeting: Thurs. Nov. 3, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president
503-245-0729

Southwest Crime Prevention Specialist Stephanie Reynolds spoke at the board meeting in October to address the possibility of neighborhoods with commercial areas developing and adopting liquor policies with her assistance. Stephanie has worked with other neighborhoods over the summer to do this, and believes having a clear plan of action for responding to liquor license applications, renewals, and problems that might arise can be very beneficial to any neighborhood with a commercial area. If you would like more information on this issue, please contact Stephanie at 503-823-3131.

In November and December the board moves its monthly meeting date from the 4th Wednesday to the 3rd Wednesday of the month, due to the holidays. The SWNI Executive Committee will meet November 8th at 6 pm in the SWNI Conference Room to set the agenda for the November board meeting.

SWNI is hosting an expanded fall cleanup on Sat., Nov. 5th from 9 am to 1 pm at the Portland Christian Center. Recycle your old computers, re-usable items to ARC, scrap metal items, yard debris, and bulky waste items (see page 8 and 9 for details).

Next Meeting: Wed., Nov. 16, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Land Use Committee

Two items dominated October's agenda. Sally Edmunds and Joanne Daunt of the Bureau of Planning told us about a project to produce what will be called The River Plan. It will include amendments to the aging 1987 Greenway Plan policies and design guidelines, land use planning along the industrial section of the river in north and northwest Portland, and amendments to the zoning code addressing the Greenway overlay zone. The process starts with adoption of a River Concept document that summarizes earlier document and follows with committee and task force work into at least 2007.

The committee also approved and recommended to the SWNI Board a tree protection and preservation memo prepared by a SWNI committee. The memo calls for a revived tree liaison program and a "call before you cut" outreach program.

Next Meeting: Tues., Nov. 15, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

Don is following up on remaining signage for urban trails. Phil Hamilton, who has worked hard in the Tryon Creek Nature Area removing invasive plants noticed both skateboarders and a person on a Segway using nature-area trails.

Good news. The Multnomah Presbyterian Church has approved the granting of an easement for a pedestrian trail across their property. This is a key link in Urban Trail 3 which runs from the Willamette River to connect with the Fanno Creek Trail in Garden Home.

The easement will connect SW 45th and the west side of Gabriel Park to SW Miles Court, making a much safer pedestrian access to Multnomah and Gabriel Park.

Next Meeting: Thurs., Nov. 17, 7 pm
St. Luke's Lutheran
SW 46th & California



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Dear Neighbor,

We at Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. believe that citizens have a shared responsibility to keep our community safe, healthy and attractive.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) is dedicated to keeping our community informed of issues, enabling each of us to act intelligently. By being actively involved in our programs at SWNI you can improve your local park, work on safe walking routes to schools, help prevent crime, learn how to prepare your family and neighborhood for a disaster, improve development proposals and transportation options in your neighborhood, and also learn about water quality.

Our vision is to leave a legacy of Southwest Portland where its citizens know each other, are safe, and have access to trails, parks and good roads with walking paths, and development occurs that meets the communities' need.

We need your financial help if we are to achieve this vision. Your contributions are 100% tax-deductible as SWNI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Some corporations will match your gift; ask your employer. Please make your check payable to Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., or SWNI. Use the enclosed envelope to send your check today!

Glenn Bridger
President, Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

We do not sell our list of contributors to anyone!

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., is a nonprofit coalition of 16 southwest Portland neighborhoods.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. Calendar of Events 2005-2006

The following events are just a few of the activities your neighborhood coalition has scheduled or is co-sponsoring for residents in southwest Portland (*Southwest Neighborhood News* will provide additional information regarding these events or call the Southwest Neighborhood Office at 503-823-4592)

- Fall Cleanup (bulky waste, tires, metals, wood/yard debris, computer/electronics, document shredding) Saturday November 5, 9 am - 1 pm
Portland Christian Center
- Spirit of Portland Awards City Hall Awards presented Thursday, December 15, 2 pm
- Bridlemile Creek Stewards' Southwest Community Center Second Tuesdays of the month, 7 pm
http://www.vonsalza.com/akcr for details
- Candidates' Debate Multnomah Center Spring 2006
- SWNI Fundraiser Walk Multnomah Center Spring 2006
- Naturescaping for Clean Rivers Workshops For listings, call 503-797-1842 Fall 2005 & Spring 2006
- Spring Cleanup (bulky waste, wood, tires, metals, yard debris) Saturday, May 13, 9 am - 2 pm
- Letter Carriers' Food Drive Multnomah Post Office Saturday, May 13, 2 - 6 pm
- SWNI Volunteer Recognition Party Multnomah Center Auditorium Monday, June 26, 7 pm
- National Night Out Neighborhood block parties throughout Southwest Portland Tuesday, August 1, 2006
- Multnomah Days Multnomah Village Saturday, August 26, 2006
- Dickinson Park Playground Fundraising Auction Multnomah Center Auditorium October 2006

* Note: New Updated Southwest Trails Walking/Bike Maps are available at the Southwest Neighborhood's office, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. (8:30 am - 5 pm) and various other locations throughout the city.

Your support and contributions are invaluable to us.
Thank you!

BIGGER — BETTER — NEW LOCATION!

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.

It's Litter Patrol time again



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

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 clean up 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.

Acceptable items

(Items are listed in the order they will be available for drop-off in the park. For easier drop-offs, please load your vehicle in this order so you will not have to come back around)

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.

Computers/Electronics: computers, power supplies, UPC or battery backups, car batteries (6, 12, 24 v), scooter/wheelchair 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, reel to reel tape recorders, movie projectors, digital cameras, 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).

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.

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

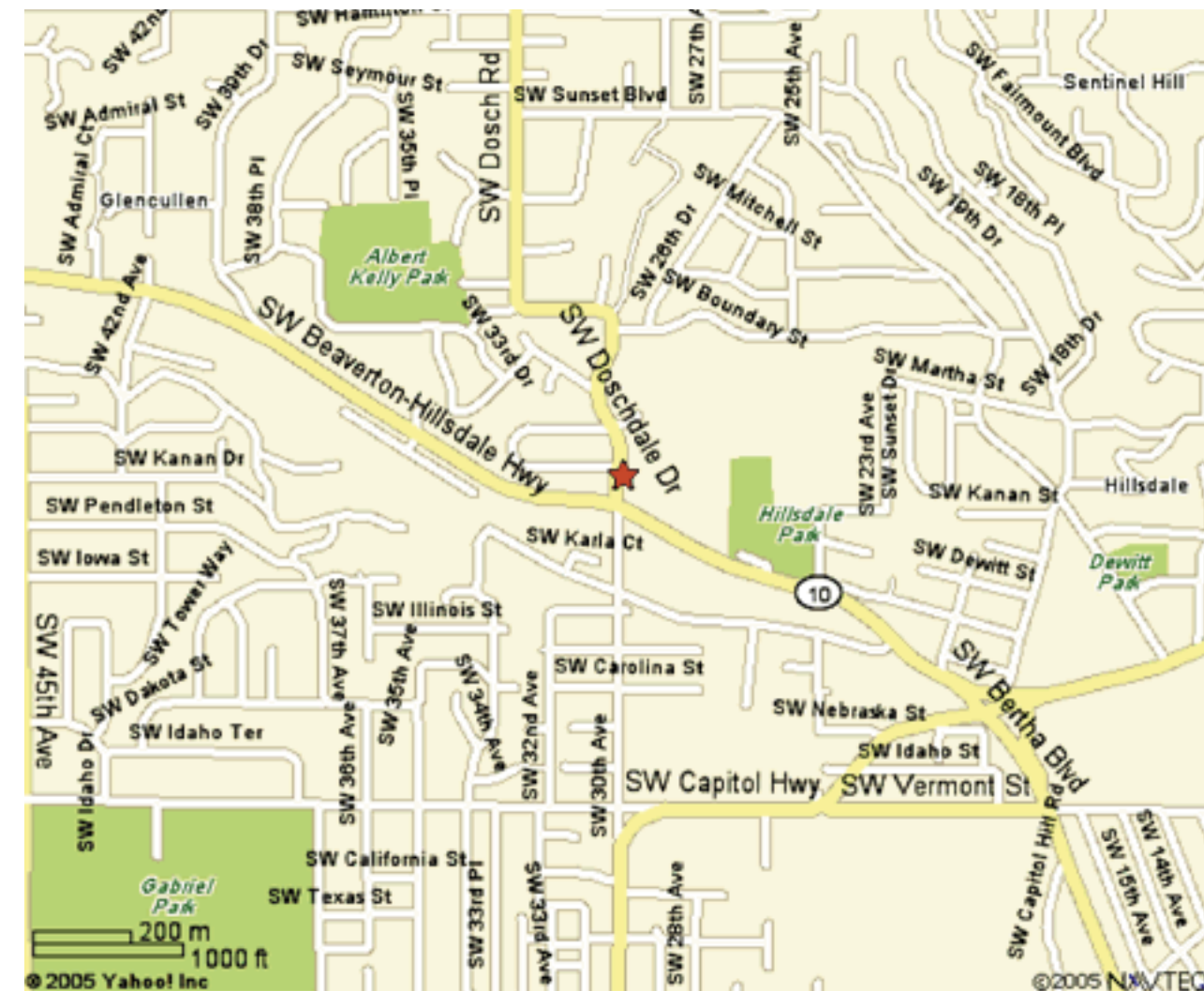
Yard debris and wood items: For yard debris, include basically anything that grows in your yard, such as weeds (knock off as much dirt as possible), leaves, vines (including morning glory and berry vines), grass clippings, prunings (no bigger than 12" in diameter and 8' long), fallen fruit from your 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 onsite for an additional fee.
(bag/small box = \$3, large box = \$5)

