



## It's budget time again at the City of Portland!

### Mayor Tom Potter invites you to get informed and involved at Community Budget meetings

Dear Citizens,

I want to make sure our community has the opportunity to help the City of Portland decide which essential city programs and services we must fund while also staying within our budget. I hope you will join me and my fellow commissioners to craft a budget that matches your needs and priorities.

#### To learn more and get involved:

» Plan to attend a budget forum (see save the dates information below!)

- » Visit our community budget web site: [www.portlandonline.com/communitybudget](http://www.portlandonline.com/communitybudget).
- » Attend meetings of council teams where public comment will be sought.
- » Take a look at the current city budget online.
- » Learn more about city financing by reading our online "Guide to City Financing"
- » Review my proposed budget in May and testify at a hearing.

#### Save the following dates now!

- **January 31** - Citywide Community Budget Forum #1, 6:30-8:30 pm, at David Douglas High School, 1001 SE 135th Ave (ample parking, bus lines: 20 & 27). Focus will be on Infrastructure Services: Parks, Sewer, Transportation, Water, and Internal Services. Community and budget information tables will open at 5:45 pm!
- **February 28** - Citywide Community Budget Forum #2, 6:30-8:30 pm., at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (IRCO), 10301 NE Glisan St. Focus will be on other bureaus: Police, Fire, Neighborhoods, etc.
- **March 31** - Council Budget Team recommendations released.
- **April 8** - Citywide Community Budget Forum #3, 10 am - noon

Locations are being determined for March 31, and April 8 meetings; please check our website for updates.

Together, we can figure out a way to meet our budget priorities while maintaining the livability for which Portland is known. All public meeting locations will be accessible. For special needs, please call 503-823-4519 in advance. For more information, call 503-823-5288 or TDD: 503-823-6868.

Thank you,

## Mayor to hold 10-minute meetings in the community

Mayor Tom Potter will be meeting with residents in different parts of the city about local community issues and ideas.

A priority of Mayor Potter's administration is to be accessible to neighborhoods and to develop relationships among community members and local government. Community members are encouraged to sign up on-site for a chance to speak for 10 minutes with him about issues important to them. Local area businesses will be hosting the meetings.

Mayor Potter will be accompanied by staff, a neighborhood police officer and local community members to provide informational resources.

The appointments are available for sign-up on a first-come basis, beginning at 8:30 am. All participants will be given the option of having their comments entered as official constituent records.

The following dates and times have been confirmed:

- Saturday, February 18, 9 - 11 am**  
Grand Buffet, 4410 SE 82nd Ave, Portland
- Saturday, March 11, 9 - 11 am**  
Southwest Portland location TBD
- Saturday, April 15, 9 - 11 am**  
Reflections Coffeehouse  
& Talking Drum Bookstore,  
446 NE Killingsworth, Portland

For more information about the mayor's 10-minute meetings, please contact Carmen Rubio, Community Relations, at 503-823-3578.

## Public comment invited on proposed boundaries eliminating SWHRL overlaps

Proposals that would eliminate overlaps between the Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL) and two other neighborhoods, Hillsdale and Homestead, have been accepted by the three neighborhood boards for consideration during a 30-day public comment period.

The boards of all three neighborhoods will vote on the boundary proposals in February following the public comment.

However, before a Homestead/SWHRL settlement can be approved, Homestead's membership must vote twice, with the last vote occurring in April. Hillsdale's membership will also vote on the proposed boundary at a time to be arranged.

The new boundary proposals, which divide and eliminate the current overlaps, were submitted after respondents returned surveys sent to overlap businesses, property owners and residents and distributed to interested neighborhood members living outside the overlaps. A total of 9,200 surveys were distributed in the three neighborhoods.

The proposed boundaries may be viewed on page 16 or at the respective neighborhood web sites: <http://www.swhrl.org>, [www.homesteadna.org](http://www.homesteadna.org), [www.explorepx.com/hna.html](http://www.explorepx.com/hna.html).

Comments can be submitted to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/swhrl> or by mailing them to Boundary Response, P.O. Box 1033, Portland OR 97207.

Comments can also be made at the February board meetings. The meetings begin at 7 pm. SWHRL's will be Thursday, Feb. 23, at the OHSU School of Nursing, 3455 SW Veterans Hospital Road, Rm. 358-364; Hillsdale's will be Wednesday, Feb. 1, at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2201 SW Vermont, and Homestead's will be Tuesday, Feb. 7, at OHSU, CDRC, 707 Gaines Rm. 3200.

The proposed Homestead/SWHRL boundary was put forward as a "discussion proposal" in the Homestead/SWHRL version of the survey, and 83 percent of the 58 respondents who live inside the overlap approved of it. The 76 respondents who live outside the overlap approved it by 82 percent.

The proposed Hillsdale/SWHRL boundary was drawn based on the survey's 339 responses from those living in the Hillsdale/SWHRL overlap. The results were 74 percent preferred Hillsdale, 22 percent preferred SWHRL and 5 percent wanted the overlap maintained. (The percentages don't add up to 100 because of rounding.)

*please turn to page 16*

**You're Invited**

**Fanno and Tryon Creek  
Watershed Management Plan**

**Open House**

**Thursday, February 16, 2006  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**Multnomah Center  
Senior Center, Capitol Room  
7688 SW Capitol Highway**

**See insert on pages 7 through 10  
for more information**

## Fulton Park Community Center Budget Meeting

**Thursday, February 16, 7 pm, 68 SW Miles**

Join your neighbors and discuss the impact of the proposed 2006-07 Portland Parks and Recreation budget on the center which is tagged as a "transitional site" and threatened with closure. Cheryl Martin, Fulton CC supervisor, and concerned neighbors will provide updates on the efforts being made to support FCC. They will present an outline of the action that will be required to keep the center in operation.

For information, contact Marsha Weber, 503-244-5017, [mannwe@juno.com](mailto:mannwe@juno.com).

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## A history of South Portland

by Stephen Leflar

Stephan Leflar is a long-time resident of the Corbett-Terwilliger Lair Hill area and is active in the neighborhood association. We are printing excerpts from Stephan's history. This month, we continue with Taylors Ferry and establishment of the town of Fulton.

### The Town of Fulton

By the mid-1850s, a boat landing was established on the Willamette River where a wagon route from the Tualatin Valley farms ended. This became known as Taylor's Ferry, named for John A. Taylor who came to Oregon by ox-team in 1852 from New York. A ferry crossed the river from the dirt road to the other side where a settlement known as Sellwood developed. Taylor also operated a ferry on the Tualatin River which was replaced by a toll bridge. The road from Taylor's Ferry ran up the hill from the Willamette River and along Stephen's Creek on a path now followed by Bertha Boulevard and Capitol Highway, finally ending at the Tualatin River ferry.

In 1887, nineteen years after the Fourth Avenue trains began running, tracks were laid along the west side of the Willamette River and the Portland & Willamette Valley Railroad, under the control of Henry Villard and the Southern Pacific Railroad, opened its westbank line along the river and the Macadam Road. This train line along the river encouraged further industrialization upon the once-fertile flood plain.

The town of Fulton itself was developed by Robert R. Thompson, a very successful shipowner and merchant, who bought 35 acres and built a hotel, post office and other structures near Taylors Ferry.

Few residents know how Fulton got its name. There are two versions for the source of the town's name. One: The town of Fulton was named after the landowner, Thomas Fulton Stevens who claimed a 634-acre parcel in 1850. (Another account of Stevens' ownership states that Daniel Lunt, one of the mates of the vessel Chenamus, took up a land claim south of James Terwilliger's and later sold it to Thomas Stevens.) The second version of the name's origin asserts that by 1883 the community had grown to healthy proportions and needed a post office. It was a Republican administration year, and one of the local faithful party members received an appointment as postmaster.

Robert Riegleman, as the first appointee to the new office, had the privilege of naming it. As a rule, a nominee would choose his own name for such an honor, but Riegleman thought the length and spelling of his name would cause confusion, so he chose the name of a United States senator from Oregon whom he admired, Charles W. Fulton.

Robert Riegleman was not only Fulton's first postmaster but was the first to operate a stage line from Portland. He and his wife ran a general store until it was destroyed by fire. It's said that they kept a busy inn and that the family was quite involved in civic affairs.

There were a couple of well-known roadhouses in the area, the most notorious being the imposing "White House." In the town of Fulton itself was the "Red House," a rambling frame building less elegant but well equipped for gambling and the high life. It was at the south end of Fulton and was heavily patronized.

And there was Rosie's Park that occupied the block south of Nevada, between Macadam and Virginia Street. Rosie's Park was a roadhouse, beer garden, dance pavilion, playground and picnic area which became a popular spot for the mill workers, streetcar men, and other workers as well as their families in the 1890's.

The higher class carriage trade on Macadam Road went to the White House which was across the river from Milwaukie, famous for its gambling facilities, horse racing, trap shooting, superior food and liquor. But the workers and tradespeople came to Rosie's. It is believed to have been Kleinsorge's Place before Rosie bought it around 1892. (A 1911 photograph of Virginia Street from the Webbers' yard shows a sign on the block for Wilhelm's Beer Garden, indicating a later change of name.)

As counterpoint to the bustle of traffic through Fulton caused by the frivolous, there were more sedate movements of many funeral processions bound for Riverview Cemetery which lies just south of Fulton's boundary.

Both sides of the river in the late 1800s were settled and shared many similarities. Factories, houseboats and worker cottages proliferated. The area was a natural extension of South Portland with the advantages of river transportation and a steam train. Many new residents were attracted to work in Fulton with the openings of the large lumber mill, a soap factory, a tannery and numerous smaller industries.

One of the first industries in the area was the Jones Lumber Company Steam Sawmill built on three acres of land between Macadam and the river. The site was purchased in 1860 from James Terwilliger for \$500 and a bottle of whiskey. The Jones Lumber Company soon was the principal industry in the neighborhood, employing many of the people who lived in nearby homes, including some of the descendants of James Terwilliger. Later, furniture manufacturing was added to the list of industries in the area.

The inauguration of the Sellwood Ferry in 1906, was a boon for both Fulton and Sellwood. At that time, the big lumber mills almost facing each other across the river were furnishing employment to hundreds of workers. In addition, along the river on the west side was the Multnomah Lumber and Box Company (at Bancroft Street), the Oregon Chair Company and the Oregon Furniture and Manufacturing Company (both between Richardson and Boundary Streets), and the John Halsey Jones Company (five blocks near Flower Street). Many people lived in the area on both sides of Macadam. Along the river at Miles Place there were two blocks of residential lots and further north, also on the river, there were nine continuous blocks of residential lots (Carolina Street to Nevada Street). There were also many houseboats along the river on both sides, some of which were used for prostitution.

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

Our office is located in the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. We are open 8:30 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. To reach us call 503-823-4592, email swni123@spiritone.com.

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The 2004-2005 SW Neighborhoods, Inc., Board Officers are Glenn Bridger, President; Jayne Cronlund, 1st Vice-President; Ester McGinnis, 2nd Vice President; John Gould, Secretary; and Patty Lee, Treasurer.



## Planning for the future

by Glenn Bridger, Southwest Neighborhoods Chair

When the city cannot plan the tram, why should they plan the Portland of 30 years into the future?

The disclosures on the tram budget failures have left me, and many more, muttering unkind thoughts. While SWNI has been asking questions of the Tram proponents for years, and too frequently receiving unsatisfying answers, it is disappointing rather than invigorating to learn that our financial concerns for the project were too close to being on target. I do not like to see the city fail on any endeavor, even if I do not think that endeavor is a good idea. As the tram, Marquam Hill, and the South Waterfront projects evolved, you could watch the project planners arrive at solutions without adequately examining the challenge. The tram's exorbitant cost has expanded from the less than \$10 million which OHSU projected when first promoting the Tram, to a total that is 4 to 6 times that estimate. And the project proponents still tell us we will love the tram no matter what it costs, once it is built. They are selling what has been sold all along with the tram: the sizzle, not the beef. But I digress too much to the past. We are still residents of Portland, and owe ourselves and the city the best possible governmental framework for the future.

Back to the Future! I am personally pleased that our city leadership has embraced the concept of shaping tomorrow's Portland. Our present reputation as a good city comes not from a history of being a follower or continuing to do what we used to always do, but a willingness to step out and create a better world. Portland's heritage is a willingness to embrace the changes we need to make. Continuing to do the "same old thing" because it was right one, two or three generations ago is not what Portland is known for.

Visioning is what the planning process is called by the mayor. You and I need to take that word to heart. It is a freeing concept that allows us to step away from today and focus upon what we want. We need to put those wants into words. Consolidate these words from many, many people and we have an expression of our planning target. Keep your vision focused on where you want to be, not the vehicle that you would like to ride to get you there. If I may go back to the tram for a moment, the proper goal of that project should have been to get from Marquam Hill to the waterfront and back, not creation of a signature on the skyline. Are there preconceived outcomes for this visioning process? We must have trust in our leaders when they tell us that is not the case. We must trust that our collective vision will prevail.

## What is the Mayor Potter's Community Vision Project?

Excerpts regarding the community vision project taken from Mayor Tom Potter's State of the City speech to Portland City Club.

See the entire speech at <http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=104831>

The mayor has launched the community vision project, which he believes will be the most important thing he does as mayor, and which can only succeed if the community joins him in owning both the process and the outcomes. He further explains that the reason why he believes so strongly in this idea comes from one of his favorite books - *Alice in Wonderland*. When Alice asks the Cheshire Cat which path she should take, he replies with a smile: "That depends a good deal on where you want go."

