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What is the Portland Plan?

By EPN Newspaper Committee

Inside this issue of East Portland Neighborhood Association News you will find an entire page of information about the Portland Plan initiative. The Portland Plan is more than just another planning exercise. It is intended to provide some guidance to spending priorities by all the public bodies serving Portland residents. It begins by identifying clearly defined problems and then providing several strategy

options for consideration by everyone who participates.

Portland Plan Information Feature

Participation does not require going to meetings unless you want to do that. This issue of the East Portland Neighborhood Association News gives you an entire page of information about the Portland Plan and how to make sure your opinions are

recorded in this first stage of priority-setting.

Portland Plan Survey Insert

A new feature of this issue of East Portland Neighborhood Association News is an insert of a survey for you to complete and either return by mail or drop it by our East Portland Neighborhood Associations' office at 1017 NE 117th Avenue.

East Portland people and organizations celebrated at 2009 Spirit of Portland Awards

By David F. Ashton

Of the twenty-five 2009 Spirit of Portland awardees on November 12, three recipients were from outer East Portland. This year's evening event was held at the Newmark Theatre, downtown, on SW Broadway. The Spirit of Portland Awards are organized by the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), which is overseen by Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz. "The City [is improving] because we understand that individuals, coming together, build a better community," Fritz began.

Emerging Community Leader Award: Mark White

Commissioner Fritz told the assembly that Mark White, Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood's president, showed leadership by producing the successful 2009 East Portland Exposition (EPO XPO),



Photos by David F. Ashton
2009 Spirit of Portland Emerging Community Leader, Mark White receives his memento from Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz.

working with students and culturally diverse groups. He increased neighborhood bike lanes, and instituted graffiti cleanups. "He's been president of neighborhood association for just over one

year," Fritz noted. "He devotes almost all of his time to improving the quality of life in Powellhurst-Gilbert neighborhood, and outer east Portland."

Fritz looked up from her notes and said, "I have to break from the script and tell you, when it heard about his plans [for EPO XPO], I thought that was not possible to bring it off. It was a wonderful event, and a tribute to Mark's leadership." Fritz continued, "White also wrote and was awarded three small neighborhood association grants last year, including youth internship programs which introduced students to community organizing, focus groups with immigrant youths to identify ways to communicate and engage their non-English-speaking parents and to build community, and a neighborhood night out – that was expanded to

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East Portland Neighbor fair

By Naomi Angier

Midland Library invites you to attend the first East Portland Neighborfair, sponsored by Midland Library, and involving many of the East Portland Neighborhood Associations. If your Neighborhood Association would like to participate in this event, please contact Naomi Angier at the Midland Library (naomia@multcolib.org; 503-988-5735).

The Saturday, January 30, Neighborfair will be held from 2:00 to 4:00 pm so that everyone coming to the

Library that afternoon can meet representatives from many of the 13 Neighborhood Associations. Come hear what they are doing in our community, ask questions about issues and programs which impact us, and meet the people who would like to have you become involved in finding ways to

maintain the livability of East Portland.

Maps of the areas covered by the East Portland Neighborhood Associations will be available, along with meeting schedules and other contact information. Refreshments will be provided by the library.

Join us at Midland Library on Saturday, January 30. Find out about our Neighborhood Associations and their role in our community from the people currently involved in helping positive change happen.

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Some hints about what else is waiting for your inside our paper

If you live in the Mill Park Neighborhood Association area, read the article on page 4 about an issue being worked on by other neighbors right now.

If you aren't sure about which Neighborhood Association you are part of, look on page 11 for a map and complete contact information.

If you live close to the area around 122nd Avenue between SE Stark and SE Foster Road, you should read about what the City is planning. Look on page 11.

Meet your Portland City Commissioner: Nick Fish

In this, the second installment of an ongoing series, learn about the values that drove the City Commissioners to seek their positions, and about the City bureaus they oversee – in their own words

By David F. Ashton

Filling the seat on the City Council vacated by Eric Sten, Nick Fish was elected to office in the May 2008, election, and was publicly sworn in on June 13 of that year. Fish is up for reelection in 2010. Although these titles are somewhat symbolic, Fish became the City's "Commissioner of Public Works". During this interview in Fish's City Hall office, we asked him about his philosophy of governance, why he ran for office, and about the bureaus he oversees.

Fish's philosophy of governance

"I waited 50 years for my dream job – this is it. I never tire of telling people that I consider it to be a great honor to be a public servant. I believe that serving others is the highest calling. The ethic that drives my service is the belief that everyone can make a difference. "My job is to be a sort of a cheerleader, booster or supporter of people in the community who have great ideas. I view myself as their partner. "I ran for office, in part, because I thought I could make a difference. After a career of 20 years in law, I

thought it would be a good time to change careers. I had good role models, growing up – people who I admired who were or are in public office.

City agencies overseen by Commissioner Fish

Bureaus, offices or agencies in City government are supervised by Portland City Commissioners. Here are the agencies for which Commissioner Fish is responsible and committees on which he serves:

Portland Housing Bureau – "It was formerly known as the Bureau of Housing and Community Development. The purpose of the Housing Bureau is to make sure that everybody has a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home."

Portland Parks & Recreation – "Their mission is creating healthy parks, and a healthy Portland. I'm responsible for overseeing all of their things, including the community centers, and master plans for parks and gardens. I'm committed to bring parks equity to East Portland."

Council liaison to Elders in Action – "In this assign-



Photo by David F. Ashton

Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish says he's found his "dream job".

ment, I work on issues of parity regarding housing for older adults, and recreational opportunities. I can work directly on these core issues because of my bureau assignments."

Portland Disparity Study – "I lead this big, complicated exercise in which the city examines all the contracts to make sure that women and minority vendors are getting a 'fair slice of the pie'. We look across-the-board at our contracting practices. Next year, I'll be making recommendations about how minority- and women-owned, and small, businesses can get a 'bigger piece of the pie.'"

Oregon Cultural Trust – "On the board of this organization, I'm working at the State level to build an endowment for arts, heritage, and culture – in particular, looking for ways to put arts education back in our schools."

Question outer East Portlanders most want answered

We asked Fish, "Does outer east Portland have more than its fair share of low-cost housing?"

Fish answered candidly, "Probably. That's because people who are poor are increasingly moving east; we are seeing a demographic shift, as they're being displaced from other parts of the city. The key is having a good quality of housing. I believe we can do a better job."

Fish's thoughts on public contact

"The people who contact me, or who come to Portland City Council meetings, are people who I call 'highly motivated'. They usually are communicating with us because they are upset about something. Sometimes people are very sharp in how they express themselves.

"So, I try to focus less on how people communicate – their style – and more on what their concern is. If someone calls or e-mails me with a problem, we have an office standing policy: If you do contact my office, we will respond, I promise."

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East Portland Neighbors, Inc. distributes the East Portland Neighborhood Association News - News About East Portland Neighborhoods (EPNAN) free. The goal of this newspaper is to build our community voice through the activities and efforts of neighbors in East Portland. EPNAN includes Neighborhood Association news for all our residents. If you have a community event or public activity of general interest to East Portland residents we would like to include it in our paper. We welcome your submissions; they should not exceed 350 words. Photos are encouraged.

EPNAN is produced by the community, for the community. Most of the articles are written by volunteers and the responsibility for the content is that of the authors. Corrections are made when the need is clearly indicated, but East Portland Neighbors, Inc. does not verify the accuracy of the statements. East Portland Neighbors, Inc. reserves the right to reject submissions.

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2010 and beyond

By EPN Newspaper Committee
2010 is an opportunity year for East Portland Neighborhood Associations and the area we serve. Our January issue is timed to begin letting you know some of the reasons why that is true.

What Is the Reason for Our Newspaper?

The East Portland Neighborhood Association

News is aimed at letting every resident in East Portland know what is happening in their neighborhood, and in all of East Portland, that has special importance to them both in the short and long term.

East Portland Neighborhood Associations and This Newspaper

The interest of the Neighborhood Associations who bring EPNA Newspaper to you is not simply to provide a calendar, letting you know when we have meetings or hold events. It is also meant to reflect the on-going efforts of those 13 Neighborhood Associations to have an impact on how services, regulations, and resources are defined as

important and then effect the livability of our part of the City of Portland. It is meant to let you know how you can join in those efforts with your neighbors in East Portland.

What's Special About 2010?

2010 is especially important since it will be a year in which, for the first time, East Portland differences can be truly integrated into the way those decisions are made and how resources are prioritized in the City of Portland. There are some things that are happening right now. Take a minute to look through this issue and find out what they are.

