Civic engagement at risk

Summit to be held on Civic Life’s proposed elimination of Portland’s neighborhood system

Submitted by Sylvia Bogert, SWNI Executive Director

Our July feature article spoke about an imminent proposed code change that may have significant impact on neighborhoods and neighborhoods regarding civic engagement with the city. The Office of Community and Civic Life (a bureau that reports to Commissioner Eudaly) established a committee to review the existing code and inform more inclusive and representative language.

The code revision committee met on Thursday, July 18. The committee adopted aspirational language for the inclusion of all Portlanders in the civic engagement process and this portion of the code language is thoughtful and an improvement. However, they also eliminated the Standards for neighborhood associations (public meeting notices, right to speak, public record keeping, voting and decisions) and the neighborhood system as a process by which residents can receive information and provide feedback to the city. They did not identify another route for civic engagement in the code that would provide accountability.

Code committee members advocated that any reference to neighborhoods, neighborhood associations, business district associations, and district coalitions be “sunsetted” in future code. Organizations across the city have expressed dismay that eliminating the definition of neighborhoods in many chapters of the city code would remove the conduit by which people raise their voices. The description of who will be recognized is broadened without specifics under the code section and leaves total discretion to the Director of the Office of Community and Civic Life as to how the city will communicate with its residents. It eliminates the conduit of information and feedback that has existed for the last 40 years without a functioning alternative replacement. This should be concerning to all.

SWNI is holding a Summit meeting at 7:00pm in Multnomah Arts Center Auditorium on July 31 to discuss the proposed code changes and develop a solutions-oriented position to present to city council and other vested parties.

Free Movies/Concerts

Concerts begin at 6:30PM unless otherwise noted alongside the concert listing.

Movies begin after dusk. Pre-movie entertainment begins at 6:30PM, including live performances by local musicians and free popcorn

Saturday, August 3, 6pm
Spring Garden Park, 3332 SW Spring Garden Street
• The Libertine Belles
• Moana (2016) PG

Saturday, August 17
Hamilton Park, SW 45th and Hamilton St
• The Sportin’ Lifers—Covering jumping blues, R&B, soul, and jazz
• Incridibles 2 (2018) PG

Saturday, August 24
April Hill Park, SW 58th Ave and Miles Street
• Rogue Bluegrass Band—Acoustic bluegrass and Americana
• Missing Link (2019) PG

For more free summer park activities, visit portlandoregon.gov/parks/sffa

Multnomah Days

Save the Date: SW Portland’s Multnomah Days Returns on August 17th, 2019

Submitted by Jake Planton

Follow us on Facebook, @MultnomahDays, and Instagram @Multnomah_Days!

Warmer, longer days can only mean one thing: Multnomah Days, SW Portland’s annual parade and festival! This is one of the largest street fairs in Oregon. Every year, the popular event draws thousands of guests with its spirited parade, tasty treats, and family-friendly activities. The revelries kick off at 8:30 am with the Kiwanis pancake breakfast on Saturday, August 17, in Multnomah Village, between SW 31st and 39th along SW Capitol Highway.

This year’s theme is ‘Keep It Pretty in the Rose City’! The parade will feature Grand Marshal Marianne Fitzgerald, who has led the fight for 26 years to rebuild Capitol Highway. She is a leader in our community, and we are very excited to have her be part of Multnomah Days! Fire trucks will kick the parade off at 10:00 am and will

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August 17th

Saturday-Street Fair Events 8am-4pm
Main Stage 12pm-10pm
PARADE STARTS AT 10AM
Parade theme Keep it Pretty, Rose City

For more details visit multnomahvillage.org/events
Or grab a flyer at any Village business

Thank you to our Title Sponsor

Main Stage Sponsor

Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast ★ Community Activities
Arts & Crafts Sale ★ Vendors ★ Kids Zone
Food Court ★ Wine and Beer Garden

Live Music Main Stage Sponsor Tindell and Co.

Schedule of Events August 17th

8:30am Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
10am Parade
11:30am-12pm The Beat Goes On
12:30pm-1:30pm School of Rock
1:45pm-3:45pm Running with Scissors
4pm-7pm Laura Ivancie
7pm-10pm Drummerboy
Wine and Beer Garden til 10pm

Portland Relexology Riversgate Church
Meals on Wheels Thinker Toys
**Multnomah Days**

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- Cars, trucks, floats and larger vehicles
- A safe, family-friendly celebration with a parade route that's 40% longer than last year, providing more opportunities for the community to participate.
- The parade will begin at 3:00 pm and end at 6:00 pm.
- There will be a variety of live music and entertainment throughout the event.
- The parade will feature many local businesses, community organizations, and city agencies.
- There will be food and drink available at various locations throughout the event.
- The event will feature a Kids Zone with fun activities for children.
- There will be a Wine Garden with local wines available for purchase.
- The Multnomah Days food court will offer a variety of local food vendors.
- The event will feature a variety of artists and performers, including live music, dancers, and entertainers.
- There will be a Food Box at check-in. If you plan to enter a vehicle, there are a few NEW requirements this year:
  - Drivers not allowed to throw candy
  - Cars, trucks, floats and larger vehicles must have an adult spotter at each front tire of the vehicle to ensure safety of children and parade spectators.
  - Drivers not allowed to throw candy from their vehicles while they are driving.
- Post-parade, the festivities continue with live tunes, local vendors and diverse eats to please all ages and tastes. Attractions include:
  - **Kid zone:** Hosted by the Multnomah Arts Center, young Rose City residents can nurture their inner artists with a variety of fun craft projects.
  - **Live music:** Rock out with the best local talent from noon until 10:00 pm. All shows will be performed on the main stage, located in the Multnomah Arts Center lower parking lot. Amazing acts such as School of Rock and Laura Ivancie will be performing for your pleasure!

**Multnomah Days 2019 will take place on Saturday, August 17th from 8:30 am to 10 pm and the event coordinators are looking for volunteers to make this event really shine. If you are interested in helping out, please email Travis Kern at travis.kern@rootandbranchpdx.com.**

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**President’s Corner**

**Congratulations, Neighborhoods.**

Summer is an exciting time for SWNI neighbors and neighborhoods. This is when we come out to engage in all the activities that make us happy. One of those things is the celebration of successes which the joint neighborhoods engage in. This year we are having a picnic and each neighborhood representative has the opportunity to tell fellow neighbors what action they took to make their neighborhood more livable. Our charter from the city is to improve the livability of our neighborhoods and to help our neighbors.

Neighborhoods are the most authentic voice the city has. We are the first to hear about celebrations or tragedies. We are the first to offer helping hands and congratulations.

We support all kinds of groups who are interested in issues. We partner to make sure voices and issues are heard. We recognize that the city vision might be by sharing that information with our neighbors and working toward our city goals.

We let new neighbors know how to connect with community over-the-counter, with a phone call, or meeting online. We connect them to rules and regulations and share our experiences of those programs.

We should all be proud to part of the SWNI coalition of neighborhoods. I am. Let us work together to think of a neighborhood success.

Respectfully,

Leslie Hammond

SWNI President

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**Multnomah Arts Center is Open for Business!**

By Michael Walsh, Arts Programs Supervisor, Multnomah Arts Center is Open for Business!

We at the Multnomah Arts Center want to make sure our community has the most up-to-date and accurate information about Portland Parks & Recreation's budget as it relates to MAC. Some of you may have read or heard rumors about MAC's future. Please be aware that there is no plan to close or privatize MAC. Those rumors simply aren’t true. PPR’s budget for 2019/20 provides “bridge funding” to cover a projected deficit next fiscal year and “transition funding” to give MAC the time and additional resources to develop a financially sustainable operating model.

