

SOUTHWEST NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Planning liaison workshop

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist

Portland's Bureau of Planning (BOP) recently started a liaison program with the city's neighborhoods. BOP divided the city into districts and assigned one liaison to each district, except a central city district that will be served by several liaisons. Ellen Ryker is the liaison for the entire west side except a central city district which includes South Waterfront and Marquam Hill. So Ellen will be serving at least 14 of the neighborhoods in the SWNI coalition. It's unclear right now which liaison(s) will serve Homestead and Corbett/Terwilliger/Lair Hill.

Some time ago Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., (SWNI) decided to hold a community workshop to introduce the liaison program, and get direction from the community on what kind of projects Ellen and the central area liaisons should work on in the SWNI area. That workshop will be on **Monday, April 4, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, in the auditorium at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.**

The liaison program is set up to reach out to the community. So the format for the meeting is to elicit comment from neighborhoods, and we've asked those neighborhoods at their recent meetings to discuss ideas for projects and issues for the liaison program. But we also want to see opportunity for comment from individuals. So we plan to set up five tables for the 16 neighborhoods. Here's the breakdown with some of the shared issues for the neighborhoods at each table:

Table 1: Bridlemile, Hayhurst, Maplewood, Multnomah. Shared issues: Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, Gabriel Park, impacts of Washington County development.

Table 2: Ashcreek, Crestwood, West Portland Park, Far SW. Shared issues: Taylors Ferry, Capitol Hwy and 4th south of Barbur, impacts of Washington County development.

Table 3: Markham, Marshall Park, Collins View, Arnold Creek. Shared issues: environmental protection, generally lower density and very residential, Boones Ferry Road, impacts from Clackamas County.

Table 4: Hillsdale and South Burlingame. Shared issues: Barbur/I-5 corridor, Stephens Creek watershed.

Table 5: CTLH and Homestead. Shared issues: Intense development, more complex zoning, physical and economic connection between Marquam Hill and S. Waterfront, views, central city and proximity to central city, and PSU.

We'll have at least one seat at each table for a representative from each neighborhood, and we can set up additional tables as necessary.

We hope you will come and help us brainstorm future projects and community changes.

SW Neighborhood News receives a new look!

We have had a number of residents and board members suggest changes to refresh the look of our newsletter. In this issue we have updated our masthead, tried a new font, and made a few trial format changes.

We invite you to comment on the changes. Do you like the look of the masthead? Is the font style and point size easier to read? Let us know what you think. Call us at 503-823-4592 or send us an email at swni123@spiritone.com. We strive to make this newsletter something you look forward to reading each month.

Special thanks to Stephen Leflar and Dennis Hays for their time, input and suggestions.

SWNI Walk April 30, start between 10 and 11:30 am

This is a great opportunity to get out and support your Southwest Neighborhood. 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.

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 including: OMNI tickets, massage certificates and gourmet coffee gift baskets.



If you are not able to participate in the walk, come and cheer on the walkers and then join us 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. Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets. It might be your lucky day!

SWNI believes that active community involvement ensures healthy, safe, clean attractive communities. Our programs coordinate these important opportunities for civic involvement. The programs are land use, parks, transportation, trails, community events, public safety and watershed health.

SWNI envision leaving a legacy of a Southwest Portland where its citizens know each other, are safe and have access to trails and parks, good roads with sidewalks and development occurs that meets the communities needs. We believe that active community involvement is a vital link to the democratic process by providing citizen involvement at the most basic level. Community involvement improves government decision making and learning how things get done.

To register for the walk, contact SWNI at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, 503-823-4592; swni123@spiritone.com; or swni.org.

Invitation to Community Budget Forum from Mayor Potter

Dear Neighbors and Friends,

I invite you to participate in our second Community Budget Forum on Thursday, March 31 at Mt. Scott Community Center in Southeast Portland. We have experienced several years of shortfall and are facing another tight budget for 2005-06. I am interested in hearing your priorities for city services and programs as we develop our budget priorities.

We can no longer keep thinning the soup. This year we will need to identify \$8 million in savings to offset an expected budget shortfall of \$19 million over the next five years. We need your participation to assess current city programs to determine which ones are useful and which ones no longer reflect what the community needs.

Our job is to make sure we find ways to redirect funds into the most essential city programs and services while staying within our budget. Our budget work teams will be presenting their recommendations, which the Mayor will take under advisement as he prepares his proposed budget. These are only recommendations. Your input is needed.

As a resident of this community, I am hoping you will join me and my fellow commissioners to strategically craft a budget that matches community needs and priorities:

Thursday, March 31st, 6-8 PM
Mt. Scott Community Center
5530 SE 72nd Avenue
(Parking lot on site)

If you cannot attend, please visit our community budget website for additional opportunities to be involved in shaping the 2005-06 City of Portland budget: www.portlandonline.com/communitybudget. Together, we can figure out a way to meet our budget priorities while maintaining the livability for which Portland is known.

Thank you,

Mayor Tom Potter

Budget notes - Team B

Sylvia Bogert, SWNI Executive Director

Budget Team B (Commissioner Sam Adams and Erik Sten) continue to finalize proposals, after receiving public comment and feedback from bureau directors. A draft spreadsheet of Team B's preliminary recommendations included the following budget changes for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI).

Eliminate Deputy Director position	(\$92,211)
Eliminate NRC Program Coordinator	(\$92,999)
Eliminate Management Analyst	(\$70,000)
Consolidate Noise/BDS Code Supervisor	(\$97,000)
Graffiti Removal Program Reduction	(\$140,000)
Competitive Neighborhood Grants Program	\$500,000
Total	(\$7,790)

Commissioner Adams and Sten stated they believe it is time to push for some new approaches to the city's work with its landmark neighborhood system. The Team's memorandum to Mayor Potter suggested that ONI would be best served by a year long visioning effort to develop an effective and cohesive overall strategy for the office. They felt it makes sense to emphasize putting more resources in the hands of the citizen volunteers through Portland's neighborhoods. As a placeholder, they recommended a \$500,000 ongoing contribution to the coalition and neighborhood offices. They felt a competitive grants program would be a good approach. The commissioners envisioned that these resources could be used to invest in a wide spectrum of projects such as diversity efforts, neighborhood business assistance, small scale physical improvements to neighborhoods and organizational building efforts.

During budget deliberations, ONI Director Jimmy Brown supported his earlier proposal to terminate the contract with Resolution Northwest to provide neighborhood mediation services and to eliminate materials and services to the Elders in Action program, rather than cut internal bureau staff positions. However; in his closing statement, Director Brown remarked that he and his staff were committed to making council budget recommendations work for the bureau. Mayor Tom Potter, stated that a year from now the neighborhood system may look quite different than it does now and that the Office of Neighborhood Involvement will play an integral role.

All the city commissioners have expressed their appreciation to the Mayor for initiating this new budget process. They are convinced that this new approach promotes improved council collaboration, understanding, creativity and flexibility. The public is invited to hear and comment on budget recommendations at the

Community Budget Forum
Thursday, March 31, at 6:30 pm
Mt. Scott Community Center.

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SWHRL accepts City's offer of judgement

by Sylvia Bogert,
 SW Neighborhoods Executive Director

In mid-March the City of Portland extended an offer of judgement to Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL) to settle a lawsuit filed by SWHRL against the Office of Neighborhood Involvement primarily over neighborhood association boundaries. The board of SWHRL met and voted to accept the offer of judgement.

The offer agrees to pay SWHRL the sum of \$10,002, plus costs and attorney's fees. The City shall change all of the maps alleged in the complaint to be inaccurate to reflect the current boundaries, including all overlaps between SWHRL and the Hillsdale, Bridlemile, and Homestead Neighborhood Associations and disseminate those changes to all City bureaus.

In addition, the City will reconsider all the grievances filed by plaintiff at issue in plaintiff's Complaint and those grievances shall be processed and again considered in accordance with the ONI Guidelines, including but not limited to reconsideration by Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) and each level thereafter. Further, the City will pay for a vote as outlined in Section VI(B)(2) of the current ONI Guidelines to decide the boundary questions between Southwest Hills Residential League, Inc. and Bridlemile, Homestead, and Hillsdale at issue in the Complaint.

When asked, "What's next?" Amalia Alarcon Gaddie with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement stated, "They have accepted our offer and now we are waiting for the court to enter the judgment. Once that happens we can start the discussions on reconsidering the issues in a way that will lead to resolution."

Don Baack, chair of the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association issued the following statement. "While the litigation is resolved, the offer of judgment does not resolve this matter in its entirety. Rather the Southwest Hills Residential League, SWHRL, has been given a second chance to bring its grievance before the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement, ONI. The Hillsdale Neighborhood Association is interested in seeing Southwest Hills Residential League condense its grievance to those things that are really at issue and Hillsdale intends to fully participate in the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's process to reach a full and final resolution of this matter, including Southwest Hills Residential League's boundary disputes with Hillsdale and other affected neighborhoods within Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., the Southwest coalition of neighborhoods."



No Ivy Day May 7, 2005

Join with No Ivy Leaguers from Portland and leave no vine in doubt!
 Let the Battle to Save Our Trees Rage On!

Ivy Busters and Hedera hunters from Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, the east Coast and even Great Britain will combat the dastardly vine on Saturday, May 7, 2005.

Now's the time to sign on as

- a partner
- a site coordinator
- a group leader
- a site volunteer
- a celebration sponsor

Let's continue to make a great difference together!

For additional information check out: <http://www.noivyleague.com/>. The ivy removal project (also known as the No Ivy League) is a partnership between Portland Parks Recreation and Friends of Forest Park. Headquartered in Forest Park, Portland, Oregon. <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni?c=29385&a=75348>.

Naturescaping for Clean Rivers

April is a fantastic time to appreciate the glory of native plants in full bloom. Look for the red flowering currants, mock orange, and Oregon's state flower, the Oregon grape with its brilliant yellow flowers. These and other native plants have a place in our urban yards. You can have a yard as beautiful and attractive to humans as the traditional urban/suburban yard while at the same time being attractive to birds and beneficial insects. 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. Once the native plants are established in about two years, they require very little maintenance - always an attractive feature to Naturescapers. Join us at a Naturescaping workshop this spring to learn how to bring these beautiful and useful native plants to your yard.

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:

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 14, Saturday, 9 am-1 pm

hosted by and at St Andrews Catholic Church in NE Portland

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.

Native Plant of the Month - Red Flowering Currant

Red flowering currant is a very beautiful upright shrub that reaches heights of 12 feet high by about six feet wide. It has shiny, darkish-green five-lobed leaves that alternate on the crooked branches. The flowers are the real attraction on this shrub with a pale-pink to deep-red cluster of flowers that can either hang or stand erect. The clusters consist of 10 to 20 smallish flowers of



Red flowering currant,
Ribes sanguineum

less than one-half inch in length. These showy clusters make the "flower" look larger than it really is. The small berries are dark blue to black with hairs and a waxy bloom. Red flowering currant prefers dry to moist open woods, rocky slopes, and other areas that have been disturbed such as roadways.

The berries are eaten by many types of birds, and the branches are used for resting and hiding. The berries are edible for humans but not very tasty. But, the birds love them. The berries were eaten by various Coast Salish Native American groups, but they were not highly regarded. Some were eaten fresh but not often collected for drying. The tiny hummingbird is very dependent on the brilliant early springtime flowers. These hummingbirds are territorial and will return to the same shrub year after year. The blooms usually open early to mid-March making red flowering currant one of the earliest native blooming shrubs.

Every Portland metro-area yard that has a dry sunny to semi-sunny spot should have one or more red flowering currants. I have seven in my yard and they are ablaze with clusters of blooms in multiple shades of pink/fuchsia.

Red flowering currant is drought-tolerant and needs little maintenance to keep it healthy and attractive once it is well established after a couple of years of extra care. This is one of the best features of native plants. Once they are established, they require very little care. Of course, this is only true if you plant the plant in the right place. We go into more detail about *Right Plant, Right Place* during Naturescaping workshops. There are several workshops scheduled for the rest of spring.

Thanks to Oak Point Nursery and Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast by Pojar and McKinnon for descriptions.

Arbor Day celebration on April 5

You are invited to help celebrate Portland's Arbor Day, Tuesday, April 5th, at Waterfront Park, north of the Hawthorne Bridge. Portland's celebration is an opportunity to recognize all the people who work to improve Portland's tree canopy and celebrate their accomplishments. This year's celebration will include tree educational activities, high-climbing demonstrations, bucket truck rides, and free native seedlings. At noon, Oregon

State Forester Marvin Brown will give the keynote address and the Urban Forestry Commission will present the Bill Naito Community Tree Award.

