

City Council approves Taylors Ferry Road Vision Plan

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist



six-inch wide space between the fog line and a ditch. But the expense of full curb and sidewalk treatment is hugely expensive, and people have been talking for some time about alternative and cheaper walking paths.

City Council in December 2004 approved the Taylors Ferry Road Vision Plan. The plan is unique in two respects: 1) it was initiated by the local community, and 2) it calls for some non-conventional street improvements.

Taylors Ferry Road (TFR) was a pioneer road built to connect the Tualatin Valley to Portland and the Willamette River. Like many such roads, TFR was built without curbs, gutters, or sidewalks. Severed by Barbur Blvd and the I-5 freeway, TFR now has a western section from Capitol Highway west through the Ashcreek and Crestwood neighborhoods and on into Washington County, and an eastern section from Macadam Avenue west to SW 35th.

The danger to pedestrians trying to walk Taylors Ferry Road has long been known and has long been a sore point in the community. I drive it nearly every day from Macadam to 26th and see people, mainly children, walking a sometimes

The catalyst for the plan came in 2003 when Ashcreek residents supported the proposal of a developer to install a simple asphalt path along the TFR frontage of his property. The Ashcreek Neighborhood Association formed a committee to consider a plan for the western section of TFR. The Crestwood Neighborhood Association soon joined Ashcreek in a task force, and organizers held a first meeting on February 23, 2004. Task force goals were:

- Improve pedestrian and bicycle access.
- Improve safety for all users of the road.
- Implement the plan in phases using creative options and measures.
- Slow down motor vehicles.
- Create safe pedestrian crossings, particularly at 55th and 62nd.
- Discourage use of the road as a thoroughfare for Washington Co. drivers.

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Bridlemile Creek Stewards receive Green Heron Award

by Sylvia Bogert, Southwest Neighborhoods Inc., Executive Director

Tualatin Riverkeepers presented Bridlemile Creek Stewards with its Green Heron Community Group Award during the 7th Annual Green Heron Awards Dinner & Auction on April 9th. The Green Heron Award recognizes and celebrates the accomplishments of individuals and organizations that have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to restore and protect the Tualatin River Watershed.

Bridlemile Creek Stewards (BCS) have been engaging their community in planing restoration projects, invasive species removal and native plantings along the creeks in the Bridlemile neighborhood since 1998. Their accomplishments include clearing over



Steve Mullinax, Victor von Salza, Kathy Gantman, Margie Hanley, and Greg Schifsky award recipients

four acres with 2000 feet of stream frontage and saving over 200 trees from ivy. They have planted over 7,700 native plants, installed erosion control and held four annual Southwest Portland Neighborhood Stream Festivals.

This dedicated group schedules monthly events, obtains donated plants and creatively obtains support to continue their vital work. The group also provides assistance to other local groups, helping to expand their successful efforts to surrounding watersheds.

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Southwest Watersheds Open House

Wednesday, May 25, 2005
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Multnomah Center, 7688
SW Capitol Hwy

With busy schedules, it is hard to pick which events to attend, therefore Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. will host the Southwest Watershed Open House as it's annual general meeting this year.

Stop by the open house and learn about the developing watershed plan for Fanno Creek, Tryon Creek, Stephens Creek and other creeks in SW Portland. Check out the recommendations to improve water quality, manage stormwater, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, add stability to stream channels and restore watershed functions such as groundwater recharge and infiltration (*See pages 7 - 10 in this issue for more information*).

Southwest Neighbors Walk



Put your best foot forward and join us for the Southwest Neighbors Walk on Saturday, April 30, 2005. You can start the walk anytime between 10 and 11:30 am. Meet at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. This is a non-competitive walk designed for fun, fitness and fellowship. The cost for each walker is \$20 (\$25 on the day of the walk). 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. To register for the walk, contact SWNI at 503-823-4592; swni123@spiritone.com; or swni.org.

The walk is self-guided, but we have enlisted the help of our Neighborhood Emergency Team volunteers to help keep folks on track as they travel through Gabriel Park. Rain or shine, join us for a great walk.

Help Stamp Out Hunger in Oregon's largest one-day food drive Saturday, May 14

Local Letter carriers will join with letter carriers across America to do much more than deliver mail when they walk and drive along their postal routes on Saturday, May 14.

They will also collect generous donations of nonperishable food from their postal customers to Stamp Out Hunger during the 11th annual National Association of Letter Carriers Food Drive—the largest one-day food drive in Oregon and in the nation.

The process is simple. Here's how all citizens can help letter carriers Stamp Out Hunger:

1) During the first week of May, close to 3,000 letter carriers in Oregon will deliver cards, announcing the food drive and specially marked plastic bags, to postal customers along their routes.

2) Fill the bags with nutritious, nonperishable food such as canned fruits, vegetables, tuna fish, peanut butter, soups, stews, chili, beans, rice, pasta

and boxed rice and pasta meals. 3) Place the filled bags by your mailbox on the morning of Saturday, May 14. The NALC food drive always takes place the second Saturday in May.

4) On Saturday, May 14, letter carriers will collect nonperishable food donations left by mailboxes along their routes and take them to their local station. Trucks will pick up the food and deliver it to local community food banks.

Most needed foods include canned tuna, peanut butter, soups, stews, chili, canned fruits or vegetables, boxed rice or pasta meals, beans, rice and pasta.

You can help! Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., is looking for volunteers on May 14th to help pack food at the Multnomah Post Office, 7805 SW 40th (backside of building) Shifts available are 1:30 - 4:30 pm and 3:30 - 6:30 pm. Call today to volunteer, 503-823-4592. Volunteers should be at least thirteen years old.

Animation Celebration Gala

honors Mel Blanc, Northwest Animators
and celebrates Neighborhood House's 100th birthday

Get To Know *SpongeBob Squarepants*, *Bugs Bunny*, *Daffy Duck*, *The Iron Giant*, *Hey Arnold*, *The Giant Peach* and others at the Marriott Waterfront, Saturday, May 14, 6-10 pm.



Sponge Bob and Tom Kenny

Bugs Bunny will rule at the Marriott downtown waterfront hotel on May 14, but he will have some serious competition from the likes of more modern animation celebrities like *SpongeBob Squarepants*, *The Iron Giant*, and other creations by local Northwest animators. A tribute to pioneer voice artist Mel Blanc, the evening is also a celebration of a century of services by Neighborhood House, Southwest Portland's largest social service agency. A film tribute to Blanc will include animation clips by artists who hail from Oregon, such as Craig Bartlett ("Hey Arnold"), Alan Bodner ("the Iron Giant"), and Henry Selick ("The Nightmare Before Christmas" and "James

and The Giant Peach"). The evening will give ticket holders a chance to laugh out loud at their

own weaknesses, to enjoy identifying with characters driven by some irresistible ruling passion, and to meet the creators.

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TFR Vision Plan

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Task force recommendations include improvements in three phases:

Phase 1:

- Use the Brugger right-of-way north of TFR and the Alfred/Wilbard/Evelyn rights-of-way south of TFR as alternate routes for pedestrian and bicycle traffic.
- Require new development on TFR to install low-cost, interim pedestrian paths and to sign waivers of remonstrance for later construction of full improvements to city standards.
- Introduce traffic calming techniques including enforcement by police and, curb extensions, and 4-way stop signs at 55th and 62nd.

Phase 2:

- Widen the street for bike lanes and stripe for bike lanes.
- Develop "green street" stormwater management techniques.
- Add left-turn lanes at 48th.

Phase 3:

- Obtain funding to engineer and build a wider bridge just west of Capitol Hwy.
- Work with Tigard and Washington County on the issue of cross-county traffic, and work with ODOT to consider moving the Capitol Hwy exit to another location.

The Taylors Ferry Road Vision Plan is the first to address the problem of the prohibitive cost of improvements that meet city standards. It is now inspiring neighborhoods bordering and containing TFR on the east side of I-5 to do a similar plan.

Thanks go to the task force members from the community who worked so hard on the plan: Chair Patty Lee, Tom Fender, Dorothy Gage, Tony Hansen, Matt Harding, Michael Kisor, Jack Klinker, David Overhausen, John Prouty, Darien Reece, and Tom Schaper. Thanks also go to Jay Mower, editor of the plan, and Tom Schaper for photography.

Thanks also go to former Commissioner Jim Francesconi and his transportation liaison Michael Harrison, who worked closely with the Task Force, and advisors from the Portland Office of Transportation: Alex Bejarno, Don Gardner, John Gilliam, Mark Lear, and Director Brant Williams.

Patty Lee recently stated that people in the community did a lot of thinking and talking about the Plan and had a lot of good ideas, and noted that "It's just a matter of getting people together." She also noted that work on the plan had the additional benefit of drawing new people into participation in the work of their neighborhood associations.

Patty said that next steps include an effort to look for grants and other funding to construct improvements on Taylors Ferry. Improvements in accordance with the Plan can also be built as development is done on Taylors Ferry. Volunteer work can be done to open up walking paths on Brugger and other alternative rights-of-way.

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Hillsdale NA conducts focus groups on neighborhood issues

In January 2005, Hillsdale Neighborhood Association (HNA) approached Portland State University's Center for Public Participation (CPP) for assistance to identify community needs in an effort to increase participation in neighborhood activities. HNA wants to fill the gap between current community conditions and the resident's needs.

We would like to offer a chance for residents to voice their opinions and concerns regarding neighborhood livability. Meghan MacKenzie, an intern at CPP, will be conducting four focus groups to generate public support toward improving Hillsdale's livability.

We would like to encourage participation from Hispanic residents, college and high school students, parents with school-aged children, low-income residents and baby boomers who are not civically active in the neighborhood.

Each focus group will concentrate on one of the four following issues: transportation, recreation, schools and the town center.

Each focus group will meet once at the Turning Point Community Room from 1 pm to 5 pm on May 14th and 21st and June 4th and 11th. Food, transportation, translation services and childcare will be provided for those interested in attending. All participants will receive compensation for their time.

We are looking for childcare providers who would be willing to help watch the participants' children. We will pay qualified care providers. If you are interested in working, please contact hillsdalesvoice@yahoo.com.

If you would like to participate or would like further information, please contact Meghan MacKenzie at hillsdalesvoice@yahoo.com.

Over 30 volunteers receive NET certification

by Sylvia Bogert, Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., Executive Director

The recent Southwest Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) training session held this spring graduated over 30 new team members. Southwest neighborhoods now have about a 110 trained NET volunteers. Volunteers have been given the basic training/skills to work with neighbors to save lives and preserve property during the first 72 hours of any citywide emergency when many neighborhoods may be on their own.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) invited the Portland Office of Emergency Management (POEM) to hold its spring training in Southwest, rather than at the Portland Fire Bureau Training Center located at 4800 NE 122nd Ave. SWNI is extremely grateful to the Hillsdale Community Church for allowing us to use their facility to host the training sessions. About 45 residents registered for the training, which includes 25 hours of basic training--seven skill building sessions and a half-day exercise at the end of the course.



Dave & Dixie Johnston, Collins View NET graduates

Bull Run fish restoration program dialogue

Sarah Murphy, natural resource outreach coordinator, 503-823-7444

The Water Bureau is hosting a community open house about Endangered Species Act compliance in the Bull Run watershed and restoring fish habitat in the Bull Run watershed on May 17.

The Bull Run River is the primary drinking-water source for more than 800,000 Oregonians. This water source is essential to the communities of the region and to threatened winter steelhead, fall and spring Chinook salmon.

Operation of the Bull Run supply system results in reduced river flows, warmer water temperatures and altered habitat.

To be honest, I thought giving up four Saturdays was going to be a bit tough but much to my delight and surprise I have never had so much fun and learned so much in such a short time. The trainers were excellent and they were good at team building! On behalf of SWNI and all that took this training, thank

you to the following individuals: Rachel Jacky, community services manager for POEM, firefighter Rob Maurer, Sta. 15; Lt. Fred Ellison, Sta. 12; Lt. Joel Kasprzah, Sta. 19; Lt. Lonnie Fuller; and St. Steve Bregman, Sta. 04.

