

# HOMESTEAD NEIGHBORHOOD

## PARTNERS FOR SUCCESS

The Homestead Neighborhood is comprised of beautiful residential neighborhoods, important institutional and residential facilities

such as OHSU, the VA Hospital, Terwilliger Plaza and hundreds of acres of undeveloped forests, parks and trails. We also benefit from the strong partnerships with Friends of Terwilliger and Friends of Marquam Hill Nature Park.



Working with our many partners is one of Homestead's greatest strengths and contributes to the many successes of the Homestead Neighborhood Association. During the past year, we have collaborated with partners on many issues bringing successful outcomes for the Homestead Neighborhood Association.

Our partnering efforts with OHSU and the City of Portland formed the Marquam Hill Parking Meter District. The fruit of this partnership is that half of the revenue generated from new parking meters in front of OHSU are dedicated to transportation improvements in the neighborhood. The first improvement using this revenue was the reconstruction of SW 11th Avenue between Gibbs Street and Gaines Street where sidewalks were built on both sides of the street. Prior to that project (completed in 2013) pedestrians were forced to walk in the street dodging cars, busses and trucks. In addition to being much safer for all users, new pavement, sidewalks, retaining walls, and landscaping trees have made a grand improvement to the look of 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The Neighborhood Association is currently working on setting priorities for the use of future meter revenues.

Collaborating with South Portland Neighborhood Association, Terwilliger Plaza and OHSU, we were successful in our efforts to ensure that the Duniway Park renovation retained many of the values of our neighborhood.

Through our stewardship commitment, we have worked with Friends of Terwilliger, Friends of Marquam Nature Park and Portland Parks to successfully remove ivy and plant natives in many of the parks, pathways and roadways within our boundaries.

During the past year we worked with Southwest Trails and identified many trail connectors on unbuilt Rights of Way to be included in the SW in Motion (SWIM) Project. These trails are of significance as many of our residents are medical students and/or VA and OHSU employees.

Residential parking enforcement is an ongoing challenge to the Homestead neighborhood. With a significant number of renters (more than half of our neighborhood population) having difficulty with parking in the area, the NA collaborated with the City of Portland and OHSU for enhanced enforcement of residential permits and to discourage illegal commuter parking by non-residents.

