

Neighborhoods reach out to Somali community

The Somali immigrant community is rapidly growing in Portland. Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI), Southeast Uplift (SEUL) and Somali Women's Association (SWA) have received a Neighborhood Community Engagement Initiative grant from ONI that may help to bridge the gap between Somali and American cultures. We hope to bring community members together to learn about each other and identify ways to make communities more inclusive, safe and livable. The collaboration will help neighborhood association leaders from West Portland Park (southwest) and Creston-Kenilworth (southeast) and the members of the Somali Women's Association identify and learn about other community partners and social service providers in their neighborhoods and link their members to these needed services and resources.

During the first phase of the grant, Lul Abdulle from the Somali Women's Association, will talk to Somali families who live in the West Portland Park and in the Creston-Kenilworth neighborhoods and conduct a door-to-door canvass and needs assessment. Somali families who have settled in these neighborhoods reside in several, concentrated apartment complexes, within each community. During this outreach phase, two resource guides (one for west and one for east) will be developed for Somali families with the aid of social service providers, city and county agencies.

What is SW HOPE: FEED THE HUNGRY?

Local churches, synagogues, and organizations are working together to meet the needs of hungry people in southwest Portland.

What is the need?

The number of families seeking food assistance in southwest Portland has quadrupled in the past six years. In 2006, Neighborhood House, our local community service organization, distributed boxes of food to 250 to 280 families a month, feeding between 800 to 1,000 individuals.

What is the goal?

To collect 50,000 pounds of food or the cash equivalent to feed all the hungry people in southwest Portland for four months. Food collected or monetary donations will go to the Neighborhood House Emergency Food Box Program.

When will this happen?

The SW HOPE: FEED THE HUNGRY campaign will be held in the months of February and March.

How can you help?

Please join us in this effort to help our neighbors in need by donating canned food and non-perishables or making monetary contributions when your neighborhood is canvassed between February 23 and March 31.

Checks may be made out to: Neighborhood House. Please note in the memo line, "SW HOPE."

Food can also be delivered to the following SW HOPE: FEED THE HUNGRY drop sites:

Neighborhood House, 7780 SW Capitol Hwy.,
9 am - 5 pm Mondays - Wednesdays, 9 am - 8 pm Thursdays, 9 am - 4 pm Fridays
or to any of the sponsoring churches and synagogues.

Give the Arts a Hand

A Benefit Auction for Multnomah Arts Center

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Mayor supports \$1.35 million add package for neighborhoods

Over the last five months the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) convened a budget work group of 30 members that included staff and community stakeholders. The work group put in long hours and focused on how best to support community engagement in Portland. The end result is a requested \$1.35 million dollar add package for the neighborhood system, which Mayor Tom Potter is supporting. "The mayor's support for the neighborhood system is unprecedented," stated ONI Director Amalia Alarcon at a recent budget work group meeting. Mayor Potter has been a consistent champion of community governance.

The add packages submitted in ONI's Requested Budget are all results of suggestions from the work group and are overwhelmingly supported by its members. ONI's budget continues the trend of decentralizing resources by providing more funding to community partners to build capacity in the neighborhood system.

For specifics on ONI's requested add packages see page 2.

Wilson/Rieke Campus Redesign Community "Charrette"

Saturday, March 3, 9 am - 3 pm, Wilson HS cafeteria

The Hillsdale Neighborhood Association and the Wilson PTA, along with the Wilson 50th Anniversary Committee, are working together to develop a master plan for the Wilson-Rieke campus. We need to hear from everyone in the community. Tree-planting, way-finding signs, spruce-ups and improvements -- how can we make this school/recreational area in the heart of Hillsdale into a more attractive and functional public space?

To gather the community's ideas and visions for the campus redesign, there will be a "charrette" at Wilson on Saturday, Mar. 3. All are welcome -- please tell your neighbors and bring the kids! Refreshments will be provided. Drop by anytime from 9 am to 3 pm and share your thoughts and ideas.

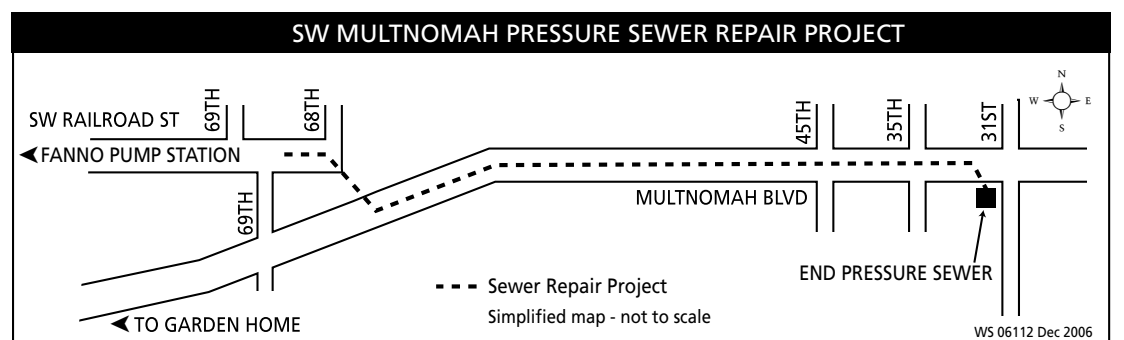
Wilson design students will take the input from the charrette and working with alumni architects, will come up with a master plan which will be presented at the 50th anniversary rededication of Wilson in May.

Organizers need help from parents and community members who are professionals in the field (architects, landscape architects, designers, planners, etc.) who can help facilitate the charrette. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Wes Risher of the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association at wrisher@easystreet.com

March 13th open house addresses repairs for Multnomah sewer line

by Bob Cynkar, Community Outreach Representative, City of Portland Environmental Services

The City of Portland is designing repairs to the Multnomah Pressure Sewer Line, and plans to start construction around spring 2008. The sewer runs for two miles along Multnomah Boulevard from SW 69th to SW 31st, where it joins the gravity sewers. It carries sewage pumped from Portland's Fanno pump station on SW 86th Avenue.



In 1999 and 2000, the City of Portland built the Fanno pump station, the Multnomah pressure line, the Garden Home pressure sewer line from 86th to 69th, and a gravity sewer line in SW Vermont Street at a cost of \$18 million. The Fanno projects replaced a system that relied on five old pump stations.

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ONI Budget...

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The proposed package also builds on creative strategies to engage under-represented groups in local decision making and civic life. It includes support for neighborhood-based community policing and public safety efforts, which is one of city council's key budget initiatives

Basic Facts of ONI's Requested Add Packages

Neighborhood Capacity Building

- \$200,000 increase to Neighborhood Grants Program (the program is currently funded at \$200,000).
- \$70,000 increase for Neighborhood Communication Funds (Communication funding is currently \$95,000).
- \$350,000 additional coalition staffing resources to build capacity.

Increased Engagement of Under-Represented Groups in Civic Life

- \$200,000 for a 'Cultural Organizing Project', which will provide an effective opportunity for culturally specific organizing – funds to several community-based groups.
- \$30,000 for an accommodations fund to provide resources for translation, accommodation and childcare services.

Community Policing and Public Safety

- \$270,000 for Crime Prevention staff in North and Central NE coalition offices, a special events/training coordinator and administrative support.
- \$10,000 to assist in staffing the Community Policing Contact Offices through a partnership with Elders in Action and the Portland Police Bureau.

Citywide/ONI Infrastructure Support

- \$75,000 for staffing to implement citywide Public Involvement Standards
- \$50,000 to develop performance measures for the neighborhood system to better demonstrate the effectiveness of community organizing efforts.
- \$50,000 to continue providing technical assistance to neighborhood business district associations.
- \$50,000 to expand the Community Residential Siting Program; focusing on interest-based negotiation as a tool to address conflict in neighborhoods.

Where we are in the Budget Process and Next Steps

- On March 14th, 2-4 pm and March 16th, 9:30-11 am, several citywide initiatives and the requested add packages that support those initiatives will be discussed by city council. For ONI, several requested add packages fall under the Community Safety and Schools/Families/Housing Initiatives.
- During the last two weeks of March, council will be divided into teams of two to review budgets; the teams are Leonard/Adams and Sten/Saltzman.

It has not yet been decided which team will review ONI's budget

- By March 30th, budget teams provide recommendations to the mayor.
 - On April 17th, the mayor will release his proposed budget.
 - Community Forums will be scheduled in May to solicit feedback on his proposed budget.
 - Council will take this feedback and approve the budget on May 16th.
- The budget for FY 2007-08 is scheduled to be adopted by council on June 21st. If you have questions or wish additional information, contact SWNI Director Sylvia Bogert at 503-823-4592 or sylvia@swni.org.

SW HOPE: Feed the Hungry

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Dine Out to Donate!

The following local restaurants have pledged to donate a portion of their proceeds to SW HOPE: FEED THE HUNGRY. You will need to bring a coupon for most of these restaurants for this donation to happen. You can print the coupons from [HERE](#).

Baja Fresh Mexican Grill

February 24 - March 31, 11 am - 9 pm - Bring coupon
Barbur & Terwilliger - 7421 SW Barbur Blvd

Round Table Pizza

March 17, noon - 11 pm - Bring coupon
Capitol Hwy & Barbur - 10070 SW Barbur Blvd

O'Connors Restaurant

March 7, 7 am - 2 am - Bring coupon
7850 SW Capitol Highway

Cactus Jack's Tex-Mex Cafe

March 12, 4 - 9 pm - Bring coupon
4342 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy

Billy Bangs Restaurant

March 3 & 10, 9 am - 2:30 am - Bring coupon
5331 SW Macadam Avenue

The Old Spaghetti Factory

March 21, 11:30 am - 2:30 pm - Bring coupon
715 SW Bancroft St, Portland

La Costita

March 1-31, 5 - 8 pm - Bring coupon
7405 SW Barbur Blvd, Portland

Otto & Anita's Restaurant

March 14, 11 am - 2 pm & 5 - 9 pm - Bring coupon
SW 31st & Capitol Hwy - in Multnomah Village

Burgerville

March 5, 3 - 9 pm - Bring coupon
Allen & Scholls Ferry Rd.

Casa Colima

February 24 - March 31, 11 am - 9:30 pm
6319 SW Capitol Hwy

....and more to come!

Flyers and coupons can be picked up at Neighborhood House, the Southwest Neighborhood Office and at sponsoring churches and synagogues, or online at www.swhope.org. *See related article page 10*



Strolling the Web

by Glenn Bridger, Southwest Neighborhoods Chair

The Internet is the new library resource to help us be informed about our city and our community. You can visit it at home, or at the public library. In order to learn about our community on the web, you need to stroll through the information, not try to surf through it quickly. Each web site offers rich content behind its internet address. SWNI, the City, and most major public and private organizations offer good information on their website.

Take a stroll with me through some of those webpages. My first stop to keep up to date with Southwest Portland is SWNI.ORG, the home page for our organization. OK, so you are not surprised. But that page is one that offers multiple opportunities for you to remain informed. The page is highly user-driven, with articles, forums, and even a calendar that users who register can provide information for. You can share what you know and think on community issues, just as you can learn the desires and opinions of others. So why do you need to register to post to the website? It is like raising your hand at a meeting. Spammers do not raise their hands; they yell over what you want to say. Speaking as a real person, rather than as anonymous, also gives words more power. You can get to the page by typing a series of letters in the web browser address bar. The most complete way is <http://swni.org/> but you can shorten this to swni.org.

My personal favorite for learning facts regarding my house and my street is portland-maps.com. When this page opens up, you will see one important box on your screen, a place for you to type in a Portland street address. Start out with your address, and learn what the city knows about both your property and the community around it. Zoning maps, tax assessment, crime locations, future projects, and much more is available when you stroll through the menu options that open up to you once it finds your address. The web page taps into the Portland's corporate database. This gives you direct access to background information that city staff will use when you ask their staff a question.

