Last month Portland’s Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) voted to recommend a new Comprehensive Plan to City Council. With the release of the PSC’s Recommended Draft on August 24, 2015, Portlanders are invited to review the draft and submit their testimony to City Council.

At the request of the PSC, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) incorporated a list of amendments to improve the plan’s ability to address housing, transportation, environmental health, equity and economic prosperity, human and community involvement.

The Recommended Draft also includes a revised Map App, which allows community members to click on or search for a specific property.

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The Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) and Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) are pleased to offer another year of the City of Portland’s Neighborhood Small Grants Program. We invite neighborhood associations and community-based organizations in Portland to apply. This year a total of $10,676 is available to neighborhood and community organizations in the Southwest Neighborhood coalition area. Grant funding range is from $200 to $2,000.

For more information please contact, SWNI Executive Director Sylvia Bogert at 503-823-4592 or sylvia@swni.org.

Southwest Corridor Plan online comment period begins mid-October

The Southwest Corridor Plan (SWCP) is being developed by local agency partners as well as local communities, including Portland to identify high-capacity transit alignments as well as roadway, bicycle and pedestrian projects that can help reduce congestion and improve quality of life in the vicinity of Barbur and I-5, between Portland and Tualatin, via Tigard.

The partners are developing a Preferred Package to study further in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement. In July, the SWCP Steering Committee decided to remove tunnel options for accessing OHSU and Hillsdale Town Center. On October 12, the Steering Committee will decide whether to access Portland Community College’s Sylvania Campus via light rail tunnel.

Register: swni.org/stormwater or 503-823-2862

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• reduce flooding
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Start at Starbucks to pick up your walking map, and parents can get a complimentary cup of coffee!

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Saturday OCT 31st
3:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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Comprehensive Plan. Community members may call 503-823-0195, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Staff will be on hand to answer questions; interpretation services are also available for those whose first language is not English.

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The 2014-2015 SW Neighborhoods, Inc., board officers are Sam Pearson, President; Leonard Gard, Program Manager; Jennifer Seamans, Watershed Center Manager; Contact: Will Fuller, SWNI Schools Chair, Register online today: swni.org/schools

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Arnold Creek NA is operating in a caretaker mode until the next annual meeting in February ’17 when a new board will be elected. There are eight people on the current ACNA board and individual board members are stepping up to handle all the tasks that are required to keep the NA running smoothly over the next few months, facilitating really long-term improvements. The NA is attending SWNI committee meetings and so on.

Dorothy Gage is the official contact for ACNA and Irene is handling all the communications that the NA receives from the city, fellow NAs and other groups. Thank you, Irene! Many thanks also to Jim Mullins who stepped up to run our September general meeting and did a great job of facilitating in a competent and very welcoming manner. The agenda was covered and the meeting ended early—which may be a first.

At the September meeting Maripat Hensel reported on the very successful National Night Out celebration. The event was well attended and the silent auction made enough money to cover all of ACNA’s expenses. Great job, Maripat! And thanks to all the other NNO volunteers who helped.

The construction work on the Southwest Corridor project is about to begin, as this article is written and by the time the SWNI News is published that will be true. There will be disruptions and delays but in the end pedestrian connectivity and safety on this stretch of street will be much improved.

Tryon Life Farm is holding an Apple Fest on October 10 from 2-5 with activities for all ages, including an apple pie cooking contest (samples for spectators), hard apple cider and apple themed cocktails and bobbing for apples. Please walk on down or take the shuttle from Riverside High School.

The next ACNA membership meeting is on Tuesday, October 13th, at 7:00 pm in the tea lounge at Stephanie. The agenda will be posted on the ACNA website. The bylaws committee will meet at 6:00 prior to the general meeting.

This report was written by Liz McDermott.

To contact ACNA please email Irene Rodgerdts at Irene-3@comcast.net.

The Campus Island Zoning Project eliminates Lewis and Clark’s 5-year plan and neighborhood involvement that is required today. The SWNI News had previously defined a neighborhood as “not considered ‘campus’ is a critical issue. The Lewis and Clark College and Community Design Institute” is on Map 5, p. 122, https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/154883. A distinction must be made regarding what institutional properties are outside vs inside a campus proper. This institution proper is what is driven by the institutions. The project affects Collins View more than any other neighborhood, asking whether institutions will have a blank check as to what they want to do with developing their property. Shouldn’t there be some kind of neighborhood involvement regarding some properties?

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Commercial interests want to be able to deliver all types of postal services. Big mailers give profitable priorities to private shippers (UPS, FedEx) and leave the USPS to handle the rest of what they receive. This all adds up to higher costs and lower service. Is there a way that we, as customers of the USPS, can help make the shipping industry pay for what passes through the shipper? We need to put pressure on congressional management to improve our USPS.

River View Natural Area is in limbo, waiting for the final draft of the Corridor Plan to be released. ’Build a Trail’ meeting was held at the final PAC meeting on Sept 22. The meeting was packed with interest and permitted uses will be spelled out in the plan, which will then go to City Council for approval and implementation over a period of years. In the meantime, people walk their dogs off-leash and ride bikes without a care. Who is going to be the sheriff? We need to put pressure on congressional management to improve our USPS.

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Crestwood

Leaving its bi-monthly meeting September 9, Pastor Christy Dirien of West Portland United Methodist Church introduced herself, explained she was new to this church as of July and was excited to be a resource for the neighborhood. Pastors are interested in sponsoring Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) meetings and the choices in response to natural disasters. The event of emergency. Crestwood NA conveyed our appreciation for the use of the building all these years. Welcome, Pastor Dirien!

Jenni Pullen is our new Crime Prevention Coordinator. She now covers SW Portland as well as the NW neighborhoods she has been active in. There is a team of 12 people who cover the city’s 95 neighborhoods. Portland’s Crime Prevention Program is part of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, instead of the Portland Police Department. They offer services such as helping set up Neighborhood Watch groups, proactive home surveys to reduce crime through environmental design, the Enhanced Safety Properties to help solve chronic issues in families, housing units and helping negotiate Good Neighbor Agreements. In its 98th year, this year, 500 people attended the movie “The Book of Life” on August 1. The crowd was nicely entertained by The New NextDoor website, where there have been thousands of new users, 39 in the last week. The Police Department. They offer services such as helping set up Neighborhood Watch groups, proactive home surveys to reduce crime through environmental design, the Enhanced Safety Properties to help solve chronic issues in families, housing units and helping negotiate Good Neighbor Agreements.

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As the fall season begins, we look forward to an interesting year. We hope for a good rain year to counterpoint the very dry 2015 spring and summer. With the warm weather and the busy season about to begin, it’s darker in our neighborhood earlier in the evening. Please remember to drive slowly and safely on our Maplewood streets and watch out for walkers and children.

The neighborhood association is beginning the season with an ambitious schedule of projects and meetings. We had an excellent presentation at the September general meeting from City of Portland staff on the demolition ordinance changes that took effect in April. Three structures in the neighborhood are expected to be demolished for new residences so the topic was timely and very interesting. The city is working on putting together a “tool-kit” to help neighbors find ways to save houses. Since the revised demolition ordinance was enacted, 6 demolition appeals have been filed city-wide, 3 were upheld by the city hearing officer. Officer Foster attended the meeting and reported that crime is down in the neighborhood although we still have issues with street harassment and garbage by individuals collecting cans and other materials that can generate money.

Land Use: The board discussed and will consider at our October meeting a proposal for new residential development. We have also heard rumors of higher density residential developments for the southwest corner of SW 45th and Vermont.

