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Landfill ban effective January 1, 2010

Effective January 1, 2010 computers, monitors and TVs CANNOT be disposed of in the garbage or at disposal sites such as landfills, transfer stations and incinerators. Anyone who knowingly disposes of these items can be fined.



If you haul your own trash:

Disposal sites cannot accept computers, monitors and TVs for disposal. A recycling depot located at a landfill, transfer station or other site may accept them for recycling. Check with the facility first.

Oregon E-Cycles provides free recycling of computers, monitors and TVs. Anyone can bring seven or fewer computers, monitors and TVs at a time to participating Oregon E-Cycles collectors for free recycling.

Southwest residents can recycle your electronics at the Southwest Neighborhoods Annual Spring Cleanup (in partnership with PCC Sylvania) on Saturday, May 8, 2010. If you need to recycle items before May, you can drop them off at: Goodwill donations centers throughout the area, Value Village, Far West Fibers in Beaverton and Lake Oswego, and Free Geek.

For information about how to recycle your electronics, see: www.deq.state.or.us/lq/ecycle/consumers/otherrecyclers.htm

The purpose of the ban isn't to make it difficult to clean out your stash of electronics, but to require reuse or recycling instead. Reuse and recycling save energy, conserve resources, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other environmental impacts. In addition, requiring manufacturers to take responsibility for end-of-life management of their products encourages them to design products with less waste and fewer toxics. **If your garbage and recycling is picked up at the curb:**

Don't place computers, monitors and TVs in your trash, recycling bin or place them at the curb. These items require special handling and cannot be collected via your regular curbside service.

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Love vegetable gardening? Want to learn to garden? Want to share your garden and/or harvest?



Community Garden at Gabriel Park

Then come to the Edible Garden Resource Fair!

It's never too early to begin planning this spring's garden whether it's an annual event for you or you'd like it to become one! Come spend an evening with neighbors and friends and enjoy goodies from local eateries and win door prizes at the Edible Garden Resource Fair sponsored by the Southwest Neighborhoods Garden Forum.

Monday February 1, 6:30 - 9:00 PM
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

For more information about the event or to sign up to volunteer with event set-up and breakdown, contact: Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. at 503-823-4592

Program:

6:30 Doors open and browse

7:00-7:30 Introduction and Keynote Speakers

7:30-9:00 Visit resource tables, sign up for local workshops, meet fellow garden enthusiasts, and visit with friends and neighbors

Cost: Free! (donations to SWNI gladly accepted and we will be accepting canned food donations for Neighborhood House food box)



18 Neighborhood Small Grants totaling \$20,723 awarded

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) awarded 15 small grants to neighborhood associations and community organization through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement's Neighborhood Small Grants Program. SWNI Neighborhood Small Grant Selection Committee recommended the \$20,723 be awarded to the following projects:

SWNI Crime Prevention/Public Safety Committee (\$2,000): SW Portland Public Safety Educational Outreach project.

Homestead Neighborhood Association (\$956): Building on Beginnings to Expand Involvement in Neighborhood Events project.

South Portland Neighborhood Association (\$1,500): Attracting new residents to neighborhood involvement and building neighborhood identity project.

Maplewood Neighborhood (\$2,000): Maplewood Neighborhood Picnic 2010 and "Thicket to Snicket" project

Crestwood Neighborhood Association/Dickinson Park Stewards (\$1,300): Dickinson Park at the Movies project.

Loaves and Fishes/Markham Neighborhood Association (\$2,000): Neighbors Helping Neighbors: A Community Weatherization and Yard Maintenance project

Jackson Middle School (\$1,000): "JagZine" project.

Hillsdale Neighborhood Emergency Team (\$1,474): Outreach campaign to increase membership in the NET and promote community awareness for emergency preparedness project.

SWNI Communications Committee (\$805): Community Media Communication project.

Tryon Creek Watershed Council (\$1,999): Tryon Creek Watershed Wide Event

SWNI Transportation Committee (\$886): West Portland Crossroads Community Forum: Neighborhood Outreach and Community Event project.

SWNI Schools Committee (\$985): Sharing Our Family Histories project.

Friends of Spring Garden Park (\$1,618): Spring Garden "Play-date in the Park" project.

Marshall Park Neighborhood Association (\$1,450): 2010 Marshall Park Neighborhood Outreach and Community Building project.

Far Southwest Neighborhood Association (\$750): 3rd Annual FUN Picnic project.

For more information about these projects visit www.swni.org.



Antennas are being removed from the old Council Crest tower on the right. Dismantling of the old tower will begin soon. The replacement tower on the left takes over transmission of public safety radio communications for police, firefighters, and other public safety personnel.

The Morris Marks House 1880 seeks a new home

The Caruthers Connection to Portland's waterworld

The site newly proposed by preservationist Clem Ogilby for the historic Morris Marks House relocation effort has played a significant role in Portland's history beginning in the late 1850s. It is located on the donation land grant of Elizabeth Caruthers and her son, Finice Caruthers, and has as its western edge a small hillside canyon, Caruthers Creek. The first supply of water for the growing demands of the city was obtained from Caruthers Creek, a dam being built in the canyon west of 7th Avenue. When the Caruthers' land grant was platted, this property was Block 32, a 200' x 200' block, bordered by SW 6th and 7th Avenues and by Grant and Lincoln Streets, located roughly at the foot of SW Broadway Drive today. By 1867 the dam was replaced by a reservoir, using the same Caruthers Creek as its source. The reservoir took up the entire block and its water supply was collected in a small "Valve House" still standing today at 2047 SW 10th, then channeled in hollowed-out log "pipes" to the reservoir. The Valve House, a Rank I Historic Property, was designated as such in the 1984 Historic Resource Inventory. Nothing remains of the original reservoir block, having been cut down by the construction of Hwy 405 and SW Broadway to a remaining parcel of land at what once had been the block's southern edge on Grant Street and now known to many as the Broadway Triangle.

J.C. Olmsted makes his case

In the early 1890s the famous Bull Run water system came to Portland, with new reservoirs on Mt. Tabor and within Washington Park, both of which were gravity-fed. Eventually the small reservoir on Grant Street was abandoned as the new system was installed, though it remained an active water supply until 1895. The old reservoir still existed in 1903 when the famous planner and landscape architect J. C. Olmsted of Olmsted Bros. of Brookline, Massachusetts, came to Portland at the invitation of the newly formed city parks board. Olmsted produced his "Report of the Park Board, Portland, Oregon (1903)," which specifically mentioned this site. He proposed development of this site as the "Little Reservoir Park," which would serve as the hillside terminus for the South Park Blocks, as well as a connection up the Caruthers Creek canyon to Governor's Park at the crest of the hill. This little park would have been the commencing link to the Hillside Parkway he proposed, now partly Terwilliger Boulevard.

More than a century later, it seems fitting that the small remaining triangle of the early reservoir block become the new "forever" site of the first Morris Marks House (1880), together with a new neigh-



Valve House (photo courtesy Paul Klein, architect)

borhood city park. In honor of the Olmsted recommendation of 1903, the site deserves proper acknowledgment about its connection to early Portland history and should bear the Olmsted-recommended name of **Little Reservoir Park**. Additional recognition surely is due the original **Valve House** which should be preserved as a visible legacy of the water system enjoyed by the SW inhabitants of the city of Portland, prior to the installation of the Bull Run system in the 1890's.

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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 8:30AM to 5PM, 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 Seamans, WRC Coordinator.

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



Positively Brian's Corner

Don't just say no!

by Brian Russell, Southwest Neighborhoods Chair
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Is it the global economy? Is it because people need more income? Is it Seasonal Affective Disorder? It's hard to say, but I've noticed a lot more people complaining these days. The complaints are directed at all manner of things, from replacing our bridges to money for schools, from the scruples of our leaders to the "food" produced by our monolithic food conglomerates.

Closer to home, we have been under attack here at the neighborhood level. Southwest Neighborhoods has felt the brunt of stinging criticisms leveled against our organizations. We've all seen this before; most groups find it hard to please everyone all of the time.

We may even deserve some of the comments that we've received. We are a group composed of imperfect human beings. We make mistakes. We overlook things. We fail to take others' points of view into consideration. There is always room for improvement, right?

But the constant nagging, harping and nit-picking just drag us down, people! Having our faults pointed out to us, over and over, day in and day out is very counterproductive. If you see something we're doing incorrectly, share your ideas for doing it better with us. Forget letters to the editor, sniping emails and other malevolent endeavors. How does that help any

of us in these troubled times? We need encouragement, support and help.

Let's also take a moment to talk about the difference between addressing people and problems. If there is a dispute, let the discussion focus on what needs to be fixed, rather than casting blame and pointing out another's shortcomings. Common courtesy asks that we focus on the issue at hand and avoid personal attacks.

It's easy to cooperate in good times, but the bad ones seem to separate us into two groups, those who live to gripe and those who strive to rise above the problems and lift others with them. I would be remiss if I failed to point out that while there are plenty of whiners out there, we are also blessed to have those among us those who redouble their efforts when others are in need. To these souls, I thank you for your sacrifices and generosity.

Our mission at Southwest Neighborhoods is "to improve and maintain the livability of Southwest neighborhoods" and I think we can all agree that is a worthy goal. We will, however, have disagreements on what that looks like and how we should get there. My challenge to all you skeptics, cynics and nay-sayers out there is: Get in the game! Quit jeering and heckling from the sidelines and jump in and share your ideas, your time and your resources. We need you; just leave the negativity at home.

Basic information on January 26 special election

Resolution on the January income tax referendum

We, the board of Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc, representing the 17 neighborhoods in the coalition,

Because the January referendum on state income taxes addresses funding for vital services like schools, social supports and public safety, and

Because we citizens are stewards of our state government, as that government is the steward of those services, and

Because this referendum involves important issues about proper funding which deserve careful study and informed voting, and

Because this off-year vote may draw little interest and low voter turnout, making it especially subject to excessive influence by special interests on both sides who don't necessarily represent the interests of the community as a whole, and

Because we have a strong duty to work for a more truly representative vote by an informed, active electorate

We therefore urge all registered voters in our area to educate themselves on the issues, consider these measures seriously and thoughtfully, and vote their best judgment in this referendum, so that the outcome is based as much as possible on informed views.

We direct the staff and board of Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., and request its neighborhood associations, to provide access to accurate, balanced information on the election in their meetings prior to the election, and on their websites.

Measure 66 text: (individuals)
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/comm/commsrvs/jcbm/es66.pdf>

Measure 67 text: (businesses)
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/comm/commsrvs/jcbm/es67.pdf>

Election Schedule for Jan. 26, 2010 Special Election

- Dec. 11, 2009 - Military/overseas ballots mailed.
- Dec. 14, 2009 - Ballots available in elections office.
- Dec. 30 - Jan 1 - State Voters' Pamphlet delivered
- Jan 5, 2010 - Voter registration deadline
- Jan. 8, 2010 - Ballots mailed
- Jan. 26, 2010 - Special election

League of Women Voters Resources Website - Voter's Guide on line at <http://www.lwvpx.org/voter-resources/VG-Jan2010.pdf> or go to www.lwvpx.org for more.

Forum on Measures 66 and 67

Date: January 5, 2010 7: -8:30 PM

Place: Board Room, Multnomah County

Building, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd.
Who: Steve Novick, Defend Oregon, and Bernie Bottomly, Portland Business Alliance

Parking: ample street parking

Organizations Pro and Con

Main Supporter: Defend Oregon Coalition, <http://www.defendoregon.org/>

Main opponent: Stop Job-Killing Taxes <http://www.stopjobkillingtaxes.com/>

Ballot Text:

66 Raises tax on household income at and above \$250,000 (and \$125,000 for individual filers). Reduces income taxes on unemployment benefits in 2009. Provides funds currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety, other services

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote raises taxes on income at and above \$250,000 for households, \$125,000 for individual filers. Tax rate increases 1.8 percentage points on amount of taxable income between \$250,000 and \$500,000, 2 percentage points on amount above \$500,000 for households. For individual filers, the rate increases begin at \$125,000 and \$250,000 respectively. Eliminates income taxes on the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits received in 2009.

