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We welcome questions,
comments or concerns.

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Join us for the Annual SWHRL Picnic at Strohecker's

When: Sunday, August 17, 1-4pm

Where: Portland Heights Park at Strohecker's, 2855 SW Patton Rd.

Come enjoy free food from 1-3pm, courtesy of Strohecker's, music, sunshine (we put in our request), and greet your neighbors. Bring lawn chairs or a blanket. A representative from TriMet will be there to discuss TriMet service, so come tell him what we need.

Next SWHRL Board meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 6:30-8:30pm,
Ascension Chapel, 1823 SW Spring Street. Anyone is welcome to attend.

Emergency Radios:

What happens when there is a school shooting?

Desperate parents immediately get on their cell phones to get information about their children, the cell phone system is overloaded and crashes. Imagine the frustration! Similarly, if there is an earthquake or a strong storm, contacting neighbors or family to get help will be difficult or impossible. The system will probably be down.

What **is** likely to work is a set of Family Radio Service (FRS) radios.

Although they typically have a short range of perhaps one mile or less, usually you can get information or help using one. You can use it to relay information to its intended source.

No license is needed. They work like a walkie-talkie, running on batteries. They do not use towers or any other physical infrastructure, which is why they are so invaluable in an emergency.

These phones, sold in a set of two, are available from many hardware stores at a cost of about \$70.00 per pair. Having a set can give you great peace of mind.

Kelly Reece, NET team leader, SWH NETs

Land Use

5409 SW Patton Road Pre-Application Conference held 7-1-14

EA 14-165630

Type III Land Division, Proposed 6-lots with new private street in urban pocket of unincorporated Multnomah County, corner of SW Patton and SW 55th Ave.

Site zoning: R20 Residential 20,000 with Environmental conservation (c) and protection (p) zones, landslide hazard zone, springs and seeps.

<http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bds/42263>

Ongoing Quest for SWHRL History

We've had good response so far to our call for SWHRL history, but we're always looking for more - old photos of Portland Heights, stories about your home, your neighborhood, and the people who have lived in it. If you or someone you know is a repository of old stories, or has experience documenting history, please contact Jim Breithaupt or Nancy Seton.

Jim Breithaupt: jlbellow@comcast.net (503) 688-9174

Nancy Seton: nancyseton@comcast.net (503) 224-3840

Old Orchard Trail Fund

SWHRL is still holding \$225 in a fund originally intended for an "Old Orchard Trail." We hear that PBOT may be nearing a solution to issues that had held up work on the trail, so we need to start thinking about how to use the funds.

Please call or email SWHRL with your contact details so we can organize meetings.

Contact Your Neighborhood Association SWHRL

If you have ideas for SWHRL forums/meetings, or for neighborhood projects, if you'd like to become a member of SWHRL, receive our newsletters, volunteer to help with the website or newsletter, if you have issues you'd like to bring before the SWHRL Board, please contact SWHRL at:

www.swni.org/swhrl, swhrl@swni.org

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