Please join in celebrating all the work that has been done throughout the year to make Portland a wonderful place to live. This year's Arbor Day is easy to get to. Take the MAX to the Yamhill station or any of the buses that stop at the west end of the Hawthorne Bridge.

Friends of Trees hosts fruit tree giveaways

You can celebrate
 Earth Day (April 22) by
 picking out your own
 apple, pear or plum tree

**Saturday, April 23, 9 am - 1 pm,
 Sunnyside Environmental Middle
 School, SE 34th and Yamhill**

The daylong celebration is a City Repair Project in collaboration with numerous community organizations including Friends of Trees. It will include live music, kids' crafts, a parade to samba music, a farmers' market, organic food vendors, and more.

Donated by a local nursery, the bare-root fruit trees are six to 12 feet tall and include dwarf, semi-dwarf, and standard stock. Friends of Trees will provide planting and tree-care tips. A \$5 to \$10 donation per tree to support Friends of Trees planting projects is welcome.

In addition to providing shade and homes for songbirds, trees planted in our yards trap rainwater on their leaves and through their roots, reducing stormwater management costs and combined sewer overflows into the Willamette River. They also release oxygen and trap pollutants on their leaves, cleaning our air, and they remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, slowing global warming. A Center for Urban Forestry Institute study shows that each yard tree planted in the Northwest today can provide more than \$1,000 in benefits to homeowners and the community over the tree's lifetime.

This is Friends of Trees' 15th anniversary planting season. Since our inception, our volunteers have planted more than a quarter of a million trees and shrubs in the Portland-Vancouver area. Friends of Trees inspires community stewardship of our urban forest by bringing people in the Portland-Vancouver area together to plant, care for, and learn about city trees. For more information about Friends of Trees and the fruit tree giveaways, call 503-284-TREE (8733) or visit Friends of Trees' web site at www.friendsoftrees.org. For information about the Earth Day 2005 celebration, visit www.cityrepair.org.

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 ••••• **Fanno/Tryon** •••••
 ••••• **Watershed Open House** •••••
 ••••• Wednesday, May 25 •••••
 ••••• 6:30 - 8:30 pm •••••
 ••••• Multnomah Center •••••
 ••••• 7688 SW Capitol Hwy •••••
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Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., (SWNI) is a nonprofit coalition that provides services to promote citizen participation and crime prevention in 16 Southwest Portland neighborhood associations and three business associations.

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

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

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

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

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 **Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.**
Earth Day Cleanup 2005
 Help Clean Up Hillsdale & Multnomah!
Saturday, April 23, 9 am - 1 pm

Bring your friends. Come and spend an hour or more. Meet at Loaves' and Fishes parking lot in Multnomah Village, 31st & Capitol Hwy, across from the Multnomah Center.
 BRING: Gloves, litter grabbers if you have them, wear old clothes.
 Refreshments! Raffle prizes!!
 Attention Business Owners: Help us reward our hard-working volunteers by donating refreshments or store gift certificates that we can use as raffle prizes. Join us in keeping our community clean and inviting.
 Call or e-mail for more details: Karen Johnson, 503-245-9069, john3401@easystreet.com.

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 in the mood for spring cleaning or you are getting out and starting your gardening, be sure to mark this date on your calendar.

Acceptable items

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

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

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.

Senior or disabled citizen pickup

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

Volunteers needed!

Do you have a pickup and a couple of hours? We need volunteers for our senior and/or disabled citizens pickup. If you are interested in helping contact the Southwest Neighborhoods office at 503-823-4592. Thank you!

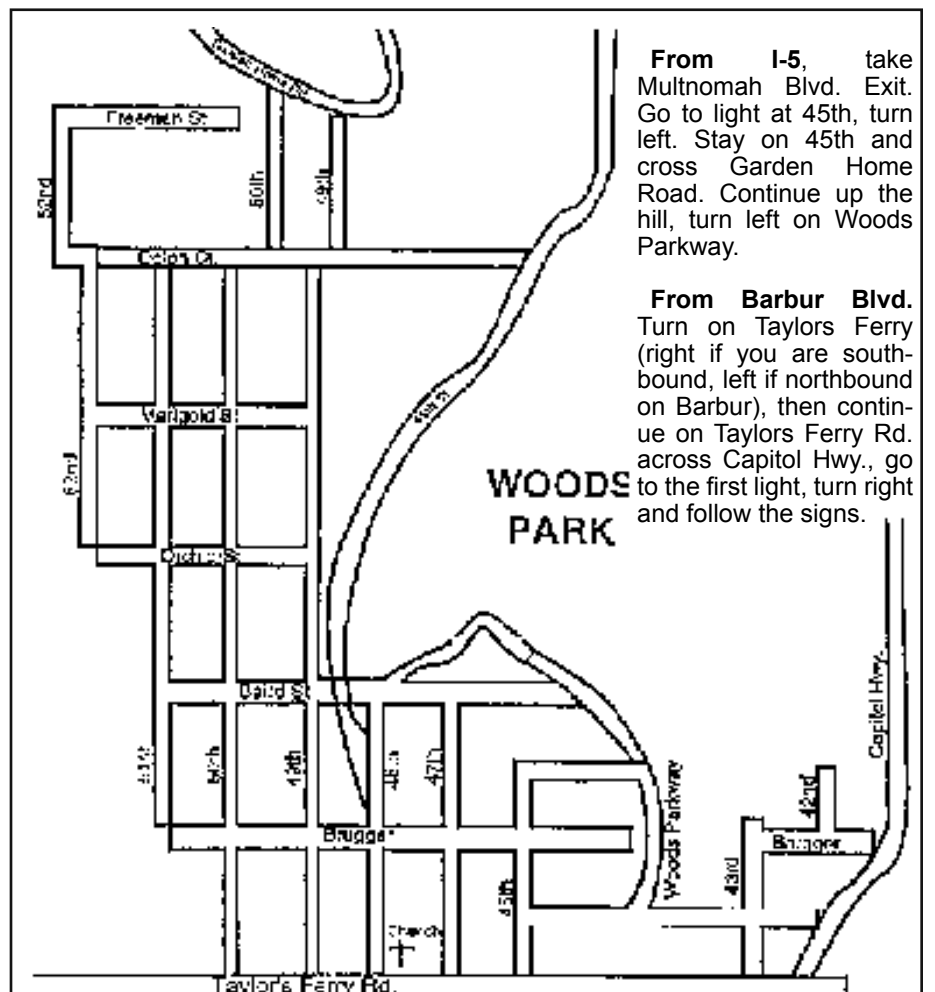


How much?

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

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. holds 2 major cleanups each year, our Fall Yard Debris Cleanup in November and our Spring Cleanup usually in May. We recover much of the cost of sponsoring this event through the Office of Sustainable Services, but there are many expenses involved in holding these events that are not reimbursed. We are requesting **\$10 per carload (each trip)** to help cover these additional costs.

Map and Directions



From I-5, take Multnomah Blvd. 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 Taylor's Ferry (right if you are southbound, left if northbound on Barbur), then continue on Taylor's Ferry Rd. across Capitol Hwy., go to the first light, turn right and follow the signs.

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 Cell: 503-793-8779 Hours: Mon - Sat, 7:30 am - 4:40 pm
 Email: anfmlt@qwest.net



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

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.

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

Pre-application conferences:
PC 05-112425. Planned development final plan review to explain conditions and requirements of tentative plan. Location: 11205 SW 35th Ave. **Neighborhood: West Portland Park.**

Proposals:
LU 05-104332 AD. Applicant proposes to construct an accessory dwelling unit and requests exceptions through adjustment review to design requirements. **Neighborhood: Maplewood.**

LU 04-044736 AD. Applicant proposes to convert an existing structure to an accessory dwelling unit and requests an adjustment to allow the ADU to be 57.4% of the size of the main house. Location: 9122 SW Capitol Hwy. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 04-062113 DZ. Applicants seeks design review approval for replacement of an existing corner pole sign. Location: 6303 SW Capitol Hwy. **Neighborhood: Hillsdale.**

LU 05-111418 LDP. Applicant proposes a two-lot partition. Location: 3532 SW Alice St. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LYU 05-111577 LDP. Applicant proposes a two-lot partition. Location: 5720 SW 48th Ave. **Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**

LU 05-110008 AD. Applicant proposes construction of a single-dwelling house and requests adjustments. Location: End of SW Ruby Terrace. **Neighborhood: South Burlingame.**

LU 05-109444 DZ. Applicant requests design review approval for replacement of an existing roll-up door. Location: 6080 SW Macadam Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

LU 05-109672 AD. Applicant proposes construction of a single-dwelling house and requests an adjustment to maximum vehicle paving. Location: 11511 SW 58th Ct. **Neighborhood: Far SW.**

LU 05-110082 AD. Applicant is constructing an addition and requests adjustments to reduce setbacks for a building wall and eaves. Location: 3328 SW Hume St. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 05-111418 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a 19886-SF site into two parcels. Location: 3532 SW Alice St. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 05-100072 LDP. Applicants propose to divide this 22,430-SF site into two parcels. This site was parcel 2 of a two-lot partition last year. Location: 10851 SW 55th Ave. **Neighborhood: Ashcreek.**

Decisions:
LU 04-045931 DZM. Design review approval for new central utility plant to serve the OHSU South Waterfront campus. Location: 3400 SW Bond Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

LU 04-050418 AD. Denial of appeal and approval of adjustment to reduce side setback. Location: 6438 SW Burlingame Pl. **Neighborhood: Hillsdale.**

LU 05-103777 AD. Denial of adjustment for six-foot-high fence in front setback. Location: 5015 SW Taylors Ferry Rd. **Neighborhood: Crestwood.**

LU 04-095569 CU. Conditional use approval for Odyssey Montessori School. Location: 4905-4909 SW Shattuck Rd. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**

LU 04-095339 EN. Environmental review approval for a bank stabilization project in Tryon Creek State Park. Location: Nearest address is 11304 SW Boones Ferry Rd. **Neighborhood: Unclaimed.**

LU 05-106101 AD. Adjustment approval to reduce side setback. Location: vacant lot adjacent to 9233 SW 8th Dr. **Neighborhood: Marshall Park.**

LU 04-045149 LDP. Approval of pre-

liminary plan for 2-parcel partition. Location: 3641 SW Baird. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 04-045141 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan for 2-parcel partition. Location: 3651 SW Baird St. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 04-094172 LDP AD. Approval of preliminary plan for 2-parcel partition and adjustments to maximum lot area. Location: 12210 SW Orchard Hill Rd. **Neighborhood: Arnold Creek.**

LU 04-092180 AD. Approval of adjustment to reduce flag lot building setbacks. Location: 5530 SW Cameron Rd. **Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**

LU 04-045110 DZ. Design review approval for revisions to the previously approved Sam Jackson tram entry and park. Location: 3181 Sam Jackson Park Road. **Neighborhood: Homestead.**

Public hearings (at 1900 SW 4th unless otherwise noted):

LU 05-106792 TR. Tree review to correct violation of tree preservation plan. Site Location: 4817 SW 45th Ave. Tentative hearing date of April 6, 9 am. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**

LU 04-051956 ZC. Appeal to City Council of hearings officer's decision approving zone change. City Council review will be on the record (no additional evidence allowed). Site location: 2626 and 2601-2605 SW Water Avenue. Hearing was scheduled for March 17, City Council Chambers. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

LU 04-092727 CUMS EN AD. Applicant proposes redevelopment of a site for a synagogue. Hearing was scheduled for March 16. **Neighborhood: Maplewood.**

05-109260 DA. Design advice request hearing before the Design Commission for a proposed 23-story, 226-foot-high tower for 309 condominiums on Block 39 in South Waterfront. Hearing on March 31 at 3 pm.. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

LU 05-110305 LDS. Applicant proposes a 10-lot subdivision. Location: 3103 SW Arnold St. No date set yet for hearing. **Neighborhood: Arnold Creek.**

LU 04-063015 EV. Applicant environmental violation review approval for an encroachment into an environmental zone. Location: Lot B at Capitol Crest subdivision. Hearing on April 11 at 3 pm. **Neighborhood: Far SW.**

LU 04-002118 EV EN. Applicant requests environmental violation review approval to address cutting of native vegetation and also requests approval to maintain the view window created by the cutting. Location: 4636 and 4646 SW Council Crest Dr. Hearing on April 6 at 10:30 am. **Neighborhood: SWHRL.**

LU 05-103777. Applicant appeals decision denying adjustment for six-foot high fence in front setback. Location: 5015 SW Taylors Ferry Rd. Hearing on April 19 at 9 am. **Neighborhood: Crestwood.**

Demolition requests:
Residential structures at 3402 SW Moss St, 8954 SW 5th Ave., 11205 SW 35th Ave.

