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Southwest Neighbors Walk

by Jayne Cronlund, SW Neighbors Walk chair

On Saturday, April 30th, I hope you will join me for the first ever Southwest Neighbors Walk. This walk is a great opportunity to get out and support your Southwest Neighborhood. I know how important community involvement is. I am originally from Philadelphia. My hometown suffered dramatically from a loss of community. It became unhealthy and unsafe for its residents with crime, polluted rivers and loss of greenspace. I know that by getting involved in my southwest neighborhood I am helping keep my neighborhood safe, clean and green.

Across the country, citizen participation has been on the decline for the last 30 years, according to demographer Robert Putnam. Here in Portland, civic participation and involvement has almost doubled in that same time period. I believe the existence of the neighborhood system here in Portland is the reason for this dramatic jump in civic participation. The neighborhood system was institutionalized thirty years ago and provides important benefits for the Portland community. Here in Southwest Portland we are blessed with one of the best organized and most efficient neighborhood nonprofits of all, Southwest Neighborhood, Inc.

The walk on April 30th will benefit Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI). Southwest Neighbors believes that community involvement makes safer neighborhoods. When people get involved and get to know each other, crime decreases, parks and streets are safer. Streets and parks are cleaner because we know and care about each other and our neighbors. SWNI has a crime prevention committee to help make our community safer.

Southwest Neighborhoods believe that the City of Portland makes better decisions with community involvement in the public decision making process. Through SWNI programs, citizens have an opportunity to voice concerns over development and road projects and can help craft win-win decisions. Specifically, SWNI has land use and transportation programs that provide citizen involvement opportunities for proposed buildings and roads.

Southwest Neighborhoods believes that citizens are healthier and happier when they have access to adequate parks and trails. SWNI has many programs that address these concerns, including the SWTrails Committee, Naturescaping, and its own Parks Committee. All of these programs provide opportunities for citizens to get involved in creating a green and healthy environment with plenty of walking trails for our Southwest Neighbors.

A history of South Portland

by Stephen Leflar

Stephen Leflar is a long-time resident of the Corbett-Terwilliger Lair Hill area and is active in the neighborhood association. He recently completed a history of South Portland.

We are proud to be able to print excerpts in this and future issues.

Note

History, in the deepest sense, is like an endless wave through time and space with unseen origins and unknown endings. While much of it is hidden, it is still very much alive. And for mortals, both language and history are born together in the first story. It is the telling then that makes history for us. The historian remembers and recalls, awakening and revitalizing buried moments--into meaning, song and even breath itself. Thus we begin again, breathing in the past.

Native Americans

The Multnomah tribe, a subset of the Chinookan tribe, had lived in the area for 8,000 years. Before European contact, there were about 45,000 living in northwestern Oregon. Some of them settled on, and near, Wapato (Sauvie) Island. They used the west side of the Willamette River to forage for natural vegetables and fruits; they fished the rivers, and hunted game for food and clothing. They ate salmon from the rivers, roots, nuts, berries, and wapato--a soft-bulbous root tasting like potato which was harvested in shallow water by loosening the mud around it with the toes so that it would float up. They loved camas bulbs baked with hot stones, then ground into flour and baked into bread. The best string was made from stinging nettles.

Southwest Neighborhoods envision leaving a legacy of a SW Portland where its citizens know each other, are safe, have access to trails and parks, good roads with sidewalks, and development occurs that meets the community's needs.

Our goal is to have 400 people turn out for this walk. The walk is self-guided and leaves from the Multnomah Center. Start anytime between 10 and 11:30 am. Walkers will travel through Gabriel Park, passing the Southwest Community Center for a rest stop, view all the wonderful features in Gabriel Park and return back to the Multnomah Center.

This is a non-competitive walk designed for fun, fitness and fellowship. Rain or shine, join in and see how small steps equal great strides for our neighborhoods.

The cost for each walker is \$20. Kids under 12 walk free. Teams of 8 or more are just \$15 per person. Each walker will receive a ticket to the chili feed after the walk, a copy of the Southwest Walking Map, and a chance to win raffle prizes.

Ways to sign up for the walk: call, 503-823-4592; email, swni123@spiritone.com; or pickup a brochure from the SWNI Office, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.; or online at www.swni.org.

If you are not able to participate in the walk, come and cheer on the walkers and then join us for fun, conversation and a bowl of tasty hot chili (choice of meat or vegetarian), bread, and a cold drink. The cost will be \$5, if you didn't participate in the walk.

If you are interested in sponsoring or donating for this event, please contact me at 503-260-0442. I hope to see you there!



Join us for a walk in Gabriel Park and enjoy the park!



Their culture was vibrant with an artistic impulse informing all aspects of their boats, dwellings and clothing. Fish oil was rubbed on to stay warm in winter, causing them to smell intensely to the dismay of Europeans. Chinooks also had a peculiar tradition of binding the soft heads of infants with a small board for the first three or four months of life. Petroglyphs carved long ago have been found carved into the basaltic rocks along the river gorges and at Willamette Falls. Settlement sites have been discovered on the southeast side of Sauvie Island. But several millennia of a culture in balance with nature has left surprisingly little.

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Mayor, Commissioners, bureaus and citizens tackling tight city budget

City Council "Work Groups" made up of commissioners and citizens have begun work on the City's 2005-06 budget, a process that comes at a time of painful choices for Portland. The Mayor has created two budget teams, each made up of two commissioners, a citizen and city staff. Bureau Directors will present their individual budgets with 5% in suggested reductions to the work groups. The Work Groups will make recommendations to the Mayor.

Work Groups need to identify \$8 million in savings this year to begin offsetting an expected budget shortfall of \$19 million over the next five years. In years past, cuts often have landed across all departments equally. But the Work Groups have been asked to think more strategically -- funding those programs that most closely match the community's needs and priorities, and reducing or ending those that don't.

"We can no longer keep thinning the soup," Mayor Potter has noted. "There are going to be programs that the city has supported for years that we will stop funding because they no longer reflect what the community wants or because we don't have the money. When

I came into office, the budget had already been cut to the bone -- and that is now our starting point. Further cuts are necessary."

This more inclusive style of budgeting comes at the beginning of the city's year-long "visioning process," which will bring community leaders together to help the city define its direction and priorities for the next 30 years. These long-range strategic goals will insure future city budgets closely reflect community aspirations.

Join Portland Mayor Tom Potter and City Commissioners at the first of two Community Forums to provide information and opportunities for discussion leading up to the Mayor's Proposed Budget which will be released in early April. A second forum will be held at Mt Scott Community Center on March 31st.

**Monday, February 28, 6-8 pm
KAISER TOWN HALL**

3704 N Interstate Avenue

Take Interstate Max (Yellow Line)

Parking lot on site, more across Interstate

More information at www.portlandonline.com/communitybudget. Also, see page 2

Outraged Smith School parents and neighbors respond to closure proposal

by Susan Sanderson, Foundation president

Shocked Smith Elementary School parents, children and community members filled the Smith gymnasium on February 18th to hear Representatives of Portland Public Schools give an overview of the PPS proposal to close Smith School in Fall 2005. The Audience questioned the reasoning behind the Administration's proposal to close Smith Elementary School. Smith is one of seven schools to be affected by the plan.

"The PPS plan is completely unacceptable," commented Bob Nourse, the Smith PTA president. "The reasoning behind the closure is still not clear. PPS Administration suggested it's not about budget issues, but is to improve our children's education yet, they're calling for the closure of two "Exceptional State Rated" elementary schools. Where's the logic in that?" Out of 61 elementary schools in the PPS district, only 15 achieved "Exceptional" status and two of these are targeted for closure. Parents and neighbors were shocked and enraged by the blatantly unilateral decision the Administration made to propose the Smith closure.

There was clear dissatisfaction with the conclusion of the proposal. Attendees were surprised that the School Board gave them so little notice to prepare for a hearing to be held February 23rd at Wilson High School. "It is absurd and unfair to expect us to understand the full impact of this proposal in nine days," exclaimed John Joerger. A consistent

theme expressed by parents was disbelief that PPS would want to close one of its best performing elementary schools. "Our kid's test scores have improved each of the last three years," stated Jay Ward, Smith parent. "Smith students have the highest percentage of achieving state benchmarks within the affected schools of the Wilson Cluster. We brought our son to Smith specifically because of it's rating." Lynn LaRoche questioned the accuracy of the statistics used by the PPS Administration to evaluate enrollment trends. She said, "The Administration reported that some of the statistics they used are five years old." One parent stated that the Intra District Transfer Data listed on the Smith School profile is wrong. It shows that one child transferred from Markham to Smith when in fact there are at least eight. "When you're making decisions this important, the statistics you base your decision on can't be so outdated or inaccurate." LaRoche added.

Located in the Garden Home area of Portland, Smith Elementary School is part of the Wilson Cluster. The facility is one of the newer buildings within PPS, and is the only one in the entire Wilson Cluster that has been completely seismically upgraded. Of the four affected schools in the Wilson cluster, Smith is the only one completely up to fire code. Learn more about the efforts to prevent the school closure at www.Save-SmithSchool.org.

PPS Budget Hearings

Dr. Phillips will take her recommendations to the board at their February 28 meeting. The board will likely make decisions on the Superintendents' recommendations at either the March 14 or March 28 School Board meetings. The school board meets in the auditorium of the Blanchard Education Service Center, 501 N Dixon St., at 6:30 pm. Scheduling changes do occur check the website at www.pps.k12.or.us. Comments and questions may be e-mailed to the Board SchoolBoard@pps.k12.or.us or sent via regular mail to School Board, P.O. Box 3107, Portland, OR 97208-3107

Open Letter

to City Council regarding Multnomah Arts Center

Dear Mayor Tom Potter and Portland City Commissioners:

As members of the Multnomah Arts Center Association we are very much opposed to the elimination of general fund support to the Multnomah Arts Center from the Bureau of Portland Parks & Recreation. We understand one of your most important goals is to put children in the City of Portland first and to engage the community in new and exciting ways. Multnomah Art Center does just that.

Multnomah Arts Center is unique. It is the only Arts Center in Portland Parks and Recreation portfolio. Portland Public Schools have eliminated almost all of their art, music, dance and theater programs from the education curriculum. The mission of the Multnomah Arts Center is to provide high quality instruction and participation in the performing and visual arts to all interested persons, regardless of age, race, religion, ethnic origin, financial means, or level of ability. We offer classes to engage creative thinking and self-expression from the early age of 1 1/2-years to senior citizens.

The Regional Arts and Cultural Council (RACC) recommends the Multnomah Arts Center as the paramount arts resource for affordable entry level classes for citizens in the Portland area.

MAC generated \$600,000 last year in revenue. The facility served 23,262 youth and 24,211 adults/seniors. While the Multnomah Arts Center and the Community Music Center represent 5% of the Portland Parks and Recreation (PP&R) programs, they bring in about 30% of the PP&R revenue from programs. You might also want to consider the economic impact to the businesses in Multnomah Village if the center were not able to build net revenue of \$124,000 on a yearly basis.

As a nonprofit citizen board, we have generated and invested thousands of dollars toward facility improvements. We have upgraded our pottery studio in order to keep up with the demand of our students. The board has remodeled classrooms, janitor closets, and every available space to accommodate the need for additional music classes (we own 11 pianos and have dreams of obtaining our own grand piano). Our dance studio and stage space is programmed with ballet, tap, yoga, jazz, modern, and Chinese dance. The weaving studio is crammed with looms and students creating one-of-a-kind individual works of art. There is an entire array of classes designed for family participation: art, woodshop, clay, movement, and sing along.

A recent PP&R document prioritized Art as #117 out of #124 program offerings. We are extremely disappointed that a handful of people were asked to make such critical programming choices and given no information on what the Multnomah Arts Center provides to the community. We respectfully disagree with this prioritization and the process by which it was made. The programs offered at Multnomah Arts Center are exactly what this community wants and needs.

Sincerely,

The Multnomah Arts Center Association

William Cronon first Illahee lecturer

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist

Educator William Cronon was the first speaker in the Illahee Society's 2005 lecture series. The society is a non-profit dedicated to innovative thinking in just about anything related to the environment. There will be five more lectures through May, all at the First Congregational Church at 1126 SW Park.

The overall theme of the lecture series is "How cities learn," which is generally about how cities evolve, develop a unique urban fabric, and become (or don't become) places of cultural, economic, and social significance.

Mr. Cronon, Professor of History, Geography, and Environmental Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, an impressive man with a list of accomplishments longer than my arm, entitled his lecture "Landscape Legacies: Learning from Our History."

Portage, Wisconsin, a town of about 8,000 people, was the example the professor used to pose a primary question: how does an abstract geographic space become a human place. His answer, in part: through the accretion of the stories told about the place.

Portage is so named because it sits at the boundary of two great watersheds. The town sits on the bank of the Wisconsin River, which flows to the southwest into the Mississippi. Just about 1.5 miles to the east is the Fox River, which runs to the northeast into Lake Michigan. The town is at the site of an overland portage between the two rivers that was used first by Native Americans and then Europeans. The strategic location gave the site military significance. The U.S. government built Fort Winnebago there in 1828 and garrisoned it until 1845. In 1858, a canal was dug linking the two rivers along the ancient portage.

Cryptic plaques and monuments hint at Portage's past. One notes the surrender of a Native American, Red Bird. Another lists officers at Fort Winnebago. Amongst those: a Lieutenant Jefferson Davis, U.S. Army. Davis, the first and last Confederate president, is an example of how an individual can link a place with a larger event, in this case, the Civil War. There are other ways places can gain fame. A significant event can occur at a place, making it famous. A battle at An-

tietam. A surrender at Appomattox. An assassination at Ford's Theatre. These places play a role in larger, compelling stories.

The presence of, or the house of a famous person can also lend a certain cachet to a place. Cronon mentioned Jefferson's Monticello and Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin.

Places sometimes produce people who become famous or significant for their accomplishments. In the case of Portage, three of its sons gained fame and also produced some seminal work in Professor Cronon's subject matter of history and environment.

Frederick Jackson Turner wrote an early history of the Portage area and used it as an emblem of a what he considered the underlying theme of American history--the progression of the land from a wild to a civil state.

The family of early environmentalist John Muir migrated to Wisconsin from Scotland when John was 11. Even though the Portage area lacks the spectacular scenery of a Rocky Mountain high, John fell in love with nature there and determined to oppose the transformation from wild to civil. Later, he moved to California and founded the Sierra Club.

Aldo Leopold took a further step by restoring land damaged by civilization. He moved to Portage in 1935, and bought and restored a failed farm. He wrote his story in A Sand County Almanac. All three men, according to Mr. Cronon, found inspiration in the meaning of wilderness in American history.

Some early storytelling about Portage comes from two women. Juliet Kinsey lived with her husband in the Old Indian Agency house. It was built in 1832 as part of Fort Winnebago. Her memoirs are recorded in Wau-Bun Early Day, The Northwest. Local, Zona Gale wrote later. Her fictional stories are all set in Portage. Mr. Cronon noted that fiction can show the inward realities of life better than straight history. The storytelling of Ms. Kinsey and Ms. Gale buttress a central theme of Professor Cronon's lecture--the history is not just the past, but the stories we tell about the past, and that our experiences in the past are part of our present life, in the landscape, and in our present memories.

