Neighborhood coalitions release citywide COVID-19 Resource Guide

By SWNI Executive Director Sylvia Bogert

In mid-April, Portlanders across the metro area opened their mailboxes to find the COVID-19 Resource Guide, a bilingual publication put out jointly by Portland’s neighborhood coalitions. Representing a combined effort among the nonprofit organizations, the Resource Guide is a wide-ranging collection of vital information to help Portlanders navigate the fallout of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The information in the guide is a compendium of existing community resources that are suddenly more necessary than ever. In addition to graphics and instructions on staying safe and healthy during this crisis, it also includes a map of food pantries around Portland and instructions on how to postpone your rent payment, as well as answering simple questions about what is and isn’t allowed during the Governor’s stay-at-home order.

Many of the needs it addresses are lesser-known but just as vital. With domestic violence, mental health crises and addiction struggles on the rise in quarantined households, the guide also provides listings of social service agencies for anyone who needs that support.

Our goal was to reach and impact as many households as possible. The guide is bilingual in English and Spanish and includes links to other information portals in twelve different languages online at swni.org.

Throughout this issue, we are including additional information and resources. An important resource in Southwest Portland is Neighborhood House, Inc. In response to the economic disruption caused by the COVID-19 health crisis and in accordance with Governor Kate Brown’s stay-at-home order, local social service agency Neighborhood House has reorganized its workforce and operations and mobilized its services to bring remote support directly to the unprecedented number of community members in need. Neighborhood House is providing education and anti-poverty programs for Portland’s low-income children, families, and seniors. Neighborhood House’s crisis response aims to dramatically expand its service area to provide food assistance to all community members who need it through a newly launched, no-contact food box and mask delivery service. The agency is also providing connections for seniors isolated from needed support services through food services, remote wellness checks, online exercise classes, and transportation. To find out how you might help or learn about services, see page 15 for details. Stay safe everyone!

May 19, Primary Election

Multnomah County’s next election will be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. Oregon’s Vote by Mail elections means that we can all stay home, stay safe, and exercise our democratic right to vote! Ballots will arrive in mailboxes the last week of April.

Want to know more about the May 19 primary? You can find information about current ballot measures and who is running here: multco.us/elections/current-and-upcoming-elections-multnomah-county-elections

Voting and election information is available in nine languages. Multnomah County Elections also provides assistance to voters with disabilities. Find out more about the accessible voting options here: multco.us/elections/accessible-voting-options.

SW Corridor Update

Submitted by Libby Winter, TriMet

The Southwest Corridor Light Rail Project will bring high-capacity transit to one of the most congested travel corridors in our region. With current hours of congestion expected to increase by 17 percent by 2035, these new travel options and connections will reduce the strain on roads and trains, getting people to jobs, schools and other destinations more quickly and reliably. The new light rail line will link with the MAX Light Rail System in downtown Portland, creating a 30-minute travel time between downtown Portland and Tualatin. The project builds a key branch in the regional transit system, ensuring that everyone has affordable access to jobs, education, housing and recreation destinations.

In early 2020, project partners hosted a series of open houses to share preliminary design plans in conjunction with the release of the Conceptual Design Report. The Conceptual Design Report illustrates the project’s preliminary designs and identifies opportunities for the next phase of design. Community members were invited to explore project designs and provide valuable feedback. To review these planning documents, community feedback and past meeting materials, please visit trimet.org/swcorridor/library.

The project is moving toward 30% design and publication of a Final Environmental Impact Statement this fall.

Next meeting: Community Advisory Committee Meeting Thursday, May 7 at 5:30pm Zoom virtual meeting (link posted on trimet.org/swcorridor one week prior) Public testimony is welcome and will take place at the beginning of the meeting.

For a list of meetings and events please visit trimet.org/swcorridor/getinvolved.

For more information, please visit trimet.org/swcorridor, call 503-962-2150 or email swcorridor@trimet.org.
2020 Census granted a 120-day extension

In order to ensure the accuracy of the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau has just announced that it has requested an extension of the self-response period to October 31, 2020 and that Congress approve a 120-day extension to deliver final apportionment figures. The extension will allow for apportionment counts to be delivered to the President by April 30, 2021, and redistricting data the Bureau has just announced that it will allow for apportionment counts who have not responded to the 2020 Census granted has requested an extension of the roles in order to accurately respond back at a later time. The USCB has higher-than-normal wait times and receiving a message that there are out their form have reported they are the 2020 Census, the U.S Census to be delivered to the states no later to be delivered to the President by and will continue to find ways to be maintained to all properties. In May, utility providers will begin relocation work, NW Natural, PGE, Century Link, Comcast, and Portland Water Bureau all have relocation work scheduled over the next three months on SW Capitol Highway and on SW Alice Street west of Capitol Highway, including relocating underground pipes, power and communications poles, and water meters. This work will result in occasional lane closures with flaggers, similar to the tree work that just finished.

With questions, comments or for more information, please contact: Steve Szegethy, PBOT Project Manager, Steve.Szegethy@portlandoregon.gov, 503-823-5117.

Detours of southbound SW Capitol Hwy traffic starting in June

The SW Capitol Highway: Multnomah Village to West Portland project will provide sidewalks, bike lanes, stormwater management facilities and water system upgrades along SW Capitol Highway between SW Garden Home and SW Taylors Ferry Roads.

Traffic intending to use the full length of southbound SW Capitol Highway from Multnomah Village to the Barbur/"S" Crossroads area, including the TriMet #44 bus, will be detoured to SW 45th/48th Avenues for much of the project duration starting in June 2020 and last through October 2021. Northbound traffic will remain on SW Capitol Highway, and local residents will be able to use some portions of southbound SW Capitol Highway, depending on where the active work zone is during a given day. Access will be maintained to all properties.

In your limited capacity leaving the house, keep your eye for census ads in collaboration with TriMet. Local Complete Count Committee is actively working with school districts to provide census information to students and families and will continue to find ways to engage shelters and people experiencing houselessness working with the Joint Office of Homeless Services.

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The Census 2020 questionnaire in the mail.

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Sylvia Bogert, Executive Director; John Gibbon, 1st Vice President; Katherine Christensen, 2nd Vice President; Janet Hawkins, Secretary; Lee Buhrer, Treasurer. Donate at swni.org/donate. Subscribe online at swni.org/subscribe. Advertising rates can be found at swni.org/newspaper. All submissions are due by the 15th of the prior month.
**SWNI Office Update**

As a tenant in the Multnomah Arts Center, Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) has been informed that the building will remain closed through June 6, 2020. Portland Parks & Recreation is following the guidance of the Oregon Health Authority, Multnomah County Health Department, and the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management regarding COVID-19 health situation. For updates about Portland Parks & Recreation, please visit portlandoregon.gov/parks/article/756348.

Many of our member neighborhood associations and community partners are holding virtual meetings using various video tools. Be sure to catch up on your neighborhood association’s activities by reading their news articles. SWNI committees continue to monitor equity, land use, park, public safety, school, transportation, and watershed issues. The SWNI online calendar is kept up to date with meeting notices. If you need a tutorial on the various video communication tools, our “Resource” page on our website has training videos. Despite being closed, our dedicated staff are working from home and can be reached via email. As SWNI Executive Director, I am available by phone at 503-823-4592 or by email at sylvia@swni.org. For other staff email addresses, please visit our website at swni.org and click on the “Contact” page, in the “About” section in the header.

**Search for 2020 SWNI board officers**

The SWNI board nominating committee includes Katherine Christenson, Mike Linman, and Gary Runde. They welcome your opinions and interests regarding future SWNI leadership. SWNI board officer elections will be held on May 27, 2020, meeting.

Are you interested in running for a SWNI officer position? Do you know of others who might be interested? Please contact SWNI Nominating Committee Chair, Katherine Christensen at kbc.chris@gmail.com. Any information or feedback is welcome.

SWNI will only thrive on the continual encouragement of participation and leadership. Here are brief descriptions of board officer positions.

- **The President** is the chief executive of SWNI, responsible to the Board for SWNI daily affairs. The president presides over the Board. Executive Committee meetings. With the board approval and qualification as set forth in the bylaws, the President has authority to accept staff resignations, appoint and create committees and chairs and call emergency meetings.
- **The First Vice-President** steps in for the President when needed, is the Planning and Evaluation coordinator, including the SWNI Action Plan; organizes orientation and training programs, board retreats and other educational activities.
- **The Second Vice-President** steps in for President and First Vice President, and serves as events coordinator for a Volunteer Recognition Event and other events.
- **The Recording Secretary** keeps an accurate record of all the minutes the Board and Executive Committee, as specified in the bylaws and informs NAs on representation issues.
- **The Treasurer** prepares the annual budget for adoption by the Board in compliance with the Office of Community and Civic Life’s contract or grant, keeps accounts of financial transactions to be reported monthly to the Board, reconciles monthly bank statements, oversees accounting and payroll and serves as chair of the finance committee.

All nominees are asked to submit a written statement describing their qualifications and interest in serving as an officer on the SWNI Board. Please email statements to SWNI Executive Director, Sylvia Bogert at sylvia@swni.org, by 5:00 pm, May 15, 2020. Statements will be posted in the May 27, 2020 Board Meeting file folder accessible on the SWNI website.

All positions are for a term of one year starting June 1, 2020. SWNI bylaws, including Article VI, Duties of Officers, can be found at swni.org/BoardHandbook.

