District 4 Voices!

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Three District 4 Schools Face Closure

Portland Public Schools has announced a series of possible school closures, three of which are in District Four – two in Southwest Portland and one in the Sellwood neighborhood.

Two scenarios were presented to the PPS School Board last month – (1) closing 14 elementary and one middle school or (2) closing 10 elementary and one middle school – by the end of the 2026-27 school year.

The District 4 schools are **Maplewood** and **Stephenson** elementary schools and **Sellwood** Middle School. Both scenarios include shuttering Maplewood and Stephenson.

The prospective closures have elicited immediate outcries by the affected neighborhoods as well as members of City Council and **State Rep. Dacia Grayber**.

"These decisions will have far-reaching consequences for students, families and faculty," says **Council Vice Chair Olivia Clark**, saying PPS has not taken into consideration the long-term consequences.



A Huge Issue

The District says the closures are required due to declining student enrollment and the financial limitations of maintaining as many schools as the district presently operates as well as those maintained in mothball fashion.

"This is a huge issue for neighborhoods because elementary schools especially are the keystone of our communities," says **Clare Carder**, Chair of the Maplewood Neighborhood Association.

All three school PTAs, along with their respective neighborhood associations and communities, have organized opposition campaigns (see story on **Page 2**).

"Either of these closing would be a huge blow to the communities," says one neighborhood activist.

Here is a link to FAQs and a public input survey.

In mid-November, PPS Superintendent **Dr. Kimberlee Armstrong** will make a final recommendation followed by a School Board vote in December.

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Parents, PTAs Mobilize Against Potential School Closures

Dwindling enrollment, increasing operational costs and the burdens of maintaining already closed schools have driven Portland Public Schools to propose sweeping closures of up to 13 elementary schools and one middle school across the city over the next year.

The inevitable pushback from affected school communities is underway as parents, teachers and the 100 school employees who are likely to lose their jobs reel under the potential consequences of the ebbing of the idyllic concept of the neighborhood school.

Two elementary schools in SW Portland (Maplewood and Stephenson) and one on the east side part of District 4 (Sellwood) are targeted for closure in both of the proposed closure options. Both are long-established and beloved neighborhood schools.

"Currently," says the Stephenson Elementary School PTA in an open letter, "Stephenson has a large number of students who regularly walk and bike to school, and we have a weekly organized Bike Bus.

"If Stephenson closes and its students are reassigned to other schools, transportation will become substantially more difficult for most families, and the related costs for the district will increase.

"We understand that PPS faces hard choices, but before taking a step that is so difficult to reverse, PPS must demonstrate that the closure is feasible, necessary, effective and in the best interests of all students, while taking into account schools that will be forced to accommodate an influx of students from closures."

A Deeper Factor

That's the practical consideration, but the long-term impact is that the walkable neighborhood school – and all of its benefits to students and community – are being eroded.

Is Portland proper still a strong neighborhood-based, family-oriented city?

A fundamental value raised by the Maplewood PTA is that their school, which is located in the middle of a distinct geographic area between SW Multnomah Blvd. and SW Vermont, is the quintessential neighborhood school.

It once served an even smaller area. That changed in 2006, when Smith Elementary, which served 220 students in the Ashcreek-Crestwood neighborhood, and was closed for the same reason.

Some students had to transfer to Maplewood – across busy SW Multnomah Blvd. – while others were sent to Capitol Hill School on the other side of I-5.

If one or both SW elementary schools affected by the current PPS fiscal problem are closed, continued consolidation will occur.

The Community Benefit

In addition to educational excellence, which both schools demonstrated, some of the higher values – such as those espoused by the Maplewood PTA to "build community and support each other and promoting equity, diversity, inclusivity and belonging" may be lost.

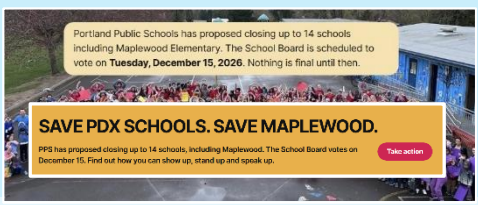
Says District 4 **Councilor Olivia Clark**, "My recent visit to Maplewood Elementary showed me the benefit the school plays in the surrounding community.

"These are decisions that should not be rushed. I am hopeful that the school board will carefully consider the concerns raised by students, families, educators, and community members as it works toward a path forward that minimizes the impact on our students and families."

For more information about the District's proposals and to provide feedback, check out its Frequently Asked Questions - PPS.

Dean Smith







With support from their respective PTAs, parents and community are fighting to save Maplewood and Stephenson elementary schools and Sellwood Middle School from closure at the end of the current 2026-2027 school year. Click on the images above to go to their websites for more information.

Graphics: Stephenson, Maplewood and Sellwood schools PTAs

Help Combat Food Insecurity

In this season of Thanksgiving, Christmas and its sense of plenty, the problem of food insecurity continues to grow – meaning some people and families do not have consistent access to enough nutritious food.

Across the US, it affects families in cities, suburbs and rural communities. In 2023, 13.5% of U.S. households experienced food insecurity, according to the USDA.

Oregon is not alone. Rising costs for housing, groceries, transportation, childcare and health care are forcing households to choose between food and other essentials.

Recent state reporting indicates that roughly one in eight Oregonians experienced food insecurity, while children were at even greater risk. Rural communities confront additional barriers, including long travel distances, limited grocery options and fewer services.

Programs such as SNAP, WIC, school meals, Summer EBT and local food banks help reduce immediate hunger, but the demand is high and some food supply options have been reduced.

Serving the Need

In the Portland area the organizations serving District 4 struggle to keep up with the demand.

There remain many helping organizations that serve people in need – but also need help from the community and public agencies to cover the food gap. (See related story on **Page 20**.)

The following services are some of the ones available in the District 4 area. You can help direct people in need to the right agency or food bank – and, while doing so, consider opening your wallets or offering your volunteer time to help.

Free Thanksgiving Onsite Meals

Union Gospel Mission, 3 NW 3rd Ave.
Thanksgiving Day, 10am to noon

Portland Rescue Mission, 111 W Burnside St.
Thanksgiving Day, 5:45pm to 7pm

City Team Portland, 209 NW 4th Ave.
Thanksgiving Day, 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 NW 19th Ave.
Thanksgiving Day, noon to 2pm

Free Take Home Boxes

Sunshine Division will home deliver Thanksgiving Box/Kit Saturday before Thanksgiving but requires prior registration.

