

\$21,370 awarded through the 2008 Neighborhood Small Grants Program

by Ruthann Bedenkop, Outreach Coordinator

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) awarded 16 grants to neighborhood associations and community organizations through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Neighborhood Small Grants program.

SWNI Neighborhood Small Grant Selection Committee recommended the \$21,370 in funds be awarded to the following projects.

Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association for Community Resource Fair (\$750)

Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association will host a resource fair in conjunction with the Stephenson Elementary Back to School Picnic. Businesses, neighborhood groups and youth groups will be invited to share in a "one-stop shopping" for parents in the area.

Dickinson Park Stewards for Dickinson Park at the Movies (\$1970)

Dickinson Park Stewards will host two to three outdoor movies in Dickinson Park to showcase the park, build on the volunteer base and create community.

Far Southwest Neighborhood Association for Operation of Outreach (\$920)

A door-to-door outreach that includes information about crime prevention, Far Southwest Neighborhood Association, disaster preparedness, NET and block watch. A survey of special needs, skills and tools/supplies will be assessed during this door-to-door. Additional monies assist in funding a community potluck tied in with National Night Out.

Girl Scouts Columbia River Council Troop 1984 for Garden Rejuvenation at Robert Gray Middle School (\$970)

This project is to use the garden rejuvenation project as a place for young women to develop hands-on learning and leadership opportunities. It will offer an outdoor retreat and foster pride and ownership for all students.

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Hillsdale couple receives Spirit of Portland Award



Joe and Pam VanderVeer (pictured above receiving the Spirit of Portland award from Commissioner Randy Leonard) created and maintain TheUnderRepresented.com (TUR), a politically engaging website facilitating self-advocacy for people with disabilities. Via the website, anyone can take part in the political and legislative processes locally, state and nation-wide. Since April this year, Oregonians with

disabilities have sent thousands of messages through TUR to elected officials in both the Oregon Legislature and Congress.

With others in the local disability community, the VanderVeers recently revived the Oregon chapter of the national disability rights organization, ADAPT. They intend for the Oregon chapter to be a cross organizational disability voice in municipal, county, and state politics.

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Looking back at 2007 Many volunteers accomplish much!

by Leonard Gard, Program Manager



Multnomah Outdoor Cinema provides summer entertainment and builds community

Now is the time many of us reminisce about the year that has just fallen into the past, and wonder about what the new year will bring. Here, at the friendly SW Neighborhood office, I've pulled out all twelve 2007 issues of the *SW Neighborhood News* to jog my memory of the past year's community events here in SW Portland and the issues that affected us. The gist of it is that a lot of good and productive stuff happened. Some of it--and here is where the tooting of one's own horn occurs--was facilitated by SWNI (Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.). But much of it was initiated and done by individuals and various friends' groups. Congratulations to all of you.

Here are some of the 2007 highlights:

In January, SWNI hosted a forum on recommendations from the Charter Review Commission to amend our city charter. In April we held a second forum on those recommendations, enshrined then as Measure 26-91. Voters rejected the measure on May 15.

Community Connect, a project to increase community involvement in civic affairs, an idea Mayor Potter championed in his election campaign, was in full swing. In September, a workgroup issued eight recommendations to implement three goals: increasing the number and diversity of people involved in their communities; strengthen-

ing community capacity; and increasing community impact on public decisions. The final step will probably be city council approval of goals and recommendations.

The Multnomah Outdoor Cinema, so successful showing movies in the summer of 2006, moved indoors in the winter of 2007, then returned to the outdoors in the summer.



Capitol Hill Elementary School Stormwater Retrofit one of the Neighborhood Small Grants

SWNI awarded 18 small grants to projects in the coalition area. The money came from the small grants program at the Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Worthy projects receiving grants included an emergency preparedness fair at Fulton Park Community Center, the Maplewood summer picnic and playground equipment improvements at Maplewood School, development of the new Gateway Park on Multnomah Blvd, and engagement of the Somali community in the neighborhood association system. SWNI is just about to announce awards in a second round of grants.

So many wonderful volunteers over many years have been doing environmental restoration work in SW Portland. In 2007, the work included: the on-going effort to remove invasives in the Tryon Creek State Natural Area; plantings in Gabriel Park; invasives removal and planting by Friends of Vermont Creek; No Ivy Day projects on May 5 at Open Space Park, Marshall Park, Keller Woodlands, SW Briar Ct, and Stephens Creek; invasives removals and plantings in Sylvania Park; restoration work in April Hill Park; and many other projects.

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Community to weigh in on options for Portland school buildings

Parents, students, community members and educators are invited to four January meetings in different quadrants of the city to give input on options for repairing, remodeling and/or rebuilding Portland Public School buildings.

Sessions will be held

January 15
Jefferson High School
(north quadrant)

January 16
Wilson High School
(west quadrant)

January 22
Madison High School
(northeast quadrant)
and

January 23
Franklin High School
(southeast quadrant)

The meetings will be held from 7 - 9:30 pm.

At the meetings, consultants hired by the school district will present findings from their analysis of both the physical conditions and educational suitability of each school in that quadrant. They also will summarize public input on building priorities captured at community meetings in May and November. Based on those findings, the consultants will present options for repairing, renovating or replacing each school, and the costs of each option. Community members can ask questions and give feedback on the options.

Community members interested in attending the January sessions are asked to email RSVP@pps.k12.or.us or call 503-916-3325.

Following the meetings, the consultants will meet with district staff in February to develop a recommended plan, which will be presented to the school board in March. Another round of public input sessions on the plan will be held in April. The board is scheduled to adopt a final facilities plan in May.

More information about the district's facility planning process can be found at www.reshape.pps.k12.or.us.

Mt. Tabor Master Plan Update

by Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, Community Engagement and Public Involvement Manager Portland Parks and Recreation

Portland Parks and Recreation is embarking on a new strategy to engage the public. Largely drawing on the lessons learned from a process called Bureau Innovation Project #9, Parks is working with the community to design a highly collaborative, highly engaging public involvement process that will determine the best and highest use for the Mt. Tabor Maintenance Yard.

After a very public, very contentious discussion over the future of the yard, Portland Parks & Recreation and the community are now working in concert to identify the best way to provide maintenance and horticultural services. This facility houses city-wide support functions for the service zones, and a portion of City Nature South.

A key factor in this highly collaborative process will be our ability to encourage volunteers from throughout the city to engage in the discussion about the future of the Mt. Tabor Maintenance. How we chose to deliver services in the future will have impacts on all of our parks facilities.

If you are interested in participating in this unique process, please visit our website at www.portlandparks.org or contact Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong at 503-823-5113.

Spirit of Portland Award recipients

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Joe and Pam are both members of the executive committee of the Multnomah County Disability Services Advisory Council, where they serve in an advisory capacity to Aging and Disability Services. Pam also serves on the Board of Directors of Independent Living Resources (the Center for Independent Living in Multnomah County) and Joe serves on the Portland Citizens Disability Advisory Committee. They both also serve on ILR's Advocacy Committee.

The couple has played a key role this year in promoting the Multnomah County Commission's endorsement of the International Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities (CRPD).

In addition to TheUnderRepresented.com project, Joe builds and manages websites for other community groups, such as the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association and RatifyNow.org, an international work group promoting the US ratification of the International CRPD.

Have a
Safe and
Happy New
Year!



Change

by Glenn Bridger, Southwest Neighborhoods Chair

Look at the changes ahead this New Year! You say you do not like change? Relax, because you do look forward to change in many ways. A child's first words are change, and each of us rejoices at that event. We celebrate grand openings and weddings a new home, and a life lived to its fullest. What changes may you see or participate in this new year?

Digital television. If you have not been introduced to the new television technology of high-definition pictures, you are entering your last year of the generations-old analog TV. The price of a new TV may shock you when compared with your last purchase but is reasonable when a 1983 TV price is adjusted for inflation. You will like the new picture, and, if you get digital cable, the added features.

New transportation money. This is not a certainty but should be on your wish list. Gridlock is becoming a fact of life for longer periods during the day. The streets and bridges we have are aging. If we want improvement, or at least stay equal to today's congestion 10 years from now, we have to do the planning and raise money starting now. The health of our economy depends upon this.

More housing in your community. At SWNI, we work with people. You are why we exist. Apartments, town homes, and McMansions are all going to continue to be built in our neighborhoods. Greet your new neighbors and get them vested in the neighborhood that is now both yours and theirs.

New invasive species. Not all change is to be welcomed. A sighting of hogweed in our community is not welcome. Volunteer to help remove or control invasive plants. You can make a difference.

Political campaigns. There will be no change here unless you become active with the candidates. You can have the most impact when you focus upon local candidates and issues. Our elected officials need to be educated on issues and values. If you are not working with them and educating them, someone else will be doing it. Meet and visit with the candidates. Educate them.

Public safety. Nature and man can both take actions that place us and others at risk. We do not know what the next event will be that will affect us or our neighbors, but it can change our lives for a day, or forever. Are you prepared for this unforeseen change?

The World. The physical and economic nature of our world is constantly changing. The debates about global warming, free trade, and immigration are all tied to this changing world. Search out ways to learn about these changes to enable you to speak and act with knowledge. Yes, and next year the world will also change some more.

Flowers. Spring is on its way. Each year I await the blossoming of the flowers in my yard and along our streets. This display is a change event that lasts for several months. Take a walk; enjoy the flowers; keep your body prepared for the changes it constantly goes through. Happy New Year!

You'll be Singing in the Rain with a Walk Safe Umbrella

The Walk Safe Umbrellas are back! They are available through the SWNI office, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, for \$20 for the large size and \$15 for the kid's size. These umbrellas will make pedestrians more visible on cloudy gray, wet days and evenings so that motor vehicle drivers will stop for them.

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

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



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

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Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., (SWNI) is a nonprofit coalition that provides services to promote citizen participation and crime prevention in 17 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 ginny@swni.org.

SWNI staff: Sylvia Bogert, Executive Director; Leonard Gard, Program Manager; Ginny Stromer, Operations Manager, Ruthann Bedenkop, Outreach Coordinator, and Jennifer Blatner, WRC Coordinator.

The 2007-2008 SW Neighborhoods, Inc., Board Officers are Glenn Bridger, President; Ken Love, 1st Vice-President; Tye Steinbach, 2nd Vice President; Susan Egnor, Secretary; and Tom Schaper, Treasurer.

Looking back and ahead

Looking back at 2007

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The Stephenson Children's Care Association raised \$60,000 to replace aging and unsafe play equipment at Stephenson Elementary School. The Arnold Creek Neighborhood donated to the cause.

SW HOPE a campaign of local churches, synagogues, neighborhoods and organizations worked together to collect 105,031 lbs of food for the Neighborhood House Food Box.



SWNI President Glenn Bridger welcomes SWHRL Chair Jim Thayer

The SW Hills Residential League (SWHRL) joined SWNI in February. SWHRL's top-notch committees and active members have been great to work with and their presence in the coalition has greatly enriched SWNI.

