

SWHRL Synopsis: Past, Present, Future

by Jim Thayer, Southwest Hills Residential League President



SWNI President Glenn Bridger welcomes Jim Thayer, SWHRL Chair to the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

Almost another year has passed since last year's SWHRL elections at which we voted on the final resolution of the tumultuous boundary dispute that we had with our closest neighborhood associations. That vote finally put to rest a bitter contest between SWHRL, our neighbors and the city. The litigation launched by SWHRL's prior board cost the area neighborhood associations incalculable time and energy to defend against, and the city agreed to pay SWHRL over \$10,000, plus legal expenses in the suit brought by SWHRL. In May 2005, when a brand-new board took over, SWHRL dropped its litigious approach to problem-solving and has negotiated mutually agreeable resolutions with our neighbors. Resolving the bound-

ary dispute was completed at the last annual meeting in 2006.

Since May 2006, SWHRL has revised its bylaws to assure that all the actions of the neighborhood association board are transparent and subject to the direct intervention by the residents. We increased the membership meetings from once annually to four times annually. Meeting agendas and minutes are published for every meeting, and active public participation in all SWHRL's meetings is strongly encouraged.

Over the last year, we have made enormous strides in building an effective volunteer committee structure so that SWHRL's real work now gets done in the focused committee level.

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Ready. Safe. Go. !!! The City of Portland's FREE public safety conference is coming soon

by Michael Boyer, SW Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

The second annual Ready. Safe. Go. Conference and volunteer recognition event is taking place on:

**Saturday, April 28th
8:30 am to 2:30 pm**

**Portland Community
College
(PCC) Sylvania Campus
in Southwest Portland**

Registration for this exciting event closes at 5 pm on Thursday, April 5th, 2007 and is limited to 250 people. This conference will include three sessions of free classes / workshops, a free lunch, and fabulous guest speakers like the Portland Police Bureau Chief Rosie Sizer.

Starting in 2002, community volunteers received recognition from the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Crime Prevention Program for their sustained efforts

to reduce crime in Portland. In 2004, mini-trainings were added to the annual recognition event. Last year, in 2006, the Portland Office of Emergency Management partnered with ONI Crime Prevention to expand the menu of classes and to recognize community volunteers engaged in disaster preparedness, forming the first annual Ready. Safe. Go. conference.

This year's course offerings will again appeal to both the experienced and beginning public safety volunteer, some of which are: Preventing Crime in Parks; Requirements for Bars and Nightclubs; Know Your Neighborhood; Disaster Medicine Triage; Fire Size-up; and Using Extinguishers, to name a few. More information about the classes and workshops can be found in the Crime Prevention and Public Safety on page 4.

Should Portland change? YOU Decide!

Attend our Voters Forum,
Monday, April 30, 7 pm

Multnomah Center Auditorium
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Learn about the issues and candidates, get your questions answered, and make an informed vote on Tuesday, May 15th.

Measure 26-91

Amends Charter: Changes form of City Government

On May 15, 2007 our community will vote on four measures that could change the way Portland is governed. The central proposition is contained in Measure 26-91, which proposes to change Portland's governing structure in the following ways:

- The mayor assumes sole responsibility for the executive and administrative functions of the city.
- The mayor prepares the budget, distributes work among offices, hires and discharges most employees, subject to civil service.
- The mayor remains a voting member of the council, but does not have veto power.
- This measure transfers responsibility, including hiring and firing of bureau directors, to the mayor.

- The measure authorizes a "chief administrative officer" to manage and coordinate city operations, administration and personnel.
- The chief administrative officer serves under the supervision of the Mayor.
- The mayor can hire and fire the chief administrative officer.
- The measure gives the quasi-judicial functions to the council.
- The council adopts the budget and strategic plans, and exercises legislative oversight.

The question before us in May is whether we should support such a change in the governance of Portland.

At our Voters Forum on Monday, April 30th, we will have both proponents and opponents of Measure 26-91. They will address questions from our media panel and the audience.

Pivotal School Board Race

Changes in Portland Public Schools have been in the news a lot lately. Did you know that some of the most important changes have been decided by a 4-3 vote of the school board? A difference of one vote could mean a whole new direction for our schools. Now that our own Zone 1 member, Doug Morgan, has a challenger, Ruth Adkins, that vote could be different next year. Bobbie Regan is the other westside school board member (who is running unopposed). Come listen to what these three people have to say. Two of these people will be responsible for representing us on the school board.

What is best for our schools and our neighborhoods?

You decide.

Come to the Voters Forum on Monday, April 30th, to hear what the three candidates have to say and make up your own mind.

A panel of local journalists, including a representative of the Wilson High School paper, will quiz the candidates, and there will be questions from the audience as well.

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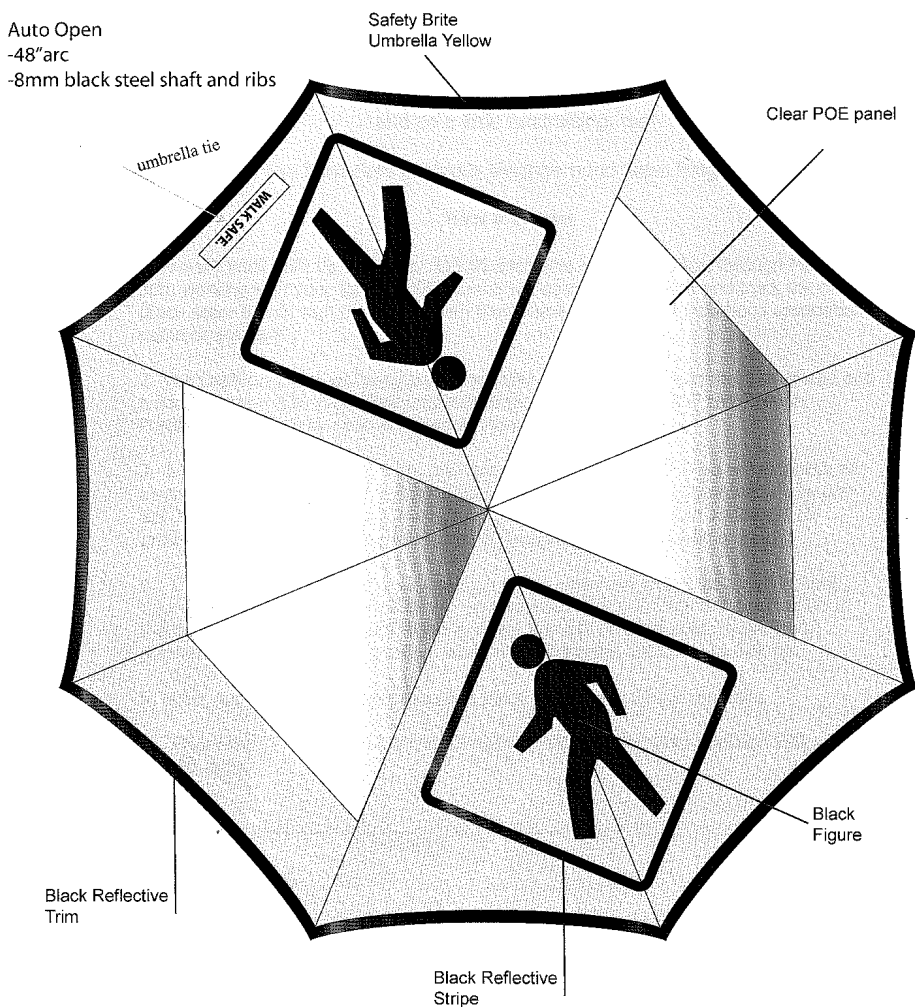
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How to register

- At the ONI Crime Prevention web site at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=41151>
- Or, by telephoning Nell Wagenaar at 503-823-4064.

Support your neighborhood association and keep your family safe



For a short time (until April 2nd), neighborhood associations have the opportunity to raise funds for neighborhood projects by taking preorders for Walk Safe Umbrellas at a special reduced price. Purchase your umbrellas for only \$15 each and the neighborhood will receive a one-to-one match and receive umbrellas to sell. To take advantage of this special offer, just fill out the order form below and send it with your check to SWNI by April 2nd.

The Walk Safe Umbrella will make pedestrians more visible on cloudy gray, wet days and evenings so that motor vehicle drivers will stop for them.

The unique design combines an iridescent yellow fabric, reflective trim, and clear plastic panels:

- The iridescent yellow is particularly visible on cloudy, gray and wet days and at dusk. Its glow in these conditions will highlight the pedestrian's presence.
- The reflective trim edges the umbrella and punctuates the diamond yield-to-pedestrian symbols on two sides of the umbrella. This

trim catches the light from headlights and streetlights to visibly announce the pedestrian to oncoming traffic.

• The clear plastic panels alternating between the diamonds is a key safety feature of this umbrella. It enables the umbrella carrier to see approaching traffic in two directions, giving him/her the power to make the safe decision to wait curbside.

This is a project of the Northwest District Neighborhood Association (the NWDA) Transportation Committee. The project evolved from efforts to improve pedestrian visibility following an accident in which two pedestrians were struck by an automobile crossing 23rd Avenue at Quimby St. One pedestrian was killed. It was nighttime and raining heavily and neither the surviving pedestrian nor the driver involved claim to have seen each other.

After April 2, 2007 NWDA will sell the Walk Safe Umbrella for the suggested retail price of \$20.

Walk-Safe Umbrella Pre-Sale Order Form

Name _____
 Address _____
 Date _____ Neighborhood _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Number of umbrellas _____ Amt. paid \$ _____

Each umbrella is \$15 through Monday April 2nd, 2007.

• Check (made out to SWNI; write your neighborhood in the memo so they get credit on check)

• Cash (do not send cash by mail; OK if ordering at SWNI office)

Important: SWNI must receive your order by 5 pm, Monday, April 2nd

Mail this form along with your check to:
 Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.
 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
 Portland, OR 97219

For more information, call 503-823-4592 or email ginny@swni.org.

Welcome SWHRL!

by Glenn Bridger, Southwest Neighborhoods Chair



Together, we can be better. It may be an old phrase, but it still speaks to the substance of neighborhood associations working together.

Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL) is one of the first neighborhood associations in Portland and a founder of our neighborhood movement. Since the formation in 1978 of the SWNI coalition of neighborhoods, SWHRL has been our neighbor to the north. Now SWHRL is joining SWNI. SWHRL has a long history of independence in their thought and actions. I personally hope they continue to understand that as a neighborhood association recognized by the City of Portland, independence is one of their rights. SWNI welcomes the independence of all our member organizations --17 neighborhoods and three business associations. We do not control them. Instead, we serve them. In doing so, we carry out our mission, as stated below.

As SWHRL joins SWNI to gain the benefits of working together, this is a good time to revisit who we, SWNI, really are. SWNI looks for common issues that will benefit multiple organizations in our community. We have standing committees as well as ad hoc committees that help strengthen a host of mutual-benefit subjects, ranging from crime prevention to trails to schools. Where we agree to take common action, we put our collective strength of SWNI on the issue. Yet we will not interfere with neighborhood associations taking a position opposite of the larger group, as each association has its own voice.

SWNI publishes this newspaper every month. It is our primary tool for communication to SW Portland residents and our member organizations. Publishing a newspaper is a cost-effective way to

regularly reach out to a large number of people. We do want this newspaper to be a publication you want to pick up and read, and we do welcome your input on how to make it better. We are also using alternative methods of communication, such as electronic mail and the SWNI website (swni.org). Publishing information on the Internet is even less expensive than a newspaper, as well as timelier. We expect to further integrate these different media to keep you well informed, as well as give you opportunities to share your perspectives.

SWNI does contract with the City of Portland, and we receive funding from the city for services we provide in support of the city's neighborhood association system. This funding allows our community to meet many needs that would otherwise not be met. The insurance we purchase allows for many public events, such as block parties and Multnomah Days. Our staff has expertise in a variety of subjects that will help residents work more effectively with the local governmental bodies. Neighborhood activities seem to always involve meetings, and our staff is very skilled at making both routine and special meetings effective. Election on the horizon? You can expect that SWNI will arrange a forum so you can learn about the candidates and issues. The contract supports services; it does not direct actions.

We are Southwest Portland. The addition of SWHRL to our organization makes that even clearer. The issues we face, whether it is the loss of tree canopy or the lack of safe places to walk, are common to our community. Now is the time to work together. Support YOUR neighborhood association and join in with the productive SWNI activities that strengthen all of us. Our mission:

"SWNI empowers citizen action to improve and maintain the livability of Southwest neighborhoods."

Leadership Workshops

Following is a list of free workshops being offered through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Please note workshops tend to fill up fast and pre-registration is required. For more info or to sign up, contact Brian Hoop at bhoop@ci.portland.or.us or 503-823-3075.

Dealing with Difficult People Through Better Meeting Facilitation
 with Judith Mowry, Resolutions NW
 Thursday, March 29, 6:30 - 9 pm
 2209 N. Schofield

Building Bridges by Reaching Out to Diverse Neighbors
 Thursday, April 26, 6:30 - 9 pm
 2209 N. Schofield
 North Portland Neighborhood Services

Working with Cable Access TV
 Tuesday, April 3, 7 - 9 pm
 2766 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
 Portland Community Media

Getting the Word Out - Promoting your Organization
 Thursday, May 24, 6:30 - 9 pm
 4415 NE 87th
 Central NE Neighbors

Volunteers: The Heart and Soul of an Organization
 Monday April 23, 7 - 9 pm
 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Room 30
 Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.
 (see page 6 for details)

Creating a Welcoming Environment in our Associations
 Tuesday, May 29, 7 - 9 pm
 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Room 30
 Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

The Southwest Neighborhood News is distributed free, published monthly, by Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. All submissions are due by the 15th of each month.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., (SWNI) is a nonprofit coalition that provides services to promote citizen participation and crime prevention in 16 Southwest Portland neighborhood associations and three business associations.

Our mission statement reads: "SWNI empowers citizen action to improve and maintain the livability of Southwest neighborhoods." Partial funding is from the City of Portland through an annual contract.

Our office is located in the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. We are open 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. To reach us call 503-823-4592, email swni123@spiritone.com.

SWNI staff: Sylvia Bogert, Executive Director; Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist; Ginny Stromer, Administrative Assistant, Jennifer Blatner WRC Coordinator.

The 2004-2005 SW Neighborhoods, Inc., Board Officers are Glenn Bridger, President; Wes McMullen, 1st Vice-President; Ester McGinnis, 2nd Vice President; John Gould, Secretary; and Patty Lee, Treasurer.

Speed-reader boards coming to Southwest

The City of Portland Office of Transportation has received one-time funding to purchase permanent speed-reader boards. These speed-reader boards will remain in position for a minimum of 6 months, alert drivers of their driving speed, and warn them if their speed is excessive.

Portland Transportation has examined reported crashes and determined the locations where the speed-reader boards will most likely be placed. The locations identified are based on the number of single vehicle "fixed object" crashes reported between 2000 - 2006 along with the presence of a curve in the road. The following west-side locations are recommended as potential sites: SW Boones Ferry Rd. near Stephenson St., Multnomah Blvd. near Garden Home Road., and Taylors Ferry Rd. near 35th Ave.

