

## SWNI 2008 Volunteer Recognition Event

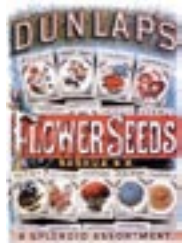
### Volunteers Plant the Seeds that Grow Community

Monday, June 30, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center Auditorium  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

You are invited to help us celebrate all the volunteers who give their time and talents to keep our neighborhoods the wonderful places we enjoy. These volunteers accomplish the projects that are important to our community.

Bring your family and come support the volunteers chosen by neighborhoods and committees to receive recognition.

A light supper and cake will be served.



## SW Bike Boulevards Project

SW Portland Wants to Be Platinum, Too

Portland recently received the "Platinum Award" from the League of American Bicyclists as the most bicycle-friendly major city in the US. This award is based on the overall quality of facilities and bicycle promotion programs. It is apparent to most SW residents, and cyclists in particular, that SW Portland is not as bicycle-friendly as other parts of the city. While SW benefits from many of the city's bicycle promotion programs, the facilities in SW are generally not on a par with most other areas in the city.

SWTrails Group, a neighborhood advocacy organization, is actively working with SW residents and the Portland Office of Transportation (PDOT) to develop a facilities strategy to improve bicycling conditions in SW Portland.

### Facility Improvement Strategy

A major focus of the SWTrails effort is to identify a low-traffic street system of "bicycle boulevards" with a pleasant and safe bicycling environment – something that is certainly lacking in SW Portland today. This summer, a SWTrails recommendation will be submitted to PDOT for consideration in the Portland Bicycle Master Plan update. The process and key strategy elements are summarized below.

### Community Involvement

SWTrails sponsored a series of neighborhood bike rides over the summer of 2007 to identify the most promising routes. Over 40 people who attended the open house in December provided comment on proposed routes. Using the additional ideas coming from the open house, SWTrails has prepared a preliminary recommendation for bicycling improvements in SW Portland. It consists of a bike network map and a spreadsheet, which provides additional description and detail about the recommended routes. The majority of the routes and improvements would create a system that relies primarily on low-traffic streets to be connected into a system of bicycle boulevards which are easy to find and navigate through the use of signs, pavement markings, and methods to calm automobile traffic.



**Open House**  
Wednesday, June 18, 2008  
5:30 to 8:00 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

This preliminary recommendation will be presented for public review and comment at a second Open House.

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# Multnomah

Village

## Farmers' Market

Hosted by Multnomah Arts Center

Thursdays from 3:30 to 7:30 pm

June through September

7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Next to Multnomah Art Centers' covered basketball court

Sponsored by Multnomah Village Business Association

You are invited to shop at the newest farmers' market in SW Portland, featuring farm-fresh produce, flowers, breads, cheeses, live music, with special events and a whole lot more! Portland Parks & Recreation Commissioner Dan Saltzman will oversee the **Grand Opening of the Multnomah Village Farmers' Market on Thursday, June 5, at 3:30 pm.**

Expect to see a rotating selection of Oregon's most delicious bounty available.

This new market should be great right out of the gate, thanks to the extensive experience and tireless efforts of the market manager, Eamon Molloy, who also manages the very successful Hillsdale Farmers'

Market on Sundays. Together, these two markets will work in concert to provide opportunities for the community to stay stocked with ingredients throughout the week.

Expect to find entertainment and fun activities for the entire family.

For June 5, *Gypsy Jazz West* will perform great music from 5:30 - 7:30 pm. Other festive activities will be introduced throughout the summer including cooking demonstrations and classes, and art projects and demonstrations from the Multnomah Arts Center.

Parking will be available in the lower lot, west of the market.

Visitors new to the neighborhood should be sure to visit the businesses in Multnomah Village.

Hosted by Multnomah Arts Center



View website for upcoming info: [www.MultnomahOutdoorCinema.org](http://www.MultnomahOutdoorCinema.org)

**Fridays**  
June 27, July 11 and  
August 1 and 15  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy  
*under the covered basketball court*

**Admission: FREE**  
Movies begin at dusk  
(8:15 - 9:00 pm)  
Gates open 45 minutes early

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# Empty lots to bountiful plots

by Ruthann Bedenkop

On a slightly overcast day near the end of April, work begins again in the once vacant, weedy field next to Neighborhood House\*. There are 20 or so people setting about various tasks: weeding, rototilling different plots, planting. Some are grabbing a quick bite to eat but everyone has dirty hands and knees. I seek out Payal Razdan, the organizer of this project to ask a few questions. Payal, who has a half-eaten slice of pizza in her hand, graciously offers me time to share some insight into the project.



In 2006, before the project started.

The project started as many of these community building activities go, by happenstance. Payal had come to Neighborhood House in June of 2006 to discuss her Portland State University class project and was standing with her project partner on the sidewalk looking into the abandoned field. She realized what a perfect opportunity was there. She immediately saw the potential, and after getting permission, set to work clearing weeds, gathering donations (which came readily), planting, recruiting volunteers and the myriad of other detailed tasks that go along with great ideas. Time was short that first year since they got started in June; nonetheless, they made such progress that it was clear this was a worthwhile and sustainable project.



In 2008, heading into the 3rd year

Each year the garden expands; this year they are working on terracing the slope, creating two plots to rent to community members, and making the garden more of a community center where locals can sit and relax. By bringing in picnic tables, art designed by local artists and developing new signage, Payal hopes the garden will be more inviting. Payal is also making plans to bring in a greenhouse for winter planting of herbs and some vegetables.

This year the usual suspects were going into the ground: zucchini, strawberries, cauliflower, cucumbers, herbs and tomatoes, to name a few. 100% of the produce grown in the garden goes to Neighborhood House. Payal expressed that without the generous donations

of plants, compost and fertilizer from Farmington Gardens that totals over \$600, the regular support of local businesses through a variety of donations including food for volunteers, the countless hours of volunteer time and the partnership with PSU's Community Organizing course that this project would be impossible to run year after year.

This year they are developing an education program for adults and children designed to educate individuals about basic gardening, sustainability and community organizing. Currently, there also are four PSU students earning course credit for a community organizing course, working on a penny drive, outreach and other community building activities.

Now that you know about it, you're wondering how to get involved and there are plenty of ways you can lend a hand.

- Every Sunday from 12-2 pm Payal is there working on regular maintenance. Contact Payal for more information (just north of 7780 SW Capitol Hwy). If you can't make it Sundays, there is watering and other garden tasks that can be done throughout the week.

- They are looking for some sturdy tables so that the community can use the space.

- They also need neighbors to keep an eye out; last year pumpkins and art were stolen. Report suspicious activity to 911.

- They need a garbage can at the sidewalk level to help keep trash out of the garden.

- Dog waste is NOT good fertilizer for the plants. Dog waste contains parasitic pathogens that are harmful to human health, such as toxocara canis (roundworm) which can infect humans and can remain in the soil for up to 10 years! So please, no dog waste in the garden (solid or liquid).

Payal would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their assistance and donations:

Celina Gomez, Farmington Gardens; Micha Sinclair, Rejuvenation Artisans; Scott Calvin, Abel Irrigation and Lighting; Erin Benadik, Lucky Lab SW; Said Fakih, Sesame Donuts; Cheryl Richardson, Baker and Spice; Peggy Acott, Portland Nursery; Sylvia Bogert, Southwest Neighborhoods; Kat Hartley, Uroboros; John Gun; Mark Keppinger and Catherine Failor.

Contact Payal at: nhgarden@gmail.com if you can volunteer.



Payal Razdan, planting tomatoes

\* Neighborhood House is a multi-service, multi-site organization providing social, emergency and recreational services for individuals and families residing in Southwest Portland. Neighborhood House is located at 7780 SW Capitol Hwy.

## Students Organize Drive to Benefit the Neighborhood House Garden

Students from PSU's Master's in Public Health program are organizing a penny drive to help fund the garden located at Neighborhood House. The drive will be held **Monday, May 26th, through Friday May 30th**, through the help of local businesses. Produce from this garden helps provide fresh, healthy food options for the Emergency Food Box Program at Neighborhood House. The garden is 100 percent volunteer run and completely funded by donations.

Please feel free to drop any spare change you may have in the designated collection jars at participating businesses in Multnomah Village. Every little bit helps!

Collection containers can be found at the following businesses:

Annastasia Salon	Peggy Sundays Home Essentials	Fibers in Motion
John Shaw, DMD	Post Hip CDs	Birdie's
Thai Herbs	O'Connor's Cafe	Down to Earth Cafe
Switch Shoes	Annie Bloom's Books	Thinker Toys

For more information about the drive, or how you can support the Neighborhood House Garden, please contact Payal Razdan at nhgarden@gmail.com.

# Volunteer Spotlight

by Ruthann Bedenkop

*Glenn Bridger is a resident of the Hillsdale Neighborhood and is a long-time volunteer in these parts. He recently served a five-year term as the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) board president. Thank you, Glenn, for all your dedication and involvement! Let's read more about Glenn.*

Glenn and his family moved back to the Pacific Northwest in 1991 from Madison, Wisconsin when a job with his employer finally opened up. He was to replace a person who retired, the last time the job position opened up was in 1968! He had been working for a federal agency for 26 years in various places around the country, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Washington DC, and wanted to return. He and his wife have been in the same house since that original move and they were glad to find a house that they could eventually retire in.



*"Neighbors don't need the system until they need the system. Then the neighborhood system is there to give them a voice."*

Glenn and his wife chose Hillsdale because when they moved to Portland, their daughter was in high school and they were all looking for a good school for her to attend. Glenn contacted his alma mater, Whitman College, and asked them which schools were they most happy with the students coming out of the Portland Public School system. Wilson was one of several on Whitman's list. So they concentrated their search on the area. This was combined with the couple's need to be close to downtown. Glenn says they were fortunate enough to find a house that fit all their requirements; close in, near a great high school and a house that they can retire in.

When Glenn first got involved in the early 90's, the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association didn't exist as it is now. Rather, the Wilson and Bridlemile/Robert Gray Neighborhood Associations split the business district. Glenn was part of an ad hoc group called the Hillsdale Vision Group that met frequently, sometimes as often as weekly, to discuss how to make Hillsdale better. They had no affiliation with the neighborhood system and, in fact, people would refer to SWNI occasionally and Glenn would wonder who this Sweenie person even was! This group worked to convince city council to fund the Hillsdale town center planning. It became obvious as they worked through the plan that Hillsdale needed a neighborhood association centered around Hillsdale, not split between Hillsdale. So they began going to the Wilson and Bridlemile/Robert Grey Neighborhood Associations to discuss how could this work for everyone. There are several people

still around from that group. Glenn shares that he is still involved because he hasn't accomplished the one goal he set out for himself when he moved here and that is to get a sidewalk from Hillsdale to Terwilliger. If you walk that stretch now, often - times there is not even a shoulder. You are literally walking in the traffic lane.

Glenn admits to taking the easy answer for staying involved, but it's the people and their willingness to share and to listen to ideas.

Glenn believes that increased funding could really help the system. He added that great strides have been made in the past few years with the neighborhood grants program, but it is still not where it needs to be. The funding has helped increase communications but there are still gaps. We are missing

people. And while communications and grants are helping us reach people currently outside the system, we need to further share with them several core ideas: the value of the neighborhood system, a realization that our neighbors don't need it until they need it and that it is a great place for dialogue and to get your issue heard.

Glenn jokes that his current role in the neighborhood system is as "has-been." (Glenn is finishing up his term as SWNI president at the end of May.) But seriously, he says he will focus now on individual activities as needed. He also looks forward to ushering in the new leadership of SWNI and working with committees that need help.