And in October, with a community policing reception in the Multnomah Center, the community thanked the police officers who protect us.

The Bureau of Environmental Services held open houses in June and December for the Fanno/Tryon pre-design project. Environmental Services also funds the Watershed Resource Center at the SW Community Center and gives the Community Watershed Stewardship Program grants that have paid for some of the restoration projects mentioned previously.

The South Portland Neighborhood Association, largely thanks to the tireless and ever-cheerful efforts of Ken Love, and in partnership with Parks & Recreation, held two summer concerts at Willamette Park, with Linda Hornbuckle in July and the Flat Mountain Girls in August. Summer concerts have been happening in other parts of the city for years. These were the first in SW Portland. Each concert drew about 500 people who had lots of fun listening to terrific music.



Holly Farm Park has become a place for neighborhood families to gather

West Portland Park Neighborhood Association has been forever without a recreational park. The opportunity arose several years ago to acquire the Holly Farm property. Hard work by neighbor-

hood activists and support from the city led to the grand opening on September 15 of the Holly Farm Park. The popularity of the park since its opening day has proved its need.



Concerts in Willamette Park were a great hit!



Neighbors met to discuss the possible uses of the Sears National Guard Armory

The US Army is giving up the Sgt. Jerome Sears United States Army Reserve Center in 2011. The Portland Development Commission is taking the lead in the process to determine the future of the site. Federal law favors low-income housing, and several organizations have filed notices of interest, including the Housing Authority of Portland. A design workshop was held by Multnomah Neighborhood in March.

Also in March, the Multnomah Arts Center Association conducted a successful benefit auction to help support the center and its quality programs.

Repairs need to be done to the pressurized sanitary sewer line running along Multnomah Blvd east to SW 31st. An open house was held in March.

SWNI conducted its annual cleanups in May and November. Working in conjunction with those events, the SWNI/SOLV litter patrol went to work picking up debris on roadsides. And there was a plastics roundup in May at PCC Sylvania.

The Ready, Safe, Go conference in April covered topics of crime prevention and emergency preparedness.

Lots of people deserve thanks for their hard work for this community. In June, SWNI threw a party for its volunteers, without whom we could not function.

Two long-time, annual events happened again in August, National Night Out, neighbors organized 29 street parties during the first week in August, and Multnomah Days, which features one of the best parades in Portland and draws about 5,000 spectators, on the 18th. Both are great examples of activities that are lots of fun and help build a sense of community.

Also in September, Hillsdale held the ribbon-cutting ceremony in Stephens Creek Park, which signified the fulfillment of a dream that started decades ago. Werner Raz, a giant in the history of SW Portland, back then foresaw the need for a pedestrian connection through the creek wetlands to Bertha Blvd. He was ahead of his time; society wasn't ready for a trail then. But a contemporary visionary, Trails Group Chair Don Baack, renewed the effort and it all resulted in a stairway, path and boardwalk through the park.

Right: Over 90 nearby neighbors attended the dedication of the Raz-Baack Crossing



Get-A-Life band is always a favorite at the Multnomah Days Parade

Farmers markets are really fun, and SW Portland is blessed with two, in Hillsdale and at OHSU. The Hillsdale Winter Market is going on now through April.

Still two more events happened in 2007.

On December 7 and 8, the Multnomah Village Business Association and other sponsors held the Holiday Gala with carriage rides, a tree lighting, carolers, and hot cocoa.

On December 9th Hillsdale held their Holiday Market and tours of the Watershed Senior Housing building along with a chili feed and book sale.

All in all, 2007 was full of swell events that enriched this community. SWNI wishes everyone a wonderful 2008.



Litter Patrol cleaned up our neighborhood streets

South Portland vandalism spree comes to an end

by: Southwest Neighborhood Response Team Officer Brian Hughes



Hello neighbors, another crime spree case in the works...

Starting mid November, the Portland Police Bureau was flooded with calls of vehicle tires being cut in the area of the Water Tower business complex and the Willamette Shores

Condominiums, located in the South Portland Neighborhood Association. This is essentially right in the heart of "Johns Landing" on SW Macadam Ave. The Water Tower complex houses at Pier One Imports and Billy Bangs Restaurant.

The reports continued to come in, sporadically over the next few weeks, resulting in over 60 reports of tires being cut.

Management for the Water Tower Complex and homeowners in the Willamette Shores Condominiums contacted Officer Winters in the Neighborhood Response Team (NRT), my co-worker for the SWNI Neighborhoods, asking for help. I can tell you that this many reports, with no real rhyme or reason, can be very difficult to deal with. Officer Winters worked day after day to coordinate the Police Bureau's response to this crime spree in a relatively sleepy area in SW Portland.

The ball started rolling with the residents and businesses in South Portland NA bringing this to our attention. Then Macadam area PPB Officer

Dave Abrahamson provided information with regards to a suspicious person, a neighborhood resident he had contacted recently during his 4 pm to 2 am shift.

Officer Winters crafted a surveillance plan that included our NRT Office, PPB Central Precinct Street Crimes Unit, and an airplane from the PPB Air Support Unit, which is outfitted with FLIR, or forward looking infrared radar. Four separate surveillances were conducted, with roughly ten officers. One during last weeks wind storm! I participated in the surveillance and was very proud to see neighbors from the Willamette Shores Condominium Association conducting their very own surveillance!



I was questioned by roughly ten neighbors as I wandered about in plain clothes during the times when the suspect was most active.

As a result of this investigation, Kelly Vanek, a 23 year old South Portland NA resident was arrested for vandalism related crimes. He was also charged with a probation violation as he was out in the neighborhood on probation from a previous robbery conviction. He was taken into custody without incident and is currently in jail awaiting trial on these charges.

I can't say it enough. We can not do this work without all the help from the neighbors in SW Portland. Our police officers here at PPB truly appreciate all the help.

Sunshine Division's winter efforts

by Tim McLaughlin of the Sunshine Division

Sunshine Division's food-relief services operate all year long out of its North Portland warehouse, but the holidays are always a big push.

Last month nearly 200 volunteers packed 4,000 holiday food boxes, each of which held all the fixings of a traditional holiday meal. A few days later a hundred or so volunteer drivers delivered those boxes all over Portland to homes that had requested them—to families who wouldn't likely have had a holiday meal otherwise.

Meanwhile, there were Sunshine Division food drives

galore during the last two months. Hundreds of individuals, groups, workplaces, and retail establishments sponsored food-collection campaigns for the benefit of the 84-year-old nonprofit, whose distinctive blue barrels could be seen throughout the metro area—in the mallways of Lloyd Center, in Fred Meyer stores, Zupan's Markets, Safeway stores, 24 Hour Fitness clubs, many City of Portland offices, Mercy Corps, and lots, lots more.

Even Portland's Air Force Reserve did their share, collecting enough food to load up several Humvees and—with

Portland Police escort—convoys its way from PDX to the Sunshine warehouse.

Also in December a couple dozen children from low-income families went clothes shopping, thanks to Sunshine's Izzy's Kids clothing program (named for Isabell Hoyt, a longtime volunteer with a particular concern for the welfare of Portland's children). Portland Police officers identified school-age children they knew whose families



high schoolers), and cops and kids went shopping together for pants, dresses, tops, jackets, shoes, socks, even underwear. Result: not just new clothes, personal, congenial experience with police.

cannot afford to outfit them with essential new school clothes. Sunshine Division issued those officers Fred Meyer gift cards (\$80 for elementary kids, \$120 for middle and

information about volunteering with Sunshine Division, call 503-823-2116; about emergency food relief, 503-823-2119. Or email the organization at mail@sunshinedivision.org



Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for November 2007																
Neighborhood	Murder	Rape	Molest	Robry	Agr Asit	Res Burg	N/Res Burg	Arson	Theft fr. Auto	Bike Theft	Other Larc	Auto Theft	Vandl	Total	YTD rate/1000 pop.	
Arnold Creek	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13.3	
Ashcreek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	5	13.5	
Bridlemile	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	16.0	
Collins View	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	7	0	12	23	88.1	
Crestwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17.3	
Far Southwest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	55.1	
Hayhurst	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	4	16.6	
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.6	
Hillsdale	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	0	3	2	2	14	32.6	
Homestead	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	3	4	1	11	59.3	
Maplewood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7.4	
Markham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	13.8	
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	9.8	
Multnomah	0	1	0	1	3	0	0	0	10	0	3	0	2	20	30.2	
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	1	4	27.4	
S Potland	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	8	2	3	0	26	41	71.3	
SWHRL	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	0	1	0	2	12	26.9	
W Ptlid Park	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	13	29.6	
Total SW	0	3	0	1	7	7	6	1	42	2	26	9	51	155	10.5	

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Nancie's Crime Prevention Advice Corner

Given your address, could I find my way to your home in the dark? More importantly, could an ambulance driver, the police or fire department find your home in the dark?

So often in my position as security consultant, I can't find a house at night. Why? Because the porch light is burned out or not turned on, the porch light does not shine on the house numbers, or the house numbers are so small, they can't be read from the street.

Here's a simple test. Look and see if you can read your house numbers from the road. If the answer is no, then you might move those numbers, put up bigger numbers, or simply turn your porch light on every evening. And leave it on so emergency services can find you in the dark.

Wishing you peace of mind,

Nancie Hines

Questions or comments?
Call or email Nancie Hines
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Marquam Hill Lectures

A public service honoring the memory of Elizabeth N. Gray,
founder of the Marquam Hill Steering Committee

Oregon Health & Science University, the Oregon Health & Science University Foundation and the Marquam Hill Steering Committee warmly invite you to attend the 2007-2008 Marquam Hill Lecture Series.

Lectures are free, but seating is limited and reservations are requested. Call 503 494-4240 for further information and to make reservations.

Directions to OHSU may be found at www.ohsu.edu

If you have a disability and need accommodation to attend this event, please call 503 494-4240.



Aaron Janowsky, Ph.D. Methamphetamine Abuse: a Tale of Sex, Drugs and Dependency

Thursday, January 17, 2008, 7:30 p.m.
OHSU Auditorium, OHSU Marquam Hill Campus

Known as "speed", "chalk", "crystal" or "ice", methamphetamine has a rapid and devastating effect on users and those around them. Local legislation has reduced the number of home-based cooking operations in Oregon, but industrial-level production and supply continues elsewhere. Dr. Janowsky's work focuses on how drugs of abuse impact the release and recycling of dopamine, a reward-signaling chemical. Drugs like methamphetamine disrupt the normal pattern of dopamine's release, leading to a cycle of addictive behavior. Dr. Janowsky is Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience in OHSU's School of Medicine, Director of the Methamphetamine Abuse Research Center, and a Research Career Scientist at the Portland VA Medical Center.

The next Marquam Hill Lecture will take place on Thursday, February 21 2008, at the OHSU Auditorium. Juliana Hansen, M.D., will speak on the subject of "What's New In Plastic Surgery".