Raises estimated \$472 million to provide funds currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety, other services.

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote rejects tax changes on income at and above \$250,000 for households, \$125,000 for individual filers. Rejects tax exemption for first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits received in 2009. Leaves amount currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety, other services underfunded by estimated \$472 million.

Summary: Under current law, a marginal tax rate of 9% applies to taxable household income over \$15,200 (or \$7,600 for individual filers), taxpayers may deduct federal income taxes paid, and unemployment compensation is taxable. Measure eliminates income taxes on first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits received in 2009.

For tax years 2009-2011, the measure increases tax rate 1.8 percentage points on amount of household income between \$250,000 and \$500,000, by 2 percentage points on amount above \$500,000 (for individual filers, rate increases begin

at \$125,000 and \$250,000, respectively). For the tax year beginning 2012, the tax rate for households with income above \$250,000 (above \$125,000 for single filers) will drop to 9.9%. Measure does not increase tax rate on household income below \$250,000 (below \$125,000 for individual filers). For households with adjusted gross income at or above \$250,000 (or \$125,000 for individual filers), reduces federal income tax deduction. Raises \$472 million to provide funds currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety, other services. Because some state money brings in federal matching funds, Oregon will likely receive more federal money if measure passes than if it fails. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: This measure increases General Fund revenues for the state budget between \$217 million and \$242 million per year for fiscal years

2010, 2011, and 2012. The measure increases revenues by approximately \$180 million per year thereafter, depending upon growth in personal income and federal tax liability.

Revenue from this measure is included in the 2009-11 state budget. Failure of the measure will reduce revenues expected to be available for expenditures in the 2009-11 state budget by \$472 million. This could result in reduced state-shared revenues to schools and local governments. Failure of the measure also may result in a reduction of federal funds that are used to pay for some state services.

Failure of the measure may limit the state's ability to borrow money. It also may have a negative impact on the state's credit rating which could increase the cost of future borrowing by the state and local governments.

67 Raises \$10 corporate minimum tax, business minimum tax, corporate profits tax. Provides funds currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety, other services

Result of "yes" vote: "Yes" vote raises \$10 corporate minimum tax, establishes \$150 minimum tax for most businesses or minimum tax of approximately 0.1% of total Oregon revenues for some corporations with over \$500,000 in Oregon revenues. Raises tax rate some corporations pay on profits by 1.3 percentage points.

Increases certain business filing fees. Raises estimated \$255 million to provide

funds currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety, other services.

Result of "no" vote: "No" vote retains \$10 corporate minimum tax, rejects \$150 minimum tax, rejects raising corporate profits tax, other changes. Leaves amount currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety, other services underfunded by estimated \$255 million.

Summary: Under current law, corporations conducting business in Oregon pay \$10 minimum tax; tax has not changed since 1931. Some corporations pay a profits tax of 6.6%. All other businesses pay no minimum or profits tax. Beginning in tax year 2009, the measure increases \$10 minimum corporate tax to \$150; some corporations with over \$500,000 in Oregon revenues will pay minimum tax of approximately 0.1% of Oregon revenues. Limits tax to \$150 for S corporations and partnerships. Sole proprietors are not impacted by this measure. Raises tax rate some corporations pay on profits by 1.3 percentage points until 2011; increase then drops to 1 percentage point and as of 2013, applies only to profits over \$10 million. Corporations pay minimum tax or profits tax, not both. Increases filing fees by \$50 for Oregon businesses, by \$225 for out-of-state businesses. Raises estimated \$255 million to provide funds currently budgeted for education, health care, public safety, other services. Because some state money brings in federal matching funds, Oregon will likely receive more federal money if measure passes than if the measure fails. Other provisions.

Estimate of financial impact: This measure increases revenues for the state budget between \$118 million and \$138 million per year for fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012, primarily for the General Fund. The measure increases revenues by approximately \$123 million per year thereafter, depending upon growth in corporate profits and sales.

Revenue from this measure is included in the 2009-11 state budget. Failure of the measure will reduce revenues expected to be available for expenditures in the 2009-11 state budget by \$255 million. This could result in reduced state-shared revenues to schools and local governments. Failure of the measure also may result in a reduction of federal funds that are used to pay for some state services.

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Tryon Creek Watershed Residents:

NEED HELP

with Your Yard?

WATERSHED RESTORATION MENTORS

from Tryon Creek Watershed Council

Are Here to Help!



Eradicate Invasive Weeds
Landscape with Low Maintenance Native Plants
Control Stormwater Runoff
Increase Songbird Population
Reduce Watering and Fertilizing

Site Assessment is **FREE**
Donated Plants are available.

For a site visit or to volunteer to be a restoration mentor
Contact Tryon Creek Watershed Council
503-636-4398; tcwc@tryonfriends.org

Watershed Restoration Mentor Program sponsored by:

Friends of Tryon Creek State Park, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Community Watershed Stewardship Program, Metro Regional Government: Nature in Neighborhoods, Tryon Creek Watershed Council.



Winter fires safety tips for the home

by Federal Emergency Management Agency U.S. Fire Administration www.usfa.fema.gov



The high cost of home-heating fuels and utilities have caused many Americans to search for alternate sources of home heating. The use of wood-burning stoves is growing and space heaters are selling rapidly, or coming out of storage. Fireplaces are burning wood and man-made logs. All these methods of heating may be acceptable. They are however, a major contributing factor in residential fires. Many of these fires can be prevented. The following fire safety tips can help you maintain a fire safe home this winter.

Kerosene Heaters

- Be sure your heater is in good working condition. Inspect exhaust parts for carbon buildup. Be sure the heater has an emergency shutoff in case the heater is tipped over.
- Never use fuel-burning appliances without proper room venting. Burning fuel (coal or kerosene or propane, for example) can produce deadly fumes.
- Use ONLY the fuel recommended by the heater manufacturer. NEVER introduce a fuel into a unit not designed for that type fuel.
- Keep kerosene, or other flammable liquids stored in approved metal containers, in well ventilated storage areas, outside of the house.
- NEVER fill the heater while it is operating or hot. When refueling an oil or kerosene unit, avoid overfilling. DO NOT use cold fuel for it may expand in the tank as it warms up.
- Refueling should be done outside of the home (or outdoors).
- Keep young children away from space heaters, especially when they are wearing night gowns or other loose clothing that can be easily ignited.
- When using a fuel-burning appliance in the bedroom, be sure there is proper ventilation to prevent a buildup of carbon monoxide.

Wood Stoves and Fireplaces

Wood stoves and fireplaces are becoming a very common heat source in homes. Careful attention to safety can minimize their fire hazard. To use them safely:

- Be sure the fireplace or stove is installed properly. Wood-

stoves should have adequate clearance (36") from combustible surfaces, and proper floor support and protection.

- Woodstoves should be of good quality, solid construction and design, and should be UL listed.
- Have the chimney inspected annually and cleaned if necessary, especially if it has not been used for some time.
- Do not use flammable liquids to start or accelerate any fire.
- Keep a glass or metal screen in front of the fireplace opening, to prevent embers or sparks from jumping out, unwanted material from going in, and help prevent the possibility of burns to occupants.
- The stove should be burned hot twice a day for 15-30 minutes to reduce the amount of creosote buildup.
- Don't use excessive amounts of paper to build roaring fires in fireplaces. It is possible to ignite creosote in the chimney by overbuilding the fire.
- Never burn charcoal indoors. Burning charcoal can give off lethal amounts of carbon monoxide.
- Keep flammable materials away from your fireplace mantel. A spark from the fireplace could easily ignite these materials.
- Before you go to sleep, be sure your fireplace fire is out. NEVER close your damper with hot ashes in the fireplace. A closed damper will help the fire to heat up again and will force toxic carbon monoxide into the house.
- If synthetic logs are used, follow the directions on the package. NEVER break a synthetic log apart to quicken the fire or use more than one log at a time. They often burn unevenly, releasing higher levels of carbon monoxide.

Furnace Heating

It's important that you have your furnace inspected to ensure that it is in good working condition.

- Be sure all furnace controls and emergency shutoffs are in proper working condition.
- Leave furnace repairs to qualified specialists. Do not attempt repairs yourself unless you are qualified.
- Inspect the walls and ceiling near the furnace and along the chimney line. If the wall

is hot or discolored, additional pipe insulation or clearance may be required.

- Check the flue pipe and pipe seams. Are they well supported, free of holes, and cracks? Soot along or around seams may be an indicator of a leak.
- Is the chimney solid, with cracks or loose bricks? All unused flue openings should be sealed with solid masonry.
- Keep trash and other combustibles away from the heating system.

Other Fire Safety Tips

- Never discard hot ashes inside or near the home. Place them in a metal container outside and well away from the house.
- Never use a range or an oven as a supplemental heating device. Not only is it a safety hazard, it can be a source of potentially toxic fumes.
- If you use an electric heater, be sure not to overload the circuit. Only use extension cords which have the necessary rating to carry the amp load. TIP: Choose an extension cord the same size or larger than the appliance electrical cord.
- Avoid using electrical space heaters in bathrooms, or other areas where they may come in contact with water.
- Frozen water pipes? Never try to thaw them with a blow torch or other open flame, (otherwise the pipe could conduct the heat and ignite the wall structure inside the wall space). Use hot water or a UL labeled device such as a hand held dryer for thawing.
- If windows are used as emergency exits in your home, practice using them in the event fire should strike. Be sure that all the windows open easily. Home escape ladders are recommended.
- If there is a fire hydrant near your home, you can assist the fire department by keeping the hydrant clear of snow so in the event it is needed, it can be located.

Finally . . .

- Be sure every level of your home has a working smoke alarm, and be sure to check and clean it on a monthly basis.
- Plan and practice a home escape plan with your family.
- Contact your local fire department for advice if you have a question on home fire safety.



Identity theft IQ test Are You at Risk for Identity Theft?

C. Carey, Crime Prevention Coordinator

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

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

Understanding Your Score

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

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

0-49 points - Congratulations. You have a high "IQ" in identity theft prevention. Keep up the good work.

For information on recent identity theft survey findings, visit the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse web site at www.privacyrights.org/ar/idthefts-surveys.htm. For a list of tips on reducing your risk of identity theft, read our Fact Sheet 17, "Coping with Identity Theft: Reducing the Risk of Fraud," at www.privacyrights.org/fs/fs17-it.htm. The most important prevention tip is to check your three credit reports at least once a year. If you are a victim of identity theft, you will catch it early by checking your credit reports regularly. Your annual free credit reports are available from (877) 322-8228 or at www.annualcreditreport.com.

Protecting your cell phone

by Stefanie Adams, Crime Prevention Coordinator

Advancements in cell phone technology have allowed people to do a lot more and have led to an increase in real-time communication. These gadgets, especially smart phones, are able to perform functions similar to those on the personal computer, including the ability to send and receive emails and text messages, use calendar systems, maintain a contact list, access files remotely, and store docu-

phone users.

In general, cell phones have not been as widely targeted as computers because there is no single operating system that dominates cell phones so sending a virus will not have the reach that it would if sent to personal computers. However, problems are expected to increase and users should be aware of potential risks. According to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST US Department of Commerce) report, Guidelines on Cell Phone and PDA Security, the following are security risks:

• “Because of their small size and use outside the office, handheld devices can be easier to misplace or to have stolen than a laptop or notebook computer. If they do fall into the wrong hands, gaining access to the information they store or are able to access remotely can be relatively easy.