It was so successful, we're looking to put together another training in Southwest after the new year. If you don't want to wait that long, the next training will begin in early October. To register or receive information on the NET trainings, call the Portland Office of Emergency Management at 503-823-1260.

Metro funds Capitol Hwy engineering

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist

SW Portland in general and users of Capitol Highway in particular got good news when the Metro Council recently approved \$530,000 for preliminary engineering for improvements on Capitol Highway between Multnomah Blvd. and Taylors Ferry Road.

The money is part of \$62.2 million in federal money distributed to the Portland metropolitan region through Metro. Of that amount, \$18.6 million was already committed to light rail on I-205. For the remainder, regional jurisdictions submitted 73 funding requests totaling for \$129.8 million. The Capitol Hwy project was one of 43 that won funding. Thanks to all the people who testified before or submitted comments to Metro in support of the Capitol Hwy project.

Community Budget Hearing - May 14th

Mayor Tom Potter has released his proposed budget highlights. The full Mayor's Proposed Budget will be available May 6th, in advance of a community hearing to be held in Southwest Portland.

**Saturday, May 14, 2005
10 am - Noon**

**Jackson Middle School
10625 SW 35th Ave**

This will be a public hearing so folks will need to sign-up to testify by service areas such as: public safety; parks, recreation and culture; transportation and parking; public utilities; neighborhood involvement; PDC; and community development. Testimony at the hearing will be limited to 3-minutes. The City will accept electronic testimony through May 18th.

To review Mayor Tom Potter's FY 2005-06 Proposed Budget, submit testimony, or watch Tuesday morning City Council Budget Work Sessions Live; visit the community budget website: www.portlandonline.com/community-budget.

The mayor's budget is scheduled to be adopted by city council by June 23, 2005.

Neighborhood House Animation Celebration Gala

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The program will be held during dinner with emcee Tom Kenny (comedian and voice of SpongeBob SquarePants) leading the tribute to Blanc's incredible career, which began at the South Parkway Club of Neighborhood House. With a few surprises, there's plenty more zaniness to discover in this one-of-a-kind program!

This high visibility event is the highlight of a year of activities marking Neighborhood House's Centennial. Proceeds from Animation Celebration will be used to launch the Mel Blanc Youth Development Fund in support of Neighborhood House programs serving families in Southwest Portland. Tickets are \$100 each.

The events start at 6:30 pm at Portland's Marriott Hotel on the waterfront, 1401 SW Naito Parkway, Portland. For more information or to reserve your table or seat, contact Jawaeh Mockabee at 503-595-4223 or email jmockabee@nhweb.org. Reservations may also be made through the Neighborhood House website, www.nhweb.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. Annual Spring Cleanup

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.

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

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

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

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

Tires: Tires on and off the rim

Unacceptable items

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

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Sunday, May 15, 9 am - 4 pm
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12000 SW 49th Avenue

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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.

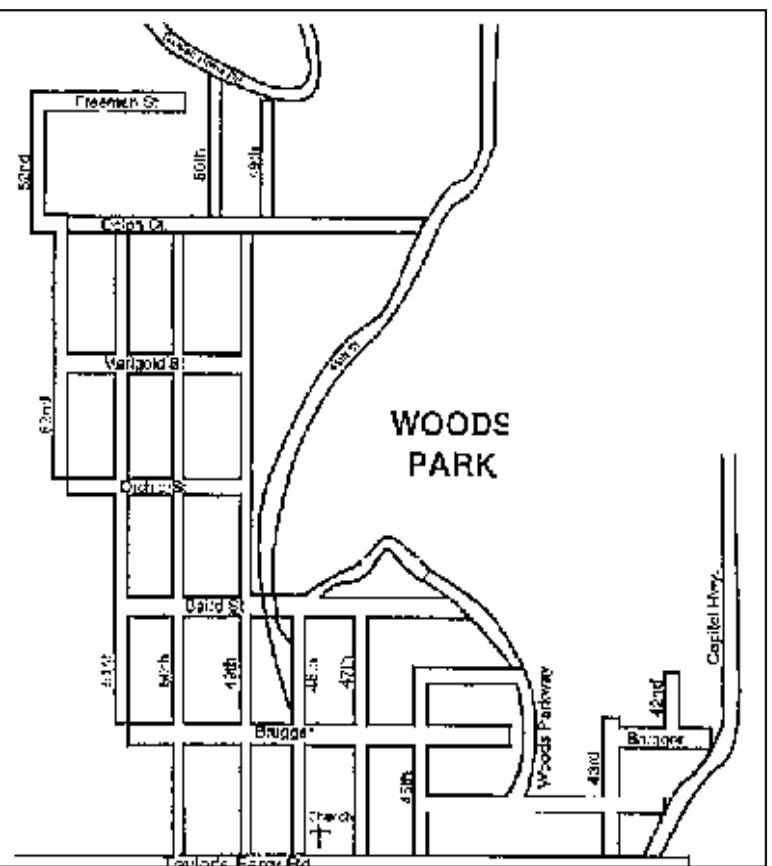
Senior or disabled citizen pickup

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!

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.

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.

Neighborhood Associations

Arnold Creek Neighborhood

Tues., May 10, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church
10558 SW 35th

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

Our next meeting will be May 10 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 and to our guests who are conducting research in Maricara Park. We will have our elections in May. We still need nominations for Vice President, Secretary, and there are several representative positions like rep for the SWNI board, land use committee, and parks rep.

A neighbor, Liz Marantz, is organizing a monthly plant walk in and around Arnold Creek neighborhood and the Tryon Creek watershed. She writes the idea is to look at a plant that captures our interest and then discuss what we know about it-what is it called, why is it growing where it is growing, is it an herbal or edible plant, what birds or insects are associated with it, and so on. The day and time for this walk may vary, but so far we have been meeting at 10 on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. The group is organized through email, so please contact me via email if you would like to be on this list. My email is towhee2@easystreet.com. This group is open to all, plant experts and novices alike. The idea behind this (apart from the enjoyment of being out in Nature looking at plants in the company of friends) is my belief that if we understood more about the natural world around us, we would be more willing to do what we can to protect it. I hope you will join her. It sounds fun as well as being good exercise. As you can see when you drive down Boones Ferry Road we have a lot of construction in our neighborhood. There is still more to come. If you have questions or concerns please come to the next meeting.

Bridlemile Neighborhood

Board meets Wed. May 11, 6:30 pm; regular meeting continues 7 - 8:30 pm
Bridlemile School Library, 4300 SW 47th Drive,
Parking in school parking lot by front entrance, off 47th Street and along 47th Street

Contact: Greg Schifsky, 503-246-2714, gregsch@hevanet.com
http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile

Wednesday, May 11th - Affordable Housing, BNA Elections: 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.

Elections will be held at the end of the May meeting; nominees to date are the current board members (chairs of the committees listed below).

If you would like to nominate someone (yourself or another neighborhood member) for a position on the board, just come to the meeting. Currently, the only vacant position is transportation chair but nominations will be accepted from the floor for all positions, after which the vote will take place.

Ongoing Neighborhood Projects:

Volunteer to help with any of the projects listed below, become a committee co-chair, or bring your own proposal to one of our meetings (whenever possible please call the BNA contact for that month so that an appropriate amount of time can be scheduled on the agenda). Your contribution of time and knowledge, large or small, helps keep and make Bridlemile the wonderful neighborhood that we all enjoy. Together we can do anything, and your volunteer time makes the difference. For more information about all the topics listed here and many links to related information, please visit our BNA web site at: <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile>

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

CREEKS - Bridlemile Creek Stewards monthly meeting **Tues-**

day, May 10th: details at BCS web site <http://home.comcast.net/~steve.mullinax/bridlemile/BCS.htm>. **Sat., May 21st,** invasive removal event at **Albert Kelly Park**, see <http://www.vonsalza.com/akcr> for details. Contact: Steve Mullinax, 503-768-9065, steve.mullinax@alum.mit.edu, or Greg Schifsky, 503-246-2714, gregsch@hevanet.com.

HISTORY OF BRIDLEMILE - The fourth and fifth grade students at Bridlemile School will be investigating the history of Bridlemile during the 2005 - 2006 school year. They will be interviewing residents about "old Bridlemile" times. Melinda McCrossen, Bridlemile School media specialist, is seeking current or previous Bridlemile residents for the students to interview. Contact Melinda McCrossen, at mmccrossen@pps.k12.or.us, or call her at 503-916-6292 to volunteer or to suggest someone who knows Bridlemile's past. What a wonderful way for our children to learn to interview and document past events! A good old story is just what McCrossen wants. 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. We hope to have someone familiar with the Lake Oswego tree regulations and efforts talk with us about their experiences with saving trees and enforcing regulations about same. Please join the **Trees Committee on Thursday, May 12th, 7-9 pm, SWNI conference room.** See <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/trees> for additional details about the meeting

as it becomes available. Contact Greg Schifsky, gregsch@hevanet.com, 503-246-2714. If you have questions regarding or comments regarding any of the different projects and proposals (e.g., land-use reviews) that affect our neighborhood, contact Rich Adelman, 503-223-0992, richard.adelman@gbjarch.com.

PARKS - See next section below regarding Hamilton Park foot patrol and creeks above regarding invasive removal event at Albert Kelly Park. Questions or comments regarding Bridlemile's parks, contact Victor von Salza, victor@vonsalza.com, 503-246-2146.

PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIME - Interested in participating on the Hamilton Park foot patrol, <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/footpatrol>?

Interested in getting pedestrian islands added along BvHwy? If so, 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, please contact Kathy at 503-245-2634, kathyb2@teleport.com.

TRANSPORTATION / Sidewalks / Trails / Safe Routes to Schools - Bev Vogt has resigned as transportation chair. If you are interested in helping track and promote BNA transportation issues and projects, please come to a BNA meeting and/or contact one or all of the board members listed above. Thank you, Bev, for your many years on the board as transportation and earlier as safety chair. You will be missed!

Ashcreek Neighborhood

Mon., May 9, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872
Liz Callison announced a charter revision initiative that would require city council members, and others, to disclose financial and campaign contributions from parties with business before the city council.

The closure of Smith School was discussed. Bob and De Ann Nourse, local parents and PTA president discussed the option with regards to opening a charter school and PPS moves to block this effort. We moved to send Patty Lee's letter concerning Smith School's closure to the local papers. Jack Klinker reported on PPS's Terry Hampton's visit to the SWNI Land Use Committee last month. PPS will be trying to lease the school building and maintain access to the grounds for the public.

The SWNI fundraising walk will be April 30th. Starting at Multnomah Center between 10- 11:30 am traversing to the Southwest Community Center in Gabriel Park and back. The cost is \$20 (\$25 on the 30th) per person. There is a chili feed for everyone at the end of the walk. (walkers eat free, everyone else only \$5).



Gary Schwindt, our longtime Crime Prevention Committee chair, has decided to retire. His many efforts are much appreciated. He was particularly involved in the Community Court. He was presented with a *Certificate of Appreciation* by Dorothy Gage from all of us.

New officers were elected by acclamation. Jack Klinker President, Dorothy Gage Vice-President. Ester McGinnis Secretary, Prentiss Lee Treasurer. Nancy Donner and Michael Kisor board members. Patty Lee has thrown her hat into the ring for SWNI Treasurer.

See you all May 9th. Jack will be out of town (and miss his first meeting) and Dorothy will continue to preside.

Jackson School grounds cleanup

There will be a spring Jackson School/ Community Grounds Cleanup on **Saturday, May 21, from 9 am to noon.** The Jackson Baptist Church will be participating once again.