Support provided by Thompson Rubinstein Investment Management Inc. and Salishan Spa and Golf Resort.

Helpful numbers

Emergency police, fire, or medical help
911

Non-emergency police assistance
503-823-3333

Portland Police information & referral
503-823-4636

City of Portland/Multnomah County information and referral
503-823-4000
503-823-6868 TDD

SW Crime Prevention Coordinator
Michael Boyer
503-823-3131

Neighborhood Response Team Officers
Bill Winters & Brian Hughes
503-823-0307 & 503-823-0235

Mental Health Crisis Line
503-988-4888

Traffic Safety & Livability Hotline
503-823-SAFE

Nuisance, housing code violations
503-823-7306

Abandoned auto hotline
503-823-7309

Noise control office
503-823-7350

Graffiti abatement hotline
503-823-4TAG

Liquor license issues
503-823-3092

Independent Police Review
503-823-0146

Office of Neighborhood Involvement
503-823-4519

Neighborhood Mediation Center
503-823-3152

Mayor's Comment Line
503-823-4127

City Ombudsman
503-823-0144

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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/dcj/acjs/offendersup.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.

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Southwest Development Review

The Southwest Development Review will now be found on our website at www.swni.org

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

Trail building



Thanks to everyone who has helped us on our latest project, the 400 foot trail segment on SW 25th just east of the Jewish Community Center from Capitol Highway to Nebraska. Above are some of the people who helped on a slightly snowy day in December. They are Don Baack, Jim Stutts, Pat Coffey,

and Steve Evans. This is an important trail segment and we appreciate everyone's help.

Bike boulevard project.

Thanks to the many people who came to the bike boulevard open house in December. We were pleasantly surprised at the good turn-out. There were many good suggestions and we are incorporating them into the map. We will continue to work on our recommendations at the



December trails meeting (see below). Once we are done with the changes, we will publish them on the SWNI web site and forward them to the city for inclusion in the City Master Bike plan.

SW trails had another great hike in December despite a last minute change of plans. We were going to hike the future 4T route but the tram was closed on Saturday for maintenance. Instead we walked up to Healy heights and then down through OHSU to Whitaker and Barbur where we are pushing for a crosswalk. Thank you to Don Baack for being such a great leader as usual. January's hike will be led by Lee Buhler 503-227-0160. If the tram is fixed we will hike the 4T route. If not we will go someplace else. If you usually bring your dog, check with Lee or Don the night before to see if we will be doing the 4T. If so, you'll have to leave the dog at home since dogs are not allowed on the tram or trolley or train for some reason.



Also, remember, this is Oregon and this is January, dress for the weather. Meet on Saturday, January 12th at 9 am near the intersection of Sunset and Capitol and behind Hillsdale Pharmacy under the Hillsdale Oak Tree.

Next mtg: Thursday, January 24, 7 pm
St. Luke's Lutheran Church library, 6835 SW 46th

Land Use Committee

John Gibbon 503-708-6708

Progress is being made on a trails plan in Maricara Park, one of Parks & Recreation's natural area parks. At an early meeting about public outreach, attendees supported the idea of two public meetings to talk about the history of the park, where trails should go, and the make-up of the trails (width, surface material, etc.). Outreach activities may include notices, flyers, and articles in this newspaper.

A group may form soon to work with city staff on the issue of lot segregation: the revival of old, skinny lots for development.

Next Mtg: Tuesday, Jan. 15, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Parks Committee

Kirky Doble, 503-246-7970

Matt Grumm of Commissioner Saltzman's office was our December guest. Matt gave a report on proposed changes to the city's Parks system development charges: increasing the overall rate of the charge; having a special, higher rate in the Central City; and extending the charge to commercial development.

Parks & Recreation has assigned a planner to Dickinson Park. He has met twice with Parks Committee member Darien Reece. Darien is excited about some cool, new designs for playground equipment.

Next Mtg: Thursday, Jan. 3, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Committee Reports..

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

Our next meeting will be January 7, 2008. I can't believe it will be 2008 already. I am looking forward to all the things we can accomplish in the new year.

Our guest for January will be our own SWNI outreach coordinator, Ruthann. We will brainstorm ideas about how to involve more people in our committee.

Last month, thanks to Wes McMullen and Crestwood Neighborhood Association, we had a great discussion about having a SW mini precinct. We will carry that discussion to a broader audience to see if there is as much interest as our committee members expressed. We will be contacting neighborhood associations to ask for agenda time in January or February.

On February 5, Central Precinct is going to be having a community meeting to get input on their boundary changes. We will be there and that will count as our monthly meeting. In March, we will have Keven Demer from Multnomah County talk about ID theft.

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

Transportation Committee

Marianne Fitzgerald 503-246-1847

December's guest was Don Gardner, Director of Engineering & Development at PDOT, who helped the committee through a discussion about using halo local improvement districts (LIDs) as a way of funding street improvements in SW Portland. Thanks for coming, Don, on a night when you weren't feeling good.

This all started more than a year ago when Commissioner Sam Adams proposed halo LIDs for improvements the community wants. The word "halo" refers to an expanded district taking in more than just the property owners abutting the prospective improved street.

This committee chose three pilot projects for study: pick a favored design, gauge public support, develop cost estimates, consider assessment methods, and do preliminary engineering. A local working group composed of people from the neighborhood(s) where the pilot projects are located will take the lead on each project.

There was consensus that public outreach needs to start soon. A mailing will go out in late January. We hope people will be able to respond either by old fashioned mail or via the web. That will be followed by an open house.

The pilot projects could lead to an effort to form a halo LID, but that's not part of the projects' scope of work. That's a next step, and will need local support to happen.

Committee member Jim Gardner gave us the latest news on Commissioner Adams' Safe, Sound, and Green Streets proposal. The draft proposal was a ten-year plan that included a local three cent per gallon gas tax and a street maintenance and safety improvement fee, all to generate \$355 million over the ten years.

The new plan stretches over fifteen years, and drops the local gas tax. State officials, we hear, encouraged Portland to drop the local gas tax in exchange for a promise that there would be a concerted effort to increase the state gas tax.

Committee members approved a motion calling for accountability, a re-focus on SW Portland deficiencies, and re-instituting the neighborhood needs program to help prioritize projects.

Next meeting: Mon., Jan. 14, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president
503-245-0729

The board heard a presentation from SWTrails on its new 4T Trail. The 4T Trail is named for Portland's alternative transportation modes: trail, tram, trolley and train. Portland City Council recently approved funding for the trail, which is designed to be a tourist attraction that shows off Portland's diverse transportation alternatives. The trail will start at the zoo, go through the west hills, with some spectacular view stops along the way. Then walkers will board the tram (free, since it's downhill) and ride to south waterfront. From there people would take the streetcar and MAX back to the zoo, using just one-two-zone TriMet ticket.

In January, the executive committee is organizing a joint standing committee chairs gathering to discuss common issues and possible future joint meetings.

Next Meeting: Wed., Jan. 23, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Communication Committee

Wes McMullen, 503 244-2659

The communications committee did not meet in December. Representatives from each neighborhood are invited to join us in January.

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

Schools Committee

Will Fuller, 503-764-5501



STILL NO VISIT FROM THE TEACHER'S UNION.. YET: Jeff Miller, President of the Portland Association of Teachers, did not respond to calls and emails about

coming to our December meeting to discuss teacher hiring, assignment and transfer policy, and the role of unions in providing high-quality education. We took a holiday break and will pursue having him attend at a future date.

COMMITTEE GAINS NEW REPS: Please welcome Bev Vogt from Bridlemile and Aimee Polzim from Marshall Park. They are active new participants in our growing group.

ACTION PLAN REVISIONS COMING IN FEBRUARY: The results of our action plan review will be announced in the February schools committee column.

NO DECEMBER MEETING ... but the beat goes on: Because Jeff Miller couldn't come, we decided not to have a December meeting so close to the Christmas holiday. Over the winter break, we will be assessing the state of the schools in the Southwest, both for equity and the results of the Portland monthly schools ratings of schools in the SWNI area.

CELEBRATION OF SCHOOLS COMING FEBRUARY 2nd: On the 1st Saturday in February, every school in Portland Public Schools will be on exhibit at the Expo Center from 1 to 5 pm. Come and see your neighborhood school, focus options, alternatives and much, much more. Even if you don't have kids in school, it's a good place to see our public schools on display, and ask questions of principals, teachers and administrators right there.

Next meeting:
January 17, 2008, 7 - 8:30 pm
Multnomah Center, Room 3
7688 SW Capitol Hwy (at 31st.)

Arnold Creek

Next Mtg: Tues., January 8, 7 pm
Jackson Baptist Church, 10558 SW 35th (lower level)
Chair Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483, enchant@hotmail.com
arnoldcreek.swni.org

Our meeting in January will be Tuesday, January 8, 2008 at 7 pm. We meet in the lower level at the Jackson Baptist Church. Will 2008 be the year we see improvements on our intersection? I am counting on the city to keep their promise about neighborhood input on the intersection in 2008.

We need people willing to be our representative on several committees in 2008 also. We need a rep for the transportation committee, land use com-

mittee, and communications committee. If any of these areas interest you, it would take a two-night-a-month commitment. You would go to the committee meeting and then to our neighborhood meeting to report back to us what went on. We have a lot of transportation and land use issues and it would really be great to have someone attending those meetings, keeping us in the loop of what is going on. See you next year!

Ashcreek

Next Mtg: Tuesday, January 14, 7 pm
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Chair Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872 jklinker@ease.com

Our December meeting was a very festive affair. Everyone brought a lot of seasonal goodies to share. I for one ate too much! Dorothy won first place in the costume contest! Ester and Nancy tied for second.

As reported a few months back we are still hoping to arrange a meeting with the new PPS Superintendent. We would like to make the case for George Smith School. We believe that it should be re-opened.

There is movement afoot for discussions about some of the narrow lot re-development happening around the city. The lo-

cal example is the building going on around SW 45th and Evans. A badly written regulation from the Title 33 re-write several years ago is allowing developers to create lots that are only 60% of the base zone density.

Officer Elwood reports that there is a man that hangs around the Garden Home area that is causing some problems. The man will try to start arguments and is fairly confrontational. Do not engage him. If you have a problem report the incident to the police.

Our next meeting is January 14th at the Multnomah Center at 7 pm. See you all there!

Bridlemile

Next Mtg:
Wednesday, January 9, 7 pm
Bridlemile School Staff Room,
4300 SW 47th
Kathy Bambeck,
kathybambeck@spiritone.com
503-245-2634
<http://bridlemile.swni.org>

A judge from the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon along with Dru Rosenthal from Lincoln High School will be our guest speakers at our January 9, meeting. Board and committee chairs meeting (open to all) from 6:30 - 7 pm.

Permitting for new single-family residential projects

"Lunch and Learn" Brown Bag Series, sponsored by the City of Portland, Bureau of Development Services.