Glenn expressed that one of the most compelling reasons to be involved is the people. Come and meet the people in your neighborhood.

Glenn's favorite thing about the neighborhood is the Hillsdale Farmers' Market. Glenn was involved 5 years BEFORE day one. It was a part of the Hillsdale Town Center Plan that he worked on in the mid-90s. So much planning went into the process that they made sure they had the proper zoning for the current location before it started. His favorite things about the market are berries and peaches. Glenn went on to share that the Hillsdale Farmers' Market is so successful because of the volunteers and boasted that word on the circuit is they are the friendliest to boot.

Glenn considers the proudest moment he's had with the neighborhood system was when neighbors got together to hold a Neighbors Against Hate rally in the Multnomah Center. The auditorium was packed, even in the overflow rooms. There were motivational speakers, the newly elected Mayor Potter was there and various members of the community all spoke out against hate and racism. It was a great gathering of community spirit.

Photo, Glenn in front of the SWNI office.

## Learn about the Portland Plan

The Bureau of Planning is formally launching the Portland Plan through a series of events in June. A **Leadership Summit on June 6, 9:30 am - 5 pm** and **two Community Summits on June 14, 9 am - noon, 3905 SE 91st Ave., and 2 - 5 pm, PSU Smith Ballroom, 1825 SW Broadway.**

These meetings are meant to inform the public about the Portland Plan as well as inspire our community to help create the next generation of visionary planning for Portland. It will include an updated and expanded comprehensive plan and an updated central city plan.

**Portland Plan - Leadership Summit (June 6, Oregon Convention Center):** Leaders from a broad spectrum of Portland organizations and communities are invited to spend the day with elected officials, technical experts, community leaders and other Portlanders at the Oregon Convention Center. Keynote speaker and First Vice President of the Danish Parliament Svend Auken will kick off the day with an inspirational rendering of how a community can achieve its vision for sustainable development over the long term.

The six afternoon breakout sessions will each focus on one of the following issues:

- **Transportation and Infrastructure**
- **Economic Development and Prosperity**
- **Housing** covers the policies and goals related to making sure Portlanders have access to affordable, healthy dwellings.
- **Environment**
- **Urban Design and Land Use**
- **Social, Cultural Issues and Health & Human Safety, Arts, Education, Sus-**

**tainable Food Systems, Safety, Neighborhood Walkability:**

**Portland Plan - Community Summits:** On Saturday, June 14, 9 am - noon, 3905 SE 91st Ave., and 2 - 5 pm, PSU Smith Ballroom, 1825 SW Broadway. Portlanders are invited to attend a community summit. Following the leadership summit, the community summit will give the public an opportunity to experience the inspiration, ideas and energy of the June 6 event through a short video of Auken's speech, the panel discussion and breakout sessions. They will also be asked to share their ideas in their own breakout sessions on the same topics mentioned above.

**Launching the Portland Plan:** The launch is intended to start a dialogue with the community about what kind of city we want to be in the future. The Bureau of Planning will use that feedback as we move forward with the Portland Plan and continue to check in with the community at strategic points along the way to make sure the plan reflects our communal values, needs and desires and prepares us for the future.

Children are welcome at the June community meetings, and a child corner will be provided.

The public can send their comments on any of these documents to Christine Appleberry, Public Involvement Coordinator, at 503-823-9907 or Christine.Appleberry@ci.portland.or.us.

For more information about the Portland Plan, visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/portlandplan/> or contact Eden Dabbs, communications specialist, at 503-823-9908 or eden.dabbs@ci.portland.or.us.

## Citywide Tour of Naturescaped Yards

Join the tour, and bring home new ideas and inspiration for your yard! Discover how individuals use Naturescaping techniques in their own front and back yards.

This self-guided tour of six homes in SW (3), SE (1), N (1) and NE (1) Portland will demonstrate Naturescaping along streams, on typical city lots, newly-planted Naturescaping, and lush, mature Naturescaped yards.

You'll see firsthand how Metro-area gardeners are using native plants and environmentally-friendly gardening techniques to create beautiful landscaping that conserves water, take less maintenance, controls erosion, and provides habitat.

The tour is self-drive/bike/walk/bus, drop-in style, Sunday, June 1, 2008, 1-4:30 pm.



Plan to spend 30-45 minutes at each yard. You likely will not be able to visit all six yards, so we will provide to you information about each of the yards so you can choose one(s) that are of particular interest to you.

Go to [www.naturescape.org](http://www.naturescape.org) to register for the tour. There is no charge and all are welcome to sign up.

## Design work begins! On the Gibbs Street Pedestrian Bridge

The City of Portland is beginning work to design a new bike and pedestrian bridge over I-5 to connect the historic Lair Hill neighborhood with the emerging South Waterfront District. The bridge will span approximately 700 feet, and will have a landing on the west side near the intersection of SW Gibbs St and Kelly Ave and on the east side near the intersection of Gibbs St and Moody Ave. The bridge will be adjacent to the aerial tram.

The design process for the bridge is just beginning. The first phase aimed at selecting a preferred design concept will be complete in September. After September, engineers and designers will work for another ten months to develop construction-ready plans. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2009 and be complete in late 2010. Though this project is being undertaken by the City of Portland, the project's design and construction costs are funded through a federal earmark administered by the Federal Highway Administration.

The project team is excited to work with community members to design a bridge

that is safe, attractive, and functional. The project's citizen advisory committee, a group that includes neighborhood, business and interest group representatives, as well as property owners, has been meeting since January 2008. All interested community members are invited to attend these meetings and are welcome to review project progress and provide input through open houses and a project web site.

### Participate in designing the bridge

Plan to join the project team at an open house to review preliminary design concepts on **Wednesday, June 25, 5-8 pm, at Cedarwood School, 3030 SW 2nd Ave.**

Check out the project website at [www.gibbsbridge.org](http://www.gibbsbridge.org) for up-to-date information. You can also take an online survey through June 15 to provide your ideas and information about how you would use the bridge.

For information, contact Jody Yates, [jody.yates@trans.ci.portland.or.us](mailto:jody.yates@trans.ci.portland.or.us), 503-823-5835 or visit: [www.gibbsbridge.org](http://www.gibbsbridge.org) or.



## Successful Neighborhoods

by Glenn Bridger, Southwest Neighborhoods Chair

Visiting on the sidewalk or a front porch. Waving to familiar faces as neighbors drive by. Catching up on gossip in the grocery store. These are the community experiences we see in the comic strips, the old situation comedies, and in our memories. They are not just fiction or memory; they are what we enjoy in successful neighborhoods. These are views of people interacting with people. A large, extended family of people we like to see and exchange ideas with; of people who can make us happy with news in their family, and with whom we can share success.

Successful neighborhoods are not paved sidewalks and school buildings. These are pieces of concrete, brick and steel, and they mean little if they are not used. The place to take a walk to get exercise and see the new "house for sale" sign down the street is valuable and a treasure. Our side streets with no through-traffic allow us to do this; our major streets that mostly lack sidewalks do not.

Parks are a natural place to meet neighbors. Activities of today include not just taking children to swing in a playground, but concerts, skateboarding and dog exercise. Parks are a "natural" place for success in a neighborhood.

Drivers obeying traffic laws and streets where crime is rare get us out of our houses more. Public safety allows us to open our doors and step into the world without fear of loss or injury. Peace of mind is very important to a successful neighborhood.

## Bike Boulevards

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Residents may review the proposal and submit comments on the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) website ([www.swni.org](http://www.swni.org)), following this open house.

### Criteria for SW Bicycle Improvements

SWTrails has concentrated on creating a recommendation that meets the needs of cyclists and is practical to implement using the following general criteria:

- System connections that link important destinations such as community centers, business districts, parks, and schools.
- Ease of implementation and financing. Facility recommendations must be realistic given financial constraints and the character of SW streets.
- Accommodate all age groups and skill levels. The bicycle network needs to be expanded to suit the needs and abilities of all riders.
- Potential number of users. The priority improvements should focus on routes that have the greatest potential for bicycle use.
- Terrain. The network should feature the most moderate grades available.
- Community building and improved livability. Should enhance SW neighborhoods by providing a safe and convenient alternative to driving.

### Facility Types

The facility recommendations for SW fall into four general categories:

- **Bike boulevard.** The city defines bike boulevards as being potentially appropriate on streets with fewer than 3,000 vehicles per day.

Trails have a special part in our community because we are criss-crossed with many public rights-of-way that can be walked upon but not driven upon. We can explore our community on foot more completely than we can in a car. And kids really like the independence trails bring as they discover our world and their playmates.

Meetings do not define successful neighborhoods. Meetings, whether of your neighborhood association, people living on your block, or ones sponsored by City Hall are significant only when they help us create the places above where people willingly interact with others. Meetings are frequently an early sign of success and a necessary steps towards a vision. What happens after the meetings is even more important.

Each of you has ideas on how to make your community better. You have said, "Why doesn't someone do \_\_\_\_\_?" Those ideas are how you make your neighborhoods safer, friendlier, and, most importantly, YOUR neighborhood. Share your ideas and effort to make those ideas a reality. Another one of those great ideas is taking shape this summer in Multnomah with their new farmers' market. Go; buy; volunteer. Do the same with the Hillsdale Farmers' Market. Raise your hand and spirits when there are opportunities to help build a trail, clean up a sick neighbor's yard, or help an elderly friend do their weekly shopping chores.

As you smile and help your neighbors, you will be part of that continuing process of creating a successful neighborhood. It is now truly YOUR neighborhood.

priate on streets with fewer than 3,000 vehicles per day.

- **Bike lane.** Typically considers these to be the appropriate treatment on streets with more than 3,000 vehicles per day.

- **Separate path.** Typically be a minimum of 10 feet wide for 2-way travel.

- **Wider uphill shoulder.** This is not really part of the city's improvement palate for bicyclists or pedestrians. Wider uphill shoulders of 3 to 5 feet would provide some additional room for cyclists.

### Bikeway Facility Recommendations and Priorities

The facility recommendations for SW Portland utilize the four facility types.

The improvements are listed as being Priority 1 or 2. Priority 1 projects are considered necessary to create a basic network of routes to accommodate bicycling in SW. The Priority 2 projects would complete the system to allow safe and convenient access to all portions of SW Portland.

The most important Priority 1 projects are labeled as immediate actions. These would establish a good, basic system, which is focused primarily on serving neighborhood centers, such as Hillsdale and Multnomah, and public facilities, such as schools and parks.

For further information please contact Keith Liden at [liden@pbworld.com](mailto:liden@pbworld.com) or 503-224-4066 (before 9 pm please).

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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](mailto: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.

## Car Prowls Are a Crime of Opportunity

From the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Crime Prevention Program

### Reduce the opportunity:

Lock all doors/roll up windows  
Park in well-lit areas

Avoid parking near dumpsters, woods, large vans or trucks, and anything that limits visibility.

Never leave anything in your car, even if your car is locked. If you place items in your trunk, do so before you reach your destination.

Keep your keys with you; avoid putting keys in "hiding places."

Important identification papers or credit cards should never be left in the glove compartment.

Avoid leaving your vehicle in unattended parking lots for long periods of time.

If your vehicle breaks down, have it towed to a safe environment.

Install an alarm/tracking system.

Organize a Neighborhood Watch.

Park in your garage.

### How do vandals get into my car?

Doors left unlocked

Smash and grab (breaking windows)

Slim Jim (locksmith device)

### What items do prowlers steal?

Personal information

Stereo equipment

Tools

Firearms

Clothing/duffel bags/backpacks

Purses (cash/credit cards)

Cellular phones

Cameras

Stereo headsets

Anything of value that can be carried easily.