I-205 Multi Use Path opens to Clackamas Town Center

By Jim Chasse

Pelting rains greeted us on our way to the Foster Road/Lents Town Center Station of the new MAX Green Line for the opening ceremonies of the I205 Multi Use Path. Arriving at the station platform we found Tri-Met provided a large awning to keep those gathered for the event dry before the ceremonies. The Bike Gallery folks provided technical assistance for the ride, and Nadine Jones, The Outer Rim Bike Shop, provided moral support (and some cookies) for the riders.

The I-205 Multi Use Path had been closed for construction of the Green Line for over two years and everyone was anxious for the opening of the path south of Woodstock. Federal



Photo by Loretta Chasse

Left to Right, Clackamas County Chairwoman Lynn Peterson, ODOT Region 1 Manager Jason Tell, and then BTA Executive Director Scott Bricker cut ribbon to open I-205 Multi Use Path.

stimulus funding was available for lighting improvements on this portion of the path, and the lighting improvements delayed the

opening of that portion until the work was completed. November 7th, 2009 marked the formal opening of the path.

After all the kudos, it was time for the ride. Dusk had settled in, the skies cleared, and the newly installed lights were illuminated for the ride to Clackamas Town Center. Ted Miller, ODOT's Region One Maintenance Manager, led the group of about 25 cyclists south on the path towards the Town Center. We encountered some new and improved portions of the path, such as the intersection with the Springwater Trail, and portions of the path which flowed directly through the Green Line stations. Older sections of the route, such as the crossing at Johnson Creek, required a detour to 92nd Avenue to cross, remained the same, much to our dismay. The ride went quickly and we arrived at the structured Park and

Ride at Clackamas Town Center with a new look at the I-205 Multi Use Path, and several suggestions to make it even better.

The ride back took on a new look as people started peeling off to make their connections home, illustrating the point that the path was indeed an important piece of the transportation puzzle of Outer East Portland. ODOT's commitment to improving the path is evident with the study of the path by Alta Planning, results should be ready in December.

So if you haven't already, take time to ride the I-205 Multi Use Path soon. The path is completely lighted at night and a great North/South connection to where you need to go.

Spirit of Portland Awards: *continued from page 1*



Photos by David F. Ashton

2009 Spirit of Portland Non-Profit; Sokhom Tauch, Executive Director of the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, receives his award from Commissioner Fritz.

include a movie in the park. "Mark also wrote and received two additional grants from the East Portland Action Plan to begin work on the East Portland Exposition for 2010, and expand a Powellhurst Gilbert urban farming program. This will act as an economic development tool, and help address issues of increasing poverty and hunger in the community." White responded, "Hello everyone, and thank you so much. It's an honor to receive this award. I am truly grateful to be able to do the things that I do. I can't imagine not doing what I'm doing. It is a pleasure to be able to say that."

Non-Profit Award: IRCO

The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, known as IRCO, was recognized with a 2009 Spirit of Portland Award for communi-

ty-based non-profit organizations for providing an array of culturally specific programs, serving families "from birth to elders", Commissioner Fritz noted. Fritz commended, "Since 1976, IRCO's multilingual and multi-ethnic staff has been able to address the needs of Portland's increasingly diverse groups – from Asia, the Pacific Islands, Latin America, Africa, the former Soviet Union, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, and the United States." "IRCO has implemented various projects in response to community needs, such as Africa House, founded in 2006. IRCO also develops leadership opportunities for its diverse community. They recruit and train community leaders to become advocates in responding to the city and public involvement initiatives."

"Good evening," responded



Mark White tells why he feels it important to help improve his neighborhood.

Sokhom Tauch. "On behalf of our immigrant and refugee Portland community, on behalf of our IRCO Director and staff, I am grateful tonight to be able to be here and to accept the award. "Portland is a beacon of hope for many immigrants. We are honored to be able to serve them, and to help them become a self-sufficient and healthy community in Portland."

Neighborhood Association of the Year: Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association

"I'd like to invite Mark White to come back up to accept on behalf of Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association," Commissioner Amanda Fritz began. "Despite obstacles including poverty, a rapidly growing population, and dozens of different languages spoken by its residents, the Powellhurst-Gilbert

Association has made tremendous strides in a brightening the quality of life in its own and neighboring communities. With monthly meetings averaging 20 to 30 individuals, Powellhurst-Gilbert has a very strong core of volunteers."

The commissioner outlined the association's recent significant achievements, including; the most successful graffiti cleanup in the City's history, an ongoing graffiti cleanup program, the launch of the East Portland Exposition, a coalition-wide festival promoting East Portland and its 13 neighborhoods, producing a successful combination Neighborhood Night Out against crime and Movie-in-the-Park program, Installing a soft surface pedestrian path in West Powellhurst Park, developing an "Adopt-a-Drain" program designed to help manage stormwater drains – efforts are underway to use it as a template for the entire city, launching a major restoration project on the Springwater Corridor between

SE 128th Avenue and 136th Avenue, and being awarded three small Neighborhood Small Grants and three East Portland Action Plan grants, including one to launch an urban farming program, and another one for a coalition-wide graffiti abatement program.

"Thank you Mark White and the Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association volunteers, members and neighbors," Fritz concluded. Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association President Mark White accepted the award, saying, "It is truly, truly an honor to accept this on behalf of the neighborhood association. It's really a group effort. It's important for people to understand that a small group of people can make a big difference, despite obstacles they face. "If, for some reason, you have not found your niche, your 'tribe' to belong to, a neighborhood association truly is a place where you can come and shine, and give back tremendously to the community in which you live."

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By RoseMarie Opp

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Portland's Bull Run water originates in a federally protected watershed and does not have human sewage or cattle fecal contamination problems. For over 100 years, Bull Run has provided us with pure, healthy water. Unfortunately, a recent E. coli incident may cause some to believe that we

should cover our reservoirs.

However, Microbiologist Scott Fernandez says that the public health benefits of our open water reservoirs far outweigh any reason to cover them. Sunshine and open air act to break down and vent harmful, gaseous chemicals, reflecting the nat-

open reservoirs have been wrongly portrayed as not supporting public health benefits, when just the opposite is true. Covering Portland's reservoirs does not protect us from E. coli and other contaminants. Construction and pipe-breaks are recognized as the greatest source of contamination in a

Chlorine also protects us from E. coli. Our water is treated with chlorine, as I understand it, chlorine is administered when water leaves the reservoir to go into pipes and on to our faucets.

As citizens, we need truth and education, facts and rational science to prevail. We should not allow unwarranted alarms and fears to pressure our community into accepting a billion dollar debt—and degraded water.

I encourage you to research this important issue, our drinking water. <http://www.freedrinking-water.com/water-contamination/ecoli-bacteria-removal-water.htm>

www.foodandwaterwatch.org
www.friendsofreservoirs.org
<http://www.frost.com/prod/servlet/pre-release.pag?docid=145709774>

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(Portland Water Bureau Proposed Rate Increases Below)					
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ural functioning of a healthy water system. Covering or burying our reservoirs will give carcinogenic Radon and toxic gases only one place to vent: our homes, schools and businesses. Our

drinking water system.

I have done some research and encourage you to do so also. New laser technology can detect microorganisms in a matter of seconds to min-



Powellhurst-Gilbert restaurant makes 'Top Ten' list

By Mark White

Lucky Strike, a Chinese Sichuan restaurant located in Powellhurst-Gilbert on SE Powell Boulevard just east of SE 122nd, has made the top ten list of Portland Monthly's best restaurants for 2009.

For 2009, Portland Monthly decided to take "a different path, selecting 10 venues that best embody the diverse creativity at work..."

The bottom line is, if you like Sichuan, you will love Lucky Strike. And with the tremendous cultural diversity in the area, the future poten-

tial for a myriad of choices for ethnic restaurants in Powellhurst-Gilbert and all of East Portland is excellent.

Great neighbors and great food. It doesn't get much better than that.

To read the review online, go to: <http://www.portlandmonthlymag.com>.

East Portland Action Plan



Photo by Mike Vander Veen

After the September East Portland Action Plan meeting.