Portland city policy, activities, and news are found at portlandonline.com. Looking for Mayor Potter's email address? You can find it when you click his picture and go to his home page. Want to find what the city charter says? It has been making the news recently, and you can read the existing words by clicking on it. Or you want to know the rules for riding bicycles on downtown streets. You can go to the city codes, and do a search for the topic of interest. You will find that once you learn how to search on the topics you want to know about, you will be pleased to learn it is much easier than reading page after page of printed paper hoping to find the citation you think might be there.

Your neighborhood association may have a webpage. You can go to the link on the left-hand column of the swni.org webpage, where several newsletters are listed. Or you can do a google.com search for your neighborhood association name and find a wide variety of "hits" for that name. You learn there that Hillsdale is not just in Portland, but also in Michigan.

Stroll the web, either in the comfort of your home, at your workplace (yes, of course, only at break time), or at the library. If you are under 25, you will say: "what's the big deal; this is the way we grew up." For the rest of us, if you are not used to this kind of strolling, explore this way to be a part of your community.

Sears Armory Design Workshop

Saturday, March 10, 9 am to noon

Multnomah Center Gym
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Multnomah Neighborhood Association invites you to share your comments, concerns and ideas about the vision for the redevelopment of the soon-to-be former Army Reserve Center on Multnomah Blvd. For additional details contact Multnomah NA Chair Brian Russell at 503-869-1632 or barusse@hotmail.com.

Lunch and Learn Brown Bag Series

"Didn't get permits for that project ...and now you need to "Get Legal"?"

Friday, March 9th, noon - 1:30 pm

1900 SW 4th Avenue Building

Second Floor Conference Room 2500-A

This presentation and discussion session will include:

- How to research the permit history on your property?
- What to do if the permit history does not match what's been built on your property?
- How can the "Get Legal" program help?
- What types of projects are eligible for the "Get Legal" program?

All are welcome to attend this free event. Bring your lunch and join us! (NO reservation required)

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.

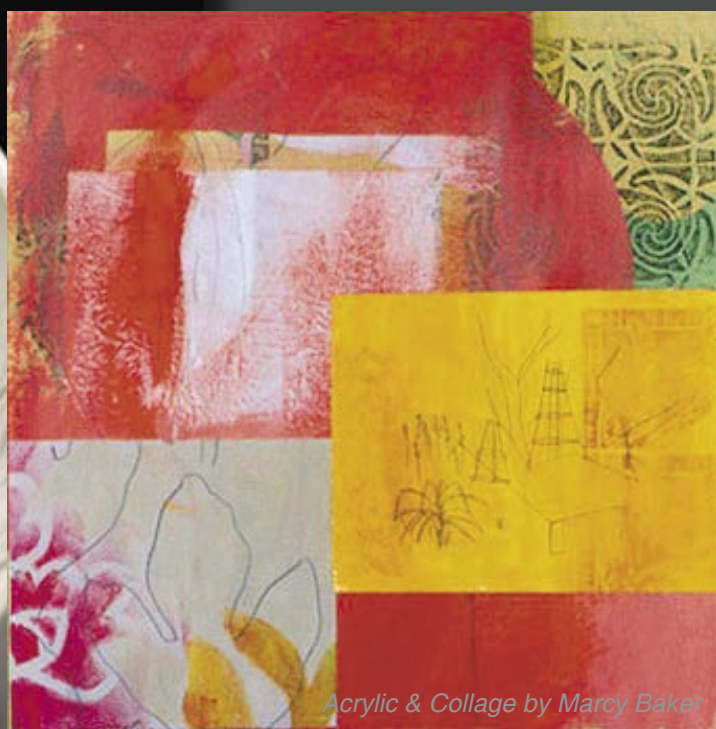
The 2004-2005 SW Neighborhoods, Inc., Board Officers are Glenn Bridger, President; Wes McMullen, 1st Vice-President; Ester McGinnis, 2nd Vice President; John Gould, Secretary; and Patty Lee, Treasurer.



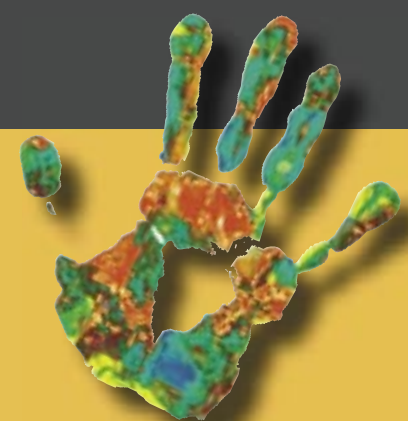
Shibori Dyed Scarf by Barbara Stollberg



Celedon Platter by Jan Edwards



Acrylic & Collage by Marcy Baker



Give the Arts A Hand!

A Benefit Auction for Multnomah Arts Center

Saturday, March 3, 6pm

Multnomah Arts Center Auditorium

Registration & Silent Auction Open at 6pm Live Auction begins at 8pm

You are invited to Multnomah Arts Center's first benefit auction. Fine art, gift packages, vacation stays, and more! A fun-filled evening of food, wine and entertainment. View details and purchase tickets online at:

www.multnomahartscenter.org

Questions? Call us: (503) 823-ARTS (2787)



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Purchase your tickets in advance!

Multnomah Arts Center (MAC) is holding its first benefit auction on Saturday, March 3, 2007. Auction proceeds will support the center's mission to provide the metropolitan areas quality education in visual arts, music, dance and theater for all ages and income levels. Admission is \$35 per person and includes appetizers, 2 beverages and dessert. Musical and dance entertainment will also be provided. Tickets are available online at www.multnomahartscenter.org or at the Arts Center's office, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Multnomah Arts Center has received donated auction items for this event valued at over \$30,000. Some of the exciting items up for bid include:

Vacation Stays: LaLiberte house in Southern France * Piedmonte House in Italy * Getaway in the Yucatan * The Blue Door in Oceanside, OR * Oregon Coast Cabin on the Salmon River * Sunriver Vacation Home * House at Black Butte Ranch * Manzanita Beach House * Larch Mountain Log Cabin * River Cabin on Puget Island * Cannary Pier Hotel in Astoria * Hotel Elliot in Astoria.

Artwork by Artists: Marcy Baker, Jaye Campbell, Peggy Cochran, Sue Coe, Gail Durham, Jan Edwards, Bernhard Epple, Aimee Erickson, Therese Fisher, Jere Grimm, Raymond Grimm, Steven Hill, Yuji Hiratsuka, Patrick Horsely, Loren Jones, Jim Koudelka, Jessica Kreutter, Annette Lansing, Kate Loomis, Kicki Masthem, Hibiki Miyazaki, Diane Moskowitz, Kurt Piltz, Nicole Rawlins, Jeannie Ritz, Wally Schwab, Don Sprague, Barbara Stollberg, Kaye Synoground, Junichi Tanaka, Chris Warren and More!

Other Special Items: "Mysteries of the Night" - Handmade Quilt * 5-Course Mediterranean Dinner at a Historic Irvington home with old wines pulled from an extensive cellar * Harrisville Floor Loom • Private Voice Lessons from Barbara Skipworth * Job Shadow at Willamette Week • Adoption Fee for Shelter Dog & Deluxe Pet Grooming Service.

View images of selected auction items at http://www.multnomahartscenter.org/index.php?set_albumName=MAC-2007-Auction-Items&option=com_gallery&Itemid=32&include=view_album.php. Contact Sylvia Bogert at sylvia@swni.org or Nicole Rawlins at pknr@ci.portland.or.us if you have further questions about the auction.

Southwest Development Review

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

Pre-application conferences:

EA 07-106257. Applicant proposes a 30-story, mixed-use building for a continuing-care facility, at SW Bond and Curry, in **South Portland**. Design review is required. See 07-103951 DA below.

Proposals:

LU 07-100990 DZ. Applicant seeks design review approval for a dormer on a house, at 404 SW Hamilton, in **Homestead**.

LU 06-180757 HDZ. Applicant seeks historic design review approval for a covered porch, at 0222 SW Gibbs St, in **South Portland**.

LU 06-173996 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots, at 4442 SW Galeburn St, in **West Portland Park**.

LU 06-181800 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots, at 5108 SW Vermont St, in **Maplewood**.

LU 06-183261 CU. Applicant seeks conditional use approval to add antennas to an existing wireless telecommunications facility, at 5700 SW Dosch Rd, in **Hillsdale**.

LU 06-183433 HDZM. Applicant seeks historic design review approval for a new detached garage at the Wells-Furnish house, at 1515 SW Clifton, in **SWHRL**.

LU 06-178977 GWDZ. Greenway and design review approval for alterations at the Rivers Restaurant, at 4620-4630 SW Macadam Ave, in **South Portland**.

LU 06-177547 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots, at 5511 SW Taylors Ferry Rd, in **Ashcreek**.

LU 07-103518 AD. Applicant proposes to construct a detached accessory structure, and requests an adjustment to reduce the front setback, at 9603 SE Lancaster Rd, in **Markham**.

LU 06-146732 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots, at 1912 SW Idaho St, in **Hillsdale**.

LU 07-102867 LDP. Applicant proposes to divide a site into two lots and tear down the existing house, at 7828 SW Capitol Hill Rd, in **Hillsdale**.

LU 06-186023 DZ. Applicant seeks design review approval for a warehouse and parking lot, at 6605 SW Macadam Ave, in **South Portland**.

LU 07-105484 AD. Applicants propose to replace a carport with an addition to a residence, and seeks an adjustment to reduce a side setback, at 2975 SW Upper Dr, in **SWHRL**.

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

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Next mtg: Thurs., March 22, 7 pm,
St. Luke's Lutheran Church
6835 SW 46th

Land Use Committee

John Gibbon 503-708-6708

At our February meeting, we discussed plans to host the Planning Commission in May or June. The commission meets periodically with the neighborhoods to discuss issues addressed in the city's Comprehensive Plan that impact the neighborhoods. The format for the visit might be a driving tour of SW Portland, followed by a meeting with commission members. See this article in coming months for more information.

Please see the short announcement on this page regarding a city-wide community discussion about infill housing.

We are beginning to make connections with the SW Hills Residential League Land Use Committee, and look forward to working together on matters of shared interest.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Decisions:

LU 06-143773 AD. Approval of adjustments to reduce a front and side setbacks for a house addition and new attached garage, at 2629 SW Buena Vista Dr, in **SWHRL**.

LU 06-158788 AD. Approval of adjustments to increase maximum building coverage for two lots, at 6429 SW Laber Rd, in **SWHRL**.

LU 06-185242 AD. Adjustment approval to increase maximum lot size, at 10618 and 10626 SW 25th Ave, in **Arnold Creek**.

LU 06-142962 LDS AD. Applicant proposes to divide a site into four lots for attached housing, at 5100-5104 SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, in **Hayhurst**.

Public hearings, at 1900 SW 4th Ave:
LU 06-141199 LDS EN M. Applicant proposes to divide a 104,260-SF site into three lots and two tracts, at 3302-3304 SW Scholls Ferry Rd, in **SWHRL**. Hearing is scheduled for March 5 at 10:30 am, Suite 3000.

07-103951 DA. Design advice hearing for a proposed 30-story continuing-care facility at Block 31 in the South Waterfront District (corner of Bond and Curry) in **South Waterfront**. Hearing is scheduled for March 1, 1:30 pm, Suite 2500A.

Final plats: 4334 SW Pendleton St, 4034 SW Hamilton St, 4907 SW Canterbury Ln, 1322 SW Maplecrest Dr, 12012 SW 29th Ave,

Notices of intent to demolish:
8106 SW 47th Ave.

Emergency Preparedness Committee

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

After a couple weather-related meeting cancellations and some confusion over the February agenda, the NET Team Leaders met in the regular EP room and time-slot. One outcome of that meeting was a decision to segregate NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) and EP (Emergency Preparedness) into separate meetings, with the former severing ties to SWNI.

This may come as a surprise to those who know that SWNI's EP group began as an alliance of local NETs gathering to discuss common concerns.

However, over the last three years, the EP group has evolved an agenda which substantially transcends the NET charter. Inasmuch as NETs are "owned and operated" by the Portland Office of Emergency Management (POEM), some people felt that SWNI had no role to play. Others noted that it was by the efforts of SWNI that we have twice brought NET training to SW, have twice hosted an all-hands NET gathering for SW Portland, and have over the years provided a forum to discuss NET-related issues.

