

Charter Review Information Forum

Tuesday, January 16, 7 pm
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Over this past year, a group of citizens has been reviewing Portland's City Charter – the "constitution" that defines the structure and processes of our City Government. The Charter Review Commission has prepared a "draft" proposal, which will be presented to Portland City Council in January 2007. The council will then decide if the proposal should be sent out to the voters and receive a broader community discussion. The Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. board feels the work of the Charter Commission is important and invites residents to hear an informational presentation on the proposal and to ask clarifying questions. Please join us on January 16, 2007.

Following is a summary of the Charter Commission's report. The citizens who served on the Commission reached their conclusions after many hours of research, review, interviews and debate. They said that the larger community now deserves the opportunity to participate in this debate and decision. The Charter Review Commission encourages the Council to refer their recommendations to the ballot for a vote by the people of Portland. What do you think?

The last comprehensive review of the city charter was done more than 80 years ago. There have been significant changes to the city over that period of time. Anticipated challenges of the future suggest that Portland has a great opportunity before it to make changes in the way it operates which will enhance its ability to continue a tradition of civic engagement and cutting edge innovation.

Established by council in November 2005, this citizen-led commission has been meeting for approximately 13 months. It was charged with reviewing four specific areas of the charter: civil service rules and regulations; the relationship between the city and the Portland Development Commission; the current form of government, and the potential for periodic charter review. The members of the commission were chosen, in part, to reflect the geographic and ethnic diversity of the city and to bring differing perspectives to the process. To facilitate their discussions, the commission adopted guiding principles including accountability, efficiency and effectiveness, representation and inclusiveness, integrity and leadership that they believed were necessary for good government.

In addition, to assist their decision making, the commission relied on the following:

- Feedback and recommendations from experts, city staff, current and former elected officials, stakeholders, neighborhood groups and community organizations
- Assessment of strengths and weaknesses of the current form of government related to the Commission's adopted guiding principles
- Assessment of strengths and weaknesses of other forms of government related to the Commission's guiding principles
- Review of hybrid options that fit the "Portland way" to continue and encourage innovation

Recommendations of the Charter Review Commission

Recommendation: Update and streamline civil service language.

- Eliminates confusing and conflicting practices
- Maintains protections for employees
- Provides greater flexibility for management
- Strengthens the role of the civil service board

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Commissioner Sam Adams hosts neighborhood town hall

Regarding the 2007-08 budgets
for the

Department of Transportation,
Bureau of Environmental Services,
and Regional Arts Council

January 22 7 - 9 pm
Multnomah Center

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Please join Commissioner Sam Adams, Sue Keil, Director of Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT), Dean Marriott, Director of Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and staff from the Regional Arts Council (RAC) for a town hall discussion on the bureaus' 2007-2008 budgets. Sam is interested in your ideas in developing his bureaus' budgets, consequently he is holding a town hall located in each of the seven neighborhood coalition districts. The town hall will include neighborhood specific improvements and projects. Commissioner Adams will highlight how projects are selected and the criteria used to prioritize expenditures. The commissioner and directors welcome your ideas on how to spend our City's dollars.

Both BES and PDOT involve Budget Advisory Committees (BAC) in the development of the bureau budgets. The BACs scrutinize the budgets through a process, started in November 2006, ensuring the city provides services the people of Portland require. Commissioner Adams and Directors Keil and Marriott, will present a comprehensive view of the City of Portland budget, as well as an opportunity to learn local perspectives on needed improvements. RAC will highlight their successes and share their plans for the future.

Loaves & Fishes/Meals-on-Wheels receive Spirit of Portland Award



Commissioner Erik Sten (middle) presents the Spirit of Portland Award to Joan Smith, Loaves & Fishes Director (left) and Tony Leineweber, Loaves & Fishes Board President (right) for Non-Profit of the Year

Loaves and Fishes/Meals-on-Wheels were the recipients of the Spirit of Portland award in the non-profit organization category. The award was presented by Commissioner Erik Sten at the ceremony on December 13.

Since 1970 Loaves & Fishes Centers have provided a nutritional and social lifeline for seniors through 31 meal sites in Multnomah, Washington and Clark counties and Meals-on-Wheels delivery to homebound seniors. With the help of more than 7,400 volunteers, the nonprofit, nonsectarian agency now serves 5,000 meals daily and more than 1.1 million meals annually.

Loaves & Fishes centers seek to establish vital senior centers in neighborhoods throughout the area. They most recently partnered with Sacred Heart Villa in Brooklyn neighborhood to open a new senior meal site. The agency has also co-located in the University Park Community Center, county buildings in Multnomah County, the YWCA in downtown Portland and IRCO in Northeast Portland.

Loaves & Fishes Centers' vision is that no senior will go hungry or experience social isolation. To that end the agency partners within the community to help achieve this vision. Partners include city and county governments, corporations, individuals, churches, service clubs, schools, other social service organizations and more than 7,400 individual volunteers annually. The agency features creative and diverse menu items, including salad bars and options for those on restricted diets. Many of our centers serve Hispanic meals and some of our centers feature Asian meals, Russian meals, Native American meals and soul food all cooked from scratch.

The agency holds five major events annually: Valentine-A-Gram in February, Portland Dine Out in March, and the Annual Luncheon in May, the Drive For Meals-on-Wheels Golf Tournament in July and Donate Dinner in November.

Other Spirit of Award recipients include:

Mayor's Award: Senator Avel Gordley, Andy Nelson, and Free Geek.

Humanitarian Award: Teletha Benjamin and Trauma Intervention Program (TIP)

Non-Profit Organization: Loaves & Fishes/Meals-on-Wheels and African American Health Coalition

Small Business: KMHD Radio

Outstanding Partnership: The Community Campus of New Columbia and Irvington School Field Project

Neighborhood of the Year: Cully Association of Neighbors, and Rose City Park Neighborhood Association

Youth: Erin Chamerlain

Employee Volunteer: Carol Justice

Independent Spirit: David Raphael, Church Harrison, Joyce Nelson, Kris Anderson, Tess Beistel

Community Harmony: Andrea Poole

Southwest Neighborhoods congratulates all of the 2006 Spirit of Portland Award winners.

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Recommendation: Expand the duties of the chief administrative officer, accountable to the mayor, and enhance the oversight responsibilities for the city council.

- Provides professional management using best practices for all of the city's bureaus
- Provides for a level of continuity as well as consistent and equitable administration of policies beneficial to a city the size of Portland
- The Chief Administrative Officer is confirmed by Council and directly accountable to the Mayor
- Allows Council members to focus on constituent services, strategic planning and legislative and policy initiatives

Recommendation: Increase council oversight of the Portland Development Commission (PDC)

- Includes language directing PDC's policies and budget processes to be aligned with city goals adopted by city council
- Includes language that more explicitly describes city council's authority under city charter and State statute.
- Enhances the financial and performance audit requirements of PDC maintains quasi-independent structure for PDC

Recommendation: Require periodic review of city charter

- Provides timetable and blueprint for identifying future challenges without compromising city services.
- Allows for updating charter to reflect changing populations and demographics
- Allows for consideration of innovations and best practices
- Gives citizens an expanded role in governance process

The Charter Review Commission makes these four simple recommendations to add strength and dimension to the existing city structure and provide the opportunity for Portland to continue its reputation as a great city.

Vacancies on Planning Commission

The city is looking for citizens to fill three vacancies on the Portland Planning Commission. One appointment will fill a current term that expires at the end of January 2008. The other terms run from January 2007 through January 2011. Applications should be submitted by January 15, 2007. For information about the job, call Joan Hamilton at 503-823-5772. To get an application, call the Office of Neighborhood Involvement at 503-823-4519.

Clean River Workshops

Workshops show you how to manage stormwater on your property and how to fill out registration forms for Clean River Rewards. You do not need to attend a workshop to qualify for Clean River Rewards. If you need help, please register for workshops at www.CleanRiverRewards.com.

How to Manage Stormwater – Single-Family and Duplex Residences

First Tuesday of each month, 6:30-8:30 pm, Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Highway. Or register online at www.CleanRiverRewards.com. Homeowners can also register by calling the Clean River Rewards hotline at 503-823-1371. To register by mail, call the hotline to order a registration packet. The discount is worth up to \$5.88 per month for homeowners. You may also qualify for one-time retroactive credits of up to 12 months of stormwater discounts. To qualify for retroactive credits, you must register by June 30, 2007.

Program Requirements

- 1) You must register to qualify.
- 2) For single-family and duplex residences, the discount is based on controlling stormwater runoff from roof areas.
- 3) For all other properties, the discount is based on controlling stormwater runoff from roof and paved areas.
- 4) Your stormwater management cannot threaten or damage property or the environment.
- 5) The maximum discount is 35% of the basic stormwater rate.
- 6) The discount remains in effect through June 2017. To maintain the discount, the utility account must remain active, stormwater facilities must be properly maintained and operated, and the city must be granted access to the property for limited inspections of stormwater facilities.
- 7) The city will charge penalties and collect awarded discounts if a ratepayer files a fraudulent registration.

Prepare to Register

Collect the following information before you register online or by telephone:

Your 10-digit utility account number from the upper right-hand corner of your utility bill; your property address; all the ways you manage stormwater runoff from buildings (drywells, French drains, swales, lawns, gardens, landscaped areas, cisterns, rain barrels, ponds, planters, eco-roofs and trees).

For more information, visit www.CleanRiverRewards.com or call 503-823-1371, email cleanrivers@bes.ci.portland.or.us.

When you contain stormwater on your property, you help protect rivers and streams and you can receive a discount on your stormwater bill.

Join us the 1st Tuesday of the month
6:30 pm at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

www.CleanRiverRewards.com



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Glenn's Corner

Thank you, (NAME)

by Glenn Bridger, Southwest Neighborhoods Chair

I am helped on a daily basis by many people. Kim may be checking my book out at the library or responding to a telephone call. Joe may be a cashier at the local store or taking my fast-food order. Look or listen, and you will learn that each of these people is a PERSON who also has a NAME.

What would our lives be without the folks in these jobs, making our life better? I know some people probably prefer to have their phone calls answered by a robot, or prefer to use the self-serve line at the grocery store. I am not one of these people.

My father is in an assisted-living home in our community. He is there because Lee, Marissa, Bev and the other wonderful people treat him as a person, despite his age and limitations. How about your parents, friends, or disabled loved ones? Are they being carefully cared after? I try to note the names of the many who provide for my father's care. How about you, with the caregivers who are important to you?

Each of these people is important to our mental or physical well being. Each is a part of our own personal community that helps make our life successful. And we, hopefully, are also a part of someone else's personal community. Giving the highest respect to this personal community is the first step towards building the larger community, from our neighborhood on to the nation and the world.

This is New Year's time, and time for resolutions. My resolution is to recognize, by name, the many people that help make my "personal" community a bit more comfortable. Frequently, this involves on the phone the task of remembering (or writing down) the name of the person who answers the phone so I can say "Thank you, Erin" when she helps me. Or noting the name on the name tag, so I can say, "Thank you, MJ" when finishing the transaction.

I ask that you, too, consider as your New Year's resolution to take the extra moment to address each person you encounter in your service as a PERSON. Give supportive recognition to the people in your personal community who make your life, or the life of a loved one, better.

Southwest Trails

We had another good hike in December. We started at Gabriel Park and hiked through several SW neighborhoods as well as April Hill Park and out to Moon Shadow Park.

NEXT TRAILS HIKE SATURDAY: Please join us for the next SW Trails hike on Saturday, January 13th, through the South Portland Neighborhood. We will hike along the Willamette greenway trail and see several riverbank restoration projects and the new South Waterfront area. We will be taking a look at the location for the east end of the pedestrian bridge which we are very interested in. The hike will be about 5 miles and there will not be much elevation gain. However, please take into account the time of year and come prepared with warm clothes, rain gear, snow shoes or whatever you think you will need. As usual, dogs are welcome on leash and with their owners carrying clean-up bags. You can meet at 9 am at the usual meeting place near just east of the Sunset/Capitol Hwy intersection in Hillsdale where we will caravan to Willamette Park. Or meet at the boat ramp in Willamette park at 9:10 am. (There is no parking fee this time of year.) The entrance to the park is at Macadam and Nebraska. Please contact Phyllis Towne, 503-223-3733, or Lee Buhler, 503-227-0160, for more information.

BICYCLE BOULEVARD ROUTES: We are continuing to work on the bicycle boulevard project. We are working on a webpage for the project which will allow residents to make suggestions online. In the meantime, please contact us or come to our meeting on Jan. 25, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 6835 SW 46th, if you can suggest bicycle routes in your neighborhood. We will have preliminary bike boulevard maps for most neighborhoods this month. Contact Don Baack if you have a suggestion for a bike route anywhere in SW. Use your SW Walking Map and a felt-tip marker to mark up your map. Don will give you a new Walking Map. Bring the marked -up map to the SW Trails meeting.

EASEMENT FROM 45TH TO SW MILES COURT: We continue to press for the city to accept the SW Trails and the church agreed-upon easement language based on prior city council-approved easements but PDOT has not Okayed it even though Sam Adams has asked them to get the easement done. This has been on their plate for 16 months as of Jan 2007. The survey has been done; all we need is for PDOT to get off the dime and accept the agreement.