By Lore Wintergreen

The East Portland Action Plan (EPAP) document identifies 268 action items to make happen on behalf of the 138,000 people living in East Portland (about 24% of the city's population). We need you to join together to make the improvements identified in the EPAP become real in our community! A copy of the Adopted EPAP document, or an abbreviated version can be found at: www.epno.org/documents.htm

There are many ways to become involved, or you can initiate new ones:

- **East Portland Action Plan's (full group) - Purpose:** is to provide leadership and guidance to public agencies and other entities on how to strategically address community-identified issues

and allocate resources to improve livability for neighborhoods in the East Portland Neighborhood Office coalition

area. Meets every fourth (4th) Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in the East Portland Neighborhood Office at 1017 NE 117th Ave. Food provided; childcare and language interpretation provided with one week notice.

You can join one of the following Sub-Committees, without joining the full EPAP:

- **Bike - Purpose:** To provide direction and support to the EPAP on bike related actions. Meets every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM at Muchas Gracias (1307 N 102nd Ave.)
- **Civic Development - Purpose:** To organize multi-

cultural/language appropriate Civic Development workshop curriculum and advocate for ongoing funding. First meeting scheduled for December 14th at 6:30 PM in the East Portland Neighborhood Office at 1017 NE 117th Ave.

- **Communications - Purpose:** To provide Communication support (materials and web page development, translation/interpretation) to the EPAP and assist the group to effectively strategize and implement the East Portland Action Plan. Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 PM in the East Portland Neighborhood

Office at 1017 NE 117th Ave.

- **Economic Development - Purpose:** To promote job creation and business retention; attract new businesses; and create a favorable, supportive & sustainable physical environment for small businesses. Meets every first Monday at 4:00 PM at various locations.

Find out about recent awards from the EPAP Grants Program and find future grant opportunities/applications at: www.epno.org/documents.htm. Lore Wintergreen, EPAP staff Advocate, can be reached for more information at: 503.823.4035 or lore.wintergreen@ci.portland.or.us.

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David F. Ashton - david@eastPDXnews.com

Wilkes Community Group Update

By Alice Blatt

The Wilkes Community Group, after a lull during late 2008 and early 2009 due to a loss of leadership, is up and running. In spite of our decision to forgo last August's Wilkes Park Neighborhood Night Out celebration, the remainder of the late summer and fall has been gratifyingly active and quite successful.

Many thanks to the Reynolds School District for our comfortable and conveniently-located meeting place in the library at Margaret Scott Elementary School, 14700 NE Sacramento, on the first Tuesday of each month (except December, July and August), from 7 - 9 pm. Also the annual use of the Margaret Scott parking lot in November for our clean-up dumpster site has made that activity possible

for many years.

At our October 7 meeting, we were privileged to have our State Representative, Jefferson Smith (District 47), speak about the 2009 legislative session, with particular emphasis on explanation of his own bill sponsorships. He also gave interesting background material on Ballot Measures 66 and 67, which we will be voting on January 26, 2010. One unfortunate statistic is the low voter turnout for District 47.

Stewardship Saturday, October 10, marked the wrap-up of seven years of volunteer worker and Metro-grant financed Wilkes Creek Restoration, in association with SOLV, the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, and others. Wilkes Creek is the most prominent of our spring-fed streams flowing into the Columbia



Photo by David Ashton

Ed Zarins, Jim Blatt and Steve Johnson get drenched while helping neighbors unload their refuse during the Wilkes Community Group clean-up.

Slough and Portland's back-up well field system (27 wells). Therefore, water quality preservation, human recreation, and wildlife habitat are highly significant values. SOLV suggested

the serious need for a local Steward to monitor on-going maintenance.

Our November 7 clean-up was, in many respects, a phenomenal success. Having for-

gone the 2008 clean-up, we expanded our publicity effort for 2009. The turnout was remarkable. Over 100 local residents signed in, filling our four dumpsters with 8.5 tons of yard debris and 7 tons of bulky waste. We collected 3100 pounds of metal, a number of bicycles, pieces of electronic equipment, and tires for recycling. Participants donated generously for future Wilkes projects. Eight volunteers worked diligently to keep things moving efficiently. Four dumpsters had always been sufficient in the past, but in spite of inclement weather, high turnout filled our dumpsters to overflowing before noon, making it necessary to turn away several vehicles, causing problems we had not foreseen and for which we are very sorry.

Wilkes successful in saving trees

By Alice Blatt

In July 2009, the newly formed Wilkes Land Use Committee faced an immediate challenge. The Wilkes community is open-space deficient and rapidly losing tree canopy, so is sensitive to projects which decrease these resources. The Portland Water Bureau submitted a complex Environmental Review for its property at 164th and Airport Way. A large, ground based, solar panel covering 1-1/2 acres had been approved without consideration that several panels were located in areas shaded by healthy riparian trees in an environmental protection zone. These trees were planted 12 years earlier as mitigation for previous environmental zone im-

sitions. The review sought removal of 32 of these highly valuable trees.

Wilkes received corroborating testimony from the East Portland Land Use and Transportation Committee, the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Portland Audubon Society, Urban Greenspaces, and others. This testimony included: the irreplaceable values of mature trees, the irrationality of introducing conflicting sustainability activities, the disastrous precedent of repeated removal and replacement of mitigation sites,



Photo by Alice Blatt

and the faulty process which allowed approval of this solar array without simultaneous consideration of the shade problem. Wilkes played a major role in convincing the Water Bureau to withdraw the tree cutting proposal and reconfigure the solar panels out of the shade. We are justly proud of this conclusion.



Photo by Alesia Reese

Woodland Park Neighborhood Association Cleanup

By Alesia Reese

Neighbors of Woodland Park again came out on a dry Saturday to help keep the neighborhood clean and tidy. Thanks to the Office of Sustainability and Metro for supporting the clean up events for this neighborhood and others in

East Portland.

The clean up would not be possible except for the volunteer efforts of neighbors. The 2010 Clean Up is scheduled and two new sites will be provided to neighbors, both north and south ends of the neighborhood. The clean up is free to neighbors, yet donations are always welcome.

The Gateway 'Green Project' is making progress

By Linda Robinson

The Gateway Green Project Team, formed as part of the Oregon Solutions process, met for the first time on October 7, 2009, and again on November 20. The Team, composed of 31 members (plus 7 alternates) who repre-

sent a wide range of stakeholders, has established a regular meeting date (9:00 am to Noon on the 3rd Friday of each month) for the next eight months or so. Meetings will be at Metro Headquarters on NE Grand Ave.

The group has formed three subcommittees, which for now are being referred to as:

- **Recreation and Sustainability:** Design, Programming and Cost-Estimating (chaired by Jay Graves)
- **Governance, Finance, and Resource Identification** (chaired by Rex Burkholder)

- **Collaborative Partnerships and Branding** (co-chaired by Linda Robinson & team member to be named)

On December 3rd, the Governance subcommittee will begin reviewing a variety of agreements currently being used by several multi-agency projects in the Portland area, and evaluating how well each might work for the Gateway Green project. The Recreation and Sustainability subcommittee will meet for the first time on December 18th, while the Collaborative Partnership subcommittee will begin its work in January.

To receive notification about events (site tours and work

parties to clean-up trash or remove invasive species) and periodic project updates, sign up for one of the following:

- **Email updates at the Friends of Gateway Green website** (see URL below)
- **Friends of Gateway Green group on Facebook**
- **Gatewaygreenpdx on Twitter**

For more information about the Gateway Green project, and the process in general, please visit www.gatewaygreenpdx.org. You will also find some interesting maps at this site. More information about Oregon Solutions can be found at

www.orsolutions.org, and info about Oregon Solutions' role in the Gateway Green project at www.orsolutions.org/metro-hood/gatewaygreen.htm.

Gateway Green Project Team members who live or work in outer east Portland include: Brian Heron (East Portland Action Plan), Kim Freeman (Mt Hood Community College at Maywood Park), Glen Lewis (aloft hotel at Cascade Station), Chris Scarzello (Portland Planning & Sustainability's liaison to east Portland), and Linda Robinson (Friends of Gateway Green).



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PROSPERITY, BUSINESS SUCCESS & EQUITY

- 1 Unemployment Rate:** In September 2009, Multnomah County's unemployment rate topped 11.2%.
- 2 Job Growth:** While the regional economy continued to grow, the growth of new jobs in Portland was lagging. Between 1980 and 2000, Portland captured 27% of new regional jobs, but between 2000 and 2006, Portland captured only 11% of new regional jobs.
- 3 Neighborhood Business District Access:** 41% of Portland households live within a half mile of a neighborhood business district. Neighborhood businesses provide jobs and offer residents needed goods and services within walking distance of where they live.

