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Join us at the next SWHRL quarterly forum

When: Wednesday, October 15, 6:30-8:30pm

Where: Ainsworth Elementary School, 2425 SW Vista Ave.

Please join us for a lively discussion of the November 2014 ballot measures led by Norm Turrill from League of Women Voters. In addition, a representative from Portland's Bureau of Planning and Sustainability will give a briefing and answer questions on recommended zoning changes in the West Hills. There are several sites within Portland Heights that are proposed for down-zoning ("down-designation") from Residential to Open Space. Also zoning around Strohecker's could be changed from Neighborhood Commercial to Mixed Use-Dispersed. For details, see the Map App on the BPS website: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/496803>. Planners are soliciting feedback from neighbors, so we need your comments. You can comment online as well.

Neighborhood picnic a success

This year the weather goddess smiled on us and we had a good turnout at our annual picnic on August 20 in the park at Strohecker's. Thanks to Strohecker's for BBQ and ice cream! A fine jazz trio entertained us. Tamara Layden from the Backyard Habitat Certification Program and Kelly Reece, Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) leader and husband John hosted display tables, as did TriMet Senior Planner Tom Mills, who fielded questions on TriMet service plans. And a neighborhood officer from the Portland Police Bureau put in a friendly appearance.

Important new bus service proposals for SWHRL

October 24 survey deadline

TriMet is proposing service improvements and some route changes that could have a dramatic effect in our area, giving people more transportation options and helping to reduce traffic jams on neighborhood streets. The full proposal and survey link are available at

<http://future.trimet.org/southwest>. The key proposals for our neighborhood include:

- Merging line 51 with line 39 to provide a direct route connecting Lewis & Clark College, Hillsdale and Goose Hollow through the heart of the SWHRL neighborhood;
- Re-routing line 55 to go from Raleigh Hills along Hamilton and then up Shattuck and Patton, continuing down Patton and Vista along the same route as the new line 39;
- Re-routing line 56 along Scholls Ferry Road through Sylvan to provide a direct connection between the Washington Park/Zoo MAX and Washington Square Mall via Raleigh Hills.

These proposals would provide important new connections, making the bus a more useful option for commuting or errands. But there are many uncertainties. First, **changes will come only if TriMet hears from us**. Read the proposal. Look at the maps. Make your voice heard.

Upcoming Friends of Marquam Nature Park work parties

Join your neighbors and meet new friends as we work to keep this natural resource pristine.

- **Saturday, Sept 27th:** Trail maintenance - Meet at 9:00 at the Upper Marquam Trailhead on SW Marquam Hill Rd.
- **Saturday, October 11th:** Parke Diem Citywide volunteer event. Meet at 9:00 at the Marquam Shelter to pull ivy.
- **Tuesday, October 14th:** Trail work. Meet at 9:00 at the Marquam Shelter.
- **Saturday, October 25th:** No Ivy Day. Meet at the Marquam Shelter to pull ivy.

If you volunteer, please wear long pants, long sleeves, sturdy shoes, and appropriate outerwear. We work rain or shine. We supply gloves and tools, or you can bring your own. Snacks and water are provided, but please bring a water bottle. For more information, see <http://www.fmnp.org/>

Searching for SWHRL neighborhood history

Share your stories and old photos of Portland Heights, stories about your home, your neighborhood, and the people who have lived in it. Contact Jim Breithaupt or Nancy Seton.

- Jim Breithaupt: jibfellow@comcast.net (503) 688-9174
- Nancy Seton: nancyseton@comcast.net (503) 224-3840

Jim continues to discover fascinating neighbors, including Michael Munk, author of "The Portland Red Guide," "Red" as in "pinkos"; and Steven Josefsberg, former photography gallery owner, whose father Milt wrote and produced for Jack Benny, Bob Hope, Lucille Ball, All in the Family. Watch for upcoming stories on the SWHRL website and in our E-Viewpoints newsletter.

Mom's group forms in our neighborhood

A new neighbor recently started a mom's group. To find out more, look for the Southwest Hills Moms Group on social networking site NextDoor (<https://southwesthillsor.nextdoor.com>). NextDoor is a great way to find out what is happening in our area and connect with neighbors. The more of us who use it, the better tool it becomes.

Contact your neighborhood association

The SWHRL Neighborhood Association, through its volunteer Board elected by the membership, works to preserve and enhance the livability of the neighborhood. We organize social events, such as the annual picnic, and the quarterly forums with speakers on topics such as landslides, aging in place, neighborhood history, landscaping for watershed health, ballot measures, candidates running for office, and emergency preparedness, to name a few.

Via its website www.swni.org/swhrl and newsletters, SWHRL alerts residents to events and issues which may affect the neighborhood. You can sign up for the SWHRL e-mail newsletter on our website. SWHRL also helps neighbors express their concerns to the city on issues related to land use and zoning, traffic, transportation and parking, crime and safety, nuisances and conflict resolution, education, and social welfare. In order to do this, we need to know what your concerns are. If you have ideas for SWHRL forum/meeting topics, or for neighborhood projects, if you'd like to become a member of SWHRL, receive our newsletters, if you have issues you need help with, please contact SWHRL at swhrl@swni.org or call Nancy Seton, 503-224-3840.

Help us reduce costs, save trees

One of our largest costs as an organization is the printing and mailing of this newsletter. Each neighbor who switches to the electronic newsletter helps make our organization more cost effective. If you would like to stop receiving this printed newsletter, email us at swhrl@swni.org.

Donations welcome!

We welcome your donations to SWHRL, which help pay for the newsletter and neighborhood activities. Contributions are tax-deductible if checks are made out to Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., which is a 501(c)(3), with a note: "For SWHRL." Mail to Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., 7688 SW Capitol Highway, Portland, OR 97219. Or checks may be mailed directly to SWHRL, P.O. Box 1033, Portland, OR 97207.

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