• Communications networks, desktop synchronization, and tainted storage media can be used to deliver malware [malicious software] to handheld devices. Malware is often disguised as a game, device patch, utility, or other useful third-party application available for download. Once installed, malware can initiate a wide range of attacks and spread itself onto other devices.

- Similar to desktop computers, cell phones and PDAs are subject to spam, but this can include text messages and voice mail, in addition to electronic mail. Besides the inconvenience of deleting spam, charges may apply for inbound activity. Spam can also be used for phishing attempts. [Phishing are messages written to persuade recipients to provide personal information that may be used for identify theft purposes]
- Electronic eavesdropping on phone calls, messages, and other wirelessly transmitted information is possible through various techniques. Installing spy software on a device to collect and forward data elsewhere, including conversations captured via a built-in microphone, is perhaps the most direct means, but other components of a communications network, including the airwaves, are possible avenues for exploitation.
- Location tracking services allow the whereabouts of registered cell phones to be known and monitored. While it can be done openly for legitimate purposes, it may also take place surreptitiously.
- Server-resident content, such as electronic mail maintained for a user by a network carrier as a convenience, may expose sensitive information through vulnerabilities that exist at the server”.

Ways to protect against the risks mentioned above:

- Maintain control of your cell phone at all times as you would your wallet or credit card. Store it in a secure place

if it is left unattended.

- Password protect your phone. Create a password that is not obvious. If you use a cell phone for work, use a password that is not the same one you use to log on to the network at your company.
- Add prevention and detection software including user authentication alternatives, including biometric and token-based mechanisms, device content and memory card encryption, firewall, antivirus, intrusion detection, antispam, device content and memory card erasure, virtual private networking.
- Limit the personal data such as credit card and personal information that you store on your cell phone. You can also use encryption software to ensure that your information is not readily accessible.
- Back up data stored on your cell phone to your desktop computer.
- Disable your Blue Tooth when not in use; this will decrease the opportunity for someone to hack into your phone. As advised by the NIST, “where possible, Bluetooth settings should be configured to notify the user of incoming connection requests and to receive confirmation before proceeding. Certain mobile phones also offer the ability to control Bluetooth functionality selectively by enabling only the supported profiles needed to interoperate with another device. Device pairing should be performed outside of public places, preferably in areas that are radio isolated, to prevent monitoring and recording exchanges over the

air and using them to regenerate security keys needed to eavesdrop. Using a long random PIN is also advised to complicate the calculations required in certain attacks”.

- Don’t accept text messages, files, or attachments from strangers. Most people are cautious when receiving these messages on their computer and should employ the same level of caution with cell phones.
- Contact your provider immediately if your phone is lost, stolen, or hacked. Devices, such as Blackberry devices and some cell phones, have the capability to lock a device or erase its contents remotely through a built-in mechanism.
- When you discard or sell your old phone, find out from the phone manufacturer how to delete your private information. In some cases, it was found that information supposedly erased by the former owner by resetting the phone was resurrected using special software by the next person in possession of the device.

Although cell phone hacking is not as widespread as the personal computer, it is still something that people should be aware of and take precautions for. Some signs that your cell phone may have been tampered with include the battery draining faster than normal, a warm cell phone battery even when your phone is not in use, a lit up cell phone when not in use, or unexpected beeping noises during phone conversations.



ments. An increase in functionality comes with risks as well. A good portion of the population is aware of the risks of having their computers infected with viruses and spyware, and a significant number of people have safeguards in place including anti-virus software, password protection, and firewalls. However, the same protections are not always employed by cell

SW Portland Crime Statistics for October 2009

www.portlandonline.com/police

The chart below shows crime statistics for October 2009 for each neighborhood in Southwest Portland.

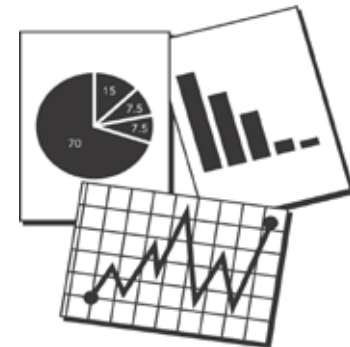
Comparing the year-to-date statistics from the same period, prior year for the top crimes for Southwest Portland:

Increases from January through October 2008 v. 2009:

Theft from Vehicle: 397 v. 398
Larceny: 364 v. 372
Simple Assault: 141 v. 143
Fraud 73 v. 101
Aggravated Assault: 35 v. 47

Decreases from January through October 2008 v. 2009:

Vandalism: 317 v. 290
Burglary 169 v. 168
Disorderly Conduct: 151 v. 138
Trespass 102 v. 100
DUI: 101 v. 89
Vehicle Theft: 78 v. 67



	Arnold Creek	Ash-creek	Bridle-mile	Collins View	Crest-wood	Far SW	Hay-hurst	Healy Height	Hills-dale	Home-stead	Maple-wood	Markham	Mar-shall Park	Mult-nomah	S Burl-ingame	S PDX	SW Hills	W PDX Park	TOTAL
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Burglary	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	6	0	5	2	0	19
Larceny	1	5	2	7	0	1	2	0	8	0	1	1	0	4	0	5	0	2	39
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Theft From Vehicle	2	2	0	2	0	6	4	0	5	1	0	0	0	9	0	9	3	0	43
Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	9
Drugs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	4
Forgery	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Fraud	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	7
Sex Crime	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
Simple Assault	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	0	5	1	1	13
Stolen Property	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Vandalism	0	1	1	10	0	0	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	1	9	0	0	30
Curfew	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Disorderly Conduct	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0	3	0	1	16
DUI	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	0	0	12
Runaway	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
Trespass	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	6
Total	3	11	8	20	0	9	11	0	34	7	6	3	1	36	4	46	6	8	213

Crimes with no occurrences for the month of Oct 09: Arson - Homicide - Rape - Embezzlement - Prostitution - Weapon - Kidnapping - Gambling - Liquor Laws - Offense Against Family

Arnold Creek

Next Mtg: Tuesday, January 12, 7PM
Antioch Christian Fellowship 10558 SW 35th (lower level)
Chair Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483, enchand@hotmail.com
arnoldcreek.swni.org

Our next Arnold Creek meeting will be January 12 at 7 PM in the church across from Jackson Middle School on 35th. We meet in the lower level. As we start the new year, Arnold Creek has new blood which is always a good thing to get new ideas and perspective. Michael is our transportation rep. and Ron is our land use rep. Sharon has volunteered to be our web master as well as our secretary. Our NET team is as active as ever with a ropes and rigging class and we participated in the triage refresher class at Station

18. We can always use more trained people on our NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team). Please let me know if you are interested in knowing more.

We still have plenty of Meet and Greet packets for new neighbors! If you know of someone or are a new neighbor, please let me know. I have them at my house. They are filled with information and coupons. I hope you all have a great new year and will get involved! See you at the next meeting.

Ashcreek

Next Mtg: Monday, January 11, 7PM
Smith School, 8935 SW 52nd Ave
Chair Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872 jklinker@ease.com

Juvenile Offender: A 17-year old who resides in the Ashcreek neighborhood was charged with probation for 3 counts of harassment of a sexual nature against adult women, which are misdemeanors. The incidents of record date back as early as May 2009. He pled on 11-17-09, went to court on 12-3-09, and was placed on probation with conditions. Two other police reports involving teenage victims were received on 12-9-09 and are being reviewed by the District attorney.

His probation terms are being closely supervised. I will be mailing out a more detailed report to the Ashcreek email list. If you desire further information, please contact Stefanie Adams, the SW Crime Prevention person, at 823-3131.

Multnomah Sewer: It looks like the city finally will be starting work in Multnomah Blvd

to repair the sewer starting this early spring. Before the sewer repairs start, the Water Bureau will be digging in the road to move water lines away from the sewer lines. The water pipes and sewer pipes are currently too close for code compliance.

The repair project will be working at night during some phases of the project to keep traffic congestion down. They will be minimizing idling vehicles and will also be using as clean a fuel as they can get.

Garden Home Rd Right-of-Way Cleanup: We will be planning for the right-of-way cleanup along the curves of Garden Home Rd at our January meeting. We plan to clear the weeds and brush along the curves to make it safer to walk.

Our next meeting is January 11th, at George Smith Elementary, 8935 SW 52nd Ave at 7 PM.

Crestwood

Next Mtg: Wednesday,
January 13, 7PM
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 NA did not meet in December (we meet every other month, on odd months). We hope to see everyone at our next meeting. The topics for the January meeting will include:

- Strategic direction and action plan review

Far Southwest

Next Mtg:
Tuesday, January 19, 7PM
Comfort Suites Motel
SW 60th & Barbur
Chair Marcia Leslie
503-246-9938
mmac_les@yahoo.com

Have a happy and safe New Year!

Markham

Next Mtg:
Tuesday, January 12, 7PM
Rahmani's Care Facility
9015 SW 19th
Chair Trevor Robins
Trevor@tlandislaw.com
www.wescorhvac.com/
Markham.htm

Bridlemile

Wednesday, January 13th, 6:30 PM, Bridlemile School cafeteria, 4300 SW 47th
Karen Tabata, Chair, ktabatas@comcast.net; 503-292-4377, http://bridlemile.swni.org

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 13th, 6:30 pm, Bridlemile School staff room, just to the right of the front door. Bridlemile School is located at 4300 SW 47th Dr.

If you would like to receive Constant Contact e-mail messages from Bridlemile Neighborhood Association with our news and meeting reminders, sign up by calling SWNI at 503-823-4592.

January Meeting Agenda

- The Green Street swales planned for SW Seymour Street and for SW 44th Avenue
- Neighborhood Safety

- And a chance to visit with your neighbors, to enjoy a few cookies and coffee and try for a door prize.

Leonard Gard, SWNI, and staff members of the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) attended our October meeting and talked about Green Street swales planned for SW 44th Avenue (between SW Tunnelwood Street and SW 47th Drive) and for SW Seymour Street (between SW 47th Avenue and SW 50th). A neighborhood survey was distributed which triggered some questions and concerns. BES has also revised the engineering designs.

This month they hope to answer questions, give an update, and listen to residents.

At our December meeting we enjoyed Bridlemile School fifth graders' skit, "Smarter Routes to Bridlemile." Great job! Good luck with your contest.

We also collected quite a good amount of food for the Oregon Food Bank. Thank you for your contributions. They are much appreciated. Les Busch won the December door prize, a Bridlemile School T-shirt.

Bridlemile Neighborhood Association and our community send condolences to the family of Nancy Bergeson.

Regular Bridlemile Creek Stewards monthly meeting

Tuesday, January 12, 7PM, Watershed Center conference room in the SW Community Center, SW 45th & Vermont

On January 1, 2010 please volunteer with the Bridlemile Creek Stewards in Hamilton Park (located on the east edge of Bridlemile School on SW 47th Drive just north of Hamilton Street). We will be planting native trees and shrubs and removing invasive plants that threaten our Bridlemile Creek restoration efforts.

Warm beverages and treats provided. Dress for the weather. We meet after at O'Connors in Multnomah Village for breakfast. Meet near the tennis courts from 9 - 11:30 AM. If severe weather of ice/snow persists, meet at the same location on Saturday, January 9th. Any details or delays, call Steve 503-768-9065 or Greg 503-246-2714, http://bcs.swni.org. Contact Greg, 503-246-2714 or Steve, 503-768-9065.