EDUCATION & SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- 4 High School Graduation Rate:** 61% of our students graduate on time.
- 5 Adult Education Attainment:** 39% of Portlanders (age 25 and older) have at least a bachelors degree.
- 6 Aging Schools:** 80% of Portland school buildings were built before 1960. Only six out of 137 schools have been built since 1980.

ARTS, CULTURE & INNOVATION

- 7 Arts Funding:** The Portland region spends \$2.47 per capita on the arts.
- 8 Library Circulation:** Multnomah County Library ranks first in annual circulation of books and other materials among U.S. libraries serving fewer than 1 million residents.

SUSTAINABILITY & THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

- 9 Natural Areas and Watersheds:** Portland has 26,825 acres of environmentally sensitive natural areas — about 31% of the land area of Portland. Currently, about one-third of these areas are not protected.

10 Water Quality: While the Willamette River's water quality is rated "fair" to "good," the water quality of Portland's major streams that flow into the Willamette is either "poor" or "very poor."

11 Tree Canopy: Portland's tree canopy covers 26% of the city, which helps preserve watershed health and reduce runoff while improving the livability of our neighborhoods.

12 Energy Use: 69% of Portland's electricity comes from fossil fuels such as coal and natural gas.

HUMAN HEALTH, FOOD & PUBLIC SAFETY

13 Life Expectancy: A newborn infant in Multnomah County is expected to live an average of 77.3 years, which is less than the statewide average of 78.1 years.

14 Obesity: 53% of Multnomah County's adults and 10% of its youth are overweight or obese. An additional 10-15% of youth are at risk of becoming obese or overweight.

15 Access to Parks: Approximately 76% of Portland's population lives within a half mile of a park or natural area.

16 Access to Healthy Food: 60% of Portlanders are within a half mile of a full-service grocery store.

17 Sense of Safety: 31% of Portlanders said they feel safe walking alone downtown at night. 59% feel safe walking alone in their neighborhood at night.

18 Crime Rate: Since 1998, Portland's per capita crime rate has decreased by 55% for person crimes and 34% for property crimes.

QUALITY OF LIFE & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

19 Volunteerism: Of the 51 largest cities in the country, the Portland metro area ranks second in its rate of volunteerism. Nearly 39% of Portland adults participated in a volunteer activity and contributed more than 75 million hours of service in 2008.

20 Voter Turnout: In Multnomah County, 86% of registered voters participated in the 2008 General Election.

DESIGN, PLANNING & PUBLIC SPACES

21 Walkability: Portland's citywide walkscore is 66 out of a possible 100. Some neighborhoods, like Irvington (83), have very high walkscores, while other neighborhoods like Bridlemile (46), have lower walkscores. (www.walkscore.com)

22 Community Character: Portland has five major neighborhood types, each with a distinct character: 1) Central City; 2) Western Neighborhoods; 3) Inner Neighborhoods; 4) Eastern Neighborhoods; and 5) Industrial Districts.

NEIGHBORHOODS & HOUSING

23 Neighborhood Affordability - Combined Housing and Transportation Costs: On average Portlanders spend about 49% of their income on housing and transportation, while lower income families spend as much as 79%.

24 Range of Housing Options: Between 2004 and 2008, 62% of new housing units in Portland were apartments or condos. However, single family homes still make up 61% of the total housing stock in Portland.

TRANSPORTATION, TECHNOLOGY & ACCESS

25 How Portlanders Get To Work: 65% of Portlanders drive alone to work, 15% take transit, 8% bike, 8% carpool and 4% walk.

26 Vehicle Use: Portlanders travel an average of 16 miles per day by car, which is less than the national average of 23 miles per day.

27 Internet Access: As of 2007, about 72% of Oregon individuals over age three were living in households with Internet access, placing Oregon 13th out of the 50 states.

Portland Plan Workshops Draw Large Crowds

EAST PORTLANDERS SPEAK THEIR PIECE AT DAVID DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL

On Thursday, Nov. 19, 2009, more than 150 people filled the cafeteria at David Douglas High School. Two nights prior, almost 200 people came to a workshop at Beaumont Middle School. Clearly, Portlanders want to have their voices counted. And the Portland Plan offers more than one way to do that.

First, there will be more workshops. Visit www.pdxplan.com to see the timeline for the project. **Second**, Portlanders can fill out a survey online, "fan the plan" on Facebook (www.facebook.com/pdxplan) or follow us on Twitter (www.twitter.com/pdxplan).

Third, city staff are available to come and meet with groups who want to hear more about the Portland Plan and give their feedback in person. To schedule a Portland Plan presentation and discussion with your community group, please contact Marty Stockton at marty.stockton@ci.portland.or.us or (503) 823-2041.

Finally, we hope you'll spread the word. The more people involved in its creation, the better it will be. **More voices, better choices.**



Upper left: A diverse crowd attended the East Portland PDX Plan Workshop at David Douglas. Upper right: Mayor Sam Adams listens as Portlanders discuss issues of importance to their neighborhoods and the city. Lower left: The future of Portland gives the Plan a thumbs up (Mustafah Farah, a sophomore at PCC). Lower right: Trading pins show the icons for the nine action areas of the Portland Plan. Collect one; collect them all!

East Portland Community Center Pool officially receives LEED Platinum certification

By Linda Robinson

East Portlanders can now officially boast they have the first "green" pool in the nation to receive **LEED Platinum** recognition. The new aquatics center at **East Portland Community Center (EPCC)**, which opened in March, has formally received the **LEED Platinum** certification from the U.S. Green Building Council. Portland Parks & Recreation staff received notice of the certification today.

The **EPCC** aquatics center features one of Portland's largest solar arrays, while reducing energy use by up to 74 percent and water use by 54 percent over national standards. An innovative spa water reuse system also prevents 1,700 gallons per week from entering the

sewer system, while an advanced pool filtration system will save at least one million gallons of water a year.

Located at 740 SE 106th Avenue, the center houses three pools — a conventional lap pool for serious exercise buffs, a warm-water leisure pool for seniors and young children, and a whirlpool spa. Among the features which lifted the pool to **LEED Platinum** status:

- Rooftop solar photovoltaic panels that generate 15% of the community center's energy needs and include a solar hot water heating used to pre-heat water for showers.
- 100% of stormwater is retained and treated on-site.
- 30% potable water savings from low flow showers with metered controls, and low

flow faucets.

- Innovative pool filters significantly reduce the chlorine needed to treat the water and reduce the amount of water used by as much as one million gallons annually.
- Structural materials used as finish materials throughout, reduce the material usage by 25% when compared to a typical building.
- Heat recovered from air exhausted from the pool is used to heat the pool water.
- Light monitors facing north and south maximize natural illumination and reduce energy used by electric lighting by 60%.
- Diversion of over 95% of construction waste from landfill through extensive recycling.



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An impromptu band, the Gresham Infiltrators, sing about water quality and stormwater treatment at last year's Slough Celebration.

Slough celebration honors 2009 Award winners

By Melissa Sandoz

The Columbia Slough Watershed Council, a Portland-based non-profit, is hosting the eleventh annual Slough Celebration on Friday, January 29th. This evening fundraiser recognizes the 2009 Slough Award winners at 6:30pm at the Acadian Ballroom on NE

Alberta St.

Award categories include Leadership and Achievement, which respectively honor long-term individual commitments and one-year projects that support the Columbia Slough Watershed. The 2009 Award recipients have not yet been

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Portland Parks & Recreation acquires three new properties, including an expansion of Leach Botanical Garden, in outer east Portland

By Linda Robinson

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) has recently acquired three new properties, all located adjacent to existing park properties. "We are steadily moving forward with our commitment to acquire park properties east of I-205," notes Parks Commissioner Nick Fish. "These new acquisitions

will add to our existing parks, including the beautiful Leach Botanical Garden, and enable us to offer more recreational opportunities to residents in this part of our city."

Leach Botanical Garden

Leach Botanical Garden is located in a woodland hollow

carved by Johnson Creek. This botanical garden specializes in preserving the original John and Lilla Leach collection, as well as introducing northwest native plants through educational programs, conservation, and community involvement.

At less than 16 acres, the Garden has not had the room

needed to expand its collection or its education programs. The acquisition of an immediately adjacent .45 acre parcel, located at 6604 SE 122nd Avenue, will provide much-needed additional space. The purchase price for the property was \$175,000, funded by combined Park SDC (System Development Charge) acqui-

sition funds and Portland's share of Metro's voter-approved 2006 natural areas bond measure funds.

