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## Fanno Creek-Tryon Creek Watersheds

### Fanno/Tryon open house on Monday, October 2

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist

Pull out your calendar and pencil in the first Fanno/Tryon Pre-design open house on October 2, from 6 to 8 pm. It will be held in the Capitol Room in the Senior Center at the Multnomah Center. You can drop in any time during open hours, but drop in early enough before 8 pm to have time to get all the information.

The 2005 Fanno/Tryon Watershed Management Plan identifies about 120 projects to improve the health of the land and streams in the Fanno and Tryon watersheds. In general, Environmental Services will refine the scope and design of projects. Some will go on to be fully designed as capital improvement projects (CIP). Others, that fall more into the category of maintenance, will go into operations and maintenance (O&M).

Project team members will be at the open house to discuss the different categories of projects. Categories include retrofitting of large parking lots to better treat the rainwater running off them; retrofitting of culverts to function more efficiently and, where needed, to provide better fish passage; programmatic projects: revegetation, ditches to swales, and land acquisitions; lower Tryon projects that focus on fish habitat; and improvements that will treat water running off Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway.

Early-action projects, identified in the watershed management plan as especially important, include the big culvert at Boones Ferry Road and Arnold Street; water running off the I-5 freeway in the vicinity of SW 26th Avenue; and restoration of part of Falling Creek at Jackson Middle School to a surface stream. Now, it runs in an underground pipe through the school field.

Also at the open house will be a representative from the Watershed Resource Center at the SW Community Center and representatives from several local friends groups. We hope they will include Bridlemile Creek Stewards, Friends of Vermont Creek, and the Tryon Creek Watershed Council.

For more information, see the announcement on page 3.



### TriMet extends weekend hours for Line 39 Buses serve Lewis & Clark College & Hillsdale until 9 pm

TriMet's Line 39-Lewis & Clark buses will be extended until 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays, starting Friday, Sept. 8. The later service and recent extension to Hillsdale are part of a six-month trial to increase ridership along the line.

**Trial route expansion:** TriMet worked with neighborhood associations and Lewis & Clark College on the six-month service extension, which began last June. Changes included extending the line to Hillsdale and running buses on Bertha and Capitol Hwy with buses returning to Burlingame via Terwilliger. Buses also now run both directions on Terwilliger between Taylors Ferry Road and Palater Road.

**Ridership improvement needed:** Line 39 ridership is one of the lowest in the TriMet system and has declined over the last several years. TriMet makes the most effective use of public funding for transit service by addressing lines that have very low ridership. If ridership targets are not met, TriMet will look at alternative approaches to reduce costs and service on Line 39, ranging from discontinuation of service during certain times of the day, or days of the week, or discontinuation of the entire line.

Fare increase on Sept. 1: On Friday, Sept 1, fares will increase to help cover the cost of inflation. Cash/tickets will increase 5 cents; monthly passes will increase \$2. Effective September 1:

- 2-Zone cash fare will increase 5 cents to \$1.70.
- All-Zone cash fares will increase 5 cents to \$2.

## Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) Winter training offered in SW Portland

Learn what to do in an emergency to help yourself, your family, and your community

Whatever your background experience and physical abilities may be, the NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) in your neighborhood needs you! The basic training will give you the skills to work with your neighbors to save lives and property during the first 72 hours of any city-wide emergency when many neighborhoods will be on their own. The skills you'll learn in the NET training will also help you manage emergencies that you may encounter in daily life.

To become a NET member, you'll need to complete a total of 21 hours of basic training which consists of seven skill-building sessions. I'm happy to let you know that the Winter 2006 Southwest NET Basic Training Course will begin the first Saturday in December.

You'll find details on dates, times, topics and location below. Please note that we need to receive your completed form no later than Friday, November 19th. Space is available on a first-come, first served basis, so please register early.

For your convenience, the classes will be offered on three consecutive Saturdays at OHSU. They will take place in the Child Development and Rehabilitation Center (CDRC) at 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor, Conference room 3200. It is building number 30 on the map. (call SWNI at 503-823-4592 for a map of the parking lot if you do not have one). The CDRC Building has parking lots (lots D, J, and K), which are marked "Permit Only" however, NET participants will be allowed to park in the lots for the Saturday training (free). Be aware that metered parking on the street is enforced on Saturdays. Lunch will not be provided and there are very few options for food in the area. It is strongly advised that you bring a bag lunch. SWNI will provide water throughout the day.

Multiple class modules will be taught within the three Saturday time frame. If you find that, even with this format, you'd still have to miss any units in this course, don't worry! You can make up any missed sessions in a future round of the basic training that takes place three times a year at our fire training center on NE 122nd and Sandy.

### WINTER 2006 COURSE OUTLINE AND DATES (Register now to ensure your spot)

- Session #1: Saturday, December 2nd, 9 am to 5 pm  
Intro to NET (UNIT 1)  
Fire Suppression/Utilities/HAZMAT (UNIT 2)  
Disaster Psychology (UNIT 7)
- Session #2: Saturday, December 9th, 9 am to 3:30 pm  
Disaster Medicine (UNIT 3 & 4)
- Session #3: Saturday, December 16th, 9 am to 3:30 pm  
Search and Rescue (UNIT 5)  
Victim Extrication and Transport (UNIT 6)



Want a ride? NET members learn "chair carry" method to safely move victims

NET training is available to anyone who lives or works in the Portland Fire & Rescue service area and is at least 14 years old. The training is offered free of charge by the City of Portland; however, you may incur some costs for items for your NET kit—flashlight, work gloves, etc.

Register now for the Winter 2006 Course; you can pick up a registration form at the Southwest Neighborhoods office at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy or call 503-823-4592 to have one sent. You can also get the registration form online at [swni.org](http://swni.org).



Learning how to safely rescue victims under debris



NET members practice first-aid and triage

Check your neighborhood's website  
for pictures  
of  
National Night Out events.

## A history of South Portland *by Stephen Leflar*

*Stephen Leflar is a long-time resident of Corbett-Terwilliger-Lair Hill. This is our final excerpt from Stephen's history.*

### The South Portland National Historic District

By 1977, the thriving district of the city known as South Portland had been effectively destroyed, and yet the remains at the south end of the community refused to die. By then, only one of 18 neighborhood residences that had been demolished in Lair Hill since 1960 had been replaced. Slum landlords held most of the property. One company owned over 55 rental houses. The CTLH Neighborhood had lost about 14 acres of housing and parks to transportation developments.

Yet a renewed appreciation of the Corbett and Lair Hill area began to grow. The area was down-zoned and opportunistic slum landlords gave up their dreams of high-rise, low-income housing. In 1975 the Corbett/Terwilliger/Lair Hill Planning Committee prepared a plan for their neighborhood which had as a primary goal the retention and preservation of the remaining housing, and the plan was approved by the Planning Commission in fall 1975. And in 1977 the city created the Lair Hill Historic Conservation District. It was the first formally recognized and protected historic district in Portland.

Above all, residents wished to recreate the atmosphere of neighborliness that used to characterize the Lair Hill community. Houses began to be restored and gentrified. Harbor Drive was closed in 1974 and replaced by Tom McCall Waterfront Park with a renewed relationship to the river. Macadam Avenue was widened into a boulevard in 1978 and landscaped. Willamette Park was raised ten to fifteen feet with fill from I-405. And John Gray's ambitious transformation of the B.P. John Furniture Factory into John's Landing brought new life to the area. The city established the first phase of the Greenway Trail.

Most importantly, Corbett area residents, observing the positive effects of historic preservation planning in Lair Hill after its designation as a conservation district, wished to reap similar benefits. They proposed that the boundaries for a National Register Historic District be extended to include a fine collection of Queen Anne style workers' cottages in the Corbett neighborhood. As Corbett and Lair Hill share the same history, their proposal was accepted.

Thus, in 1998 the Lair Hill Historic Conservation District was expanded to become the South Portland National Historic District. It is now celebrated for its cohesive network of working class Victorian houses as one of the oldest settlements in Portland with over one third of the resources in the neighborhood still intact.

The modest architecture of the South Portland neighborhood is indicative of the neighborhood's development as a working class immigrant community in the latter decades of the 19th century. The architectural significance of the neighborhood lies in its intact grouping of modest 19th century buildings in the Queen Anne, Rural Vernacular, and Italianate styles. These styles were widespread throughout the western United States in the latter part of the 19th century. The Queen Anne and Italianate styles evolved during the Victorian era due to the availability of popular pattern books which created a demand for certain styles. South Portland represents the oldest intact residential development in the city of Portland.

During the 19th century, advancements in construction technology utterly changed the way houses were built. Balloon frame construction with machine-cut nails and lighter, standardized lumber became the common residential building type. In addition, industrializa-

tion allowed for the mass production of building components. This "modern" way of constructing residences was less expensive and allowed even people of modest means to decorate their homes with spindles and other forms of decorative woodwork. Today, that individuality is still evident in the relatively intact collection of Victorian workers' cottages that distinctively characterize the South Portland Historic District.

The secondary development period includes buildings built in the bungalow style and the various early 20th Century American Movement styles. Structures in the Bungalow / Craftsman style are also present in the South Portland Historic District. The popularity of the Bungalow/Craftsman style coincides with the secondary period of development, rising in prominence as an architectural style after about 1905. Bungalows were well regarded as a style due to their efficiency and less expensive building costs when compared to the ornate, irregularly-shaped Queen Anne and Revival-style houses of the 1890s. They tended to be small, sometimes containing only two bedrooms and an unfinished second story. They often featured a large number of windows and had a big front porch like their Queen Anne brethren. As a style, Bungalow/Craftsman embodied the ideals of the Progressive movement with its emphasis on a simple lifestyle complemented by an attention to the attributes of nature. For the working class residents of the South Portland area, the cheaper construction costs of residences built in the Bungalow/Craftsman style must have been the overriding appeal. In conclusion, the Bungalow/Craftsman style as evidenced in the South Portland Historic District illustrates the economic concerns of the area's working class residents and alludes to a shifting cultural mindset about the ideal lifestyle.

The period of significance begins in 1876 and ends in 1926 with the completion of the Ross Island Bridge when the physical changes wrought upon the neighborhood began its decline as a once-vibrant community.

### The Future

South Portland today has become the community that refuses to disappear. With intense pressure from developers, the expansion of the central city and invasive plans by two major universities, neighbors live pleasantly in the homes of a bygone century, enjoying the ambience and amiable atmosphere of an old-fashioned streetscape with front porches, potlucks and easy access to a great city: the City of Portland. The South Waterfront area is developing into a significant district of high-rise buildings along the Greenway Trail. There are plans for an OHSU tram over South Portland and a pedestrian bridge over I-5 to connect South Portland to the river. The South Portland Circulation Study may develop into a reconnected neighborhood for Lair Hill and the Corbett Street area.

Perhaps there is a future for South Portland that will be as exciting as its past; perhaps the American Dream can elude the chase, waiting quietly to be rediscovered where it was in places like South Portland; for as the fortune cookie says, "Stop waiting forever-happiness is just next to you."



