

Bridlemile Neighborhood 2007-2008 Action Plan

Issue	Improve Pedestrian and Drivers' Safety
Direction	Difficult to move priorities in funding in City's Transportation budget, but we are working within a positive direction on a proposal to turn ditches along some side streets into green swales that could safely be walked on.
Activities crossings.	Work with the City to enhance walkways and build sidewalks and safe crossings. Draw up a transportation plan for Hamilton and Shattuck Roads that includes pedestrian as well as drivers' safety.
Justification	There are no sidewalks where school children walk along Hamilton, nor along Shattuck from Bridlemile School to Beaverton Hillsdale Highway.

Issue	Enhance trails and promote walking
Direction	Ongoing
Activities	Working with Don Baack and Lillie Fitzpatrick on safe walks to schools. Also working on one or more themed (creeks, trees, history, architecture, etc) walks of the neighborhood to encourage walking.
Justification	Walking is healthy. It needs to be more convenient and safe. It saves fuel and cuts down on pollution.

Issue	Implement the Tree Preservation/Heritage Plan
Direction	Ongoing
Activities	The Bridlemile Trees and the History Board committees are actively working on educating Bridlemile neighbors about the value and importance of trees, and on improving City Codes and regulations regarding trees. There is a Tree Liaison Program with Portland Parks and Recreation's Urban Forestry Bureau that can assist neighbors as well as West Multnomah County Soil and Water Conservation District's willingness to make on-sight inspections by a stream specialist in our many upland streamside properties throughout Bridlemile.
Justification	Bridlemile has many trees that are of a great interest and must be preserved. We need more protection for large trees, especially when development/in-fill occurs; the City needs a Tree Preservation plan with enforcement. For every dollar a city spends on trees, up to five dollars (\$5.00) is returned in cost savings and value to the City in terms of air quality, storm water mitigation, etc.

Issue Continue Fanno Creek Stewardship program with schools and neighbors

Direction This program has blossomed into the Bridlemile Creek Stewards (BCS) which received the Green Heron Award from the Tualatin Riverkeepers for their efforts.

Activities The BCS educates home owners and schools on why and how to remove invasive plants and plant natives from the creeks in our neighborhood and in Hamilton and Albert Kelly Parks.

Justification Our Bridlemile Neighborhood is mostly creeks, trees and houses. We need to promote adequate stewardship of this important ecological resource.

Issue History of Bridlemile

Direction Ongoing; collect documents pertaining to us as a neighborhood

Activities Our History Chair collects and maintains interviews, photos, newspaper articles and documents regarding Bridlemile history, some of which are posted at the neighborhood website. She will work toward protection and preservation of the Tigard/Rogers home built in 1855. Continue collecting interviews. Complete collection and transcription of Donation Land Claim documents. And promote history walks through Bridlemile.

Justification We do not want the story of Bridlemile to get lost.

Issue Reach out with outreach programs

Direction Reach out to new people and businesses moving into Bridlemile.

Activities Invite people in to our neighborhood association. Have picnics, and ivy pulls, enhance the neighborhood, be proud of where we live and have fun. Let's enjoy where we live. Have a potluck or party with the new neighbors down the street. What's it all about, that new building? Let's learn about the new construction. What's going on? Talk. Communicate. Educate people about, and encourage them to help with, ongoing and past Bridlemile Neighborhood Association projects through the website. It is also available as a resource for them if they need web resources for neighborhood projects of their own.

Justification Greater neighbor participation in our association will keep it alive and vital to our neighborhood.

Issue Chairpersons needed for the Schools, Transportation and Safety committees.

Direction Find people to fill these positions.

Activities News Publish vacancies and duties of the positions at BNA website and in SWNI reports. Talk with people one on one at neighborhood and school events.

Justification SWNI Schools committee has asked each neighborhood to have a representative. To maintain close ties between the neighborhood and schools is important and beneficial to both the schools and the neighborhood. Transportation is vital, and Public Safety is most important.

Issue Assistants to Chairs needed for all committees.

Direction Find persons to serve as assistants to committee chairs.

Activities Publish that we are looking for persons to serve as assistants to the committee chairs at the BNA website and in SWNI News reports. Mention same at beginning of each BNA meeting. Talk with people at neighborhood events.

Justification Assistants could help cover the duties of the Chairpersons, provide additional input on issues, and provide continuity for when a Chairperson leaves that position. This is especially true for those committees for which there is a corresponding SWNI committee, since that automatically adds one or more additional meeting and duties to be covered to those positions.

Issue "Friends of" Groups are needed for Thomas, Albert Kelly and Hamilton Parks.

Direction Form these groups from people interested in these parks.

Activities Publish that we are looking for people to join/form Friends of groups for Thomas, Albert Kelly and Hamilton Parks at BNA website and in SWNI News reports. Mention same at beginning of each BNA meeting.

Justification Having one or more neighbors involved in tracking issues, helping maintain, and be ready to be involved in City Planning processes for each of these Bridlemile Parks will help to make sure that the Parks benefit the City and the neighborhood.