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.



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!

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.

Feeling "Leafed Out"? Leaf depots begin at Gabriel Park

To aid in alleviating some of your leaf-related stress, Portland Office of Transportation is again holding leaf depots in Gabriel Park on:

Sunday, October 30	Saturday, November 26
Sunday, November 6	Sunday, December 4
Saturday, November 12	Saturday, December 10
Saturday, November 19	

The cost will be: \$1 per car load, \$4 per truck, SUV or trailer load, \$5 per truck and trailer, \$30 per commercial load (5 yd. maximum – larger loads will be referred to commercial recycle centers). There will be a \$1 discount for senior citizens.

Leaves collected become part of the city's recycling effort and are turned into compost. For more information, call the leafline at 503-823-1784 or www.PortlandTransportation.org.

The Fall Cleanup 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, 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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Serving children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families.
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Clackamas Or.
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CITY OF PORTLAND OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
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Arnold Creek

Tues., November 8, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church
10558 SW 35th
Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483
enchand@hotmail.com

Our November meeting will be November 8 at 7 pm at the Jackson Baptist Church on the corner of 35th and Maricarra 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 still in the works. However, they have both been postponed until further notice. They will post the new date at the site. You can also check online to see when the hearing will be www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?c=35623.

We need everyone to write letters to the hearings officer to request something be done at that intersection of Boones Ferry and Stephenson.

Case File: LU 05-127029
LDS PC #04-015016
1900 SW 4th Ave., Suite 3000
Portland, OR 97201.

We also recommend to send a copy to the commissioner of transportation for the city who is Sam Adams. The letters need to be snail mail or faxed to the hearings officer in order to be used as testimony. The number is 503-823-5630. Sam Adams' email address is samadams@ci.portland.or.us.

Thanks for your help on this very dangerous intersection. We got an update from the "farm" last month. They are doing well with their fundraising efforts however they still need more. I encourage you to visit them to see what they are doing and how you can help.

Thank you to all who came last month.

Disaster preparedness question 1

A family living on a dead-end rural road is isolated by mudslides and fallen trees. Their electric power line is broken and they are without lights, appliances or their electric pump which supplies water from their well. Four days of almost continuous heavy rain is preventing outside help from arriving. Their supply of water in the house is gone. What can they do? *Please turn to page 13 for answer.*

Ashcreek

Mon., November 14 7 pm
Multnomah Center, 7688
SW Capitol Hwy
Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872,
jklinker@ease.com

The Southwest Charter School group have made their application presentation to the Portland Public Schools. It was comprehensive and well thought-out. The presentation was well enough received that PPS has asked if they can expand what they are doing. It seems that PPS is finally warming to the idea of a charter school.

It looks like PDOT has started to collect traffic statistics on Taylors. I just noticed traffic counter lines across Taylors Frerry at about 60th. Discussions have been going forth with PDOT about implementation of the Taylors Ferry Road Vision Plan. We are currently working to improve the 62nd Ave. intersection with a stop sign. Many of our neighbors have expressed concern about the difficulty and safety of turning onto Taylors Ferry from 62nd.

Our October guest, Judge Bloch of the Multnomah County Circuit Court, spoke at length on court, jail and crime-related issues. He also expressed his concerns about the lack of jail beds in the county and at the lack of funds to open the currently vacant new county jail. Meth seems to be at the bottom of much of the local crime.

He noted that the county courthouse is the least seismically safe public structure in downtown. Also there are not enough court rooms for all the circuit's judges. Meanwhile the courtrooms of the old federal court building go vacant.

For the last several years, he has been heading a program for first-time DUI offenders. This program works very closely to assure that they abstain, attend treatment and receive the social services that help them not offend again. This program has demonstrated a much lower recidivism rate than the normal jail and parole system.

There is a 4-5-lot land division being proposed at 57th and Pasadena.

A representative from Port of Portland will be our guest speaker in January.

Bridlemile

Board meeting: Wed., November 9, 6:30; general meeting: 7 - 8:30 pm,
Faculty Room at Bridlemile Elementary School, 4300 SW 47th Drive
Parking: In school parking by front entrance, off 47th Street, and along 47th Street
Contact: Kathy Bambeck, kathyb2@teleport.com, 503-245-2634
<http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile>

Wednesday November 9th - Disaster Preparedness: Keturah Pennington will give a summary of things to consider in planning what your family will need to have done in advance, and be ready to do, when the next earthquake, windstorm, flood or other disaster strikes Portland. Your plan needs to be custom-fit to suit your situation. The most important tool you have in a disaster is your ability to think flexibly and creatively; we'll brainstorm some creative solutions to typical situations. There will be a handout with suggestions of what to include in your disaster kit, which as we have recently learned, you may have to depend on for much more than 72 hours.

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 in the SWNI newsletter, we need to know of it no later than the previous month's BNA meeting. Your contribution of time and knowledge, large or small, helps keep and make Bridlemile the wonderful neighborhood that we all enjoy.

Visit the BNA web site, Google "Bridlemile Neighborhood."

BUSINESS LIAISON - Have a question or concern regarding a BNA business, contact Dave Buchner, dave.buchner.b7o6@statefarm.com, our business liaison.

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, please contact Kathy at 503-245-2634, kathyb2@teleport.com.

BRIDLEMILE HISTORY - The Bridlemile Oral History Project has planned a meeting with Media Specialist Melinda McCrossen for Friday, October 28, at 1:30 in

CREEKS - Bridlemile Creek Stewards monthly meeting Tuesday, November 8th; details at BCS website <http://home.comcast.net/~steve.mullinax/bridlemile/BCS.htm>. Sat., November 19th erosion control 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.

HAMILTON PARK FOOT PATROL - received a special award from the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Mayor Tom Potter, Assistant Police Chief Grubbs, and Southwest Portland Police Commander Benson presented patrol members with a certificate of appreciation at the city's annual Crime Prevention Salute to Public Safety Volunteers.

The award acknowledges the successful efforts of Bridlemile neighbors to address the persistent problems of vandalism and teen partying in and around Hamilton Park and on Bridlemile School property. In the year since its inception, the foot patrol has noted a significant decrease in these activities. The foot patrol will continue to work cooperatively with multiple city officials and school staff to keep Bridlemile a safe and pleasant place to live. So join your neighbors for an evening walk, 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, please contact Ellen Underhill, ellenunderhill@comcast.net and see the Hamilton Park Foot Patrol <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/footpatrol> web page for more information.

TRANSPORTATION / PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - The BNA board is very glad to have the return of Beverly Vogt, bevvoigt@comcast.net, 503-292-6939 as chair of the transportation committee, contact her with your transportation comments and questions.

