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Wayfinding on Barbur

The Oregon Department of Transportation will be improving safety and wayfinding on SW Barbur Blvd for northbound traffic at the SW Barbur Blvd/SW Naito Pkwy split. A July 2015 Roadside Safety Audit identified inconsistent signage as one of the key safety issues on SW Barbur Blvd. The design for this project proposes two overhead signs on SW Barbur Blvd, one near SW Water Avenue and one near SW Bancroft Street, to improve sign visibility, driver expectation and wayfinding for northbound traffic.

The project is currently in design and construction is expected to occur in 2019. There may be some nighttime noise during the installation of the signs. Typical traffic impacts may include temporary lane closures and traffic control with flaggers. More information about traffic impacts for each site will be made available on our website. Look for project number 21071 at www.oregon.gov/odot/projects. For more information, contact Ellen Sweeney, Community Affairs Coordinator, at 503-731-8230 or ellen.sweeney@odot.state.or.us.
President’s Corner

Happy New Year. It is exciting to think about all the positive choices that SWNI can make for 2019. Here are some quotes to guide our way.

1. Cheers to a New Year and another chance for us to get it right. Oprah Winfrey
2. Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each New Year find you a better man. Benjamin Franklin
3. New Year’s Day: Now is the accepted time to make your regular annual good resolutions. Next week you can begin paving hell with them as usual. Mark Twain
4. One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things. John Burroughs
5. “Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account.” Oscar Wilde

November board news:
No motions were presented. The fall cleanup was successful in both the pounds of debris that were recycled and the money raised to pay for the event. The first of four Oregon humanities conversations hosted by the SWNI Equity and Inclusion Committee was held in December and very successful. SWNI Parks & Community Centers Committee Chair Steve Mulinax reported that two park bridges will be replaced. He provided a sheet of numbers which people could use to report problems in the parks. Land Use is following all the initiatives that the city has begun and responding to them as opportunity arises. The treasurer reported that the association had received the income it was expecting and expenses did not exceed the monthly budget. In fact, we are busy raising funds and tightening our budget, which can help offset the budget cuts the city made. Please consider making a contribution to SWNI to help us keep neighbors informed and engaged in civic affairs.
Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Hammond
SWNI President

December SWNI Board Update

Residential Infill Project: At the December 19th SWNI Board meeting, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to write to the Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission (with copies to Portland City Council) requesting that the record be reopened for further public testimony based upon the new material recently submitted to the Planning Commission in the Johnson Economic Report and the Metro 2018 Urban Growth report. PSC has extended its schedule and can accommodate written or oral testimony before its March deadline. The Board asks that new testimony be accepted until February 12, 2019.

In Our Neighborhood

COMMUNITY LEARNING:
INTRO TO ISLAM AND ARABIC
By Jackson SUN School and joined by Hamdia Daw, local Islamic teacher.

Jan 16th from 11am-1:30pm
Jackson Middle School Library

Delicious homemade Moroccan lunch
$0-20 sliding scale - Childcare provided
Come join us for a unique neighborhood learning opportunity!

This project funded in part by a grant from the City of Portland Office of Community & Civic Life and SWNI Small Neighborhood Grant funding.

Oregon Humanities Conversation Project

What’s in a Label?
Thinking about Diversity and Racial Categories

As humans, we constantly label and categorize information on both conscious and unconscious levels. Labeling enables our brains to sort information efficiently, but the labels and categories we assign to information can form generalizations and stereotypes in our minds. When we allow stereotypes to define individuals, we fail to see the inherent diversity in humans. Race is a form of labeling. What are we describing when we assign racial categories to others and ourselves? How can we use language to increase understanding and connection, and what are its limitations? Join public interest lawyer Ann Su for a conversation exploring how the words we choose influence our understanding of race and racial diversity.

Thursday February 28th
7:00-8:30 pm
Multnomah Arts Center
Room 8
7688 SW Capitol Hwy
Portland OR 97219

Ann Su is passionate about connecting people to their best selves and bridging understanding and connections between people and communities. She has dedicated more than twenty years of her life to working for social, economic, and environmental justice. Currently, she is a public interest attorney, an adjunct assistant professor at Portland State University, and a diversity and leadership consultant. When not working, she loves creating in visual and written mediums, staying active outdoors, and sharing good food and drink with family and friends.

“This program is made possible by the generous support of Oregon Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Oregon Cultural Trust.”

Community & Civic Engagement Small Grants Program

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strong community participation, and partnerships between neighborhood, business, and community-based organizations. Engagement of historically under-represented and under-served communities is a high priority for this grant program. Projects should engage and benefit community members in the Southwest Coalition area.

GRANT AMOUNT A total of $13,833 is available to nonprofit organizations and community groups. Grant proposals can range from $200 to $2,000.

WHO MAY APPLY Applications will be accepted from nonprofit organizations, community groups, and collaborative project teams. Individuals are not eligible to apply.

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FUNDING PRIORITIES Preference will be given to applications:
• Submitted by, or in direct partnership with, organizations predominately led by and/or involving people from historically underrepresented or underserved communities including communities of color, immigrants and refugees, low-income people, renters, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ people.
• That have strong community support and involvement as demonstrated by volunteer hours and donated or discounted services over applications that are primarily coordinated and executed by paid personnel.

SMALL GRANT TIMELINE

Grant applications due: January 11, 2019

Awards announced no later than: February 15, 2019

Projects must be completed no later than: January 17, 2020

Final report and documentation no later than: January 31, 2020

If you have questions regarding your grant proposal and application, please reach out to John Tappero at John@swni.org
Residential Infill Project staff briefs PSC on revised economic analysis

At their December 11 meeting, staff briefed the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) on the revised Residential Infill Project economic analysis prepared by Johnson Economics. The analysis reflects the PSC’s tentative amendments to the Proposed Draft of the Residential Infill Project from September. That’s when they directed staff to revise the proposal to incrementally increase floor area limits for additional units. This would allow more housing options and expand them to all R2.5, R5 and R7 zones, with some exceptions for natural resources and hazards.

In addition to the revised economic analysis, staff provided a memo to PSC that summarizes the background, methodology and findings of the report. Some key findings include:

• The revised proposals would significantly increase unit production over the next twenty years (+24,000) with a modest increase in demolitions (+127),
• The incremental increase in FAR allowances for additional units provides a bigger incentive to build housing types other than a single house,
• These housing types (duplexes, triplexes and additional ADUs) have smaller unit sizes which are much less expensive than a new single house (about 56% less on average),
• This helps provide housing choices for people across a broader range of the income spectrum, in more areas of the city.

All PSC meetings are livestreamed; you can watch the December 11 briefing here (RIP starts at 2:25:00).

Residential Infill Project back at PSC in February 2019

The PSC briefing on their Revised Proposed Draft is scheduled for February 12, 2019. Confirm the date and time on the agenda one week prior by visiting the PSC calendar.

PSC Briefing: Revised Residential Infill Proposals – Tuesday, February 12, 2019 (12:30 to 3:30 pm). Staff will walk the Commission through their revised proposals to see how their tentative amendments work together as a package. Updated reports, maps and summary will be posted on project website prior to the meeting. This briefing will be followed by PSC work session(s), with a vote on their recommendations to City Council anticipated in March.

When will the public get to weigh in on these amendments?

The PSC’s amendments are based on public testimony they received last spring on the Proposed Draft of the Residential Infill Project. They will not hold another public hearing before sending their recommendation to City Council. The public will be able to testify on the Residential Infill Project recommendations at the City Council public hearings – anticipated in summer 2019.