Mayor Potter says the city has too often followed Alice, without a clear vision of where we want to go, or asking the community about the kind of Portland it wants. "The vision project will create a community-owned road map that can show us the way for the next 30 years. Planners have a nice phrase for this - creating the "intentional city" - a purposeful and thoughtful city that grows not only from opportunity, but from people's dreams, and what they are willing to do with government to make those dreams happen," says Potter. He goes on to say:

*There will be 1 million more people in the Portland area in the next 20 years. We need to plan for that growth and increasing diversity, linking the choices we make today to the needs we will have tomorrow. And we need to make sure that every segment of the community has a strong voice in the process, especially those whose voices have been too often drowned out, or ignored altogether. Finally, while the vision project is important because it will link government's actions to a destiny chosen by the community.*

*I believe we are allowing a few dedicated people to stand in as proxies for the rest. Too many think that it is someone else's job, someone else's responsibility to step up and change what they know in their heart needs changing.*

*There is simply no other way to explain how we as a community can let one in five children go to bed hungry every night in Oregon, or allow 20,000 kids in this county to not have adequate health care, or live with the fact that 40% of our homeless are families, often working families and single moms stuck in jobs that don't provide living wages, or seniors who are tucked away, out of sight, in nursing homes.*

*That is why I believe that reigniting in each of us that sense of working together for*

*the Common Good is the real challenge our city faces in 2006 and beyond.*

*We live in a world where there are more problems than there are resources for government alone to fix. But our problems, no matter how seemingly intractable, can be made better by a community that truly cares about each other, and believes it can work together to solve anything. But to get there, we must start by acknowledging that the solution begins inside each of us. Not government. Not someone else. But each of us. The old model where citizens make up their individual wish lists and elected officials decide whose wishes will be granted is not only broken, it is bankrupt. But a community that dreams together will share not only an optimism about the future, but the determination and means to create it. I believe when that happens, Portland will become a city where people won't ask why there's a problem, but rather what can we do together to fix it?*

*What can we do together to drive meth from our neighborhoods? What can we do together to create the best schools possible for our children? What can we do together to help every family find an affordable home and living wage jobs? What can we do together to be a city that dreams big, and has the will to make those dreams come true?*

*That is the message that is in my heart. Am I being a Pollyanna to think this is possible? No! After living most of my life in Portland, I truly believe all of this is within our reach. Can we do it? To answer that question requires us to only imagine what will happen if we don't. Can we do it? Yes, if we take care of each other, strive for justice, and remember that anything noteworthy we have done with our lives could only be done because of others.*

A community grants program will support community organizations' participation in this campaign. The grants program is designed for community groups to create events, build on existing events, and attempt new ways of reaching people typically not involved. The goal will be increased outreach and identification of new ways of reaching people. Grants from \$1,000 to \$15,000 (up to \$200,000) will be awarded in March 2006 for 6-month projects running from March through August 2006.

## New education coordinator for Watershed Resource Center



Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) is pleased to announce that Jennifer Seamans Blatner has been hired as the Watershed Education Coordinator for the Southwest Watershed Resource Center (SWRC). SWRC is located in the Southwest Community Center building on the corner of SW 45th and Vermont and primarily serves the Fanno and Tryon Creek watersheds. The part-time position is funded through a contract with the Bureau of Environmental Services.

The importance of watershed issues first grabbed Jen's attention as an AmeriCorps member of the Watershed Restoration Field Team based at Trout Lake, WA, eight years ago. She had previously developed an interest in community and neighborhood organizing in Kalamazoo and Detroit, MI, which she continues now in her volunteer role as co-chair for the Marshall Park Neighborhood Association.

As a former staff member with Friends of Tryon Creek State Park, Jen led natural history walks, school field trip programs, and youth summer camps. Later, Jen received her Masters of Science Teaching at Portland State University (PSU) while serving as a teaching assistant in the Center for Science Education. She has written grant proposals and worked to create and sustain community partnerships for programs at Friends of Tryon Creek State Park, PSU, and Girl Scouts-Columbia River Council.

Jen and her husband Neil take daily walks through their neighborhood and Marshall Park. She says, "My longtime passion has been to create a way of life for myself and the community which recognizes the fact that we all live in a watershed and receive well-being of body, mind, and spirit from its health."

Jen will be staffing the Watershed Resource Center part-time. Primary functions include supporting the restoration and outreach work of citizen groups in the Fanno Creek and Tryon Creek watersheds, conducting free educational programs, and providing residents with information on current watershed issues and resources for watershed-friendly practices at home. Contact her by phone at 503-823-2862 or by email at: watershedcenter@spiritone.com.

## Naturescaping for Clean Rivers

More rain, and more rain, and more rain. We shouldn't complain, as water is what makes our yards thrive. But, as reported in last month's article, it does make for a lot of stormwater. It's best if we can keep that stormwater on our properties rather than letting it run off to drains, the streets, or directly to streams.

We've all seen the rivers—they look like liquid milk chocolate. That brown color comes from soil washing off yards and agricultural fields. It's a double whammy—you lose your soil and the fish cannot breathe with all that particulate in the water.

Plan now to attend a Naturescaping workshop to learn techniques to hold that stormwater plus attract birds and make a beautiful yard.

The spring schedule is not yet complete, but here are the workshops we have scheduled so far:

**Saturday, February 25  
9 am-1 pm**

**Home & Garden Show  
Expo Center**

Completion of the workshop includes free admission to the show.

**Saturday, March 4, 9 am-1 pm  
Hillsboro.**

Check this column next month for more workshop dates and locations.

All Naturescaping workshops are free and open to all. To register for a workshop either phone 503-797-1842 or email [naturescaping@yahoo.com](mailto:naturescaping@yahoo.com). Say which workshop, you are interested in and leave your name and contact information.

## Native plant of the month Indian Plum, *Oemleria cerasiformis*

by Betty McArdle, Naturescaping Coordinator

Indian plum, *Oemleria cerasiformis*, also known as osoberry or *Osmaronia cerasiformis*.

It's always encouraging to see the early signs of Spring. Plants are pushing their way up through the soil and the trees are beginning to put on buds.

One of the earliest native bloomers is Indian plum. The flowers appear as a cascade of a dozen or so small white/green flowers that hang down from the branches. Indian plum may be beautiful and welcome as an early bloomer but its fragrance has been described as a cross between watermelon rind and cat urine. Plant it where you can see it, but perhaps not near seating areas.

The flowers appear before the leaves. You'll smell another fragrance when you crush the leaves—strong cucumber-like odor.

Indian plum has male and female plants, so you will need both to get fruit. The fruit is a small (about 1 cm across) plum-shaped fruit ripening to bluish-black. It is edible but bitter and there's not much payoff. The fruit is mostly taken up with a large seed.

Indian plum grows to a shrub or small tree about 15 feet tall. It



tolerates moderate shade under a variety of dry/moist conditions.

Native Americans ate Indian plum. Some tribes called them "choke-cherries" because they are bitter and astringent, but they are quite palatable when fully ripe.

Indian plum is a great addition to urban yards. You will get early blooms and pale green leaves for several months.

## 5th Annual Native Plant Sale

**Great opportunity to get native plants at VERY LOW COST**

The native plants are being offered by pre-order only. Plant description sheets and order forms are available at the SWNI office or online at [www.swni.org](http://www.swni.org).

Send your order form to Kathy Shearin, [kathy.sherin@or.nacdn.net](mailto:kathy.sherin@or.nacdn.net), fax 503-326-3942, or mail to East Multnomah SWCD, 2701 NW Vaughn St. Suite 450, Portland, 97210, by 5 pm on Friday February 3, 2006: (please include your full address, phone number and email address). Quantities are limited! All items subject to availability—order now for best availability!

Please do not send payment with your order! In the event that we are unable to fulfill your entire order due to sell-out of popular species, we will charge you only for those plants that you receive. Most plants will be bare root, plugs or rhizomes that must be planted promptly to ensure the highest possible survival rate. If you feel that you may not be able to plant them in a timely fashion, please plan to bring a pot or container to the sale where there will be sawdust or mulch available. We will have plastic bags available for you if you do not have a pot and wish to pack your plants in compost.

Pick up and pay for your plants Sunday, February 12, 10 am-3 pm, in the North parking garage of our office at Montgomery Park—2701 NW Vaughn St.

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## Water main replacement on SW Taylors Ferry Road and Capitol Hwy

by Tim Hall, Community Outreach, Water Bureau

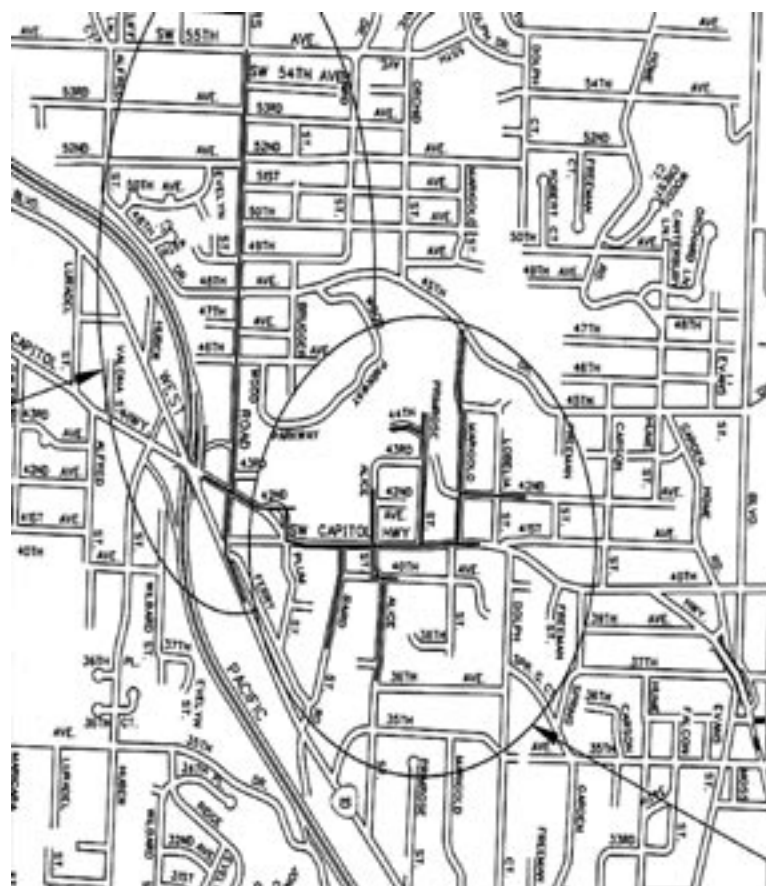
Starting in February 2006, the Portland Water Bureau will begin construction to replace sections of the water main system under SW Taylors Ferry Road and SW Capitol Highway (project map). The work is scheduled for completion in fall 2006.

This project will replace the aged cast-iron pipe system with a new, larger ductile iron pipeline, fully restrained throughout. This will increase the water system's reliability, improve water quality, upgrade fire protection and enhance service to the area.

The work will include the construction of approximately 2.5 miles of water main, valve vaults, 200 service line connections, and 32 fire hydrant replacements. The new pipes will be standard 12, 8, 6 and 4 inches in diameter.

Area residents will be impacted by some traffic delays and construction noise and dust. Work hours on SW Taylors Ferry and Capitol Highway will be from 9 am to 4 pm. Work hours on side streets will be from 8 am to 6 pm. Minimal work will occur on weekends. The work zone will be cleaned up and opened to traffic every evening.

There is one project milestone that requires all Water Bureau work on SW Taylors Ferry Road from 55th Avenue to Barbur Boulevard and Cap-



itol Hwy from Barbur to Marigold Street to be completed by June 1st to allow the Bureau of Maintenance to repave these sections of the roadway.

Residents will receive advance notice if their water service must be temporarily interrupted. Every effort will be made to accommodate the

needs of residents and businesses during construction.

For questions about this project, please contact the Water Bureau Community Outreach staff at 503-823-6926, or visit [portlandonline.com/water](http://portlandonline.com/water) for project news and information. The Water Bureau appreciates the public's cooperation during this work.

## Join the Friends of Vermont Creek – give a little love to little Gabriel

Valentine's Native Planting Party

Saturday, February 11th, from 9 am – noon

Meet at the tennis courts in Gabriel Park

Everyone welcome! Dress for the weather; tools, plants and training provided.

For information, call 503-823-5326

or email [colleenm@bes.ci.portland.or.us](mailto:colleenm@bes.ci.portland.or.us)

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## Requirements for reporting car accidents

Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles

### Reporting Accidents

You must file an Accident and Insurance Report form with DMV within 72 hours when:

1. Damage to the vehicle you were driving is over \$1,500, or
2. Damage to any vehicle is over \$1,500 and any vehicle is towed from the scene as a result of damages from this accident, or
3. Injury or death resulted from this accident, or
4. Damages to any one person's property other than a vehicle involved in this accident is over \$1,500, or
5. You are the owner of the vehicle involved in a reportable accident and the driver fails to report the accident.

Accidents in areas open to the public for the use of motor vehicles must be reported. Some drivers who are in accidents offer to fix the damage and try to get the other driver not to file a report. If you agree to do this, you are breaking the law if the amount of damage is more than \$1,500. Always remember to keep a copy of your report for your own records.

If the vehicle involved in the accident is owned by someone other than the driver, the owner must fill out the report if the driver does not. You must file a report even if your vehicle was the only one in the crash. If you do not report an accident when required to do so, your driving privileges will be suspended.

If you were in a collision and the other party did not have insurance, you can report the collision to DMV even if the crash was under \$1,500. However, the accident may also go on your driving record, if you do not clearly indicate on the accident report that your damages were less than \$1,500.

### Police Report

You must fill out an Accident and Insurance Report form and return it to DMV even if a police officer files a report. A police report does not replace your requirement to file an accident report with DMV. You must do that yourself.

### Filing an Accident Report

#### 1. Fill out an Accident Report Form

- Be as accurate as you can. Give as much information as you can about where, when and how the crash happened. The accident will be listed on

the driving record of those drivers involved in the accident who meet the reporting requirements.

\* Download an Accident and Insurance Report form, or

\* Pick up a report form at a police department, sheriff's office or a local DMV office.

#### Liability Insurance

If you are the driver or owner of a vehicle in an accident that must be reported, your report must show the name of your liability insurance company, not the insurance agent or agency, and the policy number. The insurance coverage you report is checked by DMV with the insurance company shown on the report.

If you did not have liability insurance at the time of the accident, your driving privileges will be suspended for one year. You must then file proof of future financial responsibility (SR-22) before your driving privileges will be reinstated.

An SR-22 filing is required for three years after the suspension ending date even if you were not at fault in the accident.