Knott Park

Located at NE 117th Avenue and Knott Street, Knott Park is currently a 12.4 acre park with several features, including ball

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Outer East Portland Parks & Green Spaces

By Dolores Wood

Outer East Portland has long been park-deficient compared to other parts of Portland. However, through efforts of volunteers and park advocates, that is beginning to change. Land acquisitions are underway to add park land and wetland natural areas to the Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood.

Gates Park, SE 136 Avenue north of Holgate Street, will connect Powell Butte to SE 136 Avenue with park land.

Acquisitions will also increase the natural area between Beggars Tick and Zenger Farms from SE 111 to SE 119 Avenue at the Springwater Corridor. Once these purchases are complete, planning can begin for a master plan for these areas. The Fury property, between SE 117 and SE 119 Avenue, and Zenger Farms and SE Reedway Street, has recently been surveyed for water mitigation. This former homestead may become part of the natural area needed to restore the urban wetlands in the mid Johnson Creek watershed. Wetlands restoration will greatly reduce the flooding which periodically affects the Lents, Pleasant Valley, and Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhoods.

The Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association, in co-operation with Portland Parks & Recreation and community volunteers, planted approximately 900 trees and shrubs on November 14th at SE 128th Avenue, along the Springwater Trail. Volunteers are needed to plant hundreds of wild flowers at the same location on January 30th, 9AM – Noon. Bring gloves if you have them. Water and doughnuts will be provided.

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Parkrose Heights Association of Neighbors

By Carol Williams

The holidays are now history but some of the resolutions we made are still to be accomplished. For those of you who pledged to get more exercise, try a walk in Knott Park. Even though it's winter, the park has much to offer. We have the walking/jogging path as well as the paved paths so you can choose. Don't forget to visit the kiosk located by the play area in the center of the park. Current neighborhood information is posted there. Some of the little animals are eager for a handout so put a few peanuts in your pockets and enjoy what nature has to offer.

At our General Meeting on January 26, 2010, our featured speaker will be Representative Jefferson Smith. He always has wonderful information to share and will answer questions that you may have about what is going on in Salem, especially items

that will affect us. Please be sure to mark 7 p.m. on that date for a very informative evening.

We are going to start planning for National Night Out 2010 at our board meetings which are held on the third Tuesday of each month, except December. We would welcome your input and help. All our meetings are open meetings and we encourage you to participate. All meetings are held at Parkrose United Methodist Church, 11111 NE Knott. Board meetings are held as stated above and General Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesdays of January, March, June and September. All meetings are scheduled at 7 p.m. We hope we're on your list of resolutions for this year! We'd love to have you participate!

Guinea Pigs in Centennial?

By Tom Lewis

Hard work done by Portland State University students made us Guinea Pigs in Centennial community by showing us how to organize.

When St. Timothy Lutheran Church applied for a small grant within the Centennial Community Association boundary, through East Portland Neighborhood Office, to help reach out into the community, not many would foresee the methods. As partners were pulled together, in September the students began a systematic canvassing of our neighbors, finding similarities: convenience, stores, transportation, Powell Butte, diversity of neighbors, neighbors being supportive of one another, and good schools with after school programs. They also discovered with our

similar concerns, we could have less crime, cleaner streets, and make improvements to traffic safety. We could also add kid's space, community gardens and help with homelessness.

The numbers proved that we are willing to gather around common concerns. A few that are being addressed are Powell Butte Nature Park Improvements, establishing a Friends of Parklane Park to help see the master plan developed, support of SUN School programs, Josiah Hill Clinic lead testing, meeting spaces opened through area churches, "One Six Two Neighborhood Watch," and the "All In" gathering at Harold Oliver Intermediate school at the December Centennial Community Association meeting.

Russell Neighborhood Association held a meeting and a conversation happened

Russell Neighborhood Association

By Bonny McKnight

Russell Neighborhood Association meets every month on the third Thursday evening, with just a few exceptions in the summer and in December. Usually those meetings are pretty much completing an agenda full of information about what changes are likely to take place around us.

Why the November, 2009, Russell Neighborhood Association Meeting was different

On November 19, beginning at 7:00 pm, in the Conference Room of Western States Chiropractic College, our normal public meeting place provided by our partners at the college, we started with an agenda as usual. We began our agenda

discussion of the possible impacts of the Portland Plan on our neighborhood. To focus the discussion a little, we started with questions that were being asked in the first phase of the Portland Plan public process.

How a Meeting Turned into a Conversation among Neighbors

We began with the first of 17 Portland Plan questions, and couldn't get beyond the third on the list. Suddenly, we began taking some personal interest in and responsibility for what we might do within Russell Neighborhood Association to use our own human effort and available resources to work on answers for the citywide problems where we live. At that point, feeling that the issues were too huge for us to really deal with, the con-

versation turned into how to reach our neighbors through methods that reflected their interests, not just meeting notices.

January, 2010 and Acting on the Conversation

Our meeting for the January 21, 2010 Russell Neighborhood Association meeting will be different. It will begin turning our agenda into an action plan for what we can do, along with our neighbors, to find our own ways of dealing with problems which can't wait.

If you too are impatient, please join us. The meeting will be from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at the Hampton Hall Conference Room of Western States Chiropractic College, 2900 NE 132nd.

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Powellhurst-Gilbert goes platinum

By Mark White

The very first Earth Advantage platinum housing development in Powellhurst-Gilbert is now complete, and there are still a few units left for people wanting high quality affordable housing in Powellhurst-Gilbert.

This beautiful 10 unit courtyard design is located in the heart of Powellhurst-Gilbert on SE 122nd at SE Pardee, just south of SE Holgate. In addition to the units being certified platinum by Earth Advantage, they are also certified for the Oregon Department of Energy new high performance homes program. The project is a collaboration of Cityhouse, the Portland Development Commission, and Proud Ground.

The development consists of five cottages and five townhomes with features such as wood flooring throughout, upgraded insulation, and efficient water systems. Some units even have a finished



basement. Efforts have been made to increase energy efficiency and reduce the environmental footprint by utilizing renewable energy production, a climate responsive building envelope, and green interiors. All homes are permanently affordable to families earning 50-80% of the area's median income, which for a family of three is \$31,500 to \$50,400.

With all of the substandard and down right awful housing

development that has come to the Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood, especially in the last 10 years, it is wonderful to have a high quality and affordable development in the heart of the neighborhood. Not to mention some great new neighbors! For more information, check out <http://www.pardeecommons.com> or <http://www.proud-ground.org>.

Why Jane's Park Group and why Midland Park?

By Bonny McKnight

Jane's Park Group was formed more than 5 years ago to preserve the natural park area behind Midland Library in recognition of the exceptional efforts of Jane Baker, deceased Chair of Hazelwood Neighborhood Association, to preserve this little bit of natural area in rapidly urbanizing East Portland.

Why Is Midland Park Unique

When Jane died, a group of her friends formed Jane's Park Group as a project of the Russell Neighborhood Association. The goal was to keep Midland Park as natural as possible while also using it as an illustration of our natural environment for school children needing a living learning lab or for East Portland residents who simply sought a quiet oasis in the increased noise and traffic that would become more and more a feature of East Portland life.

Making Sure Jane's Park Group Goals Are Continued in 2010

Jane's Park Group holds to that mission and will be

demonstrating some new opportunities to continue reaching those goals as we work in 2010. There are some other efforts going on in the next few months that will have real impact on how well we can avoid having this small park area become all that is left of our unique and valuable natural settings and remaining green areas in East Portland.

Regulatory Options to Be Heard by City Council Early This Year

To make sure Midland Park does not become one of the rare natural areas left in East Portland, Jane's Park Group urges you to take some interest in the two opportunities to protect our natural living area which are described after this article. The results of these Council decisions will become part of how we saved some of our remaining living resources, or what we regret not having done when we had the chance. Please read what follows.

Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project

By Roberta Jortner
Bureau of Planning & Sustainability

Coming soon: Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project proposed draft. The project helps implement the City of Portland's Urban Forest Management Action

Plan. The project is charged with establishing a consistent, cohesive regulatory framework for Portland's trees while helping protect and enhance the urban forest. The proposed draft will be released in January and considered by the Planning Commission and Urban

Forestry Commission in February 2010. If you'd like more information, or to be placed on the project mailing list, email BOPCTP@ci.portland.or.us, or go to the project website at www.portlandonline.com/planning/tree project.

Three new parks: *continued from page 7*

fields and disabled access play areas. To expand the park, PP&R has purchased an immediately adjacent .46 acre property at 11510 NE Knott Street. The purchase price was \$170,000, funded by Parks SDC acquisition funds.

