

**2008-2009 Neighborhood Action Plan
Bridlemile**

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 or other types of walkways. We have been selected to initiate a pilot Halo LID along Hamilton to provide pedestrian pathways from SW 39th to SW 60th Place.

Activities Work with the City and neighbors to enhance pedestrian safety by constructing pathways and safe crossings financed by a Halo LID.

Justification There are no sidewalks along Hamilton where pedestrians can walk safely or school children can walk safely to and from Bridlemile School.

Issue Enhance trails and promote walking

Direction Ongoing

Activities Working with Don Baack 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. And we should look for a Tree Liaison person who is willing to attend free training classes with Urban Forestry.

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 Preservation of the stories of Bridlemile, old and new.

Direction Gather and organize historical material about our neighborhood.

Direction Ongoing
Activities Gather and organize the Wilcox Manor collection which has been

enhanced by the Ballentyne family interviews and photos. Determine what portion of the Wilcox collection will be on our history website. Continue efforts to preserve and protect the Tigard/Rogers home built in 1855.

Participate in Multnomah Historical Association's 100th Anniversary by sponsoring a historical walk through Bridlemile.

Justification Understanding the past and preserving documentation helps our community appreciate Bridlemile and plan well for the future.

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 Publish vacancies and duties of the positions at BNA website and in SWNI News 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
Activities Archive and organize the Wilcox Manor collection which has been

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.

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