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City to replace Council Crest Radio Tower

by Leonard Gard, Program Manager, Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

Open House
Thursday, September 11, starting at 7 pm
Ainsworth School, 2425 SW Vista

This year, the City of Portland will start work to replace the radio transmission tower at Council Crest Park. The new tower will be nearly the same height as

the existing tower and will be erected right next to it. After construction, the old tower will come down and the materials will be recycled. Construction is scheduled to begin in early September 2008 and be completed by Nov. 1, 2009. The Council Crest tower performs a critical function as one of the city's main transmitters of public safety radio communications for the police, firefighters, and other public safety personnel.



The city originally planned to paint the existing tower but, during inspection, engineers discovered deterioration. They also determined that the existing tower is overloaded with equipment and is not up to standards. Engineers did consider using the existing Stonehenge (KGON) tower or other large FM towers to carry public safety radio communications, but those towers generate broadband radio noise that would interfere with communications. Ultimately, the city concluded it would be safer and more cost-effective to simply replace the tower. A recent land use review approved tower replacement.

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Can you see them now?

Imagine someone you know receiving a Spirit of Portland Award. Send your nomination today!

Is there an individual or organization you know of that should be recognized for all the work they do?

Well, here is your opportunity! Submit your nominations for the 2008 Spirit of Portland Awards.

Awards categories include:

- Community Crime Prevention
- Community Harmony
- Community Policing/Public Safety
- Emergency Preparedness
- Employee Volunteer
- Humanitarian Individual or Group
- Independent Spirit
- Large Business
- Neighborhood Association
- Non-Profit Organization

- Outstanding Partnership
- Public Involvement
- Small Business
- Youth Individual

Category descriptions and nomination forms are available at the SWNI office, at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. (room 4) and on our webpage at www.swni.org or they can be downloaded at www.portlandonline.com/oni/ click on "Getting Involved!"

Nominations are due to the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) by 4 pm, Friday, October 24, 2008.

For more information, please contact Ginny Stroman (SWNI), 503-823-4592, or Nell Wagenaar (ONI), 503-823-3997.

Southwest "Got its Groove On!" Neighbors enjoy parties, picnics, movies and concerts

Southwest citizens have had a busy summer enjoying Concerts in Willamette Park, Outdoor Movies in Multnomah, Gabriel Park, Dickinson Park, Holly Farm Park, Multnomah Days 100 Anniversary Celebration with the traditional parade, street fair and added centennial activities, and neighborhood National Night Out picnics and parties.

As the pictures show, our volunteers know how to "party" and enjoy themselves with the same vigor as they work to accomplish everything it takes to make Southwest the wonderful place we all enjoy.



Let's all do the Twist!
South Portland
NA Picnic



Sack Races at Bridlemile Picnic



Maplewood Picnic



Lions of Batucada
Multnomah Days Parade



Concert in Willamette Park

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Bicycle Commuter Workshop for Adults & Kids

Saturday, September 20, 2008, at 2 pm

Capitol Hill Elementary playground, 8401 SW 17th Ave

For those who like to bike to work, school, shopping, or recreation. Learn about safe & legal riding, lights, rain gear, carrying stuff & kids, route planning, and maps.

Presentation by Bicycle Transportation Alliance thanks to a grant from Metro & support from OHSU

Sponsored by :

Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. Public Safety Committee
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Meet Payal, SWNI's new outreach coordinator



Payal working in the garden she created for Neighborhood House

Recently SWNI made a new addition to the team. Payal Razdan will be serving as the outreach coordinator for SWNI and is excited to hit the ground running. Payal says, "I am looking forward to the opportunity to work with southwest neighborhoods to improve communication, community participation, community building and various other tasks." Payal graduated from Portland State University (PSU) in 2007 and was awarded a Master's of Public Health degree with a specialty in Health Management and Policy.

Although her degree focuses on health care-related issues, much of her experience focuses on community organizing and the relationship between community health issues and individual health. Payal has been involved with projects in Hillsdale and Multnomah Village for over three years. As part of a Master's project, Payal worked with several service community providers in the area to educate seniors on changes made to the Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program Checks in 2006. As part of this project, she and her group partner designed educational material (English and Russian) that even the state envied! This project was designed for the Hillsdale Farmers' Market in order to identify barriers met by seniors wanting to attend the market. Eamon Maloy, Market Manager

said "Payal and Albert Koroloff helped the market expand its Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon outreach. Payal developed a brochure, had the materials translated into other languages and helped us get the brochures distributed. I enjoyed working with Payal and look forward to working with her again."

Payal also assisted with preliminary work on bringing in the Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) machine, making it easier to use food stamps at the market.

Payal has also volunteered with Loaves and Fishes and for the last three years has volunteered at the Neighborhood House. Her work with the Neighborhood House began when she saw the empty Neighborhood House lot. With permission, she set forth raising funds, gathering donations, calling upon volunteers and bringing in students to design a garden that would not only beautify the vacant, weedy lot but would also provide a community meeting spot and supply the Neighborhood House Emergency Foodbox program with fresh, organic fruits and vegetables. Payal engaged the PSU School of Public Health to improve the garden's visibility and to offer students with an educational opportunity to work in the field.

Payal has hosted several adult and youth work groups in order to increase community participation and expose community members to food, land use and sustainability issues.

Payal's efforts to work with the community extend beyond the southwest area. Payal has put in a great deal of effort working on disability issues and has done several projects related to health care reform. Payal also has an extensive research background including projects that focus on the uninsured, underinsured and migrant populations of Oregon and understanding those factors influencing the loss of health coverage. Payal also has designed communication strategies to aid clinics in collecting stories from individuals struggling within the health care system.

You may contact Payal at the Southwest neighborhood office at 503-823-4592 or send her an email at payal@swni.org.



Time

by Brian Russell, Southwest Neighborhoods President

September marks an exciting time in our home. Our oldest child, Hannah, is starting that amazing adventure known as kindergarten. We start to harvest the vegetables in our small garden as they begin to ripen. The temperature slowly shifts back toward the climate that we affectionately call "sweater weather." All of these changes in our life require subtle adjustments in the way we spend our time.

Time is one of our most precious resources. As the great quotesmith Benjamin Franklin once said, "Lost time is never found again." There may be no limit to the amount of money that a person can earn in a lifetime, but we are each given the same number of minutes in each day. The manner in which we utilize those minutes will effectively paint a portrait of what kind of life we have lived.

To me, one of the greatest uses of our time is spending it on those people and those relationships that are of vital importance: with my family, with friends, or with my neighbors. The important thing isn't necessarily what gets said but the act of sharing a few moments together with another human.

Our neighborhood association system is a wonderful way to connect with people in your area. Getting out to help pull ivy or joining a work party (pg. 2), participating on a trail walk (pg. 12), or delivering food to seniors are not only worthwhile activities that improve our community, but they also provide an opportunity to reach out to others and to connect in meaningful ways. I can't be-

gin to count the number of great people that I've come to know and love here in Southwest Portland due to neighborhood-sponsored events.

Communicating with others gives you the chance to learn information that you may not have heard before, to hear new points of view, and to stand in someone else's shoes. Sometimes that dialogue will change our opinion of a particular person (or candidate!), occasionally it will spur us to take action on an important issue, and often it causes us to reconsider how we should and could be spending our time more wisely.

Some ways I could better use my time to connect with others: calling an old friend, visiting with a neighbor, writing a letter to my mom, stretching, reading a book from the Multnomah County libraries to my children, sharing a glass of delicious "Bull Run" water, shopping at a local business, like Paloma or Switch Shoes, preparing a meal with fresh produce from the Farmers' Market, walking in our fabulous parks or along Terwilliger Blvd., eating a Baker and Spice pastry, taking an art class at the Multnomah Arts Center, enjoying a cup of organic coffee at Village Coffee, playing with Thinker Toys, exercising at the Southwest Community Center, strolling along the Willamette in South Portland, quaffing a brew at Journeys, hiking through the SWTrails, serving lunch with Loaves and Fishes or attending a neighborhood association meeting.

What activities do you like to do to spend time with your friends, your family and your neighbors? Send your ideas to: barusse@hotmail.com and I'll put some of the best responses in next month's column. Cheers!

What neighbors told us

Marshall Park Habitat Management and Trail Plan

We're making good progress on the habitat management and trail plan for Marshall Park, Foley Balmer, Jensen, and Arnold Creek natural areas. During August, PP&R staff led a series of walks in the park, posted a survey on the project webpage, and talked to neighbors to gather input on the plan. This is what we've heard so far:

- Keep the trail along the creek in the north portion of the park. The trail is flat, easy to walk, and provides views of the creek.
- Rebuild trails to keep feet dry in the winter and spring.
- Keep a structured play and picnic area in the park that allows guided access to the creek.
- Explore the possibility of adding a restroom near the play area.
- Protect sensitive natural resources including streams, wetlands, amphibians, wildlife, and fish.
- Ensure safe trail connections to Tryon Creek State Natural Area, other natural areas, and Marshall Park.
- Provide both historical and environmental education and interpretation opportunities.
- Construct two kiosks.

● Plan for resident fish populations and the return of Coho to the Marshall Park Cascades.

PP&R staff will be attending neighborhood association meetings during the fall to gather more input; the draft management plan is scheduled for public review in December and January.

Alternatives for the Marshall Park bridge replacement were presented at a community meeting in July, as well as on the project web page. The majority of people preferred a timber bridge to be relocated approximately 25 feet upstream from the current bridge location. PP&R will contract for a timber bridge with a deck that would be the least slippery. The bridge will be built at the preferred location as long as a slope of 5% or less can be achieved. If this slope requirement is not possible, the bridge will be rebuilt in the present location. Engineering will begin shortly and a determination on slope and location will be the first task. Updates will be posted online: go to www.portland-parks.org and click on Projects/Natural Area Projects/Marshall Park.

