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Engine brake meeting produces good ideas

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist

SWNI hosted a meeting at the Multnomah Center on November 15 to address the problem of noise that truck drivers produce when

factured them. Engine brakes provide safety by supplementing a truck's regular brakes.

Engine brake noise from I-5--that distinctive staccato sound dropping in

Burlingame neighborhood.

Marti Long, South Burlingame's president, organized and facilitated the meeting, and brought together all the important players. In addition to neighborhood people, attendees included Portland Police Officer Scott Westerman; city noise officer Paul Van Orden; Ron Kroop and Matt Garret of ODOT; Oregon legislators Greg Macpherson and Ginny Burdick, Peter Mason of PDOT; and Bob Russell, President of the Oregon Trucking Association.

There was a consensus at the meeting that the core problem was not engine brakes but inadequate muffling of them. Several attendees noted the inadequate muffling is often on independently operated trucks with drivers who simply like the noise.

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they apply compression release engine brakes.

Compression release engine brakes draw energy from the compression stroke of an engine, and use that energy for braking power. They are commonly called engine brakes and also Jake brakes, after Jacobs Vehicle Systems, the company that first developed and manu-

register--has long annoyed SW Portland residents. It's particularly acute in northbound lanes in long downhill segments bordering the West Portland Park neighborhood and through the Terwilliger curves in the South

Mayor Potter names diverse group to Charter Review Commission

by Carmen Caballero Rubio, Director of Community Affairs

Mayor Tom Potter has named a diverse group of 25 community members who will sit on the city's first Charter Review Commission since 1922.

Additionally, he has asked 11 distinguished Portlanders to serve on an honorary advisory committee that will offer expertise and guidance to the commission. The group includes former Oregon Gov. Barbara Roberts and former Portland Mayor Vera Katz.

A resolution charging the Charter Review Commission with reviewing the city's form of government, examining the role of the quasi-independent Portland Development Commission and reforming Civil Service rules was heard by the city council on November 9th.

"The commission has a daunting task ahead of it, but the experience of its members, their deep roots in our com-

munity and sense of civic responsibility will ensure its success," said Mayor Potter. "The backgrounds of those who have volunteered to serve reflect the diversity of our community."

The City of Portland's Charter, much like the U.S. Constitution, contains the rules and laws which describe how the city functions, organizes itself, and makes the decisions that affect our daily lives. The charter determines how effective our city government is, how city employees are hired and retained, what kind of service the public receives, and how tax dollars are collected and spent.

Minor changes to the Charter have been made every few years, but this is the first complete review of its form of government in more than 80 years. Portland is the last major city in the country with a commission style of government.

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Overlap issue to be resolved with help of surveys, open houses

In December neighbors in three southwest Portland neighborhoods will have the chance to say how they want to resolve overlapping boundaries that the Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL) has with the Hillsdale and Homestead Neighborhoods.

Survey forms are being sent to overlap residents and businesses regarding both overlaps. Neighborhood residents outside the overlaps are also urged to fill out the surveys. Some will receive them in the mail. Others may access them at the SWHRL website, swhrl.org.

Surveys must be returned by a postmark deadline of January 5.

Neighbors' opinions about potential resolutions of the overlaps will also be shared at two open houses. The one for the Hillsdale/SWHRL overlap will be held from 6 to 9 pm on Monday, Dec. 12, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church at the corner of SW Dosch and Sunset Boulevard. The open house for the Homestead/SWHRL overlap will be held from 6 to 9 pm, Thursday, Dec. 15, at the OHSU School of Nursing, 3455 SW Veterans Hospital Road.

At each open house, a moderated public discussion will be held from 7 to 8 pm.

The efforts to resolve the overlaps result from a SWHRL suit brought against the city last year by the former SWHRL leadership. Under a settlement reached

earlier this year, SWHRL must resolve its differences with Hillsdale and Homestead.

The results of the surveys and open houses will be considered when joint neighborhood committees draft proposed solutions. The proposals then will be submitted to the respective neighborhood association boards for approval in January.

Options include drawing new boundaries to eliminate the overlaps or simply keeping the overlaps as they are, although overlaps are discouraged under city guidelines for neighborhoods.

The SWHRL boundary overlap with a third neighborhood, Bridlemile, was resolved this fall by both boards agreeing to keep the existing overlap. The Bridlemile/SWHRL overlap is considerably smaller than those between SWHRL and Hillsdale and Homestead.

While the two surveys are similar, the Homestead/SWHRL one presents a "discussion" boundary proposal for comment. It also proposes for discussion the idea of the SWHRL and Homestead boards having one reciprocal member on each board. The Hillsdale/SWHRL survey offers no "discussion proposal."

All three boards emphasize that the survey results and open house comments will be treated as advisory and will not be binding. See neighborhood articles page 6.

Woods sewer emergency repair project

Portland's Environmental Services are designing the emergency repair of a century-old brick sewer pipe in the Corbett-Terwilliger-Lair Hill neighborhood. A section of the 30-inch Woods Gulch sewer collapsed in September near the west end of the Ross Island Bridge.

Environmental Services installed pumps in the project area to bypass the damaged section by pumping water out of the sewer above the collapse and conveying it through above ground pipes to manholes below the damaged section. Installing several pumps at different locations ensures adequate pumping capacity when it



The pumps at SW 1st & Grover will soon be replaced with "quiet pumps" that are on their way from New Jersey.

rains, because the flow increases during wet weather.

The bypass system will remain in place during construction of about 2,400 feet of new sewer pipe. The job will likely take at least 12 months. The design of the repair project will be done in December and construction will

start soon after.

Environmental Services has scheduled a public meeting on Thursday, December 8, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, in the Cedarwood School gymnasium at 3030 SW 2nd Avenue to give affected residents a chance to get the latest project information, ask questions of project staff, and express concerns. If you have questions or concerns about the project, contact Joe Annett at 503-823-2934 or josepha@bes.ci.portland.or.us.

The Bureau of Environmental Services provide city residents with Clean River programs, including water quality protection, wastewater collection and treatment, and sewer installation.

TAX BITE TOO BIG?

Support your neighborhood and get a last minute tax-deduction!



Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) works to support 16 neighborhoods and approximately 65,000 residents in our coalition area. We work with residents on issues related to transportation, parks, land use, crime prevention and emergency preparedness. SWNI organizes many special projects, such as cleanups, candidate forums/debates, food drives, National Night Out events, Restoration work parties and much more! We also print and distribute this

newsletter, the *Southwest Neighborhood News*, each month to keep you informed about issues and activities occurring in your community.

We know you think our work is important. Now is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate your support by sending your tax-deductible contributions to: Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy., 97219.

SWNI is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and your gift is 100% tax-deductible. We do not sell our list of contributors to anyone.

Thank you for your support!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to SWNI Staff! Fanno Creek Clinic has selected Ginny Stromer, Leonard Gard, and Sylvia Bogert to receive recognition for their work as SWNI employees. The letter states the nomination received was both compelling and convincing that we, as a team, exemplify the best qualities of employees that serve our community. The award, which includes a \$1,000 honorarium for our team, will be made during a public ceremony at 10 am on Thursday, December 8, 2005 in the Council Chamber at Portland City Hall.

Congratulations also go to West Portland Park Neighborhood Association for being selected Neighborhood of the Year and Amanda Fritz for Independent Spirit Award at the Mayor's Spirit of Portland Awards. The presentation of these awards will be Thursday, December 15, 2 pm, at Portland City Hall with a reception following. Join us and support our neighborhood volunteers.

A history of South Portland

by Stephen Leflar

Stephan 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 Stephan's history. Last month, we read about decay in South Portland neighborhoods that started in the early 1900's and early efforts at urban renewal. This month, we continue with urban renewal.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s, Portland's professional planners had not yet warmed to the idea of reweaving the urban fabric from the existing fraying strands. "They took for granted," Carl Abbott explained, "that neighborhood decline is an inevitable process, the end product of a long, slow process of erosion."

Like other planners throughout the country, they assumed that this was an irreversible erosion in which inner residential neighborhoods "naturally give way to institutional and fringe commercial uses as the city grows and demands space for its central functions." By deciding to "clear" the South Auditorium Project area, planners produced a clean slate on which a new architectural and urban vision of the city would be inscribed. [Frozen Music, pages 207-210]

The South Auditorium Urban Renewal Project literally flattened 44 blocks of South Portland to the ground. The entire north end of South Portland had been quickly demolished. About 400 structures and 200 businesses were destroyed or relocated, and 1500 people lost their homes. Everything that had been there was gone. For after the bulldozers had left, the area looked like Dresden after the war. But unlike most European cities after the war, the infrastructure was not rebuilt; it was replaced.

The heart of the community no longer existed. It was replaced with super blocks and freeway connections. Only a few fragments of South Portland were left, including St. Michael's Church and the Civic Auditorium (with a modern façade in 1970 covering its older South Portland heart). A block away from the auditorium, the imposing Victorian stone building of St. Mary's School for Girls was torn down and for decades this block has remained a surface parking lot surrounded by the massive stone foundation wall of the old school.

There are two versions explaining why the demolition stopped at Arthur Street. One is that a group of South Portland residents calling themselves "The Hell Park Association" joined together to fight urban renewal. Intense resistance stopped the demolition at SW Arthur Street in 1968. Later, they met on October 28, 1970 at the Neighborhood House to plan for future protection from wanton development. Another states that in 1971, the City Council voted 4 to 1 to proceed with the South Portland Urban Renewal clearance project. The plans were abandoned when President Richard Nixon cut off urban renewal clearance funds.

By the mid-1960s, the South Auditorium Renewal Project was considered by planners a practical success and perhaps the most innovative urban development scheme in America. Once completed, it yielded to the city a tenfold tax return on their investment. It was so successful

that in 1965, the Portland City Council approved a 13-block extension of the urban renewal area at the north end of the original project.

A year earlier in 1964, Portland State College began development on its 46-acre site. A master plan was required to demonstrate the logic of expanding the university west of the Park Blocks. Since then, up to a dozen blocks have been razed by Portland State for facility development. In 2004, they bought property near the Ross Island Bridge and proposed to include everything south of I-405, including the South Portland National Historic District as part of their plan district. In the heart of Urban Renewal, a forgotten South Portland, three modern towers and two wonderful fountains were built, each occupying a full block. These fountains became very popular, soliciting national attention. With a convincing and yet subtle irony, they replicated in topographic form the wild Cascadian rocks, rills and streams of the pre-European Northwest. Designed by Lawrence Halprin in 1966, the engaging Lovejoy Fountain became a magnet for young and old. It became so popular that police sweeps were used to clear the area. Four years later, the more impressive Forecourt Fountain was built in front of the auditorium which itself had been retrofitted as a modern structure.

Private development pressure also assaulted the neighborhood. One slum landlord who owned 55 buildings was planning on replacing them with low-income high-rise apartments - until the zoning in the area changed. Another, Wade Erwin, chose to demolish two houses in a single block in 1977. He was a lawyer and landlord whose office was around the corner in the old Front Avenue fire station. One house was the Mayor Riley home at 3322 SW 1st. The other was around the corner at 15 SW Whitaker and was one of two matching Victorian houses; it was occupied by the third generation of a family. A legal battle was waged by neighbors who then formed a picket line around his office. Finally, the Mayor Riley house was moved to a site of the demolished Psychedelic Super Market and Merchants of Warm at 1st and Meade. The second house near the site of the original Mayor Riley home site was demolished and remains a vacant lot 25 years later.

In reflection, Flora Steinberg Rubenstein said: "So what did urban renewal do for the average person who only wanted to exist? Nothing. We now have high-rise buildings. Some people consider that a gorgeous sight, but to me it's an atrocity because no building, no matter how gorgeous or how high it stands, can take the place of people. There are no stores around here. There is absolutely nothing. ... South Portland community life is ... done away with; it's dead." [Lowenstein, p 216]

Charter Review Commission

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More than 160 residents applied to sit on the commission. The commission has a July 1, 2006 deadline. Its recommendations then will be presented to council before being forwarded to the public as a ballot measure in the November 2006 election.