Collins View

Next Mtg: Wednesday, January 6, 7PM, Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, Rm 201
CVNAmail@gmail.com http://www.collinsview.org/

The long-awaited report from the City of Portland regarding Lewis and Clark College's (L&C) proposed conditional use master plan (CUMP) was released on Thursday, December 3—the day after CVNA's regular December board meeting. CVNA and Southwest Friends (SW Friends—a consortium of residents of Collins View, Marshall Park, South Burlingame, and submitted over 300 pages of documentation in opposition to several major features of the L&C proposal. The hearing officer seemed to side with the citizens, in the final decision

1) declined a request from L&C to expand their campus boundary to include properties the college owns at the intersection of SW Terwilliger and Boones Ferry Road;

2) denied a plan to build housing for law students at that intersection; and

3) denied requests for enhancements at Huston Field and Griswold Stadium (PA and lighting systems in the former, extended hours for the latter).

At a special CVNA board meeting on Wednesday, December 9, the board voted not to appeal this decision (South Burlingame, Marshall Park and Arnold Creek associa-

tions had already voted not to file an appeal). Prakash Joshi, CVNA chair, expressed hope that L&C and CVNA will find opportunities to work together rather than go through an appeal process. All parties have until December 17 to appeal. If there is an appeal, a hearing would be set with city council (city code provides 21 days from appeal filing to the hearing).

Since the CUMP decision was still pending when CVNA held its regular meeting on Wednesday, December 2, there was more time to discuss routine neighborhood matters. Officer Caspar reported on known criminal activities in the neighborhood in November. After one resident told the group that she learned 2 weeks after the fact that a large package had been stolen from her home's front door after UPS delivery, the officer encouraged residents to report any suspicious events so that officers can be aware of patterns of activity.

Lydia Corran, an outreach specialist with Ride Connection which provides rides for seniors and individuals with disabilities in the tri-county area, described services offered by her non-profit agency. They can provide door-to-door service and many

of their vehicles do have lifts. This program operates Monday to Friday during business hours. Services are free, donations accepted. Website: www.rideconnection.org. For service call 503-226-0700, for all other inquiries 503-528-1720.

John Gibbon, chair of SWNI land use committee spoke about the Portland plan. This started out as periodic update of the city's comprehensive plan (required by law of larger Oregon cities) and was expected to be completed in 2010 (Portland's current plan was adopted in late '70s).

David Ellis of L&C provided information about upcoming events on the campus. He also showed a map delineating on-street parking areas that L&C will patrol to monitor parking by L&C community members in Collins View. L&C staff identified 4 vehicles parked in the South Burlingame neighborhood as belonging to L&C people and tickets were written. The investigation into the report of the L&C shuttle bus dropping students off at their vehicles on narrow streets in South Burlingame is on-going.

Submitted by Maureen Diamond (mmcarthy@linfield.edu)

Hayhurst

Next Mtg: Monday, January 11, 7PM, Hayhurst School, 5037 SW Iowa St
Janet Hawkins, 503-244-7703, janetchawkins@msn.com
www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst

Hayhurst Neighborhood Association is currently meeting on an "every-other-month" basis. Our January 2010 meeting will include the following items:

- Portland Plan Presentation - Joan Frederiksen, City Planner II, will attend the meeting to provide information on Portland Plan process as well as information on community input related to transportation, urban design/housing, livability, and other issues.

- Presentation on the Ride Connection program
- Update on the proposed neighborhood "pocket park"
- SWNI Transportation Committee report

Our next Hayhurst Neighborhood board meeting is scheduled from 7 - 8:30 PM, Monday, January 11, 2010 at Hayhurst School. Hayhurst is located at 5037 SW Iowa. 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 for child care requests to Hayhurst's chair, Janet Hawkins, at janetchawkins@msn.com or call 503-244-7703.

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Hillsdale

Next Mtg: Wednesday, January 6, 7PM, St. Barnabus Church, 2201 SW Vermont
Robert Hamilton, 503-320-5994,
robert@phww.org, www.hna-pdx.com

January meeting agenda:

- 6:00 Board meeting
- 7:00 Business meeting
 - Approval of agenda
 - Approval of minutes (Nov. & Dec. 2009)
- 7:05 Current issues & guest speakers
 - Officer Brian Hughes, public safety update
 - Rick Seifert, Capitol on-street parking demonstrations
 - Pamela Kambur, HAP
 - Mark Lear, Update on Bike Boulevards and gas tax
 - Joe VanderVeer, website update (invited)
 - Julian Lauzzana, microcin-

- ema
- Julian Lauzzana & Robert Hamilton, time banking, neighbors in action
- Robert Hamilton, neighborhood beautification project

8:05 – 8:50 Standing Committee Reports

- Schools: Michael Reunert
- Transportation issues: Don Baack
- Land Use notices & issues: Glenn Bridger or Wes Risher
- Hillsdale Business & Professional Association: Richard Garfinkle

- Hillsdale Alliance: Glenn Bridger or Linda Doyle
 - Hillsdale Foundation: Rick Seifert
 - Nonprofits: Sheila Greenlaw-Fink
 - Hillsdale Plan: Robert Hamilton or Jim Stutts
 - SWNI report: Carolyn Raz or Glenn Bridger
- 8:50-9:00
New Business
Announcements
Adjournment by 9 PM
Future/Pending Topics:
Hillsdale Terrace, Water Bureau Update, Crab Bowl liquor license.

Homestead

Next Mtg: Tuesday, January 5, 7PM, OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor
Chair Susan Egnor, stegnor@comcast.net, 503-221-6981, HomesteadNA.org

URGENT – FEEDBACK NEEDED: The 2004 Marquam Hill meter district was established under a city ordinance that provides a portion of net meter revenues be shared for transportation-related projects that benefit the area the meters serve. OHSU and Homestead NA propose city council approve a plan to spend the revenues on sidewalks (combined with a successful LID) and on OHSU's bicycle commuter program. The plan calls for an increase in parking meter rates to match downtown meter rates, beginning July 1, 2010. The process requires that we have written feedback from the neighborhood about the parking rate increase. Please e-mail Susan Egnor (address above) with your views: How important is it to increase Marquam Hill parking rates to help fund

transportation projects that benefit the neighborhood? Is it important to reduce car commute trips and foster alternate modes of travel? Please help us keep this process moving and give us feedback in writing!

January Meeting: 1) Jen Seaman, coordinator for the Southwest Watershed Resource Center, will present improvement strategies for the two Willamette River subwatersheds in our neighborhood: Marquam Woods and Carolina-Terwilliger. Join us to hear the city's plans for the creeks in our neighborhood, storm water management, revegetation, protection and other programs to make the Willamette healthier. 2) We will hear an update from Shriners Hospital on its addition (postponed from December).

December Meeting: The association voted to support Keith Liden as the seventh member

on the Meter Revenue Advisory Committee. After a discussion on preserving views along Terwilliger Boulevard, those present asked that parks committee representative Lenore Zenger follow up with the parks bureau to see whether views lost to trees and shrubs could be restored under the Terwilliger Corridor Plan. Members present decided unanimously that it was inappropriate to vote on the motion presented at the Southwest Neighborhoods board meeting on the Police Bureau's actions regarding Mr. Chasse without a much wider neighborhood discussion and instructed the board representative to abstain.

On Wed., Jan 20th Homestead will be co-hosting a meeting with Southwest Hills Residential League to discuss PSU's growth plans at Ainsworth School, 2425 SW Vista Ave, at 7 PM.

Marshall Park

Next Mtg Thursday, January 14, 6 PM, Capitol Hill School library 8407 SW 17th
Chair Mike Charles, 503-244-6099, marshallparkchair@swni.org, marshallpark.swni.org

Almost the entire board of MPNA was unable to make this December's meeting, and the planned agenda was very light. Therefore our meeting was cancelled. Our next MPNA meeting will be Thursday January 14, 2010.

Here is some neighborhood news of note:

1. **Crime:** Officer Caspar reports that car prowls continue to occur in the area. He reminds us to lock our vehicles and keep them "showroom clean." That is, don't leave anything lying visible inside the car that might tempt a thief. Please pass this warning on to your neighbors.

2. **Lewis & Clark Expansion:** The city hearings officer recently delivered his verdict on the college's application. He agreed with almost all of the neighborhood's concerns. So now we wait for possible appeals. More information on this issue can be found on the MPNA Land Use page: <http://swni.org/LC/development>

3. **Southwest Friends** is a new group spanning several neighborhoods, including Marshall Park. They were formed to quickly collaborate on any issues threaten-

ing the livability of our area. They have been especially vigilant on the Lewis & Clark expansion issue. Southwest Friends home page: <http://www.wix.com/southwestfriends/southwestfriends>

4. **Marshall Park Bridge:** The city has begun construction of the replacement footbridge. It's been slow going but with the crisp dry weather, we are hopeful for a swift completion. Recent pictures of the construction can be seen on the Friends of Marshall & Maricara Parks website: <http://swni.org/FOMP/Bridge>
Happy holidays, everyone. Stay safe and warm.



Multnomah

Next Mtg: Tuesday, January 12, 7PM
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Chair Randy Bonella, 503-293-9460, rmbonella@comcast.net

Happy New Year Multnomah neighbors! 2009 was some type of year for all of us. Thanks to our community for sticking together and helping keep the Multnomah Neighborhood a vibrant and high-quality place to live, work and play. Many projects planned and scheduled to start this year have been delayed with the exception of the one building in Multnomah Village. We're looking forward to the new building and Umpqua Bank as one of the tenants. Other projects such as Multnomah Blvd/Garden Home pressure sewer line, Capitol Highway redevelopment from the village to Taylors Ferry, Sears Armory and Hillsdale Terrace to name just a few. Dealing with these developments, the Portland Plan, Transit issues and many other items certainly have contributed to our hectic year.

2010 is shaping up to be another interesting and busy year for us. Most if not all of the delayed projects will most likely get started plus I'm sure that we can count on a number of new ones to keep us on our toes. We're beginning the new year with one new face on our board of directors, Moses Ross. Moses was voted in as treasurer. He brings a broad background in politics through the Oregon Democratic Committee and in holding various positions as a treasurer. Your 2010 board of directors is: Randy Bonella - Chair, Jessica Wade - Vice Chair, Moses Ross - Treasurer, Open - Secretary. Thanks to Shasta's article in the Connection we've been contacted by a number of folks interested in the secretary position and we hope to get that one filled at our January 12th meeting. We also changed the bylaws to make it easier to meet quorum requirements at the regularly scheduled monthly meeting but maintaining the rigor for special meetings. A new set of bylaws will be emailed out once we get them accepted by SWNI and ONI.

Home foreclosures rates remain high and is affecting many local home owners

Many in our community may not be aware that the Oregon Legislature recently passed SB 628, Oregon's Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2009 to address this situation and to give home owners options.

Please join us on Tuesday, January 12 at 7pm at the Multnomah Center to learn more about this new law. Keith Dubanevich, Chief of Staff for the Office of the Attorney General of Oregon will be speaking at the January meeting of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association about this recently passed law that is meant to help stem the tide of foreclosures.

Oregon's Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2009, SB 628

* Starting on September 28, 2009, before a lender can foreclose on a property the lender must send to the borrower a notice explaining that the borrower may request a loan modification and may also request a meeting with their lender.

* If the borrower wants to request a loan modification they



Our January meeting will be very interesting. We will have a special guest from the Oregon Attorney General's office coming to talk to us about the new Oregon rules on home foreclosure. "Home foreclosures rates remain high and is affecting many local home owners. Many in our community may not be aware that the Oregon Legislature recently passed SB 628, Oregon's Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2009 to address this situation and to give home owners options. Please join us on Tuesday, January 12 at 7PM to learn more about this new law." Keith Dubanevich, Chief of Staff for the Office of the Attorney General of Oregon will be speaking at the January meeting of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association about this recently passed law that is meant to help stem the tide of foreclosures."

We are in need of volunteers to join the following groups: Fire Station 18 redevelopment, crime prevention MNA rep in SWNI, and the secretary position on the board. Please contact me if you are interested in serving your neighborhood "rmbonella@comcast.net."