For more information, contact project manager Emily Roth at emily.roth@ci.portland.or.us or 503-823-9225.

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Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., (SWNI) is a nonprofit coalition that provides services to promote citizen participation and crime prevention in 17 Southwest Portland neighborhood associations and three business associations.

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

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

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

The 2008-2009 SW Neighborhoods, Inc., Board Officers are Brian Russell, President; Ken Love, 1st Vice-President; Tye Steinbach, 2nd Vice President; Susan Egnor, Secretary; and Tom Schaper, Treasurer.

The Willamette: Respect, Reconnect, Renew
South Waterfront Day September 6, 2008

RIVER FEST 08

Join the fun as Portland celebrates the largest event ever to showcase the Willamette River with an 11-day festival taking place Aug. 28-Sept. 7th. Riverfest South Waterfront Day takes place on Sept. 6th from 11am-5pm at the SWF neighborhood Park: 3508 SW Moody Ave.

- PDX Jazz performances by Bobby Torres & The Devin Phillips Funk Band
- Oregon Ballet Theatre Performances
- Sailing regatta
- Food, wine & beer vendors (free wine & beer tasting 12:30pm)
- Open Marketplace with over 50 vendors
- Art exchange
- Family Fun Zone: kids activities, face painting, jugglers, balloon twisters
- PdxDog™ Town: costume parade, demos, dog day spa, creativity center, training

Go Green: South Waterfront is an easy commute via bicycle, streetcar, or tram. Free bicycle parking in the park; free vehicle parking is also available.

For a complete festival schedule go to: www.portlandriverfest.org

Riverfest South Waterfront Day Sponsors

REALTY TRUST, WILLAMETTE RIVER, PDX DOG, SOUTHWATERFRONT.COM, OREGON BALLETTHEATRE, SPBA, and others.

Third Annual Community Policing Reception

By Stefanie Adams, Southwest Crime Prevention Specialist

Please save the date of October 28, 2008 for the 3rd Annual Community Policing Reception. Southwest Neighborhoods Inc.'s Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee will be hosting this event to honor and celebrate the community policing efforts that have taken place in Southwest Portland this past year. The event is open to the public, and we encourage everyone to show up, meet your local officers, and enjoy some good food.

**Tuesday, October 28
7 pm**

**Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy**



Central Precinct Officers receive awards and recognition at 2007 Community Policing Reception

Dealing with door-to-door solicitors

by Stefanie Adams, Southwest Crime Prevention Coordinator

In the short time that I have worked for Southwest Neighborhoods in crime prevention, I have already received a number of inquiries and complaints about door-to-door solicitors. In one case, an individual was very concerned about the legitimacy of a company offering carpet cleaning services in the Hayhurst area. Another couple stopped by the Community Policing Office interested in the state and local regulations governing this industry. It is always a good idea to know how to handle solicitors. In many cases, the interactions will be a positive experience. However, some salespeople may be aggressive, continuing to push their products or services long after you have told them no. In extreme cases, solicitors may run a scam business or use the business as a front to case your neighborhood or commit other crimes.

At the local level, many cities have laws that address door-to-door solicitation. However, in Portland and Multnomah County, there are not specific ordinances for these types of sales. In Portland, many businesses are exempt from applying for a business license if their annual gross sales fall below a certain dollar amount. The Oregon law (ORS 646.611) establishes guidelines for the information provided in door to door and telemarketing sales; and grievances should be followed up with the hotline for the Oregon Attorney General at 503-229-5576. This law states that a solicitor is in violation of the law unless the person:

- Within 30 seconds after beginning the conversation:
 - o Provides identification of both the person and whom the person represents;
 - o Explains the purpose of the person's call;
 - o Provides a description in

commonly understood terms of the goods or services offered for sale; and

- o Inquires whether the person being solicited is interested in listening to a sales presentation and immediately discontinues the solicitation if the person being solicited gives a negative response; and
- During the course of the solicitation, states the total cost of the goods or services offered for sale and the number, timing and amount of installment payments if payment on an installment basis is available to the person being solicited.

According to Oregon Bureau of Labor and Industries' Employment of Minors manual (<http://egov.oregon.gov/BOLI/WHD/CLU/>, employment of minors), "minors who are at least 16 years old may work as salespersons selling products in residential areas door-to-door. The employer must be registered with the bureau and give each minor a Bureau of Labor and Industries identification card to carry and show to customers." If the solicitor represents a charitable organization, the charity must be registered with the Oregon Department of Justice (DOJ), and this includes professional fundraisers who raise funds on behalf of a charity or donate a portion of their revenues to a charity. You can look up a charity on the DOJ website at <http://www.doj.state.or.us/charigroup/tips.shtml> or you can also contact the Attorney General's hotline to verify the organization or file a complaint. There also is a Federal Trade Commission Cooling-Off Rule that allows buyers to cancel and receive full refund within three days for a sale over \$25. You can contact the hotline

at 1-877-FTC-HELP for assistance.

Some tips for dealing with solicitors:

- If you are not interested in the product, say no and end the conversation.
- Do not provide personal information such as social security numbers, birthdates, etc. You don't have to answer any question that makes you feel uncomfortable.
- If you are unsure about purchasing a product or donating to a charity, you can hold off on making a decision. Ask for information, check it out, and donate or buy later when you have time to think about it. If you want the salesperson to get credit for the sale, take down his or her information and follow up with him or her later when you are comfortable with making a purchase.
- When a company claims to give a portion of sales to charity, you can contact that charity to verify the arrangement. It is illegal for a company to claim this without a prior written consent from the non-profit. Contact the Oregon Department of Justice at (503) 229-5725 if the charity denies association with the sales group.
- Never allow a solicitor to enter your home. This includes utility workers that come to your door stating that they need to fix a problem in your home; they should notify you in advance of their visit.
- When in doubt you do not have to open your door, and you can also post no solicitor signs.



- Always thoroughly review any contract that you are asked to sign.
- Consider requesting to see their identification. They may not have any, and are not necessarily required to have it on hand. However, it may increase your comfort level if a sales representative has some identification available.
- Contact the Attorney General Consumer Protection Hotline to report problems with a company in the Portland area (503) 229-5576.
- If you belong to a Neighborhood Watch, contact your neighbors on your phone tree and let them know to be cautious if you have encountered an aggressive or suspicious solicitor.
- Contact the police non-emergency number at 503-823-3333 to report suspicious solicitors who have left your house; in some cases you may want to phone 9-1-1 depending on the situation. If the solicitor refuses to leave your property, contact 9-1-1.

Police Bureau partners with crime reporting service

by the Strategic Services

Division Portland Police Bureau

Portland residents now have free access to information on calls for service that occurred as recently as the previous day.

CrimeReports.com is a nationwide, web-based service that displays on a map easy-to-read crime data on calls made to 9-1-1. CrimeReports.com is not a part of the City of Portland or the Portland Police Bureau, but its data can be accessed through www.crimereports.com or through the Police Bureau's website at www.portlandpolice.com. This data is provided to CrimeReports.com by the Portland Police Bureau.

CrimeReports.com uses 16 major crime categories in its database. However, some agencies might use different names for these categories. For example, California uses the "vehicle burglary" category while Portland uses "theft." Also, the Portland Police Bureau does not release address information for specific types of 9-1-1 calls, like sexual assault, domestic violence, harassment and alarms.

One special feature of this service allows residents to receive automatic daily, weekly or monthly email alerts if and when crimes occur near their home, office, school or other specified areas.

Crime data is updated nightly and includes incident type, date, block location, event identification/case number and brief description of the incident. However, not all calls to 9-1-1 turn out to be a crime or what was originally reported. For example, a call of shots fired might turn out to be fireworks or a car backfiring.

The Portland Police Bureau's other crime mapping tools, CrimeMapper and CrimeStats, use information taken from police reports. These tools can also be accessed through the Police Bureau's website.

For more information on CrimeReports.com, go to www.CrimeReports.com.

Helpful Numbers

- Emergency police, fire, or medical help
911
- Non-emergency police assistance
503-823-3333
- Portland Police info & referral
503-823-4636
- City of Portland/Multnomah County information and referral
503-823-4000
- 503-823-6868 TDD
- SW Crime Prevention Coordinator
Stefanie Adams
503-823-3131
- Neighborhood Response Team Officers
Bill Winters & Brian Hughes
503-823-0307 & 503-823-0235

Police visit with neighbors at Multnomah Days 2008



Neat toys!
Officers show visitors equipment and explain how it all works.



Working out issues with neighbors

by Stefanie Adams, Southwest Crime Prevention Coordinator

Individuals often contact the police or crime prevention because they want their neighbors to stop a bothersome behavior. These issues may include allowing a dog to bark for a long period of time, playing loud music, or trimming a tree located on the property line.

By the time I receive a call, concerned residents may be at wits' end. Generally the first question I am interested in is whether he or she has spoken directly to the neighbor to resolve the issue. Many times the answer to this question is no. As frustration grows, it becomes difficult to imagine that the neighbor might be cooperative or care when confronted with the concern because he or she is infringing on a value that the other holds dear. The harmed party will sometimes project negative attributes on to the other person for the infraction and may even believe that the person is intentionally trying to harm him or her. For example, it may be important to me to have it quiet after 10 o'clock, but this might not be a value or a concern for my neighbor who plays loud music; over time, I may imagine that he is trying to keep me awake and see him as selfish and uncaring. Based on my values, I may think that it should be obvious to everyone that noise at this time of night is disrespectful and thus my neighbor should know this with-

out having to communicate with him. Meanwhile, that person may be receptive to my concern if approached in a respectful way, and may be unaware of the harm caused. In some cases, neighbors will not be willing to change their behaviors and may not be concerned about how their actions affect others. However, in many cases they will be.

Naturally people want the problem to go away immediately, and may contact city or other agencies and file a complaint before talking to a neighbor; in some cases, the resident may never have met this neighbor before the problem arose. The problem may be resolved through this course of action, but the relationship with the neighbor may suffer due to the absence of direct communication. Additionally, the person inflicting the harm may never understand its impact to the resident or the neighborhood. Where crime is involved, then you should contact the police first.