South Portland Neighborhood Association? The committee to update the CTLH neighborhood plan is hard at work on the suggestions from the committee is to change the name of our neighborhood association from the Corbett-Terwilliger-Lair Hill Neighborhood Association to the South Portland Neighborhood Association. The feeling from the committee is that the current name does not define the whole neighborhood. For example many people are not sure where each district of our neighborhood is. What do you think of the idea? Please let us know by using the feedback form on www.ctlh.org or sending your thoughts to CTLH, PO Box 69567, Portland, OR 97239.

the school library. Thanks to those who are participating. The fourth and fifth graders will be learning how to conduct interviews and about our neighborhood history. Best of all, it will be available to all of us to enjoy. If you want to participate, it may not be too late. Contact Melinda McCrossen, 503-916-6292 or mmccrossen@pps.k12.or.us or history committee contact, Ginger Danzer, 503-292-9460 or ggdanz@wans.net.

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 and or contact Greg Schifsky, gregsch@hevanet.com, 503-246-2714. If you have questions or comments regarding any of the different projects and proposals that affect our neighborhood, contact Rich Adelmann, 503-223-0992, richard.adelmann@gb-jarch.com

PARKS - See Foot Patrol and Creeks above. Questions or comments regarding Bridlemile's parks, contact Victor von Salza, victor@vonsalza.com, 503-246-2146.

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS - Bridlemile Elementary School has been selected as a pilot safe routes to schools school. And PDOT has sent a flyer about the pilot project: they are looking for school team members to help guide Safe Routes to School at Bridlemile Elementary. If you would like help or just participate, contact Lynne Mutrie, lynnem@actsoregon.org, 503-656-7329; or Lillie Fitzpatrick, lf@pdx.edu, 503-892-9921.

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Corbett/Terwilliger/Lair Hill

Wed., November 2, 7 pm, Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church, 0206 SW Condor Ave.
Ken Love, 503-245-7795
TLC11@mindspring.com, www.ctlh.org

Historic Buildings may be moving into CTLH

Neighbors in CTLH are excited by the possibility of two historic buildings from downtown Portland moving to CTLH. Right is a picture of the structures: the Morris Mark House which is currently located at 1134 SW 12th. This ornate house was built in 1880 and designed by noted architect Warren William. The other house is the Ladd Carriage House at 1331 SW Broadway. The Ladd Carriage House is 122 years old and was owned by William Ladd, Portland's 5th mayor. There are two CTLH locations currently being discussed as possible sites for these houses. One is the current Hartmann Motors Mercedes repair shop on the corner of 1st and Gibbs and the other is in the land freed up when the Ross Island Bridge ramps are redirected. Do you have enough room in your backyard for one or both? The CTLH board unanimously passed a resolution supporting the relocation of these historic buildings into our neighborhood. Many people in CTLH have been disappointed to see the loss of many classic old houses in our neighborhood and the addition of these very classy old houses would bring some of the charm back into the neighborhood.



CTLH works out good neighbor agreement with developer
Neighbors along Viewpoint Terrace have been very concerned about a proposed 5 unit rowhouse development in that area. The street is very narrow with limited parking and access. For this reason the CTLH board voted to oppose the development. However, the CTLH NA also arranged a meeting with the immediate neighbors and the developer. They worked out a compromise where the developer would apply for an adjustment to allow for one additional off-street parking spot per unit that would not block the sidewalk. The developer signed a good neighbor agreement with CTLH NA and the CTLH board dropped opposition to the project. The CTLH NA is grateful to the developer, Doug Pollock, and the neighbors for working out a solution which will be of great benefit to the neighborhood now and in the future.



Utility poles installed then removed after neighborhood outcry

Several large utility poles were recently installed near Gibbs street. However, several residents pointed out that the South Waterfront Plan called for the under-grounding of utilities along Gibbs St. With a great deal of help from Commissioner Sam Adams, at least half of the poles have been or will be removed. The poles in the picture above, taken from the corner of 1st and Gibbs, have been removed.

CTLH's web site is www.ctlh

Committee meetings
Transportation/Parking Permit Committee: Tuesday, November 1, 6 pm, Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact committee chair Bill Danneman, 503-228-9868.
Land Use Committee: Monday, November 21, 7-15 pm, at Lair Hill Market, 2823 SW 1st. Contact committee chair Jim Davis, 503-248-9820.
Parks and Greenway Committee: Wednesday, November 16, 7 pm, Mazatan Restaurant, 6141 SW Macadam, Suite 100. Contact committee chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795.
Neighborhood Plan Update Committee: Thursday, November 17, 7 pm, Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact David Schwindt, 503-227-1165, dschwindt@schwindtco.com.

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Hillsdale

Wed., Nov. 2, 7 pm
St Barnabas Church
201 SW Vermont
Don Baack, 503-246-2088
baack@pacifier.com

HNA November meeting agenda:

A. Welcome, approval of agenda, and review of last month's meeting minutes.
B. Featured Topic and/or Speaker.

C. Reports
1. Hillsdale Park Plan Discussions (two proposals)

2. Good Neighbor Agreement with Greater Portland Bible Church

3. Red Electric Bike and Pedestrian Trail (update)

4. Jake Brake Issues (I-5 in Terwilliger curves)

D. Land Use

1. Liquor License Application for City Thai Cuisine, 6341 SW Capitol Hwy.

2. Land Divisions within Hillsdale Town Center

E. Committee Reports

1. Outreach Committee - Meghan MacKenzie

2. Hillsdale - SWHRL Negotiations (survey form and process) - Don Baack

4. SWNI Report - Glenn Bridger

F. Announcements

1. Storm Sewer Filters Installation of 10/23/05

2. Signage for Pool and other facilities @ Rieke and Wilson

3. Hillsdale Plaza

4. Stephens Creek Walkway

5. Metro Trail Location Decision

6. Oregon Alliance for Land Use and Affordable Housing Conference 11/4/05

Public Comments, Concerns, Announcements and Questions:

G. New Business

H. Adjourn.

Far Southwest

Tuesday, November 8, 7 pm
Comfort Suites Motel
SW 60th & Barbur
Andy Rucker, 503-452-3145,
rockerport@msn.com

The neighborhood's Habitat Restoration Team will hold a work party in the Sylvania Natural Area Park (two blocks between the PCC campus) on Nov. 11th at 9 am. Call 503-244-6111x3608 for details.

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Hayhurst

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

The Hayhurst Neighborhood Association held an emergency meeting and passed one motion. We voted to appeal the Decision of the hearings officer regarding LU 05-128857 LDS EN, for addresses 3609 and 3617 SW Cullen Blvd. We also elected Eric Mankowski to serve as our Land Use Committee chair.

Next meeting will be December 6, 2005 at 7 pm at the Vermont Hills United Methodist Church.

Homestead

Tuesday, November 1, 7 pm
OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor
Chair: Anton Vetterlein, 503-790-0719

At our October meeting, we heard from representatives from the water bureau about a review they are conducting of the water infrastructure on our hill. They are developing a plan to improve the water system and will probably return to our December meeting to report on that plan.

In case you haven't noticed, construction has started on the new tram to the South Waterfront. OHSU and park property between the Casey Eye Bldg. and Terwilliger is being used for staging the construction of the upper tram tower and terminus. After construction, the area will be planted with native trees and plants to help screen development from Terwilliger Parkway. The canyon below Terwilliger over which the tram will pass will be rehabilitated by removing ivy and invasive plants and replanting with native species.

The new trail that goes between 9th Ave. above OHSU down to near the Marquam Shelter is now open! If you haven't already walked it, get out and see it and check out the interesting new terrain it exposes to view.

Representatives from Homestead NA and SWHRL are meeting to develop a new boundary line between the two neighborhood organizations that will eliminate all overlaps. Those negotiations are ongoing at the time of this writing.

but we hope to have a proposal to present at our next HmNA meeting on Nov. 1. The discussions between SWHRL and HmNA have been refreshingly cordial and respectful in spite of the difficult issues being negotiated.