The commission members are: Charles Wilhoite; Bob Ball; Beau Barnes; Guy Crawford; Melanie Davis; Jillian Dettweiler; Bruce Harder; Ed Hall; Joe Hertzberg; Kris Hudson; David Kelle-

her; LeAnn Locher; Nicole Maher; Peg Malloy; David Martinez; Susan McGee; Jim Meyer; Paul Meyer; Judy O'Connor; Robin Plance; Emily Ryan; Nohad Toulan; David Wang; Harold Williams, Sr.; Loretta Young.

Honorary Advisory Committee includes: Baruti Artharee, Dan Bernstine, Sam Brooks, Gale Castillo, Sho Dozono, Vanessa Gaston, Roy Jay, Vera Katz, Jaime Lim, Mike Lindberg, Barbara Roberts.



Hillsdale elects 18-year old as Mayor

by Glenn Bridger, Southwest Neighborhoods Chair

That headline in a San Francisco paper caught my attention when on vacation. The post-election day coverage in California had been so focused upon their statewide initiative vote, it had been hard to find out key election events in the rest of the country. The election in the headline had been in Hillsdale, Michigan, not our local neighborhood. As amazing as the successful candidate's age is that he was a write in candidate running against a named candidate. He campaigned. He was interested in what was going on in his community. While a year earlier he had come in second in a campaign for his high school body leadership, he learned from defeat.

We did not have an election this November, but that does not mean that political attention and involvement are not important right now. There will always be an election of importance coming up soon - we hope! As citizens, we need to take each election seriously. Support the

candidacy of the people you believe will excel in public office. If you are not interested in becoming active in anyone's campaign, become informed on the issues the successful candidate will likely face, and evaluate their abilities to resolve those challenges. Even if we complain that there are no good candidates, there always is a "best" candidate on the ballot.

Now, with the election still a few months away, is the time for you to talk to candidates and let them know your issues and concerns. Now is the time to observe and listen. And now is the time to resolve to attend the candidate's forum that SWNI will host this spring, and to vote in the election.

Don't complain about what others do to elect their candidate. Do the most you can do to support your candidate.

PS. While supporting your candidate, also look at what you can do to support SWNI financially. A gift, large or small, helps us support the livability of our wonderful community.

Mayor Potter names vision project committee

by John Doussard, Mayor's Office

Mayor Tom Potter has named the members of his Vision Project Committee, a group of 49 distinguished Portlanders who will guide the work of the City's Vision Project and be responsible for engaging the community in the process.

The committee's first meeting was November 15, where Mayor Potter introduced the committee, and historian Chet Orloff give an overview of previous visioning efforts.

The vision project is one of the Mayor's key initiatives. Members will spend the next year tapping the community's aspirations and goals to map out a strategic plan for Portland's future for the next 30 years. Portlanders will be asked to help set the priorities that will act as a roadmap for future City planning and budgets.

The committee's meetings are open to the public, and will take place

in different community locations monthly. Members include: Shahriar Ahmed, Felicia Allender-Brant, Pippa Arend, Don Baack, Monica Beemer, Brenna Bell, Sharon Bernstein, Rex Burkholder, Tom Campbell-Schmitt, Gale Castillo, Mara Cogswell, Karanja Crews, Eleza Faison, Pietro Ferrari, Vanessa Gaston, Lise Glancy, Samira Godil, Volodymyr Golovan, Christian Gunther, Alice Gustafson, Lane Hickey, Paul Hill, Suenn Ho, Marvin Kaiser, Mark Kemball, David Knapp, Sandra Kremers, Jensine Larsen, Adas Lis, Sheila Martin, Carole Morse, Justin Myers, Thomas Ngo, Rêmi Irène Ogouma, Jenna Padbury, Bina Patel, Greg Pearlman, Molly Raphael, Meryl Redisch, James Reynolds, Teresa Ríos, Alan Sanchez, Peter Schoonmaker, Judy Bluehorse Skelton, Zeke Smith, Pedro Sosa, Keith Thomajan, Nancy Weed, Joe Wykowski.

Engine brake meeting

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There is a state statute (ORS 811.492) that prohibits use of unmuffled engine brakes, but Officer Westerman and other Portland area officers have found the statute unenforceable. First, the definition of a muffler in good working order is too loose. A pipe with one or two baffles that do little or nothing to muffle sound can pass muster. Second, it is simply not practical for officers on a road-side stop to inspect mufflers.

As a short-term solution, Officer Westerman has instead been enforcing a City of Portland regulation, and he has sought permission from ODOT to post warning signs about that regulation on I-5. ODOT is refusing to do so because state attorneys have advised that the city's regulation conflicts with state law.

As a long-term solution, Officer Westerman seeks a revision of state law that

sets a simple and easily verifiable standard for the adequacy of engine brake mufflers, which could be checked as part of inspections at weigh stations.

By the end of the meeting, two good ideas emerged:

- 1) Cite miscreant truck drivers under the more easily enforceable ORS 815.025 for causing unreasonable noise;
- 2) Introduce a bill in the next legislative session that will clearly and simply define what an adequate engine brake muffler is. Representative Macpherson stated his willingness to put such a bill forward but wants input on a well-defined standard. A working group may be formed to provide that input.

For further information, contact Leonard Gard, SWNI Land Use Specialist at 503-823-4592.

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

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.

Kick off the holidays

Hillsdale Holiday Farmers' Market

Sunday December 4 2005

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Holiday in the Village

Friday - Saturday, December 2 - 3



Drop by Multnomah Village and get into the holiday spirit! Some of the planned events include:

Friday, December 2, 5 - 9 pm

Horse-drawn Carriage Rides: 6 - 8 pm. Load at Key Bank, SW 35th & Capitol Hwy.

The Savory Chefs offer tasty treats for the holidays, Sip d'Vine, 7829 SW Capitol Hwy.

Winter in Multnomah Village - New watercolors by Kaye Synoground, A Closer Look Studio, 7878 SW Capitol Hwy. (continues Saturday).

Wine tasting at John's Market, 3535 SW Multnomah Blvd.

Watercolors by Ania Kcerek -Williams. Reception at Beyond Borders, 7780 SW Capitol Hwy. (continues Saturday).

Free mini-facial, foot massage and hot wax treatment by appointment only, 7822 SW Capitol Hwy. Suite 2. (continues Saturday).

Trunk Show of custom jewelry by Sue Huston at Village Frame & Gallery, 2 - 9 pm, 7808 SW Capitol Hwy. (continues Saturday).

Mediterranean Food & Turkish Coffee samples, live music and door prizes. Indigo Traders, 7881 SW Capitol Hwy. (Gastronomic samples continue Saturday).

Saturday, December 3rd

Throughout the day: Strolling carolers, juggling and magic.

Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 - 10:30 am. Lucky Lab Public House, 7675 SW Capitol Hwy.

Get your face painted while waiting to visit Santa at O'Connors Annex, noon - 2 pm, 7648 SW Capitol Hwy.

Crazy Quilt Demonstrations at Fibers in Motion, 1 - 2 pm. 7855 SW Capitol Hwy.

Personalized beaded wire ornaments - Free at Village Beads, noon - 3 pm, 7771 SW Capitol Hwy.

Learn to make a Yule Log, 1 - 3 pm, Jacqueline's Found and Fabulous, 7763 SW Capitol Hwy.

Kids' Ornament Craft activity, 1 - 3 pm, Thinker Toys, 7784 SW Capitol Hwy.

Hadassah Hanukka Holiday & Gift Fair

Sunday, December 4, 9 am - 3 pm

Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane



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Childrens' area including: crafts, face painting, henna tattoos, children's buying area.



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Maplewood Neighborhood's appeal of a subdivision proposed for SW 63rd & Vermont update

by Ann Marie Fisher, Maplewood

Working out compromises can be tough, especially when the city planner enters your negotiating meeting looking at the clock while announcing, "You have one hour and the only thing we are going to talk about is trees." This is how staff from the city's development services bureau (BDS) opened the final negotiating session between the Maplewood Neighborhood Committee, other city bureau staff and representatives of the subdivision developer.

Among other things, we had differences of opinion over transportation issues such as the driveway/street alignment and the sidewalk placement. The city planner insisted that those were closed issues and not to be part of our negotiations, despite our belief that they could be included.

On a positive note: Colleen Harold of the city's sewer/stormwater bureau (BES), and Chris Goodell of Land Tech, the developer's private consulting

firm, redesigned the primary stormwater management facility for the subdivision. The original "vegetated swale" was reshaped to be shorter and broader, and designed as a series of "flow-thru" planters. This modification will preserve three beautiful old cedar trees in the front of the house which otherwise would have been cut down. Our committee viewed this first outcome as very positive for neighborhood interests.

Additionally, Maplewood had obtained a second opinion from a highly respected retired city arborist regarding a number of trees which he inspected and identified as healthy which grow near the east property border; these trees were listed by the developer's arborist as diseased. In this case, however, the city planner remained adamant that he would only recommend "voluntary preservation" of these trees, which is "planerese" for saying the developer can cut or not, regardless. Our commit-

tee viewed this outcome as non-satisfactory.

At the final city council hearing on Oct. 26, our Maplewood committee expressed appreciation to the property owner and the council for allowing more time to negotiate. We thanked them for preserving the three large trees. We noted several remaining areas of vital concern to us which we had not been allowed to negotiate. We repeated our concerns about the confusing and contradictory nature of the city's R10 neighborhood zoning (minimum 10,000-sq-ft lots), since they were approving 6,000 to 7,000-sq-ft lots in this subdivision. We also brought up the unknown factor of increased storm drain runoff from this subdivision to already severely eroded, degraded Vermont Creek. We therefore reserved our right to appeal.

Although city council finally voted to deny our neighborhood's appeal, they did grant the two concessions--the modified tree preservation

plan and the redesigned swale.

The city attorney is scheduled to have completed her findings for this particular land use decision by at least November 30. As is customary in Portland, she will base her findings on what is submitted by the developer's attorney. If Maplewood decides to appeal this case to the state Land Use Board of Appeals, it will have 21 days from the date when the city's decision is finalized.

Looking back over the past several months of interaction, our committee found this process to be both frustrating and enlightening. We strengthened our friendships with each other and we learned a lot about how Portland's land use process works and whether or not the city properly considers neighborhood or public interests. We also gained knowledge that only the direct experience with city staff can bring.

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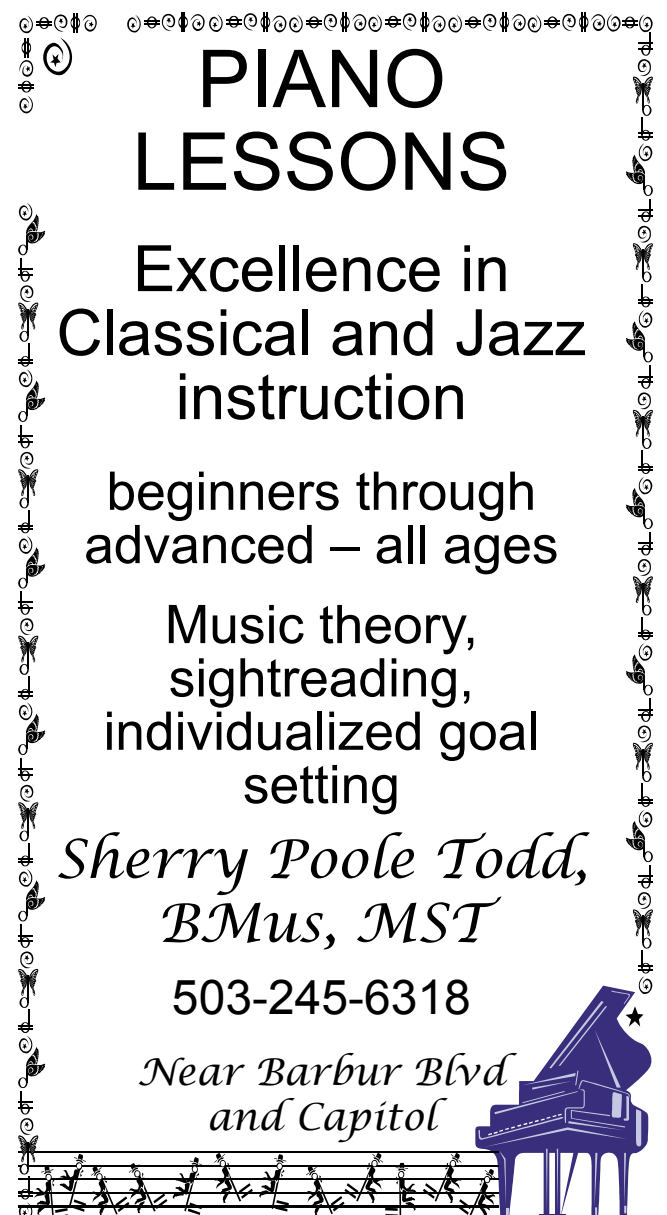
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Southwest Development Review

