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FPNA Appeals PGE's Project in Forest Park

The Forest Park Neighborhood Association has filed an appeal of a City Hearings Officer's decision last month to allow Portland General Electric to build new high-voltage transmission towers and lines in Forest Park within its existing easement.

Arguing that the project poses significant threats to five acres of trees, including mature conifers, the neighborhood says the hearings officer erred in approving the permit to remove 376 living trees and 21 dead trees, permanently fill two wetlands and impact two streams.

A hearing before the Portland City Council is scheduled for Thursday, April 17th, at 2pm. The public can testify. Details are available on the [Notice of Public Appeal](#). It will be an "on-the-record" hearing, which calls for City Council to decide the appeal based only on the evidence that was available to the Hearings Officer.

[Click here](#) for a copy of the Hearings Officer's 33-page decision.

Also appealing the decision is the [Forest Park Conservancy](#). The Bird Alliance of Oregon summarized their opposition in



Undated aerial photo of part of PGE's transmission system on the northern edge of Forest Park.

Photo: Portland General Electric

an article entitled "[The Fight for Forest Park Continues](#)" (page 6).

The project entails constructing a 1,400-foot segment of new transmission lines. Most of the project is within the Environmental Conservation and Environmental Protection overlay zones

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Seeking Solutions to Portland's Unsheltered Homelessness Crisis

In April 2024 representatives from 17 neighborhoods, businesses and nonprofit organizations met at the District 4 Coalition office. They established a goal of creating a strong, constructive and unified community voice to promote solutions to Portland's unsheltered homelessness crisis, particularly as it effects the central city.

Over the past year, the **Homeless Solutions Coalition (HSC)** has hosted an election forum for two critical Multnomah County Commissioner races, presented the County and the Joint Office of Homeless Services with a set of recommendations for a centralized database management system, and promoted a pilot where all outreach and homeless service providers would employ a single intake system for contact with unsheltered individuals.

This February, the HSC announced four major initiatives for the coming year:

Expand Shelters: As a first step in ending unsheltered homelessness, respond to **Mayor Keith Wilson's** request for assistance in establishing evening shelters throughout the city. Involve neighborhood associations citywide in proactively identifying shelter sites, including drug free high barrier sites, that meet conditions established by neighborhoods.

Public Safety: Work with the Oregon Legislature to amend or repeal HB 3115 to remove state restrictions on the City's ability to move unsheltered people from the streets to appropriate shelter and services. Also support adequate funding for Portland Police Bureau to manage public safety and livability and improve the business climate, especially in Portland's central city.



Doreen's Place, a short-term, housing-focused residential program on NW Hoyt Street for men. The program provides case management, life- and job-skills training, and connection to support services.

Photo: Doreen's Place

Single Intake System: Pilot a high touch single intake system in District 4 so that all unsheltered persons are identified, and individual recovery plans are developed.

Using existing outreach workers and volunteers, make frequent positive contact with unhoused individuals, identify them and their needs, and refer them to appropriate shelter, services, or family or other support systems that can help them escape a life on the streets.

Data and Accountability: Continue the ongoing work of the HSC to assist the County in establishing an effective database management system to improve coordination and accountability in homeless services.

Become Involved

The District 4 Coalition has provided significant support to the HSC and envisions the Coalition to be an important player in efforts to address unsheltered homelessness

in District 4 and eventually citywide. Individuals and organizations within the Coalition are urged to sign up to receive information from the HSC and/or become involved in the HSC initiatives.

We can't expect city and county staff to solve Portland's homeless crisis by themselves. It will take a community, neighborhood by neighborhood.

For more information or to sign up, contact the Coalition Office at 971-430-1001 or email at info@districtfourcoalition.org.

Homeless Solutions Coalition Steering Committee

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Portland’s ‘Vision Zero’ Commitment

No One Should Die or Be Injured Simply Going About Their Day

With the days getting longer and increased pedestrian activity and holiday traffic ahead, it’s important for all of us – and especially our neighborhoods – to get engaged with the issue of traffic safety. Below are some highlights from Portland’s Vision Zero program and how we can get involved.

[Vision Zero](#), the goal to eliminate traffic deaths and serious injuries, originated in Sweden in 1997. Portland committed to this vision in the City’s original Vision Zero Action Plan in 2016 and reaffirmed it in the [Vision Zero Action Plan Update 2023-25](#).

Traffic deaths and serious injuries are preventable. Fortunately, there are tools to reverse the trend of rising traffic violence. The Portland Bureau of Transportation’s Vision Zero program is committed to using every tool available to slow speeds, save lives and build a culture of shared responsibility.

The Vision Zero tool kit includes safe speeds and enforcement, school zone safety, traffic calming, fast street redesign, left-turn controls, no turn on red signals, signal timing, pedestrian “head starts”, safety resources for the public – and more. [Click here](#) for a comprehensive list of PBOT’s safety approaches and tools.



High Crash Network

Portland’s most dangerous streets and intersections cut across the city and touch every quadrant. The High Crash Network — the 30 streets and intersections with the most serious crashes — represents 8% of Portland streets, yet it accounted for 62% of traffic deaths from 2018 to 2022.

District 4 has 10 of the city’s 30 High Crash Streets and 30 Intersections:

SE Cesar Chavez, SE McLoughlin & Holgate, SE Holgate, West Burnside, NW/SW Broadway, SW 4th Avenue, SW Terwilliger Blvd., SW Barbur Blvd., SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy. and SW Capitol Hwy.

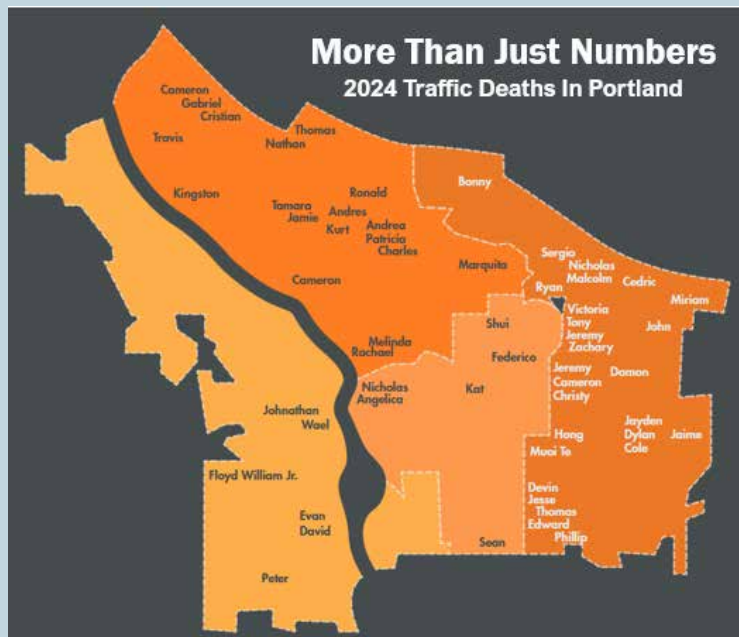
Here is a sobering fact: 58 people were killed in traffic crashes in Portland in 2024, thankfully lower than the record high of 69 deaths in 2023.

However, those 58 individuals were part of our community. Countless people felt the loss of someone dear in their lives.

Bringing it Home

While almost half of the 2024 deaths occurred in District 1, which covers the eastern edge of the city. **District 4** had six deaths, or about 10% of the total across the city:

Deaths					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
People in motor vehicles	23	28	19	32	23
People on motorcycles	8	9	11	11	10
Pedestrians*	18	27	28	24	22
People on bicycles	5	0	4	2	3
Total	54	64	62	69	58



Deadly Traffic Crash Reporting

PBOT continually reviews [deadly traffic crashes](#) in Portland, analyzing trends and preparing a report each winter to look back at the previous year.

- On January 27, pedestrian Floyd William Jr, at SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy and 56th. (Bridlemile)
- On February 7, motorcyclist Peter Pellegrin, at SW 19th and Boones Ferry Rd. (Arnold Creek)
- On February 10, motorist Wael Zahram at SW Naito Parkway and Columbia St. (Downtown)
- On March 12, bicyclist Johnathan Henderson at SW Third Avenue and Alder Street (Downtown)
- On November 27, motorists Evan C. Hadlock and David C Hadlock at SW Barbur and Terwilliger boulevards (Hillsdale/South Burlingame)

Councilor Olivia Clark

Focusing on Core Services to Maintain City Livability

As the weather warms up, I've enjoyed getting out and about across District 4 to make sure I'm representing your priorities on the City Council. On a recent walk in Hoyt Arboretum, I even spotted some signs of spring!



Olivia Clark

As the Chair of the Council's Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, I want to thank the District 4 residents who came out on

February 24th to share your views about transportation opportunities in Southwest Portland. Your testimony made a difference!

Traffic safety and sidewalks will a priority for me. See the map that shows the lack of sidewalks in District 4 as well as District 1.

It may not be the sexiest topic, but taking care of our City assets (streets, parks, lift stations, and water pipes) is work that must be done to maintain the livability of our community.

I am pressing for better City asset management, particularly those at risk of closure if not absolute failure. Mayor Wilson's proposed budget, which is due May 5th, should lean into our backlog and long-term asset management needs.

City Budget Process

I hope many of you shared your priorities at the District 4 budget listening session on [April 1st](#). Additional listening sessions may be scheduled by individual neighborhood associations.

Please [contact my office](#) if you would like to organize a budget discussion.



Red lines depict streets that lack sidewalks. West side Portland, and especially SW Portland, is more deficient in sidewalks than any other area of the city.

Graphic: City of Portland

While the \$93 million budget gap is daunting, I believe the City will get through this by working together. What would you cut? What would you enhance?

It has also been wonderful to meet with neighbors across District 4 at my coffees and happy hours. We've discussed a wide range of issues and made important connections.



Councilor Clark meets with District 4 constituents wherever a group will gather.

Photo: Jimmy Radosta

Dozens have attended these events in person and online from the Northwest District, South Portland, Multnomah Village, West Portland Park, Pearl District, and Downtown.

I look forward to similar events in Eastmoreland and Reed; I also recently toured the Sellwood Community Center and met with the directors to discuss future plans. (View upcoming events [here](#).)

Finally, City Council had a work session March 17th on the Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub located in the Linnton neighborhood and discussed next steps to address potential disasters.

The Transportation & Infrastructure Committee also approved a resolution regarding the need for transparency regarding the City franchise agreement with Zenith Energy (see story on **Page 4**), calling upon the Mayor to conduct a review of potential violations.



City Council Seeks Pause in Zenith Energy Permit

Portland City Council passed a Resolution last month demanding that **Mayor Keith Wilson** pause administrative actions related to Zenith Energy’s permit to continue operations in the Linnton neighborhood until an investigation of the franchise agreement is complete.

Wilson affirmed ahead of the vote that he would carry out the Council’s decision.

Zenith Energy is one of 11 fuel terminal facilities in the Critical Energy Infrastructure Hub (CEI Hub) in the Linnton neighborhood along the lower Willamette River.

The Linnton Neighborhood Association, along with others, asked the City to not approve a Land Use Compatibility Statement (LUCS) for the facility, which stores and distributes crude oil, including recycled oil, on site.

City officials argued that the issue is administrative, not legislative,

and that the LUCS approval must be granted because fuel storage is a permit use. That has led to an impasse between City administrators and the Council which has no administrative authority.

The Council resolution urges **City Auditor Simone Rede** to investigate the facts and prepare a report detailing the City’s handling of Zenith’s LUCS applications and the competing statements and arguments made by City staff in January when the issue came to a head.

“Passing this resolution is part of how we restore public trust,” District 4 Councilor **Mitch Green** said.

“This resolution represents how City Council is the legislative body of the people and how important it is for our community members to be included in decisions that threaten their health, safety, and environment.

“Advocates and neighbors, especially those in District 4, powered this movement to raise awareness and action that resulted in this resolution,” Green said.

The resolution comes in response to years of public concerns for transparency and accountability of their government officials and targets Zenith Energy’s potential violations of the franchise agreement with the City; the company’s record of violations and dishonesty; and inconsistencies with City staff statements and activities concerning Zenith, the Council alleged.

“This is a very serious franchise agreement that is going to impact people for generations to come,” said **District 3 Councilor Angelita Morillo**, who was the chief sponsor of this resolution and represents areas of the city directly across the river from the CEI Hub.

FPNA Appeals PGE’s Project in Forest Park —

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within the City’s Forest Park Natural Resource Management Plan.

The towers will connect west to existing PGE lines within Forest Park and span east across Highway 30 to PGE’s existing

Harborton Substation. PGE says the project will help meet the region’s growing electricity needs while conservationists oppose it for environmental reasons.

More than 1,300 people submitted comments regarding the project – a city record – mostly negative. The decision comes despite the city’s Permitting and Development office recommending the city reject the plan. Opponents included Portland

Parks & Recreation, environmental organizations and the Linnton Neighborhood Association, among others.

“Because the proposed project would result in significant damage to the park including permanent removal of 5 acres of mature trees, the decision is disappointing,” says **Carol Chesarek**, co-chair of the neighborhood’s Land Use Committee.

The Harborton Reliability Project is the 3rd of a 5-phase project PGE proposes to upgrade electrical transmission capacity across Portland. The company argues this will help prevent service interruptions, increase grid safety and mitigate wildfire risks.



Earth Day is Not Just One Day

Earth Day is Tuesday, April 22, but we can all celebrate all month long by walking, biking and rolling to school!