St. Vincent De Paul Council will home deliver Thanksgiving Box/Kit ahead of Thanksgiving week but will need to request via telephone: 503-235-8431.

Free Food Pantries

Prestons' Pantry, 1838 SW Jefferson St.
Tuesdays, 3pm to 6pm;
Thursdays/Fridays, 2pm to 5pm

Neighborhood House, 8959 SW Barbur Blvd.
Mondays & Wednesdays, 10am to noon; 1pm to 4pm
Thursdays, 2pm to 6pm



Food pantries serve those in need with nutritious food and a connection to the community.

Clay Street Table, 1314 SW Park Ave.
Mondays & Wednesdays, 12:30 PM-1 PM
Thursdays, 11am to noon

Sunshine Division, 2121 NW Front Ave.
Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays, 9am to noon, 1pm to 4pm; Thursdays, 11am to 3pm
Saturdays, 9am to 2pm

Linnton Community Center Food Pantry, 10614 NW St Helens Road
Tuesdays, 8am-6pm.

All-Saints Episcopal Church, 4033 SE Woodstock Blvd.
Saturdays, 11am to 12:30pm

Hot Meals Ministry where guests enjoy table-side service and home-cooked meals.

Reed-Kenilworth Free Pantries, various locations and times, including one with a refrigerator and freezer, and a free SNAP breakfast (Heretic Coffee, SE 26th and Steele).

District 4 Coalition

President's Corner: **Todd Zarnitz**

Our Neighborhood System: A Remarkable Classroom

Recently, I received a community award for my work as president of the Northwest District Association and the District 4 Coalition. On acceptance, I told the room, "Thank you, but know that as much as I've given, I've taken more away."

A few looks of surprise.

Ask a neighborhood volunteer why they got involved, and you'll often hear, "It's time to give back."

Many of our volunteers come to us after full careers, with decades of experience and time to share. What we see less of is people in the early and middle parts of their lives: young adults, parents, people building careers.



Todd Zarnitz

And for good reason. When evenings belong to the kids and days belong to the job, "giving back" sounds like another chore. However, there is much to be taken away from the experience.

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Nobody can be told to show up, and nobody can be fired, including the people you wish you could.

That changes how you lead.

You learn to give people a reason to come back next month. You learn to bring together neighbors who each arrive with their own idea of what matters most, and to keep the room focused on the two or three things that count. You learn to work with difficult people, because they're your neighbors too.

Then there's learning to fight City Hall, which, as the adage goes, can't be done.

I'm here to tell you it can. The wins just go unacknowledged. You won, the people around you know you won, and nobody will say so out loud, which is fine.

Invaluable Lessons

And the lessons from those battles are invaluable. How do you take on a bureaucracy that too often puts ideology ahead of safe, livable neighborhoods? You fight through effective communication.

Every one of those battles teaches two lessons: how to take on a complex bureaucracy, and how to deliver a message in a clear, compelling way that gets results. Both carry into every part of your life.

Most people spend decades climbing a career ladder to learn how to lead people, navigate a big organization, and handle complex situations. A neighborhood association teaches all of it now. It's totally free. And it's a world-class education.

My message to our younger neighbors: the best reason to volunteer is what you take away.

If you're ambitious, if you want to understand how the City works (and oftentimes doesn't) and grow into a stronger leader and a better person, your neighborhood association has a seat waiting.

Do it for you.

Todd Zarnitz
President, D4C Coalition

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Free Events from West Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District

Learn more about us and stay in the know about conservation happening on the West side of the County at wmswcd.org

Dealing with Rain on Yards

Stormwater Stars is a landscape improvement and education program that supports managing rainwater where we live, work, and play.

At our hands-on, family-friendly workshops, we share practical, sustainable landscaping practices that support healthy watersheds. Together, we'll improve the workshop site while learning from one another.

This fall's workshop locations are on the following Sundays:

- **Oct. 31:** 9:30am-2pm, South Burlingame neighborhood *Special Collaboration with Depave*.
- **Nov. 1:** 1pm-3pm, Ashcreek-Crestwood neighborhood
- **Nov. 8:** 10am-1pm, Skyline neighborhood
- **Nov. 15:** 10am-noon, South Burlingame neighborhood

Pre-registration is required, and all attendees will receive a free native plant. Register here.

Transforming Your Stream!

Join us for a Live Stakes Native Plant Propagating & Staking Workshop ***(*NEW DATE*)***



About 30 volunteers at the site of a recent Stormwater Stars workshop. More fall workshops are scheduled for November.

Photo: WMSWCD

You'll learn how to properly harvest and plant native "live stakes" like willow and dogwood to naturally control erosion, improve water quality and boost local habitat.

Live-staking is one of the most cost-effective and rewarding ways to restore stream-sides and wet areas.

Come ready to get dirty and take home the skills to transform your own property!

Details: Saturday, November 21st , 9am to 1pm, at North Multnomah Channel Marsh Metro Property on Highway 30. Free, pre-registration required. Register at https://bit.ly/nov-21-live-stakes.

Meet WMSWCD

Join us for our 2026 annual meeting! This is a time to mix and mingle with West Multnomah SWCD's staff and board, enjoy some vegetarian appetizers and non-alcoholic drinks with us!

Organizational partners and community members are welcome to come to learn about what we're proud of from the last year.

Details: Tuesday, November 17th, 5:30pm to 7:30pm, at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Hwy. Free: Registration required. Register at: https://bit.ly/wm-meeting-2026.

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Upcoming Events at the Westside Watershed Resource Center

Fall weather makes it a great time to get outside and care for our watersheds.

Join us at an upcoming work party!



Volunteers pose together after October habitat restoration event.

Photo: WWRC

Restore Pendleton Creek

What: Remove English ivy and improve habitat along Pendleton Creek

When: Saturday, Nov. 7th, 9am to noon

Where: Trailhead near 6009 SW Pendleton Ct.

Al Lewin Legacy Trail Restoration

What: Help remove trees and ground ivy along this community trail

When: Thursday, Nov. 19th, 9am to noon

Where Behind Rose Schnitzer Manor, 6140 SW Boundary St.

Fanno Creek Restoration

What: Remove English ivy and improve habitat along Fanno Creek

When: Saturday, Nov. 21st, 9am to noon

Where: SW 39th Drive and SW 38th Pl.