**Portland Parks will provide free lunch & play programs this summer**

Concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park, Washington Park Summer Festival, Portland World Soccer Tournament are cancelled this summer.

Portland Parks & Recreation’s (PP&R) is planning to operate the Free Lunch + Play program this summer. Access to nutritious food has proven to be one of the highest needs in our community during this public health crisis. PP&R and our partners will play an important role in keeping kids healthy this summer.

57% of young Portlanders qualify for free or reduced-price lunch during the school year. Without school lunches, summer becomes the time when nearly 50,000 Portland children face hunger daily. PP&R’s Free Lunch + Play program supports families by offering nutritious meals and recreational activities - arts, crafts, sports, and games - during the summer break from school.

“The last few weeks have been unprecedented for all of us as we navigate the COVID-19 global health crisis,” says PP&R Director Adena Long, “In these circumstances, we must focus on the highest needs of the people we serve. Portland Parks & Recreation will focus on the Free Lunch + Play program to fill the summertime meal gap for thousands of young people.”

Working alongside community partners, Portland Public Schools, David Douglas, Reynolds, Parkrose, and Centennial School Districts, and Oregon Food Banks and Urban Gleaners, PP&R coordinates the Free Lunch + Play program to ensure that it meets the changing needs in our community.

Food access during this time remains one of the highest needs for Portland. Portland Parks & Recreation is prepared to mobilize and provide free meals for children and youth, citywide. If you would like to contribute to this effort—please make you pledge here: COUNT ME IN!

Due to the COVID-19 public health crisis, Portland Parks & Recreation’s Summer Free For All program will not include the Concerts in the Park, including the Washington Park Festival, Movies in the Park, and the Portland World Soccer Tournament. This decision will ensure that the bureau’s summer offerings can adhere to the guidance of public health officials. In addition, summer preparations, such as hiring, fundraisers, fundraising and planning, normally would occur during the spring and that is not possible this year due to COVID-19 constraints PP&R is enduring at this time.

Portland Parks & Recreation continues to be in communication with, and following the guidance of, the Oregon Health Authority, Multnomah County Health Department, and the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management regarding COVID-19. You can find more information on our webpage at portlandoregon.gov/parks/covid-19.

**Nonpartisan voter information for May 19 primary election**

Submitted by the Chris Cobey, League of Women Voters

The VOTE411.org website provides nonpartisan election information for the 2020 Primary Election. By entering a personal address, a voter can view only the candidates and ballot measures that will be on their individual ballot, Oregon has closed primary elections. On VOTE411.org, a voter can choose a party (Republican, Democratic, or None of These). If a Party is selected, the website shows the candidates running in that Party, along with nonpartisan candidates and ballot measures. If None of These is selected, only nonpartisan candidates and ballot measures show. People may register to vote, or update or check voter registration on VOTE411.org or at oregonvotes.gov/mvvote.

Printed English and Spanish Voters’ Guides – Limited number of print copies of the Voters’ Guide are available. Voters may find copies of the printed Voters’ Guide in English and Spanish, with information on all races and measures on Multnomah County ballots.

League Volunteer Delivery – As long as supplies last, League volunteers will deliver print copies of the Voters’ Guide to homes, organizations, or community living facilities, for people who need the print versions. Contact the League at (503)-228-1675 or info@lwvpdx.org. Leave name, address, phone number and number of copies in English and/or Spanish. A volunteer who lives in the area will leave the Voters’ Guide at the address to call that they have been delivered.

Video Voters’ Guide – Recordings of eight to ten-minute interviews with many of the local candidates will be posted on the League of Women Voters of Portland website, lwvpdx.org, as well as VOTE411.org and metroeast.org.


The League of Women Voters of Portland is determined to carry out its mission of informing and engaging voters, even in this time of social distancing. Key contests are underway at the local, state, and national levels, including Mayor of Portland; Portland; City Commissioner, Multnomah County Commissioner and District Attorney; Multnomah County Councilor; Legislative, Oregon State Legislators, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Treasurer; and US Representatives and Senator. We encourage you to look for the nonpartisan, unbiased information the League provides online and in print.
Neighborhood Association Reports

Ashcreek
Next Meeting: Monday, May 11, 6pm
Virtual Meeting, see swni.org/calendar
Jerry Rundorf, president@ashcreekna.org
ashcreekna.org

Our first zoom meeting went well. The time we meet until further notice will be 6pm, still the second Monday of each month via SWNI’s ZOOM meetings.
At our May meeting we will feature guest speakers from TriMet, PBOT and the City’s Planning and Sustainability Department to present the current state and answer any questions regarding the Southwest Corridor.
AshCrestNET, our emergency preparedness team was able to donate 2000 pairs of gloves and 200+ masks to local first responders. Please join us online at our next meeting! Stay Safe, we are all in this together. If you know of a neighbor in need, let us know. Also, to get on our e-mail list and get meeting notices send a message to president@ashcreekna.org.

Arnold Creek
Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 12, 7:30pm
meet.google.com/mfi-jwey-mzc or +1 (262) 671-8033 PIN 876 060 948#
Sharon Keast, president@arnoldcreek.org
ArnoldCreek.org

The April 14th meeting was held virtually. It was a pleasure to connect with everyone this way. We will do the same for May. Join us on May 11th. There are three ways to join. (1) using your computer - no download or sign-in required, (2) on your mobile device - download Hangouts Meet app for iOS or Android, or (3) dial in on your phone. Register at arnoldcreek.org to receive a reminder email with the meeting link and dial-in number.
We will have a presentation from TriMet on the SW Corridor project at the May 12th meeting.

“Stay out of the park!” Tryon Creek Park Manager Iris Benson is reaching out to neighbors around the park, asking for our help in getting this message out. Rangers have had a difficult time keeping people out of the park. The native plants are getting trampled as people walk off the trail attempting to stay 6 feet apart when passing. For everyone’s protection, rangers need to be able to patrol the trails without encountering disrespectful, entitled park users. Education and peer pressure will help to protect people, the trilliums and other native plants. You are not the exception. As Iris explained in her letter, “While one person may not feel their presence is a threat, one person quickly becomes dozens, hundreds, and so on. This is a densely populated urban area, and unlawful access can get out of hand quickly.”

Boones Ferry Culvert Replacement Project - The Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) is requesting people stay away. The project team has noticed increased trespassing on the project site during working hours and after-hours. Walkers and bicyclists are ignoring the “Road Closed” signage and curious families with children watching the construction have been getting too close. Stefanus Gunawan from BES stated “This is a huge risk to the project and to our crews.”

Arnold Creek and Marshall Park neighbors in the Arnold St area continue to advocate for implementation of detour traffic safety measures, including improved signage. They have been successful in getting a “ROAD CLOSED LOCAL TRAFFIC ONLY” sign at the Boones Ferry-Stephenson intersection to motivate drivers to take the Stephenson detour and reduce traffic on Arnold St. If you would like a “20 is Plenty” yard sign, contact president@arnoldcreek.org.

Local business Buz White donated portable signs for Arnold Creek neighbors to use while pulling invasive garlic mustard along road sides that say “CAUTION Garlic Mustard” - Thank you, Buz White! Sharon Keast and Sue Randall volunteered to review the bylaws and propose updates at a future meeting. If you have any suggestions, please send them to bylaws-committee@arnoldcreek.org.

Stephenson St, pedestrian safety improvements are on hold during the Boones Ferry culvert replacement project traffic detour. Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association will continue to advocate for implementation of proposed improvements on Stephenson St.

Boones Ferry Road re-opened.

View the new Arnold Creek neighborhood photo album at arnoldcreek.org. The album will be updated with new photos from time to time. We are grateful to Sue Strater who has provided many photos over the years that beautifully capture the seasons and neighborhood events. Sign up for the Arnold Creek newsletter on the website.

April by SWNI and Portland’s other neighborhood coalitions. If you have suggestions about how BNA can help, please email bridlemilenaboard@swni.org.

Stay tuned for upcoming news regarding summer events, such as National Night Out.

Bridlemile
Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 7:00pm
Virtual Meeting, see swni.org/calendar
Steve Mullinax, bridlemilenaboard@swni.org
bridlemile.swni.org

I hope that everyone in Bridlemile is staying healthy, and staying the appropriate distance! The BNA’s annual meeting and election will be postponed from May to a date in the fall. There will still be virtual meetings (not at Bridlemile Elementary) on May 13 and June 10, both at 7pm. Stay tuned for emailed announcements of how to attend these meetings.

For those of you who have volunteered and donated to help people in our community during the COVID-19 pandemic, we salute you! The need to continue this outreach is likely to continue in the months to come. I hope you have all seen the COVID Resource Guide published in April by SWNI and Portland’s other neighborhood coalitions. If you have suggestions about how BNA can help, please email bridlemilenaboard@swni.org.

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Crestwood
Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 13, 7:00pm
Most likely online, please check our website early May for more details.
Chair: Tony Hansen, Vice-Chair: Marianne Fitzgerald, CrestwoodNABoard@gmail.com
crestwood.swni.org

Annual Meeting: We have scheduled elections at our May meeting. Crestwood’s bylaws call for an annual meeting on May 13th at 7pm, where officers will be elected and the statement of Crestwood NA finances will be presented. We are working out the details, but anticipate this will be an online meeting. Please check our website for details the first part of May at Crestwood.swni.org. There are so many issues facing our neighborhood and opportunities to help solve them, being on the board is a very dynamic way to be involved! We have open positions and hope you will step up and take a more active role in your community!