In the spirit of reducing waste during Earth Month, [Oregon Safe Routes to School](#) will not provide physical material incentives. Instead, we're encouraged to get creative about how we celebrate walking, biking, and rolling for the earth—whether it's all month or just on Earth Day.

Check out these resources and ideas about how to celebrate Earth Month:

- Use this Earth Month [toolkit](#) to help spread the word and plan activities, e.g., organize a [walking school bus](#) or [bike bus](#).
- Plant seeds at your school or around your community.
- Write a thank you card to the Earth.
- Create a collaborative mural at your school about walking, biking, and rolling to school.
- Have students make posters about why they love the Earth.



LVW Panel Discussion

National Immigration Policy and its Humanitarian Impacts

The League of Women Voters of Portland is holding a panel discussion on “National Immigration Policy and its Humanitarian Impacts” on Wednesday, April 9, from 7pm to 8:30pm via Zoom.

The panel will focus on changes in immigration policies in terms of the economy, humanitarian rights, and international relations:

- What is US immigration policy in 2025 and how is it changing from the past?
- What is the international border industrial complex, and why should we care?
- How are students being impacted by these changing policies?

Speakers bring professional experience from political, academic and community-based backgrounds

and can speak to the role our immigrant neighbors play in our communities and the issues facing immigrants in the changing landscape of immigration policy.

To receive the Zoom link, please register before the day of the program at <https://lwvpdx.org>. Attendees can engage with panelists by asking questions in the Zoom chat.

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday Parkways Returns to SW and Downtown

Celebrate National Bike Month and connect with your neighbors for the Southwest Portland Sunday Parkways event, presented By Kaiser Permanente on Sunday May 18th.

The Southwest Portland route will feature a 2-mile multi-modal and 3.6-mile walking route. Start anywhere on either route and bike, walk, or roll as you explore the four featured stops.

Each stop will include free family-friendly activities, local entertainment, community booths and vendors.

In addition to Southwest Portland, Sunday Parkways also will occur in [Northeast Cully](#) on June 29th, [East Portland](#) on July 27th and [Downtown Portland](#), for the first time in almost a decade, on September 14th.

As a Portland tradition since 2008, these free events create a safe and welcoming environment for active living, community connection, and civic pride on Portland’s largest public space – its streets. For more information, visit www.portland.gov/sunday-parkways



COALITION NEWS

President's Column: Jessie Burke

Portland Needs to Stand for Civility

While touring universities with my daughter on the East Coast last month, something was weighing heavily on me. Back at home, disinformation was spreading like wildfire about an incident in my neighborhood, Old Town.

It was not because I worry for myself, but because I worry for the continued loss of civility in Portland and how it is destroying the sense of community, the social contract and the sense of predictability all



Jessie Burke

citizens need for their city to feel livable.

Over the last six months, I have been getting calls about NW 3rd and Flanders being taken over with pop-up tents

and tables, and food, clothing and needles being distributed to houseless individuals by a group of people without a permit making it impassable to vehicle traffic.

Over time, residents started to notice and get upset, feeling once again that Old Town was getting treated as the neighborhood where no rules apply. A resident went over and asked the group back in November 2024 if they had a permit to close the street, and he was told to “go home you f*\$king NIMBY as*\$%le.”

Aggression Feared

Law enforcement officials first approached them in the fall of 2024, and determined the group was going to be aggressive with any

sort of enforcement. Residents and the cultural institutions continued to complain about this group, and so a month ago law enforcement attempted to address again the

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issue of the group having no permits.

At one point, the masked mob latched onto one of the female officers, found her information online and doxxed her, even posting the names of her children and their school on social media, and saying “I hope they will be safe at school tomorrow . . .”

Two weeks ago, we as a community wanted to show our support for law and order, as the police already planned to be there, and we asked the group to get permits if they were going to close off access to our streets and sidewalks.

We were met with screaming slurs, calling us “racists,” and asking if we had even “paid reparations.” Our message was consistent and clear – we just want the rule of law to be followed and enforced. Their response was that we are racist NIMBYs. At one point, one of the group went over to a neighboring business, went inside and threatened to “shoot the place up.”

Now my image has been plastered all over social media as the villain who hates the homeless. When you let extremist behavior go unchecked, they will give you an

extreme narrative. And many people believe it all.

It's Time to Respond

When law-abiding, civil citizens are being treated as equally credible

as people who will gladly threaten the lives of children, call the elderly slurs and threaten to shoot up small businesses – all so they can continue to flout the law and be disrespectful to the community of which they are visitors – we have lost the thread.

We cannot allow this extreme behavior to dictate the culture and future of our city. Our City leaders need to step up. How they respond is what they are telling the populace is acceptable and that what goes unchecked is what you can expect to flourish.

We are leaving cruel extremism unchecked in Portland, and it is flourishing, all while it destroys the morale of the rest of the city. For too long we have let childish behavior run the city. It is time for this to stop.

No matter what change we hope to make as District 4, I believe the first – and most basic – step is committing to being civilized with one another, demanding the same from our fellow citizens, and calling it out when people cross the line.

Jessie Burke

President, District 4 Coalition

COALITION NEWS

Executive Committee Report

The **Executive Committee** has set meeting dates for the Coalition Board's Finance and Executive committees for 2025, which are now published on the D4C calendar.

Both Finance and Executive committee meetings are set for the third Wednesday afternoons of the month. Finance Committee meetings will begin at 2:30pm and the Executive Committee will meet from 3pm to 4:30pm.

Regular **Coalition Board** meeting dates remain on the first Monday of

each month except for September, which was moved to September 8th in order to avoid Labor Day.

The **Finance Committee** held a tutorial on March 27th for Board members to learn more about the Coalition's finances, including how the financial data are structured as well as its revenue sources and liabilities.

Meanwhile, Board President **Jessie Burke** and Vice President **Kent Snyder** are putting together a **Governing Committee** which will

be discussed at the April 7th Board meeting. The committee will work on the organization's corporate structure.

When the Governing Committee is established, the Coalition will have a full Board structure which will let it focus on its program activities, membership drive, building relationships with the business associations and bringing community issues before City Council.

Coalition Training Offered Insights on Giving Testimony

Testifying before a public body can be a daunting experience. Often driven by a deep personal concern or strong desires for certain actions to be taken, many people find it difficult to organize their thoughts to present a powerful argument and manage their emotions.

Worse yet, the testifier may only have 2 or 3 minutes to get to the heart of the matter in a compelling way.

Last month, the District 4 Coalition held a training on giving effective testimony. The session covered

many aspects of presenting a case to decision-makers both in person and in writing, including the importance of advance preparation, focusing on the key issue(s), practicing to ensure you stay within time limits and repeating your "ask" multiple times in your presentation.

The slide below summarizes the key points made by presenters **Marita Ingalsbe**, Hayhurst NA; **Mary Jaron Kelly**, Office of Civic Life; **Erik Cole**, Revitalize Portland, and **Amanda Fritz**, former City Commissioner and Planning Commission member.

These "rules" for good testimony are especially helpful for making a strong case on important or challenging issues such as the current City budget process where tough choices must be made. Keep them in mind when making your pitch to the Portland City Council. Here's the form to use for written testimony during this budget cycle.

While public listening sessions are ending, the Council will be holding work sessions on April 2nd and April 16th. The Mayor's proposed budget will be available on May 5th, and will be followed by one or more Council work sessions.

For more information, check out the [City's recommendations and rules](#) for appearing before the Portland City Council and "[Tips and Tricks for City Council Testimony](#)" on the D4C website.

Another good resource for reaching out to elected officials across the region is the [Revitalize Portland Coalition](#).

Effective Public Testimony
How to Structure Your Testimony to Make Your Voice Heard

- 1 INTRODUCTION**
 - Greet the Councilors and introduce Yourself for the record with your name and (if applicable) title and organization.
 - Clearly State Your Position - one line that lets them know your topic and desired result.
- 2 FRAME the ISSUE**
 - Describe the Issue or Problem to provide them with relevant context, but avoid excessive detail. Get to the heart of the matter quickly.
- 3 CALL to ACTION**
 - Present Solution or Request, e.g., "I urge the council to..." or "Please support..."
 - Explain Benefits by outlining how the action will positively affect the community.
- 4 CONCLUSION**
 - Reaffirm Your Request and sum up your testimony. Reiterate your Call to Action.
 - Thank the council for their time and consideration.

TIPS!

- **PRACTICE!** Time your two minutes. Don't get cut off!
- **STAY FOCUSED.** Stick to one issue or message.
- **BE CONCISE!** Every word should serve a purpose.
- **BE RESPECTFUL.** Even if you have strong feelings.

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COALITION NEWS

ONI Standards Part IV

This is the fourth in a series of articles to review standards that neighborhood associations and district coalitions must adhere to in order to receive City funding.

Basic Requirements

The working and procedural relationship(s) among Neighborhood Associations, District Coalitions and District Coalition staff shall be determined by the groups involved, and these relationships shall be respected by the Office of Community and Civic Life.

Goals and Procedures

A primary role of a District Coalition is to develop the organizational capacity of Neighborhood Associations to consider and act upon issues affecting the livability and quality of their neighborhoods.

District Coalitions should provide training, orientation, information and consultation to Neighborhood Associations and to neighbors according to the policies and directives of their respective boards.

Staff should be a resource to neighbors who, in turn, advocate for a particular position on an issue.

Administrative Procedures

Annual Action Plan: Develop an

annual action plan as directed by Neighborhood Associations and submit it to the Office of Civic Life.

Reports to the City: File “performance indicators” as required and an “annual narrative” report at the end of the fiscal year.

Operational Procedures

Communication: Neighborhood Associations and District Coalitions are responsible for the content of their respective communications.

- All positions taken are matters of record and may be reported in newsletters or reflected in official communications.
- Neighborhood Associations shall not take positions in support of or opposition to any political candidate or party. They may take positions on ballot measures and referendums.
- Neither City-supplied funds nor private funds shall be used for communications in support of or in opposition to any political candidate.

- City supplied funds may not be used for communications in support or in opposition to ballot measures or referendum.
- Private funds, however, may be utilized regarding ballot measures and referendums.
- Communications presenting personal opinions of a citizen must be identified as such and the name of the author.
- Communications should not include statements that could be considered libelous or defamatory.
- A copy of each District Coalition or Neighborhood Association newsletter should be on file at the respective District Coalition. (See *ONI Standards*, Section VIII, O: Retention of Records.)
- Mailing and membership lists are not subject to public records requests.

The next installment will cover rules for Non-Profit District Coalitions.

D4C Program Highlight: Emergency Preparedness

The District 4 Coalition operates a number of programs that support community activities and encourage participation in ways to keep our neighborhoods safe, build a sense of community and have an impact on issues affecting our liability.

One of those is **Emergency Preparedness**. Through it, the Coalition helps coordinate emergency preparedness efforts organized by individual neighborhood associations and serves as a link between the Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) and community volunteers. The focus is twofold:

- Support of PBEM efforts to revitalize Neighborhood Emergency Teams (NETs). This includes engaging with individual volunteers, neighborhood associations and community partners.
- Support existing NETs through grant funding, facilitating networking or skill-share events, and recruiting volunteers.

Next month, *District 4 Voices!* will publish the first of a two-part article from the perspective of a neighborhood NET program about the importance and value of preparedness at the block and neighborhood level, and the steps you can take to protect your family and your neighbors.

COALITION NEWS

Westside Watershed Resource Center

Pendleton Creek Wetlands

In March, we teamed up with the Hayhurst neighborhood and Bureau of Environmental Services to restore a wetland area behind the school.

Volunteers removed over 600 sq. ft. of invasive ivy. This wetland provides vital habitat and environmental benefits to the Pendleton Creek watershed.

We'll continue working there on Saturday, April 19th, to plant native species that will further enhance the wetland's natural functions. For details and to sign up, visit westsidewatersheds.org/events.

Native Plants at Dragonfly Coffee

Stormwater Stars and the Westside Watershed Resource Center partnered with Poppy and Finch and the Dragonfly Coffee House to plant native species around it's outdoor seating area at NW Thurman Street and NW 24th Ave.



Planting native plants in an outdoor garden at Dragonfly Coffee last month.

Photo: Stormwater Stars

This project shows how container planters can be used in where in-ground planting isn't possible. They create habitat for pollinators and help capture rainfall, allowing water to be captured by their leaves and soak into the soil instead of becoming immediate runoff.

Join us for an Open Garden event on Friday, April 25, at 4pm at [Dragonfly](https://www.dragonflycoffee.com).

[Coffee](#) to learn more and what you can do in your space.

April Events

- **April 4-5: Trillium Festival at Tryon Creek State Natural Area:** This educational event for the whole community celebrates the season of renewal in the forest and beyond. Learn more at tryonfriends.org/calendar.
- **April 19th: Weed Watchers Workshop, 6pm-7:30 pm:** Learn how to identify and report priority weeds. Learn more [HERE!](#)
- **April 9th: Pendleton Creek Wetlands April, 1pm-4pm:** Help us plant native plant species to restore these critical wetlands. Learn more at westsidewatersheds.org/events

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West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

West Multnomah SWCD is a publicly funded, non-regulatory organization that provides services to individuals, families, businesses and institutions that own property by providing resources, financial support and on-the-ground assistance. These services might include restoring a stream bank, creating a farm soil conservation plan or removing weeds such as garlic mustard.

WMSWCD serves Multnomah County west of the Willamette River, including Sauvie Island. Check out our free resources, services, and e-newsletter at [WMSWCD.org](https://www.wmswcd.org).