The presentation/discussion topic of January 11, 2008 is Permitting for New Single-Family Residential Projects. This presentation and discussion session will include:

- Changes to the new single-family residential submission process.
- What is important to include in your plans.
- Who looks at your plans and how the review process works.
- What is the review timeline.
- Helpful tips and things to consider.

All are welcome to attend this free event. Bring your lunch and join us. No reservation required.

Location: 1900 SW 4th Ave., second floor conference room 2500A.

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Neighborhood Reports

Collins View

Next Mtg: Wednesday, January 9, 7 pm
Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, Rm 201
Chair Charlie Weiss, 503-799-4848 charliew@launchbx.com, www.collinsview.org

Lewis & Clark College master plan

The college's master planning process is now under review, as the current plan expires next spring. At our next meeting, college representatives and consultants will present their proposed changes to the master plan and answer any questions or concerns.

The college will ask CVNA to consider two exceptions to the current master plan's conditions: First, to broaden the allowable uses of Houston sports field (off SW Boones Ferry Rd.) so that other groups (e.g., Riverdale High School) can use it. Second, the college would like to extend the use of lighting at Griswold Stadium past 10 pm, to allow more practice time for Lewis & Clark College students.

Also, the college would like to create a combined math and science building next to the Olin Science Building. Otherwise, no changes from the current plan are expected.

If you're interested in the future of the college's presence in the neighborhood, January 9 would be a good meeting to attend.

Riverview Cemetery Property

The college has long been interested in acquiring the portion of the Riverview Cemetery land adjacent to the campus's north end. The college has approached the prospective developer to explore dividing the property.

Transportation

Over the past month, there's been much less parking along SW Terwilliger between SW Lobelia and the Subway shop. Looks like CVNA has reclaimed a neighborhood walking path. Yay!

Land Use

More details of the pre-application hearing for prospective development of the 100 acres of Riverview Cemetery land on the north edge of Lewis & Clark College's main campus, and between Palatine Hill Rd. and Hwy 43 (Macadam Avenue/Riverside)

on the east. The developer proposed building 180 living units including a multi-unit complex that would house both senior citizens and college students, which would face challenges on its land use and environmental impacts.

Safety

There was an attempted abduction of a student on the Lewis & Clark campus earlier this month. The Portland Police are actively investigating this crime. The student was accosted in the middle of the day and coerced into walking to a forested trail near the tennis courts. After the assailant tripped, the student ran down the hill to Hwy. 43 and escaped the attacker.

Separately, campus safety is working with a member of the district attorney's office to crack down on a suspected drug dealer living in a dorm.

Portland Police are considering making a mini-precinct in SW Portland that would be operational during the daytime. They're seeking community comment on the idea.

Far Southwest

Next Mtg: Tuesday, March 11, 7 pm, Comfort Suites Motel, SW 60th & Barbur
Chair Marcia Leslie, 503-246-9938, mmac_les@yahoo.com

Did you Know? On January 10, 1968, Gov. Tom McCall opened the campus of Mt. Sylvania Portland Community College, not by cutting a ribbon -- but by cutting a chain with an acetylene torch! Ground was broken July 6, 1966 and the first three buildings were dedicated May 18, 1968. On June 6, 1966 the voters of Portland, by nearly a two-to-one margin, endorsed separating PCC from the Portland School District, and establishing a separate college district to fund PCC. Happy 40th Birthday, Sylvania PCC.

Are you ready for winter? That was the question asked at our November meeting. There are three main areas we need to prepare: cars, homes, possible disasters (especially weather-related disasters). Last month, we had part 1 on cars; this month is on homes.

Home: If you haven't already done so, clean out the gutters -- they'll get a good workout this winter. It's always good to use "birds nests" catchers in downspouts to prevent clogging. Be sure and cover outdoor faucets to protect from freezing. Plug the vents in crawl

spaces to reduce heat loss and protect pipes. If you use the chimney regularly to burn wood, have it checked (and cleaned if needed) to prevent creosote buildup and possible chimney fires. Some people burn "creosote-burning logs" at least once a month. Change the furnace filter and vacuum out the air ducts as far as your hose will reach. If your windows feel drafty, caulk around the frame to seal the leak. If the window isn't a storm window and just feels cold in general, there are insulating kits to tape to the window and heat with a blow dryer to reduce the heat loss through the window.

Indoors or out, it is best to wear layers of clothes. This provides "insulation" for our bodies and helps us keep warm in lower temperatures. Try two or three layers to start, and see if you need to add or remove an extra inner layer (t-shirt or turtleneck) to be comfortable.

If the power goes out, do not use propane heaters indoors unless they are specifically approved for indoor use and have a safety valve that shuts the heater off if carbon monoxide levels become

too high. *Always have a carbon monoxide detector* in any and every room where people will be living/sleeping during a power outage. Anything that burns gives off carbon monoxide so it is better to be safe. It's good to install one near your smoke detector anyway, in case a furnace malfunctions. If you use candles, put them in something (a glass chimney or wide-mouth quart jar) so they won't start a fire if they fall over. Keep anything burnable at least three feet away from candles, oil lamps and any type of heater. Battery-powered lights are best.

Always use propane stoves or barbecues **OUTDOORS**, not in the garage. If you have a fireplace (gas or wood), you can cook over the fire by setting two cinder blocks on either side of the fire "pit" and placing a cooling rack, oven rack or special cooking rack on top. You can also use sterno/chaffing dish heaters (hmmm -- fondue sounds good!). Just don't use your best pots and pans to cook with on your campout (or campin, as the case may be). Does anybody have some good "campfire recipes" they would be willing to share?

Hayhurst

Next Mtg: Tuesday, January 8, 7 pm, Vermont Hills United Methodist Church, 6053 SW 55th
Chair Lillie Fitzpatrick lf@pdx.edu, www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst

When I first moved here eleven years ago, I knew just five people -- my sister, my husband, my two children and the realtor. It was the first time for me to live in a large (by my standards) city, the first time since I was 15 years old that I was not working, and besides a short stint in rural New York, the first time I did not have sidewalks. My husband and sister worked all day, my son was in middle school, and I was home with a baby -- alone and lonely. I saw few people on our daily walks and, without a job, I had few opportunities in which I was forced to interact with other adults.

So I started volunteering. It began in my son's public school. There I met his dedicated teachers, school staff, and other parents. At school my son was matched with

Hands on Greater Portland for required community service projects. Hands on Greater Portland matched me with Store to Door, where I met a wonderful group of staff and volunteers who deliver groceries to home-bound seniors and disabled people. Soon after, I joined the Southwest Parent-Child Collective, a cooperative preschool, where I volunteered in exchange for high-quality, inexpensive child care. There I was introduced to creative, caring, lifelong friends.

When change came to my street, I got involved with the Hayhurst Neighborhood Association and met the amazing staff at Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., my neighbors, and an army of volunteers who strive to make Portland a little better for the next genera-

tion. When my daughter joined Girl Scouts, I signed up to be one of her leaders. Girl Scouts has introduced me to a host of strong, compassionate, intelligent women and a multitude of incredible girls.

Volunteering has cured me of my loneliness. The "big city" became a small town, where I see friends everywhere I go. Volunteering is sometimes boring, often frustrating, usually rewarding, but it builds human webs in which you find yourself connected in a meaningful way to the people and places around you.

I urge everyone to find some time this year to volunteer.

"In helping others, we shall help ourselves, for whatever good we give out completes the circle and comes back to us." ~ Flora Edwards

Neighborhood Reports

Hillsdale

Next Mtg: Wed., Jan. 2, 7 pm, St Barnabas Church, 2201 SW Vermont
Chair Don Baack, 503-246-2088 baack@pacifier.com
www.hna-pdx.com

Lighting up Hillsdale

The neighborhood has launched a "Light Up Hillsdale" fundraising campaign to pay for lighting the landmark "Hillsdale" sign on the new Watershed building and to fund a Hillsdale Community Foundation. The goal of the drive is to raise \$30,000. Contributions can be dropped off at Paloma Clothing or sent payable to SWNI (please note on the check that the money is for the "Light Up Hillsdale Campaign.")

Metro Council hears Hillsdale's request for help

The elected Metro Regional Council met in Hillsdale at Wilson High School on Nov. 29 and heard a panel of neighborhood leaders call for assistance in implementing the Hillsdale Town Center Plan. Following a 20-minute PowerPoint presentation about town center accomplishments and challenges, the leaders asked the councilors to help provide a paid plan implementation manager to the community. The councilors agreed to work with the community and to consider the request for paid support.

Book sale grosses \$3,250

The Hillsdale Community Book Sale grossed \$3,250 on Dec. 9. An estimated 300 people patronized the sale, which was held in the new Watershed senior housing building. An additional \$300 was raised at the sale through a chili feed sponsored by the Hillsdale Business and Professional Association. The chili money will be donated to schools that sent singers to the sale and the Holiday Farmers Market. **Progress reported on pedestrian improvements**

The Portland Department of Transportation has notified the neighborhood that the crosswalk at Bertha and Chestnut will be installed as soon as weather permits. Neighborhood requests for

speed reduction to 25 mph on SW Capitol Hwy, Capitol Hill Rd, and 30th have been okayed by the city and submitted to state transportation officials.

The city is looking for funding sources to build speed bumps on Capitol Hill Road and is still studying the possibility of crosswalks for SW Sunset at 18th and at Martha.

Watershed grand opening Wed. Jan. 9.

The Watershed Senior Housing complex at 6380 SW Capitol Highway will hold its grand opening, **Wednesday, Jan. 9, from 3 to 5 pm.** The public is invited to hear short speeches by state and local housing officials. Light refreshments will be served. By Jan. 9, more than half the building's 50 residents will be moved into the complex.

Preliminary work begins for big I-5 construction project

In preparation for a \$45 million replacement of the Iowa I-5 bridge structure, the Oregon Department of Transportation has begun boring along the west side of I-5 to study soil and rock samples. The work will involve building three new, but temporary, lanes in the bore-hole area down the slope from Barbur Boulevard. The lanes will divert traffic around the construction, which will begin between the fall of 2009 and the spring of 2010 and take at least two years to complete.

Spirited congratulations to Pam and Joe VanderVeer!

Pam and Joe VanderVeer of Hillsdale are winners of the Spirit of Portland Award for "Independent Spirit." Joe and Pam, who both have disabilities, were honored for advocating for the community of disabled persons. The award was presented at a city hall presentation on Dec. 13. Congratulations, Pam and Joe!

Panitch honored, voted "Hillsdale Shopping Cart Retrieval Czar"

At its December 4 meeting, the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association unanimously declared Arnold "Arnie" Panitch "Hillsdale Shopping Cart Retrieval Czar."

Panitch estimates that he has returned hundreds of abandoned carts to the Fred Meyer store on Barbur Boulevard.

He said he has returned as many as nine carts in single day.