Right now, the best way to support MAC’s continued success is to register for a class, enjoy a performance or our gallery, share your positive experiences with folks in person and on social media, and dispel any rumors. We have wonderful summer classes, camps, and workshops in the performing, visual, and literary arts for all ages and abilities, all summer long. You can register at any time by calling 503-823-4592. For fall term, we will begin registration on August 20, at 12:30 p.m. Generous need-based scholarships are available from our nonprofit friends’ group, the Multnomah Arts Center Association. Of course, donating to our friends group helps now more than ever, as MAC continues to increase commitments to need-based scholarships and community engagement efforts throughout the city. They are currently helping us to increase arts participation within PP&R’s Free Lunch + Play, piloting an arts engagement project with the Somali community through a partnership with the Somali American Coalition of Oregon, and increasing scholarship and community engagement support for the third year in a row.

While maintaining our current programs is the most important, we also support the need of one-time funding to bridge the projected budget gap, we will also be giving long-term support in developing a long-term sustainable funding model that eliminates reliance on the City’s General Fund dollars for ongoing direct program costs. This expectation will be more easily accomplished thanks to additional one-time funding provided by City Council to hire a professional project manager and a community engagement specialist specifically to achieve this goal.

City Council’s allocation of the necessary budget and a substantial timeline to develop a sustainable plan is a strong indication of the value of arts that MAC delivers to thousands of citizens every week. We are very optimistic that, with this support and a great team in place, MAC will have a business plan implemented — A plan that preserves and honors the core value that arts hold within PP&R, as they have been since Dorothy Leorsch became the first Director of Recreation in Portland back in 1937.

MAC is fortunate to be given the resources and time to build a sustainable business model that allows for community input. This support, coupled with the City’s recent commitment to affordable arts spaces and equitable services, will help solidify MAC as a resilient community arts education program that even better responds to changing community needs and fiscal changes well into the future.

If you’d like to stay informed about all things MAC, please consider going to multnomahartscenter.org and clicking “Newsletter Sign-Up” to receive a monthly newsletter and program catalogs. If you’d like to make a one-time or recurring donation to MACA, go to multnomahartscenter.org/donate. Thank you.
Arnold Creek

August 13th, to discuss an eight–
Creek Loop. Joining us for the walk
Clara Lane at Boones Ferry. There
6–8pm at Dickinson Park.

It was a dark and stormy night, not
expected balmy summer evening when
fifteen hardy souls braved the
elements for a Walk on the Edge, the
annual July ACNA neighborhood walk.
The walk took us through different
neighborhoods where we looked at
zoning, street trees, architecture, and
storm water facilities, and into the
southern edge of Tryon Creek State
Park where we walked the new Paget
Creek Loop. Joining us for the walk
was Monica Smiley, the executive
director of the Tryon Creek Friends.
She explained the interesting history
of the founding of the park fifty years
ago. The walk concluded at a social
gathering with snacks and drinks
thanks to generous neighbors who
allowed us to huddle under cover
from the rain on their back porch
overlooking their pastoral gardens.

Land Use Committee update
There was a pre-application
conference on July 2nd for a
residential nursing facility on the
proposed development in light of the
expected balmy summer evening
conference.

Public input is welcome. Send your
information they received from the
various city bureaus at the conference.
Please contact Liz Marantz towhee2@
easystreet.net if you would like to be
on the mailing list for updates.

Arnold Creek July News

There will be a special
neighborhood meeting in room #8 in
the Multnomah Arts Center from
7 to 8 in the evening of Tuesday,
August 13th, to discuss an eight–
donation for SW Comus north of SW
30th Place. The unbuilt Comus right
of way will be developed into a new
street and the existing built section
of Comus will have to be modified
for correct drainage. All interested
neighbors are invited.

Crestwood

August 6, National Night Out – 6 PM
Stephenson Elementary School for Fun! Games! Music! Food!
Silent Auction! Face-paintings!
More information at
arnoldcreek.org

Bylaws - The ACNA is working
to update our bylaws in 2019.
Public input is welcome. Send your
comments to bylaws-committee@
arlondcreek.org

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Crestwood Neighborhood Association.

National Night Out, always the
first Tuesday in August, is a yearly
event celebrated across the country.
It's for you, your neighbors, and
anyone that works in and around
neighborhood... or heck, anyone in
the neighborhood at the right time. It's
our biggest event of the year. This
year, Crestwood's National Night Out
Picnic is on Tuesday, August 6th, from
6–8pm at Dickinson Park.

There will be complimentary hot
dogs, snow cones, and other potluck
goodies, so bring a dish to share if
you'd like. Entertainment will once
again be provided by our very own
indy folk rock band, Mojo Holter, who
have been showcased at South by
Southwest! The AshCrest NET team
will also be there to answer any local
emergency preparedness questions
you may have.

There will be lawn games for the
kiddos and we may even have some
firefighters or police officers drop in to
say hi and show off their sweet rides!
So come on by, chat with us about any
of the projects we've been working
on, enjoy some free food, some
fabulous music, and make some new
connections. See you there!
Ashcreek
Next Meeting: Monday, August 12, 7:00 pm
Multnomah Arts Center, 1588 SW Capitol Hwy, Room 30
Jerry Rundoff, president@ashcreekna.org
ashcreekna.org

We had another great Ashcreek Neighborhood Picnic July 8th! We want to thank you to Bales Marketplace for donating hot dogs and buns, Sally at The Green Goddess Remedies for another very generous donation. The turnout was great. Music by Brady and Chris, games, prizes and yummy food! Our local heroes showed up in force with firetrucks and police cars, giving tours of each. Thank you to Kirsten and Jess for bringing face painting skills, along with State Representative Margaret Doherty for her fielding of questions and genuine discussion all evening.

Mark Wells with Portland’s Community Safety had a booth, so did our AshCrest Net team. Another booth was manned by Mr. Smith who is heading our efforts to fund a bench near the playground at Smith School. For more information on this, please email president@ashcreekna.org or go to our webpage to donate; swni.org/Ashcreek and remember to fill up and turn in those blue bottle drop bags we passed out specifically for this fundraiser.

On a sad note, this past month marked the passing of a great woman, our neighbor Ester McGinnis. She has always been an outspoken, beacon of our neighborhood and Portland at large. A true advocate, leader and visionary. Picture her on her motorcycle delivering Meals-on-Wheels! There will be a memorial service September 7th, Email president@ashcreekna.org for more info.

Please join our monthly meetings each second Monday of the month, room 30 of the Multnomah Arts center. 7pm. ashcreekna.org

Collins View
Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 7:00 PM
Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger Blvd.
Chair: Elise delLisser, Contact: outreach@collinsview.org
collinsview.org

Lewis & Clark held its first annual neighborhood meeting on July 1. Campus Institutional Zoning CI-1, which took effect May 24, 2018, requires at least one community meeting per year. It allows the college to develop under the old conditional use plan until Dec. 2019. About 30 neighbors listened to Wim Wiewel, President; David Ellis, Consultant for the new Campus Institutional Zone process; Michael George, Associate Vice President for Facilities; and Julia Kuhn, Senior Transportation Planner with Kittleson & Associates describe the CI-1 required campus master plan, the annual transportation impact review and the transportation demand management plans. Also present from the college were: Dave Reese, Alan Finn, and Mark Duntley, Dean of Spiritual Life and CVNA liaison. The 10-year on-campus renovation/construction to-do list and traffic/parking issues were highlighted. Raising the cost of student parking permits by 25% (from $360/year to $450/year), as well as increasing on-campus housing parking are intended to address transportation and increased enrollment issues. “Key Facts Regarding the Campus Master Plan” at: collinsview.org/2019/1C-Master-Plan-KeyFacts.pdf The college rents the St. Mark property and owns at least 7.5 acres of individual properties in Collins View, by our count via Portland Maps.

