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To submit an article, please email Angela Southwick at angela@nwnw.org.

Community Support Sends Local Activists to International Summit



Picture: Barb Lescher, PHLUSH Representative (right) meets with Tan Puay Hoon, President, Restroom Association of Singapore (left)

Thanks to supporters in Old Town Chinatown and beyond, PHLUSH was represented at the recent World Toilet Summit in Singapore. Public Hygiene Lets Us Stay Human is the public restroom advocacy group within the Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association (OTCTNA). At the Summit, Barb Lescher presented the PHLUSH Public Restroom Design Principles that OTCTNA adopted last year, while Carol McCreary presented Portland case studies. Serving as fiscal sponsor, Neighbors West-Northwest managed the effort to raise funds for the two round trip tickets from more than 80 contributors.

In 2010 PHLUSH will serve on a technical advisory committee co-chaired by the International Code Council and the World Toilet Organization to produce a Global Guideline on Public Toilet Design. Tasked with coordinating the working group on restroom security and CPTED (Crime Prevention through Environmental Design), PHLUSH looks forward to collaborating with ONI [Portland] Crime Prevention experts as well as with architects and designers worldwide.

For more information:

Carol McCreary, Co-Founder
Public Hygiene Lets Us Stay Human (PHLUSH)
c/o Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association
115 SW Ash Street #400G, Portland, OR 97204
503.984.4081, phlush@oldtownchinatown.com
<http://phlush.org/>



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11 NWNW Neighborhood Small Grants Awarded in 2010!

The Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement & Neighbors West-Northwest sponsor the Neighborhood Small Grant Program to provide neighborhood and community organizations an opportunity to build community, attract new and diverse members and sustain those already involved. For more information, visit www.nwnw.org/GrantProgram.html. The 2010 grant recipients include:

- **3D Center of Art & Photography**
3 X 3D
\$900.00
- **Elders in Action**
Grand Works Northwest Art Festival
\$1,400.00
- **Friendly House**
Friendly House Outreach & Marketing Project
\$1,400.00
- **Goose Hollow Foothills League**
Goose Hollow Neighborhood Flags and Banners
\$2,400.00
- **Hand2Mouth Theater**
Hand-In-Hand Theater Outreach
\$1,400.00
- **Neighbors For Clean Air**
Oregonair.org Website
\$900.00
- **Northwest District Association**
Slabtown Plan Public Workshops
\$1,900.00
- **Oregon Nikkei Endowment**
Japanese American Historical Plaza Rededication
\$2,900.00
- **Pearl District Neighborhood Association**
Pearl Picnic
\$3,346.00
- **Sisters of the Road**
Empowered Voices Media Project
\$2,400.00
- **Sylvan Highlands Neighborhood Association**
Community Building with Outreach Events
\$2,400.00



Neighbors West-Northwest seeks volunteers to help coordinate our annual fundraiser: a performance at Coho Theater. Volunteers will secure raffle prizes, sell tickets to the play, publicize the event, and more. To volunteer, please email events@nwnw.org or call Angela at 503.823.4211.

Opportunity for Linnton Business District Revitalization

by Brian Hoop, Linnton President

In January 2010, the Portland Development Commission and the City of Portland will announce the Main Street Program, offering, through a competitive process, opportunities for a limited number of neighborhood business districts located outside urban renewal areas to receive both financial and technical assistance to rebuild their economic vitality.

Once organized, local Main Street programs provide a supportive network, business assistance, technical resources, and continuous promotions that help keep shopping dollars local and the commercial district less susceptible to an economic downturn. In essence, the Main Street Program is a self-help initiative, building organizational capacity for the participating districts.

Linnton will have an opportunity to learn more about this program at the January 6 neighborhood meeting, 7 PM, Linnton Community Center. Claudia Plaza, Main Street Coordinator with the PDC, will speak about the program.

A town hall on the program will be held Thursday, January 14, 6:30 PM, at the Friendship Masonic Center, 5626

NE Alameda Street. A training session for interested communities will be held February 2nd and 3rd with applications due May 7.

This program is one strategy recently adopted by City Council as part of a new Economic Development Strategy with the goal of building a sustainable economy through neighborhood business vitality.

Each district selected will receive financial and technical assistance and intensive training in the Main Street Approach. In turn, each neighborhood forms a Main Street organization that hires a full time program manager, raises matching funds, incorporates its organization, and implements its programs according to an annual work plan based on the unique characteristics of each district. Staff and volunteers then draw upon the skills and experience of local stakeholders to revitalize their district.

To learn more contact Claudia Plaza, Main Street Coordinator, PDC, 503-823-3234, plazac@pdc.us, or go to: www.pdc.us/bus_serv/business_support/mainstreet.asp

Oral History Documentary Film Screening at Skyline Grange

by Jim Emerson, Forest Park Neighborhood Association

Please join Forest Park Neighborhood Association and Skyline Ridge Neighbors for a screening of a new Oral History Documentary by members of our community: CACO, the Cambodian-American Community Organization.