Both sides make valid points. SWNI has fostered a dialog between SW NETs, and inspired POEM to rethink and revamp NET boundaries. But inasmuch as NETs belong to POEM, the time is probably right for SWNI's EP group to divest itself of matters relating to NET; time to direct its undivided attention to the larger community-related issues the group long ago identified: education, building a disaster-resistant community, and improving SW Portland's level of emergency preparedness so that when disaster strikes, people know what to do and lives can be saved. So with that thought, we devote our March 8th agenda to determining our 18-month goals.

Next Meeting: Thurs., March 8, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Committee Reports..

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

Our February meeting was a potluck and an opportunity to discuss where we want to focus our energy for the next year. We have such a great new Crime Prevention person in Michael, and great new Neighborhood Response Team Officers in Mark Friedman and Brian Hughes. It is important that we all know what our goals are so we can work together to achieve them.

The city is working on the budgets for all bureaus. Be sure and look in the paper and see where the community meetings are so you can participate and give them your input.

Please check to see if your neighborhood has a representative to serve on this committee. It is a wonderful opportunity to have officers with us to answer questions and give us their insight on how to make our neighborhoods safer. Your representative can then report back to your group. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 27, 7 pm
Multnomah Center.
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Parks Committee

Kirky Doble, 503-246-7970

February meeting highlights: Jim Sjuln, dropped in to introduce himself and report on current events related to nature areas.

Kristan Knapp talked about organizing a summer concert series in SW Portland, with concerts in Willamette and Gabriel parks. There's a controversy here. Hillsdale hopes to have two of the concerts near Rieke School.

Terri Davis was our third guest from Parks & Recreation. She is taking over as SW Zone Manager from Bob Schulz. The conversation was primarily about continuing projects Bob was working on: improvements at Duniway, Dickinson, and Spring Garden parks, and a summer playground program at Markham School.

The committee approved five motions: 1) to urge Marshall Park Neighborhood Association to proceed with planning for Marshall Park; 2) and 3) to send letters to Commissioner Saltzman regarding "transition" sites like Fulton Park Center, and to not sell parks property without a public process and appraisals; 4) to call on Parks & Recreation to increase open swim hours at Wilson pool, and to keep the pool open in September; and 5) to get planning done for Maricara and Marshall Parks.

Next meeting: Thurs., March 1, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Transportation Committee

Patty Lee, 503-244-2871

The committee had a busy February meeting. First on the agenda was continuation of the discussion on the proposal initiated by Commissioner Sam Adams: to use local improvement districts to improve certain collector streets in SW Portland. We have come up with a preliminary list of candidate streets for improvement, and in February discussed criteria for prioritizing the different projects.

Lots of planning is going on right now. Metro is updating the Regional Transportation Plan. City Council holds a hearing on an update of the city's Transportation System Plan on February 28, and an open house will be held on March 13 on a Multnomah Boulevard sewer repair project. Finally, the city is continuing work on an update of its transportation system development charge.

Next Meeting: Wed, March 21, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president
503-245-0729

In early February, the SWNI board received a request from Southwest Hills Residential League to join Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. The item was placed on the SWNI board's agenda for February 28th. Due to the timing of this newspaper's deadline, we cannot report on the outcome of this request, but a full report will be printed in our April paper.

In March the board will review the outcomes from its Communication Retreat held on February 24th. The board will decide on specific communication trainings it wishes to host over the next year and what new communication technology it will purchase to help its member neighborhood associations reach out to residents and engage them in activities.

Next Meeting: Wed., Mar. 28, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Schools Committee

Will Fuller, 503-764-5501

The February 15 Schools Committee featured a lively and energizing discussion with Cynthia Harris, area director for the Wilson and Jefferson clusters about plans and ideas for Wilson cluster, schools. She is committed to "raising the spirits" of the schools and principals in her area and is meeting with a variety of groups in the community as well. Activities arising from the discussion include a breakfast with school and community people, an ongoing dialogue on plans for the Wilson area, and cross-city conversations with the Jefferson area.

We are continuing a series of speakers throughout the year. Our March meeting will be on school safety and crime issues, and we have invited Michael Boyer, the dynamic new Southwest Crime Prevention Coordinator, to review his program for the area.

In April we will have speakers about Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN) school programs in the Southwest, and continued work on the actions arising from the February meeting.

This committee, unique in the city, is dedicated to building stronger contacts between the local schools and neighborhood associations. For example, we are starting an e-newsletter so the various schools and neighborhood associations in the area can share ideas and news. The spring issue will feature the Wilson 50th anniversary and a directory of all schools, public and private, in the SWNI area.

Next Meeting: Thurs., March 15, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Community Conversation on infill development

The Citywide Land Use Group and friends will be hosting a "Community Conversation" on Infill Development on Sat, Mar. 17, 9 am-1 pm, at the 1900 SW 4th Building. The focus will be on taking stock of how and where infill is occurring in our city, what is working well and what needs improvement. A related set of questions has to do with how well infill is meeting community planning goals for the city and the region - is it helping to keep our city "family friendly"?, are tax incentives being applied where they will accomplish larger community goals?, etc.

The conversation is expected to touch on a variety of issues linked to infill such as tree canopy and open space, traffic and transportation, parking, noise, schools, streetscape, urban design, and neighborhood character. The goal is to identify issues, actions already being taken, and next steps.

Neighborhood Reports

Arnold Creek

Tues., March 13, 7 pm, Jackson Baptist Church, 10558 SW 35th (lower level)
Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483, enchand@hotmail.com

Thanks to all who came last month. I was unable to attend because of an open house at Wilson High School where our son will be going next fall. I want to thank Laurie for taking over as chair.

Next month, Bob Lawrence, who is our representative on the selection committee for the new fire station on Barbur, will give us an update. They have started meeting again and will be reporting on what is new. Thanks to him for volunteering! Little did he know it would be a three-year commitment!

We will also need to get a volunteer group together to stuff our meet-and-greet packs and another group to distribute to new homes. See you all at the next meeting!

Ashcreek

Monday, March 12, 7 pm, Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872, jklinker@ease.com

Hartmann Motors at 64th and Barbur Blvd is moving ahead with the re-zoning of the piece of their property that is zoned residential. They will be converting it to commercial. They will be putting a sidewalk along Palatine between 63rd and 64th. This will provide much need pedestrian connections from Ash Creek Commons and the surrounding apartments to Barbur Blvd and the bus stop.

Speaking of sidewalks, there is a move afoot in the city to provide some sidewalks in SW. The city needs input on where they are most needed. Come to the next neighborhood meeting to find out more. The sidewalks would be funded by what is called halo LIDs. A normal LID (Local Improvement District) is funded by just the property owners that front the improved street or new sidewalk. A halo LID goes back a number of properties to spread out the cost. The justification is that not just the frontage properties are benefiting from the improvement.

The property at 8635 SW 54th is apparently still under review for its re-development. There are issues with stormwater. The property drains north along 54th and then onto private property. The owners of these properties are in no position to accept more storm water runoff from increased hard surfaces that two more houses and the many more square feet of driveways and new street pavement will bring.

There seems to be some competition for the site that we are hoping to clean up this spring with our city small grant. Leonard Gard of SWNI reports that SOLV is also interested in working on the site. This may be an opportunity to work with another local group. Find out more, come to our next meeting!

Collins View

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

Highlights from Metro Councilor Brian Newman's visit: Metro Councilor Brian Newman informed us that Metro is involved in region growth management and transportation planning, operates certain regional facilities such as the Oregon Zoo and Performing Arts Center as well as thousands of acres of parks and greenspaces, and is additionally responsible for solid waste and recycling programs in the area.

Questions for Councilor Newman centered on Riverview Cemetery's Measure 37 claim, as well as regional transportation issues and how they affect Collins View.

Transportation: Collins View sits at transportation crossroads which overlaps with several governmental jurisdictions. Drivers that reside in the City of Portland, City of Lake Oswego, and unincorporated Dunthorpe are all regular users of Collins View streets. Additional regional traffic is generated by I-5 overflow and commuters using the Sellwood Bridge.

Metro is thinking about these issues and wants to help but is already dealing with a large list of unfunded projects and regional growth rates that are outpacing expectations. Original projections put the regions population at 3 million by 2040, Metro now expects that number to be achieved by 2020.

Riverview Cemetery Measure 37 Claim: Councilor Newman was also asked about the possibility of Metro acquiring the Riverview Cemetery property with recently approved bond measure money. While such a plan is not out of the question, Metro can only work with willing sellers.

A few more details have emerged on the measure 37 claim filed by Riverview Cemetery: the claim filed was for \$17-24 million; and the densest development plan submitted calls for up to 300 units; the internal bylaws of the Riverview Cemetery Association call for a vote of the members to approve the sale of land.

The land was originally deeded to Riverview Cemetery Association in 1880 as an act of the legislature. Research by CVNA's land use team indicates that restrictions placed on cemetery associations at that time may have precluded use of the land for other purposes.

The state legislature is currently considering possible changes to Measure 37, including an extension of the required response time for local governments to handle the slew of last minute applications.

TriMet: A new route to Hillsdale and a schedule change were recently implemented on the #39 bus with the goal of increasing ridership on the line. Targets from TriMet for the new route were 200 weekday boardings and 115-125 boardings on weekends. The trial period ran for six months, from Jun 4th - Dec 3rd, 2006. Later weekend hours were added beginning in early September in response to neighbors' requests.

Jon Joseph and Dan Marchand from TriMet reported on the results of this trial period, and while the good news is that ridership increased on all days, and exceeded the targets on weekdays, the weekend ridership numbers were significantly below the objectives.

Reasons Collins View residents might not be taking advantage of the current service, included the influence of competition from the Lewis & Clark Raz shuttle. The shuttle is required as part of the college's conditional use permit and is provided to relieve parking pressure on campus and on the neighborhood. Service hours on the shuttle were reduced on weekdays during trial period and students who used the #39 instead were a big factor in the increased ridership numbers on those days. The suggestion was made to have the college explore doing something similar on weekends and to look at the issue again in the upcoming L&C master plan review.

TriMet will be continuing to meet with representatives from L&C and affected neighborhoods until early March, with a public hearing scheduled for late March. A decision on future service will be made following the public hearing. Any service changes would not be implemented until June.

Not sure where the #39 can take you? Questions on how to ride? Check out Jon Miller's #39 page: <http://www.lclark.edu/~miller/Line39.html> or the Tips for Using Transit on the Collins View Website: <http://www.collinsview.org/transit.html>.

Website: Seriously, check out www.collinsview.org. The tireless John Miller has been adding more information on living in Collins View and would love input from you! Especially if you have photos or stories of Collins View history to share.

Bridlemile

Wednesday, March 14, 7 pm, Bridlemile School library, 4300 SW 47th Ave
Greg Schifsky, 503-246-2714, gregsch@hevanet.com
<http://bridlemile.swni.org/>

Bridlemile Creek Stewards (BCS) - Meeting Tuesday March 13th, 7 pm, Watershed Resource Center in the SW Community Center at the corner of SW 45th Ave and SW Vermont St. Greg will have free native plants in his truck and those interested can pick some up after the meeting.

Bridlemile Meeting: Wednesday March 14th - Wild by Design and Free Native Plants by Greg Schifsky of the Bridlemile Creek Steward will show "Wild by Design" Clean Water Services" excellent and informative 15-minute video on stream restoration work in Fanno Creek. Bridlemile creeks are part of the head waters for Fanno Creek. Greg will have free native plants in his truck and those interested can pick some up after the meeting. NOTE: Because of the video, we will be meeting in the Library this month. Victor will continue last month's discussion about options and ongoing improvements for the BNA website that the swni.org server and tools have made possible.

Invasive Removal Community Service Event at Albert Kelly Park: Saturday, March 17th, 9 am - noon, Albert Kelly Park, in Restoration Creek below the bridge. (Parking: At end of SW Mitchell off Dosch). We'll be removing invasive sprouts (ivy, blackberry, holly, etc.) throughout the restoration area. Tools, refreshments will be provided. Dress for the weather. Note that this event qualifies as community service hours for students. Free native plants will be available for you to take home and plant in your yard. Contact: Steve Mullinax or Greg Schifsky for information.