When will a parcel-specific map be available?

Parcel-specific information will be available through an updated Map App. All PSC meetings are livestreamed; you can watch the February 12 PSC briefing. After the PSC makes their recommendation to City Council, the Map App will also be updated to reflect the PSC’s recommended proposals.

Want more information on the PSC’s work sessions and proposed changes?

The dates of the eight PSC work sessions and accompanying materials are posted on the project website under Planning and Sustainability Commission Materials. All PSC meetings are livestreamed and past meetings may be viewed at Portland BDS YouTube channel.

For general information about the project visit the website or give us a call: Morgan Tracy, Project Manager, 503-823-6879 or Sylvia Gisler, Public Involvement, 503-823-7624.

See SWNI Board Update for on page 2 for more information.

Seymour Ct to Corbett Avenue Trail 2018 Grant success story

The South Portland neighborhood was cut by the Interstate 5 Freeway in the 1960s. This makes it extremely difficult for those who live there to get around. Pedestrians can cross the freeway in only a few places. One of them is the Corbett Avenue Bridge. A well-used informal path connects SW Seymour Court to Corbett Avenue on the southeast side of the bridge. The pedestrian path helps connect the South Portland neighborhood and the Southwest waterfront area to the Homestead and Hilldale neighborhoods. The goal of the Seymour Court to Corbett Avenue Trail grant project was to build a trail from Seymour Court to Corbett Avenue.

The Corbett Avenue Bridge is a rare crossing with good sidewalks, and this trail provides better access by pedestrians. The bridge has wide safe sidewalks on both sides, and there’s a convenient route from Macadam Avenue to Barbour Boulevard. Unfortunately the route was built for cars, and pedestrians have to walk a mile out of their way to reach the bridge from the southeast from bus stops and lights across Macadam. The trail from SW Seymour Court cuts significant distance for pedestrians and will improve their safety.

The informal path showed the value of the location, and critical steps to permit the trail under the City’s Urban Trail program were completed by residents of SW Seymour Court. A public meeting was held to inform and request input from people in the neighborhood, which helped design and develop the trail. The trail was steep and muddy during wet weather. To make the trail safe and usable for more of the year, the trail was improved with gravel and stairs. The trail was conceived of by the residents of SW Seymour Court, and was sponsored by the South Portland Neighborhood Association. SW Trails was the design and build partner with construction expertise.

Seymour Ct trail continues toward completion by year end 2018 climbing about 40 feet vertically over about 180ft of linear trail toward the Corbett freeway overpass crossing and giving access to Hamilton and Barbur above and Macadam transit and recreational access on the river below. The build team, Chuck, Ron, Lee, Cody and Dave have placed 39 of what will likely be near 50 steps in a sweeping S curve to allow for a gradual but still steep 45% grade climb.

The current roughed in condition of the steps make for better walking on this route but are still not a finished product so be cautious if you venture over.

PBOT permitted the project in early November and the grant for materials was provided by The Office of Community & Civic Life and Southwest Neighborhoods 2018 Small Grants program. Construction took place in 3-4 hour work parties where volunteers placed about 3-4 steps a day 3-4 days a week. The tight construction area limited us to 2 person work parties but there was lots of opportunity near the end for volunteers to help.
Happy Holidays to all during this holiday season.

**Emergency Preparedness**

Our January 8th meeting will showcase how your family can be better prepared in the event of a citywide or regional emergency such as a severe winter storm, flood or major earthquake. Households need to be prepared to be on their own for at minimum a week. Neighborhoods need to be prepared for self-sufficiency, too. Volunteer neighborhoods will be first on the scene when firefighters and police are slowed by impassable streets or overwhelmed by calls for help. Join us at Stephenson Elementary at 7 PM, Tuesday, January 8, for a presentation on how you can begin building your family emergency plan.

**Land Use**

A three-lot land division has been proposed for 12438 SW Boones Ferry Rd, and is currently under review by the city. The existing house will be demolished and three new houses will be accessed from a private drive. A sewer extension is needed on Boones Ferry and there will be standard public right-of-way improvements on Boones Ferry.

**Transportation Southwest in Motion**

Many neighbors from several SW neighborhoods learned about and provided feedback on PBOT’s proposed new biking and walking facilities in Southwest Portland during the PBOT SWIM open house. The network/project list was largely based on PBOT analysis and subsequent working group discussions. An online PBOT site is an important chance to verify with the public, to learn if there are any missing projects or project changes with support of the public at large, or other improvements that haven’t had a chance to be involved. Please provide your input.

**PBOT Site**

Ferry and there will be standard public discussions. An online survey is launching their online survey, to update us on all police matters in our area. Nick Falbo, Portland Police Bureau of Transportation spoke about the proposed re-striping of Garden Home Road for uphill bike paths also widening the South side shoulder from SW 54th to SW 45th. We encourage you to seek more information and voice your opinion at: portlandoregon.gov/transportation/GH

**We Want YOU!**

Election of 2019 officers and neighborhood delegates will take place February 2019. We need you to add your voice, your skills and your time. Besides holding an elected position, anyone can volunteer to participate on any of our standing committees: Land Use, Transportation, Communications, Programming and National Night Out. Please send an email to president@arnoldcreek.org to express your interest. We would love to have you.

To receive notifications of future ACNA meetings, please go to our website (arnoldcreek.org) - “Join Our List” to register your email address.

Contact president@arnoldcreek.org to confirm you meet the voting eligibility requirements. See also ACNA bylaws swni.org/arnold-creek/bylaws.

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**Bridlemile**

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, January 9, 7:00 pm

All meetings at Bridlemile Elementary School, Portable Building, 4300 SW 47th Drive

Steve Mullinax, bridlemileboard@swni.org

*“Is there really a big earthquake coming?” Do you have questions like this about emergency preparedness? Come to the Bridlemile Preparedness evening Wednesday, February 13, 6:30pm, Bridlemile Elementary School Cafeteria. Learn important information in the case of an emergency. Meeting will include detailed information on what you need to prepare for and how to respond when extreme emergencies such as earthquakes and flooding occur. Hands-on opportunity to begin putting together personal / family emergency kits. Sponsored by Bridlemile Magazine. This will be in place of the usual BNA general meeting.*

**Residents continued to advocate for improvements on Shattuck, Hamilton and Dosch, all of which the neighborhood has identified as critical for pedestrian safety. We also helped PBOT representatives understand neighbors’ perspectives on other problems facing pedestrians and cyclists in Bridlemile and other parts of SW Portland.**

Erik Homgren of the SW Watershed Resource Center gave a talk at our December meeting about watershed health and what we can do to better to manage stormwater and enhance water quality on a neighborhood scale. We have problems such as erosion, flooding, runoff pollution and loss of habitat in our neighborhood. Available resources to address these include technical information and referrals for invasive plant removals, volunteer stewardship, free “loaner” tools for restoration projects and Stormwater Stars Workshops to address management problems at yard-scale. Check out the Native Plant Swap (no charge) to give or get plants, meet local gardeners, support wildlife and improve the environment. (swni.org/nativeplantswap)
Happy Holidays, everyone! Many of us have been busy with seasonal events and travel, so I’ll make this quick: we have exciting news and you have new opportunities to contribute to projects.