Quail Park Restoration

What: Remove English ivy and laurel along Quail Creek

When: Saturday, Dec. 5th, 9am to noon

Where: Quail Park, SW Quail Post Rd. and SW Lancaster

Seth Healy, Manager
Westside Watershed Resource Center

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News, Blogs and Calendars for City Resources

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- Bureau of Transportation
- Environmental Services
- New Development Contact
- Parks & Recreation
- Police Bureau Flash Alerts
- Prosper Portland
- Public Alerts

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- BDS News
- BES Blog
- BPS News
- Fire & Rescue Blog
- Housing Bureau News
- Parks & Recreation News
- PBOT Active Transportation
- PBOT News
- Police Bureau News
- PPBEM Newsroom
- Water Bureau Blog

Last Chance to Vote!



There are just a few days left to vote on the important November 3rd election.

It's too late to mail in your ballot so dropping them off is the only option – and that must be done by **8pm on election day at official drop boxes**.

Find locations of Multnomah County ballot boxes ***here***.

Portland's 4th District covers the entire west side of the city, extending from Linnton and Forest Park, through the west hills and reaching the southern boundaries of the city. On the east side, the 4th District also encompasses the picturesque neighborhoods of Reed, Eastmoreland, Ardenwald, and Sellwood.

City/County News

Councilor's Corner: **Olivia Clark**

Celebrating Progress Across District 4

Your City Council is making progress in key areas. Here are just three:

Safety

The Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub in far north Linnton represents a potential disaster of enormous scale to the entire region. Inaction is not an option.



Olivia Clark

The CEI Hub contains 600+ fuel tanks of varying sizes holding a combined active storage tank capacity of at least 350.6 million gallons – many sitting on soils that will liquefy in the event of an earthquake.

City Council recently held a work session to discuss changes to the City's 2035 Comprehensive Plan to support public health and reduce the risk of natural hazards at the CEI Hub.

These changes are in response to long-standing concerns about the storage of fuel on unstable soil next to the Willamette River, which threatens public health and the environment.

In the 2025-26 budget, I got a position funded to begin work on how to address those threats. City staff spent more than a year incorporating feedback from industry and community stakeholders for the future of fuel storage in Linnton.

The original BPS proposal was introduced to the Planning Commission where it received additional feedback before going to City Council for consideration. And now, I co-sponsored and passed an amendment package to increase safety and transparency at the CEI Hub with a data-driven fuel reduction program.

I especially want to thank the tireless advocates in Linnton, an isolated community on the edge of District 4, for championing these stronger safety and resiliency standards. (See also story on **Page X**.)

Activation

Last month I joined **Councilor Zimmerman** and Downtown Portland Clean & Safe to celebrate the installation of a disco ball by artist **Ivan McLean** at downtown's newest public gathering place, Darcelle XV Plaza.

The plaza hosted a Disco Party with entertainment from Rose City Roller Disco Party, Darcelle XV Showplace performers Pluto and Brandi, and DJ Leo. Councilor Zimmerman and I supported the disco ball installation with funds from our office budgets to continue to activate our downtown.

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From left, Councilors Clark and Zimmerman at the unveiling of a disco ball by artist Ivan McLean at Darcelle XV Plaza; Councilor Clark with neighborhood activists at the South Sheridan Street improvement project; and Councilor Clark with CEI Hub community activists.

Photos: Courtesy Councilor Clark's Office

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Portland's Civic Stadium

Another Portland Landmark Celebrates its 100th Anniversary

Multnomah Civic Stadium, now known as Providence Park, is celebrating its 100th anniversary.

The venue has a long and storied history from the earliest days as Multnomah Field in 1893 – when it was built by the Multnomah Athletic Club – to the present day.

Demand for the space for athletic programs and special events, including President **William Howard Taft**'s speech in 1909, grew over the ensuing three decades. In 1926, the Athletic Club expanded the facility into a stadium and added the upper seating bowl and wooden benches, some of which remain in use today.

What began as a modest amateur athletic field is now Portland's premiere outdoor sports stadium that has featured everything from dog racing to a 1957 Elvis Presley concert, Billy Graham crusade, college and NFL football, Portland Beavers and Portland Mavericks professional baseball, and the final professional game for soccer legend **Pele** to today's Portland Timbers and Portland Thorns soccer.

The City purchased the stadium in 1966 and renamed it Civic Stadium. Subsequently it has been known as PGE Park, Jen-Weld Field and currently Providence Park.

For a quick overview, watch this fun video created by the Portland Timbers.





From baseball and football to Timbers and Thorns soccer, concerts and historic events, Civic Stadium has evolved over the past century. Above left, current day and, at the right, the stadium's inside in years past showing the upper tier and lower seating area before recent renovations. More historic photos and documents can be found at City Archives.

Photos: Portland City Archives

Councilor Clark –

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Downtown is the economic engine for the City of Portland and the entire state. My strategic investment will help to increase foot traffic. It's been a joy to see the new plaza draw crowds of all ages since it opened in June. Please check it out!

Transportation

In September I joined parents and neighborhood leaders in celebrating a safer route to the International School of Portland in South Portland.

Last year my Transportation and Infrastructure Committee heard from a coalition concerned about an unsafe stretch of South Sheridan Street that includes incomplete sidewalks, missing bike lane connections and limited safety features. My office proudly invested funds to the Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) in support of street safety projects like this one.

Special thanks to the Downtown and South Portland Neighborhood Associations, Better Block PDX, PSU's Transportation Research and Education Center, and OHSU for their tireless advocacy!

Olivia Clark

City Council Vice Chair

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City Council Approves Fuel Reduction Plan at CEI Hub

The City Council has approved an amendment package to increase safety and transparency at Critical Energy Infrastructure (CEI) Hub with “a data-driven fuel reduction program”.

Located along the Willamette River in the Linnton neighborhood in District 4 and adjacent to North Portland in District 2, the CEI Hub is a six-mile stretch of industrial land that contains bulk fuel terminals that store and distribute 90% of Oregon's liquid fuel.

It is situated on liquefiable soils in an area subject to natural hazards, posing significant risk in the event of an earthquake, flood or fire, according to a BPS report.

Train derailment for fuels transported by rail is also a threat to the river and surrounding neighborhoods, the City says.

The amendments were developed with community advocates and sponsored by **Councilors Mitch Green, Elana Pirtle-Guiney, Olivia Clark, Sameer Kanal** and **Tiffany Koyama Lane**.

They will result in amendments to the City’s Comprehensive Plan and land use regulations.