The West Portland Town Center (WPTC) plan covers portions of our Crestwood neighborhood, the Crossroads area around Barbur World Foods, the Barbur Transit Center, and the area leading up to the Markham and Jackson schools. We will discuss the results of the March 2020 open house and survey. There may be zoning changes to guide what can be built and how best to handle future growth.
For more information, check out the project website at beta.portland.gov/bps/wptcx-town-center.

The SW Capitol Highway improvements are underway between Multnomah Village and Taylors Ferry. The construction traffic detour plan will begin in June and route southbound motor vehicle traffic and TriMet bus #44 to SW 45th/49th. For more information see PBOT’s project website at portlandoregon.gov/transportation/71661 and portlandoregon.gov/transportation/80303.

Visit swni.org/crestwood for more information on current projects.
There, you can join our email list to receive the latest updates on those projects as well as reminders for our upcoming meetings and events. Crestwood members roll up their sleeves and work together to make the neighborhood more livable—from park projects and neighborhood events to earthquake preparedness, transportation projects, and thoughtful development.

Our next meeting, and annual elections is on May 13th, 2020 at 7:00 pm. Please join us!
Collins View

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 7:00pm
Teleconference Board meeting. Instructions/Details will be posted on Nextdoor
Chair: Elise deLisser, Contact: outreach@collinsview.org

collinsview.org

River View Natural Area (RVNA) Trail Report: Muddy, Hiking not advised. Slippery in places. The mud hasn’t deterred an electric mountain bike rider or other mountain bikers. Note: Cycling is prohibited in the natural area. Several unnatural tire tracks shown here. Also a (homeless) camping tent in RVNA was sighted and reported. A shopping cart was left at Palatine & Brugger. The cart was called into the Cart Hotline (1-888-552-2787) and was promptly picked up. (You can also visit northwestcartsa.com)

Active RVNA vernal pools were not sighted. On the bright side, Trilliums are coming up gangbusters. Submitted by John Miller & Brendan McGillicuddy

Flowering spring photos: friderikeheuer.online

Far Southwest

Next Meeting: To Be Determined
Next Location: TBD
George Vranas, FSWNA Chair, george@farswpdx.org, 503-724-4011

farswpdx.org

As we remain on lockdown in most of Oregon at the time of writing, very few activities have occurred that require mention concerning the Far Southwest Neighborhood. Most everyone around appears to be staying home or in their gardens, and people are generally keeping to the 6-foot social distancing guidelines recommended by our political leaders. Grocery stores, and places like Lowes and Home Depot, a few miles away, are open, but masks are required, nitrile gloves or hand sanitizer are strongly recommended, and social distancing is enforced.

Many people are working from home and students are trying to do remote learning. The Far Southwest Neighborhood Association meeting, originally scheduled for April 23rd, was cancelled.

However, a few things are planned in our neighborhood that should be mentioned. Portland Community College Sylvania Campus has announced the conclusion of the pre-design phase of the renovation of Sylvania’s Health Technology Building. Although the campus is closed, a large sign has been placed at the Lesser Road entrance to the campus, announcing the construction of nine temporary modular buildings to house existing programs on the campus during construction. This will provide “swing space,” which refers to the creation of temporary facilities to allow existing programs to be moved out, so that renovation work can be completed within the Health Technology Building.

(See Development Notice Photo) Once the project is completed, the HT Building will house renovated STEAM and health professions classrooms, including updated science and biology labs, nursing education simulation labs, and faculty and student workspace for radiographic technology, anatomy, physiology, and health-related career fields.

Driving around the FSW neighborhood, the writer noticed a small multiunit building close to the western end of SW Capitol Highway. Portland Maps indicates the probable address is 11327 SW Capitol Highway. The project appears to be fully permitted. If my memory serves me correctly, a young man came to a FSW meeting about two years ago telling us he owned the parcel and planned to build approximately 17 units on it, including parking for each unit. The original plan envisaged about three or four multiunit buildings, going downslope. As far as I can tell, only one building, of three units, which is close to the frontage of Capitol Highway, has been built up to now. However, another neighbor, who walked past the site yesterday noted that basic plumbing has been installed further downslope, which suggests that another three or so units are in the works.

Hayhurst

Virtual Meeting: Monday, May 11, 7pm
Virtual Meeting instructions will be posted on SWNI online calendar
Janet Hawkins, janetchawkins@msn.com, 503-244-7703
hayhurst.swni.org

Free Movie in the Park – Cancelled
Portland Parks & Recreation reached out to us this week to let us know the Bureau is cancelling the Summer Free for All event planned for June - August, 2020. Hayhurst NA had been approved to host an event in July at Pendleton Park, so it’s disappointing news for the neighborhood. We’ll plan to submit a program application for Summer 2021.

National Night Out – Postponed
We’ve heard through the city that the usual early August NNO events will be postponed until Fall 2020. We’ll keep our fingers crossed that we can host a NNO event this year.

If approved, we’ll plan to have both children’s entertainment and music. It’s always a fun event.

SWNI Committee Reports
A number of SWNI Committees didn’t meet in April due to the COVID-19 crisis, so we only have two reports.

• Portland Parks & Recreation – Parks has announced it isn’t going to hire temporary summer program staff, so its doubtful that we’ll have a recreation program at Pendleton Park this summer.

• Equity & Inclusion – The “Oregon Conversation” planned for May is going to be postponed. SWNI staff are working with the Oregon Humanities Office to see if there is any possibility of scheduling on-line sessions for the community.

Our next Hayhurst Neighborhood Association General Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 - 8:30 pm, Monday, May 11, 2020. Our meeting will take place via Zoom. Contact Janet Hawkins at janetchawkins@msn.com or 503-244-7703 to get the Zoom meeting instructions.
Neighborhood Association Reports

Hillsdale
Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 6:45pm
meet.google.com/d10-vepa-cqo or +1 262-671-8033 PN: 876 060 948 #
President, Marie Tyvoll, VP, Glenn Bridger
hnadpx.com

Portland enjoys amazing variety in our topography; Hillsdale is no exception. Protecting the environment with which we have been blessed is the purpose of the Conservation Zone

Overlays created over 30 years ago by the city planning bureau. Those restricted overlays have served us well, protecting forests and watersheds.

The May 6 Hillsdale mneeting will feature a presentation by Mindy Brooks of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability on their project to update the zoning mapping of these overlays. Is your property included in this project? Will the face of our community change because of it? Will your favorite open space continue to be protected? Please join in this video meeting. The link to down to Terwilliger Boulevard, and Zone E is below Terwilliger down to Barbur Boulevard. Most of the parking difficulties occur in parking Zone C where institutions are close and on-street parking is limited.

Considerations include:
1. Consider replacing Guest Permits in Zone C with daily "scratch-off" permits.
2. Limit the number of business parking permits issued in Zone C.
3. Reduce allowed Visitor Parking time on signs to one hour in Zone C.

The parking survey can be found at swni.org/homestead/parking-survey. The survey is open from April 15-16. After receiving feedback, the APPP committee will decide what changes are supported by Homestead residents. The intent is to have changes in place prior to the September 2020 program renewal date.

Board positions serve for a one-year term. The are seven board positions; President, Vice-President, Secretary (Homestead has two persons who share this duty), Membership Chair, Treasurer, and two At-Large board members.

Homestead
Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 5
Location: Check the Homestead Website
Ed Fischer, homestead@swni.org
HomesteadNA.org

The May 5 Homestead NA meeting has been cancelled. The Homestead Board is considering a video meeting. Information for participation will be provided should a virtual meeting occur. The website will be updated and notice will be sent in the Homestead E-News. homesteadna.org. You can also sign up to become a member or sign up for the Homestead E-News on the website.

Homestead Parking Permit Survey
Now Available—We want to hear from you!

The Homestead APPP (Area Permit Parking Program) Committee and Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) are looking for feedback on potential changes to the APPP program in the Homestead neighborhood. As a result of recent large developments in the Homestead area, many not required to provide off-street parking, it is inevitable that parking difficulties will get worse. The neighborhood association is looking to review and possibly change regulations found in the (APPP) in order to ease parking issues for residents.

The Homestead area contains three parking zones within its boundaries. Zone C is in the upper homestead area encompassing OHSU up to Fairmont. Zone D is a small zone that encompasses 6th Avenue Drive through the neighborhood (especially with new drivers coming from you!)

Several neighbors have notified the city. Emails from neighbors to forward any information pertinent to this incident, please let me know and I will pass it on to Officer Jacobsen.

Car thefts: Reading Nextdoor.com it seems there have been several car thefts and break-ins in Southwest neighborhoods the past few nights. Please be extra careful and take safety precautions:
- Make sure cars are locked even if they’re in your driveway
- Do not leave any items visible in car or on the seats
- Park your cars in your garage if possible
- Check the garage door
- Turn on outside lights or use motion detector lights
- Consider other safety items like a doorbell camera

Boones Ferry Culvert Project: Due to the closure of Boones Ferry there are more cars passing through our neighborhood. The signage for the official diversion (Stephenson, 35th, Taylors Ferry) needs improvement — several neighbors have notified the city. Emails from neighbors are helpful - the city pays attention. So, if you see any issues resulting from the Boones Ferry project, please send an email to stefanus.gunawan@portlandoregon.gov and cc: marshallparkna@yahoo.com.