Proposed cut packages by City bureaus target many community services

by Sylvia Bogert, executive director

It's not an easy task to identify \$8 million in budget cuts, especially when bureau directors have been told to expect a budget shortfall of \$19 million over the next five years. The following is just a snapshot of some of the community service programs that have been slated for cuts or complete elimination from the general fund budget.

You can have a voice by attending a community budget forum, submitting written comments to Portland City Council or by going online at www.portlandonline.com/communitybudget.

Office of Neighborhood Involvement:

Elders in Action Funding Reduction - Currently, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, (ONI) provides \$156,501 in funding for Elders in Action, a nonprofit organization that serves as an advocacy, education and lobbying group for the region's elderly population. This proposal would eliminate the \$67,987 material and services contract with Elders in Action, while retaining the \$88,514, which supports the executive director position.

Mediation Reduction and Service-Delivery Shift - Under this proposal the City would not renew its \$246,569 contract with Resolutions NW for mediation services. Of these resources, \$71,569 would be applied toward meeting the bureau's general fund allocation target while \$175,000 would be allocated towards investment in a new community dispute resolution model.

Graffiti Abatement Reductions and Service-Delivery Shift - Under this proposal, the City would not renew the current \$260,571 contract with the Youth Employment Institute for graffiti abatement services. Of these resources, \$180,571 would be applied toward meeting the bureau's general fund target and \$80,000 would be retained to provide neighborhood cleanup and restructured graffiti abatement services through an intergovernmental agreement with Multnomah County via the Department of Community Justice, Juvenile Service Division.

Note: The ONI Bureau Advisory Committee has asked ONI Director Jimmy Brown

to prepare a cut package that reduces downtown staff instead of reducing community based programs.

Bureau of Environmental Services:

Elimination of the Naturescaping Program \$30,000. This program offered a series of free workshops citywide to teach residents how to Naturescape their yards. Yards that are naturescaped don't need as much water, chemical fertilizers or pesticides so naturescaping helps keep polluted stormwater out of our waterways.

Portland Parks & Recreation:

Eliminate all general fund subsidy for Multnomah Arts Center/Multnomah Center. This package reduces general funds by \$123,296 and replaces it with a one-time general fund subsidy over a two-year period. This cut package also impacts about a dozen nonprofit organizations that are tenants in the Multnomah Center.

Transition Community Gardens to self-sufficiency - This package reduces ongoing general fund discretionary by \$115,000. There is a request to fund the program for one year in order to increase plot fees (fees would need to be raised by 154%) or find support from alternative funding sources. A second cut package further eliminates support for organized programs in Community Gardens and 2.5 seasonal maintenance workers (\$40,100).

Transition Fulton Community Center to an alternative service provider - This package reduces general funds by \$61,987. There is a request to fund the program for a 12-month period to identify an alternative service provider.

Eliminate the Theater Program as a specialized program and its Recreation Coordinator position at Multnomah Arts Center -\$88,021.

Portland Police Bureau: A 5 percent budget reduction amounts to a total of about \$6 million.

Elimination of the Auto Theft Task Force -\$895,063.

Elimination of the School Police Division - \$1,957,709.

Elimination of the precinct Neighborhood Response Teams - \$2,060,960.

Unity Rally update

by Sylvia Bogert, SWNI Executive Director

In February, Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI), Neighborhood House, Inc., and the American Jewish Committee Oregon Chapter, hosted a follow-up meeting to discuss the Unity Rally held on January 8, 2005. We invited all 28 organizations that helped sponsor the rally. As key organizers of the event, we wanted to express our appreciation for their efforts to inform and involve members of their organizations in what turned out to be a very inspiring event for Portland residents. Together we succeeded in gathering over 1,000 people to celebrate diversity and denounce hate in our community.

We were thrilled so many groups informed us that the goal of the Unity Rally was an excellent fit with their organization's mission statement. Because so many residents have written, sent emails, and called to ask us to consider hosting the Unity Rally as an annual event, we wanted to discuss what worked well and what could be done differently to improve the event. Folks agreed that the program speakers and music were excellent; the activities for children made the event enjoyable for families; and the wide variety of food met the needs and tastes of our diverse community. The large number of volunteers helped the set-up and cleanup go very smoothly. We all agreed we a larger space and better parking would have been nice.

There was also interest in forming a network system to communicate with each other and partner on future projects to unite our community. Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. hopes to be a key organizer in the mayor's community visioning process to develop a strategic plan for the City of Portland. Everyone at the table expressed an interest in working together to orchestrate culturally appropriate outreach to involve our entire community.

We also agreed, we don't need a threat to show our unity. People were interested in keeping a future event simple in nature, full of music and good food. One idea was to host a Unity Picnic in the Park during the week of National Night Out, an event designed to bring neighbors together to share food and conversation as they unite against crime. Stay tuned for further details.

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

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

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

SWNI staff: Sylvia Bogert, Executive Director; Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist; Ginny Stomer, Administrative Assistant; Betty McArdle, BES Naturescaping.

The 2004-2005 SWNI Officers are Glenn Bridger, President; Jayne Cronlund, 1st Vice-President; Ester McGinnis, 2nd Vice President; John Gould, Secretary; and Dennis Hays, Treasurer.

Out and about in the Community

PP&R and several neighborhood associations to host meetings to discuss potential skatepark locations

A series of public meetings will be held in March to discuss potential sites for skateparks in the city of Portland. These meetings are primarily intended for members of the community to learn more about the project and share their thoughts about the sites still being considered. The meeting will include a presentation on the process to date, the vision for Portland's proposed skatepark system, as well as a brief history of the user groups and the current need for legal, public skateparks. Members of the Skatepark Leadership Advisory Team (SPLAT), the citizens advisory committee responsible for making final site recommendations, and representatives from the various neighborhood associations will be at these meetings to hear from members of the community.

These meetings follow a series of similar meetings held in November 2004. Based on feedback from the public at these meetings, and online comments, the SPLAT has narrowed the list of sites being considered from 35 to roughly 20. These public meetings will focus more specifically on each of the city's six subareas. Following these meetings, the SPLAT will be making its final recommendation for both long-term sites for future development and which two sites should be developed first. The November 2002 parks levy dedicated funds for the construction of two skateparks.

Portland Parks & Recreation, and the Skatepark Leadership Advisory Team, are looking forward to presenting to the public a list of potential sites for the establishment of safe, legal public skateparks. Successful public skateparks have been built across the country and the state of Oregon and it is time for Portland to begin to meet the need of its growing action sports population. This city-wide siting approach and general education about the users of skateparks are two of our first steps. We urge all members of the community to come and share their thoughts, both in support and those with concern.

Need for Skateparks

Since 1977, skateboarders have been advocating for a legal place to recreate in Portland. What they, as well as freestyle BMX bikers and inline skaters want are safe, legal, public facilities where they can exercise without fear of being arrested or their equipment confiscated. In November 2002, Portland voters approved the parks levy which, among other things, provides funding for two public skateparks. Construction of these facilities will begin to meet the needs of the City's estimated 30,000+ skaters, freestyle BMX bikers, and inline skaters.

Background Information

The project website (<http://www.portlandparks.org/Planning/skatepark/index.htm>) gives extensive background on the project, including:

- Information about the project advisory committee, when and where public meetings are held, as well as meeting summaries of all past committee meetings.
- An explanation of the Vision for Skatepark System and the three types of parks envisioned for the system – small neighborhood skatespots, medium sized district parks, and



a larger regional facility.

- The siting criteria used to evaluate all potential sites.
- Site information sheets for each of the sites being considered, including the potential size and location
- Results from the November 2004 series of public meetings and online comments.

The Siting Process

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) staff began the site identification process by looking at over 300 park properties, school sites, brownfields, public properties, and other sites recommended by the community. PP&R evaluated sites for obvious fatal flaws. They eliminated those sites with environmental and zoning limitations, excessive numbers of trees, steep slopes, less than 100' to residential homes, limited visibility and limited open space. The list of potential sites narrowed from over 300 to 65. The remaining sites were further evaluated against the siting criteria by a sub-committee of stakeholders consisting of neighborhood coalition representatives, public safety officers, crime prevention staff, noise control officers, park maintenance supervisors and skaters and BMX riders. Some sites, which are being brought forward for public comment, are not park property. PP&R is working with all property owners where proposed skatepark sites are on their property. At the time of this public information gathering phase, not all sites have been approved for use as a potential skatepark. We will continue to work with the school districts, Oregon Department of Transportation, and other city bureaus towards addressing the specific issues of each site. Some of the sites being evaluated may drop from the list of those being considered.

Portland Parks & Recreation Seeks Public Input: PP&R and the SPLAT are bringing a list of roughly 20 sites forward that have the attributes necessary for a successful skatepark. We realize that some sites need additional infrastructure and some will need additional planning. This series of neighborhood meetings will be the best opportunity for public feedback and comment.

People are encouraged to learn more about the project on the web, comment via e-mail from there, and/or attend one of the upcoming public meetings.

Skatepark Siting Meetings

Each of these meetings will include a presentation and then group discussion on several sites being considered. The meetings are intended to cover specific sites. Southwest Portland Sites meeting will be held:

Monday, March 14th, 7:30- 9 pm
Southwest Community Center
6820 SW 45th Avenue
in the Multipurpose Room

The following potential sites will be discussed at this meeting:

- Gabriel Park
 - Rieke Elementary School
- The Hillsdale Neighborhood Association and the Portland Parks Bureau are holding a skateboard information night on

Tuesday, March 29th 7:30 - 9 pm
St Barnabas Church
2201 SW Vermont

The potential Rieke site only will be discussed at this meeting. We will have guest speakers present to tell about the history of skate parks and the pros and cons of skateboard parks as experienced by other communities. Join us to learn more, this may be an opportunity for our children.

* There are five locations being considered on property owned by the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT). A meeting to discuss the three downtown sites still being considered will occur once discussions with ODOT on the feasibility of use of these sites have been concluded. An update of where we are at in the process will occur at other meetings where ODOT properties are being considered.

How will the decisions be made?

The SPLAT will be evaluating all the input received from the on-line public feedback opportunity and these public meetings. At the upcoming SPLAT meetings, feedback will be discussed and work will begin to recommend a balanced system that meets the need and provides geographic distribution and coverage for the city. This will include which sites should be developed immediately and which sites will go on the list for future development. The current timeline calls for recommendations to be finalized by May 2005.

A public open house to share the results with the entire community will be planned for late May 2005. Then the project team and the SPLAT will work with skatepark designers to develop conceptual plans for the first two skateparks, for which funding is available from the parks levy. Once building permits have been secured, construction will begin. We anticipate construction of the first few parks to be completed by late fall of 2005. PP&R will work with the neighbors and neighborhood associations during the design phase for each site that gets developed to address site specific issues, discuss mitigation and features.

Naturescaping for Clean Rivers

Naturescaping creates beautiful landscapes, protects the environment and attracts wildlife to your yard. Naturescaping is landscaping with beautiful native plants which are adapted to our climate, and using environmentally friendly gardening practices. Native plants are resistant to native pests and diseases and require less watering and less, if any, chemical application. Naturescaping can also help control erosion and reduce polluted stormwater runoff.

Spring 2005 Naturescaping workshops: You can learn how to Naturescape your own yard by attending a FREE Naturescaping workshop. There are five basic workshops remaining for spring 2005:

March 12, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm

Nature Park in Beaverton
hosted by Rock Creek Watershed Partners

April 2, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm

Madeleine Parish in NE Portland
hosted by Madeleine Parish

April 30, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm

Lake Oswego, hosted by cities of Lake Oswego and West Linn

May 7, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm

Clackamas

hosted by Clackamas County

May 21, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm

Milwaukie

hosted by Oak Lodge Sanitary District
Pre-registration required. Register for a Naturescaping workshop by either phoning 503-797-1842 or emailing naturescaping@yahoo.com.

New Feature – Native Plant of the month: Thimbleberry *rubus parviflorus*

A deciduous Oregon native shrub that does very well in Portland yards. It can be a bit aggressive and spread but the



sprouts you don't want can be easily pulled up. At maturity, Thimbleberry can reach 10 feet tall and about the same in width. The leaves are large and soft and nicknamed "nature's toilet paper." They are a beautiful shade of green that is complementary to the darker green foliage in your garden. In the spring, the plant has white flowers that become berries in the fall. The name thimbleberry comes from the shape of the berries. Some people find them tasty; others find them dry and like having a mouthful of cotton. Thimbleberries were eaten by all NW native peoples. In addition to the berries, they would also eat young shoots raw. The berries, being coarse and seedy, lend themselves to drying. The Nuu-chah-nulth dried the berries with smoked clams. The Nuxalk considered thimbleberries to be inferior to raspberries and blackcaps (the Oregon native species), and usually mixed the three berries together when dried in cakes. Consider giving this versatile and beautiful Oregon native a place in your yard.

It's almost that time again!

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. Annual Spring Cleanup

is scheduled for

Saturday, May 7, 9 am - 2 pm, Woods Memorial Park, SW 45th & Woods Parkway

If this nice weather gets you ☐

Acceptable items:

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

Bulky items: Oversized items for disposal (couches, chairs, mattresses, etc.)

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

Yard debris and wood items: For yard debris, include basically anything that grows in your yard, such as weeds (knock off as much dirt as possible), leaves, vines (including morning glory and berry vines), grass clippings, prunings (no bigger than 12" in diameter and 8' long), fallen fruit from your fruit trees, vegetation from your garden. It is OK to include diseased plants/leaves. Bundles: you may bring your yard debris in bundles tied securely with string or twine. Do not tie with wire. Again, maximum length 8' -- maximum diameter 12". Wood items can include solid wood, furniture, fencing (no brackets or hinges; nails are OK), and yard debris.

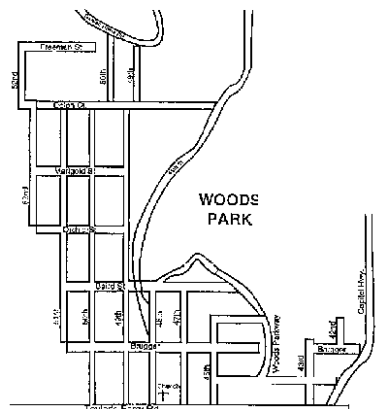
Tires: Tires on and off the rim
Unacceptable items: NO hazardous waste (see below for recycling options), kitchen garbage, stumps, oversized branches, rocks, ashes, asbestos, animal waste, explosives, radioactive or commercial waste.

How much? Suggested fees will be asked to help recover disposal and related

organizational costs generated in sponsoring this event. Furniture, bulky waste, scrap metal, yard debris and wood: **\$10 per carload (each trip);** tires: \$1.50 (off rim), \$3 (on rim).

Senior or disabled citizen pickup: If you are a senior and/or a disabled citizen and need help getting your stuff to the cleanup, contact us at 503-823-4592 to schedule a pickup. These pickups are done by volunteers, so we must limit the amount to one pickup load.

This event is sponsored each year by Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. We wish to thank Bureau of Environmental Services, METRO, Multnomah County Alternative Service Workers, Anfield & Sons Hauling, Heiberg Garbage and Recycling, and The Arc of Multnomah County for being part of this year's event. Also, thank you to the many neighborhood volunteers who always make this event a great success.