DITCHES TO TRAILS AND SWALES: We have been told by Sam Adams that Bureau of Environmental Services will utilize the 3-foot-wide, 2% side slope, compacted 3/4 minus compacted crushed rock standard for all swale treatments. If they actually follow through on this commitment, it will be a huge win-win for our entire SW community. Failing to provide a walkable surface on our streets when the ditches are being reworked is unacceptable. We do not want a wider pathway, as wider surfaces encourage parking, which forces pedestrians walk in the street.

Help plan Marquam Nature Park's pedestrian trail system

The public is invited to two meetings to help plan how Marquam Nature Park's pedestrian trail system could be extended onto 95 acres recently acquired by Portland Parks & Recreation. The first meeting will be **Tuesday, January 9, 7 pm**. Parks & Recreation staff will provide information about the new property and collect community input regarding potential routes and connections.

On **Tuesday, February 27th, 7 pm**, Parks & Recreation staff will present trail-alignment alternatives for a phased implementation and seek community approval.

Both meetings will occur at OHSU's Child Development and Rehabilitation Center (CDRC), Room 3200. The CDRC is located on OHSU's Marquam Hill Campus at 707 SW Gaines Road (near 6th Avenue). (<http://www.ohsu.edu/about/directions.shtml> Ffor directions)

Need more information? Contact Jim Sjulín, Portland Parks & Recreation, 503-823-5122 or pkjims@ci.portland.or.us.

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.

What is Vision Week?

In the next two months, the Vision Committee and staff will be using the feedback we've received, and the research we have done, to move closer to developing the basis for Portland's Vision. We will be checking in with the public on what we have heard and where we are during Vision Week, which will take place in mid-February.

During this week, there will be several ways for the public and our partners and friends to participate. We are planning 1-2 town hall events, numerous small group discussions, and an online tool for input.

Our goals in planning Vision Week are:

- **Education.** To give the public a way to hear what people have said, learn about the trends facing Portland.
- **Accountability.** To check back in with all the organizations we've worked with, tell them what we heard, and ask for their continued input.
- **Meaningful Participation.** To create opportunities for Portlanders with different opinions to sit down together, learn from one another, and discuss our shared community. Offer your opinion about what Portland's future should look like!

As a volunteer, what can I do for Vision Week?

First, read the following volunteer opportunities, complete the brief and easy volunteer application attached if you're interested, and send back to us as soon as possible!

There are several ways to be involved in helping us make this week successful.

Become a Visioning Facilitator -- facilitate / lead one of our small group sessions in the community.

Volunteer at an event -- help us with event logistics and smoothly carrying out an exciting event!

Assist staff with organizing the feedback after Vision Week

Here's more detail on each volunteer opportunity:

1. **Visioning Facilitators** – Our small cadre of volunteer facilitators will use a discussion guide to talk to small groups of people about visionPDX and the alternate futures we're developing, and facilitate conversations to bring back opinions and points of view to the visionPDX process.

We're looking for people who:

- Value meaningful engagement and creating broad community buy-in
- Are comfortable with/have skills in facilitating small-group discussions
- Can commit to facilitating at least two sessions – 1 town hall (date TBA) and 1 small group discussion – in mid-February (working around your schedule). Sessions expected to be 1.5 to 2 hours in length.
- Are available for a facilitation training session in the evening in early February (one or two dates coming soon!)

2. **Event Volunteers** – Event Volunteers will assist visionPDX staff with one or both of our town hall forums in mid-February. Possible tasks can include registering attendees, assisting with setup or breakdown, offering A/V support, taking notes, or distributing supplies. We would also accept help before events on logistics, confirming reservations, helping with outreach, or other tasks!

We're looking for people who:

- Value meaningful engagement and building community buy-in
 - Can commit to at least one of our town halls (dates to be determined)
3. **Feedback Support** – We will need office-based support after our town halls and small group sessions to organize and coordinate what we have heard from the public and our partners. People interested in this position should be detail-oriented and comfortable with Microsoft Office applications, especially Word and Excel.

I'm interested in volunteering! How do I sign up? If you are interested in any of these positions, contact:

Amanda Rhoads
Bureau of Planning, visionPDX
1900 SW 4th Ave Ste 4100, Portland, OR 97201
Phone: 503-823-5856 Fax: 503-823-7800
amandar@ci.portland.or.us

SWNI InterNet services for neighborhood associations

Did you know that SWNI offers a couple of free InterNet services to its neighborhood associations and committees? We use the Drupal CMS (Content Management System) which makes it easy to create web pages using a web browser. One can use the system to put up a simple home page, or to create a complex multi-page site. The system is capable of hosting discussion forums, generating a calendar of events, creating searchable meeting agenda & minutes archives, and even a simple mailing list.

Another service we offer is a free sub-domain. A SWNI sub-domain is very similar to having your own domain name, only without the yearly fee. For example, the Emergency Preparedness committee has a sub-domain of "ep." Its URL, therefore, is <http://ep.swni.org/> and that will remain constant, even if the EP committee moves its web-site from the SWNI server to another hosting provider.

Each SWNI neighborhood association has already been assigned a SWNI sub-domain, but most don't know it yet. For those with a website that we knew about, the sub-domain should point to your site. All others point to the SWNI contact page (http://swni.org/contact_us). The SWNI map page (<http://swni.org/map>) has links to each sub-domain on the map itself.

More information about our InterNet services may be found on our FAQ page (http://swni.org/faq/internet_services).

New Year's work party in Gabriel Park

The Friends of Vermont Creek will hold a work party on **Saturday, January 6, 9 am - noon**, to complete a swale in Gabriel Park.

The work site is next to SW 45th Avenue near the summer dog off-leash area. When it rains, the swale will collect stormwater runoff from the street and the park. Plants and soil in the swale will slow the flow and filter pollutants from the stormwater before it enters Vermont Creek.

Come celebrate the new year by helping to keep our parks and streams healthy! We'll supply all tools and equipment. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy shoes.

For more information, please contact Marissa Dorais, 503-823-7016, marissa.dorais@bes.ci.portland.or.us.



Listening to people and hearing their aspirations is a basic service of government. – Mayor Tom Potter, speech delivered at City Club

Community Connect Update

Community Connect is drawing on many sources of information to discover what kinds of community engagement will work for Portlanders. As of December 2006, 63 individuals had been interviewed and almost 1300 Portlanders had completed surveys or focus groups. Much of the information that is coming in has focused on Portland's 33-year old neighborhood system, with its ninety-five neighborhood associations, seven district coalitions, and 40 related business associations.

After the holidays, the Community Connect workgroup will begin the process of reviewing data and putting together initial recommendations for feedback. Feedback opportunities will be provided to the general public as well as a wide range of community groups to get a sense of what recommendations work best for all Portlanders.

As we analyze the data, we are identifying common themes as well as ideas with merit that are mentioned less often. To give you a sense of what Community Connect is learning, following is a range of responses from a few of our data sources. The responses below are meant to only offer a sense of what Portlanders are saying and don't necessarily reflect the thoughts or draft recommendations of Community Connect.

What some underrepresented groups are saying

With the help of \$1000 grants to facilitate gathering information, each of thirteen community organizations representing underrepresented groups are asking 50-100 of their members or participants for their input. Another source of information from underrepresented populations was visionPDX's interviews with thirty-three community organization leaders. Generally, people from underrepresented groups feel excluded from civic engagement and are often focused on basic needs. Respondents from this population suggested the city needs to go where people are and build relationships and trust over time.

What some neighborhood association leaders are saying

Following is a sample of the many things that were said at the Neighborhood Leaders Event on Sept. 16 at Concordia University:

Neighborhood system should connect the dots of everyone's interests.

Underrepresented Participation Solutions: need translation services, advocacy training, need to get wins, leadership training; disability outreach.

It's hard to keep volunteers involved in the newsletters. Biggest challenge is communication. It's a function of funding.

What some members of coalition boards and neighborhood associations are saying

Responses to our questionnaire from neighborhood association participants often praised the neighborhood system for facilitating communication, mobilizing citizens, and providing access to officials. Many believe things can be improved with better communication and outreach (especially to underrepresented groups), by getting a better response from the city, and by doing the associations' work more effectively. More resources/funding and building better relationships between the city and the neighborhood associations would help facilitate those improvements.

What some members of the city's commissions, boards, and committees are saying

Many respondents from this group said they liked the opportunity to learn about issues and influence policy. Suggested ways to improve their work include holding more effective meetings, receiving more timely and accessible information, the city providing more timely and accessible information to the public, and providing more support for citizen capacity-building.

This article is also posted on our website at www.portlandonline.com/mayor/communityconnect. If you have comments or questions, please call 503-823-4431 or email us at communityconnect@ci.portland.or.us.

New Year's Resolutions for the Watershed!

Think of all those New Year's Resolutions that go unmet because they're just too difficult or unrealistic – and resolve to do something for the watershed instead! It's easy!

Attend a local creek work party. There are now work parties on every Saturday of the month at a creek near you. See below, email watershed@spiritone.com or call the WRC at 503-823-2862 to get connected.

1st Saturday	Marshall Park
2nd Saturday	Bridlemile Creek Stewards (Albert Kelly or Hamilton Parks) Dickinson Park Tryon Creek State Park Ivy Pull
3rd Saturday	Tryon Creek Watershed Council (Nettle Creek site, quarterly) Woods Park
4th Saturday	Friends of Vermont Creek (Gabriel Park or grant project sites) Tryon Creek State Park Trail Maintenance – in season

Plant some native plants. Hate the weekend lawn maintenance chores? Think you could get by with just a little less? Dig up a corner and plant some natives! Attend a free spring Naturescaping course to get ideas, or visit Your Watershed Habitat (www.vonsalza.com/akcr/ywh).

Where does your stormwater go? It's a good time to think about stormwater options for your yard. The Clean River Rewards program offers incentives for slowing and storing stormwater on your property through disconnection of downspouts, bioswales, planter boxes, and more.

Visit the Watershed Center! Enjoy kids activities, find out more about the watershed you live in, and get ideas on how to fulfill that New Year's resolution.

Southwest Development Review

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

Pre-application conferences:

PC 06-174334. Conditional use review for proposal to replace a radio tower with a new tower, at 3405 SW Council Crest Dr. and 2787 SW Talbot Rd, in **SWHRL.**

EA 06-179302. Proposal to expand a religious institution, at 2900 SW Peaceful Ln, in **Hillsdale.**

EA 06-178383. Proposal to divide a site into four lots for attached houses, at 1923 SW Idaho St, in **Hillsdale.**

EA 06-180137. Proposal to divide a site into three lots, at SW Fairmount Blvd and SW 19th near SW Bernard Dr, in **Hillsdale.**

PC 06-174714. Proposal to build a two-story commercial building, at 7764 SW Capitol Hwy, in **Multnomah.**

Proposals:

LU 06-157691 AD. Applicants seeks two adjustments for a proposed house, at vacant lot north of 7345 SW 26th Ave, in **Multnomah.**

LU 06-159256 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots, at 1655 SW Sunset Blvd, in **Hillsdale.**

LU 06-176691 AD. Applicant seeks adjustments to reduce a setback and surface parking area depth, at 6425 SW 55th Dr, in **Hayhurst.**

LU 06-172623 TR. Applicant proposes to modify a tree preservation plan, at 5006/5014 SW Pasadena, in **West Portland Park.**

LU 06-170660 AD. Applicants propose to build an addition and seek an adjustment to reduce a setback, at 8405 SW 11th Ave, in **South Burlingame.**

LU 06-179827 AD. Applicant proposes to construct a two-car garage and requests an adjustment to allow the garage between the existing house and the street lot line, at 11000 SW Boones Ferry Rd, in **Collins View.**

Decisions:

LU 06-152389 LDP. Approval of preliminary plan to divide a two-lot site into three lots, at 12012 SW 29th Ave, in **Arnold Creek.**

LU 06-144686. Denial of appeal and approval of preliminary plan for two-lot land division, at 4334 SW Pendleton St, in **Hayhurst.**

LUR 00-00036 MP (LU 00-006591).

Approval of minor partition to create two lots, at SW Stephenson St, east of SW 37th Ave, in **West Portland Park.**

LU 06-169070 AD. Approval of adjustment to reduce a setback, at 10411 SW 14th Dr, in **Marshall Park.**

LU 06-168875 AD. Approval of adjustments to landscaping and screening requirements, at 3925 SW Multnomah Blvd, in **Multnomah.**

LU 06-157106 LDP. Approval of a preliminary plan for a two-lot partition, at 1322 SW Maplecrest Dr., in **Maplecrest.**

LU 06-120709 LDS. Approval of preliminary plan for five-lot subdivision, at 5008 SW Taylors Ferry Rd, in **Crestwood.**

LU 06-164593 LC. Approval of lot consolidation, at 2601-2605 SW Water Ave, in **South Portland.**

LU 06-151474 AD. Approval of adjustment to reduce setbacks, at 5820 SW Multnomah Blvd, in **Ashcreek.**

Public hearings:

LU 06-171343 PUD LDP. Applicant proposes a two-lot land division, at 4907 SW Canterbury Lane, in **Ashcreek.** Hearing tentatively scheduled for January 10, at 9 am, 1900 SW 4th Ave.