New Resource

While grocery stores have so many produce options, there are



benefits to trying to find food that comes from closer to home. Local produce connects us to the land and seasons, reduces the carbon footprint of our food, and supports local businesses.

Find westside Portland CSAs (community supported agriculture), farmers markets and farmstands in the West Multnomah SWCD service area: bit.ly/wm-local-produce.

Coming Events

Soil School, Saturday, April 5:

This in-person event, cohosted by Tualatin SWCD, offers 8 sessions to learn about how improving soil health improves plant, garden, and habitat health. Pre-registration is required: [wmswcd.org/soil-school](https://www.wmswcd.org/soil-school).

Weed Watchers, Wednesday,

April 9: Learn to identify and report the weeds of highest concern that are growing in our area at this in-person event at Tryon Creek Nature Center. Co-hosted by Tyron Creek Watershed Council and Friends of Tryon Creek: bit.ly/tryon-weeds25.

Skyline Ridge Neighbors Annual Spring Meeting, Wednesday,

April 16: Our forest conservationist will speak to people about tree health, wildfire resilience, and other concerns.

CITY NEWS

Help Plan 20 Years of Transportation Infrastructure

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is recruiting applicants for up to 30 new [Transportation System Plan \(TSP\)](#) Community Advisory Committee (CAC) members. **Applications are due by April 14th.**

Under Oregon’s statewide land use planning laws, the TSP is a requirement and part of the City’s Comprehensive Plan. Under updated TSP rules, developing a capital project list and considering revenue sources is more important than ever, PBOT says.

The purpose of the new rules is to align transportation planning with the State’s equity and climate goals. The CAC is expected to meet approximately seven times beginning in May 2025 until late 2027.

Committee members must live, play, worship, go to school, work and/or do business within the City of Portland. PBOT says it aims to populate the CAC to “achieve a range, diversity, and balance of the following representation among members.”

[Learn more and apply today.](#)



Applications Sought by April 14

Community Board for Police Accountability

The City is accepting applications for the Community Board for Police Accountability (CBPA). Community members from all parts of Portland are encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted through 5pm, Monday, April 14th.

The CBPA is a new independent governing body established to make recommendations about Portland Police Bureau practices, policies and directives “with a focus on community concerns”. It is a volunteer opportunity the City says

will give Portlanders a direct impact on police practices, policies and oversight.

Eligibility and Commitment

Board members serve on a voluntary basis with a \$500 annual stipend. The Board will be required to review cases, listen to testimony and make decisions based on evidence.

Meetings will be held on weekday evenings, with additional time commitments based on caseloads, investigations and other

responsibilities. Members must complete required training, sign confidentiality agreements and pass a background check.

“As a member of the board,” the City says, “you will help investigate community-reported misconduct, recommend disciplinary actions and contribute to making Portland’s police force more transparent and responsive to community needs.”

Parks Foundation’s Small Grant Spring Cycle

The Portland Parks Foundation’s Small Grants Program is now open for its spring cycle.

The foundation awards \$2,000 grants to community-based organizations within the city who foster equitable access to our urban parks, natural areas, community gardens, and community recreation centers.

In the past year, grants have been awarded for projects such as community gardening and education, diverse cultural gatherings, outdoor mentorship programming for youth, literacy programs in parks, and green and open space reclamation.

Applications are due by midnight on April 15. Awards are disbursed

in June 2025. Funding must be utilized between June 2025 and June 2026.

[Learn more and apply today.](#)



Meet Your Neighbors: Southwest Hills Residential League A Diverse Community Gathers Here

Surrounded by beautiful views and enriched with diverse viewpoints, community gathers here. Organized since 1969, the Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL) is a homegrown 501(c)(3) nonprofit providing public meeting spaces for people scattered throughout the hills and heights of West Portland. A free voting membership is available to home and business addresses inside the lines.

SWHRL meetings often hear from families and organizations from Ainsworth, Broadway Drive, Bridlemile, Council Crest, Davenport-Hoffman, Dosch Road, Fairmount, Gander Ridge, Green Hills, Goose Hollow, Governors Park, Healy Heights, Highlands, Humphrey Park, King’s Hill, Marquam Gulch, Myrtle-Buckingham, Patton-Hewett, Portland Heights, Scholls Ferry, Strohecker’s, Sunset, Sylvan, Terwilliger, Vista Bridge, Wilcox Estates, and the unincorporated parts of Multnomah and Washington counties.

Woven through an urban forest, it is not uncommon for Arlington Heights or Beaverton families to join the SW Hills NET for city-wide emergency preparedness drills and radio check-ins.

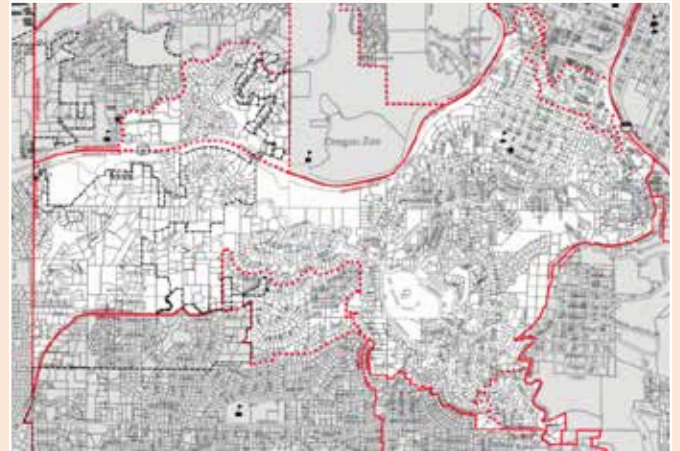
One SWHRL [Bylaws boundary description](#) occupies an entire page of text. The SWHRL map (at right), replete with intermittent solid lines, dashed lines, grayed out areas, white areas, is less than intuitive. Even magnified, the image is marked with hard-to-trace dotted red lines; so, a helpful place to start to research overlapping boundaries

of SWHRL is Portlandmaps.com.

Inside the Dotted Lines: Shared Histories

Healy Heights: Perhaps the oldest gathering place in the Willamette Valley, boasting a scene no other city could reproduce, Council Crest rises 1,073 feet in elevation and sets the tone at the top. Its vintage ad (see below) promotes an amusement park that offered unique entertainment to Portlanders in the early 20th century.

The long-gone roller coaster is missed, but community hospitality continues as this neighborhood team hosts a fabulous annual picnic. [Healy Heights](#) is organizing a hopping Easter Egg Hunt starting at



Overlapping boundaries of SWHRL.

Source: Portlandmaps.com

10am Sunday, April 20th, at Council Crest Park. The public is welcome to join!

Also, SW Hills, Bridlemile and Healy Heights will join forces to support the SW Vista-Spring Street Fair next to Ainsworth Elementary in late June 2025. Again, everyone is invited up the hill to enjoy ice cream and community building.

Sylvan-Highlands: Predating development of Portland – this old ‘donation claim’ area was on the early list of candidates for Oregon’s state capitol. Originally named “Zion Town” by Nathan B. Jones, some remnants of Old Zion Town exist on the north side of Highway 26. Pioneer Jones is buried in an old pioneer cemetery just SE of Scholls Ferry Rd. and Humphrey Boulevard crossing.

Oregon’s Dept. of Transportation (ODOT) ‘Sunset Highway’ project sliced through SW Hills. In its wake, a jigsaw of disconnected, unincorporated neighborhoods

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“Overlapping neighborhood boundaries has allowed the pooling of resources and merging of community efforts across five Westside neighborhoods.”



Meet Your Neighbors

SWHRL —

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reconnect via the Sylvan Interchange Overpass of Scholls Ferry Road.

Being a wildland and urban interface area, this historic area can be susceptible to wildfire. [Sylvan-Highlands Neighborhood Association](#) hosted a meeting at Fire Station 16, in 2025, which was attended by a SW Hills NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) member. Helpful tips were shared about forming [‘Firewise Communities’](#) and other fuel mitigation efforts executed by volunteers throughout the ancient Tualatin Hills of the Metro region.

Bridlemile: Many old homes are scattered across the Tualatin range, but the oldest home located in the City of Portland is the Tigard-Rogers house which stands in the heart of Bridlemile-Robert Gray Area at 4504 SW Shattuck Road.

At the historic southeast corner of SW Shattuck and SW Hamilton, the home is rumored to have been a Pony Express “way station”. The [historic-listed property](#), which boasts heritage pear trees, has a sale



The historic Tigard-Rogers house sits empty while a sale is pending. Preservationists have hoped to save the structure.

pending (Mar 2025) and is currently zoned for redevelopment.

The potential-buyer is not known. However, the Friends of Tigard-Rogers House, including core volunteers from [Bridlemile Neighborhood Association](#) and SWHRL have been in ongoing discussions about [funding historic preservation](#) efforts for this important treasure of historical interest.

Goose Hollow: The iconic “Vista Bridge” connects Southwest Hills to the westernmost side of the central city. The point at which [Tanner Creek](#) goes underground (at the edge of SW Market) -- being the Vista Avenue Viaduct -- provides a critical infrastructure element in support of Portland’s Water Bureau capacity which is adjacent to the Washington Park Reservoir.

In 1984, the Portland government considered improvement to lighting of the bridge but decided historic fixture details were not worth the cost and effort. Bill Failing, who is SWHRL’s Director of Historic Preservation, later led the “Vista Bridge Light Brigade” efforts to raise interest and needed funds.

The Brigade’s efforts enabled the City to eventually purchase and install historically-appropriate bridge lighting fixtures. SWHRL and Goose Hollow worked to get the chain-link anti-suicide fence replaced with safety netting below; though designed by city staff – it was not funded.

[Goose Hollow Foothills League](#) and SW Hills Residential League are



Historic photo of the vista Avenue Viaduct which spans SW Jefferson Street and connects Kings Hill in the Goose Hollow neighborhood with Healy Heights and Council Crest.

growing excited to create a celebration in 2026 of the centennial year of this bridge – a bridge, the “Vista Bridge” (so aptly named), that has literally and figuratively connected our communities’ and our hillside-habitats past on forward into our present for a (now) year shy of a century.

The Southwest Hills Residential League will celebrate 60 years in 2029. Let’s keep enriching our beautiful homesteads together!

Joyce del Rosario
President, SWHRL

Meet Your Neighbors: Collins View

Quietly Nestled in the Verdant Hills of SW Portland

Collins View is a hilly 465-acre neighborhood that is home to cemeteries, churches, natural areas and a nationally recognized college.

Settled first by the indigenous Kalapuya people, the landscape now called Collins View is composed of approximately 1,000 households and 3,250 residents, each contributing in their own way to the life and character of the neighborhood.

Described by one visitor guide as having a “quiet rural-suburban vibe,” it is dominated by major parks and natural areas that provide plenty of quiet areas for residents to enjoy within walking distance from its tree-lined streets.

While Collins View is dominated by its idyllic neighborhoods and natural areas, the surrounding areas are filled with restaurants and shopping areas. Downtown Portland is less than 15 minutes away via I-5, Terwilliger Parkway or Macadam Avenue.

The neighborhood borders two other southwest neighborhoods – Marshall Park to the west,



Spring runoffs on Tryon Creek. Its most protected space is the 658-acre Tryon Creek State Natural Area.

Photo: City of Portland

across Tryon Creek, and South Burlingame to the north, across SW Taylor’s Ferry Road.

Oregon’s largest private liberal arts college, [Lewis & Clark College](#), is a prominent institution on SW Palatine Hill Road at a high point in the neighborhood’s hilly topography overlooking the Willamette River. Many faculty, alums and students live here.

Collins View also borders Tryon Creek State Natural Area and River View Natural Area.

The [Tryon Creek watershed](#) covers more than 4,000 acres and is home to diverse fish and wildlife. The mainstem of the creek flows seven miles from Multnomah Village until reaching its confluence with the Willamette River.

Only two main thoroughfares pass through Collins View – SW Terwilliger Boulevard and Boones Ferry Road – providing convenient, if not historic, links to greater Portland as well as Lake Oswego, Tualatin and Wilsonville to the south.

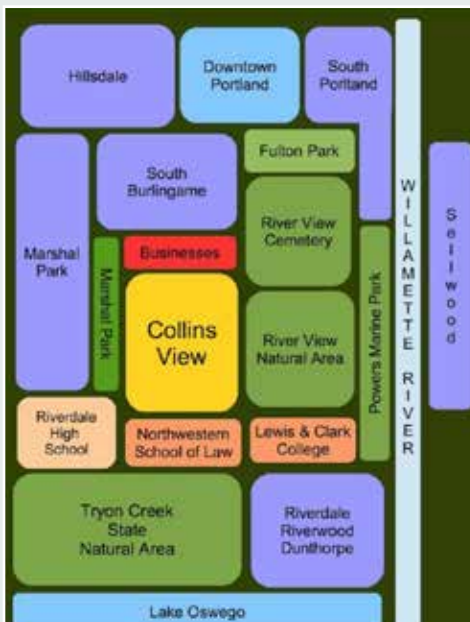


A historical marker was placed at SW Boones Ferry and Taylors Ferry roads by the Boone family in 1937. Jesse is buried in the Butteville Cemetery, several miles from the Boone’s Ferry Landing on the Willamette River.

SW Boones Ferry Road is one of the oldest roads in the region, and one of Portland’s first electric trolley lines ran through Collins View to the cemeteries from 1891 to 1899!