Fire season is upon us. Make sure the fire hydrant near your property is visible to Portland Fire and Rescue and is not obscured by structures or vegetation, decorative or otherwise. Corbett Lane, the 6th Ave HOA, the 8th Ave Group and Maplecrest neighborhoods have scheduled National Night out events on August 7th! First they came for...: the ONI Name change (July 2018). In what appeared to be bureaucratic costplay, the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) became the Office of Community & Civic Life (OCCL). “Neighborhood” was eliminated to “create a culture of collaboration.” Quoting the OCCL website, “the acronym in English is meaningless.” Not so the intent. (July 2018) livableportland.org/2018/07/20/city-council-votes-to-name-oni-drop-neighborhoods-from-name-and-livableportland.org/2018/01/08/oni-is-changing-its-name-oni-

Then they came for... Neighborhood Emergency Team’s structural identity, FSEM/NET (June 11, 2019) “...it[the current draft of the Community Resilience Workbook (which is intended to replace Map Your Neighborhood)...” takes the “Neighborhood” out of NET, leaving -TE — Sense a trend?

They then came for... City Code 3.96 changes (Summer 2019). Word changes to promote equity and inclusion eliminated any reference to neighborhoods. The “Regional and Community Feedback,” with no representation from SW neighborhoods on the code committee, has been an exclusive process. Perhaps this implies new definitions of “community,” “equity,” and “inclusion.” The new Code 3.96 is scheduled to be presented to City Council in September portlandoregon.gov/civic/77961. Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me. With neighborhood identities respected and on the chopping block, with our neighborhood coalition excluded from the code change process, individual residents are very much on their own when it comes to representing their opinions and interests to the city. (Channeling “First They Came For...” with apologies to Martin Niemoller.)

Summarized by Maryellen Read

Far Southwest
Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 22, 2019, 7:00 PM
Comfort Suites Southwest, 11340 SW 60th Ave
George Vranas, FSWNA Chair george@farswpdx.org, 503-724-4011
farswpdx.org

Summer is in session, and that means our Far SW Neighborhood party is coming up! Mark your calendar. It’s Sunday, August 4th, 4pm-7pm, and will be held again at the intersection of SW Haines Street and 60th Avenue. There will be a bounce house for those who like a little spring in their step, a swimming pool will be available from 4-7pm, and those who need to cool down, and a lovely potluck buffet provided by all, for all, so bring a little appetizer style food to share. Last year had us all sweating from the heat; this year we will have water dispensers as well as free bottled water available for everyone, and even free snow cones!!! (thanks for all of the donations that have made these fun accessories an option! We will continue accepting donations at the party.

Final Call for Vendors: If you have a talent/skill/hobby you wish to share or make items available for purchase at our Neighborhood Party, or if you volunteer for an organization and would like to get the word out about resources provided, come and represent at the party and share your valuable skills and resources with your neighbors!

Final Call for Artwork: We need a Far SW logo design!!!

Please submit your ideas so they are available for a vote at our party on 8/4! We only have 2 submissions so far (and lots of suggestions that the design should have a coyote). Make your voice heard, design our logo!

Call for Volunteers: Do you want to help with the party, but weren’t able to commit to being on the planning committee? We need volunteers to help with the bounce house, face painting, registration booth, setup, take down, and many more “day of” events. Perhaps you are, or know, a high school student who needs volunteer hours; this party would be a great way to pick up an hour or more and a little experience!

Things to know: • The intersection of SW Haines and 60th, will have limited access during the party. If you use 60th Ave, please keep this in mind and choose an alternate route via Lesser, Gunther, etc. If you live between 60th Ave and 57th Ave, please be mindful that we will have barricades up and will move them as needed to provide access to your homes.

• Renters, property owners, business/organizations are all welcomed at this event!

• Items will be available for purchase, bring a little $$$ to partake in this unique shopping opportunity.

• For those who will swim, bring a towel and bathing suit.

• There will be NO LIFEGUARD on duty.

• The party is ADA-accessible; however, the pool is not.

• There is a port-a-potty available for use during the party.

For questions or information about anything regarding the party, vendors, logo, please contact Mary Ventura: mary@farswpdx.org

Unrelated to the party: The property located at 11405 SW 60th Ave will no longer be demolished by controlled burning as mentioned in our previous article last month. Plans to Condo the property and build 4 new townhomes as well as have a free-standing home are still in place.

Swimming pool fun at the 2018 Neighborhood Party! Let’s do it again!

Far SW will be hosting our National Night Out at the intersection of SW 60th Ave and Haines St on Sunday, August 4th, from 4-7pm
Hillsdale

Next General Meeting: Wednesday, September 4, 8:45 pm
President, Marie Tyroll, VP - Glenn Bridge
hna-pdx.com

BOARD ELECTIONS: Please join us in welcoming new board officers, elected on July 17, 2019: President - Marie Tyroll; Vice President - Glenn Bridge; Secretary - Will Reese; Treasurer - Rick Meigs.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Join your friends and neighbors on Tuesday, August 6, 6 - 8:30pm, at DeWitt Park for Hillsdale’s National Night Out! DeWitt Park is across from the Hillsdale library on Dewitt Street. We’ll have a potluck (neighbors are encouraged to bring a dish to share) and bring your own chair and drinks - we’ll provide everything else. We’ll have raffle prizes, ice cream for dessert and an activity corner for children with do-it-yourself projects and much more. Members of the fire dept. will join us and will have an engine parked outside for viewing. Looking forward to seeing you there!

WILSON HIGH SCHOOL: The board passed a resolution that was forwarded to Hipic Htilisc, Wilson High School’s new principal, and the PPS board, that called for a meeting with Principal Htilisc to discuss the reinstatement of the Licensed clinical social worker position and increased transparency and accountability in the 2019/20 school year. Concerned parents have requested that all Wilson students be informed by PPS about the 2018/19 racial, anti-Semitic and graffiti incidents, in addition to the May walkout by students of color and the “open letter regarding hate speech” released by students the same day as the walkout. The Board calls for a highly reputable organization, such as the Anti-Defamation League’s “No Place for Hate” program to intervene with Wilson students and staff to begin the healing process in the 2019/20 school year and to ensure the health, safety and well-being of all students.

HNA ACHIEVEMENTS: The board agreed to compile a summary of HNA achievements to submit to the Office of Community & Civic Life to illustrate how our neighborhood associations have positively impacted our community. This summary will be submitted before Civic Life considers the change to the City Code, Chapter 3.96, directly impacting the role of neighborhood associations.

Hayhurst

Next General Meeting: Monday, September 9, 7:00 pm
Hayhurst School, 5037 SW Iowa St
Janet Hawkins, janethawkins@msn.com, 503-244-7703
hayhurst.swni.org

Free Movie in the Park a Success
Hayhurst NA and Portland Parks & Recreation hosted our first Free Movie in the Park event on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Pendleton Park. We had a very large crowd that Parks staff estimated to be about 450-500 people. The evening’s entertainment started with the Hula Halau ‘Ohanal Haloko’a Band, a Hawaiian music group. Their performance was followed by the showing of Hotel Transylvania 3, which is a family-friendly animated movie. Volunteers with Vermont Hills United Methodist Church conducted game activities and face painting. A great time was had by all!

National Night Out Event – Tuesday, August 6, 2019
Alpenrose Dairy has generously offered to host our upcoming National Night Out event. We’re planning the event for 6:00 – 8:00 pm. We’ll have a performance from BJ the Clown, children activities, and free ice cream for everyone. We’ll have visits from the Portland Police Bureau and Fire Bureau staff. We will also have information booths and participation from a number of neighborhood groups.

Land Use Committee
• Residential Infill Project (RIP)
Our Land Use Committee members will be conducting community outreach this summer about the RIP as soon as new maps are provided by the City of Portland.
• State Legislation – House Bill 2001

House Bill 2001 was passed during the final week of Oregon's Legislative session. Governor Brown is expected to sign the bill at the time. Portland has not released information about how the RIP and this new legislation will interact and what flexibility Oregon cities have in zoning for increased density.

Sign Topper Project
Hayhurst NA has 16 sign toppers ready for placement in the neighborhood. You can contribute $5 and/or make a sign placement request on the SWNI website: swni.org/hayhurst

Hayhurst Neighborhood “Back to School” Safety Vigil – August 28th
Portland Public School students are back to school after summer break during the last week of August. Hayhurst NA is planning a safety vigil on the first day of school at the corner of SW 45th & Vermont Street. We plan on conducting the vigil from 7:00 – 9:00 am. Stay tuned – we’ll provide more information in a few weeks.