From I-5, take Multnomah Exit. Go to light at 45th, turn left. Stay on 45th and cross Garden Home Road. Continue up the hill, turn left on Woods Parkway.

From Barbur Blvd. Turn on Taylors Ferry (right if you are southbound, left if northbound on Barbur), then continue on Taylors Ferry Rd. across Capitol Hwy., go to the first light, turn right and follow the signs.

Southwest Development Review

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

Pre-application conferences:
PC 05-010493. Type IIX land division review and Type II greenway review to divide a 7.68-acre site into 4 lots with public streets and open space tract. Location: 3510 SW Bond and 0715 SW Bancroft. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

PC 05-108657. Type III Central City parking review for a 336-space surface parking lot in the South Waterfront district. Location: Blocks 24 and 28. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

PC 05-103322. Type IIX land division review to divide a site into three lots. Existing house will be removed. Location: 1254 SW Lesser Rd. **Neighborhood: Far SW.**

Proposals:
LU 04-063970 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into three parcels. Location: 8110 SW 56th Ave. **Neighborhood: Ashcreek.**

LU 04-095857 AD. Applicants propose to add a second unit by removing a detached garage, and request an adjustment to waive a required second parking space. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

LU 04-094172 LDP AD. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two parcels and requests an adjustment for both lots to exceed maximum lot size. Location: 12210 SW Orchard Hill Rd. **Neighborhood: Arnold Creek.**

LU 04-039458 LDP. Applicant proposes to partition a 9,875 SF site into two parcels. Location: 1709 SW Canby St. **Neighborhood: Hillsdale.**

LU 04-103777 AD. Applicant seeks to legalize an existing six-foot-high fence in the front setback and right-of-way and seeks an adjustment to increase the allowable fence height in the front setback from 3.5 feet to six feet. Location: 5015 SW Taylors Ferry Rd. **Neighborhood: Crestwood.**

LU 05-106101 AD. Applicant proposes to build a new house and garage and requests an adjustment to reduce a side setback. Location: vacant lot adjacent to 9233 SW 8th Dr. **Neighborhood: Marshall Park.**

LU 05-102523 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a 6,800-SF site into two parcels and to use provision of code to build attached houses on a corner. Location: 9275 SW Terwilliger Blvd. **Neighborhood: Collins View.**

LU 05-102469 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a 20,815 SF site into two parcels. Location: 6333 SW Garden Home Rd. **Neighborhood: Ashcreek.**

Final plats:
3105 SW Carson, 5535 SW Texas, 12255 SW Boones Ferry Rd.

Intent to demolish:
1636 SW Dolph.

Decisions:
LU 04-061967 LDP. Approval of preliminary

plan for a 3-parcel partition. Location: 5014 SW Pasadena St. **Neighborhood: West Portland Park.**

LU 04-011969 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan for a 2-parcel partition. Location: 12645 SW Boones Ferry Rd. **Neighborhood: Arnold Creek.**

LU 04-046998 AD. Approval of adjustment to allow increased height of fence in front setback. Location: 5721 SW 48th Ave. **Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**

LU 04-039880 LDS. Approval of preliminary plan for 3-lot subdivision with tracts. Location: 2839 SW Taylors Ferry Rd. **Neighborhood: Markham.**

LU 04-095616 AD. Approval of adjustment to exceed maximum lot size. Location: 3610 SW Alice St. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 04-053391 EN. Environmental review approval for construction of driveway, retaining walls, and stormwater facilities. Location: vacant property on SW South Ridge Dr. **Neighborhood: Collins View.**

LU 04-051956 ZC. Approval of zoning map amendment from office commercial to central commercial. Location: 2626 and 2601-2605 SW Water Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

LU 04-096485 AD. Approval of adjustment to increase allowable paving along a side street lot line. Location: 4933 SW Lodi Lane. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**

LU 04-051731 EV. Approval of environmental violation review for a zoning code violation. Location: 4545 SW Northwood Ave. **Neighborhood: Homestead and Hillsdale.**

LU 04-095857 AD. Approval of adjustment to waive on parking space in order to add a second unit. Location: 6216 SW Kelly Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH**

Public hearings at 1900 SW 4th Ave:
LU 04-092727 CUMS EN AD. Applicants propose to build and operate a synagogue. Conditional use, environmental, and adjustment reviews are required. Location: 4534 SW Vermont St. **Hearing on March 14 or 16. Neighborhood: Maplewood.**

LU 04-095569 CU. Applicants propose to operate a Montessori school in existing buildings. Conditional use review is required. Location: 4909 SW Shattuck Rd. **Hearing was scheduled on February 23. Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**

LU 04-068765 LDS. Applicants propose to divide a site into five lots for attached housing. Location: 11299 SW Capitol Hwy. **Hearing on March 7 at 1:20 pm, Suite 3000. Neighborhood: Far SW.**

LU 05-106486 LDP. Applicants propose to partition a site into two parcels. Location: 10701 SW 30th. No hearing date yet. **Neighborhood: Arnold Creek.**

Committee Reports..

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9183

This month's scheduled guest speaker was Miguel Ascarrunz,, director of Portland's Office of Emergency Management. She updated us on what the department is doing. The NET teams are now under this department. Also we had a discussion about Portland's Joint Terrorism Task Force participation. This is going to city council sometime in the near future.

Next month we will have a representative from the Portland Police Gang Division to answer questions about gangs and how neighborhoods deal with special problems that arise from their presence. We also hear regularly from Laurie Abraham, Deputy District Attorney, and Officer Scott Westerman gives a Police Bureau report. See you at the next meeting.

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

Parks Committee

Kirky Dobbie, chair, 503-246-7970

In January, the committee welcomed Martie Sucec, Multnomah's new representative. A successful public meeting was held on January 20 at Markham School to further the plan for the Holly Farm site in West Portland Park. The possibility of a skatepark at the site was on the agenda, and Amanda Fritz invited some skateboarders outside the school to give their comment.

Ken Love and Amanda have continued to work to organize a Citywide Parks Team, somewhat modeled after the Citywide Land Use Forum. The first meeting was on February 17.

Committee members were critical of the process Parks & Recreation (P&R) used to prioritize its services to the public. There was particular concern that the Multnomah Arts Center scored low in rankings. It is P&R's only arts center, and it offers art and music classes for both children and adults. Its importance has only grown as the schools have cut back on arts programs.

Michael Andrews reported on the skatepark siting process. Sites outside SW Portland are scoring higher than SW sites, and he thinks it's unlikely we'll see a skatepark in SW Portland in the near future.

Committee members discussed planning for Portland Parks, a guide to the three levels of master planning for parks. They hope this might be an issue for the new Parks Team.

In March, we hope to have a member of the Parks board as a guest.

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

Land Use Committee

Jack Klinker chair, 503-246-7872

The committee had a guest at their February meeting: Hannah Kuhn, the city's Measure 37 program manager. Here are some of the points made in a long discussion:

- The burden of proof is on the claimant. Portland is taking a fact-based approach that follows the law Oregon voters approved. Claims submitted thus far in Portland have been lacking basic information, which claimants will be asked to provide.
- The exemption in the law for regulations implementing federal law is vague. Federal law usually doesn't demand a specific regulation but instead requires local jurisdictions to meet certain goals.
- Portland and other jurisdictions are considering what is called a private right of action, by which neighboring property owners can seek damages from claimants when their properties are damaged by a Measure 37 waiver given to claimants. The legality of this is an issue.

City Council has committed to public hearings when it does hear claims. Hannah promised to let us know when a date is set for a City Council hearing on revisions to Portland's Measure 37 ordinance.

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

SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president, 503-245-0729

Dream of Portland's tomorrow

If you moved to our community less than 5 years ago, you have some great ideas of how to make your community better that may not have been expressed yet. If you have been here longer, you remember the years of effort that went into the Southwest Community Plan and may not wish to enter that arena again. But whichever category you fit into, you need to participate in the planning open house taking place in the Multnomah Center on April 4.

I love our community. But I have a wish list of elements that I believe deserve attention to make it better. I bet you do too. We want to assemble an inventory of items on the community's collective wish list. This list will become a part of the city's records of community needs. It will also serve your neighborhood association and SWNI leadership with your direct ideas on how to improve your home community. Better information enables all of us to focus our efforts more efficiently.

Let me share my top item: a sidewalk along Capitol Highway between Hillsdale and Terwilliger. This one need started me asking questions 12 years ago of the Hillsdale Vision Group. In the intervening years, the Hillsdale Town Center Plan was enacted, and a new neighborhood association was formed. And I have not given up working towards that sidewalk.

While working with that group, my one dream grew into a host of dreams. Some included building sidewalks and street crossings; others embraced the cooperative spirit of community by bringing people together, like the Hillsdale Farmers Market.

Think about your dream project for our community. Come to the open house and express your dream. Join in with your neighbors to help your dream and their dreams come true. You will make many friends along the way and find the real strength of our community – the spirit of working together for a better Portland and better world.

**Next Meeting: Wed., March 23, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.**

Transportation Committee

Lillie Fitzpatrick, chair, 503-892-9921

The committee met after our print day in February. Metro held its last public hearing on February 17 in its process of deciding which transportation projects will get funded with Metro's allotment of federal transportation dollars. Metro Council is scheduled to make a final decision on March 24.

Based on the committee's motion, SWNI sent a letter to Portland's Office of Transportation commending for responding well to our January ice storm. The committee in January came up with ideas for projects and planning that could be addressed through the Bureau of Planning's liaison program. The committee also took a position opposing Senate Bill 295, which, by re-directing revenues from traffic tickets, would wipe out Portland's traffic safety account.

**Next Meeting: Mon., March 21, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.**

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

The committee met in late January and by consensus approved a proposal for SWNI to conduct a Pedestrian Summit. It may include a lunch-time walk. The date has been set for Saturday, September 10th. Planning for signage on urban trails 3 and 6 is complete. The next step is to produce work orders for the signs. Don Baack scheduled himself to identify locations for signs on trail 5; about 80 signs will be needed.

Trail work continues. Don, Phil Hamilton, and Lee Buhler graveled a short segment from Chesapeake to the bottom stair from Fairmount.

**Next Meeting: Thurs., March 24, 7 pm,
St. Luke's Lutheran
SW 46th & California**

Portland Traffic and Transportation Class

Neighborhood traffic, alternative transportation and how to get things done in your neighborhood are the focus for this well respected ten-week university course. Hundreds of Portland residents have taken this popular class and learned how to negotiate the maze of traffic and transportation agencies and issues. Here's your chance to hear about how you can make a difference even in these times of budget cuts and shrinking gas tax revenue. Speakers include policy and decision-makers, planners, and engineers from TriMet, Metro, and Portland's Office of Transportation - people who can make things happen. Facilitated by Rick Gustafson, transportation planning consultant and former Metro executive officer.

**March 31, 2005 to June 16, 2005
Thursdays, 6:40 - 8:40 pm
Portland State
University Campus
(classroom to be announced)**

Regional livability summit scheduled March 3-4

The Coalition for a Livable Future's third annual regional livability summit is scheduled March 3-4 at Portland State University.

This year's theme is *Creating Livable Communities: Connecting People, Policy and Practice*. The keynote address, "Talking Smart About Growth: How Portlanders Can Learn From and Lead the Nation," features David Goldberg, communications director for Smart Growth America. Sheila Martin,

This course is designed for the neighborhood activist, new or experienced, who wants to make a difference on traffic and transportation in their Portland neighborhood.

Limited space is available for the ten-week class during the spring term. Full scholarships are available to qualified City of Portland residents for the non-credit course. To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must live in the city of Portland and not be a transportation or law enforcement professional. Deadline for scholarship application is March 16, 2005. If you are interested in taking the class for credit tuition is \$147 for non-credit or one credit and \$293 for graduate credit.

To register or get more information on this popular course, call or email Dan Bower at 503-823-5667 or mailto:Dan.Bower@pdxtrans.org. To register online go to www.PortlandTransportation.org and click on Current News.

director of the Institute of Portland Metropolitan Studies at Portland State University, will give a state-of-the-region presentation.

The summit will provide opportunities for building cross-discipline relationships and discussing ways to create great places and strong communities. Learn how work on local concerns fits into a broader regional context.

For more information, visit www.clfuture.org or call 503-294-2889.

Arnold Creek Neighborhood

Our next meeting will be March 8, at 7 pm at Jackson Baptist Church on the corner of 35th and Maricara. We meet downstairs. Thanks to all who came to last month's meeting.

We had two neighbors come who are partitioning their properties along Boones Ferry. We appreciate them coming at the early stages of this process, so the neighbors may voice their concerns up front.

We are fortunate to have Ellen and Bill working on the speed-limit issue along Arnold Street. They have successfully accomplished their goal of getting the speed limit

lowered to 25 mph. We should see the new signs sometime in the near future. Thanks for your diligence and hard work.

What do you see in your neighborhood that you would like to work on? Come to the next meeting and let's work on it together! See you soon.

Next Mtg: **Tues., March 8, 7 pm**
Jackson Baptist Church
10558 SW 35th

Chair: **Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483**
E-mail: **enchand@hotmail.com**

Bridlemile Neighborhood

Wednesday, March 9th - Hamilton Park closing hours, land use and transportation issues: The Hamilton Park Foot patrol and Public Safety chair of the Bridlemile Neighborhood Association (BNA) is preparing a proposal regarding the open hours of Hamilton Park to be discussed at the meeting. This proposal is to permanently change the closing time from midnight to 10pm, all nights. This is in response to continuing problems at the park with drinking, speeding on streets around the park, and loud music from cars parked at the park. The foot patrol has been very effective at discouraging the problem behavior but the Patrol cannot always be on duty. Other parks in Portland have earlier closing times to address public safety concerns. If you plan to speak (versus comment) at the meeting regarding this topic, please contact Tom Doberstein by March 4th.

Also, what land use or transportation issues in Bridlemile are of most concern to you? The BNA is collecting input to forward to the city and to help plan our own efforts for this year.

Ongoing Neighborhood Projects:

Volunteer to help with any of the projects listed below, become a committee co-chair, or bring your own proposal to one of our meetings (whenever possible please call the BNA contact for that month so that an appropriate amount of time can be scheduled on the agenda). Your contribution of time and knowledge, large or small, helps keep and make Bridlemile the wonderful neighborhood that we all enjoy.

Together we can do anything, and your volunteer time makes the difference. For more information about all the topics listed here and many links to related information, please visit our BNA web site at: <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile>.

CREEKS - Bridlemile Creek Stewards monthly meeting Tuesday, March 8th; details at BCS web site <http://home.comcast.net/~steve.mullinax/bridlemile/BCS.htm>. **Saturday, March 19, invasive plant removal and planting touch-up event in creek area at east end of Hamilton Park,** see <http://www.vonsalza.com/akcr> for details. Contact: Steve Mullinax, steve.mullinax@alum.mit.edu, at 503-768-9065 or Greg Schifsky, gregsch@hevanet.com, 503-246-2714.