Early Collins View had a grocery store, a dance hall and a school. In the early 1900s there were orchards, vacation cottages and the Frank Estate, which is now the location of L&C College.

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Collins View–

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Neighborhood Association

Collins View Neighborhood Association was formed in the 1980s and has been handling livability and safety issues ever since.

Recently the neighborhood association entered into a good neighbor agreement with Lewis & Clark College for the purpose of working together in advancing school priorities while maintaining neighborhood livability.

Find more on collinssview.org

The Cemeteries of Collins View

Perhaps no other neighborhood in Portland has as many cemeteries as Collins View. In [Riverview Cemetery](#) alone, one can find headstones and monuments for Portland’s most prominent and historic figures of the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries.

Founded in 1882, it is a private cemetery that also contains a [Roll Call statue](#) to honor the 165 Oregonians who died in the [Spanish–American War](#).

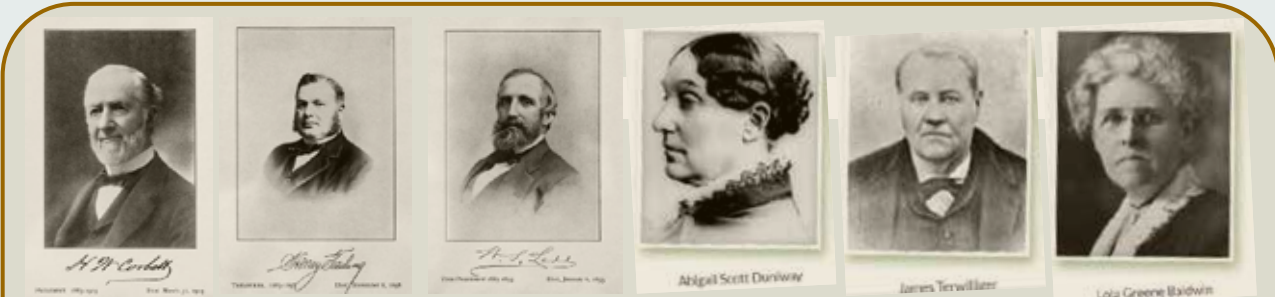
A slow drive, bike ride or quiet walk takes you past familiar names – Pittock, Abernethy, Duniway, Couch, Weinhardt, Benson, Ladd, Failing, Corbett, Terwilliger, Atiyeh, Pamplin and, more recently, former Mayor Bud Clark.

Locals also enjoy walking and cycling through River View Cemetery to reach the Sellwood Bridge.

The first adult burial was **Dr. William Henry Watkins**. In the 1940s, a 135-person chapel was added, designed by famed architect [Pietro Belluschi](#).

Several other important cemeteries are included there as well:

- Historic Greenwood Hills Cemetery
- Chabad Cemetery
- Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery
- Beth Israel Cemetery
- Ahavhi Sholom Cemetery



At left, the three founders of Riverview Cemetery – Henry Corbett, Henry Failing and William S. Ladd. At the right, three prominent Portlanders buried there – Abigail Scott Duniway, women’s suffrage advocate; James Terwilliger, for whom Terwilliger Boulevard is named; and Lola Greene Baldwin, the country’s first sworn policewoman.

Photos: Riverview Cemetery



The Spanish–American War Veterans Memorial, aka the Soldier’s Monument and Graves, is an outdoor memorial at Riverview Cemetery commemorating those who fought in the Spanish–American War. The memorial is located near the cemetery’s SW Taylors Ferry Road entrance where 165 headstones surround the statue.

Photo: Riverview Cemetery

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Ardenwald-Johnson Creek

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 28, 6:30pm
 In-Person: Milwaukie Cafe,
 9401 SE 32nd Avenue
 Virtual - [Zoom](#)
 Chair: **Chris Holle-Bailey**
chrisardenwald@gmail.com

Our local elementary school, Ardenwald Elementary, is celebrating its centennial this year! The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is looking for alumni (staff, students, and families!) to share their stories from our history.



Balfour Park is a new neighborhood park within the Ardenwald-Johnson Creek Neighborhood District Association which includes portions of the city of Milwaukie in Clackamas County.

Photo: City of Milwaukie

Find us on Facebook to share yours!

Chris Holle-Bailey, Chair
 Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NA

March 8th was the grand opening of a new neighborhood park – Balfour Park on Balfour Street.

Come check out this great new location with a kids play area, picnic shelter and beautifully preserved trees. Located at 3103 SE Balfour St.

Arlington Heights

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 14, 6pm
 Virtual – [Zoom](#)
 In-Person – Hoyt Arboretum Library
 President: **Lora Miro**
board@arlingtonheightspdx.org

Arnold Creek

Annual Meeting:

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30pm
 Virtual – see [ACNA website](#)
 Chair: **Nancy Mattson**
president@arnoldcreek.org

Collins View

Next Meeting:

Wednesday April 2, 7pm
 Virtual – see [Zoom](#)
 Chair: **Elise deLisser**
board@collinsviewna.org

Downtown

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 22 6pm
 In-Person: TBD
 Virtual – see [Zoom](#)
 Chair: **LaJune Thorson**
president@portlanddowntownna.com

Hillsdale

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 2, 7pm
 Virtual – see [Zoom](#)
 Chair: **Tatiana Lifshitz**
vivereinitalia@comcast.net

Linnton

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 2, 7pm
 In Person - Linnton Community Ctr
 Chair: **Ed Jones**
chair@linntonna.org

Reed

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, May 14. 6:30pm
 In-Person – Reedwood Friends Church, 2901 SE Steele St.
 Chair: **Kristina DiTullo**
reedneighborhood@gmail.com

West Portland Park

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 10, 6:30pm
 Virtual – see [Zoom](#)
 Chair: **Javier Moncada**
javierfmoncada@gmail.com

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Ashcreek-Crestwood

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 14, 7pm
Virtual – [Zoom](#)

Chair: **Marianne Fitzgerald**
fitzgerald.marianne@gmail.com

We hope you will join us on April 14th via [Zoom](#) with our invited guest speaker, Portland Public Schools Board Member **Christy Splitt**. Christy will discuss the upcoming PPS bond measure that includes plans for upgrading Ida B. Wells High School, the public high school serving our neighborhood.

A lot of young families have been moving to our neighborhood, and we get a lot of questions about the Smith School property in our neighborhood. The elementary school building was closed many years ago, but the Smith School sports fields are used by many people in the community.

This is our opportunity to have a conversation about the future of Portland Public Schools with our PPS board representative.



In 2016, Ashcreek funded a project to add four benches to the Smith School play area even though the school was closed in 2006.

Photo: Dean Smith

Neighborhood House

At our March meeting we learned about two organizations that support people in need in our community. **Mary DeBauche** of Neighborhood House described some of the many services they provide, including a free food pantry, senior center, Head Start programs, after-school programs and other services.

The free food market serves more than 12,000 people in need each year. The annual [SW Hope campaign](#) offers community-building events to raise funds for their food pantry. Click on the link above for a list of events in April as well as ways to make cash and other donations for Neighborhood House's many programs.

They also accept donations of produce from home and community gardens in season.

Two Can Tuesday

Rhona Feldman of Positive Charge PDX described how they established "[Two Can Tuesday](#)" as a way for volunteers to pick up non-perishable food and other goods in eight neighborhoods in SW Portland and deliver them to Neighborhood House to distribute to people in need.

They are seeking more volunteer drivers so they can expand their services. Rhona provides training and support for about a one-hour a week commitment.

City Budget

Portland's budget proposal for FY 2025-2026 includes significant cuts to the Portland Bureau of Transportation and Portland Parks and Recreation budgets. Priorities for Ashcreek-Crestwood include transportation safety, parks operations and maintenance, and support for community building events in our neighborhood.



Ashcreek-Crestwood
Neighborhood Association

Our top three needed transportation projects include the outer Taylors Ferry Road pedestrian/bicycle project, the Garden Home Road/Multnomah Blvd. Intersection Safety Project, and the SW 64th and Barbur to SW 62nd and Pasadena pedestrian/bicycle project.

The [GHR/Multnomah Intersection](#) safety project was funded in 2016 and then suspended during COVID-19. We will ask PBOT to continue to seek funding to construct the project as designed.

We also will ask the City to find ways to consolidate administrative positions and services rather than making cuts to public safety and homelessness response.

We support actions to reduce carbon emissions and mitigate climate change, especially supporting the needed infrastructure that enables us to walk, bike and take transit and reduce dependence on cars.

Woods Park Work Parties

Friends of Woods Park and PP&R organize monthly work parties in the Woods Memorial Natural Area on the 4th Saturday of each month. The next one is scheduled for April 26th. Those interested can sign up for the monthly newsletter and register at <https://friendsofwoodspark.wordpress.com/about/>.

We hope you will join us at our monthly meetings, which are on the second Mondays at 7pm via Zoom.

Marianne Fitzgerald, President
Ashcreek-Crestwood NA

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Bridlemile

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 9, 7pm
Virtual – [Click for Zoom](#)

Chair: **Richard Freimark**
board@bridlemilepdx.org

2024 Bridlemile Crime Report

The [2024 Portland crime statistics](#) are now available.

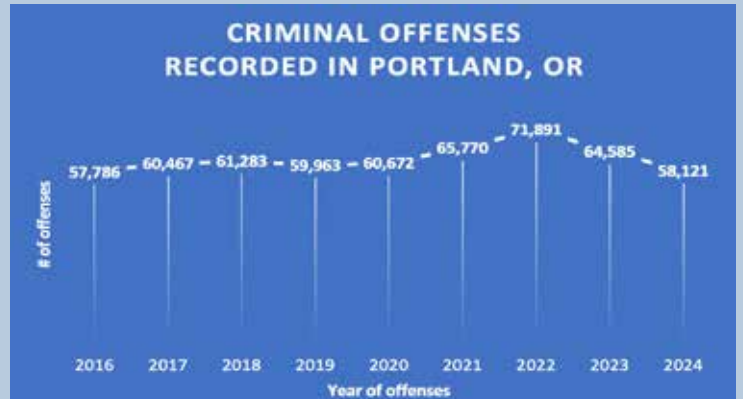
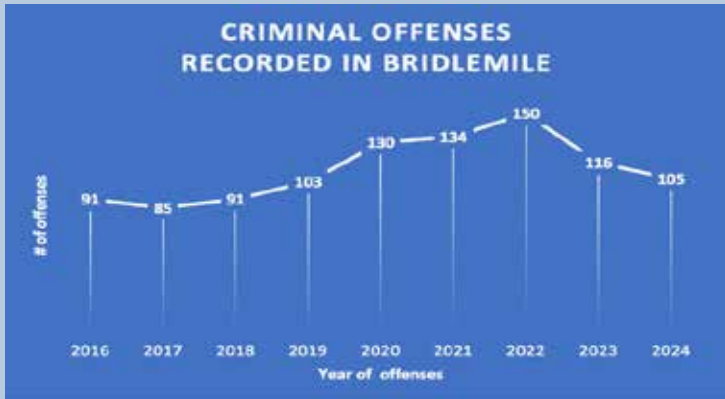
What Do the 2024 Statistics Show?

In 2024, Bridlemile enjoyed a roughly 10% reduction from its 2023 crime level (116 to 105 offenses). This dropped the crime level down to about what was reported in 2019.

Likewise, all of Portland also enjoyed about a 10% reduction from 2023 (64,585 to 58,121 offenses). This dropped the city down to almost what was reported in 2016.

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As shown in the tables, “larceny” was the biggest offender category in both Bridlemile and Portland overall.



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2024 Leading Crime Categories

Bridlemile	#	Portland	#
Larceny	37	Larceny	24,873
Assault	22	Assault	9,049
Vehicle Theft	13	Vandalism	6,851
Fraud	9	Vehicle Theft	5,478
Burglary	9	Burglary	4,556

2016-2024 Leading Crime Categories

Bridlemile	#	Portland	#
Larceny	366	Larceny	220,519
Fraud	143	Assault	79,771
Assault	137	Vehicle Theft	66,926
Vandalism	110	Burglary	42,908
Vehicle Theft	108	Fraud	33,110

How Did the Crime Rate Differ Between Bridlemile and Portland?

Bridlemile had a much lower crime rate than did Portland (crime rate = offenses reported / 2024 population).

For Bridlemile: 105 crimes in 2024 / [5,940 residents](#) = 1.77% crime rate.

For Portland: 58,121 crimes in 2024 / [652,503 residents](#) = 8.91% crime rate.

Why Did the Crime Numbers Drop in 2024?

Did it have anything to do with the easing of the Covid pandemic, changes in policies for dealing with homeless people, or tightened drug laws?

These are good questions. Whatever the answers, they go beyond the scope of this article and the knowledge level of its author.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Eastmoreland

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 17, 7pm

In-Person – TBA

Chair: **Jane Monson**

president@eastmorelandpdx.org

Earth Day in Eastmoreland

By *Rebecca Webb*

Along with a multitude of 2025 Earth Day celebrations in Portland and worldwide, Eastmoreland will commemorate the day Sunday, April 13th with dozens of families gathering for fun - and to consider our planet's health.

University of Oregon Master Gardeners and Master Recyclers will join the Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association Tree Committee and Eastmoreland Garden Club to answer questions and inspire activities intended to enhance the environment.

Along with Earth Day resources for all ages, the April 13th Eastmoreland event will include live musical performances and Spring fun kids games such as egg and spoon races, face painting, green craft and more.