Help spruce up the Jackson grounds prior to summer break. Bring your gloves, tools and wheelbarrows.

Wilson students can obtain community service hours. Brought to you by: Jackson Site Council and Jackson Baptist Church. Contact Sue Strater, 503-245-0403 for information.

Far Southwest Neighborhood

Tues., June 14, 7 pm, Comfort Suites Motel, SW 60th & Barbur
Andy Rucker, 503-452-3145, rockerport@msn.com

At our last meeting we discussed:

Developments in our area: The assisted living facility is progressing. Notice was received from Birgitta Von Schlumberger regarding construction on her property on SW 60th.

Regarding the development by Doug Pollock, which we discussed at our last meeting, the variance was approved contingent on taking care of some of the stormwater issues, water rights, and disposal.

Traffic Calming: Lesser Road has become one of three projects approved for a special test traffic calming project. The initial project area has been described as extending from SW Capitol Hwy to Fosberg Road and about 20 speed bumps are projected.

The next step is to get a list of signatures from neighbors in the most impacted area, then the neighborhood association must vote on this. The vote will happen in May or June then we will submit a letter supporting this

project. A public meeting will be held to discuss this project with all interested stakeholders. After holding the meeting, we will circulate a petition to affected neighbors.

We will need to raise approximately \$20,000. We plan to ask PCC and the assisted living facility to support this project. When we raise the \$20,000, the project must be brought before city council with the support clearly laid out, and then bumps could be installed as soon as September 2005.

Speed along SW Capitol Hwy between 49th and Lesser Rd. still awaits ODOT's new speed limit signs.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Incorporated (SWNI) Executive Director Sylvia Bogert informed us on some of the budget issues affecting us. Sylvia mentioned that the budget is really affecting neighborhoods. The mayor (Tom Potter) wants a vision for the next 30 years and wants to know how neighborhoods are functioning now and

how we can make our efforts more effective. The last community forum on budget will be May 14th on the west side. You may want to attend.

Sylvia also informed us that the Multnomah Arts Center (MAC) has been asked to become self-supporting. Currently, the MAC receives \$123,000 per year from the city. The MAC board raises about \$15,000 a year and is concerned that they haven't had time to gear up to do this much fundraising. She also mentioned that the Fulton Park community center must be in a similar situation but that the community gardens have been saved for now.

Sylvania Park Update: April Fong's students are currently writing a community watershed Stewardship grant for Sylvania Park. They are planning on asking for money mostly for native plants to replace what the invasive ivy has strangled out of existence and for some interpretative signage.

New home for Hillsdale Farmers



Where the Harvest and Hillsdale Meet

On May 15, the 4th year of the Hillsdale Farmer's Market will open at their new site in the Hillsdale Town Center. The local fresh fruits and vegetables of past years will be returning but will have to find their way, like you, to the new site on the school campus between Reike and Wilson. This location, behind the Hillsdale Shopping Center, is most easily approached from the traffic signal at Capitol Hwy and Sunset, where you will turn south into the school campus, or from Vermont St, where you will find the entrance between the two schools. The final decision on the move is dependent upon a favorable vote from the Portland School Board on April 25, where this trial co-use of the facilities will be up for a vote.

If the move is not approved by the school board, the market will open at its traditional site.

For info, call Eamon Molloly, 503-475-6555, hfm@coho.net, www.hillsdalefarmersmarket.com.

What's happening in the neighborhood

Crestwood Neighborhood

Wed., May 11, 7 pm
West Portland United
Methodist Church, library
4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd
Darién Reece, 503-452-9795,
dhreece@comcast.net
<http://www.easystreet.com/~jere/cna.html>
Dickinson Park group:
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dickinsonpark/>

At the April board meeting, we met the sellers and buyers of a lot that is being divided on SW 53rd Avenue. The buyers plan to build a single-family home. Because the lot has an environmental overlay, it will go through additional review and permitting before they build; the planned placement for the house allows for preservation of most of the existing trees, which the board strongly advocates.

The board passed a motion to draft amended bylaws to allow all members to vote at every meeting and to change the number and responsibilities of the board members. The proposed amendments will be available for review by May 1 on the Crestwood website and through the SWNI office at 823-4592. We will vote on the amendments at the general membership meeting on May 11.

We opened nominations for the 2005-2006 board; elections will be held at the May general meeting. The following nominations have been made and accepted so far:

President—Wes McMullen
Vice President—Leslie Baird
Secretary—Brenda Jamsgard
At-Large Board Position 1 (of 5) — Darién Reece

The board also voted to send a letter agreeing with the city's decision to deny an adjustment for a neighbor's fence which is constructed partially in the right-of-way of Taylors Ferry Road.

At the May meeting, we will have elections, vote on bylaw amendments, discuss and finalize the Crestwood neighborhood action plan for 2005-2006. Also in May, join the Dickinson Park Stewards to remove ivy in the park at 9 am on *No Ivy Day*, May 7. For location, see info at the park sign on 55th Ave.

Hayhurst Neighborhood

Tuesday, May 3, 7 - 8:30 pm,
Vermont Hills
United Methodist Church
6053 SW 55th Drive
Lillie Fitzpatrick, lf@pdx.edu
www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst

On the agenda for our May meeting is a presentation about renewable energy.

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.

Corbett/Terwilliger/Lair Hill

Wed. May 4, 7 pm
Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church
0206 SW Condor Ave.

Barbee Williams, 503-293-1460, bwilliam@pcez.com
www.ctlh.org

CTLH Board Elections: On April 6th the Corbett-Terwilliger-Lair Hill Neighborhood Association held the annual general election for board members. Four new residents were elected to the board. This means CTLH NA now has 14 of 15 board positions filled. CTLH President Barbee Williams declined to run for another term. Everyone expressed regret as she has been a wonderful president and such an asset to our neighborhood for so many years. (She has been on the board for over 15 years.) However, she told us she just needed a little break and would be back.

Tram-related neighborhood improvements: Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT) is recommending city council approve a package of neighborhood improvements to help mitigate the impacts of the OHSU tram. In CTLH, these include a pedestrian bridge to the new South Waterfront (North Macadam) area, as well as initial engineering work toward removing Ross Island Bridge ramps and down-sizing Naito Parkway. The CTLH NA board voted to request some changes to the PDOT recommendations. PDOT identified the pedestrian bridge as the highest priority for potential federal funding. Downsizing Naito Parkway and removing the bridge ramps has been a CTLH vision for 30 years. Because this is true, the CTLH board asked that no specific priorities be set, and also that funding for the bridge not use more than \$5 million of the \$9 million in federal funds. There were concerns the bridge, like the tram, would prove more costly than expected and the other improvements would not be made. The board also asked for some improvements along Corbett Ave similar to what is proposed for Gibbs St. The entire proposal goes to city council on April 28th. If you have opinions, you should write or email city council. You may view the PDOT proposal at ctlh.org.

Crime meeting: In the last few months, there has been a jump in burglaries in the central area of our neighborhood and in response, CTLH NA sponsored a special meeting on April 7th to discuss crime problems. The meeting was run by Crime Prevention Specialist Stephanie Reynolds and other speakers from the city, including Senior Neighborhood Officer Scott

Hillsdale Neighborhood

Wed., May 4, 7 pm, St Barnabas Church, 2201 SW Vermont
Don Baack, 503-246-2088, baack@pacifier.com

Agenda items will include:

1. Portland Public Schools to talk about current and future funding issues relating to Wilson High School and specifically the drama and music cuts of this year. Principal Randall, Area Principal Jean Fischer, and our school board representative Doug Morgan are planning on attending.

2. Re Roofing project of Wilson High - discussion of mate-

Westerman, Graffiti Abatement Coordinator Marcia Dennis and Senior Housing Inspector Mitch McKee. We are very grateful to Stephanie, Scott, Marcia and Mitch for helping us deal with crime issues. They had a lot of good information on what specifically is happening in our neighborhood and how we can work individually and as a neighborhood to solve these problems.

Historic house floats to new home: On Sunday, April 3rd, a historic house was moved off of the Corbett Street development down Corbett, Flower and Macadam to Willamette Park. The next day, it was lifted by crane onto a floating foundation. Then, it was towed to a berth near Sauvies Island where it will be renovated and used as a floating home for hopefully another hundred years. Historic preservationist Clem Ogilby (who lives in Lair Hill) worked hard to save this house that was slated to be demolished. (He also was able to save a historic chapel on the site that was also to be destroyed.) Clem says he is very thankful to the neighborhood for all the help and to the Portland Parks Bureau for the special arrangements at Willamette Park.

Butterfly Park Work Party: There will be another park work party on May 28th from 9 am to noon. Butterfly Park is to the point where it does not need as much work so we may be working in another park. Make sure you call Parks Committee Chair Ken Love at 503-245-7795 so you know where to meet.

CTLH's website is ctlh.org. Here are our meetings this month. Everyone who lives or works in the neighborhood is invited.

Transportation/Parking Permit Committee: Tuesday, May 3, 6 pm, at Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact Bill Danneman, 503-228-9868, for more info.

Land Use Committee: Monday, May 16, 7:15 pm, at Lair Hill Market, 2823 SW 1st. Contact Jim Davis, 503-248-9820

Parks and Greenway Committee: Wednesday, May 18, 7 pm, at Fulton Pub, 0618 SW Nebraska. Contact committee chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795.

Finance/Communications Committee: Wednesday, May 25, 7 pm, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 6437 SW Virginia St. Contact Lee Buhler, 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com.

rials to be removed, the precautions to be taken, duration of project, impact on pool, adjacent neighbors. Pam Brown, Director of PPS Facilities (invited)
3. Rieke skateboard/public plaza update and status
4. Election of board members. (*Only members who have attended at least one other membership meeting in the previous two years are eligible to vote for directors.*)
5. Other business

Collins View Neighborhood

Wed., May 4, 7 pm, Riverdale High School
9727 SW Terwilliger, Room 201

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

Problem Property Summit: Our panel discussion on neighborhood conflicts and problem properties went very well. We've started a new page on the website to provide information on this topic: <http://www.collinsview.org/ConflictRes.html>. It currently has links to the Office of Neighborhood Involvement website and contact info for inspectors.

In the next few weeks, we'll be having a full summary of the panel discussion and more people to contact for help.

A few highlights from the panel: Stephanie Reynolds Crime Prevention Specialist, (503-823-3131) focuses on educating neighbors to prevent crime, co-ordinates Neighborhood Watch and serves as a resource and information center for resolving problems with run-down houses and party houses.

Noise Inspector Joe Chamberlain (503-823-3039) enforces the city's noise regulations. Construction permits include exemptions for louder noise.

Housing Inspector Mitch McKee (503-823-7347) enforces the city's property maintenance code (Title 29 available at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/index.cfm?c=28148&>).

Scott Westerman, (503-823-0235) is our SW Neighborhood Response Team Officer. dealing with neighborhood issues such as loud parties, chronic nuisance houses and drug houses.

All of the panelists emphasized that it is best to start out by trying to work things out with the offending neighbor yourself, or in conjunction with other neighbors who are also bothered by the problem. You will get a better and more rapid response from the various city agencies if: 1) more than one

person is complaining about the problem and 2) if you have good documentation, e.g., pictures, a log with dates and times of loud noise, and records of police and city official already contacted.

The Problem Properties panel discussion brought together some great resources for neighbors to use to help make CVNA — and any Portland neighborhood — a better place to live.

OTHER CVNA NEWS
SOLV IT! Neighborhood Cleanup: Saturday, April 23rd, 1-5 pm. Just another reminder. Meet at Riverdale High School at 1 pm to pick up supplies. If you plan on coming, RSVP to tarynlk@hotmail.com, drop-ins are also welcome!

Committee Reports
Crime & Safety: Our Neighborhood Emergency Team has five new members, for a total of 7 people. Scott Westerman talked more about our crime statistics being high because of crimes reported on the L&C campus.