We’re hitting the ground running in 2019 with some very special guests joining us at our January meeting: representatives of the Oregon Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) and Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), will be taking the time to meet with us regarding the Jughandle Project. This project is ODOT’s proposed fix to the current traffic, row and safety issues at the Capitol Hwy/Barbur Blvd/I-5 intersection. We have heard many complaints and ourselves the problems caused by northbound Capitol Highway traffic waiting to turn on to the I-5 South on-ramp. This blocks traffic in the left hand lane and during peak hours can block the entire intersection. The Jughandle Project proposes to divert those wanting to use the I-5 southbound on-ramp around the Barbur World Foods block. This $3 million project brings a lot more traffic into our neighborhood through each intersection surrounding Barbur World Foods, making it even less inviting for pedestrians and cyclists. A much simpler solution would be a left turn signal at the south bound exit at Capitol and Barbur. Come hear the experts on January 9th and let them know what you think.

While the SW Corridor Refinement 2-3 proposed route change that would have had MAX run down and then over SW Taylors Ferry Road—has been taken off the table, several alternatives are still being considered. At a public meeting on December 6 project staff described five Crossroads refinements being considered. Three of the newest options move the proposed route one block north to Collins, tunneling under SW Capitol and continuing around Walgreens to cross I-5. Crestwood continues to have concerns about the negative impact of this route to our residential neighborhood and natural resources (Woods Park and Dickinson Woods) and supports the original B2 alignment running behind the Barbur Transit Center and crossing I-5 from there. These options each come with their own sets of trade-offs affecting businesses, residences, natural areas and traffic patterns in our neighborhood. You can view the current route options being considered at oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/southwest-corridor-plan/light-rail-planning. Comments are currently being accepted at swcorridorplan@oregonmetro.gov. Please take some time to learn about the different options on the table and then let project staff hear what you have to say.

For more information on these and other ongoing projects in our neighborhood, head over to our webpage at swi.crestwood. Please visit oregonmetro.gov/public-projects/southwest-corridor-plan/light-rail-planning for more information. Comments are currently being accepted at swcorridorplan@oregonmetro.gov. Please take some time to learn about the different options on the table and then let project staff hear what you have to say.

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Neighborhood Association Reports

Homestead

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 5, 7:00 pm
OHSU Child Development and Rehabilitation Center, 707 SW Gaines
(SW 6th Ave Dr. & Gaines St.), 3rd floor
Ed Fischer, homestead@swni.org
HomesteadNA.org

Nikolas Heagy from Skanska
Construction spoke with the Homestead Neighborhood
Association in December. Skanska is the construction firm managing the
new Case Institute project on Marquam Hill. Large construction
vehicles using residential streets, the use of Terwilliger turnouts exclusively for
staging and the large signs along Terwilliger Boulevard have been some of the
complaints from Homestead residents.

Nikolas presented the “logistics and routing plans” for the Case Institute project and promised better
enforcement of their own employees and subcontractors that will hopefully resolve these issues. The plan
clearly defines construction material delivery paths for both small and large vehicles, reduces the size of the
corridor light rail on Barbur Boulevard from part of the project staging plan. Construction personnel parking has
also been clearly defined. We thank OHSU and Skanska for responding so quickly to neighborhood concerns.

OHSU presented concept drawings for their planned hospital expansion.
The proposed new building would be built in the recently demolished dental school area. The 14-story structure includes approximately 163 beds to serve as the new home of an expanded treatment center for inpatient care as well as additional beds for labor and delivery and adult acute care.

The structure would be taller than the former dental school at 580 feet and would include three levels of parking. This would add an additional 200-300 patient parking spaces to OHSU’s campus.

The Homestead Neighborhood Association is opposed to adding additional parking within the OHSU complex. Previous requirements incorporated in the Marquam Hill plan have not been met and the additional 200-300 parking spaces will only exacerbate existing problems in residential areas as patients and employees continue to use neighborhood streets as shortcuts to enter and exit OHSU facilities. The NA will continue to discuss these issues.

The OHSU Gateway or Safe and Accessible Pathway project was discussed again. This project would be built on property owned by the Park Bureau. OHSU has voluntarily placed this project on hold. The Homestead Neighborhood Association voted to prepare a letter to the Park Bureau (applicant for this project) applauding placing the project on hold and requesting that the project not go forward until the location of the Marquam Hill connector to SW Corridor light rail on Barbur Boulevard has been decided.

There will be no January meeting; however, members continue to research and define Homestead’s options and avenues for input regarding all of the OHSU projects.

SOLVE Restoration Grant Volunteers

Hayhurst

Next Meeting: Monday, January 14, 7:00 pm
Hayhurst School, 5037 SW Iowa St
Janet Hawkins, janetchawkins@msn.com, 503-244-7703
hayhurst.swni.org

We invite neighbors to join us for this informative presentation.

Our January 14, 2019 Hayhurst Neighborhood Association meeting agenda will include the following items:

• Hayhurst NA Officer Elections
• Crime Prevention Presentation
• Land Use Committee
• Equity & Inclusion Committee Report
• Parks Committee Report
• Transportation Committee Report
• SWNI Board Report.

Hayhurst NA’s Neighborhood Association’s general meeting takes place on an every-other-month basis.

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Contact Hayhurst NA’s chair, Janet Hawkins at janetchawkins@msn.com or (503) 244-7703, with any questions.

Join us! 2019 Nature in
Neighborhoods grants
upcoming workshops and review
committee opportunities

January 29, 2019 Deadline;
January 9 and 10, 2019 Workshops

Want to restore and care for nature in your community? If you have a vision for improving water quality, creating fish and wildlife habitat, or getting rid of weeds, or restoring your community? If you have a vision for improving water quality, creating fish and wildlife habitat, or getting rid of weeds, or restoring your community? If you have a vision for improving water quality, creating fish and wildlife habitat, or getting rid of weeds, or restoring your community? If you have a vision for improving water quality, creating fish and wildlife habitat, or getting rid of weeds, or restoring your community?

Many of the SWNI board representatives are interested in continuing in their liaison roles with SWNI. There are representative vacancies for the Transportation and Schools Committees.

Crime Prevention Office Presentation - January 14, 2019 Hayhurst NA Meeting
We are planning to have staff from the city’s Crime Prevention Office join us to highlight information on the city’s Neighborhood Watch Program and offer crime prevention tips at our January 2019 meeting.

There are now three new crime prevention coordinators working with the Portland Police Bureau’s Central Precinct, which includes Northwest, Downtown, Southwest, and inner Southeast Portland neighborhoods. We invite neighbors to join us for this informative presentation.

Hayhurst Neighborhood Winter “Back to School” Safety Vigil – January 2nd

Portland Public School students are back to school after their holiday break on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Many private schools will be back in session, too. The Hayhurst Neighborhood Association is planning a safety vigil on that day at the corner of SW 45th & Vermont Street. We plan on conducting the vigil from 4:00 – 6:30 pm.

Our goal is to remind drivers that children and youth will be walking and biking to school during the dark, rainy months. Even though important safety improvements have been made to SW Vermont Street, drivers need to be aware about slowing down and watching for pedestrians. The Portland Police Bureau will be invited to be present to enforce speed limits in the school safety zone on SW Vermont Street.

Please think about joining us in this important effort. Currently safety vests, signs, and traffic cones on loan from the SWNI office to ensure that everyone stays safe. We plan to gather in the large parking lot at the northeast corner of the intersection to distribute all the safety materials.