We will be forming a Capitol Highway citizens advisory board to work on the Multnomah Village to Taylors Ferry road design. We are looking for 5 or so people to take an active role in this process. I will detail out the process at our January meeting. Please join us if you have an interest in this segment of Capitol Highway.

We are looking forward to a great 2010 and please join us to make our neighborhood even better than it is today.

must send a request to their lender within 30 days of the lender's notice of default using the form provided.

* The lender will have 45 days after receipt of the borrower's form to respond to the borrower's request for loan modification.

* The borrower also has a right to request a meeting with the lender.

* If the borrower requests a meeting the lender must initiate contact with the borrower to schedule the meeting in person or by phone.

* The borrower has the right to assistance of a housing counselor or an attorney at the meeting or to help them prepare a request for loan modification.

* A foreclosure sale cannot take place until the lender has met with the borrower (if requested) and responded to the loan modification request (if requested).

* To ensure compliance with the requirements of the law, the lender must record an affidavit detailing how they complied with the statute.

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Maplewood



Next Mtg: Monday, January 11, 7PM, West Hills, Friends Church, 7426 SW 52nd
Co-Chairs Alexander Ben Israel, 503-467-9016, abenisrael@yahoo.com,
and Leanne Hartman, leanne.mna@gmail.com, www.maplewood.swni.org

Noteworthy dates for Maplewood: Board meeting January 4; and general meeting January 11, 2010.

Maplewood wrapped up the year with the annual Maplewood Dessert Potluck and Social. Neighbors mingled over a variety of homemade treats and hot beverages and there were several comments about the "balmy" 39-degree rainy evening after so many days in the teens and twenties. Many walked away winners of a raffle featuring "maple-leafed" items.

Business was kept short, but a couple highlights follow. The information kiosk installed last month in April Hill Park was installed incorrectly (although according to manufacturer instructions, so don't be hard on Parks & Rec.), both upside down and too high. Those wondering if we were going to start showing movies in the park on the new screen may be disappointed to learn that this is simply a weather-protected place to share community information. Once the kiosk is lowered, we'll put it into regular use and invite the public to use a rubber board on the back side, still to be installed.

Local path improvements are awaiting better weather, but we celebrated the completion



Miles Snickett work party, November 2009

of the Trapp stairway plaque which will be safely kept until a dry and warmer day for installation. The Miles Snickett project #1 was completed in November. The second half will be completed in 2010.

In January, we'll kick off our first meeting with guest speaker April Bertelsen, Pedestrian Coordinator with the Portland Bureau of Transportation, to discuss pedestrian safety and pending improvements in SW. The February meeting will focus on April Hill Park's undeveloped area. Portland Parks is seeking input from residents who use the park to help guide

planning. Look for announcements in January.

Find Maplewood news, meeting information, and more at Maplewood.swni.org. If you are interested in having a say in how projects develop in your area or simply want to learn more about your neighborhood, join our monthly meetings. Maplewood neighborhood meets on the second Monday of each month in the Community Building of the West Hills Friends Church across the street from Maplewood School. Check out the latest at maplewood.swni.org.

How to be an agent of change, a course by the Center for Earth Leadership

Six evenings starting the week of February 15.
Five evenings starting the end of February (school projects only)
Six evenings starting the week of April 5

Look around you. Do you see how your workplace, neighborhood, child's school, church, or other organization could be more sustainable? You choose your circle of influence and vision for change; the class gives you the tools and strategies to be successful.

Already have a project in the works? Great! The Agent of Change class is ideal for you as well as those who haven't begun. Come learn how to be more effective in recruiting others to your cause and reaching your goals.

The class is free, but advance registration is required. Classes tend to fill quickly. For information or space reservations, contact Emily Klavins, 503-227-2315, emily@earthleaders.org.

SW Hills Residential League

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 20, 7:00 PM
Ainsworth School, 2425 SW Vista Ave
Chair Jim Thayer, 503-220-0755, jim@thayers.org, swhrl.org

Ainsworth is making headway trying to solve their perennial traffic problems! Here's the latest news on traffic, crosswalks and parking changes.

School bus loading and unloading

Currently the plan is to relocate the buses to SW Vista Avenue for the purpose of loading and unloading students directly in front of the school. Since the buses will be parked curbside, traffic will not be stopped, but vehicles will need to slow down in order to pass the buses, or yield when they are pulling away from the curb. The location of the school buses will greatly reduce the speed of traffic on Vista Avenue so please expect slower traffic and possible delays.

Parking Signage

Elm Street - Parking signage will be updated on Elm Street to reflect additional parking where the buses were formally located. There will also be new signage on lower Elm Street that will identify a curbside

"kiss & drop" loading zone. Vehicles will need to enter Elm Street from SW Montgomery in order to access the "kiss & drop" zone and should plan to exit at 21st in order to reduce the traffic congestion at Elm and Vista.

Spring Street - Parking signage will be updated on Spring Street to reflect legal parking along this street. Cars will no longer be allowed to park at the corners because of the limited visibility that it creates for pedestrians and the hazard it poses to pedestrians attempting to cross the street. Cars will no longer be allowed to park along the curb and in the "turning area" at the end of Spring Street.

Pedestrian Safe Zone - Spring Street will continue to be blocked to incoming vehicular traffic with barricades during the AM "drop-off" time and the PM "pick-up" time.

Pedestrian Crosswalk - PBOT has engineered and approved the location of two new crosswalks for the Ainsworth ES campus.

Annex Location - A mid-block pedestrian crosswalk will be installed across SW Vista Avenue in proximity to the entrance of the annex. This crosswalk will be parent-supervised for safety purposes during the transition period. Vehicles that park along the upper portion of Vista Avenue are expected to obey the legal parking guidelines - do not park on the sidewalk as it is an obvious hazard to pedestrians.

Main Campus Location - Another mid-block school crosswalk will be installed across Spring Street in direct proximity to the entrance of the main building.

January SWHRL meeting:

The January 20th SWHRL member meeting will focus on the upcoming Elm tree preservation project and PSU's growth plans. Because the Homestead Neighborhood Association also has a strong interest in the topic of PSU's growth plans, they have joined with us to co-host this meeting.

South Portland

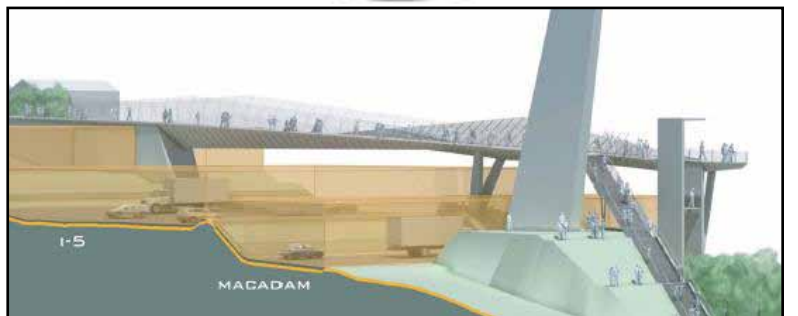


Next Mtg:
Wednesday, January 6, 7PM
Umpqua Bank, 3606 SW Bond
(Base of John Ross Tower)
Chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795,
TLC11@mindspring.com
www.southportlandna.org



Ken Love, Chair

Happy New Decade, South Portland!



Gibbs Pedestrian Bridge

Thank you to Jody Yates of the Portland Bureau of Transportation for coming to our last neighborhood meeting to update us on the pedestrian bridge. As you know, the bridge project ran into a snag as construction bids came in much higher than expected. Most of the overage was due to higher labor costs in the constraints of working over I-5. Contractors were concerned that they would spend a lot of

time getting set up each day and then have only about a four-hour work window. Jody said Mayor Adams is committed to having the bridge and they are working hard to get it under budget. They are considering going to the box girder-type design rather than the extruded design as it will be less expensive to build. People at the meeting expressed the strong desire to have a bridge and that it does not have to be the fanciest bridge.

Iowa Viaduct Replacement

Thank you to the Oregon Department of Transportation for keeping us so well informed on the I-5 construction project above Iowa street. They had an open house at the French School last month to show construction drawings as well as discuss environmental and noise impacts. The project is a month or two behind but they still expect it to start this spring or summer. The project will last three years and have a big impact on our neighborhood during the construction. We will keep you posted. ODOT has agreed to put up signs prohibiting un-muffled brake use on I-5 on that section. They are working out an agreement with Portland Police to enforce the ban. If it works as well as other areas, it should reduce I-5 noise.

Powers Marine Park

The SPNA board is considering the possibility of expanding our neighborhood association borders to include Powers Marine Park which is on the Wilamette south of the Sellwood bridge. This park is not in any neighborhood association and many feel we should have a say on the area. Let us know what you think.



You meet the nicest people in South Portland.

South Portland Neighborhood's web site is
www.southportlandna.org

Board and Committee meetings

Next Board Mtg: Wednesday, January 6, 7PM, Umpqua Bank, 3606 SW Bond. (Base of John Ross Tower). Please visit our website for neighborhood updates.

Transportation: Tuesday, January 5, 6PM, Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact committee chair Bill Danneman at 503-228-9868 for more info.

Land Use Committee: Monday, January 18, 7:15PM, at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: committee chair Jim Davis, 503-248-9820.

Communications/Finance/Parks Committee: Wednesday, January 27, 7PM, at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: Lee Buhler, 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com

South Burlingame

Next Mtg: Wednesday, January 13, 7PM
Capitol Hill School, 8401 SW 17th
Contact: Chair, Betsy Shand, betsy_shand@hotmail.com



We have planted over 170 plants on the triangle at 12th and Spring Garden as part of our grant project for this year. We are happy to see the rains come and soak the new plants. We have some maintenance to do this winter to try and preserve as many plants as possible and look forward to the warmth of the spring. There are many people to thank who worked on this project. None of this could have been accomplished without the leadership South Burlingame residents Sam and Lynn Pearson who managed the project, the contractors and the volunteer workers and the flow of donated materials and labor.

Our next project is to secure funding for the installation of sign caps featuring our South Burlingame logo on main streets bordering the neighborhood. We applied for a grant through SWNI this year but as one of 24 groups trying for just 12 grants we did not get the funding we had hope for but found some alternative sources which we lineup this Spring.

If you feel like you can help us one hour a month or more as a resident, committee member, neighborhood board member or business member of the community then join us at our Jan. 13th, 2010 meeting at Capitol Hill School. We will be writing

a new grant for the sign caps project to try for funds available from the Portland Business Alliance so bring your writing skills to help your community.

As a neighborhood we can make a difference especially when we work together which was the case this year as Lewis and Clark tried to push through massive neighborhood changes without regard to the livability of residents of the Collins View neighborhood. SBNA joined with 3 other neighborhood associations in demanding accountability and honest dealings from L & C on the impact of increased traffic and safety concerns from their proposal to expand their campus foot print and build over 200 apartments across Boones Ferry Road. The four neighborhood associations stood together and the City of Portland Hearings Officer sided with us ruling against any expansion due to the bad faith and misleading data provided by L & C to support significant and detrimental changes to residential streets and homes in order to gain student housing in an area that is already considered to be a "failed intersection". We expect now to be a part of the process as L & C develops its Master Plan for the college and we look forward to a new era of cooperation between all parties to ensure livability in our neighborhoods.

Happy New Year and make this the year that you give back to your neighborhood!!

West Portland Park

Next Mtg: Thursday, January 14, 7PM
Markham School cafeteria, 10531 SW Capitol Highway
Chair Jim McLaughlin, 503-246-0601
jjim.mclaughlin@gmail.com, http://swni.org/w_portland_park

Portland Plan Review: One of the major topics at the workshop at Wilson High School on December 7 was the high drop-out rate from high schools in Portland. Why are kids dropping out at such a high rate?