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

Pre-application conferences:
PC 05-162490. Type III land division with environmental review to divide a site into two lots with a resource tract. Location: 10450 SW 53rd Ave. **Neighborhood: Crestwood.**
PC 05-166839. Type III historic design review for sites to receive the Ladd Carriage House and Morris Marks House. Locations: SW 1st, 2nd at Gibbs and Grover. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**
PC 05-169419. Three reviews for a 3-lot land division. Location: 0704 SW Palatine Hill Rd. **Neighborhood: Collins View.**

Proposals:
LU 05-160165 LDP. Applicant proposes to remove house and outbuildings and partition the site into two lots. Location: 2021 SW Vermont St. **Neighborhood: Hillsdale.**
LU 05-163763 LDP AD. Applicant proposes to divide a site (Zupan's and adjacent structures) into three lots. Location: 0600 SW Nevada St. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**
LU 05-169044 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots. Location: 4916 SW Slavin Rd. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**
LU 05-162509 CU AD. Revised proposal to construct a wireless telecommunications facility on the roof of three buildings at Lewis & Clark College. Location: 0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd. **Neighborhood: Collins View.**
LU 05-154345 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots. Location: 6628 SW Virginia Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**
LU 05-169763 EN. Applicant proposes to build a one-story house and a garage. Environmental review is required. Location: 3615 SW Hillside Dr. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**
LU 05-169061 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a 17,040 SF site into two lots. Location: 4733 SW Fairvale Ct. **Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**

Decisions:
LU 04-035377 DZ. Denial of design review application to replace a steel truss electrical transmission tower with a tubular steel monopole in the South Waterfront district. Notice of potential appeal was given with a hearing date of November 17. Location: near intersection of SW Gibbs and Greenway. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**
LU 05-154934 AD. Approval of adjustment to reduce setbacks for a new detached garage. Location: 1377 SW Taylors Ferry Ct. **Neighborhood: Marshall Park.**
LU 05-136160 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan for a two-lot partition. Location: 5823 SW 53rd Ave. **Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**

LU 05-142597TRAD. Approval of tree review and adjustment to revise a tree preservation plan. Location: 3344 SW 48th Ave. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**
LU 05-148202 TR. Hearing officer's decision denying appeal of neighborhood association and affirming tree review approval allowing removal of two trees. Location: Lot 6 on Semler Way. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**
LU 05-132369 AD. Adjustment Committee decision granting appeal, overturning administrative denial and approving adjustment with modifications. Location: 9038 SW 40th Ave. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**
LU 05-100186 LDS. Hearing officer's decision denying appeal of neighborhood association and affirming approval of a preliminary plan for a five-lot subdivision. Location: 5003-5005 SW View Point Terrace. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**
LU 05-155914 LDP. Approval of two-lot partition for attached houses on a corner lot. Location: 6718 SW 36th Ave. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

Public hearings:
LU 05-128857 LDS EN. Appellant Hayhurst NA appeals a decision approving a four-lot subdivision, environmental review and modification. Location: 3609 and 3617 SW Cullen Blvd. **Hearing on December 1, at 2:00 pm, in City Council Chambers, 1221 SW 4th Ave. Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**
LU 05-164915 DZM. Applicant seeks design review approval for a 22-story apartment tower in the South Waterfront District. Location: 3732 SW Moody St. **Tentative hearing date of December 15 at 3:00 pm. Neighborhood: CTLH.**
LU 05-125472 PR. Applicant OHSU seeks parking review approval for 1,446 parking spaces associated with the block 25 building. 634 spaces will be in below-grade structured parking and the rest will be in surface parking. Location: Blocks 24, 25, 28, and 29 in the South Waterfront District. **Hearing on December 7 at 9am, 1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 3000. Neighborhood: CTLH.**
LU 05-132348 PUD LDS EN. Applicant proposes a 3-lot land division and tree preservation tract. Environmental review is required. Applicant also seeks a planned unit development amendment. Location: Lancaster Rd above Woodlee Heights Ct. **Hearing on November 30 at 1:30 pm, 1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 3000. Neighborhood: Arnold Creek.**

Final plats:
 3532 SW Alice St, 3641 SW Baird St, 3651 SW Baird St, 5605 SW Taylors Ferry Rd.
Notice of proposed development in an environmental zone:
 1284 SW Maplecrest Dr.

Committee Reports..

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

Our October meeting featured the movie *Crystal Misery*. It was produced by the crime prevention staff at the Washington County Sheriff's Office. It was an eye opener and I highly recommend it to parents and teens who want to learn more about the meth problem. It is short, about 22 minutes, and is available from Stephanie Reynolds at 823-3131 or Washington County Sheriff's Office.

At our November meeting, we will have a representative from the Oregon State Construction Contractor Board speaking about safely screening and hiring a contractor and avoiding being scammed.

There will be no meeting in December so we will see you in the New Year!

Next meeting: Tues., January 24, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president
503-245-0729

ONI Director Jimmy Brown will attend the SWNI Board meeting in December to discuss this year's budget process. Jimmy Brown has announced that he would like to establish a collaborative, partnership oriented development process, that is inclusive of the Bureau Advisory Committee, ONI staff (labor and management), ONI/BES staff, Coalition Director's and Chair's, and ONI Contractor's (RNW, EIA, YEI, and Goodbye Graffiti). Rather than have these groups meeting separately, Brown is asking that the Bureau Advisory Committee be expanded to include the above listed groups.

Next Meeting: Wed., Dec. 21, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Transportation Committee

Lillie Fitzpatrick, chair,
503-892-9921

At the November meeting, we hosted a PDOT workshop on bicycle safety. Committee members also heard an update on proposed changes in the route for bus line 39.

On November 17, a meeting with Metro Councilor Robert Liberty and people from PDOT, ODOT, TriMet, and Sam Adams' office addressed the issue of land use and transportation planning for Barbur Blvd. and I-5 through SW Portland.

Next meeting: Dec. 19, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Land Use Committee

In November, the committee discussed the opportunity for neighborhoods to give an annual report to the Planning Commission on the city's comprehensive plan. We discussed infill concerns, mainly regarding the flexibility allowed in sizing of lots in new land divisions and the sizing of new houses. The committee approved one motion opposing the use of city general revenues and money earmarked for neighborhood improvements to pay for increasing tram costs.

Next Meeting: Tues., Dec. 20, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Parks Committee

Kirky Doblle, 503-246-7970

The SWNI Board supported motions from the committee to work to extend the season that Wilson pool is open and to increase open swim hours, and to encourage closer cooperation and communication between the city and the school district on school property and other issues. Committee members discussed the future of small community centers. Later, there was a well-attended meeting at Fulton Park CC regarding its future.

Next Meeting: Thurs. Dec. 1, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

Trail 5 signs are going up at the Barbur transit center. We are still working with Parks & Recreation to identify locations for signs in parks. The next project on the trail work schedule is in Dickinson Park.

The last monthly walk was a big success. 21 people attended.

An easement across private property for a trail connection across SW 45th to Gabriel Park is still under review. The next step is a survey and then construction. The Trails Group hopes to take action on pedestrian improvements on Dosch Road.

No meeting in December

Neighborhood Reports

Arnold Creek

Tues., December 13, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church, 10558 SW 35th

Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483, enchand@hotmail.com

Our December meeting will be December 13 at 7 pm at the Jackson Baptist Church on the corner of 35th and Maricara across from Jackson Middle School. We meet downstairs.

We have two hearings at the end of November. One is for Woodlee Heights and the other is a Measure 37 claim. They are both on the 30th of November. Woodlee Heights is at 1900 SW 4th at 1:30 pm and the Measure 37 claim is at city hall at 3 pm.

We are working on a postcard that we can distribute to all residents of Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association. The purpose is to inform them of the meetings, when and where they are, and what issues we work on. If you would like input as to what goes on the card, please come to the next meeting. We would love to have your ideas and input.

Thank you to all who came last month. Keep those letters coming in about the intersection at Stephenson and Boones Ferry.

Ashcreek

Mon., December 12, 7 pm, Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872, jklinker@ease.com

The SW Charter School application for Smith was turned down by PPS, but discussions continue on the charter. SW Charter School (www.swcharter.org) intends to appeal this to PPS and then if need be to the state. In response to the charter school application, PPS is now interested in opening an environmental school on the west side.

We passed a motion to call for the City of Portland and OHSU, to stop/eliminate the OHSU/South Waterfront Tram as its price tag escalates past \$50M. The original proposed cost was around \$10M.

Steve Bloomquist of Planning Resources Inc. presented a 4-lot land division at 5715 SW Pasadena. They are dividing a 36,000-sq-ft property into four lots. They are planning on leaving existing structures. This area is zoned R7 and has environmental zones. The smallest proposed parcel is about 4500 sq ft. They will be putting in a private street from SW 58th. We are thinking of asking for Taylors Ferry style pedestrian and bicycle improvements on the south side of Pasadena. They are doing the land division for the owner, Kelly Githens.

Alex Stout & Paul Seilo of SFA Design Group presented a 4-lot land division at 8125/33 SW 54th Ave. They are combining two properties for a 47,000-sq-ft parcel and then dividing that into four new parcels. This area is zoned R10 and has no environmental zones. Two parcels will front on SW 54th and a private road on the south side will access the other two parcels. The existing homes will be torn down. They are doing the land division for Edge Development.

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Ashcreek

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In both land divisions, we are concerned about preserving as much of the tree coverage as possible. We are also concerned with stormwater issues. SW 54th, although fairly flat, has landslide issues during wet winters with the Multnomah Blvd. cut at its north end. And, of course, all the new houses will be big and multi-story and not fit in with the existing neighborhood feel.

Discussions continue with Hartman Motors and Tom Walsh of Ash Creek Commons for sidewalks from Ash Creek Commons to Barbur. They have requested a vacation of the dead end at 63rd and Pomona and we would like pedestrian improvements.

There is no news on the stop signs at Taylors Ferry and 62nd.

Stephanie Reynolds, SW Crime Prevention Specialist, will be our December guest and will discuss identity theft.

Bring cookies, or other holiday cheer, for we'll celebrate the holiday season at our December meeting.

Spirit of Portland Award ceremony

Thursday, December 15, 2 pm
Council Chambers
City Hall
1221 SW 5th Ave.

Join in and support your neighbors and all the winners of this year's awards.

Crestwood

Next Mtg: Wed., Jan. 11, 7 pm
West Portland United Methodist Church, library
4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd

Wes McMullen
503-244-2659, wes@ecosolvents.com
<http://www.CrestwoodNA.home.comcast.net>

Dickinson Park group:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dickinsonpark/>

Our next meeting will be in January. Mark it on your calendar and plan to be there ... we're working on an action-packed year ahead and we need the help of every neighbor.

There are monthly work parties involved in the removal of invasive plant life, improvement of park trails and planting native shrubs and trees in both Woods Park and Dickinson Park in December. To volunteer for Woods Park, contact Kurt Runzler, 503-544-0129, and Tony Hansen, 503-246-4656, for Dickinson Park.

Auction Moves Playground Closer to Reality: This year's Friends of Dickinson Park auction raised \$2,000 toward the goal of realizing a playground structure at the park field located on 55th Avenue. The playground fund now stands at nearly \$16,000 toward the fund goal of \$150,000. Friends of Dickinson Park and others interested in seeing the playground a reality soon, will be working on grant funds and other money sources in the year ahead. Those interested in getting involved in this project can contact Darien Reece, 503-452-9795/dreece@comcast.com for information about specific needs.