Insurance companies and agents must tell DMV about any accident where they have reason to believe a driver is uninsured. If the information is correct, the uninsured drivers driving privileges will be suspended for one year. After that, they will be under the future financial responsibility law for three years. This law applies even if the damage is \$1,500 or less.

#### 2. Keep a Copy of Your Accident Report Form

Under Oregon law 802.220(5), DMV can not provide you a copy of your accident report. If you wish to have a complete copy of your report (front and back), you will need to make a copy for your records.

#### 3. Deliver Completed Accident Report Form to DMV

Deliver your completed Accident and Insurance Report Form to any DMV office or mail the form to:

Accident Reporting Unit  
DMV  
1905 Lana Ave NE  
Salem OR 97314



## WomenStrength offers free self-defense classes for women and teens

Portland Police Bureau

The Portland Police Bureau WomenStrength Program offers free self-defense classes and personal safety workshops around the Portland area. Since 1979, the program has provided self-defense skills to 20,000 women and teenage girls, and personal safety workshops to thousands of women and men.

"Every woman comes to a class with 'tools' already in her self-defense 'toolbox'. We just add more options to that toolbox. We teach physical skills, verbal defense and verbal assertiveness as well as sexual assault and domestic violence awareness," says WomenStrength director Sara Johnson. Class activities and discussion help women identify risks, evaluate their strengths, and give participants an opportunity to practice verbal and physical defense strategies. One myth is that self-defense is only about physical skills, this is not true. WomenStrength teaches that self-defense is both mental and physical.

Instructors encourage participants to both challenge and take care of themselves physically and emotionally. Self-defense classes can instill confidence and facilitate healing. Instructors understand that working through emotions can be challenging, especially for survivors of violence. "Every time

I teach a class, there is a woman who tells me it has changed her life, this is one of the reasons I have continued to volunteer for 14 years," says instructor Nicole Levitt.

"Most of us have a 'what-if,' and fears about a potential attack situation. A successful self-defense or safety class will help you address fears, find ways of preventing that situation, deal with it if it happens and help you heal from it as well. Self-defense classes are excellent for skill and confidence-building and are safe places to overcome fears and become empowered," says Johnson.

WomenStrength classes are offered every month. Each course is a series of three sessions. Because each session builds on the previous, participants are asked to attend all three sessions. Classes are ADA accessible, unless otherwise noted. Most classes are held in the evening from 6:30-9:30 pm. Class locations vary. Registration is open the first Tuesday of each month for the following month. March registration opens February 7th. Visit the Portland Police Bureau website ([www.portlandpolice-bureau.com/womenstrength](http://www.portlandpolice-bureau.com/womenstrength)) for a complete listing of available classes or call 503-988-6430 for more information.

## A primer on speed bumps

Collins View resident Josh Hinerfeld has acquired speed bumps for some of his neighborhood streets. He wanted to share with others what he has learned about the process.

Are motorists speeding through your residential neighborhood – compromising the safety of fellow motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians? Speed bumps may be an effective engineered solution to your problem. Here are some tips about how to pursue a speed bump procurement project.

1. Identify a project champion who will lead the project from inception to completion. The key qualifications for this job are perseverance, patience, strong organizational skills and good communications skills.

2. Next, the project champion should go door-to-door in the proposed project area and conduct a straw poll. The project champion should determine if at least two-thirds of households believe that the perceived traffic safety issue merits further research. Unless there is enthusiastic support at the outset, the project will encounter stiff head winds from the community.

3. Define the proposed project area – that is the street(s) where you propose to install speed bumps. Also determine what other streets might be impacted by the bumps. [In my neighborhood, we sought to install bumps on SW Palater Road and a segment of SW Palatine Hill Road. However, we conducted outreach with residents of adjoining side streets to alert neighbors of the project and to apprise them of the risk of potential traffic diversion in the event some motorists opted to take a different route in order to avert the speed bumps.]

4. Next, identify the street designation for each road that will be included in the project area. Most residential streets are classified as either local service streets or neighborhood collectors. The street designation will determine which branch of the traffic calming decision tree you will have to navigate next. It is easiest to obtain the city's permission to install speed bumps on local service streets with low traffic counts and hardest to obtain speed bumps on neighborhood collectors with high traffic counts that connect to a number of local service streets. The city will not allow speed bumps on streets designated as Emergency Response Routes.

5. Periodically, the Portland Office of Transportation ("PDOT") undertakes traffic counts on streets throughout the city. If you go to the PDOT website - <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=35708> - you can find out if the streets in your proposed project area rank among the city's most nettlesome traffic safety spots. This website also lists the criteria for gaining city approval for speed bump projects. Type in "speed bumps" at the search prompt.

Recently, a neighbor on SW Maplecrest approached the Collins View Neighborhood Association about getting speed bumps. Here is what we learned: Maplecrest ranks 236 out of 300 "complex local service street" speed bump projects under consideration by the city. The average daily traffic count on the street is 252 vehicles per day, which is very low. The 85% speed was 32 MPH. That means 15% of traffic is going 7 MPH or more over the 25 MPH limit.

In 1994, the City of Portland authorized Streamlined and Purchase Speed Bump Projects for "Local Service" streets that satisfy the following criteria:

• Volume not to exceed 1,700 vehicles per day (VPD) [Maplecrest is covered.]

• Street cannot be a designated emergency response route or a Tri-Met bus route. [This is not an Emergency Response route.]

The city typically installs two sizes of speed bumps: 14-foot (narrow profile) bumps on local service streets and 22-foot (wide profile) bumps on neighborhood collector streets.

There are two ways to obtain speed bumps: a) the streamlined residential speed bump purchase program and b) the city-subsidized speed bump purchase program. If your neighborhood can afford the bumps – roughly \$2000 per bump go for option A.

For more information about Portland's traffic calming program, contact Will Stevens at (503) 823-2267 at PDOT.

Crime Statistics per Neighborhood Association reported for November 2005

Neighborhood	Murder	Rape	Molest	Robry	Agr Aslt	Res Burg	N/Res Burg	Arson	Theft fr. Auto	Bike Theft	Other Larc	Auto Theft	Vandl	Total	YTD rate/1000 pop.
Arnold Creek	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	12.6
Ashcreek	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	4	1	2	9	31.2
Bridlemile	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	4	0	0	0	6	14	23.0
Collins View	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	6	0	3	13	89.1
CTLH	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	0	10	0	5	2	2	35	79.7
Crestwood	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24.5
Far Southwest	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	10	76.9
Hayhurst	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	5	1	0	10	26.2
Healy Heights	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	22.6
Hillsdale	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	11	0	6	1	5	26	35.4
Homestead	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	1	7	2	3	21	86.1
Maplewood	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	5	20.3
Markham	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23.3
Marshall Park	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	4	16.8
Multnomah	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	18	0	7	6	11	47	47.4
S Burlingame	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.3
SW Hills	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	8	13	30.8
W Ptlid Park	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	2	1	0	3	0	3	13	32.8
Total SW	0	1	1	1	5	22	17	2	58	1	57	14	45	224	39.5

## Rainy weather driving tips

Oregon Department of Transportation

**Take precautionary measures.** Allow for more travel time; keep in mind the traffic and the fact that you should be driving slower. Stay on top of your car's condition: brakes, tire pressure, and tread depth. Wipers and defroster should be checked regularly so that you don't have to deal with them during a deluge. Make sure your wipers are in good condition and functioning properly. If they're brittle or damaged, replace them before you're caught in a downpour.

**Slow down.** Drive slowly, particularly through puddles. Hitting several inches of water at high speed can cause you to lose control of the car. Driving fast through puddles may splash water into the engine and stall it. Driving at slower speeds also helps drivers be prepared for sudden stops due to disabled cars, debris and other hazards associated with wet-weather driving. DON'T drive through deep pools!

**Keep your distance.** A car needs two to three times more stopping distance on wet pavement, so allow extra following distance between cars. If the car skids and you lose control, do not slam on the brakes. Instead, apply the brakes with a steady, light but firm pressure. Remember to steer in the direction the car is sliding. When you regain traction, your steering control will return. For cars equipped with antilock brakes, apply heavy steady pressure but do not pump the brakes.

**Avoid distractions.** Avoid eating, drinking, using your cell phone, tuning the stereo, etc.

**Stay informed.** Tune in to radio and television weather reports. Check [www.TripCheck.com](http://www.TripCheck.com), where links to cameras on many mountain passes and major routes give real-time views of road conditions.

**Car maintenance needs** increase during wet weather

**Check your brakes.** After driving through a puddle, check that brakes are working properly by tapping them gently a few times.

**Use your headlights and the windshield defroster.** Driving in the rain reduces visibility. Turn on your headlights to see and be seen. The defroster can help keep the inside of the windshield clear of moisture.

**Check your tires.** Make sure tires are in good condition and are at the recommended inflation level. Driving with bald tires on a slippery surface is a major cause of skidding. Tires should have at least 1/32 of an inch tread depth at any two adjacent grooves, the minimum allowable by law. Driving on tires that are over-inflated or under-inflated is also extremely dangerous on wet pavement.

**Make sure windshield wiper blades are in good condition.** Streaks or skipping on the vehicle's windshield are signs of worn wiper blades. Inspect wipers once a month and check the washer solvent reservoir to ensure it's full.

**Hydroplaning.** This happens when your front tires actually "surf" on a film of water. Hydroplaning depends on the condition of your tires and can occur at speeds as low as 35 miles per hour, especially if tires are worn. New tires with lots of tread that can "pump" out water may resist hydroplaning, but any tire will hydroplane if you are driving fast enough. If you start hydroplaning, take your foot off the gas, apply brakes gently and try to steer straight ahead.

## Portland Police Bureau's Community Problem Solving Resource Guide a wealth of local information

Portland Police Bureau

The Portland Police Bureau released the 2005 Community Problem Solving Resource Guide. This resource guide provides users with a quick reference to community resource information and frequently used telephone numbers. In 2004, the Portland Police Bureau received the Portland Monthly Magazine's Best of the City Award for its publication of the resource guide.

Included in the guide are hotline and emergency numbers, a variety of general community resource numbers, a list of City and County building locations, Portland Fire Bureau fire station locations and contact numbers, and a listing of Portland area streets both alphabetical and by the hundred blocks. Also included is a contact list of Portland area hotels and motels, a location list of Portland parks and recreational facilities, contact

numbers for Portland-Metro School Districts, and a listing of area colleges and universities.

The Community Problem Solving Resource Guide is a great asset for law enforcement agencies, community organizations and community members when searching for resources within and around the Portland area.

The Community Problem Solving Resource Guide and other brochures are available on the Portland Police Bureau website at [www.portlandpolice.com](http://www.portlandpolice.com). If you do not find what you are looking for in the guide, or have comments or suggestions, please call the Planning and Support Division at 503-823-0283.

## Helpful numbers

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| Emergency police, fire, or medical help<br>911   | Office of Neighborhood Involvement<br>503-823-4519 |
| Non-emergency police assistance<br>503-823-3333  | Neighborhood Mediation Center<br>503-823-3152      |
| Portland Police information & referral<br>503-823-4636   | Mayor's Comment Line<br>503-823-4127               |
| City of Portland/Multnomah County information and referral<br>503-823-4000<br>503-823-6868 TDD         | City Ombudsman<br>503-823-0144                     |
| SW Crime Prevention Coordinator<br>Stephanie Reynolds<br>503-823-3131                                  |  |
| Neighborhood Response Team Officers<br>Steve Andrusko & Scott Westerman<br>503-823-0234 & 503-823-0235 |  |
| Mental Health Crisis Line<br>503-988-4888  |  |
| Traffic Safety & Livability Hotline<br>503-823-SAFE  |  |
| Nuisance, housing code violations<br>503-823-7306  |  |
| Abandoned auto hotline<br>503-823-7309   |  |
| Noise control office<br>503-823-7350   |  |
| Graffiti abatement hotline<br>503-823-4TAG   |  |
| Liquor license issues<br>503-823-3092  |  |
| Independent Police Review<br>503-823-0146  |  |

### Elected Officials

- Mayor Tom Potter  
503-823-4120  
[mayorpotter@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:mayorpotter@ci.portland.or.us)
- Commissioner Sam Adams  
503-823-3008  
[samadams@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:samadams@ci.portland.or.us)
- Commissioner Randy Leonard  
503-823-4682  
[randy@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:randy@ci.portland.or.us)
- Commissioner Dan Saltzman  
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- Commissioner Erik Sten  
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- City Auditor Gary Blackmer  
assessments & liens, audits, city elections, recorder, independent police review, ombudsman  
503-823-4078  
[gblackmer@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:gblackmer@ci.portland.or.us)

## Helpful websites

- Office of Neighborhood Involvement website  
[www.portlandonline.com/oni](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni)
  - Neighborhood demographics
  - Neighborhood association contact info
  - Maps of neighborhood boundaries
  - Crime prevention educational materials
- Portland Police Bureau website  
[www.portlandonline.com/police](http://www.portlandonline.com/police)
  - CrimeMapper- see crime levels for 8 different crimes in your immediate area for the past 12 months. Just type in your address.
  - "Guide to home & vehicle security"- an excellent booklet detailing measures you can take to improve your home's resistance to burglary, vandalism, and other crimes.
  - Guide to robbery prevention & response- great tips for businesses to both reduce the chance of being robbed and know what to do if it happens.
  - "Problem-solving resource guide"- the same list of referral numbers the police officers carry around. Very helpful.
  - Public information office- sign up to receive emailed notices of CrimeStoppers alerts and other news related to crime prevention and law enforcement. This is the list that local TV stations and newspapers use to find out about breaking stories.
  - Suspected drug house complaint form- the Drugs and Vice Division wants to hear from you if you know about a possible drug house.
- Sites for federal statistics on crime  
[www.ncjrs.org](http://www.ncjrs.org)  
[www.ncvc.org](http://www.ncvc.org)  
[www.ojp.usdoj.gov](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov)  
[www.fedstats.gov](http://www.fedstats.gov)  
[www.albany.edu/sourcebook/](http://www.albany.edu/sourcebook/)
- City of Portland main website  
[www.portlandonline.com](http://www.portlandonline.com)
- Multnomah County main website  
[www.co.multnomah.or.us](http://www.co.multnomah.or.us)
- Metro regional government main website  
[www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org)
- State of Oregon main website  
[www.oregon.gov](http://www.oregon.gov)
- Information on domestic violence  
[www.co.multnomah.or.us/dchs/dv/](http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/dchs/dv/)  
Good basic information and many local resources. It also includes an excellent web-based training for businesses and other groups. Highly recommended.
- Information on identity theft  
[www.consumer.gov/idtheft/](http://www.consumer.gov/idtheft/)  
Includes detailed materials on preventing and recovering from identity theft. A site run by the Federal Trade Commission.
- Information on hate crimes  
[www.tolerance.org](http://www.tolerance.org)  
A website of the Southern Poverty Law Center, one of the nation's leading authorities on violence based on racism, homophobia, religious bigotry, etc.
- Information on sex offender registration.  
[www.co.multnomah.or.us/dcj/acjs/offender-sup.html](http://www.co.multnomah.or.us/dcj/acjs/offender-sup.html)  
Info on how sex offender registration & notification works in Oregon
- Resources for youth  
[www.girlsinitiativenetwork.org](http://www.girlsinitiativenetwork.org)  
A local community-based coalition of girls, young women, and their supporters involved in advocacy, education, and activism.
- [www.yar.org](http://www.yar.org)  
Provides grants to young people to design and carry out service projects.
- [www.girlsinc.org](http://www.girlsinc.org)  
National non-profit youth organization dedicated to inspiring all girls to be strong, smart, and bold.
- [www.mcgruff.org](http://www.mcgruff.org)  
A site run by the National Crime Prevention Council. Includes many games and activities to teach children about crime prevention.