Everyone is welcome to participate! Questions? Contact janetchawkins@msn.com or 503-244-7703

Summer Free for All Application

Hayhurst NA is considering submitting an application to Portland Parks & Recreation for a Summertime Free for All program at Pendleton Park this summer. We’re thinking of sponsoring a movie in the park. Stay tuned for more information.

Land Use Committee

The Planning & Sustainability Commission met on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 to conduct a work session on the Residential Infill Project (RIP). The session focused on the latest economics report on the important RIP as currently proposed. Hayhurst NA’s Land Use co-chairs, Susan King and Leslie Hammond, will present information on the work session results at the January 19 2019 NA meeting. The Planning and Sustainability Commission is expected to make its final decision on the proposal and present it to City Council in May 2019. The Land Use Committee then plans a workshop to educate neighbors about the proposal and assist in preparation for Council hearings. The date is to be announced once the final proposals are known.

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The December meeting of the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association was groundbreaking in major ways. First, after much time and energy, mostly at the hands of HNA Vice-President José Gamero and the Outreach Committee, the HNA successfully live-streamed its general meeting from the Multnomah County Library; Hillsdale Branch. This pioneering opportunity allowed, and will continue to allow, neighbors who can’t otherwise attend the meetings to be able to watch and participate through an instant-message service (which we are still looking into). Now parents who can’t secure child care, students who want to watch for academic credit, or any other person—whether they are an HNA Member or not—can watch the meetings as they occur, thus opening the meetings to more and more people.

The second groundbreaking outcome was that two HNA committees have taken on the responsibilities of researching a topic and reporting back to the HNA general and board meetings. Leslie Pohl-Kosbau will be leading the HNA Parks Committee through meetings and discussions concerning the OHSU Walkway Project as it relates to the County Library: Hillsdale Branch. This committee will be leading the HNA Transportation Committee through meetings and discussions concerning a SW Terwilliger event, like ones held in the past. Please reach out to Leslie or Eric if you are interested in these topics and would like to be involved.

In summary, the HNA members and board are furthering its commitment to ensuring the HNA is an open and welcoming space. We are dispersing responsibilities so that there are more friendly faces sitting at the table. From a 30,000-foot perspective, we on the board recognize that these are only small steps and we will have many more to follow.

If you, whether you are a Hillsdale resident or not, have any recommendations for speakers or connections, then please feel free to email us at board@hna-pdx.com to share your feedback. Sharing the goals of the Portland Office of Community & Civic Life, the HNA board wants to promote “a culture of civic engagement by connecting and supporting all Portlanders working together and with government to build inclusive, safe, and livable neighborhoods and communities.” All feedback is welcome, especially feedback that relates to neighborhood organization and outreach with the social justice and racial equity lens.

Happy New Year. The next meeting of the HNA will be at the Hillsdale Library from 6:15-7:45 pm on Wednesday, January 2nd.

Emergency Preparedness Presentation

Learn how to become more prepared for an emergency. The Maplewood Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) in conjunction with Maplewood Elementary School are hosting two emergency preparedness speakers on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 6:30 – 8:30 in the Maplewood Elementary School auditorium. Each speaker will talk about different aspects of preparedness. Kathy Elliott from the Red Cross will present Prepare! She will talk about specifics of emergency preparedness. Laura Hall from Parents4Prepared will focus on family and parents. The presentation will be about 90 minutes followed by a half hour of discussion and time for questions and answers. There will be child care for potty-trained children.

Members from the Neighborhood Emergency Team will be there before and after the presentation to visit with attendees and answer questions. Following a major disaster 95% of people are rescued by a neighbor. Help Portland be resilient – it’s in your hands. Hope to see you there!

Sign up for public alerts at portlandoregon.gov/pbem/net.
South Portland Business Association

What’s Happening in the “SPBA” southportlandba.com

- A re-cap of 2018 for the SPBA included monthly networking events & luncheons (a total of 10). Closing out the year was the SPBA Holiday Party which was a huge hit.

- etc. eatery. The evening’s event included a Toy Drive for Children In Foster Care. Thank you to all of the businesses that attended and graciously donated a gift. Thank you etc. eatery for the amazing catering & service to Finales’ Fine Cakes & Desserts. Thank you Angela Horn Photography for the SPBA board photo. Front Row L - R: Chris Haffield, Cathy Newman (treasurer), Richard Rizk (president) Malea (event chair/secretary), Back Row L - R: Mark Eves (vice president), Pam Lemire (executive director), Kevin Countryman, Danielle Brunner, Chad Seegmiller, Brian Tenz.

- Malea & The Tourists held their 10th Annual Toy Drive for Children In Foster Care on Dec 9th. The evening’s gala included live music, raffle drawings, sing-alongs & delightful appetizers, desserts & cheer!

- Owners Pascal Chureau and Olivier Garny of Jola Cafe’ held an open house on Dec 6th that included local artisans & vendors. Food, drinks & sales benefited Rieke Elementary School. Happy New Year!

- Malea

SPBA board member/ event chair/ secretary

On December 13th South Burlingame Neighborhood Association (SBNA) held our monthly board member meeting.

Macadam Ridge Subdivision update: the Oregon State Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA) hearing was on December 6th. The attorney for the Macadam Ridge presented the case that the City erred in approving our association’s waiver for the appeal fee to the City Council. The City and our attorney argued that the fees were not under the purview LUBA, and other points. No decision was made and there wasn’t a clear indication of which way the Board would side, but the City’s attorney and our attorney felt that they made better arguments for the denial of the appeal. LUBA is scheduled to have a decision on January 4th, 2019, but it’s not unusual for these to be delayed due to the holidays.

Our association passed a motion to write a letter in support of Shannon Hiller-Webb for her application for a small grant for training regarding equality/diversity and mediation.

ODOT responded to the request to clean the area between Kaady Carwash and the Southbound Tervis’liger offramp. We will be sending ODOT a thank you letter and continuing investigating options for maintaining this area. This could include using the “adopt a highway” program. There’s still an outstanding question on whether we need to release property liability signed by Gabe Wobben, we may be looking for volunteers to help keep this section of the highway right of way clear of trash and debris.

Happy New Year to everyone, and please put it on your calendar to attend our meeting on Thursday, January 10th at the Capitol Hill Elementary School, 4802 SW 17th Ave at 7pm. This will be a Board Meeting.
South Portland

January 2019 Meeting Date Change to Second Wednesday.

- The South Portland Neighborhood Association (SPNA) (Lair Hill, Corbett, John’s Landing and South Waterfront) board met on December 12, 2018 at the PBS Conference Center.

Public Comments

Roger Gertenrich requested time to speak about the need for a Community Center (Public Gathering Place) within the growing South Waterfront district. He proposed that funds from the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area (URA) be used to purchase a space in the John Ross building. It is the only commercial space available for purchase within the district. Several board members and residents explained the URA and the need for such a place for meetings, entertainment venue, and various other activities. Further discussions will be held.

PRESENTATIONS

Joan Frederiksen, BPS, West District liaison, provided a two-page summary of the land use work undertaken within the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Joan demonstrated that “Portland Metro” contains significant data information that each resident may use to determine impacts to their own properties. [portlandmaps.com/bps/mapapp/]

Discussions continued regarding Equitable Housing targets, quality of life opportunities, impacts to the neighborhood due to the future river needs of the neighborhood. She presented a draft letter for board discussion to be sent to the city bureaus about the proposed changes to the South Reach/Willamette River and Greenway. The letter was approved with friendly amendments and will be distributed to the city.