If your problem with your neighbor does involve crime or danger, contact 9-1-1 if there is an imminent danger or crime occurring, or the non-emergency phone number at 503-823-3333 if the crime has already happened. For crime issues that are ongoing problems, you can contact your Crime Prevention Coordinator or the Neighborhood Response Team officer.

So to those who call in about a neighbor dispute that doesn't involve actual crime or danger, I will ask you to consider talking directly to your neighbor. If possible it is a good idea to proactively meet your neighbors to form positive relationships. Then if an issue should arise, you already know each other and there is more of investment toward working together. Additionally, it is also a good idea to meet the property owners of rental homes in your area. This way if there are problems with residents in a particular rental home, there is another party that you can follow up with.

If your neighbor is not receptive to your concern when approached about the problem, you can consider utilizing mediation services through Resolutions Northwest (RNW) that are free or low cost to neighbors at 503-595-4890 or <http://www.resolutionsnorthwest.org/>. Of course you can always bring in agencies to help resolve the problem. The definition of mediation as described by RNW is:

Mediation helps people in conflict find a solution acceptable to all by providing highly trained neutral facilitators to help them have a conversation about their concerns. Mediation provides a setting where individuals can solve their own problems and where communities can work

through difficult issues without divisiveness.

Some tips that RNW provides to individuals working out their own problems that can be found at www.resolutionsnorthwest.org:

Talk Directly: If there is no threat of violence, talk directly to the person with whom you have the problem. Direct conversation is much more effective than sending a letter, banging on the wall, throwing a rock or complaining to everyone else.

Choose a Good Time: Plan to talk to the other person at the right time and allow enough time to talk. For example, don't begin the discussion as the other person is leaving for work, after you have had a terrible day, or right before you have to make dinner.

Plan Ahead: Think out what you want to say before your meeting. State clearly what the problem is and how it affects you. Talk in a quiet place where you can both be comfortable and undisturbed.

Show Respect: Respect means different things to different people. However, no one wants to be blamed or called names. Upsetting the other person only makes it more difficult to be heard. Do not blame the other person or begin the conversation with what you think should be done.

Give Information: Do not interpret the other person's behavior: "You are blocking my driveway on purpose just to make me mad!" Instead, give information about your own feelings: "When your car blocks my driveway, I get angry because I can't get to work on time."

Listen: Give the other person a chance to tell his or her side of the conflict completely. Relax and listen; try to learn how the other person feels.

Show That You Are Listening: Although you may not agree with what is being said, tell the other person that you hear him or her and are glad that you are discussing the problem together.

Talk It Out: Once you start, get all of the issues and feelings out into the open. Don't leave out the part that seems "too difficult" to discuss or "too insignificant" to be important. Your solution will work best if all issues are discussed thoroughly.

Work On a Solution: Two or more people cooperating are much more effective than one person telling another to change. Be specific: "I will turn my music off at midnight" is better than a vague, "I won't play loud music anymore." Then write down your agreement and what each person will do.

Follow-Up: Agree to check with each other at specific times to make sure that the agreement is still working.

Southwest Portland Crime Stats for June of 2008

www.portlandonline.com/police

	Aggravated Assault	Arson	Burglary	Larceny	Rape	Robbery	Theft from Auto	Auto Theft	Drugs	Embezzle	Forgery	Fraud	Sex Crime	Simple Assault	Vandalism	Weapon	Disorderly Conduct	DUI	Kidnapping	Liquor Laws	Run-away	Trespass	Total
ARNOLD CREEK	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
ASHCREEK	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	12
BRIDLEMILE	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
COLLINS VIEW	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
CRESTWOOD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
FAR SW	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
HAYHURST	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
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
HILLSDALE	1	0	7	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	9	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	32
HOMESTEAD	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	4	15
MAPLEWOOD	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
MARKHAM	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
MARSHALL PAR	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
MULTNOMAH	0	0	2	7	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	22
S BURLINGAME	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
S PORTLAND	0	2	0	2	0	0	9	1	2	1	3	2	1	2	4	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	37
SWHRL	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	15
W PDX PARK	0	1	0	3	1	2	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	26
Total	2	3	16	34	1	2	34	8	3	2	4	5	4	14	35	1	9	9	1	3	8	9	207

Crimes with no occurrences for the month of June 2008:

Homicide - Prostitution - Stolen Property - Curfew - Gambling - Offense Against Family

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088



We are grateful to Emily Roth of Portland Parks who accompanied us on our August hike to explain the challenges and possibilities for Marshall Park. We are especially grateful to Emily and her crew at Portland Parks for their hard work to preserve and improve the park.

Marshall Park was a well-kept secret for many years. However, the word is out and the park has seen increasing usage. This creates some challenges and there is a need to look into changing the trail system in the park to protect the forest and wildlife while still allowing the public to enjoy the park. For example, there are currently four trails traversing the length of the park. They have been discussing the option of closing one of those trails. Unfortunately, there is not a consensus on which trail

to close. However, it is clear that most people enjoy the trail along Tryon Creek the best. There is also a walking bridge in the park that recently failed and must be replaced. Emily discussed the options for the new bridge with the hikers.

There are several things you can now do to help out when you visit the park. Please keep on the trails. The main problem with increasing use is erosion and damage to native vegetation. This is very important along Tryon Creek where erosion is very harmful to fish. Also, it is very important to keep your dog on leash and on the trail. If this were a remote wilderness area dogs would not do too much damage. But an urban forest can suffer great vegetation damage from many loose dogs. Thank you and please enjoy this wonderful urban forest we are so lucky to have.

Public right-of-way controversy

Over the years SWTrails has built and maintained many miles of trails in SW Portland. Unfortunately, much of that work has come to a halt due to liability concerns. Most people adjacent to trails we have built have been grateful for the improved, safer walkways. However, issues of privacy and liability have been brought up by some neighbors.

This has created a confusing legal mess that has stopped our work. There are confusing questions on who takes the liability for improvements to public rights-of-way. Another question that is up in the air is whether or not we need permits. We have always done our work with city supervision and help but now we seem to be getting two answers on whether or not we need permits. There are several things that are clear: adjacent property owners cannot restrict people from using public rights-of-way; adjacent property owners are liable for unsafe conditions; SWTrails makes trails safer; no one has ever claimed injury from a SWTrails improvement. We hope the city can come out with a clear policy on these issues so we can continue to make SW pedestrian routes safer and more accessible for everyone.

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



SWTrails loaned our own Arnie Panitch to the Portland Parks Senior Strolls program to do his interpretative hike through South Portland on August 6th. Arnie is a world master at informing, entertaining and exercising people all at the same time. He has extensive knowledge of the early immigration to our city in the Lair Hill neighborhood and the changes that neighborhood has seen. He is as much a treasure to our city as that neighborhood is and we are lucky to have him.

Please join us for our next hike on Saturday, September 13. We will do the 4T trail and see the work we are doing to make this Portland's premier tourist hiking route. Meet at 9 am next to the oak tree at the intersection of SW Sunset and Capitol. **DO NOT BE LATE.** We must catch the bus to the zoo right away. It leaves shortly after 9 and another does not come for a while. Also, do not forget to bring money for the public transportation portion of the hike.

Transportation Committee

Marianne Fitzgerald, 503-246-1847

The committee is following a bunch of issues, including Commissioner Adams' Safe, Sound and Green Streets proposal; halo local improvement districts; and federal transportation funding.

We're also following planning for expansion of streetcar lines and other high capacity transit. Barbur Boulevard's future--its design, the modes of transportation it will accommodate, and the types and intensity of land use--is a big, outstanding issues for SW Portland.

The discussion has been on hold for a long time, basically waiting for funding for a comprehensive study of the Barbur and I-5 corridors. Properties adjacent to and near Barbur Boulevard were left out

of the 2001 SW Community Plan rezoning in part because of the uncertainty about transportation uses on Barbur.

But it looks like we're getting closer to that discussion. Portland's Office of Transportation recently issued a draft of a streetcar system plan that envisions a study of high capacity transit on Barbur, a study that would include consideration of a streetcar line on Barbur.

Also, Metro has recently conducted workshops on high capacity transit. In September, our guest to speak on that issue will be Karen Withrow of Metro.

**Next meeting: Wed., Sept. 17, 7 pm.
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

Committees

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

Our Crime Prevention meeting for September will be September 4, at 7 pm in the Multnomah Center. Last month Commander Reese came to our meeting! He informed us about the next steps for a mini-precinct or substation in the Southwest area. He also told us we will have our Neighborhood Liaison Officers back at our neighborhood meetings. The chief said OT would be paid for those officers. Please let Stefanie Adams, Southwest Crime Prevention Coordinator know if you don't have officers coming to your meetings.

We also discussed putting on a bicycle training in September. Jan led the discussion and has been working very hard to get this in place so fast. It is going to be on Saturday, September 20, at 2 pm at Capitol Hill School. The address is 8401 SW 17th Ave. There will be a presentation by Bicycle Transportation Alliance (BTA). It is for both kids and adults. (Please see page 1)

Next meeting we will be working out the details of this training and also starting to work on the police celebration we have in October. See you then.

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

Communication Committee

Wes McMullen, 503 244-2659

**Next meeting:
Monday, Sept. 15, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

Parks Committee

Kirky Doblle, 503-246-7970

The committee met in beautiful Pendleton Park in Hayhurst on August 7. The park is physically in the center of that neighborhood, and that night it looked like the figurative center as well: an adult league soccer game was proceeding, and the place was packed with families.

Bryan Aptekar of Portland Parks & Recreation was our guest that beautiful evening. He works closely with SW Zone Manager Terri Davis. Issues discussed included the port-a-potty structure at Holly Farm Park, and a current project by PP&R to update and organize the numerous joint use agreements it has with Portland Public Schools.