Watershed Advisory Committee April 25

The Advisory Committee for the Fanno/Tryon Watershed Management Plan will meet on April 25, 3 - 5 pm, in the offices of Environmental Services, 10th floor, Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Avenue. Meetings are open to the public.

Exploring the trails in SW Portland!

Elements include locations of bathrooms, water fountains, safe streets to walk, which streets have sidewalks (85% of our SW Portland streets have no sidewalks, many of them arterials; 10% to 15% of our local streets are not paved, key connections along streets which are not safe to walk, all stairs in our part of the city, whether concrete or railroad tie, and all of the trails and cut-throughs which are open to the public). The map also shows all the bus routes in the region, the bus stop locations, all our parks, and our partially complete urban trail network.

It is about 16 square miles, population about 60,000 and represents a huge amount of work on the part of our SWTrails Group and the staff of the City of Portland.

To purchase a copy of the map, send \$6 check or money order along with your name and mailing address to: **Southwest Neighborhoods Inc., Attn: Southwest Trails Group, 7688 SW Capitol Highway, Portland, OR 97219**



Committee Reports..

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9183

This month we didn't have a scheduled speaker so it gave us time to work on our action plan and brainstorm ideas on what speakers we would like in the future.

Our meeting fell during spring break week so we were missing a few regulars. Gary Schwindt is collecting clothes for the Community Court Clothes Closet. It is a very worthy cause and I encourage people to bring your spring cleaning extras into the SWNI office.

This is budget season and the fire and police bureaus are going to need to make cuts, so I hope you will attend budget forums to make sure our services are still funded as you feel they should be. See you at the next meeting.

**Next meeting: Tues., April 26, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.**

Parks Committee

Kirky Doble, chair, 503-246-7970

Here are the issues discussed at the March meeting:

- A Multnomah resident and his neighbors hope to open the Water Tower site at 32nd and Texas as a pocket park. He'll ask that it go on the Multnomah Neighborhood Assoc. agenda.

- A North Macadam urban renewal district open house was scheduled for March 15. A park is still planned at the current mini-storage site, which PDC has condemned. But there is a clause that the current owners can keep the property if an alternative park site is found.

- A southwest resident spoke in opposition to loss of funding for the Fulton Park Community Center. Several committee members criticized the Parks & Recreation budget process: that they should have talked to the community first before proposing cuts to community centers and gardens, the idea of forming non-profits to operate community centers has failed in other locations, that the format for the January budget workshop was flawed, and that the P&R had not fully finished the analysis called for by zero-based budgeting.

- Work is progressing on ivy removal at the Sylvania Park site in the Far SW neighborhood.

- The final steering committee meeting was held for the Holly Farm plan. The park design is beautiful.

The agenda is not yet set for April.
**Next Meeting: Thurs. April 7, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

Land Use Committee

Jack Klinker chair, 503-246-7872

Our guests in March were Kerry Hampton from Portland Public Schools to talk about the future of the Smith School property, and John Gibbon to give us an update on the infill design project. Kerry expects to recommend that Smith School and its fields be leased. John showed us designs for multi-dwelling developments, many of which incorporated ideas for common greens and pervious, paved areas for use by both cars and people. The April agenda is not set yet.

**Next Meeting: Tues., April 19, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

Transportation Committee

Lillie Fitzpatrick, chair, 503-892-9921

In March, the committee was scheduled to hear updates on the tram, proposed new legislation in Salem, and an idea for a three-way stop at 30th and Capitol Hwy. The April agenda is not set yet.

**Next Meeting: Mon., April 18, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.**

SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president, 503-245-0729

Help from Neighborhood Associations

Budget time in city hall, and the budget that supports the nationally-renowned neighborhood system in Portland is once again under critical scrutiny. Neighborhood associations deliver benefits far in excess of their costs. Yet there are a few folks both in and out of city hall that tell this story: "I went to the neighborhood association, and they did nothing for me."

How can something be both good and bad? I believe it comes from expectations. Do you expect your neighborhood association to get the zoning changed, or the new sidewalk built, or the drug house shut down, or the dilapidated house cleaned up, or the water bill straightened out? If you do, why do we have any of the other bureaus in the city? But if they helped point you in the right direction, or took on the issue with you as a community challenge, or even just listened respectfully to your point of view, they are doing what they should be doing.

Neighborhood associations do not solve problems. That is not their job. They help you and the rest of the community come together to work effectively in finding solutions. Neighborhood associations, and the coalitions like SWNI that support them, are charged with disseminating information; helping understand the impact of that information; and facilitating community discussion and action.

Neighborhood associations strive towards creating and maintaining an informed citizenry. That means meetings, newsletters, and knowledge of our governmental offices that have the responsibility to serve the citizens. It also means a local office that understands the dynamics of our community because of the constant feedback from folks like you and the myriad other activities that focus specifically upon the issues of Southwest Portland. That effort is not free. Outreach is what political campaigns do. How much money was spent in our city this past year by the many campaign organizations? That money was spent just to elect, not to do. It dwarfs the money spent on neighborhood associations. Neighborhood associations and SWNI look for positive results every day, not just on Election Day.

One more thing, as Columbo would say, Neighborhood associations are a focal point for tapping into the great wealth of volunteerism our community has. They leverage resources far in excess of their costs. And our pool of potential volunteers is growing each year as the baby-boomers retire and look for productive outlets for their skills.

Our community - your community - really thrives when it stops being just the place we sleep and eat, but becomes a place we work to make better. That is the essence of the Portland I want. If that is what you want too, support city budget funding for our programs by calling or emailing our elected leaders to share your perspective on the importance of the neighborhood coalitions; go to your neighborhood meetings to work together to achieve your goals; and even take a wonderful walk on April 30 in our SWNI fundraising event.

**Next Meeting: Wed., April 27, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.**

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

The committee met late in March. We had a confirmation that someone from Parks & Recreation would come to the meeting to discuss surfacing for trails. SWNI has taken a position supporting graveling of certain trails.

Work is beginning on organizing of a SW Pedestrian Summit on Saturday, September 10.

The Trails Group endorsed a position supporting city funding for planning and permits for trails in the Lakeman-Orkney property adjacent to OHSU.

**Next Meeting: Thurs., April 28, 7 pm,
St. Luke's Lutheran
SW 46th & California**

Neighborhood Associations News

Arnold Creek Neighborhood

Our next meeting will be April 12, 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 some new neighbors there and it is great to hear new ideas and suggestions.

In April we will have a guest, Sarah Bartos Smith, who is conducting dissertation research in Maricara Park. She wants to talk to our neighborhood association to explain what she is doing and also to get our help mainly in observations from people with bird feeders. If you have questions, please attend our meeting. Also, it is that time of the year again to hold elections of officers for our

group. We will have nominations in April and vote in May. We need nominations for president, vice president, secretary, and there are several representative positions like rep for the SWNI board, transportation committee, land use committee, parks rep, crime prevention rep, etc. There are several budget meetings hosted by the city coming up. I encourage people to get involved and put in their 2 cents worth. See you at the next meeting!

Next Mtg: Tues., April 12, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church
10558 SW 35th

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

Bridlemile Neighborhood

Wednesday, April 13th - SHWRL and Affordable Housing: At last month's BNA meeting Jimmy Brown of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement gave us a good overview of SWHRL's court case with the city regarding its overlapping boundaries and freedom-of-speech claims regarding mandatory dues. A neighbor who lives in the Bridlemile/SWHRL area of overlap and a lawyer from the Hillsdale neighborhood both presented the case for NOT going into arbitration (as currently proposed, arbitration would exclude Bridlemile, Hillsdale, and Homestead from participating). A motion was made for the board to take a straw vote regarding whether or not the city should go into arbitration, and to formally vote again at the April meeting and for the results of that vote to be put before those neighbors attending the April meeting. The straw vote to NOT go into arbitration was unanimous. Rich Adelman moved that Bridlemile establish a legal committee. For more info about this issue, please visit the BNA website, <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile>.

Martha McLennan, the executive director for Northwest Housing Alternatives, <http://www.nwhouse.org/>, will speak and answer questions about their affordable housing efforts for Clackamas County.

Ongoing Neighborhood Projects:

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

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, April 12th**; details at BCS web site <http://home.comcast.net/~steve.mullinax/bridlemile/BCS.htm>. **Sat., April 16th**, invasive removal event at Albert Kelly 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. New this month, an interview with John and Nancy Haleston who began building their home on Jerald Way in 1954. 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. Ross Caron the code compliance inspector for this side of town will speak about some of the issues that we have, mainly on what the codes are. From there, we will discuss how to be most effective at convincing city hall we need more inspectors and better

compliance with existing codes, maybe better codes. Please join the **Trees Committee on Thursday, April 14th, 7-9 pm, at SWNI conference room** for a strategy session on how best to approach the city to improve tree regulations and enforcement. See also <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/trees>. 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 - See next section below regarding Hamilton Park closing hours and Creeks above regarding invasive removal event at Albert Kelly Park. Questions or comments regarding Bridlemile's parks, please contact Victor von Salza, victor@vonsalza.com, 503-246-2146.

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME - At last month's BNA meeting we heard from a number of people regarding the proposed change of closing hours for Hamilton Park from midnight to 10 pm. Officer Scott Westerman and Stephanie Reynolds brought crime stats for the park and surrounding area which showed that the majority of the problem took place in cars parked next to the park. Mark Warrington of Parks and Recreation and Scott Westerman talked about the pros (cars can be towed) and cons (some residents would not be able to park in front of their homes after 10 pm) of changing the parking hours instead of the park hours, and some Bridlemile neighbors spoke against changing the closing hours since they felt doing so would not change the problem behavior.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to start the process to change the parking hours. Interested in participating on the Hamilton Park Footpatrol, <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.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH - Kathy Bambeck is looking for ways to involve neighbors in active social projects such as picnics, potlucks and parties which can be combined with other neighborhood projects such as with the Creek Stewards, litter patrol, etc. If you would like to help or have any concerns to bring to the SWNI board, 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. April 13, 6:30 pm
Next Mtg: Wed., April 13, 7 pm
Bridlemile School Library
4300 SW 47th Drive

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

Contact: Greg Schifsky,
503-246-2714,
gregsch@hevanet.com

E-mail: gregsch@hevanet.com
website: <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile>

Ashcreek Neighborhood

The Ashcreek Neighborhood Association will hold its regular monthly meeting on the second Monday, April 11, 2005, 7 pm, Multnomah Center, in Room 34.

The neighborhood was **devastated** to learn of the Portland School Board's decision to close Smith School. Parents and the community fought diligently to persuade the school board to keep Smith School open because it is the core of the neighborhood, the only open space, our only park and soccer field. Not just incidentally, the school was awarded an *Exceptional* rating for its academic accomplishments and parental involvement.

Where do we go from here? The next course of action will be forthcoming as soon as the group opposing the school closing formulate their plans. More than likely, discussion about Smith School will continue for some time.

At the April meeting, there will be a discussion about the development of an Ashcreek website. Areas of focus will be how it would be used; what we do with it;

what should be on it; along with the goals for its use. If you have any ideas for this website, come and join us.

There will be an election of officers for the coming year. All residents are invited to participate and consider serving on the board.

Two new members joined this month, Tina Tidwell and Kathleen Guloy. Thank you for coming and we're delighted to have you on board.

Citizens are urged to utilize the neighborhood association as a resource for situations that arise for which you are unsure as to how to proceed. Committees address concerns brought to their attention by members of the community, so feel free to avail yourself of these resources.

We welcome you on April 11th.

Next Mtg: Mon., April 11, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Chair: Dorothy Gage, 503-244-1491

Crestwood Neighborhood

At the March board meeting, we discussed our land use and planning priorities in preparation for the April 4 workshop. Crestwood's priorities include:

- Planning and traffic on Taylors Ferry Road, especially as impacted by WA county
- Planning and safety at the intersection of TF/Capitol Hwy/Barbur and I-5, as a specific element of the Barbur corridor/envelope
- Preserving open space and trees in the neighborhood

We want to get a team of 8 or more Crestwood neighbors to walk in the SWNI event on April 30, in order to earn funds for a neighborhood banner. We don't need to walk together, but can meet at the chili feed at the end. Contact Brenda Jamsgard at 246-4656 or SWNI for details.