The Office of Transportation is hopeful that the installation of speed-reader boards at these locations will reduce crashes. If you have any concerns or questions regarding the proposed locations, contact Sharon White, sharon.white@pdxtrans.org or 503-823-7100.



Yard sign lender program

The City of Portland Office of Transportation has SHARE THE ROAD yard signs available to lend to community residents. Each sign features a black steel "A" frame along with an 18" high x 24" wide PVC sign. The signs attach by independent clips, hang freely from a steel "A" frame. To request a yard sign, visit the Office of Transportation website at <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=40513>.



TriMet proposes ending Route #39 weekend service!

by John Miller, Collins View

The rerouted #39 Lewis & Clark College to Hillsdale bus line has met with great success. Weekday ridership has exceeded goals set by TriMet. So TriMet is keeping the route extension through Hillsdale.

The #39 is loaded in the morning. As students get off at Wilson, others board headed for the college. Folks south of I-5 have discovered they can step off the #39 in Hillsdale and step right on any of five buses headed to town, instead of waiting on Barbur for a #12. However, even though weekend ridership has increased from previous levels, it hasn't met TriMet's goals. So TriMet proposes to cut weekend service.

Here's what I think. We've hardly had a chance to build the ridership. Neighborhoods and businesses along the route

failed to mount a significant promotional campaign last summer. And last summer was half over before the TriMet Trip Planner was aware that #39 could get to Hillsdale or transfer to other lines there!

To be fair, TriMet needs to allow more time for a new line to establish itself, especially when Lewis & Clark College, as part of its transportation management program, is paying a private bus company to shuttle students to some of the same places that #39 serves. That conversation may take place outside of the public process that TriMet has started in motion. Please join Collins View and Hillsdale in supporting the continued connection of our communities, seven days a week!

For more info about #39 and the April 17th public hearing, visit www.collinsview.org.

SWTrails



SWTrails wants a better way around this rock.

The rock cliff is along the Willamette river between Portland and Lake Oswego. For some time now, we have been involved in the planning process for trails and transportation projects between Portland and Lake Oswego. This is a Metro project and it is called the Lake Oswego to Portland Advisory Committee. (LOPAC) The project alternatives include a bus/trolley/light rail line along the river with a tunnel through the rock outcropping pictured above. Metro suggests having the pedestrian walkway also go through the tunnel and SWTrails has taken a strong position against this prospect. We feel it is too dangerous to have walkers in a long tunnel next to a train. We also worry about crime and the perception of crime in a dark tunnel. We believe it is much better to find a way to put the trail over or around the rock. If a way could be found to put it on the river side of the rock, it would create an attractive walkway with a fantastic view of the water that would be a real tourist attraction.

4T Trail
Speaking of tourist attractions we have been talking about a hiking route called the 4T trail. (Trail, Tram, Trolley and Train.) This trail is really a loop around the city highlighting all of our non-auto modes of transportation. We think this route will become a great tourist attraction. We are getting ready to start work on this project by identifying the route and what needs to be done. If you have some time to help out, call Don Baack at 503-246-2088.



South Portland Walk

We had the best attendance ever at our last monthly hike with 34 people and 1 dog. It was more than a just a hike this time. We went through the South Portland neighborhood to look at sites very important in the strong Jewish influence in the growth of our city. We all got our exercise and everyone learned a great deal as we stopped at sites with historical significance. Thank you to Arnie Panitch who did a great deal of research and made it so interesting to the rest of us.

The next hike will be Saturday, April 14. Diane and Chris Mays will be the leaders. The hike will loop through Gabriel and April Hill Parks and go over the section of trail and stairs we recently repaired. As usual we will meet under the oak tree near the intersection of Sunset and Capitol in Hillsdale at 9 am.

Next SWTrails meeting will be Thurs., April 26, 7 pm, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 6835 SW 46th.



Notice of Public Hearing

Proposal for discontinuation of Saturday and Sunday service on Line 39-Lewis & Clark

TriMet will seek public comment at a hearing on Tuesday April 17, 2007, about the proposed discontinuation of Saturday and Sunday service on Line 39-Lewis & Clark due to low ridership.

In June 2006, Line 39 was extended to serve the Hillsdale area on a six-month trial basis including ridership requirements for weekdays, Saturday and Sunday. Service performance results are as follows:

- Weekday ridership exceeded ridership goals set for the trial period.
- Saturday and Sunday ridership remained low and did not meet ridership goals set for the trial period. Saturday and Sunday service, having not demonstrated adequate ridership growth, is not considered sustainable.
- Friday and Saturday evening trips, having shown a pattern of very low usage since the service hours were extended in early September 2006, is also not considered sustainable.

Hearing Time and Location

The hearing will be from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, Templeton Student Center, Lewis & Clark College, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Road in Portland. TriMet's Line 39-Lewis & Clark serves the Center.

Comments may also be submitted by April 17 in the following ways:

Mail: TriMet - MK2
RE: Line 39-Lewis & Clark
4012 SE 17th Ave
Portland, OR 97202

Email: comments@trimet.org

Phone: Comment Line at 503-962-5806

Fax: 503-962-6469

TTY: 503-238-5811 (7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. weekdays)

To request an interpreter for the hearing impaired or other accommodation for people with disabilities, call TriMet at 503-962-2455 or TTY 503-238-5811 (weekdays, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) at least 48 hours before the hearing.

TRIMET



Ready. Safe. Go. 2007 Workshops and Classes

Michael Boyer Southwest Portland Crime Prevention Program Coordinator



The Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Crime Prevention Program and Portland's Office of Emergency Management are proud to offer a wide variety of classes in the area of public safety. Registration for the classes listed below will take place at Portland Community College at 8:30 am. Additional classes beyond what is listed below may be offered the day of the event. On April 28th there will be three sessions of classes and workshops, followed by lunch that will include guest speakers and a recognition ceremony for crime prevention and emergency preparedness volunteers.

Session I: 9:15 – 10:15 am
Session II: 10:35 – 11:35 am
Session III: 11:55 – 12:55 am

Crime Prevention Workshops

Enhanced Safety Properties Program (ESP)

Havilah Ferschweiler & Roseanne Lee Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

Presenters will share information about the ESP program, which involves landlords, property managers, law enforcement, crime prevention and residents as stakeholders in working together to reduce gangs, drugs, and other crime activities in their communities. The ESP program is currently a pilot program in North Portland. It is scheduled to be introduced citywide and to your neighborhood soon. Come hear more about it and how you can get involved!

Child Sexual Predator Awareness

Teri Poppino, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

This workshop is designed to teach adults how to keep children safe from sexual predators. Learn how predators "groom" children for abuse, red flags that a child is being abused, and how to give children the skills to resist abuse and get help. This class is not appropriate for children.

Domestic Violence in the Neighborhood

Lynn Fairweather, Portland Police Domestic Violence Reduction Unit

Domestic violence is one of the most common and misunderstood community problems. Chances are extremely high that, at some time, a family on your street will be affected by domestic violence. How can you help increase safety for that family and others on your street? You will leave this workshop with a better understanding of why some people remain in abusive situations, and how neighbors can intervene in a domestic violence problem without making the situation worse.

Parole, Probation and Sex Offenders

Laura Carson, Gresham Parole Officer

Many people are unaware that parole/probation officers (P.O.s) have even more power than police officers in some ways. Come to this class to learn about what role P.O.s play in neighborhood safety. A major portion of the class will be devoted to the topic of supervision of sex offenders. What are the common restrictions placed on sex offenders? Can they live wherever they want? When and how are community notifications done? How can neighbors find out about sex offenders living in the neighborhood, and how should they respond when they find out? These and other questions will be answered.

Making Your Northwest Thrive

Havilah Ferschweiler & Michael Boyer, Crime Prevention Program Coordinators

Tailored to both new and continuing Neighborhood Watch or Foot Patrol volunteers and leaders, this workshop offers various ways to connect neighbors and to lead a Neighborhood Watch or Foot Patrol. Discover practical, fun activity ideas for your group and share the best of activities that your groups have used. We will also discuss how to keep your Neighborhood Watch or Foot Patrol responsive to changing community needs and interests. You will leave this training with the tools to develop an inclusive, energetic Neighborhood Watch or Foot Patrol.

Fraud, Identity Theft, and Mail

Walter Garcia & Celeste Carey, Crime Prevention Program Coordinators

The identity theft workshop includes information on mail theft and fraud. The training will feature: What is identity theft? How does it happen? How can I protect myself? One portion of the training will highlight these topics for the community member and another will highlight these topics for the business owner.

Emergency Management Workshops

Victim Extrication and Patient Transport

Captain Joel Kasprzak Portland Fire Bureau

Do you have the skills to help your neighborhood when disaster strikes? If not, you are not alone. In the aftermath of a disaster most people want to step up to help but most people have very few life saving skills. In this session, Portland fire and Rescue will teach you how to safely extricate a victim from debris and transport them to safety. With a little training, you will be surprised how much you can really do!

Pandemic and other Public Health Disasters

Jessica Guernsey Camargo, Multnomah County Health Department

A prolonged emergency, like a severe influenza pandemic, could present many disruptions in our daily lives and specific challenges for community members that step up to help. In this session representatives from Multnomah County Health Department will talk about how a local pandemic may unfold. They will cover what the health department will do to mitigate the effects of a pandemic and the important things that community members can do now to prepare for a prolonged public health emergency.

Making Your NET Thrive

Lawrence Behmer, POEM & Keith Berkery, POEM

Back by popular demand! In this session, NET team leaders from all over the city will answer your questions about how to make your NET thrive. Learn about what your fellow NETs have been doing to prepare their communities and grow their teams. You can take that information back to your NET so that you can be better prepared. NET leaders will be part of a panel to share with you some of the best practices they have developed in making their NET better prepared and more successful.

Disaster Medicine: On Scene Treatment

Captain Kevin Shanders & Jason Anderson, Portland Fire Bureau

If after a disaster, professional medical assistance is unavailable; would you know what to do? In this class, Portland Fire and Rescue will teach you how to do head-to-toe medical assessments, how to splint and bandage and how to treat minor injuries. In many communities neighbors will have to help neighbors. In a disaster that is when it counts the most!

Disaster Communications Technology

In the aftermath of a disaster traditional communications will be compromised. Land lines and cell phones could be incapacitated for days. In this class, you will learn about the different types of radios used in disaster communications. Learn about FRS, GMRS, and HAM radio and how you can use them.

Working with and Preparing People with Additional Needs During Disasters and Emergencies

Nickole Cheron, Disability Program Coordinator Office of Neighborhood Involvement

This workshop will help you to understand some of the additional needs folks with physical and intellectual limitations may have during times of disaster and emergency. It will cover basics of interaction as well as information you can give your additional needs neighbors to help them be proactive about their own disaster planning.

Fire Suppression and Utility Control

Captain Joel Kasprzak & Jason Anderson, Portland Fire Bureau

When the moment arises, do you know how to effectively and safely use a fire extinguisher? In the aftermath of an earthquake, how and when should I shut off my utilities? In this session, Portland Fire and Rescue will teach you all you need to know! Learn about the different types of fire extinguishers and how to use them. Learn how to identify utilities in your neighborhood, and how and when you should turn them off. The firefighters will be there with our propane burn pan, and you will actually be able to put out fires!

NW NET Table Top

Keith Berkery, Community Emergency Services Manager POEM & Peter Williamson, NET

It's 9:45 AM on a Monday morning in January. A 9.3 Earthquake has shook the City of Portland for close to three and a half minutes. Everywhere you look, there is widespread damage. Help may be days in coming to certain neighborhoods and casualties begin to mount by the minute. What should you do to help your neighborhood? Do you know all the resources in your community? Participate in this tabletop exercise and learn how NETs and Crime Prevention volunteers can work together in their neighborhoods, after disaster strikes.

Citizen Response during Public Health Emergency

Adrienne Donner & Weiyi Zhao Regional Cities Readiness Initiative

This course introduces the basic principles of personal preparedness and the importance of community building through helping families, friends and neighbors prepare for emergencies. Attendees will also learn about Points of Dispensing (POD), the concept of using PODs to distribute medication or vaccines to the entire population during a natu-

ral or manmade disaster, and how citizens can become involved as volunteers to prepare for effective response during public health emergencies.

Train the Trainer-Know Your Neighborhood

Lawrence Behmer, Portland Office of Emergency Management

Whenever we talk about preventing crime or preparing and responding to disasters, we are really talking about neighbors helping neighbors, when it has to count. Does your block have a Neighborhood Watch? Do you know where your neighborhood will meet in the aftermath of a disaster? Does anyone on your block have life saving skills? In this class you will learn how to organize your block to help prevent crime and be ready for a disaster. We will give you the knowledge and materials you need to go back into your community and make it stronger.

Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for January 2007

Neighborhood	Murder	Rape	Molest	Robry	Agr Aslt	Res Burg	N/Res Burg	Arson	Theft fr. Auto	Bike Theft	Other Larc	Auto Theft	Vandl	Total	YTD rate/ 1000 pop.
Arnold Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.3
Ashcreek	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	4	10	2.1
Bridlemile	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	5	1.0
Collins View	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	1	5	0	15	25	12.2
Crestwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1.0
Far Southwest	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	6	4.9
Hayhurst	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	0	4	11	2.1
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4.5
Hillsdale	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	0	3	2	2	18	2.4
Homestead	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	5	0	1	13	5.1
Maplewood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0.8
Markham	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4	1.7
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.7
Multnomah	0	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	9	0	4	0	5	24	3.6
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	3	2.3
SW Hills	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	2	15	3.7
S Portland	0	0	0	0	2	1	4	0	13	0	5	2	4	31	6.1
W Ptl'd Park	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	0	3	2	1	12	3.2
Total SW	0	3	2	0	6	13	11	4	58	1	37	6	42	183	3.1

Update on Southwest Drug Houses

Officer Brian Hughes Portland Police Bureau, Central Precinct, Neighborhood Response Team



During the week of February 26, 2007, Portland Police Neighborhood Response Team officers partnered with night shift and afternoon shift officers to respond to citizen reports of a possible drug house in their neighborhood. Plainclothes officers conducted surveillance of the problem location and were able to make two arrests following a traffic stop from a home in the 5000 Blk of SW Cameron St.

Lisa Trygg, 37 years old, was arrested on an allegation of possession and distribution of cocaine as well as theft I. A stolen purse was recovered from the vehicle she was driving and was returned to the owner, a NE Portland Resident.

As a result of the traffic stop, several individuals were contacted in a motel room in the 10000 Blk of SW Capitol Hwy, later that evening. As a result of that contact, 43 year old Brian Johnston was arrested on a felony warrant. Drug paraphernalia for smoking crack cocaine was also seized from the motel room.

During the week of March 12, 2007, Portland Police Neighborhood Response Team Officers partnered with the Central Precinct Street Crimes Unit as well as dayshift patrol officers and traffic officers to focus on specific neighborhood problems. The first half of the day addressed traffic enforcement complaints in the Hillsdale and Multnomah neighborhoods. Speed and pedestrian crosswalk safety violations were looked at in this area and numerous citations were issued. The speed trailer was also placed out in some SW neighborhoods. Please keep an eye on it for us, to prevent vandalism.