**Save the Date!**  
On April 29th, 2006 at PCC Sylvania there will be an all-day free conference for community members interested in crime prevention & disaster preparedness.  
The conference is called **Ready. Safe. Go.** and is co-sponsored by the Office of Neighborhood Involvement and the Portland Office of Emergency Management.  
Watch this space for more details or visit [www.portlandonline.com/oni](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni)

## Southwest Development Review

by Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist  
Compiled from development review and other notices

### Pre-application conferences:

**PC 05-178832.** Design review for two six-story buildings and one 20-story building in South Waterfront. Location: Between Moody and Bond at SW Lowell St. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

**PC 05-179046.** Design and possible greenway review for 24-story building in South Waterfront. Location: SW Bond and Lowell. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

### Proposals:

**LU 05-175660 AD.** Applicant proposes to build a house and seeks an adjustment to waive the on-site parking requirement. Location: SW Sunset Blvd near SW Mitchell. **Neighborhood: Hillsdale.**

**LU 05-179322 ZE.** Applicant seeks a zone map error correction to reduce environmental conservation zoning. Location: 10615 SW 42nd Ave. **Neighborhood: West Portland Park.**

**LU 05-179571 LDP.** Applicant proposes to divide a 9,957-SF site into two lots. Location: 11327 SW 51st Ave. **Neighborhood: Far SW.**

**LU 05-156386 AD.** Applicant built a 6-foot-tall fence along the front property line and seeks an adjustment increasing the maximum allowable height from 3.5 feet to six feet. Location: 8824 SW 42nd Ave. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

**LU 06-100531 AD.** Applicant has proposed to move the property line between two lots. The lot increasing in size will then exceed the maximum allowable size in the R7 zone. So applicant seeks an adjustment to increase the maximum allowable size of the lot. Location: 4636 SW Taylors Ferry Rd. **Neighborhood: Crestwood.**

### Decisions:

**LU 04-094246 LDS AD.** Revised Order of Council denying appeal of Maplewood NA. Location: 6726 SW 63rd Ave. **Neighborhood: Maplewood.**

**LU 05-170506 AD.** Approval of adjustment to reduce a side setback for a chimney. Location: 3532 SW Alice St. **Neighborhood: Multnomah.**

**LU 05-174140 AD.** Approval of adjustment to reduce a side building setback for a proposed garage. Location: 2726 SW Taylors Ferry Rd. **Neighborhood: Markham.**

**LU 05-169061 LDP.** Approval of preliminary plan for a two-lot land division. Location: 4733 SW Fairvale Ct. **Neighborhood: Hayhurst.**

**LU 05-166578 AD.** Approval of adjustment to reduce a flag lot setback for a new garage. Location: 4630 SW 39th Dr. **Neighborhood: Bridlemile.**

**LU 05-159490 AD.** Approval of adjustment to reduce a garage setback and to allow a driveway to remain unpaved. Location: 8501 SW 7th Ave. **Neighborhood: S. Burlingame.**

**LU 05-164915 DZ.** Design review approval by design commission for 22-story apartment building in SW Waterfront District. Location: 3732 SW Moody Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

**LU 05-125472 PR.** Parking review approval for parking in the South Waterfront District. Locations: Blocks 24, 25, 28, 29. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

**LU 05-148943 LDP.** Preliminary plan approval for 2-lot land division. Location: 10422 SW 55th Ave. **Neighborhood: Crestwood.**

**LU 05-163763 LDP AD.** Preliminary plan approval for 2-lot land division and approval of adjustment to waive recreational area. Location: 0600 SW Nevada St. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

**LU 05-176922 AD.** Approval of adjustment to reduce a side setback for construction of a house. Location: 6111 SW Corbett Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

**LU 05-154345 LDP AD.** Approval of preliminary plan for 2-lot partition and for adjustments. Location: 6628 SW Virginia Ave. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

### Public hearings:

**LU 05-176945 HDZ.** Applicant requests historic design review approval for relocation and renovation of the Ladd Carriage House. Location: relocation from 1331 SW Broadway St to 101 SW Gibbs St. **Hearing on February 13 at 1:30 pm, Room 2500A, 1900 SW 4th Ave. Neighborhoods: Downtown Community Assoc. and CTLH.**

**LU 05-132348 PUD LDS EN M.** Applicant requests amendment of ordinance to allow an approved 3-lot land division. Location: Tract A along SW Lancaster Rd. Hearing was scheduled for January 23. **Neighborhood: Arnold Creek.**

**LU 05-169763 EN.** Applicant proposes to build a house and garage. Environmental review is required. Location: 3615 SW Hillside Dr. **Hearing on February 1 at 9 am, Room 3000, 1900 SW 4th Ave. Neighborhood: CTLH.**

**LU 05-145200 LDS.** Applicant proposes to divide a 20,000-SF site into four lots. Location: 5023-5033 SW Pasadena St. **Hearing on February 6 at 9 am, Room 3000, 1900 SW 4th Ave. Neighborhood: West Portland Park.**

### Design advice:

**05-164552 DA.** Design advice summary memo for tower proposal in South Waterfront. Location: SW Bond at Gaines. **Neighborhood: CTLH.**

**05-173021 DA.** Design advice summary for relocation and renovation of Ladd Carriage House. See above.

### Final plats:

8036 SW 64th Ave., 4733 SW Fairvale Ct.

### Notice of intent to demolish:

2021 SW Vermont St., 8426 SW 7th Ave.

## Committee Reports

### Public Safety Committee

Nancy Hand, chair, 503-452-9483

Our scheduled guest for our January meeting was Robb Freda-Cowie of Multnomah County Community Justice, speaking about a new online database of predatory sex offenders. We also had reports from Stephanie Reynolds, our crime prevention specialist, and Jan Weston our representative on the Chief's Forum.

As always we have time for each neighborhood representative to talk about issues affecting their neighborhoods and to ask questions of our officers.

Next meeting: Tues., Feb. 28, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

### Land Use Committee

Metro Councilor Robert Liberty was our guest at our January meeting. His talk focused on Metro's planning for regional growth, the Metro 2040 Growth Concept.

Our regional urban growth boundary (UGB) was adopted in 1979. Rapid growth in the 90's triggered hot discussion. Ten years ago Metro adopted the 2040 Growth Concept, a hybrid that incorporated three methods of growth: growth in (infill), growth out (sprawl) and shifting of growth to neighboring cities. The concept favors focusing of growth in centers, downtown Portland, big regional centers like Gateway, smaller town centers, and transit corridors.

The UGB expanded in 2001/05, with the biggest expansion in Damascus. The UGB is working. Robert showed an aerial photo; one could largely see where the UGB was by the clear line between developed and undeveloped land. In contrast, SW Washington, with weaker growth management rules, has much more infiltration of housing into rural areas. One surprise was that Portland house prices are actually lower than in many other western cities. Portland's median price is \$253,700; Seattle's \$325,00, and Orange County above \$700,00.

Robert reported that both population and job growth are in fact rising faster than was predicted in the growth concept. More information about Robert's presentation will be in the committee minutes.

Next month: Al Burns from the Bureau of Planning on the city's comprehensive plan and its impact on neighborhoods.

Next Meeting: Tues., Feb. 21, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

### SWNI Board

Glenn Bridger, president  
503-245-0729

SWNI Treasurer, Patty Lee and Executive Director, Sylvia Bogert have been actively participating with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) to work cooperatively to develop a community based budget process. After many hours of data analysis, work plan development and thoughtful discussion, the committee agreed to present both the requested budget cuts of 1%, 2%, and 3% and respectfully convey to the mayor the right budget for ONI.

The ONI budget proposal will go first to the mayor and then to Team B for its review. The process to develop the proposal re-energized and expanded the Bureau's Advisory Committee, provided feedback on infrastructure priorities to be considered by Bureau Innovation Project #8 as they look at the future of the neighborhood system; and given ONI a working group to assist in finding ways to incorporate learnings from the collective work on both the visioning and bureau innovation projects. We commend ONI Interim Director Amalia Alarcon for her leadership during this process.

Next Meeting: Wed., Feb. 22, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

### Transportation Committee

The committee met too late in January for a report here.

We have received drawings from PDOT of a third pedestrian crossing on Barbur Boulevard, this one at SW 58th in the Far West neighborhood. The other two are at SW Barbur Court and SW Huber St.

Robert Liberty's visit with the Land Use Committee touched on transportation as well as land use issues (see the Land Use Committee column on this page). In 2007, Metro will update its Regional Transportation Plan and is beginning work on the next phase of MTIP, the federal transportation funding program for the region.

Big transportation projects being considered in the region include a new Columbia River bridge, widening of Hwy 217, and replacement of the Sellwood Bridge.

Robert noted that much of the traffic across the current Interstate Bridge is local traffic between Vancouver and north Portland, and questioned the value of multiple lanes on a bridge that will have to neck down to fewer lanes to the freeway at each end of the bridge. He also recited estimates that widening 217 would cost between \$500 and \$581 million and in 20 years would decrease by only three to four minutes the time to travel the entire length of 217.

Tolls have been discussed as a way to pay for both a new bridge crossing and a widening of 217. Another idea: toll some of the roads we already have to raise money for improvements and discourage travel.

Next meeting: Monday, Feb. 27, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

### SW Trails

Don Baack, chair, 503-246-2088

SW Walking maps remain available at the SWNI office. They're free. Work is continuing on signage for Urban Trails and acquisition of an easement for a trail connection to SW 45th.

Next meeting: Thursday, Feb. 23, 7 pm  
St. Luke's Lutheran  
SW 46th and California

### Schools Committee

Lillie Fitzpatrick, 503-892-9921

As announced last month, Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. has created a Schools Committee to create stronger ties between neighborhood associations and schools - both public and private.

At our inaugural meeting we discussed the desire to have input into school decisions that affect the livability in SW Portland, we would also like to work as partners with PPS and others to increase public awareness of the wonderful things that are happening every day in our schools.

We have invited our representative on the Portland Public School Board, Doug Morgan, to our February meeting and hope every neighborhood will send a representative to this important discussion.

Next Meeting: Thurs., February 16, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

### Emergency Preparedness Committee

Michael Kisor, 503-293-5443

Commissioner Dan Saltzman attended our meeting in January to discuss matters related to emergency preparedness. The commissioner announced that city bureaus are meeting to discuss disaster preparedness plans at the city level and enhance communication efforts in the event of an emergency.

Committee members advocated for more Neighborhood Emergency Training Sessions throughout the year and offered to host the trainings in our district area. We also discussed the importance of having safe secure emergency shelters in case of a disaster.

Next Meeting: Thurs., February 9, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

### Parks Committee

Kirky Doble, 503-246-7970

In January, we heard a report from Multnomah resident and former committee member Hannah Davidson about an idea being floated to use part of Spring Garden Park for parking for construction workers on the Headwaters development. That idea has apparently been dropped, but the committee did approve a motion opposing such a use.

Chair Kirky Doble and committee member April Fong met with Matthew Grumm of Commissioner Saltzman's office. Matthew handles parks issues in the commissioner's office.

Next Meeting: Thurs. February 2, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

## Arnold Creek

Tues., February 14, 7 pm  
Jackson Baptist Church, 10558 SW 35th  
Nancy Hand, 503-452-9483, [enchand@hotmail.com](mailto:enchand@hotmail.com)

Congratulations go out to the Farm! They worked so hard and we are proud of them. Thanks go out to community members who contributed their time and funds to make this happen. Our neighborhood is very lucky to have so many committed individuals.

I know from conversations at the last meeting many are having water issues due to heavy rains. Please let me know if you

are having new water problems related to the construction in our area. Together we can work on things. You don't have to do it alone.

I am very excited about the new year. Please come and share with us what you would like to see as a goal for our neighborhood! Our next meeting will be February 14. Chocolate will definitely be on the agenda since it's Valentine's Day.

## Ashcreek

Monday, February 13, 7 pm  
Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy  
Jack Klinker, 503-246-7872, [jklinker@ease.com](mailto:jklinker@ease.com)

We sent a letter to Rob Burchfield at PDOT accepting, temporarily, his suggestions for traffic calming on Taylors Ferry Rd. We have not heard back as of press time. Our plan is to continue to work for the stop at SW 62nd that the Taylors Ferry Rd. Vision Plan calls for. To this end, we will be talking with Commissioner Sam Adams in the near future.

The SW Charter School, continues despite PPS board rejection. Bob Nourse says they will now submit the proposal to the state. He suggests that we should move to get the Smith fields on the upcoming Metro bond list as open space.

Teresa Carr of the Port of Portland was our guest. She talked about the port's history, organization and operation. She answered questions concerning the Columbia River

channel-deepening project, the various Superfund projects on the waterfront and emergency preparedness at the airport.