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

History - Just a reminder. If you are cleaning, organizing and/or disposing of unused stuff please don't throw away pictures of Bridlemile, your home, neighborhood gatherings or memorabilia. Give it to the history committee. Let us make the decision to preserve or pitch. The story of our lives in our neighborhood is also part of its history.

Land Use - Rich/Karen are still seeking an additional volunteer to be land use committee assistant to help backup Karen on the many land use meetings and activities see BNA website for more.

Schools - We are still actively seeking one or more people 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.

Transportation & Pedestrian Safety - Sam Adams believes that the addition of sidewalks to some of our streets can be funded probably only by "halo" LIDS, whereby whole neighborhoods that benefit in the additions of sidewalks help share in the cost of construction of the sidewalks. He wants neighborhood associations to suggest the neighborhood collector streets that need sidewalks in their neighborhoods. Then, from the list of suggested streets, a committee will select most likely candidates for a pilot project that is most likely to have community support and willingness to participate in a halo LID project. In Bridlemile, Hamilton and Shattuck are its two collector streets and after some discussion, those attending the January BNA meeting voted to designate Shattuck from BvHwy to Hamilton, and Hamilton from SW 60th Place to 42nd, as the portions most in need of pedestrian improvements. The next step is to form a working committee to do a detailed analysis of those streets and make recommendations for the types of pedestrian improvements along them. If you can help please contact Bev.

Bev has resigned as transportation chair: The SWNI Transportation Committee has changed their meetings to the 3rd Wednesday night of the month. She recommends that 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. If you can help, contact Beverly Vogt, bevvogt@comcast.net, 503-292-6939. We are looking for two Transportation Committee candidates(s), one who will become chair and a second to help the chair with both the street planning project and other ongoing Transportation Committee projects (see the transportation page at the BNA website for a complete list).

Ongoing Neighborhood Projects, Committees

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

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 ggdanzer@comcast.net.

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

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, nunnation@earthlink.net, 503-892-9921.

Schools - Open Transportation/Pedestrian Safety - Open - Beverly Vogt, bevvogt@comcast.net, 503-292-6939 acting, pending new Chair

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

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

Far Southwest

Tuesday, March 13, 7 pm
Comfort Suites Motel, SW 60th & Barbur
Marcia Leslie & Jerome Johnson, 503-452-0950
jeromejohnson@surfglobal.net

March is upon us and so is the end of winter! Please don't forget to attend our March 13th neighborhood meeting at the Comfort Suites at 7 pm Sharp!

We need your vital input as to issues and items that you feel your neighborhood association may need to address.

Please call Marcia and/or me at my above number or shoot us an email. If you or anyone you know with disabilities is in need of special assistance to attend our meetings, please call SWNI at 503-823-4592. We can help!

Neighborhood Reports

Crestwood

Wednesday, March 14, 7 pm
West Portland United Methodist Church, library
4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd
Wes McMullen, 503-244-2659, wes@ecosolvents.com
http://crestwood.swni.org

Hey, everybody!

Plan to be at this month's meeting to talk about Crestwood action plans for this year, the playground in Dickinson Park, Dickinson and Woods Park Stewardship, improving our local streets and other things that affect all our lives here in Crestwood. See you there!

Help us Create
a New

Dickinson Park!

(off of 55th Avenue, south of
Taylor's Ferry Road)

Purchase our
t-shirts for \$15!

The Friends of Dickinson Park is a subcommittee of the Crestwood Neighborhood Association, and is working for development of the playground in the "active" area of the park. The money from the purchase of our t-shirt will go to funding the new playground at the park.

For more information, contact: **Leslie Baird, 503-245-4368**
e-mail: leslieb@aracnet.com.



Order Form

Send Check (made out to Friends of Dickinson Park and orderform to: Leslie Baird, 10045 S.W. 52nd Ave., Portland, OR 97219. I will call and make delivery arrangements.

Name: _____ Phone Number _____
e-mail: _____

Address: _____

Number of t-shirts _____ t-shirt sizes: Youth X-small
Youth Med. Adult Small Adult Med. Adult Large
Adult X-large

Hayhurst

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

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

Hillsdale

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

1. Approval of agenda.
2. Review of February 2007 meeting minutes--see Hillsdale website (<http://www.hna-pdx.com>).
3. Review of street vacation at SW Seymour and 19th (Council Crest Drive) and associated easement for pedestrians.
4. Transportation committee organized and addressing transportation issues in Hillsdale.
5. Grant request for beautification for Hillsdale.
6. Results of Wilson - Rieke planning meeting on March 3rd.
7. Update of The Watershed Project.
8. Himes Park Invasives (ivy and others) removal work parties March 17 and every third Saturday thereafter.
9. Hillsdale Plaza Charrette & Planning two charrettes results.
10. Request for a planning implementor to help implement Town Center plans.
11. Hillsdale Triangle Master Planning Proposal.
12. Other HNA land use issues?
13. HBPA Report.
14. SWNI report.
15. Update on status of Stephens Creek Walkway.
16. Progress of grant work on Hillsdale Alliance & HBPA website.
17. Wilson Pool North Entrance and Wilson Site Planning Charrette.
18. Update on Music in the Rieke Bowl.
If there is news:
19. Fulton Park Community Center.
20. Update of the Reinvent Rieke response from the Portland School District and board members.
21. Update of what we know about BES action on our streets
22. Update on Stephens Creek Community Gardens.

Homestead

Tuesday, March 6, 7 pm
OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor
Susan Egnor, stegnor@comcast.net, 503-939-3828
HomesteadNA.org

Tram Fares Update: Thanks in large measure to questions raised by neighborhood residents, especially including Anton Vetterlein's OpEd piece in *The Oregonian* on January 9, the approved tram fare structure allows monthly and annual TriMet passes in payment on the tram as well as street car annual passes. Individual trips will be \$4 round trip, with no one-way fare. The round-trip fare will be good all day. Children 6 and under ride free.

March Meeting: Michael Boyer, the new Crime Prevention Program Coordinator for Southwest Portland, will make a presentation and answer questions. Boyer has a lot of expertise to offer regarding safety and crime issues. Come hear his presentation. Also: we need a representative on the SW Crime Prevention and Safety Committee. Please let Susan Egnor know if you are interested.

February Meeting Report

1. Membership: Susan Jaeger reported we received a net grant of \$612 for signage and outreach for NA events. At the March meeting we will consider options for using these funds. Susan also reported on the SWNI Communications Group meeting regarding the upgrade of SWNI's website and expanded opportunities for neighborhood outreach.

2. Transportation: Traffic Calming CAC. The community meeting on the committee's recommendation was February 20. Results reported at March NA meeting.

Other transportation: Transportation representative Tom Miller reported on proposed trail projects in Marquam Nature Park to connect the neighborhood to Healy Heights,

Fairmont and other areas. The SWNI Transportation Committee will be compiling maps of suggestions at their next meeting. Tom Miller also reported on efforts to get express buses off Terwilliger Parkway.

Rich Davidson suggested working with the Friends of Terwilliger to promote ideas to tie the tram to existing hiking routes. Anton Vetterlein reported Don Baack, of SW Trails Committee, is working on a 4T Trail proposal (Trolley, Tram, Train with trail in between). Those interested, let Susan Egnor know.

3. Land Use. Anton Vetterlein reported on the planning commission's design advice review hearing for the 3 condo towers on Sam Jackson Park Road. Although there was some concern about the traffic, apparently the planning commission could not use the substantial increase in traffic congestion as grounds to hold up the project because zoning permits the project.

4. OHSU. Jack Dempsey advised he may miss meetings during the legislative session and requested a backup to record the minutes. Tom Miller volunteered to do that.

5. SW Sixth Avenue Drive Metered Parking Spaces. Susan Egnor reported Ellis McCoy, PDOT parking manager, had rejected the NA's request, on safety grounds, that these spaces be removed. McCoy stated that city traffic engineer judges the street safe [despite the very narrow driving lanes] but offered to meet with neighborhood representatives on their concerns.

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

Multnomah

Tuesday, March 13, 7 pm
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Brian Russell, 503-869-1632 barusse@hotmail.com

We had another jam-packed meeting in February, both with people and issues. We began our night with a presentation on the Gabriel Skate Park, which will be located just to the north of the tennis courts. The construction should begin in early 2008 and be completed by summer 2008.

Our second presentation presented us with six new townhomes that will be built immediately to the south of the existing construction on SW 31st across from the Multnomah Center. There were some concerns about parking and traffic flow.

We also touched on the **Sears Armory Design Workshop, which will be held on Saturday, March 10, from 9 am to noon, in the gym at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.** The purpose of this event is to elicit comments, concerns and ideas from the neighborhood about their vision for the redevelopment of the soon-to-be former Army Reserve Center. Please, mark your calendars and come join us in crafting our opinion for potential developers.

Randy let us have the good news: We now have \$6,500 in grant money secured to improve the area around the bridge/via-

duct over Multnomah Blvd. This is a wonderful opportunity to lend a hand and to do some tangible community service work. Look for work parties this spring.

Another wonderful project that we've got on the burner is our upcoming Spring Garden Adventure Park. Neighbors have met and discussed possible ideas for the park play area. A general consensus was reached that the play structure should be natural and unobtrusive. A parks planner will be coming to the next meeting to discuss regulations for any ideas. The committee plans to proffer a few ideas to the general public to solicit a community favorite.

There are many other exciting events and activities in various stages around the Multnomah area and I urge you, reader, to come out and to see what all the fuss is about. There's a good chance that you'll meet some interesting people (to say the least!) and you'll have some fun participating in conversations that benefit the community as a whole. Get away from the computer! Turn off the TV! Flip through the pages of this newsletter and find an activity that interests you, then GO!

Marshall Park

Thursday, March 8, 6 pm
Burlingame Pizza
1103 SW Taylors Ferry Rd

Jen Seamans Blatner
503-246-2434

marshallpark.swni.org

Important Note: The March meeting will be the last at the Burlingame Pizza location. (Please respectfully leave parking spaces in front of Uncle John's Market for other customers)

At our meeting on February 8th, we covered the following agenda items:

Friends of Marshall Park (FOMP) met with PP&R staff on to go over the stewardship agreement. Many thanks to Roland Brady for volunteering as committee representative. We also discussed park projects. The drinking fountain has not worked for 10 years. It would be too expensive to repair the 800-foot line, and so it will be removed. Plans are under way to repair the picnic table and bench. **Next work party: March 3rd, from 9 am to noon;** meet at the picnic tables in the park.

Grant: We reviewed the timeline for the grant projects, including survey, website, outreach, special events, and spring-summer nature walks in the park. Planning for these projects is starting now, so if you are interested in getting involved, contact Jen at 503-246-2434 or MarshallParkNA@yahoo.com.

Survey: We reviewed and discussed the survey that was administered to MPNA 10 years ago. The new survey will be electronic, which will hopefully improve readability. A draft of the survey will be prepared before next meeting.

Web: The group decided to continue the existing SWNI site (marshallpark.swni.org). This method is significantly easier for volunteers to maintain. We can also more readily share SWNI information, such as NET dialogue. If you have any images from around the neighborhood or other content for the website, email the address above.

NET Teams: There was a meeting of Fire Station 10 NET team in Feb. Local school leaders presented their emergency plans. In Marshall Park, we don't have an obvious staging area. We may have to migrate to the closest staging area in other neighborhoods.

Markham

Tuesday, April 10, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church
10558 SW 35th

John Gibbon, 503-708-6708,
jtgorygun@aol.com

<http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm>

Hydro park coming to Markham-Water Bureau wants your input: The water bureau removed the arbor vitae on the Marigold Tower site at 17th and Marigold as its first step toward converting the site into a hydro park. The water bureau is eager to build a park that neighbors will use and enjoy, and they want to hear from you.