Neighbors are welcome between 2pm and 4pm at Duniway School, SE Rex and 35th Avenue. [Click here](#) for more details.

On the heels of Rachel Carson's book *Silent Spring* in 1962, about the impact of the DDT pesticide, the first Earth Day (April 22, 1970) was seen as part of a broad awakening to the planetary impacts of industrialization.

Nonprofit Earthday.org, which coordinates Earth Day and advocates for environmental policies, groups that had been fighting individually "against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness and extinction of wildlife



united on Earth Day around these shared common values.”

By the end of the year, with bipartisan political support and that of urban and rural communities alike, the new movement led to the first US federal agency charged with assessing and enforcing standards to protect the environment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

By 2020, over 100-million people around the world were estimated to have observed the 50th Anniversary of Earth Day remotely (due to Covid), what may have been a historic online mass mobilization.

[PDX Parent Magazine](#) lists a variety of local family-friendly Earth Day activities here for the 55th anniversary.

2ND ENA ANNUAL EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

A DAY OF FUN FOR ALL

April 13, 2025 - 2 to 4 pm

LIVE MUSIC - EGG AND SPOON CHALLENGE
GARDENING & RECYCLING KNOW-HOW
KIDS' GREEN CRAFTS - SPRING FACE PAINTING
COOKIES AND LEMONADE

Duniway Elementary - SE Rex St & SE 35th Ave

ENA Spring Celebration

Courtesy of Sophie Braccini

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Far Southwest

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 22, 7pm

Virtual – [Zoom](#)

Chair: **Robert Hertert**
 Vice Chair: **Marcia Leslie**
robert.hertert@gmail.com

The Far Southwest Neighborhood Association is working on conversion to a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. We greatly appreciate the help from **Mike Charles** and **Ralph Cohen** and are progressing with the paperwork.

Meanwhile, we are continuing to verify safety concerns on SW 60th to ensure access by fire trucks and safety vehicles during drop-off and pick-up times of a proposed day care facility.

We're also updating our physical signs to announce meeting dates, by adding QR codes that point to our website (thanks **Carl Hinds** and **Heather Knopf** at the District 4 Coalition).

We are starting to plan for our August block party and look forward to involving some new people.

Next Membership Meeting: Tuesday, April 22nd. For Zoom details, go to www.farswpx.org.



Goose Hollow Foothills League

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 17, 7pm

In-Person:

Multnomah Athletic Club
 1849 SW Salmon Street

Chair: **Bridget Bimrose**
board@goosehollow.org

This month we celebrate [National Volunteer Month](#), with a shout out to all the volunteers, on neighborhood associations and off, that volunteer to keep our city beautiful and vibrant.

Here at Goose Hollow, we are already in the midst of planning for our next iteration of [Goose Hollow Days](#). If you're interested in celebrating the history of our neighborhood with friends and neighbors, and would like to volunteer to help out, please let us know!

This month's meeting entailed a presentation on the [Coffee with a Cop](#) program.

As in our March meetings, we continued to dialogue with representatives of the Portland Police Bureau about actions

being taken to address crime in the neighborhood and provided feedback to PPB about areas that could use some attention.

With our neighborhood encompassing Lincoln High School, Providence Park Stadium, the Multnomah Athletic Club, thoroughfares to Washington Park, and numerous residences, restaurants and businesses, it's important that our neighborhood continues to be safe for residents and visitors alike.



Music, dancing, artisans and more are featured annually during Goose Hollow Days.

Photos: Goose Hollow Foothills League



NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Forest Park

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 15, 7pm
 Skyline Memorial Gardens
 4101 NW Skyline Blvd., Gate 2

Chair: **Dana Rosenlund**
board@forestparkneighbors.org

We held our monthly Forest Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA) meeting on March 18th but several items we discussed were already in the beautiful March edition of this *District 4 Coalition Voices!* newspaper!

Most importantly, FPNA has decided to file an appeal of the PGE Project in Forest Park which was approved by the hearings officer. We need to file a notice of appeal by Friday, March 21st and we are prepared to do so. More information to come as available.

As for updates on the two items from the March D4C newspaper, they are as follows and we will be sure to take pictures at the events:

Stormwater Stars

Our Stormwater Stars/Westside Watershed Resource Center event for Sunday, April 13th was filled almost immediately. That said, folks are still welcome to come to the gathering after the main event where there will be live music, food and beverage appropriate for all ages . . . please consider joining us!

Annual SOLVE Cleanup

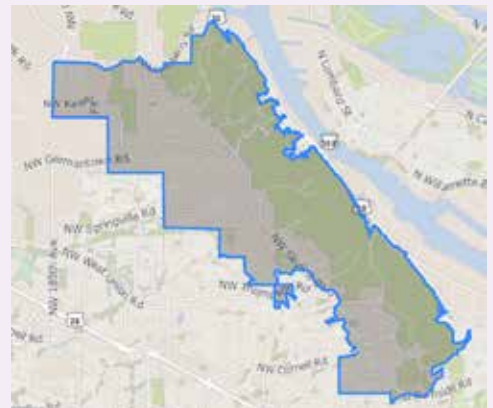
In addition, our annual FPNA SOLVE Clean-up is set for Saturday, April 19th, and you can [sign up here](#).

The meet-up location is the corner of Skyline Blvd. and Germantown Road.

If you can join us, please wear closed-toed shoes and weather-appropriate clothing – and bring a backpack for hands-free convenience.

Feel free to also bring your personal tools if available and a reusable water bottle.

SOLVE will provide trash bags, gloves, grabbers and high-visibility vests, but please bring your own gloves and safety vest if you have them.



Portland firefighters and neighbors joined up for a prior SOLVE cleanup in Forest Park. To participate in the April 19th cleanup, [register here](#).

Photo: Courtesy of SOLVE

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Hayhurst

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 14, 7pm
 In-Person – Vermont Hills Church,
 6053 SW 55th Avenue
 Virtual – [Zoom](#)

Chair: **Marita Ingalsbe**
marita.ingalsbe@gmail.com

Neighborhood Crime Data

Lieutenant **Brent Maxey** with Portland Police Central Precinct attended our March meeting to discuss community concerns and provide an update on crime data in our neighborhood.

Lt. Maxey said Hayhurst is one of the safer neighborhoods in the city, with only 78 calls to PPB during January and February. Of those calls, only 18 were considered high priority.

More neighborhood monthly crime statistics are reported [here](#).

Neighbors asked how to report speed racing that frequently occurs late at night on SW Cameron and Vermont. Call the Traffic Safety Hotline at 503-823-SAFE(7233) for

speed racing that is underway and other traffic issues, he said, unless a 911 call is needed for an immediate dangerous situation.

The more calls received, the better police can respond. Lt. Maxey can be reached at Central Precinct at 503-823-0094.

“Coffee with a Cop” opportunities can be planned for our neighborhood. Contact our Public Safety Chair **Janet Hawkins** if interested at janetchawkins@msn.com.

SW Vermont Paving

Geren Shankar, Portland Bureau of Transportation project manager, updated us on the [SW 45th paving project](#). The section of SW 45th between Vermont and Cameron needs re-paving.

The project will also add safer biking and walking and improve crosswalk safety. The project design started in 2019, and work is planned to begin this summer.

Several neighbors questioned the need for an additional bikeway on SW 45th as they see few bicyclists and alternate routes are possible.



This connection is important to help build out the city’s biking and walking network.

Geren also is project manager for the [SW Bertha improvement project](#) between Vermont and Barbur Blvd. This project will pave SW Bertha, add a bike lane and improve pedestrian crossings. Work is expected to begin later this year.

New Communication Tools

Our Communications co-chairs, **Beth Blenz-Clucas** and **Joe Cafarelli**, reported that our neighborhood has a new website, email address and updated Instagram account.

- Our website is <https://hayhurstna.org>.
- Our new email address is hayhurstna@gmail.com.
- You can follow us at @Hayhurst_NA_PDX.

SW Hope

Thank you to **Mary DeBauche** with Neighborhood House for joining us to talk about the [SW Hope food drive](#) now underway that continues until April 20. You can dine out to support SW Hope at [Shalom Y'all](#) on April 7th, and on April 14th at [Mediterranean Exploration Company \(MEC\)](#).

Plus you can [run or walk a 5K](#) on April 12. We appreciated learning about all of the ways we can support the good work that Neighborhood House does for our community.

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Pendleton Creek Wetlands Restoration Crew.

Photo: Seth Healy

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Hayhurst –

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Traffic Safety on Vermont

Pam Fox with Multnomah Neighborhood Association joined us to invite community members to join a traffic safety vigil the morning of March 31st, the first school day after spring break, at SW 50th and Vermont. A preschooler and parent were almost hit in the crosswalk here last year, sparking more attention to safety along this section of SW Vermont.

There is now a speed reader board that will be at this location for six months, and the school zone light timing has been adjusted. Portland Bureau of Transportation will be reducing the speed limit on SW Vermont from 30 to 25 in May.

Here’s the link to report [non-urgent traffic safety concerns](#) to PBOT, e.g. unsafe crosswalks and intersections. Your reports do make a difference!

Pendleton Creek Wetlands Restoration

Hayhurst neighbors and friends, led by Westside Watersheds Manager **Seth Healy**, cleared 600 sq. ft. of invasive ivy and other invasive plants from the Pendleton Creek wetlands north of Hayhurst School on March 8th.

Thank you to the crew for this restoration work that will help native plants thrive.

Our next event will be on Saturday, April 19th, at 1 pm to plant native plants in the cleared area. Come join us to support a healthier watershed and build community!

You can find more information and sign up at [this link](#).



Portland transportation employee installs a speed-reader sign in the Hayhurst neighborhood at SW 50th and Vermont.

Photo: Alissa Cattone

Hillside

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 22, 7pm
In Person –
Hillside Community Center
653 NW Culpepper Terrace

Chair: **Barb Schwartz**
President@hillsidena.org

The Hillside Neighborhood Association is planning a neighborhood garage sale. After conducting a survey of neighbors, we will likely hold the sale on Saturday, May 17th.

There will be a small fee for participating households to support advertising, and we will have a map available to shoppers.

For further formation please contact president@hillsidena.org.

If you are a Hillside resident and are interested in signing up for our Neighborhood Watch List Serve, please go to hillsidena.org and find the tab “public safety.”

There is also information about the [coordinated patrol service](#) through CCCPS.



NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Homestead

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 1, 6:30pm

Virtual - [Zoom](#)

Chair: **Ann Knedler**

AKnedler@yahoo.com

Homestead Neighborhood Association has nominated member **Bob Bonner** for the Portland Parks Foundation's PGE **Parks Champion Award**, 2025. Bob has been the driving force behind the work on the [Walpole Garden and Labyrinth](#).

At the intersection of SW Terwilliger Parkway and SW Hamilton Terrace, Walpole Garden was once a steep tangled area of invasive black locust trees, blackberries and ivy.

Working with Friends of Terwilliger and Portland Parks and Recreation, Bob and many volunteers started five years ago to remove all the invasives, and to plant native species and a pollinator flower garden.

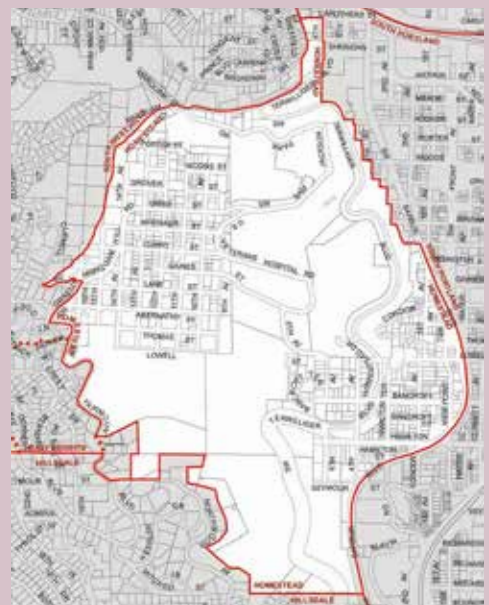
Additionally, logs have been terraced on the steep slope for hikers and viewers to rest and enjoy the view of Mt Hood, the Willamette River and East Portland.



*Walpole Garden Path at night
Photo: Friends of Terwilliger*

Bob has been a visible presence to Homestead residents and commuters, working long days and in all weathers to make this area a beautiful, hiker friendly and restful space for all.

Walpole Garden is an ideal place to see the rising Harvest Moon over Mt. Hood in October. Bob, who lives very close to the garden, hosts this annual event for the neighborhood. This year's event will be posted in our September and October newsletter and website homesteadna.org. All are invited!



In other news at Homestead, spring color began in early March with the plum trees now in full bloom, as well as daffodils, Euphorbia, Camillia, Peris and many others. A welcome sight after the grey skies and rain. Happy April!

Ann Knedler, President
Homestead Neighborhood Association



Spring Springs in Homestead! Colorful plants grace the Homestead neighborhood as spring arrives. Left to right, Camellias (Jackie Phillips), Daffodils (Theresa Palmer), Peris, Plum tree and Euphorbia (Ann Knedler).

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Maplewood

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 10, 7pm
 In-Person – West Hills Friends Church, 7425 SW 52nd Ave
 Virtual - [Zoom](#)

Chair: **Claire Carder**
scherzcarder@comcast.net

Community-Building Projects

April has arrived with its usual explosion of flowers and blooming trees and shrubs! The magnolias are in full bloom, as well as early azaleas and rhododendrons, and spring native woodland wildflowers.