Jere Retzer, former CNA president, has moved from our neighborhood to the Lincoln City area. Retzer was instrumental in brokering a finish to the Southwest Community Plan, was well known for his conservation and environmentalist activities and founded the Crestwood Headwaters Group. He also oversaw the creation and drafting of the Natural Area Management Plan among many activities he headed and participated in over the years as a Crestwood resident. We will miss him.

Big Year Ahead Needs Your Support: Mayor Tom Potter, has given everyone of us a chance to have a greater say in how our city is run now and for the next three decades with the creation of his Portland Vision Project. He is seeking the input of all of us in the city. And, there's no better way to get started in this future vision than to attend Crestwood Neighborhood Association meetings this coming year. We meet the second Wednesday of the month.

Election of Crestwood officers and board members is this coming spring, so it's not too early to start thinking about becoming active in CNA. See you in January?

Collins View

Wed., Dec. 7, 6:30 pm (potluck), Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, Rm 201

Charlie Weiss, 503-799-4848 charliew@launchbx.com, www.collinsview.org

Join us **December 7th, at 6:30 for a potluck dinner** before our meeting. We'll have some NA business, including a brief presentation regarding the proposed development of a property on SW Primrose. The bulk of the meeting will be dedicated to our conversation with Commissioner Saltzman. This is our opportunity to talk with him about issues that are important to the neighborhood.

Parks: Commissioner Saltzman is now parks commissioner. We could advocate for a park for our neighborhood since we currently do not have one. Tryon Creek is a state park, and although it is wonderful having it nearby, it is not the same as having a playground for little children or park benches for older citizens. Rather than the traditional large parks containing all these features, Collins View might have several places that represent opportunities for smaller parks.

Alternative walkways: Many of our neighborhood streets are dangerous places to walk, like corners on Palatine Hill Rd. As one example, we could push for sidewalks (or other, less expensive/intrusive pedestrian ways) along Palatine Hill north of the college.

Aesthetics: The traffic divider at the intersection of Boones Ferry/Terwilliger/2nd looks like it has seen better days. It could be a much more attractive visual greeting to people

entering our neighborhood. The appearance there, as well as the planting strips along Terwilliger north of Riverdale HS, might represent possible public service projects for Riverdale or LC students or Boy Scouts.

If you have any other ideas that you think the neighborhood should bring up with Commissioner Saltzman, please come to the meeting or email them to charliew@launchbx.com.

Transportation Report - The Roundabout: Applying this new-fangled traffic-management idea (at the intersection of Terwilliger/Boones Ferry/Maplecrest/SW 2nd) has reached the stage where a working group is coming together. If you are interested in being part of the group, please contact Prakash Joshi at artalive@comcast.net.

TriMet Line #39: The #39 working group is continuing to meet with TriMet to hash out details of a route change. The potential routes have been narrowed down to two, the Hillsdale Clockwise Lasso Route, and the Hillsdale Two-Way Route. For full details, please visit John Miller's web site: <http://www.lclark.edu/~miller/Route39.html>. You can make comments via email to miller@lclark.edu.

Crime and Public Safety Report: A recent incident in the neighborhood involved an intruder entering through an un-

locked door. Public Safety Chair Gene Lynard would like to remind everyone that unlocked doors and windows are an extremely common and entirely preventable way for criminals to gain access to your home.

Land Use Report - Measure 37: Even though a judge recently suspended Measure 37, the City of Portland is continuing to process claims until the Oregon Supreme Court makes a final ruling.

In the Collins View neighborhood, Lowell Patton's claim for his property, located east of Boones Ferry Rd and south of Taylors Ferry Rd., has been deemed complete and is scheduled for a city council hearing on Nov. 30th, 2 pm, in council chambers, 1221 SW 4th Avenue, 2nd floor. The claim is for either \$1.38 million or the ability to subdivide the property and non-enforcement of the environmental overlay zone.

In this case, impact on neighbors is not a factor in the decision-making process, but safety concerns are. Several neighbors have submitted letters regarding the potential landslide hazard and other concerns.

Upcoming Events - International Holiday Arts Festival and Neighborhood Party hosted by Collins View Dance & Arts Center, Sunday Dec. 11th, 11 am - 6 pm. A volunteer Santa is needed for a 2 hour shift. Call Mimi, 503-293-6195 to get your name on the program.

Bridlemile

Wed., January 11, 7 - 8:30 pm
Bridlemile Elementary School, 4300 SW 47th Drive
Kathy Bambeck, kathyb2@teleport.com, 503-245-2634,
<http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile>

No BNA December meeting. If you have an issue that needs attention before the January 11th meeting, contact the appropriate BNA board member listed below. Happy Holidays to you and yours.

Bollards on Hamilton?

There is continued concern about parking on Hamilton in the areas signed "No Parking." Bridlemile Neighborhood Association supports placing wooden bollards along the roadway to prevent parking. Scott Westerman, our neighborhood police officer, is working on a solution to this problem. If you have questions, concerns, contact Beverly Vogt, bevvoigt@comcast.net, 503-292-6939 or see the Transportation section of the Bridlemile Neighborhood website: www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile for information, pictures and contact information.

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, call Lynne Mutrie, lynnem@actsoregon.org, 503-656-7329; or Lillie Fitzpatrick, lf@pdx.edu, 503-892-9921.

CREEKS - Bridlemile Creek Stewards' monthly meeting **Tuesday, December 13th;** details at BCS web site <http://home.comcast.net/~steve.mullinax/bridlemile/BCS>.

htm. **January 1st, 9:30 am to noon Hamilton Creek Restoration - Resprout Control Event:** Join Greg and Jerry in their annual New Year's Day celebration to help keep invasive blackberries from coming back along the stream banks near the NE corner of Hamilton Park. Contact: Steve Mullinax, steve.mullinax@alum.mit.edu, at 503-768-9065 or Greg Schifsky, gregsch@hevanet.com, 503-246-2714.

HAMILTON PARK FOOT PATROL - Join your award-winning foot patrol neighbors for an evening walk. Enjoy good company as they discourage the use of our park as a party site. Your contribution of as little as just one night this fall and winter is all it takes to help keep the foot patrol effective. If interested, contact Ellen Underhill at ellenunderhill@comcast.net and see the Hamilton Park Footpatrol <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/footpatrol> web page for more information.

HISTORY OF BRIDLEMILE - Neighbors will be sharing their stories with the students at Bridlemile. The children will learn about our neighborhood and we will enjoy learning from them. It will be available to all of us to enjoy, via their Bridlemile History blog at <http://www.bloglines.com/blog/Bridlemile> If you are interested in participating, contact Melinda McCrossen, 503-916-6292; mmccrossen@pps.k12.or.us or history committee contact, Ginger Danzer, 503-292-9460, ggdanz@wans.net.

Far Southwest

Tuesday, January 10, 7 pm,
Comfort Suites Motel, SW 60th & Barbur

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

We discussed the following at our November meeting:

Traffic calming: Andy summarized the traffic calming alternatives that the neighborhood has discussed previously with Mark Lear and Will Stevens since many neighbors voiced strong opposition to speed bumps on SW Lesser Rd and/or 60th Ave. These alternatives included closing the college entrance, having temporary reader boards, and having photo radar and more traffic enforcement.

Speed bumps are still a possibility for Capitol Hwy. The city has already approved this, although petitions would have to be signed by 2/3 of all affected neighbors and money would have to be raised. The neighbors discussed the possibility of installing a stop sign at 53rd Ave. and Capitol Hwy.

Development in our Neighborhood: The assisted living facility at the corner of SW Capitol Hwy and Lesser Rd is progressing. The structure is much larger and closer to Lesser Rd. than neighbors expected. The neighbors are concerned that there will be insufficient parking at the facility when it opens. The townhouses

planned for Capitol Hwy (toward the Barbur Blvd. side of the curve) will begin construction soon also.

Police Radio Reception in Our Neighborhood: They have found a solution to this problem and its solution is imminent. Look for an update at our January 2006 meeting.

Parks Update: April Fong described the work being done at Sylvania Natural Area Park (SNAP), the new park at SW 53rd Avenue and Capitol Hwy. The work includes invasive species removal, naturesscaping the front entrance, planning and implementing native plant revegetation of the front quarter of the park, etc., as well as creation of an educational sign about their work.

PPR restoration ecologist Mark Wilson strongly advocates replacement of the large horse chestnut tree at the front of the park with a 10-15-ft Western red cedar tree. Leaving this tree compromises the success of this project. Contact Mark Wilson, mwilson@ci.portland.or.us, if you have any concerns. Contact April Fong, afong@pcc.edu, if you would like to be involved with the SNAP project.

Neighborhood Reports

Corbett/Terwilliger/Lair Hill

Wed., December 7, 7 pm, Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church, 0206 SW Condor Ave.

Ken Love, 503-245-7795
TLC11@mindspring.com, www.ctlh.org

Big sewer troubles

Have you wondered about those large pipes running down Naito and Corbett, the pumps at several intersections and all the construction activity in the neighborhood? It's an emergency sewer repair project. A section of a century-old brick sewer collapsed in September. The pumps and pipes are there to pump sewage out above the damaged section and carry it to a manhole below the damaged section until the collapsed pipe is replaced. Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services is designing the repairs. Designs will be done in December and construction will start soon after. Environmental Services will build about 2,400 feet of new sewer pipe to replace the damaged brick sewer. The project could take at least a year. Environmental Services has scheduled a public meeting on Thursday, December 8, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, in the Cedarwood School gymnasium at 3030 SW 2nd Avenue. See page 1 for more info.



October 2005 volunteer riverbank restoration work crew

Willamette river-bank restoration gathering steam

More and more people are getting involved in the effort to restore the riverbank from Willamette Park to the Sellwood Bridge. The organizations involved include: CTLH NA, Miles Place residents, Portland Parks and Recreation, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Oregon DEQ and AmeriCorp. Portland State University may get involved as well. If you or your organization would like to get involved, call Ken Love, 503-245-7795.

Contemporary Crafts/CTLH Holiday Tea Party

You are invited to a special holiday tea party for the neighborhood sponsored by Contemporary Crafts Museum & Gallery (CCMG) and the Corbett-Terwilliger-Lair Hill Neighborhood Association. The event is on Sunday, December 4th, from 1-5 pm at the museum (3934 SW Corbett). Tea and refreshments will be served. For those interested in purchasing crafts, CCMG is extending a 10% discount that day to all who attend the tea party. Please join us!



Commissioner Randy Leonard

has promised to come to one of the upcoming CTLH board meetings. He hopes to come to the December or January meeting, depending on his other commitments.

CTLH's web site is www.ctlh.org

Committee meetings

Transportation/Parking Permit Committee: Tuesday, December 6, 6 pm, Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact: committee chair Bill Danneman, 503-228-9868.

Land Use Committee: Monday, December 19, 7:15, pm at Lair Hill Market, 2823 SW 1st. Contact: committee chair Jim Davis, 503-248-9820.

Parks and Greenway Committee: No December meeting. Contact: committee chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795.

Neighborhood Plan Update Committee: Thursday, December 15, 7 pm, Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: David Schwindt, 503-227-1165, dschwindt@schwindtco.com.

Communications/Finance Committee: Thursday, December 29, 7 pm, at Ross Island Grocery 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: Lee Buhler, 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com.

Hayhurst

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

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

Our next meeting is Tuesday, December 6, 2005, from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Vermont Hills United Methodist Church. Please come and fill one of our empty committee positions. Is anyone interested in chairing our NA?? Email me with your agenda items.

Neighbors are invited to return surveys and attend open houses to help resolve overlap issue

Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL) Hillsdale and Homestead Neighborhoods, involved in the overlap issues will have an opportunity to say how they want to resolve overlapping boundaries in their area.

Survey forms are being sent to residents and businesses in the overlap area. Neighborhood residents outside the overlaps are also urged to fill out the surveys. Some will receive them in the mail, others may access them at the SWHRL web site, swhrl.org. Surveys must be returned by a postmark deadline of January 5.

Opinions about potential resolutions of the overlaps will be shared at the following two open houses

Hillsdale/SWHRL
Monday, December 12
6 - 9 pm
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church
SW Dosch and Sunset Blvd

Homestead/SWHRL
Thursday, December 15
6 - 9 pm
OHSU School of Nursing,
3455 SW Veterans Hospital Rd

At each open house, a moderated public discussion will be held from 7 to 8 pm.