Major Step Forward

"Today, we took a major step forward in addressing the environmental and safety concerns at the CEI Hub that neighborhood advocates and experts have been raising the alarm on for years," said **Councilor Mitch Green**.

"Our amendments significantly improve both the safety at the hub, our commitment to our environmental and climate goals, while also modeling how to do community-driven policy making," he said.



Portland’s Critical Energy Hub along St. Helens Road in NW Portland.

Photo: City of Portland

"The CEI Hub represents a potential disaster of enormous scale to the entire region. Inaction is not an option," said **Council Vice President Olivia Clark** from District 4.

"I especially want to thank the tireless advocates in Linnton, an isolated community on the edge of District 4, for championing the stronger safety and resiliency standards that we passed today [October 1st]."

(See also Councilor Clark’s column on **Page 7.)**

A Community Collaboration

Long-time Linnton resident and advocate of increased safety provisions at the CEI Hub, **Nancy Hiser**, praised the work of the coalition of community activists concerned about the location and safety of the bulk fuel terminal facility, citing the intense 16-months of collaborative work with the Bureau of Planning & Sustainability.

The Code and zoning amendments will reduce risks and increase safety at the CEI Hub, Hiser says, including launching a fuel reduction program that will not impact the fuel supply necessary to meet Oregon's needs, she says.

“Our robust discussions resulted in mutual respect, capped by the almost unanimous endorsement by City Council – evidence of success from collective commitment.”

Hiser notes that while Council has been criticized for being contentious and deadlocked at times, their first term voting records actually show that only 4.1% of their 467 votes have resulted in a 6-6 deadlock while 34.9% of 163 measures have resulted in 12-0 votes.

Further, she says that “strong agreement” has occurred on 70% of measures coming before Council if 11-1 and 10-2 votes are included.

BPS is currently reconciling the amendment package with the underlying ordinances before a final vote of City Council on Thursday, November 5th, to adopt the new provisions.

Dean Smith

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Union Station Recognized for Significance to Black History

The National Park Service has approved an application by the City – in partnership with Prosper Portland and the Oregon Black Pioneers – to formally recognize Union Station for its significant role in African American history.

Originally listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, the Park Service has long recognized Union Station's notable 19th-century Queen Anne and Romanesque Revival-style design and its enduring role as Portland's primary passenger rail terminal.

The original documentation, however, omitted an important aspect of the station's story: the generations of Black Portlanders who worked at Union Station and on the railroads it served.

The documentation recognizes Union Station's legacy as an important place in the development of Portland's Black community, as a source of economic opportunity for Black workers and as a center of Black labor organizing.

For the full story, read here.



Black porters assisted rail travelers on their journeys up and down the West Coast as well as to points east.
Photo: City of Portland

Portland's Gas Leaf Blower Policy

It's Fall and time to turn over a new leaf.

Portland's gas leaf blower policy is transforming us away from gas leaf blowers over the next two years.

In 2026 and 2027, gas leaf blowers are permitted only from October through December in the wet leaf season. Starting in 2028, gas leaf blowers will be banned year-round.

Switching to electric equipment benefits the local environment and improves the quality of life for workers and neighbors.

For more information, click here.



Gas leaf blowers will be banned as of 2028.
Photo: City of Portland

Portland Knows a Thing or Two About Rain



An example of a "rain garden" that absorbs rainwater during heavy rains.
Photo: BES

Portland has a well-deserved reputation for being a rainy city. But have you ever wondered, the Bureau of Environmental Services asks, "where all that stormwater goes?"

BES has some answers: Some flows into Green Streets, the rain gardens along streets where plants and soil help absorb and filter runoff. Some flows to underground facilities that allow water to soak into the ground.

Some still enters the combined sewer system, where infrastructure helps store sewage and runoff during heavy rain, helping prevent overflows into waterways.

Portland Monthly takes a closer look at the ways we manage all our rain

Neighborhood News

ASHCREEK-CRESTWOOD

Meeting:	**Monday, Nov. 9, 7pm**
Virtual:	Zoom
President:	Marianne Fitzgerald
Email:	president@ashcreekcrestwoodna.org
Website:	www.ashcreekcrestwoodna.org

Our October meeting focused on the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT)'s plans to install speed cushions on SW 45th/SW 48th avenues at four key locations:

- SW Brugger Street
- Marigold Trail crossing
- SW Carson Street
- SW Trail #3 crossing (where a new crosswalk also will be installed)

The speed cushions will have wheel cut-outs to allow emergency vehicles to go through without delay, but slow standard-sized vehicles.

According to PBOT, construction is weather dependent but could occur in fall 2026.



Smith School

Smith School Committee Chair **John Graeter** gave an update on our new Smith School Committee. Members have been assigned to key liaison roles to ensure that we are involved in future discussions about the 10-acre property in our neighborhood.

Our November meeting will continue discussing the future of the Smith School property and get an update on the potential closure of Maplewood School where many of our kids attend school today.

2045 TSP

We will also review PBOT's proposed 2045 Transportation System Plan (TSP) list of projects to make sure that the projects support land use, walking, biking and taking transit in our neighborhood.

PBOT plans to release the proposed project list on October 19th, conduct an online survey from October 19th to December 7th and host in-person open houses in each City District to discuss projects and priorities.

The District 4 open house is Monday, November 9th, 5pm to 7pm, at the Multnomah Arts Center auditorium.

Open houses are drop-in events, so come anytime between 5pm and 7pm. You do not need to stay for the full two hours.

We've been tracking the TSP since it was first adopted in the 1990's and few projects have been completed in our neighborhood in decades. We will need to advocate for transportation safety investments once again during this comment period.

Next Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, November 9th, at 7pm where we'll keep discussing the issues that matter most to Ashcreek-Crestwood neighbors.

Marianne Fitzgeraldl, President



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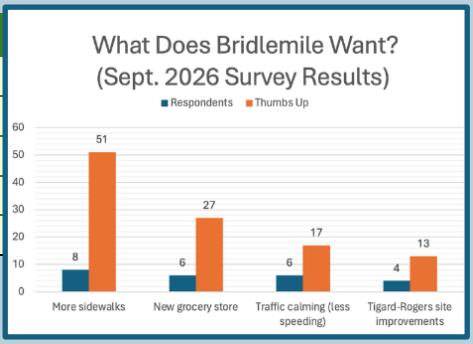
BRIDLEMILE	
Meeting	**Wed., Nov. 11, 7pm**
Virtual	Zoom
Chair	**Claire Coleman-Evans**
Email	Claire Coleman-Evans
Website	https://www.bridlemilepdx.org/

What Does Bridlemile Want?