LU 06-177328 ZC. Applicant proposes to change the zoning at a site from R20 to R10, at 11700 SW 35th Ave, in **Arnold Creek.** Hearing tentatively scheduled for January 17, at 1:30 pm, 1900 SW 4th Ave.

EA 06-181413 DA. Design advice hearing for mixed-use development in South Waterfront, at Block 36 at SW Abernethy and Bond, in **South Portland.** Hearing scheduled for January 4, at 1:30 pm, Suite 2500A, 1900 SW 4th Ave.

Intents to demolish: 3443 SW Alice St.

Final plats: 4929 SW Cameron Rd., 9800 SW 55th Ave, 4800 SW Arnold St

Measure 37 claims: 6917 SW 49th Ave.

Environmental zone activities intended to meet standards: 4512 SW Fairvale Ct, 4303 SW Palatine.

Land Use Committee

John Gibbon 503-708-6708

In January, committee members covered the following reports and announcements:

- In addition to working on the matter of Commissioner Sam Adams' proposal to use local improvement districts to fund improvements on SW Portland collector streets, SWNI is also considering an idea to develop a new county-wide fund to do such improvements. A model might be Washington County's Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program, which started out as a serial levy but now is a permanent component of the county's property tax.

- The Fanno/Tryon Pre-design project is continuing. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2-4 pm, second floor in the Portland Building. One of the early action projects would restore Falling Creek to a surface stream in part or all of its course through the field at Jackson Middle School.

- Activists on Portland's east side have been talking to the Bureau of Planning about the issue of residential infill. There may be a city-wide meeting in February. Check this newsletter next month for more information.

- Finally, there will be an open house on January 16, 7-8 pm, 4th floor, 1900 SW 4th Ave, that gives the latest information on the River Plan and the Natural Resources Inventory Update.

Next Meeting: NO JANUARY MTG
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SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

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Next mtg: Thurs., January 25, 7 pm,
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
6835 SW 46th

Emergency Preparedness Committee

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

Our December Neighborhood Emergency Team Leader meeting was cancelled due to a power outage in the Multnomah Center, so that agenda will be carried over to our next EP meeting (Jan. 11th, 7 pm). It is open to everyone. The primary purpose of this meeting is to talk about NET staging areas in an effort to complete our NET redistricting. By the end of the meeting, we hope to define the characteristics of a good staging area, what is required to set one up, and identify all our SW staging areas. Detailed background and agenda information may be found on our web site (<http://swni.org/node/344>).

We encourage everyone to submit their thoughts in advance of the meeting by posting comments on that web page. This meeting will be chaired by Chris Vardas.

Next Meeting: Thurs., Jan. 11, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Committee Reports..

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

January's meeting will be very eventful. By popular demand we will have a representative from the school police at the January 23rd meeting. This will be a great opportunity to learn about the role of the School Police, ask needed questions, and get to know the officer(s) that interact with our children. Please plan on attending this meeting. The School Police perform a very important function within the Portland Police Bureau, and it benefits us all to understand that role better.

On side note Sergeant Scott Westerman was involved in a police incident recently where he was injured. An e-mail had been circulated around, based on information that was reported by KGW, that Scott had suffered a broken neck. Luckily that turned out not to be the case, and Scott's neck is not broken. Scott is now recovering from a broken finger, a fractured upper jaw bone, and a sore neck and back. He is expected to make a full recovery and be back as strong as ever. Please keep good thoughts for him and his family.

Also our very own Crime Prevention Specialist Michael Boyer was featured in *The Oregonian* on December 14th in the "In Portland" section. It was nice to see the Crime Prevention Program get positive exposure in the local paper. Michael will be coming to neighborhood meetings to introduce himself. Be sure to contact him, if you wish to have him attend a meeting or if you have questions.

Next meeting: Tues., Jan. 23, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president
503-245-0729

Last month the board heard a presentation from the Charter Review Commission on their draft proposal, which will be presented to City Council in January 2007. The council will decide if the proposal will go forward to the ballot for a vote by the people of Portland. The board felt residents should be given an opportunity to become informed on the proposal and ask clarifying questions. The Charter Review Commission has agreed to participate in an information forum on Tuesday, January 16th at the Multnomah Center at 7 pm.

The board's Small Grant Selection Committee met twice in December, but was unable to complete its work before the holidays. Grant awards will be announced in early January 2007.

Michael Mills with the Ombudsman's Office will be a guest at the board's January meeting. Michael will review the services offered by his office and address any issues members may have.

Next Meeting: Wed., January 24, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Transportation Committee

Patty Lee, 503-244-2871

We had three guests from the Portland Office of Transportation. Our liaison from the bureau, Eileen Argentina, attended. Rich Newlands was on the agenda to talk about a reconfiguration of intersections on SW Macadam at the south end of the new South Waterfront area. The intersection with SW Bancroft would be altered and SW Hood would connect to a newly designed intersection one block south of Bancroft. Don Baack argued that the existing Hood street connector to Macadam for northbound traffic should be retained, but Rich called it a safety hazard.

Guest Bill Kloos talked about various technologies known as intelligent transportation systems (ITS) that divert traffic to Barbur when accidents stop or hinder traffic on I-5. There will be a follow-up meeting with staffers from ODOT.

Finally, committee members discussed a response to the proposal from Commissioner Sam Adams to fund improvements of SW Portland collector streets with local improvement districts. The committee is looking at candidate collector streets, but SWNI is also investigating the idea of county-wide funding.

Next Meeting: Wed, Jan. 17, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Schools Committee

Will Fuller, 503-764-5501

The November 14 Schools Committee meeting was cancelled because of power outages. There is a full plate of activities for the committee, however, so 2007 will be a busy year for us. Here are just a few examples.

Because the meeting was cancelled, we were unable to have a speaker from Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) to discuss their proposal for **mixed-income housing at the Sears Army Reserve Center** on Multnomah Blvd, but we will continue to follow the proposal with interest. It would attract more families with children to the Southwest, boosting local school enrollments.

We will also invite speakers about **SUN school (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods)** programs in the Southwest.

We are following up on **SWNI-area activities arising from the Lincoln Overcrowding Community Conversation.** The Wilson cluster needs an opportunity to plan for its future in a comprehensive way, aligned with overall Portland Public Schools planning while addressing the unique needs of the area. There is also the possibility of starting a Spanish Immersion program in the area.

The Rieke School marketing program will be an ongoing focus of the Committee work. The program serves as a pilot for strengthening involvement in neighborhood schools not only in the SWNI area but throughout the city.

School safety, especially school policing, will also be an area for Committee discussion and review.

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., Jan. 18, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Parks Committee

Kirky Doblle, 503-246-7970

In December, Chair Kirky Doblle gave the committee updates on project planning for Duniway, Dickinson, and Spring Garden parks, a summer concert series for SW Portland, and a summer playground program at Markham School.

In neighborhood reports, Jill Gaddis of Maplewood detailed her ideas for improvements at April Hill Park: a kiosk, bathroom, bench, a covered area near the play structure, and a drinking fountain for dogs.

Tentatively on the agenda for January: a motion that planning for Marshall Park be done at the same time as planning for Tryon Creek State Nature Area, open hours and days for Wilson pool, and a skate park at Gabriel Park.

Next Meeting: Thurs. Jan. 4, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Neighborhood Reports

Arnold Creek

Tues., January 9, 7 pm, Jackson Baptist Church, 10558 SW 35th (lower level)
Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483, enchand@hotmail.com

We had great news at the city council meeting! Sam Adams' proposal was approved for the one time money. We will get \$300,000 for our intersection at Stephenson & Boones Ferry! Hip, hip, hooray! We didn't get much of a notice for the city council meeting, but there were 4 or 5 of us there. Thanks for all the help. We will continue to hunt for additional funding. We are now up to \$350,000.

Last month I failed to list Ron Woodruff as our rep for the Crime Prevention Committee. My apologies to Ron. Thanks for your service as well.

We did get our application in for the small grant to build our meet-and-greet packets, as well as some lawn signs and copying for canvassing. I will let you know if we were successful.

Ashcreek

Monday, January 8, 7 pm, Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872, jklinker@ease.com

We celebrated the holiday season this month with a short meeting and our annual holiday party. Our first-ever costume contest ended in a three-way tie.

A house on a parcel on SW 54th that is awaiting re-development was recently hit by criminals. Much of the gutters were stolen. The owner reports that the house was broken into and stored tools were stolen. We need to keep our eyes open for people cruising our neighborhoods. Report to the police any suspicious activity.

We will be having a guest at our January meeting. David Weidner will be discussing a land division at 6048 SW Brugger.

The owners of Hartmann Motors, who attended a recent NA meeting, have contacted us and expressed interest in working with us to resolve the zoning issues at their property. Many of you may have noticed the rather odd fence at their new location on 64th and Barbur. The fenced-off area is zoned residential and cannot be used for commercial uses. We would like sidewalks and other pedestrian and bicycle improvements along that section of Palatine. This would connect Ashcreek Commons and other high-density developments in the area to the bus stop on Barbur. The Hartmann's would like to get the residential section of their property re-zoned to commercial. This may be a win-win!

We have submitted a grant proposal to help us with outreach to our neighbors. We are considering a neighborhood-wide information mailing and an event this coming spring or summer.

There is a lot at the end of SW 62nd north of Pomona. There are two issues: 1) there have been complaints about young people using the lot as a party site, smoking dope and making noise, and 2) the site and the stream running through it are degraded. You may have noticed that some of the dead or dying poplars have been cut down. This was done to make the interior of the site more visible to discourage the partying and for general safety. The site also provides an opportunity to do some stream restoration. The stream is part of South Ash Creek, and this is a possible focus for a friends group to form and to help improve the stream and watershed. We hope to schedule guests at a future meeting to discuss stream and watershed improvements.

Collins View

Wednesday, Jan. 3, 7 pm, Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, Rm 201
Charlie Weiss, 503-799-4848 charliew@launchbx.com, www.collinsview.org

Good Neighbor Issues: At our December neighborhood meeting, we welcomed a new student representative from Lewis and Clark College: Marie Mendez-Nunez is a sophomore at the college and is also the associated student government's Vice President for Community Relations. She will be attending CVNA meetings for the rest of the school year and can be reached at: mariem@lclark.edu.

Also present at the meeting from L&C were W. Houston Dougharty, Dean of Students, and Melissa Osmond, Student Success and Wellness Coordinator, who talked about the college's drug and alcohol policies and education programs for students. For more information, visit <http://www.lclark.edu/dept/success/>, or contact Melissa, mosmund@lclark.edu. The student conduct website is also informative: <http://www.lclark.edu/org/judicial/>.

We will continue to work with the college to incorporate good neighbor education and information into L&C's student programs. CVNA is also poised to engage landlords in the conversation. We have learned that 300 of about 880 houses in Collins View are not owner-occupied; in about 100 of those cases, the owner appears to live out of state. Contact John Miller to learn more: miller@lclark.edu

Lewis & Clark College Master Plan: Land use chairs Dave and Dixie Johnston will keep us updated as Lewis & Clark moves through the next round of its master planning process, required for the college to renew its conditional use permit. Collins View neighbors are encouraged to get actively involved in the planning process. A workshop in November was our first opportunity to learn about and comment on what the college has in mind. Summaries of the presentations and discussions from that workshop are available at the L&C 2008 Master Plan website: <http://www.lclark.edu/dept/planning/2008masterplan.html>.

Traffic and Transportation: The problem of traffic congestion in Collins View is obvious to everyone. For some time, CVNA has been exploring our options for addressing these issues. Finding a solution has proven elusive, due in part to the large scope of the problem. We now realize that addressing the traffic problems in Collins View will depend on engaging surrounding neighborhoods and municipalities, including South Burlingame, Arnold Creek, Lake Oswego, and Dunthorpe. The time has come to formalize our own position and begin outreach efforts to these other groups.

Transportation Chair Prakash Joshi sent a letter regarding Collins View's traffic issues to Commissioner Sam Adams in November, outlining again the problems we are experiencing and asking him to follow through with the transportation study promised at our June meeting. CVNA expects to follow up with an official board resolution along similar lines, intended to keep the issue before Commissioner Adams. It will be a starting point from which to seek additional letters and resolutions of support from surrounding neighborhoods.

The traffic issue will be a priority in the new year, with a task force to be formed at our January meeting to take on moving the process forward. Please bring your thoughts and comments. If you're unable to make it to the meeting, please send feedback to Prakash: artalive@comcast.net.

We also talked about Commissioner Adams' interest in using Local Improvement Districts to fund street improvements around the city. It is important to make a distinction between these projects and the infrastructure fixes we are asking for at our intersections -- such regional fixes should not be addressed through use of LIDs. More information on Commissioner Adams' thoughts on using LIDs to fund street improvements can be found at: <http://www.commissionersam.com/node/487>.

Bridlemile

Wednesday, January 10, Bridlemile School, 4300 SW 47th Ave
Ginger Danzer 503-292-9460, ggdanz@comcast.net, <http://bridlemile.swni.org/>

Bridlemile Creek Stewards - Monthly meeting on Tuesday, January 9th, 7 pm, Watershed Resource Center in the SW Community Center at the corner of SW 45th Ave and SW Vermont St. Parking: Planning for upcoming meetings and events.