Meetings are getting underway on the South Waterfront Urban Design and Development Update which will refine the planning regulations already approved in the South Waterfront Plan. A report on the scope, focus, timeline, and "deliverables" of the plan update will be presented at our Nov. 1 meeting. We have been asked to identify specific public viewpoint locations that we think are important to preserve, as well as what it is that you see from that viewpoint. Viewpoints along Terwilliger Parkway toward mountains, downtown, the river, and eastside neighborhoods and hills are obvious candidates. Please attend the Nov. 1 meeting to nominate your favorite viewpoint and the view that you don't want blocked by new towers.

At our next neighborhood meeting on November 1st, 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.

Collins View

Wed., November 2, 7 pm, Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, Room 201
Charlie Weiss, 503-799-4848 charliew@launchbx.com, www.collinsview.org

Tryon Creek Watershed Council - Terri Preeg Riggsby, chair of the TCWC, talked about the council's services and programs and how they can better coordinate with Collins View neighbors. They work with government agencies and private property owners to remove invasive species and restore creek habitat by organizing work parties on public property and helping connect private property owners with restoration resources. They are also available for consultation. If you are interested in restoring your property but not sure where to start, contact them

and they will be happy to send someone out to take a look and give advice (<http://www.tcwc.tryonfriends.org/>). Property owners can assist with watershed restoration by removing invasive species growing on their property. Information on which plants are invasive and the best ways to get rid of them is available from the Bureau of Environmental Services at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=50021> (large file, may take a few minutes to download). TCWC is currently looking for a group of contiguous creekside properties to work together

on a grant-funded restoration project. If you own property along Tryon Creek or one of its tributaries and are interested in learning more, contact Terri at triggsby@yahoo.com.
TriMet #39 Update: TriMet hosted a meeting at Lewis and Clark in September to gather input from students and neighbors on the possible route changes for the #39 bus. They presented the ridership statistics and then showed 3 possible routes: a Hillsdale loop, a Hillsdale/Multnomah Village Loop returning via the I-5 ramp, and a combination of the #39 and #1 routes.

Exact details of how this third route would work are still being worked out. On October 19, (after press time) TriMet held a meeting to get feedback on these routes and discuss next steps.

Land Use - Cell phone towers: Lewis & Clark is placing Cingular transmitters on some buildings to improve cell phone service on campus. T-Mobile will be leasing the top of the water tower to put up a transmitter that should cover a wider area.

Bylaws - The city has issued new guidelines for neighborhood associations which may

require making some changes in our bylaws. Josh Hinerfeld is reviewing CVNA's bylaws and will have the proposed changes ready for discussion at our December meeting.

On the agenda for our November meeting will be updates on the roundabout, TriMet #39, and the neighborhood sign project, among other things.

City Commissioner Dan Saltzman will be a guest at our December 7th meeting. If there are neighborhood issues that you would like to bring to his attention, please send your suggestions to charliew@launchbx.com.

Maplewood

Wed., November 9, 7 pm
West Hills Friends Church, 7425 SW 52nd
Brad Baugher, 503-244-7025 baugherb@oes.edu

WE ARE BACK TO LIFE HERE IN MAPLEWOOD! Maplewood NA met Wednesday, October 12. There were about 30 people in attendance, and we are now meeting monthly to keep abreast of infill and other neighborhood issues.

Much of our meeting concerned the proposal at SW 63rd & Vermont (see article below). Other topics covered in Wednesday's meeting:

George Hale, developer from Woodhill Homes, addressed concerns over the property on SW 55th and Texas in which many trees, including a large elm, were recently removed to make room for four homes where there was one. He stated that he had kept more trees than the minimum required. Residents Todd Williamson and Shannon Belthor commented that the large-scale homes - 2 stories with dormers - that were planned would not fit in with the neighborhood character--either in size or

style. Hale stated that it is not cost-effective to build smaller homes in this area, and that there is a demand for what he is building. Resident David Klick suggested that pavers be considered for hardscapes to reduce stormwater runoff, instead of asphalt. He said that he would check into this option.

SW Troy St and Maplewood: there is an approximately 2.1-acre parcel of land at 4600 SW Maplewood (and Troy) that the owner, Karen Hendrickson, would like to see preserved as green space. Her attorney, Andy Winfree, is exploring options. Three Rivers and West Multnomah Soil and Water have expressed

an interest in holding a conservation easement, with the Rhododendron Society using the land for growing rhodies and exotic azaleas.

Gary Swanson-Davies was elected secretary and has agreed to attend the SWNI board meeting and attend the emergency preparedness sub-committee. Jill Gaddis reported on safety issues, including 2 crack houses in the area that officers visited.

Sylvia Bogert, director of SWNI, gave an overview on how the NA works: Roberts' Rules, officer duties, committees, etc. She will return in November to complete her presentation.

Maplewood NA changes meetings to monthly to address current land use issues

1. SW 63rd and Vermont: The Maplewood Neighborhood Association formally appealed the city's decision to approve a subdivision known as Whitaker Heights. Maplewood was granted a hearing before city council on Sept. 28th, which more than 20 residents attended. We did an outstanding job of presenting our case to the council.

Commissioner Saltzman, who in 2001 voted to keep the R-10 zoning designation in this area because of its environmental sensitivity, raised questions about the current zoning, which allows for lot averaging, resulting in 6,000 to 17, 000-square-foot lots. City Attorney Kathryn Beaumont advised him that the current comprehensive code supersedes any agreement made in 2001 on the R-10 zone. Council then closed the record.

Both Commissioners Leonard and Adams were very interested in the issue of storm water runoff and questioned the large number of trees being cut on the property. Of the 103 trees currently on the lot, 86 are slated for removal, as well as all the trees in the rights-of-way on SW Vermont Street and 63rd Avenue. Council directed the developer's representatives and Maplewood to work together to come up with better options for the stormwater runoff, sidewalks and tree preservation.

On Monday, October 3rd, our committee met with the developer's attorney (William Cox), the engineers from Land Tech, Fabio de Freitas and Eric Engstrom of BDS, Kurt Krueger of PDOT. Leonard Gard facilitated the meeting, which was productive. The developer's representatives agreed to work with the city to re-engineer the stormwater swale in order to save more trees in front of the existing house.



"Whitaker Heights." This lot will be divided into 5 lots with a street and sidewalk. 2 of the lots are only 6,000 sq. ft. This is in an R10 residential area of 50's ranch homes. The preliminary plans for the home show huge multi-story houses with dormers.

We appeared before city council on Oct. 5th and they again directed us to work out a compromise. Our next meeting with the council is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26th, to report on the results. City council plans to make its final decision on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd.

Kurt Krueger of PDOT informed us that the engineer is going to redraw a shorter, wider swale that will actually be redesigned as a flow-through stepped-planter system. This should save the 3 large cedars in the front of the property. The existing house on this lot will remain. The feasibility of these modifications won't be known until BES reviews the redesigned swale.

Chris Byrne met with Arborist Mike Mosher at the proposed subdivision and found an additional 6 trees that could be saved.

Two motions were passed at the October meeting regarding this issue:

1. MOTION: Maplewood Neighborhood Association authorizes its designated committee to continue to negotiate with the developer (LU-04-

094246 LDS) and if a satisfactory agreement is not reached, reserves its right to appeal

2. MOTION: The following costs are approved to be paid: an arborist report, not to exceed \$200; and the opinion of a land use attorney on this case, not to exceed \$200. Both motions passed overwhelmingly. An amendment was added to the second motion by vice-chair Andrew Scott: "Maplewood Neighborhood Association desires to replenish funds expended on this project and work diligently to do so within 12 months of expenditure."

Please contact any of the subcommittee members below if you have any questions on this issue or would like to be involved as we move forward.

Subcommittee members working on LU-04-094246 LDS AD at SW 63rd & Vermont Street:

- Gordon Trapp
- Chris Byrne
- Anne-Marie Fischer
- Dixon Shaver
- JoAnn Calfee
- Liz Ziffman (consultant)
- Dan Cooper
- Greg Schifsky (consultant)

Multnomah

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 7 pm,
Multnomah Center,
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.
Zachary Horowitz,
503-293-5967
zacharyhorowitz@hotmail.com

Marshall Park

Thursday, November 10, 6 pm
Papaccino's Coffee House
8421 SW Terwilliger
Jen Seamans and Neil
Blatner, 503-246-2434
marshallparkna@yahoo.com

In October, we heard from a Taylors Ferry Road homeowner concerning a proposed land division. We also reviewed the tree preservation memo under consideration by SWNI. A draft of the recruitment flyer was commented on and suggestions made.