At the meeting, Burlingame Fred Meyer store manager Craig Chizum gave Arnie a gift card, a Fred Meyer Volunteer cap, and a red volunteer T-shirt.

A law passed in the last legislative session, will lighten Panitch's retrieval load.

Oregon Revised Statute 164.015 makes it unlawful to remove a shopping cart off store property. Stores must retrieve their carts within 72 hours of being called. Failure to do so results in a \$50 fine for each cart not picked up.

Portland area stores have hired a cart retrieval service to pick up the carts.

Call 888-55-CARTS to have abandoned carts picked up.

Homestead

Next Mtg: Tuesday, January 8, 7 pm
OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor
Chair Susan Egnor, stegnor@comcast.net
503-221-6981, HomesteadNA.org

January 8 meeting: Please note change: our meeting is on the SECOND Tuesday in January. (Our regular meeting date, the first Tuesday, is New Year's Day.)

OHSU hospital skin replacement: OHSU representatives were unable to make our December meeting. Therefore they are on the agenda for January to explain the major project to "re-skin" the main hospital building. We will also hear updates on the long-promised, much-awaited replanting of the area in front of the Casey Eye Institute and the even more long-awaited "Trail 24." These projects will impact all who travel through the university grounds.

Parking meter revenue and LID funds for sidewalks.

Neighborhood representatives have been meeting with OHSU and Portland Department of Transportation folks to develop a plan to spend the revenue from the parking meters installed around OHSU on neighborhood streets several years ago. The proposal under consideration generally would require creating a local improvement district for property owners on the immediately affected streets: 11th Avenue between Gibbs and Gaines, Gaines Street between 9th and 10th, Gibbs Street from 11th to 13th. (9th to 10th on Gibbs has also been considered but would be very expensive for a short space). Meter revenues may cover half (OHSU's representative suggests "up to" half) the cost with the balance to be paid by the property owners in the LID. Anton Vetterlein will report on the renewed negotiations with OHSU and the Portland Department of Transportation about this project.

Streetcar on Terwilliger Boulevard? This summer the city began developing a streetcar system plan. Land Use Chair Anton Vetterlein reports one

proposal is to run a streetcar up SW 6th Avenue, along Terwilliger Boulevard, up Veterans Hospital Road and through the OHSU Campus to Council Crest. We will consider the association's position on such a streetcar route. See the Portland Transportation Department website: <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=46134>

Come to meetings. Homestead meetings last 2 hours. If you want a say in what we do, or want to learn more about the issues discussed, come add your two cents.

December Meeting Report

1. Support Portland Parks and Recreation request for state funds for trails. The association agreed to write in support of PPR's request for state funds to build trails in Marquam Nature Park. The ultimate process will include public participation in selecting the trail locations.

2. Shriners Hospital Expansion. On motion, the association voted to support the Shriners Hospital expansion with particular attention to be paid to screening garage lighting and landscaping enhancements. The association is to request attention to pedestrian improvements.

3. Neighborhood Grants Susan Jaeger has negotiated a reduction in the cost of the neighborhood association's website. It's a great resource. Check it out at HomesteadNA.org.

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. Between newspapers, please also check out our website at <http://www.homesteadna.org>. Also, read this newsletter and notice what the SWNI committees are doing. We need representatives on several of them. Let Susan know if you are interested in helping out. Thanks.

Multnomah

Next Mtg: Tuesday, January 8, 7 pm
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Chair Brian Russell, 503-869-1632 barusse@hotmail.com

Multnomah neighbors gathered on Tuesday, December 11th for a casual pre-holiday meeting of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association. Scheduled elections were postponed due to a lack of voting quorum. Nominations and elections of board officers are rescheduled for the next meeting to be held at 7 pm, Tuesday January 8th. So please plan on attending.

After two years representing the MNA, Brian Russell will step down from the chair position. Brian's leadership as well as the energy and ideas he brought to the association are greatly appreciated. He will continue to remain involved with the association in other capacities. The vacant chair position is just one way to help lead the association. Presently, volunteers are needed to represent the association on the SWNI public safety committee and to assist with the MNA's community building initiatives.

Neighbors and officers present took stock of the past year in and around the Village. In-fill development and its impacts on the landscape remain a high concern for many area residents. Neighbors noted the continued loss of Multnomah's tree canopy, having watched Douglas firs and other large varieties being cut on lots to make way for new residential and commercial developments. Neighbors also received an update on the pending redevelopment of the Sears Armory, a standing agenda item at the MNA meetings. The PDC has requested an extension from the BRAC in order to adhere to the public processes originally outlined.

In other neighborhood news, Vice Chair Randy Bonnella stated that the Multnomah Village Park volunteer work parties are on hold for the winter. If you haven't had a chance to see the park, please stop by and see how the lot has changed.

Maplewood

Next Mtg:
Mon., Jan. 14, 7 pm
Friends School, 7426 SW 52nd
Co-Chairs Anne-Marie Fischer, 503-452-4240
and Jill Gaddis, 503-977-2835
co_chair@maplewoodna.com
www.maplewoodna.com

HUZZA!
What a lollapalooza!
Happy New Year!



Did we get your attention? The Maplewood community is a great place to live as evidenced by the many improvements this past year. Note the following:

- Signcapping "Maplewood" rest atop street signs throughout the neighborhood welcoming visitors. This was accomplished thanks to grants from SWNI and the APNBA (Alliance of Portland Business Associations).

- Our annual summer picnic was a success, thanks to volunteers and a grant from SWNI

- Friends of April Hill Park started restoration of the Woods Creek spring area.

These projects started with the ideas of dedicated volunteers and grew into reality because enough people cared to make them happen.

In the coming year the community will continue with several ongoing projects and face some proposed city projects that will affect many people in the neighborhood. Note what's coming:

- MNA has been awarded a grant to fund the 2008 summer picnic. Volunteers are needed to make this happen.

- April Hill Park is still raising funds to purchase a water fountain, bench and information kiosk. Volunteer work parties will continue work on the restoration of the natural area.

There are two infrastructure projects that will have a major impact on our neighborhood this year. First is redo of the sewer line on SW Multnomah Blvd. Second is the proposed SW Vermont St. improvements. Watch for more discussion on the design and proposed formation of a halo LID, as it may affect everyone's pocketbook in Maplewood.

We would like to get more information to neighborhood residents. In order to do this we need your input on how we can better communicate with you. Let us know the best way to reach you.

A good next step is to, bring ideas or concerns related to Maplewood neighborhood to the next neighborhood association meeting on Monday, Jan. 14 at 7 pm at the West Hills Friends Church classroom.

See you there.

Nature Photography

Nature photography by Don Jacobson will be on view at the Multnomah Arts Center beginning January 8th.

The work reflects a special interest in botany. The exhibit may be seen through February 6th.

An opening reception will be held Tuesday, January 8, 7 - 9 pm at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

Gallery hours are Monday - Friday, 9 am - 9 pm or Saturday, 9 am - 12:30 pm.

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10558 SW 35th (upper level)
Chair John Gibbon
503-708-6708
jtgorygun@aol.com
http://www.wescorhvac.com/
Markham.htm

At our last meeting of the Markham neighborhood association it was decided that we should use the SWNI 2007 small grant for outreach to purchase traffic calming signs instead of meeting notice signs. This change was checked through SWNI staff and with their help we arrived at design for the signs and for a neighborhood banner which can be displayed at our events. The order for 25 signs and the banner will have gone in by the time you read this. Please attend the January 8, 2008 meeting of our association upstairs in the Jackson Baptist Church if you're interested in displaying one of these signs on your property.

Lynne Mutrie from the Safe Routes to Schools program will join us to discuss issues relating to Capital Hill School. Look for reports on the 19th Ave. Green Street program, a discussion of our future strategy for 26th Ave. pedestrian improvements and progress on the issue of developing our relationship with the Multnomah community.

South Burlingame

Next Mtg: Mon., Jan. 14, 7 pm
Burlingame Baptist Church
125 SW Miles
Chair Mike Andrews
503-977-6262
mike.andrews@wrgdesign.com

The South Burlingame Neighborhood Board will meet on January 14th at the Burlingame Baptist Church at 7 p.m. It is our hope we may have interested individuals join us to discuss the opening board positions and the desires of the neighborhood for the upcoming year. We will be talking about the new web site that is being developed for the neighborhood and the progress of the re-vegetation planting for the storm/sewer connection along the I-5 corridor.

Marshall Park

Next Mtg:
Thursday, January 10, 6 pm
Capitol Hill School
8401 SW 17th
Chair Jen Seamans Blatner,
503-246-2434
marshallpark.swni.org

Please check our website for the latest news and updates.

Free stormwater retrofit workshop

Tuesday, January 8, 2008
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Highway
The city holds free workshops to show ratepayers how to manage stormwater on their property. The workshops cover site assessment; how to choose, install and maintain stormwater facilities; any necessary permits, and financial incentives.

Get more information at www.CleanRiverRewards.com or call 503-823-1371.

Neighborhood Reports

South Portland



Next Mtg: Wed., January 2, 7 pm
Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church
026 SW Condor Ave
Chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795
TLC11@mindspring.com
www.southportlandna.org



Ken Love, Chair

Happy New Year, South Portland!

Thanks, Councilor Liberty



A big thank you to Metro Councilor Robert Liberty for his very informative talk at our last board meeting. Councilor Liberty explained how more and more people want to move closer to the city core in neighborhoods like ours. (I guess the secret about how great our neighborhood is has gotten out.) With this growth brings inevitable stresses such as traffic congestion. However, he also pointed out that with adequate planning we can significantly reduce these problems.

City council approves Corbett traffic calming plan.

The Portland City Council unanimously approved the plan and funding for traffic calming on Corbett between Hamilton and Grover. We are grateful to the council and the Portland Office of Transportation for the improvement this will bring to our neighborhood. We are especially grateful for the strong emphasis given to public participation in the development of the plan.

See www.southportlandna.org for a map of the improvements. Construction is scheduled to start in the spring and should be finished by fall sometime.

(Virginia Avenue: get ready; you're next)

Crime prevention meeting for South Portland

One night last month, 53 cars had their tires slashed in Johns Landing area. However, with hard work and diligence, the Portland Police apprehended the person they believe is responsible. There will be a crime prevention meeting to discuss problems in our neighborhood and what we can do about them on January 28th at 7 pm at the Ross Island Grocery and Cafe. There is a lot neighbors can do to help the police and we have seen it have a significant impact in the past. Please plan to attend to see what simple things you can do to make South Portland safer. For more information, call SWNI crime prevention specialist Michael Boyer at 503-823-3131

South Waterfront

Greenway: Although \$6 mil. has been allocated, after soft costs (consultants, permit fees and markups by Parks and contractors), a little over \$3 mil. is left for construction costs. A \$1.8 mil. shortfall is being forecasted by Parks. Three primary features (a dock, bird watch platform and pavilion) in the original plan are unfunded at this time. Fund-raising for the dock has been organized by residents of the Meriwether condominiums. STAY TUNED.