HISTORY OF BRIDLEMILE - Enjoy more history of Bridlemile on the history page at the BNA website. You will find a history of Albert Kelly Park by the Foule-court Press, as well as Ginger Danzer and Bev Shaw's 2003 interview with Powell and

Jane Tweeddale where they talk about the early development of Bridlemile, including the beginnings of the Brookford and Wilcox developments. Have a story to tell? We'll listen and share your memories. Old pictures are welcome, too. Contact Ginger Danzer, 503-292-9460, ggdanz@wans.net.

LAND USE - All the development in our neighborhood during the past few years has had a great impact on its trees; even when regulations are followed, trees left behind often die because of soil compaction and other factors. Please join the **Trees Committee on Thursday, March 10th, 7-9 pm at SWNI conference room** for a strategy session on how to best approach the City to improve tree regulations and enforcement. Contact Greg Schifsky, gregsch@hevanet.com, 503-246-2714. If you have questions or comments regarding any of the different projects and proposals (e.g., land use reviews) that affect our neighborhood, please contact Rich Adelman, 503-223-0992, richard.adelman@gbjarch.com.

PARKS - New closing hour for Hamilton Park? See meeting description above. Questions or comments regarding Bridlemile's parks, please contact Victor von Salza, victor@vonsalza.com, 503-246-2146.

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME - Interested in participating on the Hamilton Park foot patrol, <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/footpatrol>? Interested in getting pedestrian islands added along BvHwy? If so, please contact Tom Doberstein, t.doberstein@comcast.net, 503-319-5884.

SOCIAL OUTREACH - Kathy Bambeck is looking for ways to involve neighbors in active social projects such as picnics, potlucks and parties which can be combined with other neighborhood projects such as with the Creek Stewards, litter patrol, etc. If you would like to help or have any concerns to bring to the SWNI board, please contact Kathy at 503-245-2634, kathyb2@teleport.com.

TRANSPORTATION / Sidewalks / Trails / Safe Routes to Schools - Beverly Vogt, bevvoigt@comcast.net, 503-292-6939.

Board Mtg: Wed. March 9, 6:30 pm
Next Mtg: Wed., March 9, 7 pm
Bridlemile School Library
4300 SW 47th Drive

Parking: *In school parking by front entrance, off 47th Street; and along 47th Street*

Contact: Tom Doberstein, 503-319-5884
E-mail: t.doberstein@comcast.net
website: <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile>

Crestwood Neighborhood

The Crestwood board did not meet in February. At the March meeting, we will focus on developing our land use planning priorities in preparation for the April 4 community forum/workshop with the city's planning liaison for SW (see more info in SWNI news). This can include transportation-related planning issues, like pursuing planning efforts for the Barbur Envelope and Capitol Hwy. Please come with your questions, concerns and ideas about long-term land use issues in the neighborhood.

The Dickinson Park Stewards will meet with our partners from Portland Parks and Recreation on **Monday, March 7, at 7 pm in the SWNI conference room** in Multnomah Center. This is our annual meeting to review

our action plan and resources for invasive removal and other activities. The next **Dickinson Park Stewards work party** to remove invasives is **Saturday, March 12th, 9-12 pm**. Look for location information at the park sign on 55th Avenue.

Next Mtg: Wed., March 9, 7 pm
West Portland United Methodist Church, library
4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd

Chair: **Darrien Reece, 503-452-9795**
E-mail: dhreece@comcast.net
website: <http://www.easystreet.com/~jere/cna.html>

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

Ashcreek Neighborhood

The Ashcreek Neighborhood Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on the second Monday, March 14, **7 pm**, at the Multnomah Center, in room 34.

A lively debate about a land use proposal at 8110 SW 56th was one focus of the last meeting. The group is cognizant of the trend toward in-fill to maintain the urban growth boundary but feels neighbors should have some input as to the impact of the livability of the community. Decisions as to the proposed development of 3 houses on one lot are still pending. The neighborhood association is concerned about the disposal of stormwater, recognition of surface water and underground springs, landslides, erosion and the preservation of trees.

We have been asked to prepare a list of three planning priorities for the Ashcreek NA to be presented to city officials for review. It was the consensus of those present that we should submit our following priorities: 1) Implementation of the Taylors Ferry Road plan; 2) preservation of Smith School as an integral part of our community; and 3) update segments of the Ashcreek/Crestwood neighborhood plan. We will consider such items as: no vacation rights-of-way; preservation of trees as a legacy of SW Portland; development of SW Brugger between 55th and 50th as a pedestrian and bicycle path stormwater and stream management; traffic calming;

no flag lots, etc. We invite residents to contribute to our list of priorities which will be discussed at the March meeting. We will have related materials available at the meeting or the SWNI office will have the report available prior to the meeting, 503-823-4592.

A public hearing of the Portland Development Commission has been arranged by Commissioner Randy Leonard to be held at the Senior Center at Multnomah Center on Tuesday, March 15, 6 -8 pm. This is an opportunity to seek information as to how this agency functions and what are its areas of responsibility. Your attendance is invited.

Committee reports, the source of neighborhood resolution, addressed concerns brought to our attention by members of the community. We urge citizens to use the neighborhood association as a resource for situations that arise for which you are unsure how to proceed. Guaranteed solutions are not possible but the respective committees will give it utmost attention.

We look forward to seeing you at the March 14th meeting. Bring your friends, neighbors and find out what's going on in our community.

Next Mtg: Mon., March 14, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Chair: Dorothy Gage, 503-244-1491

Collins View Neighborhood

Our February meeting covered a number of issues, starting with "the impact of rental houses and the folks who party in them." Several neighbors have noted that the many rental houses in the neighborhood are often not well kept up, accumulating trash and becoming overgrown. They are eyesores, and neighbors want to do something about this situation. Some recent late-night partying by renters has also gotten neighbors' attention. We discussed the many challenges involved in addressing these problems, and decided to invite Portland Police Officer Scott Westerman and others from the city to participate in a round-table discussion about rentals and what neighbors can do to help upgrade their appearance, as well as rein in their tenants' behavior. We will consider noise ordinances and other city codes, outreach possibilities, and revisit city codes on nuisance and property maintenance standards. This event is currently expected for our April meeting.

Our upcoming SOLV IT! Neighborhood Cleanup is scheduled for April 23, 1 - 5 pm. Last year's cleanup was an enormous success, measured not only by the amount of trash collected, but by the number of neighbors and students who participated.

The new Collins View Neighborhood website (www.collinsview.org) is now up and running. It now includes a discussion forum for all the neighborhood's opportunities and concerns. Please have a look, and let us know your thoughts!

The Try/on Life Community Farm, an effort to establish a sustainable-living community resource, is struggling to hang on to a 7-acre parcel of largely undeveloped land between Boones Ferry Road and Tryon Creek Park, near the intersection of Stephenson and Boones Ferry. The owner is asking \$1.5 million, which the park and the property's current tenants have not yet been able to raise. There is interest in the farm's objectives, which include offering it as a community resource on sustainable urban development. The current tenants, in the absence of funds, are (as we go to press) looking at an eviction notice, with which they are reluctant to comply. Watch the news for more on this property.

The Collins View Roundabout, at the intersection of Boones Ferry, Terwilliger, SW 2nd and Maplecrest, is just a dream right now, but we have a coalition of neighborhood parties interested in supporting it, including both Riverdale High School and Lewis & Clark College. CV Roundabout committee meetings will start soon.

Our next CVNA meeting is March 2, 7:00 pm at Riverdale High School. Please come, and bring your neighbors!

Next Mtg: Wed., March 2, 7 pm
Riverdale High School
Room 201
9727 SW Terwilliger

Chair: Charlie Weiss, 503-799-4848
E-mail: charliew@launchbx.com
Website: www.collinsview.org

Far Southwest Neighborhood

Neighborhood Updates: At our last meeting, we heard updates on the construction of the new technology classroom building (TCB), which was placed in a former parking lot at PCC. A new college services building (physical plant) will be constructed where the large antenna dishes are. Letters were sent to the most impacted neighbors on Cervantes in Lake Oswego, because the project will generate noise and dust. Excavation will occur during the spring and summer, although at least half of the soil is going to be distributed around campus. They will try to ensure that the dump trucks use SW 49th and not Lesser Road.

Another project, in conjunction with TriMet, is that the buses have a difficult time finding a location to turn around. TriMet has requested that PCC redesign its entrance so the bus can more easily loop through when the campus is closed.

Neighbors also asked about parking issues and were told that the neighboring areas are patrolled and offending student vehicles are tagged. If you have any parking issues, contact John Garner at 503-977-4998.

The Assisted Living Facility at SW Lesser Rd. and Capitol Hwy: Neighbors expressed concerns about the travel patterns used by trucks and such going into this construction site they said they would try to have trucks use Barbur Blvd. or Haines. Neighbors discussed parking issues for this facility and wetland issues and were assured that they knew what they had to do regarding the wetland. Neighbors are invited to

stop by the trailer when that is put in place, if we want to review the plans.

Variance Request on Capitol Hwy between SW 53rd and Haines: Douglas Pollock currently has a request to build 5 townhouses on the very, very steep north side hillside of Capitol Hwy. A hearing is scheduled for March 7th (1:30 pm, 1900 SW 4th Ave., Suite 3000) regarding subdividing this property. This request involves the removal of all trees, which would require mitigation or the planting of 15 trees. The townhouses will be two-story with a basement in the back. There is a plan for 3 driveways and 5 garages. Pollock would be required to widen the street and to put in curbs/sidewalks.

Neighbors expressed concern over the safety of the road access from Capitol Hwy. for these proposed townhouses. If they are approved, it seems that speed bumps would be necessary for their safe entry/exit. Pollock appeared in favor of speed bumps, but could not quite understand our concern for development on this steep hillside since all construction must be up to code.

Need for a New Treasurer: Stan Geiger would like to focus on parks projects and requests that someone step forward to become our new treasurer. This position is available.

Next Mtg: Tues., April 12, 7 pm
Comfort Suites Motel
SW 60th & Barbur

Contact: Andy Rocker, 503-452-3145
E-mail: rockerport@msn.com

Tryon Creek Watershed Council Meeting

Monday, March 14, 7 - 9 pm

Tryon Creek State Park Nature Center, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd

Find out what's going on in the watershed and in your community! Get involved with restoring our public greenspaces and improving Tryon Creek's water quality.

For information, contact: Catherine Sherraden, catherine@tryonfriends.org, 503-636-4398.

What's happening in the 'hood

Corbett/Terwilliger/Lair Hill



Thank you, Who-Song and Larry's!!

Thank you to Who-Song and Larry's for hosting a fundraising day for Mercy Corps on February 4th. We are very lucky to have businesses that really care in our neighborhood! Right after the tsunami disaster in Southeast Asia, the CTLH NA board passed a resolution to try to help Mercy Corps raise money for the victims. (Mercy Corps is headquartered in CTLH.) In keeping with this commitment, CTLH NA, Who-Song and Larry's restaurant and Mercy Corps cosponsored the fundraising event at Who-Song and Larry's. Everyone who brought in a certificate from CTLH had 25% of the cost of their meal donated to Mercy Corps for tsunami aid. Many of you showed up on short notice and hundreds of dollars of aid money was raised. Thank you! Thank you to the many people who have donated through the web and thank you to CTLH board member Thea Riggs for working so hard to arrange this event.

Hong Kong on the Willamette? As you may have heard, condos in the North Macadam/South Waterfront area are selling like hot cakes. Maybe you bought one. Here is the problem that CTLH now faces. The South Waterfront developers and city planning department are proposing changes to zoning code 33.510.200 which would allow less distance between the tall buildings which can affect the view corridors. This change would also allow the buildings to be wider on the part of the building that is above 250'.

The matter came to city council on January 26th. Mayor Potter asked why the matter had not gone through proper public comment and asked for a delay on the vote.

Planning/Developers argue that the current regulations "lack flexibility" and the changes they request do not affect the maximum overall density limit. As with most of Portland, your neighborhood is probably not built out to maximum density. If you drop those pesky, inflexible rules such as setbacks, your neighborhood could be built out to maximum density. But those rules add to the livability of your neighborhood. Your neighborhood would not look as good with tall houses packed right next to one another and the same thing should go for South Waterfront. There should be some limit to the height and mass of these buildings. It seems we keep ratcheting higher and wider.

To give you a perspective of the heights involved the first viewpoint on Terwilliger going, South (above the YMCA) is 286 ft above sea level. The buildings built to the maximum height of 325 ft will be 362 ft above sea level. The building height limits in South Waterfront have been escalating over the past few years starting at 45'. In the North-Macadam planning process, the building height limit was to be 250'. But a last-minute, late-night "compromise" was added allowing the buildings to be built at 325', provided several conditions were met, including having the buildings narrow and spaced further apart. There has been no public hearing on this addition except for the city council vote and now they want to drop those conditions.

The CTLH NA board passed a resolution asking that the due public planning process be held before dropping these standards.

Homestead Neighborhood

Recent reports of a peeping prowler in the residential area above OHSU have revived interest in the Neighborhood Watch program. SWNI Crime Prevention Specialist Stephanie Reynolds and Portland Police Officer Scott Westerman attended two meetings in our neighborhood to take reports of contacts with the peeper and to advise people on how to protect themselves and how to help apprehend the individual. The Neighborhood Watch program is about organizing neighbors who live near each other, whether on a street or block, or in an apartment complex. You are taught how to recognize illegal activities, how to inform neighbors, and contact the police. It involves neighbors looking out for each other and communicating with each

other. If you are interested in organizing your neighbors as a Neighborhood Watch group, please come to our next meeting or contact me (see below) or contact Stephanie Reynolds at 503-823-3131.

At the next meeting, we will discuss the outcome of the city council's February 17th vote on changes to the bonus height requirements for tall towers in the South Waterfront District.

Next Mtg: Tues., March 1, 7 pm
OHSU CDRC
707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor

Chair: Anton Vetterlein,
503-790-0719

Chair: Barbee Williams, 503-293-1460
E-mail: bwilliam@pcez.com
website: www.ctlh.org

Next Mtg: Wed. March 2, 7 pm
Tabernacle Seventh Day
Adventist Church
0206 SW Condor Ave.

Chair: Barbee Williams, 503-293-1460
E-mail: bwilliam@pcez.com
website: www.ctlh.org

Transportation/Parking Permit Committee: Tuesday, March 1, 6 pm, at Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact committee chair Bill Danneman at (503) 228-9868 for more info.

Land Use Committee: Monday, March 21, 7:15 pm, at Lair Hill Market, 2823 SW 1st. Contact committee chair Jim Davis at (503) 248-9820 for more info.

Parks and Greenway Committee: Wednesday, March 16, 7 pm, at Fulton Pub, 0618 SW Nebraska. Contact committee chair Ken Love 503-245-7795 for more info.

Finance/Communications Committee: Wednesday, March 30, 7 pm, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6437 SW Virginia St. Contact committee chair Lee Buhler at 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com for info.

CTLH's web site is www.ctlh.org.
Here are our meetings this month. Everyone who lives or works in the neighborhood is invited. Please come and give us your opinion.