Transportation: Maplewood is continuing the discussion of the new NA about pedestrian and bicycle safety on SW Vermont Avenue, and planning to do what can be done incrementally to improve safety on this arterial. We are still pursuing potential trail connections between the Maplewood neighborhood area and Gabriel Park and the SW Community Center.

Parks: April Hill Park Wetlands Protection Project held an open house on September 22 to view the updated boardwalk/trails plans. Construction is scheduled for next summer, 2016. Please see the April Hill Park column in this paper for more information, or visit our website http://www.swni.org/ aprilhill111park or contact Jill at AprilHillPark1@gmail.com.

Safety: James Noblees continues to use the safety vigil to bring awareness of vehicle speeds in our neighborhood. Please check the Maplewood PDX Facebook page regularly for upcoming safety events.

The changing of the season always triggers reflection as the afternoon light acquires that golden character that goes with the shorter days and cooler nights. If you are reflecting on what you can do to help our community, please consider volunteering to help with our neighborhood work. The Maplewood NA board is always looking for new volunteers to help with our neighborhood mission. If you would like to help, please contact any board member or e-mail us at: maplewoodswni.org. We are the formal contact for the city on various initiatives that need neighborhood input, we identify opportunities for neighborhood improvement, and organize work parties to do small projects. We would welcome your help with our neighborhood work.

Visit the Maplewood NA Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/MaplewoodNeighborhoodPortlandOr/ and update on what the NA is working on. And with earlier darkness, let’s all remember to be sure to wear light-colored or reflective clothing as we take our evening walks and to help each other be safe in our neighborhood.

Maplewood
Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 pm
All meetings at Maplewood Coffee and Tea, 5206 SW Custer St. maplewood@swni.org http://maplewood.swni.org

Marshall Park
Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 6:00 pm
SW 12th Drive entrance; see map below. Mike Charles, marshallparkna@yahoo.com, 503-244-6099
http://marshallpark.swi.org

Hello, MPNA neighbors,

Member of the leadership team of MPNA who provided the information about September meeting was cancelled.

If you want to have a meeting in October and going forward, maybe it’s time to participate. Please let me know if you are at all interested in being more active in the MPNA. There is a very small core group who have led MPNA for the past few years and we are feeling a bit weary. We could really use a little help.

If anyone is bitterly disappointed at missing an evening of scintillating neighborhood conversation, I am sharing a photo of a local resident to make you feel a little better. (Photo at right.) And if you need some neighborly cheer, check out our National Night Out photos on the website: http://swni.org/MPNA/ NNO-Aug-2015.

Also a reminder — if you want to hear about southwest news and events, look on the SWNI site: www.swni.org

Have a lovely October!
Regards, Mike

Mostly, Phil has been working on building consensus amongst Markham and South Burlingame neighbors for a Safer Routes to School (SR2S) project, specifically focusing on Spring Garden Street between Capitol Hill Elementary and St. Clare’s. The project serves as a Neighborhood collector street (the city’s definition) providing a vital link to the Sellwood Bridge and I-5. In 2007 before the city’s street maintenance fund was cut, traffic engineers had recommended installation of 4 speed bumps along Spring Garden in a 2007 SR2S report. The estimated cost was $10K but they were only able to spend $8K for one raised crosswalk in 2009 at 17th & Spring Garden.

With the lack of mobility choices along Barbay Blvd., an inefficient school bus system and increased enrollment at Capitol Hill School, Spring Garden has seen an uptick in vehicular traffic volume. There has also been an uptick in neighbors seeking to cross Spring Garden with the sidewalk infill project recently completed. Unfortunately the existing raised crosswalk has not reduced traffic speeds as was initially desired. Phil suggests we as a community (schools & neighborhoods) come to agreement that adding the 4 speed bumps as already done and approved would drastically improve safety for all, and that we begin pushing to fund the new $10K it would cost to implement.

Phil made a motion to approve a letter to the city (Mayor Hales and Commissioner Novick) describing his recommendation that will be co-authored by members of the Portland Police Bureau Neighborhood Association (SBNA) and the Portland Police Association, Daryl Turner. He talked about problems related to the recent change from community policing to sector policing. With new hiring cutbacks, and the increasing number of sworn officer positions being reduced by 200, Mayor Hales recently proposed to add 17 new positions (of which 11 are sworn and gang enforcement officers) which is not enough to keep up with the current attrition rate. In May alone, 21 officers retired. That left a reduction of 10 sworn officers per month considering the current hiring and retirement trend. Mayor Hales with letters, phone calls, emails and in-person attendance at city meetings to let Mayor Hales know of our support for an increase in the number of officers hired to keep our communities and officers safe.

On August 11th, Portland Police Officer Dan Spiegel and SWNI Safety Committee chair, James Noblees, assisted MKNA neighbors Ron Maguire, Kathleen Elliott, Phil & Diane Ford in a safety vigil to get drivers to slow down at SW 26th and Taylors Ferry Road.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 13th for our next MKNA meeting when we recognize and give thanks to the many volunteers and sponsors that made this summer’s Movies In The Park/Neighborhood Night Out a big success. For more information about MKNA meeting business and neighborhood information, visit www.MarkhamNeighborhood.org or http://markham.swni.org.

Markham Neighborhood Association (MKNA) voted its 10th board member to serve as treasurer. Phil Richman, immediate past president of MKNA, will fill one of the two at-large board positions created in MKNA’s newly revised bylaws dated last June. MKNA’s president of 3 years before stepping down to be president of Capitol Hill Elementary School PTA. With his PTA term complete, MKNA jumped at the opportunity to welcome Phil back on board. In the past, Phil worked hard to improve the livability of Markham neighborhood by working with neighbors and the Police Bureau Transportation to implement traffic diversions along SW 19th Ave. Now SW 19th Ave is a substantially friendlier road for walking and riding bicycles. Many neighbors take advantage of these improvements.

Neighborhood Night Out a big success.
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Donna Herron, (503) 452-0000
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**Neighborhood Reports**

**South Portland**

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 7, 7:00 pm
NCNM Annex, 2719 SW Kelly St.
Ken Love, TLC11@mindspring.com, 503-245-7795
www.southportlandna.org

Ken Love, Chair

**Multnomah**

Next Board Meeting: Monday, October 5, 12:00 pm, Room 4
3030 N. Clyatt St., Room 12
Board and General meet at Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.
Carol McCarthy, mnachair@gmail.com
http://mlphonmah.swi.org

During the chair’s report, we discussed the need for consistency between the city code that established neighborhood associations (NA), the Office of Neighborhood Involvement’s standards and their template for revising NA bylaws, the Multnomah Neighborhood Associations (MNA) articles of incorporation and current bylaws, as well as other relevant city and county documents. To reconcile the requisites of these documents, the proposed bylaw revision has been put on hold. A Committee will draft policies to detail procedures to implement the bylaws, such as how to submit and request eligibility, maintain an accurate member roster, how the board carries out its duties, grounds to remove board members, etc.

Land Use Chair Jim Peterson reported on the release of the 2015 Comp Plan update, which you can review at www.portlandoregon.gov/lps/68386 and www.southportlandna.org/meeting. Email your comments on the changes to ccesttiny@portlandoregon.gov and ccesttiny@portlandoregon.gov. Include your name and address to have your comments become part of the public record.