Our next meeting will take place Thursday, November 10th, at 6 pm, again at Papaccino's Coffee House. Anticipated agenda items include another homeowner presentation about a land division proposed for Maplecrest Drive. There will also be an update on the recruitment flyer and progress toward a new website.

Ivy removal work parties continue to be held in Marshall Park on the first Saturday of each month, beginning at 9 am at the picnic tables off 12th Drive. Contact chairs above for more details.

Howdy, neighbors! Are you enjoying your autumn as much as I am? The Multnomah NA had a smallish meeting last month - the handful of people that showed up voted to extend the election of new officers to November. So, if you are considering running for a board position, you still have a chance to be nominated and elected. I encourage all people with an interest in their community to become involved.

I have exciting news! The Multnomah NA will be hosting Sam Adams, Portland City Commissioner, at our November meeting. He will be discussing a host of neighborhood and citywide issues, such as transportation, business concerns and other topics of importance to our community. Light refreshments will be served. Our meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8th, at 7 pm at the Multnomah Center on Capitol Highway. I hope to see everyone there!

Disaster preparedness question 2

In January an earthquake measuring 9+ on the Richter Scale pretty much leveled all the buildings for as far as you can see. About the only thing left standing is a collection box that is half full of recycled phone books at the edge of the park-and-ride lot. How many ways can you think of to use this resource to stay warm? Please turn to page 14 for answer.

Markham

Tuesday, November 8, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church 10558 SW 35th
Tim Cushing, 503-244-0759 tcushing@cfpwood.com,
http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm

At our Nov. meeting we will have a presentation on "Preparing Your Home, Family and Neighborhood for any emergency." It is very timely in the wake of Katrina and the devastation seen in the Gulf Coast.

I also plan to step down as chairperson of the neighborhood association because of personal reasons, so we would like to invite anyone interested in being involved in neighborhood issues to please come and voice your enthusiasm!! Thank you so much for your time and patience - I have learned a great deal about our neighborhood and worked with a bunch of wonderful people.



Gabriel Park is home to Vermont Creek, a tributary of Fanno Creek. The Friends of Vermont Creek are working to restore native plants along the stream and we need your help!

Invasive Ivy removal work party
Saturday, November 5th
9 am - noon
meet at the tennis courts

For more information call the SW Watershed Resource Center (503-823-2862 or email watershed@spiritone.com.

Maplewood Neighborhood Association seeks your support

There's a lot of change happening in our once-peaceful community. The Maplewood Neighborhood Association has been working hard to retain the qualities we share and value in this climate of infill.

If we all chip in, we have a chance at convincing developers to save more trees and greenspace.

To help us preserve our neighborhood character, we need to hire some specialists. Even better, we'd appreciate volunteer hours from a professional arborist or land use attorney.

Monetary contributions are most welcome. Please send your tax-deductible contributions to SWNI, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland, 97219 and indicate on the check "Maplewood Neighborhood Association." No amount is too small or too large.

South Burlingame

Monday, November 14, 7:30 pm
Capitol Hill Elementary, 8401 SW 17th Avenue
Chair, Marti Long, 503-452-1450
sethandmarti@comcast.net

NEW MEETING PLACE AND TIME!

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

Our new meeting place is Capitol Hill Elementary. We are now meeting from 7 p.m. to 8:30 pm.

I am trying to get somewhere about the problem of the loud brakes on I-5. It is a more complicated problem than most would imagine...it looks like we are going to have to press for a change in the law in order to stop the noise. Officer Scott Westerman will be at the meeting on November 14th to give us a progress report. It is my hope that many of you will attend to show that this is a priority for our neighborhood.

I have been in contact with the appropriate people at ODOT to address the overgrown state-owned strip of

land adjacent to I-5. The goal is to get ODOT to take responsibility for the area and keep it properly maintained. Currently ivy, wild clematis and morning glory have taken over--creating the perfect home for rodents.

I have contacted the city about the problems created by the complicated intersections Spring Garden/Taylor's Ferry/11th Avenue. According to the city engineer, there isn't a cheap solution to the problem, and there is no money for a major overhaul. The engineer also said that he is unwilling to recommend a change to the Hume Court/17th Avenue intersection as there haven't been accidents.

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...

Answer to disaster preparedness question 3

Our grandmothers and great grandmothers depended on ice boxes to keep food cold. We do today, on picnics and cookouts. It works very well. Scoop the ice from your yard into plastic bags and put them in your refrigerator and freezer.

Or, you can make yourself an ice box. A cardboard box, a plastic storage box, a clean garbage can all work well. Wrap it with newspaper, blankets, towels, jackets, pillows, anything insulating. If you set it outdoors in a shady place it will be even more effective.

It goes without saying that the fewer times you open your refrigerator, freezer and ice box, the longer it will stay cold.

West Portland Park

Next Mtg: Thurs., November 10, 7 pm
Hospitality Inn Conference Room
10151 SW Capitol Hwy
David Gens, 503-244-8043
www.neighborhoodlink.com/wppna

Holly Farm Grant accepted by city council

On October 12, Portland City Council officially accepted the \$416,000 grant from the state for development of the Holly Farm Park. Thanks to all of you who have worked so hard, and donated your money to help make the park a reality. The next step will be for City Council to accept the park plan, then construction can start next spring.

Plants in the Park meeting

With a new park at the Holly Farm site, there comes a new planting scheme. Many of us have ideas about what plants should be included, how they should be arranged and how to manage pests. Join your neighbors to view potential plans and give comment. We will be meeting November 8, 7 - 8:30 pm. This meeting is open to all in the neighborhood who are interested. Call SWNI 503-823-4592 for location and to RSVP.

Spirit of Portland Award nomination

The neighborhood association unanimously passed a motion to nominate Portland Police Officer Scott Westerman for this year's Spirit of Portland award for Best City Employee. We especially appreciate Officer Westerman's work

to reduce noise from jake brakes on I-5, as well as his efforts to stay connected with the neighborhood association despite cuts in the budget for community policing.

WPPNA Endorses the Alliance for Sensible Mosquito Management

The WPP board voted to endorse the Alliance for Sensible Mosquito Management (ASMM), a coalition of organizations and residents opposed to the use of harmful pesticides for mosquito control in the greater Portland area.

Go to www.beyondpesticides.org/mosquito/documents/ASMM_Position_Statement.pdf for more information.

Other neighborhoods have also endorsed ASMM.

Join us for our next WPPNA board meeting, Thursday, November 10, 7 pm, at the Hospitality Inn Conference Room, 10151 SW Capitol Hwy. Our meetings are always open to all who live, work, or own property or businesses in West Portland Park. Agenda includes: Westlake Consultants presents a proposal for a subdivision of up to 14 lots at 10615 SW 42nd Ave, between Gabeburn and Dickinson.

Neighborhood House seeking help in supporting SW students

Neighborhood House is the leading provider of support services in our SW neighborhood schools. The organization works with youth at five area schools providing after-school programming and other services that promote healthy development, academic success and parental involvement in school. Neighborhood House's school-based services include four volunteer mentoring programs aimed at helping children who need a little extra support and guidance to be successful in school.

Studies show that mentoring improves school performance and reduces illicit drug use, drinking and violence among young people. Mentoring enhances a child's self-esteem and instills a sense of hope when circumstances appear hopeless. Adult mentors benefit, too, through self-discovery and better relationships with family and friends.

The demographics of some of our neighborhood schools have changed considerably in recent years, and Neighborhood House is working hard to recruit record numbers of volunteers to help the growing number of students in our community needing extra help to succeed.