Join your neighbors to take a stroll around our very walkable neighborhood and see spring in full bloom! And to meet the neighborhood dogs, of course.

The neighborhood association held its 2025 election at our March meeting. No surprises – the current board will continue their work through the year until the 2026 elections.

The 2025 Board is:

- President: **Claire Carder**
- Outreach and Communications: Vacant
- Secretary: **Renee Guirgius**
- Public Safety: **Sam Louke**
- Treasurer: **Jim Scherzinger**
- Schools: **Robin Roemer**
- Climate & Sustainability: **Bonnie McKinlay**
- Transportation: **Stephan Lewis**
- Land Use: **Claire Carder**
- Watersheds: **Jill Gaddis**
- Parks: **Mike Linman**
- Friends of April Hill Park: **Jill Gaddis**

We hope this year more neighbors will join us in our community-building work. We meet at the West Hills Friends Church Annex.

This is a relatively new building that features a large meeting space in a building that was recently retrofitted with solar panels. The building was constructed in 2004 after the original one-room Maplewood School, which had been moved onto the site when the “new” school was built, was demolished.

The old building had been used as a community meeting space before being moved. We hope you’ll join us at this location in continuing the Maplewood tradition of neighborhood-building.

March Neighborhood Meeting

We had several neighbors attend the March meeting and join the discussions. We also had a virtual visit from Portland Police Bureau **Lieutenant Maxey** who took questions and discussed most recent crime statistics for our neighborhood from January 2025.

We had nine criminal complaint calls and no active crime responses, which is very low. Our neighborhood is considered very safe.

In addition, we had a discussion about personal safety while walking in the neighborhood and will explore a “call” list for neighbors to use when they feel concerned and



Possible site of new community bulletin board at the corner of SW Nevada Ct. and SW 55th.
 Photo: Claire Carder



need assistance, although the best response is to call 911.

There are 4-5 police officers from the Central Precinct Station serving the SW area. We expect to have a Portland police officer visit and deliver the most recent crime statistics for our neighborhood regularly and talk about how we can all keep safe.

In addition to the fun of the annual election and the police visit, we discussed the updates to the Maplewood NA website ([Maplewood Neighborhood Association – Portland, Oregon](#)).

Sam Louke, our Safety Chair, made updates to the page so it is current, and we hope it can be used as a reference for all neighbors interested in the work of the neighborhood association. The Board will schedule a retreat in April for planning 2025 events and the direction of the NA.

Minutes of the March meeting will provide more details on what the Board discussed by clicking on the “Current Meeting Documents” button on the website. ([Calendar – Maplewood Neighborhood Association](#)). Look for an update in the May news.

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Maplewood–

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Committee Updates

- **Land Use:** Claire continues to work with Friends of Alpenrose. The site changed ownership in January and is now owned by Holt Homes. We will keep everyone updated on development activity.
- FOA is also invited to a multi-jurisdictional meeting to discuss a 2040 planning grant for the Maplewood/Hayhurst/City of Beaverton/City of Portland/ Washington County area that includes our favorite intersection (BHH/Scholls/OSW Oleson Rd).
- **Parks:** Mike continues to follow funding issues for our city parks. Foothills Soccer League has funds and is interested in making



New stop signs on SW 54th at SW California.

Photo: Claire Carder

field improvements to the soccer field at April Hill Park.

- **Public Safety:** The attendance of the PPB officer was Sam's update for March.
- **Climate and Sustainability:** Bonnie had no new info to share but continues her climate action work.

- **Schools:** Robin reported a successful fund raiser for playground improvements at Maplewood Elementary. The PTA and school are working on several events. We have a link to the Maplewood PTA website on the updated Maplewood NA website.
- **Transportation:** Stephan is working with the SW in Motion committee to address active transportation issues.
- **Watershed:** Jill will have more info on the Stormwater Stars program that we will post on the webpage and discuss at the April meeting. We will have the new agenda posted before the April 10 meeting. Meeting documents will be posted at: [Current Meeting - Maplewood Neighborhood Association - Google Drive](#)

SWTrails Monthly Work Party: April 4th

Join SWTrails and Portland Parks and Recreation on Thursday, April 4th, between 9am and noon to work on the Gabriel Park Nature Trail. Meet at the south end parking lot ([Little Gab Parking](#)), then walk to the community garden area near the shelter.

Activities include benching trail surfaces, putting in a little rock wall,

covering roots with gravel, doing drain clearing and reconstruction, armoring some trail surfaces and getting rid of muddy spots.

Please arrive 15 minutes early to get organized. No experience is necessary; SW Trails trains on use of the tools and the work to be done before beginning.

SWTrails work parties are designed to support a wide range of worker capabilities. Youth participants must be at least 14 years old without a guardian and at least 10 years old with a guardian.



Volunteers aged 10 and older are welcomed on SWTrails work parties. No prior experience is needed.

Photo: SWTrails PDX



NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Marshall Park

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 10, 6pm

Virtual – [Zoom](#)

President: **Mike Charles**
marshallparkna@yahoo.com

Hi Marshall Park neighbors,

We had a good meeting over Zoom. 15 people joined the call, including several from nearby Markham neighborhood, and a couple of guest speakers.

Habitat for Humanity Project

Leigh Armstrong, the Project Manager from Habitat for Humanity, gave us an update on the project, to build 17 affordable houses at SW 15th Avenue and Taylors Ferry Road.



They have finished digging up the roadways, and the big stormwater trench is done. (See Photo) Foundations and retaining walls are next.

Nine of the houses will have opportunities for **VOLUNTEER** labor, doing things like framing. If you're interested in volunteering, go to their website (note the SW 25th location has not been posted yet, but it should appear soon) ... <https://habitatportlandregion.org/>

The earliest completion and occupancy could be near the end of 2026. Some homes might not be

finished until Fall 2027. These are just estimates.

The Markham neighbors who live next to the property asked questions, and posed concerns to the Habitat team who will follow up. Any questions about this site, please contact leigh.armstrong@habitatportlandregion.org.

Mosaic Designs for Our Park

Lynn Takata, the original Marshall Park mosaic artist, told us about her plans to add some new mosaics to the playground area this Spring.

She has great ideas for native flora and fauna, all local to the park. We hope to have the new mosaics completed by our Ice Cream Social in August, or maybe sooner. For example, see the Nootka Rose sketch.

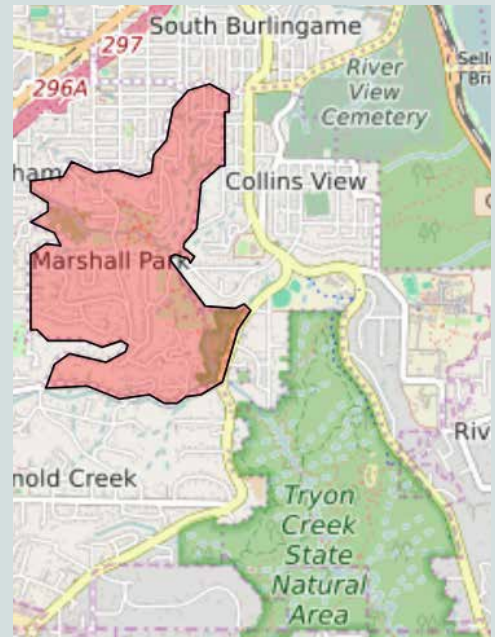


Off-Leash Dogs?

A neighbor brought up a concern about the number of off leash dogs in Marshall Park. Marshall Park requires that all dogs be on a leash; it is well sign posted. Even though your dog might be good, just running up to another person or dog can trigger a bad reaction. Also this is nesting season, and many birds nest on the ground. And if you need one more reason, the Park Rangers can hit you with a \$50 or \$150 fine! So please, be considerate of fellow park users, and leash your dogs.

Other MPNA Topics

- We had a brief treasurer report: finances are good for now. We



renewed our website domain name for another year.

- The District 4 Coalition has filled their leadership positions and is forming committees. They have also turned the old SW News into the monthly "D4C Voices" newsletter. If interested check the website ... <https://districtfourcoalition.org/>
- Metro RID picked up the garbage from the Markham Rain Garden at SW 17th and Taylors Ferry.
- PBOT is doing another study on SW 18th. They have set up a speed capture point. We hope this will result in some new safety measures.

Be well; Be safe; Be good neighbors.

Mike Charles, Chair
 Marshall Park Neighborhood Assoc.
 Email - marshallparkna@yahoo.com
 Website- <https://marshallparkna.org/>

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Multnomah

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 15, 7pm
 In-Person - Riversgate Church,
 7634 SW Capitol Hwy, Portland

Virtual - [Zoom](#)

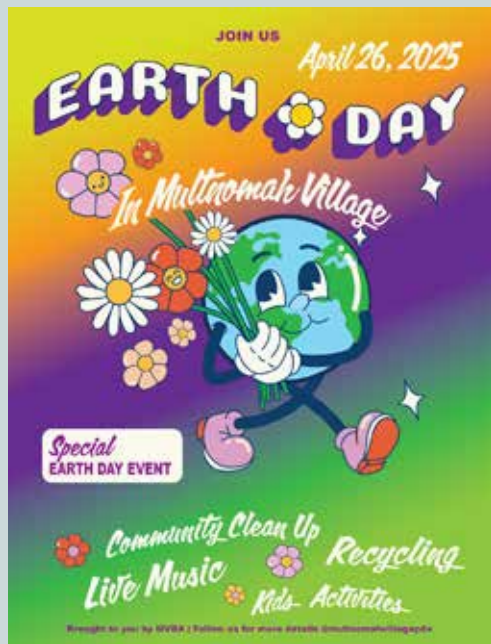
Chair: **Moses Ross**
president@mnapdx.org

In March, the Multnomah Neighborhood Association hosted an informal meeting of artists and community builders to discuss how to create and install more art in the village and surrounding area. More details to come!

Stewardship Events

Friends of Spring Garden Park with Portland Parks & Recreation led stewardship events in March that harvested overgrown willow branches at the bottom of the park that were then weaved into "The Nest" artwork at the top of the park.

All are invited to register for the next stewardship event in Spring Garden Park Saturday, April 12th, 9am to



11am, that will focus on spreading mulch ([register](#)).

Earth Day: April 26th

The annual Celebrate Earth Day event returns to Multnomah Village on Saturday, April 26th, from 10am to 4pm. Come to enjoy an engaging day of community activities, art, music, shopping and food that celebrate and support Earth Day ([details](#)).

As a part of the event MNA is hosting a SOLVE Cleanup in Multnomah Village (9-11am). There are 19 spots still available and we may increase the scope of the project if many people sign up closer to the event ([Register](#)).

Future Events

Booth registration is open for both the Multnomah Days annual street fair taking place Saturday, August 16th, ([register](#)) and the SW Sunday Parkway event in Multnomah Neighborhood Sunday, May 18th, ([register](#)).

MNA, with Multnomah Village Business Association and support from our District 4 Coalition, is continuing the development of Village Park, the lot at the corner of 36th & Troy that is now repurposed for community use.

Watch for [details](#) about a April-September concert series in Village Park, beginning at Earth Day and continuing First Fridays through September (except for July 4th). Learn more about village park [here](#).

Also save the date for a bulky waste removal Equity Event May 10th ([details](#)). MNA was just awarded a



Volunteers weaved natural materials into The Nest at Spring Garden Park. It is a brown woven orb-shaped sculpture fashioned out of strips of bamboo. It has circular windows and a doorway for people to enter and stand inside.

Photo: Pam Fox

METRO Regional Refresh Grant to assist underserved populations having a difficult time disposing of bulky waste. The MNA will arrange pick up of items from approximately 30 households and deliver to St Luke Lutheran Church near Gabriel Park in conjunction with the City's Dumpster Day scheduled for Saturday, May 10th.

MNA has leveraged existing relationships with Neighborhood House and Meals on Wheels to connect with these households. This project highlights a focus on equity and assists vulnerable residents in maintaining safe and accessible living conditions.

Volunteer opportunities will soon be posted at mnapdx.org/livability to assist and support this exciting "first annual" event.

Do you want to volunteer in Multnomah neighborhood but not sure where to get started? We have more opportunities than ever and are excited to link you into what interests you. Contact us at communityevents@mnapdx.org

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

NW District Association

Next Meeting:
 Monday, April 21, 6pm
 Virtual – [Zoom](#)
 Chair: **Todd Zarnitz**
president@nwdaportland.org

Last month, the Northwest District Association (NWDA) dialed up the fun at the Lucky Labrador Beer Hall in Slabtown, hosting an engaging

membership social event that brought over 50 members together for an evening of camaraderie and craft brews.

The casual, community-focused gathering aimed to bridge the gap between online and in-person interactions, a balance the NWDA has been striving to perfect. With hybrid meetings yielding mixed results, the association is exploring the possibility of moving most

meetings online while planning separate face-to-face events to strengthen community ties.

Attendees mingled amidst the rustic charm of the Lucky Lab, sharing ideas, stories and a few laughs over pints of house-brewed favorites. The event was a resounding success, testament to the neighborhood’s vibrant spirit and the residents’ eagerness to connect beyond computer screens.



NWDA’s membership social event last month at the Lucky Lab Beer Hall on NW Quimby Street drew enthusiastic group of neighbors.

Photos: JoZell Johnson

Slabtown: A Distinctive Urban Village

A unique district within the Northwest District neighborhood, Slabtown has been described as a mix of “residential and industrial-chic buildings, eateries, airy coffee shops, craft distilleries and breweries, indie boutiques, theaters, and galleries”.

