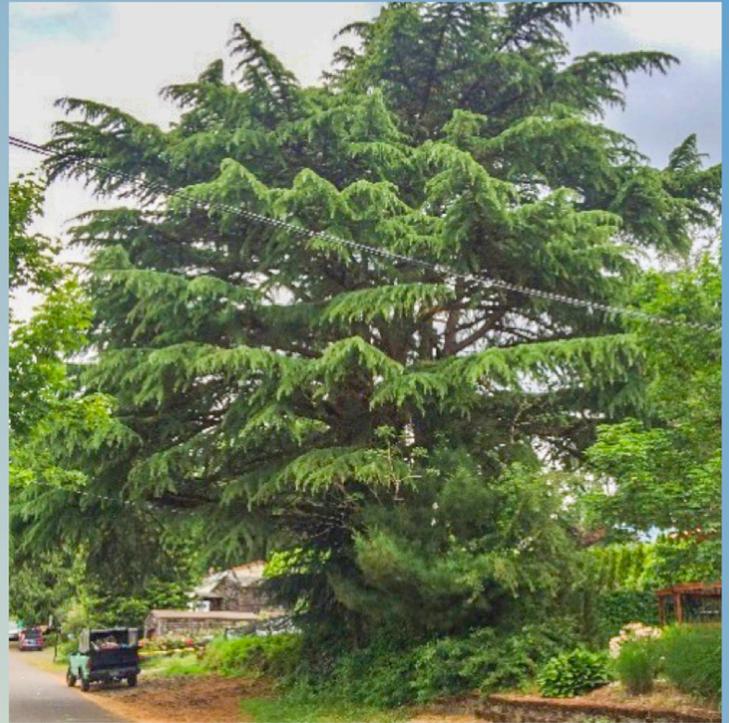


Multnomah Neighborhood Association

Multnomah Tree Team

The neighborhood lost this majestic Deodora Cedar and has been losing scores of other mature trees to the frenetic demolition and redevelopment that seem rampant throughout Portland in recent years. Alarmed and anguished by such huge losses to the neighborhood's character, air and soil quality, shade, pollinator habitat, and sheer beauty, many Multnomah folks formed a Tree Team under our Portland Tree Steward Emma Dugan. The team created a database of street trees, and members are conducting a drive to nominate these and dozens of others on private property as Heritage Trees, ensuring their protection for future generations. This effort will continue this year and next.



Southwest Capitol Hwy Subcommittee

Improvements to SW Capitol Hwy from the Village viaduct to Barbur Blvd have languished for over two decades, posing serious threats to pedestrians, cyclists, TriMet

riders, and drivers, but bureaucratic will and funding have been lacking to mitigate the risks. Under Chair Chris Lyons, Multnomah NA has made substantial progress through its SW Capitol Hwy Subcommittee of 200+ local residents. In 2016, the neighborhood successfully advocated for a \$3.3M earmark in gas-tax revenues from Portland's Fixing Our Streets program. With a sizeable portion of needed funding secured, the Subcommittee has brought together PBOT and BES staff to collaborate with residents (see photo) in an unofficial project citizen advisory committee. In December, Multnomah unanimously adopted a set



of design preferences and is working with the City to incorporate them into the project before construction begins in 2019.

Multnomah Days Outreach in August: Marching & Schmoozing

We carried signs and chanted "Don't tear it down!" and "Save our trees!" as we marched in the Multnomah Days parade to raise awareness that the City plans to allow multi-unit housing on all Multnomah residential properties, unless we can stop the so-called "Middle Housing" policy from going into effect. After the parade, NA members Jim Peterson, Houston Markley, Ellen Gentry, Leslie Hammond, were on hand at our booth to talk about the planning bureau's "housing opportunity zoning overlay" map and its implications for SW neighborhoods. These efforts yielded almost \$250 in donations and prompted a later anonymous donation of \$10,000 for the NA to lodge objections to the "Middle Housing" policy once the land use and development state agency approves the 2035 Comprehensive Plan adopted by City Council at the end of last year.