### What do prowlers do with your property?

Exchange for drugs

Personal use

Sell or pawn for cash

Dump it

### When is your vehicle most vulnerable?

Statistics show that a majority of vehicles are being broken into between 10 pm and 4 am. Daylight car prowls also occur in busy parking lots and business districts. There is no significant difference in the number of incidents on weekend days vs. weekdays.

### Where are vehicles most vulnerable?

Nighttime vehicle break-ins occur in public parking lots, apartment complexes, isolated residential and recreational areas. During the day, it's very populated places, such as park-and-ride lots, business districts and along major arterials.

### If your vehicle is broken into, call Police:

In-progress or you witnessed it: 9-1-1

If you discovered it after the fact: 823-3333 (non-emergency)

Report your break-in to police immediately. Give a detailed description of item(s) stolen. If credit card(s) and /or checks are stolen, report it to the appropriate bank(s) immediately. Inform police if someone attempts to use your credit cards.



## Identity Theft IQ Test: Are You at Risk for Identity Theft? Test Your "Identity Quotient"

Celeste Carey, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator, Northeast Portland

- I receive several offers of pre-approved credit every week. (5 points)
- I do not shred them (cross-cut shredder preferred) before discarding them (5 points)
- I carry my Social Security card in my wallet. (10 points)
- My driver's license has my SSN printed on it, and I have not contacted the DMV to request a different number. (10 points)
- I do not believe someone would break into my house to steal my personal information. (10 points)
- I do not use a firewall on my personal computer. (10 points)
- I have not ordered a copy of my credit reports for at least 2 years. (20 points)
- I use an unlocked, open box at work or at home to drop off my outgoing mail. (10 points)
- I do not have a PO box or a locked, secured mailbox. (5 points)
- I carry my military ID in my wallet at all times. (It displays my SSN.) (10 points)
- I do not shred (cross-cut shredder preferred) my banking and credit information when I throw it in the trash. (10 points)
- I throw away old credit and debit cards without shredding or cutting them up. (10 points)
- I provide my SSN whenever asked, without asking why it is needed and how it will be safeguarded. (10 points)
- Add 5 points if you provide it orally without checking to see who may be listening nearby.
- I leave my purse or wallet in my car. (10 points)
- I am required to use my SSN as an employee ID or as a student ID number. (5 points)
- My SSN is on my employee badge that I wear at work /in public; or it is on my time card in full view of others, or on other documents frequently seen by many at work. (10 points)
- I have my SSN and/or driver's license number printed on my personal checks. (10 points)
- I am listed in a "Who's Who" guide. (5 points)
- I carry my insurance card (including Medicare) in my wallet and my SSN or that of my spouse is the ID number. (10 points)
- I do not believe people would look through my trash for credit or financial information or for documents containing my SSN. (10 points)
- I do not verify that all financial (credit card, checking) statements are accurate monthly. (10 points)

### Understanding Your Score:

Each one of these questions represents a possible avenue for an identity thief.

100 + points - Recent surveys\* indicate that 8-9 million people are victims of ID theft each year. You are at high risk. We recommend you purchase a cross-cut paper shredder, become more security-aware in document handling, and start to question why people need your personal data.

50-99 points - Your odds of being victimized are about average.

0-49 points - Congratulations. You have a high "IQ." Keep up the good work and don't let your guard down now.

For information on recent identity theft survey findings, visit the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse web site at [www.privacyrights.org/ar/idtheftsveys.htm](http://www.privacyrights.org/ar/idtheftsveys.htm).

For a list of tips on reducing your risk of identity theft, read our Fact Sheet 17, "Coping with Identity Theft: Reducing the Risk of Fraud," at [www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs17-it.htm](http://www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs17-it.htm). Remember, you cannot prevent identity theft. Criminals can commit identity theft relatively easily because of lax credit industry practices and the ease of obtaining Social Security numbers. But you can reduce your risk of fraud by following the tips in Fact Sheet 17.

The most important advice we can give you is to check your 3 credit reports at least once a year. If you are a victim of identity theft, you will catch it early by checking your credit reports regularly. Your annual free credit reports are available from (877) 322-8228 or at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).

## Transportation Safety & Neighborhood Livability Hot Line 823-SAFE / (823-7233)

To help guide the public to real solutions to traffic safety problems, Portland Department of Transportation has created a **Transportation Safety and Neighborhood Livability Hot Line (823-SAFE)**. Requests are phoned in or emailed [safe@pdxtrans.org](mailto:safe@pdxtrans.org). Calls are generally answered within one working day, Monday through Friday. Emails are generally responded to within one week.

The Safety and Livability Hot Line addresses the transportation safety issues listed to the left.

Initial requests for Capital Projects should also be forwarded to the Transportation Safety and Livability Hot Line. These requests are recorded, and the information is forwarded to the appropriate staff person.

For 24-Hour Maintenance & Repair of Traffic Signs, Signals & Equipment, Pavement Markings and Condition, or Sidewalk Repair call: (503) 823-1700

To Report Potholes Call: (503) 823-BUMP (2867)

To Report Street Light Outages or Malfunctions Call: (503) 823-5216

Traffic Safety Issue	Examples of Service Requests
Intersection Safety	Pavement Markings / Signals / STOP Signs
Pedestrian Safety	Crosswalks / Curb Ramps / Signals / Visibility / Enforcement
School Safety	Safe Routes / School Drop-Off and Pick-Up Operations / Crosswalks / Bus Zone / Education
Speeding	Enforcement / Speed Zones / Residential Speed Bump Purchase Projects
Visibility	Lighting / Pruning / Signage
Bicycle Safety	Bike Lanes / Parking / Signals / Visibility
Parking	Limited On-Street Parking / No Parking
Capital Project Requests *	Sidewalks / Bike Lanes / Signals / Intersection Improvements



## MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

Elders in Action, in partnership with the Portland Police Bureau and the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement would like to invite you to our upcoming training to become a:

### Community Safety Advocate

#### Community Safety Advocates will:

- Put their unique skills to work with Community Police Officers and Crime Prevention staff assisting citizens in Portland neighborhoods.
- Link neighbors with access to valuable community resources.
- Work on projects specifically targeted to individual neighborhoods, and
- **Make a difference in their community!**

#### Training will be held over three evening sessions:

- Tuesday, June 3, 2008 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 10, 2008 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 17, 2008 from 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**All sessions are mandatory.**

**Our volunteers represent a cross-section of the community and range in age from 18 to 92 – each with a common goal of making a difference!**

If **YOU** want to make a difference, call or email Jennifer Lawrence for more information **TODAY!**

**(503) 595-7538 or (503) 235-5474**  
**Email: [jennifer@eldersinaction.org](mailto:jennifer@eldersinaction.org)**  
*"Quality of life should never depend on age"*

## 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

## Helpful websites

- Office of Neighborhood Involvement website  
[www.portlandonline.com/oni](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni)
- Portland Police Bureau website  
[www.portlandonline.com/police](http://www.portlandonline.com/police)
- Sites for federal statistics on crime  
[www.ncjrs.org](http://www.ncjrs.org)  
[www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org)  
[www.ojp.usdoj.gov](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov)  
[www.fedstats.gov](http://www.fedstats.gov)  
[www.albany.edu/sourcebook/](http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/)
- City of Portland main website  
[www.portlandonline.com](http://www.portlandonline.com)
- Multnomah County main website  
[www.co.multnomah.or.us](http://www.co.multnomah.or.us)
- Metro regional government main website  
[www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org)
- State of Oregon main website  
[www.oregon.gov](http://www.oregon.gov)

## Southwest Portland Crime States for March 2008

	Aggravated Assault	Arson	Burglary	Homicide	Larceny	Rape	Robbery	Theft From Vehicle	Vehicle Theft	Drugs	Embezzlement	Forgery	Fraud	Simple Assault	Stolen Property	Vandalism	Weapon	Curfew	Disorderly Conduct	DUII	Liquor Laws	Runaway	Trespass	Total
ARNOLD CREEK	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
ASHCREEK	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	10
BRIDLEMILE	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	13
COLLINS VIEW	0	0	3	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	21
CRESTWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
FAR SOUTHWEST	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
HAYHURST	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	11
HEALY HEIGHTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
HILLSDALE	1	0	1	0	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	4	2	1	0	2	23
HOMESTEAD	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	10
MAPLEWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
MARKHAM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
MARSHALL PARK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MULTNOMAH	0	0	1	1	11	0	1	5	0	1	0	0	3	0	5	0	0	0	1	1	1	4	1	35
S BURLINGAME	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	3
SOUTH PORTLAND	0	0	1	0	6	0	0	16	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	3	2	0	5	2	31	
SOUTHWEST HILLS	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	14	
W PORTLAND PARK	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>207</b>

# Committee Reports..

## SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

### IOWA TRAIL OPEN



The Bureau of Environmental Services has temporarily replaced the stairs on the Iowa Street trail. SWTrails built the stairs and BES recently had to remove them to start work for the Iowa I-5 bridge replacement. The heavy equipment is still down there and cannot be removed until the dry weather. After it is removed, we are requesting BES to then replace the stairs with new material and built to SWTrails standards. This is a heavily used trail and the main pedestrian connection to the Willamette River from Hillsdale and other SW neighborhoods.

The I-5 Iowa Street bridge reconstruction will be a major job and will take several years. We seek to have the impact to pedestrian trails minimized.

SWTrails will be asking the Oregon Department of Transportation for pedestrian and bicycle improvements as mitigation for the construction impact to the trails and impact on the South Portland neigh-

borhood. Among the things we are considering are the improvement to the Newbery Bridge over the Himes Gulch so we can complete the Red Electric Trail, and paving and reconnecting Slavin Rd. This will give bikers and hikers a good route from the new pedestrian bridge at Gibbs to Hillsdale. ODOT has recently reopened Slavin Rd for construction (*see below*). The trail is currently not safe to walk on as the gravel used is much too large for safe walking and impossible to bike on. Slavin was an old road that was the main route to Hillsdale before Barbur and I-5 were constructed. It was closed in the 1930's but will make an excellent ped and bicycle route.

These improvements would bring a tremendous benefit to SW Portland bicycle transportation. Due to the grade, Barbur would make an excellent bike route to SW. However, at the Newbery (Iowa St), Vermont and Multnomah bridges, there is no room for bicycles, forcing them out into heavy Barbur traffic. This is very dangerous and stops many bicyclists from using this route. Bike lanes on those bridges have a tremendous positive impact.



### Urban Trails Hike

Thank you to everyone who came to our May hike and to leader Bob Miller who did an excellent job as usual. We had a good turnout despite the SWNI and SOLV cleanups occurring the same day. Join us **Saturday, June 14th**, for our next hike. This will be an exciting hike through the South Portland neighborhood where we will be passing by some of the more notable points, such as the teeth in the sidewalk, Arthur Wallace's grave site a few feet off Barbur (*see below*), the new park in South Waterfront and the greenway trail. Meet at 9 am sharp under the oak



tree near the intersection of Sunset and Capitol where we will carpool to the parking lot at the National College of Naturopathic Medicine (049 SW Porter). You can also meet at 9:15 am at NCM but please DO NOT do this unless you have been there before as it is very hard to find. If you must try to find it on your own, there is a map at [www.ncnm.edu](http://www.ncnm.edu)

### Bike Open House

We have done a great deal of tweaking to our SW Bicycle Plan and would like your input again. We received a tremendous number of good ideas at our last open house and have incorporated them. Come check out the plan and tell us what you think. It is exciting to see the plan come together.