Safe transportation to and from school could be a very important factor in helping kids stay in school. If there are no sidewalks on a kid's route to school, say walking on Pomona between Capitol Hwy and 35th, the kid is less likely to go to school. Parents cannot be expected to drive their kids to school most of the time.

And, TriMet, why not increase bus service during the hours that kids are going to and coming home from school? Not just more buses on the same old routes, but put on additional routes during those hours when students are traveling to and from school.

Let those who are making the decisions about what the revisions to the Portland Plan will look like. You can go online and fill out a survey form. Go to <http://www.portlandonline.com/portlandplan/index.cfm?c=49008>. Yes, it's a long URL but it will take you directly to the survey. Make your ideas, thoughts and wishes known.

Transportation: ODOT will begin a major rebuilding project on I-5 north of the Terwilliger curves in late spring / early summer, 2010. The project, rebuilding the so-called "Iowa Structure," a bridge across the gully at Iowa Street, that you probably

don't notice as you drive I-5, will take at least 2 1/2 years. It will involve the complete rebuilding of all six lanes of I 5. Anybody traveling I-5 north of the curves is going to feel the impact of the construction project, even though ODOT plans to build only between 9 PM and 6 AM. Start looking for alternative routes now.

Land Use: The WPPNA board has authorized the filing of an appeal, if necessary, with the city of Portland on the proposed development at 37th & Pomona. Next steps will be discussed at the January 14, 2010 WPPNA board meeting.

Communications: Obviously, a number of folks were not thrilled with the way the city communicated about the water contamination issue and the "boil water" notice issued for the West side over the Thanksgiving weekend. None of us can go back in time and fix whatever caused the notice and communications problems. But, the city does have a free notices email list to which you can subscribe so that you get email notices daily of various city issues. You can find the subscription form at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/index.cfm?&a=72776&c=26361>. If you were dissatisfied with the way the city publicized the issue, you might want to subscribe to the email notices.

Next meeting: See you at the meeting Thursday, January 14, 7 PM, at the Markham School cafeteria.

Watershed Stewards Connection

Jennifer Seamans, Watershed Center, watershed@spiritone.com or 503-823-2862

Do you get a headache from watching invasive species take over your backyard or neighborhood park? Is your favorite trail afflicted by erosion? Have you wanted to learn more about watershed restoration, but didn't know where to start?

Check out the updated WRC website at <http://wrc.swni.org>. Several new features benefit groups and individuals alike.

If you've considered starting a new volunteer group (whether stewardship or neighborhood-oriented), an in-depth how-to guide will help you cover the fundamentals. An event checklist helps volunteers put on successful stewardship events. Other pages connect homeowners with technical referrals and funding resources. Please contact the Watershed Resource Center at 503-823-2862 if you prefer to receive a paper copy of this information.

Bridlemile Creek Stewards
Ring in the New Year with planting and invasive removal! Jan. 1, 2010, 9-11:30am, Hamilton Park (SW 47th Dr. north of Hamilton St). Incomplete weather date Saturday 1/9. Breakfast at O'Connors following event. Meeting: 2nd Tuesday (1/12), Watershed Center. Contact: Greg Schifsky, 503-246-2714, gregschifsky@yahoo.com, or <http://bcs.swni.org>.

Dickinson Park Stewards
Work parties are scheduled as needed. If you or your group are interested in volunteering, contact: Tony Hansen, tony@project-conniption.com or 503-317-3914.

Friends of April Hill Park
Contact: Jill Gaddis, aprilhillpark@gmail.com or <http://swni.org/aprilhillpark>.

Friends of Marquam Nature Park
Work party: Last Saturdays (1/30), 9-noon, Council Crest Park. Contact: Robin Jensen, fmnp@comcast.net, 503-799-8435, or <http://www.fmnp.org>.

Friends of Marshall & Maricara Parks
For info on upcoming work parties, contact: Margot Barnett, FriendsOM2P@gmail.com or <http://swni.org/fommp>.

Friends of Terwilliger
Work party: 2nd Saturdays (1/9), 9-noon, SW Terwilliger & Hamilton St. Contact: Robin Vesey, jack-robin@spiritone.com or 503-293-1069.

Friends of Tryon Creek State Park

Work party: 2nd and 4th Saturdays (1/9 and 1/23), 9-noon at Tryon Creek State Park. Contact: Amy Hoffman, amy@tryonfriends.org, 503-636-4398 or <http://tryonfriends.org>.

Friends of Vermont Creek
Meeting: 4th Monday (1/25), 6pm, Lucky Lab. Work party: 4th Saturday (1/23), 9-noon, meet at Gabriel Park kiosk by tennis courts off 45th Ave. To sign up for the email list, contact: Jen Seamans, watershed@spiritone.com, 503-823-2862 or <http://fovc.swni.org>.

Friends of Woods Park
Work party: 4th Saturdays (1/23), 9-noon. Contact: Kevin Duff, kevin.duff@ci.portland.or.us or 503-998-9417.

Keller Woodlands
Work party: 1st Saturdays (1/2), 9-noon, Terwilliger Blvd. turn-out 0.6 mi north of Chart House Restaurant. Contact: Three Rivers Land Conservancy, info@trlc.org or 503-699-9825.

Multnomah Village Park
For info on upcoming work parties, see website: <http://multnomahvillagepark.googlepages.com>. Contact: Randy Bonella, rmbonella@comcast.net or 503-293-9460.

North Ash Creek Neighbors
To connect with other neigh-

bors interested in stewarding their property, contact: Tricia Knoll, 503-515-2340.

PCC Habitat Team
For info on upcoming work parties, contact: April Fong, afong@pcc.edu or event hotline: 503-244-6111 x3608.

Shomrei Teva at Neveh Shalom
Work party: 3rd Sundays (1/17), 9am, wooded area next to Congregation Neveh Shalom, near Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy & Dosch Rd. Contact: Jordan Epstein, 503-245-6580 or yaa-kovm@comcast.net.

South Portland Riverbank
Work party: 3rd Saturdays (1/16), 9-noon. Meet at covered picnic area at south end of Wilamette Park (Nebraska & Macadam). Contact: Marissa Dorais, marissa.dorais@bes.ci.portland.or.us or 503-823-7016.

Stephens Creek Stewards
To join the email list, contact Jen Seamans, 503-823-2862, watershed@spiritone.com, or <http://scs.swni.org>.

Tryon Creek Watershed Council
Meeting: 2nd Mondays (1/11), 6pm, Tryon Creek Nature Center. To sign up for the email list, contact: Sean Tevlin, tcwc@tryonfriends.org, 503-636-4398 x121, or <http://tcwc.tryonfriends.org>.

Trees focus of incentive program

Many SW Portland residents are drawn to living in this area because of our big trees. We value a skyline that is broken up by the tall, green spires, the summer shade they provide, and the windbreaks.

A new program sponsored by the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services encourages residents to plant new trees in their yards. The "treebate" program provides utility credits for trees at least 1" in diameter and 6' tall (or 4' tall if conifer). Most species qualify.

The credits are 50% of the price paid for the tree, up to \$40 for an ornamental tree or \$50 for native trees. A list of native trees and excluded nuisance species is at <http://www.portlandonline.com/bes/treebate>.

Credits cannot be given for trees that are planted as a mitigation requirement.

Why the larger size requirement? Most trees take time to get established, and the city hopes to jump-start the creation of new tree canopy by incentivizing larger trees. The program was created partly to help manage the city's stormwater, and mature trees contribute more to this function than smaller trees.

The benefits to homeowners don't end with the utility rebate, though. Researchers have found that large trees can increase property values up to 20%. During a rain event, mature conifers can also soak up as much as 30% of the rainfall, up to 700 gallons per year. That's a whole

lot of stormwater that could otherwise end up in basements, or increasing erosion as it surges through storm drains and pipes and outfalls into creeks.

You might already know that trees improve air quality. Additionally, the root structure of trees helps hold soil in place and prevent erosion, as well as filtering out excess nutrients.

If you are considering adding a tree to your yard, now is a great time. If you have questions about which species would thrive in your yard, contact the Watershed Center at 503-823-2862 or watershedcenter@spiritone.com. For more information about the program or to submit an application, visit <http://www.portlandonline.com/bes/treebate>.

Watershed Survey to Improve Outreach Participate to help identify community needs – And you could win a prize from local businesses!

The Watershed Resource Center wants to know what's important to you when it comes to your backyard or the area around your home. What happens to the stormwater on your property? What concerns do you have about watershed health?

It doesn't matter if you live in a house, apartment or condo. Whether your surroundings include native plants, invasives, food plants, ornamentals, or no plants at all – we'd like to know more about what motivates your choices around the place where you live, and which resources could help you.

Find out more, and take the survey online at <http://www.swni.org/watershed/survey>. Please call 503-823-2862 if you would prefer a paper survey. Your responses will help improve Watershed Center outreach efforts.

Complete the survey, and enter a drawing sponsored by these local businesses:

Annastasia Salon
Annie Bloom's Books
Food Front Cooperative Grocery
Fusion Cut and Color Salon
Grand Central Bakery
Indigo Traders
Lucky Lab Public House
OmBase Yoga
Paloma Clothing
Southwest Community Center
Still Moving Yoga
Switch Shoes
Thinker Toys
Village Bead
Village Coffee

Many thanks to these businesses for their contributions to our common goal of a healthier SW Portland community!

SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

There were some interesting results from last month's Portland plan meeting at Wilson High. The meeting, chaired by Mayor Adams, was very well attended with approximately 180 people. Each person in attendance could instantly vote using an electronic voting system. To the question, "What should Portland's priority be to improve neighborhood business districts," the overwhelming majority (69%) responded "improve walkability and access to districts." The next closest answer with 9% was "change the business license and other fees". To the question, "What part of Portland's park system do you value most" the majority responded "trails and greenways." Clearly, improved walking conditions are important to SW Portlanders. In fact, in deciding where to live in the next 25 years, the two top vote-getters were "walking distance to stores and restaurants" and "walking distance to transit." The real estate value site zillow.com now includes walk scores in calculating property values. Unfortunately, Southwest Portland's walkability score is low at 54 versus the citywide average of 66. In order to keep Southwest Portland an attractive place to live, we must improve our pedestrian amenities.

Walks: Well, we canceled our December hike due to a very ominous weather forecast the night before. We do not want people out driving or walking on frozen streets. However, the weather forecasters forgot to take into account that we always have good weather on SW Trails hiking day and the storm stalled over Salem. We will be back on track next month. Please join us at 9:00am on January 9th at the entrance to Wilson High for another great hike (weather permitting).

January meeting will be Jan. 21st. April Bertelsen from the Portland Department of Transportation is invited to discuss allocation of funding for pedestrian projects and will have some ideas on how we might decide on priorities. The funding we will get for the next fiscal year (2010-2011) will come from the recently enacted changes in gas taxes and related sources. Come and listen to what PBOT is thinking and how the pie might be divided.

TriMet is also invited to come to talk about their new project "Access to Transit" which is near and dear to those of us who still have more than token bus service in our neighborhoods.

Next Trails mtg: Thursday, January 28, 7PM
St. Luke's Lutheran Church library, 6835 SW 46th

Land Use Committee

John Gibbon, 503-708-6708

The committee met jointly with the Transportation Committee in December. The main topic was the Portland plan and what follows it. Mayor Sam Adams and the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability are working hard now on the Portland plan, a very broad strategic plan intended to be a blueprint for Portland's evolution over the next 25 years. It is scheduled to be done in October 2010.

The next step will then be to revise the city's comprehensive plan. That needs to be done by October 2012. It's possible the revised comprehensive plan could lead to zoning changes in SW Portland. But because of the relatively recent 2001 zoning changes from the SW Community Plan, SW Portland may be facing little or no zoning changes in the near future. The exception could be Barbur Blvd, which was left out of the SW Community Plan re-zoning and could be the subject in a few years of a study or studies related to high-capacity transit.