Possible amenities for the hydro park include: benches in the lower area; better steps into the park from the east side; path from lower to upper area; one or two picnic tables in upper area; small community garden in upper area; extra security near the tank (there's a big dropoff and the existing fencing is open enough that young children could drop through).

Join us March 15, 6-7 pm, 2132 SW Primrose Street to discuss these and other ideas for a neighborhood park that we'll all use and enjoy.

South Portland (formerly CTLH)

Wednesday, February 7, 7 pm,
OHSU Center for Health and Healing, 3303 SW Bond
Ken Love, 503-245-7795, TLC11@mindspring.com
www.southportlandna.org

March South Portland meeting in South Waterfront

The South Waterfront section of our neighborhood is growing fast with more and more new residents attending our meetings and wanting to get involved with the neighborhood. Some of the important issues to those of us who live there are extending and improving the greenway as well as getting the new Gibbs pedestrian bridge done as soon as possible. We will be holding our March South Portland Neighborhood Association board meeting at the

OHSU Center for Health and Healing (3303 SW Bond)
Wednesday, March 7th, and the time is 7 pm

OHSU has generously offered free parking for the meeting. Tell the parking attendant you are there for the South Portland Neighborhood Association meeting. Commissioner Sam Adams is scheduled to attend and give a short talk and answer your questions.



Bill Danneman, Terri Adams, Gale Adams and Virginia Ranken

Tram open house

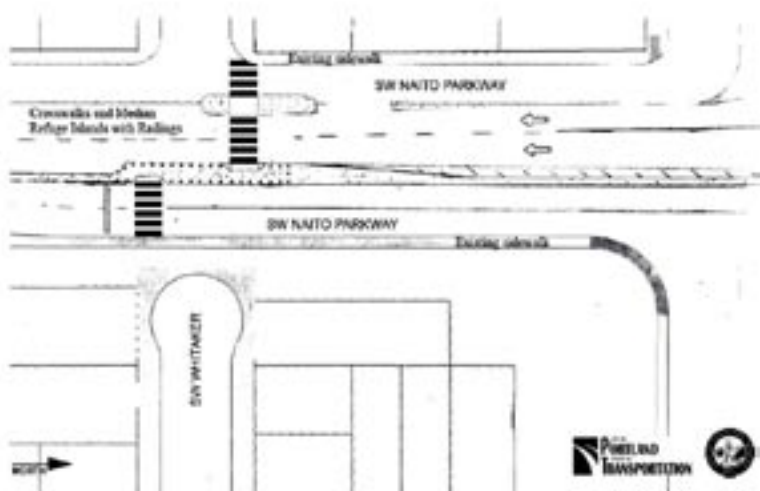
Thank you to the many volunteers who helped prepare for and staff the South Portland Neighborhood Association table at the Tram Open House on January 27th and 28th. We are grateful for all the hard work. Many people came by our booth and bought South Portland buttons or *The Pursuit of Happiness: A History of South Portland*.

The Pursuit of Happiness at Ross Island

If you were unable to get a copy of Stephen Leflar's book *The Pursuit of Happiness: A history of South Portland* at the tram open house, you can pick one up at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett, for \$10. The book is on CD in MSWord and .pdf formats. We may have a print version soon. Stephen spent many hours researching this comprehensive history of our neighborhood and we are very grateful to him.

Pedestrian crossings

GIBBS PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE PROJECT
SW Naito Parkway Pedestrian Crossing Concept



PDOT is working to solve the east-west pedestrian problem in South Portland. Above is a picture of a preliminary crossing plan for Naito Parkway. This concept has two pedestrian crossings with metal railings to protect walkers. There are also crossings planned for Kelly, Corbett and Barbur. For a link to the PDOT webpage with the drawings for all the crossings, see our webpage at www.southportlandna.org. We are very grateful to Bill Hoffman at PDOT and the design team working on this plan who attended our last meeting.

South Portland Circulation Study

Pedestrian flow will improve even more when the recommendations of the South Portland Circulation Study are implemented. This study was completed and approved by the city council six years ago. It is a plan for re-routing vehicular traffic around the west end of the Ross Island Bridge and along Naito Pkwy. When implemented, this system will route traffic out of the residential neighborhood while making it easier for autos to get on to the Ross Island Bridge or downtown.

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

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

Land Use Committee: Monday, March 19, 7:15 pm, at Lair Hill Market, 2823 SW 1st. Contact: committee chair Jim Davis, 503-248-9820.

Communications/Finance/Parks Committee: Wednesday, March 21, 7 pm, at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: Lee Buhler, 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com.

Maplewood

Monday, February 12, 7 pm, Friends School, 7426 SW 52nd
Anne-Marie Fischer, 503-452-4240
vice_chair@maplewoodna.com, www.maplewoodna.com

The February meeting was chaired by Jill Gaddis and attended by about twenty neighbors. In neighborhood news, the recent article on Maplewood School in the *Multnomah Village Post* was recommended as a must-read. The article includes a drawing of the old school based on the original blueprints from 1913. The association continues to participate in Project Hope, collecting linens, blankets, and non-perishable food. The recent plastics recycling drive at PCC was the best ever and the event will be repeated in early May. Our website continues to develop (www.maplewoodna.com).



Neighbors gather to work on trails

Land Use chair Vern Krist reported on the recently installed trail between SW Miles Ct. and the upper parking lot of the Presbyterian Church. Vern, Don Baack of SW Trails and Laurie DeVos were instrumental in its creation. Maplewood thanks all of the volunteers

who contributed sweat equity as well as those who contributed materials or monetarily including SOLV to make this project happen.

A Type 1 Land Division Review (2 lots with a flag lot in an R7 Zone) of the property at 5108 SW Vermont has some neighbors concerned about what appears to be a spring or a stormwater management problem on this property. A motion was made and passed that the association send comments to the city and suggest they look into the issue, which is causing water problems for the neighbors.

Jim Battan reported that money is now available from Portland Parks to begin work on the new Maplewood School playground. There was also much enthusiasm about the maple leaf cutouts with which the students plan to decorate the fence. Neighbors can sponsor leaves, and the association voted to sponsor a large leaf for \$75.

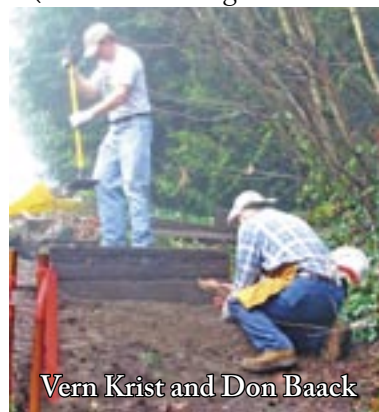
Anne-Marie Fischer announced a planning meeting on March 7 for the next Maplewood picnic which will be held on Sunday, July 29. Last year's picnic was a big success in spite of the heat, and we hope for even better turnout this year. For more details, contact Anne-Marie or visit the website.

Maplewood will soon have available sign caps for our street signs designating Maplewood as a distinct neighborhood. Families and streets can sponsor a sign cap. Price will be determined by design and number of colors. We are looking for design ideas and funding.

A neighbor reported that she had received an anonymous and somewhat hostile note in her mailbox complaining about something on her property. She urged people not to make anonymous complaints as it is very unsettling. Problems like this can be taken to the NA meetings, but best would be to speak in person to the neighbor.

Jill Gaddis announced that Friends of Vermont Creek will have a volunteer work party to help restore Vermont Creek on March 3 for a Maplewood neighbor. If you'd like to volunteer, contact the Watershed Resource Center at 503-823-2862 or email at watershedcenter@spiritone.com for time and location.

Maplewood Neighborhood Association's annual membership and elections will be held on Monday, March 12, 7 pm. All board positions will be open and nominations will be taken from the floor. Light refreshments will be served. Robert Liberty of METRO will be our guest speaker.



Vern Krist and Don Baack

West Portland Park

Thursday, March 8, 7 pm,
Markham School Library,
10531 SW Capitol Hwy

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

SW Hope: Lillie Fitzpatrick, chair of the Hayhurst Neighborhood Association, visited to tell us about SW Hope: Feed the Hungry. (see page 1 for more information)

Mosque on Alfred news: Representatives from the mosque have been invited to attend the meeting to explain their plans for the new school site on Alfred. Rob Shirley and Amanda Fritz met with representatives from the mosque and found that their new plan is to put the building on the surface, with parking underneath. Alice and Paul White, SW Alfred residents, commented that parking for the mosque is a big problem. Cars are parked in illegal and dangerous places. Another concern is that the exit from the garage would feed onto Alfred which would be very dangerous. Their concern is that the gym would attract even more cars and traffic. Jim McLoughlin suggested that PCC should offer its parking lot for the Friday afternoon sessions, and the mosque could offer shuttle service from PCC to the Mosque.

Proposed City Charter Changes: You likely have heard about the proposed changes to Portland's City Charter. The discussion and vote regarding those changes was tabled to the March meeting. Join us to learn about the proposal and give us your thoughts.

Website for WPP: There will be a website for West Portland Park. It will be hosted by SWNI. Come to the March 8 meeting to hear the latest and perhaps see a demonstration.

Neighborhood Initiative for Community Engagement (NICE): (see article on page 1) Sylvia Bogert, executive director of SWNI, and Lul, of the Somali Women's Association, will update us about the upcoming kick-off celebration in April.

Parks News: Southwest Portland has a new parks coordinator, Terry Davis (former director of the SW Community Center).

Work is underway at the Holly Farm Park site. Completion is slated for the end of summer.

South Burlingame

Monday, March 12, 7 pm, Burlingame Baptist Church 125 SW Miles
Mike Andrews, 503-977-6262, mike.andrews@wrgdesign.com

Development is leading our column this month. Based on the article in the SW Neighborhood News (February 2007, under the Collins View Neighborhood header), it appears that Riverview Cemetery has filed a Measure 37 claim to potentially develop 185 acres of land currently zoned 'open space.' Riverview Cemetery abuts the South Burlingame and Collins View neighborhoods. Plans could include the development of 100 homes. SBNA is very interested on how this potential development would impact the traffic conditions of our neighborhood, the environmental and aesthetic character of the surrounding open space area. The board will track this and will contact Riverview Cemetery and the planning bureau to request additional information for review.

We are also tracking three other developments in our area.

New construction can be expected in the near future for 8426 SW 7th and 7908 SW Ruby Terrace. SBNA has requested that Palumbo Homes respond to the neighbor concerns from the last neighborhood meeting, but no response has been received.

In addition, no new news is available on the Ruby Terrace development or the future Fred Meyer improvements. The board again invites the owners/developers to attend our next meeting and present their projects and address neighbor concerns.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 7th, for the South Burlingame neighborhood tree planting near Burlingame Park. This three-hour event will start at 9 am. We will plant 1-gallon trees adjacent to the ODOT right-of-way and park site. This is a 3rd SOLV event in this area and is intended to help reduce

noise and the visual impact of the I-5 corridor and residential housing in our neighborhood.

Speaking of the I-5 corridor, the board understands that it is legal to place a "No Compression Braking" sign adjacent to the roadway to reduce truck compression braking (a.k.a. Jakebraking) House representatives will keep us posted on the outcome of discussions with ODOT.

Representatives from TriMet and SW Crime Prevention Program will be present at our March meeting along with Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist.

Last couple items - We will be reviewing the design of the South Burlingame Neighborhood entry signage, the vehicle traffic issue in the Carson Green space (between SW 10th and 8th) and the neighborhood grant. Please come join us for this one hour meeting.

Graffiti

What does it say? What can you do about it?

Marcia Dennis Graffiti Abatement Coordinator City of Portland,

Forward by Michael Boyer Southwest Portland Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

By all counts graffiti is on the rise in the city of Portland. And while Southwest Portland experiences far fewer occurrences of this type of crime than other parts of the city, it is still an issue that we are faced with. Graffiti, by legal definition, is vandalism (see ORS 164.383 or Portland City Code 14B.80) It is the unauthorized application of markings on someone else's property, i.e., without permission. While some forms of this vandalism can be considered artistic it is still illegal. And leaving graffiti around for long periods after the vandalism has occurred send the wrong message to those that take part in this crime and public. Graffiti needs to be documented, reported, and removed as soon as possible. The following piece of this article by Marcia Dennis (Graffiti Abatement Coordinator of the City of Portland), gives some insight on how properly take care of graffiti.