Historic chapel saved but moving out of CTLH: CTLH preservationist Clem Ogilby has announced he has a signed contract to relocate and save the historic St. Mathew's Chapel that was slated for destruction. However, the chapel will be moved out of CTLH across the Ross Island Bridge to the Brooklyn neighborhood. The Brooklyn Action Corps Neighborhood Association has signed a letter stating strong support for the relocation. Barring a last-minute miracle, the other old structure will be torn down by the time you read this. In the future, we would like to keep historic structures in the neighborhood but this preservation and relocation effort was the best outcome in this situation and it is good to see the chapel going to a location where it will be appreciated.

TriMet bus route changes: For information on the changes to TriMet bus lines 40 and 43 see the following website: http://www.trimet.org/schedule/alerts/40_johnslanding.htm The changes will take effect in June 2005.

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Hayhurst Neighborhood

We decided NOT to inactivate the neighborhood association, but we will meet just four times a year. The dates of our meetings this year are: May 3, September 6, and December 6. I will continue to collect information as it comes from the various city bureaus and send out a summary via email. If you would like to be on the neighborhood email list, please send your information to LF@PDX.EDU.

Land Use Report: There is one Measure 37 claim in our neighborhood at 3617 SW Cullen. The owner is asking for \$124,000 for the Environmental Overlay Zone. Odyssey Montessori has applied to move to the Bridlemile Neighborhood in the school building just north of Albertson's on Shattuck.

Parks Report: The Parks and Recreation Bureau has been asked to cut its budget by 5%. There may be some fairly stiff cutbacks at Fulton Park Community Center and the Multnomah Arts Center.

Southwest Trails: There will be a SWTrails walk on April 30, 2005 to raise funds for Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., our SW coalition office. I hope everyone can join us. SWTrails is planning a SW Pedestrian Summit for September. Look for more news later.

Transportation: Please report any abandoned vehicles on the public right of way. Call 503-823-7309. Community Outreach/

Safety: Neighborhood Emergency Team training will occur in the SW this and next month. SW Portland is sorely in need of more trained individuals to serve on the NET teams. NET members will be trained to help the police and fire departments during natural or man-made emergencies. Please call Rachel Jacky at 503-823-4375 if you are interested.

The National Night Out picnic will be in August but may not be on the official NNO date. Watch for news about this fun event.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3, 2005 from 7 to 8:30 pm at Vermont Hills United Methodist Church, 6053 SW 55th. Our meetings are informal and open to all residents and business owners in the Hayhurst Neighborhood. We encourage anyone who is interested in neighborhood issues to attend. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please email or call the chair, Lillie Fitzpatrick: lf@pdx.edu or 503-892-9921.

Next Mtg: Tuesday, May 3, 7 pm
Vermont Hills United
Methodist Church
6053 SW 55th Drive

Contact: Lillie Fitzpatrick
E-mail: lf@pdx.edu
Website: www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst

Hillsdale Neighborhood

Tentative agenda for Hillsdale meeting 7 pm, March 2nd, St Barnabas 2201 SW Vermont.

- 1) Approval of agenda
- 2) Approval of minutes. See the web site for the minutes

Hillsdale Neighborhood website <http://explorepx.com/hna.html>

- 1) Outreach by our Hillsdale Neighborhood Assn. Latest report from Outreach Committee Meghan MacKenzie
- 2) Portland Water Bureau work to be done in Hillsdale neighborhood and an overview of how our water gets to us here in the West Hills. Susan Kelly, Dave Evonuk.
- 3) Hillsdale Plan and Hillsdale District Plan update discussion to prepare for the April 4, 2005 meeting with Portland Planner Ellen Ryker, the planner with whom we worked to do the Hillsdale Town Center Plan in '97.
- 4) Hillsdale Skateboard Park Outreach

and Notice Plan. March 29, 7 pm, St Barnabas.

- 5) Wilson Track Resurfacing Fundraising Effort - Jackie Hultine
- 6) Hillsdale Grass Roots Efforts with City Hall - Walt Amacher
- 7) Other business
- 8) Announcements
- 9) Wilson Work Party, February 5th, 2005 was a success; 50 to 55 people showed up for a good community/school effort. Thanks to the help of the principals at Wilson. Another will be is planned later in spring.

Next Mtg: Wed., March 2, 7 pm
St Barnabas Church
2201 SW Vermont

Chair: Don Baack, 503-246-2088
E-mail: baack@pacifier.com

California pump station upgrade in 2006

from an Environmental Services notice

Environmental Services is designing an upgrade of the California Sewage Pumping Station on SW California Street just west of SW Macadam Ave. The upgrade has two main purposes:

- Provide electrical and mechanical improvements to meet current standards; and
- Increase pumping capacity to allow Environmental Services to meet state requirements for reducing combined sewer overflows to the Willamette River by the end of 2006.

The current schedule calls for construction to start in January 2006 and take about 11 months to complete. Most of the work will be done on the pump station property or inside the existing building.

If you have questions, contact Bob Cynkar at 505-823-7898. At this point, engineering plans are not final, but information is available on the proposed site plan for the upgraded facility and grounds.

SWNI offers new services

by Michael Kisor

Have you noticed how in the spring much new growth occurs? Not just in the natural world around us, but in our daily activity as well. This spring many Neighborhood Associations (NA) are already starting to think about web sites, either putting one up for the first time, or sprucing up an existing one. SWNI is proud to announce new services for its NAs and committees which can assist in that effort.

The first service is a SWNI subdomain. This will give SWNI groups a fixed, concise, stable web address (URI aka URL) to publish in newsletters, flyers, mailings, etc. Here's how it works: Let's say NA "xyz" has, or wants to host, a website on someone's personal web page at "http://www.someisp.com/~membersname/". Well xyz could publish that long web address, but it will be difficult for people to type and even more difficult for people to remember. Instead, xyz uses "http://xyz.swni.org/", which is much easier to type. When someone types "http://xyz.swni.org/" into their browser, whatever web page is on the server at "http://www.someisp.com/~membersname/" is displayed.

Now the real beauty of this is that you're not held hostage to your web provider. You can change your web hosting without changing your published web address. It's

like having a PO Box for your web site, or a truly portable cell-phone number which stays constant even though you change carriers. SWNI subdomains are available now and free for the asking to SWNI groups.

Thanks to the donation of some computers and a DSL line at SWNI HQ, we're putting a pair of servers on-line. These machines will allow us to offer free (and ad free) web hosting and listserv capability to SWNI groups. Part of SWNI's mission is to "empower citizen action," and through these servers we hope to do that by fostering communications and a sense of community.

As of this writing, the servers are not yet available for primetime, but if all goes well, they will be soon. A Content Management System (CMS) will drive the web site, which means that no technical knowledge of HTML code will be required. Instead, groups will be able to build a web site through a web browser interface. On-line Forums will facilitate community dialog on issues of interest in our neighborhoods, and a Listserv will provide ad-free mass-mailing capabilities for groups to keep their members up-to-date with important information. Thanks to 100% use of Open Source software and donated technical expertise, we are able to provide this service to SWNI groups free of charge.

Neighborhoods continued

Markham Neighborhood

Taylor's Ferry Rd was the topic of conversation at the February meeting...and we will continue to talk about it until we can get some changes in the pipeline! As a neighborhood, being that we lack parks, businesses, and only really have 1 or 2 schools (three if you count Jackson - outside of our boundary), the only other big issue is the deplorable condition of some of our streets. We have chosen to tackle TFR because it serves so many people.

We listened to Jack Klinker of the Ashcreek neighborhood talk about the Taylor's Ferry plan for the west side of I-5. He and other neighbors worked hard (the Taylor's Ferry Joint Task Force) to put this plan together which achieves some simple goals without being overly expensive. It calls on the city to develop sidewalks as funding allows, but we all know that's not going to happen anytime soon. So if the city can't achieve these goals, the other part of the plan dictates if improvements are made to the property, then the property owner installs smaller asphalt sidewalks/pathways on the front edge of their property, close to Taylor's Ferry. They also recommend changing the location of the Capitol Hwy off-ramp from I-5 because it feeds directly onto TFR and causes a traffic nightmare at times.

In the next meeting, we will go over maps of Taylor's Ferry and hopefully have a

city or PDOT official there to discuss more particular options. We will also set a date for walkabout trip to see firsthand the issues on TFR and identify areas for improvement. In addition, we want to contact those people living on TFR directly to get their input. We might consider partnering with Marshall Park on this project. Or perhaps asking some PSU students from the urban planning program for their assistance.

In addition, some development is happening on Dolph St between 19th and 14th. 1837 SW Dolph is proceeding rapidly with approximately 7-10 large trees being taken down. The urban forester was able to save a few trees in the right-of-way. At 1636 SW Dolph St, a demolition permit was granted for the house last week, the lot will be split in two with one house on each lot. The new house at 1423 SW Dolph St is also proceeding - the structure is almost complete. We need your input! If you have any grand ideas for Taylor's Ferry Rd, please let us know. The challenge is big, but little by little we can make it a safer road for everyone.

**Next Mtg: Tuesday, March 8, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church
10558 SW 35th**

**Contact: Tim Cushing, 503-244-0759
E-mail: tcushing@cfpwood.com
website: <http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm>**

Marshall Park Neighborhood

At the MPNA February 10th meeting, Catherine Sherraden briefly told us about ivy/weed pulling in the south part of Marshall Park. A grant for AmeriCorps volunteers and help from a Boy Scout troop have started this project. Neighborhood volunteers are needed to help take long-term responsibility for maintaining this area. A walk-through and orientation was scheduled for February 26th from 10 am - noon. For additional information or to volunteer, Catherine can be contacted at 503-636-4398 or Catherine@tryonfriends.org.

Please mark your calendars for No Ivy Day, May 7th, when Marshall Park will host an ivy pull. Additional work parties will be scheduled for this spring.

Other discussion at the February meeting took place around the development going on at 13th Drive, and also concerning tree preservation issues in Southwest generally.

The rest of the evening was spent discussing ideas about content for a Marshall Park NA flyer and website, with further design work slated for next month. Marshall Park will also review its bylaws at the next meeting on March 10th.

And - a big "thank you" to Patty McCallig Bates for helping with meeting notes!

Anyone who'd like to receive email updates relevant to Marshall Park neighborhood residents (generally 1-2 per month) should send an email to MarshallParkNA@yahoo.com to subscribe.

**Next Mtg: Thursday, March 10, 6 pm
Papaccino's Coffee House
1321 SW Terwilliger Blvd**

**Contact: Jen Seamans or Neil Blatner
503-246-2434**

E-mail: marshallparkna@yahoo.com

South Burlingame Neighborhood

Welcome, every household in our neighborhood is receiving the *Southwest Neighborhood News* this month courtesy of the South Burlingame NA. We hope you will become a regular reader and attend our meetings.

At our March 14th meeting, we will have Bob Cynkar from BES, Bureau of Environmental Services, presenting a program on a project to repair a major sewer line lying along Stephens Creek starting near SW 10th and Troy Streets, traveling southeasterly along the creek to SW Taylor's Ferry Road. It is in need of repair in several places, hav-

ing been there since 1941. A mailing will be sent to the adjoining property owners in the next few weeks, according to Cynkar.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming meetings that are held on the 2nd Monday of the ODD-numbered months. They are March, May [annual meeting], July, September and November.

Hope to see you there!

**Next Mtg: Mon., March 14, 7:30 pm
Burlingame Baptist Church
125 SW Miles**

**Contact: Garry Lienhard, 503-246-6091
E-mail: lienhard@teleport.com**

West Portland Park Neighborhood

Much of the discussion at the well attended February meeting of the West Portland Park Neighborhood Association centered on the continuing planning of the park at the Holly Farm. At the January 20 public meeting, there were some heated comments from some attending. The possible skate spot continues to be the main bone of contention. There was also concern expressed about the "large grassy area." Many believe that it could become a de facto off-leash dog area. The draft proposal went online February 18. It can be viewed and commented upon on-line (type in holly farm park portland at Google.com, then use the first link) or at the Capitol Hwy library. There is still an opportunity to influence the final design; it is not a firm proposal.

Amanda Fritz shared pictures of the kind of skate spot being proposed. It is a modest design that should not attract kids from outside the neighborhood. Amanda is meeting with the neighbors near the park to discuss their concerns such as: noise, attracting non-local kids, etc. The only skate park in Portland now is at Pier Point Park. The local police officer reports that there has not been trouble there. There is another skate park in Hillsboro at 158th & Walker. One person at the WPPNA meeting said there has been trouble with graffiti and car clouting. Another person who lives near that skate spot said he hasn't seen any problem. Some residents of Markham House have expressed concern about being run into by skaters.

The stakeholders committee has looked at possible sites at Markham School, the library and Jackson Middle School. All these locations have problems that would make a skate spot not work. The skate spot cannot be at the back of schools because of security reasons. Amanda invited those of us present to come up with a good spot at another site, if the park at the Holly Farm doesn't include one.

Adam Grimshaw asked if WPPNA should take a position on the skate spot. Amanda replied that more information needs to be gathered and that there already is a process for the steering committee making the choice. There are other areas of the city that really want a skate spot and there is not enough funding to build one at all the places where one is wanted. The design decision is up to the Parks Bureau; then it goes to the parks board and city council. This will be another opportunity for opponents of the final design to express their opposition.

The Parks Foundation members believe that having a completed plan will help with fundraising. The hope is to start construction either in fall 2005 or spring 2006, depending on how long it takes to get the necessary permits. Joe Hermanson asked who is going to do the actual work. There will be some things volunteers can do; others will need to be done by Parks staff due to union rules.

There are many in neighborhoods across the city who think there is not enough dialogue going on among all those who do work in City of Portland parks, such as: SOLV, neighborhood groups, friends groups, etc. An opportunity to increase that dialogue will be possible on third Thursdays at 7 pm, at "citywide parks team" meetings. All with concerns and interests about city parks are invited to come to the meetings - watch the SWNI newsletter for future locations. Initial plans call for an email listserv and a website. This group will not be one driven by a single leader or elected board, but will address concerns of the participants.

Dennis Hayes reported on the SWNI board meeting. The city has a budget problem. Yes, again. ONI has been asked to reduce their budget by 5%. This could impact SWNI's funding. The NET training in SW Portland has begun. This trains people to respond to disasters. It's hoped that every neighborhood in SW Portland will have a full team of 21 trained volunteers. The transportation committee will be having a forum on April 4 to give neighbors an opportunity to express their neighborhood concerns. At the March 10 WPPNA meeting, we will be discussing transportation concerns in WPP. Attend the meeting and let us know about the concerns you have. April 30 is SWNI's fundraising walk. Check page 1 in this newsletter for more information.

Adam reported that last fall the *Safe Routes to School* group applied for a grant to do a study of photo radar. It looks possible that we will have a study in SW. The study consists of three different conditions: lots of photo radar, a moderate amount of photo radar and no photo radar. They would then study the differences in regard to speeding in school zones.

As regards the Stevenson/39th/Vesta subdivision final plat, contractors are talking about putting the street further into Portland, and not in Lake Oswego, to avoid having to get permits from Lake Oswego. Amanda reminded us that one can search permits at PortlandOnline.com. You can find out information about development proposals at the Bureau of Development Services agency page.

Again, we appeal to you, our neighbors in West Portland Park. We need a Land Use chair. It is an important position but not too much for a volunteer to handle. We on the board would help the new Land Use chair get up to speed. Won't you please consider saying yes to this opportunity?

Join us at the March meeting.