During the second half of the day, another drug house was focused on, this time in the 5100 block of SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy. Officers conducted surveillance and stopped a vehicle seen leaving the home. During a search of that vehicle. Cocaine was seized. As a result, Brett Hein, 40 years old, and Jonathan Byes, 41 years old, were arrested on drug related charges.

Following the stop, the mentioned home was searched and an ounce of cocaine was seized. A third person in the home, Douglas Stankewitsch was arrested for manufacturing, possessing and distributing cocaine. All were lodged at the Multnomah County Detention Center.

Portland Police Bureau brings back Neighborhood Liaison Officers

Michael Boyer Southwest Portland Crime Prevention Coordinator

In an effort to foster better community policing efforts the Portland Police Bureau will be reinstating the Neighborhood Liaison Officer program. District Patrol Officers will now be attending neighborhood association meetings across the city. Some Portland Police Bureau Officers have already starting doing so in Southwest Portland. Members from the Portland Bureau's management staff will be attending the SWNI board meeting in March to make a more formal announcement to the Southwest community.

In addition to the Neighborhood Liaison Officer program the Portland Police Bureau will be focusing on ways to involve District Patrol Officers in more problem solving efforts. Each patrol district will have five key problem areas or problem issues identified by the Portland Police Bureau. Southwest Portland has five patrol districts. Once these areas and issues are identified the District Patrol Officers will work them to resolve the problem. At this time all of the areas have not been fully identified. But as Sergeant Mason's brief article below points out, some of these efforts are under way now.

The over all goal of the Portland Police Bureau is to improve livability and community policing, not only in Southwest Portland, but throughout the entire city. These new efforts will not have any impact on the Neighborhood Response Team Officers. They will still be around to assist the community and deal with long-term, systemic issues.

Southwest officers keeping focused

Sergeant Ron Mason Portland Police Bureau Central Precinct

Central Precinct officers who are assigned to patrol southwest neighborhoods have been attending community meetings and keeping an eye on frequent trouble spots. They have been able to answer questions about what is going on in their neighborhoods and give advice for crime prevention.

In addition Central Precinct is focusing on frequent problem areas in each patrol district. The approach is to provide comprehensive attention to issues using manpower and directed patrol by each of the three shifts; mornings, afternoons, and nights. In the past, each officer has worked on a single issue by themselves, or with the other officers on their shift. This new strategy hopes to have more effect by compounding the resources of all three patrol shifts on a few high priority neighborhood issues.

One recent example of this strategy in action took place on Thursday, March 15th. Southwest officers planned a traffic safety mission in and around Multnomah village, emphasizing morning traffic and school zones. This resulted in the issuance of 17 citations and numerous warnings. A traffic safety radar reader board was also installed on SW Vermont near SW 40th Avenue to try and educate drivers on their speed. In the afternoon that same day, officers worked with Central Precinct's Neighborhood Response Team and Street Crimes Unit to target drug activity and complaints. The coordinated effort resulted in three arrests and approximately one ounce of cocaine off the street.

Helpful numbers

Emergency police, fire, or medical help 911	Office of Neighborhood Involvement 503-823-4519
Non-emergency police assistance 503-823-3333	Neighborhood Mediation Center 503-823-3152
Portland Police information & referral 503-823-4636	Mayor's Comment Line 503-823-4127
City of Portland/Multnomah County information and referral 503-823-4000 503-823-6868 TDD	City Ombudsman 503-823-0144
Elected Officials	
SW Crime Prevention Coordinator Michael Boyer 503-823-3131	Mayor Tom Potter 503-823-4120 mayorpotter@ci.portland.or.us
Neighborhood Response Team Officers Mark Friedman & Brian Hughes 503-823-0234 & 503-823-0235	Commissioner Sam Adams 503-823-3008 samadams@ci.portland.or.us
Mental Health Crisis Line 503-988-4888	Commissioner Randy Leonard 503-823-4682 randy@ci.portland.or.us
Traffic Safety & Livability Hotline 503-823-SAFE	Commissioner Dan Saltzman 503-823-4151 dsaltzman@ci.portland.or.us
Nuisance, housing code violations 503-823-7306	Commissioner Erik Sten 503-823-3589 erik@ci.portland.or.us
Abandoned auto hotline 503-823-7309	City Auditor Gary Blackmer assessments & liens, audits, city elections, recorder, independent police review, om- budsman 503-823-4078 gblackmer@ci.portland.or.us
Noise control office 503-823-7350	
Graffiti abatement hotline 503-823-4TAG	
Liquor license issues 503-823-3092	
Independent Police Review 503-823-0146	

Door to door magazine sales crews Consumer tips on how to avoid becoming a victim

Portland Police Bureau
www.portlandonline.com/police

The Oregon Department of Justice wants consumers to know about door-to-door magazine subscription sellers, who may use fraudulent or intimidating tactics when attempting to make magazine sales.

Frequently, magazine sellers tell consumers that they may purchase a subscription and donate it to a charity in lieu of receiving it themselves, or that the solicitor works for a charitable organization. ODJ believes this may be a fraudulent sales pitch and no benefit goes to charity.

Some door-to-door sellers have serious criminal records and are dangerous. Nationwide and in Oregon, serious crimes against persons have been committed, as well as property crimes. Some use threatening or intimidating tactics to frighten consumers into purchasing a subscription they would not otherwise purchase.

Other sellers are "at-risk youth" types or young adults who were recruited or lured into a sales crew by promises of travel and easy money, and are now hundreds or thousands of miles away from their hometown. Due to the financial aspects of working for a sales crew, these individuals are frequently in a situation in which they may be unable to leave the sales crew because they fear they will lose the wages the team leader is purportedly holding for them. They may not have money to pay for a bus or plane ticket home. An organization called Parent Watch, Inc. (<http://www.parentwatch.org/>) may be able to assist individuals who are stranded or want to leave a traveling sales crew.

Sales agents travel in groups, usually in passenger vans. These groups come into a town for a few days and then move on to the next town, never staying in one community for long. The groups are led by crew leaders and managers who most likely started out as door-to-door sellers themselves.

Here are tips that may be useful to consumers and avoid becoming a scam victim:

- Be suspicious of receipts where the delivery name or address for the subscription is different than the address of the purchaser. Or, the subscription is to be delivered to a nonprofit, or is a "donation", sometimes to a vague charitable cause. Also be suspicious of receipts where the purchaser paid by "cash" which can be easily pocketed by the sales agents.
- If sales agents suggest that purchasers make a donation to a specific Oregon nonprofit (example: donate a subscription of a children's magazine to Doernbecher Children's Hospital), this is illegal without the prior written consent of the nonprofit (ORS 128.856). Doernbecher and other Oregon nonprofits generally have not given permission for such activities.
- Sales agents often try to convince purchasers that the sales agents are local students, on a local sports team, etc., to make the sale. Sales agents have been arrested by police agencies for theft by deception by lying to make a sale. Sometimes sales agents have been reported to use threatening behavior and intimidation tactics to make sales that consumers wouldn't otherwise make.

Consumers are encouraged to report this type of activity. For more information on how to protect yourself from becoming a victim or if you want to report a scam, contact:

Oregon Department of Justice
Financial Fraud/Consumer Protection Section
1162 Court St. NE
Salem, OR 97301-4096

Southwest Development Review

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist
Compiled from development review and other notices

Pre-application conferences:

EA 07-113943. Expected design review for renovation and addition at Shriners Hospital, at 3101 SW Sam Jackson Rd, in **Homestead.**

Proposals:

LU 07-106796 HDZM. Applicant seeks historic design review approval for a remodel of a single-family house, at 0110 SW Gibbs St, in **South Portland.**

LU 07-105839 AD. Applicant seeks a setback adjustment for a garage entrance, at 1709 SW Montgomery Drive, in **SWHRL.**

LU 07-102485 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots, at 6048 SW Brugger St, in **Ashcreek.**

LU 07-102454 AD. Applicant seeks setback adjustments for an addition to a house, at 6912 SW 5th Ave, in **Hillsdale.**

LU 06-177907 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into three lots, at 1450 SW Taylors Ferry Rd, in **Marshall Park.**

LU 07-107732 AD. Applicant seeks a setback adjustment for a garage entrance, at 2815 SW Texas St, in **Multnomah.**

LU 06-155960 AD. Applicant Mittleman Jewish Community Center seeks an adjustment to reduce required bicycle parking spaces from 75 to 24, at 6651 SW Capitol Hwy, in **Hillsdale.**

LU 06-185570 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots, at 8426 SW 7th Ave, in **South Burlingame.**

LU 06-162743 LDS. Applicant proposes to divide a site into four lots, at 11043 SW 61st Ave, in **Ashcreek.**

LU 07-110879 DZ. Applicant seeks design review approval for an alteration to a building, at 6105 SW Macadam Ave, in **South Portland.**

Decisions:

LU 06-178874 LDP. Approval of preliminary plat for a three-lot land division, at 7608 SW Hood Ave, in **South Portland.**

LU 07-103518 AD. Approval of setback adjustment, at 9603 SW Lancaster Rd, in **Markham.**

LU 06-179778 DZM. Design review approval for rooftop mechanical equipment, at SW River Parkway and Gaines, in **South Portland.**

LU 06-177328 ZC. Zone change approval, at 11700 SW 35th Ave, in **Arnold Creek.**

LU 06-131927 LDP AD. Approval of preliminary plan for a two-lot land division and an adjustment, at 9307 SW Capitol Hwy, in **Ashcreek.**

LU 06-180757 HDZ. Historic design review approval of a porch enclosure, at 0222 SW Gibbs St, in **South Portland.**

LU 06-183261 CU. Conditional use approval for additional and replacement antennas, at 5700 SW Dosch Rd, in **Hillsdale.**

LU 06-139932 LDS. Approval of preliminary plan for a ten-lot land division, at 5920 SW 18th Dr, in **Hillsdale.**

LU 06-173996 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan for two-lot land division, at 4442 SW Galeburn St, in **West Portland Park.**

LU 07-105484 AD. Approval of adjustment to reduce a side setback, at 2975 SW Upper Rd, in **SWHRL.**

Public hearings (at 1900 SW 4th)

LU 06-141199 LDS EN M. Applicant proposes a land division and seeks modifications in environmental review, at 3302-3304 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, in **SWHRL.** Hearing is scheduled for April 4, at 10:30 am, Suite 3000.

LU 06-181884 LDS EN M. Applicant proposes to divide a site into seven lots and seeks modifications in environmental review, at 2909 and 2919 SW Upper Dr, in **SWHRL.** Hearing is tentatively scheduled for April 25.

LU 06-160750. Applicant proposes to divide a site into three lots, at 5925 SW Patton Rd, in **SWHRL.** Hearing is tentatively scheduled for May 16.

EA 07-110001 DA. Design advice hearing for Broadway Drive Heights condo, at SW Broadway Drive, in **SWHRL.** Hearing is scheduled for April 5 at 1:30 pm, Suite 2500A.

LU 06-178874 LDP. Neighborhood appeal of decision approving preliminary plan for a three-lot land division, at 7608 SW Hood Ave, in **South Portland.** Hearing is scheduled for April 11, at 10 am, hearing room 3000.

Notices of proposed development in environmental zones: 11734 SW 39th Ave, 2202 SW Marigold St,

Final plats: 2031 SW Stephenson St, 12546 SW Lesser Rd, 6005 SW Boundary St,

Measure 37 claims: 10931 SW 53rd Ave, 3011 SW Nottingham Dr, SW 50th near Canterbury Lane,

Committee Reports..

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

Our March meeting was a continuation of our February meeting. We looked at what we want our committee to achieve next year. It was unanimous that the top priority is traffic and pedestrian safety. At our March 27 meeting, we will focus on ways to achieve this. More to come in the next month's article as we had not yet met when this article was written.

It was announced that we will get three permanent speed-reader boards in the SW. Their locations are SW Boones Ferry Rd. near Stephenson St.; Multnomah Blvd. near Garden Home Road; and Taylors Ferry Rd. near 35th Ave. The contact person is Sharon White at sharon.white@pdxtrans.org.

These flash your speed as you fly by. I think it is an eye opener when people see just how fast they are flying.

Also, we were informed that the Portland Police are once again restarting the Neighborhood Liaison Program. Neighborhoods should be getting contacted by officers who will be coming to neighborhood meetings. As always, another good place to be able to talk with officers is the Crime Prevention meetings. We always have our Neighborhood Response Team Officers Mark Friedman and Brian Hughes present at those meetings as well as Laurie Abraham from the DA's office and Mike Boyer, our hard-working Crime Prevention Specialist.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Parks Committee

Kirky Doble, 503-246-7970

In March, committee members heard a report on issues discussed at the Citywide Parks forum: Parks & Recreation policies on corporate sponsorships and donations. The policy discussion will continue at the Parks board.

It looks like there will be two summer concert series in SW Portland this summer. Hillsdale is doing an independent series, and South Portland plans to put on a series through a Parks & Recreation program. More news later.

For our April meeting, we hope our guest will be Rod Wojtanik of Parks & Recreation to report on the Gabriel Park skate park. Call the SWNI office for confirmation of the April agenda.

Next meeting: Thurs., April 5, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Transportation Committee

Patty Lee, 503-244-2871

Our guest in March was Greg Jones of PDOT. We discussed the South Portland Circulation Study. The plan was finished in June of 2001 but so far, its recommendations--including redesign of Naito Parkway from its connection to Barbur south to Arthur, and changes to traffic flows on and off the Ross Island Bridge--have been implemented.

The committee continues to work on the issue of identifying collector streets that might be appropriate for infrastructure improvements. Commissioner Sam Adams has proposed using "halo" local improvement districts to pay for the improvements. The question of who should pay for such improvements remains an issue that the committee is discussing. We hope to have Sam back at an upcoming meeting, possibly in April. Check with the SWNI office regarding the April agenda.

Next Meeting: Wed, April 18, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president
503-245-0729

As a result of the Communications Retreat held in February, the board has created a Communications ad hoc committee to investigate ways that SWNI and its members can more effectively communicate with one another, and with Southwest residents and businesses. Specific tasks will include: improving the SWNI newsletter, SWNI website, other forms of communication methods, and exploring helpful software and hardware.

The SWNI board approved a letter to City Council supporting the proposed \$1.3 MM increase in ONI's budget for next fiscal year. Some of the additional funding will help neighborhoods connect to community members and fund a number of small grant projects.

Next Meeting: Wed., April 25, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Schools Committee

Will Fuller, 503-764-5501

School crime and sunshine are coming to the committee in April. Crime Prevention Coordinator Michael Boyer, fresh from FBI Citizens Academy, reveals all about crime in our schools, while two (count'em, two) speakers from the SUN program (yes, the one whose funding was cut and then restored some) will tell about SUN in the Southwest.

School board candidates will be featured in the SWNI forum on April 30.

We're going to dig up the dirt at Vernon School on Earth day, April 21.

Our new e-news comes out this month featuring the Wilson 50th anniversary and a directory of all schools, public and private, in the SWNI area.

This unique little committee is building stronger contacts between the local schools and neighborhood associations.

You, too, can be unique. There are still openings for school committee reps from some neighborhoods. Contact the SWNI office or your neighborhood association to apply for a position.