Upcoming Meetings:
Hayhurst Neighborhood Association’s general meetings take place on an every-other-month basis. Our next Hayhurst Neighborhood Association meeting is scheduled for 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Monday, September 9, 2019. Our meeting will take place at Hayhurst School, which is located at 5037 SW Iowa Street.
Contact Hayhurst NA’s chair, Janet Hawkins, at janethawkins@msn.com or (503) 244-7703, with any questions.

The Homestead NA met in July with OHSU consultants to discuss the traffic impact study that OHSU submitted to the City regarding the OHSU hospital expansion proposal. Homestead believes the scope did not include certain appropriate intersections as required in the Marquam Hill Plan, a plan that City Council adopted to guide the future of Marquam Hill. The plan stresses that the growth of OHSU should be limited and that the adverse impacts on the nearby residential neighborhoods be controlled and monitored.
Homestead believes that efforts to reduce neighborhood cut-through traffic have been insufficient and don’t meet the criteria for reduction in the Marquam Hill plan.
Homestead will prepare their final analysis of the traffic impacts from the additional parking proposed and submit for city planners and design review staff to include in the testimony for this project. The MH plan is available at portlandoregon.gov/BPS/article/S5712. A public hearing before the hearings officer is tentatively scheduled for August 5th at 9AM.

The big question today on the minds of Homestead residents and most Portlanders is “What Will Become of our Valuable Neighborhood Associations?” Will all the effort and hard work done by neighborhoods to build inclusive and livable communities be lost? Will our voices continue to be heard? Will we have a seat at the table to inform our government about issues and concerns in our communities?
I think it is important that Director Suk Rhee of the City’s Office of Community and Civic Life and Commissioner Chloe Eudaly take a long hard look at all the grassroots accomplishments neighborhood associations have in communities all across the city and explain how this non-transparent process will build more effective citizen involvement. Many of us believe the opposite. If the proposed Title 3.96 code changes take effect then neighborhood associations will be less effective! Then who will take the communities’ seat at the table or will they just be vacated?

Now on a lighter note…..On August 6, Homestead will celebrate National Night Out at the Lilac Gardens near Dunway Park. The neighborhood association will host the annual picnic from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Please join us for a great evening with neighbors and friends. Hot dogs, burgers and lemonade are provided. Bring a dish to share! Games for Kids! Door Prizes! Music! Let’s celebrate our VOICE TOGETHER!
Laika Film's new movie “Missing Link”

Movie in the Park event featuring

Recreation Summer Free For All

Neighborhood Association (MWNA)

will host Portland Parks and

movie:

laika.com

portlandoregon.gov/parks/61921

• Kids' craft area
• Live music

The 2019 Community Fair & Movie

Enjoy fun activities before the

It's Party Time!

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and children walking to school.

Delays and disruption of our normal

driving routes are expected while

streets are widened, bike lanes and

sidewalks are added and some street

parking is eliminated – permanently.  This increases the probability a child

walking to school could be hit by a

vehicle.  The 30th Avenue unimproved

ROW is the ONLY public ROW in

Markham, between 35th Avenue and

Lancaster, that would provide a safe

path from Indian Hills on the North to Huber street

southward to Maricara Park and

Jackson Middle School.

More than 2 years ago MKNA

applied for the permit. Ashcreek/

Maplewood neighborhood also waited

years for PBOT to improve safety on

45th Avenue.  Improvements were

not granted by PBOT until last March

when a woman was hit and killed

while on her morning walk. Within a

week, PBOT announced it would make

the requested safety improvements

to the street. A PBOT representative

speaking at a prior MKNA meeting

stated PBOT would not authorize

safety improvements for pedestrians

until there is a fatality. Simultaneously,

PBOT has not approved MKNA's

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right of way, built by volunteers and

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Join your neighbors for an evening of conversation and food. With a priority to engage Multnomah's residents, the neighborhood will be hosting several top officials to discuss issues that influence how we live and play. Here’s the line-up...

**Keynote Speaker Series**
(all meetings are 7-9 pm, second Tuesday of each month)

**September 10:** Suk Rhee, Director, Portland Bureau of Community and Civic Life

**October 8:** Portland Commissioner Amanda Fritz and Michael Jordan, Portland Bureau of Environmental Services

**November 12:** Mike Myers, Director, Portland Bureau of Emergency Management

**December 10:** Holiday Celebration, Special Guest, Commissioner Eudaly.

**January 14:** Andrea Durbin, director, Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

Jug handle, West Portland Town Center, Crossroads Project, South Portland, light rail. ... these jumbled words are synonymous with the jumble of projects proposed by the City of Portland, TriMet, federal highways, and Oregon State Department of Transportation. However, the adjustment committee on a SW Boulevard project representatives Ryan Curren, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, and Libby Winter, TriMet, gave us an overview of the projects at our July meeting that are literally underneath our feet.

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UPCOMING...

**SWHRL Neighborhood Picnic:**

- **Saturday, August 4, 2019, 10-2 pm**
- **Ascension Episcopal Parish, 1823 SW Spring St.

Nancy Seton, president@swhrl.org or contact@swhrl.org, 503-224-3840

swhrl.org

**Southwest Hills Residential League**

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 19, 7:00 pm

Ascension Episcopal Parish, 1823 SW Spring St.

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Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, August 7, 7:00 pm

PBC Free Speech Center, 4343 SW Corbett Ave.

Len Michon, SPNA1617@comcast.net, 571-334-0836

southportlandna.org


Jim Gardner, Land Use Committee chair, spoke about the appeal before the Adjunct Committee on a SW California Street development. During the open hearing, the developer agreed to several adjustments including height changes. The Committee approved the development based upon the above changes.

Jim Gardner also presented on “Oversized Zones.” Certain areas of the city are designated as “Main Street Corridors”, including parts of SW Macadam Avenue. Residential development in those zones requires 25% of first floor to be utilized as commercial space, “active uses”. The Overlook Neighborhood is appealing a development which allows less than the 25% standard. SPNA sent a letter in support of the Overlook position.

Richard Ruk, Public Safety Committee chair, spoke about “Becoming South Portland: A Community Engagement and Celebration Plan.” In May 2020, our neighborhood will be part of a new sextant called “South Portland.” A steering committee initiated by the South Portland Business Association proposes a preliminary plan of action leading up to the address change in May 2020. The plan includes several community events to define features of South Portland and a logo design competition. A month-long South Portland celebration is being discussed as is the use of the website: SouthPDX.org for publicity purposes.

The SPNA board adopted the preliminary plan which is to include the neighborhood association.

Several outstanding/pending issues were presented, among which were street sign caps, the National Night Out celebration, the Ross Island Bridgehead, Lair Hill Historic Design Guidelines, the Naito Pathway crosswalk, safety issues together with the “Map Your Neighborhood” videos. Efforts undertaken by the ad hoc committee to address the failure of Prosper Portland and the Zidell Corporation to arrive at a development agreement were also presented.

A discussion about camping in the neighborhood included most everyone, board and audience members. The issue is ultimately how to address camping in the neighborhood. The committee was not primarily concerned with Zidell’s efforts of Westside Public Safety Action Committee whose mission “is to act as a voice for the community by identifying and evaluating community safety concerns, and to advocate for and take effective action toward reducing ongoing about positive change for all.”

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Contact Tricia Quinteros at tricia@quinterosgmail.com with any questions.