Homestead

Tuesday, December 6, 7 pm
OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor

Anton Vetterlein, 503-790-0719

Big news!! Homestead Neighborhood Association (HmNA) and the SW Hills Residential League (SWHRL) have agreed upon a process for resolving the boundary dispute that has soured relations between the two neighborhood groups over the last three years. That process is underway now and everyone in Homestead should have received a notice and survey in the mail about the process.

The boards of HmNA and SWHRL have proposed a tentative "discussion boundary" between the two neighborhoods that will do away completely with overlaps. The discussion boundary proposes that residences in the heights along Fairmount Blvd. and Sherwood Rd. will become part of SWHRL, and most properties below Fairmount will be part of Homestead, including the Marquam Village and OHSU area and areas further down towards Terwilliger Blvd.

Additionally, most of Marquam Nature Park will be part of SWHRL, and the recently protected open space areas south of Marquam Hill Rd. will be part of Homestead.

An open house to provide more detailed information and

allow discussion of the boundary proposal will occur on December 15, 6 - 9 pm, OHSU School of Nursing in rooms 358/364. The nursing school is at 3455 SW Veterans Hospital Rd, but is more easily accessed off of Gaines St. where on-street parking is available.

Maps of both neighborhoods showing individual properties along with existing and proposed boundaries will be on display at the open house. A formal discussion of the proposal (mediated by Resolutions NW) will begin at 7 pm, with informal discussion before and after.

The purpose of the survey is to solicit responses to the boundary proposal and several other settlement provisions. Do residents in the Heights want to be part of SWHRL exclusively, and do residents and businesses in the Marquam Village area down to Terwilliger want to be part of Homestead exclusively? Your responses are critical to helping the boards of both neighborhoods decide whether to accept or change the proposal. In addition to the mailed survey, they will be available at the open house and online at "HomesteadNA.org."

Please participate in this survey to help us settle this issue once and for all!

Maplewood

Wed., December 14, 7 pm
West Hills Friends Church, 7425 SW 52nd
Brad Baugher, 503-244-7025 baugherb@oes.edu

SWNI is looking for feedback to establish a schools committee. The committee will deal with school land use issues, school closures, boundaries, and magnet schools, just to name a few areas of concern. The goal is to have all neighborhoods represented. Interested? Call 503-823-4592.

Land Use Committee Report: The river concept draft plan is going through the review process.

Trees on Garden Home, next to Thriftway, have been severely pruned. It's illegal for private parties to prune trees on a public right-of-way.

Safety Committee Report: A forum is being organized this spring to show a movie on meth and how to identify and deal with this problem.

Parks Committee Report: Multnomah Presbyterian Church granted an easement to allow connection of a trail from Gabriel Park to Miles Ct.

63rd Development Update: see article page 3.

Troy/Maplewood Conservation Easement Update: If Three Rivers Conservancy is to get involved, we would need to raise \$15,000. Maplewood NA has an invitation to submit pre-application for Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods grant program.

52nd Demolition and Vacant Lot Development: A small group will be meeting with Peter Kusyk, the developer. There are two houses scheduled for demolition, with a total of 6 houses to be built, in the Maplewood area.

Design Review Committee: Gordon Trapp proposed we form a design review committee. He highlighted details on lot sizes and when a design review would be required according to Title 33 Planning and Zoning Chapter 33.825 of the City Code.

Friends of Vermont Creek will hold a work party on December 3, at noon. Help clean up one of the most polluted streams in Portland. They are requesting volunteers.

Maplewood neighbors, see page 11 for Maplewood fundraising efforts.

Hillsdale

Wed., Dec. 7, 7 pm
St Barnabas Church
201 SW Vermont

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

Agenda for December:
1. Welcome, approval of agenda

2. Review of last month's meeting minutes. See Hillsdale web site <http://explorepdx.com/hna.html>

3. Featured Topic and/or Speaker: TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION WITH SAM ADAMS, moderated by Bill Joseph

4. Reports:

A. Wilson Pool North Entrance Design Efforts - Duane Hunting

B. Jake Brake Meeting Nov. 15th, 4 pm, Multnomah Center Auditorium - Don Baack

C. Hillsdale Park Amendment. "If the school district ever decides to sell or otherwise dispose of the property adjacent to Hillsdale Park, that the City of Portland will make every effort to acquire the property immediately."

5. Bertha Senior Housing Project review ("naming contest") - Sheila Greenlaw-Fink

6. Mail box theft - Scott Westerman

7. SWHRL - Hillsdale Boundary progress - Open House 12/12 6-9 pm St Andrews Presbyterian Church 3228 SW Sunset

8. Land Use:

A. Hillsdale Renaissance - Duane Hunting / John Gould

B. Other Land Use Issues

9. Committee Reports:

A. Outreach Committee - Meghan MacKenzie

B. Hillsdale - SWHRL Negotiations (survey form and process) - Aloha Wyse

C. SWNI Report - Glenn Bridger

D. Hillsdale Plaza grant application

10. Announcements:

A. SWHRL - Hillsdale Boundary progress - Open House 12/12 6-9 pm St Andrews Presbyterian Church 3228 SW Sunset. Public Comments, Concerns, Announcements and Questions:

11. New business.

12. Adjourn.

Neighborhood Reports

Markham

Tuesday, December 13, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church 10558 SW 35th
across from Jackson School

Tim Cushing, 503-913-59759, tcushing@cfpwood.com,
http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm

Are you prepared for an emergency? What will you do if there are no support services for several days or a week? Our November meeting focused on emergency preparedness, with an excellent presentation on basic steps we can all take. You can get the pamphlet called *Together We Prepare Oregon* from the American Red Cross. It has checklists of emergency supplies and all the information you need to know to be ready for any disaster.

Want to be even better prepared to help yourself and your neighbors? You could take the Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) training. You can learn how to provide neighborhood level emergency disaster assistance until the professionals can arrive.

Recent events have shown us how critical this kind of on the ground effort will be in any disaster. Markham's team is getting organized and would love to have more trained members. To sign up for NET training

or for information, call 503-823-1260, or write Office of Emergency Management, 1001 SW Fifth Ave., #650, 97204.

Markham will be holding a special election at the December 13th meeting for president of the association. Please attend to vote, and better yet, put your name on the ballot!

We will also have an update on the BES/Markham project at 17th/Taylor's Ferry Rd.

The Markham Neighborhood has had a difficult time staying active due to the low turnout for meetings and limited number of bodies willing to share the responsibilities of the association. If you have issues that you think the neighborhood can best address as a united team, if you want a voice speaking for the neighborhood on city and metro policies, if you just want a group to organize community fun events, we need you to show up and get involved. The more people we have, the less workload there will be for all of us and the more we can get done.

Join the Urban Trails Walk Saturday, December 10, 9 am

Join Pete Schmiebach on an adventure of Southwest trails. Walk 6 - 7 miles with elevation gain of 500-600 ft. Meet behind Wilson High School bleachers (Sunset Drive & Capitol Highway) at 9 am. For more information, call Phyllis Towne at 503-223-3723

Multnomah

Tuesday, Dec. 13, 7 pm,
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Brian Russell, 503-869-1632, barusse@hotmail.com

Greetings, Multnomah neighbors! I am delighted to be writing my first column as chair. Our meeting this month had a great turnout. Almost 40 people showed up to hear City Commissioner Sam Adams discuss sidewalks and streets, sewers and stormwater. One of the more promising ideas from the commissioner was the notion of making sure that arterial streets between neighborhoods, such as Capitol Hwy and Dosch Rd, are lined with bike lanes and sidewalks to improve safety. We hope to continue to have engaging speakers in future meetings.

I would like to take this opportunity to present to you my goals for the neighborhood association for the coming year. First, I want to increase attendance at our monthly meetings. Second, I would like to improve the relationship and interaction between us and our schools. And third, I want the association to become more proactive, less reactive.

The attendance at our monthly meetings is very inconsistent. In order for the neighborhood association to have validity with the city, we need to have a representative group of people at each meeting. I can hear you saying, "But I'm busy, why should I come?" The answer: We need your input! We will be addressing a variety of topics over the next year, from bikes and businesses, to shopping and schools.

Speaking of schools, we've all heard about the fix our public

schools are facing, not enough money, shortened school year, etc. I want our neighborhood to support our schools from the grassroots level. We won't be able to write a million-dollar check, but we can help our schools with an hour of our time or a donation of supplies. Schools are a major part of the foundation of any community and good schools increase property value, improve the local economy, and help lower crime rates. When we support our schools, our quality of life improves.

Finally, I'd like to see the neighborhood association become more proactive in how we deal with local issues. It seems to me that most meetings are focused on responding to land use "problems," which is one part of our responsibilities. I would like to see neighbors educating each other and to promote rational discussion over heated topics, such as flag lots. I think that we should also be more involved in other community events, like Multnomah Days and maybe put on an event of our own!

The message I want to convey is that the neighborhood association is a tool, your tool, to create a community that embraces the values that are important to you. To make that happen, we must all come together in frank and respectful discussions about those things that are important to us. That's one of the best aspects of our meetings, the chance to socialize, to make new friends and to share ideas. See you next month!

Marshall Park

Thursday, January 12, 6 pm
Papaccino's Coffee House
8421 SW Terwilliger

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

At the November meeting, we hosted a presentation by a Maplecrest homeowner regarding a land division proposal, and gave updates on the website <http://marshallpark.swni.org> and the tree preservation committee work.

Please visit the new website, which is up and running thanks to the efforts of neighbor Mike Charles! The website contains meeting and park work party dates and times, as well as a gallery of pictures from the neighborhood. Send comments and suggestions for the website to marshallparkna@yahoo.com.

The Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) for Marshall Park also met in the month of November, hosted by Bruce Watt. Interested? Contact Neal Smith at 503-730-6356 for more information. There will be another NET training in 2006.

As in past years, we will not have a December meeting. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 12. Instead, please consider helping out this month as we plan to hand-deliver flyers to neighbors in order to spread the word about MPNA. Please contact the co-chairs (see above) for more information.

There will also be a regular monthly first Saturday ivy removal work party in Marshall Park on **December 3rd from 9 am to noon**. Hope to see you there.

Parks Community Budget Workshop Saturday, December 3, 9 am - 1 pm, Metro Council Chambers, 600 NE Grand Ave.

An Interactive workshop to discuss Portland Parks & Recreation's (PP&R) challenges, opportunities and options and help set the direction for future budget decisions. Help PP&R staff and managers begin the "heavy lifting" necessary to create the 2006-07 budget.

West Portland Park

Next Mtg: Thurs., December 8, 7 pm
Hospitality Inn Conference Room, 10151 SW Capitol Hwy
David Gens, 503-244-8043 www.neighborhoodlink.com/wppna

In-Fill Development: One of the major issues of concern in West Portland Park continues to be in-fill development. A large crowd of neighbors came to the meeting in November to learn about the proposed development in the green space south of SW 43rd and Galeburn.

Basically, the developer would like to put in 12 houses while reserving a small heavily wooded green space. To put in the 12 houses, the city would have to change zoning on part of the site which is currently an environmental zone.

There are four basic bones of contention:

- The developer is proposing an alley that would border existing neighbors' backyards.
- Those neighbors who would be impacted by the alley are prevented from building fences for buffers from the alley because they are in an environmental zone.
- Changing the zoning on part of the site to remove the environmental zone status.
- Going from trees to asphalt.

South Burlingame

Monday, January 9, 7:30 pm
Capitol Hill Elementary 8401 SW 17th Avenue

Chair, Marti Long, 503-452-1450, sethandmarti@comcast.net
(FAIRLY) NEW MEETING PLACE AND TIME!

January 9th at 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 to 8:30 pm.

On Saturday, November 5th, ODOT and the South Burlingame Neighborhood Association co-sponsored an ivy "cut" in the area bordering I-5 between Burlingame Park and Capitol Hill Elementary. It was a huge success, with



twenty-two people from our community volunteering. We were able to cover the entire area and cut back on the blackberry bushes, as well. We saved about 70 trees from certain death from English ivy. This neighborhood ivy pull was the second in 8 months (first in May), and, according to ODOT, it was the best turnout they have ever had at a neighborhood event. We have now saved approximately 1/2 of the trees adjacent to Burlingame Park in the I-5 corridor. Thank you very much to all the volunteers. (And special thanks to Lynn Pearson who distributed flyers about the event.) You helped to make a difference.