If the proposed plan is adopted, Multnomah will take a disproportionate share of the density in Southwest that the city promised to Metro. Although the projected growth figures are likely inflated, as in past comp plan updates, planners intend to designate Multnomah Village a Neighborhood Center to meet these growth targets. The MNA has repeatedly requested the Village instead be designated a Neighborhood Corridor (see www.swi.org/Multnomah). A Corridor is a linear designation, while a Center would allow dense development within a ½-mile radius of the Village, or most of Multnomah neighborhood.

The other critical change we need to be concerned about is the conversion of CS (Commercial Storefront) zones, since virtually the entire Village is zoned CS. In the new plan, this zone changes automatically to a CM2 (Commercial 2) mixed-use zone that allows building heights of 45 ft., with perhaps 50 ft. allowed because Multnomah lies within the boundaries of large Civic Corridors. The MNA noted that requiring this kind of growth in the Village along Capitol Hwy be limited to three stories and that asked that the Village zoning be changed to CM1 because its 35-ft height limit is compatible with the Village’s scale and character. Please send your comments to ccesttiny@portlandoregon.gov and cpesttiny@portlandoregon.gov and plan to attend the upcoming hearing.

The City Council holds its first public hearing on November 19, 2015 at 2 pm in the City Council Chambers at 1221 SW 4th Avenue. It is critical that Multnomah residents make a strong appearance and testify at this hearing. To coordinate this effort and develop an effective strategy to counter the disproportionate density that city planners want for Multnomah, the Land Use Committee will be meeting on October 5th and 26th at 7pm, at MAC room 7 in room 7. We need citizens to step up for this effort. For more information on the meetings and other comp plan issues, email mnalanduse@swi.org.

Board elections will be held at the October meeting. Candidates coming forward for consideration are: Carol McCarthy, Chair; Martie Sveeze, Vice Chair; Rumbach Stover; and Donna Bestwick, Treasurer. Nominations will also be taken at the meeting by ballot.

**October Happenings in the South Portland Business Association (SPBA)**

The SPBA welcomes new business members: Ecumenical Ministries, In Spirit Health and Oregon Natural Health.

A Purrr-fectly Howl-afew event will be held on Friday, October 2nd, from 5-7 pm. Please join South Waterfront Eye Care, Sean Z. Becker Real Estate, Sunstone Montessori School and Ross Island Grocery for a Donation Drive to Benefit the Cat Adoption Team (CAT) and Oregon Humane Society (OHS). Event address: John Ross Courtyard 3615 SW River Pkwy. More info as to how to join membership & all ages welcome. Complimentary food & beverages, raffle prizes, music entertainment provided by Malea & The Tourists. Donations appreciated, to CAT or OHS in any amount is greatly appreciated. The 2016 SPBA map directory will be distributed to local businesses in the John’s Landing/South Waterfront footprint in October. Be sure and pick up a copy! Sunstone Montessori School held a very successful Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26th with fun activities for all ages & live music by Malea & The Tourists (two of our own SPBA Board Members/Event Chair/Secretary) Sunstone Montessori School held a very successful Fall Festival on Saturday, September 26th with fun activities for all ages & live music by Malea & The Tourists (two of our own SPBA Board Members/Event Chair/Secretary)

Your kind donations will help keep pets with their owners, help find homes for animals in the shelters, provide medical care for animals that are rescued and provide a home for birds, cats and love to so many Creatures great and small.”

Ahoy, South Portland

The Transportation Committee has been very busy this year with other pressing issues. As you know, parking has been getting more difficult in our neighborhood. The committee has been working with the Area Parking Permit Program and the city-wide Parking Task Force to come up with solutions to lessen the problem. The committee has also been working with TriMet and the Service Enhancement Plan to avoid service cuts to South Portland. The committee has ongoing work on the streetcar and SW Corridor Plan. A new project the committee is working on is the construction of a short trail segment between Seymour and Corbett. If you have an evening or so to help out, it would be appreciated. (See below for meeting times.) The more neighbors we get involved the better and we can make it. And there are always lots of geese to direct.

Land Use Committee: Our Land-Use Committee has also been very busy. The committee has reviewed and commented on the city on proposed developments such as the Under Armour’s remodeling of the old YMCA, major new apartment buildings in Johns Landing and South Waterfront, and a proposed Central City Corridor project at First and Arthur. The committee is also closely following the Comprehensive Plan and possible impacts to our neighborhood. Infill development is a big issue in South Portland, and we have a committee member on the city’s Infill Design Stakeholder group. There has been lots of apartment construction in our neighborhood and our concern is the increased demand for on-street parking. We are urging the city to require more off-street parking for apartment buildings. The committee has also been very involved with OHSU and Zidell regarding their plans for large new buildings in South Waterfront. House developers are concerned, and South Portland has had several just this summer. At the next Land Use meeting (see below) we will discuss a demolition permit for 5638 SW Corbett. With all this new development going on, we greatly appreciate when neighbors come to our meetings and share their views.

Communications/Equity/Parks: The Communications Committee worked very hard on sumer events this year. It was very successful with record attendance despite being displaced by construction in Willamette Park. The committee is very, very grateful to everyone and every business that helped out by volunteering, donation or just attending. The Committee is already working on the 2016 summer season. It is a big job. If you can help out, we would really appreciate it.

The Equity Committee is working hard to make sure everyone in our neighborhood knows they are included and welcome. This is a tough issue and we would appreciate your ideas.

The Parks Committee is following the construction in Willamette Park. We are allowing proposed changes in Dunwavy Park including an Astro turf soccer field. We are pleased with the opening of a section of greenland in South Waterfront this year. We continue to push for improvement to the greenway trail all along our long neighborhood.

South Portland Neighborhood Association Committee Meetings - Everyone welcome

Transportation/Parking Permit Committee Meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 6:00 pm (usually meets the day before the board meeting)
Ross Island Grocery, 3502 SW Corbett, Contact: Bill Duncan (503) 228-9660

Land Use Committee: Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 pm (meets the third Tuesday of the month)
Ross Island Grocery, 3502 SW Corbett, Contact: Jim Gardner (503) 227-2096, landuse@southportlandna.org

Communications/Equity/Parks Committees: Thursday, October 15, 6:00 pm
Ross Island Grocery, 3502 SW Corbett, Contact: Lee Buhrer (503) 227-0160
Neighborhood Reports

Southwest Hills Residential League

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 pm
Ainsworth School, 2425 SW Vista Ave.
Nancy Seton, nancyseton@comcast.net, 503-224-3840
http://swfhl.swi.org

TriMet Service Update:
Don’t hold your breath for restoration of TriMet service for the #31 line any time soon. Our best hope would be for everyone in the neighborhood to keep calling and emailing TriMet to plead for reinstatement of service. Per Tom Mills, TriMet Senior Planner: “The [TriMet Service Enhancement] plan still calls for merging Line 51-Dosch Rd. with Line 39-Lewis and Clark, adding trips and weekend service to the new Line 39/51, and rerouting Line 55 to run through the SW Hills. These improvements will require new funds. TriMet’s board is proposing a payroll tax increase that would increase the payroll tax 1/100th of 1 percent over 10 years (i.e., 1/100th of a percent per year until we reach 1/10th of 1 percent). As a result, we hope to incrementally improve service with these new funds. However, it is important to note that the 5 service enhancement plans, all calling for improved service throughout the region. The payroll tax increase will not be able to fund all improvements on its own. We are currently looking at all the improvements in the service enhancement plans and determining which improvements should occur when. We are basing these decisions on factors such as cost, ridership, efficiency, equity, etc. At this time, we don’t have a timeline for the improvements in the SW Hills. The service enhancement plans are long-range plans. It will take time to see all the improvements made, but they provide a roadmap for our future investments.”