Graffiti in Portland comes in 4 basic types:

- TAGGER
- GANG
- MESSAGE-POLITICAL
- HATE-BIAS

"Tagger" graffiti is the most prevalent type in Portland. 80-85% of all graffiti in Portland fits this description. It may be simple line-letters, or elaborate, colorful designs, sometimes called "pieces" or "throw-ups". Most of the Taggers arrested in Portland ARE NOT juveniles (under 18 years of age) The median age for Taggers in Portland is 20 years of age. Taggers may travel or associate with a "crew" whose members may all use one tag, or at least hang out together. The photo below shows a "roll call" of Taggers associated with TAHOE & PESTOE.



Examples of local Tagger graffiti and Crew tags:

- WD/WDK – Wasteland Dreams
- AIDS - Art Is Dying Slowly
- PCP - Portland City Painters
- PBSK - Portland Bombing Squad Krew
- KTG – Keep Them Guessing
- KFD – Killin' Folks Daily
- NQD – Not Quite Dead
- HOD/HODK – Hand of Doom Krew
- TMR – Tokin' Marijuana Religiously
- NCS – Nonchalant Scribblers
- UPS – Unified Paint Sprayer
- TOC – Toys Only Crew

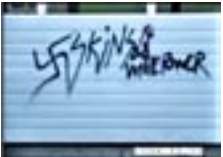
Gang graffiti is growing in Portland. City-wide it accounts for 13-15% of all graffiti-vandalism. In some neighborhoods, it is a much higher percentage of the graffiti. GANG graffiti is the way gang members communicate with each other. Most of the GANG graffiti currently seen in Portland is done by Hispanic or Latino/Latina gang members or wanna-be's. (A growing number of gang-vandals are young females). Also, most of the people arrested for doing GANG graffiti lately have been juveniles.



Examples of local gang graffiti:

- SUR – Sureno
- STC – Sureno Treces Califas
- LMV - Loco Mafia Varrio
- X3 – 13th Street
- XV3 – 18th Street
- CVS – Compton Varrio Segundo
- PRB – Paso Raobles Boys

Message/Political graffiti accounts for approximately 1.5% of all graffiti reported in Portland. This number may be higher in election years. Much of this graffiti is seen on City property, like STOP signs, because the vandal only has to write one or two words under STOP to get his message across.



Hate/Bias graffiti is less than 1% of all reported graffiti in the City. It can appear at specific times of the year. Satanic graffiti usually appears to be the work of kids trying it out...not an organized cult or group.

What can be done about Graffiti?

Report it to:

- o Portland Police Graffiti Hotline – 503-823-4824
- o Or Police Non-emergency 503-823-3333 (weekends or holidays)
- o OR – If you witness it occurring, 9-1-1
- o Online – www.portlandonline.com/oni - Select 'Report a graffiti problem'

Take Photos and send to Graffiti Abatement:

- o Digital photos (no larger than 2 Mega-pixels, please) to: mdennis@ci.portland.or.us
- o Hard copies or Photo CDs to: 1221 SW 4th Ave, Rm. 110, Portland, OR 97204

Remove it:

- o From your own property, paint it out, or check out a removal kit with solvent from one of 9 fire stations (kits contain solvent to be used to 'wipe-off' graffiti).
- o If you need free assistance, please call 503-823-5860 (Marcia Dennis) to put in a request.
- o Volunteer to remove from properties in the right-of-way: Go to webpage at www.portlandonline.com/oni 'report a graffiti problem' and see sign up sheets, and other information about volunteering to remove graffiti.

o Chronic locations – for your own property, contact your neighborhood Crime Prevention Coordinator, Michael Boyer (503-823-3131) for free assistance in 'target-hardening' techniques, i.e., tips to make your property more secure and less vulnerable to graffiti and other vandalism.

Please note all online reports are automatically sent to Graffiti Abatement for referral to responsible agency for removal. Public property is cleaned by a number of agencies, representing City of Portland; Multnomah County; Metro; State of Oregon; and US Postal Service to name a few.

Graffiti vandals are arrested at an average rate of 3 per week. By reporting and accurately documenting the "tags", community members help the police and district attorneys build strong cases that will result in prosecution. Repeat offenders are often sentenced to jail time, and are also ordered to pay restitution to the victims. It is also helpful to have community members or businesses willing to testify or come to court for trial or sentencing of a convicted graffiti vandal. Your help is important!

A reminder about curfew times

Michael Boyer Southwest Portland Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

With Spring Break right around the corner, it is a good time to review the curfew laws for the City of Portland. Please have a safe and enjoyable spring break with your children. It is important to know where your child is at, at all times.

Curfew times are:

- Under 14, not yet in high school: weekday 9:15 pm to 6 am; weekend 10:15 pm to 6 am.
- 14 or older, in high school: weekday 10:15 pm to 6 am; weekend midnight to 6 am.

ID Theft and your Social

Security Number

Social Security Administration www.ssa.gov

Identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in America. When a dishonest person has your Social Security number, the thief can use it to get other personal information about you. Most of the time identity thieves use your number and your good credit to apply for more credit in your name. Then, they use the credit cards and do not pay the bills. You do not find out that someone is using your number until you are turned down for credit, or you begin to get calls from unknown creditors demanding payment for items you never bought.

Don't make it easy for someone to steal your number

Identity thieves get your personal information by:

- Stealing wallets, purses and your mail (bank and credit card statements, pre-approved credit offers, telephone calling cards and tax information);
- Stealing personal information you provide to an unsecured site on the Internet, from business or personnel records at work and personal information in your home;
- Sorting through trash for personal data;
- Posing as someone who legitimately needs information about you, such as employers or landlords; or
- Buying personal information from "inside" sources. For example, an identity thief may pay a store employee for information about you that appears on an application for goods, services or credit.

Be careful with your Social Security card and number to prevent theft

Show your card to your employer when you start a job so your records are correct. Then, put it in a safe place. DO NOT carry your card with you.

How can I report that someone is using my Social Security number?

You should file a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission by:

- Internet— www.consumer.gov/idtheft
- Telephone— 1-877-IDTHEFT (1-877-438-4338)
- TTY— 1-866-653-4261

If you think someone is using your number for work purposes, you should contact Social Security. One way to find out whether someone is using your number in order to work is to check your Social Security Statement. The Statement lists earnings posted to your Social Security record. If you find an error on your Statement, contact Social Security right away.

What if I think someone is using my number and creating credit problems for me?

If someone used your Social Security number to get credit, Social Security cannot fix your credit record. To fix your credit record:

- Call the creditors who approved the credit (follow up with a letter).
- File a police report.
- Contact the fraud department of the major credit bureaus.

Ask:

- To have a flag placed on your record, requiring creditors to contact you before approving additional credit using your name and number;
- How long your account will be flagged and how you can extend the flag, if necessary; and
- To have a statement added to your credit report—include your name, explain the problem and provide a telephone number where someone can call you.

Request a copy of your credit report from each major credit bureau and check to see if it contains any entries you do not know about. If you are denied credit, you may be entitled to a free copy of your report.

The major credit reporting agencies are:

- Equifax (www.equifax.com or 1-800-685-1111)
- Experian (www.experian.com or 1-888-397-3742)
- TransUnion (www.transunion.com or 1-800-916-8800)

Getting a new Social Security number

If you have done all you can to fix the problem and someone still is using your number, we may assign you a new number. We cannot guarantee that a new number will solve your problem.

You cannot get a new Social Security number if:

- You filed for bankruptcy;
- You intend to avoid the law or your legal responsibility; or
- Your Social Security card is lost or stolen, but there is no evidence that someone is using your number.

Contacting Social Security

In addition to using our website, you can call us toll-free at 1-800-772-1213. We can answer specific questions from 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Friday. We can provide information by automated phone service 24 hours a day. (You can use our automated response system to tell us a new address or request a replacement Medicare card.) If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you may call our TTY number, 1-800-325-0778. We treat all calls confidentially. We also want to make sure you receive accurate and courteous service.

Ready. Safe. Go.

It's time to register for the free community public safety conference, held at PCC Sylvania here in SW

Michael Boyer: Southwest Portland Crime Prevention Program Coordinator



Phil and Keturah Pennington with Crime Prevention Program Manager, Stephanie Reynolds, at the 2006 Ready. Safe. Go. event.

It is time to mark your calendars for this year's Ready. Safe. Go. event. The second annual Ready. Safe. Go. event will once again be held at Portland Community College's Sylvania Campus in Southwest Portland. This event is a combination of ceremony to honor Portland's most involved citizens and train community members on crime prevention and emergency preparedness topics. Once again the Office of Neighborhood Involvement will be partnering with Portland's Office of Emergency Management for this spectacular day.

This year over twenty different training classes will be offered on a variety of crime prevention and emergency preparedness topics. Sign-up for the day's classes will start at 8:30 am and run until 9:15 pm. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Classes will take place from 9:15 am until 12:55 pm; followed by lunch, special guest speakers, and the recognition ceremony for the various outstanding community members. A final list of the day's classes will be released as we get closer to the event. Check the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's web site at: www.portlandonline.com/oni for up dates.

This event has a very special meaning for Southwest Portland. Many of you know Phil and Keturah Pennington, of Southwest Portland. Last year they honored for their commitment to their community in the area of public safety by receiving the first annual Phil and Keturah Pennington Award. The Phil and Keturah Pennington Award will be given this year "to an individual or couple who exemplify community spirit through their many contributions to public safety efforts and community cohesiveness and livability."

The Ready. Safe. Go. training conference is limited to only 250 community members, and is likely to fill quickly. The training and lunch are free, but pre-registration is required to attend, so don't delay!!! There are two ways to register for Ready. Safe. Go.:

1. At the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's web site: www.portlandonline.com/oni.
2. By phone, for those that do not have access to a computer. Contact the Crime Prevention Administrative Coordinator Nell Wagenar at: 503-823-4064.

An update on Ready. Safe. Go. will be published in next month's Crime Prevention and Public Safety pages. So keep an eye out for me details, or feel free to contact me anytime with questions.

Crime stats from Police Bureau show reduction

Michael Boyer:
Southwest Portland Crime Prevention Program Coordinator

During the January meeting for SWNI's Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee meeting, Neighborhood Response Team Officers Brian Hughes and Mark Friedman shared a crime statistic comparison for years of 2005 and 2006. These statistics dealt with property crimes that have taken place in various neighborhoods that are associated with SWNI. Car prowls, burglaries, car thefts, and vandalisms were the main focus of the report; but all calls for service were included in the report as well. Over all these numbers reflect a positive trend in Southwest Portland; crime is going down. The most encouraging statistic is that car prowls were down 21% from 2005 to 2006. You have may noticed that Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL) was not included in these statistics. This was due to the fact that SWHRL had not join SWNI at the time they were released.