## City street myths explored

*by Glenn Bridger, Southwest Neighborhoods Chair*

Schools, bus stops, shopping, friends each take important parts in our lives as we grow older and more mature here in Southwest Portland. All generations have to put up with the danger and inconvenience that comes from our primary streets being poorly paved and the general lack of sidewalks. September in particular has us worrying once again about the safety of the children as they walk to school in these substandard conditions. You do understand that only 15% of our streets have sidewalks, yet this is a city that speaks at national meetings under the banner of being "pedestrian friendly."

The city agrees with us that our conditions are bad. But the city managers always revert to the same story: "We have no money, and it is not our problem anyway. YOU come up with the money."

As I listen to those who have sidewalks retell history of Portland, and this includes many of the key people controlling the purse strings, I hear myths or spin prevail in their stories. Let me do a countdown of the top three myths.

**Myth Number 3:** Up until the mid-1980's, the county was in charge of the areas that do not have improvements. Unpaved streets, poor drainage, and no sidewalks are their fault.

**Fact Number 3:** For most of the residential development time, especially during the explosive post-war years, the county had no authority over the street development standards for changed or new uses of the land. That authority was given, by state law, to the city as extraterritorial zoning authority in recognition of the probable future annexation of these lands by the city. The city could have, but did not, require proper infrastructure be installed as a part of the land development process.

**Myth Number 2:** The city has never used their general funding ability to improve the streets and sidewalks in the city.

**Fact Number 2:** One of the best authors to tell the story of the development of Portland is E. Kimbark MacColl. In his volume "The Growth of a City: Power and Politics in Portland, Oregon 1915 to 1950," we see how during a major street improvement time from 1924 to 1931 the city had a "75-25 plan" for sharing the cost of improvements, with the city bonding for their 75% share of the costs. That is but one of the significant, documented ways the city has financed streets.

**And, the Number 1 myth** regarding our improvements: Across the nation, the adjacent property owners are the ones who pay for the improvements.

**Fact Number 1:** This myth, while not a lie, is a major spin on the facts. What is not said or hinted at is that in virtually all cases improvements are paid for by land developers or individuals who are in the process securing governmental approvals that will generate sufficient monies to pay for the improvements. To hear it told, you would think that the people in the Ladd Addition banded together after they moved in to set up an LID to put in their streets and sidewalks. They did not. The developer put them in. I am sorry to say, but putting in sidewalks has frequently not been a priority for the city. The city failed to demand the state put in sidewalks along its highways in the city, such as Barbur (Highway 99), Capitol/Beaverton Hillsdale Highway (Highway 10), and Macadam (original Highway 99, later Highway 32). The city failed to demand, when they were the only ones who could, the developers in the county to put in the streets and sidewalks. So yes, in a sense, this is not a myth but a spin. Payment for the improvements came from the property owners, in most all cases at a unique time in the life of the property which is when it was generating the cash flow to pay for the improvements. The spin is one that overlooks the biggest fact of all in this discussion. When and how can you raise the money to pay the big bill?

So where is that story about the city promises that were made when annexation took place? I have not heard the city leaders say that story is false. But many in our community still remember those promises. I have never heard anyone say that these promises were kept.

Our dialogue with the city needs to move from their perspective of blaming us for the lack of city improvements, to our taking joint ownership of this situation for the sake of future generations. The city has tapped innovative funding sources to pay for high visibility projects like the streetcar lines (watch for another one coming to the Eastside), the walkway in the river, and other nice publicity projects. Let them find the innovative funding methods. The city could use for citywide purposes the street parking fees it collects. The city could establish a citywide property transfer tax, or create other citywide present or potential funding resources to fund this public need citywide. This is not just for our part of the city, but for the forgotten sections of the city.

Our community needs complete streets. Perhaps not all streets require this improvement, but we need at least for a network of collector streets that will serve our local areas and provide needed access to schools and bus stops. The city must come to the table demonstrating ownership of the problem. Let's make it so the next generations of children have much safer places to walk to school.



## School starts this month.... PLEASE DRIVE SAFELY

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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](mailto:swni123@spiritone.com).

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

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

## Senior volunteers needed to help children

The OASIS Intergenerational Reading Tutor program seeks volunteers, age 50+ to help a child for an hour a week during the school year. Training, materials and support meetings are provided. Previous experience is not necessary. For more information please call Colleen, 503-833-3636

# Fanno Creek-Tryon Creek Watersheds

working for clean rivers

**Help improve the future of your watershed.**

## You're Invited

### Fanno and Tryon Creek Watershed Pre-Design Project Open House

Monday, October 2, 2006  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Multnomah Center  
Senior Center, Capitol Room

7688 SW Capitol Highway

*Stop by on your way home for  
refreshments and information.*

## Agenda

### Project Information

Learn about project pre-designs, the status of current projects, and project partners.

### Healthy watershed door prizes

- *Native plants* (hold the soil, require less chemicals and maintenance)
- *TriMet bus passes* (fewer cars on the road means less pollution down the drains)
- *Dog leash with built in baggie holder* (keep bacteria out of streams)

### Learn about the Fanno and Tryon Creek Watersheds Pre-Design Project on the web

For Fanno Watershed: [www.portland-online.com/bes/index.cfm?c=32199](http://www.portland-online.com/bes/index.cfm?c=32199)

For Tryon Watershed: [www.portland-online.com/bes/index.cfm?c=32200](http://www.portland-online.com/bes/index.cfm?c=32200)

**E**nvironmental Services worked with the community to develop a management plan for the Fanno Creek and Tryon Creek Watersheds. The plan recommended project sites to improve water quality, address public interests, enhance fish and wildlife habitat, improve infrastructure, and restore watershed functions.



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## Restoration continues at Gabriel Park

Though summer is drawing to an end, efforts to restore Portland's natural areas continue!

The next opportunity to get involved will be at Gabriel Park. Volunteers are invited to help pull ivy in the park's southwest corner on **Saturday, September 2nd, from 9 am to noon**; training, gloves and tools will be provided. Please meet at the tennis courts.

This project is a part of the ongoing goal of the Fanno Basin Stewardship Project to improve the health of the Fanno Creek watershed. Sponsored by Portland Parks & Recreation, the Bureau of Environmental Services, and Metro Nature in Neighborhoods grant program, the project will continue to have volunteer opportunities for restoration in Gabriel, Dickinson, and Woods Parks.

For more information, please contact Marissa Dorais, 503-823-7016, or [marissa.dorais@bes.ci.portland.or.us](mailto:marissa.dorais@bes.ci.portland.or.us)

## Holly Farm Park update

by Amanda Fritz

You may have been wondering why nothing seems to be happening with construction of the park at the Holly Farm on SW Capitol Highway adjacent to the Multnomah County library. There were some issues with bidding and finalizing the contract within the limitations of the budget. Portland Parks & Recreation and the Portland Parks Foundation are hopeful these problems are close to resolution and that construction will begin soon.

## Southwest Development Review

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

### Pre-application conferences:

**PC 06-145951.** Proposal to divide a site into 10 lots for attached housing, at 924 SW Gaines and 3724 SW 10th Ave, in **Homestead.**

**PC 06-146166.** Proposal for a 23-story residential tower in the South Waterfront District in **CTLH.**

### Proposals:

**LU 06-117771 LDP.** Proposal to divide a site into 2 lots at 12546 SW Lesser Rd, in **Far SW.**

**LU 06-144349 AD.** Applicant proposes to build a garage and seeks an adjustment at 821 SW Palatine St, in **Arnold Creek.**

**LU 06-144034 CU.** Applicant seeks conditional use approval for a bed & breakfast at 7006 SW Virginia Ave, in **CTLH.**

**LU 06-142126 LDP.** Applicant proposes to divide a site into three lots at 6005 SW Boundary, in **Hayhurst.**

**LU 06-147731 AD.** Applicant proposes to build an addition to a house and requests an adjustment to reduce a setback, at 8217 SW 37th Ave, in **Multnomah.**

**LU 06-131927 LDP AD.** Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots, and requests an adjustment, at 9307 SW Capitol Hwy, in **Ashcreek.**

**LU 06-146339 EV.** Applicant requests environmental review approval of remediation measures for a tree cutting violation at 219 SW Florida St in **Hillsdale.**

### Decisions:

**LU 06-135493 AD.** Adjustment approval for addition to church lobby at 3228 SW Sunset Blvd, in **Hillsdale.**

**LU 06-110849 LDS.** Approval of preliminary plan for 5-lot subdivision at 9800 SW 55th Ave, in **Crestwood.**

**LU 06-142005 TR.** Tree review approval to remove two trees at 6429 SW Laber Rd, in **SWHRL.**

**Public hearings (at 1900 SW 4th Ave)**  
**LU 06-137171 DZM AD.** Request for design review approval for multi-building development at Block 46 in the South Waterfront District, in **CTLH.** Hearing was scheduled for August 17.

**LU 06-141675 CU.** Cedar Sinai Park seeks conditional use approval to expand its program at the Rose Schnitzer Manor at 6140 SW Boundary Ct, in **Hayhurst.** Tentative hearing date is September 6 at 10:30 am.

**LU 05-175354 LDS.** Appeal of approval of preliminary plan of 4-lot subdivision at 8133 SW 54th Ave, in **Ashcreek.** Hearing date was July 24.

**LU 06-146734 DA.** Design advice hearing for a proposed 23-story residential tower in the South Waterfront District, in **CTLH.** Hearing was on August 17. See related pre-application notice above.

**LU 06-140480 LDP EN.** Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots and a resource tract, and environmental review is required, at 10450 SW 53rd Ave, in **Crestwood.** Hearing on September 11, 9 am, Suite 3000.

**LU 06-141675 CU.** Cedar Sinai Park seeks conditional use approval to expand a lunch & learn program, at 6140 SW Boundary Ct, in **Hayhurst.** Hearing on Sept. 6 at 10:30 am, Suite 3000.

### Intents to demolish:

7912, 7914, and 7926 SW 31st Ave; 8007 SW 47th Ave; 06 SW Palatine Hill Rd;

### Final plats:

1610 SW Maplecrest Dr.

## SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

Here is an update of some of our current projects:

1. Multnomah Presbyterian Church Easement (SW 45th from Gabriel Park to the Maplewood Neighborhood): The agreement between SWTrails and the church was put together over a year and a half ago. We submitted a request for a survey to PDOT a year ago and we are still waiting. Once the survey is complete, it will be inserted into the easement as an attachment, and the whole package will be sent to the Portland City Council for approval. Both SWTrails and the Maplewood neighborhood association are looking forward to this much safer pedestrian access to Gabriel Park and Multnomah Village and the continuation of Urban Trail 3, the Willamette River to Fanno Creek Greenway Pedestrian Trail.

2. Walkway crossing of Stephens Creek: The permit is being applied for to make this crossing possible. Once the permit is in hand, SWTrails has committed to building the steps leading to and from the walkway and the actual walkway itself. We have arranged for the engineering and have done the field work in preparation for the project. Also, we have received a grant from BES and done other fundraising to construct the walkway. Once the walkway is complete, it will once again give a safe route to school for children from SW Hillsdale going to Rieke, Robert Gray and Wilson and make walking to Hillsdale and the Farmers Market much safer. This connection is also a component of the Regional Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Pedestrian Trail. We hope to be able to begin construction in September.