BNA Monthly Meeting History & Collector Street Planning: Wednesday, January 10th, 7-8:30 pm. Longtime resident Jim Driscoll will talk about the history of Albert Kelly and Henry Dosch. At the November meeting, the BNA board voted to go forward with developing a street plan for one of Bridlemile's two collector streets: Hamilton or Shattuck. Please come and give us your input on which street should be done, and why, and find out more about why doing a street plan will benefit Bridlemile and make getting such improvements more likely to happen and sooner. More about street plans will be posted on the Transportation page soon. Also Michael Boyer, the new Crime Prevention Specialist for Southwest, will stop by and introduce himself.

Board Meeting: January 10, 6:30-7 pm, Staff Room, Bridlemile Elementary School. Karen Tabata (see land use below) will be at the BNA board meeting to ask and answer questions.

Planting and Community Service Event: Saturday, January 20th, 2007, 9 am - noon, Albert Kelly Park, in the Restoration Creek below the bridge. We'll be planting native plants in areas 1b and 1c. Get free native plants and a hot lunch. Tools and refreshments will be provided. Dress for the weather. Note that this event qualifies as community-service hours for students. (see Creeks for contacts).

Land Use: Karen Tabata has volunteered to join the BNA land use committee and if approved, take over as chair. "I have lived in the Bridlemile neighborhood since 1989 and enjoy being the owner of one of the area's historic homes built in 1904. My interest in homes and land use stems from my profession as a realtor. I have been a real estate broker for the past 16 years and work with the Coldwell Banker, Barbara Sue Seal Properties Uptown office. My husband Cal and I have three sons, who have all attended Bridlemile Elementary, West Sylvan Middle School and Jesuit High School. I am looking forward to learning more about land use issues." Rich is still 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.

Parks: Chris Kahle, a new resident to Bridlemile and geography graduate student who is completing his dissertation on park planning, was approved at the September BNA board meeting to be the new BNA parks chair. Although he has only been here a short time, he has already toured BNA parks with outgoing parks chair Victor von Salza and attended the SWNI and citywide parks meetings. Chris's education, experience, and interest in parks will make him an excellent parks chair for Bridlemile and a valuable contributing member of the BNA board, SWNI and citywide parks committees.

Schools: Two people have expressed interest in joining and possibly becoming schools chair but have not come to a Bridlemile meeting yet to introduce themselves and talk with the board. Pending that, we are still looking for one or more people to be on the committee and represent Bridlemile at the SWNI Schools meetings.

Safe Routes to Schools: See <http://bridlemile.swni.org/saferoutes.html> for pictures and descriptions of improvements recently installed and others that are coming soon.

Transportation / Pedestrian Safety: At the January 10th meeting, we will discuss which of Bridlemile's two collector streets (Hamilton or Shattuck) we should do a street plan for first. Please contact Bev with your thoughts, concerns, and aspirations regarding both these streets and which should be done first. Bev has resigned from the BNA Transportation chair position. The SWNI Transportation Committee has changed its "meetings to the third Wed. night of the month, and I have a conflict with that night. Also, I think the transportation chair has to be younger, 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." So we are looking for two Transportation Committee candidate(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). If you can help, contact Bev.

Volunteer to help with any of the projects listed above, assist on one or more committees, or bring your own proposal to one of our meetings. Please note that in order to give your proposal adequate time on the agenda and include it in the SWNI newsletter, we need to know of it no later than previous month's BNA meeting. Your contribution of time and knowledge, large or small, helps keep and make Bridlemile the wonderful neighborhood that we all enjoy. Together we can do most anything, and your volunteer time makes the difference. For more information about all the topics listed here and much more, please visit the BNA web site at <http://bridlemile.swni.org/> <-- note new web address.

Ongoing Neighborhood Projects, Committees

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

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

Creeks - Steve Mullinax, steve.mullinax@alum.mit.edu, 503-768-9065 or Greg Schifsky, 503-246-2714, gregsch@hevanet.com.

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

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

Land Use - Rich Adelman, 503-223-0992, richard.adelman@gbjarch.com; TBA - Karen Tabata, ktabatas@comcast.net, 503-292-4377.

NET - Dennis Siegman, dennis_siegman@juno.com 503-291-7417.

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

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

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

Schools - TBD - Please see the schools page at the BNA website for more information.

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

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

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

Kindergarten Round Up
at Bridlemile Elementary School, 4300 SW 47th
Wednesday, January 10, from 8:15-9:30 am
For information, contact Karen Nootenboom, school secretary, 503-916-6292.

Neighborhood Reports

Crestwood

Wednesday, January 10, 7 pm
West Portland United Methodist Church, library
4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd

Wes McMullen, 503-244-2659, wes@ecosolvents.com
<http://www.CrestwoodNA.home.comcast.net>

Dickinson Park: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dickinsonpark/>

Efforts by The Friends of Dickinson Park to raise funds to construct a playground in the Dickinson Park field continue. In October 15% of proceeds from meals purchased at Tigard's Sweet Tomatoes Restaurant using the flyer, went toward the playground fund. *Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts to raise funds by eating at Sweet Tomatoes.*

Jake Brakes and Other Transportation Issues: If you are tired of listening to truck compression braking (jake brakes) along I-5 night and day you need to be in contact with David Gens of West Portland Park Neighborhood Association, 503-244-8043.

In other transportation developments the SWNI Transportation Committee is asking neighborhoods to come forth with key transportation needs and problems in their neighborhood. This is a subject that your CNA board will be addressing in upcoming meetings.

SWNI's Land Use Committee wants to form a task force to focus on residential infill around issues such as building height and footprint, setbacks and impervious surface limitations. Crestwood neighbors are needed to serve on this committee and can indicate their interest by contacting Wes McMullen, 503-244-2659, wes@ecosolvents.com.

Crestwood Website - Great Communications Device too Often Neglected: Did you know that Crestwood has a website? You can visit it at [CrestwoodNA.home.comcast.net](http://www.CrestwoodNA.home.comcast.net) and see for yourself. This website is a great tool for posting issues of concern to Crestwooders and for us to communicate with one another. But, it could be made even better and made easier for all of us to use. If, after visiting the site, you have ideas about it or want to be involved with upgrading and improving the site, contact Wes McMullen, 503-244-2659, wes@ecosolvents.com.

Hillsdale

Wed., January 3, 7 pm, St Barnabas Church, 2201 SW Vermont
Don Baack, 503-246-2088 baack@pacifier.com

1. Approval of agenda
2. Review of December meeting minutes--see Hillsdale web site (<http://www.hna-pdx.com>).
3. Planning for the community gardens at Stephens Creek Park.
4. Tram fares - Original proposal was to honor TriMet tickets and passes. What is our position?
5. Rename Bertha Court.
6. Update on SWNI Grant applications; grant requests were submitted. Plaza Planning, Wilson Planning, Website .
7. Update of "The Watershed" project.
8. Update Hillsdale Transportation and SDC.
9. Hillsdale Plaza Charrette & Planning with Rieke School Remodel.
10. Hillsdale Triangle Master Planning Proposal.
11. Wilson Pool north entrance.
12. Other HNA land use issues.
13. HBPA Report.
14. SWNI report.
15. Update on the efforts to retain the Fulton Park Community Center - grant request committee members.
16. Update on status of Stephens Creek Walkway.
17. Update joint application for a joint website development with HBPA.
18. Update of the Reinvent Rieke response from the Portland School District and board members.
19. Update on Rieke and Wilson High School reader board/entrance gateway design.
20. Update of what we know about BES action on our streets.

Markham

Tuesday, January 9, 7 pm, Jackson Baptist Church,
0558 SW 35th, across from Jackson School

John Gibbon, 503-708-6708, jtgorygun@aol.com
<http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm>

What is a HydroPark? A Hydro Park is a shared city resource - a property that serves both Portland's drinking water system and provides access to greenspace for neighbors to a Water Bureau property. Now the Water Bureau has plans to begin discussions with Markham neighbors to plan simple improvement at the water tower located at 8916 SW 17th (near SW Marigold) to make it a Hydro Park. Thomas Kluts, property and public resource manager with the Water Bureau will attend our January 9th meeting to talk with residents and discuss possible improvements such as: walking paths, benches, picnic tables, etc. Please join us and voice your preferences. Website information about Hydro Parks is available at www.portlandonline.com/water.

Other agenda items will include: Land Use Committee report; report on transportation issues; discussion of unimproved roadways regarding repair and improvements; report on Barbur Envelope planning, the West Portland Town Center designation; update regarding BES Watershed Improvement Plans for Jackson School & 26th Ave; and Discussion of Markham's north boundary.

Homestead

Tuesday, January 2, 7 pm
OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor
Susan Egnor, stegnor@comcast.net, 503-221-6981
HomesteadNA.org

FREE TRAM RIDES SIGNUP The city is offering "sneak preview" rides on the aerial tram for up to 250 Homestead residents. Rides will take place Wednesday evening, January 10, 2007 at 7:00, 7:20, and 7:40 pm. Sign-ups on first-come, first-served basis. Please call or email Susan Egnor. Other opportunities for free rides: opening weekend January 27 and 28 and "free ride Saturdays" in February.

JANUARY MEETING
Large Condo Project Architect: A Myhre Group Architects representative will discuss plans for a 270-unit condominium development on Sam Jackson Park Road near Marquam Nature Park (including 350 parking spots). Please come to help develop HmNA position on this project before city's design advice request review scheduled for January 18.

Changes (removal) to parking meters at 6th and Gaines. Concerns about dangers to driving have led to a suggestion to remove the parking meters on the west side of 6th Avenue Drive at Gaines—or otherwise reduce usage. Doing so would, the city tells us, reduce meter revenues for our neighborhood projects. Please come to the January meeting to voice your opinion.

December Meeting Report

1. Tram Report. Art Pearce, the city's co-manager of the aerial tram project, provided an update on the tram. Testing rides are underway, including rescue drills by Portland Fire and Rescue. OHSU began using the tram December 14, with preview rides starting January 10 (see above). The official ribbon cutting will be January 25 and the gala public opening will be the weekend of January 27 and 28. Responding to questions, Pearce advised the tram operates below the height the FAA requires warning lights. The tram will run continuously through any ice storm to avoid buildup. The question of how much to charge is under review. Susan Egnor is to write a letter to Commissioner Sam Adams regarding the neighborhood's position on tram fares. (Please see HmNA website for text of letter.)

2. Transportation. Anton Vetterlein reported the Traffic Calming Study Citizen Advisory Committee recommends proceeding in two phases. Speed bumps, striping, signage and bumpouts would be tested for 6 months. If the CAC is not satisfied with results of these measures, it will address various one-way street proposals. The city will arrange an open house, probably in February, to explain the proposals to the neighborhood. Following another car bicycle accident at SW Terwilliger and Condor Lane, the city will install new warning signs at that intersection.

3. Parks. Ken Love, president of the South Portland NA, solicited help in forming a citizen advisory committee regarding the proposed changes to Duniway Park. Jim Hearn and Pam Birkel volunteered for this committee. Please consider what changes you want for the upper portion of Duniway Park. Ken Love also reported on efforts to bring summer concerts to Duniway Park.

4. Land Use. Anton Vetterlein reported on the revenue allocation project for the parking meter revenue at OHSU. The association voted to support allocating the revenue for sidewalks in the upper neighborhood and to support considering using some of the funds for bike lockers at OHSU. The association also voted to support OHSU's continued use of Flexcar but to oppose using meter revenues to support Flexcar.

5. New Business. Susan Egnor reported the City Charter Review Commission is finishing its work and will have several key recommendations. SWNI is working on setting up a forum to present the changes for the neighborhoods.

The association approved a motion opposing the sale or lease or other disposition by the City of Portland of any city-owned real property to any non-government entity unless there has been open bidding and at least three appraisals; and requiring that the sale or lease price exceed the average of the three appraisals. The association further asked that a similar motion be adopted by the SWNI board and/or the SWNI Parks and Land Use Committee.

Hayhurst

Tuesday, January 2, 7 pm
Vermont Hills United Methodist Church
6053 SW 55th Dr.
Lillie Fitzpatrick, lf@pdx.edu, www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst

Marshall Park

Thursday, January 11, 6 pm
Burlingame Pizza
1103 SW Taylors Ferry Rd

Jen Seamans Blatner
503-246-2434

marshallparkna@yahoo.com

Monthly meeting: The December meeting was cancelled due to the windstorm. We will take up the following agenda items at the next meeting on January 11th.

Friends of Marshall Park: During the community budget process in January and beyond, MPNA urges Portland Parks & Rec to schedule a master plan for Marshall Park, to begin in summer 2007. The Tryon Creek State Park master plan process will begin in July, and it is critical that Marshall Park and other adjacent properties are planned at the same time.

Next work party for invasive plant removal: Saturday, January 6th, 9 am; meet at the Marshall Park picnic tables. Great for any student needing community-service hours! We will also designate a group representative and discuss the Portland Parks & Rec stewardship agreement.

Outreach: MPNA has a grant in review for the purposes of creating a new website, survey, door-to-door outreach, potlucks and monthly nature walks in Marshall Park. If you'd enjoy working with your neighbors on any of these tasks, please email MarshallParkNA@yahoo.com or call 503-246-2434.