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Maplewood
Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 5, 7pm
Next Location: TBD
Ron Burian, maplewood@swni.org
maplewoodna.org

The nice folks in Maplewood (and their dogs..or other pets) are getting to know one another from social distances as they take to the streets for walking, running and biking. Lots of creative activities, such as parades, costumed hikes, and increased gardening plus neighborly admiration of beautiful yard efforts. The silver lining of getting to know one another shines bright.

Marshall Park
Next General Meeting: TBD
Mike Charles, marshallparkna@yahoo.com, 503-891-5198
marshallpark.swni.org

Hello, Marshall Park neighbors
MPNA meeting: No meeting this Thursday April 9th due to Coronavirus social distancing. Our monthly meetings are cancelled until further notice.

Coronavirus: Many neighbors are practicing stay-at-home and physical distancing. Well done. Walks in the park are good but some trails are narrow - please try to allow other walkers space to pass. Consider going earlier when there are fewer people. If you walk on the streets without sidewalks, please wear light clothing or a yellow vest for visibility (especially with new drivers coming our way due to the Boones Ferry closure).

Gunshots: Several neighbors heard what sounded like three gunshots in the Marshall Park area the evening of Friday April 3rd. I sent a query to the Portland Police and I heard back from Officer Jacobsen on the Neighborhood Response Team ... “There was a shots call in the area on 4/3/20. A report was written and it has been forwarded to our Gun Violence Response Team for follow up. Based on the reports I don’t believe there is a continued threat to the community. I would encourage your neighbors to forward any information to you, and ask you pass it to me (it cleans up the transfer of information).” - Officer Jacobsen. If you have any information pertaining to this incident, please let me know and I will pass it on to Officer Jacobsen.

Car thefts: Reading Nextdoor.com it seems there have been several car thefts and break-ins in Southwest neighborhoods the past few nights. Please be extra careful and take safety precautions:
- Make sure cars are locked even if they’re in your driveway
- Do not leave any items visible in car or on the seats
- Park your cars in your garage if possible
- Check the garage door
- Turn on outside lights or use motion detector lights
- Consider other safety items like a doorbell camera

The May 6 Marshall Park meeting is posted out the HNA website as found on the SWNI web pages.

Do you want to become more active in your neighborhood? In June, elections to the board for HNA will be held, and there are openings you may run for as a member of the HNA. We all benefit from an active voices throughout the neighborhood.

Nominations are being taken for all Homestead Board positions. Elections will occur at the June 2 meeting. Names can be submitted up to and at the June meeting. If you are interested in adding your name to the ballot, contact President Ed Fischer at homestead@swni.org.

Board positions serve for a one-year term. The are seven board positions; President, Vice-President, Secretary (Homestead has two persons who share this duty), Membership Chair, Treasurer, and two At-Large board members.

Marshall Park events remain planned for the Summer (garden tour and community gathering) but are subject to determination by the powers that be and effects of the pandemic.

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**Markham**

Markham Neighborhood Association had to cancel our Wednesday, May 6 board meeting due to Governor’s declarations limiting all video conferencing. Other than records request.

We’re all in a once-in-a-century crisis—one that appears to likely rewrite the geopolitics, economy, and society locally as well as world-wide. I realize we are all going through a lot right now, but keeping our local democracy strong is important and caring for our community is essential. Many of us are facing job losses, wage cuts, increased childcare needs, isolation, and economic uncertainty. As your board chair, I invite you to lean in and on each other for support and comfort. Here are a few of my ideas to jump start your own list:

- Enjoy the spring blooms with a neighborhood walk (at a physical distance)
- Catch up with neighbors
- Be nimble and responsive to changing traditional practices,
  - Support our Multnomah Village restaurants offering take-out and shops with on-line shopping/pickup.

I have faith that as a collective community, we will survive and thrive.

Despite this pandemic, the neighborhood held its first virtual meeting on April 14th and as a reminder there was not a March meeting. With less than a quorum, no motions, approvals or decisions were made. The committee chairs provided their reports (see MNA website). Noteworthily from the meeting was the final approval for the Multnomah Arts Center listing to the National Register of Historic Places, and donations to the land use fund to proceed with a petition to the Supreme Court. This petition is a step in the on-going process to object to the Middle Housing policy. Based on the extended discussion on the Middle Housing appeal, this topic will be a separate agenda item for our May meeting.

In this time of uncertainty, let’s continue to learn new ways to work together and support the efforts of others. There are lots of resources available and one place to start is with SWNI’s resource guide swni.org.

**South Burlingame**

On April 9, South Burlingame Neighborhood Association (SBNA) held a virtual board meeting using video conferencing. Other than normal business we had one motion held a virtual board meeting using video conferencing. Other than normal business we had one motion that passed regarding legal review of the SW Corridor Light Rail Project. We’ll post specifics on how to attend the virtual meeting on our neighborhood page at SWNI.org/

A number of the coalition’s members have submitted a records request for information from SWNI. SWNI responded that the records request fell outside the Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS) Chapter 65 – Nonprofit Corporations three years period. SWNI’s Document Management Policy outlines the periods that the SWNI board has determined appropriate for retention. These periods range from three years to permanently. The City of Portland Civic Life Bureaus’ contract with SWNI requires a seven-year document retention for most documents. It was stated in the last SWNI board meeting by the SWNI president that the ORS supersedes the contract and "ONI laws are out of compliance." (ONI was the acronym for Office of Neighborhood Involvement which is now named Civic Life.) It was questioned in our meeting rather the ORS supersedes the contract between the City and SWNI. SBNA Board passed a motion asking SWNI to hire an outside legal review of this decision and to direct this matter to the director of Civic Life for review of the contract vs. the ORS Chapter 65 to avoid contractual issues with this decision to limit any record requests to three years.

We’ll look forward to our next meeting, which will be a virtual board meeting on Thursday, May 14th, from 7-8 pm via video conferencing. TrMet will be reporting on the latest designs for the SW Corridor Light Rail Project. We’ll post specifics on how to attend the virtual meeting on our neighborhood page at SWNI.org/

**South Portland**

South Portland Neighborhood Association (SPNA) had to cancel our Wednesday, April 1 board election due to the ongoing local, state and global COVID-19 health crisis.

Additionally, a face-to-face election on April 9, 2020 was canceled for the above reasons and as a result of the very necessary Governor’s declarations limiting non-essential public gatherings.

SPNA will hold an online meeting Wednesday, May 6, 7PM-9PM, where all board members will vote for and/or any one wishing to serve on the board could be elected. As of April 1, SPNA will have 7 current board members up for election; including 2 newly vacant seats, for a total of 9 possible positions open for the May election.

Any eligible member interested in joining the board should submit a 5 to 10 sentence writeup of relevant volunteer and employment background to Michael Kaplan at: MLKAP@earthlink.net (Be sure to place SPNA Board Nomination in “Subject”). All submissions will be shared with current board members. Board membership is open to anyone age 18 and older living in the neighborhood, real property owners, business owners or non profit organizations ($member per business and/or non profit). SPNA adheres to a broad non discrimination policy on the basis of race, religion, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age disability, legal citizenship, national origin, language, income or political affiliation.

SPNA has not yet determined all details of our May 6 online meeting; however, given the frequency with which online ZOOM meetings have been interrupted by rude and/or pornographic comments and images, we are proceeding with caution. If SPNA and the host of our ZOOM meeting can find a way to involve our community, we will do so and pass this information on via “Next Door” and “Facebook.”

Please be well and safe during this very difficult crisis.
South Portland Business Association

What's Happening in the "SPBA" southportlandba.com

Freeman Motors Company
Showroom and Service and Auto Spa are both open for business. Freeman Showroom Contact: Aaron Stumphges, phone 503-310-5555 Hours of operation: 10am -5pm Monday through Saturday - CLOSED on Sundays. Special instructions for operation - Please visit our website for our Virtual walkaround, schedule a test drive at home, and for local delivery, all from the comfort of your home. Freeman Service and Auto Spa Contact: Dennis King, phone 503-595-5353 Hours of operation: Mon. – Fri. 9am-2pm CLOSED Saturday and Sunday. Special instructions for operations: Please visit our website fremannmotorservice.com for transition is complete, there will be a tiered priority system for permits, with critical infrastructure, hospitals, and low-income housing getting high priorities, and new single family residential units getting less. It isn’t clear what urgency will be given to multi-unit projects.

Public Safety/Crime
Kim Silverman, head of our public safety committee, warns that there has been a sharp uptick in crime since the outbreak of the coronavirus. This includes a 300% rise in calls to Domestic Violence Crisis lines and a surge in internet and telephone scams. The FTC has logged over 8,000 Covid-19 fraud schemes to date.

The theft of catalytic converters (the emission control devices under your car or truck) has become one of the latest crime waves. Catalytic converters contain palladium, which can fetch $1,500 to $2,000 per ounce. Vehicles with more clearance underneath them are the most vulnerable, but any car left overnight on the street or on a driveway is an easy target. Thieves can quickly shimmy underneath your car, or truck and cut out the converter. See our SWHRL website for some tips for preventing this theft. If your catalytic converter is stolen, you will know as soon as you start your vehicle, as it will sound like you have no muffler. First, call the police! Then you can drive your vehicle directly to a muffler/dealer shop to get the converter replaced. No need for a tow. And while you’re at it, get it welded!