3. Trail 4, the Stephens Creek Pedestrian trail: under the northbound on-ramp to I-5 and on the ODOT right-of-way extension of SW Custer remains closed during weekday working hours but is open during evenings and weekends, thanks to the cooperation of Robert Cynkar and his associates at BES. Check the signs at the top of the stairs under the Terwilliger bridge and also at the end of Custer at Baird.

4. Red Electric trail: We are still waiting for Parks to produce a recommendation to the Portland City Council on the Red Electric. You will recall SWTrails and Hillsdale NA strongly opposed their route through Hillsdale for safety reasons. We have been told they are going to include our preferred alternative in their recommendations.

5. Your help needed: Remember to carry your clippers and be sure to clip those blackberries and other invasives as you walk. It makes a huge difference when we each do our little part.

6. SW Bike Boulevards: We are continuing to work with the Portland Department of Transportation and the Bicycle Transportation Alliance to develop a Bike Master Plan for SW. We will be arranging some field trips to look at what has been done for bike transportation in SE Portland as well as check out some proposed SW routes. We would like to recruit people from each neighborhood to identify bike routes specific to their neighborhood. That way, we will end up with better routes than if a city employee comes out to select routes in neighborhoods they are unfamiliar with.

7. SWTrails monthly walk: September 9th is the date of the next SWTrails monthly walk. We meet in Hillsdale at the oak tree by the dance studio at Sunset and Capitol Hwy. We will be walking the Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail. Join us to see one of the nicest long trails in SW Portland. You will have the option of walking on the proposed route or an alternate if the proposed is too rough for your tastes. About 6 miles, 700 feet total elevation gain. Dogs on leash and children welcome.

The best way to keep in contact with us is to come to our monthly meeting or see our web page at [www.swtrails.org](http://www.swtrails.org)

Next meeting: Thursday, September 28th, 7 pm  
St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 6835 SW 46th

## Committee Reports..

### Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

We are very excited to have new members signing on to represent their neighborhoods. All meetings are open to the public, please join us. National Night Out was a huge success citywide. Southwest hosted over 30 events.

In August we discussed a get-together for our "old" and new Neighborhood Response Team Officers. We also discussed setting up public trainings to educate residents about Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design.

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

### Emergency Preparedness Committee

Michael Kisor, <http://ep.swni.org/>

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Next Meeting: Thurs., Sept. 14, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

### Land Use Committee

John Gibbon 503-708-6708

The committee did not meet in August. Late in July, the SWNI board approved the motion approved earlier by both the parks and land use committees: that SWNI supports the restoration of Ross Island and transfer of its ownership to the city.

At their September meeting, committee members will discuss projects to take on. They'll consider both their committee action plan and recommendation from last spring's liaison workshop.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 19, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

### Schools Committee

Will Fuller, 503-764-5501

The Portland school funding ballot measure was the main focus of our August meeting. We felt that the SWNI Committee was more of an educational body than a political one and would not endorse any measure. We will provide information to the public about schools and how the funding will be used. This measure is complemented by measures for libraries and parks, all of which contribute to the quality of life in the SWNI area. Action in that area will include:

- Co-sponsor a forum or other event in October about the local measures on the November ballot, with pro and con speakers and information tables.
- Produce and/or distribute a 1-page fact sheet on the school funding measure.

The parks committee asked us to consider two projects they are working on: recreation easements to allow school property (e.g., Smith) to be used as park recreation areas; and the possibility of opening a summer SUN program at Markham.

We took a 15-minute "guided tour" of the Portland Public Schools website, focusing on important areas like policy and school board detail board books, as well as the main areas of budget and information on individual schools

### School-related news briefs:

We distributed handouts about the Children's Bill of Rights, the new Jefferson principal, and a list of selected education-related websites.

Next meeting agenda will include a funding measure follow-up, progress review on action items, and discussion of ideas for news articles.

Next Meeting: Thurs., Sept. 21, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

### SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president  
503-245-0729

In July the board passed a motion to send a letter to city council to say that saving Ross Island is important. SW Neighborhoods endorses the vision—and we think the understanding—of three years ago, that RISG should do restoration and transfer ownership of Ross Island to the City of Portland.

Other business included making the Southwest Trails ad hoc committee a standing Trails Committee.

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

### Transportation Committee

The committee met too late in August for a report here. The main item on the agenda:

In July, Commissioner Sam Adams presented the idea of forming local improvement districts (LIDs) to make improvements to key collector streets in SW Portland. The committee now has to study the proposal and respond. LIDs always generate lots of questions: how to draw the boundaries and the method of apportioning costs are two biggies. In July, Hillsdale resident John Gould told the committee about Bancroft bonds, which can be paid off when property is transferred, but we're not sure yet if LID financing works the same way.

If the committee does decide to endorse this idea, one of the first tasks will be to agree on the collector streets that should be improved under the program.

Another issue has apparently been resolved. We've been expecting imminent construction of the proposed new pedestrian crossing at SW 62nd and Beaverton-Hillsdale. The crossing will include a pedestrian safety island in the center refuge lane and striping across the auto travel lanes.

Then Cedar Sinai Park made a late request to locate the crossing farther to the west. But PDOT staffer Will Stephens talked to CSP representatives, and now it looks like there is agreement to keep the crossing at the original SW 62nd location.

Next Meeting: Sept. 18, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

### Parks Committee

Kirky Doble, 503-246-7970

In August, committee members met at beautiful Marshall Park. Matt Grumm, Commissioner Saltzman's liaison to Parks & Recreation, was our guest. Issues and ideas he's working on include: land acquisitions, recreational easements in favor of the city over school athletic fields, and relaxation of some permitting costs for events and programs for children.

Amanda Fritz reported on the upcoming Metro greenspace bond measure, and the committee voted to endorse the measure. The issue now goes to the SWNI board.

The meeting ended with a discussion of issues raised at the July meeting by Parks & Recreation zone manager Bob Schulz.

In September we will meet at the SW Community Center with SWCC manager Terri Davis.

*Don't miss the September 21 meeting of the City-wide Parks Committee, 7 to 8:30 pm, at City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave. The guests are Commissioner Dan Saltzman and Parks & Recreation Director Zari Santner; they'll be talking about goals and priorities for Parks & Recreation in the 2006/07 fiscal year.*

Next Meeting: Thurs. Sept. 7, 7 pm  
SW Community Ctr  
SW 45th and Vermont

## Arnold Creek

Tues., September 12, 7 pm, Jackson Baptist Church  
10558 SW 35th

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

Hi, Arnold Creek neighbors! Our National Night Out potluck was a huge success! We had a great turnout and lots of new faces. We had quite a few dignitaries also. Station 18 came with their fire truck! The police came on their ATV's. Commander Mike Reese stopped by from Central Precinct. Ginny and her daughter from SWNI brought more goodies for the little kids. Rep. Greg Macpherson attended as did Mrs. Shelby, new principal, came from Stephenson Elementary, and Michael Fine from Mayor Potter's office. Marcel Rodriguez, a NET member, was doing demonstrations on splinting. We had great food and it seems to be growing every year.

We went back to city council on the development at Stephenson and Boones Ferry. We were disappointed with city council's lack of dollars to fix the intersection. The developer is putting in \$50,000 towards a fix that could be up to \$1,000,000. We still have lots of work ahead of us to see this problem fixed. City council still agrees with us that it is dangerous and needs to be fixed; they just failed to appropriate any monies towards the solution. Stay tuned and stay on city council to put in the necessary money to fix the intersection!

We have a couple more partitions being planned on Stephenson, 29th and 35th. Please come to the next neighborhood meeting to put in your two cents towards keeping our neighborhood livable and safe.

## Ashcreek

Monday, September 11, 7 pm

Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy  
Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872, jklinker@ease.com

Several neighbors testified in the appeal hearing for 8125/33 SW 54th Ave. We had agreed with the developer to move the private street to the north side of the property and allow an easement for the neighboring properties. PDOT decided that this was a bad idea and objected. Our appeal was to overturn the PDOT positions. We should be hearing the decision any day now.

Neighbors are also fighting a double density on a corner lot at 57th and Pasadena. This would be basically a 2-unit row house in an R7 (single family) zone. Double density is allowed on some corners, but the corner must be sharper than 135 degrees. This corner is not.

An aide for Commissioner Saltzman has had his ear bent by neighbors recently about putting some playground equipment in at Dickinson Park. Neighbors have raised a considerable sum and the city might come up with some discretionary monies.

Construction for the new Fire Station 18 looks like it will be starting this next year. It will be a mile or so farther south on Barbur across from the Happy Fortune restaurant. We hope to get the city to consider a dome design. Domes are vastly superior seismically, in energy efficiency and are lower cost to build and maintain.

It was reported at our meeting that Commissioner Saltzman is negotiating for easements on all PPS athletic fields that would retain them for public use in perpetuity. On the downside, however, our Smith School is still not leased and standing vacant. Some vandalism has occurred in the form of driving on the soccer fields, broken windows and, reportedly, skateboarding on the roof. I have noticed a small bit of siding that has been pulled off and an electrical conduit that has also been dislodged.

Amongst our usual agenda will be the long-overlooked election of three board members for a 2-year term

## WRC offers free programs

Is your scout group, homeschool, church or after-school group looking for a special event this fall? The Southwest Watershed Resource Center (WRC) offers free educational programs for small groups at the Southwest Community Center and Gabriel Park. These hands-on programs teach causes and effects of water pollution and what individuals can do to protect rivers and streams. Community service projects are also available.

**Stormwater Storytelling (ages 3-8; 1 hour)** Using a Japanese storytelling box, children hear a special story about water. After each story, they draw pictures about protecting streams and then present to the group. Choose from two stories.

**Exploring the Vermont Creek Watershed (ages 6+; 1.5-2 hours)** Join us at Vermont Creek to explore Gabriel Park's watershed. Learn about what makes a healthy watershed and how people are restoring Vermont Creek.

**Watershed Awareness (ages 8+; 1 hour)** This is an excellent overview of watersheds and pollution sources with an analysis of current and historical maps to identify changes in local watersheds. Using a watershed model, participants demonstrate pollution impacts on their neighborhood stream.

**Water Chemistry Lab (ages 11-18; 1.5 hours)** Participants observe, measure, and use numbers and units as they perform their own lab experiments on dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, and temperature.

**Community Service Project: Storm Drain Curb Marking (ages 8+; 2-3 hours; June - October only)** Much of the stormwater in Portland goes directly into streams and rivers carrying oil, dirt, fertilizers, pesticides and other pollutants from our yards and streets. Installing permanent curb markers with the message "Dump No Waste" reminds people that storm drains are for rainwater only. A 3:1 youth-to-adult ratio is required.