Land Use: A number of notices were received in December. If you are concerned about land use-related issues in the neighborhood, including small lot sizes, erosion from storm-water runoff, and removal of ecologically significant trees, please contact the chair.

Volunteers: We still need people to volunteer for the following committees: land use, schools, public safety/problem solving, transportation, & SW Trails. Purpose is to connect with other NAs working on similar issues. If you can attend occasional meetings, great, but even staying on top of issues via email would be helpful.

Email list: To receive meeting reminders/other announcements (1-2 per month), call 503-246-2434 or send a message to MarshallParkNA@yahoo.com.

Bus service changes planned, others being considered

TriMet will be improving Line 35 service on weekends, effective January 14, and considering other changes in schedules for Lines 35 and 43. We would like your feedback. At South Portland Neighborhood Association's (SPNA) December meeting, TriMet staff reported that TriMet will be doubling the number of Saturday and Sunday trips on Line 35-Macadam as of January, with buses running every 30 minutes. When streets and intersection improvements in the South Waterfront area are completed TriMet expects to be able to route the Line 35 on Moody and Bond to better serve that area.

TriMet is also reviewing the performance of Line 43-Taylors Ferry. Beginning in June 2005 the Line 43-Taylors Ferry service was significantly increased, with new "short-line" trips that loop on Corbett-Nebraska-Macadam-Boundary, then returning to downtown on Corbett. Ridership to/from on these short-line trips is very low. On weekdays, short-line trips carry an average of only three to four riders per trip. On weekends, short-line trips average fewer than three riders each trip. Many riders using short-line trips have good options, with access to Line 12 on Barbur and Line 35 on Macadam.

Ideas to better balance TriMet's service and make service more productive include fewer Line 43 short-line trips on weekdays during the midday hours, with service twice each hour instead of three times per hour. There would be no change in Line 43 short-line trips in weekday am and pm peak periods. On weekends, all short-line trips would be removed. All present full-length Line 43 trips going between downtown and Washington Square would be retained in the schedule, seven days a week.

Along with changes in Line 43, TriMet is considering adding later evening service on Line 35-Macadam with the last trip leaving downtown at about 12:30 am weekdays, Saturdays, and Sundays. Evening service on Line 35 would cover all the hours now available on the Line 43.

If you use bus service in SPNA, TriMet would really like to hear from you. Please email comments or questions to Jon Joseph at: josephjo@trimet.org. TriMet staff will be returning to SPNA in early 2007 to discuss their review and recommendations on service adjustments.

Maplewood

Monday, January 8, 7 pm
Friends School, 7426 SW 52nd

Anne-Marie Fischer, 503-452-4240, chair@maplewoodna.com

Maplewood ended 2006 on a productive note. The Chair position was not filled, but there will be two co-chairs until a permanent Chair is elected. Anne-Marie Fischer and Micki Carrier will co-chair. Joan Frazer was voted in as our new Secretary.

A notice of a liquor license application for a warehouse in the Maplewood area was brought up by Anne-Marie. The business name is Premium Vintage Wine Company and is located at 4844 SW Vermont St. and owned by Rupendhar Kanuri. He has applied for a warehouse sales license which allows the storage and distribution of beer/wine/cider in sealed containers for delivery. This is a home business and Kanuri was present at the meeting to answer any concerns brought up by the NA. This location would be temporary until a suitable storage facility can be found.

Reiki Healing/Counseling owned by Frank Coppieters renewed its license to operate at 5440 SW Florida St. There was some concern regarding parking on 55th, due to the narrowness of the street and the fact that buses must have room to pass.

The property at 6744 SW 63rd continues to have a non-permitted cargo container in the side yard. This has been an ongoing issue in the neighborhood since 2002. There have been multiple fines and liens in the past and it looks like if a building permit isn't acquired before January 11, 2007 then this complaint will go to the city's code hearings Officer. This is the same property that is slated to be torn down and replaced with a controversial subdivision.

Parks: Laurie Devos reported that there will be money in Portland Parks to install the small Gabriel Park skateboard spot in the next fiscal year. A citizen from Multnomah neighborhood is spearheading an effort to create nice green spaces along Multnomah Blvd. by the bridge.

Jill Gaddis asked for MNA to start up a Friends of April Hill Park, as a sub-committee. April Hill Park is a multi-use park and has a playground, playing field and a natural area. There is a strong potential for habitat restoration and trails could be built through the park and easements could be opened. She would like to see kiosks up for meeting announcements and other neighborhood information. Restrooms are also needed, as soccer games are played in the park; no toilets currently exist. A dog drinking fountain, covered picnic tables, and benches would also help to attract visitors.

Transportation: Jill Gaddis said that Commissioner Sam Adams has proposed that we pay for any local street improvements—sidewalks, bike lanes, swales for ditches, and crosswalks. Sam mentioned a "halo" around the area where sidewalks would be built, with more cost to homeowners within the halo. Jill will research the estimated monthly cost will be to homeowners. MNA wants to pay for improvements only in our neighborhood and are particularly interested improving the walk-ability along SW 45th, Vermont, and Maplewood Road.

Schools: Jim Battan - playground committee continues to meet to discuss the \$45,000 cost; \$35,000 is already available. The current playground is dated and needs to be replaced. Benefits of the project would include creating a nice drainage field. Maplewood School scrip is selling and has generated \$1400 this year. There will be a Kindergarten Roundup on February 8th. Ad space is available on the back of the PTA news.

Safety: Linda Swanson-Davies passed out safety tips of the month: 1) Motion detection lighting around cars and home/yard access points will often send prowlers elsewhere. Just 60 watts will draw your (and your neighbors') attention when needed and will not create the blind spots that tend to be created by stronger wattage. 2) Be sure your street number is visible from the street, even at night, should emergency folks ever need to come to your house. 3) Leave NOTHING visible in your car.

Land Use: Vern Krist feels that if a contractor damages a street in the act of building new houses, they must repair it. Jill mentioned the person to contact to complain about such matters in Sam Adams' office is Roland Chalapowski. His email is rchapowski@ci.portland.org.us.

Discussion regarding the abuse of trees during local construction: Micki Carrier passed out photos of construction site violations (tree root zones encroached upon), as well as photos showing the way Lake Oswego protects its trees by putting up metal fences around them, patrolling construction sites and providing adequate signage for citizens to call about concerns. She also went to city hall on December 13 to present on this issue.

Conservation Easement Status: Gary Swanson Davies reports that the Conservation Easement Committee has a letter requesting donations ready to be mailed, but we are holding off while the landowner and Three Rivers Land Conservancy, the nonprofit land conservation group that will hold the easement, work out the details regarding public access to the property. At our membership meeting, it was decided that the neighborhood association would support the project if we have pedestrian access to the planned trail in the woodlands, from dawn to dusk. Once the access issue is resolved, we will begin our fundraising efforts.

JANUARY: NO BOARD MEETING-REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 8, AT 7 PM.

-PLEASE BRING CANNED AND NON-PERISHABLE FOODS TO THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEETINGS.

Multnomah

Tuesday, January 9, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Brian Russell, 503-869-1632
barusse@hotmail.com

Happy New Year, neighbors! I hope everyone has added "Attend monthly neighborhood association meeting" to their resolutions lists. If you haven't, it's not too late to do so. We want you to come out and share your ideas and your energy with us.

Our December meeting was host to our annual elections and we've added some new members to the board and kept some old ones. Jessica Wade graciously volunteered to be our new secretary and Randy Bonella agreed to step up as our vice-chair. Jessica has been spearheading the Multnomah Outdoor Cinema (and doing a killer job!). Randy is putting together the grants and coordinating all the work on the Multnomah Village Park project in the right-of-way around the bridge. Erik Vidstrand returns for at least the third consecutive term as treasurer. I will be continuing as the chair of the neighborhood association for another year. Thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated in our most local of elections!

We also had a presentation from Rick Nitti (and team) of Neighborhood House about their plans for the Sears Armory. We appreciate that they continue to keep us up to date on their ideas. Next step: All interested parties will be invited to a brainstorming session to get all the ideas out on the table. We hope to have this organized for February.

Volunteer Opportunity: We need 6-8 individuals to serve on the Spring Garden Adventure Park committee. This committee will be involved in the design phase and fundraising efforts. Time commitment: 1-2 hours/month. Duration: about 1 year. If you and/or your family use the park, please consider giving back to the community.

There are many ways that you can help make your neighborhood a better place and improve the livability of Multnomah. I invite you to call me with your ideas and questions about how you can get involved. You'll feel good and have fun doing it!

Far Southwest

Tuesday, January 9, 7 pm
Comfort Suites Motel
SW 60th & Barbur
Andy Rocker, 503-452-3145
rockerport@msn.com

Andy Rocker, our faithful chair, is resigning and the neighborhood needs to find a new leader. If anyone is interested in the position, please contact SWNI Executive Director Sylvia Bogert (503-823-4592) to discuss the job responsibilities. Elections will be held at our January 9th meeting.

The neighborhood extends a warm thank you to Andy for his years of service to the community and our neighborhood. We appreciate the care he has extended towards problem solving and community building. We will miss you.

South Portland (formerly CTLH)

Wednesday, January 3, 7 pm,
Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church, 0206 SW Condor Ave.
Ken Love, 503-245-7795, TLC11@mindspring.com
www.southportlandna.org

TRAM NEWS: As you know, the tram is up and running. The inaugural ride for big-shot dignitaries, including our own NA chair Ken Lovewas Dec. 14. Ken rode down next to Mayor Potter and talked about his concern for the privacy of Lair Hill residents. The following Saturday, the Portland Office of Transportation sponsored rides for residents in the neighborhood affected by the tram. Many people share Ken's privacy concerns. The bottom portion of the tram windows are frosted which definitely will obscure the prying eyes of anyone below the age of 5 or so. However, several people also noted that the tram is at such a high angle and it goes so fast that it is hard to get anything but a fleeting intrusive view.

Almost everyone agreed that the tram ride was fun. One longtime opponent even rode it up and down several times and said "That is so much fun, I hate it." There are more pictures from the neighborhood tram ride and even a movie of the ride down on our website. See for yourself. Or, if you didn't get a chance to ride that day, PDOT is planning another neighborhood ride January 10. Call Ken Love, 503-245-7795, as soon as possible to put your name on the list, since they are limiting our rides. Of course, everyone will be able to ride after January for the \$4 fare, but it's a lot more fun to ride it with all your neighbors.

A view of Corbett Ave and the Ross Island Grocery from the tram.



If it's cold, make sure you dress warm as there is no heat on the tram. (What do you expect for only \$57 million!)

One thing is very obvious from the tram rides; we live in a beautiful neighborhood with distinctive architecture, old and new. It looks really good from above and we need to continue to work very hard to preserve our classic structures and make sure all new construction match them in style and character.

There will be a grand opening ceremony for the tram on Jan. 27 and 28. The city is looking for volunteers to help on that day. It could be a lot of fun and if it interests you, contact Bill Danneman, 503-228-9868, who is working on that project with PDOT.



Ken Love of South Portland NA and Susan Egnor of Homestead NA after their ride up the hill.

SOUTH PORTLAND WINTER HIKE: Everyone is invited to join us for a hike along the greenway trail on Saturday, January 13th, at 9:10 am. The hike is sponsored by SW Trails. For more information see page 4.

THANKS, MARK! We are very grateful to Mark Kemball for over 8 years of service to our neighborhood as a board member and recorder. Mark was on our board as a representative of OHSU and he had to resign as OHSU promoted him to another position. Mark always went way above and beyond what was required as OHSU's representative to help the neighborhood in every way he could. He was always gracious and polite to everyone, even when it was sometimes difficult being in the minority on our board regarding the tram issue. The South Portland NA presented him with a very special plaque and resolution of appreciation. Thanks, Mark, for all your dedicated time and service!

EXTRA PARKING PERMIT ALLOCATION: We need to review the allocation of extra parking permits. There will be two public meetings to discuss this, first at our regular Transportation and Parking meeting (see below) and second on **January 26 at 6 pm** at the same location. Please contact chair Bill Danneman if you have questions.

BUS ROUTE CHANGES: TriMet is the process of making changes to bus lines 35 and 43 in our neighborhood see article on page

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

Transportation: Tuesday, January 2, 6 pm, Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact: committee chair Bill Danneman at 503-228-9868 for more info.

Land Use Committee: Monday, January 15, 7:15 pm, at Lair Hill Market, 2823 SW 1st. Contact: committee chair Jim Davis, 503-248-9820.

Communications/Finance/Parks Committee: Wednesday, January 17, 7 pm, at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: Lee Buhler, 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com.

South Burlingame

Monday, January 8, 7 pm, Burlingame Baptist Church 125 SW Miles
Mike Andrews, 503-977-6262, mike.andrews@wrgdesign.com

Are you aware that the open space next to you house may be in the process of being re-developed? That is true for two properties in our neighborhood.

The first one is at the address 7908 SW Ruby Terrace and the second is at 8426 SW 7th Ave Both of these lots are currently in existing neighborhoods surrounded by single residents housing. The Ruby Terrace development includes a property line modification for the addition of a row house type structure to be located adjacent to existing residences. The other property is on 7th Ave. involves the demolition of an older house (which has already been removed) also for some type of rowhouse development for two new units. Both land divisions for this development comply with city code, but the word on the street is that the neighbors are concerned that the development may not fit the character or architectural style of the neighborhood. The neighbors are requesting additional information of this development.