The Ashbaugh property on 54th has sold. Unfortunately and contrary to my report at our January meeting, at this time it looks like the whole acre will be redeveloped. We will be looking at the significant trees on the property and street issues to hopefully mitigate the impact of redevelopment.

We have no guest for February, but hopefully will have the city commissioners, individually, visit us over the next several months.

We will be looking to update our bylaws at the March meeting to bring them into compliance with the ONI standards. Those interested can obtain copies of the existing bylaws, and needed changes from me.

## Crestwood

Wednesday, March 8, 7 pm  
West Portland United Methodist Church, library  
4729 SW Taylors Ferry Rd  
Wes McMullen, 503-244-2659, [wes@ecosolvents.com](mailto:wes@ecosolvents.com)  
<http://www.CrestwoodNA.home.comcast.net>  
Dickinson Park group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/dickinsonpark/>

Property subdivisions, disruption of traffic on two major area roads, and big plans for two neighborhood parks are all activities starting the new year in Crestwood.

**Proposed and approved land subdivision:** Blue Sky Planning, presented plans for a 4-parcel partition of property at 9800 SW 55th Ave. which will result in the addition of three or four new building sites in addition to the home now at the site.

Access to two of the proposed new homes would be from Taylors Ferry Rd, with access to the third from 55th. In addition, street access to the existing home would be redesigned to enter from 55th which would allow for future access to a flag lot building site behind the home.

A significant number of trees may have to be removed. On the other hand, Blue Sky has plans to add to pedestrian access and upgrades along the section of the property that faces Taylors Ferry. Your neighborhood association applauded the pedestrian plans but asked that tree removal be kept to a minimum.

Bureau of Development Services has approved a proposed land division request by developers Gordon and Cecilia Usher that would result in the

creation of a flag lot at 10422 SW 55th Avenue.

In early January an application for future subdivision of property at 4636 SW Taylors Ferry Rd was also submitted to the bureau.

**Parks:** There are many protection enhancement projects planned for Dickinson and Woods parks (see *article page 16*). In other neighborhood park news, the Friends of Dickinson Park, recently turned down for a playground equipment grant, are regrouping and thinking about other funding alternatives. Those interested in joining in the activity can do so by contacting Darien Reece, [darien.reece@nike.com](mailto:darien.reece@nike.com) or 503-452-9795.

**Capitol Hwy, Taylors Ferry watermain replacement:** Crestwooders, get ready! Significant stretches of Capitol Hwy and Taylors Ferry Rd in Crestwood will be torn up for the replacement and maintenance of water mains. Work starts now and will continue at least until June 1. (see *article page 3*)

**No meeting this month, next meeting March 8:** We will be finalizing our plans to get information about issues facing the neighborhood out to residents, reviewing action plans for 2006 and elections of officers for later this spring ... and you are enthusiastically invited to be there with us!

## Collins View

Wed., February 1, 7 pm  
Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger, Rm 201  
Charlie Weiss, 503-799-4848  
[charliew@launchbx.com](mailto:charliew@launchbx.com)  
[www.collinsview.org](http://www.collinsview.org)

Greetings, SWNI readers - The January CVNA meeting was brief but very interesting. Here's a quick rundown:

**Greenwood Hills Cemetery:** City Commissioner Dan Saltzman has agreed to talk to the county and Metro about finding a new entity to take over the abandoned Greenwood Hills Cemetery. The City itself may be interested in taking over the property if some portion of it can be converted to park use. Dave Sulmonetti, our parks chair will track the process for us.

**Trimet Bus #39:** A field test of a potential new route for the #39 was conducted in December. The proposed new route includes an extension into Hillsdale to better connect Collins View to the businesses and services located there. The test was done with a 30' bus, driven by one of TriMet's master drivers with numerous folks from TriMet and the neighborhood riding along. The two tight turns that were in question were no problem for the driver and it was even possible for the bus to go up and down the Bertha ramp, which was previously thought to be too difficult. One more field test has been scheduled, this one during rush hour, to see if oncoming traffic will be a problem for making the turns. TriMet is working on a draft schedule. The route change will likely not occur until September. For full history of this project with pictures and maps please visit: <http://www.lclark.edu/~miller/Route39.html>

**Bylaws:** Josh Hinerfeld has been working on a revision of CVNA's bylaws to comply with new Office of Neighborhood Involvement guidelines. The proposed new bylaws will be posted at [www.collinsview.org](http://www.collinsview.org) for review. The focus of the changes has been our grievance procedure, redefining/refining boundary descriptions, and improving the readability of the bylaws themselves. A formal vote on the changes will be held at our annual meeting in May.

**Transportation:** Roundabout ready! Scott Batson, the city's traffic engineer, has been busy with other projects for the last few months, but he has indicated that he is now ready to focus his attention on the roundabout proposal for the intersection of Terwilliger/Boones Ferry /SW 2nd/Maplecrest Dr. The first steps will be for the city to conduct a feasibility study and for us (CVNA) to begin talking with the South Burlingame Neighborhood Association (SB).

Why? The intersection of SW Terwilliger and Taylors Ferry, which we share with SB, is another traffic problem area that should be considered along with the Boones Ferry/Terwilliger/Maplecrest problem. We will need to coordinate with South Burlingame. Neighbors interested in being part of the roundabout working group can contact Prakash Joshi at [artalive@comcast.net](mailto:artalive@comcast.net).

That's about it for the January meeting. Our next meeting is February 1. See you there!

Questions about CVNA? See [www.collinsview.org](http://www.collinsview.org).

## Bridlemile

Wed., February 8, 7 - 8:30 pm  
Bridlemile Elementary School, 4300 SW 47th Drive  
Greg Schifsky, [gregsch@hevanet.com](mailto:gregsch@hevanet.com), 503-246-2714  
<http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile>

Wednesday, February 8th - Sue Moir from Tualatin Riverkeepers will present a slide show about the Tualatin Riverkeepers and their efforts toward a healthy, sustainable waterway in the Tualatin basin, which all of Bridlemiles' creeks form a significant part of the headwaters.

### Projects & Committees

**Business Liaison:** Contact Dave Buchner, [dave.buchner@statefarm.com](mailto:dave.buchner@statefarm.com).

**Community Outreach:** Contact Kathy, 503-245-2634, [kathybambeck@spiritone.com](mailto:kathybambeck@spiritone.com).

**Creeks:** Bridlemile Creek Stewards (BCS) next meeting **Tuesday, February 14th; Hamilton Park invasive removal, Saturday, February 18th**, see BCS website <http://home.comcast.net/~steve.mullinax/bridlemile/BCS.htm> for details. Contact: Steve Mullinax, [steve.mullinax@alum.mit.edu](mailto:steve.mullinax@alum.mit.edu), 503-768-9065 or Greg Schifsky, [gregsch@hevanet.com](mailto:gregsch@hevanet.com), 503-246-2714.

**Crime & Safety:** There have been six coyote sightings recently; they are posted on the <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/safety.html> page. Contact Tom Doberstein, [t.doberstein@comcast.net](mailto:t.doberstein@comcast.net), 503-319-5884

**Hamilton Park Foot Patrol:** Contact Ellen Underhill, [ellenunderhill@comcast.net](mailto:ellenunderhill@comcast.net) and see the footpatrol webpage at <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/footpatrol>.

**History of Bridlemile:** In October, the black walnut tree on 48th Pl. celebrated its 100th birthday. When spring comes and old black walnut is looking its best, we will take its picture and add it to our website for everyone to admire. Contact, Ginger Danzer, 503-292-9460 or [ggdanz@wans.net](mailto:ggdanz@wans.net).

**Land Use:** The tree committee's final recommendations are now posted at the BNA trees page <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/trees>, contact Greg Schifsky, [gregsch@hevanet.com](mailto:gregsch@hevanet.com), 503-246-2714. For questions regarding any of the different projects and proposals (e.g., land use reviews), contact Rich Adelman, 503-223-0992, [richard.adelman@gbjarch.com](mailto:richard.adelman@gbjarch.com).

## Far Southwest

Tuesday, March 14, 7 pm,  
Comfort Suites Motel, SW 60th & Barbur

Andy Rocker, 503-452-3145, [rockerport@msn.com](mailto:rockerport@msn.com)

### Issues discussed at our last meeting

**Traffic calming:** The city has already approved these bumps and qualified us for city funding for 60% of the cost, so the neighborhood would have to raise approximately \$8,000 (40%). Petitions would have to be signed and approved by 2/3 of all affected neighbors (those who live on or must use Capitol Hwy to access their property). The petition will probably be circulated beginning in February. The city is still considering the possibility of installing a stop sign at SW 53rd Ave and Capitol Hwy.

**Parks Update:** April Fong described the work being done at Sylvania Natural Area Park (SNAP), the new park at SW 53rd and Capitol Hwy. After our 2 work parties at SNAP

**Noise:** Are you bothered by noise from night timestreet cleaning along Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy or other sources? If you have ideas for possible solutions, stories about how this problem has affected you, contact David Auker, [DaVAuk@Hevanet.com](mailto:DaVAuk@Hevanet.com), 503-246-1100.

**Parks:** See Foot Patrol, Crime & Safety, and Creeks above. If you are interested in parks and open spaces, and could take over as Bridlemile Parks chair (attend monthly SWNI Parks and BNA meetings) contact Victor von Salza, [victor@vonsalza.com](mailto:victor@vonsalza.com), 503-246-2146.

**Safe Routes to Schools:** Bridlemile Elementary School is looking for school team members to help guide Safe Routes to School. If you would like help or just participate, contact Lynne Mutrie, [lynnem@actsoregon.org](mailto:lynnem@actsoregon.org), 503-656-7329; or Lillie Fitzpatrick, [lf@pdx.edu](mailto:lf@pdx.edu), 503-892-9921. More details can also be found at: <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/saferoutes.html>.

**Schools:** Recently, the SWNI board formed a schools committee and has asked each neighborhood to find a person from them who could represent the neighborhood at a monthly committee meeting (third Thursday of each month). The committee was created to improve communication between the schools and the neighborhoods on important topics such as school closures and sale of school property (property between Bridlemile Elementary and Hamilton is on the possible sale list). It is hoped that news will flow between the representatives from the school to NA and back. Contact any of the BNA board members listed here, and/or come to our next meeting.

**Transportation/Pedestrian Safety:** There has been concern regarding cars parked in the no-parking zone along Hamilton by Hamilton Park. We have a proposed model for turning swales into safe places to walk or wait for a bus, see the BNA Transportation page <http://www.vonsalza.com/bridlemile/transport.html> for details. Contact Beverly Vogt, [bevvoigt@comcast.net](mailto:bevvoigt@comcast.net), 503-292-6939.

in the fall, the city picked up a large pile of removed invasive species (5 truckloads!). They also installed signs at each of the 3 park entrances. Parks and Recreation installed hardware cloth on the bridge because the wooden bridge was quite slippery and repaired the handrail.

Continued invasive species removal is planned by the PCC Sylvania Habitat Restoration Team for February, and March. Native planting will begin **February 11 from 9 am - noon**. All volunteers are welcome. We will be planning a Sylvania Park celebration for May 2006, all volunteers, neighbors, and interested college and city workers will be invited. Contact April Fong, [afong@pcc.edu](mailto:afong@pcc.edu), if you would like to be involved with the SNAP project.

## Corbett/Terwilliger/Lair Hill

Wed., February 1, 7 pm, Tabernacle Seventh Day Adventist Church, 0206 SW Condor Ave.  
Ken Love, 503-245-7795  
TLC11@mindspring.com, www.ctlh.org

### Commissioner Randy Leonard

Commissioner Randy Leonard came to the January CTLH board meeting to discuss some exciting projects he is working on and answer questions. He has previously met with CTLH NA Pres. Ken Love and Vice Pres. Dave Schwindt to discuss ideas for improving the CTLH neighborhood. He said he was not initially pleased with his water bureau assignment but he has been working hard to improve that agency. He has started a project to convert under-utilized water bureau land into parks. He has done that in some east side locations and has some west side locations in mind and is looking for more. He is also in charge of the Bureau of Buildings and has had some success in getting that bureau to be more service-oriented. He told us he is very reluctant to approve any more City general fund money for the tram, and he does not think apartments renting at \$2,600 per month should qualify for "low-income" tax abatements. Neighbors who attended the meeting expressed gratitude to Commissioner Leonard for his attention to our neighborhood.



### CTLH NA Growing

While other neighborhood associations are thinking of disbanding, CTLH is growing. We now have a full board (pictured above) for the first time in at least a decade and we are financially in good shape. However, there is still room for you. Our neighborhood is changing fast and it takes many people to work to keep improving the livability of CTLH. We need more people for all sorts of committees and projects. Also, if you want to run for a position on our board, the annual elections will be held the first Wednesday in April. If you have questions, the best place to start is by giving our President Ken Love a call at 503-245-7795 to see if there is any way you could fit in.

### Monument update



The historic marker for Portland's first log cabin has been moved approximately 100 ft. east on Macadam to Curry where it will be held in storage until such time as it can be moved to the new city park.

If you are interested in getting involved in this project, contact Laura Campos, 503-241-4933.

### Public open house for South Waterfront Urban Design

Wednesday, February 8  
1900 SW 4th Ave, Room 2500,  
5 pm to about 7:30 pm

The open house will unveil proposed refinements to the South Waterfront plan, including additional view protections

### Tram update

The tram and its construction seem to be causing a great deal of confusion. OHSU has prepared a "Q&A" to help clear up some of the confusion, and they have given us permission to put it on our website (www.ctlh.org). The Q&A covers a wide range of topics such as costs, completion date and other neighborhood transportation improvements.

CTLH's web site is [www.ctlh.org](http://www.ctlh.org)  
Committee meetings

Transportation/Parking Permit Committee: Tuesday, January 31, 6 pm, Running Outfitters, 2337 SW 6th. Contact: committee chair Bill Danneman, 503-228-9868.

Land Use Committee: Monday, February 20, 7:15 pm at Lair Hill Market, 2823 SW 1st. Contact: committee chair Jim Davis, 503-248-9820.