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**ONGOING...**

Civic Code Change: We are monitoring Portland’s “Civic Code Change” effort, and will join with other SW neighborhoods to advocate for the city’s recognition of neighborhood associations and coalitions as important vehicles through which residents can work with the City to maintain the livability and character of their neighborhoods. Follow the process via the SWNI and Civic Life’s websites: https://swni.org/portlandoregon.gov/civic/

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**Interesting in learning more about what’s happening in our community?**

Let’s talk! Maria Tha Mal, president, Multnomah Neighborhood Association

Text/Tele: 503.539.4966

Email: mnmchaire@gmail.com

End Notes: We’re updating the Multnomah Neighborhood Association’s website with your insights. Check it out: swni.org/multnomah
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**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT:**

We reviewed options for our annual NNO celebration in the park. It will be the evening of Tuesday August 6th, 6:00pm-8:00pm at the picnic tables in the park. MPNA will provide free lemonade, water, cookies and ice cream. As usual, there will be a free raffle for kids and grown-ups! I hope you’ll come down and hang out with your neighbors. You can drop in any time for ice cream, and the yam will be around 7ish. Remember, National Night Out is the annual event to connect/re-connect with your neighbors, to make this area safer for everyone. And we hope some representatives of the emergency services will drop by, for an entirely social visit.

**SIGN CAPS:**

Donations for street sign caps are coming in. Thank you to all who have contributed. The sign caps cost $150 each, which includes installation by the city. Our target is 12 sign caps, which should be enough for all the significant junctions around our neighborhood. We have doubled our donations in the past month - we now have enough for FIVE sign caps. Please note, ANY amount is welcome, no matter how small. You can donate on the Marshall Park website: marshallpark.swni.org

OR you can mail or drop off a check at the SWNI office in the Multnomah Arts Center, Check to be made payable to SWNI, with “Marshall Park NA Signcap Project” in the memo portion of the check.

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Committees

July 2019 – Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) Update

A monthly snapshot of land use planning work going on in your neighborhoods. Please visit the project website and contact project staff with any questions.

Residential Infill Project (RIP)
portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill

What: Updating the rules that shape Portland’s neighborhood boundaries, so more people can live in them, while limiting the construction of very large new houses.

Next opportunity to engage: City Council public hearings are anticipated in the fall and the specific dates will be announced once they are scheduled.

Contact: Morgan Tracy, 503-823-6879, Morgan.Tracy@portlandoregon.gov

Better Housing by Design (BHD)
portlandoregon.gov/bps/betterhousing

What: Updating rules to expand housing options in Portland’s multi-dwelling zones and to improve the design and livability of new development.

Status: On August 30, the PSC made final amendments to the revised proposed draft and voted unanimously to forward the proposals to City Council. The PSC’s recommended draft and an updated map app will be published by August 14. In September, staff will brief City Council on the project, which is being forwarded as part of a broader housing opportunities initiative that also includes the residential infill project and a new anti-displacement strategy.

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Contact: Bill Cunningham, 503-823-4203, betterhousing@portlandoregon.gov

River Plan / South Reach
portlandoregon.gov/bps/245248

What: Developing an updated vision and implementing maps, code and action items for the southern part of the Willamette River as well as natural resources and scenic resources protection plans.

Status: Project staff are working with other city staff to develop the draft plan.

Next opportunity to engage: Public comments sought on the River Plan/ South Reach discussion draft in fall 2019.

Contact: Jeff Caudill, 503-823-4572, Jeff.Caudill@portlandoregon.gov

Design Overlay Zone (DOZA)
portlandoregon.gov/bps/doza

What: Updating and improving both the process and tools used for design review.

Status: Staff is reviewing comments received on the discussion draft and will be considering them as they develop the proposed draft, expected at the end of summer 2019.

Next opportunity to engage: A joint public hearing on the proposed draft will be held in September 2019 with the Planning and Sustainability Commission and the Design Commission.

Contact:Phil Nameny, 503-823-7709,Phil.Nameny@portlandoregon.gov

West Portland Town Center Plan
portlandoregon.gov/bps/78949

What: Creating a vision and identifying actions to transition “the Crossroads” area into a healthy, inclusive and complete community. Work will cover housing and displacement, improved health and prosperity for low-income residents, transportation and stormwater improvements, economic development, zoning changes and urban design.

Status: Staff continues to gather information and reach out to community to inform this work. Public events on April 27 and June 15 provided valuable insights. The Community Advisory Group (CAG) continues to meet.

Next opportunity to engage: On Thursday, July 25, the Fair Housing Council of Oregon will provide a community workshop and discussion opportunity to learn about our history of exclusionary practices that perpetuate housing inequalities today. This will be held at the Multnomah Arts Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy) from 6-9 p.m. Next CAG meeting is Monday, August 5, at the Girl Scouts building (9620 SW Barbur). Meeting materials available online.

Contact: Joan Frederiksen, 503-823-3111, Joan.Frederiksen@portlandoregon.gov

Projected population growth in Portland Metro, coupled with housing supply and affordability, continues to be a major area of focus at the SWNI Land Use Committee. HB2001 was approved on the final day of the 2019 Legislative session and goes to Governor Brown for her signature. Various mandates in this bill, and their expected outcomes on future housing, were presented as part of public testimony, with further pros / cons debate carried out in our local on-line and print media venues. The concept of HB2001 is to increase housing density efforts beyond the traditional high-service public transit corridors (both current and future such as the SW light rail project). However, just like the City of Portland residential infill project, there is a lack of multiple development can truly be managed in a private housing marketplace.

With HB2001 signed into law, the final design of the residential infill project will set guidelines for how the City of Portland will move forward to implement HB2001 mandates.

Look for further public testimony updates as this project makes its way to a future City Council agenda.

A special thanks to all of the NA reps and individuals who have been attending focus events for the design of the West Portland crossings town center and the initial designs for the OHSU light rail connector.

Continue to enjoy your summer vacations. We look forward to seeing your Neighborhood Land Use Rep at future SWNI Land Use Meetings.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, August 20, 6:30 pm
Multnomah Arts Center, Rm 29
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

On July 18, 2019, I attended the final meeting of the Code Change 3.96 Committee. I had expected to hear concrete, specific recommendations but instead (in the committee’s own words) they were only aspirational goals.

It was clear the disdain the committee members had for our current Code 3.96 that governs the office of Civic Live (formerly, the Office of Neighborhood Involvement ONI). My records indicate that as early as 2004 (15 years ago) under Mayor Potter’s administration there was a desire to overhaul ONI. About that time, the diversity and civic leadership organizations were formed to facilitate better participation by diverse segments of the population. In 2015 the SWNI Equity and Inclusion Committee was formed to reach out to groups who hadn’t participated in the past and form partnerships. That same year, Joy Harjo’s book entitled, Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings, was published. She has recently been named U.S. Poet Laureate. Our committee set out to implement the following rules by Joy Harjo in her poem (same title as the book). Set conflict resolution ground rules: 1. Recognize whose ... lands these are on which we stand. 2. Use effective communication skills that display and enhance mutual trust and respect. We say, put down your papers, your tools of coercion, your false promises, your posture of superiority and sit with us before the fire. We will share food, songs, and stories. We will gather beneath starlight ... dance, and rise together at sunrise. 3. Give constructive feedback: You might try dancing theory with a bustle, or a jingle dress, or with tuleis strapped around your legs. You might try wearing colonization like a heavy ... gold chain around a pimp’s neck. 4. Reduce defensiveness and break the defensiveness chain: There was no “I” or “you.” There was us; there was “we.”... 5. Eliminate negative attitudes during conflict: ... The panther hears everything in the dark. 6. And, use what you learn to resolve your own conflicts and to mediate others’ conflict: We gave thanks for the story, for all parts of the story because it was by the light of those challenges we knew ourselves— We asked for forgiveness. We laid down our burdens next to each other.

Next Meeting:
Monday, August 26, 7pm
Multnomah Arts Center, Rm 4
7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Discovery and Resilience: Exploration for students and families

Your SWNI Schools Committee encourages discovery in every form. Reading, writing, making, baking and (in today’s environment) learning to get to results that complete a task or at least get what you are doing into a format that may be used to try to contribute, be it the school, neighborhood, or playgrounds. We don’t want students or families to hold back. Most especially, we want to hear from families, so that the Schools Committee can support your needs. Your input pulls us in and allows us to communicate your interests and do more research.