**Next Mtg: Thurs., March 10, 7 pm
Hospitality Inn
Conference Room
10151 SW Capitol Hwy**

**Chair: David Gens, 503-244-8043
website: www.neighborhoodlink.com/wppna**

Maplewood Neighborhood

We will not meet in March but will have election of officers at our April meeting.

**Next Mtg: Wed., April 13, 7 pm
West Hills Friends Church
7425 SW 52nd**

**Chair: Brad Baugher, 503-244-7025
E-mail: baugherb@oes.edu**

First Thursday Art Show

Hosted by students at Capitol Hill Elementary, 8401 SW 17th Avenue, Thursday, April 7, 5:50 - 8 pm. This free event, will include live entertainment by Misty River; the rededication of the old Collins View school mural by the mural's artist, Jack McLarty; and a "museum café," where food will be available for purchase.

Multnomah Neighborhood

Hi, neighbors! We had a great meeting in February. We were pleased to have Rhonda Danielson from TriMet discuss her agency's advertising policies. She attended our meeting in response to complaints about an inappropriate advertisement located on a TriMet bus shelter at the Arts Center. TriMet was responsive to the complaint and the ad was subsequently moved.

We discussed a number of transportation-related items. A number of streets in the Multnomah neighborhood have been added to a list to be eligible for city funds to subsidize the installation of speed bumps. There will be more information on the subsidized speed bump program at our March meeting. We also discussed the possibility that federal money will be earmarked for an engineering study of Capitol Hwy between Taylor's Ferry and Multnomah Blvd. A meeting will be held at Metro on Thursday, February 17th, where public comment will be heard. This project received the third highest number of comments out of all the Metro projects on this list, so we hope that this groundswell of support will place the funding on the 'go' list.

There has been no further news on the potential townhouse development at 3402

SW Moss St. A completed application has not yet been filed with the city, but we are monitoring the progress of the project.

On March 14th at 7:30 pm at the SW Community Center, Portland Parks & Recreation will speak about the possibilities of a new skate park in SW Portland, possibly in Gabriel Park or Rieke Elementary. They are speaking community feedback on the potential sites, so if you have something to say, this would be a great time to submit your input!

At our March meeting we will be discussing the Multnomah NA's land use and transportation priorities in advance of a community-wide meeting on April 4th. I hope you can attend and let us know what you are thinking! Our meetings are a great way to get to know your neighbors and to have a real say in what goes on in your community. I hope you can all make it and be a part of our community! See you then.

**Next Mtg: March 8, 7 pm
Multnomah Center,
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.**

**Chair Zachary Horowitz, 503-293-5967
E-Mail: zacharyhorowitz@hotmail.com**

RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday & Friday, MARCH 24, 25 & 26, 9 am -5 pm

Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm

Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Garden & House Plants

Bake Sale



**Neighborhood House, Inc.
Senior Center
503-244-5204**



**Southwest Loaves & Fishes
503-244-3873**

**SHUTTLE BUS: Hillsdale Community Church
6948 SW Capitol Hwy., 9 am to 4 pm**

**HALF-HOUR INTERVALS
(Thursday & Saturday Only)**

Multnomah County Community Court needs clothing donations

By Gary Schwindt, Ashcreek neighbor & member of Community Court Advisory Board

The very successful and worthy Community Court Project has a need of donated men's and women's clothing to assist them in their mission. What follows is information about Community Court and how you can help.

What is Community Court?

The Community Court movement has developed over the past decade or so as a way to tackle low-level crime

that negatively impacts livability. Prior to the advent of Community Courts, low-level offenders would typically spend very little or no time in jail and receive no social services.

Community Court provides real consequences for low-level offenders by sentencing them to community service, while at the same time attempting to meet their social service needs to minimize the chances they will offend again. This newer model has proved to make more of an impact on the offender, allowing for the possibility of real change. There are Community Courts in several parts of the United States and in other countries as well. Multnomah County is the first county in the nation to operate four Community Courts.

Community Court in Multnomah County started with the first court in North/Northeast Portland in March 1998. The Southeast Community Court followed in February 2000. The Westside Community Court opened in April of 2001. The Gresham Community Court is the latest addition to the Court system, having opened in April of 2003.

Partnerships with non-profits

Community Court defendants are sentenced to community service in many local non-profit and government agencies, such as Salvation Army, Loaves & Fishes, Volunteers of America, Blanchet House and Portland Parks. Here in Southwest, Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) receives help from Community Court defendants during the spring and fall cleanup campaigns. The agencies provide supervision, support and accountability for the defendants. In several cases, the defendant was so impacted by their experience at an agency that the individual either committed to additional volunteer time or was able to gain employment at the agency. Since August of 2002, 2100 defendants from the Westside Community Court have completed 27,250 hours of community service, valued at \$197,563, at non-profit and government partner agencies. Crews have prepared more than 45,000 food boxes for needy families, filled more than 2,250 trash bags with litter, and removed 684 syringes

from Portland city streets. These hours of service make a significant contribution to worthy causes, and allow the defendant to make up for some of what they did when they committed their crime.

A success story from Community Court

Jerrod Hall lived for many years in the same community as Richard Brown, N/NE Community Court Advisory Board member. When they were younger, Mr. Hall was known for his love of boxing and he competed professionally, earning a living doing what he loved best. At some point, Mr. Hall left boxing and, over the course of several years, his drinking intensified. Before too long, Mr. Hall became a familiar sight on the streets, his hand wrapped around a brown paper bag. About two years ago, a police officer arrested Mr. Hall for drinking in public and cited him to the N/NE Community Court in the King Neighborhood Facility.

At Community Court, prior to meeting the judge, Mr. Hall met with Angela Loerzel, a social services coordinator at Community Court. At the time, Mr. Hall was homeless, without insurance and in need of housing, alcohol treatment and medical attention. Over the next month, Ms. Loerzel worked with Mr. Hall and one of his sisters to obtain disability benefits and Oregon Health Plan coverage. Once those benefits were obtained, Ms. Loerzel was able to find a senior living facility Mr. Hall could afford and treatment for his drinking. Richard Brown monitored the progress: "We knew Jerrod had a problem and we wanted to do something about it. Getting him into the senior facility was the best thing to happen to him in a long time," Mr. Brown says. "Surprisingly, he has stayed there."

Mr. Brown checks up on Mr. Hall from time to time, and according to the nurses at the facility and some of his old friends, he is doing well. His boxing buddies have regained contact with him and occasionally pick him up to go watch televised boxing matches. Though he was nearly 70 years old at the time he came to Community Court, with decades of drinking and, at times, unlawful behavior to his name, with the help of Community Court, Mr. Hall was able to radically change his life for the better.

How can you help the court and your fellow community members?

Many of the defendants at Community Court are impoverished and some have few serviceable clothes. The Court has a Clothes Closet of donated items so they can give clothes to the neediest defendants, but the Closet has not been widely advertised. Currently, the employees at Community Court provide most of the donations to the

The Community Court Project endeavors to address quality-of-life crime that diminishes citizens' pride and sense of safety in their neighborhoods. By collaborating with citizens, law enforcement, court and social service agencies, the Community Court Project encourages defendants to contribute positively to their community through community service projects and offers them social service assistance to address underlying problems that can lead to criminal behavior.

-Multnomah County
Community Court website

**Needed items:
warm jackets
jeans/pants
shirts
gloves
socks
warm hats
shoes
for both men and women**



Circuit Court Judge Evans gives instructions to a defendant during a session at Multnomah County Westside Community Court

Clothes Closet. The Closet enables some defendants to fulfill their commitment to the community and the court by providing them with protection from the Portland elements as they complete their service, and enhancing their self-esteem. Their service begins to restore their dignity. It sets them on the challenging road to recovery.

Both women's and men's clothing is needed, although there is a greater need for men's clothes. Needed items include: jackets, jeans/pants, shirts, gloves, socks, warm hats, and shoes. Shoes are in particularly high demand.

If you have any of these items in clean, serviceable condition and you would like to donate them to the Community Court

Clothes Closet, please bag them and either (a) drop them off at the SWNI office at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy; or (b) call Gary at 503-452-7058 and arrange for your items to be picked up. Community Court is not a 501(c)(3), so donations unfortunately are not tax-deductible.

Many of us have unused or excess clothing in our own closets. Please consider donating yours to the Community Court Clothes Closet! Instead of just sitting in your closet or attic, those clothes could help restore a life and increase livability and public safety in our community.

For more information about Community Court, please visit:
www.co.multnomah.or.us/da/cc/

Emergency preparedness in the workplace

Adapted from National Crime Prevention Council, www.npc.org

- Know your company's emergency plans. If your company does not have an emergency plan, volunteer to help develop one.
- Support each other. Determine how you will help each other in the event that public transportation is down or thoroughfares are impassable. Are there employees who could temporarily house, transport, or feed other employees?
- Know the exit routes and evacuation plans in your building. Know at least two escape routes from each room, if possible. Be able to escape in the dark by knowing how many desks or cubicles are between your workstation and two of the nearest exits.
- Know the location of fire extinguishers and medical kits.
- Make sure there is a designated meeting location and that every employee knows what it is.
- Make special emergency plans for co-

workers who are disabled or may require assistance during an emergency.

- Never lock fire exits or block doorways, halls, or stairways. However, keep fire doors closed to slow the spread of smoke and fire.
- Keep your own personal emergency supplies in a desk drawer. Consider a flashlight, walking shoes, a water bottle, and nonperishable food. Contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency for information on workplace emergency kits.
- Have a printed list of important phone numbers (e.g., your spouse's number at work, your children's school numbers) at your desk. Do not rely on electronic lists, such as direct-dial phone numbers and computer organizers.
- Learn about Neighborhood Emergency Teams through the Portland Office of Emergency Management. Call 503-823-4375 or visit www.portlandonline.com/oem

Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for December 2004

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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11.9
Ashcreek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	1	5	27.8
Bridlemile	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	3	1	3	15	26.4
Collins View	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	1	3	24	0	18	54	118.2
CTLH	0	0	0	1	0	4	3	1	13	1	3	4	3	33	87.8
Crestwood	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	21.4
Far Southwest	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	5	0	3	12	96.4
Hayhurst	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	7	18.3
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.6
Hillsdale	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	9	0	7	1	2	23	40.2
Homestead	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	3	0	1	2	0	10	109.9
Maplewood	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	7	20.7
Markham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	20.2
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	8.4
Multnomah	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	9	0	5	5	6	30	49.4
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	35.2
SW Hills	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	9	36.0
W Pld Park	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	3	8	36.5
Total SW	0	1	1	6	5	22	10	2	56	4	53	20	42	222	43.3



To sign up for the Southwest Public Safety List Serve (email group), send a blank email to:

swpublicsafety-subscribe@yahoo.com

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

On Watch: Public Safety Information

How and why residential burglars pick their targets

Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention Program

One of the keys to reducing residential burglaries is to examine how a burglar picks which home to victimize. In a recent study, "Burglary of Single-Family Houses," published by Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), U. S. Department of Justice, July 2002, Deborah Lamm Weisel outlines the key factors which burglars most often take into consideration when targeting specific homes. These key factors are:

Familiarity with the target & convenience of location

Offenders tend to commit their crimes close to where they live, although older, professional burglars tend to be more mobile and travel farther. Often, burglars target homes close to their routine travel routes. This makes the following houses more vulnerable:

- Houses near large youth populations, drug addicts, shopping centers, sports arenas, transit stations, and urban high-crime areas.

- Houses near major thoroughfares. Heavy car traffic that brings outsiders into an area may contribute to burglaries. Burglars become familiar with potential targets, and it is more difficult for residents to recognize strangers.

- Houses on the outskirts of neighborhoods. Like houses on major thoroughfares these houses have more exposure to strangers. Strangers are more likely to be noticed by occupants of houses on dead ends streets and cul-de-sacs because less traffic makes their presence stand out.

- Houses that have been previously burglarized. Previously burglarized houses are up to four times more likely to be re-victimised. Some houses offer cues of a good payoff or easy access; burglars return to houses for property left behind during the initial burglary; or burglars tell others about desirable houses. Sometimes burglars may return to see if property has been replaced by insurance proceeds.

Occupancy

Most burglars take great care to avoid occupied houses. Some studies suggest that burglars routinely ring doorbells to confirm a resident's absence. The length of time a resident is away from home is a strong predictor of the risk of being burglarized. The following houses are at higher risk:

- Houses vacant for extended periods of time. Vacation and weekend homes, and those where residents are away on vacation. Signs of vacancy such as open garage doors and accumulated mail indicate someone has been gone for an extended time.
- Houses routinely vacant during the day. Houses that appear occupied – vehicle in the driveway, visible activity, or audible noises from within – are less likely to be burglarized.

- Houses of new residents. Neighborhoods with higher mobility – those with shorter-term residents – tend to have higher burglary rates. This is mostly because they do not have well-established networks. (Form that Neighborhood Watch!)
- Houses without dogs. A dog's presence is a close substitute for human occupancy, and most burglars avoid houses with dogs. Small dogs may bark and large dogs may pose a physical threat as well.

Visibility or surveillability

A burglar's risk of being seen entering or leaving a property influences target selection, so this makes the following houses more vulnerable to burglary:

- Houses that are secluded or obscured by fencing or shrubbery. Dense trees and shrubs -- especially evergreens -- near doors and windows and entrances hidden by solid fencing or mature vegetation. Also, houses that are set back from the street or near non-residential land like parks.

- Houses with poor lighting. Steady lighting poses the threat that somebody may be available to readily see the burglar and motion-sensing lighting may serve as an alert.

- Houses on corners. Burglars are more easily able to assess a corner house for occupancy, and corner houses have fewer immediate neighbors.



Overgrown shrubs provide hiding places for burglars

Accessibility

Accessibility determines how easily a burglar can enter a house. The following houses are at a greater risk of burglary:

- Houses easily entered through side or back doors and windows.

- Houses next to alleys. Alleys provide both access and escape for burglars and limited visibility to neighbors. In addition, large side-yards provide easier access to the rear of houses.

Vulnerability or security

How vulnerable or secure a house appears determines how likely a burglar is going to target it. These types of houses are particularly at risk:

- Houses with weakened entry points. Poor building materials can make houses more vulnerable to burglary. Older houses may have rusting, easily compromised locks or worn and decaying window and door frames, while newer houses may be built with cheap materials.

- Houses where residents are careless about security. Burglarized houses often have unlocked doors and windows. Seasonal variations may determine a burglar's access methods – summer months allow entry through open doors and windows, while winter months bring an increase in forced entry burglaries.

- Houses with few or no security devices. Studies show that alarms, combined with other security devices, reduce burglaries. Burglars are less likely to gain entry when a house has two or more security devices (including window locks, deadbolts, security lights, and alarms).

After reading this article, if you wish information on organizing a Neighborhood Watch or want additional home security suggestions, contact Stephanie Reynolds at 503-823-3131, sreynolds@ci.portland.or.us.