All programs are designed for a maximum of 10 participants and require adult chaperones. Call Jen Seamans Blatner, WRC coordinator, at 503-823-2862 or email watershedcenter@spiritone.com for more information or to schedule a program.

## Bridlemile

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 7 pm, Bridlemile School, 4300 SW 47th Ave  
Kathy Bambeck, 503-245-2634, kathybambeck@spiritone.com,  
<http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile>

**Wednesday, September 13th** - Judge Steven A. Todd has been a full-time judge in our circuit court since 1997. He handles primarily traffic and criminal matters. He is a frequent speaker at traffic safety conferences and also active in teaching traffic law to other judges, lawyers and police officers. He presides over a lot of criminal cases. His present rotation includes most of the probation violation hearings and DUII diversion cases in our county. Prior to becoming a judge, he was a Deputy District Attorney for 14 years, so his background is almost entirely criminal. Don't miss this great opportunity to hear from and to ask questions of Judge Todd.

**Board Meeting:** The BNA board meets 6:30-7 pm prior to our monthly meetings; feel free to join us in the Staff Room. Chris Kahle has expressed interest in the BNA Parks chair position and will be at the board meeting to ask and answer questions. He says, "I am a new resident of your neighborhood and am very interested in getting involved with parks. Parks are my research focus; I'm finishing up my dissertation on park planning at USC. So, even though my expertise is currently LA-focused, I'm eager to jump in and learn the workings here in Portland. I would definitely be interested in serving as chair or as a volunteer in any capacity."

**Tuesday, September 12th, 6 - 8:30 pm - Bridlemile Creek Stewards (BCS) - Monthly meeting and Hamilton Park Invasive Touch-Up Event:** During daylight Savings season, BCS meetings will be combined with Creek Restoration Touch-Up events. September's meeting will be at the Hamilton Park Creek Restoration. Come see, and help maintain, this unique stream restoration project and learn more about the important Fanno Creek watershed and how Bridlemile supplies water to the Tualatin River Basin. Tools and refreshments will be provided. Contact: Steve Mullinax, steve.mullinax@alum.mit.edu, at 503-768-9065, or Greg Schifsky, gregsch@hevanet.com, 503-246-2714. Meet at Hamilton Park SE of the tennis courts. If it is raining, we will meet at Restoration Watershed Resource Center in the SW Community Center, SW 45th Ave and Vermont St.



**HISTORY OF BRIDLEMILE** - Helen Trayle, an artist whose aquatint etchings were on display at the Broderick Gallery in August, has lived in Bridlemile for much of her life. Besides being a wonderful artist, she can tell good stories about growing up among the lovely orchards of our neighborhood. If you missed the article in the August 2006 SW Connection, borrow a copy from a neighbor and read about Helen's work. Contact Ginger Danzer 503-292-9460, ggdanz@comcast.net.

### Ongoing Neighborhood Projects, Committees

**Business Liaison** - Contact Dave Buchner, dave.buchner.b706@statefarm.com.

**Community Outreach** - Contact Kathy Bambeck, 503-245-2634, kathybambeck@spiritone.com.

**Creeks** - Contact: Steve Mullinax, steve.mullinax@alum.mit.edu, 503-768-9065 or Greg Schifsky, 503-246-2714, gregsch@hevanet.com.

**Crime & Safety** - Contact Tom Doberstein, t.doberstein@comcast.net, 503-319-5884.

**Hamilton Park Foot Patrol** - web page <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/footpatrol>.

**History of Bridlemile** - Contact Ginger Danzer 503-292-9460; ggdanz@comcast.net.

**Land Use** - Contact Rich Adelman, 503-223-0992, richard.adelman@gbjarch.com

**Parks** - Contact Victor von Salza, victor@vonsalza.com, 503-246-2146.

**Safe Routes to School (SR2S)** - Contact Lynne Mutrie, lynnem@actsoregon.org, 503-656-7329; or Lillie Fitzpatrick, nunnation@earthlink.net, 503-892-9921.

**Schools** - Position open.

**Transportation/Pedestrian Safety** - Contact Beverly Vogt, 503-292-6939, bevvoigt@comcast.net.

For information about all the topics listed here and much more please visit the BNA website, Google "Bridlemile Neighborhood."

## Crestwood

Wednesday, September 13, 7 pm  
West Portland United Methodist Church, library, 4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd

Wes McMullen, 503-244-2659, wes@ecosolvents.com

<http://www.CrestwoodNA.home.comcast.net>

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

### Four meetings left to make a difference in Crestwood

Please mark your calendars for the second Wednesday of each month the rest of this year September, October, November and December. Then plan on attending Crestwood's neighborhood association meetings. You won't regret that you did.

Here's your chance to make a real difference in the place where you live. There are actions we need to take. Issues to be discussed and decided on. Interesting and vital committees and organizations that need your attention.

**For Instance:** This month Commissioner Sam Adams unveils the next phase of his plan to make sure that the major and vital streets of the southwest -- including several in Crestwood -- are safe for us and our children to be on whether in a car or on foot. Commissioner Adams is asking for the input and help

of all citizens. If you want a voice in what happens with transportation in the southwest and your own neighborhood, now is the time to act and join us!

**Dickinson Park Too:** Plans are moving forward for the playground structure and area in Dickinson Park at the field location on SW 55th. The Friends of Dickinson Park group have done a fantastic job raising money for the structure, but their work is not done and they encourage any and all that want to help to do so. The Dickinson playground project is talked about at each Crestwood Neighborhood Association meeting and would love to have you join in the conversation.

**More Home Building, More Pressure on Our Environment:** Home building and development in Crestwood is a fact of life. Over the past six months the number of new development projects in Crestwood have increased dramatically. While we

welcome new developments and newcomers to our neighborhood we know that Crestwood has a certain character to it and folks here are passionate about our trees, open spaces and natural features. Many of you want to see them preserved. Unfortunately, development and preservation oftentimes don't easily mix. Working within the framework of your neighborhood association, you have a good chance of influencing this development and preserving as much of our natural resources and features as possible.

August's National Night Out celebration in Dickinson Park was a well attended wonderful event. It was so good to see so many of you enjoy the evening, enjoy the food, but most of all enjoy each other. Working together as neighbors, we can accomplish a lot in Crestwood. Let's keep this wonderful night out feeling going this month at our next association meeting.

# Neighborhood Reports

## Corbett/Terwilliger/Lair Hill

Wednesday, September 6, 7 pm,  
Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church, 0206 SW Condor Ave.

Contact: Chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795,  
TLC11@mindspring.com, www.cctlh.org

CTLH wants to extend a very special "thank you" to our neighborhood contributors and to everyone who came to our National Night Out Picnic & Auction. "The Picnic" is a neighborhood tradition and is one event that your neighborhood association is dedicated to putting together for all of us to enjoy. However, this year was especially gratifying due, in part, to the tremendous generosity of so many businesses and individuals that saw a good opportunity to put their name out there and provide items, or direct funding, to make a difference for this event.

So to all of you listed, we are grateful for every person, every item, and every penny you so generously contributed to the CTLH National Night Out Picnic & Auction: *Tango dancers at picnic Portland Parks, Portland Police Bureau, SW Neighborhoods, Inc., C R Ogilby & Co, Southwest Airlines, Running Outfitters, Ross Island Grocery & Cafe, Gentech Dentist, Walsh Construction, Lady Golf Classics, Best Friends Cat & Dog Clinic, Documart, YMCA, Pet Loft, Lexi Dog, The Cat Doctor, Christopher Dorn & Co, Sorenson Photography, The Old Spaghetti Factory, River City Sailing, Holliday Gift Shop, Macadam's Bar & Grill, Here We go Again, Jimmy's Smokehouse, Hamburg Chiropractic Clinic, Laserport of Beaverton, Mazatlan Restaurant, Bohnel Salon, Starbucks, Quizno's, Corbett Fish House, Schwindt & Co, Swan Mart, KoldKist Beverage Ice, Western Lumber Co, The Great Northwest Bookstore, Red Star Restaurant, E & R Wine Shop, Fifth Avenue Suites, Portland General Electric, Food Services of America, Constance A. Hammond, Donald Paulson, Melinda PhillipS'March, Joe Coffman, Audrey Seto, Ward & Portland Tango, Clyde Lewis of Ground Zero, Mark's Service Lake Oswego, Pete Ward, Donald Paulson, Linus Niedermeyer, Linda Turnidge, Ken Love, Lee Buhler, Jim Davis, Chris Dorn, Jennifer Daneluk, Bob Stull, Bill Danneman, Mark Kemball, Jim Gardner, Michelle, Giguere, Barbee Williams, Clem Ogilby, Lee Moore, and Connie Crooker.*

Last, but certainly not least, we want to thank everyone who came out to enjoy the picnic and to bid on the items in the silent auction. Because of YOUR generosity, the association netted a whopping \$1,552! With this success, you can be assured that your association board will be researching ways to maintain that which you desire to keep, and to try to change those things that take away from our great neighborhood.

For more pictures, see our web site at [www.cctlh.org](http://www.cctlh.org)



**Important vote on neighborhood association name change:** At the September 6, CTLH board meeting the board will vote on a proposal to change our neighborhood association name to the South Portland neighborhood association. We have gotten quite a bit of feedback on the name change and most people have been supportive of the idea. An advisory ballot was handed out at our picnic and most people supported the South Portland name. Some people like the "Old South Portland" neighborhood association and a few had some creative new ideas such as the "Left Bank" neighborhood association or the "Hippyville" neighborhood association. Only one person submitted a ballot supporting our existing name. If you have opinions on this change, the September meeting may be your last opportunity to express your views. We want to make sure we hear from everyone. This is your neighborhood. In addition, April Keithly, PDOT, will give an update on the Gibbs St. Pedestrian Bridge. ONI Director Amalia Alarcon and Sylvia Bogert, SWNI, will present information on the Neighborhood Grant Program (see back page).

CTLH's web site is [www.cctlh](http://www.cctlh.org)  
Committee meetings

**Transportation:** Tuesday, September 5, 6 pm, Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact: committee chair Bill Danneman at 503-228-9868 for more info.

**Land Use Committee:** Monday, September 18, 7:15 pm, at Lair Hill Market, 2823 SW 1st. Contact: committee chair Jim Davis, 503-248-9820.

**Parks and Greenway Committee:** Wednesday, September 20, 7 pm, Mazatlan Restaurant, 6141 SW Macadam, Suite 100. Contact: committee chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795.

**Communications/Finance Committee:** Wednesday, September 27, 7 pm, at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: Lee Buhler, 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com.

## Collins View

Wednesday, September 6, 7 pm,  
Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, Rm 201  
Charlie Weiss, 503-799-4848 [charliew@launchbx.com](mailto:charliew@launchbx.com)  
[www.collinsview.org](http://www.collinsview.org)



Collins View neighbors get together at National Night Out party

## Hayhurst

Tuesday, October 3, 7 pm  
Vermont Hills United Methodist Church, 6053 SW 55th Dr.  
Lillie Fitzpatrick, [lf@pdx.edu](mailto:lf@pdx.edu)  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst)



It was wonderful to see all our neighbors at Pendleton Park for National Night Out. The kids enjoyed the fire truck.