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010
Time: 7:00 p.m. (doors open 6:40)
Place: 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.
(West of Skyline, between Newberry & McNamee Roads)

In this 30-minute film coordinated by Cambodian-American youth leaders, a cross-section of young people interview parents and grandparents about the traumas experienced in Cambodia, their journeys to America, and the ways that time and community support have helped to re-integrate their lives.

The film is part of a "healing by sharing" process which crosses intergenerational, international, and intercultural gaps. CACO is engaging and educating the whole community with screenings at educational institutions and neighborhood associations. Creation of the film was supported in part by grants from the Kaiser Permanente Community Fund's NW Health Foundation and the City of Portland's Vision into Action Coalition. The primary grantor goal is to advance the "social determinants of health" by identifying social, policy, and environmental factors that affect community health. We all have an interest in our community's health, and in welcoming the voices in our neighborhood. We hope you will attend and enjoy this film screening.

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What Future Do We Want for the West Hills

by Jim Emerson on behalf of FPNA Planning Committee

Do you value healthy streams, farms, and forested hillsides in the West Hills?

Do you like having a herd of elk within 15 minutes of downtown?

Do you want to protect farms growing local food?

Multnomah County has a unique opportunity to protect these rural resources.

Multnomah County and Metro will soon decide which natural resources, farm, and forest lands should be protected from urban development for at least 40 years in Rural Reserves. They will also decide where urban growth should go for the next 40 to 50 years.

Rural Reserves won't restrict any currently allowed land uses. They only prevent urban development for 40 to 50 years.

Malinowski Farms on Springville Road grows organic produce, eggs and beef sold at the Portland and Cedar Mill Farmer's Markets, and at Food Front and Alberta Co-ops. Nearby Beovich Farms also grows vegetables sold locally. These profitable farms provide local food security and want to be in Rural Reserves.

Important natural resources like

headwater streams, elk habitat, and forests for sensitive birds such as Pileated Woodpeckers surround Forest Park. The hills are a regional landmark, visible for miles.

The City of Portland is concerned that new urban development in the West Hills could harm Forest Park, streams, and wildlife habitat around the park. They want to accommodate future growth inside the city, which allows them to invest in improving existing communities like Gateway. Investing inside the city will also help reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The city recommended Rural Reserves.

The county's Reserves Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) recommended protecting all rural land in the West Hills with Rural Reserves. The Planning Commission, four local neighborhood associations (including Forest Park Neighborhood, Hillside, and NWDA), Forest Park Conservancy, Tualatin Riverkeepers, SaveHelvetia, and State Rep. Mitch Greenlick agree.

But County Commissioner Jeff Cogen wants more public input to help the county make these decisions.

Commissioner Cogen has proposed no Rural Reserve protection for most of

the West Hills. He also wants 500 acres of area farms, including Malinowski Farms, to be considered for urban development, even though the CAC and City of Portland analysis concluded that the area is not a good choice for urban development.

In December, the county board voted 4-1 to support Commissioner Cogen's proposal, but a final decision won't be made until February and public input is still welcome.

Elk or executive homes? Healthy Streams or new subdivisions? Local farms or lawns? What future do you want for the West Hills?

Don't let these critical decisions be made without your input. Email the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and Metro Council at:

mult.chair@co.multnomah.or.us
district2@co.multnomah.or.us
district1@co.multnomah.or.us
district3@co.multnomah.or.us
district4@co.multnomah.or.us
metro council@oregonmetro.gov

or send your email to fpna-reserves@earthlink.net and it will be forwarded to all the right elected officials. For more information, visit www.nwnw.org/ForestParkReserves.html

Pearl Talks!

Construction Cranes Not Extinct in the Pearl

By Bruce Levy, PDNA Board Member

People who work and inhabit the Pearl District will be heartened by the flurry of construction coming soon. The economic slowdown has been a pause in development; not a total cessation. Planning has continued all along, and in this new year that trickle of activity will resume to a full flow.

One example is the Broadstone Enso, a rental nearing completion at 14th & Marshall. A nearby demolition made way for the long-awaited and needed Pearl Family Housing at 14th & Raleigh. Here, developer Ed McNamara of the Sitka, is creating larger sized (yet affordable) units in the 2-3 bedroom range, geared for working families, with elementary classroom space and Zimmerman Community Center occupying the ground floor.

It's reassuring to know that construction cranes will be dotting the horizon. The Resource Access Center, an important component in Portland's goal to end homelessness, will be next to Union Station. Technically in OldTown/Chinatown, the RAC, situated at the foot of the Broadway Bridge/Irving Street intersection, will serve as a gateway to the Pearl. On the North Park Blocks, an old, derelict brick building will soon be transformed into a boutique hotel. The Post Office is also targeted for future redevelopment by the Portland Development Commission. Speaking of the PDC, they've progressed with plans to proceed with our big neighborhood park, The Fields and the Centennial Mills project. The next public 'open house' for the dual projects will be on January 19th.