News from Lewis and Clark: Cell phone tower discussions are ongoing; we'll get an update at the May meeting. May 8th, 28th and June 5th are dates of commencements.

Land Use/Neighborhood Planning: Dixie Johnston attended the forum with our new city planner, Ellen Ryker.

Transportation: Prakash Joshi has completed a roundabout design certification course, a pre-requisite for going forward with roundabout discussion with the city. He'll keep us updated as that conversation develops.

Board Nominations: All current board officers were nominated to continue serving in their positions. Vacancies still exist for vice-chair and several neighborhood delegates. The election will be May 4th.

Homestead Neighborhood

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

It's springtime in Homestead and it has finally started to rain. In spite of the rain, the forests are especially beautiful this time of year with fresh growth on the shrubs and trees and beautiful forest flowers blooming. And thanks to dedicated neighborhood volunteer(s), there are several trails in our abundant woods that are passable even when wet. The Marquam Trail north from Terwilliger Parkway up over the hill and down into Marquam Nature Park is graveled most of its length. You can take it as far up as Council Crest if you have time and energy. Don't let the rain keep you cooped up inside. Put on a good raincoat and make like John Muir: get out in it and enjoy it! And remember: you can cut the ivy, but don't pick the flowers!

Neighborhood business continues unabated all year. After some delay, we are starting to meet with a transportation bureau planner on the long awaited Marquam Hill/Terwilliger Parkway traffic-calming plan. In May we hope to report on what the scope of the plan will be, i.e., what streets will be affected and the kinds of traffic-calming strategies that could be employed.

We need to update our action plan. Goals that have been hot topics lately have been traffic-calming plan and sidewalks on at least one side of 11th St and Gibbs St. above 11th. Both of these items are in a resolution going to the city council on April 28 as part of the final authorization for tram construction.

We will also report on the status of negotiations between Homestead NA and SW Hills Residential League regarding resolution of the ongoing boundary dispute. In the lawsuit between SWHRL and the city, the parties agreed to a judgment that in part says that SWHRL "...grievances shall be processed and again considered in accordance with the ONI guidelines..." The overlap extends from Terwilliger Blvd. up to Fairmount Blvd. and the outcome could literally change the shape of our neighborhood.

Annual Homestead NA board elections will be held in June. The nomination committee will present a slate of candidates at the May meeting. Nominations will continue to be accepted up until the vote in June. Here is your big chance to break in to the exciting world of neighborhood politics!

Neighborhoods continued

Multnomah Neighborhood

Tuesday, May 10, 7 pm, Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.
Zachary Horowitz, 503-293-5967, zacharyhorowitz@hotmail.com

Howdy, neighbors! We had a great meeting in April – about 35 people attended. It's awesome to see this level of attendance and I am planning on working hard to keep the meetings interesting, so I hope you all will continue to participate!

We had a number of land use issues before the association in April. A proposed partition at 3532 SW Alice brought out many of the immediate neighbors living by the site to make their case to oppose the partition. The applicant also attended our meeting to answer questions and present his case. I'd like to thank all parties for their participation in the process. A number of concerns were voiced this resulted in an overwhelming vote to oppose the partition. We are now waiting for the city to render a decision.

Another subdivision, also on Alice, was discussed. Both the developers and their engineering representative attended the meeting to talk about it. They answered a number of questions concerning transportation improvements, the design of the proposed homes and the stormwater management involved in the potential 5-lot subdivision. We thank them for their presentation and attendance.

The neighbor who presented her case for denial of an adjustment for an accessory dwelling unit is appealing the city's decision to approve. An appeal date has been set. Contact me for information and if you would like to testify at the appeal hearing.

Tom Liptan, from the Bureau of Environmental Services, attended and gave an extremely informative talk about the Headwaters development, specifically, what is being done about the Tryon Creek daylighting and subsequent stormwater management. He also presented an update about the soil contamination that was found on the site. We thank him very much for his time and energy.

I am pleased to announce that everyone's efforts to secure funding for improvements along Capitol Highway from the Village to Taylors Ferry Rd, has been approved by both JPACT and the Metro council. The \$500,000 will be used for an engineering study of the street to determine where to place sidewalks, crosswalks, bike lanes and how to manage stormwater, among other improvements. Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!

The neighborhood approved some funds to help rebuild and

improve the trail that extends from the dead-end on 35th to Dolph Street. We should begin work on this very soon – please contact me if you would like to participate.

The neighborhood put together a team to participate in the Southwest Neighbors Walk on April 30th. Since we have formed a group, it only costs \$15 to join us. The price includes a FREE SW Trails Map and chili feed after the walk. The Multnomah team will meet at the Multnomah Center at April 30th at 10:30. The walk should take about 90 minutes. If you would like to join us in participating, and I know you do, please contact me for details and how to sign up!

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 10th, at 7 pm at the Multnomah Center on Capitol Highway, in the Capitol Room. We will be discussing our 'action plan' for the upcoming year, so please consider attending in order to be a part of this important process. Our meetings are very vibrant, informative and well attended, and we would like to see you there so your energy and knowledge can make us a stronger community. Have a great month and start getting those veggies in!

Markham Neighborhood

Tuesday, May 10, 6 pm
The bottom of the Taylors Ferry off ramp from I-5
Tim Cushing, 503-244-0759, tcushing@cfpwood.com,
<http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm>

We met on Tuesday, April 12th, and had a great discussion with Kurt Kroger and Calvin Lee from PDOT about the future of pedestrian and bicycle safety on Taylors Ferry Rd. Kurt and Calvin spoke about the options for Taylors Ferry Rd east of I-5 and the importance of controlling stormwater in the area. The TFR is classified as a regional and neighborhood collector. Looking at an aerial map of the road, Kurt pointed out that the many homeowners along TFR have over the years encroached upon the right-of-way.

A new pathway for pedestrians and bicyclists would need to be at least 10' wide, preferably 12' wide. Of course, that will not happen on the entire length of Taylors Ferry, but we would like to start somewhere. They were very helpful and supportive of our efforts. Funding, or lack of it, is a huge issue we all have to grapple with; when funding does become available, if we as a neighborhood had a plan in

place, perhaps we could achieve some of our goals. In addition, Marshall Park has been invited to participate with Markham in this project. TriMet has a small stake in improvements of Taylors Ferry. Even though the ridership on bus #43 is extremely low, we believe it would improve if we had better bus stops.

Thanks, Boy Scouts, for helping clean up the Primrose restoration site! In the same vein, BES is engineering the water recharge site at the corner of SW 17th and Taylors Ferry and planting will begin in the fall of this year. Capitol Hill schoolchildren will hopefully be involved and provide some outdoor art.

We're excited to be moving ahead with making Taylors Ferry safer for everyone...our next meeting will be near the foot of the TFR off-ramp from I-5. We will be walking Taylors Ferry and documenting the issues which we can address. See

Maplewood Neighborhood

Wed., June 8, 7 pm
West Hills Friends Church, 7425 SW 52nd
(across from Maplewood School)

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

Elections for Maplewood NA were held at our last meeting. Brad Baugher and Andrew Scott were re-elected to a second year in their current positions as chair and vice-chair, respectively. Jill Gaddis stepped up to volunteer to be our safety and crime prevention representative. Thanks so much, Jill! Any more

volunteers out there? We still need a representative on the parks committee and the land use committee, not to mention a couple more people to serve as officers. Please contact Brad Baugher at 503-244-7025 if you have any interest in working to improve our neighborhood.

South Burlingame Neighborhood

May 9, 7:30 pm, Burlingame Baptist Church, 125 SW Miles St
Chair, Garry Lienhard, 503-246-6091, lienhard@teleport.com

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 BES, Bureau of Environmental Services, presented a program on a sewer line repair project lying along Stephens Creek, starting near SW 10th and Troy streets and traveling southeasterly along the creek to Taylors Ferry Road. Secondly, Marsha Weber from the Corbett Terwilliger Lair Hill Neighborhood 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 Road. 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.

One of our neighborhood residents, Stephanie Weber, expressed concerns about the traffic on SW 6th Avenue, with people speeding through the area, and also volunteered to join the board. A motion was made and carried to accept Stephanie as a board member 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 *SW 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. We will meet at Burlingame Park at SW 12th and Falcon and head toward Terwilliger Boulevard. For more information contact SBNA board member Mike Andrews at 503-977-6262.

May 9th 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.

West Portland Park Neighborhood

Thurs., May 12, 7 pm, Hospitality Inn Conference Room
10151 SW Capitol Hwy

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

Scott Westerman with the Portland Police Bureau started the meeting with the state and city laws that should, but do not, control unmuffled engine braking with focus on I-5 from Capitol Hwy. overpass to the Terwilliger Curves. Simply put, both the Oregon Revised Statutes and Portland City Code are so poorly written they cannot be enforced. The city puts traffic noise control under Title 18, which is upheld by noise control officers instead of Title 14, which empowers police action. The city is now working on re-vamping traffic noise control which may take a good year to get in place. How the new city council responds to this situation depends on what they hear from their constituents, meaning you.

The SWNI Transportation Committee will be the central action group to help stop excessive truck noise on 'Breeze Hill', which this stretch on I-5 is known as. The association passed a resolution requesting action by SWNI to stop this selfish noise pollution by truckers. This provides the neighborhoods directly affected by it a means to collectively lobby trucking associations and state

and city governments.

Land-use issues were updated. Dennis Hays presented recent SWNI Board actions and provided information on the April 30th SW Neighbors Walk, SWNI budget, and improvements to *SW Neighborhood News*. Dennis, after serving for years as the WPP rep to the SWNI board and serving as SWNI Treasurer, shall be resigning in June from his coalition positions. The association gratefully thanks Dennis for his long-term dedication to the neighborhood and SW Portland.

Extensive discussion on how the city has proposed to manage maintenance and financing the new 'Holly Farm' park was held. Due to proposed park funding cuts, the city needs to find new fund allocation process for the park system, not just stop supporting all new parks.

A nomination committee was appointed to provide candidates for the vote at the June general meeting. Please contact Nancy Drais, 503-977-1603, the committee chair to nominate yourself or others for the officer positions or the board.

Marshall Park Neighborhood

Thursday, May 12, 6 pm
Marshall Park picnic tables
off 12th Dr.

(Rain = Papaccino's Coffee House
1321 SW Terwilliger Blvd)

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

In April we discussed Taylors Ferry Rd. improvements, land use, *No Ivy Day*, park restoration projects, website, outreach, and recent crime incidents.

A couple of daytime residential burglaries occurred recently, on houses along Taylors Ferry Rd. The homes that were empty at the time. Get to know your neighbors, be watchful and vigilant. Report any suspicious activity. Marshall Park is a very safe neighborhood, and together we can keep it that way.

Tim Cushing also spoke with us about Markham neighborhood's recent advocacy for Taylors Ferry Rd. improvements, and the need for Marshall Park's collaboration. There will be a walk in May with a representative from Portland Dept. of Transportation to talk about safety improvements to Taylors Ferry. Details were not available at press time - please email MarshallParkNA@yahoo.com if you're interested in information about the walk.

We're in designing a neighborhood website, and need of volunteers to assist with the process. If interested, contact the co-chairs at MarshallParkNA@yahoo.com.

Our next MPNA meeting will be May 12 We be discuss Neighborhood Watch, reporting back from the *No Ivy Day* work party, and continuing the discussion about outreach and planning in advance of our annual summer picnic.