The area got its name in the 1870s when a lumber mill opened on Northrup Street. Huge stacks of slab wood, the discarded round edges of logs, dotted the neighborhood and were used by its blue-collar residents for heating and cooking fuel.

Nestled between Portland’s two of the trendiest Northwest neighborhoods—the Pearl District and Nob Hill, Seattle Met proclaimed, “Slabtown is not only the newest arrival to the Northwest Portland scene, but it’s also arguably the most intriguing and makes for an ideal weekend getaway.”

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Old Town / Chinatown

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 2, 11:30am
 In-Person: District 4 Office
 434 NW 6th Ave, Suite 202
 Virtual – [Zoom](#)

Jessie Burke, Chair
info@pdxoldtown.org

The joint Old Town/Chinatown neighborhood and business associations work together to enhance the well-being of residents and businesses while continuing to make Old Town a diverse, equitable, and inclusive cultural hub of downtown Portland.

Board elections for 2025-2026 will be held in April. Nominations were due in March. Key election dates:

- **April 2nd** - Candidate introductions at general meeting
- **April 3rd-17th** - Voting period
- **May 7th** - New Board announced and installed

Festival Streets Sculpture Removal

With the help of legendary concrete masters Collective Concrete, the OTCA is project managing the removal of the sculptures and patching the festival streets of NW Davis and NW Flanders for the Portland Bureau of Transportation.

Geek Easy Cafe summed it up on Instagram:

“For 18 years, Portland forced a racist eyesore onto Chinatown—commissioned without consulting a single Chinese person. A chained dragon, spilled rice, overturned woks—straight-up bad luck and a slap in the face.”

“When we protested? The City ignored us. Goldbloom’s response? He removed the dragon’s head but left the rest standing, too much of a coward to fix his mistake.”

“Well, this week, Chinatown fixed it for him. Watching those statues get smashed was glorious. GeekEasy Anime Cafe was proud to witness history correcting itself. Good riddance to bad art.”



Demolition of the concrete statues on NW Davis Street in Old Town/Chinatown.

Photo: Jessie Burke

News Coverage

We hosted a press conference on Wednesday, March 5th. News organizations came to document the removal of the plinths on NW Davis Street. The following week, the sculptures and plinths on NW Flanders were removed.

Check out the press coverage here:

- The Oregonian: [These sculptures have been removed after 19 years](#)



[in Old Town. Here’s why](#)

- KATU TV: [Portland removes statues offensive to Chinese community in Old Town](#)
- KGW TV: [Portland removes statues offensive to Chinese community in Old Town](#)
- KPTV TV: [Controversial statues being removed in Portland’s Old Town](#)
- KOIN TV: [Controversial statues in Portland’s Old Town taken down](#)

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Pearl District

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 10, 5:30pm
 In-Person: PNW College of the Arts Hammer Board Room
 President: **Bruce Studer**
brucestuder@gmail.com

The Pearl District Neighborhood Association (PDNA) is excited to kick off our Spring/Summer Jamison Square Volunteer Team efforts this April. With the assistance of our residents, we consistently improve and uphold this community space.

Recent Improvements

Since last fall, we've made several improvements to Jamison Square:

- **Year-Round Lighting** – The holiday lights will stay up year-round, improving security and safety.
- **Landscaping Upgrades** – New mulch, plants, and rocks are being installed along 11th Avenue to enhance the landscaping and improve drainage.

- **Tree Bed Refresh** – All tree beds have been updated with fresh plantings. **Exciting Plans for 2025**

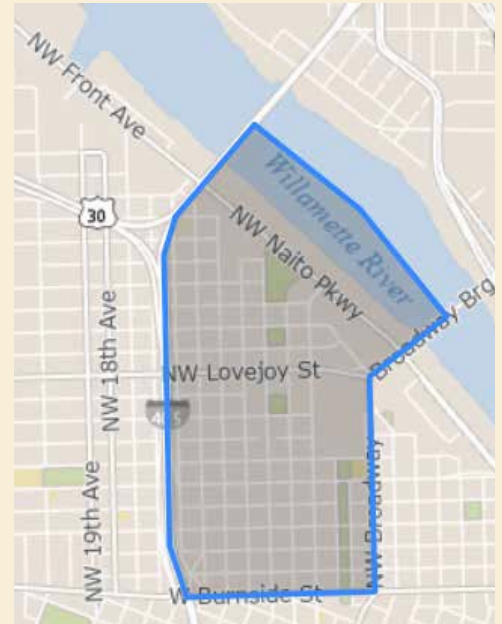
Looking ahead, we have even more in store:

- **Patio Seating** – In late May, patio tables and chairs will be added behind the fountain, offering a comfortable spot to relax.
- **Summer Free for All Returns!** – Mark your calendar for July 11th, when Norman Sylvester and his R&B band will take the stage at this beloved summer event.
- **Holiday Tree Lighting** – Planning will begin soon for this year's festive gathering!

Our hard work has been noticed. PDNA has been nominated for two Portland Park Foundation Awards for our efforts to revitalize Jamison Square.

We are grateful to last year's volunteers and need your help to keep the momentum going.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Bill Truncali at bill.truncali@gmail.com.



Located at 810 NW 11th Avenue, the focal point of Jamison Square is a fountain (bottom left) that simulates a shallow tidal pool and features a water cascades (bottom right) from stone joints into low pools. Along the edge of the park, multiple sculptures and art installations, including a red-granite sculpture by artist Mauricio Saldaña that is after a brown bear often referred to as the Centennial Bear.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Sellwood-Moreland

Next Meeting:

General: Mon., April 2, 7:30pm
Board: Wed., April 16, 7:30pm
 SMILE Station: 8210 SE 13th St.

Chair: **David Dugan**
president@sellwood.org

Public Contest for Mural

Creating the mural will involve a contest for a street mural on the street pavement at the proposed plaza location, before seeking more public input on the ultimate street closure proposal.

The contest is to solicit ideas on the mural design to be painted on the street on the theme: "Local food heritage".

Deadline for submissions in this contest is **April 15th**. The public will vote on finalists and determine the winning design as part of the May 7th SMILE general membership meeting.

Submit your street painting design by email to plaza@sellwood.org. Designs should celebrate the rich food heritage and natural abundance of our neighborhood or region.

Local artists – adults and kids, alike – are invited to submit their designs. The winning design will be painted this summer by a group of volunteers and become a permanent fixture in our neighborhood creating a vibrant community feature.

Details of the plaza concept and the contest are posted online for anyone interested in their design being considered – <http://www.sellwood.org/plaza>.

Street Plaza in Westmoreland

Grant Huling, Chair of the SMILE Transportation Committee, at the March general meeting acquainted those present with the effort by some residents in the neighborhood to establish a second "street plaza" – a half block of a street in the business district to be officially closed and used for informal gatherings.

Local resident **Mark Lakeman**, the creator of the original "Share-It Square" (see photo), explained that the first such plaza has been successful in Sellwood, on the west side of SE 13th on SE Spokane Street. After much discussion involving nearby businesses, a second one is now being proposed for the west side of SE Milwaukie Avenue on Claybourne Street in Westmoreland.

That block is "one way, east only" at present, and the proposed closure would be from Milwaukie Avenue westward only half a block, to the driveway from the small strip mall that is on the north corner. The remainder of the block would have to be changed to allow two-way traffic in and out of the resulting cul-de-sac.

While PBOT updates its permit process, the first step is creating a mural in what we hope will ultimately be the transformation of this location into a PBOT-approved street plaza, closed to automotive through-traffic, and improved with benches, vegetation, streetlights, et cetera.



Top, "Share-It Square" at SE 13th and Spokane. Bottom, the proposed location of the Claybourne Street Plaza and mural at SE Claybourne Street and SE Milwaukie Avenue.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

South Burlingame

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 15, 6:30pm
Virtual – see [Website](#)

President: Susan Holloway
president@southburlingame.org

South Burlingame continues the work to re-energize the association and increase participation from all neighbors. We are actively engaged in three projects:

Business Association

We are building a South Burlingame Business Association with OnPoint Credit Union. We will partner with the Collins View Neighborhood Association to build a business association with the businesses that we share, beginning at the corner of SW Taylors Ferry Road and Terwilliger.

On that corner are four restaurants, a doggie day care, a cleaner, an athletic gym, multiple beauty shops, professional offices -- and the fabulous place to listen to live music, B-Space, which also hosts the Portland Youth Jazz Orchestra.

We look forward to increasing business locally as well as benefiting from business participation in the neighborhood association events.

Park and Trails Volunteer Program

Burlingame Park is so integral to the neighborhood, and we want it to be beautiful and used.

As the Bureau of Parks & Recreation suffers from the loss of some funding with the City's budget crunch, we anticipate a busy volunteer corps helping the Park Bureau Volunteer Coordinator, **Kayla Miles**, to achieve a beautiful and busy park for the spring and summer.

We will help plant shrubs and flowers to attract pollinators, pull weeds, and spread bark dust beneath the play equipment as well as help with graffiti removal.

In March, neighbors worked to clean up Stephens Creek, a project spearheaded by **Andra Vitavin**. A



few people can do so much.

Network Emergency Team

NET Training: The SBNA Board is leading the effort to help neighbors prepare for an emergency, readying their homes and cars should an earthquake or tsunami disrupt traffic, food shopping, electricity or the water supply to our neighborhood. **Merilee Kerr** is the intrepid expert, keeping us focused and knowledgeable about the effort.

Our May 15th Annual Meeting will set the tone for the coming years as we welcome new Board Members and set the goals and calendar for the coming year. We hope to have the meeting in a public space and host new community participants.

From Then 'Til Now

The South Burlingame area of Southwest Portland was formed on June 7, 1910, when B.M. Lombard, in partnership with Fulton Park Land Company, recorded a replat to a 272-acre section of land that was, at the time, a part of the Fulton Park District.

The original Fulton Park District was 411 acres and was formed on July 20, 1888 when [Philip A. Marquam](#) sold the land to the South West Portland Company for \$150,000. It included the present-day South Burlingame neighborhood as well as an eight-block corridor of land that follows [Terwilliger Boulevard](#) north from Interstate 5 to SW Capital Highway.

[PortlandNeighborhood.com](#) notes that South Burlingame is "small but mighty" and that old-timers sometimes still refer to it as Carson Heights, for which it was once known. Another nickname for the area is Hummingbird Hill because of how many hummingbirds flit here and there in the neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

South Portland

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, April 2, 7pm
 Zidell Bldg., 3121 SW Moody
 Virtual – [Zoom](#)

President: Luis Patron-Diaz
president@southportland.org

In March, the South Portland Neighborhood Association had great public turnout, with members and visitors looking for ways to continually improve the livability of the community.

Topics included ongoing concerns about the “Free Store” pop up at the west end of the Ross Island Bridge. The feeling in the room was that,

although the neighborhood has had productive conversations with the City and ODOT regarding the “Free Store” and nearby encampments, more work needs to be done to address issues of safety and open-air drug use. *(See Coalition President’s column on page 7)*

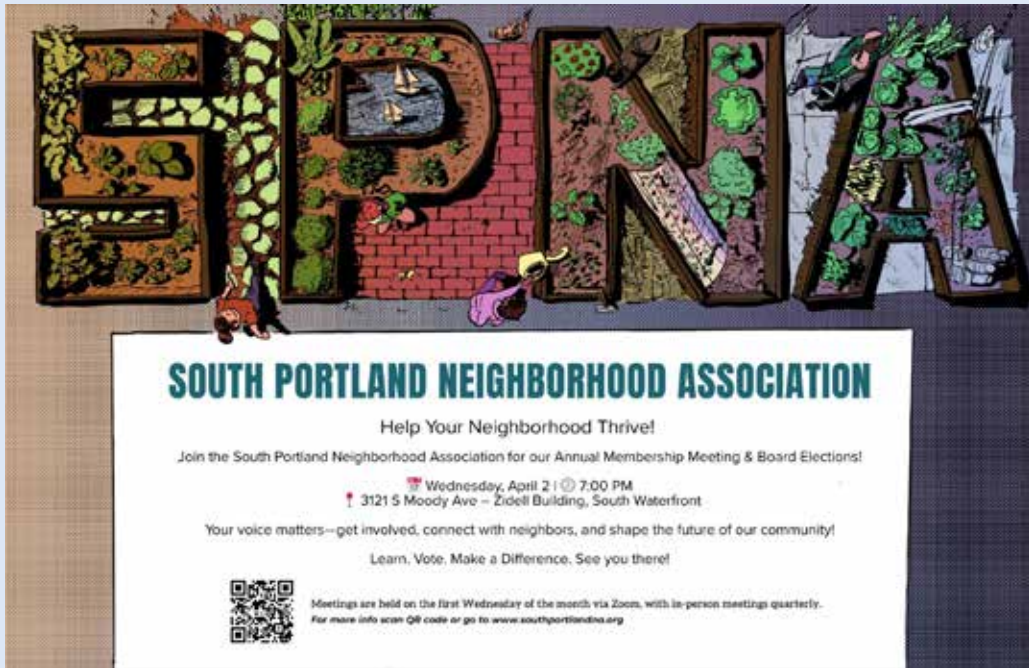
There was also robust discussion of efforts to create improved access to the Willamette River in South Waterfront for non-powered watercraft such as kayaks, canoes and paddle boards.