Helpful numbers & websites

Emergency police, fire, or medical help
911

Non-emergency police assistance
503-823-3333

Portland Police information & referral
503-823-4636

City of Portland/Multnomah County information and referral
503-823-4000
503-823-6868 TDD

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

Office of Neighborhood Involvement
503-823-4519

Neighborhood Mediation Center
503-823-3152

Mayor's Comment Line
503-823-4127

City Ombudsman
503-823-0144

Elected Officials
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Office of Neighborhood Involvement website

www.portlandonline.com/oni

- Neighborhood demographics
- Neighborhood association contact info
- Maps of neighborhood boundaries

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 good home 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- the Drugs and Vice Division wants to hear from you if you know about a possible drug house.

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

Sites for federal statistics on crime
www.ncjrs.org

www.ncvc.org

www.ojp.usdoj.gov

www.fedstats.gov

www.albany.edu/sourcebook/

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/offendersup.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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Neighborhood House Senior Center

7688 SW Capitol Hwy.,

503-244-5204

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING: Thursday, March 10, 10 - 11 am. Free.

QIGONG CLASSES: Thursdays, 1 - 2 pm. Free.

AARP '55 Alive' Driving Safety Program: Thursday, March 3, 9 am - noon; Friday, March 4, 9 am - noon. Fee: \$10; payable to AARP. This course is recommended for everyone over 55 years of age. People 69 and younger should repeat the class every 3 years, and those over 70 should brush up every two years. Call 503-244-5204 to reserve your space in the class.

SENIOR LAW PROJECT: Tuesdays, March 8. 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 503-244-5204.

STROKE SUPPORT: Third Tuesday, March 15, 1 - 2 pm.

FOOT CLINIC: Third Wednesday, March 16, 9 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$27. Appointments are required; call 503-244-5204.

LOW-VISION SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Third Tuesday, March 15, 11 am - noon.

FALUN GONG: Every Monday, 1 - 2 pm. Free.

Caregivers' Support Group: Fourth Tuesday, March 22, 1 - 2 pm. Anyone who is caring for an elder is welcome to participate in this group.

ACUPUNCTURE: Mondays, March 7, 14, & 28; Thursday afternoons, March 3, 10, & 17. Appointment required. Payment in advance. \$45 for first visit; \$35 for subsequent visits.

MASSAGE: Tuesday afternoons, March 1, 8, 15, & 29. Appointments required. Payment in advance. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. (30-minute sessions).

STABILITY BALL: Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 29; Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17 & 31, 9:15 - 10:15 am. Fee: \$3.

YOGA & Stability Ball: Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 29, noon - 1 pm. Fee \$3.

RHYTHMIC EXERCISE: Tuesdays, March 1, 8, 15, & 29; Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 - 11:30 am. Fee: \$3 (new price).

CONVERSATION CIRCLE: Thursdays, March 3, 10, 24, & 31, 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

MARCH TRIPS
COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE DISCOVERY CENTER/LUNCH: Wednesday, March 2, 9 am - 5 pm. Ride: \$12. Museum entrance fee: \$5.50. Lunch is on your own.

LUCKY EAGLE CASINO: Tuesday, March 15, 8:45 am - 5 pm. Free trip. Call the senior center to reserve your seat.

BREAKFAST AT CAMP 18 AND SEASIDE: Wednesday, March 30, depart at 9 am, return at 5 pm. Ride: \$11. Breakfast and lunch on your own.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

March 8, 1 - 4 pm

Multnomah Center Auditorium
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Sponsored by Neighborhood House Senior Center and Southwest Loaves & Fishes

Most of the world celebrates International Women's Day (IWD). IWD recognizes the economic, social, cultural and political achievements of women. The first IWD was held on March 19, 1911 in Germany, Austria, Denmark and other European countries. German women selected this date because in 1848 the Prussian king had promised the vote for women. As a result, over one million leaflets calling for action on the right to vote were distributed throughout Germany before IWD in 1911.

Now the IWD is always celebrated on March 8th and is an occasion marked by women's groups around the world. This date is also commemorated at the United Nations and is designated in many countries as a national holiday (i.e., Russia). Women in every country, often divided by ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic and political differences, come together to celebrate this important date that represents equality, justice, peace and development.

International Women's Day is the story of ordinary women as makers of history. It is rooted in the centuries-old struggle of women seeking to participate equally in society,

on an equal footing with men.

The growing international women's movement has helped make IWD a special day for promoting women's rights and participation in political economic process.

In the past, we have celebrated this day by offering educational programs on achievements of women, the needs of women, and the plight of some groups of women around the world. This year, Neighborhood House senior center, Southwest Loaves & Fishes, and the senior center's Russian club will be throwing a celebration for senior women in the community.

We invite you and your family to attend this celebration,

March 8, 1 - 4 pm

Multnomah Center Auditorium
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Reservations are required because space is limited. Call 503-244-5204 to reserve your seat. We ask that you be on time (prior to 1 pm) in respect for the performers. (Doors will be closed at 1 pm). A meal will be served, including fish, tater tots, choice of salad, cherry cobbler, and coffee, tea, or milk. The event, including the meal, is free but donations are gladly accepted.

The program will begin with brief presentations by Rick Nitti, executive director of Neighborhood House, Inc; Sergey Arutyunova, president of the Russian Club; and Roselyn Farrington, executive director of Oregon Women's Commission. Next, there will be a musical program of talented Russian performers, including the following:

Tamara Yurovskaya. Tamara is a Russian pianist, concert master and teacher. She is an honored musician of Russia and has received many honors and awards from the Soviet federation. At five years old, she was accepted into a musical school for talented children for Kiev's conservatory. For many years, she gave concerts as a pianist and concertmaster with many different groups and tours throughout the Soviet republics and outside country borders. For a number of years, she performed on the radio and TV in Russia.

Vladimir Taresenko is Tamara's husband and an experienced vocalist. Over 20 years, Vladimir performed as a soloist in the Academic Men's Veterans Choir of WWII. He has also received many awards and honors.

Inna A. Karakuts, born and trained in Russia, is a professional soprano singer. Inna has performed throughout Russia and in Europe.

Marsha Mitkova, a 15-year-old pianist (and flutist) is a student of Tamara. She will perform for us on the piano.

RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday & Friday,

March 24 & 25, 9 am - 5 pm

Saturday, March 26, 9 am - 3 pm

Join us for our largest fundraiser of the year. Our sale actually begins on March 14 with our silent auction of collectibles, fine china and other specialty items. These items will be displayed in the lobby in the Multnomah Center with the bidding ending on Saturday, March 26, at noon. At the rummage sale, you will find all kinds of household items: small appliances, dishes, cookware, decorative items, craft supplies, furniture, clothing and shoes, jewelry, sporting goods, exercise equipment, garden tools, and automotive equipment. We will also have a variety of wonderful home-baked goods for sale throughout the three days and Russian pastry and specialty foods on Saturday at 10 am - noon. In addition, if you are beginning to think about planning your flower garden, we will have a nice variety of plants for the best prices in town.

We will be accepting rummage until the day the sale begins. If you have collectibles, fine jewelry, or other items of value, please donate them by March 10th so that they might be included in the silent action.

Because the rummage is not sorted and priced at the senior center this year, we have arranged for cars and pickups to be parked in the Loaves & Fishes Meals on Wheels driver's pickup area (rear parking lot) just behind the building to transport the rummage to be sorted. They will be in the parking lot on the following days & times: Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 11:30 am - noon, Tuesdays, 10:30 - 11 am.

If you have a large quantity of rummage to donate, please call the senior center to make special arrangements. If you have any questions, please call 503-244-5204.

Neighborhood House kicks off centennial year



Saturday, May 14, 2005
Downtown Portland Marriott Hotel

Look for tickets on sale in mid-February at www.nhweb.org
\$100/person \$1,000/table*
*table reservations only - 10 guests



Hollywood animators, directors and performers will be on hand to join Noel Blanc in paying tribute to his father, Portland native son Mel Blanc, at "Animation Celebration: A Century of Hope and Laughter," Neighborhood House's Centennial Gala, to be held on May 14, 2005 at the downtown Marriott Hotel. 2005 marks the 100th year of Neighborhood House and the art of animation.

"Animation Celebration" will pay homage to the impressive contributions of Northwest artists and performers in the field of animation. Renowned celebrity guest participants include art director Alan Bodner (*The Iron Giant*), director Henry Selick (*The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *Jarvis and the Giant Peach*), and animator Craig Bartlett (*Hey Arnold!*).



Tom Kenny, voice of SpongeBob SquarePants, will emcee this special event with proceeds benefiting Neighborhood House programs.

Neighborhood House's Centennial Gala Saturday, May 14, Downtown Marriott Hotel

The gala will include silent and oral auction featuring animation memorabilia, merchandise sales, trips and special surprises. During dinner entertainment will include stand-up comedy by Tom Kenny, a video presentation honoring Mel Blanc's incredible career, which began at the South Parkway Club of Neighborhood House, and commentary showcasing the creativity of Mel's son Noel Blanc, Adam Brochner, Henry Selick, Craig Bartlett, and Tom Kenny.

This high-visibility event is the highlight of a year of activities marking Neighborhood House's Centennial. Proceeds from Animation Celebration will be used to launch the Mel Blanc Youth Development Fund in support of Neighborhood House programs serving families in SW Portland. For information or to reserve your table or seat, contact Jawwea Mockabee, 503-246-1663 x119 or email myerger@nhweb.org.

SW Portland residents weigh in on city government performance report

Residents in Southwest Portland feel the city is not doing as good a job as it did five years ago, according to survey results published in the city auditor's annual report on city government performance.

Businesses in Southwest Portland rate the city's overall job lower than citizens do.

The results of the citizen and business surveys are contained in the 14th Annual Service Efforts and Accomplishments (SEA) report. The report is a city auditor's analysis of the performance of major city departments. The citizens and business surveys are included in the report to give the public's view of the city's performance.

This year the auditor is providing more targeted information about how the neighborhood coalitions feel about the city's performance. "We think there is a lot of information about differences in neighborhood satisfaction that may be revealing," said City Auditor Gary Blackmer.

Some highlights of Southwest Portland opinions:

"Overall, how good a job do you think the city is doing providing government services?" Southwest residents gave the city fairly high marks on its overall performance this past year, with 61 percent saying the city is doing a good or very good job

-- but this is a big drop from five years ago. This compares with 54 for the city average for the same rating, which is a drop in the city average from 65 percent in the year 2000. Meanwhile, Southwest businesses only gave the city a 43 percent good or very good rating overall.

Traffic congestion on major streets during peak hours: One of the worst ratings for Southwest residents was major street congestion during peak hours -- with 41 percent saying it is bad or very bad.

Neighborhood pedestrian and bicycle safety: Pedestrian and bicycle safety on neighborhood streets was rated lower by Southwest residents than any other neighborhood coalition.

"Overall, how do you rate the livability of your neighborhood?" Despite low ratings on other questions, 94 percent of Southwest residents rated the livability of their neighborhood good or very good, much higher than the citywide average.

The full report which includes both citizen and business surveys, is available online at www.portlandonline.com/auditor/auditservices. Printed copies are available at the Audit Services Division, 1221 SW 4th Ave, Room 319, 97204 or by calling 503-823-4005.

Community Gardens upcoming events

Saturday, March 5, 9 am - noon
Children's Garden/habitat workparty

Fulton Community Garden
SW Third & Barbur Blvd.

Compost class from 9:30-10:30 am

Tuesday, March 15, 6 - 7:30 pm
Vegetable Gardening 101

Hillsdale Library,
1575 SW Sunset Blvd.

Saturday, April 2, 9 am - noon
Cleanup planting and workparty

Fulton Children's Garden
SW Third & Barbur Blvd

Saturday, April 16, 9 am - 1 pm
Seed and Plant Exchange

Fulton Community Garden
SW Third & Barbur Blvd

For more information, contact Jennifer Dickson Garden Stewardship Coordinator, 503-823-1612

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Check out
these and other
programs/events at
www.multcolib.org/events/



Capitol Hill Library

10723 SW Capitol Hwy. 503-988-5385

Story Stop: Feel free to ask for a short program of fun stories when three or more children are gathered!

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

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

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

Storyharmonics: An entertaining program that mixes folk tales with a dash of marimba music to create an interactive, fun-filled event. Sat., March 12, 2:30-3:30 pm.

Clay Dinosaurs: Imagine your own Dinosaur Bob and create one out of clay. Sat., March 26 2:30-4:30 pm.

Artist Trading Cards: Create your own trading cards using colored pencils, rubber stamps, collage and more! You may keep your cards or trade with other artists. Thu., March 24, 2-4 pm.

Homework Helpers: Homework Helpers are trained volunteers who give students one-on-one help finding the books and information they need to complete homework assignments. Wednesdays, 4-6 pm. Sundays, 2-4 pm.

Thursday Arts & Crafts: Come after school and go home with a new creation! Recommended for kids 5-12 years. Thu., March 3, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Read to the Dogs: Preregistration required; call 503-988-5385. Sat., March 19, 10 am-noon.

Pageturners: Tuesday, March 8, 7-8 pm. Read *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. Thursday, March 17, 1:30-2:30 pm. Read *The Curious Incident Of The Dog In The Night-time* by Mark Haddon.

Web Basics: Learn about the World Wide Web. Preregistration required. Tue., March 1, 11 am-noon.

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: Seniors learn how to use a computer. Each session will consist of one hour of instruction and one hour of practice. Preregistration required. Wed., March 2, 9, 16; 10 am-noon.

E-mail for Beginners: Prerequisite: Web Basics. Learn how to use free e-mail on the Web, like Yahoo or Hotmail. Sign up, then compose and send messages to anywhere in the world. Preregistration required. Tue., March 15, 11 am-noon.

Web Searching I: Prerequisite: Web Basics. How do you find good information on the Web? Get started with a few simple tools, learn why some web sites might be better choices than others for reliable information. Preregistration required. Tue., March 29, 11 am-noon.

Preregister for the above classes: online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

Hillsdale Library

1525 SW Sunset Blvd., 503-988-5388

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

Tiny Tots: For children 12-24 months with adult. Mon., 10:15-11 am.

Preschool Storytime: For children 3-6 years with adult. Tues., 10:15-10:45 am.

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

Book Babies: For children 0-12 months with adult. Thurs., 10:15-11 am. Sat., 10:15-11 am (except Mar. 12).

Symphony Storytime: Join the Oregon Symphony for interactive, musical storytimes. Wed., Mar. 2, 9, 16 & 30, 4-5 pm.

Sing, Sign and Playtime! Geared for families who have done some signing, but also serves as an ideal opportunity for beginning signers to sample a SmallTalk Workshop. Sat., March 12, 10:15-11 am.

Make Your Own Book! For children 5 years and older with an adult. Wed., Mar. 23, 3:30-5 pm.

Read to the Dogs: Pre-registration required; call 503-988-5388. Sat., March 12 and 26, 10 am-noon.

Teen Lounge & Homework Center: Access the Internet, do word processing; get homework help from trained staff and online tutors; or just do your homework and listen to music while hanging out. For teens in grades 6-12. Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 pm (except March 24).

Pageturners: Read *Lolita in Tehran: A Memoir in Books* by Azar Nafisi. Thu., March 17, 1-3 pm. Read *One Hundred Years of Solitude* by Gabriel Garcia Márquez.

TechnoHosts: Volunteers help you search the Web, play educational CD-ROM games, and look up materials with the online catalog. Thurs. and Sun., 3-5 pm. Sat., 2-5 pm.