Miscellaneous items: the summer program (including a federal lunch program) at Markham Schools was once

SWNI Board

Brian Russell, president
503-245-0729

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday, September 24, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

Schools Committee

Will Fuller, 503-764-5501



Affordable Housing at Sears Armory Site?

The plan for 110 housing units at the Armory has the priority for now. Nice to see more families moving in, but... how soon, and

how many children will be added to our schools? Their kids will be in the Maplewood/Gray/Wilson area. This may require re-drawing boundaries because Maplewood is already crowded.

Got a beef about schools? email us.

A word of praise? Or even a question or two?

Email the SWNI Schools Committee: schools@swni.org

We're here to build stronger community involvement in our schools.

Want to visit a school? Email us.

We are arranging visits to schools in the SWNI area. This is all schools, private and public. If you haven't been inside a school for a while and want to, call SWNI or email schools@swni.org.

How is Portland Public Schools doing in the real estate market?

Some SWNI residents think our school property isn't well-managed. What do you think?

Email us at schools@swni.org.

**Next meeting:
Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 pm
Multnomah Center, Room 3
7688 SW Capitol Hwy (at 31st.)**

Land Use Committee

John Gibbon, 503-708-6708

The August meeting started with a debriefing on the committee's July 22 tour of SW Portland with the city's planning commission. City staff also participated, including our Bureau of Planning liaison Brian Sheehan and BOP Director Gil Kelley. The tour went well. On the bus and at a long stop at a site on SW Upper Drive there was good discussion about issues of interest to SW residents: infill problems, stewardship of the land, and lack of transportation infrastructure.

Committee member Dixie Johnston is helping us follow progress of the Portland Plan. City council recently approved the plan (including public engagement)

for conducting the periodic review and update of Portland's comprehensive plan. That review and update are part of the Portland Plan.

Portland has an on-going and never ending process of amending its city code. Packages of amendments (regulatory improvement code amendment packages, or RICAP for short) are periodically presented. RICAP 4 is at the discussion draft stage. There are some changes that address problems with lot configurations. RICAP 5 is just getting started.

**Next meeting:
Tuesday, Sept. 16, 7 pm
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy**

Arnold Creek

Next Mtg: Tuesday, September 9, 7 pm
Antioch Christian Fellowship 10558 SW 35th (lower level)
Chair Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483, enchand@hotmail.com
arnoldcreek.swni.org

Our next neighborhood meeting will be September 9 at 7 pm in the church across from Jackson Middle School. We meet downstairs. Last month we got to meet Kurt, the new pastor for the church. Welcome, Kurt, to the neighborhood!

We also had a great National Night Out party. We were even on the Channel 8 11 o'clock news. We were very lucky to have Mayor Potter, his wife and a staff member and Commander

Mike Reese from Central Precinct attend our party. We had a great turnout and great food was eaten by all. The firemen came with their truck and the squirt guns were a big hit with the kids.

Next month we will be trying to clean up any loose ends we have.

It is time for school to begin again so remember to obey the school zone speed limits of 20 MPH!

Ashcreek

Next Mtg: Monday, September 8, 7 pm
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Chair Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872 jklinker@ease.com

Prentiss and Patty Lee's son, Dr Gary Lee of Eugene, died recently in an accident on Mt. Hood. You probably saw it on TV or read about it in the newspaper. They are good friends and we are all saddened by the accident.

Prentiss has been the treasurer of the neighborhood association for many years. Patty has held neighborhood offices over the years including several terms as neighborhood President. She was also president of SWNI for five years and has held other offices, literally too numerous to list.

The Ashcreek neighbors are all very shocked by this tragedy that has befallen our good neighbors. We extend our thoughts, best wishes and prayers to Patty and Prentiss and all the Lee family in this time of their grief.

Shots fired. Shots were heard Friday night, August 8th. I heard 2 groups of six shots. The first group was heard just after

1 AM and the next about 1:30. At least six other neighbors heard the shots.

I didn't call the police. No one called the 911! They were some distance away and I figured a closer neighbor would call... The consensus is that they originated somewhere between 54th and 61st and Garden Home Road and Multnomah Blvd.

They might have been fireworks, but they sounded like gun shots to me. I'll call next time. Everyone call next time!

On a lighter note, our dumpster is back. The dumpster used by many, but not all, dog walkers in Ashcreek is back. It was gone for about three weeks.

Many neighbors called to complain. Some called multiple times using different voices.)

The garbage hauler claims that they removed it because it was being used for household garbage. We need it. There are a lot of dogs!

Collins View

Next Mtg: Wed., September 3, 7 pm Riverdale High School
9727 SW Terwilliger, Rm 201
Prakash Joshi, CVNAmail@gmail.com

Lawrence Behmer of the Portland Office of Emergency Management (POEM) spoke to Collins View neighbors about Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NET), a program to develop emergency preparedness training at the neighborhood level. NET started in Portland in 1994, making it one of the nation's oldest. The basic training regimen is 24 hours spread over 8 weeks, covering topics that include fire suppression, utility control, triage and disaster medicine. The final week is an emergency enactment. Because of our terrain in SW Portland, ham radios are the best communication tool in emergencies.

The next class starts September 17th and has a few openings. Go to the website to register (PDXprepared.net). The city wants 20 representatives from each neighborhood. NET members who need a refresher are welcome to show up at the appropriate class.

CVNA discussed the possibility of hosting a basic first aid course with the Red Cross and/or fire department that would draw in residents and recruit new NET members.

Land Use Report: Portland is re-doing its long-range plan. On July 22, planning commissioners were taken on a tour of CVNA to highlight street and

sidewalk problems, topography issues (building on slope with inadequate drainage). Dave and Dixie led this tour. It was also announced that Tryon State Park is putting a bridge instead of a culvert over High Creek.

Dave reported on the status of the Lewis and Clark master plan. He announced the city had replied to initial plans for housing at Boones Ferry and Terwilliger with requests for road improvements, etc. Now, the plan is on hold. The college's current conditional use permit expired in May. No expansions will be allowed until the permit is renewed.

Transportation: Boones Ferry and Terwilliger intersection; we are at a standstill until traffic flow at Terwilliger and Taylors Ferry is improved. Josh Prakash urges CVNA to mobilize support for improvements to the Terwilliger and Taylors Ferry intersection, working with adjoining neighborhood associations. There are also valid concerns that if the intersection is improved, traffic through the neighborhood will increase. Growth in Lake Oswego is part of the problem.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 3, 7 pm.

Next formal CVNA Board meeting Wednesday, October 1, 7 pm.

Neighborhood Reports

Bridlemile

Next Mtg: Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 pm
Bridlemile School, 4300 SW 47th
Chris Kahle, chriskahle@mac.com, 503-292-2662
http://bridlemile.swni.org



From left to right, those pictured are: Claire Sherman, Henry McElroy-Fuchs, Nickey Olson and Eamon McElroy-Fuchs. They are enjoying a rousing card game while an all-ages baseball game is played in the background.

Just Plain Fun

It all started with a simple e-mail. The McElroy-Fuchs family sent out an email asking Bridlemile neighbors to come out and play... and bring their friends. Since then, Bridlemile families have been gathering each Tuesday evening all summer long in Hamilton Park to play. And play they do. Parents pulled out the balls, nets and racquets from garages and closets and gave them a workout. The kids loved it. No big fancy rules, no refs. The only point was to have fun with other families. During the school year, cub scouting activities take place on Tuesday nights. But the scout meetings ended in early June. Here were two months of free Tuesday nights that parents were accustomed to spending on their children's activities. It was a perfect segue into neighborly summer fun.

On Tuesday, August 5th, these families joined the Bridlemile Neighborhood Association in celebrating the National Night Out. There was a wonderful potluck supper and

picnics on the grass. Neighbors old and new met and chatted. New Bridlemile Principal Tanya Ghattas and her husband Roland made the rounds and introduced themselves to the neighborhood. The evening was topped off with a series of traditional field games for interested kids to try: sack races, egg and spoon races, water balloon toss and more. The folks out strolling and walking their dogs had the additional pleasure of seeing a park filled with fun and games. An easy connection between families made for a happy summer at Hamilton Park.

Summer activities included Family Play Nights Tuesdays at Hamilton Park, a July history walk, and the biggest gathering ever for Neighborhood Night Out in Hamilton Park. In honor of the Multnomah Village Centennial celebration, we sponsored a history walk about Fairvale.

A group met in Albert Kelly Park to honor the Bridlemile Creek Stewards for their Weed Management Program Award in an additional celebration.

Regular Bridlemile Creek Stewards monthly meeting: Tuesday, September 9, 7 pm (and the second Tuesday of every month).

Meet at the Watershed Center conference room, Southwest Community Center, SW 45th and Vermont (Gabriel Park).

Agenda - fall activities and events

Fanno/Tryon water quality and pollution pre-design complete

The Capital Improvement Project (CIP) pre-design builds upon the 2005 Fanno Tryon Watershed management plan by identifying multi-objective actions and/or packages of actions to improve and protect watershed conditions. The pre-design process provides a means to evaluate, prioritize, and recommend individual actions and groups of actions to address identified problems and/or protect opportunities throughout the Fanno and Tryon Creek watersheds.

To view the draft pre-design Report, link to [http://www-portlandonline.com/bes/index.cfm?c=43150&](http://www.portlandonline.com/bes/index.cfm?c=43150&) and click on the Pre-design Report link at the left.

When you see pollution, report it! For the City of Portland, the Environmental Services Spill Protection Citizen Response

team is available 24 hours a day to investigate spills, slicks and suspicious discharges.

How to Report a Spill: Call 503-823-7180 and leave a detailed message. A duty officer monitors messages 24 hours a day. You may also contact this response team by email at officer@bes.ci.portland.or.us to report pollution that may threaten rivers and streams.