South Waterfront neighborhood park: \$4 mil. has been allocated and after soft costs there is \$2.8 mil. for construction. Design is in process at this moment. STAY TUNED.

Welcome aboard

We are pleased to welcome South Portland NA's newest board member Elizabeth Galbreath. Elizabeth lives in the neighborhood and works at Umpqua Bank in South Waterfront.



Wag more, bark less
www.southportlandna.org

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

Next Board Mtg: Wednesday, January 2, 7 pm. Please visit our website for neighborhood updates.

Transportation: Tuesday, January 1, 6 pm, Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact committee chair Bill Danneman at 503-228-9868 for more info.

Land Use Committee: Monday, January 21, 7:15 pm, at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: committee chair Jim Davis, 503-248-9820.

Communications/Finance/Parks Committee: Wednesday, January 16, 7 pm, at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: Lee Buhler, 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com.

Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL)

Next Board Mtg: Wednesday January 23, 7 - 9 pm,
Ascension Episcopal Parish, 1823 SW Spring St
Next Membership Mtg: Wednesday, January 30, 7 - 9 pm
Ainsworth School, 2425 SW Vista
Chair Jim Thayer, 503-220-0755, jim@thayers.org, swhrl.org

SWHRL Membership Meeting on January 30, 2008 to focus on tree issues.

The Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL) neighborhood association is hosting a panel discussion on tree issues in the Southwest Hills at its next quarterly membership meeting on Wednesday, January 30, 2008, 7 - 9 pm, at Ainsworth School, 2425 SW Vista. The meeting is open to the public. We especially welcome all SWNI neighbors to attend and to bring their tree questions for our guest tree specialists. They are: Owen Cramer, retired forester with the US Forest Service, meteorologist, forest fire researcher, forest property owner; Tom McAlister, wildlife biologist, retired journalist with an outdoor column for the Oregonian; Paul Ries, Urban & Community Forestry Program Manager, Oregon Department of Forestry; and Mark Wilson, Natural Resource Ecologist, Portland Parks & Recreation - City Nature Division.

Have you ever wondered what the Southwest Hills looked like before it was settled

and logged? Why was it called "the howling wilderness" by early settlers? (No, it wasn't just coyotes then.) Tom and Owen are longtime residents of the neighborhood; Owen has been in his home on the west side of Council Crest since 1919 and has early pictures to prove it!

We look forward to hearing about the changes they've seen, their concerns about preserving views as well as trees, and their ideas on how we can be good stewards of the natural resources we have in our Southwest Hills. What actions can we take to promote a healthy forest environment in our natural areas? What can we do about some of the special challenges we face, such as wildfires, falling trees, and landslides? What resources does the city provide to answer our questions about when we may cut a tree on our property, or what precautions we could take against wildfires?

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, January 23rd, 7 - 9 pm, at Ascension Episcopal Parish, 1823 SW Spring St, just up the block from the Vista Springs Café.

Backyard habitat keeps it local

Three Rivers Land Conservancy in conjunction with the West Willamette Restoration Partnership has developed a new program that aims to educate homeowners on how to protect and restore their gardens and yards. The Backyard Habitat Program allows individual homeowners to make a difference in providing clean air, clean water and nature close to home by participating.

The Backyard Habitat Program was specifically designed for Portland and the Pacific Northwest to deal with local issues and have local solutions. "Our goal was to provide resources and support for landowners, no matter what size their backyard in a community restoration effort," said Gaylen Beatty, the Three Rivers staff member who headed up the project.

The program has a three tiered approach that awards individuals for removing invasive species and replanting with natives. The three levels of the program are silver, gold and platinum and increase as homeowners introduce more natives to their yard. In or-

der to qualify for any of the levels 100% of six key invasive species must be removed from the individual's yard. As the levels increase so do the incentives. For example, first tier participants receive a Backyard Habitat sign and wholesale prices for native plants. Those who make it to the platinum level are rewarded with a ticket (worth \$100) to Three Rivers Land Conservancy's annual Wine and Land event.

Beatty also explains there is a wealth of knowledge about smart gardening in the Portland area, "I quickly realized that Portland provides some outstanding resources for landowners interested in how to garden responsibly. From free gardening workshops, native plant handouts and native plant nurseries, it's all there. The struggle for landowners is where to start. We do all the research for them plus provide some on site-support."

In order to participate landowners must currently live in southwest Portland and contact Gaylen Beatty, 503-699-9825, gbeatty@trlc.org to schedule a home visit.

The Bridlemile Creek Stewards
host an

Invasive Plant Removal and Native Planting

January 1st, 2008, 9 - 10:30 am
in Albert Kelly Park

(Located in SW Portland near SW Mitchell St. and Boundary)

We will start near the bridge area
Afterwards join us as we breakfast
at O'Connors in Multnomah Village.
Join the fun, dress for the weather.

For more details and view of this stream restoration project can be found on our webpage at
http://swni.org/01-jan-2008/bridlemile_creek.
Or call Greg Schifsky 503-246-2714
or Steve Mullinax 503-768-9065

West Portland Park

Special Meeting: Monday, January 7, 7 pm
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Next Mtg: Thursday, January 10, 7 pm
Markham School Cafeteria, 10531 SW Capitol Hwy
Chair David Gens, 503-244-8043
http://swni.org/w_portland_park

Proposed Development, 42nd & Galeburn

Well, neighbors, it's not over yet. After the December 10 hearing on the developer's applicant for a 12-lot development on the Johnson property, the hearings officer "continued" the case. That means the record remains open at this time for further comments from the public (that is you and me) and there will be another hearing on January 9, 9 am, 1900 SW Fourth Ave, Suite 3000.

It is most effective if you can attend and give testimony, or just attend and hand in written testimony. Being present is very effective.

If you cannot attend on January 9, consider writing a letter. Send that letter to:

Gregg Frank, Hearing Officer
1900 SW Fourth Ave
Suite 300
Portland, OR 97201

All comments will be considered.

Check the West Portland Park website for more information about what is being proposed and the West Portland Park neighborhood association's (WPPNA) position and submitted testimony on the proposal. Go to http://swni.org/w_portland_park.

The WPPNA board will be holding a meeting on further plans for testimony at the January 9 hearing. All interested persons are invited to attend. That meeting will be Monday, January 7, 7 pm, Multnomah center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Check the website for location or call Betty McArdle, 503-245-5756.

Transportation

The proposed partial improvement halo LID on SW 35th is moving ahead. The committee requested that OTEK, the engineering company working on the plans, come up with a draft list of guidelines.

Many possible ways of doing the project are being discussed: walkway on east side only, walkway on west side only, a

combination of east side and west side, or building walkways on both sides of 35th. There are pluses and minuses to each of these ideas and many engineering challenges to take into consideration.

The halo LID committee is working on a communications plan for affected neighbors.

Keep tuned to this column for further updates.

Correction: We reported last month that 60 attended a meeting about the possible halo LID project on SW 35th. We should have said that the meeting was about three possible halo LID projects, not just the one on SW 35th.

Public Safety

Officer Tim Evans introduced officer Freddie Jackson who will be working in southwest Portland for the next six months. Welcome, Officer Jackson.

Officer Evans talked about efforts to bring a precinct to SW Portland to improve response times. Currently, response times are quite slow due to the distance and traffic hold-ups during certain times of the day. There is some talk about locating a new precinct at the Multnomah Center, but that facility would need many improvements to be eligible. This proposal is still in the talking stage and nothing concrete has been decided.

Thanks to the winter weather, criminal activity at the Holly Farm Park has decreased. We as neighbors need to be planning ahead for the nice weather and how we can help the police department check crime at the park.

Next meetings

Special Meeting, Monday, January 7th, 7 pm, Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy, to discuss next steps for the hearing January 9th regarding the proposed development at 42nd & Galeburn.

Regular WPPNA board meeting, Thursday, January 10th, 7 pm, at the Markham School cafeteria.

A Grand Celebration for the Southwest Community

by Patti Waitman, Multnomah Historical Association

Multnomah Historical Association announces plans for "A Grand Celebration for the Southwest Community" to be held August 8-17, 2008. These events will commemorate Multnomah's centennial. All southwest neighborhoods, churches, business groups, schools, organizations, etc., are encouraged to plan an event or activity as part of the celebration. Special projects will include a survey of homes, structures, buildings, trees that are 50 years or older. Details of this project will be available through local neighborhood associations and Multnomah Historical Assoc. website. An "all-class reunion" for Multnomah

School is also being planned for Friday, August 15, 2008. Contact Multnomah Historical if you have an interest in helping with this event. Check out Multnomah Historical website as details become available or if you would like to volunteer to help with any event.

Recently, SWNI board members submitted historical questions about their neighborhoods. Multnomah Historical Association will attempt to answer these questions in each issue as space allows. Keep your eye out for additional centennial activities and events. For more information, go to www.multnomahhistorical.com or call 503-244-6540.

Southwest Community Center

6820 SW 45th Ave
503-823-2840

TEENS

D.I.Y. Teen Fashion: (age 13-17) Are you a creative, resourceful teen who likes to tinker and loves to make things? Reduce, reuse and recycle tired outfits into something fresh and amazing! Sat. 1/12, 7 - 9 pm. \$12.

What's For Dinner: (age 13-17) Ever wonder which fork to use or when to place your napkin on your lap? Learn proper dinner etiquette as you prepare a four course meal, set a formal table and enjoy the company of friends while tasting the fruits of your labor! Sat. 1/26, 7 - 9 pm. \$15.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Family Fun Night - Super Heroes (age: Families) Test your super human skills, create your own cape and get up close and personal with our local heroes as you visit with police officers and the fire department. Fri. 1/4, 6 - 9 pm. \$2/person

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

Homeschool Classes! (age: 6 - 12) NEW! Try our brand new Homeschool program! Students learn together in fun and innovative ways in special classes taught by knowledgeable instructors. Classes are consecutive and participants can be transferred between without the parent present. Wednesdays, 11:30 am-12:30 pm.

Sack Attach Lunch Munchers (includes lunch). \$37. 1/9-2/13, 12:30 - 1:15 pm.

Sports of All Sorts: \$30. 1/9-2/13, 1:30-2:15 pm.

Homeschool Swim & Play: Drop in. \$6/day. 2:30-3:15 pm

Art - Basic Design Building Blocks: \$30. 1/9-2/13, Thursdays, 11:30 am-12:45 pm.

Music - Singing with Friends: (bring sack lunch). \$40. 1/10-2/14, 12:45-1:30 pm.

Game Players: \$30. 1/10-2/14, 1:45-2:30 pm.

Homeschool Swim & Play: Drop in. \$6/day. 2:45-3:30 pm.

Cultural Crossovers: Latin America: \$30. 1/10-2/14.

FITNESS

Resolve To Evolve - Aerobathon 2008: Kick off the New Year with three hours of fitness! Push yourself to new limits with the fun one-day fitness challenge! Fee includes tank top, healthy snacks & door prizes! Sat, 1/5, 8:30-11:30 am. \$10. Call 530-823-2840 to sign-up today!