We are requesting that the developers/architect contact the South Burlingame

Neighborhood Board to set a time to present the development drawings for the neighbors review in a civil forum. The board will make time for the presentation on January 8th and in March. We look forward from hearing from them.

The last item is the concern of dangerous 4x4 truck traffic cutting through the open green space on Carson Green space between 10th and 8th. This is a common open space area and right-of-way that is used for pedestrian traffic and appears to be a mini park between housing on a very steep slope. Currently, this property is maintained by adjacent home owners and is grassed to keep erosion down and enhance the neighborhood aesthetics. Neighbors have reported late night traffic driving through this area that has caused landscape damage to neighbors yards and near misses to vehicles and public property. We will be exploring the possibility of having the city provide a barrier or additional tree planting in this area to reduce dangerous late night traffic in our next meeting.

West Portland Park

Thursday, January 11, 7 pm,
Markham School Library, 10531 SW Capitol Hwy

David Gens, 503-244-8043, neighborhoodlink.com/wppna

Proposed City Charter Changes: Here we go again. There is a move to change the City Charter to have a strong mayor system, rather than the balanced mayor-commissioners system we now have. In the proposed changes, the mayor would appoint all bureau heads and hired administrators. Commissioners would not have bureaus assigned. To learn more plan to attend the SWNI City Charter Forum Tuesday, January 16 (see front page for more information)

Mayor Potter would like to get this issue onto the May ballot. Others would like to move the vote to November or sometime in 2008.

January board meeting vote: At the January WPP NA board meeting, Thursday, January 11, 7 - 8:30 pm, we will vote on a motion to go on record opposing the proposed new City Charter. If you would like to express your opinion on how this vote should go be sure to attend the meeting.

Jake Brakes: This is turning out to be convoluted issue. In a recent letter from Scott Westerman, former Community Policing Officer in SW Portland, he gave us an update on the issue. Officer Westerman says that the use of Jake brakes in areas of I-5 with homes within 200' (includes large portion of I-5 in SW in both directions) would be a violation of Portland city code.

However, ODOT refuses to allow Portland to place signs on I-5 warning truck drivers that the use of Jake brakes in those stretches is illegal. As a result, the judges in Multnomah County will not find someone guilty for a charge they couldn't possibly know they were violating.

We were told that there is not a state law regarding Unmuffled Braking (Jake brakes), which would be required before putting the signs along I-5. But, we then heard from Gary Hansen that such a law does already exist.

Holly Farm Park: Look for construction to begin in January at the Holly Farm Park next to the Capitol Hill Library. If things go as planned it should be ready to use in July.

Other Parks News: The SWNI Park Committee is looking for input on priorities in southwest. The WPP NA

Parks Committee suggested these priorities:

- Planning for Maricara Park.
- Planning for Marshall Park.

Dickinson Park playground equipment. The group fund-raising for the equipment has raised \$18,000. They need a total of \$80,000.

Halo LIDs: Sometimes road work needs to be done on roads that nearly all of us use regularly, such as SW 35th, Huber Street and Pomona Street. When those occasions arise should only those living directly along the street in question pay all the fees, or should we all share in the cost? Sharing the costs is called a Halo LID (Local Improvement District). What this means is that anyone who lives within 400' of the proposed improvements shares in paying. Since those paying for the improvements have to vote in favor of the plan, spreading out the costs to more should make it easier to get a yes vote.

Land Use Laws Enforcement: Enforcement of the land use laws is complaint driven. What this means is that if any of us sees a violation of land use laws we need to call and complain. Recently this writer saw Arnold Creek east of SW 35th looking like liquid chocolate. The location is just below a new construction project.

To file a complaint call 503-823-4000 and ask for Erosion Control, and tell them what you saw. Did this writer file a complaint? You bet I did? And, every time I walk by that site and see muddy creek water I will file another complaint. You can too.

Be sure to join us at the next board meeting at Markham School library, January 11, 7 pm.

At the January meeting, neighbors from the Islamic Center will present a proposed concept plan for the use of their lot on SW Alfred, opposite the mosque. A land use review in 2003 approved 27 spaces of surface parking, keeping the old house. The new proposal would instead provide more than 40 parking spaces in an underground structure, removing the house and building a gym for the Islamic Center school. The new building would be designed to match the residential neighborhood. Neighbors are warmly invited to attend to learn about and discuss the proposal.



7688 SW Capitol Hwy., 503-244-5204
(Open 9 am - 3:30 pm, M-F)

Neighborhood House, Inc. Senior Center

FREE TAX AID

For taxpayers with low and middle income, with special attention to those age 60 or older.

Tax assistance appointments begin February 5th. You must schedule appointments. AARP Tax-Aid volunteers provide free tax counseling and preparation service. This service can answer most of the tax issues faced by low and middle income tax-payers. 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, February 5th-April 11th, from 9 am - 4 pm. Call 503-244-5204 after January 15th 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 when you come:

- 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 years tax return.
- Childcare providers' information
- Taxpayers' banking information.
- Estimated tax payments made.
- Amounts of other income.
- Both spouses should be present or return will be delayed.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS!

Our Harvest Bazaar crafters had so much fun getting together and being creative, they thought they would start meeting year-round. There will be a kick-off meeting on Friday, January 5th, noon at the senior center.

SSI CLASSES

The Arts of Mali: Wednesday, 10 am - noon, Jan. 10, 17, 24th. Dozens of original field photographs, unique indigenous weavings, iron brass castings, jewelry, pottery and wood carving will be used to explore the enormously rich cultural heritage of this poverty-injured nation where Dr. Rachel Hoffman worked for 2 1/2 years. Fine and tourist art, fakes and the art market, social issues, geography, history and mythology will stimulate discussion of her presentation.

Byzantium and its History: Jan. 31, Feb. 7 & 14. For more than 1100 years, from the fall of Rome, the Byzantine Empire carries on the traditions of the "Classical" society and rules much of the western world. Yet for all its activity, Byzantium is almost forgotten in history. Sean Munger will present an overview of its history and culture and discuss why this empire, far from being a footnote to history, should be considered a pillar of Western civilization.

Great Entertainers: Jan. 18. Irv Adler continues this series. This time he presents two great comedians-Sid Caesar and Danny Kaye.

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. Free
QIGONG CLASSES: Monday, 10 - 11 am. Free.

SENIOR LAW PROJECT: 2nd and 4th Tuesdays. Appointments begin at 9 am. This service is available to you if either you or your spouse is 60+ years of age, and are residents of Multnomah Co. The initial 30-minute consultation is free, regardless of your income. Further assistance may be available for those meeting income guidelines. Local attorneys donate their time for this valuable service. To make an appointment, call 503-244-5204.

FOOT CLINIC: Third Wed., 9 am - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$27. Reservations fill up quickly. Make an appointment by calling 503-244-5204.

ACUPUNCTURE: Mondays. Appointment and payment in advance required. \$45 for first visit; \$35 for subsequent visits.

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

FALUN GONG: Mondays, 1 - 2 pm. Free.

STABILITY BALL & YOGA: Tues., 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. Thurs., 9:10 - 10:10 am. Fee: \$3.

YOGA: Fri. 10 - 11:30 am. Fee \$3/ session.

RHYTHMIC EXERCISE: Tues., 10:15 - 11:15 am. Thurs., 10:15 - 11:15 am. Fee: \$3 session.

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP: Fourth Tues., 5 - 7:30 pm. If you have any questions, call 503-244-5204.

CONVERSATION CIRCLE: Wed., 1:30 - 2:15 pm.

MASSAGE: Tues. afternoons. Appointments and advance payment required. Fee: \$27 for 30-minute sessions.

Hearing Aid Testing: Second Wednesday 1 - 2 pm.

Generational Differences: Thursday, Jan 11th, 1 - 3 pm. Steve Hanamura will lead participants in exploring what they as senior citizens still have to offer other generations. His company is committed to making a difference in the lives of individuals and organizations. They foster work on understanding how we must draw from the past and work in the present to build a future.

Great Decisions: Jan. 25, Feb 1, 8, 15, 22, and Mar. 1. John Somers continues this very well received ongoing series in conjunction with a program at PSU.

JANUARY TRIPS

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

Trip registration begins on December 28th for all trips!

Woodburn Company Stores & Lunch at Sweet Tomatoes: 11 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, January 3. Cost: \$5.50, plus money for shopping/food. Enjoy lunch at Sweet Tomatoes restaurant followed by outlet shopping at the many stores located at the Woodburn Shopping Mall.

Shopping @ Uwajimaya Asian Market: 11 am - 2 pm, Thursday, January 11. FREE and money for shopping/food. To register for this trip, call Ann at 503-244-5204 x103. Start the new year with a special treat of imported foods and gifts from Asia.

Rice NW Museum of Rocks & Minerals: 12:30 - 3 pm, Thursday, January 25th. Cost: \$4.50, plus \$4.50 for admission. Enjoy beautiful geologic wonders of the earth as you tour the Rice family collection of rocks and minerals. This museum features the Northwest's finest collection of world-class gems and minerals in elegant displays throughout the museum. There's something for everyone - dazzling opals, emeralds, amethysts, giant crystals and fabulous petrified logs.

World Forestry Center & Big Red's Restaurant: 11 am - 3 pm. Wednesday, January 31. Cost: \$3.50, plus \$6 for admission & lunch \$. Enjoy a magnificent collection of Ansel Adams' best photography, followed by a western-style lunch at nearby Big Red's restaurant.

Library events, emergency preparedness, etc.

Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy. 503-988-5385

FOR FAMILIES

Toddler Storytime: Children 24-36 months. Thursdays, 10:15-10:45 am.

Preschool Storytime: Children 3-6 years. Thursdays, 11:15-11:45 am.

TinyTots: For children 12-24 months. Fridays, 10:15-10:45 am.

Book Babies: Children 0-12 months with adult. Saturdays, 10:15-10:45 am.

Sensory Storytime: Open to all preschoolers. It is especially geared to children with sensory integration issues. If your child has difficulty sitting through one of the library's other storytimes, this program of stories, songs and activities may be just what you are looking for. We encourage you to talk with the youth librarian before attending, so she can learn more about your child and alert you to procedures that help the library cope with room capacity issues. Fri., Jan. 5, 11:15-11:45 am.

Pajama Time: Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite teddy bear for storytime! Wed., Jan. 17, 7-7:30 pm.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Read to the Dogs: Registration required; call 503-988-5385. Sat., Jan. 6, 10 am-noon.

Kids A.T.L.A.S. (at the Library After School): Thu., Jan. 11, 3:30-4:30 pm.

Teen Council: Share your ideas and help us plan upcoming programs! Wed., Jan. 17, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Mad Science: Fire and Ice: The Mad Scientist uses fire to make a card disappear and magically reappear and to make small and large balls float in mid-air. Free tickets available 30 minutes before the program. Sat., Jan. 27, 1-2 p.m.

Teen Movie Night: For teens in grades 6-12. Tue., Jan. 30, 5:30-7:30 pm.

FOR ADULTS

Pageturners: Read *The Great Influenza: The Epic Story of the Deadliest Plague in History* by John M. Barry. Thu., Jan. 4, 1:30-2:30 pm; Tue., Jan. 9, 7-8 pm.

COMPUTER CLASSES

TechnoHosts: Volunteers help you use the library's online databases and guides, and practice basic computer skills. Wednesdays, 5-6:30 pm.

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: This series of classes is for seniors who want to learn how to use a computer. You must register and attend all three sessions. Call 503-988-5234. Wednesdays, Jan. 17, 24 and 31, 10 am-noon.

Friends of Tryon Creek

11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd

503-636-9886



Preschool - Rock into Geology: Series of four Tuesdays: Jan. 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6; 1-2 pm. Ages 3-6 + adult. Discover how rocks form from heat and pressure, watch explosions of a volcano and erode giant rocks into sand. Explore the park's geology through nature hikes and hands-on science experiments. Fee covers one adult and one child. Fee: \$30 (\$26 for members); Preregistration required.

Introduction to Cedar Bark Basketry: Saturday, Jan. 27; 9 am-4 pm. Age: 16 - adult. This workshop is an introduction to Western red cedar, the gold of Northwest basket weavers. A

short slide show of the historical and contemporary uses of this precious resource. Then learn plaiting and twining techniques with red cedar and cattail or iris leaves, as you form a basket, the size of a 16-oz. can. Some of the cedar will be ready for you to weave, but you will also have the opportunity to prepare your own. Fee: \$40 (\$34 for members) with a \$15 materials fee. Preregistration required.

Story and a Stroll: Fridays, 1 - 2 pm. Age: all ages, targeted towards younger children. Join a park naturalist for nature story time and a brief stroll through the park. Free. Please preregister.

January 5 - Dirt

January 12 - Eagles

January 19 - Snow

January 26 - Frogs.

Saturday Guided Nature Hikes: Saturdays, 10 - 11:30 am. Age: all ages, parents must accompany kids on all hikes. Topics will vary from week to week but will be appropriate for all ages. For more specific information or if bringing groups larger than 10, call 503-636-9886 ext. 25. Fee: free.