Next Meeting: Thurs., April 19 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Volunteers: The Heart and Soul of an Organization

Monday, April 23, 2007, 7 pm
Multnomah Center, Room 30
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Learn strategies for recruiting and retaining volunteers to build a dynamic membership. Today's volunteers are your future board leaders. Explore tactics for delegating definable and fun tasks for committee roles and other projects.

What you will learn:

- Do's and Don'ts of working with volunteers
- Typical volunteer job descriptions for small organizations
- Assessing member skills to match them with appropriate volunteer tasks
- Tips for avoiding volunteer burnout
- Managing volunteers for larger scale special events
- Nurturing volunteers into future leaders and board members

Who should attend:

Neighborhood association or community organization leaders interested in learning how to build a dynamic organization with lots of motivated volunteers.

To register for this workshop contact: Jeri Williams, 503-823-5827 or jeri.williams@ci.portland.or.us

TriMet bus #44, Capitol Hwy. Location is wheelchair accessible. Limited childcare vouchers available. Language interpretation available. Call 7 days in advance to request assistance for any accessibility accommodations. Co-sponsored by: SWNI

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

See page 3 for article.

Next mtg: Thurs., April 26, 7 pm,
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
6835 SW 46th

Land Use Committee

John Gibbon 503-708-6708

The Citywide Land Use Group and the Bureau of Planning sponsored an excellent panel discussion on infill development on March 17. Speakers representing different stakeholder groups shared their perspectives. Metro Councilor Robert Liberty noted that builders prefer to build new housing in existing neighborhoods rather than newly opened areas within the urban growth boundary because expensive infrastructure is already in place in the existing neighborhoods. Planning Bureau Director Gil Kelley reported that substantive changes are coming to the city's land division code. The Planning Commission will hold a discussion on the issue on May 22.

The March 17 meeting was only the beginning of a continuing discussion on infill.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 17, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Emergency Preparedness Committee

Michael Kisor, <http://ep.swni.org/>

The captain and crew of Fire Station 18 will be our guests to discuss emergency preparedness & disaster response, progress on the seismic upgrades & relocation of their station, and much more. This is an opportunity to interact directly with professional emergency responders working in the SW. Please join us on April 12th at 7 pm, in the Capitol Room (Senior Center wing of the Multnomah Center).

At our March meeting we reaffirmed our goals of building a disaster-resistant community through education, maintaining a dialog with government, and increasing our efforts to collaborate with businesses, and faith-based & secular public service organizations. We are looking to increase the amount of educational programs offered at our monthly meetings.

Next Meeting: Thurs., April 12, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Community Support

Maplewood Students collect linens to help others as part of *Good Deed Day*

by Suzanne Lehman, LLC



Maplewood Elementary School has a proud tradition of including Good Deed Day in their week long celebration of school spirit called "Maplewood Week." Along with wearing pajamas to school, eating mini-maple bars and having a night time skate party at Oaks Park, the student body also likes to do something helpful for the community. This year the 303 kids, their parents and teachers chose to have a towel drive for Community Warehouse NW. This Portland non-profit provides household goods to families in need. Community Warehouse NW always need bath towels for their families who are starting over. The Maplewood community slated Tuesday, March 20th as the day to bring in towels and collected 106 towels.

Doing a good deed for the community makes the kids feel like they are doing something special. About bringing in a towel for the event, Grace, a first grader at Maplewood said "I'm glad because it helps people. I felt proud."

The towel drive was a great success. The Maplewood raised their school spirit and Community Warehouse NW happily received 106 towels for their families. If you would like to make a donation of linens, furniture or other household items, please contact the Community Warehouse at 503-235-8786

Community Warehouse joins SWNI Spring Cleanup

Donate reusable items for low-income families

Community Warehouse is a volunteer-based nonprofit agency in Portland that provides furniture and household items to people in need, at no cost to them. Our goal is to help low-income individuals and families improve their quality of life by providing the basic items needed to set up a home.

We will have a truck at the SWNI Cleanup on May 12, (see pages 8-9).

Community Warehouse works in partnership with over 65 social services agencies. These agencies screen and refer those clients in need of basic household items. Clients include women escaping domestic violence, individuals and families who have been homeless, elderly persons, people with mental and physical disabilities, migrant and refugee families, youth and adults recovering from substance abuse, and the working poor.

Donations of clean, ready-to-use furniture and household items for individuals and families in need are needed to help the more than 60 households who receive the essential items they need for their apartments each week. Your donations of furniture and household items go directly to local individuals and families in need.

Furniture – mattresses & box springs (especially twin and double), bunk beds, dressers, night stands, kitchen tables & chairs, recliners, coffee & end tables, shelves and lamps.

Kitchenware – dishes, glasses, pots & pans, silverware, cooking utensils, baking pans & casserole dishes, dish racks, toasters, coffee makers, mixers, blenders and microwave ovens.

Basic Household Items – linens (sheets, blankets, towels), sleeping pillows, area rugs, mirrors, artwork, fans, space heaters, mops, brooms & vacuum cleaners, TVs, radios, alarm clocks, irons, telephones and garbage cans.

Party with us and help at our Chair Affair Fundraiser

Thursday, April 26 6:30 pm

We have 50 local artists creating art from the chairs that are donated to the Warehouse. They will be auctioned at a party, April 26th, at Design Within Reach. The inventiveness of the artists is pretty interesting:

- a cable chair by TVA Architects & City Commissioner Adams (it'll be suspended from the ceiling at the event);

- stools created by Patagonia with scavenged legs and wood stumps sawed from downed trees in the forest from the last wind storm ("Firewood thieves" was the headline in the Tacoma paper the next day!);

- and my personal favorite by a Nike designer – Fi Fi la Chair (does Poodle come to mind?).

We've set the event up to be a really fun party atmosphere! All donations from the event go directly to Community Warehouse to purchase a truck, and all that goes with owning a truck, so we can pick up more donations to serve our clients (currently 300 families are on the waiting list). Donations go out as quickly as they come in – seriously! How do you cook soup without a pot, or a spoon to stir it, or a bowl to serve it in? We want to get families off the floors and get them into beds, with sheets, blankets and pillows, and that's only a small percentage of their need.

For more information, purchase tickets, or to view items, visit our website at <http://www.communitywarehouse.org> or call Kristy, 503-224-0711.

Join us at **the CHAIR AFFAIR**

Community Warehouse's premier fundraiser.

You'll be treated to scrumptious nibbles, intoxicating spirits and the jazzy sounds of Gipsy Soirée.

50 chairs (re)created by 50 local artists (prominent & promising) to auction off at a party in The Pearl. Look for creations from Sandee Burman, Stan Beppu, Shirley Gittelsohn and Gary Hirsch, including donated pieces of Gregory Grenon and Sarah Dochow.

Chairs will be on display in The Pearl and downtown, including Beppu/Wiarda Gallery, Mario's, Design Within Reach and Yoshida Fine Art Gallery, beginning on April's 1st Thursday.

Check the event web site for a complete list of locations: www.communitywarehouse.org

Proceeds from the live and silent chair auction support the COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE. The Warehouse is the Northwest's only furniture bank that supplies furnishings and household items at no cost to families in need.

Time: Thursday, April 26
6:30-9:30

Place: 

1200 NW Everett

Price \$50.00... for the opportunity to help

Tickets, on sale now, are limited and will go fast!
Ticket sales: Kristy@communitywarehouse.org, or call 503-224-0711



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Southwest Neighborhoods Annual Spring Cleanup and SWNI/Solv Litter Patrol

Saturday, May 12, 9am

Portland Christian Center 5700 SW Dosch Road

for more information, contact Ginny, 503-823-4592

Are you a senior citizen or have a disability? Let us help!

If you are a senior and/or a disabled citizen and need help getting your stuff to the cleanup, contact us at 503-823-4592 to schedule a pickup. These pickups are done by volunteers, so we must limit the amount to one pickup load per address and request that you have all items in your driveway or placed where our volunteers have easy access to them. Deadline to register for a pickup is 5 pm, Wednesday, May 9.

Volunteers needed!

Do you have a couple of hours? We need volunteers to direct traffic; unload yard debris from cars and trucks into dumpsters; and assist drivers pick up debris from seniors and disabled.

Do you have a truck? We need volunteers with trucks to help with our senior and/or disabled citizens pickup. If you are interested in helping, contact the Southwest Neighborhoods office at 503-823-4592. Thank you!

With the beautiful Spring sunshine comes the thoughts of a new year. Our Annual Spring Cleanup will give you an opportunity to get rid of your old appliances and scrap metal, computer and electronic items, and more.

Our new location at Portland Christian Center has made it easier for you to bring your items. Multnomah County Community Service Workers will help unload your cars/trucks/trailers and get you on your way.

This event is very popular and keeps growing each year. At this year's event, over 1000 people participated in the event including 80 senior/disabled citizens.

- 26.03 tons of wood and yard debris
- 26.6 tons of bulky waste,
- 15.6 tons of scrap metal,
- 2 large trucks of computer/electronics
- 1 ton of paper for secured shredding
- a large truck full of items for charity

We look forward to seeing all of you again at our 2007 event!

How much?

Suggested fees will be asked to help recover related organizational costs generated in sponsoring this event.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. holds 2 major cleanups each year, in the Fall (1st Saturday in November) and Spring (2nd Saturday in May).

We are requesting

\$10 per carload (each trip)
plus additional charges for electronics
to help cover these additional costs.

additional charges for computer/electronics

It's litter patrol time!



A few good men and women...dedicated litter patrol members!

Attention all SWNI/SOLV Litter Patrol members!

We need your help on Saturday, May 12th, to clean up the huge amounts of trash that once again is littering our beautiful neighborhood.

We will be meeting at the Portland Christian Center at Dosch Road and Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway at 9 am. SWNI will be providing a continental breakfast and pizza for lunch.

Bring a friend for everyone...

If you are not a member and want more information, contact Ginny Johnson 503-823-4592.

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to join our efforts, call Karen
45-9069 to sign up or for more

Acceptable items

Donations: *NEWTTHIS YEAR!!* Community Warehouse will be accepting items to be used to help low-income individuals and families to improve their quality of life by providing the basic items needed to set up a home. The warehouse is Northwest's only furniture bank that supplies furnishings and household items at **NO COST** to families in need. Acceptable items include furniture — mattresses & box springs (especially twin and double), bunk beds, dressers, night stands, kitchen tables & chairs, recliners, coffee & end tables, shelves and lamps. Kitchenware — dishes, glasses, pots & pans, silverware, cooking utensils, baking pans & casserole dishes, dish racks, toasters, coffee makers, mixers, blenders and microwave ovens. Basic household items — linens (sheets, blankets, towels), sleeping pillows, area rugs, mirrors, artwork, fans, space heaters, mops, brooms & vacuum cleaners, TVs, radios, alarm clocks, irons, telephones and garbage cans. No clothing, shoes, etc., please. (*see page 7*).

Yard debris and wood items: For yard debris, include basically anything that grows in your yard, such as weeds (knock off as much dirt as possible), leaves, vines (including morning glory and berry vines), grass clippings, prunings (no bigger than 12" in diameter and 8' long), fallen fruit from your fruit trees, vegetation from your garden. It is OK to include diseased plants/leaves. Wood items can include solid wood, furniture, fencing (no brackets or hinges; nails are OK), and yard debris.

Scrap metal: Containers need to be empty — no liquids. Acceptable items include tin, iron, appliances, cars, copper, aluminum, brass, stainless steel, toasters, ladders, empty buckets, etc. Call SWNI at 503-823-4592 to make arrangements in advance to pick up large appliances at your home.

Bulky items: Oversized items for disposal (furniture, including couches, chairs, mattresses, baby furniture, exercise equipment, glass, etc.)

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NO hazardous waste (call Metro Recycling, 503-234-3000), kitchen garbage, stumps, oversized branches, rocks, ashes, asbestos, animal waste, explosives, radioactive or commercial waste, clothing and shoes.

We wish to thank our co-sponsors
Office of Sustainable Development, and METRO
for their help sponsoring this event.

Also, thanks go to Multnomah County Alternative Service
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Recycling, ReTronics, and Oregon Community Warehouse,
for their contributions.

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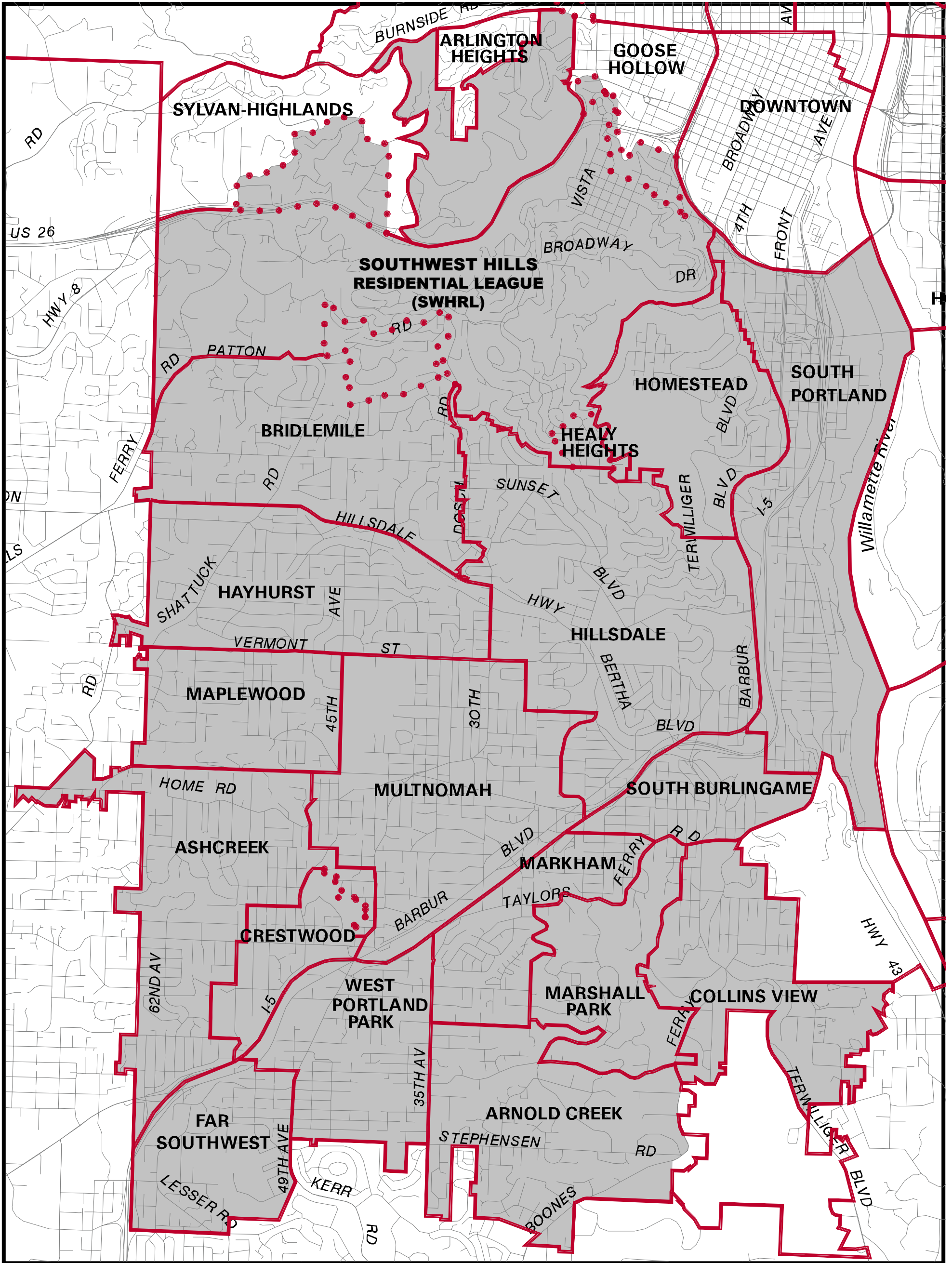
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ArnoldCreekNA: Contact Nancy Hand, enchand@hotmail.com, 503-452-9483.