The four mentoring opportunities are listed below:

Career Mentoring: Figuring out what you want to be when you grow up can be a challenge for anyone. For youth whose families are recent immigrants to this country or low-income, concern about survival and lim-

ited resources can cause kids to downgrade their career goals and tragically restrict their hopes for the future. Career mentoring volunteers help expose students to a variety of career options, and reinforce the importance of education in long-term career success. "Career mentoring can help students realize the greater range of possibilities in the working world," said Sean Johnson, Career Mentoring Coordinator at Neighborhood House. For more information on career mentoring, contact Johnson at 503-916-5679 or email him at sjohnson@nhweb.org.

Web-Mentors: Adults who can't get to school can mentor via their computer. Web-Mentors communicate primarily through email, with the goal of enhancing self-esteem, social skills and school performance. They also meet face-to-face with their student about five times per year. On the practical side, students improve their writing and computer skills.

Lunch Buddies: Lunch Buddy mentors do more than eat lunch with a child once a week. The pair can enjoy recess to-

gether, read, play a game or just simply talk. Spending quality time with a child demonstrates caring and boosts self-esteem in children who have been identified by school personnel as those needing extra attention. "The biggest need I have right now is for lunch buddies," said John Grueschow, Mentoring Program Coordinator at Neighborhood House. Grueschow is working to place a dozen volunteers at Markham Elementary School. Volunteers are asked to commit to the full school year for continuity.

Youth selected for this program are carefully matched with mentors who pass a screening process. Mentors spend between 8 and 12 hours per month for a minimum of one year, sharing no or low-cost activities while offering friendship, support and guidance.

For more information on the Lunch Buddy, Westside Connections or Web-Mentor programs, contact Grueschow at 503-244-2292 or email him at jgrueschow@nhweb.org.



Career mentoring student Niaz Khosbnavo learns what it's like to handcuff a suspect with the help of the FBI. Students get firsthand experience with on-the-job duties while participating in the program

Disaster preparedness question 3

A fierce ice storm has deposited up to an inch of ice on the vertical face of signs, and more on any sloping or horizontal surface. Roofs are collapsing from the weight of the ice. Brittle trees and branches are falling everywhere dropping piles of slick ice chips into the street hindering vehicular travel. Almost all parts of the city have downed power lines resulting in outages that last from a few hours to more than a week. After a few days people find that their freezers and refrigerators are no longer colder than their living rooms. How can they preserve their food? See answer above left.

MAC annual faculty art show and music recital

The Multnomah Arts Center, the Regional Arts Resource at 7688 SW Capitol Highway, announces its Annual Faculty Art Show and Music Recital. Work by Multnomah Arts Center teachers will be on display at the Center Gallery from November 1 - 30. An opening reception for the artists will be held from 6 - 7 pm on November 4.

At 7:15 the same evening, the music faculty will hold its annual recital.

A variety of art styles and media and a variety of music styles and instruments will be presented. Admission is free.

Answer to disaster preparedness question 1

It's raining. Catch some. Just setting out a clean pan, pail or jar will get you some water. But if you lay out a big collecting surface you'll get a lot more. Arrange a sheet of plastic tarp, a plastic tablecloth, a clean shower curtain, a large garbage bag, etc., to catch water. Using weights, clothespins, duct tape, whatever you have, arrange it so that the plastic slopes toward a collection point and into your collecting container.

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Neighborhood House Senior Center Harvest Bazaar



Programs & Services for Adults 55+

For more information or to reserve your place in the following programs/services, call 503-244-5204 or check the Senior Center newsletter.

- Blood Pressure Screening** 10 - 11 am, Second Thursday
- Qigong Classes** 1 - 2 pm, Thursdays
- Falun Gong** 1 - 2 pm, Mondays
- Stability Ball & Yoga** 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Tuesdays
- Yoga** 9:10 - 10:10 am, Thursdays
- 10 - 11:30 am, Fridays
- Rhythmic Exercise** 10:15 - 11:15 am, Tuesdays
- 10:15 - 11:15 am, Thursdays
- Conversation Circle** 1:30 - 2:15 pm, Thursdays
- Massage** Tuesday afternoons
- Low-Vision Support Group** 11:00 am - noon, Third Tuesday
- Acupuncture** Appointments Mondays and Thursday afternoons
- Haircuts by Yolanda** 2:15 - 3:45 pm, Mondays
- Nails by Mira** 12:45 - 2:30 pm, Second Monday
- AARP "55 ALIVE"** -Driving Safety Program 9 - noon, November 21st
- 9 - noon, November 22nd
- Fee: \$10; payable to AARP

Neighborhood House Senior Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Thursday and Friday, November 17th & 18th
9 am-4 pm

Start your holiday shopping early. Find that perfect gift among our handcrafted gifts & holiday items, knitted and crocheted items, jewelry and holiday decorations, plants and baked goods.

Don't miss the bake sale with Russian specialties & American favorites.

Raffle: Tickets cost \$1 or six tickets for \$5. The raffle will begin Monday, the 14th of November. Drawing at 3 pm Friday, November 18th. You don't need to be present to win.

Call 503-244-5204 for more information. Parking access is in back parking lot on SW 31st Street. TriMet serves us with #44 & #45 buses.

SEMINAR:

What Does Quality of Life Mean for People with Dementia?
1 - 2:30 pm, November 8th

We frequently talk about quality of life, but do we really know what it means? This is especially true for our loved ones with memory loss or dementia. Because we so frequently link quality of life with cognitive abilities, it can be useful to shift our thoughts to see the issue as more accurately one of finding the quality of being. This session will focus on how dementia affects a person's daily life and how joy and happiness can be found in each moment we are alive. By deepening our awareness and understanding of the many components of quality of life and quality of being, we can learn to build joy into our loved ones lives and our own. This seminar will be led by Lee Paton, Elder Care Consultant, RN, PhD in Gerontology.

NOVEMBER TRIPS

Senior Center membership required

Call Gretchen, 503-244-5204, for more information.

NW 23rd & MOONSTRUCK CHOCOLATES: 1 - 4 pm, Wednesday, November 2nd, FREE. Registration begins October 24th.

VERBOORT SAUSAGE FESTIVAL: 10 am - 4 pm, Saturday, November 5th. COST: \$6, lunch on your own. Registration begins November 1st.

LAKE VIEW VILLAGE: 1 - 4 pm, Wednesday, November 9th. FREE. Registration begins November 1st.

FIR POINT FARMS: 10 am - 2 pm, Thursday, November 10th. COST: \$5, lunch on your own. Registration begins November 1st.

MARYHILL MUSEUM OF ART: 8 am - 5 pm, Tuesday, November 15th. Cost: \$17, plus \$6 admission and money for lunch. Registration begins November 1st.

RESER'S OUTLET: 2 - 4 pm, Tuesday, November 15th, FREE. Registration begins November 1st.

PITTOCK MANSION AND TURKEY LUNCH: 10 am - 3 pm, Wednesday, November 23rd. Cost: \$5, lunch on your own. Registration begins November 1st.

Senior Center Membership

Annual membership is \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a couple. Membership does include delivery of our monthly newsletter and membership is required for participation in most activities, classes and trips. Membership is open to all individuals 55 & older, or if the spouse is 55 years of age.

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Answer to disaster preparedness question 2

Tear out about a half-inch-thick wad of pages from the phone book (more or less, depending on how thick a wad you can handle, the thicker the better). Roll them very tightly and bend the roll into a 'U'. They will burn like logs to warm you.

Wad individual sheets to a loose ball and use them to stuff between two layers of your clothing to form an insulating layer. The paper wads will trap air and air is a very good insulator.

Lay books side by side to form a mat to sleep (or sit) on. It's harder than an air mattress, but warmer than the ground.

Stack them like bricks with each one overlapping the layer below, to form a "wall." This can be a windbreak, or you can enclose your sleeping mat and make yourself a snug room, especially if you can make a roof with a plastic tarp, boards, branches, etc.

Wilson High School raises funds for new track with Back the Track campaign

Together we can make our new track a reality. The family of Greg and Debbie Sherwood, with 3 children currently attending Wilson High School, will match donations up to \$15,000 to Back the Track. Please direct any questions to Jackie Hultine at backthetrack@gmail.com

Donations can be made directly to Wilson High School, with a notation that it's for Back the Track. Thank you for your donations.