January 6 - Hibernation

January 13 - Ethnobotany of Cedar

January 20 - Winter Twig Identification

January 27 - Conifers of Tryon Creek

Sunday at Two Lecture Series: 2 - 3 pm. Ages: all ages. Free.

January 7 - Salmon Safe

January 14 - Oregon's Bald Eagle Nesting Project

January 21 - Fire in Northwest Forests

January 28 - Coexisting with Urban Coyotes



Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd., 503-988-5388

FOR FAMILIES

Story Stop: Children 0-6 years with adult. Mondays through Thursdays, 11:30-11:45 am. (except Jan. 1 and 15).

Tiny Tots: Children 12-24 months with adult. Mondays, 10:15-11 am (except Jan. 1 and 15)

Preschool Storytime: Children 3-6 years with adult. Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45 am (except Jan. 2)

Toddler Storytime: Children 24-36 months with adult. Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 am. (except Jan. 3)

Book Babies: Children 0-12 months with adult. Thursdays, 10:15-11 am (except Jan. 4).

Fimo Clay Hearts: Sat., Jan. 20, 11 am-1 pm.

The No. 1 Hillsdale Knitting Society: Children 5 years and older as well as adults. Sat., Jan. 27, 10 am-noon.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Teen Lounge & Homework Center: For teens in grades 6-12. Thurs., 2:30-4:30 pm.

Read to the Dogs: Registration required; call 503-988-5388. Sat., Jan. 6, 10 am-noon; Sat., Jan. 20, 10 am-noon.

Teen Council-Zine Publishing for Teens: Meet new friends, learn new skills, help the library, eat snacks, have fun and learn how to publish your own zine! Registration required call 503-988-5234; Wed., Jan. 17, 4-5:30 pm.

FOR ADULTS

Intercambio/Language Exchange: Engage in conversation with native English speakers who want to practice their Spanish and with native Spanish speakers who want to practice their English. There will be time for conversation in both languages. Conversación para los hablantes nativos de inglés y español que

quieren mejorar el segundo idioma. Habrá tiempo para conversar en ambos idiomas. Tuesdays/martes, 6:15-7:45 pm.

Pageturners: Tue., Jan. 9, 6:30-7:45 pm, read *Indian Givers: How the Indians of the Americas Transformed the World* by Jack Weatherford; Thu., Jan. 18, 12:30-2 pm, read *The Dew Breaker* by Edwidge Danticat.

COMPUTER CLASSES

TechnoHosts: Volunteers help you search the web, play educational CD-ROM games, and look up materials with the library's online catalog. Use the library's online databases and guides and practice basic computer skills. Sundays, 12:30-4:30 pm or Thursdays, 1-3 pm.

Computer Lab: Assistants are available to help beginners practice their computer skills. Sundays, 2:30-4:30 pm.

Windows & Web for Beginners: This class helps students who have little computer or Internet experience gain an understanding of basic computer terms and functions, as well as introductory Internet skills. Mon., Jan. 22, 3:30-5 pm.

Web Basics: Learn about the World Wide Web, explore the library's home page, and practice entering web addresses. Participants need to be comfortable using a keyboard and a mouse. Sat., Jan. 27, 3:30-5 pm.

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: This series of classes is for seniors who want to learn how to use a computer. Learn to use a mouse, search the Internet, and send and receive e-mail. You must register and attend all three sessions; register online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234. Mondays, Jan. 29, Feb. 5 and 12, 1-3 pm.

Check the Free Classes @yourlibrary schedule for a complete list of computer classes.

Is getting fit on the top of your resolutions list?

Join Johns Landing Curves now for 30% off the joining fee, and the first 30 days are FREE.

Community Service Event

Stream restoration and native planting on Saturday, January 20th from 9 am until noon in Albert Kelly Park, located along SW Boundary and Mitchell Ct. off Dosch Rd.

Please join the Bridlemile Creek Stewards for this planting, get free native plants and have a hot lunch.

Dress for the weather and check the web site Albert Kelly Creek for a weather-caused change of schedule. For more information, contact Greg Schifsky 503-246-2714 or Steve Mullinax 503-768-9065.

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Party planning tips for an alcohol-safe and drug-free holiday season to remember

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The winter holidays are a time to enjoy the company of family, friends, and coworkers. Whether you are planning a dinner, informal gathering, or holiday party, your job as host is very important. Your many responsibilities include planning the menu or catering, organizing entertainment, and considering space arrangements. However, some of the most crucial details can be overlooked in all of the frenzy. Perhaps your most important re-

sponsibility as host for a party or gathering where alcohol is involved is to take steps to ensure your guests' safety both during and after the celebration. Drinking and driving is an all too familiar and tragic combination. More people are on the road, and they also are consuming alcohol as a part of their holiday celebrations. Statistics like the ones highlighted below remind us how important it is to plan an event where non-alcoholic beverages and alternative transportation options are available.

Since 1975, more than 190,000 lives have been saved through increased awareness and legislation related to alcohol-impaired driving. Still, impaired driving exacts too great a toll on American families. Here are the facts according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration:

- In 2004, an estimated 13.5 percent of persons aged 12 or older (32.5 million persons) drove under the influence of alcohol at least once in the 12 months before the interview.
- In 2004, 16,694 people were killed in alcohol-related crashes—an average of one almost every half hour. These deaths constituted approximately 39 percent of the 42,636 total traffic fatalities. This is a 2-percent decrease from 2003, when 17,105 people were killed in alcohol-related traffic crashes, representing 40 percent of the 42,884 people killed in all traffic crashes.
- An estimated 10.2 percent of 16- to 17-years old, 20.2 percent of 18- to 20-years old, and 28.2 percent of 21- to 25-years old reported driving under the influence of alcohol in 2004.
- In 2004, 42,636 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes and 16,694, or 39 percent, of these were alcohol related. Alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes kill someone every 31 minutes and non-fatally injure someone every 2 minutes.
- In 2004, an estimated 248,000 persons were injured in crashes in which police reported that alcohol was present—an average of 1 person injured approximately every 2 minutes.
- Alcohol was involved in 39 percent of fatal crashes and in 7 percent of all crashes in 2004.
- The rate of alcohol involvement in fatal crashes is more than three times as high at night as during the day (60 percent vs. 18 percent). For all crashes, the alcohol involvement rate is five times as high at night (16 percent vs. 3 percent).
- In 2004, 51 percent of all fatal crashes that occurred on weekends were alcohol-related.
- In 2004, 14,409 traffic fatalities occurred in crashes in which at least one driver or non-occupant had a BAC of 0.08 or greater. By following the tips in this booklet, you can take steps to prevent impaired driving this holiday season.



Impairment begins with the first drink. For safety's sake, never drive after drinking!

Tips for Party Givers

- Avoid making alcohol the main focus of social events. Entertain guests with music, dancing, games, food, and lively conversation.
- Did you know that one in three adults prefers a nonalcoholic beverage? Make sure to offer plenty of nonalcoholic choices such as sparkling water, fancy juice drinks, soft drinks, and bottled drinking water.
- Provide guests with nutritious and appealing foods to slow the effects of alcohol. High-protein and carbohydrate foods like cheese and meats are especially good. They stay in the stomach much longer, which slows the rate at which the body absorbs alcohol. Avoid salty foods, which encourage people to drink more.
- Require bartenders to measure the correct amount of liquor into drinks (no doubles), and instruct them not to serve anyone who appears to be impaired. Have the bartender check the ID of anyone who appears to be under the age of 30 (no ID, no alcohol).
- Stop serving drinks at least 1 hour before the end of the event. Instead, serve coffee, non-alcoholic beverages, and desserts at that time.
- Recruit people ahead of time who will not be drinking to help ensure that everyone has a safe ride home.

When the Party's Over

Your responsibility as a host is even more important at this point. Should any of your guests be unable to drive due to alcohol impairment, be sure to provide several options. Be prepared to offer your guests alternate forms of transportation:

- Know what "safe ride" programs are available in your area.
- Keep the phone numbers of several cab companies handy.
- Ask someone who was not drinking to drive a guest home.

If the above options are not available, you can offer your place to spend the night. If the person insists on driving despite his or her obvious intoxication, take the keys, ask for help from other guests, or temporarily disable the car. If all else fails, say you will call the police (and do so).

Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) Winter 2007 Course Outline

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to take the NET training and learn how to be prepared during an emergency? Or do you need to make up a couple of the class sessions you missed on another training? Here is the schedule of the next course held at Portland Fire & Rescue Training Center, 4800 NE 122nd Avenue, just north of Sandy Blvd. (Use the building entrance nearest the flagpole). All sessions will be held 6:30 - 9:30 pm on Wednesdays. Final exercise will be Saturday, March 3.

Session #1: Wednesday, 01/10. Disaster Awareness and Home Preparedness, Neighborhood Preparedness; and NETs.

Session #2: Wednesday, 01/17, Utility Control, Fire Extinguishers and Hazardous Materials.



Session #3: Wednesday, 01/24, Disaster Medicine: Life-Threatening Injuries and Medical Triage.

Session #4: Wednesday, 01/31, Disaster Medicine: Treating Common Injuries and Secondary Patient Assessment.

Session #5: Wednesday, 02/07, Building Size-Up/ Visual Damage Assessment and Urban Search Techniques.

Session #6: Wednesday, 02/14, Rescue Techniques and Patient Transport.

Session #7: Wednesday, 02/21. Disaster Psychology and Trauma Intervention, NET Team Organization and NETs in Action--Tabletop Exercise.

Final Exercise: Saturday, 03/03.

Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for October 2006																
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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10.2	
Ashcreek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	4	9.5	
Bridlemile	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	1	2	7	14.6	
Collins View	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	5	0	3	11	78.3	
Crestwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	9.2	
Far Southwest	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	4	65.6	
Hayhurst	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	10	13.5	
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	22.6	
Hillsdale	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	1	6	3	16	33	28.2	
Homestead	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	2	7	79.8	
Maplewood	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	5	16.0	
Markham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	4	18.1	
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	9.8	
Multnomah	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	10	0	4	0	2	19	33.8	
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	18.0	
SW Hills	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	10	0	0	1	1	13	26.6	
S Portland	0	0	0	0	0	1	4	0	14	1	6	5	7	38	60.4	
W Ptld Park	0	0	1	0	0	2	3	0	1	0	2	1	0	10	30.9	
Total SW	0	0	3	0	2	17	12	0	54	5	29	12	40	174	29.7	

New Year's resolutions with a crime-prevention and public-safety twist

Michael Boyer: Southwest Portland Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

One of the great traditions that New Year brings us is the New Year's Resolutions List. This is an excellent opportunity to list out goals that you want to accomplish in the New Year. For 2007 I urge everyone to take a look at the big picture and incorporate some crime prevention and public safety items into your New Year's Resolutions List. The following are all suggestions that relate to crime prevention and public-safety in one way or another. While taking on all of these suggestions may not be possible, picking a couple of items that are important to you could have a large impact on the safety of yourself, your family, and your community in 2007.



- Make your car "showroom-clean" to avoid becoming a victim of a car prowler crime. Car prowls are crimes of opportunity, and they are one of the more common crimes in Southwest Portland. If a car prowler cannot see anything to steal by looking in your car, they are less likely to try and break into your car.
 - Start or revive a dormant Neighborhood, Business, or Apartment Watch. This is a great way to connect with your neighbors and watch out for each others' safety and property. The Crime Prevention Program is always ready to assist anyone in this area.
 - Practice Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED). This involves many simple improvements you can make around your home, so that it will be less likely that you will become a victim of a burglary. The Portland Police Bureau produces a fabulous booklet on this issue called "A Guide to Home and Vehicle Security." You can visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/police/> to get a copy or pick up one in person at the Community Contact Office at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, Room 41.
 - Join your local Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET). Learn how to handle the first 72 hours of a citywide or regional emergency such as a severe winter storm, flood, or major earthquake. For more information on NET, visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/oem/>.
 - Take part in the Ready Safe Go Conference. This is an educational event organized by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and Portland's Office of Emergency Management, that takes place on April 28th. It is a great opportunity to learn about a variety of crime-prevention and emergency-preparedness topics. Registration will take place in January, so be on the lookout. Feel free to contact me at 503-823-3131 for more details at any time.
 - Get involved in local government. This can be done through a wide variety of avenues. Taking part in the city budget process, attending city council, contacting government officials about your concerns, lobbying legislators, signing up with Portland Online (<http://www.portlandonline.com>), and most importantly voting are all great ways to get involved.
 - Volunteer in an area that relates to public safety or crime prevention. The city of Portland is full of very rewarding volunteer opportunities. There are more places to volunteer than I can possibly list, but one of my personal favorites is the Police Activity League (PAL). They can be reached at 503-823-0250 or <http://www.portlandonline.com/police>.
- These are some of many possible actions you can take in the new year to help ensure that you, your family, and community have a safe and crime-free 2007. As always, you are more than welcome to contact me for more information on these or any other crime prevention or public safety topics. Best of luck on your New Year's Resolutions, whatever they may be.

Are you ready for winter?

excerpts from City of Beaverton, *Your City*

Winter weather too often catches people unprepared. Many fatalities related to ice and snow occur in automobiles driving on icy roads, from over-exertion shoveling snow, and hypothermia from prolonged exposure to the cold. Here are some tips to help you prepare for winter.