Ashcreek NA: Contact Jack Klinker, jklinker@ease.com, 503-246-7872.

Bridlemile NA: Contact Victor von Salza, victor@vonsalza.com, 503-246-2146.

Collins View: Contact Charlie Weiss, charliew@launchbx.com, 503-244-0759.

Crestwood NA: Contact Wes McMullen, wes@ecosolvents.com, 503-244-2659.

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South Portland: Ken Love, TLC11@mindspring.com, 503-245-7795.

West Portland Park: David Gens, 503-244-8043.

Neighborhood Reports

Arnold Creek

Tues., April 10, 7 pm, Jackson Baptist Church, 10558 SW 35th (lower level)

Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483, enchand@hotmail.com

Thanks to all who came last month. We had fun, as always. Officer Dean Halley came. He will be coming every month as our Neighborhood Liaison Officer once again. It was great to see him!

Thank you, Bob, for your great report and update on Fire Station 18. You are doing a fantastic job as our representative on that committee.

We have some great things going on. Arnold Creek has a new website. It is <http://arnoldcreek.swni.org>. Thanks to Michael in Marshall Park, we have pictures and everything. Please visit the site and let me know what else needs to be added.

Next month we will have our elections. So far we have myself

for president and Bill for VP. We are in need of a secretary.

PDOT has purchased some permanent speed-reader boards that will flash your speed. Boones Ferry near Stephenson intersection will be getting one. I think this will be a great tool in letting people know just how fast they are driving.

And last but not least, when I attended the budget forum for the city's next year's budget, I was very happy to see another \$300,000 on Commissioner Sam Adam's budget. If passed, this will bring our total to \$650,000 for the intersection on Stephenson and Boones Ferry. Please keep spreading the word that this is very much needed. See you at the next meeting.

Ashcreek

Monday, April 9, 7 pm

Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872
jklinker@ease.com

We have a neighbor retiring from some of her neighborhood activities. Patty Lee, a longtime activist in Ashcreek, has decided that it is time to back off a little and spend more time for herself and her family. Patty has decided to resign as chair of both the Ashcreek and the SWNI Transportation Committees. Over the years, she has held virtually every job in Ashcreek and SWNI. She has held at least the following positions for both SWNI and Ashcreek: transportation chair, secretary, treasurer, land use and chair. She headed up the Taylors Ferry Road Vision Plan that has been getting us some much-needed pedestrian and bicycle improvements along Taylors Ferry. She was SWNI chair during the days of the Southwest Community Plan, and she was able to keep the city from wholesale up-zoning of our southwest neighborhoods. We will miss the energy that she has applied to these many projects, but we won't miss her entirely. She will remain active as a member of the neighborhood association. Thank you so very much, Patty! And see you at our April meeting!

To replace Patty, we have a new transportation representative: Marianne Fitzgerald. These are big shoes to fill! We also have a new land use representative: Gary Miniszowski. And to round out our new committee assignments is Anne Peacock taking on the long-vacant trails assignment.

The city has resumed the Neighborhood Liaison Officer program. This assigns a Portland Police officer to come to our meetings, on their free time, to talk with us about crime and safety issues that affect us. Officer Ralph Elwood is our new liaison. We are glad that the city has decided to reintroduce this program. Officer Elwood looks to be an excellent choice.

My current pet peeve. There has been someone dumping plastic bags of garbage along Garden Home Road, 50th and 54th. This has been going on about once a month since summer. I have also noticed some dumping along 45th in the Woods Park area. If you see this happening, please report it to Barbara Leslie at Metro, 503-797-1835 if it is in public areas (parks right-of-ways) to initiate clean up of large debris (not yard debris or litter).

Crestwood

Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm
West Portland United
Methodist Church, library
4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd

Wes McMullen,
503-244-2659,
wes@ecosolvents.com
<http://crestwood.swni.org>

At our April meeting, we will discuss our action plan for the next year and plan for election of officers in May.

Bridlemile

Wednesday, April 11, Bridlemile School library, 4300 SW 47th
Greg Schifsky, 503-246-2714, gregsch@hevanet.com
<http://bridlemile.swni.org/>

Bridlemile Creek Stewards Meeting: Tuesday, April 10th, 7 pm, SW Community Center, Watershed Resource Center, SW 45th Ave and Vermont St. Planning for upcoming meetings and events. Greg will have free native plants in his truck and those interested can pick some up after the meeting. Contact: Steve Mullinax or Greg Schifsky.

Bridlemile Monthly Meeting: Wednesday, April 11th. Focus on crime; creeks; website. Nick Regona, Neighborhood Liaison Officer for our area, will give us an update on crime stats for Bridlemile and answer any questions you may have. Jim Robison, district administrator, West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, will talk about how the WMSCD helps residents of the City of Portland regarding watershed issues and soil management. If there is time after the above, Victor will give an update on new features at the new BNA website at <http://bridlemile.swni.org>.

Invasive Removal Community Service Event at Hamilton Park: Saturday, April 21st, 9 am - noon, Hamilton Park, SE of the tennis courts. We'll be removing invasive resprouts (ivy, blackberry, holly, etc.) throughout the restoration area. Tools, refreshments will be provided. Dress for the weather. Note that this event qualifies as community service hours for students. Free native plants will be available for you to take home and plant in your yard. Contact: Steve Mullinax or Greg Schifsky.

Hamilton Park Foot Patrol - The Foot Patrol has been walking Hamilton Park on most weekends. As a result, Hamilton Park has had fewer incidents of loud parties and dangerous driving. For those interested in joining the patrol and enjoying visiting with neighbors, contact Ellen Underhill, ellenunderhill@comcast.net.

History - This is a great time of year to take a picture of your house especially if you have beautiful trees in bloom. And save that picture. People regret not having taken a picture of their house right after they move in or after a fancy remodel. Your home will be in Bridlemile for a long time. Someday the History Committee will want to know all about you and your home.

Land Use - We are seeking an additional volunteer to be land use committee assistant to help with and back up Karen on the many land use meetings and activities. See bridlemile.swni.org for more.

Schools - We are still actively seeking people to be on the schools committee and represent Bridlemile at the SWNI schools meetings, but no one has volunteered yet.

Transportation & Pedestrian Safety - Sam Adams believes that the addition of sidewalks to some of our streets can be funded probably only by halo LIDS, whereby whole neighborhoods that benefit in the additions of sidewalks help share in the cost of construction of the sidewalks. He wants neighborhood associations to suggest the neighborhood collector streets that need sidewalks in their neighborhoods. Then, from the list of suggested streets, a committee will select most likely candidates for a pilot project that is most likely to have community support and willingness to participate in a halo LID project. In Bridlemile, Hamilton

and Shattuck are its two collector streets, and after some discussion those attending the January meeting voted to designate Shattuck from BvHwy to Hamilton, and Hamilton from SW 60th Pl to 42nd, as the portions most in need of pedestrian improvements. The next step is to form a working committee to do a detailed analysis of those streets and make recommendations for the types of pedestrian improvements along them, if you can help contact Bev.

Also Bev has resigned as transportation chair: "The SWNI Transportation committee has changed their meetings to the 3rd Wednesday night of the month, and I have a conflict with that night. Also, I think the transportation chair has have more energy and strength, and be more adept and interested in doing all the politics that this position requires. This position requires someone who really burns with interest in and enthusiasm about dealing with all the inner workings of city, metro, and state transportation politics. It is really an important position to have for the neighborhood association."

To volunteer, contact Beverly Vogt, bevvoigt@comcast.net, 503-292-6939. We are looking for two transportation committee candidates(s), one who will become chair and a second to help the chair with both the street planning project and other ongoing transportation committee projects (see the transportation page at the BNA website for a complete list).

Ongoing Neighborhood Projects, Committees

Business Liaison - Dave Buchner, dave@davebuchner.com.

Bridlemile Creek Stewards - Steve Mullinax, steve.mullinax@alum.mit.edu, 503-768-9065 or Greg Schifsky, gregsch@hevanet.com, 503-246-2714 <http://bcs.swni.org>.

Community Outreach - Kathy Bambeck, 503-245-2634, kathybambeck@spiritone.com.

Hamilton Park Foot Patrol - Ellen Underhill, ellenunderhill@comcast.net.

History of Bridlemile - Ginger Danzer, 503-292-9460 ggdanzer@comcast.net.

Land Use - Karen Tabata, ktabatas@comcast.net, 503-292-4377 Chair pro tem; Rich Adelman, 503-223-0992, richard.adelman@gbjarch.com,
NET - Dennis Siegman, dennis_siegman@juno.com 503-291-7417.

Parks - Chris Kahle, 323-717-6606, roof14@mac.com.

Safety & Crime - Tom Doberstein, 503-319-5884, t.doberstein@comcast.net.

Safe Routes to School (SR2S) - Lynne Mutrie, lynnem@actsoregon.org, 503-656-7329; or Lillie Fitzpatrick, nunnation@earthlink.net, 503-892-9921.

Schools - Open

Transportation/Pedestrian Safety - Open - Beverly Vogt, bevvoigt@comcast.net, 503-292-6939 pending new chair

Trees: Greg Schifsky, 503-246-2714, gregsch@hevanet.com.

Website - Victor von Salza, <http://bridlemile.swni.org>.

Collins View

Wednesday, April 4, 7 pm

Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, Rm 201
Charlie Weiss, 503-799-4848 charliew@launchbx.com
www.collinsview.org

Crime & Public Safety: Officer Deanna Wesson joined us to introduce herself. She will be our new neighborhood liaison and will be available to join us at the beginning of each month's meeting to report statistics and answer questions. She can be reached at 503-823-0097. Our own crime & public safety chair, Gene Lynam, is also available to help with crime/public safety concerns in the neighborhood and is a great person to contact first if you have questions, 503-245-8632, or glynard@comcast.net.

Transportation & Transit: The TriMet #39 and Lewis & Clark Raz shuttle buses were a major topic of discussion. With TriMet considering eliminating weekend service on the #39, neighbors raised concerns about competition between TriMet's service and the L&C Pioneer Express shuttle. Please see the article on page 3 for full details. A public hearing on the #39 busline will be held April 17th, 5:30-7:30 pm, Council Chamber, Tempelton Student Center, Lewis & Clark College.

Action Plan: With several issues affecting the character of our neighborhood to deal with in the next year, such as the ongoing Transportation Task Force efforts and upcoming Lewis and Clark Master Plan Review, CVNA expects to increase neighborhood outreach efforts to bring as many interested neighbors into the process as possible. Our action plan discussion centered on those topics and resulted in the following draft action items:

- Secure Route #39 service hours
- Transportation issues
- Jesse Boone Park concept, Metro open spaces grant and other partners
- Community-created sustainability - gathering in the commons
- Developing an outreach campaign / packet
- Recruiting neighborhood delegates (<http://www.collinsview.org/delegates.html>)
- The Guide to Living in the Neighborhood, collaborate with L&C college
- The landlord/realtor connection
- Monitor land use activity and advocate for neighbors

- Monitor Riverview Measure 37 claim
- L&C Conditional Use Permit renewal

The draft action plan is also on the website <http://www.collinsview.org/actionplan.html>. Please forward any additions or comments to charliew@launchbx.com.

Community Relationships: Lewis & Clark has been working on new student packets that include guidelines for living in the neighborhood and expects these to be finished before the end of the school year. The college is also working with CVNA to jointly contact the owners of rental houses that present consistent problems.

Sue Ann Higgins, principal of Riverdale High School, shared news from the school and expressed Riverdale's commitment to greater engagement between the neighborhood and the school. An upcoming service day will have students working to clear the overgrown invasive vegetation around the property's edges.

Our annual neighborhood spring cleanup has become a partnership with RHS in the last several years, with students turning out to help neighbors pick up litter and work on neighborhood greenspaces. Sue Ann is excited to continue this tradition, and also offered the idea of hosting a summer neighborhood potluck at the school.

Land Use: David Palumbo, owner of 6 SW Palatine Hill Rd (corner of Palatine and SW Brier Pl), brought his plans to subdivide the lot into two smaller lots and build adjoining houses. The boarded-up yellow house that used to stand on the property has been torn down and Mr. Palumbo expects to start work on the new structures in the spring of 2008.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 4th, 7 pm, Riverdale High School.

Website: www.collinsview.org
Our next meeting will again focus on revising our Action Plan and on outreach & communications efforts. We will also be taking nominations for CVNA Officers & committee chairs in anticipation of our annual meeting and elections coming up in May.

Neighborhood Reports

Far Southwest

Tuesday, May 8, 7 pm
Comfort Suites Motel, SW 60th & Barbur
Marcia Leslie & Jerome Johnson, 503-452-0950
jeromejohnson@surglobal.net

At our March meeting, we discussed the progress on the Sylvania Park (53rd & Capitol Hwy.) and two grants that are being sought to fund a permeable path through the park and purchase more native plants. Much of the ivy and English laurel has been removed which made the park look a little bare. However, as the many new plants begin to grow, the park will take on a lush, natural look.

There was also discussion about the coyote problem at Lesser Park, on Sylvania PCC campus and throughout the FSW neighborhood. There is a family of six, including four pups, and they are becoming aggressive. Keep your cats/small dogs in after dark if you don't want them becoming "dinner." Over the past four years, at least five cats have disappeared.

Dumping of yard debris and pet waste is a serious problem on

the south side of Sylvania campus. If people have too much to put in their bi-weekly yard debris, they are encouraged to either take it to Grimm's Fuel, which has a yard debris recycling center, or save it for the SWNI spring (2nd Sat. in May) or fall (1st Sat. in Nov) cleanups.

More information will be sought re: a Measure 37 claim by the owner of "Private Pleasures" before deciding whether to support or oppose the claim.

Be sure and come to the next meeting on May 8 when our speaker will be Crime Prevention Specialist Michael Boyer. Learn how to start a Block Watch group to prevent crime in your neighborhood. Learn what information to gather when you suspect a drug house or similar problem. Bring your questions and Michael will do his best to give you the answers. See you then!!

Hayhurst

Tuesday, April 3, 7 pm
Hayhurst Elementary School, 5037 SW Iowa
Lillie Fitzpatrick, lf@pdx.edu
www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst

In April, our guest speaker will be Robin Morrison, the new principal of Hayhurst Elementary.