The second weekend in May will be the next ivy cut/pull and BBQ. In the near future, we will be exploring the possibility of planting native tree seedlings to replace the trees that have died and to help to screen noise from the I-5 corridor, provide

wildlife habitat, and improve water quality. Please mark your calendars and contact Mike Andrews ((503) 419-2500 or email mpa@wrgd.com) if you have any questions or comments.

ODOT was very responsive to our requests for help, but the reality is that it is still up to our neighborhood to make sure that the area is clean and not ruined by invasive plants. The area adjacent to the Terwilliger Bridge is often covered in litter. If you see litter, clean it up!

The ivy cut was scheduled only a few weeks before it was held, so the event was not able to be included in this column. I sent out the information via e-mail to those neighbors whose e-mail address I had. Please send me your address so that you can be included in other informative e-mails in the future.

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

could be the permanent one if everyone likes it. Possible alternative name is West Portland Park. There currently is not a park with that name. A possible partner idea would be to rename the branch library next door the West Portland Park branch, to avoid confusion with Capitol Hill School. Other thoughts?

Come to the WPP NA meeting in December, where we will brainstorm possible names and plan ways to hear input from neighbors on the proposed name for the park. A recommendation will be forwarded to Portland Parks and Recreation from the neighborhood association.

The arts committee for the park has met to discuss what artwork to have in the park.

Signage. We need input on wordage for signs.

Transportation: Adam Grimshaw reported that the Jackson Middle School crosswalk will soon have flashing yellow lights.

Holly Farm Park Next Steps: Naming the park. It seems the name has already been decided as we have been calling it the Holly Farm Park. The truth is that is a temporary name, although it

Portland officers to undergo profiling course

Portland Police Bureau

When stopping a vehicle, police officers must be mindful of a number of factors: traffic on the road, looking for a safe place to pull over, the number of people in the vehicle, suspicious movements and their own personal safety.

Beginning September 2005 and continuing through March 2006, all Portland Police Bureau officers are receiving a three-hour course in the ethics and constitutionality of stopping vehicles as part of the annual 40-hour in-service training.

The course, called "Perspectives on Profiling," provides officers another perspective when making traffic stops. The issues of racial vs. criminal profiling, protecting the rights of the driver and maintaining ethical standards are part of the curriculum.

"This training is about how officers can use their well-developed intuitive skills on the street without intrusion of unintentional bias," said Sgt. Kris Wagner of the Police Bureau's Training Division.

Last June, officers and government employees from a half-dozen Oregon jurisdictions gathered in Eugene to attend the "Perspectives on Profiling" training conducted by the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Museum of Tolerance. This was a 12-hour course followed by another 12 hours of facilitation training.

"The importance of this training is that we are taking this issue of profiling to the forefront," said Officer Dana Lewis, who along with seven other Bureau officers attended the course in Eugene and will facilitate the profile training. "By incorporating this training, we're letting the community know that we're not sweeping this issue under the rug."

The course teaches officers:

- How to differentiate criminal profiling from racial profiling.
- When race may be used appropriately as a factor in a profile.
- How to identify racist undertones within an agency's culture, and how to insulate themselves from its effect.
- The role of "probable cause" in the practice of racial profiling.
- How to avoid escalation in racially charged stops.
- Which statistics would be used as predictors of future behavior and which should not, and why the differences.

The course examines the Fourth Amendment, which protects citizens against illegal search and seizure, and the Fourteenth Amendment, which guarantees citizens their civil rights. Also, there is the Whren Decision, a 1996 U.S. Supreme Court decision declaring that any traffic infraction is reason enough to stop a vehicle, regardless of the officer's actual motivation of the stop.

A valuable part of this course is the discussion between the officers-in-training and the facilitators. The dialogue is often intense and thought-provoking, which is why the Police Bureau has experienced officers facilitating the training.

"One of the first issues we discuss in the training is to come up with a definition of racial profiling," said Lewis, who has been with the Bureau for three years, but has been in law enforcement for 14 years. "Just coming up with a definition that is in agreement with everybody opens up the dialogue. Once that is set, we can start breaking down the issue of racial profiling."

In November 2004, the Police Bureau and Portland City Council adopted a nondiscrimination resolution that defines racial profiling as any police-initiated action that relies on the race, ethnicity or national origin rather than the behavior of an individual or information that leads the police to a particular individual who has been identified as being, or having been, engaged in criminal activity.

Another unique aspect of this training is its use of video technology to introduce officers to scenarios that require them to make critical decisions based on a list of options. When an option is chosen, the video shows the results, which are evaluated and discussed. This virtual experience solicits input from the trainees, emphasizes learning points and offers immediate feedback.

This training fits well with the Police Bureau's emphasis on community policing, according to Training Division Captain George Babnick.

"The effective community policing officer must be more than just a law enforcer," said Babnick. "They must be critical thinkers, problem solvers, and they must have effective communication skills. It offers officers important perspectives that encourage real problem-solving efforts."

The Portland Police Bureau has two publications available on-line that explain what you should know if you are stopped by the police titled "Understanding Police Procedures" and "Teens and Laws." Both are available in English and Spanish at www.portlandpolicebureau.com. Look for brochures under the Publications tab.

Scam artists blow in with high winds and heavy rain

Oregon Construction Contractors Board

November in Oregon usually means the beginning of the high winds and heavy rain season. Homeowners whose property is damaged by Mother Nature's fury can be prime targets for unscrupulous thieves. The Oregon Construction Contractors Board (CCB), the state agency that protects consumers and regulates the construction industry in Oregon, has the following advice:

If you need roofs, windows, fences, or patio coverings fixed, or if you've got damaged trees that should be removed, "Stay away from unlicensed contractors," says CCB Enforcement Manager Richard Blank. "Scam artists come out of the woodwork after severe weather to prey on people who are anxious to get their home fixed because more winter weather is on the way."

Legitimate contractors performing home repairs must be properly licensed with the CCB. A license of-

fers financial protection to consumers through the business' CCB bond and insurance and access to the CCB's dispute resolution services.

"Most contractors are honest, skilled, professional business people," says Blank. "But stay away from those who aren't." Consumers should verify a contractor's CCB license at www.ccb.state.or.us, or 503-378-4621 before signing a home repair contract or paying any money.

The CCB advises homeowners to be extra careful of door-to-door repair solicitations, contractors using vehicles with out-of-state license plates and "too-good-to-be-true" bids. It is also important to get a detailed written contract (what will be done and at what price) and to not pay 100 percent of the bill before the repairs are properly completed.

Free consumer publications with helpful tips are available at the CCB's website and 503-378-4621.

Education, bicycle safety goal of enforcement mission

Portland Police Bureau

On Sept. 28, 2005, the Portland Police Bureau conducted a bicycle-motorist safety campaign in Northeast Portland geared toward educating drivers about bicycle lanes.

The Police Bureau's Traffic Division focused on a 150-foot stretch of road on southbound NE 122nd Avenue as it intersects with NE Halsey Street. A solid bike lane separates the vehicle lanes from what could appear to be a lane, but is actually a shoulder. Motorists cross over the solid bike lane - and in some cases, part of the bike lane - as a right-turn lane.

Officers on motorcycles and two on bikes were on hand to educate drivers about two vehicle codes: ORS 811.050 (Failure to yield to rider on a bicycle lane) and ORS 811.435 (Operation of motor vehicle on a bicycle trail).

As of the end of September 2005, four bicyclists have died on Portland roads, according to Lt. Vince Jarmer of the Traffic Division, which is a dramatic rise from last year's one fatality. By conducting these missions, the Police Bureau is bringing awareness to drivers about vehicle and bicycle safety.

Lorie Tipton of The Dalles was one of 83 drivers that day to be pulled over for crossing over the solid bike lane and onto the shoulder lane to make a right turn. To her, the warning she received served as a wake-up call.

"I feel so ignorant," said Tipton, who along with her family are avid bicyclists. "It's great that the police are out here making motorists more aware. I am definitely not doing that again."

Within a two-hour period that afternoon, officers issued 62 warnings, 19 citations, and two cars were towed for having no proof of insurance.

Jarmer said those who received citations were the ones who got dangerously close to the officers on bikes. But for those who received warnings, it served as a face-to-face educational experience.

"Most drivers try to follow the law and drive responsibly," said Jarmer. "Safety is a mind-set first, then behavior follows that. If you are not safe-thinking, you won't be safe-acting."

Rules of the Road

Portland Office of Transportation

- Do not drive on a bicycle lane. You may cross a bicycle lane when turning or when entering or leaving an alley, private road or driveway. You may use a bicycle lane as part of an official duty, such as delivering mail. Farm equipment may briefly use a bicycle lane to let other traffic pass.
- You must yield to bicycles in a bicycle lane or on a sidewalk before you turn across the lane or sidewalk.
- You may not park any motorized vehicle on a bicycle path or lane.
- You must yield to bicycle riders at intersections, the same as you do for other types of vehicles.
- Do not crowd bicyclists. Wait for a clear stretch of road before passing a bicycle that is moving slower than your motor vehicle in a lane too narrow to share. Remember, the bicycle is a slow-moving vehicle and may require you to slow down. The greater the speed difference between you and a bicyclist, the more room you should allow when passing.
- Do not honk at a bicyclist unless you have good cause to warn them you are close by. The loud noise could startle the rider. There may be good reason for the bicyclist to be riding in the travel lane, such as roadway hazards not visible to motorists.

Collisions with bicycles

Four common errors that could cause you to strike a bicyclist:

- Turning left without noticing an oncoming bicyclist.
- Turning right at an intersection or driveway without checking for a bicyclist on the right who is continuing straight ahead.
- Entering or crossing a street without checking for a bicyclist is the street or on the sidewalk.
- Opening a vehicle door into the path of a bicyclist.

Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for September 2005

Neighborhood	Murder	Rape	Molest	Robry	Agr Aslt	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	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	11.3
Ashcreek	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	2	1	2	11	27.6
Bridlemile	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	6	19.6
Collins View	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	1	4	10	71.0
CTLH	0	0	0	1	2	2	3	0	4	1	7	4	6	30	66.2
Crestwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	22.4
Far Southwest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	65.6
Hayhurst	0	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	5	0	3	0	0	13	23.0
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13.6
Hillsdale	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	5	2	5	16	27.2
Homestead	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	5	3	2	14	70.4
Maplewood	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0	3	9	14.9
Markham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	21.5
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11.2
Multnomah	0	2	0	0	1	2	2	0	11	2	6	2	4	32	37.9
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	20.3
SW Hills	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	7	24.7
W Ptl'd Park	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	2	3	0	0	12	25.4
Total SW	0	4	3	2	9	17	8	2	37	6	42	15	29	174	32.4

SW Public Safety List Serve underutilized

How to sign up for the email group

by Stephanie Reynolds, SW Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

In Southwest Portland there is an email group focused on public safety and crime prevention. So far, this group has not been used to its full potential, and I would like to see that change by attracting more members to the group. This article explains the function of the email group (also known as a list serve), and how to sign up for it.

The SW Public Safety email group is designed to help neighbors and businesses in Southwest Portland discuss crime prevention and public safety issues amongst themselves and with police and crime prevention personnel. City personnel use this group to pass along information, statistics, and crime alerts, and to answer questions. Neighbors and businesses may use this group to ask for information, compare notes, and strategize to improve safety and security in our Southwest neighborhoods.

For those of you unfamiliar with list serves, here is a primer: a list serve is simply an automatic email distribution list. When you belong to a list serve, you can exchange messages with the other members of the group simply by sending an email to the list serve's email address.

Here are the steps to take to sign up for the list serve:

- Send a blank email to: swpublicsafety-subscribe@yahoogroups.com
- An email will be automatically sent to you asking you to confirm your email address and interest in the list serve. You do this by simply replying.
- After you have confirmed your email address, you will get another automatic email, this time from me, explaining the purpose of the group and how to use it.