**Wednesday, June 18th, 5:30 to 8 pm**

**7688 SW Capitol Hwy**  
*follow the signs for the room*

### Stairs

We are waiting for the city to tell us how to safely reconstruct the short stair segment at SW 25th and Seymour. The Hillsdale NA recently voted 27 to 9 to keep this open as a pedestrian connection. Some adjacent neighbors have expressed the desire to close off this connection to pedestrian travel and to vacate the street.

We are grateful for the neighborhood's support and PDOT's help in getting this safely re-opened.

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

## Parks Committee

Kirky Doble, 503-246-7970

In May we were pleased to have four guests from Parks & Recreation. Gregg Everhart and Fred Nilsen spoke about their project to create a prioritized list of city-wide, unpaved, trail projects. These are projects volunteers can work on.

Fred is retiring soon. Fred, thank you for all your work over the years.

Park Maintenance Supervisor Don McTaggart gave an update on various SW projects. The new skatepark in Gabriel Park will be completed in July.

City Nature West Zone Manager Astrid Dragoy gave an update. Good news: Soon a

report will be issued regarding a replacement for the Marshall Park bridge. There will be three bridge alternatives. Public outreach will start when the report comes out.

Every summer, the committee holds its meetings at local parks. In June, we'll meet at Willamette Park in the South Portland neighborhood.

**Next meeting:**  
**Thursday, June 5, 7 pm**  
**Willamette Park**  
*near the covered court*  
**SW Macadam north of the Sellwood Bridge**

## Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

Our next meeting will be June 2 at 7 pm at the Multnomah Center. We have special guest coming, Captain Leo Krick, from Fire Station 18!

Hopefully the weather will cooperate with us, and we will be able to hold the first half of meeting outdoors. Please plan on meeting in the back of the Multnomah Center, near the outdoor stage. Captain Krick will be there to give a short presentation on Fire and Rescue operations and answer some questions about the new location for Station 18.

Last month we had a last minute guest from the Multnomah County Domestic Violence Office, Kristine Red Thunder. We had a great discussion and she left us with information now available in the Crime Prevention Office. We also made additions to our action plan for 2008/2009. We have a lot of great ideas to make our community better.

Remember to stay safe with the start of the nice weather. Don't leave unsecured windows open when you go to bed. Wear life jackets if you are boating or fishing. See you at the next meeting!

**Next Meeting: Mon., June 2, 7 pm**  
**Multnomah Center**  
**7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

## Transportation Committee

Marianne Fitzgerald, 503-246-1847

In May, the committee met in joint session with the Land Use Committee to discuss matters of mutual interest. The conversation was primarily about the future of Barbur Boulevard, the best mode of future public transportation on Barbur--streetcar, light rail, or bus, and whether new development should be focused on nodes or along the entire corridor. A comprehensive corridor study will probably have to be done before anything happens. Jim Gardner reported on the currently happening North Macadam Development Strategy, which addresses the thorny problem of auto access to the new South Waterfront District.

**Next Mtg: Wednesday, June 18, 7 pm**  
**Multnomah Center**  
**7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

## Land Use Committee

John Gibbon, 503-708-6708

The committee met separately in May following their joint meeting with the Transportation Committee.

The Bureau of Development Services has convened a task force to look at development of skinny lots in the R5 zone. The development often involves property line adjustments that create unusual lot configurations. The Ashcreek Neighborhood Association is also facing some issues regarding skinny lots in a R7 zone, and has wanted the task force to address those issues. The committee approved a motion that skinny lot issues should be addressed in whatever zone they arise.

In June, committee members will meet with Bureau of Planning liaison Brian Sheehan to work out the details of a July road tour of the SWNI area with members of the Planning Commission. Brian is getting a big van for the tour. We'll have stops along the way to meet with neighborhood representatives.

**Next meeting:**  
**Tuesday, June 17, 7 pm**  
**Multnomah Center**  
**7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

## SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president  
503-245-0729

On Monday, June 30th, Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. will pay tribute to some very special volunteers selected from each of our 17-member neighborhood associations and 6 standing committees. "Volunteers Plant the Seeds that Grow Community" is this year's theme for our Volunteer Recognition Event. Everyone is welcome to attend this community celebration. We will have entertainment, plenty of food and cake. Bring the family and enjoy an evening out.

At the board meeting, we will confirm standing committee chair appointments

**Next meeting:**  
**Wednesday, June 25, 7 pm**  
**Multnomah Center**  
**7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

## Communication Committee

Wes McMullen, 503 244-2659

Your neighborhood chairs should have received our email communication asking them to check in with neighborhood leaders and find out what your priorities are for the communication committee to concentrate on. We are looking forward to hearing from you.

We are in the process of looking for Drupal experts to provide additional support with the website; so if you know of anyone, send them our way.

The committee is also wanting to develop a speaker resource list. The idea is to have a wide variety of topics offering our chairs with ideas for the meetings.

We also are wanting to form a sub-committee to work on reviewing and revamping the SW News, so if you are interested in joining that, contact Wes.

**Next meeting:**  
**Monday, June 16, 7 pm**  
**Multnomah Center**  
**7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

## Schools Committee

Will Fuller, 503-764-5501



**Astronomical Event: SWNI Board Votes for Gray SUN**  
At its May meeting, the SWNI board voted unanimously to support full funding for the Robert Gray SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods)

program. Chair Glenn Bridger has sent a letter to the Multnomah County Commissioners advocating this funding. The major issue we are highlighting is the special needs of low-income families in a higher-income area.

### Health Insurance for Students?

Because the schools committee did not have a quorum at its May meeting, a vote on the proposal to provide basic health coverage for all Portland Public School students is postponed until June.

### Location, location, location!

We are reviewing three major issues around property that affect schools in the SWNI area:

1. The use of the Sears Army Reserve Armory - family housing? education? emergency services?

2. Ensuring good, timely neighborhood input to school building decisions that affect the look of public school buildings in the neighborhood.

3. The Real Estate Investment Trust and its role, if any, in the use of property like the Smith School site.

Stay tuned for more on all of these.

**Next meeting:**  
**Thursday, June 19, 7 pm**  
**Multnomah Center, Room 3**  
**7688 SW Capitol Hwy (at 31st.)**









## Arnold Creek

Next Mtg: Tuesday, June 10, 7 pm  
Antioch Christian Fellowship 10558 SW 35th (lower level)  
Chair Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483, enchand@hotmail.com  
arnoldcreek.swni.org

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, June 10, at 7 pm. We are going to be looking at our action plan as we were previously busy with the Maricara Park meetings and still need to review the plan.

We have a new secretary! Sharon has graciously volunteered to be our secretary and took her first minutes last month. They will be approved and then added to our website each month. Our website is arnoldcreek.swni.org.

If you haven't visited it, please do. If you have anything you would like to add to it, please let me know.

We chose Rick, our schools committee representative, as our volunteer of the year. More information to follow.

We still need a vice president to round out our neighborhood officers. If anyone is interested, please let me know. See you at the next meeting!

## Ashcreek

\*\*Next Mtg: Tuesday June 10, 7 pm (change of date for this meeting)  
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy  
Chair Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872 jklinker@ease.com

Smith School, Smith School, Smith School!!!! We have finally arranged a meeting with the school district. School Board Member Ruth Atkins will attend our June meeting. The school district meets on the same night as Ashcreek. We have decided to move our June meeting and only our June meeting. Our June meeting date is Tuesday, June 10th.

If you have concerns about Smith School, if you are a charter school supporter, if you value the open space, if you use the play ground, if you use the athletic fields, if you walk your dog, if you sun bathe please attend.

This will be an opportunity to speak our minds, ask questions and to listen. We may need to listen first.

**Pet Peeve:** Remember a few months ago when I went on and on about the ice across Garden

Home Road at 49th. The city has just cleaned out the drainage ditch and the water (now) is no longer flowing across GHR. Thank you, City of Portland!

**Citizen involvement:** How many of you have been reading my column (or rambling rantings) and never attend an Ashcreek meeting? Do you have concerns about transportation, traffic, street conditions (or pot-hole conditions), speeding? Do you have concerns about crime? Would you like to be able to walk or bike around our neighborhood easier (get to Garden Home or Multnomah Village without your car)? Do you have stormwater or basement flooding problems? Do you want more and better parks? Are you new to the neighborhood, the city, the state or the country? We can use your help. Start attending our monthly meetings.

## Crestwood

Next Mtg: Wednesday, July 9, 7 pm  
West Portland United Methodist Church library  
4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd  
Chair John Prouty, 503-246-7366 johnprouty@qwest.net  
http://crestwood.swni.org

We covered the following topics at the Crestwood general meeting in May:

- Officer Jim Westberry of the police bureau told us of a "traffic mission" planned in May to address speeding on Taylors Ferry Rd.

- Based on feedback from the March 18 Dickinson Park playground open house, the planner is looking at a base Evos structure and two possible "add options." The 2nd and 3rd options include a small slide/structure for younger children. Timeline for completion now looks like December 2008.

- Movies in Dickinson Park will be *Jumanji* on Sat., July 12, and *Zathura* on Sat., August 9. Look for more details in the SWNI July newsletter.

- Discussed tree plans for several land use cases on 55th and Taylors Ferry. Guidelines don't require even distribution/preservation of trees on lots being divided.

- Held annual elections. The

2008/2009 board is as follows: President - John Prouty; Vice President - Wes McMullen; Secretary/Treasurer - Darien Reece; Director at Large (even year) - Gretchen Holden; Director at Large (odd year) - Leslie Baird. The two remaining director positions are still vacant. These can be filled at any general meeting; please join us and consider serving on the board!

Crestwood does not meet in June (we meet every other month, on odd months.)

In July, we will cover:

- Plans for National Night Out party Tuesday, August 12.
- Movies in the Park
- Updates on Dickinson playground and stewardship
- Reports on land use, transportation and crime prevention issues.

WhyNotPortland has asked to speak about the children's health insurance initiative on the ballot in November. We may try to coordinate this with Ashcreek neighborhood.

## Neighborhood Reports

### Collins View

Next Mtg: Wed., June 4, 7 pm, Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, Rm 201  
Prakash Joshi, CVNAmail@gmail.com, www.collinsview.org

#### Officers

All incumbent officers (except the chair) agreed to continue in their positions for another term. Several neighborhood delegates were added to the board. Please see <http://www.collinsview.org> for details.

#### Safer Routes to Schools update

Joel Holly of Portland's Bicycle Transportation Alliance, representing the Safer Routes to School program, presented and answered some questions about a prioritized list of traffic-engineering solutions for the area immediately surrounding Capitol Hill Elementary School. Those neighbors present agreed with the priorities as listed for the short-term projects and had many traffic-engineering questions about the longer-term ideas. To explore those ideas in more detail, which include a number of sidewalk, crosswalk and signage projects in the area, we will try to schedule Scott Batson (PDOT) to attend CVNA's June meeting.

#### Lewis & Clark

The college will be holding two further commencements in the next month. Congressman John Lewis of Georgia, a well-known civil rights leader, will be the speaker at the May 24 law school commencement, which will be held at 11 am. For the graduate school commencement, June 1 at 10 am, Chris

Crutcher, a highly regarded family therapist and a prolific author of adolescent literature, will be the speaker. All of the ceremonies are held either outdoors at the football stadium, OR indoors at Pamplin, depending on the weather. For further information, see [www.lclark.edu](http://www.lclark.edu).

The college's master plan revisions won't be ready in time for the June meeting. The administration is currently scrambling to refinance its long-term debt in the newly challenging credit market. It's a possibility for CVNA's July agenda. Stay tuned.