Hillsdale

Wed., April 4, 7 pm, St Barnabas Church, 2201 SW Vermont
Don Baack, 503-246-2088 baack@pacifier.com
http://www.hna-pdx.com

Agenda

- 1 Approval of agenda
 - 2 Review of March meeting minutes - see website.
 - 3 Proposal to reduce speed, reduce accidents, reduce pedestrian accidents, and reduce the seriousness of pedestrian injuries by installing speed bumps from Terwilliger to SW 25th along Chestnut and Vermont.
 - 4 Other transportation issues from the Hillsdale Transportation Committee meeting.
 - 5 Update of "The Watershed" project.
 - 6 Results of Wilson - Rieke planning meeting on March 3rd.
 - 7 Himes Park invasives (ivy and others) removal work parties April 21 and every third Saturday thereafter.
 - 8 Report from March 25th charrette on Hillsdale Farmers Market. See the website for more information.
- Final Hillsdale Plaza charrette rescheduled again for March 25th, Hillsdale Farmers Market, 10 am to 2 pm.

- 9 Hillsdale land use issues: MJCC changes being proposed
- 10 HBPA report.
- 11 SWNI report.
- 12 Update on status of Stephens Creek walkway - looks like we can begin work on stairs in April.
- The walkway along Terwilliger from Capitol Highway to Nebraska is being repaved starting this week.
- 13 Fulton Park Community Center.
- 14 Update of the Reinvent Rieke response from the Portland School District and board members.
- 15 Update of what we know about BES action on our streets.
- 16 Update on progress of evaluation of Stephen Creek community gardens.

Join us in working to remove the ivy from the trees in **Himes Park on Saturday, April 21st, 9 am to noon.** Bring clippers, small saw, gloves, durable shoes. Sign in at Nebraska and Terwilliger.

Send your order in today for your walk safe umbrella (see page 15).

Homestead

Tuesday, April 3, 7 pm
OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor
Susan Egnor, stegnor@comcast.net, 503-221-6981
HomesteadNA.org

Announcements:

1. **Lois S. Miller**, former Homestead Neighborhood Association president, Oregon state representative, and long-time neighborhood resident, passed away March 5, 2007. Lois supported neighborhood association projects and interests over many years, including, not too long ago, by bringing fresh-picked string beans from her flourishing garden to our Night Out party. One of her sons, Tom Miller, is current neighborhood association treasurer and transportation representative. Our sympathies to Tom and to the other members of Lois' family. We miss her.

2. On April 21st, the OHSU chapter of the Student National Medical Association is sponsoring the **Third Annual Hills for Humanity 5K fun run and walk.** The event benefits the North by Northeast Community Health Clinic. If you are interested, you can find out more via the run's website: search under Hills for Humanity.

March Meeting Report

1. **Michael Boyer**, who recently took over as Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Crime Prevention Program Coordinator for Southwest Portland, reported on what his office does and can do for the neighborhood. Of interest to many is the possibility of separate insurance reporting for auto theft in Homestead vs. auto theft on the OHSU campus, separate criminal reporting for OHSU Hospital's criminal intakes, and the need to start block watches in our neighborhood. Boyer reported on other neighborhood concerns: theft of curbside recycling [do not put unshredded material with personal information out with your recycling], theft of trees from city parks, camping and campfires at the Marquam Shelter and Marquam Nature Park, and aggressive dogs off leash on our trails.

We need a representative on the SWNI Crime and Public Safety Committee to pursue these topics on our behalf. The committee meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at the SWNI Hamilton room in Multnomah. If you are interested, please contact Susan Egnor (number above) or Michael Boyer at 503-319-1857.

2. **Transportation** Anton Vetterlein reported Traffic Calming Study Citizen Advisory Committee members are carrying the speed bump petitions for signature in the affected areas. OHSU will pay 70% of the cost of the speed bumps and other traffic calming strategies the committee recommended and the City of Portland will pay 30% of the cost. After six months of operation, the impact of the strategies will be reviewed to determine whether they have been effective.

3. **Land Use** The association voted to oppose the large condominium project proposed for Sam Jackson Park Road. Land Use Representative Anton Vetterlein reported the project has been redesigned from 3 buildings to two, with the same 270 units. The two buildings would step further back into the hillside. The developer will still need a variance to avoid the height limitations in the Terwilliger corridor. The next hearing is April 8.

4. **OHSU Liaison** Jack Dempsey reported the university is still negotiating with the contractor for building of Trail 24, which has been considerably delayed. The association asked Jack to find out what OHSU's plans are for the former Carnival restaurant property.

5. **April Meeting** We will begin looking at the annual review of the neighborhood association's long range-plan. Please come with your ideas.

Better Communications If you want to receive notices and information from Homestead NA by e-mail, please let Susan Egnor know at her e-mail address above. Thanks.

Multnomah

Tuesday, April 10, 7 pm
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Brian Russell, 503-869-1632 barusse@hotmail.com

Greetings, Friends and Neighbors!

Our March meeting was short and sweet, an informal conversation. Due to the Multnomah sewer repair open house, we held a 30-minute meeting, in which we discussed the Sears Armory

design workshop, the status of the Multnomah Village Park project, Spring Garden Adventure park, and our recently revived website. Most everything is in a state that is very reflective of nature, budding and ready-to-go! Many of the projects that we are working on will be taking off with growth and activity as we head into summer.

Volunteer opportunities will abound in the next few months and I encourage you to come out and join us for any one of these exciting endeavors!

Next month, Metro Councilor Robert Liberty and Portland Police Officer "Z" Lai will be headlining the agenda. Look for a discussion on trees soon to follow. Cheers, Brian.

Left: Sears Armory Design Workshop



Maplewood

Monday, April 9, 7 pm,
Friends School, 7426 SW 52nd
Anne-Marie Fischer
503-452-4240

vice_chair@maplewoodna.com,
www.maplewoodna.com
"Each of us builds on the works of others"

Our neighborhood association continues to be a great place for residents to gather and share information and ideas and hopefully to gather support on issues that affect all of us.

We had our annual membership meeting and elections at our March meeting as well as a guest speaker, our Metro District 6 Representative, Robert Liberty.

Liberty gave an informative, well prepared PowerPoint presentation on the urban growth boundary and how the Portland area compares with other metropolitan cities in density and growth. All the hot topics that you would expect were touched upon like Measure 37, housing prices, a new bridge across the Columbia River, lack of infra-structure to go along with the infill, etc. He said that contrary to what some folks feel, the urban growth boundary does not contribute to the escalating price of housing in the Portland area. We added 20,000 acres for development with little change in price.

Elections are always a trying time for a community group. The mix of the board is changing. We've had to evaluate our time commitments for our work and families and make a decision as to how much of our precious time we can contribute to our community. We have to think about what we value. The people who have volunteered to work for change are responding to a positive spark inside themselves. They are listening to a positive message that says their efforts count.

A thank-you to all who have made this commitment in the past and also to the individuals who have stepped forward to continue the good work we try to do. We still have two openings if you are sitting on the fence considering getting involved. They are on the safety committee and outreach committee. You can view the current list of board members and their job descriptions at our website www.maplewoodna.com.

Bob Cynkar of BES will attend our April meeting to discuss the impact of the Multnomah sewer project on our neighborhood.

Gabriel Park Preschool Annual Rummage Sale

Friday & Saturday
May 4 & 5, 8 am to 3 pm

Preschool members will be selling furniture, household items, electronics, children's clothes, toys, books, and much more to raise funds for the preschool. The event will be held on school premises located at St. Luke Lutheran Church (lower level), across from the Southwest Community Center, at 6835 SW 46th Avenue.

All proceeds will aid in sustaining the school and providing a better and safer environment for the children in the local area. Donation of items for resale gladly accepted. Call 503-244-3518 for more details.

Marshall Park

Thursday, April 12, 6 pm
Capitol Hill Elementary School, 8401 SW 17th
Jen Seamans Blatner, 503-246-2434
marshallpark.swni.org

NOTE: The MPNA meeting location has been changed to Capitol Hill Elementary School, beginning with the April meeting. Date remains the second Thursday of the month. Meet at 6 pm on Thursday, April 12th, in the school library at 8401 SW 17th Ave.

At the March meeting, the following topics were discussed:

Community Policing: Officer Deanna Wesson spoke about community policing initiatives. She asked about issues that concern people in the neighborhood. She will return to future meetings so neighbors will get to know our neighborhood liaison in the police bureau. Reminder that all non-emergency public safety issues (when a crime is not in progress) in the neighborhood should be reported to 503-823-3333. Call 911 when a crime is in progress. At the April meeting, we will also have a visit from SW Crime Prevention Specialist Michael Boyer. Bring your questions!

Friends of Marshall Park/Park planning: MPNA/Friends of Marshall Park received word that Portland Parks & Rec will undertake a limited planning process for Marshall Park in the next 3-6 months to enable integration with Tryon Creek State Park planning. There will be opportunities for public input; more details in the near future.

Next Friends work party: First Saturday work parties continue from 9 am to noon on Saturday, April 7th. Bring water, and gloves if you have them, and meet at the picnic tables.

Land Use: Recently some neighbors noticed brown sediment in Marshall Creek, flowing into the Tryon Creek mainstem within the park, resulting in high turbidity levels. It was being discharged from a stormwater outfall from a building

site. They notified the Bureau of Development Services Erosion control hotline (503-823-0900), who addressed the issue with the builder. Due to repeated code infringements, BDS will now be paying weekly visits to the site.

Web Site: The MPNA web site, <http://marshallpark.swni.org>, has been redesigned. It is still a subdomain hosted under the SWNI site. But now it is in "page" format so we have more control over what is posted on our site and where the postings appear.

Survey: MPNA is preparing a survey to find out what's important to people in the neighborhood. The first draft of the survey was reviewed during this meeting. The final survey will soon be available on the web, and also in paper form. We'll be sending out a mailing soon to inform all Marshall Park neighbors about it.

Love to throw a good party?!! We are in need of volunteers to help with hosting and planning a series of dessert potlucks around the neighborhood to reach out to new neighbors. Contact Jen at MarshallParkNA@yahoo.com or 503-246-2434 for more info.

Neighborhood Emergency Team: Three Marshall Park neighbors passed the final exercise held on March 3rd, and became full-fledged NET volunteers. There was also some brief discussion about MPNA neighbors' ambiguities with respect to the fire station-based NET districting. We will continue to have updates at future meetings.

Letter to the Mayor: Members unanimously approved sending a letter to Mayor Potter, in support of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement budget.

cuss ideas for the proposed hydro park (Water Tower site at 17th and Marigold). Interested neighbors have pulled together a tentative work plan for the park and would like the neighborhood association to review ideas generated.

Other agenda items will include an idea to form a stewardship group for Quail Creek; discuss moving Markham's neighborhood boundary north (from I-5 to Barbur Blvd.) and committee updates. All neighbors are invited and encouraged to attend our April meeting.

South Burlingame

Monday, May 7, 7 pm, Burlingame Baptist Church 125 SW Miles
Mike Andrews, 503-977-6262 mike.andrews@wrgdesign.com

The trees are dying in our neighborhood. With the loss of the trees that line the I-5 corridor that separates our neighborhood from the freeway and our adjacent neighborhood, we will have better visibility of the roadway and the traffic noise associated with it. In addition to improved views to the roadway and associated headlights from trucks and cars, particulates from tire debris, road grime and carbon monoxide emissions will better circulate into the adjacent neighborhood airspace. If that is not incentive enough, just think how this will help stabilize the rise of housing pricing. With better views of the freeway, this should help flatten those escalating housing prices which are just out of control.

Sarcasm aside, you must be saying that there has to be a solution to this problem. There is at least one that will work. Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 7th, for the South Burlingame neighborhood tree planting** near Burlingame Park. This three hour event will start at 9 am and will include volunteers, such as yourself, to plant 1-gallon trees adjacent to the ODOT right-of-way and park site. This is a 3rd SOLV event in this area and is intended to help

reduce noise and the visual impact of the I-5 corridor. Come celebrate Earth Day a little early with us and make a difference for your community. Look for the flyer that was mailed to your address last month for additional information or contact Mike Andrews, mpa@wrgd.com.

Regarding development on SW 7th, by Palumbo Homes, we are currently speaking with Paul Cathcart with the City of Portland regarding comments sent to the board in January. Look for the outcome of this dialog in April newsletter. On another note, we will attempt to followup with an article with Lee Rodgers regarding the Measure 37 claim at the River-view Cemetery.

In other news, we have spoken with Fred Meyer management and have come to learn that there are no new development plans for the Fred Meyer in Burlingame. The property on Ruby Terrace was also discussed with the neighborhoods. This development is being tracked by local neighbors and there is discussion about legal council being brought on board regarding the development.

Jordan Rash, legislative assistant to Senator Ginny Burdick, of the 18th District, is currently working with the board. Our

desire is to get a *No Compression Braking* sign placed near the roadway. Numerous neighbors have complained about the loud unmuffled breaking sounds produced by the trucks and our desire to have a sign placed. We look forward to working with Senator Burdick on this issue and with a little luck, we hope to have a sign in place by mid-summer.

Special thanks go out to our guests Jon Joseph and Steve Kautz of TriMet for the update on Bus Route 39. I encourage everyone to use the bus when possible. It is up to the neighbors in our community to use this bus service or possibly lose it if our ridership is too low to justify it. Thanks also go out to Michael Boyer with the Crime Prevention Program (michael.boyer@ci.portland.or.us) and Leonard Gard (leonard@swni.org) – land use specialist for attending and fielding questions about safety and land use, respectively.

Please come to our next meeting at the Burlingame Church on May 7th from 7-8 pm. The board is actively seeking additional members who are willing to help make a difference in our neighborhood. Turn off the TV for one hour in May and join us.

Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL)

Board: Thursday, April 19, 7 pm, Stroheckers, 2855 SW Patton Rd
General Meeting: Wednesday, May 30, 7 pm, Ainsworth School, 2425 SW Vista
Jim Thayer, 503-220-0755 jim@thayers.org, swhrl.org

SWHRL will hold its board elections at the next general meeting on Wednesday, May 30. Watch this column for more agenda items next month.

SWHRL Synopsis *continued from page 1*

Especially the transportation and land use committees have rapidly built up expertise, developed effective working relations with the relevant public agencies, and learned to press very effectively for resolution of our local concerns. At the citywide level, SWHRL participated in the selection of the new ONI director, Community Connect program to design Portland's future neighborhood representation system, and the citywide PDOT transportation forums that define the city's investment in our region's infrastructure. In the past year SWHRL has gone from being considered a pariah to being viewed as a constructive contributor in the city's neighborhood system. And our credibility has consequently increased in matters of concern to us.

Even as we built a brand-new leadership team, SWHRL took a lead in opposing two Measure 37 claims, in opposing a vast new condominium project on SW Sam Jackson, a project on Scholls Ferry Rd., and a very crowded development project on Upper Rd. And we are getting ready to consider a very intrusive project to rebuild the radio tower located on Council Crest! The transportation group has been instrumental in a number of traffic-related improvements, including a pause in the traffic light timing at the base of SW Broadway (to allow the hillside traffic to merge more safely) reducing the speed limit on Dosch Road, installation of the stop sign at Vista/Patton/Broadway and a transportation survey to assess the needs of residents.