Reply to Tom from our Transportation Committee: “Entirely agree with the path forward. I think the plan provides greater connectivity, service and ridership. We’re open to hearing from you about what we can do to make that happen, and happen more quickly. As you likely know, we have low/no sidewalk and bike infrastructure in the area. If you combine that with the hill, there are clear barriers to walking/hiking, the area has high single occupancy vehicle use. That leaves the bus as the primary option for non-single occupancy vehicle transit.”

SWHRL Restoration Project at SW Vista Ave. at SW Spring Street

On Wednesday, September 2nd, neighbors of South Burlingame Neighborhood rallied at the corner of SW Vista and SW Spring Streets to help remove invasive, non-native species that took over this summer? We are currently looking for help in designing the infrastructure (bench, paths) and plant layout. Contact swfhl@swi.org or Nancy Seton at 503-224-3840.

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Washington Park Reservoir Improvement Project – LU 15-196956
Public hearing on the Type III Conditional Use, Environmental and Tree Reviews: Monday, November 2, at 9:30am, 1900 SW 4th Ave., Portland.


Visit our website for other news and event updates: http://swfhl.swi.org

South Burlingame

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 7:00 pm
Capitol Hill School, 8401 SW 17th Ave., Note, we will be in room #111
Sam Pearson, sfpjr1@gmail.com
http://burlingame.swi.org

South West Portland

Next Meeting: Thursday, October 8, 7:00 pm
Jackson Middle School, (Library) 10625 SW 35th Street
Mike McNamara, mike@mcnamaraconsulting.net
http://www.portlandpark.org

West Portland Park

West Portland Park residents learn more about the SW Corridor Transportation Plan.

West Portland Park residents have seen the autumn PCP in typical fashion; they can be found wearing warmer clothes, attending youth sports matches at Jackson Middle School, and spending more time in yards and public parks. One also finds our citizenry taking longer walks in the cooler weather and gathering the newly fallen leaves.

Speaking of the natural environment, one matter of concern to our neighborhood has been the cutting of mature trees. West Portland Park has lost several large specimens from our public rights-of-way, on undeveloped private lots, and even fronting one local business. (see photos at left.) As readers of The Oregonian know, the issue of tree removal is a citywide concern, and concerns are indeed running high in this neighborhood. Our board will be urging city officials and workers to protect our trees from unnecessary removal, but any additional support to our efforts would be welcome. Please join our October meeting to see what more can be done.

For those who have been regularly attending our neighborhood meetings and reading this newspaper, you are already aware of the many possible issues related to the SW Corridor Transportation Plan. For those unfamiliar with the issue, METRO is considering three major transportation options for people going to and coming from PCP.

On Wednesday, September 2nd, neighbors of South Burlingame Neighborhood rallied at the corner of SW Vista and SW Spring Streets to support the protection of neighborhood character, reduced traffic congestion, protection of the environment and responsible development. For an hour small crowd, as they moved through this busy intersection, the group expressed their concerns about the subdivision, Macadam Ridge, proposed in the South Burlingame Neighborhood.

Plans for this high-density subdivision have been submitted to the City of Portland planning department and comments have been provided to the owner for their review. Additional information about this proposal can be obtained from the city planner or the South Burlingame Neighborhood Association.

Please note we will be meeting in room #111 on October 8th.

South West Portland residents can find more information about the planning process for the SW Corridor Transportation Plan at the SWPPNA website: http://www.portlandpark.org.

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Next SWHRL Membership Meeting / Quarterly Forum
Wednesday, October 21
6:30 to 8:30 pm
Ainsworth School, 2425 SW Vista Ave.

Focus on Education with Amy Kohnstamm

We welcome all SWHRL residents, friends, and the general public to our upcoming SWHRL Forum. Our first speaker at the October 21 meeting is Amy Kohnstamm, the newly elected PPS board member from Zone 3. She will present updates on the PPS board’s goals and the district-wide boundary review process. Eleni Kebugas, chair of the Lincoln High School Long Term Development Committee, will share information specific to the LHS site, upcoming master planning process, bond campaign preparation, community engagement and partnerships.

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**SwiNni Committees**

**Parks and Community Centers**

- **Kathy Dobie**, 503-246-7970, kdobie@email.com

Three guests from Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) joined the committee at our September meeting. Conversation with Stefanos DeStefano, Program Director, and Kennedy-Wong reported that PP&R and Under Armour (an athletic apparel company) are forming a partnership to do improvements at PP&R athletic fields. One of those will be the Dunway Park soccer fields and the former YMCA building, which Under Armour will lease for office space. A public meeting took place on October 24 to discuss proposed improvements.

Under Armour has also offered to improve the Hills Community Garden. PP&R is proposing donation from Under Armour is about $5 million. At both Dunway and Under Armour, the improvements will include installation of artificial turf. At Dunway, the field orientation will be changed and the track will be re-surfaced.

The conversation elicited positive comments, and PP&R’s budget is never enough and partnerships with businesses can produce very real benefits for communities. But committee members also expressed concerns, such as possible lack of transparency, artificial turf, and the “branding” of public property.

- **Long-time guest Terri Davis** then gave the committee an update on events and projects. Lots of people attended and gave input at the Spring Garden Park public safety committee meeting on August 29.
- **Parker Dern** will take place October 9. It will feature presentations on events and projects. Lots of people attended and gave input at the Spring Garden Park public safety committee meeting on August 29.

**Transportation**

Roger Avebeek, 503-677-1447, transportation@swni.org

The Transportation Committee’s September 21 meeting focused on comments on the draft Tryon-Stephens Creek Headwaters Neighborhood Street Plan and issues in our neighborhoods. The committee supported the improved partnership between the Transportation Bureau and the Portland Planning & Environmental Services and flexible approach to needed street and sidewalk improvements on our neighborhood streets.

The Transportation Committee will be discussing Metro’s Southwest Corridor Plan (SWCP) in October. As the SWCP is being developed by local agency partners as well as local cities (including Portland) to identify high-capacity transit alternatives among the roadway, bicycle and pedestrian projects that can help reduce congestion and improve quality of life in the vicinity of Barbur and I-5 between Portland and Tualatin via Tigard. The partners are developing a pre-proposal to study further in a draft Environmental Impact Statement. In July the Steering Committee decided to remove tunnel options for accessing OHSU and Hillsdale Town Center. On October 12 the Steering Committee will decide whether to access Portland Community College and the Columbia Campus via light rail tunnel. On December 14, the Steering Committee will decide whether the alignment through SW Portland should be on Barbur Blvd. or adj. to I-5; decide whether the mode should be light rail or bus rapid transit service; choose between various Tigard and Tualatin alignments, and determine where the high-capacity transit line will terminate. These decisions are key to developing the long-range plan and are complex and one that will be crucial in establishing the “prerogative” of the neighborhood and the county. Should the project move forward, the next step will be to further refine the options and move forward with the final design.