For additional details, see the BES flyer (<http://home.comcast.net/~steve.mullinax/bridlemile/reportspillspdf>, 467 Kb) on reporting spills.

For further information, including background, links and calendar updates and activities, check the Bridlemile Creek Stewards webpage: <http://bcs.swni.org>.

For more detail on our Hamilton Park restoration, see http://swni.org/bridlemile/hamilton_park_creek_restoration.

For more details on our Albert Kelly Park restoration, see http://swni.org/bridlemile_neighborhood_association/akp_creek_restoration.

At our September meeting, Marianne Fitzgerald, the chair of the Southwest Neighborhood Inc. Transportation Committee will discuss the status of the halo LID.

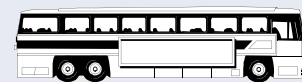
Crestwood

Next Mtg:
Wednesday, Sept. 10, 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>

Crestwood did not have a general meeting in August (we meet every other month, on odd months). We had a good turnout at the neighborhood party on National Night Out, on a beautiful, HOT evening. Wes McMullen donated a bounty of fruits and desserts to the potluck, and we had unprecedented representation from our local public safety officers! All the kids at the party enjoyed seeing the fire truck and firefighters from Engine 18, Portland Police officers on a motorcycle, squad car, and even a K9 unit. We also got to meet our new SW Crime Prevention Coordinator, Stefanie Adams. Tony Hansen reminded the group about the second-Saturday work parties to remove invasives and restore natural areas in Dickinson Park. We also shared that the Dickinson playground bid process had been pushed out to mid-August; construction is still planned to proceed this fall.

Both movies in Dickinson Park were well-attended, and we look forward to doing more in the future.

At our September meeting, members of the campaign for the children's levy will share information about measure 26-94. We will also have updates on land use, transportation, safety, parks and other issues affecting the neighborhood.



TriMet fares increase September 1

Fares will increase to offset general inflation and record-high diesel prices and include the following changes:

- Adult cash fares will increase 25 cents; monthly passes will increase \$10
- Youth/Student, Honored Citizen and LIFT cash fares will increase 10 cents; monthly passes will increase \$2
- A new rolling 14-day pass will be available to give riders the savings of a monthly pass but purchase it in smaller increments

All fare information is available online at trimet.org/fares.

A detailed list of routes with new schedules and/or stops is available online at trimet.org/alerts. Schedules also are available onboard buses, at the TriMet ticket office downtown in Pioneer Courthouse Square or at Fred Meyer, Safeway and most Albertsons stores beginning the last week of August.

For trip-planning assistance, visit trimet.org or call 503-238-RIDE (7433) weekdays between 7:30 am and 5:30 pm.

Neighborhood Reports

Far Southwest

Next Mtg: Tuesday, September 9, 7 pm
Comfort Suites Motel, SW 60th & Barbur
Chair Marcia Leslie, 503-246-9938, mmac_les@yahoo.com

"Are you smarter than a 5th grader?" How many of you have watched that program? For those of you who haven't seen it, questions are asked on a variety of topics at varying levels of difficulty - from 1st through 5th grade. An adult, selected from the audience, along with a regular panel of 5th graders, tries to get the right answers. The more correct answers, the more the adult wins. When they finally drop out, as most do, they have to look the camera right in the lens and admit they aren't smarter than a 5th grader.

How about, Are you smarter than a naturalized American citizen? Two years ago, after hearing a news story about then naturalization process, we tested the gals in my mother's WAVES national unit. Keep in mind, all were born in the US, all served in the Navy, Marines or Coast Guard at some time from World War II to Desert Storm, and went to school when "civics" (the study of government and how it worked) and American history were a standard part of the curriculum. Ever hear of civics being taught now? Most students now think Civics are Hondas and the Civil War is the football game between U of O and OSU, or comparable schools in their states. So much for American history.

Most, if not all, naturalized citizens know far more about our government than those of us born and raised here. To prove my point, take the following test (this is a "closed-book" test, so no Googling or otherwise looking up answers - you are on your honor). Answers will be given next month.

- 1) How many stripes are on the flag?
- 2) What do the stripes mean?
- 3) Who elects the President of the United States?
- 4) What do we call a change to the Constitution?
- 5) How many changes are there to the Constitution?
- 6) How many branches are there in our government?
- 7) What are the branches of the government?
- 8) What is the supreme law of the United States?
- 9) What is the Bill of Rights?
- 10) In what year was the Constitution written?
- 11) What is the introduction to the Constitution called?
- 12) Can you name the thirteen original states?
- 13) What is the most important right granted to US citizens?
- 14) How many people signed the Declaration of Independence?
- 15) Why did the pilgrims come to America?
- 16) How many representatives are there in Congress?

At our September meeting we will have a representative from PCC to discuss the bond measure on the November ballot. We may also have someone speak on measure 26-94 to fund activities for low-income children and families. If anyone knows of a representative for opposing sides of these issues who would be willing to attend our meeting, we invite both sides. Please contact the chair.

Hope to see you there.
Marcia

Hayhurst

Next Mtg: Tuesday, September 9, 7-8:30 pm
Hayhurst School, 5037 SW Iowa
Chair Janet Hawkins, 503-244-7703, janetchawkins@msn.com
www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst



Leo Rogers, age 1 1/2, enjoys the fire truck at the Hayhurst Neighborhood National Night Out gathering.

Our "National Night Out" event at Pendleton Park on August 5th was a success. We had about 50 adults and 30 children attend despite the 96-degree weather. The desserts and refreshments were a hit with the crowd. Many thanks to the Portland Fire Bureau for hosting the "engine tour" for kids. We all enjoyed the spontaneous fire hose shower provided by the fire truck.

A Portland Police Bureau canine unit team was also on hand and received lots of posi-

tive attention. Multnomah County Library conducted outreach on summer reading and early-learning activities for children. Cedar Sinai Park staff had an information table and made a generous donation of cookies for everyone.

We will be electing new neighborhood association officers at the September meeting. The Hayhurst neighborhood board meeting is scheduled for 7 - 8:30 pm, Tuesday, September 9th, at Hayhurst Elementary. Our meeting agenda will include an update on Cedar Sinai Park's new construction plans, a transportation planning report, and a presentation from a group of SW Vermont Street neighbors on proposed sidewalk improvements.

We will be meeting on the same night as the Hayhurst PTA and will jointly provide childcare for parents who are attending the PTA or neighborhood association meeting.

Please RSVP to Hayhurst's interim chair, Janet Hawkins, at janetchawkins@msn.com or 503-244-7703 with childcare requests.

Hillsdale

Next Mtg: Wednesday, September 3, 7 pm
St Barnabas Church, 2201 SW Vermont
Chair Don Baack, 503-246-2088 baack@q.com
www.hna-pdx.com

Good news: The speed limit on Capitol Highway between Cheltenham and SW 25th has been reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph. The reduction results from years of lobbying by the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association with the support of the Hillsdale Business and Professional Association.

Planning session: Be sure to attend the 7 pm, Wednesday, Sept. 10, Hillsdale planning session. The meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the Wilson High School cafeteria. The session, led by consultants from Sera Design, will focus on improvements in the Hillsdale Town Center.

Issues to be discussed include the Hillsdale Plaza, pedestrian connections, opportunities for future development, utility undergrounding, signage and parking.

Two meetings presenting Sera's findings and inviting responses will be held Tuesday, Oct. 21, and Wednesday, Nov. 12.

Solar array: To understand the scale of the proposed solar array at Rieke, visit the site on the slope just above Bertha Court. The site has been staked to show its size, and a sign depicts what the array will look like. Developers are still seeking funding for the project, which they hope to have installed by the end of the year.

Larger board approved: At its August meeting, the association agreed to increase the size of its board from seven to 11 members. Those who expressed interest in being on the board but who failed to be elected are being sought to run for the new positions.

Homestead

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



Rich Davidson serves them up!

WHAT A PARTY! Over 65 neighbors gathered in the glow of a beautiful Portland summer evening in Duniway Park. Children running, dogs hopping, great door prizes, wonderful food (which disappeared quickly) and just plain fun marked the gathering. Thanks to Rich Davidson, chef extraordinaire, Tom Miller, our food shopper, Susan Jaeger for publicity and Terry Egnor, photographer. Thanks also to OHSU for providing the tables and chairs and parking, and to our OHSU liaison Alisa Dunlap for making these arrangements.

We are especially grateful to Hashi at Takahashi 2 at Duniway Plaza for donating the delicious sushi, to Judd Higgins at Slice of Heaven Pizza on SW Gibbs above OHSU for donating the wonderful pizzas, Dan Yates and the Portland Spirit Company for donating the tasty chicken and Fred Meyer for the gift card to help us buy our food.

This year we had some wonderful door prizes including a gift certificate to Running Outfitters on SW 6th Avenue and Portland Spirit cruises. Thanks very much to Jim Davis of Running Outfitters and to Dan Yates

of Portland Spirit, who donated tickets to 4 Portland Spirit company cruises.

A highlight of the picnic was the launch of our Full Circle Plant adoption program. Under the Full Circle Plant Program, you can help take care of our neighborhood parks in two ways. You can either adopt a plant or plants (including trees), and clear an invasives-free circle around the "adoptee" yourself or provide a tax-deductible donation which will be used to clear the circle for you. At the picnic, Homestead neighbors signed up for 15 adoptions! There are, however, quite a few native plants still in need of rescuing. Details at our website: <http://www.homesteadna.org> or call 503-227-2702.

Crime Prevention: Neighbors on SW Hamilton Street have alerted us with reports of several car breakins and home breakin attempts. We are considering setting up a Neighborhood Watch Program, which would actually be a number of localized programs. Please come to the September meeting or call Susan Egnor if you are interested.