Currently the transportation committee is considering installation of a speed indicator sign to raise awareness of the many speeding cars on our neighborhood's arterial streets. They are also focusing on finding a solution to calm traffic on Humphreys, which has seen more than its share of accidents.

After months of discussion, SWHRL voted to join the city's neighborhood coalition structure in January and SWNI accepted our membership on February 28th. Without losing any independence, SWHRL now has the benefit of joining a larger regional coalition to press even more effectively for local solutions. If we disagree with SWNI, we are free to represent our own point of view. Our news will now be published in the *SW Neighborhood News*, as well as in our own *Viewpoints*.

Local neighborhood events, such as block parties, will now benefit from blanket insurance coverage, and donations to SWHRL can be tax-deductible if routed through SWNI. But even more important than the benefits we receive from SWNI will be our ability to impact change for the region through our active participation in the regional and citywide neighborhood forums – something that we began even before we were officially part of SWNI! From our recent work with SWNI, it is clear that SWHRL is one of the most organized and effective neighborhood associations in the coalition, and with our dedicated committees and talented volunteers we should shine out in that constellation.

What a difference two years makes! We have restored community to our internal discussions and professionalism to our external communications. Finally, the deliberations and initiatives of SWHRL really represent the neighborhood, because it is increasingly our volunteers with help from the board that run our committees, inform our discussions and represent us to the community.

When I originally agreed to serve as president of SWHRL, in the chaotic aftermath of the May 2005 annual meeting, it was with the clear intent to return this organization to normalcy, to restore the community's trust in SWHRL and to build a neighborhood association built upon broad-based community participation. And I believe that now, nearly two years later, we have achieved that.

Thus it is with some sense of accomplishment and with anticipation of what more this organization can become, that I am announcing that I will not seek a further term as president of SWHRL. It is time for others to assume the mantle, to lead this neighborhood into new directions and to build upon the constructive foundations we have laid.

My thanks go out to all who gave me trust and encouragement in this initiative, for without your support and your patience we might not have overcome the rancor. I trust that the positive approach we have adopted will carry this organization forward to serve our neighbors' needs effectively, to remain inclusive in our mission and civil in our discourse.

Markham

Tuesday, April 10, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church, 10558 SW 35th
John Gibbon, 503-708-6708, jtgorygun@aol.com
<http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm>

Please attend our April 10th meeting and meet Southwest Crime Prevention Specialist Michael Boyer. Mike will introduce himself and give a brief overview of programs and services available to help residents prevent crime and stay safe. In addition, Trevor, our transportation committee representative will also lead a discussion on what we want to achieve in terms of improvements on SW 26th between Taylors Ferry and Barbur Blvd (pedestrian access to regular transit). Amanda Black will report on the meeting held March 15th to dis-



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South Portland (formerly CTLH)

Wednesday, April 4, 7 pm,
Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church, 026 SW Condor Ave
Ken Love, 503-245-7795, TLC11@mindspring.com
www.southportlandna.org

Ahoy, neighbors,
For all our neighborhood, I want to sincerely thank Commissioner Sam Adams for attending our last neighborhood board meeting as well as everything he does for our neighborhood. Also, thank you to OHSU for hosting the meeting at the new Center for Health and Healing. The meeting was well attended from



all parts of the neighborhood and it was good to see a lot of our new neighbors from South Waterfront. Commissioner Adams has kept himself very well informed about the issues that affect our neighborhood. He very much wants to have strong neighborhood involvement in the Gibbs Street pedestrian bridge process. He stated, "this is your bridge, you will have to look at it every day; therefore, I want you to get involved." If you would like to be involved in the pedestrian bridge advisory process, please call Ken Love, 503-245-7795.

Commissioner Adams also challenged us to advocate for more transportation funding. He said we are in a serious transportation crisis. He has been busy lobbying in Salem and Washington DC for more transportation funding. Several people expressed disappointment that the South Portland Circulation Study recommendations, which would alleviate traffic congestion in our neighborhood, have not been implemented. The improvements have been in discussion since the 1970s and the plan was approved by city council. Commissioner Adams was blunt. He said he would really like to see the improvements go forward and do what he could, but he was not going to make promises he could not keep.

One issue Commissioner Adams talked about was the gas tax. As miles per gallon have increased, the percentage going to road improvements has decreased.

I don't like paying higher gas prices any more than anyone else. But I think we may be short sighted. By not spending a few additional cents on gas tax, we waste more than that in time spent idling in congestion or injuries and deaths from unsafe roadways. I thought I would be the last person to say this, but I think it is time we increase the gas tax because it is cheaper in the long run.



Ken Love, Chair

Next Board Mtg: Wednesday, April 4, The board meeting will follow the general membership meeting to elect board members. (About 8 pm). For more information contact: Chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795

South Neighborhood's web site is
www.southportlandna.org
Committee meetings

Transportation: Tuesday, April 6, 6 pm, Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact committee chair Bill Danneman at 503-228-9868 for more info.

Land Use Committee: Monday, April 16, 7:15 pm, at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: committee chair Jim Davis, 503-248-9820.

Communications/Finance/Parks Committee: Wednesday, April 18, 7 pm, at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: Lee Buhler, 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com.

West Portland Park

Thursday, April 12, 7 pm,
Markham School Library,
10531 SW Capitol Hwy
David Gens, 503-244-8043,
neighborhoodlink.com/wppna

Plan to attend to get your concerns addressed!

Islamic Center Proposal: Four representatives from the Islamic Center discussed their potential plans for the property on Alfred across from the center. A final decision has not yet been made. Possible plans call for:

1. A gym/play space building on the surface with parking underneath,
2. Enclosed parking building on the surface with additional parking underneath,
3. Enclosed parking building on the surface that would be used for place space on days when it is not needed for parking, with additional parking underneath.

The Islamic Center representatives will attend the April 12th board meeting to discuss where they are in the planning process, and to address questions/concerns of the center's neighbors.

Somali Community Outreach: Sylvia Bogert (SWNI executive director) and Lul Abdul (Somali Women's Association) updated us on plans for Somali community outreach in West Portland Park. Lul will be going door to door to assess needs. She will identify agencies that might have resources for our Somali neighbors.

The plan is to have a "tea" in May to share potential resources with Somali neighbors. In the fall, there will be a cultural awareness training followed by a resource fair in October. The fair will be for any who wish to attend, but especially for those who work with the Somali community. We will be needing volunteers to help with the training and fair in the fall. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sylvia Bogert, 503-823-4592.

Speeding: Speeding is a big problem on many of West Portland Park's streets. One way to help slow down traffic is with the signs that say *Please Drive Slowly*. WPPNA has signs to loan. If you would like to borrow a sign, contact Jim McLaughlin at 503-246-0601 before 8 pm, or email edbedb@comcast.net.

Holly Farm Park: Work is in progress on the new neighborhood park. Plans call for it to be usable by late summer. The shelter will not be completed this summer. Talks are beginning about having a park opening celebration in late July. We'll let you know more about that later.

Crime: We haven't really had much crime in West Portland Park in the past, but the past several weeks have seen a change. The 7-11 at Capitol Hwy and Pomona was robbed at gunpoint on Feb 2. Two weeks later, the Deli-Mart across Capitol Hwy was robbed with shots fired. The Dominoes Pizza up the block has been robbed twice recently, once with a bat, the other time with a gun. Be careful.

Webpage Delayed: The West Portland Park webpage has been delayed due to the three-week illness of the volunteer who is constructing the webpage. Stay tuned.

Be sure to join us at the next board meeting Thursday, April 12, 7 pm.



7688 SW Capitol Hwy., 503-244-5204

(Open 9 am - 3:30 pm, M-F)

Neighborhood House, Inc. Senior Center

Bridge Conventions Classes

Starting Tuesday, April 10th - May 1st,
Marie Germuska will offer four advanced bridge classes on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 pm in the Capitol room. The course focus is "commonly used conventions." The course is \$20. Contact Ann Williams, 503-244-5204 x 103 to sign up.

FREE TAX-AIDE

For taxpayers with low and middle income, with special attention to those age 60 or older. You must schedule appointments. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers provide free tax counseling and preparation service. This service can answer most of the tax issues faced by low and middle income taxpayers. Be prepared to have your taxes filed electronically allowing returns to come more swiftly. Please note: the volunteers will have time to handle only simple returns and appointments are limited to 50 minutes.

Appointments available Mondays and Wednesdays, through April 11th from 9 am - 4 pm. Call Neighborhood House Senior Center at 503-244-5204 to make an appointment. Actual appointments will take place at the Loaves and Fishes building at 7710 SW 31st Ave. in the Jean Wade Room, Floor 1B.

Please bring the following with you:

- You (and spouse) will need proof of identity (i.e., Social Security card);
- Copies of all W-2, 1098, 1099 forms;
- SS numbers for all individuals to be listed on return; prior year's tax return;
- Child care providers' information;
- Taxpayers' banking information;
- Estimated tax payments made;
- Amounts of other income;
- Both spouses should be present or return will be delayed.

Programs & Services for Adults 55+

For more information or to reserve your place in the following programs/services, call 503-244-5204 or check the senior center newsletter.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING: Second Thursday, 10 - 11: am.

QIGONG CLASSES: Monday, 10 - 11 am.

STABILITY BALL & YOGA (\$3) 9:10 -10:10 am Tuesdays and Thursdays.

YOGA (\$3) 10 - 11:30 AM, Fridays.

RHYTHMIC EXERCISE (\$3) 10:15 - 11:15 AM Tuesdays and Thursdays.

FOOT CLINIC: Appointments available on the 2nd Wednesday.

LOW-VISION SUPPORT GROUP: Third Tues., 11 am - noon.

ACUPUNCTURE (\$35-\$45) Appointments available Mondays.

AARP "55 ALIVE" Driving Safety Program: varies, call for info. Fee: \$10; payable to AARP.

SENIOR LAW PROJECT: Appointments available 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

HEARING AID TESTING: Second Wednesday 1 -2 pm.

SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership is \$20/individual and \$30/couple. Membership includes delivery of our monthly newsletter and membership is required for participants in most activities, classes and trips. Membership is open to all individuals 55 & older, or if the spouse is 55 years of age.

APRIL TRIPS

Senior Center membership required
Call 503-244-5204 for more information.

Trip registration begins on April 2nd for all trips, except Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm and Lucky Eagle which open up March 29th.

WOODEN SHOE TULIP FESTIVAL: Wednesday, April 4th, 10 am to 3 pm. \$5.50, plus money for food. Enjoy the brilliant colors of acres and acres of tulips at this scenic farm. Be sure to bring a brownbag lunch for an open-air picnic. Come in person to the senior center to register.

LUCKY EAGLE CASINO: Wednesday, April 11th, 8:45 am - 5 pm. Free.

PEARSON AIR MUSEUM: Thursday, April 12th, 11:30 am to 3 pm. \$3.50, plus \$6 for admission. Discover the "pioneering days of Northwest aviation" at the Pearson Air Museum, which features the second oldest wooden hangar in the country and other "aviation milestones." Come in person to the senior center to register.

FRANZ BAKERY TOUR: Tuesday, April 17th, 1:30 to 4 pm. FREE. Tour one of Portland's largest landmark bakeries and learn what it takes to bake hundreds of loaves of fresh bread daily. Contact Ann Williams at (503) 244-5204 x103 to register.

LILAC FESTIVAL & LUNCH: Wednesday, April 25th, 10 am to 4 pm. \$4.50, plus \$2 admission and money for lunch. Smell the perfume of beautiful lilacs as you tour Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens and historic farmhouse and gift shop. Bring a brownbag lunch or money for lunch on the go. You won't want to miss a minute of this beautiful tour. Come in person to the senior center to register.

Community

Multnomah Gateway Park Ground Breaking Ceremony

April 9th
10:30 am rain or shine
Capitol Highway and Garden Home Road

As this is a collaborative effort between the Multnomah Neighborhood Association, Multnomah Village Business Association, Multnomah Historical Association, Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI), APNBA, and PDOT.

We have been awarded grants totaling \$6500 from SW Neighborhoods Small Grants and APNBA towards this project.

Work dates and other events relating to the park development will be made available posted on the website. at <http://multnomahvillage-park.googlepages.com>.

Celebrate Healthy Children and Families at Roots and Wings Event 2007

The entire community is invited to gather together at *Roots and Wings 2007* a day-long event for families, fun and learning at *Roots and Wings* celebrating Families and Community on Saturday, March 31st from 10 am to 4 pm at the Lloyd Center Mall. This FREE event offers something for everyone. March in the kids' parade, enjoy puppets, marimba music, comic books, folk dancing, story time in Spanish and more! In addition to the entertainment and activities, more than forty organizations will be on hand to share resources and wisdom.

Roots and Wings is the kickoff to National Child Abuse Prevention Month, April 2007, offering families, neighbors and friends an opportunity to ensure that all of our children have the things they need to grow and thrive: a nurturing environment, safe places to play and learn and a supportive community. Everyone can contribute in some way to building healthy families and strong communities.

Roots and Wings is presented by the Multnomah County Commission on Children, Families and Community and more than twenty sponsors and partners.

For information call 503-988-4284.

Longtime volunteers, realtor to be honored at Neighborhood House Auction Animation Celebration III

Saturday, May 12

A local business owner and two longtime volunteers will be honored during Neighborhood House's annual Animation Celebration dinner and auction on Saturday, May 12.

Southwest residents Tony and Mary Wawrukiewicz and Jeff Parker of Parker Realty will receive Century of Service Awards at the third annual *Animation Celebration*, the major fundraiser for Southwest Portland's primary social service agency. Each year the agency honors a business and one or more individuals who have made a significant contribution to the agency's mission of "helping neighbors help themselves."

The Wawrukiewiczzes have served in various capacities at Neighborhood House for more than 12 years, often working together to better the agency. Tony served on the board from 1993-99 and is a former board president and auction chairperson. Mary is a current board member of both Neighborhood House and Loaves & Fishes and is very active at the Neighborhood House Senior Center. She has delivered Meals-on-Wheels for 28 years, and has picked up bakery donations for Neighborhood House's Emergency Food Box Program from the Burlingame Fred Meyer for at least 10 years.

to the Summer Lunch Program, which provides healthy meals and educational and recreational activities to low-income, at-risk youth during the summer months.

Jeff Parker

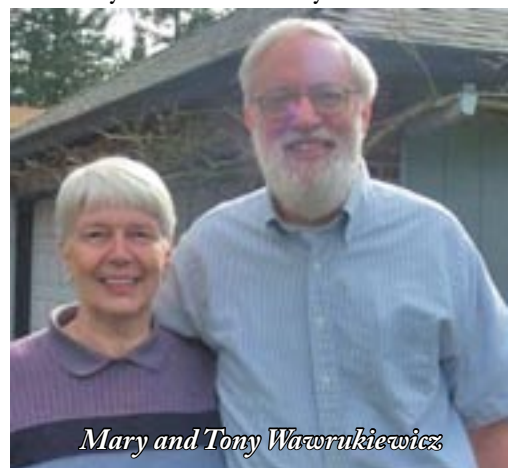


Parker opened his own agency in Multnomah Village in 2002 after working in real estate for 25 years. Prior to opening his own company, Parker was the top selling agent for several consecutive years and had been a partner/owner for another top real estate firm. A native Oregonian and lifelong Southwest resident, Parker has made a commitment to giving back to the community. In addition to supporting Neighborhood House, he also supports local schools and youth athletics.