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

Pre-application conferences:

PC 05-114652. Type III design review for 23-story tower with 205 residential units in South Waterfront District. Location: 3510 SW Bond Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

PC 05-117025. Type III design review for 22-story tower with 310 apartments in the South Waterfront District. Location: 3732 SW Moody Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

Proposals:

LU 05-113461 ENM. Applicant seeks environmental review approval and a modification in order to build a single-family house. Location: 1056 SW Arnold St. **Neighborhood: Arnold Creek.**

LU 05-110573 EN. Applicants seek environmental review approval for two pedestrian trails identified in the Marquam Hill Plan. Location: 3147 SW Sam Jackson Park Rd. **Neighborhood: Homestead.**

LU 05-111577 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two parcels. Location: 5720 SW 48th Ave. **Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**

LU 05-115147 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two parcels. Location: 5720 SW Boundary. **Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**

LU 05-103818 LDP LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two parcels. Location: 8616 SW 35th Ave. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 05-111217 AD. Applicant proposes to construct a house and garage and seeks an adjustment to reduce a side setback. Location: vacant lot between 4475 and 4485 SW Bernard Dr. **Neighborhood: Healy Heights.**

LU 05-116247 AD. Applicant proposes to add eaves and replace windows and request an adjustment to reduce a side setback. Location: 4728 SW 35th Pl. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**

Decisions:

LU 05-110008 AD. Approval of adjustments for construction of single-family house. Location: end of SW Ruby Terrace. **Neighborhood: South Burlingame.**

LU 05-109672 AD. Approval of adjustment to increase maximum paving area for construction of single-family house. Location: 11511 SW 58th Ct. **Neighborhood: Far SW.**

LU 04-062113 DZ. Design review approval for new pole sign. Location: 6303 SW Capitol Hwy. **Neighborhood: Hillsdale.**

LU 04-051956 ZC. City Council denial of appeal by CTLH of approval of zone change. Location: 2626 and 2601-2605 SW Water Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

LU 04-044736 AD. Approval of adjustment to increase allowable size of accessory dwelling unit as percentage of floor area of primary dwelling. Location: 9122 SW Capitol Hwy. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 04-044736 AD. Approval of adjustment to design of accessory dwelling unit. Location: 6749 SW 60th Ave. **Neighborhood: Maplewood.**

LU 05-102469 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan for two-parcel partition. Location: 6333 SW Garden Home Rd.

Neighborhood: Ashcreek.

LU 04-092727 CUMS EN AD. Approval of conditional use master plan, environmental review, and adjustments for construction and operation of synagogue. Location: 4534 SW Vermont St. **Neighborhood: Maplewood.**

LU 05-109444 DZ. Design review approval for roll-up door. Location: 6080 SW Macadam. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

LU 04-039458 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan for 2-lot partition. Location: 1709 SW Canby St. **Neighborhood: Hillsdale.**

LU 05-110082 AD. Adjustment approval to reduce a side setback. Location: 3328 SW Hume St. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

LU 04-068765 LDS. Approval of preliminary plan for 5-lot subdivision for attached housing. Location: 11299 SW Capitol Hwy. **Neighborhood: Far SW.**

LU 05-102523 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan for partition. Location: 9275 SW Terwilliger. **Neighborhood: Collins View.**

LU 05-113446 AD. Approval of adjustment to reduce scenic overlay zone setback for construction of house on a steeply-sloped lot. Location: SW Fairmount Blvd. near 19th. **Neighborhood: SWHRL.**

Final plat notices and decisions:

Vacant property on SW Stephenson Rd near intersection with Boones Ferry Rd; SE corner of SW Corbett Ave and Pendleton St; 11205 SW 35th Ave.

Public hearings (at 1900 SW 4th Ave):
LU 04-063015 EV. Applicant proposes to remedy unauthorized encroachment into an environmental conservation zone. Location: Capitol Crest subdivision on SW Capitol Hwy near intersection with SW Lesser Rd. Hearing was scheduled for April 11. **Neighborhood: Far SW.**

LU 05-102973 DZM AD. Applicant seeks design review approval, modifications, an adjustment, and non-standard right-of-way improvements for the John Ross condominium development, a 31-story podium and tower in the South Waterfront District. Location: 3510 SW Bond Ave. Hearing on May 5 at 3 pm. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

05-114516 DA. Design advice hearing before the Design Commission for a proposed 23-story building on Block 34 in the South Waterfront District. Location: 3510 SW Bond Ave. Hearing was scheduled on April 21. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

LU 05-106792 TV. Applicant seeks tree review approval to correct a violation triggered by removal of a pear tree. Location: 4817 SW 45th Ave. Hearing was scheduled for April 6. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**

LU 04-044736 AD. Appeal of decision approving an adjustment. Appeal is to the Adjustment Committee. Location: 9122 SW Capitol Hwy. Hearing is on May 17 at 9 am. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

Intent to demolish:

Residential structure at 9314 SW 8th Dr.

You may send written comments to: M37 Claims, (claim number), 1900 SW 4th Ave, Suite 4500 (Radelet), Portland, OR 97201. Or email referencing the claims number to measure37@ci.portland.or.us. Comments are most relevant if focused on how the land use regulations identified in the claim restrict the use of the owner's property and reduce its value. For additional information about Measure 37 and the city's claim review process, see www.portlandonline.com.

Measure 37 claim by Leonard Gard, SWNI Land Use Specialist

A property owner has submitted a claim for compensation to the City of Portland. The owner claims certain city land use regulations restrict the use of the owner's property and reduce its fair market value.

Claimant name: Lila J. Krause
Claim address: vacant lot on SW Boones Ferry Rd, south of SW Coronado St.
Amount of claim: \$55,000.
Claim Number: 04-093989 PR.

To make an appointment to view the claim, call 503-823-7702. Claims are located at 1900 SW 4th Ave, 4th floor, Portland, OR 97201.

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9183

In April we heard from Walter Garcia. He presented us information about identity theft including information about identity theft committed via computer. We also heard from our police officers and Laurie Abraham, Deputy District Attorney. Please contact me, Nancy Hand, or Stephanie Reynolds to find out who the speaker will be and items on the agenda in May.

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

Parks Committee

Kirky Doblief, 503-246-7970

The committee approved three motions in April: to support the design for the Holly Farm Park, to write a letter to the school board encouraging the school district to keep playfields open at Smith School, and that the SWNI Board temporarily hold off action on a motion the board approved in March regarding funding for ivy removal.

The Citywide Parks Team had a successful second meeting. In May, David McCallister of Parks & Recreation is scheduled to speak about P&R's new department focusing on nature.

In May, our guest will be Parks Board Chair Scott Montgomery, and we'll review our action plan.

Next Meeting: Thurs. May 5, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

Our guest at our March 31 meeting was Fred Nilsen of Portland Parks & Recreation. He and the committee discussed the merits of placing gravel on the surface of dirt trails. Chair Don Baack noted that graveling identifies a trail as a major trail and invites more use. Gravel also reduces muddiness. Fred noted that graveling has little value in forests dominated by Douglas Fir, but is beneficial in maple and alder forests and through grass lands.

On April 10, a meeting was held to organize for the September 10th, Southwest Pedestrian Summit. Good progress was made on the agenda and format of the event.

Next Meeting: Thurs., May 26, 7 pm,
St. Luke's Lutheran
SW 46th & California

Transportation Committee

Lillie Fitzpatrick, chair, 503-892-9921

Neighborhood Response Team officer Scott Westerman was our April guest on the subject of loud truck noise, mainly from jake brakes, on I-5. We got lots of great information about legal difficulties in enforcing both state law and Portland city code regarding engine braking and mufflers. We learned about a City of Fairview law that is working and discussed lobbying to have a similar law in our city code. The committee will continue working on the jake brake issue, and it will be on the agenda in May. Also in May we'll review our action plan.

The Multnomah Neighborhood Association has formed a transportation committee and has compiled a one-page brochure with contact information and facts.

Next Meeting: Mon., May 16, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president, 503-245-0729

Where are the Wallows?

I was both surprised and pleased when I heard this question in a meeting. The majority of the folks responded in unison, "Wallowa County!" On the other hand, I am sure there are people who have only heard of these "Alps of America," and cannot place them in our state. Our state is incredibly beautiful, and for many of the treasures, summer is the best time to visit.

The Gorge, almost at our door, is unbelievable at sunrise, or most any other time of day or year. And the Coast rivals every inch of the beauty of the Gorge. The majesty of the many mountains is counterbalanced by never-ending desert and rangelands that blanket much of the state. Impressive Crater Lake will be on a quarter shortly, but unknown and unseen, a few miles away, is the Oregon Caves National Monument. While our senses take in the sights, our body is strengthened by the exercise we enjoy on the walks and hikes to view these rewards.

In my first trip to France two years ago, I suffered through the same kind of heat I had disliked when growing up in the Midwest. I asked myself while there - why did I leave the best summer weather in the world when traveling? Don't get me wrong, foreign travel is both fun and educational. But summers here are fantastic. We should get out from behind our TV's, our desks, and our computers and get next to the trees and flowers.

Planning which of these treats to enjoy each summer is fun. There just is not enough time. But it is easier to make the time for the vistas and exercise we have here in our community. Trails and paths can lead us on enjoyable walks after work or early in the morning. Likewise, we can enjoy them during other times when we want to think, or talk to a friend, or find solitude.

To help you whet your appetite for enjoying our own Southwest Portland walks, or to start you fulfilling that promise to get outside more, SWNI has arranged a community walking event. You can meet up with old and new friends, and enjoy a bowl of chili at the end at noon. And even get the walking map that can guide you to so many more enjoyable walks here in Southwest. On April 30, please join your friends at our fund-raising walk that starts at the Multnomah Arts Center. And if you are still trying to decide where to take your Oregon trip this summer, ask your friends on the walk where they especially enjoy visiting. This is our home, and we should enjoy it.

Next Meeting: Wed., May 25, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Land Use Committee

Jack Klinker chair, 503-246-7872

Guests Tom Dichiaro, Michael Cline, and Jeff Hamilton from Trammell Crow Residential and Ankrom Moisan architects were our guest in May. They gave a presentation on a proposed apartment building in the South Waterfront District: 319 apartments and townhomes, 48 of which would be affordable housing for tenants at 80% of median family income, in a tower on a podium with a total of 22 stories, at a maximum height of 240 feet. The building will front on the proposed park on the site now occupied by a storage facility.

Collins View resident Dixie Johnston report on a mural saved at the former Collins View School and now on display at Capitol Hill School.

May agenda: review our action plan.

Next Meeting: Tues., May 17, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Portland's top 25 basic requirements for housing units

Office of Neighborhood Involvement Neighborhood Inspections Team

Portland's housing code (Title 29) sets the basic requirements for all living units within the city. Health and safety protection and the preservation of housing are two main goals of Title 29.

Most requirements are common sense, but others may not be obvious. Listed below are 25 areas around the home or apartment where violations of the housing code are most often found.

To report violations of these requirements, call the City of Portland Neighborhood Inspections Office, 503-823-7306.

1. Smoke detectors

Smoke detectors must work and be located in sleeping rooms, in the immediate vicinity of the sleeping rooms and on each level of the house, including basements and attics with habitable space.

2. Emergency exits

Each apartment or house must have at least one approved emergency exit. Every bedroom must have a working window or door that opens directly to the outside. Windows and doors

should never be blocked.

3. Doors and windows

Broken, missing or poorly fitted doors and windows must be repaired to prevent weather entry.



Old insulation and yard debris sit in a pile in a yard in Portland. Accumulations of garbage are a violation of city code.

Window and door locks, striker plates and jambs must work properly and be in good repair. Bedroom windows must open and be able to stay open for ventilation and emergency exit.

4. Walls and ceilings

Plaster, wallboard and paneling must not be damaged or missing. Paint and wallpaper should not be peeling away from the wall.

5. Floors

All carpets, tiles, and floor linoleum and vinyl (particularly in bathrooms and kitchens) must be maintained so as not to be worn, cracked, missing or damaged.

6. Stairs

Steps must be kept in good repair, with no broken or damaged treads. Stairs and landings must have intact handrails and/or guardrails.