Parks and Greenway Committee: Wednesday, February 15, 7 pm, Mazatlan Restaurant, 6141 SW Macadam, Suite 100. Contact: committee chair Ken Love, 503-245-7795.

Neighborhood Plan Update Committee: Thursday, February 16, 7 pm, Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: David Schwindt, 503-227-1165, dschwindt@schwindtco.com.

Communications/Finance Committee: Thursday, February 23, 7 pm, at Ross Island Grocery, 3338 SW Corbett. Contact: Lee Buhler, 503-227-0160, LEB@pacifier.com.

## Hillsdale

Wed., February 1, 7 pm  
St Barnabas Church  
201 SW Vermont  
Don Baack, 503-246-2088  
baack@pacifier.com  
Agenda for February meeting?  
1. Meeting called to order. Welcome.  
2. Approval of agenda  
3. Review of last month's meeting minutes. See Hillsdale web site <http://explorepdx.com/hna.html>.  
4. Bertha Triangle Developments.  
5. Reports:  
a. Wilson Pool North Entrance Design Efforts - Duane Hunting  
6. SWHRL - Hillsdale boundary status and next steps - Aloha Wyse  
7. Reports  
a. Hillsdale Renaissance - Duane Hunting/John Gould  
b. Other Land Use Issues  
c. Outreach Committee - Meghan MacKenzie  
d. SWNI Report - Glenn Bridger  
e. Hillsdale Plaza Planning Grant Meghan MacKenzie  
f. Trail Work  
8. Public Comments, Concerns, Announcements and Questions:  
9. New Business  
10. Adjourn.

### Hillsdale Plaza kick-off meeting

Hillsdale Neighborhood Association has recently been awarded a grant by the Alliance of Portland Neighborhood Business Associations and the Portland Development Commission to develop a master plan for an urban plaza located within the town center. We will be examining potential uses for the plaza as well as locations. We will be holding a kick-off meeting on **Tuesday, February 21st, 6 - 7:45 pm, Hillsdale Library meeting room.**

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in discussing the future of a Hillsdale Plaza to this event. We will discuss the project history and time line and provide an opportunity for the community to brainstorm a wish list of potential uses. In addition, we would like to form a citizens' advisory committee to help with the planning process. We anticipate the project to be completed by June 2006.

Anyone interested in participating on this committee should attend this meeting or contact Hillsdale board member Meghan MacKenzie, [meghanmackenzie@comcast.net](mailto:meghanmackenzie@comcast.net) or 503-381-9011, or chair Don Baack, 503-246-2088, [baack@pacifier.com](mailto:baack@pacifier.com) for information.

**Kindergarten Round-Up**  
**Coming to**  
**Markham Elementary School**  
**for 2006-2007 School Year!**  
Full-Day Kindergarten  
Half-Day Kindergarten  
Monday, March 6, 2006, 7:00 PM  
Markham Elementary School Library  
10531 SW Capitol Hwy  
Portland OR 97219  
For More information contact  
Markham Elementary School:  
(503) 916-5681

## Hayhurst

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 7 - 8:30 pm,  
Vermont Hills United Methodist Church, 6053 SW 55th Dr.  
Lillie Fitzpatrick, [lf@pdx.edu](mailto:lf@pdx.edu)  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/hayhurst)

## Homestead

Tuesday, February 7, 7 pm  
OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, 3rd floor  
Anton Vetterlein, 503-790-0719, [HomesteadNA.org](http://HomesteadNA.org)

The Homestead / SWHRL boundary surveys have been returned and analyzed, and 85% of respondents supported the boundary proposal. There was strong support from those living above on Fairmount and Sherwood for being part of SWHRL, and there was strong support from those on Marquam Hill for being part of Homestead NA. The joint overlap committee of SWHRL and Homestead representatives has reviewed the survey responses and recommended to their respective boards that they approve the boundary proposal. The Homestead board will vote on the proposal at our February 7th meeting. According to our bylaws, we need to vote on the boundary change at two successive general membership meetings. Those votes will be taken at our meetings on March 7th and April 4th. Once Homestead NA and the SWHRL board approve the boundary change, then we will finally be able to put this distracting issue behind us.

The public open house on the "South Waterfront Urban Design and Development update"

was changed from January to February 8th and will be held in Room 2500 at 1900 SW 4th Ave. The event will unveil proposed refinements to the South Waterfront plan, including additional view protections.

At our Feb. 7 meeting we will be discussing possible sidewalk construction in the "village" area adjacent to OHSU. We will discuss which streets to target for sidewalks and how to pay for them, including the formation of a local improvement district (LID). This is part of ongoing discussions about how to apply parking meter revenues that are dedicated to local neighborhood transportation-related projects. We will also be discussing neighborhood utilization of the Smart Park cars funded by OHSU. Do we want to have OHSU continue to pay for residents' use of the cars, or would we rather see OHSU put the money into some other neighborhood benefit, such as increased enforcement of the area parking permits?

There are so many issues affecting where you live. Please attend a neighborhood meeting to find out about them and have your say.

### Calling all young artists! Get your artwork on a billboard!

"Don't Bug Us!" shouts out from one billboard touting natural gardening, illustrated with colorful ladybugs; "Be a Smart Person and Recycle," advises another.



Your child could see his or her name in lights by creating a winning billboard for Metro's tenth-annual billboard art contest. Metro is inviting students in area schools to create a design for a billboard that encourages people to conserve and protect resources through waste prevention, recycling, composting or using fewer toxic products.

One winner will be selected from each grade-level category: kindergarten through 2nd grade, 3rd - 5th grade, 6th - 8th grade, and 9th - 12th grade. The winners will have

their artwork, their name and the name of their teacher and school displayed on billboards posted throughout the Metro region all year long.

Winning and honorable mention artists will have their original artwork framed and returned to them at a special art show and unveiling ceremony on April 8. The four winning designs will be announced and unveiled for the first time at this ceremony.

Information and instructions for submitting artwork are available on Metro's website, [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org). Or, call Metro Recycling Information at 503-234-3000. Entries must be received at Metro by **February 10, 2006.**

### PCC Sylvania

### Habitat Restoration Team announces 2006 work parties!

Hello, habitat team supporters, great volunteers, and all others interested in our work!

You are invited to our work parties this winter and spring! All of our big work parties are on Saturdays, 9 am - noon. Meet at Parking Lot 10 on the north end of the PCC campus. A crew leader will meet you there and walk you down. Be on time, as those who miss the walk to the park, may get lost! Dress for the weather, mud, and thorns!

Mark your calendars - our work parties will be February 11 (planting!), March 4 (planting!), April 22 (Earth Day!), and May 6 (No Ivy Day!). All of our work parties will involve invasive species removal, especially English ivy, Himalayan blackberries, and English laurels.

## Markham

Tuesday, April 11, 7 pm  
Jackson Baptist Church 10558 SW 35th  
across from Jackson School

Sylvia Bogert, SWNI Exe Dir., 503-823-4592 sylvia@swni.org  
<http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm>

In light of dwindling attendance, Markham Neighborhood Association has agreed to:

- Hold meetings quarterly rather than monthly (the next meeting is April 11).

- Organize around neighborhood projects, such as the bio-swale at 17th and Taylors Ferry Road.

Amanda Black is the contact person for the bio-swale project, Marion Hansen is the contact person for the Markham web site, and Sylvia Bogert is the contact person for everything else. Go to the web site for contact info

(<http://www.wescorhvac.com/Markham.htm>).

The city's Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) plans to begin engineering work in February to turn the overgrown lot at 17th and Taylors Ferry Road into a bio-swale. The bio-swale will: help control run-off; filter pollutants from the run-off; and make the corner more attractive with plantings and hardscape. Contact Jennifer Devlin (jenniferd@bes.ci.portland.or.us), Environmental Program Coordinator with Portland's Environmental Services, for more information.

## Maplewood

**\*New meeting date: Monday, February 13, 7 pm**  
West Hills Friends Church, 7425 SW 52nd

Brad Baugher, 503-244-7025 baugherb@oes.edu

Maplewood Neighborhood Association changes monthly meeting day.

School principal set as guest speaker for February.

The Maplewood Neighborhood Association MNA voted to change the regular meeting day to the 2nd Monday of the month at its January board meeting. Next meeting is February 13th in the classroom of the West Hills Friends Church at 7 pm. Guest speaker is John Blanck, principal of Maplewood School.

In other business, MNA's website will be up and going again soon, according to Brad Baugher, present chair. Jim Batton introduced himself as the Maplewood PTA liaison to the neighborhood association. The board was pleased to have this connection as it will result in better communication.

Fundraising was a topic discussed by MNA's secretary, Gary Swanson-Davies, and treasurer, Anne-Marie Fischer. They both have been busy working on some exciting projects. Top projects right now are funding of the Maplewood-Hendrickson Conservation Easement and a possible neighborhood fair this summer.

Traffic issues continue to be a problem for the neighborhood. Traffic on SW 45th creeps up to the crosswalk line preventing the right-turn traffic from SW Multnomah Blvd. from turning north onto SW Maplewood Dr., especially when a car is waiting at the light to leave Maplewood (heading south). "If you know of a traffic problem, hope is not

lost," says Jill Gaddis chair of the Traffic Committee. If you write a clear letter including diagrams to PDOT describing the problem, they will respond. Linda Swanson-Davies, Safety Committee chair, is forming a Neighborhood Watch.

Two new committees have been formed, the "Advisory Design Review" committee and the "Maplewood Neighbor Fair" committee. The Land Use Committee continues to be busy keeping an eye on development. A big concern is quaint neighborhood homes being demolished and replaced by monstrous "Craftmanesque" homes with no yards. It requires much vigilance by neighbors to stay on top of all of the issues that come up in a once-quiet neighborhood.

Anyone interested in being involved in a MNA committee should contact Southwest Neighborhoods office (503-823-4592) and they will connect you with the right person at the association.

Micki Carrier, MNA's Outreach chair, is working on building a telephone tree for those people who don't want e-mail meeting reminders. A postcard will be delivered to the doors of homes in Maplewood prior to the March meeting to remind everyone of the new meeting day and place. It's the 2nd Monday of each month.

Scheduled for March are the general meeting and elections. All officer positions are open for anyone in the neighborhood who wants to run for them.

This is your opportunity to have a voice in what happens in our neighborhood. Come to the meetings. Get involved.

## Multnomah

Tuesday, February 14, 7 pm,  
Multnomah Center, 7688  
SW Capitol Hwy.

Brian Russell, 503-869-1632,  
barusse@hotmail.com

Hello, Multnomahns!

I appreciate all of you who came to last month's meeting. Lots of Neighbors = High Energy + Diverse Views. Thanks also go to Commissioner Dan Saltzman for sharing his newest ideas on sustainable energy for the city, regulation of payday loan operations, and fire and police disability and retirement reform. I'm also glad to hear a city commissioner say that "our parks are NOT FOR SALE!"

We will continue our discussion of the Headwaters Project and concerns associated with it, specifically the parking situation, in February. I have invited representatives from PDC, RH Construction, and Winkler Development to attend and give us an update on the situation. As one neighbor pointed out, there have been complaints from the construction company that rocks have been thrown at workers. This is unacceptable and I believe that we must work at improving communications between all parties. The place to hold these discussions is at our monthly meeting, so I hope to see you there.

We will also have two presentations/ Q&A sessions, one from PDOT and the other from Water Bureau. Greg Raisman will be discussing opportunities in Multnomah and SW Portland for bicycle boulevards and other amenities. A representative from the water bureau will be discussing the proposed plans to develop the property around the Texas tank into a "pocket park."

As I alluded to in this column last month, I would love to hear your suggestions for improving the neighborhood. We already have neighbors working on a grant application for the mayor's visioning project, developing ideas for a city repair project, and partnering up with village businesses for this year's Multnomah Days. We still need someone to represent us on the public safety committee. If you have any time, ideas, money or other resources that you would be willing to donate, please call or email me! Cheers! Brian.

Marshall Park continues to hold first-Saturday work parties. Meet at the picnic tables at 9 am to help rid the park of invasive plants, restore the creek, and promote native plants.

The next meeting will be February 9th. In order to receive a detailed agenda a few days before the meeting, subscribe to receive MPNA updates by sending an email to MarshallParkNA@yahoo.com.

## South Burlingame

Monday, March 13, 7 pm  
Capitol Hill Elementary, 8401 SW 17th Avenue  
(Spring Garden and SW 17th)

Chair, Marti Long, 503-452-1450, sethandmarti@comcast.net

Our last meeting was January 9th. We met in the Capitol Hill Elementary library for the first time. It was a pleasant meeting place which we will continue to use in the future.

At the last meeting we discussed putting up a "South Burlingame" sign at a prominent entrance point to our neighborhood. The concept is vague at this point, but if you would like to be involved in the design and location efforts, please come to the next meeting. Fundraising will likely be needed in the future in order for the idea to be realized.

We also discussed the need for more work to be done in the corridor between our neighborhood and I-5. The area is completely overgrown

and many trees have already fallen victim to ivy. We plan on holding multiple work parties in the spring. We hope to plant young trees in the area but will need funding and approval from the appropriate governmental agency.

The Jake Brake problem is still very real, but there is not much to report this month.

If there is an issue that you would like added to the agenda for the March meeting, please contact me at the number or e-mail above. I am also asking you to send me your address so that you can be included in the emails group I have formed. This enables us to share information amongst neighbors between the monthly editions of this newspaper.

## Congratulations, Tryon Life Farm!

You did it! You raised the funds to purchase the farm.  
What a great addition to the neighborhoods!

## West Portland Park

Thursday, February 9, 7 pm  
Hospitality Inn Conference Room, 10151 SW Capitol Hwy

David Gens, 503-244-8043

[www.neighborhoodlink.com/wppna](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/wppna)

**Environmental Zones 101:** It's great what a bit of education will do to help us understand governmental rules and regulations. Lori Hennings of Metro gave the West Portland Park board and guests an overview of Metro's environmental zoning and how it relates to the individual regional cities' environmental zoning. Lori said that the City of Portland actually has stronger rules and regulations than the Metro "base" standards. The rules, regulations and standards were developed in response to the state's Goal 5 relating to preserving wildlife habitat.