2005 SW Portland Stats

	car prowls	burg	car theft	vand	Calls for svcs
Arnold Creek	5	7	0	10	482
Ashcreek	42	13	4	26	1365
Bridlemile	46	24	5	21	1193
Collins View	31	10	2	17	798
Crestwood	13	4	1	1	364
Far Southwest	15	13	4	18	595
Hayhurst	46	24	7	27	1320
Hillsdale	53	37	21	66	4287
Homestead	76	19	14	23	1193
Maplewood	16	6	3	12	408
Markham	18	12	5	9	529
Marshall Park	9	3	1	3	191
Multnomah	94	48	31	46	4837
S Burlingame	8	5	6	14	805
S Portland	157	91	43	50	5036
W Ptlid Park	42	18	4	24	2315
TOTALS	671	334	151	367	25718

2006 SW Portland Stats

	car prowls	burg	car theft	vand	Calls for svcs
Arnold Creek	12	7	0	9	482
Ashcreek	12	13	2	16	1411
Bridlemile	14	16	19	18	991
Collins View	15	19	0	63	682
Crestwood	4	3	0	3	357
Far Southwest	6	10	5	16	459
Hayhurst	17	21	5	22	1167
Hillsdale	44	39	26	53	3874
Homestead	69	12	13	23	1089
Maplewood	13	6	3	5	406
Markham	31	13	3	4	550
Marshall Park	7	4	1	6	242
Multnomah	79	34	20	46	4476
S Burlingame	12	4	2	7	727
S Portland	151	59	21	63	4722
W Ptlid Park	38	12	9	28	2290
TOTALS	524	272	129	382	23925
CHANGE	-147	-62	-22	15	-1793
% OF CHANGE	-21%	-18%	-14%	.04%	-.06%

Helpful numbers

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

Helpful websites

- Office of Neighborhood Involvement website
www.portlandonline.com/oni
 - Neighborhood demographics
 - Neighborhood association contact info
 - Maps of neighborhood boundaries
 - Crime prevention educational materials
- Portland Police Bureau website
www.portlandonline.com/police
 - CrimeMapper- see crime levels for 8 different crimes in your immediate area for the past 12 months. Just type in your address.
 - "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.
 - 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.
 - "Problem-solving resource guide"- the same list of referral numbers the police officers carry around. Very helpful.
 - Public information office- sign up to receive 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 breaking stories.
 - Suspected drug house complaint form- the Drugs and Vice Division wants to hear from you if you know about a possible 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
www.oregon.gov
- 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.
- 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.
- Information on hate crimes
www.tolerance.org
A website of the Southern Poverty Law Center, one of the nation's leading authorities on violence based on racism, homophobia, religious bigotry, etc.
- Information on sex offender registration.
www.co.multnomah.or.us/dj/acjs/offender-sup.html
Info on how sex offender registration & notification works in Oregon
- Resources for youth
www.girlsinitiativenetwork.org
A local community-based coalition of girls, young women, and their supporters involved in advocacy, education, and activism.
- www.yar.org
Provides grants to young people to design and carry out service projects.
- www.girlsinc.org
National non-profit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.
- www.mcgruff.org
A site run by the National Crime Prevention Council. Includes many games and activities to teach children about crime prevention.



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(Open 9 am - 3:30 pm, M-F)
Neighborhood House, Inc. Senior Center

FREE TAX-AIDE

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

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

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

Please bring the following with you:

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

Both spouses should be present or return will be delayed.

Programs & Services for Adults 55+

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

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING: Second Thursday, 10 - 11: am. Free
QIGONG CLASSES: Monday, 10 - 11 am. Free.

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

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

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

FOOT CLINIC: Appointments Available on the 2nd Wednesday.

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

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

AARP "55 ALIVE" Driving Safety Program: Varies, Call for info. Fee: \$10; Payable to AARP.

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

HEARING AID TESTING: Second Wednesday 1 - 2 pm.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a Green Tea Tasting Party March 16, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

The custom of having a hot cup of tea has been a long-standing tradition in Ireland just as coffee-drinking has become a daily custom elsewhere. There are many tea-related rituals such as a "workman's" tea, "teddy bear" tea or a "get-acquainted" tea. Irish blend tea is a strong, flavorful blend of Ceylon tea mixed with Assam Indian tea. It is often mixed with rich milk or cream and a little sugar so the drink has a delicious full-bodied taste.

Why green tea? Studies have shown that green tea contains properties, such as antioxidants, that are considered to be beneficial. And there are a surprising number of delicious varieties of green tea available. While green tea is not an Irish tea, and green tea is not green (it's actually a golden color), this is still a great opportunity to enjoy a great "get-acquainted" tea here at the Senior Center.

So come join us on March 16th from 12:30 - 1:30 pm for a tea-tasting party. We will have many varieties of Green tea and biscuits (cookies) to sample and, of course, traditional Irish tea as well.

GIGANTIC Rummage Sale

Neighborhood House Senior Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Parking access from SW 31st at rear of building

Thursday, March 29, 9 am - 5 pm
Friday, March 30, 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday, March 31, 9 am - 3 pm

Bring your family and friends and find some treasures.

For more information, call 503-244-5204
Sponsored by Neighborhood House Senior Center which relies on donations and fundraisers for support in order to promote continued growth and independence in neighborhood senior citizens.

RUMMAGE SALE
March 29th-31st
Thursday/Friday 9 am - 5 pm
Saturday 9 am - 3 pm

We are collecting items for our annual rummage sale now. Please consider donating any of the following items during senior center hours: household items, small appliances, dishes, cookware, decorative items, small furniture, clothing and shoes, jewelry, sporting goods, garden tools, toys, automotive equipment, entertainment & exercise equipment, craft supplies, and holiday decorations.

If you have a large donation, please call the center for special drop-off times. If you have a large donation and are unable to deliver it during business hours, please call Mary at 503-244-8223.

Sorry, we cannot accept stoves, tires, refrigerators, mattresses or sofa beds.

SENIOR CENTER MEMBERSHIP

Annual membership is \$20/individual and \$30/couple.

Membership includes delivery of our monthly newsletter and membership is required for participants in most activities, classes and trips.

Membership is open to all individuals 55 & older, or if the spouse is 55 years of age.

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

Trip registration begins on February 28th for all trips, except Lucky Eagle which is on the first of the month.

S.C.R.A.P. and PIX Patisserie: Thursday, March 8th, 1:30 - 4 pm. \$3.50, plus money for desserts.

LUCKY EAGLE CASINO: Wednesday, March 14th, 8:45 am - 5 pm. FREE.

OLD CHURCH CONCERT & Brown Bag Lunch: Wednesday, March 14th, 11 am - 2 pm. \$4.50, plus money for desserts.

VALUE VILLAGE Shopping: Tuesday, March 20th, 1:30 - 4 pm. FREE, plus money for shopping.

SAVOY GLASS STUDIOS TOUR: Thursday, March 22nd, 1:30 - 4 pm. \$3.50.

QUILT SHOW: Saturday, March 24th, 1 - 3 pm. \$4.50, plus \$3 Admission.

ALBERTINA'S RESTAURANT AND SHOPS: Saturday, March 28th, 11:30 am - 3 pm. \$3.50, plus \$10 for lunch, and money for shopping.

Neighborhood House volunteer gives insight on food donations



Southwest resident Patti DeWitz, a volunteer with Neighborhood House's Emergency Food Box Program, stocks shelves with donated food.

It's a Thursday morning at Neighborhood House, and Patti DeWitz is stationed in the food storage room at Neighborhood House, taking stock of the inventory in anticipation of that day's distribution of emergency food boxes.

DeWitz has been an integral part of the volunteer team at Neighborhood House for about eight months - ever since she lost her job and, unexpectedly, found herself in need of a food box. "It was embarrassing at first," DeWitz remembered. But she was thankful for the help, and decided she wanted to give back to Neighborhood House.

Never one to pass up an opportunity, DeWitz saw she could help out when the daily donation of bread needed to be stacked. Then she began unloading the produce donated from the Hillsdale Farmer's Market. That led to cleaning off tables and putting donated food away. Once she met Steve Friedman, Community Services case manager, DeWitz said she "became official."

"I didn't come here thinking of volunteering. It just kind of evolved," DeWitz said. DeWitz has "gotten into the flow of things" at Neighborhood House, Southwest Portland's primary social service agency and the local distribution center for the Oregon Food Bank. That means she prepares the food room for food box distribution, takes inventory, restocks supplies from the basement storage room, and cleans up as necessary.

"Patti is a very committed volunteer with a great attitude. It's nice having someone nearby whose always ready to help out," said Natalie Loomis, short-term invention specialist at Neighborhood House.

DeWitz also talks to the people who come to Neighborhood House for food. "I learn a lot about people's situations, and share my story with them," she said. For example, one woman who works as a nursing home aide can't afford to buy enough food to feed her children. Her monthly food box helps stretch her budget. A self-described "natural ham," DeWitz uses humor to make people feel comfortable and welcome. "For some people it's the bread, for others it's the social aspect," she said.

DeWitz, 53, is clearly a person whose time is well spent. She paddles on a dragon boat team, sings, and is rehearsing for a play. She holds two master's degrees, and has taught people with disabilities to use assistive technology to access computers and other services to gain employment. That's something DeWitz - who happens to have low vision - knows a lot about.

DeWitz has observed the types of food donated to Neighborhood House for several months now, and has some advice to donors. "Frozen meat and vegetables are great," she said, noting that the agency's freezer is rarely full. High-quality soups and packaged pasta dishes are also ideal, as are ethnic foods such as Spanish sweet crackers and matzo balls. "I encourage people to get creative with their donations," DeWitz said.

That's good advice in light of "Southwest Hope: Feed the Hungry," a major community-based food drive that will run Feb. 23 through March 31. For details, visit www.nhweb.org or www.swhope.org, or call St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church at 503-246-4276.

Grant for community engagement

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In the second phase of the project, outreach and engagement of the neighborhood association residents will take place to share the goals of the project. A cultural awareness training will be offered to help neighbors better understand the Somali culture and traditions. Social service providers, schools, and other agencies identified (through the needs assessment) will be invited to participate in the cultural awareness training.

In the final phase, project partners (SWNI, SEUL and SWA) will host a social get-together with neighborhood residents and Somali families. A halal feast, catered according to Somali custom, will be served. In addition, staff from many different resource organizations will offer an introduction to their services for all community members.

The goal of the project is to help people try to understand each other better and engage them in their community. If you would like additional information about this project, contact Sylvia Bogert at the Southwest Neighborhood Office at 503-823-4592 or sylvia@swni.org.

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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Watershed Resource Center

by Jen Seamans Blatner

As we enter the time of year when life emerges from stagnation into vibrant growth, so too is a busy spring coming into fruition at the WRC! Here is a sampling of things you can do, see, or find out more about at the WRC:

- Learn more about the Clean River Rewards program and things you can do at home to protect water quality
- Need community service hours? The WRC needs volunteers for a variety of tasks!
- Free education programs for clubs, scouts, church groups, or ____ (insert your group here!)
- Grant opportunities for watershed restoration and stormwater retrofit on public or private property
- Free ecology posters for teachers and parents
- Projects and events sponsored by local Friends groups happening in YOUR corner of SW Portland!

Spotlight on SW Stream Stewards: Friends of Marshall Park

Marshall Park is a 25-acre, city-owned natural area located on the mainstem of Tryon Creek, upstream of Tryon Creek State Natural Area. The site, which functioned as a rock quarry and then a summer home, was donated to the city by the Marshall Family in 1947. Exposed basalt flows in the upper section of the park create a series of creek cascades where small cutthroat trout can occasionally be seen darting from behind boulders into deep pools. The park provides important wildlife connectivity; it has a finger-like extension along the Marshall Creek drainage to the north and touches the Tryon Creek State Natural Area boundary to the south.

The Friends of Marshall Park is the most recently formed stewardship group in the Fanno & Tryon Creek watersheds. Work parties cosponsored by the neighborhood association and Watershed Council have been held on the first Saturday of each month for the last few years. Recently, the group realized the opportunity to increase communication, grant opportunities and advocacy on behalf of this neighborhood gem that exists with becoming a formally recognized Friends group. Contact Roland at brady_geology@msn.com or Jen at watershedcenter@spiritone.com/503-823-2862 if you'd like to learn more or get involved!

Tryon Creek Watershed Council

Jen Seamans Blatner, Coordinator, tcwc@tryonfriends.org, 503-636-4398

Hello from Jen! TCWC has a new coordinator - Jen Seamans Blatner, who is already a familiar face to visitors at the Southwest Watershed Resource Center. "For the past year, I have been involved with the TCWC Stewardship Committee through my (continuing) work at the Watershed Center. As a resident of the Tryon Creek watershed near Marshall Park, I am excited to serve in this role! Most importantly, I am able to more efficiently serve Tryon Creek residents who inquire at the Watershed Center about TCWC programs and events - I no longer need to refer them to someone else!"

Restoration Events: Tryon Creek Watershed Council co-sponsors work parties with the City of Lake Oswego on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 am to noon at the Nettle Creek site. Contact Jen, TCWC Coordinator, at 503-636-4398 or tcwc@tryonfriends.org for more information.