## Hillsdale

Wed., September 6, 7 pm  
St Barnabas Church  
2201 SW Vermont  
Don Baack, 503-246-2088  
[baack@pacifier.com](mailto:baack@pacifier.com)

- Approval of Agenda.
1. Review of July and August meeting minutes – see Hillsdale web site (<http://www.hna-pdx.com>).
  2. Status of the reinvent Rieke efforts - Garth Nisbet
  3. Status on "The Watershed" project – Bill Wilson.
  4. Status on Wilson High School reader board/entrance gateway design – Wes Risher.
  5. Update on the efforts to retain the Fulton Park Community Center - committee members.
  6. Address handicap parking arrangement in Hillsdale Shopping Center.
  7. Reports:
    - a. Hillsdale Plaza charrette & planning with Rieke School remodel
    - b. Hillsdale Triangle Master Planning Proposal – Duane Hunting, John Gould.
    - c. Other HNA land use issues – Duane Hunting.
    - d. HBPA report – Rick Seifert.
    - e. Hillsdale transportation update Walt Amacher
    - f. SWNI report – Glenn Bridger.
    - g. Fred Meyer rebuild update
  8. Public comments, concerns, announcements, and questions.
  9. Old business.
  10. New business.
  11. Adjourn.

## Far Southwest

Tuesday, September 12, 7 pm  
Comfort Suites Motel, SW 60th & Barbur  
Andy Rocker, 503-452-3145 [rockerport@msn.com](mailto:rockerport@msn.com)

## Homestead

Tuesday, September 5, 7 pm  
OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor  
Rich Davidson, [rdavidson82@comcast.net](mailto:rdavidson82@comcast.net), 503-803-9396,  
[HomesteadNA.org](http://HomesteadNA.org)

## Markham

Tuesday, September 12, 7 pm  
Jackson Baptist Church, 10558 SW 35th  
*across from Jackson School*  
John Gibbon, 503-452-8514, [jtgorygun@aol.com](mailto:jtgorygun@aol.com)  
<http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm>

We had a wonderful Saturday afternoon out under the Water Tower (it's the Canby tank) as NNO event. This use is a result of the Water Bureau's new policy that allows and assists citizen use of the Bureau's properties. They happily cut the grass and sent bureau employees to join us, advising that with neighbor participation in support of the bureau efforts, more use and perhaps improvement of the site to the meet the needs of the neighborhood seem possible. They also provided some of us with an understanding of how vital the Water Bureau tanks are in terms of fire safety in our heavily wooded area South of



NNO provided an opportunity to make friends

I-5 neighborhoods and filled in history on the bureau's role in the BES water quality improvement project at the foot of 17th. Thank you, Commissioner Leonard's and Director Schaft's offices, for the help and support in making the picnic a success (see story and picture on page 8).



## Maplewood

Monday, September 11, 7 pm  
Friends School, 7426 SW 52nd

Anne-Marie Fischer, 503-452-4240,  
chair@maplewoodna.com

On Sunday, July 23, one of the hottest days of the year, Maplewood Neighborhood Association and Maplewood School joined forces and had the first annual Maplewood Summer Picnic and Ice Cream Social in the school yard at Maplewood School. This also was a part of the National Night Out events going on the first week of August.

Between 250 and 300 people came to enjoy the music and festivities. The band, the "Usual Suspects" got rave reviews by all. Ice cream bars, watermelon and popcorn as well as lots of cold refreshments were all donated and given out by volunteers.

The set-up crew headed by Chris Byrne provided lots of shade tents and John Blanck, principal of Maplewood School, set up a sprinkler for all to enjoy.

Children's activities were provided by both Lisa Reisman and the Maplewood School PTA and Jill Gaddis and Friends of Vermont Creek. A Japanese form of print making called "Gyotaku" was a big hit. It involves using a rubber salmon (not a real fish) to make a print of the fish. Face painting and making buttons were also fun.

The biggest hit of the day was when the firemen from Station 18 took their truck down to the lower field and started spraying out the water from their 500-gallon tank. People ran into the spray jumping with glee and having an unforgettable experience.

**Found:** Toy Story Wood Doll left behind at the Maplewood Social. He is recuperating at Anne-Marie Fischer's. If you know who this belongs to, please have them call Anne-Marie at 503-452-4240.

*Over 200 people attended the Maplewood Social which was held on one of the hottest days of the year!*

*To keep cool, neighbors tried sprinklers.....*

There were several informational booths set up for neighbors to browse that included "What 2 Can Do," a program that Vern Krist is starting that will deal with fixing small problems in the neighborhood like potholes. The PTA from Maplewood School had their designs for a new play structure. They will begin fundraising this fall.

We also had a raffle with some great prizes donated by local residents and artists and merchants that included massages, yoga classes and many gift certificates for restaurants and hotels. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you.

The picnic was a great success and it was all due to the countless hours that all the volunteers spent organizing and planning this event. Many thanks for a job well done. Bravo!

Other news, there was no August meeting of Maplewood NA. We all have been working very hard and needed a vacation. Meetings will resume in September. Board meetings are on the first Monday and membership meetings are on the second Monday of the month. The next MNA meeting is Monday, September 11, 7 pm, West Hills Friends Church, SW 52nd St.

Gary Swanson Davies has resigned as chair. He will continue to pursue the conservation easement on the SW Troy St property and remain involved in other community projects. Anne-Marie Fischer is acting chair. We will now be looking for a chair or co-chairs. Discussion will be at the September meeting and voting in October or November.



*When the sprinklers weren't enough, the Portland Fire Bureau Engine 18 came to the rescue and obliged by bringing out the hoses to cool everyone off!*



## Multnomah

Tuesday, September 12, 7 pm, Multnomah Center 7688 SW Capitol Hwy  
Brian Russell, 503-869-1632, barusse@hotmail.com

Multnomah Days... something for everyone

Whew! Another busy month in Multnomah! We had two great screenings of the Multnomah Outdoor Cinema, with over 300 people showing-up for our August 4th showing of Raiders of the Lost Ark. Be on the lookout for the cinema to move indoors this fall/winter.

Multnomah Days was wildly successful through the efforts of many of neighbors and village merchants. Watch for pictures to come soon.

There was a short discussion of the Sears US Army Reserve Center, which is being surplused by the Dept. of Defense through the Portland Development Commission to be developed. If you have ideas or input on how your think this property should be used, please come to our next meeting and share your thoughts.

We also heard from Deb Tolman's capstone class on environmental sustainability at a residential level. They shared their ideas for landscaping some local yards and how those ideas might work in other yards.

If you have anything you would like to see on the next meeting agenda, please call or email.



*80 entries in the parade made for great viewing (Loaves & Fishes does their version of the "Hokey-Pokey" top left Everyone settles down for a great movie, "The Goonies" over 300 attended the Outdoor Cinema bottom left Kids have fun with the inflatables (below)*

## Marshall Park

Thursday, September 14, 6 pm, at Marshall Park  
if rain Papaccino's Coffee House, 8421 SW Terwilliger Blvd  
Jen Seamans and Neil Blatner, 503-246-2434  
marshallparkna@yahoo.com

The next Marshall Park meeting promises to be an exciting one, so please plan to attend on September 14, at the park picnic tables. If it's raining, we will meet at Papaccino's Coffee House instead.

Hot topic for the next meeting is the relationship between MPNA and the park. Following up on previous MPNA meetings, on August 3rd citizens representing MPNA, Tryon Creek Watershed Council and SW Trails met with Portland Parks (PPR) to discuss the need to strengthen communication and move ahead with park planning. The next action to formalize MPNA's standing with PPR is a proposed Friends of Marshall Park subcommittee, akin to the model used in other SW parks. The subcommittee would enter into a stewardship agreement with PPR. Details will be sent on the email list before the meeting so that everyone can review what is being proposed. Contact the co-chairs if you're not on the email list and would like to receive it.

The other agenda items needing attention at the September meeting are MPNA bylaws, which need amendments to comply with new city standards, and our required annual election of officers. Proposed bylaw amendments will also be sent out via email in advance of the Sept. meeting.

Our Marshall Park invasive removal work party will not meet in September due to the Labor Day holiday. Enjoy, and we'll see you back on October 7th from 9 am to noon! We are also in need of crew leaders for a Marshall Park planting on Tuesday, October 10th. Contact the co-chairs for details.

Neighborhood email updates are sent out 1-2 times per month. Send a message to MarshallParkNA@yahoo.com or call the 503-246-2434. Also visit the MPNA website at <http://marshallpark.swni.org>.



## West Portland Park

Thurs., September 14, 7 pm,  
Markham School Library,  
10531 SW Capitol Hwy  
David Gens, 503-244-8043  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/wppna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/wppna)

The neighborhood association returns to Markham Elementary School Library for its monthly meetings. The association extends gratitude to Hospitality Inn for hosting past meetings. Updates and discussion shall be provided on land use, transportation, schools, public safety, parks, and SWNI board.

The key presentation shall be by Planning Resources, Inc. on proposed development of 15-site subdivision on 2.44 acres along westside of SW 42nd between Galeburn and Dickinson Steets which is zoned R7 and R7c (Pre-App. File # 06-135170). The city requires a Type III land division and Type II environmental review to divide this site. Three lots are proposed facing Galeburn and twelve lots facing 42nd Ave. A 0.64 acre common area is proposed mostly along the western perimeter of the twelve 42nd Ave. lots. Half-street improvements are proposed on 42nd Ave, Galeburn, & Dickinson. Planning Resources, Inc. is seeking community response and input on their proposal. Extensive portions of this property are currently zoned as Environmental Conservation (EC) zone which are proposed for development upon due to interpretation of Measure 37 impact on natural resource protection.

## South Burlingame

Monday, Sept. 11, 7 pm  
Burlingame Baptist Church, 125 SW Miles  
Sylvia Bogert, 503-823-4592

A great time was had by all who attended the National Night Out Parties. It was a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors and have a good time.



*Getting ready for the penny toss*

We will hold election of officers at our September meeting. If you or someone you know of is interested in holding one of the board positions, please plan to attend and let your voice be heard.

Sylvia Bogert, executive director for Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. will attend the meeting and give an update on services provided by the coalition and describe a new neighborhood grant opportunity.

## National Night Out gets neighbors together...



Turning Point, Neighborhood House's transitional housing program for homeless families, featured pony rides. Turning Point celebrated its 10th anniversary in conjunction with National Night Out

## National Night Out at Marigold Tank

by Tricia Knoll, Public Information, Water Bureau

On August 1st through August 5, neighborhood associations throughout Portland held "Nights Out" to reconnect neighbors with each other and discuss the role of neighborhood emergency teams in assisting neighbors during disasters.

Today the Markham neighborhood's picnic (wonderful food!) attracted 40 neighbors and police officers from SW Portland to the Marigold Tank on SW 17th just off Taylors Ferry Road. It also brought Water Bureau outreach folks eager to share information about Marigold Tank's role in the water system and to answer questions about water issues. We discussed the history of resource protection in the Bull Run Watershed -- several SW neighborhood coalition officers recently toured the watershed and had lots to say.