7. Electrical

The electrical service to a dwelling must be adequate to prevent "tripping" circuit breakers or the excessive use of extension cords. Wiring must be located inside walls, boxes or metal conduit. Electrical fixtures must be securely fastened in place.

Most electrical work requires a permit.

8. Plumbing

Water pipes, drain pipes and fixtures must be properly installed and kept leak free. Most plumbing work requires a permit.

9. Heating systems

Furnaces or wall heaters must be in working order and capable of heating all living spaces in a house or apartment to at least 68 degrees. Portable heaters cannot be used to meet this requirement.

10. Woodstoves

Woodstoves must be installed to maintain a certain distance from combustible walls, ceilings, floors and household items. A permit is required to install all woodstoves.

11. Equipment and appliances

Fans, thermometers and major appliances should function properly. Hot water heaters must be equipped with a pressure relief valve and pressure relief drain tube. All hot water heater replacements require permits and earthquake bracing.

Basic utilities

All homes and apartments must have working water, electric and sanitary services.

Conversion of basements, attics, and garages

A building permit is required before changing a basement, attic or garage to an apartment or sleeping room.

14. Basements and crawlspaces

Cracked or settled basement walls must be repaired or replaced. The cause of any standing water must be eliminated. Insect or rodent infestations must be prevented or eliminated.

15. Foundations

Settling, cracked, crumbling or excessively leaning foundation walls must be repaired or replaced.

16. Outside porches and steps

Broken and deteriorated porch deck boards, steps, and handrails, as well as broken outdoor concrete steps, must be repaired.

17. Siding

Siding must be maintained free of damage, missing, loose or rotten boards and peeling paint.

18. Roofs

Loose, missing or excessively worn shingles must be replaced to prevent leaks. Sagging and/or damaged rafters must be repaired.

How to Organize a Block Party

Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention Program

Those warm summer evenings are almost here and you're thinking it would be nice to get together with your neighbors and hold a block party, but you don't know where to begin. Have no fear – it's easy to throw a block party! Follow these simple steps and you are on your way...

1. Recruit a couple of your neighbors to help organize your party. It's not that much work, but it's always more fun when you have some friends helping with the project.
2. Decide whether you want to hold the party in a neighbor's yard or close down your street for the evening and spread out.
3. Poll your block and decide on the date and time of your party. Choose a date that works well for most of your neighbors. Remember, National Night Out is Tuesday, August 2nd, 2005. This annual celebration of united, crime-resistant neighborhoods is a perfect time to have a block party. Watch these pages for more details about NNO over the next few months, or call Stephanie at 503-823-3131 for more details.
4. If you would like to close your street, call Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. at 503-823-4592 for a block closure application and guidelines (allow at least 3 weeks to process the application). You cannot close a street that is on a bus route or has a bus layover. If you plan to close your street, you will need to buy or rent Type III barricades to be placed at both ends of the street.
5. Make a list of food and items needed for your party. Perhaps you'd like to have an ice cream social, with each house bringing a different flavor. Or how about a barbecue with side dishes? A "white elephant" gift exchange? A piñata for the kids? A finger-painting contest? A costume party?
6. Go door to door and have all your participating neighbors volunteer to bring something to the party. Remind them to bring folding chairs and sports equipment if they want. You can also recruit people to help with other tasks, like picking up and returning the barricades.
7. Consider whether or not you would like to have any special entertainment at your event. If you would like to amplify music, you will need a \$25 permit. You may pick up an application for this permit at the SWNI office (allow at least two weeks to process the application).
8. If your block has been organized into a Neighborhood Watch, this is a great time to update your block map and phone tree. This is also a great opportunity to start a Neighborhood Watch where one has never existed before.
9. Once the planning is done, sit back, relax, and enjoy your party!

Over 100 Ashcreek neighbors gathered for a block party in a cul-de-sac in August of 2004 to enjoy food, conversation, music, and games.



19. Gutters and downspouts

Gutters and downspouts should drain and be properly connected in order to channel water away from the foundation to an approved location.

20. Chimneys

Chimneys should be structurally sound with no cracks, deteriorated mortar, missing or broken brick. Chimneys must be maintained to prevent chimney fires and the backup of noxious gases.

21. Fences

Damaged or broken fences that pose a danger to people or a neighbor's property must be repaired or replaced.

22. Walks and driveways

Cracks and damage in all walkways must be repaired to prevent

pedestrian injury.

23. Garbage collection

Owners of rental property must subscribe to and pay for weekly garbage service for each rental unit.

24. Sanitation

Dwelling units must be kept reasonably free of dampness. All living units, both inside and out, must be free of piles of garbage or trash.

25. Accessory buildings

Garages and sheds must be structurally sound and well maintained.

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.
Arnold Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	3	2.4
Ashcreek	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7	0	2	1	0	11	5.7
Bridlemile	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	4	0	1	0	3	13	4.2
Collins View	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	2	0	12	22	16.1
CTLH	0	0	0	1	0	5	1	0	22	0	4	2	2	37	14.2
Crestwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	3	8.2
Far Southwest	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	3	1	2	10	22.7
Hayhurst	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	13	3.7
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Hillsdale	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	0	1	3	5	3	3	20	5.8
Homestead	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	0	8	2	3	24	18.8
Maplewood	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	2.3
Markham	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	3.0
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4.2
Multnomah	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	2	1	7	2	3	25	6.9
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	6.3
SW Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	0	1	6	3.5
W Ptld Park	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6	1	5	1	0	15	5.5
Total SW	0	1	1	4	6	26	7	2	69	5	42	13	35	211	7.0

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

swpublicsafety-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

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



Crime Prevention & Public Safety

Oregon's property crime rate per capita higher than many other states

Person crime rate is more on par

Stephanie Reynolds, SW Crime Prevention Coordinator

I am a resident of Southeast Portland and sit on my neighborhood association board. In late March, I attended a public safety meeting at Southeast Precinct at which a major topic of discussion was property crime, specifically burglary.

Southeast Precinct Crime Analyst Dave Dobler had prepared some statistics for the meeting which illustrated Oregon's elevated rate of property crimes per capita as compared with other states. Oregon also has a much higher rate of methamphetamine abuse than many other states, and it is thought that this is what is behind our elevated property crime rate. Meth abusers are known for their propensity to commit property crimes to support their habit.

What follows are the statistics prepared by Officer Dobler, which he gathered from the Bureau of Justice Statistics of the Department of Justice, and the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports.

National crime stats

- There were 18.3 million property crimes in 2001 in the US.
- Burglaries in 2001 in the US totaled an estimated \$3.3 billion in losses.
- The average loss for a residential burglary was \$1,381.
- Burglaries account for 17.8% of all crime.
- Property crimes account for 77.5% of all crime.
- There are steady national declines in most major categories of crime.

Oregon crime stats

- In 2000, Oregon had an estimated population of 3,421,399 which ranked the state 28th in population. For that year, the state of Oregon had a total

crime index of 4,845.4 reported incidents per 100,000 people. This ranked the state as having the 11th highest total crime index.

- For violent crime, Oregon had a reported incident rate of 350.7 per 100,000 people. This ranked the state as having the 28th highest occurrence for violent crimes among the states.
- For crime against property, the state had a reported incident rate of 4,497.7 per 100,000 people, which ranked the state as 7th highest.
- Also in the year 2000, Oregon had 2.0 murders per 100,000 people, ranking the state as having the 40th highest rate for murder.
- Oregon's 37.6 reported forcible rapes per 100,000 people ranked the state 20th highest.
- For robbery, per 100,000 people, Oregon's rate was 84.4 which ranked the state as being the 31st highest.
- The state had 226.7 aggravated assaults for every 100,000 people, which indexed the state as having the 28th highest position for this crime among the states.
- For every 100,000 people there were 748.8 burglaries, which ranks Oregon as having the 19th highest standing among the states.
- Larceny: thefts were reported 3,338.7 times per hundred thousand people in Oregon which is the 3rd highest among the states.
- Vehicle theft occurred 407.2 times per 100,000 people, which placed the state at the 17th highest.

Updated Neighborhood Watch and Foot Patrol manuals now online

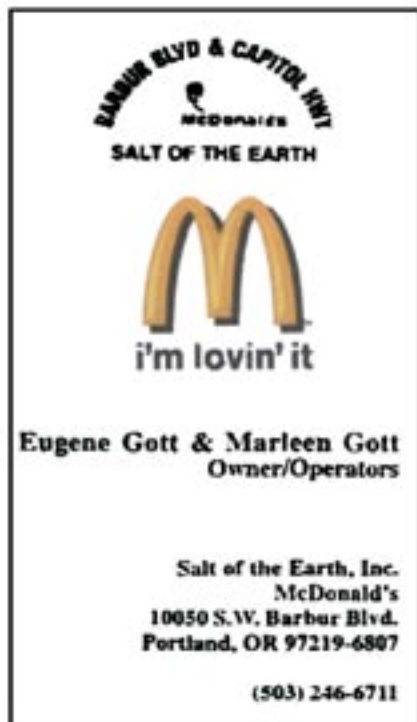
Stephanie Reynolds, SW Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

Neighborhood Watch and Community Foot Patrol are the two cornerstones for crime prevention organizing in neighborhoods. These programs are administered by the Crime Prevention Program at the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI).

Recently, the manuals for both Neighborhood Watch and Community Foot Patrol were completely revamped, and several changes were made to the administrative workings of the programs. The Crime Prevention staff believes these changes and the updated manuals will make the programs even more successful.

The new manuals for both programs are now available at the ONI website at: www.portlandonline.com/oni. Follow the links for Crime Prevention. If you have ever wondered what these programs are all about, the manuals will likely satisfy your curiosity.

If you have any questions about the changes or you might like to start a Neighborhood Watch or a Foot Patrol, please contact Stephanie Reynolds at 503-823-3131.




Helpful numbers

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| Emergency police, fire, or medical help
911 | Office of Neighborhood Involvement
503-823-4519 |
| Non-emergency police assistance
503-823-3333 | Neighborhood Mediation Center
503-823-3152 |
| Portland Police information & referral
503-823-4636 | Mayor's Comment Line
503-823-4127 |
| City of Portland/Multnomah County information and referral
503-823-4000
503-823-6868 TDD | City Ombudsman
503-823-0144 |
| SW Crime Prevention Coordinator
Stephanie Reynolds
503-823-3131 | |
| Neighborhood Response Team Officers
Steve Andrusko & Scott Westerman
503-823-0234 & 503-823-0235 | |
| Mental Health Crisis Line
503-988-4888 | |
| Traffic Safety & Livability Hotline
503-823-SAFE | |
| Nuisance, housing code violations
503-823-7306 | |
| Abandoned auto hotline
503-823-7309 | |
| Noise control office
503-823-7350 | |
| Graffiti abatement hotline
503-823-4TAG | |
| Liquor license issues
503-823-3092 | |
| Independent Police Review
503-823-0146 | |

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- Mayor Tom Potter
503-823-4120
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- Commissioner Sam Adams
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- Commissioner Randy Leonard
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- Commissioner Dan Saltzman
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- Commissioner Erik Sten
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- City Auditor Gary Blackmer
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Helpful websites

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

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



Neighborhood House Senior Center

7688 SW Capitol Hwy., 503-244-5204

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING: Second Thursday, May 12, 10 - 11 am.

QIGONG CLASSES: Thursdays, 1 - 2 pm. Free. Qigong exercises are gentle, flowing movements which are both relaxing and energizing.

AARP '55 Alive' Driving Safety Program: Call the senior center for dates and times, 503-244-5204. 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 at 503-244-5204 to reserve your space in the class.

SENIOR LAW PROJECT: Tuesdays, May 10 & 24. 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.

STROKE SUPPORT: Third Tuesday, May 17, 1 - 2 pm. The Stroke Support Group provides support and information in meeting the challenges of living that accompany a stroke.

FOOT CLINIC: Third Wednesday, May 18, 9 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$27. Appointments are required. This is a

very popular service among our members. Reservations fill up quickly.