Michael Kaplan, Board member, discussed Transportation Committee issues. Several Board members met with PBOT officials regarding the proposed project for SW Montgomery near the Ainsworth Annex. We are monitoring progress but there has not been any news in the last 2 months. October items included the OHSU request to include a night-time HAWK pedestrian signal on SW Barbur for people using SW Trail # 1 in line with the SW Naito/Whittaker crossing. Unfortunately, the Naito/Whittaker crossing removed by PBOT, which was anticipated to be implemented in spring 2019, has again been delayed by PBOT/ PBOT. Safety concerns for pedestrians crossing SW Moody at Gaines Street were once again raised due to a recent car/pedestrian accident and other near-misses. Activation in January 2019 of traffic signals one block away at SW Curry Street and change in traffic direction on Curry will negatively impact safety at the Gaines intersection. Board members will discuss this concern with PBOT.

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Southwest Hills Residential League

- Next Meeting General: Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 pm
- Ainsworth Elementary School Auditorium
- Nancy Seton, president@swrl.org or contact@swrl.org
- 503-224-3840

Our winter meeting will focus on transportation and traffic safety in the neighborhood.

- Nick Falbo, Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) project coordinator for Southwest in Motion (SWIM), will give a presentation on upcoming neighborhood transportation projects.
- Kate McQuillan, transportation planner, Multnomah County Transportation Division with an update on county’s road capital improvement plan and what that could mean for Scholls Ferry and other county roads.
- Mike Pullen from Multnomah County Communications Office with information about speed bumps on SW Shattuck Road.
- Project updates on the proposed pedestrian safety improvements around Ainsworth Elementary School.

SWHRL February Board Meeting:
- Wednesday, 20 February 2019
- 7:00-8:30pm Ascension Episcopal Parish. All neighbors are encouraged to attend and participate to have your voice heard.

JANUARY 2019 UPDATES

1. Ainsworth Annex Crosswalk plan evaluations: SWHRL continues to work with the Ainsworth community to improve pedestrian safety around the school. At our request, PBOT will be re-evaluating the placement of a school zone flashing light and study the feasibility of our suggested new location, uphills from the crosswalk near the Ainsworth Annex. We are also exploring options such as speed bumps to discourage speeding cut-through traffic on SW Montgomery.

2. Talbot/Greenway/Patron

- Project updates on the proposed transportation and traffic safety in the neighborhood.

- this problematic intersection is on the draft project list produced by the SWIM process; our goal is to make that intersection less confusing— and safer—for all who pass through it. A recent traffic analysis by our Transport lead, Lisa Caballero, showed that peak PM traffic is about 1400 cars during a 75-minute period.

3. Council Crest park closing to repair water tower - Council Crest will be the focus of the Water Bureau’s project to repair the water tower serving 1,300 homes. The park will be closed for 10 days sometime between November 2018 and April 2019.

4. Improving/expanding Portland Heights parking lot - the SWHRL board voted to send a request to the city to improve and expand the Portland Heights parking lot to meet the current needs of the park’s programs and activities.

5. Strocheckers – We continue to monitor progress but there has not been any news in the last 2 months.

- The current owner and their broker welcome suggestions/leads for a local developer or other tenants to offer the area options we prefer. Send suggestions to contact@swrl.org.

6. Land use update on Tangent Village condo proposal for SW Broadway – we continue to monitor the developers’ submission to the city for the proposed construction of several home and/or condos at the end of Tangent Drive above Broadway.

- We continue to seek feedback on topics and your communication preferences, including format and channels. Please send comments to contact@swrl.org.

West Portland Park

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- Jackson Middle School Library, 10625 SW 35th Ave.
- Javier Muncada, wppna-president@swni.org
- wpp.swni.org

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We return from our December hiatus with our next WPP neighborhood meeting at 7 pm on Thursday January 10th at Jackson Middle School Library. Anticipated topics to discuss are safe roads, LID, residential infill program and the Boones Ferry Road project - if you’d like an agenda, please email to wppna-president@swni.org or find it online at swni.org.

Stay tuned in to West Portland Park by submitting your email to eilla@livingroome.com to be added to our email list.
Transportation Committee

The SWNI Transportation Committee met on Monday, December 17, 2018 at the Multnomah Arts Center. The meeting primarily featured Timur Ender, capital project manager for PBOT. Timur was there to give us an update on the intersection improvements for where Garden Home Road meets Multnomah Blvd. near the Old Market Pub. Two current options are under consideration: 1) A roundabout, or, 2) A 4-way traffic signal (includes traffic exiting the pub). While this project is technically in Washington County, PBOT maintains jurisdiction over this specific intersection, which is why they are leading the effort. The roundabout option would cost about $1 million dollars more because it would require additional land for the intersection, as well as for managing stormwater runoff. Both options will impact access from SW 69th (north side 69th) to Multnomah Blvd and Garden Home Road (south side 69th). With either option, through traffic will no longer be permitted from Garden Home road to SW 69th on the south. The roundabout option would eliminate south-bound access onto Multnomah Blvd from the section of SW 69th that is directly north of that street. Much more public involvement is going to be conducted, including door-to-door canvassing for those residents on either side of SW 69th. The current project schedule calls for design in 2019 with construction in 2020. Additionally, Timur provided an update on safety improvements for Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy, which includes a rapid-flash beacon crossing at SW 35th, including a short-rieved median at that location. Further physical separation between the bike and auto lanes is also expected. Stay tuned for further details.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 22nd, 7pm Multnomah Arts Center, Rm 30 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

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Contact Information for Portland Parks & Recreation

Issues can only be addressed when you report them

- If there is threat to life or property or if a crime is in progress call 911
- Non-emergency park-related security problems. Such as "dogs off leash", "drinking in parks"; "dumping trash" call Park Rangers 503.823.1637 call Police Non-Emergency at 503.823.3333
- Park maintenance problems. Such as "graffiti", "broken equipment" call 503.823.1600 or www.parkscan.org
- To report illegal camp sites www.portlandoregon.gov/campsites
- Serious situations involving animals call Multnomah County Animal Control at 503.248.3790
- Main Portland Parks & Recreation Number call 503.823.PLAY
- City/County information call 503.823.4000

Equity and Inclusion Chair Laura Campos equity-chair@swni.org swni.org/equity

The Equity & Inclusion Committee is hosting an Oregon Humanities Community conversation titled "What's in a Label- Thinking about Diversity and Racial Categories" on Thursday, February 28th, 2019 at the Multnomah Arts Center, Rm 8, 7:00-8:30 pm.

This upcoming community conversation is sponsored by the SWNI Equity and Inclusion Committee and will be facilitated by Ann Su.

Ann Su is passionate about connecting people to their best selves and bridging understanding and connections between people and communities. She has dedicated more than twenty years of her life to working for social, economic, and environmental justice. Currently, she is a public interest attorney, an adjunct assistant professor at Portland State University, and a diversity and leadership consultant. Please see the article on page 2 of this paper. This is the second in a series of four Oregon Humanities Community Conversations that the E&I Committee will be hosting.

At our January meeting Ryan Curren will present information on the SW Corridor Equitable Housing Strategy.