#### Transportation Committee

The past month saw some complaints from neighbors about traffic activity related to events at Lewis & Clark. One example is said to have involved Hood River, Centennial and St Mary's high schools in a 3-school track meet that drew a large number of cars, and buses that idled for hours, inundating some neighbors in diesel exhaust. Noise complaints identified something sounding like fog horns. There may be limitations in the college's conditional use permit affecting such events. The committee will follow up with the college.

#### Land Use Committee

April 1 there was a pre-application hearing for proposed updates to Lewis & Clark College's conditional use permit.

The city's report on that conference has just become available. Briefly, the city (as expected) may require frontage improvements on the streets where LC may choose to develop its property. City staff initially thinks the Boones Ferry/Maplecrest property may permit 80 (not 250) housing units. Other issues include sewer and water services. More detail is expected later this summer.

#### Riverdale High School

Graduation will be held at Lewis & Clark's Agnes Flanagan Chapel June 11, 8 pm.

#### Next Meeting: June 4

Emily Roth, natural resource planner with Portland Parks & Rec, may be attending the June CVNA meeting to explain about the planning process getting underway for Marshall Park. As part of the area walking trails network, a connection from Marshall Park to Tryon Creek State Natural Area may be included in this discussion. PDOT is now considering how to accommodate a trail and how to clear the way for migrating fish in the creek.

For a later meeting, maybe in the fall, Mary Ellen Read (a newly elected Palatine Hill delegate) suggested getting the area's Neighborhood Emergency Team folks together with the CVNA, just to get acquainted with the people and what they might do in the event of a disaster.

## Bridlemile

Next Mtg:  
Wednesday, June 11  
6:30-8:30 pm  
Bridlemile School Staff Room  
4300 SW 47th  
Beverly Vogt, 503-292-6939  
bevvoigt@comcast.net  
<http://bridlemile.swni.org>

Recent meetings show that people care a lot about our neighborhood, and some of you have lots of energy and great organizational skills. Please come to this meeting and share your ideas, energy, and skills as together we discuss the proposed halo LID, alternate solutions to improving pedestrian safety, ways to improve bus service, neighborhood cleanup, and what to do to keep our neighborhood the wonderful place it is.

If you would like an extended block of time (anything longer than about 5 minutes) to present a proposal or suggestion in more detail, please leave a message on Beverly Vogt's voice mail (503-292-6939) or email (bevvoigt@comcast.net) so that she can be sure you have the time you need during that section of the meeting. Also, check the Bridlemile website (<http://bridlemile.swni.org>) for possible additional details after this went to press.

## Dogs for the Environment!

The green way to play parks and natural areas



remember, just as humans can have an impact on the natural environment, so too can our pets. When you're out with your dog this year, be sure to do your part to keep your parks and your dog healthy, clean, and beautiful. Keep dogs on trails to avoid damaging native plants and never allow your dog to come in contact with streams or wildlife. And remember, when you have to go, you have to go, so always bring a bag, pick up your dog's waste and put it in the garbage.

The Dogs for the Environment program is here to encourage all Portlanders to be environmentally responsible with their pets. If you sign the Dogs for the Environment pledge, your dog can receive a free green bandana to show off their eco-friendly style!

For more information on Dogs for the Environment, visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?c=45207> or contact

Marissa Dorais  
503-823-7016  
[marissa.dorais@bes.ci.portland.or.us](mailto:marissa.dorais@bes.ci.portland.or.us)

The rain is almost gone, the sun is coming out, and this is a great time of year to explore the parks and natural areas of Portland with your dog!

Our great city has over 30 off-leash areas and many miles of trail to visit with your canine companions. But

## Free lead hazard test kits

To raise awareness about the danger posed by lead in older homes, the Portland Regional Lead Hazard Control Program is offering free lead dust wipe kits. The free kit can be ordered online at [www.pdc.us/leadhazard](http://www.pdc.us/leadhazard) or picked up at Hoot-n-Annie, 7850 SW Barbur Blvd.

Many homes in the Portland region built prior to 1978 may contain lead-based paint.

When lead-based paint is disturbed through remodeling, daily wear and tear on doors, windows and other painted surfaces, or deteriorated by age, it creates dust. It is this dust that can

poison children. Even a small amount of dust can be enough to harm a child. It is important to have children's blood lead tested at age one and two since lead poisoning does not always show symptoms.

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# Neighborhood Reports

## Far Southwest

Next Mtg: Tuesday, July 15, 7 pm  
Comfort Suites Motel, SW 60th & Barbur  
Chair Marcia Leslie, 503-246-9938, mmac\_les@yahoo.com

At our May meeting, the NA voted to change our meeting night from the second to the third Tuesday of every odd month. The NA nominated and elected the following officers: Marcia Leslie, chair; April Ann Fong, co-chair; Jackie Elliott, secretary; April Ann Fong, parks committee; Virginia Hendrickson, trails committee; Charles Radosta, transportation committee. With sincere and grateful appreciation, we thank April for serving as secretary for the past five years.

By the time you read this, we will have celebrated Memorial Day on both its observed and actual date, and will be approaching Flag Day, June 14th. Memorial Day was originally established by members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), Union Veterans of the Civil War, in May 1868 as Decoration Day, a day to decorate the Civil War graves with flowers. The date was set as May 30 because more flowers would be in bloom all across the country.

The first large celebration was at the "new" Arlington National Cemetery. Following WWI, the day was expanded to honor all who have served our country in its armed forces, especially those who have given their lives in the service of our country. While many states have made official proclamations of this day of remembrance, Memorial Day wasn't declared a national holiday until 1971.

From World War I through the Korean War, many entered the Armed Forces when they were drafted while many others didn't wait to be called -- they volunteered, just as men and women do today.

There is always a surge of enlistments after a major tragedy -- Pearl Harbor, 9/11, and then our ire, our outrage, our national pride wanes and fades away until something else happens. But men and women of all faiths, all colors, all races, all ethnic and social and political and cultural backgrounds continue to enlist, continue to serve, continue to protect all of us.

And when lives come are lost, whenever and however it happens, a casket is covered with an American flag. At a certain point in the funeral the flag is folded and presented to the family. There is a special history to that folding which will appear in a future SW News article. On June 14, 1777 the Continental Congress resolved "That the flag of the United States shall be of thirteen stripes of alternate red and white with a union of thirteen stars of white on a blue field representing the new constellation." There were many claims to the first Flag Day celebration most in the 1800's. On May 7, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first state to establish the June 14 Flag Day as a legal holiday, and is still the only state to regard it as a legal holiday.

President Wilson in 1916 and President Coolidge in 1927 issued proclamations asking for June 14 to be observed as the National Flag Day. On August 3, 1949 Congress finally approved the national observance, which was signed into law by President Truman. The folded flag is a tribute to all members of the Armed Forces from the Revolutionary War to the present who have preserved for us the rights, privileges, and freedoms we enjoy today.

## Hayhurst

Next Mtg: Tuesday, June 10, 7-8:30 pm  
Vermont Hills United Methodist Church, 6053 SW 55th Drive  
Chair Janet Hawkins, 503-244-7703, janetchawkins@msn.com  
www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst

Hayhurst neighbors are invited to attend the next Hayhurst neighborhood board meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm, at Vermont Hills United Methodist Church, 6053 SW 55th Drive. The agenda for the meeting will include:

- "Update on Hayhurst Elementary School." Principal Rob-in Morrison will be joining us to discuss the activities at the school and opportunities for school/neighborhood collaboration.

- Planning for the National Night Out event scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 5th, at Pendleton Park. Hayhurst's August 2007 event was a success with the community sharing desserts and refreshments in Pendleton Park on a beautiful summer evening. This year's event will include a dessert potluck, entertainment, and community information tables.

- Discussion of neighborhood association officers and elections.

- Short presentations on ballot measures related to local government services.

- Report on the city's halo local improvement district (LID) on street/sidewalk improvements on 45th Avenue in the neighborhood. The April 8th community meeting on the halo LID proposal was very well attended.

Hayhurst Neighborhood Association does have a small budget to assist parents with childcare expenses related to attending the meeting. RSVP to Janet Hawkins, janetchawkins@msn.com or call 503-244-7703, if you are interested in the reimbursement. If you would like any information on the upcoming June meeting or wish to suggest additional agenda items, please contact us.

## Hillsdale

Next Mtg: Wednesday, June 4, 7 pm,  
St Barnabas Church, 2201 SW Vermont  
Chair Don Baack, 503-246-2088 baack@q.com  
www.hna-pdx.com



Neighbors who attended the May 12 ceremony announcing that Food Front's coming to Hillsdale took the opportunity to become owner/members in the customer cooperative. Food Front/Hillsdale will open in the late summer. The community has been without a store in the Town Center since last October.

Our June meeting will return to St. Barnabas Episcopal Church. Thanks to the Watershed Center for hosting our May meeting.

### On the agenda for June are:

- A nominating committee report and the election of three new board members.
- A city Bureau of Environmental Services presentation about watershed investment alternatives in Southwest.

- A Portland Department of Transportation presentation about traffic circulation in North Macadam and a report on transportation reconfiguration plans for South Portland.

- A review of the Hillsdale action plan and the summer planning effort in Hillsdale

- A report on Stephens Creek ADA trail work by Portland Parks.

## Homestead

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

**Elections:** June is election time for our association. Please come and vote, candidates are: President, Susan Egnor; Vice President, Rich Davidson; Treasurer, Tom Miller; Membership Chair, Susan Jaeger. The secretary position is open. Nominations are open for all positions until election night.

**OHSU Farmers Market:** Manager Eecole Copen will give highlights about the OHSU Farmers Market. Already open, on Tuesdays, 11:30 am to 3:30 pm; see below.

**Other News and Announcements.** Join us for next ivy pull. Please join us June 7, 9 to noon, at the trailhead at SW 12th and Gaines to help work on our "adopted" piece of Marquam Nature Park. We have done some planting and need to build on the work so far. Call Susan Egnor, 503-221-6981 for information. Thank you to the neighborhood volunteers who came out for our first Terwilliger ivy pull on a cold, wet April Saturday. The banks of Terwilliger Creek have never looked so good. Thanks especially to Joe Moreau and Paragon Restaurant for the grilled sandwiches and hot soup that helped warm up the volunteers.

Is your house historical? The

Multnomah Historical Association is doing a survey of houses in SW Portland built before 1945. Go to www.multnomahhistorical.com for info and forms.

**May Meeting Report - Presentation:** Chris Woo, coordinator of OHSU's Tobacco Free Initiative, came again to report on additional measures OHSU is taking to reduce the neighborhood "fall-out" from OHSU smokers going into Homestead to smoke. OHSU has publicized smokers' obligations to avoid littering in the neighborhood and has set up buckets around campus "outskirts," including the Plaid Pantry area. He reported the buckets are being used and the trash problem has decreased. He asks anyone with concerns about the smokers and/or the initiative to contact him.

### Regular Reports

Membership chair Susan Jaeger received our small grant funds. Treasurer Tom Miller reported \$758.64 in the treasury.

**Crime Prevention and Public Safety:** Our crime prevention representative, Maggie Yates, reported on the April and May meetings of the SWNI Crime Prevention/Public Safety Committee. The April

## Book Drive Collection for Hillsdale Alliance book sale

Find new readers for your old books.

Collection of donated books for the Hillsdale Alliance Summer Book Sale will begin at the Hillsdale Farmers Market on Sunday, June 29, and continue for the three following markets.

The sale will be on Sunday, July 27, at the annual Hillsdale Customer-Appreciation Pancake Breakfast. Sale hours will be from 10 am to 2 pm. The sale site will be next to the breakfast.