SWHRL History. With time on our hands at home, we’ve had fun (would you believe) perusing historic SWHRL records and newsletters, going back to its genesis in 1969. Neighbors organized as a reaction to proposed large-scale, multi-family infill development in the hills. Many issues from the early 70’s were familiar – there was discussion of the pros and cons of cluster housing & planned unit development with preservation of natural resource tracts. Many favored spaced-out single family homes on large lots (R-20 zoning), and resisted city efforts to up-zone certain properties – for instance, one for Humphrey Park. Check out the history section of the SWHRL website for pdf’s of selected tidbits as we scan and post them.

Southwest Hills Residential League

New Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 7-8:30pm Location: Virtual meeting, see SWHRL web page for information John Neumann, Vice President, contact@swhrl.org, 503-224-3840

SWHRL Virtual Membership/ Neighborhood Meeting: Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 7-8:30pm (time & platform to be confirmed)

We will try out a virtual meeting for this important platform when we hold SWHRL board elections (assuming we have a quorum of 12 members). Let us know if you or a neighbor would like to join the board. At this time, we’re still deciding which meeting platform to use, Zoom, or other. Please look for details on our website, and our Viewpoints E-newsletter. Make sure you are signed up for the newsletter: swhrl.org Email: contact@swhrl.org prior to the meeting if you want to attend.

Daffodils: Spring has sprung at the Vista Spring Restoration site. Check out the daffodils planted by Aubrey Russell and his volunteers.

Land Use Issues: In these crazy times, it’s been fairly quiet on the land use front.

• Tangent Village: The City will publish the Respondent’s Record by April 23rd. SWHRL, then has 21 days (assuming we have a quorum of 12 confirmed) to appeal before LUBA.

• Strohecker’s redevelopment is in a holding pattern, but major players still appear to be hopeful something will happen. Most other projects are on hold as the Bureau of Development Services transitions to an electronic process vs. visits to city offices; When that happens, we can hold public hearings.

West Portland Park

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 7pm Virtual Meeting instructions are posted at wppn.org/calendar Javier Moncada, wppn-president@wppn.org

Hello all West Portland Park Residents,

We continue to experience historic times and COVID-19 pandemic has impacted each and every one of us differently. I can’t help but look for the positive side and silver linings to the social distancing guidelines and stay home orders.

I have been spending more quality time with my wife and children while working from home, walking around the block and enjoying waving at neighbors, working on home DIY repair projects, yard work, video conferencing with coworkers and face time with family, making healthy home made meals and trying new recipes like aspic, berry pie and canning low acid foods. I have been enjoying not spending so much time driving and saving money on gasoline.

It’s not easy being socially isolated from friends and extended family, but I hope you take a little time to reflect and try to find the good in the situation.

WPPNA will be meeting in a Zoom virtual room at our regular day and time which is second Thursday of the month at 7 pm. If you want to participate, please reach out to me at Wppn-president@wppn.com and I will forward you the zoom details. We have some cool details on the TriMet light rail project and some discussions about upcoming neighborhood developments.

Respectfully at your service,

Javier
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.

Connect with nature from the comfort of home

Spring is in full swing! Sunny skies and warm temps may have us missing some of our favorite outdoor places, but there are still plenty of ways to stay connected with nature even while staying home and staying safe. Check out six great resources to take advantage of below.

Start your own stormwater management project

Even though Stormwater Stars (SWS) workshops are currently on hold, you can view photos and descriptions of past projects at stormwatersstars.org/past-demonstrations. Take a look at what others have done to get some inspiration for different things you might try.

If you want a little extra guidance, SWS is still available to assist you. You can help over the phone, through email, or even do a video site visit! If you’re interested in additional assistance from SWS staff, email stormwater@swni.org or call 801-580-6068.

Learn about invasive weeds and the best ways to remove them

Spring means plants are starting to wake up, including invasive weeds. Now is a great time for weed removal, while they are still easy to pull and before they produce seeds.

Check out resources from West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District to learn more about invasive weeds that might be growing around your home, including removal techniques, and how-to videos for some species. Visit wmswcd.org/types/invasive-species to learn more.

Take a free naturescaping workshop

East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District hosts FREE workshops on a wide variety of conservation topics. All spring workshops are going ahead as planned, but are just moving online. May’s classes provide many opportunities to learn about pollinators and native plants. You can learn more about the workshops and sign up at emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/upcoming-workshops.

Visit a National Park from the comfort of your own home

National Parks are home to natural wonders all across the country. You can take a virtual tour to five existing parks at artsandculture.withgoogle.com/en-us/national-parks-service-parks.

Additionally, most national park websites have a wealth of information on the plants, animals, geology, history, and cultural significance unique to each park. Start exploring at np.gov.

Become a citizen scientist

Spring brings a buzz of life. Have you ever wanted to learn more about the birds, bugs, plants, and animals living in your neighborhood? The iNaturalist app allows you to record observations of plants and animals right from your home! See how many species you can identify in your backyard, or around the block. Record your findings, and see what others in your area have spotted.

Get started by visiting inaturalist.org.

Go on a guided forest therapy “walk”

If your daily walks are starting to seem a little repetitive, try out a guided forest therapy walk for a change of pace. “Walks” are hosted virtually in locations all over the world, and are offered in multiple languages. “Walks” are led by a guide and include other participants, so you’ll have an opportunity for some social connection too.

Learn more about upcoming “walks” at natureandforesttherapy.org/virtual-forest-therapy-walks.

Fish gain better access to Tryon Creek

Submitted By Alexis Barton, Tryon Creek Watershed Council Program Coordinator

Tryon Creek Watershed Council (TCWC) is excited to share an inspiring report that comes from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)! The report, Monitoring of Native Fish in Tryon Creek, summarizes USFWS’ work in the Tryon Creek watershed to date, and can be accessed online at tryoncreek.org/usfws2020. We were particularly heartened to see the section on Nettle Creek, which is upstream of the Nettle Creek Bridge (formerly Stone Bridge) passage barrier that TCWC helped remove in 2014 (see graphic below).

Overall, USFWS found that the Tryon Creek watershed provides high-quality habitat to thousands of native fish. Cutthroat trout are found throughout much of the creek, and Coho and Chinook salmon and Pacific lamprey gather at its confluence with the Willamette River.

During the summer months, Tryon Creek’s average water temperature is 12 degrees (F) cooler than the Willamette River, providing critical cool-water refuge for migratory salmons and other fish species. Salmonids cannot survive in warm water temperatures, so we are extra pleased to learn that our creek-side tree planting projects and other habitat restoration efforts have paid off with cooler water temperatures for these critical species.

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Westside Watershed Events

Crater Lake is Oregon’s only national park. Learn more about this once might volcano turned nation’s deepest lake at nps.gov/crla

Understanding invasive species helps prevent their spread.

Removal of fish passage barriers

TCWC works to remove physical fish passage barriers. This project was on Nettle Creek in the Tryon Creek State Natural Area. We also want to remind everyone that the Tryon Creek State Natural Area is currently closed. While one person may not feel their presence is a threat, the trails aren’t wide enough to support social distancing. We are sharing this because the rangers at Oregon Parks & Recreation Department are working on limited capacity, and their time is better spent working on trails and facilities than ticketing visitors.

Everyone has a part to play!”

So, what are some ways to connect with nature until the park reopens? Learn to identify some backyard birds!

Want to attract more backyard birds? Pull those invasive weeds! Insects depend closely on one or a few native plants, and most native birds have grown accustomed over generations to feeding their young on specific kinds of protein-rich insects. Having a monoculture of, say, garlic mustard, doesn’t provide the right type of food resources needed to support diverse bird species.

Let us know if you live in the watershed and have been motivated to do invasive weed removal in your yard, or have questions on how to get started! Email alexis@tryoncreek.org.

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Greetings, fellow SWNI residents, I hope everyone is as safe and comfortable as possible, given our current situation. After cancellation of our March monthly meeting on land use, like others, the SWNI Land Use Committee will have attempted to conduct its April monthly meeting using ZOOM video conferencing. Given the temporary slowdown in activity at all public meetings and forums in order to adapt to the new methods of on-line meetings, I am providing some insight to the HB2001 Rulemaking Advisory Committee working meetings in Salem (prior to social distancing) as their work is important in determining how Portland will proceed to final design and implementation of the Residential Infill Project (RIP). And yes, along with all this is another acronym - “IBTER” (see below)

Housing Rulemaking Advisory Committee Members:
To date, the Infrastructure-Based Time Extension Request Technical Advisory Committee (IBTER TAC) has met three times and made significant progress. Included in this packet is the most recent memo regarding transportation IBTER applications, with an associated set of discussion questions. This memorandum is to provide an update thus far on draft key parameters and concepts that have been developed with the assistance of the IBTER TAC. The first set of parameters are based on language within HB 2001, the second are additional parameters and concepts discussed by the TAC.

For a full list of parameters established by HB 2001 visit SWNI.org/land_use

Additional work on the Transportation Services IBTER Team also covers nearby Transit Availability and Level of Service, but for brevity, I am indicating the team’s current position on streets.