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Parks Committee

Do you see bad situations happening in a park near you? A crime in progress, dogs off-leash, garbage dumping, illegal drinking? Please report these problems! The Parks and Recreation Committee, consulting with Portland Parks and Recreation, has compiled a short sheet of contact information. In 2017, a hiker was assaulted by illegal off-road cyclists in Marshall Park. We have asked for more frequent park ranger patrols in SW Portland parks. SW has the lowest number of calls reporting park issues, thus has had the lowest ranger presence in the city. We encourage everyone to report problems, using the information on our contact sheet. (Reproduced on this page. Post it on your refrigerator!) While there might not be an instant response to reporting parks-related issues, the accumulation of issues reported has a direct impact on whether or not rangers allocate their time within SW Portland. So if you see something, report it, because park rangers can only address issues they’re aware of.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 3rd 7pm Multnomah Arts Center, rm7 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Chair Steve Mullinax parks-chair@swni.org swni.org/parks

Chair, David Martin transportation-chair@swni.org swni.org/transportation

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December has been a busy month with two of the most active programs surrounding land-use for our SWNI NAs. On behalf of both SWNI Transportation and Land Use Committees, we would like to thank all of the NAs and individuals who have actively participated in the SWG project’s efforts to design the right route through Barbour’s Crossroads.

The very latest workshop on Dec 6th was well-attended and one could see the impact of rounds of our community input, versus the very first alternative route floated back in March of 2018. There were several other challenges in the design details for a few of the stations along the route. This is certain to keep the NA and SWNI Land Use Committees busy as we roll into 2019.

The second major land use issue is the residential infill project RIP. Our SWNI president gave a more detailed view of RIP in our December newsletter online. After several major changes to the RIP (increased housing units on single-family lots and increased use of the a-overflow zone, from 60% to 90% of the single-family lots), an update of the economic model had to be completed to reflect these changes. The results were rolled out two weeks ago and underwent formal review on Dec 11th between staff at the BPS (Bureau of Planning & Services) and the citizen advisory panel referred to as Planning & Sustainability Commission (PSC). The results were sent to a favorable nod by the PSC, and it appears in mid-March of 2019 there will be a formal vote by PSC to forward RIP to City Council for review starting in summer of 2019. Of note: the economic model does not project enhanced affordability, just access to more market-priced, but very small, mostly rental housing units, located randomly across the single-family lots across the city, as opposed to “planned” location of such units along major transportation corridors and nearby access to services. I urge each NA to encourage a representative to attend our upcoming SWNI LUC meeting to discuss how to maximize the community feedback on the latest version of RIP.

RIP BPS update
portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill

What: Updating the rules that shape Portland’s residential neighborhoods so more people can live in them, while limiting the construction of very large new houses.

Status: The window for public testimony on this draft is closed. The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) has held multiple work sessions, and staff are revising the proposal per PSC direction. Staff is preparing the commission on their revisions and new findings in December and February.

Next opportunity to engage: City Council public hearings on the PSC recommendations, expected in summer 2019

Contact: Julia Gisler, 503-823-7624, Julia.Gisler@portlandoregon.gov

Next Meeting: Tuesday January 15th, 7 pm Multnomah Arts Center, Rm 29 7688 SW Capitol Hwy.

The New Year: A Time to Reflect and Look Ahead
Winter break is over and we’re already half-way through the 2018-2019 school year. It’s an exciting time as teachers and students have settled into the rhythms of the academic year and parents are witnessing the learning growth and increasing maturity of their children. That’s what our educational system is about – helping our children grow into adults prepared to achieve their life’s goals and fulfill responsible roles in society.

For the Schools Committee, the start of a new year is an opportunity to reflect on the past year’s accomplishments, plan future initiatives to engage our community, and continue to support students with creative outreach and programs.

This past year we placed a heavy emphasis on reaching out to the community through a series of “Reachouts.” Supported by a SWNI small grant and additional funds from the Hillsdale Community Foundation and St. Luke Lutheran Church, this initiative created opportunities for SW residents to speak out about their priorities and expectations for education, and propose actions that would enrich the educational experience for our children.

At the same time, our activities also focus on students themselves.

maps for all of SW Portland. These maps are very helpful to have when discussing policy or impacts of stormwater on neighbors.

The committee is working closely with Erik Horngren, manager of the Watershed Resource Center. When neighbors have concerns the committee can direct them to the center and the center will keep us informed with updates to these neighbors’ problems or concerns.

Fun information can be found at the Bureau of Environmental Services’ City of Portland HYDRA Rainfall Network. This it the place to check out how much rain has fallen in your neighborhood or area. The water year starts October 1 of each year. The history of the 2017-18 year is listed in the DataTable tab. or.water.usgs.gov/ nano-usgs/b.

For updates please go to: swnilanduse@swnilanduse.org

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 17th, 7 PM Multnomah Arts Center, Rm 4 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

The committee is getting watershed

Committees

Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) Update
A monthly snapshot of all the planning work going on in your neighborhood.

Better Housing by Design (BHD) portlandoregon.gov/bps/bh betterhousing
What: Updating rules to improve the design and livability of new development and expand housing options in Portland’s multi-dwelling zones.

Status: The Planning and Sustainability Commission is considering public testimony on draft proposals as they discuss and deliberate their recommendations, with their final recommendations expected in April 2019.

Next opportunity to engage: City Council hearings, expected in April 2019
Contact: Bill Cunningham, 503-823-4203, betterhousing@ portlandoregon.gov

Environmental Overlay Zone Map Correction Project portlandoregon.gov/bps/e-zone
What: Correcting the location of environmental overlay zones to better align with rivers, streams, wetlands, floodplains, forests, steep slopes and wildlife habitat.

Status: On December 7th, the second draft remained open for comment on the Johnson Creek watershed and outer east Portland (south of I-84) and the
Crime Prevention and Public Safety

The Hayhurst Neighborhood has planned a “Back to School” Safety Vigil on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm at the corner of SW 45th & Vermont Street. Portland Public School students are back to school after their holiday break. Many private schools will be back in session, too. The neighborhood’s goal is to remind drivers that children and youth will be walking and biking to school during the dark, rainy winter months. Even though important safety improvements have been made to both SW Vermont Street, drivers need to be aware about slowing down and watching for pedestrians.

SW Neighborhood coalition is providing safety vests, “Drive Slowly” signs, and traffic cones to ensure that everyone stays safe. TriMet “Blinking lights” will also be distributed. We plan to gather in the large parking lot at the northeast corner of the intersection to distribute all the safety materials. Community members are welcome to join the safety vigil.

At our December Public Safety meeting we heard from a resident that lives near SW Columbia Street and the freeway. The area is experiencing illegal camping and an alarming number of crimes (prostitution, bike thefts, shop shops, burglaries, etc.). Committee members encouraged the resident to work with the Central Precinct Crime Prevention Team to orchestrate a problem-solving meeting with residents, the City of Portland and ODOT.

Mark your new 2019 calendar for the SWNI Public Safety Emergency Preparedness Fair scheduled for Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the Multnomah Arts Center. Neighborhood Emergency Team NETS leaders are discussing options for various demonstrations (first aid, ham radio, food preparation, and pet care). Questions? Issues of concern or more information, please contact publicsafety@swni.org.

Next Meeting: Thursday, January 3, 2019Multnomah Arts Center, Room 30 7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Stay Warm, Stay Safe this Winter

Creating a safe environment for yourself, your family and your neighborhood requires effort and the participation of everyone. Security evaluations and community preparedness is something everyone can do to improve the environmental factors that could enhance the security of properties. This is one of the things you may do to see if you are prepared for the upcoming winter months.