Gates Park

Gates Park, a 7.5-acre site located on SE 136 Avenue between Holgate Boulevard

and Mall Street, was acquired in order to provide a future park in the Powellhurst-Gilbert neighborhood. Starting in December 2008, several enhancements including the removal of invasive plants, site grading, and the installation of soft paths, open lawn, signage, and seating areas, has made the park much more accessible for the neighborhood.

The purchase of an adjacent 1.5 acre property at 13915 SE Holgate Blvd. will enlarge the park. There are currently two houses on the property that may need to be demolished at such time as Gates Park is more fully developed. The property was purchased for \$379,000, funded by Parks SDC acquisition funds.

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Invasive Plant Management proposal

By Bonny McKnight

The Portland Planning Commission endorsed a regulatory improvement proposal to help implement the City's Invasive Plant Management Strategy in November, 2009. The proposal updates the Portland Plant List to provide more information on invasive plants and establish priority ranks for nuisance plants.

The proposal includes clarifying and strengthening code requirements relating to removal of invasive plants on development sites, establish requirements to remove certain types of invasive plants whenever they are found to keep them from becoming

widespread, and would establish a new process for keeping the Portland Plant List current as information about negative impacts of certain plant species changes.

The proposal is expected to go to public hearing before the Portland City Council in January 2010. The date is to be set shortly. For more information or to be placed on the project mailing list go to <http://www.portlandonline.com/bps/index.cfm?c=51202> or contact Tricia Sears, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, at 503-823-1174 and tricia.sears@ci.portland.or.us.

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Monday, January 4

East Portland Action Plan Economic Development Subcommittee, 4-6pm, Human Solutions Community Room, 12350 SE Powell. Contact Lore Wintergreen at 503-823-4035 or lore.wintergreen@ci.portland.or.us.

Neighborhood Emergency Team, 6-8pm. Sunnyside SDA Church, 10501 SE Market. Contact Teri Poppino, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator, 503-823-5532 or tpoppino@ci.portland.or.us.

Tuesday, January 5

East Precinct Citizen's Advisory Committee, 6-8pm, East Precinct Community Room, 737 SE 106th.

Wilkes Community Group, 7-9pm, Margaret Scott Elementary School Library, 14700 NE Sacramento. General meeting. Contact Alice Blatt, 503-253-6247 or aliceb@pacifier.com.

Wednesday, January 6

East Portland Neighborhood Organization, 7-9pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Call EPNO at 503-823-4550 for info.

Thursday, January 7

East Portland Parks Coalition, 6:30-8:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Advisory committee. Contact Alesia Reese at 503-253-4414 or alesia-jmr@yahoo.com.

Saturday, January 9

Fix-it Fair, 8:30am-2pm. David Douglas High School, 1001 SE 135th Ave. Questions? 503-823-4309 or visit fixitfair@ci.portland.or.us or www.portlandonline.com/bps/fif.

Monday, January 11

Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Ron Russell Middle School, 3955 SE 112th. General meeting. Contact PGNA President Mark White, 503-761-0222 or markwhite@spiritone.com.

Tuesday, January 12

Centennial Community Association, 7-8:50pm, Harold Oliver Intermediate School, 15840 SE Taylor St, Room 65. General meeting. Contact CCA Chair Tom Lewis 503-253-5025 or GAMODATO@aol.com.

Greening of Powellhurst-Gilbert, 6:00pm, Human Solutions Community Room, 12350 SE Powell. Contact Dolores Wood, 503-760-6773 or pgna_greening@yahoo.com.

Powellhurst-Gilbert Outreach and Membership, 7:00pm, Human Solutions Community Room, 12350 SE Powell. Contact Shemia Fagan at shemiafagan@gmail.com.

Powellhurst-Gilbert Public Safety, 8:00pm, Human Solutions Community Room, 12350 SE Powell. Contact Tom Barnes, 503-761-6614 or omdy12@gmail.com

Wednesday, January 13

East Portland Land Use & Transportation Committee, 6:30-8:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Contact Linda Bauer at 503-761-2941 or lbauerpvna@aol.com.

Thursday, January 14

Lents Neighborhood Association, 6:30-8:30pm, New Copper Penny, 5932 SE 92nd & Foster. Board meeting. Contact LNA Chair Damien Chakwin at 503-282-5819 or damien@ilovelents.com.

Monday, January 18

East Portland Action Plan Transportation Growth Management Subcommittee, 6-8pm, Human Solutions Community Room, 12350 SE Powell. Contact Lore Wintergreen at 503-823-4035 or lore.wintergreen@ci.portland.or.us to confirm.

Hazelwood Neighborhood Association, 6:30-8:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. General meeting. Contact HNA President Arlene Kimura, 503-252-9429 or Arlene.kimura@kraft.com.

Tuesday, January 19

Radon: Protecting your Family, 7-8 PM, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117.

Argay Neighborhood Association, 6-7:30pm, Fire Station #2, 4800 NE 122nd. General meeting. Contact Argay Info 503-256-5579 or argayinfo@yahoo.com.

Parkrose Heights Association of Neighbors, 7-9pm, Parkrose United Methodist Church, 11111 NE Knott. Board meeting. Contact PHAN Chair Carol Williams at 503-255-9596 or carolsmailbox@msn.com.

Parkrose Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Faithful Savior Ministries, 11100 NE Skidmore. General meeting. Contact PNA Chair Mary Walker at 503-252-2146 or parkrosephoenix@gmail.com.

Wednesday, January 20

Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Pleasant Valley Grange Hall 17115 SE Foster Road. General meeting. Contact LNA Linda Bauer at 503-761-2941 or lbauerpvna@aol.com.

Thursday, January 21

Citywide Landlord Forum, 6:30-8:30pm, East Precinct, 737 SE 106th. Contact Rosanne Lee, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator, 503-823-3505 or rosanne.lee@ci.portland.or.us.

East Portland Action Plan Bike Subcommittee, 6:30-8:30pm, Muchas Gracias, 1307 NE 102nd. Meets 3rd Thursday each month. Contact David Hampsten at 971-322-6599 or email david_hampsten@yahoo.com

Russell Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Western States Chiropractic College, 2900 NE 132nd. General meeting. Call RNA Chair Bonny McKnight at 503-253-6848 or bonnymck@comcast.net.

Monday, January 25

Partners for a Safe & Livable Portland (PSLEP), 6-7:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Call Arlene Kimura at 503-252-9429 or arlene.kimura@kraft.com.

Tuesday, January 26

East Portland Action Plan Communications Subcommittee, 5:30-7:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Contact Lore Wintergreen at 503-823-4035 or lore.wintergreen@ci.portland.or.us.

Lents Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Lents Adventist Church Gym, 8835 SE Woodstock. General meeting. Contact LNA Chair Damien Chakwin, 503-282-5819, damien@ilovelents.com. Meets the fourth Tuesday each month except December.

Parkrose Heights Association of Neighbors, 7-9pm, Parkrose United Methodist Church, 11111 NE Knott. General meeting. Contact PHAN Chair Carol Williams at 503-255-9596 or carolsmailbox@msn.com

Wednesday, January 27

East Portland Action Plan Committee, 6:30-8:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Contact Lore Wintergreen at 503-823-4035 or lore.wintergreen@ci.portland.or.us.

Thursday, January 28

Glenfair Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Open Arms SDA Church, 15150 NE Glisan. General meeting. Contact GNA Chair David Lister at 360-910-2676 or ListerDJ@ah.org.

Saturday, January 30

Fix-it Fair, 8:30am-2pm. Parkrose High School, 12003 NE Shaver. Questions? 503-823-4309 or fixitfair@ci.portland.or.us or www.portlandonline.com/bps/fif

East Portland Neighborfair, 2-4pm, Midland Regional Library, 805 SE 122nd, Contact Naomi Angier, Midland Library, naomia@multcolib.org, 503-988-5735.

Monday, February 1

East Portland Action Plan Economic Development Subcommittee, 4-6pm, Human Solutions Community Room, 12350 SE Powell. Contact Lore Wintergreen at 503-823-4035 or lore.wintergreen@ci.portland.or.us to confirm.

Neighborhood Emergency Team, 6-8pm. Sunnyside SDA Church, 10501 SE Market. Contact Teri Poppino, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator, 503-823-5532 or tpoppino@ci.portland.or.us.

Tuesday, February 2

East Precinct Citizen's Advisory 6-8pm, East Precinct

Community Room, 737 SE 106th.