Key Insights on IBTER for Transportation:
Transportation System Constraints and Unimproved Infrastructure - Staff solicited the input of committee members to better discern what types of scenarios would constitute a valid basis for an IBTER in the context of transportation. In general, committee members agreed that emergency access and roadway width in relationship to emergency access and allied constraints eligible for an IBTER request. There was not consensus as to whether paving and sidewalks are valid constraints, given equity implications from delaying middle housing development in under-invested communities.

Next Meeting: Tuesday May 19, 6:30 pm Virtual Meeting
See SWNI Calendar for info
swni.org/calendar

Land Use Committee
Chair Gary Runde
land-use-chair@swni.org
swni.org/land_use

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) Update

A monthly snapshot of land use planning is going on in your neighborhoods.
CORONAVIRUS IMPACTS:
Please be aware that public meetings are being cancelled or rescheduled for public health and safety, so be sure to check project calendars for meeting updates and other information.

Links to the Full BPS Monthly update, can be found at swni.org/land_use

Central City 2035 Plan (CC2035) Re-Adoption
What: City Council adopted the Central City 2035 Plan in June 2018, and the plan went into effect in July 2018. The plan was appealed to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) and then to the Court of Appeals. On March 16, 2020, the Oregon Court of Appeals remanded the Central City 2035 Plan, a new land use, transportation and environmental plan to manage growth and development in Portland’s urban core. City Council must now readopt the plan to address the items identified in the Court’s ruling.
Status: The Re-Adoption Draft will be available on the project website in May 2020.

Next opportunity to engage: Due to the COVID-19 crisis, public hearings will be held virtually. The City Council hearing date is not set yet. Notice of the hearing will be sent to all affected properties and posted on the project website with the re-adoption documents.

Expiration Date Extension Project (NEW)
What: This project will address several Title 33-related issues that have arisen as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis. Land use reviews, pre-application conferences, and required neighborhood contact notifications are reduced after a specified period of time. This project will extend the expiration dates for these reviews and procedures because of the economic uncertainty related to the coronavirus pandemic.
This project will also extend the expiration date for the lower inclusionary housing rates that currently apply outside the Central City and Gateway plan districts (see Zoning Code Chapter 33.245). Given the current economic uncertainties due to the coronavirus, this project proposes to extend the expiration date for another three years, to Jan. 1, 2024.
Status: A Proposed Draft will be released in May 2020.
Next opportunity to engage: A public hearing before the Planning and Sustainability Commission is scheduled for May 26, 2020. A hearing before City Council is expected in July 2020.
Contact: JP McNeill, 503-823-6046, jason.mcneill@portlandoregon.gov.
Residential Infill Project (RIP)
What: Updating the rules that shape

Portland’s residential neighborhoods, so more people can live in them, while limiting the construction of very large new houses.
Status: The March 12 City Council hearing on potential amendments to the RIP Recommended Draft was cancelled to limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The hearing has not been rescheduled at this time. Notice of the rescheduled hearing date will be sent at least 14 days prior to the hearing and will include instructions on ways to testify. Information will also be posted on the project website when more is known. Following work sessions on January 29 and February 12, City Council directed staff to develop specific code amendment proposals for seven topics include:
1. Changes to align the proposals with recently adopted projects for consistency.
3. Changes to respond to the SB 534 requirement to recognize certain substandard platted lots.
4. Creating a combined process for lot consolidations and property line adjustments.
5. No zoning code amendment proposed.
Each of the amendment packages includes a description of the amendment, a table listing the particular sections of code that are being amended, followed by the specific revised code language and proposals for seven topics. The draft text of the full amendment packages is available under “Amendment Packages for City Council’s Consideration” on the project documents page. The public record has been reopened and extended for written testimony regarding these amendments only. Testimony must be received before the close of the public hearing, which has not been scheduled at this time.

You can submit written testimony:
Online through the Map App, by email to cctestimony@portlandoregon.gov & by mail to the following address:
City Council
Residential Infill Project Testimony
1221 SW Fourth Avenue, Room 130
Portland, OR 97204
Be sure to include “Residential Infill Project Testimony” to ensure it is routed to the right place.

Next opportunity to engage:
City Council will hold a public hearing and a work session on the amendments only and subsequently vote on them. A vote to adopt the entire RIP package is TBD. Please check the RIP website and/or the Council calendar to confirm dates and times of hearings.
Contact: Morgan Tracy, 503-823-6875, Morgan.atray@portlandoregon.gov.

Parks Committee
Chair Steve Mullinax
parks-chair@swni.org
swni.org/parks

Last month the Parks Committee met virtually through Zoom for the first time. We discussed the potential impacts of COVID-19 on funding for PP&R. While concerts in the Park, Movies in the Park, Portland World Soccer Tournament are cancelled this summer, While continuing with Free Lunch + Play programs in Summer 2020. For more information visit page 3 of this newspaper. Next Month we are expecting to continue with virtual meetings, visit swni.org/parks for up to date information and meeting links.

With the need for social distancing, the Parks Committee is interested in putting together a guide of our Parks within SW Portland. Due to our unique topography and tree canopy our local parks have an abundance of plant species. We are looking for community feedback on what makes your local park unique. Feel free to email John@SWNi.org with the name of the park, plant species and/or landmarks that makes your local park unique.

Next Meeting:
Thursday, May 7, 7pm
Virtual Meeting
See SWNI Calendar for info
swni.org/calendar

MAY 2020
Committees
The Equity and Inclusion Committee is sheltering in place and thinking about equity. In Portland United Against Hate’s COVID-19 Response, they state, “We have seen a growing tide of xenophobia, anti-immigrant sentiment and racism in reaction to this respiratory virus. Misinformation and fear have led to discrimination and xenophobia toward third Asian American, peoples of color, and immigrants.” For further information, please see Portland United Against Hate’s website: portlandunitedagainsthate.org/coronavirus. As stated on the website, “Xenophobia and racism hurts everyone by creating more fear and anger towards people instead of the disease that is causing the problem. Let’s not be fed by fear and anxiety, but instead with facts. Please continue to report any incidents of bullying, bias, and hate incidents to ReportHatePOX.com.”

In case you are wondering, our Oregon Humanities Conversation, “Where are you from?” scheduled for May 4, 2020, has been cancelled. We are working with Oregon Humanities to explore other future program options.

Next Meeting: No meeting in May

Next meeting TBD

**Public Safety Committee**
Chair Kimberlyn Silverman
swni.org/public_safety

The Public Safety Committee did not meet in April, but will resume regular business meetings by Zoom in May. We will be updating our action plan for the next year. We will also discuss neighborhood public safety concerns and welcome your participation. If you would like to join the meeting on May 7, 2020, please contact SWNI Executive Director at sylvia@swni.org.

**Equity and Inclusion Committee**
Chair Laura Campos
equity-chair@swni.org
swni.org/equity

The Equity and Inclusion Committee is working with Oregon Humanities to explore other future program options.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation is anticipating the potential of a $7 billion per month hit. This is primarily a result of a significant drop in gas tax revenue, both at the state and local level. According to the AAA of Oregon/Idaho, national demand for gasoline is at its lowest level since 1993. As reported by the Oregonian: Director Chris Warner and Eudaly said the bureau will institute a hiring freeze for “all non-critical positions,” consider canceling new services and programs in its upcoming 2021 fiscal year budget and keep construction projects in-house instead of hiring contractors when possible. That could mean projects won’t get finished on schedule. “But we believe this is an acceptable trade-off if it means we can keep people working,” they wrote. PBOT is also closely watching for the results of the May election to see if the City’s $0.10/gallon gas tax is renewed by voters.

Metro is currently accepting comments on the draft Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program, which documents how greater Portland communities will invest federal transportation money from 2021 to 2024. The public input period ends on May 18th, 2020.

Next Meeting: Monday, May 18, 7pm
**Virtual Meeting**
See SWNI Calendar for info
swni.org/calendar

**Watershed Committee**
Chair: Murphy Terrell
watershed-chair@swni.org
swni.org/watershed_committee

Remember the song “Bring Home a Baby Bumble Bee” The last line is “Ouch, it stung me!” Well, bumbles rarely sting, unlike honey bees (though they are ground nesters and can be stepped on by accident). But Mason bees are solitaries, so they do not have a nest, hive or colony to defend and would sting you, so they really avoid it. Their life’s purpose is to make new year’s Masons! Let’s help ’em and watch ’em!

Masons lay eggs in specific places including these tubes of a specific diameter and length. They lay females in the back and males to the front and separate the eggs by a wall of mud, for hatching next year. I bought disposable nesting tubes to reduce the chance of disease, mold and parasites often found in uncleaned wood or bamboo blocks or houses. I colored the ends of the tubes and stuck in little cedar branches so the females can remember which tube she’s using. Like street signs.

I put some tubes in a corrugated drain pipe (for air circulation) and covered the open end with metal hardware cloth to keep the birds from getting to the bees. I put the whole thing under my eave for extra security. In the picture you can see two tubes in the bottom left are already sealed with mud and a couple of Masons doing their thing.

Masons will continue to lay eggs for a month or more. The tubes can be kept for cleaning around Halloween and cocoons kept in the fridge until March, or sent to a regional group for cleaning and re-distribution. I think crowbees.com is helpful.

Normally, we meet every third Thursday, 7pm, room 30 MAC but these are not normal times so we’ll be meeting via ZOOM in May and until further notice. Please check the SWNI paper calendar for details. Last month we did not meet.