OHSU Zoning Violations Update: We understand OHSU has not corrected the violations

Lunch and Learn Brown Bag Series

Friday, September 12
noon - 1 pm

Benefits of Installing Eco-Roofs

This presentation and discussion session will include:

- What is an Eco-Roof and how can it benefit you.
- How to install, permit and maintain an Eco-Roof.
- City of Portland's Eco-Roof Incentive Program.
- Tips, questions and contact information

All are welcome to attend this free event. Bring your lunch and join us!

1900 SW 4th Ave.
2nd floor

Conference room, 2500 A
The Development Services Center is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 am to 3 pm and Thursday evenings, 5 to 7:30 pm.

Neighborhood Reports

Markham

Next Mtg: Tuesday, October 2, 7 pm
Capitol Hill School, 8401 SW 17th
Chair John Gibbon, 503-708-6708, jtgorygun@aol.com
<http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm>

At the last neighborhood meeting, we had a long discussion of the trails being proposed by the Parks Department for Maricara and Marshall Parks. Don Baack from the SW Trails group attended the meeting to discuss these issues. The Parks Department seems to be strongly in favor of soft-surface (dirt) trails in both these parks and SW Trails is pushing for a more developed trail with gravel. (In Maricara Park, some of their bicycle advocates in the organization are even hoping for an asphalt bike path.) Consideration of the latter idea is especially important for the Markham neighbors of the park because the property where something like that would most likely be located is the city's thirty-foot undeveloped right-of-way that runs along the northern edge of the park. The consensus that developed at our meeting anyway was that the neighborhood and SW Trails supported the Parks department's proposed alignment of the trail in Maricara Park further into the area than the right-of-way (which because of its topography can't be built on cheaply, with the provision that an effort be made to develop the east-west trail with a surface that is adequate to permit year-round use. Whether bikes can be part of that mix is probably questionable, and this raises the issue of whether we can begin to work for

improvements on Huber which might help make it more usable for bikes.

At our April meeting I was asked to look into the situation concerning the disappearance of the trail that ran from 25th Ave down to the Quail Park bike path. When the house at 9895 SW 25th was developed, this has more or less cut off an access that allowed people to avoid having to walk down 25th Ave. to Lancaster and then down Lancaster to get to Quail Post Road. As a resident of Quail Park, I was familiar with some of the story on this path from a few years ago when the owners of 9105 SW 25th asked Quail Park to vacate a public pedestrian pathway easement that runs through the middle of that house. I have done quite a bit of work on figuring out the tangled history of this situation and in next month's newsletter, I'll explain what I've found out. It's a good example of how the city and its neighborhood struggle with developing the right way in a world where right changes from time to time.

As we understand, it PPS has developed a new policy that allows neighborhood associations that are pre-registered with the district to use school facilities for meetings. At this point, our plan for the October meeting is to arrange to meet at Capitol Hill School on the 2nd Tuesday in October. Hope to see you there.

Maplewood

Next Mtg: Monday, September 8, 7 pm
Friends School, 7426 SW 52nd
Chair Alexander Ben Israel, 503-467-9016
chair@maplewoodna.com, www.maplewoodna.com



Maplewood's third annual picnic was a smashing success! Over 500 residents gathered for live music, a climbing wall, squirt guns, booths, and free food. Our raffle generated over \$600 for April Hill Park, thanks to donated items from O'Connor's, Paloma, Baker 'N Spice, and many others; the

Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) hot dog benefit was also a success.

We want to thank all the sponsors, volunteers and everyone who made this year's picnic the great success it was! See you next year!



Fun for all at Maplewood picnic



Marshall Park

Next Mtg: Thursday, September 11, 6 pm, Capitol Hill Elementary School library, 8401 SW 17th
Chair Mike Charles, 503-244-6099, marshallparkchair@swni.org, marshallpark.swni.org



Our National Night Out celebration was a rousing success. Over 70 neighbors gathered for a picnic in the park.

The adults enjoyed the food, information table, raffle, live music, and the chance to 'interrogate' the Chief of Police (yes, Chief Sizer dropped in to chat with neighbors).

The kids enjoyed the face painting, the ice cream, and the police ATV's.

A grand time was had by all. Some neighbors also brought their very well-behaved dogs.

Thank you to all the volunteers and helpers; and also a big thanks to SWNI and Journeys Restaurant for the raffle prizes.

To see more pictures of the event, visit: http://swni.org/page/MPNA_NNO_2008



Multnomah

Next Mtg: Tuesday, September 9, 7 pm, Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Chair Randy Bonella, 503-293-9460 rmbonella@comcast.net



Patti Waitman-Ingrebretson and Mayor-elect Sam Adams at the Capitol Highway dedication

visory Council. This will be a group of 5-10 people who will work with the Community Partners for Affordable Housing (CPAH) and the city in shaping this development for our neighborhood. If you are interested in participating in this, please email Randy Bonella at rmbonella@comcast.net. If you are interested, please keep in mind that this is a 3-4-year process, so please be certain of your commitment. We are looking for broad representation of not only those who reside next to the armory but those who have an interest in shaping development.

Hi, Neighbors,

Wow! What a busy month we have had getting ready for the Centennial celebration for Multnomah. Everything from getting the park cleaned up and looking nice to dedication of the Capitol Highway viaduct historical plaque, a 100th birthday party at West Hills Christian Church with free cake and ice cream and a clean-up of Multnomah Village for the grand celebration on Saturday, 8/16. Don't forget about Multnomah's farmers' market every Thursday, 3:30 to 7:30 pm. We've had about 16 vendors at most markets. Keep supporting the market so that we can make it bigger and better next year.

Rob Gardner has volunteered to be our representative to SWNI. Peggy Norman will be helping Mary Verghies with land use issues. Thanks to both for stepping up to help the neighborhood! We all really appreciate it!

We were all curious to why we haven't been seeing Officer Z at our meetings. We just found out that overtime pay had been cut and that part of the time spent by the officers was attending neighborhood functions. We've heard that at least the neighborhood portions of the pay may be restored. We certainly hope so. It is very nice to have Officer Z in attendance and able to give us his perspective on how we are doing as a neighborhood. His rallying cry for most of the year

was to achieve zero car prowls by not leaving anything in sight in our vehicles. Even a simple empty bag is an invitation to a problem. So please keep your vehicles empty of visible items.

One other note on safety is that school will be starting soon, so all you drivers out there, start paying attention to kids and school buses. If the stop sign is out and lights are flashing, stop in both directions. Children are notorious for not looking and just darting out into the road to catch the bus.

Please join us September 9th for our regularly scheduled monthly meeting. This meeting should prove to be very informative. We hope to be creating the Sears Armory Citizens Ad-

CPAH will join us to introduce themselves again to the neighborhood and give us any updates that they may have received. We will also be getting an update from the city on the Multnomah Blvd. pressure sewer line corrective action, along with our regular business, and finally Megan Vidal will give us an overview of Resolution NW, a neighborhood mediation organization.

Anyone interested in purchasing a Multnomah Neighborhood Association T-shirt can order one at the monthly MNA meeting. Colors available are burnt orange, mustard, brick red, sage green and a light blue (XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL) XS-XL are \$15 and XXL-XXXL are \$18.

I hope to see you all there!



Multnomah Village Park all cleaned up and ready for neighbors to enjoy.

South Portland



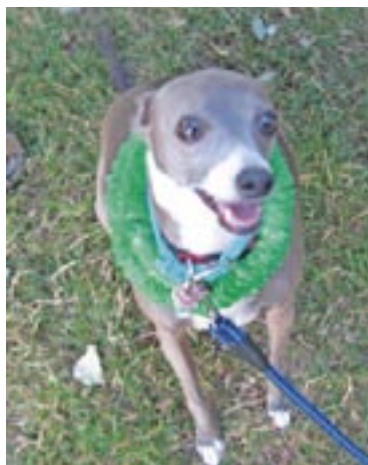
Next Mtg: Wed., September 3, 7 pm
Umpqua Bank, 3606 SW Bond
Chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795
TLC11@mindspring.com
www.southportlandna.org



Ken Love
Chair



WOW! Thank you to everyone who came to our picnic and concerts. Thank you to every business who donated, every volunteer and everyone who danced and made our summer a community success. We had over 2700 people for our concerts plus 500 for our neighborhood night out picnic. Portland Parks was super-impressed with the community spirit expressed from our neighborhood



We are especially grateful to the following South Portland businesses for making it all possible:

OHSU, UMPQUA BANK, FRENCH SCHOOL,
JOHNS LANDING AUTOMOTIVE,
FOOD SERVICES OF AMERICA, GROUNDSPRINGS
HEALING CENTER, ROSS ISLAND GROCERY,
HESLER'S RESTAURANT, NATUROPATHIC COLLEGE,
JIMMY'S SMOKEHOUSE, QUIZNOIS,
BAMBOO GROVE, SOTER'S WINERY,
SABOR SAZON RESTAURANT

Pennoyer Park

The name going forward for the park in South Waterfront is Pennoyer Park. This name received the most votes in the park project advisory committee.

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

Next Board Mtg: Wednesday, September 3, 7 pm, Umpqua Bank, 3606 SW Bond. (Base of John Ross tower). Please visit our website for neighborhood updates.

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

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

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

South Burlingame

Next Mtg:
Thursday, September 23, 7 pm
Capitol Hill School
8401 SW 17th

Contact: Sylvia Bogert,
503-823-4592, sylvia@swni.org

Betsy Shand, South Burlingame neighbor, and Sylvia Bogert, SWNI Executive Director, have spoken about organizing a South Burlingame neighborhood meeting in September. Betsy indicated that she and another interested person might consider co-chairing the neighborhood.

The following items have been suggested for the agenda:

- All Portland residents recently received new trash receptacles. Did you know you have choices? Attend the neighborhood meeting and learn some of your options.
- It's time for neighborhood small-grant proposals. Bring your ideas for neighborhood projects that need funding.
- South Burlingame NA is very proud of the 6th and Terwilliger intersection improvement project. What do you think about discussing improvements for the unimproved vacated land at SW Spring Garden and SW 12th?