Resolution Solutions Fitness Workshop: Why worry about body weight? Gaining excess body fat can lead to serious health problems, such as high blood pressure, heart disease, and diabetes. Fitness & Wellness Director, Linda Hastings, will provide new nutrition information and help you make positive changes in your eating habits and keep you on the road to success! This workshop is designed to help you learn how many calories to eat and how to choose foods that are best for you. \$10 admission fee includes Exchange Lists and Calorie Counter for weight management, water bottle, healthy snacks, and coupons for fitness classes. Tue, 1/15, 7-8:30 pm. \$10. Call 823-2840 to sign up today!

Capitol Hill Library

10723 SW Capitol Hwy., 503-988-5385

FOR FAMILIES

Toddler Storytime: For children 24-36 months. Thursdays, 10:15-11 am. (except January 3)

Preschool Storytime: For children 3-6 years. Thursdays, 11:15 a.m.-noon (except Jan. 3)

Tiny Tots: For children 12-24 months. Fridays, 10:15-11 am. (except January 4)

Book Babies: For children 0-12 months with adult. Saturdays, 10:15-11 am. (except January 5)

Sensory Storytime: This storytime, which is open to all preschoolers, is especially geared to children with sensory integration issues. If your child has difficulty sitting through one of the library's other storytimes, this program of stories, songs and activities may be just what you are looking for. Fri., January 11, 11:15 am-noon.

Arctic Express! Learn about winter festivals such as Diwali, Kwanzaa, winter solstice, Lunar New Year, Ramadan, Hanukkah and Christmas. Sat., January 12, 1:30-2:30 pm.

Pajama Time: Put on your pajamas, grab a bedtime buddy, and join us for stories, songs and fun. For children 6 years and younger with adult. Wed., January 16, 6-7 pm.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

First Thursday Young Artists: Ceramic Painting: Paint handmade ceramics. Each participant will paint a medium-sized piece to take with them that day! Thu., January 3, 4-5 pm.

Teen Community Service Crew: Need community ser-

Hillsdale Library

1525 SW Sunset Blvd., 503-988-5388

FOR FAMILIES

Tiny Tots: For children 12-24 months with adult. Mondays, 10:15-11 am. (except Jan. 21)

Story Stop: For children 0-6 years with adult. Mondays through Wednesdays, 11:30-11:45 am. (except January 1 and 21)

Preschool Storytime: For children 3-6 years with adult. Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45 am. (except Jan. 1)

Toddler Storytime: For children 24-36 months with adult. Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 a.m. (except Jan. 2)

Book Babies: For children 0-12 months with adult. Thursdays, 10:15-11 am. (except Jan. 3)

The No. 1 Hillsdale Knitting Society: Learn basic knitting skills or get help with an existing project. For children 5 years and older as well as adults. Sat., Jan. 12, 10 am-noon.

Loving Touch Parent/Infant Massage: Build a lifelong bond with your newborn by incorporating a daily massage routine. Bring a baby quilt and unscented natural massage oil. Registration required. Sat., Jan. 26, 10 am-noon.

FOR KIDS AND TEENS

Teen Lounge & Homework Center: Use library computers, get homework help, or just do your homework and listen to music. For teens in grades 6-12. Thursdays, 2-4 pm. (except Jan. 3)

Read to the Dogs SM: Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs. Registration required. Sat., Jan. 5, 12 and 19, 10 am-noon, Tue., Jan. 15, 3:30-5 pm, or Sat., Jan. 26, 4-5:30 pm.

vice hours and volunteer credit? Check out the Teen Community Service Crew @ your library. Come for a two-hour block of fun, music, snacks and enough work to keep you busy! Registration required. Tue., Jan. 15, 6-8 pm.

Read to the Dogs SM: Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs. Registration required. Tue., Jan. 15, 6:30-7:30 pm. or Sat., Jan. 19, 10 am-noon.

FOR ADULTS

Pageturners: Engage in stimulating conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plot, and get to know your neighbors. Thu., Jan. 3, 1:30-2:30 pm. Read *The Last Town on Earth* by Thomas Mullen. or Tue., January 8, 7-8 pm. Read *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards.

Citizenship Classes: Learn about the process of becoming a citizen. Prepare for your citizenship interview. Study United States history and government for the examination. For more information, call 503-988-4081. Registration required. Sundays, Jan. 13-Feb. 17, 2-4 pm.

COMPUTER CLASSES

Cyber Seniors Computer Classes: Learn to use a mouse, search the Internet, and send and receive e-mail. Each session will consist of one hour of instruction and one hour of practice. You must register and attend all three sessions. Wednesdays, Jan. 16, 23 and 30, 10 am-noon.

Teen Council: Meet new friends, learn new skills, help the library. Wed., Jan. 9, 4-5:30 pm.

FOR ADULTS

Pageturners: Interested readers are encouraged to pick up a copy of the featured book at the reference desk. Tue., Jan. 8, 6:30-7:30 pm. Read *Moloka'i* by Alan Brennert. Or come on Thu., Jan. 17, 12:30-2 pm. Read *The Road* by Cormac McCarthy.

Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature - Identity and Imagination: Five-part reading and discussion series on the theme "Demons, Golems and Dybbuks: Monsters of the Jewish Imagination." Read *Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes* by Tony Kushner. Register for each session. Tue., Jan. 15, 6:30-7:30 pm.

COMPUTER CLASSES

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

TechnoHosts: Get help to search the web, play educational CD-ROM games, and look up materials. Thurs., 1-3 pm or Sundays, Jan. 13 and 27, 12:30-4:30 pm.

Excel II*: Prerequisite: Excel I or spreadsheet experience. Learn more complex skills such as formulas and sort options. Mon., Jan. 7, 4:30-6 pm.

Windows & Web for Beginners*: Combines Computer Basics with web searching. Learn basic computer terms and functions, and introductory Internet skills. Mon., Jan. 28, 4:30-6 pm.

* Registration required call 503-988-5234.

Sign Up for Free Tax Aid

Low- and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60, are welcome to sign up for tax assistance. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers provide free tax counseling and electronic preparation service for simple tax returns. After January 15th, you may call the senior center at 503-244-5204 x103 for an appointment.

The actual tax aid appointments will begin in February on Mondays and Wednesdays (February 4th through April 14th (9 am to 4 pm)). Appointments will take place at the Loaves and Fishes building at 7710 SW 31st Ave in the Jean Wade room on Floor 1B.

Please bring the following when come: You (and spouse) will need proof of identity (i.e., Social Security card); copies of all W-2, 1098, 1099 forms, SS numbers for all individuals to be listed on the return; prior year's tax return; childcare provider's information; taxpayers banking information; estimated tax payments made; amounts of other income; both spouses should be present or return will be delayed.

Please note that volunteers will have time to handle only simple returns and appointments are limited to no more than 50 minutes.

Foster Grandparents

Come learn how you can make a tremendous contribution to the community through after-school mentoring and other related programs. On Thursday, January 10th, from 10 to 11 am representatives from the Metropolitan Family Service Foster Grandparent program will be here to answer questions and tell you about how you can make a difference.

New Bridge Classes

Marie Germuska will be starting up a new bridge class for novice bridge players called "Modern No-Trump Bidding." The class will be offered on Tuesdays, 1 to 3 pm, on January 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Call 503-244-5204 x103 for information.

Senior Center Membership

Membership is open to all individuals 55 & older, or if the spouse is 55 years of age. Annual membership is \$20 individual or \$30 couple and includes delivery of our monthly newsletter.

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: 10 - 11 am, second Thursday.

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 Wed.

Low-Vision Support Group: 11 am - noon, third Tues.

Acupuncture (\$35-\$45) Appointments available Mon.

Senior Law Project: Appointments available 2nd and 4th Tuesdays.

Call for volunteer People Bank Drivers

If you have a clean driving record and are interested in driving seniors to appointments, you may be interested in joining our volunteer People Bank team. Volunteer People Bank drivers provide an important service to the senior community by providing transportation to medical appointments.

Please contact Ann Williams at (503) 244-5204 x103 for more information. (Note: All volunteer drivers must pass a criminal background check.)

Senior Center Closures

The Neighborhood House Senior Center will be closed on Tuesday, January 1st, New Year's Day, and Monday, January 21st, Martin Luther King Day.

In case of inclement weather, the senior center will follow Portland Public Schools' inclement weather closure schedules. A two-hours delay for Portland Public Schools means that morning activities are cancelled and the senior center doors will open at 11 am.

'Tis the season...for stormwater!

Watershed Resource Center
 503-823-2862, <http://wrc.swni.org>
watershedcenter@spiritone.com

Recent floods have renewed public interest in how to manage stormwater. Abundant surface water during this time of year uncovers problem areas. Quick-moving water has the most force and is the most damaging; if not on your property, then probably an unlucky downhill neighbor.

The principle purpose of stormwater management is to "slow it and store it" (in a safe place - not your basement!). Installing a French drain or soakage trench, planting native trees and plants, and putting in a bioswale or planter box are popular ways to manage stormwater. You'll need to gather information in order to determine what's most appropriate for your site.

Now is a good time to plan, and here are a few resources to help!

- Enroll in a free Clean River Rewards workshop, held the first Friday of each month at the Multnomah Arts Center.
- Call the hotline at 503-823-1371 to register for a workshop, or for referrals and other answers to your questions.

• Stop by the WRC for a free Stormwater Solutions CD. It contains information about common stormwater management methods with cost-benefit, siting and permitting.

• The WRC also offers free educational programs about stormwater. Youth programs include Stormwater Storytelling for ages 4-8, and Watershed Awareness, a modeling/simulation activity for ages 8-12.

• Presentations and tours for communities of faith and other organizations are also available. SW Portland is home to some innovative stormwater projects, if you're interested in visiting and getting inspired!

• Get involved in a greenspace restoration project led by one of the SW Watershed Steward groups. This will help slow and store water before it gets to people's homes! Visit the website for details.

Contact the WRC for more info on any of these resources. Hopefully you'll soon be "singing in the rain."

Promoting senior fall prevention

by Amy Ward, Rachel Etringer, Kim Brown & Aurora Krumland
 OHSU School of Nursing

Each year, thousands of older Americans are injured due to falls at home. In addition to injury, falls result in decreased independence due to fear, decreased mobility, and disability. Approximately 20-30% of these falls result in early demise for this population. There are many things around the home that can be done to prevent falls. It is also important that individuals are aware of their elderly neighbors in case falls should occur. Falls often occur due to risk factors that can be modified and home hazards that can be fixed. Fortunately, simple steps can be taken in one's immediate environment to decrease the incidence of falls:

- Maintain a clear pathway by reducing clutter.
- Avoid using throw rugs.
- Be aware of medication side effects.
- Use reflective tape on the bottom step of stairs and keep handrails and stairs in good repair.