Give a holiday gift that grows — plant a tree in someone's honor

This holiday season, honor your friends and family with a gift that grows: plant a tree in their honor. Friends of Trees' natural area commemorative trees cost \$25 per seedling native tree or \$50 for a grove of six seedling native trees. When you purchase your gift tree, Friends of Trees will send an acknowledgment card to the person receiving the gift.



Both you and the gift recipient will be invited to plant the tree or grove at Friends of Trees' annual commemorative planting on Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006. Natural area commemorative trees are tax-deductible. You can also buy a commemorative yard tree, which Friends of Trees will plant in the yard you choose. Commemorative yard trees are up to ten feet tall and come with a glass sun catcher etched with the name of the person being honored and the date of the planting. Each tree costs \$225 and will be planted on a designated date in the spring. At the time that you purchase the commemorative yard tree, Friends of Trees will send a card acknowledging your gift to the person receiving the tree.

Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy. 503-988-5385

FOR FAMILIES

Toddler Storytime: For children 24-36 months. Thursdays through November 17, 10-10:30 am.

Preschool Storytime: For children 3-6 years. Thursdays through November 17, 11-11:30 am.

Tiny Tots: For children 12-24 months. Fridays through November 18, 10-10:30 am.

The Great Wungie Bungle Aerial Expedition: Set in the Australian outback, Wendi the wallaby is suddenly carried off by a Willy Willy (tornado). Storyteller Tifni Lynch uses

delightful puppets to tell about Wendi and her animal friends' adventures as they try to rescue her. Sat., November 5, 3:30-4:15 pm.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS
Read to the Dogs: Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs. Preregistration required; call 503-988-5385. Sat., November 12, 10 am-noon.

FOR ADULTS
Talk Time: Talk Time is an informal conversation circle for non-native speakers to practice speaking English. This is not a class, but an opportunity

to meet new people, share your culture, and have fun. Food will be served. Only English will be spoken. Sign up in advance at the library, or just come to any session. Tuesdays, 12:30-2 pm. (except November 22).

Page Turners: Engage in stimulating conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plot, and get to know your neighbors. Thu., November 3, 1:30-3 pm. Read *All Quiet on the Western Front* by Erich Maria Remarque. Tue., November 8, 7-8 pm. Read *The Time Traveler's Wife: A Novel* by Audrey Niffenegger.

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

FOR FAMILIES

Story Stop: For children 0-6 years with adult. Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30-11:45 am (except November 24).

Preschool Storytime: For children 3-6 years with adult. Tuesdays, November 1, 8 and 15, 10:15-10:45 am.

Toddler Storytime: For children 24-36 months with adult. Wednesdays, November 2, 9 and 16, 10:15-10:45 am.

Book Babies: Storytime for children 0-12 months with adult. Thursdays, November 3, 10 and 17, 10:15-11 am.

Tiny Tots: Storytime for children 12-24 months with adult. Mondays, November 7 and 14, 10:15-11 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., November 12, noon-2 pm.

Breathing Fire: Join storyteller Anne-Louise Sterry for songs and stories that ignite the imagination. Sat., November 12, 3:30-4:15 pm.

Coyote Tales: An assortment of Native American stories. Find out how that rascal Coyote got his name in this delightful performance full of both foolishness and wisdom. Space at this program is limited. Free tickets for seating will be available 30-minutes prior to the program. Mon., November 14, 3:30-4:15 pm.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS
Teen Lounge & Homework Center: Use library computers to access the Internet and do word processing; get homework help from trained staff and online tutors; or just do your

homework and listen to music while hanging out in beanbag chairs. For teens in grades 6-12. Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 pm (except November 24).

Read to the Dogs: Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs. Preregistration required; call 503-988-5388. Saturdays, November 5 and 19, 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.

Page Turners: Engage in stimulating conversation about books. Tue., November 8, 6:30-7:45 pm. Read *The Passion of Artemisia* by Susan Vreeland. Thu., November 17, 1-3 pm. Read *Small Wonder* by Barbara Kingsolver.

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, 2:30-4:30 pm. (except November 24), Sundays, 3-5 pm.

New Catalog for the Computer Savvy: Come learn how to get around in our new catalog. Learn about the new features and all the great things

you can do with this new system. Sat., November 5, 3:30-5 pm; Tue., November 22, 3:30-5 pm.

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: This series of classes is 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. You must preregister and attend all three sessions; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234. Mondays, November 7, 14, 21; 1-3 pm.

New Catalog with Mouse Basics: This class is designed for the beginning computer user. Learn how to use the mouse as you learn about our new library catalog. Mon., November 7, 3:30-5 pm.

Web Basics: Learn about the World Wide Web, explore the library's home page, and practice entering Web addresses. Participants need to be comfortable using a keyboard and a mouse. Tue., November 15, 3:30-5 pm.

Windows & Web for Beginners: This new, two-hour class combines Web for Computer Novices and Web Basics. Students will learn basic computer terms and functions, as well as introductory Internet skills — including how to use the library home page as a resource. Mon., November 21, 3:30-5 pm.

Check the Free Classes@your-library schedule for a complete list of computer classes. * Preregistration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

I want to review the 2005 Portland Watershed Management Plan. What do I do?

by Jennifer Devlin, Bureau of Environmental Services

Get a copy of the plan: The Portland Watershed Management Plan will be available for review in three formats:

- a) online at www.portlandonline.com/bes/index.cfm?c=38965
- b) on CD-ROM available by request at no cost. To get a copy, email beswatershed@bes.ci.portland.or.us, or fill out the form at the bottom of the page and mail it to: Environmental Services, 2005 Portland Watershed Management Plan - Public Comments, 1120 SW 5th Ave, Room 1000, Portland, 97204
- c) in paper at your local library, community centers, or watershed council office

Submit your comments: After you've read the plan, submit your comments no later than Wednesday, November 23, to the same email and address listed above.

Consider the following questions in your response:
· Was the plan clear and easy to read?
· How do you think residents and business owners can help the city implement the plan?
· Do you support the city's efforts to improve the health of our watersheds?

We appreciate the time you have taken to review and thoughtfully respond to the Portland Watershed Management Plan. We will record your comments and give each one consideration. Visit Environmental Services online at www.portlandonline.com/bes/index.cfm?c=38965 for updates on the progress of the plan.

For more information, contact: trw@tryonfire.org (503) 836-4398

Fall 2005 Tryon Creek Watershed Council



November 5	9:00-12:00	Marshall Park Ivy Pull at the end of SW 12th Portland
November 12	9:00-12:00	Tryon Creek Ivy Pull Tryon Creek State Park, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd, Portland
November 12	9:00-12:00	Quail Creek Ivy Pull Contact Monica at SOLV; (503) 844-9571 or monica@solv.org
November 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

Donate Dinner to help feed homebound seniors Loaves & Fishes teams with local grocers & restaurants for holiday fundraiser

Portland shoppers and diners can donate dinner for homebound seniors this holiday season by making a financial contribution to help support Loaves & Fishes Centers, the Meals-On-Wheels people.

From Nov. 19-23, shoppers can add a donation to their purchase at New Seasons Market, Lamb's Thriftway, Whole Food Market, Bales Thriftway or Haggen Food & Pharmacy stores or at select restaurants in the Portland market. An extra \$2.90 provides one meal for a Meals-On-Wheels client; \$20.30 pays for a week of meals; and a donation of \$87 provides a month of meals for a homebound senior.

The Donate Dinner campaign helps Loaves & Fishes Centers serve more than 4,000 Portland-area seniors every weekday. The agency depends on such community contributions for nearly 60 percent of its funding.

"This is a great opportunity this holiday season by making a small contribution to Loaves & Fishes Centers," said John Durkheimer, Loaves & Fishes Centers Board President. "Do-

nate Dinner makes it easy to help some of our community's most vulnerable residents."

Southwest Portland Grocers participating in the 2005 Donate Dinner campaign include:

- New Seasons Market Raleigh Hills - 7300 S.W. Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway
- Lamb's Garden Home Thriftway - 7410 S.W. Oleson Rd.
- Lamb's Thriftway on Scholls - 12220 S.W. Scholls Ferry Rd.
- Lamb's at Stroheckers - 2855 S.W. Patton Rd.