We also discussed the idea of addressing Dickinson Park playground business on the same evening as our neighborhood meeting, rather than holding separate meetings. General neighborhood business would be conducted between 7 and 8 pm, followed by 1 hour or less of playground planning. (The playground committee would meet more frequently and closer to events like our fall auction, which will be the 15th or 22nd of October.)

The Dickinson Park Stewards met March 7 with Fred Nilson from Portland Parks to discuss work to be done in the park over the next year. Parks will complete the trail in the field with gravel by the end of April and provide gravel for volunteers to surface the trail between 53rd and 55th. Parks will request budget for contract removal of blackberry, hawthorne and holly from the old county park area where volunteers have been making great headway with ivy removal around the creek.

At our April meeting, the board will consider a proposal to amend our bylaws to allow all members to vote at every meeting. If the proposal passes, the amended bylaws would be up for a vote at the general membership meeting in May. We will also hold nominations in April for election of board members in May.

Next Mtg: Wed., April 13, 7 pm
West Portland United
Methodist Church, library
4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd

Chair: Darien 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/>

Collins View Neighborhood

CVNA's April 6 meeting will be a sort of Rentals Summit, which is to say, in our neighborhood there are many rental houses. A number of issues involving renters and their landlords keep coming up for CV neighbors, including loud parties, run-down properties, and generally un-neighborly activity (or inactivity). These factors usually attributed to rentals affect us directly and indirectly, in how the neighborhood feels to us and to visitors, our property values, perceived and actual safety; parking and traffic issues; party and other noise; less-than-meticulous handling (or accumulation) of trash and/or recycling; trees and their by products; non-working vehicles; weeds, blackberries, ivy; and other things for which some people think their neighbors should be locked up or worse.

This panel discussion is to help educate people in the hood about 1) resources available and 2) what neighbors can do, legally, to deal with problem situations. We have invited representatives from the City of Portland, including SWNI Crime Prevention Coordinator Stephanie Reynolds; Officer Scott Westerman of the Portland Police Bureau Neighborhood Response team; Joe Chamberlain, Noise Control Officer, Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement; Housing Inspector Mitch McKee, and Leonard Gard from SWNI. There will also be at

least one representative from Lewis & Clark College, where a number of the neighborhood's renters go to school.

If you're concerned about the neighborhood's rental houses and would like to see what we might do to improve the situation, then please come to the meeting!

Other CVNA matters will also be discussed, including the possibility of expanding CVNA's role in the many neighborhood cemeteries.

There is also a discussion on the www.collinsview.org web site on the rentals issue. If you can't make it to the meeting you're invited to comment there!

Hope you can make it!

Next Mtg: Wed., April 6, 7 pm
Riverdale High School
Room 201
9727 SW Terwilliger

Chair: 4848
E-mail: charliew@launchbx.com
Website: www.collinsview.org

Far Southwest Neighborhood

Our April meeting will be a continuation/update of items addressed at our last meeting regarding the assisted living facility, PCC construction, and a variance request on Capitol Hwy between 53rd and Haines.

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

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

Organizing BIG Neighborhood Events

Thursday, April 28, 7 - 9 pm, Kenton Firehouse, 8105 N Brandon Ave. at Schofield

Learn essential do's and don't for planning a special event including: creating a plan with budgets, action steps, and timelines; outreach ideas to get people to the event; how to work with existing resources for tree plantings, neighborhood clean-ups, block parties and street fairs.

For more information or to register, contact Art Hendricks, 503-823-3048, ahendricks@ci.portland.or.us or Brian Hoop, 503-823-3075, bhoop@ci.portland.or.us.

What's happening in the 'hood

Corbett/Terwilliger/Lair Hill

Want to be a neighborhood big-shot?

It's that time of year again. Every April, the Corbett-Terwilliger-Lair Hill Neighborhood Association holds a general membership meeting to elect board members for the following year. There are 15 positions on the board, and we usually do not have enough people to fill all of the positions so this is a good opportunity if you want to get involved. The time commitment is one evening (the first Wednesday) a month. Our neighborhood faces some tough challenges such as crime, traffic, trams and extensive new development. Although the CTLH board has not been able to solve these problems completely, it has had an impact on each issue and been responsible for many neighborhood improvements. The more neighbors that are involved, the more impact we can have. As a board member, you can have some say on what is going on in your neighborhood and you have a chance to meet many of your neighbors. If you have any questions, please call Board President Barbee Williams at (503) 293-1460 or Communications Chair Lee Buhler at (503) 227-0160.



neighborhood. It was quite a sight to see. You don't often see old churches going across the Ross Island Bridge. Lair Hill business owner and historic preservationist Clem Ogilby who worked very hard to save the chapel states that he has found a new home for the other historic structure on the site. He has plans to roll it down to Willamette Park where it will be installed on an existing floating foundation to become a floating home. If this works out, it will mean that all of the historic structures on the Corbett Street development will have been saved. The street move date has been set for Sunday, April 3, with the actual launching scheduled to occur on Monday, the 4th.

Fulton Park Center: The Fulton Park Community Center may close due to budget cuts. The issue was discussed at the March board meeting and people were very concerned.

The board voted to ask that city council not close the community center or close the community gardens. The loss of the community center and gardens contradicts the stated mission of Portland Parks' "Healthy Parks, Healthy Portland" and will sorely affect livability in the CTLH.

Crime on the increase? There have been increased reports of daytime burglaries and attempted burglaries in CTLH recently. Thea Riggs is the new CTLH representative to SWNI's crime prevention committee. She has organized a problem-solving meeting with police and crime prevention staff for the neighborhood to discuss the issue. The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7th, from 7-9pm at the Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church at the corner of Barbur & Hamilton. See www.ctlh.org for more details. These meetings and increased resident vigilance have resulted in lower crime in the past.

Tram Advisory Committee: The Portland Aerial Tram Citizens' Advisory Committee is meeting again to discuss tram project updates and neighborhood improvements such as the pedestrian bridge. The April meeting is: **April 4, 6:30 - 8:30 pm, 1900 SW Fourth Avenue, Room 2500B.**

There will be a meeting for Gibbs St. residents on **Saturday, April 2.** The time and place have not been set. Also, the voluntary buyout program is to be before city council for approval on April 27th.

Lair Hill Vision Group: Two recent developments: the planning bureau will provide technical assistance at a design workshop to develop a visual presentation of the neighborhood's vision for redevelopment in the Ross Island Bridge ramp area. This will probably be in April. And: The U.S. House of Representatives passed a transportation bill that includes \$6-7 million to start the preliminary work on removing the ramps and narrowing Naito Parkway; this still needs Senate approval, but it's moving in the right direction.

Historic structures saved: At day-break on February 27th, the historic St. Mathews' Mission Building rolled down Kelly street and across the Ross Island Bridge to its new home in the Brooklyn

Butterfly Park Work Party: Well, Butterfly Park is looking so good lately, there hasn't been much to do so CTLH Parks Committee chair Ken Love has moved his crew to Willamette Park where they pull blackberries for at least 2 hours before they gather for a little R & R. If this kind of volunteer work sounds interesting to you, it's every 4th Saturday of the month from 9 am to noon. Make sure you call Ken at (503) 245-7795 so you know where he is working.

Miles Place Riverfront Restoration: The Portland Parks Bureau has plans to restore the river's edge between Willamette and Butterfly Parks. They would like to get public feedback on this project. A meeting has been set for **April 20th at Trinity Presbyterian Church (6437 SW Virginia St.) at 7 pm.** For more information, contact CTLH Parks Chair Ken Love (503) 245-7795. The regularly scheduled Parks Committee meeting at Fulton Pub will not happen in lieu of this meeting. **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.

Committee meetings
Transportation/Parking Permit Committee: Tuesday, April 5, 6 pm at Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact committee chair Bill Danneman at 503-228-9868 for more info.

Land Use Committee: Monday, April 18, 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 April 20, 7 pm, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6437 SW Virginia St. Contact committee chair Ken Love 503-245-7795 for more info.

Finance/Communications Committee: Wednesday, April 27, 7 pm, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6437 SW Virginia St. Contact committee chair Lee Buhler at 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com for more info.

Next Mtg: Wed. April 6, 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

Homestead Neighborhood

For those of you who haven't been following the issue of building heights in the South Waterfront District: it's been settled ...more or less. In a nutshell, the maximum height of 325 ft. was retained, most of the proposals to allow bigger buildings closer together were rejected, and some concessions were made to reduce the apparent bulk of the biggest building. For a good summary of the debate and its outcome, read the article in the Multnomah Village Post's March issue by Lee Perlman.

At our April 5th meeting, we will have as guests Matt Brown and Art Pearce from the Portland Office of Transportation who will be giving us an update on the aerial tram project. They will discuss the construction schedule (it will be happening soon!) and the construction impacts on our neighborhood, as well as the status of various neighborhood improvement projects that were planned as part of the tram project. They will also be looking for feedback on the design of the pedestrian bridge across I-5. The city council will vote April 27 to authorize construction of the tram. They will also vote on a resolution to authorize further work

on neighborhood improvement projects such as the pedestrian bridge.

We will also have a discussion and a vote about the SW Hills Residential League's lawsuit against the city and whether it should or should not be arbitrated. Among other things, the lawsuit seeks to absorb most of our neighborhood into SWHRL, leaving Homestead NA representing only the area between Terwilliger and Barbur Blvd. Homestead NA has been opposing this takeover and has much at stake in the outcome of either arbitration or the lawsuit.

Finally, a suspect has been arrested in the peeping prowler case that has been menacing an area of apartments in our neighborhood for the past year. Thanks to Portland Police Officer Scott Westerman and SWNI Crime Prevention Specialist Stephanie Reynolds, as well as those in the neighborhood who came forward with information about the prowler.

Next Mtg: Tues., April 5, 7 pm
OHSU CDC
707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor
Chair: Anton Vetterlein,
503-790-0719

Hillsdale Neighborhood

The March meeting included the following discussions:

1. Hillsdale Outreach: Update of research/outreach project to convene 4 focus groups to examine livability issues in the neighborhood. Budget of \$2,000 already funded by ONI.

2. Water Bureau Update: Susan Kelly, Mike Saley and Duane Evonuk review water system for SW Portland and the Burlingame Water Service Area. Project includes an evaluation of the capacities of the facilities that serve the Hillsdale neighborhoods, including condition of pump stations and tanks. Mike and Duane reviewed the location of the pump stations in SW Portland. Once the facilities have been assessed, alternative development plans and a final recommendation is due December 2005.

3. SWHRL Litigation: Jimmy Brown, ONI Director, provided an update of the lawsuit between SWHRL and the City of Portland. SWHRL alleges that their constitutional rights have been violated regarding decisions made by the city concerning boundaries disputes between themselves and the Hillsdale, Bridlemile and Homestead NAs. SWHRL and the city are looking at binding arbitration as an option. SWHRL has stated that, if they decided to proceed with binding arbitration, none of the NAs involved could be part of the arbitration process.

SWNI and representatives from the three affected NAs met to consider the question: Should each NA be at the table during the arbitration process or should these NAs suggest to the city that they not proceed with this option, given this demand of SWHRL to exclude the NAs?

John Gould made the following motion: The HNA want to convey their "sense", "informal position" that the HNA urges the City not to arbitrate with SWHRL. It was agreed that the HNA would formally vote on this item next month.

4. Hillsdale Town Center Plan and District Plan: Ellen Ryker from the Planning Bureau will meet at April 4 at 6:30 at the Multnomah Center to discuss and review how to move forward with the Hillsdale Town Center Plan and what items the planning bureau should address. Items discussed at the meeting include: a) requiring the parks bureau to go through the DR process for parcels such as schools in the IR zone; b) parking permits for the parking area between Reike and Wilson; and c) removing the Braidwood fence in the commercial area on the north side of Capitol Highway and d) the need to plan for the Barbur corridor. Call Don with ideas.

5. Skateboard Site Open House 3/29.

Item #6: Fulton Park: Bureau wants to close Fulton Park. In the budget presented next week, they are going to request a 1-year reprieve for Fulton Park. Marsha Weber presented a letter of support for keeping Fulton Park open and requested that the HNA approve such a letter which the neighborhood approved.