Team Up for Watershed Health! TCWC and SOLV will co-sponsor a native planting on March 10th from 9 am to noon at the Zimmer property. Advance registration required; contact SOLV at www.solv.org, rhyana@solv.org or 503-844-9571 x363.

Next meeting: Monday, March 12th, at 6 pm at the Tryon Creek State Park Nature Center, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd. Email tcwc@tryonfriends.org if you'd like to be added to the email list.

Multnomah sewer line repair

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Problems with the Pressure Sewer Lines

Pressure pipeline breaks in late 2005 and early 2006 caused sewage leaks to nearby properties and ditches. Each required the pipeline to shut down for about two weeks.

§ In October 2005, a section of the Multnomah pressure sewer line broke at SW 69th Avenue and Railroad Street.

§ In February 2006 the city repaired a leak in the Garden Home line on SW 77th Avenue.

Following these pipeline breaks, Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services hired a consultant to evaluate the Fanno pressure pipeline. Engineering firm CH2M Hill completed a report in spring 2006, recommending repairs to both sections of the line.

What Repairs Are Needed?

The city hasn't yet chosen a solution and is considering a range of options, including:

- § Completely replacing the Multnomah pipeline;
 - § Replacing part of the pipeline;
 - § Changing pump station operations to prolong pipeline life.
- Engineers will consider various construction methods including conventional excavation, and alternate methods that reduce excavation.

Tentative Design and Construction Schedule

Here is the tentative schedule for the Multnomah pipeline repair:

- § December 2006 - April 2007: Review existing data and evaluate construction alternatives.
- § April - December 2007: Complete final designs and construction plans.
- § Early 2008: Advertise for bids.
- § Spring or summer 2008 - Begin construction.

Community Involvement

The Multnomah pressure line repair will have significant impacts. Environmental Services is committed to keeping the public informed, involving the public in decisions whenever possible, and minimizing the project's public impacts. We will mail printed and email updates, post project information online, hold public meetings and keep the media informed. Our staff will be available to answer questions by phone and email.

Construction impacts could include:

- § Detours, delays or reduced lanes on Multnomah;
- § Traffic delays affecting businesses in Multnomah Village and Garden Home;
- § Combined impacts of work on Multnomah and the SW Oleson improvement project;
- § Construction noise and dust; and
- § Traffic impacts on alternate routes like SW Garden Home Road and Vermont Street.

For More Information

If you have questions or concerns about the Multnomah Pressure Sewer Repair Project, call Bob Cynkar of Environmental Services at 503-823-7898, or email robertcy@bes.ci.portland.or.us. You can complete an online survey and make comments at www.portlandonline.com/bes. To get on our email or US mail update list, give us your address.

Protect stream quality while beautifying your yard through Naturescaping

The basic Naturescaping workshop is a FREE 4-hour workshop to learn how to naturescape your yard. Naturescaping features beautiful native plants (resistant to native pests and diseases), natural landscapes and environmentally-friendly gardening practices. The result is less water use, fewer (if any) chemicals and less maintenance - direct benefits to you, your garden and the environment. Plus it attracts interesting and beneficial wildlife.

The workshop includes before and after Naturescaping examples, advice on landscape design and native gardening, identifying native plants, and a short outdoor field trip to a nearby home or community project to see naturescaping in action. Get ideas for your garden, a guide book and a native plant to get you started. Open to all.

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

Basic, Saturday, March 10, 9 am - 1 pm, Tigard library

Basic, Saturday, March 17, 9 am - 1 pm, Beaumont neighborhood

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

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

Friends of Vermont Creek step up creek restoration activities

Friends of Vermont Creek (FOVC) was awarded a Community Watershed Stewardship grant from BES to help property owners along Vermont Creek to reduce erosion and improve water quality in the creek by enhancing native vegetation in the stream and shoreline areas. The help comes in the form of volunteer work parties from the watershed Friends group (FOVC) putting in bio-bags, planting native shrubs, trees, and perennials, and other environmentally friendly enhancements paid for by the grant.

Would you like to learn more about watershed restoration in action? Come and volunteer for one of our work parties to help one or more of your neighbors - and Vermont Creek! Refreshments & opportunities to get to know your neighbors are provided free of charge. Our next work parties will be held on **Saturday, March 3 and March 10**. Call Jen at the Watershed Resource Center 503-823-2862 for exact time and meeting location, or email watershedcenter@spiritone.com. Attention: FOVC.

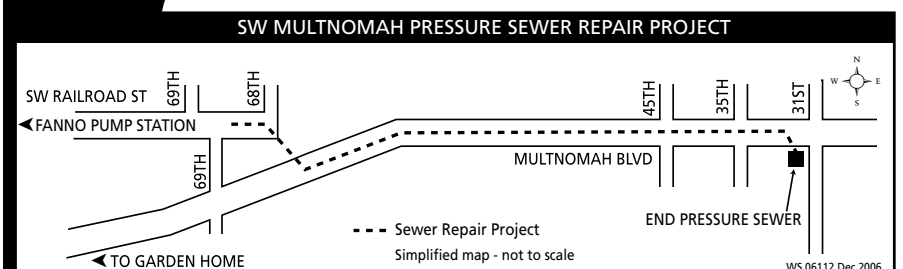
If you can't make the work parties or would just like to be involved with FOVC in other ways, the next meeting will be **Monday, March 26, at 7 pm at the Watershed Resource Center, SW Community Center at Gabriel Park (45th and Vermont)**. Email watershedcenter@spiritone.com for agenda.

Please join us
at an informational

Open House

Multnomah Pressure Sewer Repair Project

The City of Portland is designing a repair project for the two-mile-long pressure sewer line in SW Multnomah Boulevard. Construction is scheduled to start in spring 2008.



Tuesday, March 13

6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
(Presentation at 7:00)

Multnomah Center Auditorium
7688 SW Capitol Highway

For more information call 503-823-7898
or visit www.portlandonline.com/bes.



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Water for fish, water for people-- the story of salmon and our drinking water

Join the Portland Water Bureau, the Nature Conservancy, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and other members of the Sandy River Basin Partners for a FREE class about the effects of the drinking water system on native salmon, and the current and future work to protect and restore wild salmon habitat in the Bull Run River and Sandy River Basin.

Saturday March 10, 2007, 9 am to 1 pm (lunch provided)
Southwest Community Center, 6820 SW 45 Ave
Bus lines: #1 Vermont; parking: lot off 45th Ave.

Portland area residents are the lucky recipients of some of the best drinking water in the world. The Bull Run Watershed, located in the Sandy River Basin, has been the primary source for clean drinking water for over 100 years. The Bull Run watershed has also been home to threatened salmon and steelhead trout for much longer. Many agencies and organizations have joined together to conduct projects in the Sandy River Basin to restore and improve native salmon habitat.

Join us for a few hours to experience a raven's eye view of the Bull Run watershed (courtesy of Google Earth); role play the life-cycle of local salmon in order to understand the difficulties that they encounter during their migrations; and learn how flow, temperature, and habitat impact salmon's ability to survive and thrive.

Classes are FREE but registration is required on a first-come, first-served basis: contact Terry Black at 503-823-1168 or emailprotect@water.ci.portland.or.us.

Capitol Hill Stormwater Workshops



Capitol Hill School

Capitol Hill Elementary was recently awarded a grant through the Neighborhood Small Grant Program that will support a series of workshops and tours focusing on ways to better manage the school's stormwater. The school has 4.39 acres of

impervious area and is a potential candidate for a stormwater retrofit. The purpose of the workshops will be to inform the neighboring community about our local watershed, stormwater issues, and various technologies available for on-site infiltration. The grant provides an opportunity to be involved in the preliminary design for improvements to the school grounds and playground area.

The stormwater management planning group meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in Capitol Hill's library.

Workshops planned include:

Watersheds - A sense of Place, Saturday, March 17th from 10 am-noon at the Nature Center in Tryon Creek State Park. This presentation will include workshops for both adults and children. A free lunch is provided for those registering early.

Stormwater -Thursday April 26th, from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Capitol Hill Library This workshop will cover stormwater management concepts as well as present a "virtual" tour of various sustainable stormwater practices management strategies and examples of local facilities. For more information visit our website at tenspiders.com/chs.htm.



Southwest Trails

THANK YOU, TRAIL BUILDERS!

We owe a big thank you to the 11 volunteers who helped us re-build a trail in the Maplewood neighborhood. The trail connects Miles Court to the Multnomah Presbyterian Church parking lot. The trail started out as a slippery, dangerous and inconvenient mess at 9 am on January 17th. By noon it had been transformed into a nice gravel walkway with a set of 8 new stairs at the bottom and 8 new stairs at the top. With so many people helping, it was quick work.

This is very important work. Rates of diabetes and obesity have been rising over the years closely correlated to our dependence on automobiles. For our health, we need to get walking again and to do that we need safe, convenient walking surfaces. Thank you, trail builders, for your efforts!

generously given us an easement on their property to construct the trail. However, the process has been bogged down in the Portland Office of Transportation for some time. However, Sam Adams said he would get it done and it looks like we may have everything in place in about a month. Thank you, Sam! Please keep in contact with us as to when we are starting to build this trail. It will take several work parties as this section is harder than rebuilding the sections at the east end.



EASEMENT MAKING PROGRESS

Stephens Creek walkway is nearing the end of the long permitting process as well, and we should be able to start construction by summer, maybe sooner on the steps part of the job.

The next trail walk is **March 10th**. Meet at the oak tree behind the Pacific Dance Studio at SW Sunset and Capitol Highway at **9 am sharp**. We will then go to the historical Lair Hill neighborhood for our walk.

Also on **March 10th**, there will be another campus cleanup at Wilson High School.

Next SW Trails meeting: **Thursday, March 22nd, 7 pm, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 6835 SW 46th**. For more information, contact Don Baack: 503-246-2088, baack@pacifier.com.

Getting in the mood for spring cleaning?
Mark your Calendar for the

SWNI Annual Spring Cleanup Saturday, May 12, 9 am - 1 pm

Items to be collected include: bulky waste, wood and yard debris, scrap metal, computer/electronics and items for charity.

This event is sponsored by Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI), in partnership with Office of Sustainable Development and METRO.

For more information, call the SWNI office at 503-823-4592 or email genny@swni.org.

March 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	2	3 9:00 AM Marshall Park Workparty 9:00 AM Vermont Creek Work Party 9:00 AM Wilson/Rieck Campus Redesign 6:00 PM Multnomah Art Center Auction
4	5 7:00 PM Mult Historical	6 6:00 PM S Portland NA Trans/Plng Comm 6:30 PM Stormwater Rewards Wkshp 7:00 PM Homestead NA	7 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA 7:00 PM S Portland NA Board	8 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 6:30 PM Spring Garden Adv Park 7:00 PM Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness 7:00 PM W Portland PK NA	9	10 9:00 AM Armory Design Wkshp 9:00 AM Trail Walk 9:00 AM Vermont Creek Work Party 9:00 AM Water for Fish/People Mtg 9:00 AM Zinnser wkgty 10:00 AM Capitol Hill Stormwater Workshop
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18	19 7:15 PM S Portland NA Land Use	20 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	21 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 7:00 PM S Portland NA Communications/ Finance/Parks 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm	22 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	23	24
25	26 7:00 PM Fr of VI Creek Mtg	27 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/Public Safety Mtg	28 7:00 PM SWNI Board	29 8:00 AM Mult Village Bus Senior Center Rummage Sale 9 am - 5 pm	30 Senior Center Rummage Sale 9 am - 5 pm	31 Senior Center Rummage Sale 9 am - 3 pm

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.

Join the Urban Trails Walk Saturday, March 10, 9 am

Arnie Panitch is guide for a walk in the Old Southwest Neighborhood of Portland. He will take us to historical sites and give us a history of the ethnic cultures of this interesting area of Portland.

Walk 5 -6 miles with little or no elevation gain.

Meet behind Wilson High School bleachers (Sunset and Capitol Hwy) . Or if you wish to meet at Willamette Park at 9 am.

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