DVDs, videos and CDs are also welcomed. Those of us organizing the sale ask that almanacs, dated reference materials, computer manuals, textbooks, magazines, and items in poor condition not be dropped off as there is no market for them.

We encourage donors to bring donations in cardboard boxes if possible. The drop-off site is at the north (Capitol Hwy) end of the market.

### Contributions are tax-deductible

This summer's sale will be the fifth held by the Hillsdale Alliance, a coalition of Hillsdale organizations and institutions including the three Hillsdale public schools, the library, the Farmers Market, Neighborhood House, SW Trails and the Hillsdale Business and Professional Association.

Proceeds will be used to establish a Hillsdale Community Foundation serving the community through the Alliance members.

## OHSU Farmers Market

The OHSU Farmers Market has new hours and several innovative programs. It runs every Tuesday through October 7th, 11:30 am - 3:30 pm.

The market features locally grown and produced foods, including vegetables, fruits, honey, artisan breads, savory and sweet tarts, tamales, Mediterranean cuisine, organic vegan chocolate truffles, mushrooms, fish, beef, lamb, gluten-free bakery items, dips, flowers, plants and seeds. New \$3 gift tokens are available for purchase in the recently opened healthy convenience store called, *It's All Good* on the 9th floor of South Hospital on Marquam Hill. These tokens can be given as a gift of health to a friend, co-worker, neighbor, or visitor and are redeemable for any product sold at the OHSU Farmers Market.

Monthly wellness screenings, weekly music and community education are offered. Find us in the OHSU Auditorium Courtyard near the Mackenzie Hall Fountain off Sam Jackson Park Rd. or visit www.ohsu.edu/farmersmarket for more information and to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter.

# Neighborhood Reports

## Markham

Next Mtg: Tuesday, July 8, 7 pm  
Antioch Christian Fellowship (formerly Jackson Baptist Church)  
10558 SW 35th (upper level)  
Chair John Gibbon, 503-708-6708, jtgorygun@aol.com  
<http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm>

### Meeting & participation issues

The next meeting for the Markham neighborhood association is currently scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2008 at the Antioch Fellowship (formerly Jackson Baptist Church). The phrase is "currently scheduled" because with the change of name of the church there has also been some remodeling on the top floor of building that has substantially altered the meeting space that we have been using. This change makes it problematic whether we can continue to meet there, at least on this day of the week and month when the Arnold Creek Association is also meeting. It is absolutely clear if no more work has been done in the church we will not be able to use the meeting space we have regularly used if another meeting is being held in the church's main hall.

This means that changes regarding our meetings are going to have to be discussed. In addition, it is clear from the phone calls and e-mails I am getting, that many more city bureaus and city interest groups are beginning to want to utilize the neighborhood association meetings to make presentations regarding the projects and issues that they are working on. If all the groups that want to use the upcoming meeting for presentations get back to me and confirm their attendance it is quite possible that we will have at least 4 representatives of various organizations in attendance along with a regular visit from the police bureau's local patrol office. The summer meeting is also the one which we have used to plan the neighborhood picnic in conjunction with neighborhood night out program.

Many of the organizations who contact me, especially from the bureaus or programs, like the safe routes to school program, are trying to get feedback on plans they are trying to implement much quicker than we are able to provide on a quarterly schedule. In responding to some of these requests, I have tried to encourage these parties to provide us with information electronically as that was the consensus of how the members at the last meeting wanted to proceed instead of increasing the number of meetings. So far those requests have gone unanswered, meaning that things may be in the works that will be done to the neighborhood without an opportunity for our input.

We had begun to work with SWNI's outreach coordinator to assist us in dealing with land use matters on-line, but that position is going to be open soon, so how far we can get with that effort remains to be seen. SWNI's communication committee is working to upgrade the organization's website and that may enable us to address this issue, but Markham residents need to remember that this committee is assisting all the NAs in SWNI, most of whom meet monthly. How many resources it can put to helping us maintain our quarterly meeting schedule is an open question.

I would appreciate hearing from anyone in the neighborhood with their thoughts and wishes in regard to this issue and would especially appreciate a volunteer who would like to take on participation with the SWNI communications committee or work with SWNI's new outreach person when they come on board.

## Multnomah

Next Mtg:  
Tuesday, June 10, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy  
Chair Randy Bonella  
503-293-9460  
[rmbonella@comcast.net](mailto:rmbonella@comcast.net)

We had an excellent showing at our May meeting where the topic of the evening was the Sears armory base re-alignment and closure. All of the applicants gave presentations on their proposals for the re-use of the site. We had the opportunity to ask questions and comment on what we each thought would be appropriate uses for our neighborhood. Special thanks to all the applicants for showing up and giving us this opportunity! It was needed and greatly appreciated by everyone. I also want to thank the neighborhood for making this a productive meeting and giving support to your community.

As expected, there is a division of support for the usages of the site as well as concerns about each of the proposed usages. The results of the meeting will be consolidated in a letter that the association is writing to city council. You will be able to get a copy of the letter and minutes of the meeting from the SWNI office before the end of May. If you are on the MNA email, list you will get a copy sent to you when the letter is complete.

**Reminder:** A city council hearing is scheduled for public input on the Sears Armory, June 12th, 2 pm, time certain, at city hall. This is a public meeting so I urge you to participate if you have a strong position.

Our June meeting is taking shape. We have Captain Leo Krick who will be giving us an update on Fire Station 18 and updates about all the interesting projects going on in your neighborhood. We hope to see you all there.

## South Portland



Next Mtg: Wed., June 4, 7 pm  
Umpqua Bank, 3606 SW Bond  
Chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795  
[TLC11@mindspring.com](mailto:TLC11@mindspring.com)  
[www.southportlandna.org](http://www.southportlandna.org)



Ken Love, Chair

### Ahoy, South Portland neighbors,



As you can see, I got my summer makeover preparing for a fun summer in South Portland. I JUST LOVE LIVING HERE!

Get ready! Here's your summer music schedule!

- July 9, *Michael Manning & the Carolina Pump Station*
- July 16, *The Buckles*
- July 23, *The Touchables*
- July 30, *Freak Mountain Ramblers*

- August 5, *Koral Jam* (National Night Out picnic)

All events are free and at Willamette Park. The July concerts are all on Wednesday night. The August concert is in conjunction with our annual picnic on the first Tuesday. Stay tuned to this space for more details next month.

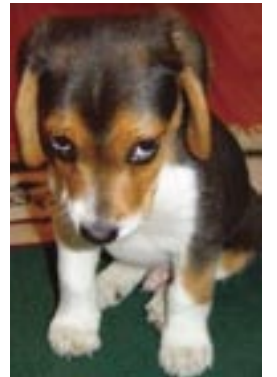
### Thanks Jim

Thank you to Jim Gardner our super, duper, excellent volunteer of the year.

Did you know the Ross Island Grocery and Cafe (pictured below) is 100 years old this year?

Do you have any old photos or stories?

The Multnomah Historical Association is also celebrating 100 years and they are looking for information and pictures of our neighborhood prior to 1945. If you can help, please contact: Patti Waitman-Inngbretson, 503-244-6540.



"Can I go to the concerts too, please?"



South Neighborhood's web site is  
[www.southportlandna.org](http://www.southportlandna.org)  
Committee meetings

Next Board Mtg: Wednesday, June 4, 7 pm, Umpqua Bank, 3606 SW Bond. (Base of John Ross tower). Please visit our website for neighborhood updates.

Transportation: Tuesday, June 3, 6 pm, Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact committee chair Bill Danneman at 503-228-9868 for more info.

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

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

## Maplewood

Next Mtg: Monday, June 9, 7 pm, Friends School, 7426 SW 52nd  
Chair Alexander Ben Israel, 503-467-9016, [chair@maplewoodna.com](mailto:chair@maplewoodna.com), [www.maplewoodna.com](http://www.maplewoodna.com)



Police Officer Scott Foster joined the monthly meeting to bring the group up to date on activities in the area and across the city. There were 21 calls in Maplewood in the last 30 days, but the most serious was a report of "gunshots" that turned out to be fireworks. In his line of work, a slow month is very good news for the neighborhood.

Officer Foster reported that the city is struggling with a shortage of police officers. Portland currently has about 1,000 officers, but only about 350 of those positions are "walking officers." A redistricting will occur starting July 1, but Officer Foster does not anticipate that it will at all hamper his continuing interaction with our neighborhood in any way.

Two questions related to noise and exhaust nuisances were raised. One resident wondered whether police monitored noise or exhaust, but Officer Foster explained that officers do not carry meters for either offense in their patrol cars. He also confirmed that motorized skateboards under 50cc are legal. However, just as with bicycles, kids under the age of 16 must wear helmets.

Before leaving, Officer Foster showed the group a lost wallet that was found in another neighborhood and fell into police hands. The wallet would provide a bounty to any criminal. It contained credit cards, passwords, PIN numbers, a birth certificate, and multiple i.d. cards and driver's licenses. This was an excellent reminder to lighten wallets and purses by removing all unnecessary paperwork, and to keep passwords and PINs at home or in our heads.

The topic turned to upcoming events and some updates on April Hill Park. Treasurer Chris Byrne reported that the St. Luke's plant sale brought in over \$1,200 this past weekend, despite unpleasant weather. All proceeds go to the Grauer Project, which provides back-to-school clothing and supplies to 700 children in our area.

More good news came from Bill Rector, heading up the Maplewood picnic this year. This annual event is coming up on Sunday, July 27 at Maplewood School. Bill reported that food donation requests have netted ice cream, watermelon, popcorn, snack bars, iced tea, coffee, and water in addition to the hot dogs sold for a nominal fee by the Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET).

Entertainment will include two live bands, a climbing wall, kid's crafts, cupcake walk, games, fire truck and police car visits, slip & slide, squirt guns, and a number of other activities that are being confirmed in the next few weeks.

Jill Gaddis reported on progress at April Hill Park. "Artists in the Park" was this Saturday, May 17, and a number of artists have confirmed their participation. This event is in perfect keeping with Jill's belief that a loved and used park makes for a safe and viable park. All agreed that April Hill is an important neighborhood asset.

Unfortunately, Jill's Metro grant application was turned down. This would have funded part of a walking trail and toilet. The board applauded her hard work on this first attempt at grant money and agreed that neighborhood volunteers and donations will continue to improve the park until the next grant opportunity arises.

We meet the second Monday of each month, 7 pm, in the Community Building of the West Hills Friends Church, across the street from Maplewood School at 7425 SW 52nd Ave. All neighbors are welcome.

## Marshall Park

Next Mtg: Thursday, June 12, 6 pm, Capitol Hill Elementary School library, 8401 SW 17th  
Chair Mike Charles, 503-244-6099, marshallparkchair@swni.org, marshallpark.swni.org

### Marshall Park Habitat Management & Trail Plan

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) is embarking on the planning process to develop a habitat management and trail plan for Marshall Park. PP&R is planning a series of walks through the park, as well as attending neighborhood association meetings during the summer, to gather public input throughout the planning process.

### JUNE

**June 9** - Tryon Creek Watershed Council meeting at Tryon Creek State Park Nature

Center, 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd, 6-8 pm. PP&R staff will be on the agenda to talk about the planning process, gather information on the experience they want in the park, and discuss issues and challenges.

**June 12** - Marshall Park Neighborhood Association meeting at Capitol Hill Elementary School Library, 8401 SW 17 Ave, 6 pm. PP&R staff will be on the agenda to talk about the planning process, gather information on the experience they want in the park, and discuss issues and challenges.