7. Walt Amacher made a presentation urging all residents to call and email their city councilman so that the elected officials are informed as to what is important.

8. Update on South Waterfront and other Misc. Items: Don provided an update. The planning bureau has committed to the development of a framework plan to maintain the view corridors. The council did agree that the 200 feet between these tall buildings should be maintained. The question of whether \$100,000 of system development fees will be allocated to the development of trails near OHSU was postponed for another planning process.

Don mentioned that there will be new speed limits on Sunset.

Duane reviewed land use actions - specifically the request by the 76 station to reduce the size of the sign from 30 feet to 20 feet.

The next Hillsdale Neighborhood Association meeting April 6, 7 pm, St Barnabas, 2201 SW Vermont, Multi-Purpose room in bldg nearest Vermont, main floor.

The April meeting will include:

1. Rieke skate board park discussion and possible action
2. Discussion of resurfacing of Wilson track
3. Board recommendation on the SWHRL litigation between City of Portland and SWHRL.
4. Summary of April 4, planning liaison meeting.
5. SWNI report
6. Update on outreach project
7. SWNI Walk fundraiser
8. Other business

Next Mtg: Wed., April 6, 7 pm
St Barnabas Church
2201 SW Vermont
Chair: Don Baack, 503-246-2088

Hayhurst Neighborhood

We are meeting just four times a year for the time being. 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.

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

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Neighborhoods continued

Multnomah Neighborhood

Howdy neighbors! Lot of people attended our March meeting and everyone's presence made it a great meeting! I do have some sad news to report - Alison Santos has resigned as Public Safety Committee Chair. I would like to commend her on many years of hard work - she has been an asset to our community.

At the next meeting we will be discussing a number of land use and transportation issues. We will also be organizing the Multnomah neighbors who are going to participate in a SWNI fundraiser walk that will be held on April 30th. Please join us at our meeting to get all the details! Our next meeting will be held on April 12th at 7 pm at the Multnomah Center on Capitol Highway. I look forward to seeing everyone there!

Next Mtg: Tuesday, April 12, 7 pm
Multnomah Center,
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

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

Maplewood Neighborhood

Our next meeting on Wednesday, April 13th, will focus on election of officers for the neighborhood and there is still time to place nominations for all of the positions. This could be the opportunity you have been waiting for to get involved in your community. There is a lot we can do to support our neighbors, our city and our own well-being just by participating in the running of a neighborhood association. We deal with land use issues and how our neighborhood grows and develops. We work for safe streets to walk, bike and drive. We are a voice to the city through our participation in the SWNI coalition. We are your neighbors. Send nominations to Brad Baugher by calling 503-244-7025 and come join us in the West Hills Friends Church at 7 pm.

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

Marshall Park Neighborhood

In March, Marshall Park had a lively meeting discussing land-use issues, park restoration, website and outreach, and the Portland Joint Terrorism Task Force.

Neighbors brought concerns about the 13th Drive development to the meeting, specifically crews starting work before the permitted time and noise issues. The number to call when there is a code violation (e.g., starting before 7 am) is 503-823-7305.

Catherine Sherraden from the Watershed Council convened a walk-through of Marshall Park below Maplecrest in late February to set priorities for invasive plant removal. There will be AmeriCorps crews working in these areas to help us control ivy and other species and pick up garbage. Mark your calendar to join us on Saturday, May 7th for the annual *No Ivy Day*. This will be the kick-off event for a regular invasive removal work party to be held the first Saturday of every month. Neil Blatner is the contact person and can be reached at 503-246-2434.

We then talked about outreach and the message to convey in an upcoming mailing to all households in Marshall Park. It will primarily serve to inform residents of park issues. Mike Charles is helping to get a Marshall Park website off the ground and we are hoping to

have it be operational by the time of the mailing.

Finally, Jan Weston brought the issue of the Portland Joint Terrorism Task Force before the neighbors. At the last SWNI board meeting, a resolution from the crime prevention committee to encourage city council to approve renewal of the Joint Terrorism Task Force with the FBI was not passed by the board because there was not enough information about how neighborhoods stood on the issue.

Join us for our April meeting on Thursday, April 14th, when we will continue discussion of these topics and also hear from Tim Cushing from Markham NA regarding pedestrian and bike safety on Taylors Ferry Road and a possible improvement plan. Some incentive to get your taxes done early!

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, April 14, 6 pm
Papaccino's Coffee House
1321 SW Terwilliger Blvd

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

E-mail: marshallparkna@yahoo.com

Markham Neighborhood

Not much happened at the March meeting. Our thanks to trusted neighbor Amanda Black, who led the meeting in my absence. But the April 12th meeting should be a whopper. Kurt Krueger and maybe Calvin Lee from PDOT will be here to discuss Taylors Ferry Rd and the options we have as a neighborhood to work on improvements, look over some maps, and also discuss partnering with the Marshall Park Neighborhood on the issue. In the meantime, we will be walking T.F.R. and taking pictures of the rough spots. Hopefully, we will know much more about the possibilities for change after the meeting.

People need to enter their comments on the City budget (you can still do so online). In addition, we will also talk about crime, land use, trees and other transportation issues which affect us. SEE YOU THERE!! In an effort to increase participation, there will be stuff to eat...

Next Mtg: Tuesday, April 12, 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

West Portland Park Neighborhood

Noise from Jake brakes (truck engine braking) on I-5 was the topic generating most discussion at the association's March meeting. Phil Tollefson brought this issue to the attention of the group, and many shared in the debate about the problem and what to do about it. Everyone agreed this is something we want to address. Nancy Drais volunteered to contact Scott Westerman, our neighborhood police liaison officer, to discuss possible actions such as speed enforcement near the Huber on-ramp. Jim McLaughlin suggested requesting the loan of a radar gun. Adam Grimshaw promised to add the matter to the SWNI Transportation Committee's agenda. Cynthia Gens offered to help Phil with monitoring and data collection. Amanda Fritz filled in for secretary Betty McArdle in writing this informational column. And David Gens will coordinate with SWNI board representative Dennis Hays to promote addressing the problem from a coalition-wide perspective.

What neighborhood issue concerns you? You might not always find a similar degree of interest and volunteers for working on it, but if you don't come and ask, you won't know if you could be part of a solution, will you?

Outgoing land use chair Amanda Fritz reported on final approval of the subdivision at 39th and Stephenson. The new paved street on Stephenson will be located ten feet north of the centerline, to keep it further from the stream in the southern half of the right-of-way. Although the plan still doesn't protect the stream as well as it could, it does meet the standards in the code, and Amanda recommended not appealing it to the Land Use Board of Appeals. Special thanks to Dona Hippert and Dea Dea Hilton, neighbors who worked long and hard with Amanda on this development to prompt significant improvements in the design. Please note that unless someone steps up to learn the role of the Land Use chairperson, in the future the neighborhood association may not be able to participate in development review as actively as we have for the past decade.

We discussed a request for SWNI to support the "Neighborhoods Schools Alliance" advocating to keep six elementary schools open citywide. While noting the value of neighborhood schools and their importance as community centers and park-like open spaces, there was general agreement that since school enrollment is dropping, closing some sites is essential for best use of the limited tax dollars allocated to public schools. SW neighborhoods were represented on the westside boundaries task force that looked at potential school closures recently. A motion that "SWNI should stay neutral on the Neighborhood Schools Alliance" passed unanimously.

Amanda reported on the final meeting for planning the design of the park at the Holly Farm. The meeting was very well attended. The park design as proposed by consultants Walker-Macy was approved, including a small (2000-square-foot) area designated for beginner skateboarders. While many voiced opposition to the skatespot at the final meeting, more of those present spoke in favor. Some felt the skateboard area would attract more skaters and cause problems. Others believe providing a designated area will make the rest of the park less likely to be used by skateboarders, and that skateboarding can be a positive activity for kids and adults.

One stakeholder group with deep concerns about the skatespot is the residents of Markham House retirement facility. Members of the steering committee hope to meet with these seniors to discuss how their safety and comfort will be addressed as we continue to work on the park plan. There are design solutions that will make skateboarding in quiet circles of the park much more difficult than in the designated area, which is located to keep skaters away from paths used by seniors and young children.

Many thanks to the Hospitality Inn for providing excellent conference room facilities for the Holly Farm park meetings! McDonald's and Starbucks donated refreshments, and many volunteers and staff gave hours of time and effort to produce the beautiful park plan. Cards thanking key participants were signed. The next opportunity for public comment on the proposed design will be at city council, shortly after it is presented to the parks board in May.

Good news! Crime prevention statistics from 2000 to 2004 show a 36% decrease in crimes per capita in the West Portland Park neighborhood over that time period. Neighborhood Crime Prevention volunteer Nancy Drais credits Scott Westerman and the Portland Police Bureau, SWNI Crime Prevention specialists (currently Stephanie Reynolds, formerly Paul Dinberg), and an agreement forged with managers of several neighborhood apartment complexes in response to high crime levels in 2000. The agreement led to chronic troublemakers not being able to rent apartments in the neighborhood. Another success that likely would not have been achieved without intervention by the West Portland Park Neighborhood Association and SWNI!

Please join us in April as we continue to volunteer our time and talents on topics that matter to neighbors and our neighborhood.

Next Mtg: Thurs., April 14, 7 pm
Hospitality Inn
Conference Room
10151 SW Capitol Hwy

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

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South Burlingame Neighborhood

It was good to see a good turnout at our March meeting. There were 23 neighbors, guests and speakers present. Including our regular business, we had three program speakers. Bob Cynkar and Stephen Berger from Bureau of Environmental Services (BES), presented a program on sewer line repair project lying along Stephens Creek starting near SW 10th and Troy, traveling southeasterly along the creek to Taylors Ferry Rd. Secondly, Marsha Weber from CTLH spoke about proposed budget cuts that may eliminate the Fulton Park Community Center and community gardens. She asked if the board would be willing to send a letter to the Parks and Recreation Bureau in support of keeping the center and gardens. The third presenter was Mirra Meyer, executive secretary/program manager for the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries, to save from abandonment, the Greenwood Hills Cemetery located in the Collins View Neighborhood on Boones Ferry Rd. We learned that it was started in the 1850's by a Masonic Lodge and for the last 18 years governed by a board of directors for maintenance including a budget.

The sewer project is in its beginning stages with four alternatives. The board and neighbors present voted to accept the letter Marsha Weber proposed regarding the Fulton Park Community Center and gardens, with the addition of some information regarding the usage of the facility. The cemetery issue is being considered further by some interested people, including a representative of the Collins View Neighborhood.

We discussed the possibility of using sandwich boards for upcoming meetings.

One of our neighborhood residents, Stephanie Weber, expressed concerns of the traffic on SW 6th Avenue with people speeding through the area and also volunteered to join the board along with Veronica Sautter who lives on SW 4th Avenue. A land-use issue was read and discussed regarding the building of a new house at the south end of SW Ruby Terrace. The board chose to take no action, since it would not have significant impact on the area.

We hope everyone in the neighborhood received our special mailing of the *Southwest Neighborhood News* this past month. A special effort was made, at the neighborhood's expense, to see that each household in the neighborhood not currently receiving the newspaper received a copy along with an inserted flier describing our area. Many thanks to those who prepared them for mailing.

There will be an **'ivy pull' on May 7 from 9 am to noon** to attempt to save the trees along the ODOT I-5 right-of-way. Meet at Burlingame Park (SW 12th and Falcon) and head toward Terwilliger Boulevard. For information, contact Mike Andrews at 503-977-6262.

Our next meeting is our annual meeting. At that time we will elect board members for next year. We will discuss if we want to resume monthly meetings. We also need to consider a proposal to add new items to the National Night Out event in August. Hope to see a good turnout.

Next Mtg: Mon., May 9, 7:30 pm
Burlingame Baptist Church
125 SW Miles

Contact: Garry Lienhard
503-246-6091

E-mail: lienhard@teleport.com

Portland Police release year-end crime statistics for 2004

SW numbers still low

by Stephanie Reynolds, SW Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

The Portland Police Bureau has released the Part I year-end crime statistics for 2004. Part I crimes are those that are most common and/or most damaging to the victims. Part I is an FBI designation that is used all over the United States to standardize crime statistics from state to state. As in the past, Southwest Portland outside of downtown continues to have some of the lowest crime rates in Portland. There were an average of 43.3 Part I crimes per 1000 population in Southwest Portland in 2004. By contrast, the rates per 1000 in other parts of the city were as follows: East Portland: 105.7; inner SE: 88.8; outer SE: 85.1; North: 88.3; inner NE: 119.8; central NE: 85.3; NW: 133.8; and Downtown: 340.3. The citywide average was 97.6.