PREPARE IN ADVANCE: Have extra blankets on hand and ensure each member of your household has a warm coat, gloves/mittens, a hat, and water-resistant boots. Check battery-powered equipment and spare batteries. If you have propane or oil heat fuel supply, have enough food and bottled water to last for at least three days. Stock up on basic medicines like aspirin and cold medicines. Winterize your car before the season starts and keep the fuel tank full.

WINTER DRESS: Winter clothing should be layered and easy to remove to prevent overheating. Wear a hat, gloves or mittens and water-resistant boots.

FOOD & DRINK: Food provides the body with energy for producing its own heat. Keep the body replenished with fluids (water and juice; limit your intake of caffeine and alcohol) to prevent dehydration.

COLD-RELATED INJURIES:

Heart Attack - Help prevent a heart attack by staying warm, slow down and take frequent breaks. If you feel chest pain, STOP and seek immediate help.

Hypothermia - Prolonged exposure to cold temperatures can cause hypothermia. If the person's body temperature drops below 95 degrees Fahrenheit, get emergency medical assistance immediately! If medical care is not available, begin warming the person slowly. Warm the body core first. Do not warm the extremities (arms and legs) first. Remove wet clothing; wrap the victim in warm blankets, and give WARM, non-alcoholic, non-caffeinated liquids until help arrives. If your pet is exposed to the cold for too long it also can have hypothermia.

Frostbite - Over-exposure to cold can cause body tissue to become frozen. Victims will experience a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in fingers, toes, ear lobes, or the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately! If you must wait for help, slowly warm the affected areas. Follow instructions for hypothermia.

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
SW Crime Prevention Coordinator Michael Boyer 503-823-3131	
Neighborhood Response Team Officers Mark Friedman & Brian Hughes 503-823-0234 & 503-823-0235	
Mental Health Crisis Line 503-988-4888	
Traffic Safety & Livability Hotline 503-823-SAFE	
Nuisance, housing code violations 503-823-7306	
Abandoned auto hotline 503-823-7309	
Noise control office 503-823-7350	
Graffiti abatement hotline 503-823-4TAG	
Liquor license issues 503-823-3092	
Independent Police Review 503-823-0146	

Elected Officials

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Commissioner Sam Adams 503-823-3008 samadams@ci.portland.or.us
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Helpful websites

Office of Neighborhood Involvement website www.portlandonline.com/oni	Information on domestic violence www.co.multnomah.or.us/dchs/dv/ Good basic information and many local resources. It also includes an excellent web-based training for businesses and other groups. Highly recommended.
• Neighborhood demographics • Neighborhood association contact info • Maps of neighborhood boundaries • Crime prevention educational materials	Information on identity theft www.consumer.gov/idtheft/ Includes detailed materials on preventing and recovering from identity theft. A site run by the Federal Trade Commission.
Portland Police Bureau website www.portlandonline.com/police	Information on hate crimes www.tolerance.org A website of the Southern Poverty Law Center, one of the nation's leading authori- ties on violence based on racism, homopho- bia, religious bigotry, etc.
• CrimeMapper- see crime levels for 8 different crimes in your immediate area for the past 12 months. Just type in your address.	Information on sex offender registration. www.co.multnomah.or.us/dcj/acjs/sexoffender- sup.html Info on how sex offender registration & notification works in Oregon
• "Guide to home & vehicle security"- an excellent booklet detailing measures you can take to improve your home's resistance to burglary, vandalism, and other crimes.	Resources for youth www.girlsinitiativenetwork.org A local community-based coalition of girls, young women, and their supporters involved in advocacy, education, and activism.
• Guide to robbery prevention & response- great tips for businesses to both reduce the chance of being robbed and know what to do if it happens.	www.yar.org Provides grants to young people to design and carry out service projects.
• "Problem-solving resource guide"- the same list of referral numbers the police officers carry around. Very helpful.	www.girlsinc.org National non-profit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.
• Public information office- sign up to re- ceive emailed notices of CrimeStoppers alerts and other news related to crime prevention and law enforcement. This is the list that local TV stations and newspapers use to find out about break- ing stories.	www.mcgruff.org A site run by the National Crime Prevention Council. Includes many games and activities to teach children about crime prevention.
• Suspected drug house complaint form- the Drugs and Vice Division wants to hear from you if you know about a pos- sible drug house.	
Sites for federal statistics on crime www.ncjrs.org www.ncvc.org www.ojp.usdoj.gov www.fedstats.gov www.albany.edu/sourcebook/	

City of Portland main website
www.portlandonline.com

Multnomah County main
website
www.co.multnomah.or.us

Metro regional government
main website
www.metro-region.org

State of Oregon main website
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Map, calendar, tree recycle and walk

Reducing exposure to lead in household plumbing

Some households in Portland may be exposed to lead in drinking water if materials in a building's plumbing contain lead. These may include household plumbing with lead-based solder or brass faucets containing lead.

Twice each year, Portland-area drinking water utilities test for lead in water from a sample of homes at the highest risk for lead in plumbing – homes built before 1985 with lead solder in household plumbing. State and federal regulators have developed specific education messages for utilities to share with all customers if the water from 10 percent of the tested homes show lead levels greater than 15 parts per billion. (The messages are listed below.) In the most recent testing by the Portland Water Bureau and participating wholesale providers, more than 10 percent of high-risk homes exceeded this level.

Current and previous results for home lead in water testing

"Drinking water can interact with plumbing that contains lead to leach lead into the water," said Water Bureau Administrator David G. Shaff. "To test lead exposure, we test water samples drawn from participating high-risk homes. The samples have been standing in household pipes for six hours or more. The good news is that consumers can reduce lead exposure from plumbing by running their water until it is noticeably cold after it has been standing in pipes for several hours. Hot water is more corrosive than cold so it is also important to use only cold water for cooking, drinking, and particularly when making baby formula or juice. These are simple ways to avoid exposure to lead in water."

"We have been treating Portland's drinking water to make it less corrosive by raising the pH of the water, but in this round of tests we were over the level that triggers educational outreach including this press release," acknowledged Shaff. "Ideally, all plumbing fixtures would be lead-free, but they aren't. So the next best option is to inform our customers, and provide them with the knowledge to protect themselves and their families. The best protection is the simplest: flush plumbing pipes of standing water before using water for drinking or cooking."

For information concerning water testing for Portland customers and community resources about lead hazards, call the LeadLine, a Multnomah County Health Department phone line, at 503-988-4000. The water bureau funds the LeadLine to provide information about lead hazards, free lead in water testing, free childhood blood lead testing and referrals to other lead hazard reduction services. There is more information and tips on lead hazard reduction on the water bureau's website at www.portlandonline.com/water/lead.

Another successful cleanup by the SWNI/SOLV Litter Patrol

by Karen Johnson

Twenty-three people braved the rainy and windy weather on Saturday, November 4th, to pick up litter on Beaverton Hillsdale Highway, Multnomah Blvd (including the on and off ramps to I-5), and Shattuck Rd. The volunteers worked hard but found the work very satisfying. As Rick Seifert said, "This is such a great feel-good event. We get so much done in just a couple hours."

As an extra reward for helping out in the nasty weather, we had 13 gift certificates to raffle off. Many thanks to Hillsdale business owners Mike Roach of Paloma, Rick Sadle of Salvador Molly's, Julie Richardson of Baker and Spice, Tom Murray of Noah's and Amanda Smith of Pizzicato Pizza for their generous gift certificate donations.

Thanks again to the 23 volunteers and Hillsdale business owners for contributing to a very successful event. Also, a big thank you goes to the guys who put in some additional time transporting litter bags from the side of the road to the dump site: Tom Grinnell, Greg Shifsky, Dave Johnson and Lee Buhler.

We are always looking for additional volunteers. Sign up now if you are interested in joining the next Litter Patrol by calling Karen Johnson, 503-245-9069, to get your name on the email distribution list. The next cleanup will be May 12th and I hope to see you there.

Free Master Recycler Plastic Roundup

Saturday, February 3rd, 2007, 9 am-2 pm
PCC Sylvania, 12000 SW 49th

Please sort and rinse plastics into the following categories:

- Plastic bags (dry cleaning, store sacks, bubble wrap, clean freezer bags, zip lock bags, etc.).
- Plant containers and trays (please knock out dirt ahead of time).
- Please rinse and sort plastics with numbers by numbers (bags and pots go in the first categories).
- Miscellaneous plastics



without numbers: bottle caps, drink lids, DVD's, CDs, CD cases, straws, lawn/patio furniture, toys (think big slides!), pet igloos, laundry baskets, kiddie pools and more (bring it, we'll try to take it).

• Plastic reuse items (good lawn chairs, tables, cat litter, buckets and more)

We are sorry we CANNOT accept: styrofoam blocks, styrofoam peanuts, styrofoam food trays or egg cartons, milk jugs (recycle at curb), PVC pipe, food-contaminated or dirty plastic, VHS and cassette tapes, small toys, foam, rubber, plastic with metal inside, or plastic that contained hazardous materials.

Questions? Email: plastic.recyclers@gmail.com or check commonly asked questions at www.masterrecycler.org.

When Christmas is over, your tree can keep giving

Recycle your Christmas tree after the holidays and your tree will keep giving--by helping to create mulch or compost for area gardens, and supporting nonprofit community groups that raise funds for projects by collecting trees for recycling.

Metro has complete lists of drop-off and pickup services available in the region, which can be viewed at www.metro-region.org/trees.

Metro Recycling Information has a list of drop-off sites and pickup services operated by nonprofit community groups and businesses throughout the metropolitan region. All groups will collect trees one or both weekends after Christmas: Dec. 30-31 and Jan. 6-7. Several will be providing service on New Year's Day, and a few will also provide service on following weekends in January. A small fee or donation supports activities for Boy and Girl Scouts troops, church youth groups, service organizations and school clubs.

Nonprofit organizations provide Christmas tree recycling as a community service and to earn money for projects. Some groups will accept wreaths, swags and flocked trees; check with Metro Recycling Information for locations. Dumping trees when sites are closed creates a hardship and reduces the profits for these groups.

Residents whose garbage haulers collect yard debris can recycle their trees at the curb, and several yard debris processors will also accept trees. Preparation requirements and fees vary throughout the region. Residents should call Metro Recycling Information, their local government solid waste office or their garbage hauler for details.

Before recycling your tree, remove all lights, wire, tinsel, ornaments, nails, stands and other materials that are not a part of the tree. Trees are ground up as part of the recycling process; foreign materials can damage chippers and non-organic materials aren't good for compost. Also remove frames and wire from wreaths, swags and garlands before putting them into your yard debris container.

Call Metro Recycling Information, 503-9234-3000, to learn more about tree recycling options. Hotline hours are 8:30 am to 5 pm Monday through Saturday, or visit Metro's website at www.metro-region.org/trees after Christmas to find a tree recycling drop-off location or pick-up service near you. Metro Recycling Information also can tell you what kinds of packaging and wrapping can be recycled, and where to take items you can't recycle at the curb.

January 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 6:00 PM S Portland NA TransPlog Comm 6:30 PM Stormwater Rewards Workshop 7:00 PM Haybust NA 7:00 PM Hemstead NA	3 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA 7:00 PM S Portland NA Board	4 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	5	6 9:00 AM Fr of Vermont Week Party 9:00 AM Marshall Park Workparty
7	8 5:30 PM ONE BAC 6:00 PM Tyson Creek WC 7:00 PM Ashcreek NA 7:00 PM Maplewood NA 7:00 PM Mult Historical 7:00 PM S Burlingame	9 11:30 AM SW Bus Assoc 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Bridlemile Crk Stewards 7:00 PM Martham NA 7:00 PM Marquon Nature Pk Fed Trail 7:00 PM Multnomah NA 7:00 PM Far SW NA	10 7:00 PM Bridlemile NA 7:00 PM Costwood NA	11 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 7:00 PM Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	12	13 9:00 AM Trail Walk
14	15 7:15 PM S Portland NA Land Use	16 7:00 PM Charter Review Informational Forum	17 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm	18 7:00 PM SWNI Schools Committee	19	20 9:00 AM Albert Kelly Planting 9:00 AM Woods Park Week Party*
21	22 7:00 PM Sam Adams Town Hall	23 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/Public Safety Mtg	24 7:00 PM SWNI Board	25 8:00 AM Mult Village Bus 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	26 6:00 PM S Portland NA Trans-Plog Comm	27
28	29	30	31 7:00 PM S Portland NA Communications/ Finance/Packs	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.		

Weather contingency: All meetings canceled if Portland Public Schools are closed. The SWNI office will be open if possible. The staff will attempt to open within two hours of regular time (8:30 am). We recognize that storms cause problems for people with whom we work and our goal is to respond as effectively as possible within the guidelines of common sense. If you are in a crisis situation and unable to reach us, as a backup number you can call the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) at 503-823-4519.

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, January 13, 9 am

Lee Buhler and his pal BT will lead a pleasant winter hike along the Willamette River, including the interesting Miles Place area, Butterfly Park and then on down to the area around the new tram. Unfortunately, the tram will not be open to the public until near the end of January so we can't try it out on this walk! Walk about 5 miles with no elevation gain!

Meet behind Wilson High School bleachers (Sunset and Capitol Hwy). If you wish to meet at Willamette Park at 9:15, please call Phyllis to let her know that is where you plan to meet the group.

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