- **Next meeting:**
  - Monday, October 19, 7 pm
  - Multnomah Arts Center, Room 29
  - 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

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**Public Safety Committee**

Janes Nobles, 503-936-3005, janes@vacantfuture.com

**Vision Zero Presentation by PBOT**

Matt Ferrielson, PBOT Communications Manager, presented a very informative preliminary presentation on the Vision Zero initiative. With the Vision Zero Program, PBOT is seeking to reduce traffic fatality and injury in the city to zero fatalities and serious injuries in the next 10 years. For specific safety concerns, e.g., an existing sign is broken or one should be considered, call 823-SAFE or email safe@portlandoregon.gov. Other SWNI Transportation Committee concerns, sharing general feedback as a neighborhood association is the best vehicle and action is:

- **If anyone would like any of the vision materials in a particular format, phone 503-679-5185.**

**Community Policing Reception**

We are asking for some of our committee members to please plan forward and make a 2:3 minute statement for our video thanking SW officers for all they do for us. It does not have to reference a specific instance, just have our neighbors say thank you. We are currently scheduling the taping of video statements on Friday, October 2nd between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm. We hope that some of our neighbors would please come forward and share their stories of appreciation to those that have chosen to protect us. If someone is interested in creating a short video statement, please contact Sylvia in the SWNI office via email sylvia@swni.org to schedule a time slot, so we have the video equipment set up.

- **Thank you in advance for your support.**

**General Announcements**

The committee has a new vice-chair, **Donna Herron**. Donna will be filling in during the chair’s absence. She is also making connections with Women in Blue for their upcoming Women’s hostage protection event in SW Portland, in conjunction with the City of Portland and area community organizations.

- **Next meeting:**
  - Thursday, October 1, 7 pm
  - Multnomah Arts Center, Room 33
  - 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

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**Sniw Committee**

Will Fuller, 503-764-5501, schools@swnri.org

The committee’s mission: promoting the best possible schools for ALL students in Southeast Portland through STRONG neighborhood involvement.

TechConnect will take place on November 18th, 6:30pm, at Jackson Middle School. There is a growing list of organizations with a wide variety of interesting activities: Intel Education division, Free Geek, the Capitold Hill and Hilllsdale branches of the county library, SUN programs, Lego Robotics and our middle and high schools, are all developing content. Come see kids use ed tech, hear the latest, do hands-on, discuss issues, take away useful ideas.

This free event is a good chance for people who don’t have kids in school to get a look at what is going on in our neighborhoods schools and to have fun while doing it.

What do you want to see or do at the event? email schools@swnri.org, or call 503-764-5501.

For more information, or to register online (to make sure there is space available), go to swni.org/schools and follow the link on the TechConnect Registration button.

Enrollments are up for 2015-16.

The official count doesn’t happen until October 1, which is after our deadline for the paper, but preliminary word is that our local schools have all had increased enrollment over last year. We’ll have the actual enrollment numbers next month.

Hungry in SW Schools

Surprisingly, about 20% of the students in our local schools are on free or reduced lunch. Backpack programs and other efforts take care of most of the known need, but some students will slip through the cracks. Please take the time to consider the situation. If you want to volunteer to cut down hunger, email schools@swnri.org or call 502-764-5501 for more information.

School Boundary Review Update

Nothing new since last time, but because this is not going to be a sudden surprise, there will be ample opportunity to have input to the process. An engagement event will occur we post them on our website swnri.org/schools and facebook.

- **Next meeting:**
  - No meeting in October
  - Thursday, November 19, 7 pm
  - Multnomah Arts Center, Room 29
  - 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, at 31st

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**Land Use**

John Gibson, 503-708-6708, jtgorygun@aol.com

The city’s big project to write a new comprehensive plan is finally moving toward completion. The Planning & Sustainability Commission has sent a recommended draft to City Council, which will have five work sessions between the end of November and January before City Council will hold hearings.

At the August 11th hearing, committee members expressed concern about the development of the inventory and approved a motion to invite a staffer from the State of Oregon Development and Planning (DOPL) to visit the committee and discuss citizen involvement issues.

- **Next Meeting:**
  - Tuesday, October 20, 7 pm
  - Multnomah Arts Center, Room 4
  - 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

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**Equity and Inclusion Action Team**

Glenna Bridger, 503-245-0729, gbridget@teleport.com

School is back in session! Our kids, grandkids, neighbor kids and favorite kids are in the most formative times of their lives. Hate, Negativity, bias, and prejudice are learned and are all at play. What actions are we taking in shaping the future?

Words. Actions. Words unsaid. Actions not taken. Young minds are sponges, and absorb not only what we want them to learn, but also what we may not think they should observe.

How do we talk about our neighbors, and the people we see in the stores or on the street? When a conversation includes people, how do we talk about them?

Children mirror the society and people around them. Take care to reflect to them what we’d like our world to be. It is a legacy each of us can leave.

- **Next meeting:**
  - Monday, October 19, 1 pm
  - Multnomah Arts Center, Room 4
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For more watershed stewardship resources for landowners or volunteers, see http://wrc.swni.org.

### Watershed Group Contacts

**Bridlelline Creek Stewards**
Steve Mullinax, 503-768-9065, steeve.mullinax@ohsu.edu

**Dickinson Park Stewards**
Tony Hansen, 503-317-3914 or tony@projectconnection.com.

**Friends of April Hill Park**
Jill Gaddis, aprilhillpark@gmail.com or www.AprilHillPark.Org.

**Friends of Failing Creek**
Sally Wilson, sally@happygardens@yahoo.com

**Friends of Gabriel Park**

**Friends of River View Natural Area**
Fran Laid, Collins View Parks chair, friendsriverviewnaturalarea@gmail.com, www.riverviewfriends.org.

**Friends of Terwilliger**
Robin Vezina, jack.robins@pirirpone.com or 503-293-1069.

**Friends of Tryon Creek State Park**
April Fong, afong@pcc.edu, 971-722-4422.

**Friends of Tryon Creek Watershed Council**
Don Baack, 503-246-2088. Work parties every Saturday, 9-noon.

**Friends of Terwilliger**
Don Baack, 503-246-2088. Work parties 2nd Thursdays (10/8), 9-noon.

**Friends of Woods Park**
Randy Bonella, rmbonella@comcast.net, 503-291-9460.

**Multnomah Village Park**
Randi Bonella, rmbonella@comcast.net, 503-291-9460.

**PCC Habitat Team**
April Fong, afong@pcc.edu, 971-722-4422.

**Shomrei T eva at Neveh Shalom**
Jill Gaddis, 503-245-6580, vaakvorm@comcast.net. Work party: 3rd Sundays (10/10), 9-4:55, meet next to lower parking lot of Congregation Neveh Shalom, off of SW Dusch just north of Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway.

**South Portland Riverbank**
Marissa Dorais, marissa.dorais@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-7016.

**Southwest Trails PDX**

**Tryon Creek Watershed Council**
Corinne Chise, TCWC Coordinator: tcwc@tryoncreek.org, 503-636-4398 x121. www.TryonCreek.org. Meeting: 2nd Monday of every other month (10/12), 6pm, Tryon Creek Nature Center.

**Watershed Stewards Connection**
Jennifer Seaman, Watershed Resource Center; 503-823-2862 or watershed@swni.org

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### Stormwater Challenge Workshops

**Introductory Workshop:**

**Plan & Design Best Practices for Challenging Sites**

**Sunday, October 4th, 9am-3pm**

In this workshop you’ll learn how to identify and locate a variety of landscape approaches that are safe, simple, cost-effective, and environmentally effective regardless of the site’s natural conditions. We’ll visit residences, perform a site assessment to look for opportunities, and then return to our desks to collaborate on site designs for each one.

**Hands-On Workshops: Build the Best Practices**

**Sunday, November 1st, 9am-1pm**

**Sunday, November 15th, 9am-1pm**

Participants will receive additional hands-on training on installing stormwater projects at two residential demonstration sites. We’ll work together to implement the final design resulting from a combination of the planning and design work in the Introductory Workshop, with some additional consultation with each of the homeowners. Each workshop will cover different practices. Attendees are encouraged, but not required, to attend both.