LOW-VISION SUPPORT GROUP: Third Tuesday, May 17, 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. Improves mental and physical 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, May 24, 1 - 2 pm. Anyone who is caring for an elder is welcome to participate in this group. We have informal discussions on the issues surrounding caregiving, as well as speakers and videos from community resources.

ACUPUNCTURE: Monday mornings, May 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 or Thursday afternoons, May 5, 12, 19, & 26. Appointment required. Payment in advance. \$45 for first visit, \$35 for subsequent visits.

MASSAGE: Tuesday afternoons, May 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31. Appointments required. Advance payment \$20 for members, \$25 for non-members (30-minute sessions).

STABILITY BALL: Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, or Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 9:10 - 10:10 am. These exercises are designed to improve balance and core body strength. Fee: \$3.

YOGA: Fridays, May 6, 13, 20, & 27, 10 - 11:30 am. Fee \$3.

RHYTHMIC EXERCISE: Tuesdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, or Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 10:15 - 11:15 am. Fee: \$3.

CONVERSATION CIRCLE: Thursdays, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1:30 - 2:30 pm. Conversation Circle allows time to practice English in a relaxed and fun way. Any woman for whom English is a second language invited to attend.

PROVIDENCE HEALTH PLAN SEMINAR: Tuesday, May 10, 1:30 - 3:30 pm.

MAY TRIPS
PORTLAND FARMER'S MARKET: Wednesday, May 4, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm. Cost: \$5.

AURORA OLD COLONY MUSEUM, LUNCH, ANTIQUES AND CANBY FERRY RIDE: Thursday, May 12, 10 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$10, (includes admission to museum and ferry ride), lunch & Dairy Queen on your own.

PICNIC AT MARY YOUNG PARK & MUSEUM OF THE OREGON TERRITORY: Thursday, May 19, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. Cost: \$9 (includes entrance fee), lunch on your own.

FORT VANCOUVER MUSEUM & LUNCH: Tuesday, May 24, 10:30 am - 4:30 pm. Cost: \$8 (includes admission fee), lunch at the Red Lion, Inn at the Quay, is on your own.

KEIZER IRIS FESTIVAL AT SCHREINER'S IRIS GARDENS: Tuesday, May 31. Cost: \$7. Bring money for your barbecued chicken lunch (\$7.50) and for a stop at the Dairy Queen.

Keep your eyes open for color-banded *Spotted Towhees*



Living in Southwest Portland, you may have noticed all the *Spotted Towhees* in your back yard, underneath your bird feeder, and in your local parks. *Spotted Towhees* are very abundant in your neighborhood and are easy to find and identify with their black, white, and reddish plumage, red eyes, and loud vocalizations. Because they are so abundant and easily observed, I couldn't resist studying them for my Ph.D. research.

Dr. Michael Murphy, my advisor at Portland State University, and I are wondering how well *Spotted Towhee* populations are doing in these relatively small forest fragments in SW Portland with all the challenges of being a bird in a human-dominated environment. We put a unique combination of colored plastic bands on each bird's legs so we can identify the same individual from year to year. Because of this, we can get good estimates of survival of adult and nestling birds. We also locate nests and monitor them to see how many offspring each adult has per year. Combining our data on

survival with our data on reproductive success, we can estimate whether these populations are growing or declining. If enough offspring are produced to replace the adults that don't make it through the winter, the population is doing fine.

The good news is that last year, the *Spotted Towhees* were pretty successful in terms of their reproductive success. Also, many color-banded adults and nestlings are back this year, ready to breed again. We will need much more data to be sure that these populations are doing okay, but we are hopeful that our neighborhood parks provide suitable breeding habitat for all kinds of birds.

We can also use your help! Because we are interested in the survival of all the birds we are monitoring, we would love to know if you see a *Spotted Towhee* in your yard that has colored bands on its legs. We are interested how much these towhees use residential bird feeders during the year, and how far they travel from the parks in the winter time. If you happen to spot a banded towhee in your yard, please contact Sarah Smith, at sbsmith@pdx.edu, or 503-750-1145.

Friends of Trees train volunteer leaders in street tree care neighborhood planting coordination

Friends of Trees invites all who are interested in caring for newly planted trees this summer or in learning how to organize tree plantings in their neighborhoods this fall to attend the following training events. The trainings are free, but pre-registration is required.

Tree Team training (May 21, 9 am - 1 pm) includes presentations by local experts. Participants will learn how to assess the health of recently planted street and yard trees and how to instruct homeowners in proper tree care, including guidance in watering, weeding and mulching. During the summer, Tree Team volunteers make two visits to each tree planted through Friends of Trees' Neighborhood Trees program during the previous planting season. More info at: www.friendsoftrees.org, click on "Training Schedule" for location (TBA).

Participants in the Neighborhood Coordinator training (June 11, 9 am - 1 pm) will learn how to organize tree plantings in their neighborhoods during the upcoming planting season, which is from November 2005 to April 2006. Neighborhood coordinators encourage neighbors to participate in the planting, help them select and order the right tree for the right place, assist in filing permits to plant the trees, and make arrangements for hole digging prior to planting day. More info at: www.friendsoftrees.org. Click on "Training Schedule" for location (TBA). Register by calling 503-282-8846 ext. 25.

Friends of Trees is celebrating its 15th anniversary planting season of inspiring community stewardship by bringing people in the Portland-Vancouver area together to plant, care for, and learn about city trees. To register for the training events, call 503-282-8846 ext. 25. For more information about the training events or about Friends of Trees, call 503-284-TREE (8733) or visit www.friendsoftrees.org.

"Lunch and Learn" Brown Bag Session!

-Facilities Permit Program (FPP) "One Stop Permit Shopping for Frequent Flyers"

Friday, May 13, noon - 1:30 pm

This public education, discussion, and feedback session will explore:

- * What is the Facilities Permit Program? Our background and program history
- * Overview of FPP services; pre-construction consultation to final completion
- * How we make it work ~ Our team approach to your total project needs
- * Useful information for our new, existing, and potential Facilities customers
- * Question & Answer session with our BDS Facilities Permit Program team

All are Welcome to attend this free event - Bring your lunch and join us! (NO reservation

required) In the 1900 SW 4th Avenue Building Second Floor Conference Room 2500-A.

Lunch and Learn Community Education Brown Bags are sponsored by the Bureau of Development Services and are held on the second Friday of every month.

New this year from Portland Community Media--

Watch Lunch and Learn presentations on Channel 30!

Check the "Programming" tab on the PCM website for Lunch and Learn show times at www.pcmvtv.org.

For more information, contact Martha Deal Shonya, 503823-7822, ShonyaM@ci.portland.or.us.

Capital Hill Elementary Schools PTA

Silent Auction and Carnival

Friday May 13th

5:30 - 8:30 pm

(Both events are held simultaneously)

Capital Hill Elementary School, 8401 SW 17th Ave

Grade school-aged children will have a great time winning prizes and participating in an assortment of carnival games in the Gymnasium. Adults will find an amazing assortment of silent-auction items donated from children, parents, local community members and businesses/services from all over the state. Food and drinks will be available for purchase in the cafeteria, and cotton candy will be spinning for the carnival! There is NO ADMISSION FEE to come and bid on all the items that are available.

If you have any questions please contact Andrea or Danni at 503-636-4085.



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Chrysanthemum Sale!

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The Portland Chrysanthemum Society's annual spring mum plant sale will be Saturday, April 30th, 2005, 9 am until sold out at Portland Nursery, 9000 SE Division Street. Show-quality cultivars will be for sale at \$2.50 each. You'll find spiders, anemones, pompons, irregular incurves and more that will present fall blooms in

your favorite colors...shop early.

For questions, please contact Rich Kibbons at weehawktoo1@msn.com or 503-281-4351.

Our second sale will be Saturday, May 21st, Portland Nursery, 5050 SE Stark Street, 9 am to sold out. Cost will be only \$2.50 per plant

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



Green Heron Award

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Greg Schifsky and Steve Mullinax provide the dedicated leadership that enables the Bridlemile Creek Stewards to make a real difference in the headwaters of Fanno creek. Victor von Salza has created and maintains a wonderful website, which details all the creek stewards accomplishments and upcoming events. Check it out at <http://home.comcast.net/~steve.mullinax/bridlemile/BCS.htm>.
Bridlemile Creek Stewards meet the second Tuesday of each month at the Watershed Center in the Southwest Community Center, located at SW 45th and Vermont, at 7 pm. Their next work party will be on Saturday, May 21, from 9 am to noon, to remove invasive plants in Albert Kelly Park. Tools, gloves, and refreshments will be provided. They will be pulling ivy and removing blackberries. Work should go fast as soil is still damp and blackberries were cut down to ground level last year. Meet in Albert Kelly Park, in area next to the playground equipment. For more information contact: Steve Mullinax, 503-768-9065; Greg Schifsky, 503-246-2714

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

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.

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

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

The Three Little Javelinas: Enjoy this classic childhood folktale with a Southwestern twist as the three little javelinas meet up with a coyote determined to stop their plans. Sat., May 28, 3:30-4:30 pm.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

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

Read to the Dogs: Improve your reading skills by reading

aloud to therapy dogs from the Dove Lewis Animal Assisted Therapy and Education Program. Preregistration required. Sat., May 14, 10 am-noon.

Writers' Circle: Come and share your work with other writers. Bring your stories or story ideas and get feedback from other writers in a friendly, cooperative atmosphere. Facilitated by Carmen T. Bernier-Grand and Sara T. Behrman. For ages 11-15. Thu., May 26, 4:30-5:30 pm.

FOR ADULTS

Pageturners: Engage in stimulating conversation about books. Sponsored by Friends of the Library. Tue., May 10, 7-8 pm. Read *The Book of Salt* by Monique Truong. Thu., May 19, 1:30-2:30 pm. Read *Life and Times of Michael K* by J.M. Coetzee.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: This series of classes is for seniors who want to learn

how to use a computer. Each session will consist of one hour of instruction and one hour of practice. Preregistration required. Wed., May 4, 11, 18; 10 am-noon.

E-mail for Beginners: Prerequisite: Web Basics. Learn how to use free e-mail on the Web, like Yahoo or Hotmail. Sign up, then compose and send messages to anywhere in the world. Preregistration required. Tue., May 10, 11 am-noon.

Web Searching I: Prerequisite: Web Basics. How do you find good information on the Web? We'll get you started with a few simple tools, then help you understand why some Web sites might be better choices than others for reliable information. Preregistration required. Tue., May 24, 11 am-noon.

****To pre-register for any of the above activities, call 503-988-5234, go online or visit the Capitol Hill Library.**

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. (except May 30).

Dragon Shadow Puppets: Create your own magical shadow puppets and take part in an improvisation skit. Sat., May 21 3:30-5:30 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: Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs from the Dove Lewis Animal Assisted Therapy Program. Preregistration required, May 7 and 21, 10 am-noon.

FOR ADULTS

Clematis With Everything: An illustrated celebration of the most garden-worthy members of the genus Clematis, their cultural needs, and ideas for combining them artfully with the plants you already grow. Presented by expert gardener, teacher and author Linda Beutler. Sat., May 7, 2-3 pm.

Cuba: The Last Legal Trip? Join Portland attorney Micky Ryan and writer Martha Gies for a slide show and discussion of recent U.S. Treasury Department policy changes regard-

ing travel to Cuba. Ryan and Gies travelled to Havana recently with Witness for Peace, a Washington, D.C.-based, grassroots organization designed to support sustainable economies. Mon., May 9 6:30-8 pm.

Pageturners: Engage in stimulating conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plot, and get to know your neighbors. Tue., May 10, 6:30-7:45 pm, read *Silence* by Shusaku Endo. Thu., May 19, 1-3 pm, read *Ella Minnow Pea: A Progressively Lipogrammatic Epistolary Fable* by Mark Dunn.