Looking at the crime stats for Southwest Portland, you may notice that some neighborhoods have significantly higher levels of some types of crimes than other neighborhoods, as well as some neighborhoods which have much higher rates per 1000. These differences can seem alarming until you recognize certain patterns.

Those neighborhoods with large commercial areas or with large institutions such as colleges within their borders will often have more crimes as compared to other neighborhoods, especially "theft from auto" (also known as car prowler) and "other lar-

ceny," which includes shoplifting, stealing someone's jacket or purse from a public place when they are not paying attention to it, and other similar thefts that do not involve breaking into someone's home, business, or car.

Many hundreds or even thousands of people visit these neighborhoods during the course of a day to go to a grocery or video store or to attend a class. This type of high-density usage of an area means that it is a target-rich environment for a criminal. For example, car prowlers gravitate towards areas where they will be able to access many vehicles in a short period of time. This is a major reason for the higher sheer numbers of car prowls for places like CTLH off of Macadam and Homestead at OHSU.

These neighborhoods also almost always have a higher crime rate per 1000. The reason for the higher per capita rate

in these neighborhoods is that the census does not take into account the many extra people using the area every day, only those people who actually live in the area. This artificially boosts the rate per 1000 population. The stats for downtown as stated in the first paragraph of this story are a classic example of this phenomenon. Here in Southwest, Collins View, Far Southwest, and Homestead all have artificially high rates per 1000 due to the presence within their borders of Lewis & Clark College, PCC Sylvania, and OHSU, respectively. So the high rate per 1000 in these neighborhoods doesn't paint an accurate picture of what is happening in these neighborhoods as a whole.

Often, people have questions about the definitions of these crimes. What follows is a list of definitions for the Part I crimes seen in the table.

- Murder: The willful (non-negligent) killing of one human being by another.
- Rape: Sexual intercourse by force, or with a person too young to consent.
- Molest: Sexual touching by force, or with a person too young to consent.
- Robbery: The taking or attempting to take anything of value from a person or persons by force or threat of force.
- Aggravated Assault: An attack by one person upon another for the purpose of inflicting severe injury. This type of assault usually is accompanied by the use of a weapon or by means likely to produce death or injury.
- Residential Burglary: The unlawful entry of a residential structure with intent to commit a crime.
- Non-residential Burglary: Same thing, but to a commercial or other non-residential structure, such as a shed.
- Arson: Any willful burning or attempt to burn a building, motor vehicle, aircraft, or personal property of another.

- Theft from Auto: Breaking into a car to steal the contents or car parts.
- Bike Theft: Theft of a bicycle.
- Other Larceny: The unlawful taking of property from the possession of another, including pick-pocket, purse snatch, and shoplift
- Auto Theft: The theft or attempted theft of a motor vehicle, including motorcycles.
- Vandalism: Consists of the willful destruction, or defacement of property, including graffiti.

Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for entire 2004 calendar year

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	5	4	1	6	0	7	5	7	35	11.9
Ashcreek	0	2	6	3	5	18	2	0	33	3	31	12	17	132	27.8
Bridlemile	0	1	3	1	3	18	3	0	48	1	31	6	17	132	26.4
Collins View	0	1	0	1	0	16	15	4	19	6	96	1	84	243	118.2
CTLH	0	2	0	3	4	39	38	4	184	6	73	44	49	446	87.8
Crestwood	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	0	3	0	5	2	3	21	21.4
Far Southwest	0	1	0	2	5	6	4	0	21	1	63	4	12	119	96.4
Hayhurst	0	0	1	0	3	7	2	2	30	0	24	10	16	95	18.3
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	5	22.6
Hillsdale	0	4	4	8	14	29	15	2	68	3	92	16	44	299	40.2
Homestead	0	0	1	1	2	12	4	1	136	2	90	16	16	281	109.9
Maplewood	0	2	0	1	4	11	1	0	8	1	9	0	16	53	20.7
Markham	0	1	1	0	1	7	4	0	7	0	14	4	8	47	20.2
Marshall Park	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	3	0	1	12	8.4
Multnomah	0	1	2	7	12	27	22	3	84	2	81	34	52	327	49.4
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	2	6	2	1	21	1	6	3	3	45	35.2
SW Hills	0	0	1	0	2	17	10	1	66	1	20	9	19	146	36
W Ptlid Park	0	1	2	2	5	13	10	4	25	1	31	12	32	138	36.5
Total SW	0	17	21	31	64	241	136	23	763	28	677	178	397	2576	43.3

Neighborhood Watch & Foot Patrol programs get policy updates, new manuals

by Stephanie Reynolds, SW Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

The Neighborhood Watch and Community Foot Patrol programs are two mainstays of crime prevention in Portland. Both programs train community members on how to identify and report crime and suspicious activity, promote a positive open relationship between neighbors, and between neighbors and the city staff who serve them, and reduce crime and fear of crime in our neighborhoods. The Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) Crime Prevention Program has primary responsibility for these programs.

Over the past few months, the Crime Prevention Program staff has been working on updating the manuals for each program as well as revisiting the policies and procedures. As the staff talked about their experiences serving these volunteer efforts and talked with community leaders who head up these neighborhood-based efforts, several needed changes were identified. It was clear that some of the policies were not having their intended effect and needed to be updated and that terminology for these programs had become so loose that it was causing confusion for the public.

In late-March, Crime Prevention Program Manager Eric King sent a message to Block Captains and Foot Patrol leaders across the city to explain the changes. What follows is a description of some of these changes,

which are going into effect right away. It should be noted that these changes are mostly administrative in nature and will not dramatically affect the day-to-day workings of these groups.

Terminology to be pared down

Historically in Portland, the most commonly used terms for community organizing on crime prevention issues have been "Neighborhood Watch" and "Community Foot Patrol" or simply, "Foot Patrol." Leaders of these types of volunteer groups were called "leaders" or "organizers." Over time, terms commonly used in other cities and states have sometimes been used as well, such as "Community Watch" or "Block Watch," among others. Under former Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker, a new type of community volunteer was given the title, "Block Captain," with the understanding that a Block Captain might lead a Neighborhood Watch, a Foot Patrol, or another organizing effort. The perception was that Block Captains are somehow elevated above other leaders of these types of efforts because they were given background checks by the police. In reality, there was no functional difference, and some people felt the term "Block Captain" did not accurately describe the position.

The sheer number of terms applied to these programs has caused confusion for the public and even for City staff. For this reason, the terminology has been updated.

From now on, **Neighborhood Watch** will be the umbrella term for a variety of different applications of the same program. Apartment Watch, Business Watch, and Campus Watch will all be types of Neighborhood Watches as applied to different locations. **Community Foot Patrol** will be the umbrella term for a variety of applications of the same program, with Park Foot Patrol and School Foot Patrol as types of Community Foot Patrol applied to different patrol territories.

The term Block Captain will no longer be used, even though the responsibilities of the position will not change. Instead, a leader of a Neighborhood Watch will be known as a **Neighborhood Watch Organizer**. A leader of a Foot Patrol will be known as a **Foot Patrol Organizer**.

Switch to volunteer agreements

Simple background checks have always been performed on members of Foot Patrols, and on Block Captains as well since that position was created by former Chief Mark Kroeker. However, some people with minor infractions on their records such as parking tickets feared failing their background checks and so did not even step forward to join

the program, eliminating a whole group of potential volunteer leaders. Also, the background checks were rudimentary enough that they gave a false sense of security.

From now on, instead of background checks, members of Neighborhood Watches and Community Foot Patrols will sign volunteer agreements in which they agree to abide by the fundamental policies of the programs.

New manuals available

The new manuals for the two programs will soon be available to download from the ONI website at <www.portlandonline.com/oni> or in paper form from your Crime Prevention Program Coordinator. Here in Southwest, please call Stephanie Reynolds if you have any questions about these changes, if you are currently involved in a Neighborhood Watch or a Foot Patrol and would like to get a copy of the new manual, or if you would like copies of the volunteer agreements for your group to discuss and sign at an upcoming meeting. It's a good idea for these groups to meet at least once per year. If you would like Stephanie to come to your meeting, please call her at 503-823-3131 or email her at sreynolds@ci.portland.or.us.

Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for January 2005

Neighborhood	Murder	Rape	Molest	Robry	Agr Aslt	Res Burg	N/Res Burg	Arson	Theft fr. Auto	Bike Theft	Other Larc	Auto Theft	Vandl	Total	YTD rate/ 1000 pop.
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Bridlemile	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	8	1.6
Collins View	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	0	4	11	5.4
CTLH	0	0	0	0	1	7	2	0	11	0	4	4	6	35	6.9
Crestwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	5	5.1
Far Southwest	0	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	5	1	4	18	14.6
Hayhurst	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	0	0	6	1.2
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Hillsdale	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5	1	7	1	6	23	3.1
Homestead	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	10	0	4	1	4	24	9.4
Maplewood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	4	1.6
Markham	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	1.7
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	5	3.5
Multnomah	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	7	0	6	1	3	21	3.2
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	5	3.9
SW Hills	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	5	0	1	8	2.0
W Ptlid Park	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	6	1.6
Total SW	0	0	2	0	4	16	13	4	56	2	57	15	34	203	3.4



On Watch: Public Safety Information

Community Court Project benefits from generosity of SW neighbors

by Stephanie Reynolds, SW Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

As reported in last month's *Southwest Neighborhood News*, Ashcreek neighborhood activist Gary Schwindt has organized a clothing drive to benefit the Westside Community Court. Since the publication of that article, a number of residents of Southwest have donated clothing that they no longer want or need, which will be a great help to the Community Court project in fulfilling their mission.

Community Court sentences low-level offenders to community service so they may make some reparations to the community they harmed with their actions. Defendants are usually sentenced to pick up litter and other similar tasks.

Many of the defendants at Community Court are impoverished and may have other problems as well, such as drug or alcohol addiction. These problems make it more likely that they will reoffend. For this reason, Community Court provides defendants with a number of social services in order to give them the best chance of succeeding in their rehabilitation. For example, defendants may be referred to a food bank, GED courses, mental health evaluation, or disability services. Community Court staff has found that many defendants are living in such poverty that they do not have any suitable clothes to wear to complete their sentence, such as a warm jacket, or shoes without holes in the soles. Court staff members have brought in their own old, but serviceable, clothes to be given to defendants in these circumstances, but the contents of the Clothes Closet at the Court were dwindling.

Gary Schwindt, an Ashcreek Neighborhood Association board member, is also a member of the Westside Commu-

nity Court Advisory Board. Upon learning that the Community Court's Clothes Closet was nearly empty, he took it upon himself to request clothing donations through an article in last month's *Southwest Neighborhood News*. He even offered to pick up any clothing donations and transport them to the court.

In mid-March, Mr. Schwindt was able to deliver a large carload of clothes to the Community Court. Dr. Heidi Grant, a licensed psychologist who coordinates social services for Community Court, said she was delighted to receive the donations. All of the Community Court staff is grateful to Mr. Schwindt and to the Southwest neighbors who so generously donated their clothes.

While the Clothes Closet is now well-stocked, the supplies will dwindle again as more defendants make their way to the Court. 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 are unfortunately 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! For more information about Community Court, please visit: www.co.multnomah.or.us/da/cc/



The Clothes Closet at Community Court went from fitting into five of these boxes to filling a whole desk after neighbors in Southwest Portland opened their closets to donate their used but still serviceable clothes.

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
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Websites

- 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 form- 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/source-book/
- 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/dc/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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CLASSES & EVENTS

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING: Second Thursday, April 14, 10-11 am.

QIGONG CLASSES: Thursdays, 1-2 pm. Free. Qigong (pronounced "chi gong") are gentle, flowing movements which are both relaxing and energizing. Older adults find the gentle movements to be a wonderful form of exercise that improves circulation, balance, and enhances their sense of well being.

AARP "55 Alive" Driving Safety Program: 9 am - noon, Monday, April 11, and Monday, April 18. 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. The course is designed to refine existing skills and develop safe driving techniques. Insurance companies offer a discount to those completing the course. Check with your insurance agent for details. Call the senior center to reserve your space in the class.

SENIOR LAW PROJECT: Tuesdays, April 12 & 26. 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. Call for an appointment.