As part of your daily exploration, we also encourage resiliency skills. Ask the “what if” and “how to” questions – and ensure that you have people who can help you with one call or, nowadays, one NextDoor post. (There is great neighborhood value-added from this platform when replies are caring and supportive of the need people may have.) Don’t be shy! We’ve noticed some great responses that relate to feeding children this summer and getting SW Portland Wilson high students to school on TriMet. Resilience takes the village and provides less stress once a process is synced for family members.

Here’s a recipe for student discovery and family resilience. The goal is to know who is around and what they may have as a special tool or usable skill. This was an assignment for our daughter when she was in fourth grade. Make a map of the neighborhood. Birds eye view. Use a map you may already have to get started or download and print something. The discovery is that you have the ability to know who surrounds you and how they may be able to help you. This learning is beneficial, engaging and necessary. No apps needed! Try it and let us know if it helps you – schools@swni.org.

The SWNI Schools Committee is completing info sheets on schools within our boundaries as one part of our 2019-2020 action plan. Your neighborhood association has access to the blank forms. They may also be downloaded from the Schools website and sent back to the Committee via email.

Share your ideas at upcoming NNO events, or contact SWNI Schools at our email address shown above. Reps will meet you for coffee or put you in contact with people who have similar interests or concerns. Everybody excels with these connections.

Next meeting: This standing SWNI committee meets every other month during the school year. September, May, August and February. The SWNI Schools Committee meets at the Multnomah Arts Center, Room #4. Agenda are provided by email a week prior to the meeting. When special events are scheduled, advertisements are made on Facebook, NextDoor and in the SW News SWNI newspaper.

Upcoming SWNI Events:

**Transportation Committee**

Metro President Lynn Peterson gave a presentation at Monday, July 15th’s SWNI Transportation Committee meeting about the direction Metro would be taking with the upcoming 2020 bond measure to fund the SW Corridor light-rail project. Metro will take an entire corridor focus, as opposed to just specific projects-based strategy. This is consistent with Peterson’s past statements on her preference for Metro’s direction regarding transportation improvements. In order to get voters in the Metro region to approve the 2020 bond, Metro will include a still-to-be-determined number of corridors that will be included in the funding package, not just in SW Portland. Currently, Peterson suggested the number is somewhere around 11-14 corridors, but that is subject to change. One other aspect that Peterson offered is the expectation that the bond measure will not be based upon property taxes, but something more structured to apply to the actual users of these corridors, such as an increase in vehicle registration, among other possible transportation associated fees/taxes. Metro has a task-force actively working on the 2020 transportation investment measure with a final recommendation expected early next year.

PBOT continues to work on developing street improvement standards that they will require from developers in SW Portland. Currently, PBOT has moved away from full street improvements for collector streets in SW Portland, and most often limit improvements to just an expanded shoulder. For example, the development pictured below at SW 58th and SW Hamilton St, will feature the construction of 11 new homes. The only improvement expected for Hamilton St. is an expanded shoulder. Same applies to the 8-9 homes that are going to be constructed across the street. So for up to 20 new homes going in within approximately the same area of Hamilton, the developers will provide expanded shoulders of 4-5 feet, but not continuous because the developments are adjacent and opposite sides of Hamilton. This seems to be the current standard for SW Portland. A 20-unit project is also occurring on Broadway Drive with far less than full street improvements. PBOT acknowledges the changing standards and attributes some of it to the expense of stormwater management in SW Portland. They are working to establish “objective” standards to apply to developers based upon things like terrain and street type but expect it will be about 2 years before those standards will be completed and adopted.

**Watershed Committee**

Please join us celebrating Multnomah Days, Saturday Aug 17.

Introducing our public assisting program South West Information and Infrastructure Facilitating Team (SWIFT) which will help the public, with storm water issues brought to the committee, successfully communicate with the appropriate City bureau, department, or employee to best mediate the resident’s need. We want to hear your problems and how you interact with the City to solve your issues, your way.

Seasonal blooms abound with our cooler weather. Blooming plants, native and acclimated, feed pollinators and clean water on it’s way to the Willamette, Columbia and the Ocean. We encourage water wise plantings with long or repeat blooms best suited for your micro climate. Rain gardens might work well in your yard. Now is the season for native, solitary, non-aggressive pollinator leaf cutting bees. Get some nesting tubes and conduct your very own (easy to do) science project!

Our August meeting took a field trip to SW 27th. A SW Community Trail (near Mittleman Comm Center) to see right of way restoration and plans.

In September we will field trip to Quail Park to investigate their storm water problems and how we might help them.

Next Meeting: Thursday, August 15 7pm Contact: watershed@swni.org for meeting location

**Schools Committee**

Portland needs a new model for Parks and Rec funding and operations. The current model is not working as amply demonstrated by the FY 2019-2020 budget which resulted in system-wide cuts to services and staffing, and targeted closure of facilities, following a series of cuts over several previous years. The SWNI Parks and Community Centers Committee believes that now, this summer, is the time for the city of Portland to begin crafting the new model.

Portland deserves a vibrant parks and recreation system that sustainably and equitably serves our diverse population and our visitors. We must create the means to rebuild our parks system, rather than continuing to live in apart piece-by-piece, year-by-year. That requires participation of a broad range of interested Portlanders, and, most emphatically, the leadership of our elected officials.

Our key values, which we feel should drive the creation of a new model:

- A quality parks system that equitably serves our diverse population and our visitors, responding to changes in society, climate and culture;
- Adequate and stable funding sources which grow to serve a growing population;
- Funding of operations and maintenance appropriate for our level of current and future capital investment;
- Adaptability to changing future conditions, including demographic shifts and climate change;
- A safe system for all Parks & Rec users;
- Protection and safe access to our natural areas.

A forum that engages the community to create a new funding model for sustainably rebuilding Portland Parks and Rec deserves strong consideration to get us moving forward quickly.

Next Meeting:

Thursday, August 1, 7pm South Burlingame Park SW 12th Ave & Falcon St
Library Events in August

Capitol Hill Library
10723 SW Capitol Hwy.
(503) 988-5385

Hillsdale Library
1525 SW Sunset Blvd.
(503) 988-5388

The Fascinating World of Reptiles
Join the Reptile Man, aka Richard Ritchey, in meeting his outstanding crew of snakes, lizards, turtles and tortoises! Richard has been winning the rapt attention of audiences throughout the Pacific Northwest for over 20 years and has assembled a traveling collection of scaled predators that is unrivaled in quality and reputation.
Thursday, August 15, 2-3 pm

Planets and Moons
Take your place in the grand orbit of our solar system! Circle the sun and weave through rocky planets and gas giants while creating solar and lunar eclipses. This workshop will have junior space cadets shooting for the moon! For kids in grades K-5. Free tickets available 30 minutes in advance.
Monday, August 5, 2-3 pm

Extra Butter
Relax at the library with popcorn, drinks and friends for a movie afternoon! For tweens and teens.
Thursday, August 22, 2-4 pm

Move Like a Mammoth
Can you pounce like a saber-toothed cat, lift like a mammoth, or stroll like a giant ground sloth? Get moving as you discover how these and other amazing ancient animals ran, swam, leaped, climbed, and ate their way through Oregon’s history. Explore fossils, bones and teeth while comparing ancient animals to those living in Oregon today. Free tickets available 30 minutes in advance.
Wednesday, August 7, 3-4 pm

Woodwinds and the Pied Piper of Hamelin
With Portland Classical Outreach Trio you will see and hear a flute, clarinet and bassoon up close. The members of the trio will demonstrate their instruments, play a little, and then, with the help of our story teller, recount the story of The Pied Piper of Hamelin with poetry and music. Free tickets available 30 minutes in advance.
Wednesday, August 14, 3-3:40 pm

Poetry Open Mic
Join us to share your work and hear the local talent of our community. Poetry Open Mic gives poets the chance to read three poems or read for five minutes as time allows. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis.
Tuesday, August 27, 6-7:45 pm

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Information: 503-823-0097

Learn about emergency disaster assistance within your neighborhood

Submitted by Jack Klinker, Ashcreek NET

Neighborhood Emergency Teams are neighbors trained by the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management. We are preparing for the Cascadia earthquake, but deploy during floods, fires, water main breaks, ice-storms, etc. We volunteer during disasters to do search and rescue as well as hazard and crowd control. Our meetings are open to all and we encourage you to prepare and/or be trained as a NET. You can find more information at portlandprepares.org. If your neighborhood does not have a NET, please feel free to attend any of the listed meetings.