Committee member Gary Miniszewski noted that Portland and other Or-

egon cities and counties fairly closely followed state guidelines in writing their first comprehensive plans. Thus the plans were not always tailored well to the jurisdictions they were written for. Portland's current plan is a revised version of our original 1980 plan. Gary opined that in fact Portland did a good job with the 1980 plan.

Committee members were not happy with the Portland Plan data we have received so far for SW Portland--data regarding population; households; income; percentage of people who travel by car, bus, bicycle, and foot; etc. Some of the data is for just the SWNI coalition area. Other data is for all of west Portland outside of the central city. The SWNI board has authorized a letter to the city on the subject.

Next meeting:
Tuesday, January 19, 7PM
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Transportation Committee

Marianne Fitzgerald, 503-246-1847, Fitzgerald.marianne@gmail.com

The guest at the December Land Use/Transportation committees meeting was Claudia Plaza of the Portland Development Commission (PDC). She spoke about the Portland Main Street Program, a national program developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to revitalize neighborhood business districts. Portland is offering the program here as part of its economic development strategy.

Local business districts can apply to participate. It's a competitive process. The business district must be outside urban renewal districts with an area of no more than 15 adjacent blocks. The area must be cohesively business-oriented. And there is a financial commitment. The city provides up to \$70,000 a year but the local business district must match the city's contribution.

The program is a years-long project, and on-the-ground changes may not appear for several years. Organizers must form a board of directors, which then must hire a manager. Then a work plan is written. Claudia emphasized that although the PDC provides support, the programs are citizen-driven. No money goes to on-the-ground infrastructure

but such improvements can be part of the work plan. The political clout of having a recognized program can help to get the money for infrastructure.

The City Council hearing on the 2030 Portland Bicycle Plan has been postponed to February 4. That was a bit of good news for those still submitting comment. The SWNI Board may address the bicycle plan in January.

An informal group has been meeting recently regarding the southern intersection of SW Capitol Hwy and Barbur Blvd and the surrounding area. The intersection and surrounding area has taken the working name of Barbur Crossroads. Metro has designated the area as a town center design type with the name West Portland Town Center. On March 15 at the Multnomah Center, there will be a big public meeting to discuss the future of Barbur Crossroads. The issue has become more pressing with the advent of the Portland Plan and possible upcoming studies of land use and transportation issues on Barbur Blvd.

Next meeting:
Tuesday, January 26, 7PM
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Schools Committee

Will Fuller, 503-764-5501

Sharing our Family Stories Project is Funded

The Schools Committee received neighborhood small grant funding for students at our local middle schools and community members to share some family history with each other. From the proposal: "This project celebrates the varied backgrounds of the people living in Southwest Portland. Inspired by a remarkable 8th-grade program at our middle schools, it centers around an evening of dialogue between students and a variety of community members. The tone and theme is that we all, no matter our color or culture, are simply, and magnificently, human, and we each have a story to tell. A story, enriched and seasoned by our innate uniqueness." The evening event will take place in April sometime after Spring break, and is open to all community members.

High School Redesign Process Heats Up

After community meetings on the program, community interest and concern are high. Hard questions include, what about schools with better-than-average programs - do they get downgraded? Given the poor K-8 implementation, can PPS really do the more complex redesign well? How is income and ethnic equity possible with current residential distributions? Sometime in January or early February we will hear about proposed school closures and reworking into focus programs. There will then be another round of community forums. This will be a long, hard process, and solid community involvement is essential for success.

School Visit Planning Begins

We will be doing community visits to all SWNI-areas schools again this year, but with an increased emphasis on participation by residents who don't have kids in school. Visits take about 2 hours including travel time, and occur when schools are in session during the day, so we get a chance to see them in action. Pass the word to friends and neighbors. **Based on last year's feedback, the visits are well worth the time.**

Contact info: email to schools@swni.org or go to www.swni.org/schools

Next meeting:
Thursday, January 21, 7PM
Multnomah Center, Room 3
7688 SW Capitol Hwy (at 31st.)



SWNI Board

Brian Russell, president,
503-869-1632

In December, the SWNI board voted to support an effort to bring solar and weatherization to SW Portland homes. Modeled after a project developed by Southeast Uplift, interested neighbors will join forces to choose a contractor, purchase and install solar as a team, while saving significant costs as a result of bulk purchasing of solar electric. The project will also offer to help residents find resources to make their homes more energy efficient, reducing utility costs.

If you would like to get involved, volunteers are needed to talk to neighbors, distribute flyers, put up posters, help schedule workshops, and research available resources for home weatherization.

If you would like to help, contact the Southwest Neighborhood Office at 503-823-4592 and ask to speak with Leonard or Sylvia. To learn more visit the following website: www.SolarizeSouthwestPortland.org. Todd Farris, a multnomah resident has volunteered to help spearhead this exciting project.

Wednesday, January 27, 7PM
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Communication Committee

Wes McMullen, 503 244-2659

The Communications Committee has received a grant to help fund SmartAccess media workshops this spring. Digital Storytelling and Producing Multimedia for Your Community. Learn to use images, voiceover and sound to tell your story and work as part of a team to develop a community documentary. These workshops will be taught by Portland Community Media. Scholarships will be awarded for 10 participants. SmartAccess participants who complete media production workshops are eligible for certification as PCM Producers. Certification allows you to reserve equipment and use the skills you learned in the workshops to complete your own digital projects.

A number of community stakeholder groupgroups were identified in the grant including: SWNI neighborhood associations and committees, Neighborhood House, Southwest Community Health Center, Multnomah Arts Center, SW Loaves & Fishes, and the Somali Community Center. The committee will be discussing how to implement this project at our next meeting.

Next meeting:
Tuesday, January 26, 7PM
Multnomah Center, Room 3
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

Our next meeting will be January 7 at 7 PM in the Multnomah Center. Last month we took a vacation as the meeting was scheduled right in the middle of the Civil War football game. After a poll of the members, it was determined to cancel.

Our guest in January will be the new commander of Central Precinct. His name is Dave Famous. We will get to meet him and let him know what our committee is all about. He will be available to answer questions. We will miss Commander Reese, but we wish him all the best at his new job as commander of East Precinct.

We will also be discussing pedestrian safety and the bicycle safety training items on our action plan as time allows.

Next Meeting:
Thurs., January 7, 7PM
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Parks Committee

Kirky Dobic, 503-246-7970

The committee did not meet in December.

Parks & Recreation has decided to take a bond measure to the voters. The cost of all their needed projects exceeds the amount of the money they'll ask for. So PP&R is already in the process of prioritizing and trimming the list. SWNI just sent a letter asking PP&R to bring the public into the process of selecting bond measure projects.

Next meeting:
Thurs, January 7, 7PM
Multnomah Center
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

South Waterfront residents benefit area charities with annual holiday celebration

While South Waterfront is one of Portland's newest neighborhoods, its residents have a well-established tradition of coming together to help the Portland community at the holidays. Since moving into the towers three years ago, residents have used their annual holiday gathering to create awareness and raise funds for Neighborhood House and other local charities.

The event started as a home tour organized by the South Waterfront Community Action Committee, with a handful of residents inviting their neighbors in to meet and compare home decorating notes. As the South Waterfront community continues to grow, so has the gathering. Residents have worked to include new neighbors as well as the businesses springing up in the district. Support for their efforts has come from South Waterfront Community Relations, South Waterfront developers Gerding Edlen, and Umpqua Bank, which opened a store in the community two years ago and sponsored the 2007 Holiday Home Tour. This year organizers have added new event part-



South Waterfront event organizers from left to right: Jean Wilde, Kay Dannen, Judy Wood and Linda McCaw.

ners, South Waterfront gallery owner and art consultant Heidi McBride and The South Waterfront Art, Culture and Science Committee.

The 2009 celebration took place December 10, kicking off with a tour of penthouses in The Ardea, The John Ross, Atwater Place and Riva on The Park towers. Each of the four penthouses featured a different local charity: Big Brothers, Big Sisters, CASA of Clackamas County, the Sunshine Division and Dove Lewis Animal Hospital.

Following the tour was the South Waterfront Holiday Ball at The Ardea, featuring live music, dancing, and an auction to benefit Neighborhood House, Southwest Portland's leading provider of support services to low-income children, families and seniors. Art from the Heidi McBride Gallery was hung throughout the event spaces, including an interactive resident art project. A portion of the art sales went to the participating charities.

Programs & Services for Adults 55+

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

Blood Pressure Screening
 10 - 11AM, Second Thursday
Stability Ball & Yoga (\$3)
 9:10 - 10:10AM
 Tuesdays and Thursdays
Yoga (\$3)
 10 - 11:30AM, Fridays
Rhythmic Exercise (\$3)
 10:15 - 11:15AM
 Tuesdays and Thursdays
Foot Clinic
 Appointments available on 2nd Wednesday

Low-Vision Support Group
 11AM - noon
 third Tuesday
Acupuncture (\$35-\$45)
 Appointments available Mondays
AARP '55 ALIVE
 Driving safety program
 Date varies, call for info.
Senior Law Project
 Appointments available
 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Senior Center Closures

The Senior Center will be closed on January 1st, New Years' day. Also, on January 18th in honor of Martin Luther King Day. All Senior Center activities and Senior Center-related transportation will be closed on that day.

Inclement Weather

The senior center may be closed on inclement weather days. To check closures, call 503-244-5204 after 8AM and listen to the voice message. If there is a 2-hour delay, we will be open at 11AM, but all activities and transportation service starting prior to 11AM will be cancelled. If we are closed for the entire day, all activities and transportation services for that day are cancelled.

New Senior Food Box Program

Eligible seniors over 60 can now access the senior food box room two times per month on Mondays and Wednesdays from 9AM to noon., at Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy (room 37) on the TriMet 44 bus route. This location is just down the hall from the Neighborhood House Senior Center and gives low-income seniors easier access to food boxes that meet some of their dietary requirements for low-sugar, low-sodium, and calcium-rich foods.

For more information, call 503-244-5204

Support a new tradition at the NHSC Book Sale on Friday, January 22, 9 AM - 3 PM.

We are collecting books for our twice-annual book sale. This tradition was started last year and was so much fun that we decided to do it again. We appreciate your donations of lightly used books.

Give our new shuttle a try!

Shopping, exercise, lunch, friends, haircuts, acupuncture, food box, these are just a few great reasons for you to use our new ride-about shuttle.

Do you or anyone you know need transportation for shopping, nutrition, or just plain fun? Well, consider our new shuttle for eligible 60+ seniors and disabled adult riders. We are expanding our transportation services to provide more options to seniors and disabled adults in the community.

Here are some of our destinations for shopping, nutrition, and recreation:

Shopping: Fred Meyers, Winco, Target, Dollar Store, Trader Joes

Nutritional: Loaves and Fishes, Senior Food Box, Senior Center.

Social/Recreational: Neighborhood House Senior Center, Multnomah Center, and Loaves and Fishes events and programs

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, we will be picking up passengers at prearranged local sites and bringing them to local grocery stores in the SW and Beaverton as well as to the Senior Center. This will make it possible for more eligible riders to shop at the local grocery store, enjoy Neighborhood House Senior Center events and activities and also have an opportunity to enjoy Loaves and Fishes lunch and other activities in the Multnomah Center. This shuttle also makes it possible for eligible seniors to utilize the Senior Food Box program on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Call 503-244-5204 x103 to reserve your spot on the van.