Wilkes Community Group, 7-9pm, Margaret Scott Elementary School Library, 14700 NE Sacramento. General meeting. Contact Alice Blatt, 503-253-6247 or aliceb@pacifier.com.

Wednesday, February 3

East Portland Neighborhood Organization, 7-9pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th.

Thursday, February 4

East Portland Parks Coalition, 6:30-8:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Advisory committee. Contact Alesia Reese at 503-253-4414 or alesia-jmr@yahoo.com.

Saturday, February 6

Parkrose High School "Bronco Boosters" Can Collection, 9am-1pm, Parkrose Middle School, 11800 NE Shaver. Donations of refundable plastics/cans/bottles to support the PHS Scholarship Program. Call Dave Luce at 503-255-3745.

Monday, February 8

Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Ron Russell Middle School, 3955 SE 112th. General meeting. Contact PGNA President Mark White, 503-761-0222 or markwhite@spiritone.com.

Tuesday, February 9

Centennial Community Association, 7-8:50pm, Harold Oliver Intermediate School, 15840 SE Taylor St, Room 65. General meeting. Contact CCA Chair Tom Lewis 503-253-5025 or GAMODATO@aol.com.

Greening of Powellhurst-Gilbert, 6:00pm, Human Solutions Community Room, 12350 SE Powell. Contact Dolores Wood at 503-760-6773 or pgna_greening@yahoo.com.

Powellhurst-Gilbert Outreach and Membership, 7:00pm, Human Solutions Community Room, 12350 SE Powell. Contact Shemia Fagan at shemiafagan@gmail.com.

Powellhurst-Gilbert Public Safety, 8:00pm, Human Solutions Community Room, 12350 SE Powell. Contact Tom Barnes at 503-761-6614 or omdy12@gmail.com

Wednesday, February 10

East Portland Land Use & Transportation Committee, 6:30-8:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Contact Linda Bauer at 503-761-2941 or lbauerpvna@aol.com.

Thursday, February 11

Lents Neighborhood Association, 6:30-8:30pm, New Copper Penny, 5932 SE 92nd & Foster. Board meeting. Contact LNA Chair Damien Chakwin at 503-282-5819 or damien@ilovelents.com.

Monday, February 15

Hazelwood Neighborhood Association, 6:30-8:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Board

meeting. Contact HNA Chair Arlene Kimura at 503-252-9429 or arlene.kimura@kraft.com.

Tuesday, February 16

Argay Neighborhood Association, 6-7:30pm, Fire Station #2, 4800 NE 122nd. Board meeting. Contact Argay Info 503-256-5579 or argayinfo@yahoo.com.

Parkrose Heights Association of Neighbors, 7-9pm, Parkrose United Methodist Church, 11111 NE Knott. Board meeting. Contact PHAN Chair Carol Williams at 503-255-9596 or carolsmailbox@msn.com.

Parkrose Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Faithful Savior Ministries, 11100 NE Skidmore. General meeting. Contact PNA Chair Mary Walker at 503-252-2146 or parkrosephoenix@gmail.com.

Thursday, February 18

Russell Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Western States Chiropractic College, 2900 NE 132nd. General meeting. Call Bonny McKnight at 503-253-6848 or bonnymck@comcast.net.

Citywide Landlord Forum, 6:30-8:30pm, East Precinct, 737 SE 106th. Contact Rosanne Lee, Crime Prevention Program Coordinator, 503-823-3505 or rosanne.lee@ci.portland.or.us.

East Portland Action Plan Bike Subcommittee, 6:30-8:30pm, Muchas Gracias, 1307 NE 102nd. Meets 3rd Thursday each month. Contact David Hampsten at 971-322-6599 or david_hampsten@yahoo.com

Monday, February 22

Partners for a Safe & Livable Portland (PSLEP), 6:00-7:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Call Arlene Kimura at 503-252-9429 or arlene.kimura@kraft.com.

Tuesday, February 23

East Portland Action Plan Communications Subcommittee, 5:30-7:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Contact Lore Wintergreen at 503-823-4035 or email lore.wintergreen@ci.portland.or.us.

Lents Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Lents Adventist Church Gym, 8835 SE Woodstock. General meeting. Contact LNA Chair Damien Chakwin, 503-282-5819 or damien@ilovelents.com.

Wednesday, February 24

East Portland Action Plan Committee, 6:30-8:30pm, East Portland Neighborhood Office, 1017 NE 117th. Contact Lore Wintergreen at 503-823-4035 or lore.wintergreen@ci.portland.or.us.

Thursday, February 25

Glenfair Neighborhood Association, 7-9pm, Open Arms SDA Church, 15150 NE Glisan. Board meeting. Contact PVNA Chair David Lister at 360-910-2676 or ListerDJ@ah.org.

Newsletter continues to grow



Photo by Alesia Reese

Bonny McKnight and Mark White.

By Alesia Reese

Your newsletter comes to you through the hard work of volunteers, including the Newsletter Committee

with active members like Bonny McKnight, Russell Neighborhood Chair, and Mark White, Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Chair. As the newsletter has evolved into the bright and colorful paper you see today, it needs the help of neighborhood residents to write articles and submit photos.

The newsletter, free to East Portland households, is the place to meet your neighbors and get to know your neighborhood associations.

SE 122nd Avenue Pilot Project – February workshop next

By Julia Gisler
Bureau of Planning and Sustainability

The SE 122nd Pilot Project, conducted by the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, is exploring ways to create a more vibrant, sustainable, and healthy SE 122nd Avenue corridor in the future. The study focuses on the areas along and near SE 122nd Avenue between SE Division Street and SE Foster Road.

A kickoff meeting was held in July, followed by a series of Neighborhood Walks in July and September. A community workshop in December focused on neighborhood businesses and services, and ways to make getting around in the area safer and more convenient. A workshop focusing on the design of future new buildings and developments is tentatively scheduled for February.

For more information on the project and the upcoming community workshop contact the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability at 503-823-7700 or visit the web: www.portlandonline.com/bps/se122study.

East Portland Neighborhoods



Parkrose Heights Association of Neighbors
Carol Williams
503-255-9596
carolmailbox@msn.com



Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7:00pm
Parkrose United Methodist Church
11111 NE Knott Street



Parkrose Neighborhood Association
Mary Walker
503-252-2146
parkrose20@gmail.com



Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 7:00pm
Faithful Savior Ministries
11100 NE Skidmore



Argay Neighborhood Association
John Prochovnic
503-757-6403
argayinfo@yahoo.com

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 19, 6:00pm
Fire Station #2, Conference Room
4800 NE 122nd Avenue



Russell Neighborhood Association
Bonny McKnight
503-253-6848
bonnymck@comcast.net



Next Meeting:
Thursday, Jan. 21, 7:00pm
Western Chiropractic College,
Hampton Hall
2900 NE 132nd Avenue



Woodland Park Neighborhood Association
Alesia Reese
503-253-4414
alesiajmr@yahoo.com



Next Meeting:
Thursday, April. 22, 6:30pm
East Portland Neighborhood Office
1017 NE 117th Avenue.