The Oregon Restaurant Association is working to identify participating restaurants.

Since 1970 Loaves & Fishes Centers has provided a nutritional and social lifeline for seniors through 21 meal sites in Multnomah and Washington Counties and Meals-On-Wheels delivery to homebound seniors. With the help of more than 6,600 volunteers, the nonprofit agency now serves 4,000 meals daily and more than 1 million meals each year.

Teen Halloween Carnival & Dance Southwest Community Center 6820 SW 45 Ave Saturday, October 29, 8 - 10 pm

This is not your little brother's carnival. Come for a night of games, treats & dancing. Come if you dare! For ages 11-17. Cost: \$5. For more information, contact 503-823-2840.

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Training offered for Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) members

Portland Office of Emergency Management Neighborhood Emergency Team Program Fall 2005 Advanced Training Sessions

When a widespread emergency may be brewing, and in the immediate aftermath of any disaster, what's one of our most important resources? Reliable information! The NET Program will offer advanced training opportunities to NET members this fall, all focusing on information and communication during a disaster. What each NET will need for sure is a licensed amateur radio operator.

All of the training sessions will be held at the same location:

Portland Fire Training Center

4800 NE 122nd (just north of Sandy Blvd)

Large classroom (use building entrance nearest the flagpole)

Please be sure to preregister for any or all of these sessions. It's easy! Just call 503-823-1410 and leave your name. Please be sure to specify which session(s) you will attend

Communication Options for NETs Wednesday, November 16, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

Amateur radio? And FRS? GMRS? Murs? There are a variety of devices that Net members might use to communicate with each other during team operations. While a NET doesn't have to have this capability, it could definitely speed up communications. If your team decides to try one of them, which one(s) could work best for you? And what about communicating with city emergency operations during a disaster. What each NET will need for sure is a licensed amateur radio operator.

Please attend this training for an overview of best options for communications among team members, amateur radio in emergency services, and the city's comm plan for NETs. This will be critical information for every team! Preregister by Thursday, November 10, at 503-823-1410.

"No-Code Tech" Amateur Radio License Training Saturdays, December 3rd and 10th, 9 am - 5 pm

The amateur radio operator is a critical member of the NET (and amateur radio is also an adventure for many enthusiastic hobbyists!), To act as the operator for your team, you'll need a license from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and those interested in the license need to pass a test given by a certified individual. Here's an opportunity to get the training, pass the test and get that license! The entire training and the test will be covered in two full-day sessions. Please note that you'll need to pay for the training manual and the license fee, a total of less than \$35. Preregister by Monday, November 18, at 503-823-1410.

Future amateur radio training opportunities: For all those previously or newly licensed amateur radio operators working with NETs, the City of Portland NET Program will sponsor the Amateur Radio Emergency Communication Course (ARECC) and additional training on radio operations protocol for NETs. These sessions will be coordinated by Bill Morris, Oregon Emergency Coordinator for Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), and Pat Roberson, training officer for Multnomah County ARES.

If you are interested, you will have an opportunity to sign up for these sessions at any training described above.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 PM CTLH Trans/Pkng Comm 7:00 PM Homestead NA	2 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM CTLH Board 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA	3 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	4 First Friday in Multnomah Village	5 9:00 AM Fall Cleanup 9:00 AM Marshall Park Workparty 9:00 AM Naturescaping (NCR) Wkshp - Basic* 9:00 AM Vermont Creek Work Party
6 8:00 AM Leaf Depot 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	7	8 11:30 AM SW Bus Assoc 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Bridlemile Crk Stewards 7:00 PM Fulton Park CC 7:00 PM Holly Farm Plant Mtg 7:00 PM Markham NA 7:00 PM Multnomah NA 7:00 PM Far SW NA	9 5:30 PM Fr of Woods Pk 7:00 PM Bridlemile NA 7:00 PM Crestwood NA 7:00 PM Maplewood NA	10 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 7:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Committee 7:00 PM Trees Committee 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	11 SWNI CLOSED	12 8:00 AM Leaf Depot 9:00 AM Trail Walk 9:00 AM Tryon Creek Work party
13	14 5:30 PM ONI BAC 7:00 PM Ashcreek NA 7:00 PM Mult Historical 7:00 PM Tryon Creek WC 7:30 PM S Burlingame	15 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	16 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 7:00 PM CTLH Parks & Grmwy 7:00 PM SWNI Board	17 7:00 PM Bicycle Safety Workshop 7:00 PM CTLH Planning Comm 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	18	19 8:00 AM Leaf Depot 9:00 AM Albert Kelly Pk Workparty 9:00 AM Naturescaping (NCR) Wkshp - Basic*
20 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	21 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm 7:15 PM CTLH Land Use	22 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/Public Safety Mtg	23	24 SWNI CLOSED	25 SWNI CLOSED	26 8:00 AM Leaf Depot
27	28	29	30	November 2005		

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.

Emergency preparedness group gains momentum

by Michael Kisor

The SW Emergency Preparedness committee is gaining a lot of momentum. Commissioner Adams said we were getting noticed by city council. And *The Oregonian* has picked up on some of our work too. But we need more volunteers to help us achieve all our goals.

We recently held a successful set of public training classes for emergency preparedness, organized by Keturah Pennington, Chris Vardas, Sylvia Bogert, et al. Community feedback has been that we need to continue this kind of outreach effort and to expand the topics which we present.

Our committee needs people interested in working a variety

of issues: public outreach and education, various kinds of fundraising and grant writing, developing working relationships with local businesses, encouraging earthquake-resilient buildings in our neighborhoods capable of serving as disaster shelters (e.g., fire stations, schools, churches, etc.) promoting and equipping Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NET), developing emergency communication plans (including HAM radio and emergency IT), and similar issues. If any of these, or a related area, sound interesting to you, please email me at ashcreek@magicpubs.com, or call the SWNI office at (503-823-4592).

The following three articles were submitted

by Michel Kisor, SWNI Emergency Preparedness Committee

Predicting a great quake

In geology, the past is the best predictor of the future. We know that the Cascadia Subduction Zone has produced 18 M9+ earthquakes since the last ice age, about 10,000 years ago. This is an average of a little over 500 years between earthquakes, but that number is misleading because rarely have there been 500 years between events. We see a pattern of a long quiet period of about 700-1000 years, followed by two or three earthquakes separated by only 300-400 years. The last Cascadia earthquake occurred in January of 1700, and the one before was about a 1000 years prior. From this pattern, we can expect the next one sometime this century. The eruptions of Mt. St. Helens also suggest something sooner rather than later.

The fallacy of earthquake zone maps

Perhaps you've seen earthquake zone maps of the Portland area and think your house is not at risk. Did you know those maps apply only to shallow crustal earthquakes? The big M9+ Cascadia subduction zone earthquake we're expecting this century will shake all of Portland equally. The entire city is at risk. In fact, when this earthquake strikes, every community from southern Canada to northern California, from the Pacific Ocean to the Cascade Mountains will experience it. Every Portlander needs to

prepare for an earthquake. Don't be lulled into a false sense of security by crustal earthquake zone maps.

Cascadia subduction zone

Just what is the Cascadia subduction zone anyhow? Why is it an earthquake hazard? The Juan de Fuca plate, west of our coastline, is pushing under the North America plate. The two plates are locked together, causing the North America plate, between the coast and the Cascades, to bow upward. Eventually, the strain will build up to the breaking point, like cutting the cord of a tightly strung bow. The entire land mass west of the Cascades will drop in a massive earthquake lasting up to five minutes. The eruptions of Mt. St. Helens (and rumblings in other Cascade mountains) are a result of the energy build-up of this subduction. Fault lines running through the Portland area do not affect the risk from this kind of earthquake; all of Portland will shake because everything between the Cascades and the ocean is moving as the bow snaps back.

Join the Urban Trails Walk Saturday, November 12, 9 am

Join Don Baack on a walking loop starting at Wilson High School to the Willamette River and return, enjoying the fall colors along the way.

Walk 5 - 6 miles with 500-ft elevation gain.

Meet at 9 am behind the bleachers at Wilson High School (*Sunset Blvd and Capitol Hwy*).

For more information, call Phyllis Towne at 503-223-3723