Practicing prevention habits may seem inconvenient, but it can save you time and money in the long run. With winter here and the days getting darker, it is important to remember how to keep yourself and your neighborhoods safer and prepared. While crime prevention starts with one individual it is most effective when the entire community is involved. For example, if you see that the walkway lights of a neighbor have burnt out, try to notify them. Often in the winter months, Preparing the inside of your homes and businesses is just as important as the outside. You may want to consider a few things before hosting a gathering, coming home from a vacation or leaving the house for general purposes.

Some crime prevention tips include:

- Check if the windows can be opened in the event of an emergency (e.g., fire) and that they can also be locked.
- Make sure to lock the doors when going to work or to an appointment.
- Maintain smoke detectors and alarms.
- Be mindful during social events of who is coming and going and secure private areas.

One thing people might do particularly in the winter season is leave their vehicles running unattended to heat up. This is a risky habit; some car prowlers may use this as a crime opportunity. Keeping a spare jacket or a blanket in your car are options to consider when going to start your vehicle for the day. This way you can sit comfortably and warm inside your vehicle to prevent your risk of prowling and vehicle theft.

Crime prevention habits are not just a seasonal practice. We encourage you to adopt those practices as part of your everyday life. A key to crime prevention success is to work with your neighbors to promote public safety. Take the time to get to know your neighbors and to look after one another! When neighbors take the responsibility to build cohesive neighborhoods, those neighborhoods are less vulnerable to crime.

To request a free training for your organization or community group on crime prevention topics, access our prevention handouts or find more information. To request a training, please contact your Crime Prevention Coordinator, visit the City of Portland’s Crime Prevention Program website at portlandoregon.gov/civic/cp or call 503-823-4064.
**Free Community Events from Tryon Creek Watershed Council!**

First up on Thursday, January 24th, come on down to the Lucky Lab in Multnomah Village (Tryon Creek’s headwaters!) from 5:30 to 7:30 pm for a science talk! Learn some unbelievably neat things about Oregon’s native bees. Hint: not all of them are fuzzy, live in groups, or even look like what we all know as bees! Laura Taylor, conservationist and education director at West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, will be the speaker for this evening. Made possible through funding from Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., and the Office of Community and Civic Life, this event is a great opportunity to learn more about the wildlife while supporting local businesses.

**Please register online at tryoncreek.org/beetalk.** Mark your calendars - if something comes up, we want to make sure someone else can come join in the learning and fun.

A few weeks after this talk, we’ll be getting outside - join us again! Saturday, March 16th, 2019, is Tryon Creek Watershed Council’s 10th Annual Watershed-Wide Event! This fun day of restoration and celebration will start bright and early as we all gather together for coffee and breakfast snacks and group cheers! Then we’ll split up across several restoration sites throughout the watershed for volunteer work parties, wrapping up around noon. Your very own Southwest Neighborhoods Inc’s Watershed Resource Center Manager, Erik, will be hosting a site at Jackson Middle School to continue building community and restoring the much-loved pathway that many groups have been working on.

We’re hoping for a great turnout for this big day! If you’re interested in gathering a group of volunteers (be it coworkers, troop members, friends…), or if you’d like to stay in the loop and/or volunteer, please visit tryoncreek.org/watershedwide2019!

What else is happening at Tryon Creek Watershed Council? There’s a fair chance that as you read this, if it’s light outside, there are crews outside planting native plants - yes, you read that right! Throughout the fall, invasive species removal efforts were taking place at many of our current restoration sites. Most planting happens in the wintertime because plants are dormant and can be purchased in bare-root form. Unlike buying plants from a local nursery in small planters, bare-root plants are removed from the soil and essentially look like a stick with roots! This way they are more affordable, take up much less space (you can hold a bundle of several hundred plants in your armpit), and are quicker to plant (you simply open up the soil with a long spade and place it in, rather than digging a full hole). They may be dormant now, but when springtime comes, the plants will wake up in their new homes and have less risk of transplant shock! We are grateful for the hardworking crews making our watershed a better, healthier place.

As always, feel free to contact us with questions! Alexis, Program Coordinator: alexis@tryoncreek.org; Terri Preeg Rigsby, Executive Director: terri@tryoncreek.org.

*This article is courtesy of Tryon Creek Watershed Council program coordinator Alexis Barton.*

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**Winter Stormwater Tips**

‘Tis the season for stormwater, but even that can be something to celebrate! Portland receives about 35 inches of rain per year, all of which contributes greatly to our lush green landscape, diverse wildlife, and an abundance of lakes, rivers, and streams (some of the main reasons we all love living here!). But lots of rain can also present challenges for our watersheds and for us. Fortunately, there are many simple steps we can take to enhance the health of our watersheds during the rainy season and also meet some of our own needs at the same time.

**Pick up pet waste – dog poop** is one of the leading causes of harmful bacteria in our streams. Fortunately, the solution to this problem is as easy as scooping the poop!

**Identify and fix leaks of oil or fluid from your car** – it’s good for your car, and good for our water! Oil in waterways can harm sensitive fish species such as salmon and trout.

**Leave the leaves** – as long as leaves don’t clog storm drains, they are actually helpful to leave on your property as they can slow the flow of water, enhance the soil, and reduce erosion.

**Plant a tree(s)** – trees are great for more than just decorating this time of year! A mature tree can soak up as much as 600 gallons of stormwater per year, as well as stabilize soil, provide shade during hot summer months, and provide habitat and food for dozens of native wildlife species. With so many benefits, what are you waiting for? Now is the perfect time of year to plant trees and other native plants. Heavy rainfall gives plants a chance to establish strong and healthy root systems before hot weather sets in. Programs like the city of Portland’s “Treebate” (www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/treebate) can help you get started by providing discounts on the purchase of trees for your landscape.

**These tips not meeting your stormwater needs? Let us know!** We can work with you to turn restoring the much-loved pathway that many groups have been working on.

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**SW Watershed Events**

**Friends of Terwilliger**

1/19, 9am-12pm. Meet at the restrooms on SW Terwilliger & Hamilton for a restoration work party. Go to terwilligerfriends.org for more information.

**SW Trails PDX**

1/12, 9am-12pm. Guided walk from Wilson High School to South Waterfront. Check SW Trails’ website for info on future work parties and hikes: swtrails.org/events

**Friends of Marquam Nature Park**

1/5, 9am-12pm. Meet at the Tawhee trailhead off of SW Marquam Hill Rd for a restoration work party. More info can be found at fmpn.org/events, or by contacting fmpn@comcast.net or 971-599-FMNP.

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**SW Watershed Resource Center**

Erik Horngren, Manager

503-823-2862 or watershed@swni.org

Contact the WRC to sign up for our monthly email newsletter, the SW Watershed News.

Visit us at:

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The Southwest Watershed Resource Center inspires awareness and action on behalf of watershed health in SW Portland.

We work through a partnership between Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc., and the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services.

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**Let’s talk about Native Bees!**

with Laura Taylor

West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

Thursday Jan. 24

5:30-7:30pm

Lucky Lab, Multnomah Village

Reserve your spot: tryoncreek.org/beetalk

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Expanding Syringe Disposal Sites

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is there a need for syringe disposal boxes?

Improper syringe disposal has posed an ongoing waste management challenge for some time, and the national opioid epidemic has contributed to this growing problem in recent years. In Multnomah County, for instance, the number of used syringes found in public spaces and businesses has increased significantly in recent years. Without proper disposal options, used syringes can pose a risk to public health, as they can contain bloodborne pathogens such as HIV and Hepatitis C.

What's the plan for new syringe drop boxes?