What do Bridlemile residents wish to see more of in their neighborhood?

A series of Nextdoor.com surveys in September and October, run by Bridlemile Neighborhood Association board member **David Terrell**, asked this question.

David received 35 answers. In addition, NextDoor readers attached 135 thumbs ups to those replies. Eight people pressed for more sidewalks, which received 51 thumbs up.



Currently, Bridlemile pedestrians make do with sidewalk coverage on just 9% of their area's 16 miles of streets.

That contrasts with 25% coverage for the 139 miles of road in the 17 neighborhoods of the original Southwest Neighborhood Inc. (SWNI) coalition (plus Healy Heights) (SW Trails – 2017).

Walkers in other parts of Portland (e.g. Districts 2, 3 and other parts of District 4) can enjoy the safety offered by more complete sidewalk coverage (PedPDX Sidewalk Completeness Dashboard).

In another survey category, six respondents mentioned a desire for a new grocery store – and 27 people added thumbs ups.

Bridlemile used to contain two groceries, but Safeway closed in 2016 and its Albertsons in 2025.

After that, six people (and 17 thumbs up) called for better traffic controls (less speeding on B-H Hwy, Hamilton, Shattuck and Dosch). Four people (and 13 thumbs up) expressed an interest in fixing up the Tigard-Rogers site. Finally, 11 individuals (and 27 thumbs up) voted for miscellaneous other goals.

Mark Barnett

FOREST PARK	
Meeting	**Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7pm**
In-Person	Skyline Memorial Gardens (Gate 2)
President	**Pat Bowman**
Email	fpna@districtfourcoalition.org
Website	https//forestparkneighbors.org/

At our FPNA meeting at beautiful Skyline Memorial Gardens, PGE had planned to attend but their timeline got pushed so they couldn't coordinate to come.

There will be much more information in the next two months as public input concludes on October 28th.

PGE has a week to respond to that input and then goes to a Hearings Officer for review and then to the City Council and possibly another appeal depending upon the outcome. Stay tuned.

Our resource officer from Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, **Jason Maurry**, offered to come every quarter to check in with us on our issues.

He has been coordinating speeding interventions in the Forest Park neighborhood with other officers and said they have been fairly successful in ticketing and deterring speeding by their presence on NW Skyline, Germantown and Cornell.

Officer Maurry says there are other westside neighborhoods that also share concerns about excessive speeding.

Law enforcement resources are very stretched, but they are trying hard to have an impact. We are lucky to have Jason looking out for us.

2027 Solve Clean-up

We tentatively scheduled our annual Forest Park/Solve Clean-up for April 17th, 2027. More information to come as that evolves.

Most of the rest of the agenda was brie**f updates on ongoing issues with nothing significant to report.**

Pat Bowman, President

Neighborhood News

EASTMORELAND	
Meeting	**Thursday, Nov. 19, 7pm**
In-person	Reed College, Elliot Hall, Room 414
Virtual	Zoom link on ENA website
President	**Jane Monson**
Email	president@eastmorelandpdx.org
Website	https://eastmorelandpdx.org

Candidate Forum Held Against Backdrop of Proposed School Closures

Along with the District 4 Coalition (which represents 29 neighborhoods in SW and a sliver of SE Portland), the Sellwood Community House hosted a Candidate Forum on Sunday, October 11th, so residents could meet the candidates who hope to be elected (or re-elected) to Portland City Council in November.

Ten D4 candidates took their seats in front of a standing-room-only audience of 90 or more neighbors.

Eastmoreland Neighborhood Association Vice President **Mimi Alkire** (also secretary of the League of Women Voters of Oregon) led organizers in developing a dozen questions pertinent to D4 issues, chief among them public safety, persistent homelessness, scant affordable housing and the cost of living.

Karli Barich, D4C Executive Director, moderated the Forum giving candidates two minutes each to introduce themselves, and one minute to answer each question.

Incumbents, **Council Vice President Olivia Clark, Mitch Green** and **Eric Zimmerman**, touted first-term accomplishments, asking to be re-elected, beside seven challengers.

There was broad consensus that filling vacancies at the Portland Police Bureau was urgent, to improve 911 response times, and that Portland Street Response (the city's non-police responders) should be strengthened.

Eli Arnold, a Sellwood resident, said the Council lacks the perspective of someone who works with homeless people every day – as he does in his job as a Portland bicycle cop.

"Nobody there knows public safety the way I do," Arnold said. "I've spent nine years working with homeless people, with addicts and people suffering from mental health issues…We haven't been able to get into those ground-level nuances enough to gain traction on addressing these problems, and I think that's the value I would add to City Council."

Potential School Closures

An important backdrop to the event was that it came just days after Portland Public Schools unveiled a plan to shutter as many as 14 neighborhood schools, potentially including three in District 4: Maplewood and Stephenson elementary schools and Sellwood Middle School.

Although the Portland School Board (not City Council) controls the closure decisions, candidates expressed strong opposition to closures, with housing-finance expert **Josh Leake** among those advocating out-of-the-box ideas.

"Look at the school in North Carolina that opened a bank to teach math skills and financial literacy…And, what about earthquake preparedness? School gyms are for disaster relief." Green also supported exploring alternatives to closures.

Zimmerman and Clark were interested in locating growing enrollment in Multnomah County's Preschool for All in empty space in schools scheduled to close. Noting that schools are much more than buildings, **Jamey Evenstar** urged the Council to "fight like hell!"

Arnold, whose daughter attends Sellwood Middle School: "We can't afford for schools to close…we need better alignment between City Council and PPS."

Other candidates pledged to fight the closures, including **John McDonald**, "a proud public school graduate."

Jeremy Beausoleil Smith found the juxtaposition of school closures, while public subsidies were rushed to fund a Moda Center remodel, "horrifying."

Jayne Cronlund said she would propose the closure plan be "paused," while **Matt Shulte** suggested the Council brainstorm how closure impacts can be mitigated.

Submitted by Rebecca Webb

Neighborhood News

FAR SOUTHWEST	
Meeting	Board: Thursday, Dec. 10, 6:30pm
Virtual	Zoom
Chairs	Chair: **Rob Hertert** Vice-Chair **Marcia Leslie**
Email	chair@farswna.org
Website	https://farswpdx.org/

How to Restore SNAP

Members of the current and past FSW Board met with members of Portland Parks and Recreation on October 27th to continue our discussion about the Sylvania Natural Area Park at SW 53rd and Capitol Hwy.