Hazelwood Neighborhood Association
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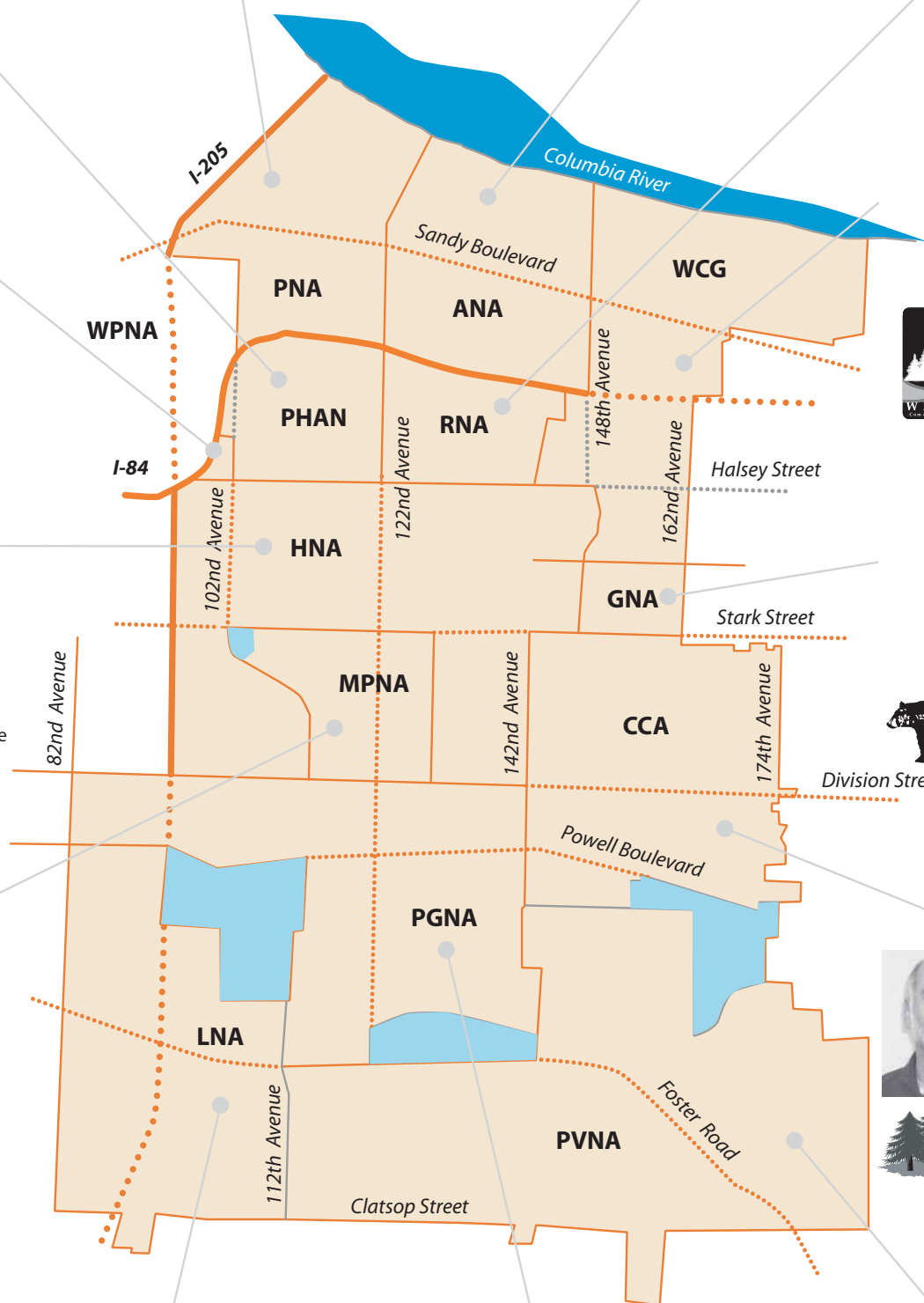


Next Meeting:
Monday, Jan. 18, 6:30pm
East Portland Neighborhood Office
1017 NE 117th Avenue



Mill Park Neighborhood Association
Rosemarie Opp
503-256-4591

Next Meeting:
To Be Determined
Midland Library
805 SE 122nd Avenue



Wilkes Community Group
Alice Blatt
503-253-6247
aliceb@pacifier.com



Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 5, 7:00pm
Margaret Scott Elementary
School Library
14700 NE Sacramento



Glenfair Neighborhood Association
David Lister
360-910-2676
listerdj@ah.org



Next Meeting:
Thursday, Jan. 28, 7:00pm
Open Arms SDA Church
15150 NE Glisan



Centennial Community Association
Tom Lewis
503-253-5025
gamodato@aol.com



Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7:00pm
Harold Oliver Inter. School
15840 SE Taylor St., Room 65



Lents Neighborhood Association
Damien Chakwin
503-282-5819
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Next Meeting:
Tuesday, Jan. 26, 7:00pm
Lents Adventist Church Gym
8835 SE Woodstock Boulevard



Powellhurst-Gilbert Neighborhood Association
Mark White
503-761-0222
markpdx@spiritone.com

Next Meeting:
Monday, Jan. 11, 7:00pm
Ron Russell Middle School
3955 SE 112th Avenue



Pleasant Valley Neighborhood Association
Linda Bauer
503-761-2941
lbauerpvna@aol.com



Next Meeting:
Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7:00pm
Pleasant Valley Grange Hall
17115 SE Foster Road

Maywood Park Campus, Mt. Hood Community College

By Kim Freeman

There is always something going on at Mt. Hood Community College's (MHCC) Maywood Park Campus! We serve more than 700 students, including business and community partners, and run several exciting programs. Examples include:

- **Life Education for Adults at Parkrose (LEAP):** For the second year in a row, the Maywood Park Campus and Parkrose High School are offering exciting classes to help graduates transition to new opportunities after high school.
- **The Sustainable Building Adviser Program:** This is a noncredit program organized in nine weekend ses-

sions for professionals who wish to create environmentally responsible and cost-effective buildings.

- **Workforce Training Classes:** In partnership with the Oregon Employment Department,

and family support services for low-income pregnant women and families with children younger than five years old who reside in East County outside Portland Public Schools.

And that's not all. Our Community Skills Center, a state-of-the-art computer lab, allows students to register and begin classes anytime throughout the year. These classes are self-paced and designed to meet the latest job market demands. The Maywood Park Campus is a vibrant place where we celebrate community connections! For more information, please contact Kim Freeman, Dean of economic and workforce development, at 503-491-6161 or Kim.Freeman@mhcc.edu.



we offer several classes to assist community members affected by the economic downturn.

- **MHCC's Head Start Program:** This program offers child development



Photo by Alesia Reese

Annette Mattson, OSBA President, and Barbara Rommel, Superintendent of David Douglas School District.

David Douglas is acknowledged

By Alesia Reese

David Douglas took several honors at the Oregon School Boards Convention. OSBA President Annette Mattson, 2008-2009 President, was recognized for her outstanding leadership during the past year. Her guidance of the OSBA has resulted in a level of professionalism and growth highly prized by school district leaders throughout the state.

As Superintendent Barbara Rommel closes her career at David Douglas, all agreed the profound changes in the District have been expertly handled by her and the staff of the District. Annette and Barbara welcomed the accomplished David Douglas Jazz Band to the Convention, a highly prized invitation, which entertained state education leaders and their guests.

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announced, but previous winners include Reynolds Middle School teacher Keelin Sanger, Hazelwood Neighborhood Association board member Linda Robinson, Friends of Trees, and the Port of Portland's Airport Wildlife Hazard Management program.

The public is invited to help recognize the 2009 Award winners at this year's Slough Celebration. The crowd of 200 is typically made up of government officials, environmental professionals, Slough enthusiasts and watershed residents. The

evening will include an hors d'oeuvre buffet, champagne toast, award presentations, raffle prizes and a live swing band. Tickets are \$40, and are available on the Council's website at www.columbiaslough.org.

"It's not your typical award celebration," said Jane Van Dyke, Executive Director for the Council. "We're a lighthearted group, so we like to honor our award winners in a special way. The Slough Celebration is about having fun while we celebrate all the good work in the watershed that took place in 2009."

Parkrose School District Board scores

By Alesia Reese

During the Oregon School Boards Convention, held at the Downtown Marriott, Parkrose School Board



was recognized for its Continuing Leadership and the community activities of its board. Long time school board member, Katie Larsell, announced her resignation from the Board. Katie will be finalizing her post graduate education and career path. Katie has provided the Parkrose community with strength and compassion and will be missed. The Parkrose School Board will begin the replacement process in January.



Above: Parkrose School Board member Ed Grassel and Jan Grassel.



Right: Superintendent Karen Gray

Parkrose Bronco Waterpolo Girls – Waterpolo 5a State Champions

By Sanjay Bedi
Athletic Director

The Girls first beat West Albany 13-11 on Friday in the semi finals. They then played powerhouse Ashland in the finals on Saturday, a team that has been thoroughly beating teams all season long. The Bronco girls came to play, and play they did, beating Ashland with a resounding 16-9 win to take the State title. Outstanding team play by all members.

Boys Waterpolo 5a State 2nd Place – The Boys beat West Albany 12-9 on Friday in the semi finals. They then played Ashland in the finals on Saturday. They played hard for 4 straight quarters battling goal for goal and taking a lead into the 4th quarter. Ashland battled back and scored in the last 30 seconds to take an 11-10 lead and win.

Congratulations to coaches Gary Muzzy & Ben Talbott & both boys & girls teams for a great season! Thanks to all

the parents, family members, and fans that came to support the team. Great bronco crowd!

The Parkrose Elite Dance Team competed at Clackamas this past weekend and swept

in all their categories, taking 1st place in modern, 1st place in hip hop, and 1st place in the fall challenge routine! Two girls also placed in the top 5 in the Novice Drill Down.

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