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Downtown Clean and Safe will be responsible for determining site locations downtown. A disposal box is planned for the TriMet Regional Center in the Lloyd District. A box will be placed at the intersection of Southeast 82nd Avenue and Southeast Holgate Boulevard. Metro plans to place a box at their transportation division building located on 1403 Southeast 82nd Avenue.

Why is there a need for syringe disposal boxes?

There are several reasons for the need for syringe disposal boxes.

1. Public Health Concerns: Used syringes can contain bloodborne pathogens such as HIV and Hepatitis C. Improper disposal of these needles can pose a risk to public health.
2. Environmental Concerns: Used syringes can be harmful to the environment, especially if they are disposed of in the wrong way. They can contaminate waterways and soil, and can be a fire hazard if not disposed of properly.
3. Safety Concerns: Used syringes can be dangerous if they are not disposed of properly. They can cause injuries to waste workers if they are not handled properly.

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What can I do to help?

There are several ways you can help in the effort to expand syringe disposal sites.

1. Spread the Word: Help us spread the word about the need for syringe disposal boxes in your community. Share information about the program on social media, at community meetings, and with your neighbors.
2. Support Local Efforts: Support local efforts to expand syringe disposal sites. This could include volunteering your time, donating to the program, or advocating for increased funding.
3. Dispose of Syringes Properly: Dispose of syringes in a safe and responsible manner. Do not throw used syringes in the trash or on the ground. Instead, find a designated disposal site or contact your local health department for disposal information.

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If you are interested in getting involved in the expansion of syringe disposal sites in your community, contact your local health department or syringe exchange program for more information.

EXPANDING SYRINGE DISPOSAL SITES

Given the scope of syringe debris in the community, more syringe drop boxes are being planned. Spaces currently under consideration for this first phase of expansion:

- Multnomah County
- City of Portland
- Metro
- TriMet
- Downtown Clean and Safe

What about future sites?

What about future sites? Partners will continue to talk with neighborhood organizations about how well the program is working and where they would like to see additional bins.

What if people can't access a syringe drop box?

If people can't access a syringe drop box, they can contact the Multnomah County’s syringe disposal page.

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Neighborhood House Seeks Volunteers in 2019

Each year, more than 500 committed and talented volunteers lend their time and talents to Neighborhood House, positively impacting the lives of thousands of children, families, and seniors across Portland. As the city continues to grow and change, and income disparity increases, the long-standing social services nonprofit invites community members to be a part of the solution by getting involved and giving back.

For over 110 years, Neighborhood House has brought neighbors together to alleviate hunger and homelessness, provide high-quality education for young and old, and foster inclusiveness across Portland. To support this work, the agency offers a range of meaningful volunteer opportunities for all backgrounds and interests, from helping clients at the Food Pantry to tutoring at-risk youth.

Volunteers with Neighborhood House change people’s lives, develop new skills, and build a deep connection with the Portland community, Kaia Richman, a student at Lincoln High School, has been volunteering at the Food Pantry for the past several months. “Volunteering at Neighborhood House allows me to help and connect with people in my community,” she explains. “I think that taking the time to make those connections is essential for us to achieve a better understanding and acceptance of one another.”

While Neighborhood House welcomes volunteers across all programs, the following areas are most in need of assistance:

- **Emergency Food Box Program.** Neighborhood House operates the largest food pantry on Portland’s west side, providing 80 households a day with a reliable source of nutritious food. Volunteers are needed to pick up, organize, and distribute food, as well as assist clients, at 3445 SW Moss Street. The greatest need is on Mondays, from 2:00–5:30 pm, and Thursdays, from 5:00–8:30 pm. The Pantry also seeks a driver to pick up and deliver its weekly donation from the Bridgeport Whole Foods each Thursday morning.

- **Hayhurst Connect.** For those with a knack for connecting with students, consider joining the Hayhurst Connect after-school program team. The program’s curriculum focuses on engaging, collaborative projects that help students develop teamwork and social/emotional skills. Classes run Tuesday through Thursday, from 2:00–4:30 pm.

- **Aging Services.** Local seniors have places to go and people to see, and Neighborhood House needs dependable, dedicated volunteer drivers to get them there. Drivers are needed to transport seniors to medical appointments and take them shopping Monday–Friday, between 8:00 am–4:00 pm. Flexible shifts are available, so whether you have an hour or a day, you can make a difference for an isolated senior.

For more information on volunteering at Neighborhood House, contact Marc Czornij, volunteer and events coordinator, at 503-246-1663 x2117 or mczornij@nhpdx.org with additional questions.

American history and culture in Portland’s Old Town neighborhood, where Japantown once thrived. We’ll take a guided tour, learning the story of people of Japanese descent (Nikkei) in Oregon before, during, and after World War II. Exhibits highlight immigration and early life in Oregon, Nihonmachi (Japantown), and life after Executive Order 9066, including the Portland Assembly Center and contemporary Nikkei life. Afterwards, we’ll head out for lunch at Hotlips Pizza.

Volunteers from the Oregon Episcopal School pitch in at Neighborhood House’s Food Pantry.
West Portland Community Garden

SW 46th Ave & SW Taylors Ferry Rd.
"Come Grow With Us"
Sponsored by West Portland United Methodist Church

During 2018, 3,406 pounds of produce was grown and donated to the Neighborhood House Food Pantry. From 2012 through 2018, a total of 25,402 pounds of fresh produce was grown and donated to the Neighborhood House food pantry. Whether you are interested in a "Community" or "Produce for People" plot, come join us. If interested, we will be accepting plot request from January to February 2019.

For more info, go to the garden web page at: westportlandumc.com/westportlandumccommunitygarden or email us at: westportlandumc@gmail.com

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**SW Trails Walk for January 12**

The January walk will be led by Sharon Fekety. From Wilson High School we will cross Capitol Highway and turn right past the library. Then right on Cheltenham and left on Terwilliger. We’ll turn right on the Buhler Cutoff trail and cross Barbur Blvd. turning right on Hamilton St. and left on Kelly St. Then we'll walk down to Gibbs St and take the Gibbs Bridge and elevator or stairs to South Waterfront (bathrooms at OHSU). We’ll then turn right on River Parkway and get on the Willamette River trail to Pendleton St. where we’ll cross Macadam Ave. and go up the Iowa Trail and back to Wilson High School. The walk is 6 miles with about 600 feet elevation gain. Dress for unpredictable winter weather. Meet behind the bleachers, near the food carts, at Wilson High School (SW Sunset Blvd. and Capitol Highway) and be ready to go at 9:00 am. Well behaved dogs are allowed. They must be on leash. For health reasons, there is no smoking on SWTrails walks. For more information, or to volunteer to lead a walk in your neighborhood, contact Sharon Fekety (fekety@hevanet.com) Co-sponsored by SWTrailsPDX and Hillsdale Neighborhood Assn.

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**SWT PDX Stroll and Coffee**

Please join Southwest Trails on Saturday, January 26, for its monthly “Stroll and Coffee” walk. The "Stroll and Coffee" walk is designed to offer a walking opportunity that is shorter than our traditional hike and ends with a stop for coffee and socializing if you desire.

Our stroll will be the Hillsdale City Park Walk (pictured below) which is around 2.77 mi with an elevation gain of about 271 ft. We will meet at Barn in the parking lot of Wilson High School near the food trucks (the same location for our longer hikes). Hope to see you there.

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**Southwest Neighborhoods January 2019 Calendar**

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