We want to help develop a plan for the park that spells out park goals and maintenance, including community priorities, vegetation management, bridge concerns, volunteer stewardship opportunities and limitations, and communication expectations between FSW and PP&R.

The park was heavily damaged by the Arctic Blast of January 2024 and has had some work done on fallen trees, but has not seen any major focused recovery efforts to date.

That night **D4 Councilor Olivia Clark** attended our membership meeting, along with a representative from Sylvania PCC to discuss planned improvements to the CT (Communications Technology) building, and someone from the Portland Fruit Tree project to inform us about their program. In December we will report on those meetings, and share information on the topics discussed.

Your Vote Counts

This article will come out just as the national elections are being held. The loudness of the national debate makes it easy to feel that our tiny NA isn't important in the overall scheme of things.

But, because of our small size, we have something we can truly appreciate. All neighborhoods have periods of relative calm and times when big events happen. We appreciate our extended calmness!

We are grateful to have the *District 4 Voices!* newspaper as a trustworthy source of information about other neighborhoods so that when there is something newsworthy for us to report, there is a vehicle to handle it.

If you have yet to vote, ballots can be dropped at the Capitol Hill Library on Capitol Hwy. next to Markham Elementary School, either in the outside book return slot 24 hours a day, or in the ballot boxes inside when the library is open.

During the Primary election there was a parade of people scurrying until the last minute to drop off their ballots before the deadline! Every vote counts, so be sure and get yours in.

Rob Hertert and Marcia Leslie

"Succession is the essence of anarchy. A majority, held in constraint by constitutional checks and limitations, is the only true sovereign of a free people. Anything else, you fly to anarchy and despotism."

--- Abraham Lincoln

Why is Thanksgiving Important?

Thursday, November 26th, is the day this year when we will celebrate Thanksgiving – a holiday centered on gratitude, reflection and togetherness. \It is just one day, but it inspires us to embrace the spirit of Thanksgiving year-round.

For many families, Thanksgiving is a time to gather around a shared meal and reconnect with loved ones. For others, however, it may just be a chance to have a full meal at a homeless shelter or "soup kitchen".

However, the heart of this traditional holiday is not the meal. Thanksgiving is also a moment for reflection.

Recognizing the holiday's history encourages people to learn about Indigenous communities and acknowledge that the past includes both cooperation and serious injustice. It also means a welcoming attitude about new generations of immigrants who are today reaching our shores.

Thanksgiving reminds us that gratitude is more meaningful when it is shared and put into action – to value relationships, appreciate everyday blessings and extend compassion to others less fortunate.

Neighborhood News

HAYHURST	
Meeting	**Monday, Nov. 9, 7pm**
In-Person	Vermont Hills Church, 6053 SW 55th Avenue
Virtual	Zoom
President	**Marita Ingalsbe**
Email	marita.ingalsbe@gmail.com
Website	https://hayhurstna.org/

Help Your Neighborhood!

If you have a couple of hours a month to share, you can help make the Hayhurst neighborhood an even better place to live. We're looking for neighbors to join our volunteer Board for 2027.

Our Board positions are Chairperson; Vice-chairperson; Secretary; Treasurer; District 4 Coalition representative; Communications; Committee Chairs: Land Use, Parks & Watersheds, Public Safety, Schools, and Transportation; and Vermont Hills Church Liaison.

Details about the positions can be found on pages 2-3 of our Bylaws.

We are a great group of people dedicated to our community and would love to have you join us.

Come to our next meeting or email us at HayhurstNA@gmail.com to learn more.

Transportation Safety

Responding to concerns raised by neighbors at our October meeting about the recent changes to the SW Illinois/Shattuck/60th intersection, PBOT's **Matthew Machado** came by the next day.



New Raleigh Crest sidewalk on SW Shattuck Road along the former Alpenrose Dairy property looking south toward SW Vermont Street.

Photo: Marita Ingalsbe

He submitted some changes to the striping and curbs to improve the safety of the intersection and will meet with the Raleigh Crest developer to determine the timeline.

PBOT has also been monitoring traffic speeds and volume in the area.

At our next meeting, the PBOT Project Manager for the SW Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy./Shattuck Road intersection project will join us for an update.

We're expecting SW 45th to be paved next summer, possibly with speed cushions to protect the crossings at SW Iowa and Pendleton streets.

Raleigh Crest Update

Paving of roads and pathways for the first phase of the subdivision continues with the dry weather, including the new sidewalk along SW Shattuck!

Landscaping work and new plantings are planned for later in October.

Next Meeting

Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, November 9th, at 7 pm.

Marita Ingalsbe, President

Neighborhood News

HILLSIDE

Meeting	**Tuesday, Nov. 17, 7pm**
In-Person	Hillside Community Center, 653 NW Culpepper
President	**Barb Schwartz**
Email	*president@hillsidena.org*
Website	*https://www.hillsidena.org*

Hillside Neighborhood Association partnered with Northwest District Association to present the inaugural ReVive-ReClaim-ReCycle Day on October 10th.

It gave the neighborhood communities an opportunity to 1) swap or donate reusable household goods and clothing, 2) recycle or upcycle goods and materials in a safe and eco-conscious manner, 3) fill landfill-bound drop boxes with only bulky, unusable items, and 4) securely shred paper.

Event Outcomes

- Awesome volunteers at the event: 33
- Drive-ups and Walk-ups served: 88
- Donated household items to Community Warehouse, Reclaim It, Friendly House, A Caring Closet, and Secondhand Pet Supply: *A LOT!*
- Bicycles & associated items to Community Cycling Center: 2/3 of a cargo van load
- Frog and Toad picked up 10 cubic yards of swap leftovers to distribute to local organizations, or for repair/resale, or repurpose
- Mixed metal and electronics recycling (several LARGE boxes)
- Shredded/recycled paper: 1,800 pounds, which can save 15 trees, 6,300 gallons of water, 342 gallons of oil, 2.97 cubic yards of landfill space and 3,600 kilowatts of energy
- Bulky trash for landfill: 1.16 tons

Thanks to all who participated!

Next Meeting

To accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday, HNA's next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 17th, from 7pm to 8pm, at Hillside Community Center, 653 NW Culpepper Terrace (meetings normally held the 4th Tuesday of the month).