Join us and bring your ideas or projects. We look forward to seeing you.

A little work, a few dollars... and a project completed? Hmm, maybe?

With a little bit of money, could you make a dream come true? Do you have a project in your neighborhood you would like to work on? The Office of Neighborhood Involvement and Southwest Neighborhoods are pleased to announce that the 2009 Neighborhood Small Grant program will be accepting applications from neighborhood associations and community-based organizations.

The grant amount for Southwest is \$22,053. Application requests can range anywhere from \$200 to \$2,000. Applications will be due November 3, 2008 by 4 pm.

There will be a
Grant Writing Workshop
on

Thursday, September 25

6:30 - 8:30 pm
at the

The Oregon Zoo
4001 SW Canyon
TriMet bus # 63
MAX Red/Blue
free parking at the zoo

For a grant application, stop by the SWNI office at 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Room 4, or visit <http://swni.org/story/2008/aug/4140>.

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

SW Hills Residential League (SWHRL)

Council Crest Radio Tower Open House

Thursday, September 11, 7 pm
Ainsworth School, 2425 SW Vista

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, September 17, 7 pm
Ascension Episcopal Church 1823 SW Spring St.

Next Membership Meeting: Wednesday, October 15, 7 pm
Ainsworth School, 2425 SW Vista

Chair Jim Thayer, 503-220-0755, jim@thayers.org, swhrl.org

On August 10th SWHRL celebrated their 2nd Annual Ice Cream Social at the Portland Heights Park. The event was a great success with attendance of over 50 people, lots of ice cream, children galore, Biff the Clown, the Portland Police Department and the local fire truck.

Many thanks to Stroheckers for their support on this great annual family event.

While many people were out of town to take full advantage of the weather, we had hoped that activities would slow down. But we did learn rather belatedly that the plan to replace the tower on Council Crest was suddenly accelerated and last week several smaller trees were removed near the base of the tower. It appears that the tower replacement will be conducted in two phases – see article on this subject starting on page 1.

SWHRL is working closely with the Bureau of Technology and SWNI on this project. We will host an informational gathering at 7 pm, on September 11th, at Ainsworth School to discuss the full plans for the tower replacement.

On October 15th, SWHRL will hold their next quarterly member meeting at Ainsworth. The topic for this quarterly meeting will be a thorough exploration of the geological issues affecting the West Hills. We plan to host Scott Burns the eminent geologist at PSU who did most of the in-depth research after the 1996 floods and slides.

We hope to be able to give you updates on the LIDAR mapping of the hill that is going on as I write. This should be a very comprehensive and interesting presentation that is relevant to any one who lives on in the West Hills or beyond.

West Portland Park

Next Mtg: Thursday, September 11, 7 pm

Markham School Cafeteria, 10531 SW Capitol Hwy
Chair Jim McLaughlin, 503-246-0601

jjim.mclaughlin@gmail.com, http://swni.org/w_portland_park



both kids and adults. Kids were given fire hats and allowed to climb into the cab of the fire truck (see above).

Fire Station 18 will be moving into the West Portland Park Neighborhood in the autumn of 2009 when the new facility is completed on SW Barbur Boulevard near the intersection with SW Luradel.

Holly Farm Park: WPPNA Secretary/Treasurer Betty McArdle talked with people at the picnic about the effort to make the Holly Farm Park a pesticide-free park. Several people signed up to volunteer to pull weeds by hand to keep pesticides out of our park. It's not too late to sign up. If you would like to be notified of progress in our efforts to make Holly Farm Park pesticide free, and later to be notified of work parties, send an email to Betty at mdbm@brownbroadcast.com.

Next meeting: Join us for the next WPPNA monthly board meeting, Thursday, September 11, 7 - 8:30 pm, in the Markham School cafeteria. Portland Planning Bureau staffers Amy Koski and Bruce Sheehan will be guest speakers. See you there!

Annual Picnic: About 45 of our neighbors enjoyed a warm, beautiful evening at the Holly Farm Park. This writer saw lots of new faces of all ages. The park certainly is a fantastic place to hold the annual picnic, as the kids played on the playground equipment while older folks sat in the shade of the myrtle tree, trading stories and catching up on neighborhood news.

PPB Officer Brian Hughes came to the picnic early but was called away to do police work. Later, the PFB Station 18 fire truck came by to the delight of

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

Learn About Russian Culture

A representative from Russian Oregon Social Services (R.O.S.S.) will give a cross-cultural presentation about cultural awareness on Friday, September 12, 1 pm, Senior Center Capitol Room. R.O.S.S. provides many social services including translation and interpretive services, information and referral services, and much more.

Senior Crafting Group

The Senior Center crafting group invites newcomers to join in and share crafting ideas, tips, and skills. The group meets every Friday at noon. The *Crafty Ladies* welcome participants of all skill levels to join them in a fun and creative environment. This month the crafting group will also be preparing for the Harvest Bazaar in October.

We welcome you to contribute to our efforts by joining us in making items for the bazaar or by donating yarn and other supplies.

FALL CLASSES

AT THE SENIOR CENTER
Senior Studies Institute
Classes, Thursday, 1 - 3 pm
- Globalization Hype vs. Reality:
 Thursday, Sept. 11. The promises made by the advocates of globalization have turned out to be

exaggerated, even bogus. The effects of globalization have been devastating to the Third World. This talk will look at what has really happened, and compare it to what those touting globalization predicted.

Third Rail Theatre: Sept. 18. Third Rail Repertory Theatre was born in 2003 of a desire to deliver artistic excellence to Portland audiences on a consistent basis. Third Rail's permanent ensemble shares an esthetic, a vocabulary, and an understanding of each other's working styles. This means that great risks can be taken quickly, thus great dramatic (and comic) potential can be tapped. The result for theatergoers is productions that are surprising, thought-provoking, and above all, consistently entertaining.

Come to SSI to see live excerpts from this season's plays.

Drug R & D pipeline Neuro Degenerative Diseases: Sept. 25. Neuro-degenerative disease affects the cells of the brain and the spinal cord. Dave Hatfield will discuss the new drugs and treatments that are in the pipeline. Bring your questions on MS, Parkinsons, Alzheimers, and ALS.

Neighborhood House adds new AmeriCorps VISTA member



Brean Arnold, community engagement specialist

Neighborhood House, a leading Portland social service agency head-quartered in Multnomah Village, will add a new AmeriCorps VISTA member to its staff. The VISTA member will serve as the agency's community engagement specialist, working to increase volunteerism, business and community partnerships and other support for Neighborhood House and its programs serving low-income children, families and seniors.

Neighborhood House has experienced considerable growth in recent years - from 55 employees and an annual budget of approximately \$2.8 million in 2005 to \$5.7 million and nearly 100 employees currently. Its programs now reach well beyond the organization's traditional Southwest service area to assist low-income children, families and seniors across the greater Portland area. In September, the agency will operate new SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods) Schools and other programs at 5 North Portland schools, making it a leading provider of school-based services in that community.

To help support this growth and expanded programs, Neighborhood House applied for an AmeriCorps VISTA member through the Oregon Office of the Corporation for National Service. Brean Arnold, a recent graduate of Tulane University in New Orleans, started her year of service on the three-year project on August 15. As a college student, Brean helped recruit and coordinate volunteers for environmental organizations. An internship through the New Orleans Office of Economic Development took her to the city's Lower Ninth Ward, where she did outreach work with small business owners in that low-income community. Brean is looking forward to putting this experience to work to benefit Neighborhood House.

For more info about volunteering at Neighborhood House, contact Brean at barnold@nhweb.org, or call 503-246-1663, x117.

Community

Watch Artists at Work

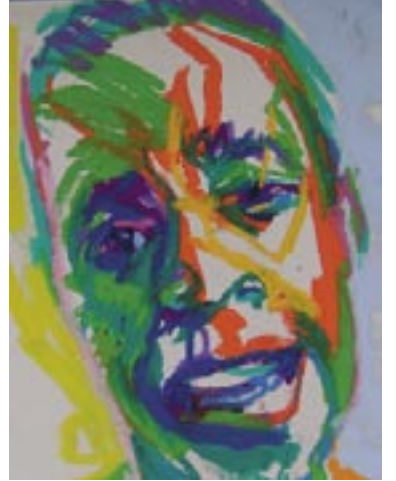
Portland Open Studios

October 11, 12, 18, 19

Annual self-directed tour of 98 artists' studios.

Be a tourist in your own town. This fall stay close to home and let art transport you away from your everyday world. Visit artists' workplaces at 98 locations throughout metro Portland during Portland Open Studios, October 11, 12 & 18, 19. Go behind the scenes to see where, how, and why art is made in an up close and personal view. The diversity of Portland Open Studios includes artists working in all media -- paint, wood, metal, fiber, glass -- plus emerging artists in their 20's and 30's; mid-career and well established artists; and artists from all over the United States and the world who have chosen to live and work in metro Portland.

Enter the dream worlds of Anna Todaro and Todd Griffith or the naturalistic ones of Julie Fulkerson and Cirocco Moody. See the Oregon landscape interpreted in as many ways as there are artists who make them. Feel as though you are looking through a brightly colored prism while looking at Theresa Andreas-O'leary's landscapes on one hand and see the smooth clear shapes in Julie Blackman's on the other. Find China in Beaverton at the studio of Ming Wei, who paints landscapes in the traditional Chinese tradition or travel to Eastern Oregon through Larry Olson's photographs. Can't make it to the Ukraine, Robin Bown uses eggs as her canvas, as they do in Eastern Europe. Go to East Africa through Martin Owino's batiks. David Kerr's glass vessels let you get lost in the reflections and transparency of the lace-like shapes. Tupper Malone's paintings of Earth from a universe point of view take you out of this world. Meet the locals while traveling, not only the artists but the portraits whose eyes meet yours -- Elliot Walls enigmatic women, Allen Schmeitzler's politicians, Amelia Opie's children playing with unusual toys and Chris Haberman's cartoons. Get a flavor of historical time and place with Robert Abbott's elegantly costumed portraits and Sabina Haque's icon filled paintings. Discover the worlds of abstraction with Bruce Ulrich's large, bold energetic paintings or Samuel Soto's undulating wood



Artist: Kitty Wallis
Title: "Color Man" Media: Pastel on sandpaper Size: 12" x 9"

sculptures. No matter what you see, if you don't speak the language the participating artists can be your guides.