**June 24** - Lunch walk in Marshall Park, noon - 2 pm. Meet at the play area off of SW 12 Ave.

Walk the trails and discuss the habitat management of the site, the location of the play area, and a potential trail layout with staff from Portland Parks and Recreation.

**June 26** - Maricara Natural Area and Marshall Park walks. Walk through these two sites with staff from Portland Parks and Recreation and members of the SWNI Trails Committee.



Meet at the Barbur Transit Center, 9750 SW Barbur Blvd, to carpool to Maricara at 5:30 pm, or meet at Maricara at 5:45 pm. We should be at Marshall Park around 6 pm. At Marshall Park you will have the opportunity to discuss the desired park experience, trails and habitat management with Portland Parks & Recreation staff. Please contact Emily Roth, Natural Resource Planner, at emily.roth@ci.portland.or.us if you plan on joining the group.

**TBA** - Community meeting to review the Marshall Bridge

alternatives and discuss the Marshall Park habitat management and trail plan. Check for more information on the project web page at [www.PortlandParks.org](http://www.PortlandParks.org). From the Projects tab, select Natural Area Projects on the dropdown menu.

For more information, contact PP&R project manager Emily Roth at [emily.roth@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:emily.roth@ci.portland.or.us) or 503-823-9225.

## South Burlingame

Next Mtg: Monday, TBA, 7 pm, Burlingame Baptist Church 125 SW Miles  
Chair Mike Andrews, 503-977-6262, [mike.andrews@wrgdesign.com](mailto:mike.andrews@wrgdesign.com)

Hi All,



The South Burlingame Monument is in the ground. With the help of 20 neighbors and cooperative weather, we were able to get the monument in the ground on Saturday, May 10, 2007. The monument placement included the installation of 50 native plants and cover mulch, after the removal of invasive English ivy and clematis at the corner of Terwilliger and 6th.

For those of you that may have missed the past South Burlingame postings, the neighborhood received a grant for the majority of the monument, through the Small Neighbor Grant Program, administered by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, to help fund community projects that strengthen neighborhood involvement within the city. With the grant and support from a private individual, the monument (4' high basalt column) was purchased from a local stone supplier, Oregon Decorative Rock, located in Beaverton. On the north side of the monument the words 'South Burlingame 1972' (the year the neighborhood was incorporated) were inscribed and on the south side, 'Portland 2007' (the year the column was engraved) is visible.

The triangular piece of ground that the monument is placed on is owned by the City of Portland and is within the city's right-of-way. Debris (signs, bottles, cans, plastics) was disposed of prior to the removal of the invasive plants. With the help from the city, the board was given a 30-yard debris container that was dropped off for the disposal of the invasive plants. In addition, the city also provided 6 cubic yards of leaf compost to help keep the weeds down and the soil moisture in. This was a huge help and one that we really appreciated. Not only did the city's transpor-

Neighbors coming together and making a difference is what helps make Portland a great place to live. My hope for this new landscape entry feature is that neighbors will get behind this improvement and help to maintain it on their own initiative. Weeding and watering during the summer months (at least for the first two years) is crucial. Without a little extra help, this area will resort to an overgrown weed-infested lot with signs and bottles once again. If you see me out there on a hot summer day, feel free to stop and lend a hand. If you see an unwanted sign cluttering the grounds, feel free to 'gently' remove and dispose of it. If a discarded bottle shows up, please recycle it. We all need to chip in to keep this entry looking great.

Mike Andrews is a landscape architect for WRG Design, led this

tation department play a big role in our success but the Bureau of Environmental Services provided a \$300 grant for the purchase of native plants from the Bosky Dell nursery in West Linn. This allowed us to get plants back into the ground to enhance the placement of the monument and keep out unwanted vines and weeds.



I would like to thank the Burlingame Baptist Church for supplying the truck and man power to help move the 500-pound monument. A special thanks goes out to Nancy French, secretary for the Burlingame Baptist Church. Without Nancy's help we would not have been able to round up all the great volunteers who spent a good portion of their day working hard on pulling ivy, digging weeds, planting natives, placing the monument and a list of many other tasks that would fill up this page. All the volunteers deserve a round of applause and a high five. Well wishes came from passing motorists as we worked away. I believe they expressed the sense of gratitude that they (and I) had for those volunteers making an improvement to our neighborhood.

neighborhood improvement and is now former chair of the South Burlingame board.

That is it for now. Have a great summer and take care.

Best wishes - Mike Andrews



## SW Hills Residential League (SWHRL)

Next Board Mtg:  
Wednesday, June 18, 7 pm  
Ascension Episcopal Church 1823 SW Spring St.  
Chair Jim Thayer, 503-220-0755, [jim@thayers.org](mailto:jim@thayers.org), [swhrl.org](http://swhrl.org)

## West Portland Park

Next Mtg: Thursday, June 12, 7 pm  
Markham School Cafeteria, 10531 SW Capitol Hwy  
Chair Jim McLaughlin, 503-246-0601  
[jim.mclaughlin@gmail.com](mailto:jim.mclaughlin@gmail.com)  
[http://swni.org/w\\_portland\\_park](http://swni.org/w_portland_park)

**WPPNA Board Elections:** Elections were held at the May 8, 2008 general meeting. Elected were:

President - Jim McLaughlin  
Vice President - vacant  
Secretary/Treasurer - Betty McArdle

Communications Officer - Lillian Pakoscher  
Rob Shirley was re-elected as a director

Robert Leith was elected as a new director

Two directors resigned: Amanda Fritz and Paul Matteson

The office of vice president is not filled and there is a director position open. If you are interested in either of these positions, please contact Jim McLaughlin (*see contact info above*).

**CORRECTION:** The report of a homicide in West Portland Park is incorrect! There was NOT, repeat NOT, a homicide in the WPP Neighborhood. That was a typo. There was a domestic dispute homicide in the Multnomah Neighborhood, which was erroneously reported on the West Portland Park line in the statistical summary.

**Public Safety - Car Prowls and Car Thefts:** Car prowls and car thefts are still all too common, and increasing. Please keep your car locked when it's in your driveway and do not leave anything inside your car, even in your driveway.

**Gym locker thefts:** If you are using lockers at MJCC, PCC or the SWCC at 45th and Vermont, be careful. There has been a spate of locker thefts at these facilities over the last 3-4 months, which may - or may not -- have recently been solved by one arrest. However, there may have been more than one "perp" and the one arrest may not fully end the rash of thefts.

**Land Use:** The owner (Mr. Davis) of the proposed large house we have been discussing the last

few months has submitted a new plan. Many of the concerns WPPNA addressed were addressed in the new plan. There still are concerns, such as where the detached garage would go. The biggest concern is that part of the building would still be in the protection zone, particularly the garage. Neighbor Bill Jones foresees that this issue will eventually go to the appeal process. Robert Leith suggested we have an approvable plan prepared to show Davis, who has expressed interest in attending the June board meeting on June 12.

**Schools:** There has been no action on the proposal to provide health insurance to kids. It seems there is a lack of funds.

**Street Cap Signs:** We have \$970 from the city small grants program to be used toward the street sign caps in West Portland Park. The Portland Alliance of Business Associations has given WPPNA a grant for \$3850 for street cap signs. Thanks to Robert Leith, Sandy Leith and Jim McLaughlin who went the extra mile to get business endorsements and information needed on short notice. Their effort is what made our application a success!

**Volunteer of the Year:** Robert Leith has been selected unanimously as the West Portland Park Volunteer of the Year. Attend the SWNI Volunteer Appreciation Celebration, Monday, June 30, 7 pm, and cheer on Robert as he gets his award.

**National Night Out:** West Portland Park will celebrate National Night Out Tuesday, August 5, 5 pm to dusk, at the Holly Farm Park (*next to the Capitol Hill library*). We will have a potluck picnic and lots of games. Bring your stories to share with neighbors as you relax in our new neighborhood park.

Hope to see you at the next WPPNA board meeting, June 12, 7 pm.

**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.

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| <b>Blood Pressure Screening</b><br>10 - 11 am, Second Thursday                      | <b>Low-Vision Support Group</b><br>11 am - noon<br>third Tuesday               |
| <b>Stability Ball &amp; Yoga (\$3)</b><br>9:10 - 10:10 pm<br>Tuesdays and Thursdays | <b>Acupuncture (\$35-\$45)</b><br>Appointments available<br>Mondays            |
| <b>Yoga (\$3)</b><br>10 - 11:30 am, Fridays   | <b>AARP '55 ALIVE</b><br>Driving safety program<br>Date varies, call for info. |
| <b>Rhythmic Exercise (\$3)</b><br>10:15 - 11:15 am<br>Tuesdays and Thursdays        | <b>Senior Law Project</b><br>Appointments available<br>2nd and 4th Tuesdays    |
| <b>Foot Clinic</b><br>Appointments available<br>on 2nd Wednesday                    |  |

**Become a NHSC Member Today**

Membership to the Neighborhood House Senior Center is open to all individuals 55 and older. Your membership opens the door to all kinds of wonderful activities here at the center, including self-improvement classes and recreational trips. Annual membership is \$20 for an individual and \$30 for couples.

For more information about classes and trips offered here at NHSC, contact us at 503-244-5204.

**New Bridge Classes**

Marie Germuska will be teaching a bridge class for intermediate and advanced bridge players called "Major Suite Raises II." This class is for experienced players who wish to develop their skills in this area. The cost of the class is \$20. It will take place on four Tuesdays: June 3, 10, 17 and 24th. Call Ann Williams at 503-244-5204 to register.

**Father's Day Ice Cream Social**

In honor of Father's Day, NHSC will host an ice cream social in the Senior Center lobby. Join us for ice cream with your favorite toppings on Monday, June 16th, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm.

**Jazzy Summer Solstice**

Come join us on Friday, June 20th, from 12:30 to 1:30 pm for a jazzy celebration of music and refreshments as we welcome the beginning of summer with a medley of jazz favorites. And remember to stay cool!

**Outdoor Ashtray Removal**

The cement outdoor ashtrays outside of the Multnomah Center will be removed this month in compliance with Portland city regulations regarding non-smoking areas.

**JUNE TRIPS**

Senior Center membership required  
 Call (503) 244-5203 x103 for info.

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 registration date.

**ANTIQUÉ SHOPPING IN SELWOOD:** Wednesday, June 4th, 11 am to 3 pm. Cost: \$3.50, plus money for lunch and shopping. Register in person beginning May 27th. Stroll through and explore the antique stores of the historic Sellwood neighborhood. Enjoy lunch at the Iron Horse restaurant, which features an "iron horse" steam engine in the middle of the restaurant.

**NW QUILTER'S SHOW:** Friday, June 6th, 11 am to 2 pm. Cost: \$3.50, plus sack lunch and money for admission. Register in person beginning May 27th. Enjoy the beautiful quilting creations of local quilt makers from the NW Quilter's Guild as they exhibit fine quilts in their 34th annual quilt show.

**LUCKY EAGLE CASINO:** Tuesday, June 10th, 8:45 am - 5 pm. Free. Registration begins June 1st.

**WINCO & DOLLAR STORE:** Tuesday, June 10th, 11 am to 2 pm. Cost: free, plus money for lunch. Register in person beginning May 27th. Shop around for the best deals you can find. Get your hassle-free shopping done at Winco market and the Dollar Store in nearby Cedar Hills.

**ROSE GARDEN @ WASHINGTON PARK:** Thursday, June 12th, 11 am to 3 pm. Cost: \$2. Register in person beginning May 31st. Enjoy over four acres of gorgeous roses at Portland's International Rose Test Garden. Be sure to wear comfortable shoes and join us with a brown bag lunch for a garden picnic in the park. Note there are some uneven walkways and stairs in the rose garden.