In May, I hope we hear from Libby Winter (BES) with some department updates and I expect to discuss our committee goals for 2021. This is your chance to get up to speed and join in. Make your ideas known!

Committee website link: swni.org/watershed_committee

SW Westside Watershed website link: swni.org/watershed

Plant Swap link: nativeplantswap.org.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 7pm
**Virtual Meeting**
See SWNI Calendar for info
swni.org/calendar

**Transportation Committee**
Chair, David Martin
transportation-chair@swni.org
swni.org/transportation

Chair: Open Position
Schools chair@swni.org
swni.org/schools

Spreading the word: Virtual meetings, emails, social media and word of mouth

The SWNI Schools Committee has embarked to a virtual meeting approach. A virtual format may now be used whenever it is needed. This arrangement allows us to share information with neighborhood reps and regular committee participants. It also offers a way to engage new-to-the-area community members and other organization representatives at various times of the year, including months when the committee does not regularly meet.

We believe the committee will be better able to serve the 17 neighborhoods to spread the word about what we are seeing and doing with and for schools and with our valuable partners, such as the libraries and other service groups. Over time we will refine how and when we do meet virtually. Like many other groups, allow us to say thanks for your patience and flexibility as we all learn to connect in new ways.

Looking ahead: We launched an online survey for families, teachers, volunteers, and school leaders of southwest schools to gather information on school needs to help us craft our 2020-2021 Action Plan to seek funding for after-school programs, parent events, and other partnerships. Please share your thoughts today.

Here’s the link for the survey which will take 5-6 minutes to complete. tinyurl.com/SW-Schools-2020-survey.

Or, you may email schools@swni.org.
On April 8, Oregon Gov. Kate Brown announced that all in-person classes in Oregon were canceled for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. On this page are resources for families, as well as updates we have sent, via email, to our families.

Coronavirus Updates and Resources

Tryon Trails Closed

Tryon Creek State Natural Area is closed - all trails, facilities, everything. The park is closed because it needs to be; the trails are not wide enough to support social distancing without stepping off-trail or crowding other people. While one person may not feel their presence is a threat, one person quickly becomes dozens, hundreds and so on. This is a densely-populated urban area, and unlawful access can get out of hand quickly.

We look forward to the day when everyone can return to the park and we can open it safely. But until then, we ask everyone to have compassion for our larger community, and respect the closure by limiting walking to your neighborhood streets. Check our website for more information: tryonfriends.org

TriMet service during COVID-19

TriMet continues to provide essential transit service to those who need to travel during the COVID-19 pandemic. As we make our way through this unprecedented situation, we are strongly encouraging the advice of health experts to stay at home and avoid unnecessary trips. However, for those who are dependent on public transit, we’ve implemented several precautionary measures to keep our riders and our operators safe and healthy.

• Cleaning and disinfecting vehicles and property

Our maintenance teams have stepped up cleaning efforts, wiping down touch-point surfaces with disinfectant nightly on all our transit vehicles. This includes the poles, doors and other surfaces people touch or hold onto as the vehicles move. It also includes the cabs and operator areas. We are also wiping down areas at stations and transit centers, including Hop validators, pay phones, ticket vending machines, elevator doors and buttons.

• Using masks on transit

Along with encouraging our operators and employees to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and use face coverings in public places, TriMet is also encouraging our riders to cover up their nose and mouth. We’re producing new signs for buses that recommend riders also use face coverings, while reminding them to maintain 6 feet of distance from the operator and other passengers. The signs informing riders of the limit on buses and encouraging social distancing onboard and while waiting for the bus have been put up.

• Social distancing

Our buses now have a second yellow line that’s six feet back from the driver, near the Priority Seating area. Riders should stay behind this line when the bus is in motion — it’s there to help operators practice social distancing while they’re driving. Also, signs now mark off seats on buses and trains to give riders visual cues on where to sit to space themselves 6 feet from others. We are also limiting how many people are allowed on buses. No more than 10-15 riders can be on a bus at one time — 10 individuals, or up to 15 if people are riding together (such as couples or parents with children).

• Ventilation and sanitizer

Based on the recommendations of experts, we’ve directed operators to use the ventilation system on their vehicles and, where possible, open windows to increase ventilation. Also, note that the regional health officer has advised that the opening and closing of doors at stops helps with airflow, and reduces the risk of transmission. In addition to the nightly disinfecting of buses and trains, including the operator area, we have secured hand sanitizer for operators. We are pursuing all opportunities to continue to provide hand sanitizer to our operators.

• We’re no longer taking cash on buses

We have decided to stop accepting cash fares on board buses. This is a temporary measure to help with social distancing and to minimize the time riders spend near our bus operators. Instead, you’ll need to pay with Hop: a plastic Hop card, your phone using a mobile wallet or virtual card, or a Hop ticket purchased at a ticket machine at a MAX or WES station. If you don’t already have a Hop card, you can get a free one by visiting the TriMet Ticket Office in Pioneer Courthouse Square. We’ll also mail you a card if you call 503-238-RIDE (7433) or email us at hoptto@trimet.org.

We appreciate our riders’ patience and understanding as we try to slow the spread of COVID-19 and keep everyone healthy. In addition, once again, TriMet asks those who don’t have an urgent need to ride at this time, to leave the seats for those who do.

Learn the latest about TriMet operations during this pandemic at trimet.org/health.
Keeping a journal is one way to work through fears and anxieties that might overwhelm us.

**Support your mental health**
- Stay in touch with the people you love
- Show affection to your pets
- Pause: Take some deep breaths. Pray.
- Explore mindfulness
- Make a gratitude list

**Protect your physical health**
- Get up and go to sleep at a consistent time
- Eat well. Eat produce.

**Feed your creative self**
- Make art
- Take photos
- Play music
- Read books
- Write a story. Keep a journal

**Gratitude and guilty pleasures**
Lynn Smith-Stott, supervisor for the Behavioral Health Division. "With COVID-19 spreading, and people physically isolating, it makes sense that people would feel overwhelmed, fearful or sad."

Multnomah County has modified most behavioral health services to prioritize the health and safety of the public and staff. Although many offices are physically closed to the public, staff are still available by phone and email.

“We know that mental health is crucial. We’re leveraging technology to find alternatives to support people. Much of what we are doing is through video conferencing and telehealth,” Clarke said. “For the handful of individuals we do need to see in person, we’re finding ways to follow physical distancing requirements and keep our consumers and staff safer.”

**‘The piece that keeps me going’**

Most people feel some level of fear or depression right now, with residents ordered to stay home and avoid physical contact with anyone outside their household. For some that means being physically alone. For others it means unemployment. Many are also feeling anxiety right now. Officials can’t tell us how long we’ll be isolated or what this will do to our economy; health experts can’t say how many people will get sick and how many will die.

Clarke is amongst thousands of Oregonians stuck at home, so she focuses on the silver lining where she can. She normally works long hours outside her home so she’s choosing to be grateful for the time she’s now spending working alongside her husband and two sons.

“I’ve been able to enjoy that and reconnect,” she said. “That’s the piece that keeps me going.”

Clarke connects with her mother, Helen, through video chatting and sends her little gifts to lift her spirits. On a recent Saturday night, that meant ordering her mother a Domino’s pizza and a liter of Sprite. And as an active member of her church, Clarke logs onto weekly video services.

“When I don’t connect or talk to anyone at church, I start to get anxious, fearful and worried,” she said. “My faith grounds me. It helps bring a sense of peace.”

Experts say there are things we can do, every day, to ease anxiety and depression. Try a few:

**Office of Consumer Engagement at the Behavioral Health Division, has been at home for more than a week. She says she’s had moments of overwhelming anxiety. Not only is Smith-Stott personally at higher risk of complications from COVID-19, she also has family living in high-risk areas of Washington state. But she’s employing her training with the county and skills acquired in long-term recovery from addiction and mental illness to keep her spirits up. Here are a few:**

- Keep a journal: "I have been counting each day the things I am grateful for. I’m grateful I have a job and I can do meaningful work, I’m grateful that I’m well, I’m grateful for my family and friends," she said. “What I try to do is catch those moments throughout the day. I’m grateful right now that I’m looking out on my gardens. My wife planted flowers this weekend."
- Indulge: "I find a guilty pleasure to indulge in everyday. Not something harmful, but something simple and pleasurable. For me, that’s watching Grey’s Anatomy."
- Anxiety vault: “If I feel anxiety amping up, I let myself go for about 15 minutes. I really let myself be anxious about all of it. And at the end of 15 minutes, I take a breath and say, ‘OK, that’s enough.’ I put it in my imaginary anxiety vault, and I shift my focus to the present moment.”
- Practice grace: “I just try to have a little grace and mercy for people, and I hope people do that with me. This is a time to bring out the best and worst in all of us.”

**Mindfulness and burpees**

Before isolating at home as part of the state order on physical distancing, Dr. Nimita Gokaldas, medical director for Behavioral Health, traveled to Houston to bury her father.

His death prompted her to see how vulnerable the rest of her family was to COVID-19. Her sister is a family doctor, and she’s also pregnant. Her mother is older and at higher risk of complications from the virus.

“A lot of people are worried about family right now,” she said. “I think that’s very normal.”

Enjoy quality time with family in your house.