STROKE SUPPORT: Third Tuesday, April 19, 1-2 pm. Provides support and information in meeting the challenges of living that accompany a stroke.

FOOT CLINIC: Third Wednesday, April 20, 9 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$27. This is a very popular service among our members. Reservations fill up quickly. Call to make an appointment.

LOW-VISION SUPPORT AND DISCUSSION GROUP: Third Tuesday, April 19, 11 am - noon. Provides an opportunity to share experiences and exchange information on how to adjust the routine and challenges of everyday life with reduced vision.

FALUN GONG: Every Monday, 1-2 pm, Free. These Chinese exercises improve mental and physical health and well-being through a series of easy-to-learn exercises, meditation and development of one's heart/mind nature.

Caregiver's Support Group: Fourth Tuesday, April 26, 1-2 pm. Anyone who is caring for an elder is welcome to participate in this group. Informal discussions on the issues surrounding caregiving, as well as speakers and videos from community resources are included.

ACUPUNCTURE: Monday mornings, April 4, 11, 18, & 25 or Thursday afternoons, April 14, 21, & 28. Appointment required. Payment in advance. \$45 for first visit; \$35 for subsequent visits.

MASSAGE: Tuesday afternoons, April 5, 12, 19, & 26. Appointments required. Payment in advance. \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members. (30 minute sessions).

STABILITY BALL: Tuesdays, Stability Ball & Yoga, April 5, 12, 19 & 26, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm and Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 9:10 - 10:10 am. Designed to improve balance and core

body strength. Fee: \$3.

YOGA: Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 10-11:30 am. Fee \$3.

RHYTHMIC EXERCISE: 10:15 - 11:15 am, Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, & 26, or Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21 & 28. Fee: \$3.

CONVERSATION CIRCLE: Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1:30 - 2:30 pm. A Conversation Circle allows time to practice English in a relaxed and fun way. Any woman for whom English is a second language is invited to attend. A few reasons to join: practice English skills, meet people, increase confidence, and have fun. The participants choose the topics. Possibilities for field trips. Please join us.

REVERSE MORTGAGES: Monday, April 25, 10:30 - 11:30 am. What is a reverse mortgage? Could it be beneficial to you by offering a variety of financial and other options? Come to the workshop and have your questions answered. This workshop is presented by NW Senior Funding. Refreshments provided.

HEALTH NET: Thursday, April 7, 10 am - noon. No charge.

APRIL TRIPS

HOOD RIVER BREAKFAST AT THE HISTORIC GORGE HOTEL & FRUIT LOOP DRIVE: Wednesday, April 6, 9 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$12.

WOODEN SHOE TULIP FARM, Woodburn, Oregon: Tuesday, April 12, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$10, lunch on own. The fields are walker and wheelchair accessible. Always a treat with a riot of tulip color in the fields and majestic, snow-capped Mt. Hood as a backdrop. Order bulbs for fall planting or pick up wonderful bouquets of tulips, hyacinths and daffodils. Bring a picnic lunch or purchase lunch at the Tulip Café or food vendors and dine at the picnic tables among the flowers. We will stop at the Woodburn Dairy Queen for dessert on the way home. Don't forget to bring your camera and wear comfortable walking shoes.

HULDA KLAGER LILAC GARDENS, Woodland, Washington: Tuesday, April 19, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$15 (includes admission), lunch on own. The Klager Family Homestead is now a beautiful public garden, bursting with hundreds of varieties of lilacs in deep purples, bright pinks, sky blue, white and, oh yes, regular lilac colors. For almost half a century the Klagers bred lilacs at this site and developed many unique varieties. The Klager family farmhouse is restored to 1920s-era furnishings and makes a wonderful tour. While the farmhouse is not wheelchair-accessible, the garden walkways are flat and paved, readily accessible to walkers and wheelchairs. The gardens sell beautiful lilac plants, in dozens of varieties. This would be a great opportunity to purchase a new plant for your yard or for a gift. We will lunch at the Oak Table in Woodland and then head on home. Don't forget to bring your camera and wear comfortable walking shoes.

CRYSTAL SPRINGS RHODODENDRON GARDEN & LUNCH AT "COUNTRY BILLS": Wednesday, April 27, 10 am - 2 pm. Cost: \$5.

LUCKY EAGLE CASINO: Thursday, April 28, 8:45 am - 5 pm. No transportation charge.

Built to last

The City of Portland's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan

What could the impact of a disaster be to you or to the City of Portland? More importantly, what actions can we take now to protect lives and property?

Most people don't realize the impact sudden disaster can have on property, business, the water system, hospitals or even the street to your child's school.

From a financial standpoint:

- \$59 billion worth of Portland residential and commercial assets are at risk of loss in an earthquake
- Flooding could cost \$5.98 billion
- Landslides within city limits could reach \$8.8 billion in damage to residential and commercial property
- A wildland fire (forested parks) could cost some \$7.8 billion

Mitigation

To take a closer look at how the city's assets can be protected against the forces of disaster, the City of Portland's Office of Emergency Management assembled an in-depth steering committee, led by the director of Portland State University's Hatfield School of Government, Dr. Ron Tammen. This committee, comprised of bureau directors and business and community leaders, then set out to establish critical goals. Hazards of specific focus were also identified.

Focus areas were then broken into sub-committees made up of experts in 'key' disciplines together with community members and city employees. These sub-committees then met over a six-month period developing action plans to meet the goals.

Five hazards of specific focus were identified—either due to recurrence or their potential impact:

- Earthquake
- Flood
- Landslide
- Wildland urban interface fire
- Severe weather

Compelling data on 'risk assessment' developed through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) geographic information system (GIS) Hazards US-Multi-Hazard (HAZUS MH) propelled the planning process into high gear.

Said Patty Rueter, Portland Office of Emergency Management (POEM) Planning & Mitigation coordinator, "As hazard technology was superimposed over land-use and census maps—pinpointing the need for actions to reduce damage—eyebrows were raised."

Sub-committee members did find existing actions such as stream restoration, hillside planting and vegetation management went a long way to also protect against devastating floods, landslides, wildfires and/or severe weather.

Public Participation

A built-in system of implementation, maintenance and public participation was included in the federally mandated

(Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000) plan, and the City of Portland expects a great deal of public participation as it is updated on an ongoing basis.

Participation in initial plan development drew in representatives from key stakeholder organizations such as non-profits, industry, insurance and various state organizations.

On the sub-committees—community experts from utilities, universities, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Multnomah County Drainage District reviewed and participated in the discussions about needed city mitigation actions.

Funding

Four mitigation project grant applications totaling \$8.7 million have already been submitted:

- The Water Bureau identified conduits needing stabilization to protect the water distribution system and building seismic retrofits to protect emergency response services
- Environmental Services has applied to mitigate flood impact to 58,000 people in the Lents urban renewal area
- The Fire Bureau, Parks and Environmental Services identified fuel load reduction in forested parks as their number-one priority in pre-disaster mitigation funding.

Public Review

Initial public review of the plan was completed March 31. That information will be incorporated into the first-edition printing and be a part of the annual review and update process. Public involvement will continue in the form of presentations, volunteer and educational activities and public input. Annual meetings will be held to provide updates on additional disaster mitigation actions.

"There could not be a more important nor satisfying challenge for those in public service than to work on a project that will save lives, save property, save jobs and save tax dollars." - Dr. Ron Tammen, chair - Mitigation Committee; director, Hatfield School of Government, Portland State University.

So the bottom line is—what do we want to last? Are we interested in minimizing the effects of future disasters? Is it important critical lifelines continue to connect us to crucial services? Is it important that our business doors remain open, our homes remain at the same elevation after a rainstorm or that they continue to be flanked by green forests?

Says Rueter, "It's never too late to participate."

Learn more about how the city is investing in its longevity through mitigation projects online at www.portland-online.com/oem or call Patty Rueter, Portland Office of Emergency Management, 503-823-3809 for information.

Capitol Hill Elementary school students host 8th annual "First Thursday" art show

The 8th annual "First Thursday" art show, hosted by students at Capitol Hill Elementary, 8401 SW 17th Avenue, will be held 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.

The art show will include three pieces of original art by each of 257 student artists. Art work literally will line the halls, the walls, even hang from the ceilings.

At 6:30, local artist Jack McLarty, whose work is included in corporate and university collections and has been shown in art museums and galleries, will rededicate a mural he painted early in his career. The mural originally hung at the Collins View School but was removed and put into storage when the school was remodeled into the current Riverdale High School.

Capitol Hill Elementary, located in SW Portland and part of the Portland Public School system, is an exceptional-quality school. Parents and staff work cooperatively to achieve excellence within the school and for the students.



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FOR FAMILIES

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: Storytime for children 12-24 months. Fridays, 10-10:30 am.

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

Little Kids' Jamboree: Music, songs, and rhythm and movement activities stimulate young imaginations. For infants and preschoolers; parents and grandparents, too! Sat., April 23, 2:30-3:15 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. Celebrate TV Turnoff Week by reading, thinking, creating and doing! Thu., April 28, 3-5 pm.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Homework Helpers: Trained volunteers 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., April 7, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Hillsdale Library

1525 SW Sunset Blvd., 503-988-5388

FOR FAMILIES

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

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

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

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

Book Babies: For children 0-12 months with adult. Thursdays, 10:15-11 am; Saturdays, 10:15-11 am (except Apr 16).

Ramona Quimby: Meet the actors and see excerpts of Oregon Children's Theatre's upcoming performance of *Ramona Quimby*. Sat., April 2, 3-3:30 pm.

Quilts by Design: Learn about paper, fiber and surface design by creating a quilt for the Hillsdale Library. For children 6 years (with adult) and older. Sat., April 9, 1-3 pm.

Loving Touch Parent/Infant Massage: Build a lifelong bond with your newborn by incorporating a daily massage routine. Parents should bring a baby quilt and unscented natural massage oil. Plan on undressing baby's legs, feet and tummy area for massage techniques. Preregistration required. Sat., April 16, 10:15 am-noon.

Chicken Licken: Come along and see a new spin to this amusing and classic adventure with puppets and poultry. Celebrate TV Turnoff Week by reading, thinking, creating and doing! Sat., April 30, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Early Literacy Workshops*: Coloring a Child's World with Early Literacy Experiences*

This two-hour workshop for parents and caregivers provides an overview of emergent literacy for infants through age 5. (Parents/caregivers are encouraged to take this class followed by one of the Every Child Ready to Read @

Read to the Dogs: Read aloud to therapy dogs. Preregistration required. Sat., April 16, 10 am-noon.

FOR ADULTS

Pageturners: Engage in stimulating conversation about books. Tuesday, April 12, 7-8 pm, read *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd. Thursday, April 21, 1:30-2:30 pm, read *Silence* by Shusaku Endo.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: Classes for seniors who want to learn how to use a computer. Sessions consist of one hour of instruction and one hour of practice. Preregistration required. Wed., April 6, 13, 20; 10 am-noon.

Web Basics: Learn about the World Wide Web, explore the library's home page, and practice entering Web addresses. Need to be comfortable using a keyboard and a mouse. Preregistration required; Tue., April 12, 11 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., April 26, 11 am-noon.

Register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234

your library® classes) Tue., April 5, 6-7:45 pm.

Early Literacy for Newborn to Two-Year-Olds. Wed., April 13, 1-3 pm.

Early Literacy for Talkers-Two- and Three-Year Olds. Wed., April 20, 1-3 pm.

Early Literacy for Pre-Readers-Four- and Five-Year-Olds. Wed., April 27, 3-5 pm.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

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

Read to the Dogs: Read aloud to therapy dogs. Preregistration required. Sat., April 9 & 23, 10 am-noon.

FOR ADULTS AND SENIORS

Pageturners: Tue., April 12, 6:30-7:45 pm, read *The Adventures of Augie March* by Saul Bellow. Thu., April 21, 1-3 pm, read *Silence* by Shusaku Endo.

The Ties That Bind-Quilts of Community: Once delegated to the realm of handicrafts, quilts are now recognized as valuable social records of women's contributions. April 16, 1-2 pm.

COMPUTER CLASSES

TechnoHosts: Volunteers help you search the Web, play educational CD-ROM games, and look up materials with the library's online catalog. Use the library's online databases and guides, and practice basic computer skills. Call 503-988-5388 for information. Thursdays & Sundays, 3-5 pm, Saturdays, 2-5 pm.

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: Classes are for seniors who want to learn how to use a computer. Learn to use a mouse, search the Internet, and send and receive e-mail. Sessions consist of one hour of instruction and one hour of practice. Preregistration required. Mon., April 11, 18, 25; 1-3 pm.