D. At this point, you are signed up and will begin receiving emails. You will also be able to send email to the group by sending to: swpublicsafety@yahoogroups.com

E. You don't have to do anything else to belong. However, some people want to adjust the details of their membership, such as how often messages are delivered to them. If this is the case, when you receive this second email that comes from me, click on the link to the group's website.

F. Once at the group's website, you will be asked to enter your Yahoo ID. If you already have a Yahoo ID, you can just use the one you have. If you do not have one, you will need to select one, and the website will coach you through this. A Yahoo ID consists of a login name that is unique to you and a password. Once you have signed in with your Yahoo ID, you can change the setting for how often email from the list serve is delivered. Some people like getting each email as it comes in. Others prefer to receive a digest of the whole day's emails.

So far, the emails have consisted of crime alerts and notices of meetings and trainings related to public safety in Southwest Portland. Right now, the volume of email on this list serve is only about 3-5 per month. I hope that with more members, the discussion will pick up. I hope to see you on the SW Public Safety List Serve soon!



Spud and Ian, both Belgian purebreds, are the latest two additions to the Portland Police Bureau's Mounted Patrol Unit, bringing the total number of horses to nine. If you would like to learn more about the Mounted Patrol Unit and visit Spud, Ian and other mounted patrol officers and horses, contact the Mounted Patrol Unit at 503-823-2100 to set up a tour.

Mayor Potter invites you to a community meeting on drug free/prostitution free zone policy

Thursday, December 1st, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
City Council Chambers
1221 SW 4th Avenue
and

Thursday, December 15th, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Vestal Elementary School
161 NE 82nd Avenue

Mayor Tom Potter will convene two meetings to receive community input about the current drug-free and prostitution-free zone ordinance. While the policy was scheduled for reauthorization by city council earlier this month, Mayor Potter and City Commissioners voted to extend the current drug-free and prostitution-free ordinance by 90 days to allow time for public input on proposed changes to the code. Drug-free zones were first implemented in 1992 in an effort to curb street-level drug dealing within certain designated boundaries. Later, the ordinance was expanded to include prostitution.

For more information, 503-823-3583.

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| Emergency police, fire, or medical help
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 |
| SW Crime Prevention Coordinator
Stephanie Reynolds
503-823-3131 | |
| Neighborhood Response Team Officers
Steve Andrusko & Scott Westerman
503-823-0234 & 503-823-0235 | |
| Mental Health Crisis Line
503-988-4888 | |
| Traffic Safety & Livability Hotline
503-823-SAFE | |
| Nuisance, housing code violations
503-823-7306 | |
| Abandoned auto hotline
503-823-7309 | |
| Noise control office
503-823-7350 | |
| Graffiti abatement hotline
503-823-4TAG | |
| Liquor license issues
503-823-3092 | |
| Independent Police Review
503-823-0146 | |

Elected Officials

- Mayor Tom Potter
503-823-4120
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- Commissioner Sam Adams
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- Commissioner Randy Leonard
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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/dchs/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.girlsinitiativenetwork.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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The holidays and caregiving

The holidays can be stressful, regardless of who you are and what's going on in your life. But, when you're taking care of a person with Alzheimer's disease, or some other form of cognitive impairment, the holidays can be particularly difficult. For caregivers, the holidays often bring mixed feelings and question about your loved ones' abilities to be a part of the holiday festivities, your friends' and family's expectations about what you and your loved one will be able to do for the holidays, and your expectations of yourself. Thoughtful planning and preparation is perhaps the only way that you, as caregivers, can ensure that you've acted in the best interest of both the person that you care for and for yourself.

The following is a list of suggested holiday do's and don'ts that can be helpful for caregivers:

- Don't overwhelm the person that you care for with large groups of friends and family. Limit the number of guests to just a couple at a time. And, try to schedule visits early in the day.
- Don't overwhelm the person that you care for with loud music and lots of decorations, particularly those that twinkle and blink. Over-stimulation oftentimes leads to increased agitation in persons with memory loss and dementia.
- Don't alter your regular routine to a great degree or move furniture around too much when making room for a Christmas tree or other holiday decorations. Persons with memory loss do not adapt well to change.
- Don't use candles, if safety is an issue, unless they have some special significance in tradition, such as lighting the candles on a menorah. If safety may be an issue and candles are used, don't leave them unattended.
- Don't decorate with things that can be mistaken for edible treats, such as artificial fruits and plastic candy canes.
- Do communicate with your family and friends about your current situation and your loved one's current condition before seeing them at holiday functions. Let them know by phone, email, letter, or in person.
- Do keep family traditions that are important to you, even if these traditions need to be adapted to some degree.
- Do involve your loved one in holiday activities. Simple tasks, such as stirring cookie batter, wrapping presents, and hanging ornaments on a tree can help him or her feel involved in the holiday process. If the person that you care for can't assist in these type of tasks, involve him or her as much as possible, with carols, or holding ribbon down on a package while you tie the bow.
- Do be realistic about what you can do for the holidays. When you are providing care to someone with memory loss, you may not have a lot of time to prepare elaborate holiday meals. Enlist other family members to help with big feasts. For example, you can say to your adult children "I'll make the turkey if you bring the pie and Chris brings a salad and vegetables." Remember not to do it all, focus on the things that bring you joy.
- Do take care of yourself during the holidays, and do enjoy yourself.

Neighborhood House, Inc. Senior Center and Aging Services offers a Caregiver Support Group on the 4th Tuesday of every month from 1 to 2 pm, at 7688 SW Capitol Highway. The caregiver support group is free and open to anyone who is a caregiver. For more information on caregiver issues, services, or the caregiver support group, contact Troy Kindy, MSW at 503-244-5204.

HOLIDAY PARTY

December 13th, 1 - 3 pm
Neighborhood House Senior Center

Come and celebrate the season with your friends at the Neighborhood House Senior Center! There will be entertainment and holiday goodies.



DECEMBER TRIPS

Senior Center membership required

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

THE GROTTO-FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: Wednesday, December 7, 4:30-9:30 pm. Cost \$4.50 + \$7 entrance fee. Registration begins November 30th.

LUCKY EAGLE CASINO: Wednesday, December 7, 8:45 am-5pm. Free. Registration begins November 28th.

SHOPPING @ LLOYD CENTER: Thursday, December 8th, 1:30-4:30 pm. Free. Bring money for shopping/food. Registration begins November 30th.

NW SENIOR THEATER & ICE CREAM: Wednesday, December 14th, 1:00-4:30 pm. Fee: \$5 for admission + ice cream money.

SHOPPING @ WASHINGTON SQUARE: Tuesday, December 20th, 10 am-2 pm. Free. Bring money for shopping/food.

TOUR OF HOLIDAY LIGHTS: Tuesday, December 20th, 4:30-9:30 pm. Cost: \$7.50. Bring money for dinner. Registration begins November 30th.

PORTLAND ART MUSEUM + LUNCH: Wednesday, December 28th, 9 am-2 pm. Cost: \$5.50, plus \$13 admission and money for lunch. Registration begins November 30th.

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
9:10 - 10:10 am, Thursdays
- Yoga**
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**
Appointments on Tuesday afternoons
- Low Vision Support Group**
11:00 am - noon, third Tuesday
- Acupuncture**
Appointments Mondays and Thursdays 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, December 12
9 - noon, December 13
Fee: \$10; Payable to AARP
- Senior Law Project:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Appointments begin at 9 am. This service is available to you if either you or your spouse is 60+ years of age, and are residents of Multnomah Co. The initial 30-minute consultation is free, regardless of your income. Further assistance may be available for those meeting income guidelines. Local attorneys donate their time for this valuable service. To make an appointment, call Gretchen at 503-244-5204.

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 participants in most activities, classes and trips. Membership is open to all individuals 55 & older, or if the spouse is 55 years of age.

Neighborhood House receives bequest for senior center - agency offers holiday giving options

A grateful recipient of services from Neighborhood House Senior Center has left a bequest in excess of \$40,000 to help ensure the viability of the center into the future.

The benefactor took part in a grief support group after the death of her husband and indicated her appreciation of the group in her bequest letter, according to Mari Yerger, the agency's development director. "She wanted to make sure that others had access to the same support when they needed it," Yerger said.

The bequest is designated for the Senior Center Endowment Fund, established to increase the financial stability of the center, which relies heavily on changeable public funding for its support. Neighborhood House is Southwest Portland's leading nonprofit social service agency working year-round to better the lives of low-income youth, families and seniors in our community. Bequests are just one way to give to Neighborhood House. The agency is offering a new option this holiday season.

Consider a Neighborhood House "gift card" - the perfect gift for those friends and loved ones who "have everything." Purchase a Neighborhood House gift card in honor of friends, family, classroom teachers - anyone - in any amount you choose. In return, you'll get a handcrafted gift card to send to the honoree with the message: "a donation has been made in your honor by (donor's name) to Neighborhood House. The donation will "Open Doors of Opportunity" for children, families and seniors in southwest Portland.

Children in several Neighborhood House programs will decorate the gifts card with their own artwork. Each card will be unique and carry the mark of a child who stands to benefit from your generosity.

The cards will be available for sale at the Hillsdale Farmer's Market Holiday Market, Sunday, December 4, 10 am-2 pm. You may also purchase them by contacting Mari Yerger, 503-246-1663 x119, myerger@nhweb.org, or at Neighborhood House, 7780 SW Capitol Highway.

Other ways to give:

Online Giving at www.nhweb.org. Go to our secure on-line store. All donations are 100 percent tax-deductible.

Check, cash or money order: Send your contribution to Neighborhood House, 7780 SW Capitol Highway, Portland, 97219. If you wish to designate your donation for a specific program or purpose, note it on the check or in an accompanying letter. We will ensure that your wishes are followed.

You can also support Neighborhood House by participating in a raffle being sponsored by merchants in Multnomah Village. Visit any participating store in the village to purchase a raffle ticket for \$2 each or three for \$5. Raffle tickets will also be on sale during the special "Holiday in Multnomah Village" event on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3. Area shops and restaurants have generously donated items for the raffle, including gift baskets and gift certificates. The winning raffle numbers will be drawn Saturday, Dec. 10. Proceeds will benefit the Neighborhood House Emergency Food Box Program.

Senior volunteer reading tutors

needed at Capitol Hill Elementary School

Adults, age 50+ are needed to help children learn to read. No experience is necessary. Free training, materials and monthly support meetings are provided. Tutors work one-on-one with a student in grade 1-3 for an hour a week, using reading and writing activities. New tutor training and the placement of tutors will be in January. For information or to register for training, call Colleen at 503-833-3636. An information meeting to learn more about being a tutor will be at OASIS Education Center on Thursday, December 8th, at 10:30 am, 10th floor of the downtown Meier&Frank store (621 SW 5th Ave.)



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Library events, emergency preparedness, etc.

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

FOR FAMILIES

Holiday Pop-Up Cards: Make your own pop-up books and cards. Thu., December 1, 3:30-5:30 pm.

Jory's Teddy Bear Concert: Bring your teddy bears for an interactive experience. Sat., December 3, 3:30-4:15 pm.

Warm Winter Holiday Tales: Multicultural tales and a performance of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Sat., December 17, 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. Sat., December 10, 10 am-noon.

FOR ADULTS

Pageturners: Engage in stimulating conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plots. Thu., December 1, 1:30-3 pm. Read *When the Emperor Was Divine:*

A Novel by Julie Otsuka. Tue., December 13, 7-8 pm. Read *Strangers on a Train* by Patricia Highsmith.

Talk Time: 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. Tue., December 6, 12:30-2 pm.

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 December 24).

Personalized Treasure Boxes: Create fun and colorful gift or treasure boxes. Space is limited. Free tickets for seating will be available 30-minutes prior to the program. Sat., Dec. 3, 11 am-1 pm.

The No. 1 Hillsdale Knitting Society: For children 5 years and older as well as adults. Sat., December 10, noon-2 pm.

Toddler/Preschool Sock Hop: Silly outfits and party dress encouraged. Appropriate for ages 2-5 with adult. Space is limited. Wed., Dec. 14, 10:15-11:30 am.

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 through December 15, 3:30-5:30 pm.

Read to the Dogs: Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs. Preregistration required. Saturdays, December 3 and 17, 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.