"If enough people in the business community would do something similar, it could make a big difference to Neighborhood House," Parker noted.

Animation Celebration is Neighborhood House's premier fundraising event, supporting programs that serve children, families and seniors. This year's event will feature both a silent and oral auction and entertainment by *In Both Ears*. The purpose of the event is not only to raise funds but also educate guests about the growing need for social services in Southwest Portland, according to Neighborhood House Executive Director Rick Nitti. "The auction lets us celebrate the community's role in helping us, so we can help our clients build better lives," Nitti said.

People interested in purchasing tickets or donating auction items may contact Kim Christiansen at kchristiansen@nhweb.org or call 503-246-1663 x113. For complete information about the auction, visit the Neighborhood House website at www.nhweb.org.



Mary and Tony Wawrukiewicz

The couple is also active at St. Clare Church, delivering food and engaging the congregation to provide financial support to the agency. As lifelong volunteers with a strong commitment to community service, the Wawrukiewiczzes say that helping others has always been part of their nature. "People volunteer for agencies where people are nice and where they get something back," Mary said. "This kind of work is gratefully received," Tony agreed.

Parker is being recognized for his financial support of Neighborhood House, which began about six years ago. For each home he sells, he donates \$15

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Surveyors in the Area - March and April 2007

Residents will see City of Portland surveyors in the streets around the project area starting around March 8 and continuing for several weeks. The surveyors will drive marked city vans, wear safety vests and carry city identification. If you have questions or concerns about the surveying, please talk to the crew or contact survey supervisor Mark Hawkins at 503-823-7150.

The sewer line is located in public streets and in easements on private properties along the creek. Surveyors need to enter the easement area to establish elevations and place survey control markers. Control points in streets are marked with a nail or screw in the pavement. In easement or yard areas, control points are usually marked with a temporary metal rod driven into the ground. Surveyors may also mark pavement or easement areas with temporary paint markings.

Design Work Starts for Ash Creek Sewer Project

March 12, 2007

Environmental Services has started surveying and other preliminary work as part of a project to repair 2,200 feet of city sewer running along South Ash Creek from SW 57th Place to SW 65th Avenue. Construction is tentatively scheduled to start in early 2008.

The sewer rehabilitation project will address problems with the Ash Creek sewer, which has a history of backing up and overflowing from several manholes in the project area. The city is diverting sewer flows around part of the sewer with a temporary bypass pipe running behind homes in the 10500 and 10600 blocks of SW 64th Drive.

Problems with the Ash Creek Sewer

The old Tualatin Hills Sanitary Sewer District built the Ash Creek sewer in the 1950s. The eight-inch-diameter concrete pipe collects sewage from areas north and south of the creek, and from an area south of I-5. It flows east to west and joins the Clean Water Services collection and treatment system west of the city line. Although it is a sanitary-only

sewer, a considerable amount of stormwater enters the pipe through joints and cracks. Because of that, the sewer is too small to handle wet-weather flows. This causes the manhole flooding and has resulted in sewage spills to streets, yards, and Ash Creek.

Potential Solutions

The overall solution will be to add capacity to the sewer system. The city will consider several alternatives: Enlarging the existing sewer in the same location.

Diverting some of the flows into a new sewer near SW 57th Place and Dickinson Street, which would probably run down Dickinson from 57th Place to 65th Avenue if it is built. This would reduce flows, and the Ash Creek sewer would not have to be enlarged. The city would still have to repair the eight-inch existing sewer with a plastic liner.

Undertaking long-term measures to reduce the amount of stormwater and groundwater that enters area sewers. These will help the long-term situation but will not eliminate the need for the current Ash Creek project.

Design and Construction Schedule

Here is the current tentative schedule for design and construction of the project:

- Preliminary design - Identify best alternative: January to April 2007
- Final design - April to November 2007
- Advertise for bids - Late 2007
- Construction - February through October 2008.

The final construction schedule will depend on the alternative chosen and the construction methods the city chooses. The city will probably work in and near the creek during the dry months from June through early October. Work in other areas could be done in dry or wet weather.

For More Information

You will receive additional information about the Ash Creek sewer project as design continues. If you have questions or concerns about the project, call Bob Cynkar of Environmental Services at 503-823-7898 or email robertcy@bes.ci.portland.or.us.

Tryon Creek Watershed Council



Tryon Creek Watershed Council (TCWC) will be at the annual Trilium Festival & Native Plant Sale held by the Friends of Tryon Creek! Time to take advantage

of the rain-prepared soil and get plants in the ground during this early plant sale. The festival includes a wide variety of free activities to make a day of your visit. Hours are Saturday, March 31st, from 9:30 am-4 pm and Sunday, April 1st, 10 am-4 pm, Tryon Creek State Park, 11321 SW Terwilliger.

The next TCWC general meeting will be held Monday, April 9th, from 6 - 8 pm at the Tryon Creek Nature Center, 11321

SW Terwilliger. All welcome. The agenda will include a short presentation on the Tryon culvert retrofit project, scheduled to take place this summer & early fall below Highway 43 in Lake Oswego.

Join TCWC in pulling invasive plants to celebrate Earth Day at Nettle Creek on Saturday, April 21st from 9 am to noon. Meet at the intersection of Atwater & Andrews Rds. in Lake Oswego. Contact TCWC for more details & directions.

Interested in watershed assessment, education and outreach, or restoration? TCWC committees are looking for members! Meet at various times & locations. Contact TCWC at tcwc@tryonfriends.org or 503-636-4398 for more details.

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Pre-registration required. Either email naturescaping@yahoo.com or phone 503-797-1842.

April 29, Sunday, Basic, 1 - 5 pm, at Tryon Creek State Park in SW Portland.

May 19, Saturday, Basic, 9 am - 1 pm, Sunnybrook Service Center, Clackamas

We do hope to add a few more workshops this spring, so check back.

Plant of the month: Ocean Spray, *Holodiscus discolor* (also called: Arrowwood, Creambush, and Ironwood.)

Ocean spray is a showy native shrub that grows rapidly. On the coast it reaches heights of 3-15' high; inland heights reach 6-8' tall. It likes rocky, dry sites in partial to full sun.

Ocean Spray might be considered an ideal plant for landscape use. It is not invasive, it has a pleasing shape, the clusters of flowers resemble the froth on ocean waves and the dried flowers are favorites of birds.

The arching branches develop in clumps rather than growing from a central stem. In the fall the foliage turns burgundy.

First, the flower buds form - dense, cream-colored clusters of tiny droplets. Then, lacy masses of fragrant flowers bloom for many weeks between May and July. The seeds form from the brownish, dried flowers and persist throughout the autumn and well into the winter.

Ocean spray provides a favorite source of nectar for many kinds of adult butterflies, but is also a

favored larval host plant for specific butterfly species. It is a favorite place for nesting bushtits.

Because each cluster of flowers is made up of hundreds of tiny blooms, this plant produces a vast amount of pollen. It is therefore very useful in attracting pollinating insects.

A shallow root system makes Ocean spray an ideal plant for areas with shallow topsoil, for rocky bluffs and to control erosion. It is also remarkably tolerant of both drought and poor soils.

Ocean spray is also known as Indian Arrowwood because its straight hardwood branches were used by Native Americans for arrow shafts, harpoons, digging tools, sharp pins to anchor teepees and even awls for sewing and beadwork. Because the wood does not burn readily, it was also used to make cooking tools and spits for roasting salmon.

Sources *Wallace W. Hansen Native Plants of the Northwest*; <http://www.bentler.us/>.

West Willamette Restoration project

by *Melanie Truhn, AmeriCorps Volunteer Coordinator, Three Rivers Land Conservancy*

Without a vigorous and sustained effort, Portland's southwest hills' forests will be consumed by a sea of invasive plants. If this happens, a critical wildlife habitat will be gone, air and water quality protection will deteriorate, and a stunning scenic backdrop will disappear from Portland's skyline.

Last year, a coalition started with over fifteen partners, some active and some financial, to start restoring this forested corridor. Those partners include Friends of Marquam, Friends of Terwilliger, Hillsdale Neighborhood Assoc., Commissioner Sam Adams, OHSU, Bureau of Environmental Services, Water Bureau, and private individuals.

The goals of this project are to restore 75 acres of land and remove tree ivy from 300 acres. One way in which everyone can contribute to protecting the forests from these invasive plants is through volun-

teer restoration parties.

Join Friends of Marquam Nature Park, Friends of Terwilliger, Hillsdale Neighborhood Association and Three Rivers Land Conservancy for **work parties three Saturdays each month from 9 am until noon**. Each party is at different locations in the West Willamette Corridor. Those four sites include: Marquam Nature Park, George Himes Park, Keller Woodlands and Terwilliger Park. Groups of volunteers work to remove English ivy and Himalayan blackberry from the sites and take part in this large-scale restoration effort. Once the invasive weeds are gone, the land can return to its natural state with many plants and animals native to this area of Oregon.

Dress appropriately for the weather and come to the site; we will provide tools, gloves and snacks.

Marquam Nature Park Restoration Work Party: 9 am - noon, the last Saturday of each month, **Saturday, March 31, and April 28**. Marquam Nature Park, starting around the Fairmount Loop. *Directions: follow SW Broadway until it turns into Patton Rd. Stay straight on Patton Rd., then take a left onto Talbot and follow until it meets up with SW Fairmount. Look for a West Willamette Restoration Project banner.*

Keller Woodlands Restoration Work Party: Keller Woodlands, an urban forest off of SW Terwilliger Blvd, 9 am - noon the first Saturday of every month, **Saturday, April 7**. *Directions: The work site meeting point is a roadside turnout along Terwilliger Blvd. Directions: from downtown, if you are traveling along Terwilliger, after about 1.2 mi. you will pass SW Hamilton St on your left and then Bancroft Ter on your right. After that, you go around a sharp left curve. The turnout is just after this curve on the right. If you are coming from the other direction, the turnout is .6 mi. after the Chart House Restaurant and will be on the left. Look for a Three Rivers Land Conservancy banner.*

Hillsdale Neighborhood Association Restoration Work Party: 9 am to noon, the 3rd Saturday of each month, Saturday, April 21. *George Himes Park at the intersection of Terwilliger and SW Nebraska St. Look for a West Willamette Restoration banner.*

Friends of Terwilliger Restoration Work Party: 9 am until noon, the 3rd Saturday of each month, Saturday, April 21. *Terwilliger Park starting at SW Terwilliger Blvd. and SW Hamilton St. Look for a West Willamette Restoration Project banner.*

For more information about the work parties, contact Melanie Truhn at Three Rivers Land Conservancy. Phone: 503-699-9825 Email: mtruhn@trlc.org.

Watershed Resource Center (WRC)

Jen Seamans Blatner, 503-823-2862, watershedcenter@spiritone.com

EnviroMoms: A group of moms met in mid-March to plan a new discussion group that will meet at the Watershed Resource Center. Moms looking to "go green" will exchange ideas and help each other take steps to help their families be more healthy (in the holistic sense of the word) & eco-conscious. There will also be field trips to homes or businesses to help participants take action on topics ranging from non-curb-side plastics recycling to energy conservation to worm composting bin setup! Check the website www.enviromom.com for more details on the group's interests. Next meeting will be **Tuesday, April 17th**, at the WRC - call or email if you'd like more information.

Volunteers Needed: Are you interested in helping with education programs at the WRC? Or producing or installing new displays? Contact Jen at 503-823-2862 or watershedcenter@spiritone.com for more details.

Free education programs! Is your child's after-school group, scout troop, or other program interested in a watershed program? Check out the programs brochure at www.spiritone.com/~watershed or stop by the WRC to pick one up.

WRC Hours: The WRC is open Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 am to 1 pm, plus other times that vary from week to week. If you need assistance and are unable to stop by during scheduled hours, leave a message at 503-823-2862.

Spotlight on SW Stream Stewards will continue with the May *SW Neighborhood News*.

Capitol Hill School Stormwater Retrofit

The community is invited to give input regarding the preliminary design for the Capitol Hill Elementary School stormwater retrofit.

A design charrette will take place **Wednesday, April 18th, 7 pm**
Capitol Hill School
8401 SW 17th

A stormwater workshop will be given, covering concepts on stormwater, available technologies for treating stormwater, and a virtual tour of some local stormwater facilities,

Thursday, April 26th, 7 pm
Capitol Hill School
8401 SW 17th

Contact Claudia Carlough, 503-246-0529 for information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Trillium Festival	2 7:00 PM Mult Historical Walk Safe Umbrella Order Deadline	3 6:00 PM S Portland NA Trans/Plng Comm 6:30 PM Stormwater Rewards Wkshp 7:00 PM Hayburn NA 7:00 PM Homestead NA	4 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA 7:00 PM S Portland NA Board	5 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	6	7 9:00 AM Keller Woodland Wkpty 9:00 AM Marshall Park Workparty 9:00 AM S Burlingame Tree Planting
8	9 5:30 PM ONE BAC 6:00 PM Tryon Creek WC 7:00 PM Ashcreek NA 7:00 PM Mistlewood NA	10 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Bridlemile Crk Stewards 7:00 PM Markham NA 7:00 PM Multnomah NA	11 7:00 PM Bridlemile NA 7:00 PM Crestwood NA	12 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 7:00 PM Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	13	14 9:00 AM Trail Walk
15	16 7:15 PM S Portland NA Land Use	17 5:30 PM TriMet #39 Hearing 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	18 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 7:00 PM Capitol Hill Stormwater Charrette 7:00 PM S Portland NA Communications/ Finance/Parks 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm	19 7:00 PM SWHRL Board 7:00 PM SWNI Schools Committee	20	21 9:00 AM Fr of Terwilliger Work Party 9:00 AM Hamilton Pk Wk Pky 9:00 AM Himes Pk Wk Pky 9:00 AM Nettle Creek Earth Day 9:00 AM Woods Pk Wk Pky*
22	23 7:00 PM Volunteers: Heart & Soul of an Organization Training	24 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/Public Safety Mtg	25 7:00 PM SWNI Board	26 8:00 AM Mult Village Bus 7:00 PM Capitol Hill Stormwater Workshop 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	27	28 8:30 AM Ready. Safe. Go. 9:00 AM Marquam Nature Pk Work Party
29 1:00 PM Naturescaping Wkshp - Basic	30 7:00 PM Voters Forum					

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People with disabilities who need special assistance to participate at a neighborhood meeting should call Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) at 503-823-4592. Citizens needing a sign language interpreter should call at least 48 hours prior to the need.

Name misspelled on the newsletter label? Receiving multiple copies? Want to add or remove your name? Let us know! Call 503-823-4592 or email swni123@spiritone.com.

Join the Urban Trails Walk

Saturday, April 14, 9 am

Dianne and Chris Mays will lead on an exploration of known and little known areas in the Gabriel Park area. The walk will be 5 to 6 miles with up and down elevation of 400 to 500 feet. Along the walk there is a new piece of trail for us to inspect and admire!

Meet behind the Wilson High School Bleachers (Sunset and Capitol Hwy) by the old oak tree at 9:00 AM.

For more information call Phyllis Towne at 503-223-3723