A question raised by attendees was whether bringing Major League Baseball to South Waterfront would be a way of securing such a river access project. The neighborhood voted to create an ad-hoc



committee on the Portland Diamond Ballpark project, so that the SPNA Board can take a position on the potential impacts of a stadium on South Portland.

Lastly, the neighborhood association is recruiting new members to join the Board. Anyone interested in learning more or running for office should attend the April board meeting.



Grover Tunnel Cleanup Saturday, April 26, 10am-noon

SPNA sponsors regular clean ups of garbage and graffiti at Grover Pedestrian Tunnel. As part of Grover Tunnel Clean Up events, Westside Watershed Resource Center is a partner with Lair Hill Beautification and SPNA.

The WWRC donates labor and resources for removal of invasive plants and replacement with native plants.

NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

SW Hills Residential League

Next Meeting:

Tuesday April 6, 7pm
 St Thomas More Parish Hall
 3525 SW Patton Road
 Chair: **Joyce del Rosario**
contact@swhrl.org

The Southwest Hills Residential League will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday May 21st, at 6:30pm at the St. Thomas More Parish Hall, 3625 SW Patton Road. The meeting will include a report on the State of the Association and elections for the Board of Directors.

Membership details can be found online at <https://www.swhrl.org/welcome/>.

SWHRL encourages all members to attend at least two membership events in 2025. Members are also invited to volunteer for the neighborhood association Board.

Nominations may be taken from the floor at the Annual Meeting, and any member who would like to be presented as a candidate for the Board of Directors may email their statement of interest and a short bio to contact@swhrl.org.

Candidates need not be present at the Annual Meeting to be eligible for the Board.

All are welcome. Come as you are!

The April 16 meeting is a board meeting.

The annual meeting notice is our regular monthly contribution.





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SCAN ME

Saturday, April 26 | 9am to 12pm
AAA of Oregon - 8555 SW Apple Way - Portland, OR 97225

Recycle Useful Items and Shreddable Waste at AAA of Oregon

- **Shred NW** – Limit 3 boxes/bags per vehicle
- **Community Warehouse** – Household goods, furnishings, blankets, pots & pans
- **Neighborhood House Food Pantry** – Canned food, hygiene products, pet food
- **SBC Electronics Recycling** – Check sbcrecycle.com for allowable items
- **Friends of West Slope Library** – Check friendsofwsl.org for desired items
- **Garden Home Community Library** – Bottle and can drive

Alternate Site: Tri-Met Park & Ride on SW Laurelwood Avenue

- **Valley Presbyterian Church** – Check valleycommunity.org/events for allowable items.

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NEIGHBORHOOD REPORTS

Sylvan Highlands

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, April 8, 7pm
Virtual - [Zoom](#)

Acting President: Sally Kneuen
sally.kneuen@acropolisbooks.com

Sylvan Highlands Neighborhood is making great strides forward. At our Tuesday, April 8th meeting, we'll roll out a slate of candidates to serve as officers and board members for a two-year term ending May 31st, 2027.

We need neighborhood association members to show up and vote for these selfless individuals who have offered to serve.

If you haven't already joined our neighborhood association, SHNA, please take a minute to sign up here:

<https://sylvanhighlands.org/membership-meetings/>. You can't vote unless you are a member.

Another highlight of the April meeting will be a presentation by **Kim Kosmas**, Senior Fire Inspector and Fire Fighter for Portland Fire Bureau. She will speak on fire prevention around the home. She'll explain how to create defensible space to harden your home and offer free home assessments.

April 12th SOLVE Cleanup

Our upcoming 5th annual Earth Day neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, April 12th, in partnership with SOLVE, will be on the agenda. Save the date on your calendar. The cleanup event will run from 9am to noon.

Meet us in the Sylvan Westgate Business Park lot at 1750 SW Skyline, next to Chevron. Parking is available at Fire Station 16 (1715 SW Skyline Blvd.) or across the street in the business parking lot.

We will focus on the entrance to our neighborhood, at the Sylvan Interchange, and work north and south, east and west, to cover bike and pedestrian pathways as well as the commercial areas. Groups of 10 are supervised by group leaders who clean in a particular area.

This year, we intend to cover more areas south of our neighborhood, in conjunction with our neighbors in the Southwest Hills Residential League (SWHRL). Additional areas of focus will include SW Hewitt and SW Scholl's Ferry Road.

If we have enough volunteers, we will tackle some landscaping tasks and possibly graffiti removal on signs. All equipment will be provided. Register in advance of the event here: <https://volunteer.solveoregon.org/>. Type in Sylvan



Highlands, Find. The event will pop up and you can register there. We need 60 volunteers.

Exceptional corporate partners that are helping to make this event a success are Waste Management, American Property Management, Plaid Pantry and Pizza Schmizza. Free graffiti cleanup kits will be available at the meeting.

The SHNA Board meeting on April 8th will be purposeful and efficient, so please come. We require a quorum to vote in our new Board. Refreshments will be served.

Our neighborhood membership meetings only occur every other month on the 1st Tuesday at the World Forestry Center. Make time for this one! All SHNA meetings are open to the public. All ages are welcome!

Sally Kneuen, President
Sylvan Highlands NA



Last year's SOLVE Cleanup volunteers teamed up for a group photo.

Photo: Sarah Harrington

COMMUNITY NEWS

New Portland City Council to Weigh In Frog Ferry Project Reaches Pivotal Moment

The long-awaited dream of a passionate group of people to create a river ferry connecting Vancouver, WA, to multiple points along the Willamette River – from North Portland’s Cathedral Park to the Milwaukie Boat Basin and beyond – is generating political momentum.

Advocates of the passenger ferry concept say that after eight years of work and technical analysis it is “nearly shovel-ready”. The biggest hurdle, naturally, is funding. Proponents say they need \$10 million in capital to get it launched, and that the boats, equipment, crews and operating expenses could require upwards of \$20 million annually.

Over time, the group says, Frog Ferry would provide up to seven 70-100 passenger commuter vessels



A sleek ferry along these lines could carry up to 70 passengers.

Photo: Friends of Frog Ferry

with up to 9 stops between Oregon City and Vancouver, Washington (no cars, but with bicycle storage). For an overview of the proposal, view this [4-minute video](#).

Soliciting City Support

This month, the [Friends of Frog Ferry](#) will be asking the new Portland City Council to adopt a resolution to partner with them to attract a Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF) grant due in late May.

The draft resolution asks the City to adopted a Memorandum of Understanding to support fundraising efforts with foundations, corporations, public entities, and private donors for the project.

It proposes that the City collaborate with Frog Ferry on the use of existing City-owned docks at Cathedral Park and RiverPlace to and to serve as a fiscal sponsor in applying for funding opportunities under the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

Further, the resolution asks the City to include the Frog Ferry Initiative in its State and Federal legislative agendas, and to request Metro Regional Government to include Frog Ferry in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and other regional plans on the constrained project list.

No direct funding from the City is requested although the costs for City assistance to assist with pilot project implementation, fiscal oversight, and strategic planning may be included in federal funding requests, according to **Susan Bladholm**, founder and President of Friends of Frog Ferry.



Susan Bladholm

“This is the farthest Frog Ferry has ever gotten with Portland City Council and the Oregon Legislature,” Bladholm says. “We especially need District 4 residents to write their elected officials to voice their support for Frog Ferry,” she says.

For more information, check out its most [recent newsletter](#) and its just-released [animated map](#) which features the RiverPlace and Milwaukie docks.



COMMUNITY NEWS



FROM Hunger TO Hope

19th Annual

community food drive

March 5 – April 20 2025

Can You Help Fill the Free Food Market?

DONATE ONLINE



Text "SWHOPE" to 44-321



Drop off food donations to the Free Food Market or at any faith partner.

DID YOU KNOW?
\$250 feeds a family of 4 for a month

SW HOPE FOOD PANTRY

Donation Hours
 Mon & Wed: 9 am – 4 pm
 Tues: 9 am – noon
 Thurs: 10 am – 5:00 pm
 3445 SW Moss St
 Portland OR 97219

SW HOPE 2025 EVENTS

Dine Out to Donate

10% of meal sales will be donated to SW Hope



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| March 5: Salvador Molly's | March 24th: Yalla |
| March 10th: Dolly Olive | March 26th: Otto and Anita's Bavarian Restaurant |
| March 15th: Sasquatch Brewing | March 31st: Bless Your Heart Burgers (Portland location) |
| March 17th: Lil' Shalom | April 7th: Shalom Y'all |
| March 19th: Tastebud | April 14th: Mediterranean Exploration Company (MEC) |

Community Meal with St. Luke Church

Wednesday, April 2, 5:45pm

All are welcome at St. Luke Lutheran Church to share a meal together as a community. 4595 SW California, Portland 97219. Suggested donation of \$7. Raffle prize give-away!

Empty Bowls A Community Favorite!

Saturday, March 15, 1pm-3pm

Neighborhood House Senior Center

located within the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Highway

Join us at Empty Bowls, where you can take home soups & hearty bread from SW Portland's finest restaurants, and pick out your own hand-crafted bowl, all while supporting our Free Food Market. [See nhpdx.org/sw-hope](http://see nhpdx.org/sw-hope) for details.



10th Annual SW HOPE 5K Walk & Run

Saturday, April 12 – Oregon Episcopal School

Kid Run: 10am, Adult Run: 10:30am.

Registration open now!

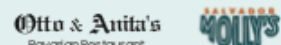
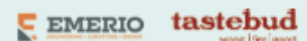
PARTNERS IN HOPE

FAITH COMMUNITIES

- Hillsdale Community Church
- Greater Portland Bible Church
- Missio Church
- Mt. Carmel Lutheran
- Multnomah Presbyterian Church
- Neveh Shalom
- Riversgate Church
- St. Andrew's Presbyterian
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church
- St. Luke Lutheran
- Vermont Hills UMC
- West Hills Friends

SCHOOLS & COMMUNITY GROUPS

- Lewis & Clark College
- Multnomah Arts Center
- Oregon Episcopal School
- St. Mary's Academy



April 2025

Click anywhere on the calendar image below to access the live D4C calendar.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	<p>1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● DNA Lead-Use, Transportation, & Environment Committee 6:00am - 8:00am ● Board Meeting Homestead 8:30pm - 8:30pm ● Budget Listening Session 6:30pm - 8:00pm 	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean Team 9 10:15am ● Livability & Safety committee meeting (PDNA) 9:00pm - 9:00pm ● Board Meeting Lotm's View 7:00pm - 8:30pm ● Board Meeting South Portland 7:00pm - 9:00pm ● Lanesboro Neighborhood Association membership mtg 7:00pm - 9:00pm ● SMILE General Membership Meeting 7:30pm - 8:30pm 	<p>3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NYDA Planning Committee 6:00am - 9:00am ● First Thursday 5:00pm - 9:00pm 	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First Fridays in Multnomah Village ● Front and Center Galleries ● Clean Team 4/5 9:30pm ● CoastStreet Coffee - Pearl District 9:00am - 11:00am ● Multnomah First Friday 8:00pm - 8:00pm
<p>7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NYDA Parks Committee 4:00pm - 5:00pm ● District Four Coalition BoD 6:00pm - 8:00pm 	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NYDA Safety and Livability Committee 4:00pm - 4:00pm ● Board Meeting Multnomah 7:00pm - 8:30pm ● SHNA Membership Meeting 7:00pm - 8:30pm 	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Felling with LaBrie Rich 8:00am - 9:00am ● Clean Team 9 10:15am ● PDN ID Assistance 1:00pm ● Bridlemile Neighborhood Association Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm 	<p>10</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NYDA Planning Committee 6:00am - 9:00am ● South Waterfront Farmer's Market 2:00pm - 7:00pm ● Board Meeting Marshall Park 8:00pm - 7:30pm ● Board Meeting Maplewood 7:00pm 	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean Team 4/5 9:30am
<p>14</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● AHNA BoD Meeting 6:00pm - 7:30pm ● Emergency Preparedness Meeting (PDNA) 6:00pm - 7:00pm ● Board Meeting Ashcroft-Crestwood NA 7:00pm - 8:30pm ● Board Meeting Hayhurst 7:00pm - 8:30pm 	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pedalpower ● DNA Lead-Use, Transportation, & Environment Committee 6:00am - 8:00am ● Land Use and Transportation Steering Committee 6:30pm - 8:00pm 	<p>16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean Team 9 10:15am ● D4C Finance Committee 2:30pm - 3:00pm ● D4C Executive Committee 3:00pm - 5:00pm ● SMILE BoD Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm ● Southeast Hills Residential League Board Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm 	<p>17</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NYDA Planning Committee 6:00am - 9:00am ● Board Meeting Eastmoreland 7:00pm - 9:00pm ● GHFL Board Meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm 	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Piano Push Play ● Clean Team 4/5 9:30am
<p>21</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NYDA Board Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm 	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Downtown Neighborhood Association General Membership & Board Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm ● PSW Neighborhood Association Membership Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm ● Hillsdale NA BoD Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm 	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean Team 9 10:15am ● D4C Land Use & Transportation Committee 6:30pm - 8:00pm 	<p>24</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NYDA Planning Committee 6:00am - 9:00am 	<p>25</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean Team 4/5 9:30am
<p>28</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ardenwald-Johnson Creek NA BoD 6:30pm - 8:00pm 	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State of the County Event (This year: unknown date) 7:30am - 9:15am 	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Clean Team 9 10:15am ● West End Wednesday 2:00pm - 8:45pm 		

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