Water Bureau staff on hand were Tricia Knoll from the Public Information Office and Public Involvement Intern Jonah Willbach. They came prepared to answer questions about how water gets to Marigold Tank and to talk with neighbors about the site. Commissioner Randy Leonard is enthusiastically supporting opening up Water Bureau facilities for neighborhood use -- and this was a good example of that commitment. This was the first time the neighborhood has used the Marigold site...and we were glad that it turned out to be such a good site (with nice shady trees)

This easy exchange of ideas in the shaded comfort of the tank and the big firs around it is exactly what the goal is for "hydroparks" -- when water system resources also serve as community gathering spaces. The neighborhood association and the kids thought this was a perfect venue for a picnic -- and we hope they will be back.

Check out our website at [swni.org](http://swni.org) for more National Night Out pictures



Crestwood - Ashcreek residents enjoy the sun and beautiful views at Dickinson Park

Right and below, neighbors check out Portland Police ATV's at Carson Street NNO event



Arnold Creek Neighbors enjoy good food and fellowship



Kids enjoy new playground structure at CTLH picnic

## Great Scott!

Southwest Neighborhoods extends its congratulations to Officer Scott Westerman, Southwest's Neighborhood Response Team Officer (NRT), on making sergeant. Scott was honored at a swearing-in ceremony on August 10th.

Unfortunately, for us this means that Scott will no longer be our NRT Officer but he has promised to keep in touch.



### Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for 1st 6 months 2006

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	2	1	0	1	11	0	3	0	2	20	6.8
Ashcreek	0	0	0	1	2	6	0	0	6	0	5	0	4	24	5.1
Bridlemile	0	1	0	0	4	4	0	0	7	0	6	3	6	31	6.2
Collins View	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	64	0	33	114	55.5
CTLH	0	1	0	0	4	11	18	0	83	2	35	9	24	187	36.8
Crestwood	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	3.1	
Far Southwest	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	4	0	44	0	12	63	51.0
Hayhurst	0	1	1	0	3	6	2	0	12	0	5	2	7	39	7.5
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	4.5
Hillsdale	0	1	0	3	1	15	9	3	17	1	32	12	24	118	15.9
Homestead	0	0	1	0	2	2	6	0	32	2	69	7	9	130	50.9
Maplewood	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0	10	2	3	23	9.9
Markham	0	1	0	0	1	3	1	0	9	0	1	0	4	20	8.6
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	4	14.0
Multnomah	0	2	1	2	9	12	3	1	29	1	35	10	27	132	19.9
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	3	0	2	0	4	11	8.6
SW Hills	0	0	0	0	3	7	2	0	31	0	7	4	12	66	16.3
W Ptld Park	0	0	2	5	7	3	0	0	28	0	8	2	19	74	19.5
<b>Total SW</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1062</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>17.9</b>

## Are you ready for an emergency?

Information brought to you by the City of Portland Bureau of Emergency Communications "BOEC"

Please take a few moments to review the following information and evaluate your safety situation. This is an important investment of your time. When an emergency arises, the preparation you make now will help to minimize any further damages that could otherwise occur.

### When you dial 9-1-1:

Try to stay calm and carefully answer the emergency operator's questions. These questions are important! Emergency operators may provide you with instructions depending on the emergency. Be ready for them.

- If you are not in immediate danger, **stay on the line** until you are told to hang up.
- For medical emergencies, have someone ensure there is a clear path to the patient.
- Lock any pets into another room prior to emergency responders arriving on scene.
- If the call is at night, turn on an outside light to help locate your residence.
- If you use a cordless phone, teach EVERYONE to return it to its proper location so it is available in an emergency. Make sure babysitters and visitors know where your telephones are located for emergencies.

### Can your house numbers be clearly seen from the street, at night, and from both directions?

- Emergency responders need clearly marked numbers to quickly and accurately locate your residence.
- Clear away any bushes, branches or other items that might obscure your numbers.
- Place your house numbers near a light if possible.

Emergency responders can spend a lot of time trying to locate your residence if the numbers and house are not clearly marked. Do the driving test yourself at night. Drive by your residence and objectively observe if a stranger could easily locate your house. In an emergency, seconds count!

### Do you have your address and emergency contact numbers listed by your telephone?

Make sure the following crucial information is listed by your telephone. Having this ready will help ensure that children and visitors to your home have this information ready to provide the emergency call-taker.

- Exact address
- Nearest cross-street/cross-road
- Landmarks
- City or community you reside in
- Your emergency contact information where you can be reached

### Do your children know when and how to dial 9-1-1?

- Teach them when to call 9-1-1 and also teach them when not to call 9-1-1.
- If you have a cell phone, teach them how to dial your number after dialing 9-1-1.
- Babysitters should be instructed on emergency procedures and left with basic medical information should assistance be needed.
- Babysitters should be instructed where the parent can be reached at all times.
- Everyone in your home including, children, babysitters and visitors should know the location of every fire extinguisher in the home and how to use it
- Babysitters and visitors to your home should know where all the exits are.

### Caretakers or family members should be aware that elderly and disabled family members might not be familiar with the 9-1-1 system and what to expect when making a call.

- Make sure they know where each phone is in the home.
- Assist them in learning how to dial 9-1-1.
- Teach them about what to expect during a 9-1-1 call.
- Place clearly marked, in large print, their street address, city or community, nearest cross street, landmarks, and telephone number near the phone.
- Place emergency contact information of the primary care or family member near phone as well.

For more information about the BOEC, please visit our website at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/911/>. Or if you would like a presentation to your group, or have other questions about BOEC, please contact: Laura Wolfe, BOEC, [laura@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:laura@ci.portland.or.us). 503-823-4762.

## Citywide Landlord Forums

- Do you own or manage rental property in the City of Portland?
- Do you sometimes wish you had a peer group to problem-solve with?
- Would you like to meet and hear from informative speakers on topics that can assist you in keeping your rental property safe and livable?

Then YOU need to come to the Citywide Landlord Forums, at 6-8 pm on the following Thursdays, September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 21, at East Precinct Community Room, 737 SE 106th Avenue.

Each forum will have a networking time to meet each other, a speaker on a topic important to landlords, and time to discuss current concerns and problem-solve. Questions? Contact Rosanne Lee, Crime Prevention Coordinator at 503-823-3505 or email at [rosanne.lee@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:rosanne.lee@ci.portland.or.us).

## One-stop shopping... an amazing website to find out who to contact with your questions and concerns

Get that mouse rolling and visit: <http://www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?c=debhj>.

Whether you are concerned about abandoned vehicles, construction permits, trees and vegetation, noise, crime prevention, right-of-way and a whole host of other topics, this website will guide you to the right place to call and get your questions answered.

## Status report on Stations 18, 21, and 5

### Station 18

In a 1997 station location study, it was recommended to relocate Station 18 to improve the response times for the southern portions of the Station's Fire Management Zone (FMZ). A March 2006 location study confirmed that these findings are still applicable, so Portland Fire & Rescue is moving forward with relocating Station 18 from its current location at 8720 SW 30th to 10299 SW Barbur. A request for proposal (RFP) is underway to hire an architectural team. The Station Advisory Committee, (SAC) which contains representatives from all Southwest Portland neighborhoods, will participate in the selection of the firm. That will take approximately three months, then the design process starts. The construction is scheduled for completion for the end of 2007.



### Station 21

Per the 1997 station location study, Portland Fire & Rescue purchased property located at Beaverton Hillsdale/Shattuck Road to build Station 21. City Council directed Portland Fire & Rescue to conduct a more recent service delivery study, so in 2006, we contracted with Tri-data. That study proposed moving Station 5, rather than construction of Station 31, to improve coverage in Southwest Portland. However, the seismic upgrades for Station 5 have already been completed, so Portland Fire & Rescue is looking for an alternate solution. Currently, we are in discussions with TV&R to build and co-staff (much like we do with Gresham for Station 45) a fire station located near the city/county boarder. This would address both jurisdictions' coverage issues in the area. The area being looked at for this jointly-operated station is in the vicinity of Beaverton Hillsdale/Shattuck Road. If we pursue this alternative, the station would probably be completed in 2009.

### Station 5

Station 5's seismic upgrades and other renovations are completed, and the crew has moved back in to the facility. At this time, Portland Fire & Rescue is not considering relocating this station.

## Commissioner Erik Sten at SWNI Emergency Preparedness meeting

by Michael Kisor, Emergency Preparedness Committee Chair

Commissioner Erik Sten, who has the fire bureau in his portfolio, was our guest in August. He reported the latest planning on SW fire stations. Station 18 relocation (to 10299 SW Barbur) project is currently searching for architectural services; station completion is expected near the end of 2007. Station 21, which would be a new station, has been delayed and won't be completed before 2009. Being a new station, its greatest cost is staffing. To relieve the budgetary impact of adding a new station, Portland is looking to locate it near the city/county border and co-staff it with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (Portland has a similar sharing arrangement with Gresham for Station 45).

Commissioner Sten listened with interest as we described the advantages of dome architecture: its vastly superior seismic resilience, energy efficiency, and lower cost to build & maintain. And while we believe he will fully support the dome approach, we are very concerned that the city's project management process is extremely biased against domes. An architectural firm is being selected without regard for their experience or competence in working with or designing domes. The city's project manager will then look to that firm for advice about whether or not to build a dome. Architects lacking experience with domes (the majority) are unlikely to support them. Even if they're willing to learn, can we expect their work to be on par with architects who are experienced in dome designs? It would seem city bureaucracy has put the proverbial cart before the horse. First it should be decided whether or not to build a dome, then the appropriate kind of expert can be hired for the job. It's as foolish to hire a cobbler to shoe a horse, as it is to hire an inexperienced architect. Even with the support of two city commissioners (Sten & Saltzman), lower-level city bureaucracy may prove to be a significant obstacle to maximizing the seismic safety of our fire stations (and to saving taxpayer money).

If you would like to see domes given a fair opportunity to compete, ask Station 18 project manager Stephen Keller to hire an architectural firm with dome experience. Mr. Keller's eMail is [skeller@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:skeller@ci.portland.or.us) and his phone number is 503-823-6940. For information about disaster-resistant fire stations, visit: <http://fire.swni.org/>

## City Auditor seeks volunteers for the Citizen Review Committee

The Independent Police Review Division (IPR) of the Portland City Auditor's Office is accepting applications for volunteers to serve on the Citizen Review Committee (CRC).

The principal duties will include the following: reviewing samples of complaints to advise on complaint handling; working with IPR staff to conduct reviews of Portland Police Bureau (PPB) policies and procedures; serving as a member of the citizen pool for the PPB Use of Force and Performance Review Boards; making objective decisions when citizens or Police Bureau members appeal the results of police misconduct investigations; participating in orientation and training about policing; and gathering community concerns about police policies and procedures.