For more information, visit the course website at: http://greenegirlpdx.com/SWChallenge.htm

**Register today! Workshops begin October 4**

**Stormwater Challenge Workshop Series presented by:**

**Tryon Creek Watershed Council**

**Two Dollar Plant Sale**

Our annual Two Dollar Plant sale is now open for pre-ordering! We have around 150 species available this year, and you can ask for anything on the Portland Plant list. The plants will be mostly bare-root and available for pickup February 12-14th by appointment. This is a great deal and our major fundraiser for the year, so order up!

**October 24 - No Ivy Day**

9:00 am to 12:00 pm

3135 SW Palatine Street

Pre-register online and get a free "No Ivy Day T-shirt!!"

There are some other ways to get involved:

- Help with hawthorn cutting and brush removal - We are beginning a new restoration site and we need help!

We are looking for volunteers who are able to do hard physical labor to haul and chip invasive Hawthorne trees. Volunteers tryoncreek.org with a truck and personal chainsaw especially helpful and may take firewood. Interested? Please contact Corrina at coordinator@tryoncreek.org

Become a work party leader - We are in need of experienced restoration volunteers to help us lead work parties, especially with planting parties in the spring. Do you have a passion for restoration and working with people? Would you like to have a leadership role in your community? Email Adra at volunteer@tryoncreek.org to learn more!

### Portland Parks & Recreation October Events

For more details, contact Mary Verrilli: 503-823-9423 or mary.verrilli@portlandoregon.gov.

**See listings for Parke Diem (October 9 and 10) and No Ivy Day, next page**

**Marquam Nature Park**
2nd Wednesday work party moved to Parke Diem, Friday 10/9. Meet 9:00am at the Marquam Shelter. Last Saturday work party moved to No Ivy Day, Saturday 10/24. Meet 9:00am at the Terwilliger Headland.

**River View Natural Area**
No Ivy Day (10/24), 9-noon. Contact Mary Verrilli, mary.verrilli@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-9423 to sign up as group size is limited.

**Terwilliger Parkway**
3rd Saturday work party moved to No Ivy Day Saturday (10/24), 9-noon. Sign in at 8:45am at the corner of SW Terwilliger Parkway and SW Hammond St. (between the playground and rest rooms). Look for the Work Party signs.

**Woods Park**
4th Saturday work party (10/24), 9-noon.
No Ivy Day 2015
Saturday, October 24

Become a steward of our treasured natural areas!
Join us on October 24, 2015!
- Gabriel Park
- Marshall Park
- Marquam Nature Park & Terwilliger Parkway
- River View Natural Area
- Sylvania Natural Area Park
- Woods Memorial Park

Go to www.NoIvyLeague.com to:
• RSVP as a volunteer, site host, or donor
• View a comprehensive list of work sites
• Learn more about ivy removal, the No Ivy League, and No Ivy Day
• Discover other Portland Parks & Recreation volunteer opportunities

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Terwilliger and Marquam outreach coming this fall

By Cathy Turner, Friends of Terwilliger

What do you like about living near a forested area? What do you wish could be better managed? Is there available help for watershed improvements you’d like to make on your property or the nearby park land? A grant from the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District will give people living near Terwilliger Parkway and Marquam Nature Park an opportunity to answer these questions and more. Our first activity will be door-to-door interviews in early November. In late winter/early spring, we’ll have at least two additional canvassing days in different areas along the Terwilliger Parkway and Marquam Nature Park boundaries. We want to hear from you, so watch for us and share your thoughts and wishes.

Friends of Terwilliger and Friends of Marquam Nature Park are leading the effort, with substantial help from several partners: the West Willamette Restoration Partnership, Columbia Land Trust’s Backyard Habitat Certification Program, and the Southwest Watershed Resource Center. Our long term objective is to improve and sustain the health of our forests and watersheds. That will help both the native plants and animals that make up the forest as well as all of us who hike, run, and otherwise enjoy these areas. Short term, we’re looking forward to learning your thoughts about our natural areas, to connecting you to specific restoration actions on public or private land.

If you have any questions, or if you’re interested in helping to implement the project, contact terwilliger@terwilligerFriends.org or fmarq@comcast.net. We can use help in preparing materials, providing or recruiting corporate support, joining a canvassing team, and/or helping track and analyze results.

April Hill Park Update
By Virginia Bowers

An open house for this project was held on September 22. Interested citizens were able to view and comment on the plan for this project. Photo by Virginia Bowers.

Walking the proposed trail allowed everyone to get a feel for the topography and habitat. Neighbors and staff were able to come to consensus by focusing on the goals of the project: environmental education, protection of the natural environment and visitor safety. Staff described adjustments that could be made in the field once construction begins. This is called a “field fit.” For example, if moving the overlook five feet north would provide better viewing of the wetland, that adjustment could be made without having to redo the plans, assuming that environmental impacts didn’t increase. Everyone also recognized that there would be impacts to plants during construction. However, many of the plants to be removed are non-natives and invasive. Parks staff will restore the area after construction by planting a variety of native plants.

This project was made possible from the Metro Natural Areas bond measure’s Nature in the neighborhood capital grant program, Portland Parks and Recreation, and generous donations by neighbors.

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• Marquam Nature Park
• Spring Garden Park
• Vermont Hills Community Garden

October 9th and 10th
Sign Up to Volunteer at: parkediem.org

Terwilliger and Marquam outreach coming this fall

By Cathy Turner, Friends of Terwilliger

What do you like about living near a forested area? What do you wish could be better managed? Is there available help for watershed improvements you’d like to make on your property or the nearby park land? A grant from the West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District will give people living near Terwilliger Parkway and Marquam Nature Park an opportunity to answer these questions and more. Our first activity will be door-to-door interviews in early November. In late winter/early spring, we’ll have at least two additional canvassing days in different areas along the Terwilliger Parkway and Marquam Nature Park boundaries. We want to hear from you, so watch for us and share your thoughts and wishes.

Friends of Terwilliger and Friends of Marquam Nature Park are leading the effort, with substantial help from several partners: the West Willamette Restoration Partnership, Columbia Land Trust’s Backyard Habitat Certification Program, and the Southwest Watershed Resource Center. Our long term objective is to improve and sustain the health of our forests and watersheds. That will help both the native plants and animals that make up the forest as well as all of us who hike, run, and otherwise enjoy these areas. Short term, we’re looking forward to learning your thoughts about our natural areas, to connecting you to currently available programs that match your interests and time availability, and to helping follow through with those connections. Connecting opportunities cover the gamut, from the simple, such as keeping in touch with community activities supporting local natural areas, to more comprehensive ways to implement specific restoration actions on public or private land.

If you have any questions, or if you’re interested in helping to implement the project, contact terwilliger@terwilligerFriends.org or fmarq@comcast.net. We can use help in preparing materials, providing or recruiting corporate support, joining a canvassing team, and/or helping track and analyze results.

April Hill Park Update
By Virginia Bowers

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Crime Prevention and Public Safety

As revealed by Frank Abagnale, a conman turned consultant on an AARP conference, every two seconds someone’s a victim of some form of identity theft. If you were wary of identity theft, it’s just icing on the estimated 15 million people impacted each year. Abagnale believes that most people in this country have been victimized by countless security breaches and threats to personal data, which are prevention measures that can mitigate the impact of identity theft.