Arnold Creek, email for date and room, 6:30 PM, Lewis & Clark College, james@hensel.com

Ashcreek, 1st Wednesday, 7 PM, United Methodist Church @ 4729 SW Taylors Ferry, daville90@outlook.com

Bridlemile, 3rd Wednesday, 6:45 PM, Vermont Methodist Church (Fireside rm) @ 6053 SW 55th, stroheckerj@katiewdb.com

Collins View, email for date and room, 6:30 PM, Lewis & Clark College, drbobfischeris@hotmail.com

Crestwood, 1st Wednesday, 7 PM, United Methodist Church @ 4729 SW Taylors Ferry, chuckquarterman@yahoo.com

Far Southwest, email for date and room, 6:30 PM, Lewis & Clark College, vickil@vmconsult.net

Hayhurst, 3rd Wednesday, 6:45 PM, Vermont Methodist Church (Fireside rm) @ 6053 SW 55th, greg.zupan@gmail.com

Hillsdale, even months: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30 PM / odd months: 2nd Sunday, 3 PM, Watershed Community Conference room @ 6388 SW Capitol Hwy, hillsdaleoem@gmail.com

Maplewood, 4th Wednesday, 7 PM, email for location, MaplewoodPDXNET@gmail.com

Markham, 2nd Wednesday, 7 PM, Fire Station #18 @ 8720 SW 30th, Markham.President@gmail.com

Multnomah, 2nd Thursday, 6:30 PM, Fire Station 18 @ 8720 SW 30th, multvnet@gmail.com

South Burlingame, merilee@MerileeDeborahKarr.com

South Portland, SouthPortlandPrepares@gmail.com

South Waterfront, 1st Thursday, 7 PM, Mirabelle @ 3550 SW Bond (Park View Rm), edwinparker@gmail.com

Southwest Hills, 2nd Wednesday (odd months), 7 PM, 1823 SW Spring St (Ascension Chapel), sarahbach@coastside.net

West Portland Park, email for date and room, 6:30 PM, Lewis & Clark College, vickil@vmconsult.netCore

South Portland, Multnomah Days event

Learn more about Portland NETs, and how to get involved at portlandoregon.gov/pbem/31667
Westside Watershed Resource Center
Erik Horngren, Manager
503-823-2862 or watershed@swni.org
Contact the WRC to sign up for our monthly email newsletter, the Westside Watershed News.
Visit us at:
swni.org/watershed
facebook.com/sw.wrc
instagram: watershedsresourcecenter

The Westside Watershed Resource Center inspires awareness and action on behalf of watershed health in Portland. We work through a partnership between Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., and the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services.

Watershed Resource Center

WRC hosts activities for Neighborhood House summer campers

Once a week during the month of July, summer campers from Neighborhood House joined WRC at local parks, natural areas, and trails to learn more about nature right in their own backyards. Campers learned about various uses of native plants, and even got to nibble on some of our native edible nuts and berries! They also spent time being scientists (sampling water from a local creek to determine whether it is clean enough to support valuable wildlife), and helped to steward our natural spaces by removing invasive weeds.

We're grateful to Neighborhood House for providing support to our activities and giving us the opportunity to work with their campers. We also want to give a big thank-you to Andrea Wall for working with us to host many of these fun activities on the SW 25th Ave. trail. And lastly, we want to thank the campers themselves for engaging so enthusiastically with nature in their own neighborhoods!

*This article is courtesy of Tryon Creek Watershed Council program coordinator Alexis Barton

Participants at Get Outdoors Day learn about water quality by "raining" on their sample watersheds

Last month, Tryon Creek Watershed Council (TCWC) hosted a pair of great community events! These events included partnering with HAKI Community Organization to share watershed knowledge with Swahili-speaking watershed residents as part of Get Outdoors Day, and bringing together residents to learn What's Going On at Marshall Park with Portland Parks & Recreation.

Get Outdoors Day
Get Outdoors Day was planned by the Friends of Tryon Creek, Columbia Land Trust, and the folks at HAKI (Humanitarian Aid with Kindness and Intercultural) Community Organization, an organization serving the Swahili-speaking community in SW Portland. Within resources for the East African immigrant & refugee community, this language group can be underserved, and HAKI aims to fill those gaps. We felt very lucky to be able to engage with them in a meaningful way with help from Swahili language interpreters.

Over 70 community members of all ages came out! After welcoming everyone to the Tryon Creek State Natural Area, there were three stations for community members to go through for environmental education facilitated by community translators. The stations included pelts and skulls of wildlife inside the classroom; Iris Benson, Park manager at Tryon Creek State Natural Area, led a talk on plants. In the Jackson Shelter; we at TCWC educated folks about watersheds by tracing peaks on paper with washable marker and then "raining" on these paper watersheds. The flow of the ink showed participants how water moves, which can help start the conversation about how what we do in our watersheds affects larger bodies of water. Because many of the TCWC Green Team members are part of Markham Elementary and Jackson Middle School students, it was a neat way to talk about what happens at their in-watershed schools, too! We especially enjoyed the delicious homemade meal at the end of the day.

Thanks to the Friends of Tryon Creek and Columbia Land Trust for inviting us and Oregon Parks and Recreation to be part of this great day! We were able to participate thanks to funding from the Community Watershed Stewardship Program through the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES).

What's Going On at Marshall Park?
Thanks to Portland Parks & Recreation Natural Resource Ecologist Janelle St Pierre for giving us and over a dozen neighbors an update on what's happening in Marshall Park! Right now there are new bridges, new trails, and lots of new native plants getting installed within the park. The work should wrap up by the fall, and will allow for a safer visit to this 46-acre natural area, as well as better fish and wildlife habitat. During the morning chat and hike, we learned that the park was established in 1948 through a donation from the Marshall family. We got to see the refurbished stone bridge over Tryon Creek, and enjoyed a lot of native plant identification!

Our Watershed 101 Workshop program is a flexible, mobile workshop funded through the BES Community Watershed Stewardship Program. Keep an eye out for more this fall, or let us know if you're interested in hosting one!

Multnomah Days coming Saturday, August 17th!
Join Watershed Resource Center and our partners from City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, Tryon Creek Watershed Council, and natural area friends groups for fun activities, games, and information on all the ways you can enhance the health of our watersheds!

You can also help Heal the Earth by walking with neighborhood watershed advocates in the Multnomah Days parade (look for the folks with the big tree and salmon puppets!). The festivities begin at 9am on August 17th in the heart of Multnomah Village. We hope to see you there!

For questions about walking in the parade with Heal the Earth, contact gahportland@yahoo.com

Pictured Below:
Summer campers learn about the edible nuts on native hazelnut trees

Participating organizations for Neighborhood House summer campers:
Humanitarian Aid with Kindness and Intercultural (HAKI)
\(\text{+}\) Community Watershed Stewardship Program of the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES)
\(\text{+}\) Tryon Creek Watershed Council
\(\text{+}\) West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

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Neighborhood House receives Oregon Community Foundation grant to expand program for immigrant business owners

Oregon Community Foundation representative Paul Brown presented a $30,000 grant to human services agency, Neighborhood House, earlier this summer. The funds will support Neighborhood House’s Child Care Improvement Project (CCIP), an innovative entrepreneurial program that includes educational and technical assistance, and has proven benefits for low-income children, working parents and minority/immigrant women. Through CCIP, immigrant women are trained and supported in establishing in-home childcare businesses providing quality child care for other low-income families and preparing young children for school. Once established, these businesses employ other women, thus propelling entire communities forward. The overarching goals of CCIP are:

- Improve the quality of child care by equipping participants with skills and resources to foster early learning/development and kindergarten readiness;
- Increase access to affordable, reliable high-quality childcare for low-income families; and
- Strengthen the economic viability of child care businesses led by minority and immigrant women.