Candidates must be Portland residents or business owners, with a lack of real or perceived conflicts of interest, able to make a substantial time commitment, including monthly evening meetings of several hours. Due to access to confidential law enforcement records, candidates must be able to pass a criminal background check.

The application form is available in hardcopy from the IPR office at 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Room 320, Portland, OR 97204, or call 503-823-0146. Adobe PDF and Microsoft Word versions of the application form are available on the IPR web site at: [www.portlandonline.com/auditor/ipr](http://www.portlandonline.com/auditor/ipr).

Complete applications must be received by 5 pm on Friday, September 1, 2006 at the IPR Office in City Hall, Room 320, 1221 SW 4th Avenue, Portland, OR 97204. Questions may be addressed to Lauri Stewart at 503-823-0146. Every attempt will be made to select qualified persons who represent the demographic and ethnic diversity of Portland.

## Neighborhood House Senior Center

7688 SW Capitol Hwy., 503-244-5204 (Open 9 am - 3:30 pm, M-F)

### SEMINAR: Estate Planning Essentials for Everyone

Tuesday, September 12th, 1:00-2:30

Learn about legal documents that everyone needs. Everyone has an "estate" - no matter what you have acquired in life. This workshop will provide an overview of the terms, explain how to determine assets and cover will preparation strategies, living trusts, health-care documents, powers of attorney, guardianship and retirement issues. The presentation will be led by Richard Schneider whose law practice focuses entirely on estate planning law. He has been an attorney for over 24 years and is the co-author of *A Will Is Not Enough In Oregon*. Mr. Schneider is a member of the American Bar Association, the Oregon State Bar, the Washington State Bar Association, the Multnomah County Bar Association, the American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and Oregon Gerontological Association. In addition, he serves on the Advisory Council of OASIS and is affiliated with Elders in Action. For more information, please visit [www.rbsllc.com](http://www.rbsllc.com). Cost: free.

### Senior Recreation Classes at NHSC

**Paper Crafting:** Tuesday, Sept. 26 - Nov. 14, 9:30 - 11:30 am. Cost: \$18. CODE: 208719.

**Beg. Chinese Watercolor:** Wednesday, Sept. 27 - Nov. 29, 10 am - noon. Cost: \$22. CODE: 208840.

**Adv. Chinese Brush Art:** Wednesday, Sept. 27 - Nov. 29, 1 pm - 3 pm. Cost: \$22. CODE: 208842.

### Senior Studies Institute at NHSC:

**Wednesdays 10 am - noon**

**Breathe! - Alfred Lee:** Sept. 13. Class members will be taught how to improve health, to help heal the body, to enhance one's performance and creativity.

**Opera Season Preview - Alexis Hamilton:** Sept. 20. An introduction to the four operas on Portland's opera season 2006-07.

**U-2:** Sept. 27, former U-2 pilot Bob Mungler will present an unclassified program on the infamous spy plane from its inception in 1954 to present-day operations.

**Wednesday, 12:30 - 3:00**

**Playreading:** Sept. 13 - Nov. 15.

**Thursday 10 am - noon**

**Current Events:** Sept. 14 - Nov. 16.

**Global and local newsworthy events read and discussed.**

**Science & Religion:** Sept. 14, 28, Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 9.

**A discussion of Chet Raymos' *Skeptics and True Believers* led by Jack Mitchell:** Thursday 1 - 3 pm.

**Global Warming- Bill Gucker:** Sept. 14 and 21. Discussion of global warming of the Arctic, the Tropics, the oceans and the Pacific Northwest.

**End of Life Choices - George Eighmey:** Sept. 28. A program of Compassion & Choices of Oregon which is working to protect the rights of the terminally ill.

### Programs & Services for Adults 55+

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

**BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING:** Second Thursday, Sept. 14, 10 - 11: am. Free

**QIGONG CLASSES:** Monday, 10 - 11 am. Free.

**SENIOR LAW PROJECT:** 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Sept. 12th & 27nd. Appointments begin at 9 am. This service is available to you if either you or your spouse is 60+ years of age and are residents of Multnomah Co. The initial 30-minute consultation is free, regardless of your income. Further assistance may be available for those meeting income guidelines. Local attorneys donate their time for this valuable service. To make an appointment, call 503-244-5204.

**FOOT CLINIC:** Third Wed., Sept. 20th, 9 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$27. Reservations fill up quickly. Make an appointment by calling 503-244-5204. *NOTE: Starting in October, the Foot Clinic will be held on the 2nd Wed. of the month.*

**ACUPUNCTURE:** Mondays. Appointment and payment in advance required. \$45 for first visit; \$35 for subsequent visits.

**LOW-VISION SUPPORT & DISCUSSION GROUP:** Third Tues., Sept. 9th, 11 am - noon.

**FALUN GONG:** Mondays, 1 - 2 pm. Free.

**STABILITY BALL & YOGA:** Tues., 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Thurs., 9:10 - 10:10 am. Fee: \$3.

**YOGA:** Fri. 10 - 11:30 am. Fee \$3/session.

**RHYTHMIC EXERCISE:** Tues., 10:15 - 11:15 am. Thurs., 10:15 - 11:15 am. Fee: \$3 session.

**CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP:** Fourth Tues., Sept. 26th, 5 - 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call 503-244-5204.

**CONVERSATION CIRCLE:** Wed., 1:30 - 2:15 pm.

**MASSAGE:** Tues. afternoons. Appointments and advance payment required. Fee: \$27 for 30-minute sessions.

### SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP

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

## Volunteers bring Neighborhood House garden to life

by Kim Christiansen, Neighborhood House Development Coordinator

Some saw a dirt plot full of weeds and rocks next to the Neighborhood House building in the heart of Multnomah Village. But Payal Razdan saw the makings of a lush garden and took it upon herself to make it grow.

Since June, the enterprising young Portland State University student has spent about 150 hours planting, weeding and pruning the wide variety of vegetables found in the garden, which is being shared with people who receive emergency food boxes at Neighborhood House, Southwest Portland's primary social service agency.

As a volunteer for the Food Box Program, Razdan wanted to increase the amount of fresh produce available to recipients, particularly seniors. "I wanted to grow as much as possible so people can have extra if they want, and also advocate healthy food," said Razdan, who has kept the garden entirely organic - save for a small amount of Miracle Gro.

Razdan has had considerable help from John Gunn, a Food Box Program volunteer who's quite handy with a rototiller. "I dig beds and water," Gunn said of the garden, which is chock-full of tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, cucumbers, eggplant, zucchini, corn, and five kinds of lettuce.

Once Razdan decided to plant, she set about fundraising in order to buy much-needed fertilizer and some vegetable starts. "I raised \$87 in 30 minutes," she said, referring to donations from Village Frame & Gallery, Le Meitour Gallery, Beyond Borders and Fat City Cafe in Multnomah Village.

Razdan is picking the produce and bagging it for distribution on Tuesdays and Thursdays through the Food Box Program. Neighborhood House also receives donations from the community gardens at Gabriel and Fulton parks. Last year, community gardens generated about 11,000 pounds of produce for agencies such as Neighborhood House. Farmers from the Hillsdale Farmer's Market also donated nearly 15,000 pounds of food to the agency.



Volunteer Payal Razdan picks lettuce in the lush garden she has planted and nurtured at Neighborhood House. The produce will be distributed to people served by the agency's Emergency Food Box Program.

**SEPTEMBER TRIPS**  
Senior Center membership required  
Call 503-244-5204 for more information.

**BOB'S RED MILL:** 1:30-4:30, Tuesday, September 5th. Cost: free! Registration begins August 28th. Bob's Red Mill produces delicious whole-grain baking mixes and bakery items. Come see their visitor center, which features a functioning water wheel, displays of historic milling equipment, and a working stone mill!

**CANNON BEACH:** 9 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, September 13th. Cost: \$13.75 + money for lunch. Registration begins September 1st. Explore Cannon Beach as the leaves are starting to turn! Visit the shops along Hemlock Street, have an ice cream cone, eat lunch at one of the cafes, and of course we'll stop at the beach front.

**SENIOR SAFARI:** 9:00-3:00, Tuesday, September 19th. Cost: free + money for lunch. Registration begins September 1st. A special day of free admission and train rides for seniors at the Oregon Zoo. Refreshments, petting zoo, animal talks, live music and entertainment by seniors. This trip requires lots of walking, so participants must be mobile and able to walk on their own.

**BONNEVILLE DAM AND HATCHERY:** 9:30 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, September 27th. Cost: \$9.50 + \$ for lunch. Registration begins September 1st. Take a drive up the beautiful Columbia Gorge to visit the Bonneville Dam and Fish Hatchery. Take a tour of the dam and explore the grounds at the fish hatchery. (Bring quarters to purchase fish food.) Lunch at the Char Burger in Hood River.

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# Library events, emergency preparedness, etc.

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

### FOR FAMILIES

**Toddler Storytime:** For children 24-36 months. Thursdays beginning September 14, 10:15-10:45 am.

**Preschool Storytime:** For children 3-6 years. Thursdays beginning September 14, 11:15-11:45 am.

**Tiny Tots:** For children 12-24 months. Fridays beginning September 15, 10:15-10:45 am.

**Book Babies:** For children 0-12 months with adult. Saturdays beginning September 16, 10:15-10:45 am.

**Three Giraffes Gruff:** This spin on the traditional tale has three giraffe brothers needing to cross the bridge to get yummy leaves to eat. The only problem is the Mean Red Buzzard that guards the bridge. Free tickets for seating will be available 30 minutes prior to the program. Sat., September 16, 2:30-3:15 pm.

**Pajama Time:** Wear your pajamas and join us for a camping-themed family storytime! Storytime will include stories, songs and a small craft. Wed., September 20, 7-7:30 pm.

**Cuentos y Cantos:** Enjoy this bilingual presentation of stories and songs that get children speaking, singing, shouting and laughing in Spanish and English. Thu., September 28, 3:30-4:15 pm.

### FOR KIDS AND TEENS

**Illuminate Your Initial:** Using medieval manuscripts as a guide, create individual illuminated initials using paint, cut-out papers and metallic leaf. Make a decorated letter (suitable for framing) to take with you. Thu., September 7, 3:30-5:30 pm.

**Read to the Dogs:** Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs. Registration required; call 503-988-5385. Sat., September 23, 10 am-noon.

**Spies and Stormbreakers:** Learn secret codes and other tricks of the spy trade and find out more about Alex Rider, teen spy! For grades 5-8. Free tickets for seating will be available 30 minutes prior to the program. Sat., September 23, 2:30-3:30 pm.

### FOR ADULTS

**Pageturners:** Engage in stimulating conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plot, and get to know your neighbors. Thu., September 7, 1:30-2:30 pm. Read *The Kitchen Boy* by Robert Alexander. Tue., September 12, 7-8 pm. Read *The Adventures of Augie March* by Saul Bellow.

**Talk Time:** An informal conversation circle for non-native speakers to practice speaking English. This is not a class, but an opportunity to meet new people, share your culture and have fun. Only English will be spoken. Sign up in advance at the library, or just come to any session. Tuesdays, 12:30-2 pm. (except September 5)

### COMPUTER CLASSES

**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. You must register and attend all three sessions; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234. Wednesdays, September 6, 13 and 20, 10 am-noon.