Various ways that your personal information can be used include:

- **Financial identity theft**—When someone uses an individual’s identifying information without modification for financial gain. In this type of fraud, the victim usually suffers a loss and bank activity regularly ordered credit reports from Experton, Enform, or Acxiom to verify a credit monitoring service; placing fraud alerts with the credit bureaus if you are victimized and financial you can help keep a lid on this kind of illegal activity. Increasingly, individuals are falling victim to tax refund fraud where an offender files a tax return in the victim’s name to obtain a refund.

- **Medical Identity Theft**—Offenders use victim’s personal identifying information to access medical services. Victims may be contacted by an insurance company for an unpaid bill for medical and dental procedures. Additionally, the thief’s medical records may be sold to become intermingled with the victim’s medical history. Reviewing your insurance explanations of benefits in a timely manner, paying attention to collection notices, and knowing about unauthorized activity on unknown accounts can help identify a problem.

- **Child Identity Theft**—An offender will use someone else’s identity when they are arrested for a crime. The victim may never know unless they are stopped for a traffic violation or undergo a criminal background check.

- **Synthetic Identity Fraud**—This is the fastest growing type of identity fraud. A fraudulent isn’t impersonating an individual per se, but uses a potentially valid social security number that may be obtained at random and fabricates personal identifiable information such as name and date of birth. This is increasingly popular because there is a greater chance of successfully stealing identities when there are no records of the individual’s existence. He mentioned not putting a straight face on your credit report and not being deceived into your online accounts and two factor authentication on your financial accounts. It was mentioned in the conference calls, but making sure that you are using computer programs that can piece together information even with a cross cut shredder. Never use a vertical cut shredder.

- **Freeze your credit files with all three credit bureaus where practical. This prevents the opening of accounts and accounts in your name. This method is effective, but far too practical for people that will be opening up accounts or taking out loans in the near future. There are fees associated with freezing and unfreezing accounts when it is a proactive measure and not in technically know.

- **Support Services of Domestic Violence & Nosh4Nonviolence**

  Photo courtesy of Portland Police

On Monday October 19, 2015, the Portland Police Bureau, together with Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. and Nehav Shalom Synagogue, will host a community forum to discuss body-worn camera policy and implementation. The forum will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Nehav Shalom Synagogue, located at 2900 Southwest Peaceful Lane. The Oregon legislature has adopted a new law on police body-worn cameras and the Police Bureau is in the process of building policy for the body-worn camera program. In doing so, we want the community to be part of the process giving feedback for improvement.

In this ongoing process, the Police Bureau will be hosting two more meetings on policy and camera. The meetings will be a presentation of the police body-worn camera law and the successful policy of the Police Bureau. Nevah Shalom Synagogue and Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. have partnered with the Police Bureau in presenting the West Portland community with a program on police body-worn cameras. Comments can be submitted here: http://www.portlandpolice.org/ police/article/577. To learn more about the Portland Police Bureau, please visit http://www.portlandpolice.com.
Call for nominations
Did you have a positive experience with an officer this last year?
Did the officer go above and beyond the call of duty?
If you answered yes to these questions, then we would like to hear from you by October 10th.

The SW Neighborhoods Inc. Public Safety Committee is hosting a Community Policing Reception on Tuesday, October 29th at 6:30pm. At this annual event, we honor those officers serving SW Portland who have provided excellent service to residents during the year. Neighbors' stories are the essence of what makes this such a great event every year. You and your family are invited to this event and a light dinner will be served.

Please contact Kathleen Elliot of the SWNI Public Safety Committee at publicsafety@swni.org.

Crime Stats aren't available this month
It's been confirmed that the crime stats won't be available again for this paper.

Statement from the Portland Police Bureau Strategic Services
The Portland Police Bureau recently transitioned to a new law enforcement record management system, the Regional Justice Information Network (RegJIN). RegJIN handles all of the crime reports for PPB as well as most of the law enforcement agencies in the county area. Delays in record processing are expected as agencies acclimate to the new system. The offense codes used for statistical reporting are reviewed during record processing. While these delays don't impact police operations such as investigations of reported crime or police responses to emergencies, they do impact our ability to provide up-to-date counts of reported criminal offenses.

Portland Plans to Reduce Natural Hazard Risks
by Danielle Butsick, Natural Hazard Mitigation Planner, the City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Management

Think about your neighborhood. Do you know if you’re at risk for a flood? What about earthquakes? Landslides? Wildfires? Many neighborhoods in Portland could face these and other natural hazards. To help reduce Portland’s risk, the City of Portland Bureau of Emergency Management is convening neighborhood and community groups, local businesses, and other city bureaus to better understand our exposure to hazards and come up with ways to lessen the danger they pose to residents.

The plan is one way the city is working to strategically reduce natural hazard risks over time. It builds on other city efforts such as the Climate Change Adaptation Strategy. The final document, called the Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, will summarize our risks and prioritize strategies to reduce them. It will meet federal standards for disaster planning, and make Portland eligible for federal grants to work on projects that reduce natural hazard risks.

A committee guiding the planning process meets at the Portland Public Schools’ Blanchard Education Service Center every third Wednesday of the month. Committee members include representatives from city bureaus, neighborhood associations, and community organizations. As part of the city's ongoing commitment to equity, committee members recently participated in training sessions highlighting equity issues in natural hazards planning with an emphasis on disasters’ disparate impacts on vulnerable populations.

The committee is first seeking to better understand where high-risk areas are located. Once the risks are identified, projects will be proposed and prioritized to reduce loss of life and damage to property with the goal of helping prevent a natural hazard from becoming a natural disaster. For example, in August the city applied for federal funds to help homeowner associations either (a) provide upgrades to homes that will better withstand an earthquake or (b) to address vulnerabilities for homes that will better withstand an earthquake. The final plan could include a prioritized list of similar projects.

One area the committee will focus on is the Linnton Neighborhood in northwest Portland. Linnton is an area with a known natural hazard risk from earthquakes, landslides, and wildfire. As part of the planning process, Linnton will be the focus of a risk assessment looking at Portland’s critical energy infrastructure. Nearly all of Portland’s – and Oregon’s – fuel and natural gas comes through pipelines and terminals in Linnton.

Several projects likely to be included in the final plan will come from a workgroup looking at the earthquake danger posed by Portland’s unreinforced masonry (URM) buildings. The workgroup includes staff from several city bureaus, local developers and property owners, finance professionals, and other experts. In the spring of 2016 the workgroup expects to recommend policy changes to City Council, including the mandatory retrofit of URMs and incentives to assist building owners.

The natural hazard planning process will continue through the end of next year, and the public is encouraged to participate. There will be multiple opportunities in the coming months to see how the plan is progressing and to provide input.