To unsubscribe from this group and stop receiving emails from it, email: newspaper+unsubscribe@d4cpdx.org.

HOMESTEAD

Meeting	**Tuesday, Nov. 3, 6:30pm**
Virtual	Zoom
President	Ann Knedler, Chair
Email	Aknedler@yahoo.com
Website	https://homesteadna.org/

Our October 10th litter pickup day dawned with drizzle but cleared to a beautiful Fall morning! Trees are turning red and gold, and the skies are blue.

We collected 5 bags of trash and a metal tabletop.

Food and Clothing Drives

Our October 24th food drive was a success.

We received non-perishables such as soups, canned fruit, vegetables, beans, canned tuna, chicken and sardines as well as pasta, rice, baking mixes, and personal items such as baby diapers.

We also are holding a winter clothing drive on Saturday, November 14th, in the parking lot on SW 6th Avenue and Gaines from 9am to 11 am.

Coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarves, boots and socks are needed.

November Meeting

November's monthly virtual meeting will be on Tuesday, Nov. 3 (election day!), from 6:30pm to 8:30pm.

~~Happy Thanksgiving!~~
~~*Ann Knedler, Chair*~~



Five bags of trash were collected by these six Homestead volunteers.

Photo: Lee Buhler

Neighborhood News

MAPLEWOOD	
Meeting	**Thursday, Nov. 12, 7pm**
In-Person	Maplewood Coffee and Tea, 5206 SW Custer
Virtual	Zoom
President	**Claire Carder**
Email	Board@maplewoodna.org
Website	https://www.maplewoodna.org/

November is here. **Remember**: If you haven't yet voted, get your ballot marked and dropped in a ballot box by Tuesday, Nov. 3rd!

November also is jammed with holidays. Veteran's Day is always November 11th and Thanksgiving is November 26th this year.

Wildfire Readiness

At 7pm Thursday, November 5th, the neighborhood association will sponsor a Portland Fire and Rescue talk about making your property more wildfire resistant.

Join us at the West Hills Friends Annex for this talk and follow-up discussion with additional information that will make us safer.



Maplewood School at Risk

The biggest news that dropped in October is Portland Public Schools released the list of schools proposed for closure as part of a budget process PPS is calling "right-sizing".

Maplewood Elementary School is on both closure lists and could be closed next year if the plan is implemented.

State Rep. Dacia Grayber attended our October meeting and discussed school funding at the state level as well as expressing her support for Maplewood School.



State Representative Dacia Grayber at Maplewood Coffee and Tea during our October meeting.
Photo: Claire Carder

Here is a link to the State PTA guidance about school closures: Copy of School Closure Guidance. More information on the PPS proposal can be found at this link.

We encourage neighbors who support the school to be active, attend School Board meetings to testify, and write to Board members and **State Sen. Kate Leiber**.

Keep up with meetings and Maplewood PTA activities at: Stop PPS School Closures | Save Maplewood Elementary

This is a huge issue for neighborhoods because elementary schools especially are the keystone of our communities.

Neighborhood Drain Cleaning

On Saturdays, November 14th and 21st, from 10am to noon, the NA will sponsor drain cleaning events to help manage local stormwater. Neighbors can volunteer to rake leaves away from grates that drain our neighborhood streets.

Detailed information is posted at news – Maplewood Neighborhood Association. We will post dates and maps soon of the drains to be cleaned on our NA website and on local Facebook pages. Please volunteer to help and adopt your local stormwater inlet to keep it clear of autumn leaves!

We will be organizing more seasonal events to bring us together in community as we start the winter season.

Our monthly Board and general meetings are on the second Thursdays every month unless we have a special event. Let us know if you have some ideas for helping our neighborhood.

Claire Carder, Chair

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Neighborhood News

MARSHALL PARK	
Meeting	Thursday, Nov. 12, 7pm
Virtual	Zoom
President	**Mike Charles**
Email	marshallparkna@yahoo.com
Website	www.marshallparkna.org

Portland Fruit Tree Project!

At our October 8th meeting, **Kathryn Howard** of the Portland Fruit Tree Project told us about 20 years of getting fruit to people who want it. The project has donated 10,000+ pounds of fruit this year (possibly closer to 20,000!).

Fruit doesn't just go to food pantries. It goes to culturally specific programs and pantries, plus after-school programs, elder centers, rehab facilities and a women's prison. Persimmons go to communities that love them most.

In season right now: persimmons, apples, pears, kiwis, quince and grapes (the cold hasn't arrived yet). Their wish list: quince! Kids at the after-school programs love it.

Got a Tree or Three?

- Register your fruit tree for harvest at portlandfruit.org. Any size property is welcome; even a few trees count.
- Their year-around tree care crew is staffed by young people from a paid green-landscaping training program funded by The Nature Conservancy.
- Pruning coaching is available, and grant-funded pruning classes are coming in spring.
- A second drop-off fridge just opened in Tigard. The original is in Alberta Park.

Please Don't Blow Your Leaves Into the Street

Southwest has no street leaf cleanup. The City's leaf program is on the east side. Blowing leaves into the street isn't allowed here (the fine is about $85).

- Rain washes leaves into storm drains, which clog! Our neighbors at the bottom of the hill are the ones shoveling them out.
- Leaf piles are also a hazard for bicycles. Instead, compost them, mulch them into your garden or bag them for yard debris pickup. Note: Gas-powered blowers are allowed October to December.

Park & Trails Update

- **No More Ivy Day:** Saturday, Oct. 24. Work parties pulling ivy took place at City parks (not at Marshall Park this year). See the website for info and registration.
- **Work Parties in Marshall Park**: Wednesdays, Nov. 18th and Dec. 16th, at 9am. Bring gloves and a good attitude. Expect some drain mucking. Thanks to Portland Parks for repairs, raking the main trails, and replacing some of the split rail fences.



New trail sign in the park. Photo: Mike Charles

- **Hillsdale to Lake Oswego Trail:** The trail event brought 100+ people through Marshall Park. Many were astonished by how beautiful it is.

Neighborhood Watch: Maple Crest & Tryon Creek

Neighbors in Collins View raised concerns about unpermitted construction and drainage work on a creekside property at the bottom of Maple Crest in an environmentally sensitive area along Tryon Creek. Collins View NA submitted a detailed letter, and several Marshall Park neighbors sent letters to the hearings officer.

Collins View has asked for the wetland to be restored. An update is expected later this month, and we'll share news as we hear it.