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

### FOR FAMILIES

**Story Stop:** For children 0-6 years with adult. Mondays through Thursdays, 11:30-11:45 am (except Sept. 4).

**Tiny Tots:** For children 12-24 months with adult. Mondays, 10:15-11 am (except Sept. 4).

**Preschool Storytime:** For children 3-6 years with adult. Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45 am (except Sept. 5).

**Toddler Storytime:** For children 24-36 months with adult. Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 am (except Sept. 6 and 27).

**Book Babies:** For children 0-12 months with adult. Thursdays, 10:15-11 am (except Sept. 7).

**The No. 1 Hillsdale Knitting Society:** Learn basic knitting skills or get help with an existing project. For children 5 years and older as well as adults. Sat., Sept. 9, 10 am-noon.

**Tissue Paper Collage:** Create transparent works of art with bright tissue paper. See what unusual shapes appear in the collages such as fish, birds and animals. Free tickets for seating will be available at the reference desk 30 minutes prior to the program. Sat., Sept. 23, 11 am-1 pm.

### FOR KIDS AND TEENS

**Read to the Dogs:** Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs. Registration required; call 503-988-5388. Sat., Sept. 9 and 23, 10 am-noon.

### FOR ADULTS

**Intercambio/Language Exchange:** Engage in conversation with native English speakers who want to practice their Spanish and with native Spanish speakers who want to practice their English. There will be time for conversation in both languages. Conversación para los hablantes nativos de inglés y español que quieren mejorar el segundo idioma. Habrá tiempo para conversar en ambos idiomas. Tuesdays/martes, 6:15-7:45 pm.

**The September Project 2006: "Privacy and the Public Good" Discussion:** Join in a moderated discussion of privacy and the public good. Talk about the issues of privacy and the values and policy considerations that sometimes have to be weighed against privacy protections. Mon., Sept. 11, 6:30-7:45 pm.

**Pageturners:** Engage in stimulating conversation about books. Tue., Sept. 12, 6:30-7:45 pm, read *The Secret Life of Bees* by Sue Monk Kidd; Thu., Sept. 21, 12:30-2 pm, read *March* by Geraldine Brooks.

### COMPUTER CLASSES

**TechnoHosts:** Search the Web, play educational CD-ROM games, and look up materials. Use the library's online databases and guides and practice basic computer skills. Sun., 12:30-4:30 pm. Thurs., 1-3 pm.

**Computer Lab:** Assistants help beginners practice their computer skills. Sun., 2:30-4:30 pm.

**Windows & Web for Beginners\*:** Combines web basics and computer basics. Learn basic terms, functions, and introductory Internet skills — including how to use the library home page. Sat., Sept. 9, 3:30-5 pm.

**Excel II\*:** Prerequisite Excel I or spreadsheet experience. Learn more complex skills such as formulas and sort options using Microsoft Excel 2000. Sat., Sept. 16, 3:30-5:30 pm.

**Cyber Seniors Computer Classes:** 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. Must register and attend all three sessions; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234. Mon., Sept. 18 and 25, October 2, 1-3 pm.

**Web Basics\*:** Learn about the World Wide Web and practice entering web addresses. Need to be comfortable using a keyboard and a mouse. Wed., Sept. 20, 3:30-5 pm.

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

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## Picturing Here - Multnomah Arts Center Community Outreach Project

Youth Art Exhibition & Reception

Saturday, Sept. 30th, 6 pm

Multnomah Arts Center Auditorium

7688 SW Capitol Hwy

*Picturing Here* participants created artwork based on their perception of their community. Ages of participants were from age 8 through 19.

Join us in a celebration of the artists and their artwork. Meet our partnering non-profit organizations and learn what they do for the community. Refreshments served. Enjoy a dance performance by the NAYA Family Center Native American Dancers!

Watch for the touring show of *Picturing Here* this fall at City Hall and at other locations to be announced.

Want to know more about this project? Contact Project Director Nicole Rawlins, [Nicole@pknr@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:Nicole@pknr@ci.portland.or.us)



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## Calling all gardeners!

**MEN & WOMEN:** You are invited to join the Multnomah Garden Club, the oldest club in the Portland district.

Our first meeting for this coming year will be a potluck at:

**6:30 pm, September 14, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 3405 SW Alice St.**

We meet each month on the second Thursday, at 7 pm. Speakers, hands-on garden projects, questions and some answers provide interesting meetings.

If you are interested, please call Nancy Ebsen, 503-650-7280, or Sandra Riegler, 503-557-2373, for more information.



## Office of Neighborhood Involvement and Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc announces the

# Neighborhood Grant Program 2006-2007

City Council allocated \$200,000 for a neighborhood grants program in the 2006-2007 Office of Neighborhood Involvement budget. A long-time priority for the neighborhood system has been the ability to implement a neighborhood grants program that would allow community organizations an opportunity to build their capacity, attract new members and sustain those that are currently involved.

### Neighborhood Grants Program:

As part of Portland's Neighborhood Grants program, up to \$25,140 will be made available to neighborhood and community-based organizations in the Southwest Portland area. Grants will be awarded through a competitive process.

The following information will answer questions about project goals, selection criteria, and requirements. Applications will be available September 1, 2006.

### Eligibility:

1. Applicant must have nonprofit status, be a government entity or have sponsorship from one of the above as a fiscal agent. (Neighborhood Associations and community groups would be required to apply to their coalition or another nonprofit for fiscal sponsorship for proposed projects.)
2. Projects must take place in and benefit the residents of the area.
3. Each project must include an evaluation component.

### General Overview:

All projects:

- must benefit the residents of the area.
- should demonstrate an ability to expand the capacity of the neighborhood system.
- are encouraged to establish partnerships amongst neighborhood associations and other community-based organizations.
- are encouraged to provide opportunities for under-represented communities to become engaged in the neighborhood system.
- are encouraged to re-invigorate the neighborhood system.

### Deadline for proposals:

Proposals are due no later than November 1, 2006. Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Applications may be submitted in person or by mail to: Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., 7688 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland, OR 97219.

General questions may be directed to Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., Executive Director Sylvia Bogert at 503-823-4592 or by sending an email to [sylvia@swni.org](mailto:sylvia@swni.org).

### Funds cannot be used for:

- Direct grants, scholarships or loans for the benefit of specific individuals
- Loans or debt retirement
- Annual appeals, general fund drives.
- Emergency funding

## Mayor Potter

invites neighborhood chairs and leaders to share wisdom Greetings!

You have all been waiting with baited breath to share your wisdom and experience. The time is now!!!

Mayor Potter would like to invite you to join him to talk about the future of Portland, community participation and our form of government.

**Saturday, September 16th  
8:30 am to 2:30 pm**

You will have the opportunity to talk to each other about what kind of city you want, what role you want to have in shaping it and what type of government we should have to implement it. As promised - there will be plenty of time included for you to share your successes and experiences with each other.

As leaders in your community and the City of Portland, you have a wealth of information and experience to add to these discussions. Please join us in shaping the future of Portland.

Location to be announced. Please RSVP by September 9th to Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, Policy Manager, Neighborhoods and Education, 503-823-4277.

## Invitation for Free Grant Workshop

In order to ensure community-based organizations of all sizes and capacities have an opportunity to apply for this grant, interested parties may attend one of three free grant workshops sponsored by the City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood Involvement. These sessions will help answer questions about the application, the committee review process, use of funds and provide technical assistance for actual grant writing.

Grant applications will be available at the workshops. Participation in one of these workshops is strongly recommended though not required.

**September 14th 6:30-9 pm  
Southeast Uplift; 3534 SE Main- Fireside Meeting Room**

**September 20th 6:30-9 pm  
East Portland Neighborhood Office; 1017 NE 117th Ave**

**September 28th 6:30-9 pm  
Portland Building; 1105 SW 5th Ave; 2nd Floor Auditorium**

Please register for the grant workshop by calling Brian Hoop at the Office of Neighborhood Involvement at 503-823-3075 or send an email to [bhoop@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:bhoop@ci.portland.or.us).

# September 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 9:00 AM Gabriel Pk Ivy Pull
3 10:00 AM Hillside Farmers Market	4 SWNI CLOSED	5 6:00 PM CTLH Trans/Plng Comm 7:00 PM Homesend NA	6 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM CTLH Board 7:00 PM Hillside NA	7 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	8	9 9:00 AM Trail Walk
10 10:00 AM Hillside Farmers Market	11 5:30 PM ONI BAC 7:00 PM Ashbrook NA 7:00 PM Maplewood NA 7:00 PM Mult Historical 7:00 PM S Burlingame	12 11:30 AM SW Bus Assoc 6:00 PM Bridlemile Ck Stewards/Ham Pk Wkpty 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Marham NA 7:00 PM Multnomah NA 7:00 PM Far SW NA	13 7:00 PM Bridlemile NA 7:00 PM Crestwood NA	14 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 6:30 PM Free Grant Workshop 6:30 PM Multnomah Garden Club Pathack 7:00 PM Emergency Preparedness Committee 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	15	16 8:30 AM Mayor Potter/NA Chairs Talk 9:00 AM Woods Park Work Party*
17 10:00 AM Hillside Farmers Market	18 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm 7:15 PM CTLH Land Use	19 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	20 8:30 AM Hillside B & P 6:30 PM Free Grant Workshop 7:00 PM CTLH Parks & Gmswy	21 6:00 PM Citywide Land-board Forum 7:00 PM SWNI Schools Committee	22	23
24 10:00 AM Hillside Farmers Market	25	26 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/Public Safety Mtg	27 7:00 PM CTLH Communications/Finance 7:00 PM SWNI Board	28 8:00 AM Mult Village Bus 6:30 PM Free Grant Workshop 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	29	30 6:00 PM MAC Outreach Project

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](mailto:swni123@spiritone.com).

## Neighborhood Tree Liaison program

A Neighborhood Tree Liaison is a local leader who promotes proper tree care and serves as a resource for their neighborhood on tree issues. To become a Neighborhood Tree Liaison you do not need to know a lot about trees. You do need to have a passion for trees, desire to learn, and the commitment to help. Classes are taught by leading tree care professionals and cover general and advanced tree issues. After graduating from the class, Neighborhood Tree Liaisons work on tree projects in their neighborhood.

The 2006 Neighborhood Tree Liaison class starts on September 9 and costs \$20. For a full schedule or to register call Karl Dawson, Urban Forestry Education and Outreach Specialist, 503-823-1650 or visit [www.portlandparks.org](http://www.portlandparks.org).

## Join the Urban Trails Walk Saturday, September 9, 9 am

The walk will be led by Don Baack on the south section of Trail No. 6. The starting point is Wilson High School and the ending point in Lake Oswego and passes many interesting points.

Walk 8 - 9 miles with 700 - 800-ft elevation gain.

We will return to Wilson by bus so bring money or bus ticket for transportation.

Meet behind the Wilson HS bleachers (Sunset Blvd & Capitol Hwy).

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