Lori's overview helped us to better understand how the zoning for the proposed development on 42nd between Galeburn and Dickinson came about. The city is processing a proposed change to move the Environmental Conservation zone boundary in a Type II administrative process. What this means is if any of the parties does not like the decision, they can appeal. Then there would be a hearing with the opportunity for public testimony. Comments on the proposed change were due January 13. The next step is that the city will make the decision within 17 days. Then the various parties will have two weeks to appeal.

**Letter from the board:** Leonard Gard, Land Use Specialist with SWNI, helped the board to draft a letter with comments opposing the proposed zone change. Two amendments were proposed and accepted. The board voted to send the letter as amended to the administrative decision-maker.

**Stay tuned:** We will update you on next steps in the next issue of SWNI. You also may contact board chair David

Gens, 503-244-8043 for updates, and attend the February meeting.

**News from the library:** Patti Vincent, head librarian at the Capitol Hill Library, attended the meeting and reported that they have a new youth librarian, Natasha Forester. Stop by and meet Natasha.

**Spirit of Portland Award:** Adam Grimshaw brought the Spirit of Portland Award that West Portland Park Neighborhood Association received for all to see. Again, thanks to all of you who have worked so hard and long to make this an effective neighborhood association.

**Plant Salvage Party:** The plant salvage party went well at the new park site next to the library on January 14. The rain didn't put a damper on attendees' enthusiasm. Besides, plants are easier to remove from wet ground and there is a higher chance of those plants surviving. Thanks to Margaret Bagg, librarian at Capitol Hwy branch, for making this event happen.

**Name the Park:** No new names were suggested in phone calls to Betty McArdle. So, the candidate names are West Portland Park and Holly Farm Park. Now it's up to you to vote on your favorite. There are two ways to vote: Online: Go to the Portland Parks & Recreation website, [www.portlandparks.org](http://www.portlandparks.org), and click on "What's New?" to find the survey, throughout February. Please use the honor code and vote only once per person either on line or by paper ballot.

At the March 9th WPPNA board meeting, the board will review the results of the voting and decide on a recommended name to forward to Zari Santner, Portland Parks & Recreation director for a final decision.

## Marshall Park

Thursday, February 9, 6 pm, Papaccino's Coffee House, 8421 SW Terwilliger

Jen Seamans and Neil Blatner, 503-246-2434 marshallparkna@yahoo.com

At our January meeting, land use was the major discussion point. There are a number of active and upcoming proposals in our neighborhood. If you'd like more information, visit the website (marshallpark.swni.org), or call or email the co-chairs.

Do you have an interest in Parks? Schools? Transportation? Land use? Public safety?

A number of committees in SW neighborhoods currently have no Marshall Park representative. If you'd like to help your Marshall Park neighbors have a voice and stay in touch with what's happening in other areas, please consider volunteering as a committee representative. Call or email the co-chairs if you have time to help, even temporarily.

## Neighborhood House Senior Center

7688 SW Capitol Hwy., 503-244-5204 (Open 9 am - 3:30 pm, M-F)

### Rummage sale alert!

We are now collecting items for our annual rummage sale in March. This is by far our biggest fundraiser of the year and its success is entirely dependent on your donations! What a great time of year to clean out the house and toss out things you are no longer using. Remember, your junk is another person's treasure! Please consider donating any of the following items during senior center hours:

Household items, small appliances, dishes, cookware, decorative items, furniture, clothing and shoes, jewelry, sporting goods, garden tools, toys, automotive equipment, entertainment & exercise equipment, craft supplies, and holiday decorations. Sorry, we cannot accept stoves, tires, refrigerators, mattresses or sofa beds.

### Free tax-aid

Tax assistance appointments begin February 6th for taxpayers with low and middle income, with special attention to those age 60 or older. It is necessary to schedule an appointment and we are unable to assist walk-in clients. AARP Tax-Aid volunteers provide free tax counseling and preparation service. This service can answer most of the tax issues faced by low- and middle-income tax-payers. Be prepared to have your taxes filed electronically, allowing returns to come more swiftly. Please note: the volunteers will have time to handle only simple returns and appointments are limited to 50 minutes.

Appointments available Mondays and Wednesdays, February 6th-April 12th, from 9 am-3 pm, call 503-244-5204 to make an appointment. Actual appointments will take place at the Loaves and Fishes building at 7710 SW 31st Ave, in the Jean Wade Room, Floor 1B.

Please bring the following when you come:

- Current year's tax forms and preparation booklet;
- Copy of last year's income tax return(s);
- W-2 forms from each employer;
- Unemployment compensation statements;
- SSA-1099 form if you were paid Social Security benefits;
- All 1099 forms (1099-INT, 1099-DIV, 1099-B, etc.) showing interest and/or dividends and documentation showing original purchase price of sold assets; 1099-misc. showing any miscellaneous income; 1099-R form if you receive a pension or annuity;
- All forms indicating federal income tax paid;
- Dependent care provider information (name, employer, ID, Social Security number); Social Security number for all dependents.;
- All receipts or canceled checks if itemizing deductions.

**Free seminar on disaster preparedness for seniors by seniors**  
February 6th, 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Take responsibility, prepare *now* for a sudden emergency. Learn how to protect yourself and cope with disaster by planning ahead. Even if you have physical limitations, you can still protect yourself.

### Avoid Medicare fraud and identity theft

Join us for a free seminar with useful tips on how to decrease your chances to be victimized by Medicare fraud or identity theft. If you are interested, call Diane at 503-244-5204 for details.

### It Takes Two: A class for caregivers

Dementia naturally alters the way in which people communicate their needs and express thoughts and feelings. Hallucinations, delusions, paranoia, and impulsivity, as a result of a cognitive impairment, can be tough on caregivers and other family members and disruptive in every facet of life. There are ways of dealing with these issues.

The Caregiver Support Program is offering caregivers and other family members a class in ways of communicating with persons affected by dementia and intellectual decline and ways of dealing with problem behaviors related to dementia. The *If Takes Two* class will be offered on four consecutive Fridays in February, 1 to 3 pm. Space is limited and some scholarships are available to low-income caregivers. To participate, call Troy Kindy, 503-244-5204.

### February TRIPS

Senior Center membership required

Call Gretchen, 503-244-5204, for more information.

**Seafood & Wine Festival:** 1 - 4:30 pm, Friday, February 3rd, Cost: \$3.50 + \$10 for admission. Registration begins January 23rd.

**Oregon Jewish Museum:** 11 am - 2:30 pm, Tuesday, February 7th, Cost: \$3 + \$3 admission for museum. Bring money for lunch. Registration begins January 23rd.

**Fred Meyer Bakery Tour:** 8 - 11 am, Thursday, February 1st. Free. Registration begins February 1st. Please call Gretchen, 503-244-5204 x103, to register for this trip.

**End of the Oregon Trail:** 11 am - 4 pm, Wednesday, February 22nd, Cost: \$4.50 + \$4.50 for admission and money for lunch. Registration begins January 23rd.

**Moonstruck Chocolate:** 2 - 4 pm, Thursday, February 23rd, Free. Registration begins February 1st. Please call Gretchen, 503-244-5204 x103, to register for this trip.

## 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 - 11 am, second Thursday

**Qigong Classes**  
1 - 2 pm, Thursdays

**Falun Gong**  
1 - 2 pm, Mondays

**Stability Ball & Yoga**  
11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Tuesdays  
9:10 - 10:10 am, Thursdays

**Yoga**  
10 - 11:30 am, Fridays

**Rhythmic Exercise**  
10:15 - 11:15 am, Tuesdays  
10:15 - 11:15 am, Thursdays

**Conversation Circle**  
1:30 - 2:15 pm, Thursdays

**Massage**

Appointments on Tuesday afternoons

**Low-Vision Support Group**

11 am - noon, third Tuesday

**Acupuncture**

Appointments Mondays and

Thursday afternoons

**Haircuts by Yolanda**

2:15-3:45 pm, Mondays

### Senior Law Project

Obtaining legal advice can often be an intimidating and expensive task. Neighborhood House offers a fabulous program funded by Legal Aid Services of Oregon called the Senior Law Project to help you overcome these obstacles. The Senior Law Project provides seniors the opportunity to receive free legal advice from experienced lawyers in our area. In some cases, the lawyer may choose to continue working with you, free of charge. To qualify for this program you must:

1. Live in Multnomah County, or have a legal issue in Multnomah County
2. Be 60 years old, or have a spouse that is 60
3. Be a US citizen or legal alien
4. Have a civil, non-criminal legal issue to discuss

All 30-minute appointments are free for clients who qualify. Call 503-244-5205 ext. 103 for info or appointment.

### Senior Center Membership

Annual membership is \$20 for an individual and \$30 for a couple. Membership does include delivery of our monthly newsletter and membership is required for participants in most activities, classes and trips. Membership is open to all individuals 55 & older, or if the spouse is 55 years of age.

## Dan Saltzman is honoree at Neighborhood House Animation Celebration 2006

Donations now being accepted for auction

Neighborhood House will honor City Commissioner Dan Saltzman with a Century of Service Award at its second annual Animation Celebration in March. The award will recognize Saltzman for his longtime commitment to promoting children's issues, according to Rick Nitti, Neighborhood House executive director.



Commissioner Saltzman will be presented with a Century of Service Award at the Neighborhood House Animation Celebration

"Dan has been instrumental in mobilizing support for programs that improve the quality of life for children in Portland," Nitti said. "We are excited about the opportunity to honor him for his leadership on behalf of children and youth."

Saltzman oversees the Children's Investment Fund, created when Portlanders approved a ballot measure known as the Portland Children's Initiative in November 2002. The fund provides approximately \$8.5 million a year for five years to support programs designed to help children arrive at school ready to learn, provide safe and constructive after-school alternatives for kids, and prevent child abuse and neglect and family violence. The measure may come up for reconsideration before voters as early as November 2007.

In addition to educating children and parents, Neighborhood House provides programs that feed and house hungry and homeless families and assist elders so that they can continue to live independently. It is the primary organization providing social and support services in Southwest Portland, serving approximately 6,000 low-income individuals and families each year.

Inspired by the legacy of Portland native son Mel Blanc, the voice of Bugs Bunny and many other memorable characters, Animation Celebration is Neighborhood House's premier fundraising event of the year. This year's event will feature an animated film produced by middle school students in Neighborhood House after-school programs through a partnership with the Art Institute of Portland. Proceeds will benefit Neighborhood House programs that serve young children and youth in need.

Animation Celebration will take place Saturday, March 11, at the Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront. The evening features a sit-down dinner, silent and oral auctions, and a behind-the-scenes look at the artists and performers who bring characters and stories alive through the wonder of animation.

"We celebrated 100 years of service to the community in 2005, and are proud to launch a second century filled with growth and opportunity as we continue to meet the needs of our neighbors in Southwest Portland," said Nitti.

Between now and March 1, Neighborhood House is accepting donations for both the silent and oral auctions. Items large and small are suitable for donation. Traditionally, businesses in Multnomah Village have contributed generously to the event, and this year is no exception. The oral auction will feature several packages to entice bidders, from a week at an Italian villa to an overnight stay at Spirit Mountain Casino.

Tickets to Animation Celebration are \$100 per person or \$1,000 for a table of 10 and are available now through March 7. For more information, visit our website at [www.nhweb.org](http://www.nhweb.org), or contact Kim Christiansen, 503-246-1663 x113.



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# Library, Community events, etc.

## Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Hwy. 503-988-5385

### FOR FAMILIES

**Toddler Storytime:** For children 24-36 months. Thursdays, 10-10:30 am.

**Preschool Storytime:** For children 3-6 years. Thursdays, 11-11:30 am.

**TinyTots: Storytime for children 12-24 months.** Fridays, 10-10:30 am.

**Paper Hearts:** Create one-of-a-kind paper hearts for decoration or giving. For children 5 years and older; younger with an adult. Thu., February 2, 3:30-5:30 pm.

**Stories and Songs From the Heart:** Valentine's Day celebration of story and song that brings love and sharing to all. Sat., February 4, 3:30-4:30 pm.

**Jazz Storytime:** Join jazz musicians for jazz in words and music for children and families. Sat., February 18, 11 am-noon.

### FOR KIDS AND TEENS

**Read to the Dogs:** Improve your reading skills by reading

aloud to therapy dogs. Registration required; call 503-988-5385. Sat., February 18, 10 am-noon.

### FOR ADULTS

**PageTurner:** Engage in stimulating conversation about books, exchange perspectives about characters and plot, and get to know your neighbors. Read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Join us for Everybody Reads, Multnomah County Library's annual community-wide book discussion. Thu., February 2, 1:30-3 pm. Tue., February 14, 7-8 pm.

**Talk Time:** An informal conversation circle for non-native speakers to practice speaking English. Not a class, but an opportunity to meet new people, share your culture, and have fun. Food will be served. Only English will be spoken. Sign up in advance at the library, or just come to any session. Tuesdays, 12:30-2 pm.

### COMPUTER CLASSES

**Cyber Seniors Computer Classes:** For seniors who want to learn how to use a computer. Learn to use a mouse, search the Internet, send and receive e-mail. Each session will consist of one hour of instruction and one hour of practice. You must register and attend all three sessions; register by calling 503-988-5234. Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15; 10 am-noon.

**E-mail for Beginners:** Prerequisite: Web Basics. Learn how to use free e-mail on the Web, like Yahoo or Hotmail. Sign up, then compose and send messages to anywhere in the world. Tue., February 14, 11 am-noon.

**New Catalog for the Computer Savvy:** Learn how to get around in our new catalog, the new features and all the great things you can do with this new system. Tue., February 28, 11 am-noon.

Check the Free Classes @your-library schedule for a complete list of computer classes.

## Valentine-A-Grams offer two gifts in one



Valentine-A-Grams allow people to give two gifts in one by sending someone special a tasty treat while also supporting seniors in need.

Each Valentine-A-Gram includes two delicious Cinnabons, a packet of fresh ground Seattle's Best Coffee, orange juice from Sun Orchard, a jar of Cinnabon's famous Makarra cinnamon, and an insulated travel mug. The cost is \$24.95.