Mark Your Calendars

- **Nov. 18th, 9am:** Marshall Park trail work. Volunteers welcome. Details TBA.
- **Dec. 16th, 9am**: Marshall Park trail work. Volunteers welcome. Details TBA.

Be well; Be safe; Be good neighbors

Mike Charles, President

2026–2027 Board (Re-Elected!)

There were no new nominations or volunteers. The five current officers agreed to continue: Chair - **Mike Charles**; Vice Chair - **Russ Albertson;** Treasurer - **Ralph Cohen;** Secretary - **Emily Walton;** and District 4 Coalition Rep. - **Ron Bushner**

Neighborhood News

REED	
Meeting	**Wed., Nov. 11, 6:30pm**
In-Person	Reedwood Friends Church 2901 SE Steele
President	**Richard Swift**
Email	president.reedna@gmail.com
Website	https://www.reedneighborhoodassociation.org/

The Reed Neighborhood Association meets on the second Wednesday of odd months. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 11th, 6:30pm, at Redwood Friends Church.

Come to hear what the Board is working on. The agenda will be in our next neighborhood email and posted to the website 7 days before the meeting.

Have an item for the agenda? Email it by November 4th to reedneighborhood@gmail.com

Reed Community Care Group

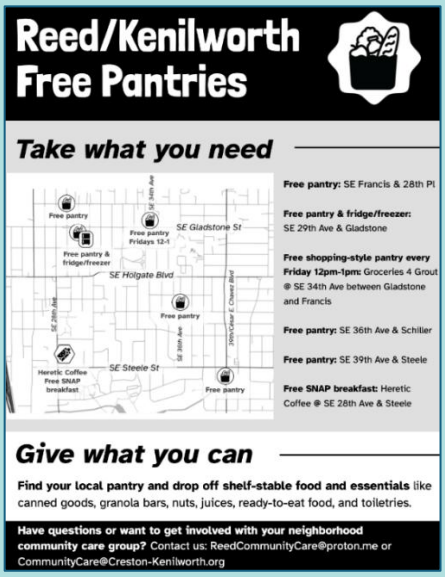
Make friends, support your neighbors!

Join the Reed Community Care Group. We are an informal group of neighbors helping neighbors.

One of our current projects is promoting and supporting the little free food pantries around the Reed and Kenilworth neighborhoods.

Next, we want to start conversations about Reed neighborhood community organizing for emergency planning.

Little free food pantries are one way to support our vulnerable neighbors where they are. Pantries are hosted by residents but need sustained community support (advocacy, cleaning, donation) to thrive.



Help us make these invaluable neighborhood resources flourish and join us in future community care projects!

SELLWOOD-MORELAND	
Meetings	**Board: Wed., Nov. 4** **Member: Wed., Nov. 18** **7:30pm** (both)
In-Person	SMILE Station, SE 13th and Tenino
President	**David Dugan**
Email	president@sellwood.org
Website	https://sellwood.org/

SMILE spent time at the October General Meeting discussing the recently announced decision of Portland Public Schools to add Sellwood Middle School to both alternate lists of elementary schools being considered for closure.

What puzzles SMILE and local residents are why any middle school was added to the elementary closure list, why that middle school was Sellwood Middle School, and why this unexpected closure decision appears – from initial comments from PPS – not based on budgetary reasons or inadequate enrollment. Just what it is based on is not clear.



Sellwood Middle School is one of 14 schools under consideration for closing at the end of the school year.
Photo: Provided by Yelp

At least some displaced Sellwood area students would apparently be redirected to Brentwood Middle School, which is west of SE 82nd Avenue in the vicinity of Ogden Street -- not very accessible from the Sellwood area, due to street discontinuities in Inner Southeast, and certainly a significant distance from Sellwood-Moreland.

Consequent to this discussion, a small committee of SMILE Board members and local parents was formed to devise a letter raising these and other questions to submit officially from SMILE to PPS, if and when adopted by the SMILE Board at its Wednesday, October 21st, meeting.

Eric Norberg

Neighborhood News

SOUTH PORTLAND	
Meeting	**Wednesday, Nov. 4, 7pm**
In-Person	3121 S. Moody (Zidell Bldg.)
Virtual	Zoom (link on website)
President	**Luis Patron-Dias**
Email	president@southportlandna.org
Website	www.southportlandna.org

Food Co-Op for South Waterfront?

The South Portland Neighborhood Association (SPNA) met in person in October to give updates on existing neighborhood projects. One such project aims to address the food desert in South Waterfront.

For more than a decade we have sought to bring a full-size grocery store to the area, but South Waterfront's relatively small population has made it difficult to attract a traditional supermarket.

What's more, constrained car access makes it difficult to draw additional customers from nearby areas like Lair Hill or Johns Landing.

Given those challenges, the neighborhood association is exploring smaller food co-ops as another way to accomplish our goals.



Can South Waterfront Support a Food Co-op such as the Alberta Co-op?

Photo: Claire Harrison

Because co-ops can operate in smaller spaces and depend more heavily on nearby residents, they may be able to locate in a storefront that would not accommodate a full-size supermarket.

That model could be particularly well suited to South Waterfront's compact, walkable environment. A neighborhood-scale store could provide fresh produce, everyday staples and locally produced foods within walking distance of many residents.

Food co-ops are typically owned by their members, giving neighbors an opportunity to have a stake in the business and a voice in how it serves the community. A small co-op wouldn't replace everything offered by a large supermarket.

But for a neighborhood where population and automobile access can make the traditional grocery model difficult, it could help fill an important gap.

For South Waterfront, the right grocery solution might not require thinking bigger. It might mean thinking smaller and more local.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

South Portland Neighborhood Association would love your thoughts on bringing a food co-op to South Waterfront.

Please take the following survey located here and contribute your thoughts.

Grover Tunnel Cleanup: November 7th

The next Grover Pedestrian Tunnel Cleanup is on Saturday, November 7th, from 10am to noon. We meet just west of the intersection of S. Water Avenue and S. Grover Street.

All equipment is supplied, but participants must wear gloves and take care in picking up trash. The event will focus on garbage removal, groundskeeping and painting over graffiti. It is co-sponsored by Lair Hill Beautification and SPNA.

DISTRICT 4 CALENDAR

The District 4 Coalition Calendar is the source for meetings held by the Coalition's Board, Committees and Neighborhood Associations each month. It is regularly updated to reflect changes in meeting dates and times and also includes the location and Zoom information for meetings.

Click HERE to access the live calendar.



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