**FARMER'S MARKET AND SAUVIE ISLAND:** Wednesday, June 18th, 10:30 am to 3:45 pm. Cost: \$4.50, plus money for shopping. Register in person beginning May 31st. Feast your eyes on Portland's Farmer's Market in the downtown park blocks before we head out for a driving tour of beautiful Sauvie Island. Be sure to bring a brown bag lunch and a shopping bag for fresh farm produce.

**JACKSON BOTTOM NATURE CENTER:** Tuesday, June 24th, 10:30 am to 3 pm. Cost: \$3.50. Register in person beginning May 31st. Explore the wildlife habitat of the Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve. Bring a brown bag lunch for a fresh air picnic as you enjoy this tranquil setting.

**TILLAMOOK FOREST CENTER:** Monday, June 30th, 9 am to 4 pm. Cost: \$9.50. Register in person beginning May 31st. Join us as we visit Oregon's newest interpretive forest-based learning center deep in the heart of the Tillamook Forest. Be sure to bring a brown bag lunch for a picnic in this quiet woodland setting.

**SW Community Health Center celebrates its 3rd anniversary**

SW Community Health Center (SWCHC) opened its doors three years ago on Tuesday, May 3, 2005. Since that first evening clinic, SWCHC has provided over 4,000 patient visits to low-income uninsured members of our community. To those who know SWCHC, Susan Mournian, RN, is a familiar face. As SWCHC's Nurse Coordinator, Susan organizes each clinic and works with our volunteers to provide quality care to our clients.

One hundred twenty committed individuals generously volunteer their time and skills to make health care possible at SWCHC. Clinical care is provided by physicians who volunteer from OHSU Family Medicine and Legacy Internal Medicine at our Tuesday/Thursday and Monday clinics, respectively. They are assisted by students, nurses and community members (many from local faith organizations) who volunteer to fill the roles of intake, medical assistance, coding, data entry, light maintenance and food preparation for clinic volunteers. One of our dedicated volunteers, Marge Henry, a retired nurse from Vermont Hills United Methodist Church, provided intake at our first clinic and has continued doing so on every other Tuesday.

SWCHC is providing acute/episodic care and chronic disease management, including medications, labs, imaging and follow-up care. As a member of the Coalition of Community Health Centers, we are also able to make necessary referrals through Proj-

ect Access, a specialty referral program for low-income uninsured individuals. Evidence of need as well as the generous commitment of our volunteers is reflected in our cumulative data from May 2005-May 2007.

- Patient visits = 4093
- Volunteer hrs = 7590
- Gender/Ethnicity = 61% F 39% M
- = 45% racial or ethnic minorities
- Age = 0 - 19 = 11%
- 20 - 64 = 84%
- 65 + = 5%
- Labs = 2695

With over 500,000 uninsured individuals in Oregon, there is great demand for health care at all of the area's safety-net clinics. SWCHC clinics fill to capacity and our wait time for an appointment has steadily increased. Due to need, we have outgrown our current space and are actively looking for larger space in our target area to increase capacity and services. Over 60% of our clients are from SW Portland and the surrounding area with 25% residing in zip code area 97219.

Services at SWCHC are by appointment. The clinic is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 4 to 8 pm and on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. A \$15 donation for service is requested. To learn more about SWCHC, tour the clinic or donate, contact us at 503-977-0733 or visit us at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy # 37, 97219. We greatly appreciate the community's ongoing support of SWCHC.

**Help wanted: Outreach Coordinator**

*Join the Southwest Neighborhoods team*

*Are you passionate about citizen involvement, and do you want to make a difference? Do you enjoy building relationships and working with community groups? Are you ready to work with a team that adds depth and impact to building and strengthening our neighborhoods? If so, this is the job for you!*

Southwest Neighborhoods is seeking a highly motivated person to work as an outreach coordinator.

This is a temporary, part time position (approximately 20 hours per week). The funding for this position is through June 2009. Wage: \$20 per hour, no benefits.

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) promotes citizen participation by providing staff assistance to a coalition board, seventeen neighborhoods, and three business associations.

**Scope of Responsibility:**

1. Conduct professional public outreach, education and community involvement projects, particularly serving populations under-represented in the SWNI neighborhood system.
2. Create and publish outreach materials, putting information on the website, and sending messages to groups and individuals.
3. Work with neighborhood associations to identify volunteer needs and opportunities
4. Develop tools and materials that will increase and diversify participation in neighborhood associations
5. Assist associations with project planning, organizational development, outreach and volunteer management
6. Manage SWNI Neighborhood Small Grant Program.

**Qualifications:**

\* A successful candidate will have demonstrated experience creating outreach and communication plans, writing informational and promotional materials, conducting and/or facilitating meetings and reporting on and evaluating program or project results.

\* Ability to communicate clearly and effectively, orally, and in writing

\* Ability to use computer for word processing, materials development and website maintenance. Knowledge of web design and Adobe InDesign preferable. Knowledge of Drupal helpful.

\* Knowledge of Southwest Portland Community and the City of Portland Neighborhood System

\* General knowledge of group process and facilitation

\* Experience in grant writing

\* Willingness to work a flexible schedule, including some evenings and weekends.

If you are interested in this position, please see full job description and learn more about SWNI at: [swni.org](http://swni.org). Contact person: Sylvia Bogert, 503-823-4592, email: [Sylvia@swni.org](mailto:Sylvia@swni.org).

Send a resume and cover letter to:

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.  
 7688 SW Capitol Hwy  
 Portland, OR 97219

Submissions must be received by **5 pm, Friday, June 13**. No fax or email submissions accepted.



## SW Texas: Street of 'Greens'

by Jen Seamans Blatner, Watershed Resource Center



Rain falling on the street flows into bioswales. Rocks & native plants slow down fast-moving stormwater and reduce basement flooding.

Does your car sport a worn spot in the fabric above your head from hitting potholes?

You might want to visit SW Texas St., just off Capitol Hwy between 26th and 29th. Through an innovative pilot project called Green Streets, residents of Texas and adjacent streets have pavement. They also have a sidewalk, wildflower and rock berms, a new park nearby -- and dry basements.

### Dollars and sense

Neighbors twice voted down conventional paving of SW Texas St., mostly because of high costs to a small number of residents. With the advent of halo LIDs (local improvement districts), costs are equitably distributed among a greater number of neighbors according to benefit. Neighbors on adjacent streets don't have new pavement, but they benefit from

stormwater management and a new public park. They pay about a quarter of the fees assessed to SW Texas residents.

### How Green Streets work

The ditches on the side of SW Texas form the headwaters of the Stephens Creek watershed. If the street had been built conventionally, basement flooding and water quality issues would have persisted. Neighbors realized that the street condition reflected not just a transportation problem, but a watershed issue as well.

To address both issues, neighbors advocated for a unique partnership with the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) and the Portland Department of Transportation (PDOT). Bioswales, which are specially engineered ditches on the side of the street, receive rain flowing off the asphalt. Rocks

and native plants slow down the water. Water is directed to a wetland area acquired as part of the project. This allows rain to seep underground in a safe place, rather than flowing over the surface toward neighbors' basements.

### Neighbors drive project

Residents Dan Manning and Matt Emlen knocked on about 50 doors to get the word out to neighbors. When on-the-ground work diverged from design plans, neighbors called on Commissioner Adams to bring together the bureau partners and residents to put the project back on track. The result, says Manning, is a very attractive project engineered for "the next 100 years."

To learn about other projects in the Stephens Creek watershed, contact the Watershed Center at 503-823-2862 or watershed@spiritone.com.



Mallards and people enjoy the new pond receiving stormwater from the Texas Green Street. Water is filtered by plants and stored in the wetland.

## Relay for Life Join the Hillsdale/ Multnomah team



2007 team

Join us in the fight against cancer for the 2008 Hillsdale/Multnomah Village Relay for Life, the American Cancer Society's largest fundraiser, raising funds for patients, families, community outreach, and cancer research. We're celebrating 30 years in the community!

On August 9th and 10th, hundreds will gather at Wilson High School to make a stand against cancer in our community. Teams of 8-15 people will walk in a 24-hour vigil to remember those lost, celebrate survivors, and raise community awareness about the disease.

We'll camp out overnight, enjoy music and games, and light luminarias to honor those we've lost.

Team registration is \$50. Register at <http://events.cancer.org/rfhhillsdalemultnomahvillageor> or [www.relay.acsevents.org](http://www.relay.acsevents.org). (All team participants do not need to be present the entire 24 hours.)

If you have questions, email Tricia at [three3sisters@juno.com](mailto:three3sisters@juno.com). Team captains meetings take place the first Tuesday each month, 6 pm, Mittleman Jewish Community Center.

## Multnomah Days celebration – August 16

In conjunction with its centennial anniversary, Multnomah Village celebrates Multnomah Days 2008 on Saturday, August 16th. This annual event has a long and colorful tradition and has been carefully planned to be an outstanding send-off into Multnomah's second century.

The main attraction for many years has been the off-center Tail's End Pooch parade, and this year is expected to be the most spectacular in memory with three outstanding marching bands: the Get a Life Marching Band; the Lions of Batucada; and the rising star of the Portland Large Band Scene, March Fourth, recipient of several "best-of" reviews by various local media.

Parade starts at 10 am. Come before the parade for breakfast – a Kiwanis fundraiser – and stay throughout the day for the five-block street fair, the kid's play area, terrific food, street entertainers and musicians, quality vendors and much more.

The Multnomah Historical Society is planning activities during the week preceding Saturday August 16th including, historical guided tours of the area, Multnomah Bridge dedication and party, a Multnomah School reunion dance, and more.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market 1:00 PM Naturescaped Yard Tour	2 7:00 PM Mult Historical 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/ Public Safety Mtg	3 11:30 AM OHSU Farmers Mkt 6:00 PM SPNA Trans Comm 7:00 PM Homestead NA	4 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA 7:00 PM S Portland NA Board	5 3:30 PM Mult Farmers Mkt 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	6 9:30 AM Ptld Plan Leadership Summit	7
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15 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	16 7:00 PM SWNI Communications Com 7:15 PM S Portland NA Land Use	17 11:30 AM OHSU Farmers Mkt 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	18 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 11:00 AM SWNI Exe Com 5:30 PM Bike Blvd Open Hse 7:00 PM S Portland Communications 7:00 PM SWHRL Board 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm	19 3:30 PM Mult Farmers Mkt 7:00 PM SWNI Schools Committee	20	21 9:00 AM Himes Pk Wk Pty
22 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	23	24 11:30 AM OHSU Farmers Mkt Lunch Walk in Marshall Pk	25 5:00 PM Gibbs Ped Bridge Open Hse 7:00 PM SWNI Board	26 8:30 AM Mult Village Bus 3:30 PM Mult Farmers Mkt 5:30 PM Maricara Natural Area & Marshall PK Walks 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	27	28
29 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	30 7:00 PM Volunteer Recognition Party "Volunteers Plant the Seeds that Grow Community"					

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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.

## Join the Urban Trails Walk Saturday, June 14, 9 am

Join Lee Buhler, BT and/or Bandit on an exploration of South Portland and South Portland waterfront area.

Lee lives in the neighborhood and knows many interesting stories and sights. Included in the sights you will see a mysterious set of false teeth imbedded in the sidewalk. Walk about 5 miles with 200-300 ft. elevation gain.

Meet behind bleachers at Wilson High School (Sunset Blvd and Capitol Hwy) at 9 am. We will carpool to start of walk.

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