Clinic offers free care for uninsured children and creates community service corps

by Greg Coodley, Clinic Medical Director, Fanno Creek Clinic

The Fanno Creek Clinic will provide free care to uninsured children starting December 17, 2009. Clinic Medical Director Dr. Gregg Coodley noted, "Oregon is in the process of establishing programs to insure all children in the state. In the meantime, we don't want kids without insurance to miss needed care because of financial concerns." The clinic's program will run for two and a half months, through the end of February. Uninsured children will not be billed for any clinic services during that time. These children will be seen by one of the clinic's three pediatricians, Drs. Lisa Sullivan, Dina Kempler or Holly Faber (for kids age 10 or older). Once a child establishes with one of the clinic's pediatricians, care after February 28th will be on a sliding-fee scale.

The clinic hosted the official kickoff of the program at a news conference on December 17th, with Multnomah County Commissioner Jeff Cogen, Oregon House Majority Leader Mary Nolan and local community and religious leaders.*

The Fanno Creek Clinic will also be starting a program hiring unemployed adults to perform community service. This program, called the Fanno Creek Clinic Civilian Conservation Corps, will create minimum-wage, half-time jobs for people to provide community service work. The clinic hopes to partner with local non-profits to organize this work. Fangorn, a non-profit associated with the clinic, will help fund this program. Tax-deductible contributions to support the Civilian Conservation Corps can be

made to: Fangorn, 2400 SW Vermont Street, Portland, 97219

The Fanno Creek Clinic is an independent private medical clinic providing care to all ages of children and adults. The clinic puts a strong emphasis on service to the Southwest Portland community, including giving grants to many of the local schools. Parents wanting to schedule appointments for their children should call the clinic at 503-452-0915. The Fanno Creek Clinic is at 2400 SW Vermont Street, between Multnomah and Hillsdale.

*A partial list of other speakers is as follows: 1) Rabbi Joshua Stampfer 2) Randy Bonella, chairman of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association 3) State Rep. Margaret Doherty 4) Dr. Dina Kempler, Fanno Creek Clinic 5) Rick Nitti, Executive Director, Neighborhood House.

JANUARY TRIPS

Senior membership required
 Call (503) 244-5204 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. More trips may be added as space allows.

BOWLING AND BRUNCH: Wednesday, January 6, 9:45 am to 12:45 pm. Cost: \$2.50, plus money for lunch and \$7.50 for bowling. Registration begins December 28. Start the New Year right with a trip to Tigard Bowl for a fun morning of bowling and coffee. The fee for bowling shoe rental and three games is \$7.50. Afterwards we will stop at Banning Restaurant for an early lunch. Come in person to register.

LUCKY EAGLE CASINO: Tuesday, January 19, 8:45 am to 5 pm. Cost: Free. Registration begins January 4. Call 503-244-5204 to register.

L.O.M@ ERNESTO'S RESTAURANT: Thursday, January 14, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. Cost: \$2.50, plus money for lunch. Registration begins December 28. Join our Lunch of the Month bunch for a delicious lunch at Ernesto's Italian restaurant in Beaverton. Come for great food and great conversation. Come in person to register.

BOB'S RED MILL & BAKERY VISIT: Tuesday, January 26, 11 am to 3 pm. Cost: \$3, plus money for lunch. Registration begins December 28. Enjoy a visit to Bob's Red Mill historic visitor's center while you shop for natural food products and have lunch at their café. Afterwards we will stop at Dave's Killer Bread Bakery. Come in person to the senior center to register.

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Portland Plan workshop attracts big crowd at Wilson High School

by Leonard Gard, Program Manager

The sixth of seven first-round Portland Plan workshops was held on December 7 at Wilson High School. My estimate is that about 180 people, including city staff, attended.

So what exactly is the Portland Plan? State law requires each city and county to enshrine its land use planning in a comprehensive plan. Portland's Comprehensive Plan has 12 goals that cover topics like housing, transportation, and urban design. Those goals are further defined with policies and objectives.

State law also requires cities and counties to periodically review and update their comprehensive plans in cooperation with the Department of Land Conservation and Development. It's time now for periodic review of Portland's Comprehensive Plan, first adopted in 1980 and amended several times since then. The completion date for our periodic review and adoption of an updated plan is October 1, 2012.

When I first heard the term "Portland Plan," it appeared to be an umbrella term for a big project that would include the periodic update of our Comprehensive Plan mentioned above; a strategic plan for implementing our Comprehensive Plan; and an update of our Central City Plan, a plan and set of complex zoning regulations for our downtown and some adjacent districts like Lloyd and South Waterfront.

Later the term seemed to refer to a concept plan that would provide direction for writing our updated Comprehensive Plan. Now, the Portland Plan has gelled into what appears to be a big strategic plan that will both inform our updated Comprehensive Plan but also address issues of quality of life not found in our current Comprehensive Plan.

Here's the basic timeline:

Fall, 2009: Charting the course. This is the phase we're in now: first-round workshops, surveys, and polls to start guiding us toward directions and choic-

es.
Winter, 2010: Mapping the future: Second-round workshops to start making land use decision, such as deciding where new housing and jobs should be located.

Spring, 2010: Prioritizing: Third-round workshops to decide what to do and pay for first.

Summer, 2010: Preview of results.

Fall, 2010: Adopt Portland Plan.

Fall, 2012: Finish updated Comprehensive Plan.

The city has formed an 18-member Community Involvement Committee. Bylaws, a charter, and a list of committee members are available at www.pdx-plan.com or via the city's website at www.portlandonline.com. Mayor Adams also has an advisory group.

The December 7 workshop went well. Mayor Adams was the moderator and performed well leading the crowd through a powerpoint presentation that comprised interesting facts and multiple choice questions for the crowd. Each person was given a hand "clicker" to electronically record his or her answer to questions, and the results of the clicks were instantly recorded on the screen. It made the workshop very interactive and it was fun to immediately see what the crowd thought on various issues.

The format alternated between the powerpoint presentation on nine action areas and responsive table discussions on each action area. The discussion was lively at my table. Participants expressed thoughtful ideas.

The content of the Portland Plan and its relationship to our coming, updated Comprehensive Plan remain murky. Our current Comprehensive Plan focuses on urban form, the appropriate location and amounts of land available for different land uses, the massing of buildings in and the function of our downtown, and an effective transportation network. Our current Comprehensive Plan is aspira-

tional in its wording. It doesn't prioritize different goals. I see few performance measures.

The Portland Plan may be something much different. Much of the focus appears to be on quality of life and environmental issues: greenhouse gases, income disparities, education of our children, and health concerns such as childhood obesity. Some of the written material from the city suggests the plan will prioritize goals and set performance measures. How much of such content will go into our updated Comprehensive Plan? How much of it appropriately belongs in a comprehensive plan? Will the Portland Plan supplant our Comprehensive Plan? How would that jibe with state law that establishes our Comprehensive Plan as our foundation document for urban planning?

I commend the city for addressing quality of life issues. Although many are national, even international issues, that does not mean that we shouldn't address them. We've all seen the bumper sticker about thinking globally but acting locally. We already address issues like housing and the environment that touch on quality of life.

But a more aggressive foray into such issues is problematic. The best example might be education. One alarming factoid emphasized at the Wilson workshop was the dismal 61% graduation rate from Portland area high schools. I'm expecting that some higher percentage will be a performance measure in the Portland Plan. But how much influence can the city really have on this issue without taking over responsibilities of school districts? How much partnering would really be necessary for the city to have an effective role, and do we really even have the staff to put in the time to engage in robust partnerships?

How good are we really at predicting what issues will be important in the future? Language on the Portland Plan website claims that successes in the last 30 years in

recycling, reducing waste, trimming greenhouse gases, building eco-roofs, etc. have roots in the 1980 Comprehensive Plan. But the air quality policies and objectives under Goal 8 Environment in our current Comprehensive Plan do not refer to carbon dioxide. A major social shift in our lifetimes--the ban on smoking in buildings--is not addressed in our plan. In the mid-90's, the city began recognizing the importance of bicycles as a major mode of transportation, but my observation is that the bicycle revolution came out of the community. Just a few years ago, Parks & Recreation was proposing cuts to community gardens. Now, community gardens are suddenly getting the credit they deserve.

This is not intended as a criticism of the city. It's really hard to predict the future. But I can't help but believe that the city responds to social movements rather than driving them.

It's hard to gauge the impact of a Portland Plan on southwest Portland. It may mean more to other areas of the city, in part because southwest Portland, with the current efforts to improve the health of our watershed, is already at the forefront of environmental protection, and in part because--in the SW Community Plan of 2001--we already have fairly updated zoning (with the exception of Barbur Boulevard). That's a big exception. A future comprehensive land use and transportation study of Barbur may have a more direct impact on us than the Portland Plan.

Nevertheless, the Portland Plan and subsequent Comprehensive Plan update deserve our attention and input. The content will be important for Portland. Particular issues, like a possible extension of the Central City District southward would have a very specific impact. Final note: there was a bright, young man at my discussion table on December 7. He had good ideas and understood the relationships among disparate issues. He made me optimistic about Portland's future.

January 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 New Year's Day SWNI CLOSED 9:00a Bridlemile Creek Stewards Wk Pty & Breakfast	2 9:00a Keller WoodsWK Pty
3	4	5 6:00p SPNA Trans Comm 7:00p Homestead NA 7:00p Mult Historical	6 7:00p Hillsdale NA 7:00p S Portland NA Board 7:00p Collins View 7:00p Friends of Spring Garden Pk	7 7:00p SWNI Parks Committee 7:00p SWNI Crime Prev. Comm	8	9 9:00a Trail Walk 9:00a Tryon Creek Wk Pty 9:00a Fr of Terwilliger Wk Pty
10	11 5:30p ONI BAC 6:00p Tryon Creek WC 7:00p Ashcreek NA 7:00p Maplewood NA 7:00p Hayhurst NA	12 7:00p Arnold Creek NA 7:00p Bridlemile Creek Stewards 7:00p Multnomah NA 7:00p Markham NA	13 6:30p Bridlemile NA 7:00p S Burlingame NA 7:00p Crestwood NA	14 6:00p Marshall PK NA 7:00p West Ptld Pk NA	15	16 9:00a S Ptld Riverbank Wk Pty
17 9:00a Neveh Shalom Wk Pty	18 Martin Luther King, Jr., Day SWNI CLOSED 7:15p S Portland Land Use	19 7:00p SWNI Land Use 7:00p Far SW NA	20 8:30a Hillsdale B & P 6:00p SWNI Exe Com 7:00p Joint SWHRL/ Homestead NA Meeting	21 7:00p SWNI Schools Committee	22	23 9:00a Fr of Vermont Wk Pty 9:00a Tryon Creek Wk Pty 9:00a Woods Park Wk Pty
24	25 6:00p Friends of Vermont Creek	26 *VOTE* SPECIAL ELECTION 7:00p SWNI Trans Comm 7:00p SWNI Communications	27 7:00p S Portland Comm 7:00p SWNI Board Meeting	28 8:30a Mul Village Business 7:00p SW Trails	29	30 9:00a Marquam Nature Pk Wk Pty
31	Weather contingency: All meetings canceled if Portland Public Schools are closed. The SWNI office will be open if possible. The staff will attempt to open within two hours of regular time (8:30 am). We recognize that storms cause problems for people with whom we work and our goal is to respond as effectively as possible within the guidelines of common sense. If you are in a crisis situation and unable to reach us, as a backup number you can call the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) at 503-823-4519.					



Join the Urban Trails Walk
Saturday, January 9, 9AM
 Start the New Year on a walk with Pete Schmierbach visiting Woods Park and Dickinson Park along the way. We haven't travelled this route since 2004!
 If the paths are too muddy, Pete will have an alternate route.
 Walk 5 miles with 100-ft elevation gain.
 Our cancelled December 2009 hike will be rescheduled for February 2010.
 Meet behind bleachers at Wilson High School at 9:00 AM.
 For more information, call Phyllis Towne at 503-223-3723.

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.