For more information and to get involved, visit the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management’s website at www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/naturalhazard or email NHMP@portlandoregon.gov.
SW Development Review

Compiled by Leonard Garof from development review notices found at www.portlandoregon.gov/185/18522

Proposals:
LU 15-141208 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a corner lot into three lots, at 810 SW Palatine St, in Arnold Creek.
LU 15-104133 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a corner lot into two lots, at 5638 SW Corbett Ave, in South Portland.
LU 15-182737 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a property into two lots, at 5638 SW Ashland Dr, in Marshall Park.
LU 15-177535 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a property into two lots, at 3635 SW Idaho St, in Hayhurst.
LU 15-205884 EN. Applicant proposes an outdoor living environment, at 4751 SW 53rd, in South Portland.
LU 15-103388 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan for a three-lot land division, at 6122 SW Haines St (new address), in Far SW.
LU 15-188757 TV. TVR, LU 15-206338 TR. Approval of tree review to reduce shrub and groundcover plants and plant 11 new plants, and approval of tree violation review to make payment to the tree planting and preservation fund, at 3620 and 3632 SW 64th Place, in SWHRL.
LU 15-179285 AD. Approval of an adjustment to increase the maximum front yard vehicle paving area from 40 to 47 percent, at 4224 SW Alice St, in Crestwood.
LU 15-182308 HR. LU 15-182308 HR. Historical resource review approval to add an exterior radon vent to the facade of the historic landmark Milton Wirt Smith residence in the South Portland Historic District, at 3432-3434 SW Kelly Ave, in South Portland.
LU 15-203038 AD. Adjustment approval to reduce a side setback, at 6420 SW Parkhill Way, in Hillsdale.
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Decisions:
LU 15-186090 AD. Approval of two adjustments to allow the roof pitch and the eaves of an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) to be different from the roof pitch and eaves of the primary house, at 4753 SW 53rd, in Bridlemile.
LU 15-161192 AD. Adjustment approval to allow a two-car garage to be located closer to the street lot line than the longest street-facing wall of the dwelling unit, at 2737 SW Montgomery Dr, in SWHRL.
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Space at programs is limited. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Capitol Hill Library
10723 S.W. Capitol Hwy, 503.998.5385

Introduction to Photo Editing with Picasa Sundays, October 18 and 25 2:00–4:00 pm
Picasa is a free tool you can use to edit, store, optimize and share your digital photos.

Guns and America: Exploring the Second Amendment Tuesday, October 27 6:30–8:30 pm
Reed College professor Pascho Savery will lead participants in a discussion about why the Second Amendment exists.

Introduction to Family History Sunday, October 4 2:00–4:00 pm
Have you ever wanted to know more about your family history, but you weren’t sure how to get started?

Hillsdale Library
1523 S.W. Sunset Blvd. 503.998.5388

Introduction to Photo Editing with Picasa Sundays, October 4 and 11 2:30–4:30 pm
Celebrate Your Fears with Author Katy Towell Sunday, October 18 3:00–5:45 pm
Join author and illustrator Katy Towell for a fun-filled scary workshop, based on her middle-grade horror fantasy, Charlie and the Grandmothers. My Child Is Smart... So Why Are We Struggling? Saturday, October 3 2:00–3:30 pm
Parenting a struggling learner can feel overwhelming and isolating. Learn about the most common reasons that smart, motivated and hard-working students fail to make adequate academic progress.

Library Writers Project - KidLit 101: An Insider’s Perspective on Writing Books for Kids Saturday, October 24 2:00–3:30 pm
Join children’s author Dawn Babb Prochovnic as she shares her journey to publication and provides a nuts and bolts overview of the “typical” publishing process.

Saturday, October 3, 2015 | 8 am to 12:30 pm
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Library Events
Senior Center Registration: Annual registration is $20 for an individual and $30 for a couple. Registration includes our monthly newsletter and is required for participation in most activities and field trips. Registration is open to all individuals 55 & older, or if the spouse is 55 years of age. Limited scholarships are available.

### Community

#### Neighborhood House Elects New Board Leadership

Tom Doherty was elected President of Board of Directors of Neighborhood House, a leading Portland non-profit social service provider headquartered in Multnomah Village. The 110-year-old agency delivers educational, anti-poverty and social support programs to serve more than 18,000 low-income children, families and senior citizens each year across Multnomah County.

Doherty is the President of Enterprising Program Management at Welch, LLC. He is a Southeast resident and has served as Vice President of Board of Directors at Neighborhood House since June 2013. Doherty will provide leadership to the 25-member board of directors overseeing the nonprofit agency.

Josh Kadish, a partner at Wyse Kadish, LLP, a local law firm serving Portland businesses and individuals, was elected Vice President. Kadish is a well-known community leader in Southwest Portland and has volunteered with many community groups and served on several notable boards, including Chamber Music NW, the Hillside Farmers’ Market and the Hillside Foundation.

Neighborhood House — which looks forward to the experience, leadership and broad community connections Kadish will bring to the organization. Craig Wilson, director of supply chain at Oracle, will be the board’s new Treasurer.

### Volunteer Opportunities Available at Every Level of the Agency

Volunteering can involve repackaging bulk food items, sorting cans, and stocking shelves at their food pantry, homework assistance, leading sports and other enrichment activities with youth, senior center receptionist, family volunteer nights at the food pantry and many more. Additionally, Neighborhood House is looking for Southwest residents who are willing to host a dinner party that will benefit Neighborhood House’s Emergency Food Bank Program, the largest food pantry on Portland’s west side. More information about all of these volunteer opportunities can be found on their website, www.NeighborhoodHouse.org.

### Rider’s Club Trips:

Public transportation can open the doors to so many opportunities. Join us as we explore free and low-cost events around Portland, such as concerts, theatre and art exhibits. TriMet bus tickets for all Rider’s Club trips are free and escorted by our Ride Ambassador who is trained to assist you. Come to the center to sign up.

**Weekly Trips**

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**October Trips:** Registration begins Tuesday, September 1 at 9:30am. Come in person to register for recreational trips. Exact change is requested. Current Senior Center Registration required for all recreational trips.

### Lakeview Farms

**Wednesday, October 14**

9:30am – 3:45pm

$5 suggested donation $6 for corn maze if desired $5 for lunch, 18% gratuity added Come join us for pumpkin picking and fall fun! Admission includes bike ride, train ride, and free soccer-ball sized pumpkin. Lunch at Havelita Tavern.

### Bonneville Dam Tour

**Wednesday, October 21**

10:00 am – 3:30pm

$9 suggested donation $4 for lunch Free admission includes guided tour. Experience first-hand the operation of two hydroelectric powerhouses and watch migrating salmon traveling upstream at the underwater viewing rooms next to the fish ladders. Lunch at Bridgside Restaurant (formerly Charlie Burger).

### L.O.M.: Copper River Restaurant and Bar

**Tuesday, October 13**

11:00am – 2:00pm

$5 suggested donation $4 for lunch In-house recipes made from scratch, offered with suggestions of the best craft beer and local wine pairings Oregon has to offer, make this Hillbore restaurant a great one to try.

### Wine Tasting

**Wednesday: Raptor Ridge Winery**

**Wednesday, October 28**

10:30 am – 3:30pm

$6 suggested donation Free admission for tasting (fee waived with wine purchase of $15 of more)

### October Shopping Schedule

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**Neighborhood House**

**Older Adult Services**

**Call (503) 261-6181 to be pre-screened. Spaces are reserved.

For more information contact: Sharon Marcus at 503-246-1663 x2117.
The October 10 walk will be led by Dave Manville. From Wilson High School we will carpool to Smith School. Then we will walk 5 miles and visit 5 parks, Woods, Gabriel, April Hill, Hideaway, and Moon Shadow. Elevation gain will be 350 ft. with some ups and downs. Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School (SW Sunset Blvd. and SW Capitol Highway) and be ready to go at 9:00 am. Bring a snack and water and dress for the weather. Well behaved dogs are allowed. They must be on leash. For health reasons, there is no smoking on SW Trails walks. For those meeting us at Smith School, (SW 52nd and Marigold) we should be there about 9:15 am.

For more information or to volunteer to lead a future walk in your neighborhood, contact Sharon Fekety, fekety@hevanet.com.

Co-sponsored by SW Trails PDX and Hillsdale Neighborhood Association.