While she works from home, Gokaldas has tried to focus her energy on the things she can control, and that includes her own health.

Take breaks: “I don’t like working from home. I have a standing desk at work and a balance board that I don’t have here. I find it’s harder to work here. So I find time to go out and take a break. Taking the time to move, for me, is really important.”

Eat veggies: “Fresh produce is what we should be eating. And there’s lots of it in the grocery stores. People are buying canned food. But fresh fruits and vegetables are great. If you don’t like a lot of prep work, buy precut or frozen produce.

Limit news: “I limit my media to a small portion of the day and one point in the day. I get up. I read the New York Times headlines. And that’s the only time I read the news. The rest of my day is not spent checking the headlines.”


Exercise: “It’s silly, but I get up every morning and do burpees. It makes me wish I wasn’t doing them, and it makes me feel incredibly accomplished in five minutes.”

Mindfulness: “Just try a quick two-minute breathing exercise. Inhale for four seconds and exhale for four seconds. Having to count helps you focus on something else. Mindfulness, meditation, prayer. It’s all the same thing. It’s like gratitude practice, flipping my fear to my gratitude. Those feelings of fear are normal, but you don’t want to allow yourself to sit in it.”

**New connections:** “Asking for help and being of service both support our own mental health. Someone in my neighborhood started a Facebook page, in case people need help. So we find that opportunity to make new relationships and new ways of communication. It’s going to shift.”

**Gratitude and guilty pleasures**

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Environmental Services reminds the public to only flush the 3Ps – toilet paper, pee, and poo. Any other material – such as cleaning wipes, “flushable” wipes, and paper towels – can cause clogs and sewer overflows that further impact public health and our environment.

Toilet paper breaks down quickly in water. Other materials remain intact. In fact, wipes are a leading cause of sewage overflows and costly clogs to city pipes and pump stations. Another leading cause is fats, oils, and grease poured down sink drains.

As more people stay home and correctly follow public health official guidelines, Environmental Services offers this advice to prevent the most common causes of sewage backups and overflows:

1. **Prevent wipes from clogging pipes.** Only flush the 3Ps: pee, poo, and toilet paper. Other materials belong in the trash, not the toilet. For more tips, go to portlandoregon.gov/bes/WhatNotToFlush.
2. **Prevent fats, oils, and grease from clogging sink drains and sewer pipes.** Pour unused cooking oil and other grease into cans, let cool (it will turn from a liquid into a solid), and place in the trash. For more tips, go to portlandoregon.gov/bes/FatFreePipes.

If you experience a clogged pipe in your home, call a plumber. If you experience or see a sewer overflow, call the City of Portland’s 24/7 hotline: 503-823-1700.

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**Wipes clog pipes**

Avoid sewer backups and protect your pipes! Dispose of these items in the trash, NOT the toilet.

- Disinfecting wipes
- Baby wipes
- Towelettes
- Paper towels
- Facial tissues

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**Support neighborhood businesses**

Portland is home to 23,000+ neighborhood businesses that provide 300,000+ jobs, the majority of which have been hit hard by closures and limited operations as a result of COVID-19. In response to the current economic crisis, Venture Portland awarded $62,000 to fund 21 grant projects in Portland’s neighborhood business districts citywide. These funds will help districts retain critical staff who support local businesses and market and promote their unique commercial corridors.

The Multnomah Village Business Association applied and was granted funds toward creating a social media campaign to support the village businesses through these tough times. Multnomah Village will be featuring 6 businesses per week who are currently offering online, delivery and take-out services to our community with the goal of them staying top of mind even when folks are staying in place.

1. Each week, the MVBA will (remotely) purchase SIX $50 gift certificates from point of sale storefronts and restaurants that are open to the public either via curbside, delivery or online.
2. Social media content will be shared via Facebook and Instagram highlighting these businesses and the services, specials or products currently offered.
3. Followers of the Multnomah Village pages can enter for a chance to win a gift certificate to their favorite spot by comment on what they love, have missed, or items they have purchased from the week’s featured businesses. The goal is to infuse our shops with a boost in revenue, all while creating a wall of positive messages for our district storefronts.
4. We have budgeted to purchase a gift certificate from and promote 40 Multnomah Village point of sale storefronts and restaurants that are currently serving the public.

Be sure to checkout the Multnomah Village take-out remote site: multnomahvillage.org/takeout-remote-services. Contact: mvba.info@gmail.com

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**Wilson Youth Football**

K-4 Grade Flag Football
5-8 Grade Tackle Football

One Team. One Family. One Community.

Come Play With Us. Register today. WilsonYouthFootball.com
NOTE FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE SENIOR CENTER

The Neighborhood House Senior Center is committed to our seniors. Even though our center is temporarily closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are still working remotely to offer phone support, virtual programming, limited food box delivery, grocery shopping, and errands for those seniors who are staying close to home. We can be reached by leaving a voicemail at our main number, 503-244-5204, or by calling Nancy Burke, Senior Center coordinator, at 503-246-1663, ext. 6112. We still provide one-on-one support with disabilities at no cost to you. Our programs, call 503-244-5204 monthly excursions and Riders’ Club are available to seniors 60+ and people with disabilities at no cost to you. Our monthly excursions and Riders’ Club trips are temporarily postponed until further notice. If you are a senior and would like to join one of our free virtual programs, call 503-244-5204 and leave us a message or email agingnews@nhpdx.org. We will send out instructions by email on how to access our Zoom classes. For those who don’t have access to a computer or tablet, you can easily dial in for the audio portion using your phone. And if you know a senior in your area who might benefit from our virtual programs and added socialization, please spread the word. Here are a few of the classes we have started on Zoom:

9 am Mondays: Meditation with Carole Melkonian: 10:15 am Mondays: Qi Gong with Carole Melkonian 10:15 am Tuesdays: Rhythmic Chair Exercise with Peggy Frieze 2 pm Tuesdays: Tai Chi for Better Balance with Catherine Holder 2 pm Thursdays: Tai Chi for Better Balance with Jim Dalton 10 am Fridays: Yoga with Peggy Frieze

We want to thank all the wonderful volunteers in our community who have stepped up to help deliver critical supplies to seniors during this time. You can also provide needed food and support to seniors by donating at nhpdx.org/donate.

Mohamed Salim Bahamadi, a bus driver for Neighborhood House’s Aging Services program in Southwest Portland, prepares food boxes for delivery to seniors who are staying home during the state of emergency.

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Neighborhood House pivots to meet community needs during COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 economic fall-out, including historic job losses in the last few weeks, local nonprofit Neighborhood House has created a comprehensive vision for supporting low-income and other vulnerable community members, who will be disproportionately affected by the crisis. Neighborhood House has adopted new service delivery methods, and realigned existing staff to mount a strategic and rapid response to what is expected to be a catastrophic and ongoing disruption to regular services. Visit nhpdx.org/services for more information on changes to Neighborhood House’s services.

To support their in-depth crisis response vision, Neighborhood House has launched the Neighbor to Neighbor COVID-19 Response Campaign, which aims to raise $100,000 by May 5. May 5 is also Giving Tuesday’s Day of Global Action. Neighborhood House’s ability to serve the area and adapt to changing needs is reliant on community support, and the organization will continue to seek support beyond May 5, into the spring and summer, as needed.

The Neighbor to Neighbor COVID-19 Response Campaign will also help off-set disruption in other Neighborhood House annual fundraising events and campaigns, including the SW Hope Community Food Drive. SW Hope raised 147,012 pounds of food this year to help fight hunger in our community. While the support of local faith communities, businesses, and individuals has helped SW Hope raise more than 2 million pounds of food since 2007, this year’s SW Hope did not meet its 200,000 pound goal due to the cancellation of nearly all SW Hope events. Furthermore, Neighborhood House’s new luncheon fundraiser, the First Annual Welcome Home Luncheon, rescheduled for June 16, has been forced to become a virtual event. Community members, groups, and businesses are encouraged to partner with Neighborhood House in creating a virtual table and join the organization for stories of building community in times of social distancing.

The best way to support Neighborhood House’s innovative initiatives and impacted fundraising events at this time is to provide financial support to the Neighbor to Neighbor COVID-19 Response Campaign. If you are able to give, please visit nhpdx.org/donate or contact Mari, Neighborhood House’s Development Director, at development@nhpdx.org with any questions.

As the Neighborhood House Food Pantry shifts to a delivery-only model, volunteers practice safe social distancing as they help build food boxes and repack food donations.

Multnomah County Library has canceled all events for May and June. Updates at multcoib.org.

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SW Trails offers self-guided hikes

Due to continued social distancing guidelines the SWT Stroll and Coffee will be cancelled for May. SWTrails would like to encourage people to visit our website where we have a new post for self-guided hikes during this challenging time. Hope to see you again soon when we can resume our group walks.

Are you missing your monthly walks and hikes with SWTrails as much as we are? Please visit our website at swtrails.org to find our newest venture, "Self-Led Hikes," where we are offering an alternative to our group hikes during this time of social distancing. Each week we are adding at least one hike that is designed to encourage the community to get out and keep moving for both physical and mental health during these challenging times. Check it out. Hope to see you out walking.

**SWNI Calendar Note**

Please be aware that public meetings are being cancelled or rescheduled for public health and safety, so please be sure to check SWNI’s online calendar for meeting updates and virtual meeting links.

swni.org/calendar

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