• Install grab bars in the tub and by the toilet.

• Consider carrying a cordless or cell phone around the home.

• Avoid loose-fitting clothing and wear sturdy shoes.

• Consider using night lights and have your vision checked annually.

Many seniors fall while they are alone and it could be days before they receive assistance. In our experience in the Multnomah Neighborhood, we've discovered that many seniors are invisible in their communities because they lack a social network. Individuals need to be aware of the needs of seniors in their neighborhood in order to promote their safety and independence. For more information regarding falls, visit www.networkofcare.org. Services such as Carrierlink are also available through the Gatekeeper program at 503-988-3646 or visit www.carrierlink.org.

Estate planning made easy

Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 6:30 - 8 pm, Southwest Community Center, 6820 SW 45th Ave

Don't procrastinate! Receive practical advice to safeguard your assets and health care wishes during and after your lifetime. Acquire up-to-date knowledge about wills, living trusts, health care documents, guardianship and conservatorship issues, plus powers of attorney. Explore strategies to minimize or eliminate Oregon estate taxes, avoid probate and retain complete control over to whom, how and when your estate is distributed. Essential information for anyone!

Registration is requested for Course #256404 - Poolside Room: To register please visit <http://www.portlandparks.org/register/Activities/ActivitiesDetails.asp?ProcessWait=N&aid=4362&Froom=fas> or contact by phone at 503-823-2840.

JANUARY TRIPS

senior center membership required
 Call 503-244-5204 for more information.

Reminder: Payment is required prior to registration for trips with a cost. You can secure your spot by coming to the senior center on or after the December 28th registration date.

WORLD FORESTRY CENTER & BIG RED'S: Wednesday, January 9th, 11 am - 3 pm. Cost: \$4.50, plus money for lunch and admission. See a beautiful collection of hand-carved carousel horses as well as other exhibits, followed by a western-style lunch at nearby Big Red's restaurant. Come in person to register.

UWAJIMAYA ASIAN MARKET: Wednesday, January 16th, 12:30 to 3 pm. Cost: Free, plus money for shopping. This is one of Portland's most exciting grocery shopping experiences, and the perfect opportunity to try something new for the new year. Contact Ann Williams at (503) 244-5204 x103 to register.

RICE MUSEUM OF ROCKS AND MINERALS: Wednesday, January 23rd, 12:30 - 3 pm, Cost: \$4.50, plus \$4.50 for admission. Explore beautiful geologic wonders of the earth as you tour the Northwest's finest collection of world-class gems and minerals, including opals, emeralds, and giant crystals in elegant displays. Come in person to the senior center to register.

PORTLAND ART MUSEUM: Tuesday, January 29th, 10:45 am - 2:30 pm. Cost: \$13.50 (includes admission). Visit the Portland Art Museum's extensive collection of fine arts from around the world. Be sure to bring a sack lunch. Come in person to the senior center to register.

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Naturescaping for Clean Rivers

Imagine bringing a workshop to your neighborhood that could help to improve it by simply changing how yards are landscaped!

Naturescaping workshops can only happen when they are hosted by a local group, "Friends of" organization, church committee, or local governmental body, etc.

We are busily putting together the schedule of Spring 2008 workshops. If your group or agency would like to host a Naturescaping workshop, do let us know.

Hosting means finding a location to hold the workshop, helping to publicize the workshop in your area, providing volunteers the day of the workshop and providing refreshments the day of the workshop.

For workshops held within Multnomah County, there is no charge to the host. There is a charge for workshops outside Multnomah County. Call 503-797-1842 or email naturescaping@yahoo.com for more information on charges or to let us know about a potential host.

At Naturescaping workshops learn about Native plants, natural landscapes and environment friendly gardening practices. Get ideas for your garden, a guide book and a native plant to get you started. View Naturescaping examples, get advice on native gardening, identify native plants and get great Naturescaping tips.

Check in with our message phone machine for the latest updates on the Spring schedule (503-797-1842) or email your query at naturescaping@yahoo.com.

We do have one workshop scheduled:

Saturday, February 23, 9 am - 1 pm, at the Home & Garden Show at the Expo Center. Completion of this workshop includes free admission to the Home & Garden Show.

Hope to see you in 2008.

2008 Small Grants

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Girl Scouts Columbia River Council Troop 1338 for the Girl Scout Family Sock Hop for Seniors (\$645)

This project will be hosted by the Girl Scouts for their families and seniors. It will offer the girls leadership and outreach opportunities. A canned food drive will be in lieu of admission.

Hillsdale Alliance for the Hillsdale Tower/Sign Lighting (\$1470)

Funds from this grant will assist in paying for the lighting of the large sign in a prominent location in Hillsdale that reads HILLSDALE. 30,000 commuters will pass by the sign daily.

Homestead Neighborhood Association for Using Nature and Community Partnerships to Increase Neighborhood Involvement (\$500)

This grant consists of outreach activities, such as trail maintenance and invasive plant removal, designed to appeal to neighbors who use the trails extensively.

Hayhurst School Parent Teacher Association for Initiative to Strengthen the Hayhurst Community (\$620)

The funds will go towards a neighborhood-wide mailing to invite neighbors to the school's multicultural fair that will provide opportunities for neighbors to develop relationships with the school community. Included in the invitation will be a way for neighbors to receive the school's weekly newsletter.

Maplewood Neighborhood Association for the Maplewood Summer Picnic 2008 (\$1470)

This event is the annual neighborhood picnic held in conjunction with National Night Out at the local elementary. The event allows neighbors to meet each other, the board and various groups like the NET and Friends of Vermont Creek.

Marshall Park Neighborhood Association for National Night Out & Park Outreach (\$1520)

Marshall Park Neighborhood Association will host a National Night Out picnic and a meeting to design a kiosk/community gathering place. Both will be promoted through a neighborhood-wide mailing.

Multnomah Historical Society for Updated Brochure & DVD creation for Centennial Celebration (\$1965)

The Multnomah Historical Society will convert an extensive slide collection into a DVD with narration, artwork, graphics, along with packaging and promotion. An updated brochure will also be created. Both are in preparation for the Centennial celebration happening in 2008.

Somali Community Services for Website Development (\$1970)

This project is the development of a resource website. It will offer much-needed improved communication and create awareness of the center to other agencies in Oregon.

Somali Women's Association for Somali Women's Social Gatherings & Sewing Project (\$1970)

SWA will offer sewing lessons to Somali women and a sewing machine at the end of the class to attendees. During the classes, different organizations are invited to give presentations about services they provide. Programs include how to access government agencies, school agencies, etc.

South Portland Neighborhood Association for Increasing and Strengthening Neighborhood Involvement and Connection with Area Businesses (\$1970)

Funding will go for an 11x 17 mailing to every household announcing the summer concert series. The mailer will contain additional information promoting the neighborhood association and its projects. Additionally the neighborhood association will work with businesses to help organize a new business association through another mailer.

SWNI Crime Prevention & Public Safety Committee for Southwest Portland Public Safety Educational Outreach Project (\$1720)

This is a three pronged-approach for Educational Outreach: One a four-page "public safety" insert into the SWNI newspaper; two will be the 3rd annual community policing reception, celebrating appreciation for the SW officers; third, the organization of the 2nd annual basketball camp for HAP apartments in Southwest.

West Portland Park Neighborhood Association for Sign Caps for West Portland Park (\$970)

This project involves creating and installing neighborhood sign caps on strategic street corners to help create a sense of community and better identify the neighborhood of West Portland Park.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) received 22 proposal requests for over \$38,000 and wants to acknowledge the incredible dedication our neighborhoods and community groups have shown. These grants are an example of how the community is embracing collaboration, is hungry for relationship-building and understands the value of creating sustainable projects. We thank all the applicants for your commitment to create safe, healthy, vibrant, inclusive, socially diverse and livable communities; it was obvious these values are important reading your proposals.

SWNI would like to extend its gratitude to the Grant Committee, who took the time to give each proposal careful consideration. The committee understands and appreciates the work that our neighborhoods and community organizations do and had to make some difficult decisions. They made those decisions with compassion and care.

The goal of the Neighborhood Small Grants Program is to provide neighborhood and community organizations an opportunity to expand their community-building capacity, attract new and diverse members and sustain those already involved. -ONI

TAX BITE TOO BIG?

Support your neighborhood and get a last-minute tax deduction!

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) works to support 17 neighborhoods. We work with residents on issues related to transportation, parks, land use, crime prevention, schools, emergency preparedness, and much more. SWNI organizes many special projects, such as cleanups, candidate forums/debates, National Night Out events, restoration work parties and much more! We also print and distribute this newsletter, the *Southwest Neighborhood News*, each month to keep you informed about issues and activities occurring in your community.

We know you think our work is important. Now is a perfect opportunity to demonstrate your support by sending your tax-deductible contributions to: Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy., 97219.

SWNI is a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization and your gift is 100% tax-deductible. We do not sell our list of contributors to anyone.

Thank you for your support!

Join the Urban Trails Walk Saturday, January 12, 9 am

Our 4T Trail walk for December was cancelled because of maintenance on the tram. Lee Buhler will be leading this hike for January. We will start at the zoo for the proposed 4T Trail (Trail, Tram, Trolley and MAX Train.) The walk will be 4 to 5 miles with approximately 300 ft elevation gain.

Bring money for public transportation.

Only service dogs are allowed on tram, etc so pets will have to stay at home today.

Meet behind bleachers a Wilson High School at 9 am (Sunset Blvd and Capitol Hwy).

For more information contact Phyllis Towne at 503-223-3723.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
JANUARY 2008						
		1 9:00 AM Albert Kelly Park Work Party and Breakfast Conferences see page 9 6:00 PM S Portland NA Trans/Pkng Comm SWNI CLOSED	2 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA 7:00 PM S Portland NA Board	3 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	4	5
6	7 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev Public Safety Mtg 7:00 PM WPP Special Board Mtg	8 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Homestead NA 7:00 PM Hayhurst NA 7:00 PM Markham NA 7:00 PM Multnomah NA	9 7:00 PM Bridlemile NA 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM Crestwood NA	10 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	11	12 9:00 AM Dickinson Park Work Party 9:00 AM Trail Walk
13	14 5:30 PM ONI BAC 6:00 PM Tryon Creek WC 7:00 PM Ashcreek NA 7:00 PM Maplewood NA 7:00 PM Mult Historical 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm 7:00 PM S Burlingame	15 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	16 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 7:00 PM S Portland Communications	17 7:00 PM SWNI Communications Committee 7:00 PM SWNI Schools Committee	18	19
20	21 7:15 PM S Portland NA Land Use SWNI CLOSED	22	23 7:00 PM SWHRL Board 7:00 PM SWNI Board	24 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	25	26 9:00 AM April Hill Pk Wk Pty 9:00 AM Dickinson Park Work Party
27	28	29	30 7:00 PM SWHRL Membership Mtg	31 8:30 AM Mult Village Bus		

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

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