Kimberly Gales Emerging Artists Scholarship winners

Since 2005 Portland Open Studios has been awarding scholarships for participation in the tour to artists under 30. This year's winners are Natalie Ball and Maggie Casey. Natalie Ball's large, dynamic, symbol-filled abstract portraits intertwine her personal story and the history of the Mendoc and Klamath tribes of Southern Oregon. Whether Maggie Casey is working on a giant installation or her more intimate wood and fiber boxes, she considers herself a sculptor who uses line to build volume. In either case, hundreds of threads which appear to defy gravity create three dimensional drawings.

Tickets

The \$15 Tour Guide, in calendar format, comes with two tickets, maps, pictures of all artists' artwork, and contact information. They are available outlets listed on www.portlandopenstudios.com. Children under 18 are free.

Need a Ride to Portland Open Studios? Let EcoShuttle Drive you.

Different pre-scheduled stops are planned for each day of the event. Sign up for one day or all four.

Visit www.ecoshuttle.net for schedules, prices and to arrange a ride to the studios.

Below is a listing of the artists in your neighborhood

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| Arnold Creek | Hillsdale |
| Phillips, Gene | Harris, Jerry |
| Bridlemile | Marshall Park |
| Campbell, Jane Levy | Schmeitzler, Allan |
| Lieban, Irene | South Portland |
| Von Bergen, Jan | Lee, Margie |
| South Burlingame | Parsons, Lisa |
| Dunder, Wendy | Wall, Margin |
| Hayhurst | West Portland Park |
| Greene, Pam | Richardson, Doug |
| | Wallis, Kitty |
| | Wang, Shu-Ju |

For a complete list of artists, visit www.portlandopenstudios.com. Contact: www.portlandopenstudios.com, info@portlandopenstudios.com, or call 503-285-3131.

Wanted: Neighborhood webmaster volunteers. Guru and apprentice positions available.

No experience necessary, but a willingness to learn and a big old goofy grin on your face are helpful! Successful applicants can expect to perform one (or more) of the following tasks:

- Build neighborhood and/or committee websites
- Teach or mentor other neighborhood webmasters
- Tutor civilians in the use of our web tools
- Administer a mailing list
- Participate on the SWNI Server Advisory committee
- Help administer or maintain the SWNI website and/or Server

You may qualify for guru status if you understand these buzzwords: Drupal, CMS, Unix, Apache, PHP, MySQL, HTML, CSS, DNS, Wiki, Mailman, iCal, Mac OS X Server (Leopard).

Warning: Apprentices run the risk of transmogrifying into gurus if they volunteer; there is no known antidote.

Volunteers should contact Ginny in the SWNI office, ginny@swni.org, 503-823-4592.

SEPTEMBER 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.

SENIOR GARDEN DAY @ PORTLAND NURSERY:
 Wednesday, September 10, noon - 3:30 pm. Cost: \$3.50. Registration begins September 2. Lunch at Fubonn Asian Shopping Center. Come in person to register.

OKTOBERFEST @ MT ANGEL: Thursday, September 11, 9 am - 4 pm. Cost: \$10. Registration begins September 2. Enjoy the festivities at Oktoberfest. Register in person at the senior center.

LUCKY EAGLE CASINO: Tuesday, September 16, 8:45 am - 5 pm. Free. Registration begins September 2nd. Contact Ann Williams at 503-244-5204 x103 to register.

SENIOR SAFARI ZOO TRIP: Tuesday, September 16, 10:30 am - 2 pm. Cost: \$2. Registration begins on September 2. Free admission. Lots of walking, hills and uneven pavement so be sure to wear your walking shoes (*participants must be able to walk without assistance*). Register in person at the senior center.

CANNON BEACH TRIP: Wednesday, September 17, 9 am - 4 pm. Cost: \$13.50. Registration begins September 2. Come in person to the senior center to register.

RASMUSSEN FARMS & LUNCH IN HOOD RIVER: Tuesday, September 23, 9 am - 3 pm. Cost: \$13.50. Registration begins September 2. Enjoy fresh seasonal fruit from the Rasmussen Farms followed by lunch at Hood River. Come in person to register.

TROUTDALE OUTLET STORES & LUNCH: Wednesday, September 3, 10:30 am - 3 pm. Cost: \$3.50. Registration begins August 28. Come in person to register.

Multnomah Days 2008



Statistics for SW Community Health Center during fiscal year 2007-2008 are compiled. We're working to increase health care access to low-income uninsured neighbors and improving the health of the community.

- Visits - 1666
- Unduplicated clients - 929
- Geographic residence - 62% from SW Portland and surrounding area
- Most common reason for an acute visit - infections, allergies
- Percent of clients having multiple visits - 37%
- Most common reasons for repeat visits - diabetes, hypertension, asthma
- Percent of clients with diabetes - 10%
- Most common interpretation requests - Russian, Spanish, Somali and Arabic
- Number of volunteer hours provided - 2598
- Cumulative visits (5/05-6/08) - 4400

SWCHC is a safety-net clinic providing basic health care, including preventive care and chronic disease management to low-income uninsured individuals. For an appointment, please call 503-977-0733.

Tryon Life Community Farm's Annual Harvest Festival & Benefit Auction

Sunday, September 21, 2-7 pm

Join us at TLC Farm's seven-acre community sustainability center for a day of music, food, fun and auction to benefit TLC Farm's education programs.

Live music from: *Jackstraw* - Portland's most rockin' bluegrass band, www.jackstraw.net.

Kathryn Claire - acoustic, indie folk singer/songwriter, www.kathrynclaire.net.

Omiza River - original, acoustic folk with tight harmonies and positive lyrics, www.omizariver.com.

Other Activities Include:

Live & Silent Auction!

Apple Cider Press

Pie-Baking Contest (savory & sweet)

Kids, Activities & Puppet Show

Tickets are \$30 for adults - kids under 12 years old are free; youth 12 to 18 years old are \$15. Worktrade is available.

Food and drink from local farmers and vineyards will be provided.

TLC Farm is located in SW Portland on Boones Ferry Road. Parking will be at Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, and we will provide a shuttle.

Visit www.tryonfarm.org, or call 503-245-3847 for more information.

The 100 Year Anniversary Celebration of Multnomah Days was a great success as seen in the pictures above. Thank you to all the attendees, parade participants, vendors, entertainers, local businesses, and many volunteers. **A special thanks to sponsors:** *Renner's Grill, PGE, Thinker Toys, Avamere, Gilbert Klemann, MD of the Oregon Clinic, Parker Realty, Paloma Clothing, MVP, Inc. Volvo Service and Repair, Annie Bloom Books, Down to Earth, Crestview, Switch Shoes, The Multnomah Village Business Association, Anastasia's Salon, Julie Fitzgerald CPA, David Click LMT, Barbur World Foods, and Fierce Fitness.* **And donors:** *Food Front, New Seasons and Starbucks.*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 11:30 AM OHSU Farmers Mkt 6:00 PM SPNA Trans Comm 7:00 PM Homestead NA	3 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA 7:00 PM S Portland NA Board	4 3:30 PM Mult Farmers Mkt 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/Public Safety Mtg 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	5	6 11:00 AM Riverfest S Waterfront Park
7 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	8 5:30 PM ONI BAC 6:00 PM Tryon Creek WC 7:00 PM Ashcreek NA 7:00 PM Maplewood NA	9 11:30 AM OHSU Farmers Mkt 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Bridlemile Creek Stewards 7:00 PM Hayhurst NA 7:00 PM Multnomah NA 7:00 PM Far SW NA	10 6:30 PM Bridlemile NA 7:00 PM Crestwood NA 7:00 PM Hillsdale Planning Session	11 3:30 PM Mult Farmers Mkt 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 7:00 PM Council Crest Tower Open House 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	12	13 9:00 AM Dickinson Park Work Party 9:00 AM S Ptdl Riverbank Wk Pty 9:00 AM Trail Walk 9:00 AM Tryon Creek Work Party
14 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	15 7:00 PM SWNI Communications Com 7:15 PM S Portland NA Land Use	16 11:30 AM OHSU Farmers Mkt 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	17 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 11:00 AM SWNI Exe Com 7:00 PM S Portland Comm 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm 7:00 PM SWHRL Board Mtg	18 3:30 PM Mult Farmers Mkt 7:00 PM SWNI Schools Committee	19	20 9:00 AM Himes Pk Wk Pty 9:00 AM Landscaping For Conservation Wkshp 2:00 PM Bike Commuter Workshop
21 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	22 6:00 PM Fr of Vermont Creek	23 11:30 AM OHSU Farmers Mkt 7:00 PM S Burlingame	24 7:00 PM SWNI Board	25 8:30 AM Mult Village Bus 3:30 PM Mult Farmers Mkt 6:30 PM Grant Writing Wkshp for Sm Grants 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	26	27 9:00 AM Tryon Creek Work Party 9:00 AM Woods Pk Work Party*
28 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	29	30 11:30 AM OHSU Farmers Mkt	SEPTEMBER 2008			

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, September 13, 9 am

It is time for a September walk down the 4-T Trail (trail, tram, trolley and train). Don Baack will be the leader and will explain the new signs and improvements planned for this trail. Please bring money (or tickets) for public transportation. If you have clippers, please bring them to snip excess vegetation from the trail.

Walk 5 miles with an elevation gain of 400-500 ft. The trail starts at the zoo.

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

Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School.

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