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: Learn how to use a computer: a mouse, search the Internet, and send and receive e-mail. Each session will consist of one hour of instruction and one hour of practice. Preregistration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234. Mon., March 14, 21, 28; 1-3 pm.

Web Basics:** Learn about the World Wide Web, explore our home page, and practice entering Web addresses. Mon., March 14, 3:30-5 pm.

Excel I:** Use Microsoft Excel 2000 in this introductory course. Learn how to create a simple budget spreadsheet. Advanced-level class; participants need word processing skills. Sat., March 19, 3-5 pm.

E-mail for Beginners:** Prerequisite: Web Basics. Learn how to use free e-mail on the Web, like Yahoo or Hotmail. Sign up, then compose and send messages to anywhere in the world. Mon., March 28, 3:30-5 pm. ** Preregistration required; register online, in the library or call 503-988-5234.

Planning Liaison Workshop

Monday, April 4, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Portland's Bureau of Planning has assigned liaisons to help communities to do local planning. At this workshop, we'll try to identify needs and problems in southwest neighborhoods regarding land use and transportation. For more info, call Leonard Gard, 503-823-4592.

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Spring Day Camp (9 am - 3 pm unless otherwise noted)

Orienteering: Grades 2 - 4. March 21. Fee: \$40 (\$34 for members).

Fox Walk in the Forest: Grades 2 - 4. March 22. Fee: \$40 (\$34 members).

Wonderful Wings: Grades 1 - 3. March 23. Fee: \$40 (\$34 members).

Green and Growing: Grades K - 1. March 24, 9 am - noon. Fee: \$25 (\$21 members).

Frogs, Friends and Fun! Grades 1 - 3. March 25, 9 am - 3 pm. Fee: \$40 (\$34 members).

Kids' Night Out - Coyotes: March 18, 6 - 9 pm. Ages 7 - 12. Join us for a pizza party, night-time park exploration, and games. Find a coyote den in the forest, explore a coyote skull and pelt, and listen for coyotes in the woods. Learn all about these furry predators and their lives in the forest. Fee: \$30 (\$26 members).

Kids' Day Off - Winged Exploration: Grades 1 - 4. March 11, 8 am - 4 pm. Join us on a trip out to Sauvie's Island. We will use our binoculars to meet a new group of feathered friends. Fee: \$50 (\$43 members).

Sunday Lectures - Burning the Forest: March 20, 2 - 3 pm. Join us to discover the early history of Tryon Creek and the region. Free.

GUIDED NATURE WALKS: Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 am. Explore the fascinating world of the forest.

3/5 Giant Forest Conifers: Visit tree species only a generation or two removed from those living in the middle ages.

3/12 Forest Highs and Lows: Find out all about forest layers, and the animals and plants that live there.

3/19 Spring Equinox: Learn about the awakening animals and plants.

3/26 Adaptable Animals: Learn how animals adapt to these changes.

4/2 Trillium of Oregon: Learn where they grow, what they like, and why they are found so strongly within the park.

Trillium Festival: Saturday, 4/2, 9:30 am - 4 pm; Sunday, 4/3, 10 am - 4 pm. Celebrate spring at the annual Trillium Festival at Tryon Creek State Park with a weekend of activities and events for everyone in the family. Each day will be filled with guided nature hikes, children's crafts, live music performances, native plant sale, storytelling, photo contest, local authors, specials in the Nature Store, a raffle for fabulous prizes, and refreshments. There is something for everyone at this favorite event.

Native and Hardy Plant Sale: Saturday, 4/2, 9:30 am - 4 pm; Sunday, 4/3, 10 am - 4 pm. The plant sale features trillium, hardy perennials, lewisia, hellebores, rare plants, and many more. Native plant nurseries throughout the Northwest will bring their selections, and master gardeners will be available to answer all your gardening questions.

THIRD THURSDAY VOLUNTEER WORK PARTIES: Third Thursday of each month, March 17, 10 am - 1 pm. Help with projects such as bulk mailings and event preparation. A light lunch provided. Wheelchair-accessible.

COMMUNITY IVY PULL: Second Saturday of each month, March 12, 9 am to noon. Rid the park of English ivy and other invasive species. Please bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes.

Sustainable Landscaping with Native Plants Workshop

Saturday, March 19th, from 1 - 4 pm,
Tryon Creek State Park, 11321 SW Terwilliger, Blvd

This class will guide participants in how to create a beautiful and functional landscape that is lower in maintenance, conserves water and energy, and establishes a healthy atmosphere for all. J.J. Sweeney of Salamander Designs will discuss design concepts, site analysis and plant selection in this interactive workshop. The workshop will include a walk in Tryon Creek State Park to identify local native species. This is the perfect class to take prior to attending the Native and Hardy Plant sale during the Trillium Festival in early April. No previous gardening or landscaping experience is necessary. Cost is \$15. Registration is required. Space is limited. Call 503-636-4398 or www.tryonfriends.org.



J.J. Sweeney of Salamander Designs

Seat available on Watershed Advisory Committee

Environmental Services is working to complete a watershed management plan for both the Fanno and Tryon Creek watersheds within the Portland city limits. One seat for a person from the SW Portland community is available on the Advisory Committee to the planning team.

The committee meets downtown, usually the fourth Monday of the month from 3 to 5 pm. Committee work will continue for about one more year. If you have the time, are interested in watershed health and management, and live in either the Fanno or Tryon Creek watershed within Portland city limits, please express your interest to Leonard at the SWNI office, 503-823-4592.

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A history of South Portland

William R. Broughton in 1792 was the first European to sight a large river flowing from the south into the Columbia River about 100 miles from the Pacific Ocean. It is the only river in North America that flows entirely northward. He named this river the River Manning. When Lewis and Clark arrived on the island at its isthmus on November 3, 1805, he found what he estimated to be about 2,400 Chinook-speaking natives living in almost 80 homes and lodges there, and 1,800 more on the shore nearby. The natives used an Indian word, "mulknomans," to identify villagers on the east side of the island. It has been suggested that the word is a corruption of "nemathlnomaq," meaning downriver (from the Oregon City Falls; the river above the falls was called "Wallamat.") William Clark returned in 1806, after having missed the river twice on the first expedition. Upon his return, he traveled up-river to Swan Island or beyond with an Indian guide and noted: "At this place I think the width of the river may be stated at 500 yards, and sufficiently deep for a Man-of War or ship of any burthen." He named the river "Multnomah," the name he had also given Wappato Island. Thirty-one years later, Charles Wilkes used the name "Willamette" in a report. For several decades following, both names were used interchangeably until the older name disappeared from use.

In 1811, the Pacific Fur Company's Astor party became the first account of white men to travel up the Willamette River to the falls. The natives viewed these white men as curiosities rather than a threat. It was not until eighteen years later in 1829 that the next significant contact with white men occurred when Dr. John McLoughlin of the Hudson's Bay Company arrived at the falls by boat. McLoughlin supervised the Hudson's Bay Company operations at Fort Vancouver; his relationship with the Native American population was relatively peaceful.

But the biggest threat to the native tribes arrived in waves of European diseases: smallpox, malaria, diphtheria, typhus, typhoid, whooping cough, measles and influenza. The first incident was recorded in 1829. A New England sea captain, John O. Dominis sailed to Oregon hoping to start an import business of salted salmon. His ship ran aground at Deer Island in the Columbia. Dr. McLoughlin sent Native American workmen down to help free the ship. They

discovered that some of the crew were ill. When natives discovered the nature of Captain Dominis' business, they cut the anchor line of his ship and it floated downstream. But the infection from his sick seamen spread along the river and the tribes in the valleys fell victim to "the Cold Sick." Natives on Wappato Island were among the worst hit. This incident alone wiped out nine out of ten of the Columbia and Willamette River Indians. By 1840, most of the natives were dead - as European families settled on their chosen land claims - land cultivated for thousands of years by natives who burned off underbrush to create large savannahs for hunting and leaving thickly forested areas for foraging. In one generation, the original natives had been exterminated. Dr. John K. Townsend in 1833 wrote: "The spot where once stood the thickly populated village... is now only indicated by a heap of indistinguishable ruins. The depopulation has been truly fearful."

The growing tide of immigration after McLoughlin's retirement in 1845 gave rise to increasing fear and resentment by the natives. Afraid that they were being deliberately poisoned, aggravated by a total disregard of their rights, they sparked a series of attacks and reprisals throughout western Oregon. Peter Skene Ogden, an agent for Hudson's Bay Company, ransomed the survivors of the Whitman "massacre" from natives and brought them to Oregon City. In retribution, captured natives were tried and hung in the town. By the late 1840s, Multnomah Indians were seldom seen. A few years later the surviving remnants of lower Willamette Valley Indians were removed and sent to the Grand Ronde Reservation. In 1855, a treaty was rejected by the remaining Chinook Indians on the Columbia River who refused to leave their homeland.

The interface between the First Nations people and European people was perhaps the primal and most destructive moment in the quest for the American dream. By the 1840s, settlers stumbled into a virtual paradise in the Willamette Valley. The large open savannahs dotted with groves of trees were perfect for them. What they happily discovered was the result of centuries of landscape cultivation by the native tribes. It was a sta-



bilized natural environment, built and maintained by humans in harmony with their surroundings. In only ten years, up to 90% of the Indian population was decimated. Indian resistance was almost nonexistent in the valley. The native species of plant and animal life was changing suddenly and forever. The undergrowth was no longer controlled by native burn off. Himalayan blackberry, English ivy and the Norway rat were only a few of the environmental changes that were introduced along with "the cold sick." Property ownership and property lines diced up the land unnaturally and denied the First Nation tribes their inherent rights. Transportation routes interrupted the ancient flow of nature. The negative transformative power inherent to the "pursuit of happiness" had picked the apple, so to speak, and was making it rot. A century and a half later, our ecology is heavily out of balance and American society remains highly unstable and dependant upon exterior resources. But above all, after unconsciously destroying a natural and balanced environment and its people, our society still chases after the American dream more aggressively than ever. And we killed our best teachers even before we could befriend them.

Where is my home - my forest home?
The proud land of my sires?
Where stands the wigwam of my pride?
Where gleam the council fires?
Where are my fathers' hallowed graves?
My friends so light and free?
Gone, gone - forever from my view
Great Spirit! Can it be?
[A Clackamas Indian's Query. From Wise-Tong Pioneers of Clackamas, Oregon. Arthur D. Coleman]

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"...ships have and may proceed thus far during the June rise of the Columbia, back water from that river making the Willamette navigable to Oregon City. But in ordinary low water, the bar [at Ross Island] has on it only about four feet of water. I have frequently observed Indians wading the river at that bar, and have crossed it on horseback myself at the same place." [Captain] Jno. H. Couch

The prospect of a deep-water port made the clearing an attractive site for a town and at the toss of a coin, the name of Portland was chosen over that of another port, Boston. The site was plotted for development and grew quickly. Although other sites along the river were claimed as future port town sites, like Fort Vancouver, Fort William, Linton, Milwaukie, and even Oregon City, only Portland quickly grew into a major port and city.

SOLV upcoming projects

The Great Oregon Spring Beach Cleanup, Saturday, March 19th, 9 am - 1 pm. Volunteers join together to care for the 365 miles of Oregon's incredible coastline. Detailed information for volunteer coordinators and details on how to get involved are available at http://www.solv.org/programs/spring_beach_cleanup.asp.

SOLV IT, Annual Earth Day activity presented by Portland General Electric, will take place in the greater Portland metro area on

Saturday, April 23rd, 9 am - 1 pm.

SWNI/SOLV Litter Patrol

Loaves and Fishes parking lot

SW 31st and Capitol Hwy.

Visit http://www.solv.org/programs/solv_it.asp for more information. The final project list and volunteer registration form will be available on the SOLV IT web-page.

Burlingame sewer study underway

from an Environmental Services notice

Environmental Services is studying options to fix a 4,000-foot long section of the Burlingame Sanitary Trunk Sewer in the South Burlingame neighborhood. The 52-year old and 36-inch diameter concrete sewer line closely follows the course of Stephens Creek, mostly within the forested Stephens Creek canyon between I-5 and SW Taylors Ferry Rd.

Monitoring in Stephens Creek shows pollution from sewage leaks. The city is currently collecting and pumping leaking sewage at three locations. Because the sewer is at or near the surface, several pipe sections along the creek are exposed, threatening both the sewer line and water quality in Stephens Creek.

Schedule

The current study will recommend a plan to fix the sewer, reduce conflicts between sewer and creek, and reduce long-term maintenance. This study will be finished in April. The schedule for completing a long-term solution will depend on the recommendations. The alternatives under consideration require different construction methods, access, and permits. The earliest work could start would be summer 2005.

Questions, concerns, and comment can be addressed to Bob Cynkar at 503-823-7898 or robertcy@bes.ci.portland.or.us.

March 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:00 PM CTLH Trans/Pkng Comms 7:00 PM Homestead NA	2 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM CTLH Board 7:00 PM Hillside NA	3 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	4 First Friday in Multnomah Village	5 9:00 AM NET Training
6	7 7:00 PM Dickison Park Stewards	8 11:30 AM SW Bus Assoc 1:00 PM Int'l Womens Day Event 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Bridlemile Oak Savannah 7:00 PM Markham NA 7:00 PM Multnomah NA	9 2:00 PM Ft of Woods Pk 7:00 PM Bridlemile NA 7:00 PM Clearwood NA	10 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 7:00 PM Tree Preserv Mtg 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	11	12 9:00 AM Dickison Park Work Party 9:00 AM Naturoscape Workshop 9:00 AM NET Training 9:00 AM Trail Walk
13 10:00 AM Hillside Farmers Market	14 5:30 PM ONI BAC 7:00 PM Ashcroft NA 7:00 PM Tryon Creek WC 7:30 PM S Burlingame 7:30 PM Skatepark Siting Mtg	15 7:00 PM PDC Public Hearing 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	16 8:30 AM Hillside R & P 7:00 PM CTLH Parks & Groovy	17	18	19 9:00 AM Hamilton Park Work Party 1:00 PM Sustainable Land- scape w/Native Plant Workshop
20	21 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comms 7:15 PM CTLH Land Use	22 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev-Public Safety Mtg	23 7:00 PM SWNI Board	24 9:00 AM Senior Center Rummage Sale 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	25 9:00 AM Senior Center Rummage Sale	26 9:00 AM Senior Center Rummage Sale
27 10:00 AM Hillside Farmers Market	28	29 7:30 PM Hillside Neighbors Skatepark Mtg	30 7:00 PM CTLH Finance/ Communications*	31 8:00 AM Mult Village Dm 6:00 PM Community Budget Forum @ Mt Scott		

People w/ (SWNI) at 503-823-4592. Citizens needing a sign language interpreter should call at least 48 hours prior to the need.

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

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.

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

A loop walk starting at Wilson High School along Terwilliger Blvd to Fairmount Blvd. using the renovated Marquam Hill trail with a return to Wilson High School on trails and streets.

The walk will be on stairs and trails built, maintained and improved by volunteers of the SWTrails Group. The work they have done is impressive.

Expect to see early blooming trilliums! Walk 5 to 6 miles with 500-ft. elevation gain.

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

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