Pageturners: Engage in stimulating conversation about books. Tue., December 13, 6:30-7:45 pm. Read *Portland Confidential: Sex, Crime, and Corruption in the Rose City* by Phil Stanford. Thu., December 15, 1-3 pm. Read *Crescent* by Diana Abu-Jaber.

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. Sundays, 3-5 pm. (except December 25).

New Catalog with Mouse Basics* The class is designed for beginning computer users. Learn to use the mouse as you learn about our library catalog. Mon., December 5, 3:30-5 pm.

Jackson Middle School October 2005 Students of the Month

Each month at Jackson Middle School, a boy and a girl from each grade are chosen as students of the month. The criteria for each month is the theme word found in the school planner. The word for the month of October is *responsibility*. The students who best demonstrate the theme word are selected by the teachers from their grade level. The October Students of the Month are:

Jordan Alleman is a seventh grader and has one older brother. His favorite subject is science because on most of the projects, he can relate them to his life. He plays soccer on the Southside Revolution while he also likes to watch hockey and lacrosse. As for his future ambitions, he would like to go to Stanford University and study science and math. He would like to eventually earn a doctorate and become a professor there.



Tony Le is an eighth grader at Jackson Middle School. He has three younger siblings. His favorite subject is his block class consisting of social studies, language arts and literature, because his teacher makes the class fun. He is an all-around player on the Wilson Trojan Football team and watches football and basketball. His future ambition is to work hard to get to high school.

Elise Scribner is an eighth grader at Jackson Middle School. She has two other siblings. Her favorite subject is drama because it gives her an opportunity to express herself and have fun. Her ambition is to live life to the fullest.



Alexa Stalsberg is a sixth grader at Jackson Middle School. She has one other sibling. She plays soccer for the Cheetahs where she is a forward and plays defense. Her future ambition is to help those in need.

Reid Van Mouwerik is a sixth grader at Jackson Middle School. He enjoys playing lacrosse and basketball. His future ambition is to attend Berkeley University and graduate from Harvard Law School.

Halley Warren is a seventh grader at Jackson Middle School. She has a younger sibling and an older sibling. She likes to watch tennis, golf and soccer. She enjoys playing soccer for the Twisters. Her ambition is to perform when she becomes an adult by being an actress, guitarist and a singer.

We congratulate each student for being selected and for representing Jackson Middle School, their communities, their families and themselves in the best manner possible.



Merry Maplewood

Give the Maplewood Neighborhood Association something it can't get anywhere else this holiday season...

YOUR SUPPORT! (monetary or voluntary)

We are working to keep Maplewood the place that charmed you into moving here in the first place. Your neighborhood is currently working on:

- ☆ A website to keep neighbors informed on issues important to the livability of our area.
- ☆ Maplewood Road Conservation Easement - we need to raise \$15,000 for this project.
- ☆ Hiring specialist as needed for issues that arise in our neighborhood.

Send your tax-deductible contribution to:

SWNI
7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Portland, OR 97219

Indicate on the check that it is for the
Maplewood Neighborhood Association.

We appreciate your support and wish you happy holidays and a great New Year!

SW Community Health Center

As the holiday season begins and many of us enjoy festive lights, the lights are also on at SW Community Health Center. We are open two evenings a week and have been in operation a mere 6 months. So far, we have seen over 500 unduplicated, uninsured clients.

Residents and attending physicians from OHSU volunteer to provide health care, assisted by medical students. Nurses from the community have volunteered to provide follow-up referrals as well as medication management and community volunteers are providing intake and clerical support. It is a combined effort which speaks well of SW neighbors.

Currently, the majority of clients seen are adults between the ages of 20 to 65. We are seeing an array of health con-

ditions ranging from colds to bladder infections, asthma, diabetes, hypertension as well as serious heart disease and a seizure disorder.

Like any safety-net clinic, we are writing grants as part of our sustainability plan. It is often easier to get funding for programs than operations, the mundane but essential expenses like utilities, computer and clinic supplies, lights and insurance. Perhaps, as you make end-of-the-year donations, you'll consider a tax-deductible donation to SW Community Health Center to help keep the lights on. We'd be most appreciative. We wish you a happy, healthy and peaceful New Year.

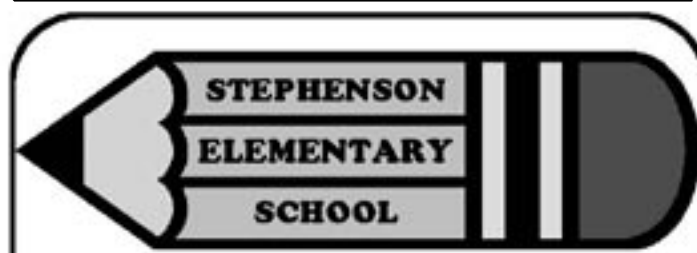
We are located 7688 SW Capitol Hwy., room 37. For an appointment, call 503-977-0733.

Multnomah Arts Center Winter Arts & Crafts Sale

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Why Naturescape Your Yard?

There are many reasons to Naturescape your yard. Let's look at some of them:

Helps prevent water pollution. By naturescaping your yard with native plants which are adapted to this climate and the conditions in the Portland metro area you will not need to use artificial chemicals to keep your plants healthy. When you put fewer (if any) chemicals on your yard, fewer chemicals will wash off into streams during rains.

Saves water. Part of naturescaping is to group together plants that require about the same amount of water. That way you need only water those groups that need extra watering. Once established (after 1-2 years), native plants require very little additional watering. After all, they evolved to survive in this crazy climate we have where sometimes we have rain for two months straight and then in the summer, we might get no rain for two months.

Less maintenance. Once established native plants require very little care.

Provides habitat. Native plants provide the food that our local birds have evolved eating. Also, the migratory birds count on being able to find the native foods when they come to visit.

Beauty. Let's not forget that there is a lot of variety and beauty in our native plants. There are

flashy flowers; more subtle flowers; leaves and needles of all sizes, shapes and shades of green; berries; and fall color.

Attend a Naturescaping workshop. Come to a FREE 4-hour workshop to learn how to naturescape your yard. 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.

We have one more Basic workshop for fall 2005: **Saturday, Dec. 3, 9 am-1 pm, at OHSU in SW Portland.**

That date does not work for you? We are currently putting together a full schedule of workshops for spring 2006. Keep checking back to this column for the schedule.

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

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



Salal gaultheria shallon

Salal can grow either a few inches off the ground or up to 15 feet in height.

The leaves are evergreen and thick, shiny, somewhat leathery and up to five inches in length. The small pink flowers are urn-shaped, grow downward, with 5 to 15 appearing on a stalk.

Salal grows in a variety of habitats from open coniferous forests and clear-cuts to the seashore. It prefers a rich, organic soil that is acidic. Salal has an extensive, suckering root system that helps bind the soil.

Salal grows best in partial shade with little water, once established. Its dark-blue berries are edible, and were a significant food resource for the native people. Salal berries are made into jams and jellies, often combined with Oregon grape because the tartness of Oregon grape makes up for the mild Salal flavor. Birds of many species eat the berries.

Salal is also known as shallon and lemonleaf. Its green, shiny leaves, interesting flowers and edible berries give salal interest throughout the year in your yard.

McGuire advises citizens to prepare for disaster

by Michael Kisor

Michael McGuire, interim manager of Portland Office of Emergency Management (POEM), was our guest at November's SW Emergency Preparedness meeting. He said the most important lesson from hurricane Katrina is the need for a prepared citizenry. He advised citizens to put together 72-hour kits, and to take Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) training. About 200 people city-wide are on the waiting list for the January NET training. We asked for more classes, as obviously there is interest, but were told that the biggest obstacle is limited budget. The suggestion was made to charge for NET classes, but Mr. McGuire resisted the idea, saying some people could not afford it, and it would be a barrier to others. He suggested that donations to your local NET to buy equipment for their cache is a better way for the public to contribute money to the NET program.

SWNI actually has a fund set up for SW Emergency Preparedness which will be used to help equip SW NETs and to promote emergency preparedness awareness in the SW. Donations are tax-deductible, greatly appreciated, and really make a difference.

I would like to encourage readers to write the mayor and the city commissioners requesting that they triple the NET training budget. With a cost of approximately \$175 per person and only 150-200 people trained a year, you can see this is a very modest request in the city

budget. It's an inexpensive investment to help avert a calamity like we saw in the aftermath of Katrina.

McGuire promised to look into our request for flexibility in adjusting NET boundaries for more efficient operation. He also talked about emergency communications, HAM radio, how important it is that businesses have disaster preparedness and recovery plans (most do not), how local fire captains will be communicating more with local NET's, what kind of response to expect from a pandemic flu outbreak, and more. He also talked about how the metro-area cities, the five metro counties, state and federal governments are all working together on disaster preparedness issues and exercises.

McGuire was intrigued by the DVD we sent him on cost effective, disaster-resistant monolithic domes. He suggested we give input to the station advisory committees for Fire Stations 18 and 21.

We hope to use the "new" SWNI server as our group's communications hub. The goal is to streamline our operation, decentralize, and do more work outside of our monthly meetings. This would decrease our dependence on meetings for conducting business and allow us to use them more creatively to reach out, engage, energize, and educate.

At our next meeting (**Dec. 8th, 7 pm, Multnomah Center**), we will break out into smaller groups to focus on fund-raising, public outreach and education, and creating a disaster-resistant community.

In January, Commissioner Saltzman will be our special guest.

2006 NET training

The Portland Office of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue will conduct a winter training of the NET Basic Training Course starting this January.

To become a NET member, you'll need to complete a total of 25 hours of basic training—seven skill-building sessions and a half-day exercise at the end of the course. The dates for the winter training have been set, but because we have so many interested people right now (almost 200 people city-wide) both the Wednesday evening and Saturday morning series will be citywide and held at the Fire Training Center, 4800 NE 122nd Ave (just north of the Sandy Blvd. overpass).

Training dates/times will be as follows:

Wednesday series: 6:30 - 9:30 pm on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8 and 1:00 - 5 pm on Sat., March 18.

Saturday series: 9:00 am - noon on Jan. 28, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18.

Don't miss this opportunity! NET training is available to anyone who lives or works in Portland and is at least 14 years old. Registration for the winter training will begin about one month before the first class. To receive the registration packet call POEM at 503-823-1260.

December 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 6:30 PM Drug/Prostitution Free Zone Mtg 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	2 Holidays in Multnomah Village	3 9:00 AM Naturescaping Workshop - Basic 9:00 AM Parks Community Budget Forum Holidays in Multnomah Village
4 8:00 AM Leaf Depot 10:00 AM Hillsdale Holiday Market 1:00 PM CTLH/Contemp Craft Tea Party	5	6 6:00 PM CTLH Trans/Plng Comm 7:00 PM Hayhurst NA 7:00 PM Homestead NA	7 6:30 PM Collins View Potluck 7:00 PM CTLH Board 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA	8 6:30 PM Public Mtg Re: Woods Sewer Project 7:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Committee 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	9	10 8:00 AM Leaf Depot 9:00 AM Marshall Park Workparty 9:00 AM Trail Walk
11	12 5:30 PM ONI BAC 6:00 PM Hillsdale/SWHRL Open House 7:00 PM Astbreek NA	13 11:30 AM SW Bus Assoc 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Bridgeway Crik Stewards 7:00 PM Markham NA 7:00 PM Multnomah NA	14 5:30 PM Fr of Woods Pk 7:00 PM Maplewood NA	15 2:00 PM Spirit of Ptd Award 6:00 PM Homestead/SWHRL Open House 7:00 PM CTLH Planning Comm	16	17
18 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	19 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm 7:15 PM CTLH Land Use	20 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	21 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 7:00 PM SWNI Board	22	23	24
25	26 SWNI Closed	27	28	29 7:00 PM CTLH Finance/Communications*	30	31

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

Weather contingency: All meetings canceled if Portland Public Schools are closed. The SWNI office will be open if possible. The staff will attempt to open within two hours of regular time (8:30 am). We recognize that storms cause problems for people with whom we work and our goal is to respond as effectively as possible within the guidelines of common sense. If you are in a crisis situation and unable to reach us, as a backup number you can call the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) at 503-823-4519.

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