Volunteers for Loaves & Fishes Centers, the Meals-On-Wheels people, will deliver Valentine-A-Grams to individuals and businesses on the morning of Tuesday, February 14, to benefit the more than 4,000 Portland and Vancouver area seniors served by Loaves & Fishes Centers daily.

Cinnabon stores at Lloyd Center, Clackamas Town Center and Washington Square donate all of the cinnamon rolls and cinnamon; Seattle's Best Coffee provides the coffee and insulated mugs; and Sun Orchard contributes the juice free of charge for this annual fundraising event. With these generous donations, 100 percent of the money raised through the sale of Valentine-A-Grams goes to support the Meals-On-Wheels program. Hundreds of people who volunteer to deliver Valentine-A-Grams make the event possible each year.

## Lego Menora

Gan Israel Day Camp had a special Chanukah party at Thinker Toys in Multnomah Village. The campers built a huge Lego menorah for display and every child was able to create their own mini Lego menorah to keep for themselves.



In the attached picture camper Eli Robin helps light the huge Lego menorah.

The campers and their friends (over 100 in total!) also enjoyed the cookie decorating, arts and crafts, playing "open the Chanukah gift," watching a children's Chanukah DVD and of course eating sufganiot (traditional jelly donuts)!

For more info about the camp and to register your child for a most amazing summer, log onto [www.cgiPortland.com](http://www.cgiPortland.com).

## Multnomah Arts Center & The Umpqua Singers

present an evening of music  
Friday, January 27th, 7 pm  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy



The Umpqua Singers from Umpqua Community College in Roseburg, Oregon, is one of the premiere vocal jazz ensembles in the Pacific Northwest. This 10-member group, conducted by Dr. Jason Heald, performs a broad range of musical styles ranging from traditional swing to contemporary R & B. The Umpqua Singers were the featured performers at the Capitol Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony in Washington DC. on December 12, 2002. Dr. Heald is an active jazz composer, performer and educator in the Pacific Northwest.

Admission: adults \$7, students, seniors & children \$4  
For more information, call 503-823-2787.

## Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd., 503-988-5388

### FOR FAMILIES

**Story Stop:** For children 0-6 years with adult. Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30-11:45 am. (except February 20).

**Tiny Tots:** For children 12-24 months with adult. Mondays, 10:15-11 am. (except February 20).

**Preschool Storytime:** For children 3-6 years with adult. Tuesdays, 10:15-10:45 am.

**Toddler Storytime:** For children 24-36 months with adult. Wednesdays, 10:15-10:45 am.

**Book Babies:** For children 0-12 months with adult. Thursdays, 10:15-11 am.

**Valentine Collage:** Use assorted papers, fabrics, ribbons, texts, small objects and magazines to create beautiful Valentines. Sat., February 11, 10:30 am-12:30 pm.

**The No. 1 Hillsdale Knitting Society:** Learn basic knitting skills or get help with an existing project. For children 5 years and older as well as adults. Sat., February 11, 1-3 pm.

**Jazz Storytime:** Join jazz musicians for jazz in words and music. Sat., February 25, 11 am-noon.

### FOR KIDS AND TEENS

**Teen Lounge & Homework Center:** Use library computers to access the Internet and do word processing; get homework help; or listen to music while hanging out in beanbag chairs. For teens in grades 6-12. Thursdays, 3:30-5:30 pm.

**Read to the Dogs:** Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to therapy dogs. Registration required; call 503-988-5388. Saturdays, February 4, 18 and 25, 10 am-noon.

**The Giver - Play Preview:** View a selected scene from Oregon

Children's Theatre's upcoming production of Lois Lowry's *The Giver*. Talk with the actors and a member of the technical design team about the challenges of creating another world where color and music do not exist. Sat., February 18, 3:30-4:15 pm.

### FOR ADULTS

**Intercambio/Language Exchange:** Engage in conversation with native English speakers who want to practice their Spanish and with native Spanish speakers who want to practice their English. There will be time for conversation in both languages. Conversación para los hablantes nativos de inglés y español que quieren mejorar el segundo idioma. Habrá tiempo para conversar en ambos idiomas. Tuesdays, 6:15-7:45 pm.

**A Taste of Afghanistan:** Sample a selection of Afghan delicacies. Sat., February 4, 1-2 pm.

**Let's Talk About It - Jewish Literature Identity and Imagination:** A central tension of the Jewish Diaspora takes on psychological, metaphorical, and even physiological dimensions as writers explore what it means to belong. Read *Lost in Translation* by Eva Hoffman. Tue., February 7, 6:30-7:30 pm.

**Everybody Reads Film Screening: Osama (PG13):** The first movie produced by Afghanistan filmmakers after the fall of the Taliban, *Osama* is a searing portrait of life under the oppressive fundamentalist regime. Because women are not allowed to work, a widow disguises her young daughter as a boy so they won't starve to death. Sat., February 11, 3:30-5 pm.

**PageTurners:** Engage in stimulating conversation about books. Read *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini. Tue., February 14, 6:30-7:45 pm. Thu., February 16, 1-3 pm.

### COMPUTER CLASSES

**TechnoHosts:** Search the Web, play educational CD-ROM games, and look up materials on the library's online catalog. Use the library's online databases and guides and practice basic computer skills. Sundays, 12:30-4:30 pm. Thursdays, 1-3 pm.

**Computer Lab:** Lab assistants are available to help beginners practice their computer skills. Sundays, 2:30-4:30 pm.

**Cyber Seniors Computer Classes:** Learn to use a computer. Learn to use a mouse, search the Internet, and send and receive e-mail. Each session consists of one hour of instruction and one of practice. You must register and attend all three sessions; to register, call 503-988-5234. Mondays, February 6, 13, 27; 1-3 pm.

**E-mail for Beginners:** Prerequisite: Web Basics. Learn how to use free e-mail on the Web, like Yahoo or Hotmail. Sign up, then compose and send messages to anywhere in the world. Tue., February 7, 3:30-5 pm.

**Web Searching I:** Prerequisite: Web Basics. How do you find good information on the Web? Get started with a few simple tools. Tue., February 21, 3:30-5 pm.

**Word Processing I:** Learn how to use the basic features of Microsoft Word 2000. Select and modify text, cut and paste, open and save a document, and create your own party invitations. Need to be comfortable using a keyboard and mouse. Mon., February 27, 3:30-5 pm.

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# Overlap Boundary, Parks & Calendar

## Eliminating boundary overlaps

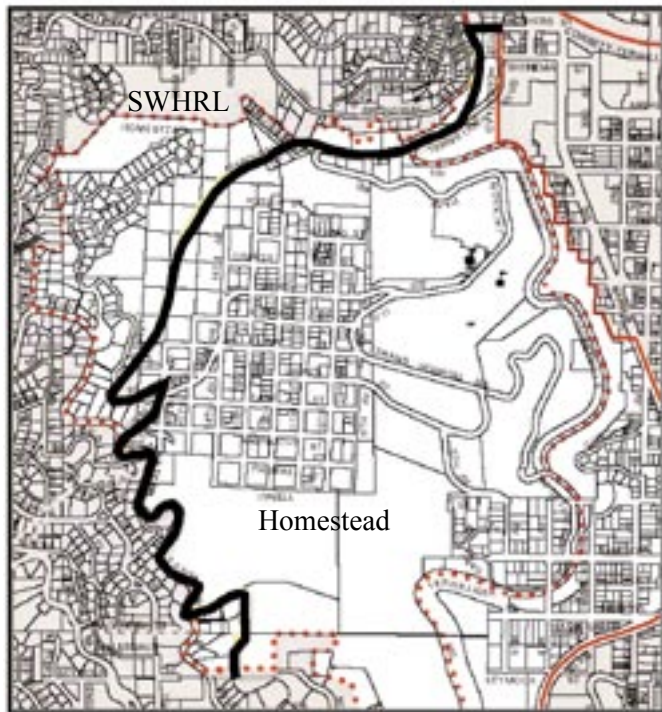
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But the clustering of the responses guided a joint Hillsdale/SWHRL overlap committee in dividing the overlap so that the area going to SWHRL had 86 percent SWHRL support inside the area and the area going to Hillsdale had 87 percent Hillsdale support inside the apportioned area. The SWHRL portion is generally a panhandle between Dosch and Fairmount. (See map for details.)

The effort to reach agreement resulted from a court case brought against the city by the previous SWHRL board, the large majority of which was replaced last May in the SWHRL annual election. As part of a court settlement agreement, SWHRL was placed under court order to resolve the overlap question with its neighbors. Last fall, Bridlemile Neighborhood and SWHRL's new board agreed to maintain a small overlap.

Homestead and Hillsdale each formed joint overlap committees with SWHRL last fall. The boundary proposals were submitted to the boards by the committees after the surveys were returned in December and early January.

### Homestead/SWHRL Boundary



### Hillsdale/SWHRL Boundary



## Protection enhancement projects planned for Dickinson and Woods Parks

Colleen Mitchell, coordinator for Portland Parks & Recreation presented plans for nine proposed environmental protection and enhancement projects planned for Dickinson and Woods Parks at Crestwood NA's January meeting. The Bureau of Environmental Services, in cooperation with Portland Parks and Recreation, will work with the input and assistance from volunteer groups, such as Friends of Dickinson Park and Friends of Woods Park.

Mitchell indicated that plans for Dickinson Park and the adjoining Ash Creek headwaters natural area include:

1. Control of erosion, invasive non-native plant species and revegetation with native grasses in a six-acre segment at the north end of Dickinson Park starting soon and continuing through June 2007.

2. Enhancement of the wetland in the open portion of Dickinson Park along SW 55th Ave, including design, development and planting of the site, starting this summer and continuing through the winter of 2007.

3. An existing BES revegetation contract would be expanded to include planting of tree and shrub clusters in the open area at the lower end of the park near SW 57th Ave. The meadow trail in this area of Dickinson would also be widened with grade improvements. This work would start this spring and continue through the next.

4. A volunteer-planted swale would be finished at the 57th Avenue entrance to the park. This high-visibility area, that drains directly into Ash Creek, would include signage for the purpose of educating park users on stormwater issues and

healthy stream standards starting this summer continuing through winter 2007.

Mitchell added these proposals for Woods, the other neighborhood open area:

1. Proposals for the near-2-acre north-end portion of the park that would include removal of heavy infestations of non-native vegetation, realignment of the trailhead at SW 45th Ave, closure of unauthorized or "rogue" trails, and planting and fencing of the area around Woods Creek at this site. Signage would be included to educate park users about healthy stream issues. This project would start this month and continue through spring of next year.

2. Expansion of plans for the north end of Woods Park to include additional park entry points on SW 45th Avenue that would lead park users away from Woods Creek and the building of new park trails for safer and less ecologically damaging access to the stream starting this month and continuing through next January.

3. Once projects one and two are completed, the tributary confluence to Woods Creek in the northwest section of the park would be fenced and replanted, including signage placed along trails in the area to educate park users on dog issues and stream health concerns. It's estimated that this project would get underway February 2007.

4. Add to the ongoing removal of invasive plant species throughout the park along both sides of Woods Creek main stem starting January of this year and continuing through June of 2007.

5. Planting of areas between the main stem of Woods Creek and existing boardwalks and would include the installation of signs educating park users about dogs and healthy stream concerns. This is planned for the planting seasons of this year and next.

Much of the success of these plans will depend on the input and assistance of volunteers like you. Those who wish to volunteer to work and plan for Dickinson Park are invited to contact Tony Hansen, tony@projectconnoption.com or 503-246-4656. Volunteers interested in the projects for Woods Park are asked to contact Kurt Runzler, kwrnzler@yahoo.com or 503-544-0129.

## February 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 7:00 PM Collins View 7:00 PM CTLH Board 7:00 PM Hillsdale NA	2 7:00 PM SWNI Parks	3 5:00 PM Native Plant orders due	4 9:00 AM Marshall Park Workparty
5	6	7 7:00 PM Homestead NA	8 7:00 PM Bridlemile NA	9 6:00 PM Marshall Park NA 7:00 PM Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness 7:00 PM W Portland Pk NA	10	11 9:00 AM Sylvania Habitat Restore 9:00 AM Trail Walk 9:00 AM Vermont Creek Work Party
12 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market Native Plant Sale pickup	13 5:30 PM ONI BAC 7:00 PM Ashcreek NA 7:00 PM Maplewood NA	14 11:30 AM SW Bus Assoc 7:00 PM Arnold Creek 7:00 PM Bridlemile Ck Stewards 7:00 PM Multnomah NA	15 8:30 AM Hillsdale B & P 7:00 PM CTLH Parks & Gmwy	16 6:00 PM Fanno/Tryon Open House 7:00 PM CTLH Neighborhood Plan Comm 7:00 PM Fulton Park CC Budget Mtg 7:00 PM SWNI Schools Committee	17	18 9:00 AM Hamilton Park Work Party 9:00 AM Mayor Potter 10-min Community Mtg
19	20 7:15 PM CTLH Land Use <b>SWNI CLOSED</b>	21 6:00 PM Hillsdale Plaza Mtg 7:00 PM SWNI Land Use	22 7:00 PM SWNI Board	23 8:00 AM Mult Village Bus 7:00 PM CTLH Communications/Finance 7:00 PM SWNI Trails Committee	24	25
26 10:00 AM Hillsdale Farmers Market	27 7:00 PM SWNI Trans Comm	28 6:30 PM Citywide Community Budget Mtg 7:00 PM SWNI Crime Prev/Public Safety Mtg				

People with disabilities who need special assistance to participate at a neighborhood meeting should call Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) at 503-823-4592. Citizens needing a sign language interpreter should call at least 48 hours prior to the need.

**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.

Name misspelled on the newsletter label? Receiving multiple copies? Want to add or remove your name? Let us know! Call 503-823-4592 or email swni123@spiritone.com.

### Join the Urban Trails Walk

Saturday, February 11, 9 am

Walk the north end of Trail #6 from Wilson High School to Goose Hollow. Walk six miles with a 500-600-foot elevation gain. Oliver Massengale will be our guide. Transportation for the return trip will be provided for dogs and their others. Others should bring money for the return on MAX and TriMet bus.

Meet behind the bleachers at Wilson High School at 9 am, SW Sunset Blvd and Capitol Hwy. For more information, call Phyllis Towne at 503-223-3723.