Preschool Fair: Looking for a preschool? Find one at the Hillsdale Library's preschool open house. Meet representatives from the Southwest-area preschools to ask questions and gather information about their different programs. Sat., May 14, 3-5 pm.

COMPUTER CLASSES

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

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 com-

puter skills. Sundays, 3-5 pm. Saturdays, 2-5 pm.

Web for Computer Novices: This class is designed for the complete beginner. Learn basic computer terms and keyboard and mouse skills. Pre-registration required. Tue., May 3, 3-4:30 pm.

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: This series of classes is for seniors who want to learn how to use a computer. Learn to use a mouse, search the Internet, and send and receive e-mail. Each session will consist of one hour of instruction and one hour of practice. You must preregister and attend all three sessions. Mondays, May 9, 16, 23; 1-3 pm.

Word Processing III: Prerequisite: Word Processing II. Learn more advanced skills, including inserting graphics, text boxes, tables and page numbers. Pre-registration required. Mon., May 9, 3:30-5:30 pm.

Web Basics: Learn about the World Wide Web, explore the library's home page, and practice entering Web addresses. Participants need to be comfortable using a keyboard and a mouse. Pre-registration required. Mon., May 16, 3:30-5 pm.

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

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Tryon Creek Watershed Council

11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd., 503-636-4398

Tryon Creek Watershed Council meeting: The second Monday of each month, May 9, 7-9 pm. Get involved with your community, greenspaces and waterways! The Tryon Creek Watershed Council is a community group which works in cooperation with many organizations and agencies to preserve and protect the Tryon Creek watershed. Come express your concerns, learn about the watershed, find out about restoration in your own backyard, or get involved with improving neighborhood parks and greenspaces.

COMMUNITY IVY PULL: Second Saturday of each month, May 14, 9 am to noon. Volunteers gather the second Satur-

day of every month to help the Friends of Tryon Creek rid the park of English Ivy and other invasive species. These species diminish biodiversity by choking out other plants, including the mature trees that many recreationists enjoy. Please bring gloves and wear sturdy shoes.

SOLV-Down By The Riverside — TRYON CREEK STATE NATURAL AREA: May 21, 9 am - noon. Join SOLV and the Tryon Creek Watershed Council! Lend a hand restoring vital stream banks in the Tryon Creek watershed. Creating healthy riparian areas along streams helps improve water quality, creating habitat for fish and beautiful creeks for our neighborhoods.

Lest Toxic Pest Control

Saturday, May 21, 9 - 11 am
Gabriel Community Garden

Lest Toxic Pest Control is a hands-on class where participants will learn least toxic pest control methods for fruit trees at the Gabriel orchard. SW 41st and Canby This class is free and everyone is welcome. Rain or shine.

Call to sign up at 503-823-1612.

Art4Life Children's Art Work

Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

May 3 - June 8
Hours: M, T, Th, F, 9 am - 9 pm
W, 9 am - 3 pm
S, 9 am - noon

A show of artwork by children in three Portland Public Schools non-profit after-school programs will be displayed beginning with an opening reception on Tuesday, May 3, 7 - 9 pm. Art4Life represents children from Edwards Elementary, the Emerson School and Maplewood Elementary.

Students save money for school

by monitoring electricity

by Julia Harris, teacher, Robert Gray Middle School
Robert Gray Middle School is taking a positive step to make their limited funding go further. Julia Harris' CIM class is participating in WattWatchers, a national program to cut electric bills. The students patrol the building looking for wasted watts, then gently remind the offender.

Since beginning the program in mid-March the students have observed a positive behavior change and anxiously await the electric bill to have proof of the savings. In addition to the monetary savings, the students feel good about helping the environment and hope the awareness carries over to all aspects of life.

Coop preschool strives to offer students and community continued quality and support through

Rummage Sale

Gabriel Park Preschool is holding its annual rummage sale. On Saturday, May 14, 8 am - 3 pm, preschool family members will be selling furniture, children's toys, tools, household items, electronics, clothes, and more to help raise funds for the preschool. Go to

St. Luke Lutheran Church
6835 SW 46th Avenue
(lower level)

across from the
Southwest Community Center

All proceeds will aid in sustaining the preschool and providing a better and safer environment for the children in the local area. Charitable items for resale gladly accepted. Call 503-244-3518 for more details.

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Naturescaping for Clean Rivers



Join with *No Ivy Leaguers* from Portland, Oregon, and leave no vine in doubt!

No Ivy Day May 7, 2005

Let the Battle to Save Our Trees Rage On!

Join with *No Ivy Leaguers* from Portland, Oregon, and leave no vine in doubt! 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.

Events are May 7 9 am - noon at:

TRYON CREEK STATE
NATURAL AREA
MARSHALL PARK
DICKINSON PARK

Help eradicate English ivy! Put on your work clothes and help sever tree ivy at Tryon Creek or Marshall Park. Ivy harms trees by using their water, weighing them down and blocking sunlight. Join us and the community to save the parks' trees.

- 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 Spring 2005 Naturescaping for Clean Rivers workshop season is winding down to a finish, but we're going out with three basic workshops and a multi-yard naturescaped yard tour. There's plenty of opportunity for you to learn about Naturescaping and see how it works in actual yards. Pre-registration is required. The FREE Basic workshops will be:

- May 7, Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm**
Clackamas,
hosted by Clackamas County
- May 14, Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm**
hosted by
St. Andrews Catholic Church
NE Portland
- May 21, Saturday, 9 am - 1 pm**
Milwaukie,
hosted by Oak Lodge Sanitary
District

We will hold a four-yard **Naturescaped Drop-In Yard Tour on Sunday, May 22**, in the afternoon (exact time to be determined). One of the yards has a stream running through it, another is in the beginning stages, and the other two are more established with a lot of native plants. Everyone is welcome to attend the drop-in tour whether or not you have attended a workshop. Pre-registration is required.

To register for a workshop or the drop-in Naturescaped Yard Tour, either phone 503-797-1842 or email naturescaping@yahoo.com.



Tall Oregon Grape, *Mahonia aquifolium* (Berberis)

Native Plant of the Month

With fruit that looks like blueberries and a leaf like holly, Oregon grape is unique. In 1892 The Oregon Horticultural Society voted to name the Oregon grape the official Oregon state flower.

This superb evergreen shrub can get 10 ft tall, but usually tops out at five feet in gardens. It grows taller in shady situations. It can be planted either in sun or shade (fairly tolerant of shade), and like most Oregon natives, is drought-tolerant (once the root system is established in about two years). It's perfect for the Northwest and all similar climates. This plant is suited for low-maintenance plantings and loose hedges. Use Oregon grape in every Northwest garden.

Oregon native mason bees love the large clusters of small golden yellow flowers on shiny dark green, holly-like foliage in the spring. New growth is copper color in the spring. The blue fruits that ripen in the fall are tart and often used for jelly. In our urban home yards, we use Oregon grape for hedges, borders and clusters. It tends to form clumps but neither spreads invasively nor creates excessive leaf litter. If this beautiful plant gets too tall or "leggy," prune it back - rather hard if you wish.

In Nature, this species is found on dry to moist, well-drained sites, sun or shade, from British Columbia to Northern California on the west side of the Cascade Mountains and in NE Oregon. Birds and animals love the fruit - rather tart and seedy. The plant is in no way related to grapes but gets the name from the purple clusters of berries.

The plant is used medicinally by herbalists. As the leaves of Oregon grape are holly-like and resist wilting, the foliage is sometimes used by florists for greenery, and a small gathering industry has been established in the Northwest. The inner bark of the larger stems and roots of Oregon grape yield a yellow dye. Oregon grape can be planted around birdbaths to discourage cats.

Information sources: Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia, Wallace H. Hansen.

Family Fun Night at the SW Community Watershed Resource Center



April's Friday Fun Night was indeed fun for the kids who stopped by the Watershed Resource Center. Over twenty budding artists and their parents took part in an art project that is now on view for all to see along Vermont Creek in Gabriel Park.

The young artists showed their creative side as they painted wooden cutouts of fish, frogs and salamanders. Look for the brightly colored cutouts now hanging on the habitat protection fence around the newly planted stream area in the forest.

The project, a partnership between Environmental Services, the Watershed Resource Center, Americorps and Friends of Vermont Creek is a public art display promoting watershed health. Volunteers Jill Gaddis and Bonnie Shoffner helped stencil the clean river messages on the animal shapes.

Family Fun Night is held every first Friday of the month from 6 - 9:30 pm at the SW Community Center, SW 45th & Vermont.



Reminder! Join us
April 30th, between 10 and 11:30 am
for the
SWNI WALK
(see details on page 1)

If you are unable to walk come cheer the walkers on then join us at the Chili Feed afterward and try your luck at winning some great raffle prizes!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:00 PM CTLH Trans/Pkng Comm 7:00 PM Hayhurst NA 7:00 PM Homestead NA	4 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM CTLH Board 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA	5 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	6 6:00 PM Family Fun Nite @ WRC First Friday in Multnomah Village	7 9:00 AM Naturescaping (NCR) Wkshp - Basic* 9:00 AM No Ivy Day see list of events 5:00 PM Wilson High Culture Night 9 am - 2 pm SWNI SPRING CLEANUP
8	9 5:30 PM ONI BAC 7:00 PM Ashcreek NA 7:00 PM Tryon Creek WC 7:30 PM S Burlingame	10 11:30 AM SW Bus Assoc 6:00 PM Markham NA 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Bridlemile Crk Stewards 7:00 PM Multnomah NA	11 5:30 PM Fr of Woods Pk 7:00 PM Bridlemile NA 7:00 PM Crestwood NA	12 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 7:00 PM Trees Committee 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	13 5:30 PM Capitol Hill School Auction & Carnival	14 9:00 AM NCR Workshop-Basic 9:00 AM Trail Walk 1:00 PM Hillsdale Focus Group 6:00 PM Neighborhood Hsc Celebration Gala Letter Carrier Food Drive Volunteer Hrs. 1:30 - 6:30 PM
15 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	16 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm 7:15 PM CTLH Land Use	17 6:00 PM Water Bureau Community Dialogue 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	18 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 7:00 PM CTLH Parks & Grwy	19	20	21 9:00 AM Albert Kelly Pk Workparty 9:00 AM Jackson School Ground Cleanup 9:00 AM NCR Workshop-Basic 1:00 PM Hillsdale Focus Group
22 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market Naturescaped Yard Tour (drop-in) time TBA see article page 16	23	24 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/Public Safety Mtg	25 6:30 PM Watershed Open House 7:00 PM CTLH Communications/Finance 7:00 PM SWNI Board	26 8:00 AM Malt Village Bus 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	27	28 9:00 AM Butterfly Park Work Party
29 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	30 SWNI CLOSED	31				

May 2005

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

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

Wilson's 2nd Annual Culture Night!

Saturday, May 7, 5 - 8 pm
Portland's very own
Wilson HS Gymnasium

Come celebrate cultural diversity in our community! Fun for the Whole Family! Cultural performances, food, presentations, fun activities and much, much more!

Why?! To Celebrate Cultural Diversity in our Community!

Only \$1 entrance fee per person with the cost of additional tickets. We'll enter you into our raffle for each ticket you buy to win cool prizes!

Brought to you by the students and parental support of Wilson, Culture Night is a fundraiser for the advancement of culture at Wilson. The monies raised go to support the French, German, Japanese, Spanish, and International clubs.

Join the Urban Trails Walk Saturday, May 14, 9 am

This month's urban trails walk will be on Saturday, May 14, starting at 9 am, meeting behind the bleachers at Wilson High School located at Sunset Blvd and Capitol Hwy. in Hillsdale.

We will walk a loop trip along Terwilliger Blvd and along a segment of Helen Ferrens Memorial Trail. Walk 5 - 6 miles with 500-ft. elevation gain.

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