Word Processing I:** Learn how to use the basic features of Microsoft Word 2000. Select and modify text, cut and paste, open and save a document, and create your own party invitations. Mon., April 4, 2:30-4:30 pm.

** Preregistration required; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

Friends of Tryon Creek State Park

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Lily Brehmer, 21 mos., and mother Sarah enjoy trilliums

Celebrate the Earth: April 24, 2 - 4 pm. Bring the whole family to learn about bats through arts and crafts, games, stories, and more. Hear the winners of our Tall Tale Contest tell their stories about "Why Bat Hangs Upside Down." Refreshments served.

Eat this! Edible Plants Workshop: April 16, 1 - 4 pm. Discover the delectable foods

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 is the cornerstone of the Tryon Creek State Park Annual Trillium Festival and features trillium, hardy perennials, lewisia, heliobores, 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. All proceeds from the sale support the programs of the Friends of Tryon Creek.

Kids' Night Out - Who's that Down by the Creek? April 15, 6 - 9 pm. Join us for a pizza party, nighttime park exploration, and games. Take a walk through the night forest to the creek and use a blind to watch wildlife. We'll see if we can find birds, bats, fish, beaver, and other creatures that visit the creek at night. Ages 7-12. Fee \$30 (\$26 for members). Preregistration required.

Kids' Day Off - Fossil Excavation: April 8, 8 am - 4 pm. Dig into the past on this trip to find fossils! Journey to Vernonia-Banks State Park and learn about plants and animals which once roamed this area. Grades 1 - 4. Fee \$50 (\$43 for members). Preregistration required.

Hide and Seek: (series of 4 Tuesdays) April 5, 12, 19, 26, 1 - 2 pm. Explore predator/prey relationships, and use camouflage to hide in the forest. Practice keeping still and safe, and learn how animals listen, smell, and watch to survive. Adult/child workshops, ages 3-6. Fee \$30 (\$26 for members). Preregistration required.

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that the forest offers. With field exploration, a slide show, and hands-on activities, guest naturalist and horticulturalist Kristin Currin will introduce you to edible and medicinal plants. Learn how to find, harvest, and prepare a variety of native plants.

Ages: 16 - Adult. Fee \$15 (\$13 for members). Pre-registration required.

Sunday Lectures - Native American Legends & Flute Music: April 10; 2 - 3 pm. Many regional Native American legends grew up with music. Join Tom McCormack to discover some of these legends and the beautiful music played on handmade cedar flutes. Free.

Saturday Guided Hikes: Every Saturday of April; 10 - 11:30 am. Trillium of Oregon, 4/2; Breakin' It Down, 4/9; Spring Flowers, 4/16; Trees of Tryon Creek, 4/23; Spring Babies, 4/30. Free.

NATURE CENTER HOST: Weekday and weekend opportunities available, with a commitment of two mornings and/or afternoons per month. Volunteer receptionists needed for the nature center and gift store at the park. Receptionists provide park visitors with information on trails and educational programs, sell nature gift store merchandise, answer phones, and assist with other small projects. No experience necessary. Wheelchair-accessible.

ADOPT-A-PLOT (Non-native plant removal opportunities for families or groups): Groups usually steward a small area of the park for 1-2 years. The Friends of Tryon Creek invite Scout troops, environmental clubs, families or other groups to dedicate themselves to the removal of non-native, invasive plants from areas within the park. Groups review program goals and commit to the long-term (1-2 year) restoration of small "adopted" areas within the park's 645 acres. A great way to see the positive effects of your time and energy on a beautiful natural area!

THIRD THURSDAY VOLUNTEER WORK PARTIES: On the third Thursday of each month, April 21, 9 am. Help with projects such as bulk mailings and event preparation. This is a great way to meet other people who care about the park. A light lunch provided. Wheelchair-accessible.

COMMUNITY IVY PULL: Second Saturday of each month, April 9, 9 am to noon. Volunteers gather the second Saturday of every month to help rid the park of English ivy and other invasive species. Please bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes.

Save the Date!

Markham Elementary School Auction

Friday, April 1, 6:30 - 9:45 pm

Mountain Park Recreation Center #2 Mt. Jefferson Terrace, Lake Oswego

This will be a wonderful evening of fun, food, and friends, featuring 2 music bands, *The Pranksters Big Band* and *Eric Skye*.

Special featured items: various classroom projects, gift packages and gift certificates from businesses and restaurants.

Tickets: \$15 per person or 4 tickets for \$50 includes dinner hors d'oeuvres and beverages (free wine, beer, soft drinks and bottled water). Tickets purchased at the door \$15 per person.

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A history of South Portland

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Early Settlers

Explorers, frontiersmen and trappers moved through the region, often without leaving a trace of their presence. They traded with the Indians, bringing goods and stories to Fort Vancouver and settlements like Oregon City and Champoe. Beginning in 1843, the Oregon Trail brought Americans west to the lush Willamette Valley. The difficult journey took over four months. As Lavinia Porter wrote in 1860: "I would make a brave effort to be cheerful and patient until the camp work was done. Then starting out ahead of the team and my men folks, when I thought I had gone beyond hearing distance, I would throw myself down on the unfriendly desert and give in, like a child, to sobs and tears, wishing myself back home with my friends and chiding myself for consenting to take this wild goose chase." Emigrants depended heavily on Native Americans in many ways. Disease was the worst enemy, killing 10,000 travelers in two decades. Cholera was a common sickness with water holes and camps befouled. Thousands of rotting buffalo carcasses were left on the plains. Agnes Stewart wrote of one creekside campsite in 1853: "We could hardly walk for the cow dung and could hardly breathe for the smell of dead cattle."

The Clearing

As late as the 1830s, the area now known as Portland was a deeply forested hillside of large Douglas firs and other native species skirting the Willamette River. Parallel to the river ran two or three trails, one near the river, along the top of the flood plain, and the other higher up on the hillside along a natural fault line. These trails were used by the Multnomah Indians and fur trappers. The river and the mild climate nur-

tured the abundant wilderness and fostered immense salmon runs. Canoes and boats traveled 30 miles between Fort Vancouver and the falls at Oregon City. These were two of the earliest settlements in the west, and both belonged to the Hudson's Bay Company.

The future town site of Portland, as seen by Captain Couch in 1842 was no more than a clearing on the riverbank of about an acre from which the brush had been cut away and burned. It had been made by Indians and trappers traveling between the two Hudson's Bay Company posts at Fort Vancouver and Oregon City. Used as a landing for a mid-day rest, it was simply known as "the clearing." In November of 1843, William Overton of Tennessee was inspired to "claim it" and offered half of the claim to Asa Lawrence Lovejoy who was also in the canoe, if Lovejoy would file and pay for the claim in Oregon City.

This site was the end of a long, relatively deep 100-mile river passage from the ocean into the Willamette Valley. It was as far as large ships could easily sail into the heart of Oregon. Less than a mile beyond, the Ross Island bar, composed of large glacial deposits of sand and gravel, became dangerous for riverboats at low water.



Top: Sailing ships on the Columbia River. Transportation in Oregon in the 1850s was mostly by water.

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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, Linnton, Milwaukie, and even Oregon City, only Portland quickly grew into a major port and city.

William Johnson

William Johnson was born in England in 1784. Sometime prior to 1837, William Johnson came to Oregon on Captain Couch's brig, Maryland, as a sailor. He became a fur trader for the Hudson's Bay Company. In 1841 he was a member of the committee of territorial organization at Champoe and was the first high sheriff of the provisional government [History of Portland, Oregon, compiled by Workers of the Writers' Program].

The next year, William Johnson brought his Indian wife and children downstream, and built a log cabin just west of the Ross Island bar, about a mile south of "the clearing" and between the two Indian trails. They became the first and only settlers between Willamette Falls and Fort Vancouver. He built on a knoll above the river trail. There he "snuggled his domicile in an opening in the timber where a stream made the spot inimical to the fir trees." [Scot] From this cabin on the banks of the Willamette, he worked as a pilot on the river.

Eight years later in 1850, he abandoned this site just before the Donation

Land Act was passed and moved with his wife and children to French Prairie. He died that the same year.

He was originally an English sailor who later served with the United States on the old frigate Constitution, participating in the naval battle between that ship and the British cruiser Guerriere off the coast of Massachusetts on the 19th day of August 1812. When the war broke out between the United States and Great Britain, it was supposed that as this country had no navy, the English would sweep American merchantmen from the seas. This they tried to do and the few small frigates of the Americans could offer but little opposition. The American ship made famous by the battle here commemorated had but then recently returned from European waters where she barely escaped capture by the speed of her sailing. The British captain had been anxious to encounter a "Yankee man-of-war," having no doubt of an easy victory, and the "Yankee" Captain Hull of the Constitution was ready to accommodate him. They were wooden ships and they sailed right into each other, firing their little cannon as rapidly as they could be loaded, until with grappling irons, one ship laid hold of the other and her brave men leaped over all obstructions to end the fight at arm's length in a life-and-death struggle on the decks of they boarded ship. In that bloody, battle, William Johnson joined a boarding party, charging the bulwarks of the Briton and received an ugly scalp wound from a British cutlass. Henceforth, he delighted to tell of this terrible sea fight, speaking of the "Old Ironsides" as one might speak of a dearest friend. And being the only Oregonian known to have taken part in a naval battle in defense of the American flag, he is entitled to have his name reverently preserved in this history.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 6:30 PM Markham School Auction First Friday in Multnomah Village	2 9:00 AM Naturescaping Wkshp - Basic*
3	4 6:30 PM Plan Liaison Wkshp 6:30 PM Tram Advisory Committee	5 6:00 PM CTLH Trans/Plng Comm 7:00 PM Homestead NA	6 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM CTLH Board 7:00 PM Hillside NA	7 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	8	9:00 AM Trail Walk
10	11 5:30 PM ONI BAC 7:00 PM Ashcreek NA 7:00 PM Tryon Creek WC	12 11:30 AM SW Bus Assoc 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Bridlemile Ck Stewards 7:00 PM Markham NA 7:00 PM Multnomah NA 7:00 PM Far SW NA	13 5:30 PM Fr of Woods Pk 7:00 PM Bridlemile NA 7:00 PM Crestwood NA 7:00 PM Maplewood NA 8:00 PM Dickinson Park Playground Com	14 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 7:00 PM Trees Committee 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	15	16 9:00 AM Albert Kelly Pk Workparty
17	18 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm 7:15 PM CTLH Land Use	19 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	20 8:30 AM Hillside B & P 7:00 PM CTLH Parks & Grwy 7:00 PM Make City Hall Work For You Wkshp	21	22	23 9:00 AM Butterfly Park Work Party 9:00 AM FOT Fruit Tree Giveaway 9:00 AM SWNISOLV Litter Patrol
24	25 3:00 PM Fanno/Tryon Advisory Comm	26 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/Public Safety Mtg	27 7:00 PM SWNI Board 7:00 PM CTLH Finance/Communications*	28 8:00 AM Mult Village Bus 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	29	30 9:00 AM Naturescaping Wkshp - Basic* 10:00 AM SW Neighbors WALK

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

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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.

Elm Court Loaves & Fishes Center to host annual auction

Beach vacations, airplane tickets, spa packages and more will go to the highest bidders during the Elm Court Loaves & Fishes Center's second annual auction.

The auction begins at **5:30 pm, April 6, at the Elm Court Center, located in the YMCA at 1111 SW 10th Avenue.** Tickets are \$30 each and the evening includes dinner and libations. Other items already donated for the auction include shopping sprees, dinners, bicycles, art, AAA memberships, gardening items and more.

All proceeds benefit the Elm Court Center, which provides Meals-On-Wheels for homebound seniors living downtown and serves seniors who come to the center for a nutritious lunch, activities and companionship.

In addition to attending the event, community members can support the Elm Court Center's goal of raising \$20,000 by donating items for the auction and volunteering to help coordinate the event. For more information, call Marjorie Halford, the center's manager, at 503-988-4485.

Join the Urban Trails Walk Saturday, April 9, 9 am

This month's urban trails walk will be on Saturday, April 9, starting at 9 am. Myra Humphrey will lead walkers on a trillium walk through Maricara Park and then on to Marshall Park with interesting neighborhoods along the way. Walk about 5 miles with a 300-400-foot elevation gain.

Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School at Sunset and Capitol Hwy. We will carpool to the Barbur transit center to start the hike.

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