Last year, 100% of the enrolled child care providers met the benchmark of attaining state licensure for their businesses within 12 months of enrollment.

Current funding from Prosper Portland is limited to serving people within the Portland city limits. The grant, provided by the Bertha L. Harris Fund and an anonymous fund of the OCF, will allow the program to serve 30 additional child care providers in surrounding communities, including Gresham, Tigard and Beaverton. The high cost of housing has forced many low-income families out of Portland in search of more affordable housing. The CCIP will contribute to the supply of high-quality, affordable childcare in those neighboring cities.

For more information about the Child Care Improvement Project, contact Program Manager Meera Batra at mbatra@nhpdx.org, or 503-246-1863 x4001.

Neighborhood House RIDERS’ CLUB TRIPS

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Public transportation can open the doors to so many opportunities to enjoy what Portland has to offer. Join us as we explore and low-cost events around Portland, such as concerts, theatre and art exhibits. TriMet bus tickets for all Riders’ Club trips are free, and escorted by our Ride Ambassador who is trained to assist you. Come to the Neighborhood House Senior Center to sign up or call 503-226-0700.

Tuesday, August 20: Art and Conversation
Mary Weaver Chapin will discuss the Paris 1900 Exposition. Free for adults 62+, and includes museum admission.
8:30 Enter the Senior Center at the back parking lot
8:45 Walk to Multnomah Village (Capitol and 35th)
8:56 Board #45
9:30 Enter the Mark Building for refreshments
10:00 Museum opens – meet in the auditorium
10:15 Lecture
11:15 Explore the galleries
Noon Meet in the main lobby
12:10 Board #45 at Columbia and Park
12:32 Arrive at SW 35th and Troy, walk to Senior Center

Wall Pear (center), representing the Oregon Community Foundation, presented Neighborhood House Executive Director Chris Chiacchieri (left) and Program Manager Meera Batra (right) with a $30,000 grant earlier this summer.

Neighborhood House RIDEABOUT CONNECTION

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A special offer for riders 60+ and people with disabilities at no cost except for the price of admission, if there is one. The bus may pick you up at home and deliver you back home afterward, depending on your Zip code. Please call Ride Connection at 503-226-0700 to sign up.

Wednesday, August 7
Oregon Zoo
Bus leaves senior center 9:30 am, returns 3:00 pm
Admission: FREE
- $5 for lunch on site, or bring a sack lunch

There’s always something happening at the zoo! Explore the 64 acres of exhibits on foot, hop on the free Zoomer shuttle, or rent a wheelchair or scooter, provided on a first-come, first-served basis at the Oregon Zoo Gift Shop.

Thursday, August 8
Oregon Society of Artists and Kidd Toy Museum
Bus leaves senior center 9:30 am, returns 3:00 pm
Admission: FREE
-$ for lunch at Portland Food Hall

Learn techniques for painting outdoor scenes at a free demo in the Oregon Society of Artists garden. Afterwards, we’ll have an International Lunch at the Portland Food Hall, with cuisine ranging from Japanese to Lebanese to South American. Finally, spend the afternoon exploring Kidd’s Toy Museum’s collection of 15,000 toys, most of which were created between 1869-1939. In addition to toys, the museum is home to one of the finest collections of antique mechanical banks in the world.

Monday, August 12
Greenway Park/Koll Center Wetland
Bus leaves senior center 11:00 am, returns 3:00 pm
Admission: FREE
-$ for lunch at Davidson’s Casual Dining

Fuel up for an afternoon outdoors at Davidson’s Casual Dining, an old-fashioned restaurant known for its warm inviting environment, and good, flavorful, and filling food. Then it’s off to the Koll Center Wetland in Greenway Park. There you might spot nesting turtles, a family of river otters, fresh herons, or various species of swallows feeding over the wetlands.

Monday, August 19
Cooper Mountain Vineyards
Bus leaves senior center 11:15 am, returns 3:30 pm
Admission: FREE
Wine tasting optional: $20 for flight of 5 wines, or $12-$15 per glass. Tasting fee is waived upon each $50 spent in wine.
-$ for lunch at BG Food Cartel

Join us for wine tasting at Cooper Mountain Vineyards. The vineyard grows organic and biodynamic grapes, thus producing wines that are made with sweet and savory balsamic vinegar as well as wine. Next stop is lunch at BG Food Cartel, explore cuisine from around the world, including Argentinian, German, Chinese, Mediterranean, Thai, Italian, Guatemalan, and Mexican, as well as American fare, coffee, and tea.

Monday, August 21
L.O.M. Pacific Pie Co.
Bus leaves senior center 11:30 am, returns 2:00 pm
-$ for lunch

Pacific Pie Co. serves traditional American-style savory pies, as well as sweet dessert pies. Famous for its buttery, flaky crusts, the restaurant has also been honored by Zagat’s for having some of the best service in Portland.

Monday, August 26
Gallery Without Walls, ARTspace, and Oswego Heritage House
Bus leaves senior center 9:30 am, returns 3:00 pm
Admission: $10 for tour (the more people, the cheaper the cost). Please bring cash.
-$ for lunch at Chuckie Pies

Join us as we explore the arts, culture, and history of Lake Oswego. First, a guided tour of the Gallery Without Walls outdoor sculpture exhibit. The tour route covers three blocks, and is accessible to walkers and wheelchairs. A docent will guide us from the bus if weather isn’t friendly to outdoor viewing. Next is ARTspace, featuring Plein Air paintings of outdoor scenes in Oregon and Washington. After a lunch break for authentic Neapolitan pizza at Chuckie Pies, we’ll visit the Lake Oswego Heritage House. The house features a museum of local Native American history, notable historical and cultural events, and an historic rose garden with a replica of an iron ore cart from when Oswego was “Pittsburgh of the West.”

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Offered in partnership with Ride Connection
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Ride Connection at 503-226-0700 for four business days in advance to reserve a ride.

August Shopping Schedule
8/6 Raleigh Hills Fred Meyer* or New Seasons
8/13 Walmart, Costo, or Winco
8/20 Beaverton Fred Meyer or Trader Joe’s
8/27 Walmart, Costo, or Winco
*Senior discount days

Neighborhood Houseriders.

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SW Trails Hike for Saturday, Aug 10

This month’s hike will be led by Hans and Jette Steuch; from the starting point at Wilson High School we will carpool to Brugger St near the intersection with Palatine Hill Rd. From there we will head east and south through River View Natural Area temporary Trail 3B, Lewis and Clark College, pick up SW Urban Trail 5, and walk through Riverdale/unincorporated Multnomah county on Summerville Ave, Palatine Hill Rd and several other local streets until we enter Tryon Creek State Natural Area near Northgate Ave and return to Brugger St via trails in the Natural Area and Palatine Hill Road.

We will meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School (SW Sunset Blvd. and Capitol Highway) and be ready to go by 9:00 am. Bring a snack, water, good footwear, sunglasses and dress for the weather. For health reasons, there is no smoking on SW Trails walks.

The distance is approximately 5.0 miles, elevation change about 650 feet; there’s a couple of relatively steep stretches about 100 feet long.

For more information or to volunteer to lead a future walk in your neighborhood, contact Britta Gordon (gordonbritta@gmail.com).

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

SW Trails PDX Stroll and Coffee

Please join Southwest Trails on Saturday, August 24, for its monthly “Stroll and Coffee” walk. The “Stroll and Coffee” walk is designed to offer a walking opportunity that is shorter than our traditional hike and ends with a stop for coffee and socializing if you desire. Kids (and well-behaved pets) of all ages welcome.

We will be heading to George Himes Park to walk down its paths through the park; then we will walk up Terwilliger, cross Capitol Hwy, and continue on until we reach SW Cheltenham. We will then walk up Cheltenham, which will lead us back to SW Sunset to complete the loop. We will meet at 9am in the parking lot of Wilson High School near the food trucks (the same location for our longer hikes). Hope to see you there.

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