An ambitious plan to connect "our" Streetcar with the east side is definitely moving forward soon, thanks to some \$75 million in anticipated federal funding (roughly half the total cost) to round out state & local contributions. Recently, neighborhood leaders were briefed by Portland Streetcar consultants and contractors regarding the upcoming work (focused on the stops from NW 9th to 11th Aves), with details readily available soon. Everyone will be able to review this schedule (including helpful traffic detour info) at: portlandstreetcar.org

Speaking of traffic...a word of warning to all motorists and cyclists who disregard pedestrians: your discourteous driving actions have been duly noted. PDNA Board is seeking stricter enforcement from the Police Bureau throughout the neighborhood. So, pay attention when driving & please obey all traffic laws!

Annual Meetings & Elections

NW Neighborhood Cultural Center

Date: Thursday, February 11, 2010

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: 1819 NW Everett Street

Lower level large room. Enter lower level East end.

The agenda will include:

- An update on new lease arrangement with the NW Childrens Theater
- Board member elections
- By-law changes including sections:
 - » 2.2 (Membership)
 - » 3.4 & 3.5 & 3.7 (Membership Meetings)
 - » 4.2.b & 4.2.e & 4.9 & 4.13.b (Board of Directors)
 - » 5.8 (Officers)
 - » 6.3 (Financial Affairs),
 - » 7 (Indemnification)
 - » 8.1 (Contracts)
 - » 11 (Amendments)

A copy of the complete by-laws with highlighted changes is available at the Neighbors West/Northwest office.

Date of record for voting members is Monday, January 11, 2010. Membership status can be checked or membership application requested by e-mail nwneighborhoodcc@gmail.com, in person at Neighbors West/Northwest office (2257NW Raleigh, 97210) or by mail (NW Neighborhood Cultural Center, Attn: membership application, PO Box 10327, Portland OR 97296).

Nominees for board seats are:

Nominations to the board may be made by written petition of ten members who confirm that the nominee is willing to serve and present the petition to the Board of Trustees at least 10 days before the February 11 Annual Meeting.

Goose Hollow Foothills League



The Goose Hollow Foothills League (GHFL) Annual Meeting has been set forward to January 21, 2010.

The GHFL will hold board elections and annual meeting on Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:00 PM at the MAC, 1849 SW Salmon.

To vote, register by noon, Thursday, January 14, 2010 with application and

proof of qualification. Membership applications are available on the League's website: www.goosehollow.org.

Fill out the online membership form, email application & verification directly to angela@nwnw.org or deliver/mail it to:

Goose Hollow Foothills League
2257 NW Raleigh St
Portland, OR 97210

Forest Park Neighborhood Association



FPNA annual election of directors will be held Tuesday, February 16, 2010.

The four candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to the Board of Directors for three-year terms.

Nominations received on or before January 18, 2010 will be accepted. Candidates must be members of the association. To nominate a candidate, or for additional information, contact:

Neighbors West-Northwest
2257 NW Raleigh
Portland, OR 97210
Phone:(503) 823-4212
E-Mail: mark@nwnw.org

Nominations must be submitted by the nominee, or accompanied by written consent of that person. Candidate's name, home address, phone number and any other preferred means of contact must be included.

It is customary (but not required) to provide a candidate's statement of up to 20 words with each nomination. Names, statements, and the time and place of voting will be published in the February, 2010 *Neighborhood Activist*.

If nominations received by Jan. 18th are insufficient to fill all positions, the President may nominate candidates.

**Arlington Heights
Neighborhood Association**

Join the Arlington Yahoo Group.
Send blank email: AHNAdiscussion-subscribe@yahoo.com.

BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 11th
5:30 p.m. Sylvan Fire Station
1715 SW Skyline Blvd



**Forest Park
Neighborhood Association**

Contact: Jim Emerson
503-283-4096

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 19th
7:00 p.m.
Skyline Grange
11275 NW Skyline Blvd



**Goose Hollow
Foothills League**

For electronic notices, email
angela@nwnw.org

Contact: NWNW 503 823-4211

ANNUAL MEETING/ELECTIONS

Thursday, January 21st
7:00 p.m.
Multnomah Athletic Club
1849 SW Salmon

NEXT Planning Committee
Thursday, February 11th
7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
1838 SW Jefferson

NEXT Community Clean Up
Sunday, February 7th
Potluck 12:00 p.m.
Clean Up 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Lincoln HS Patio
1600 SW Salmon



**Hillside
Neighborhood Association**

Contact: NWNW 503 823-4212
www.hillsidena.org

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 12th
7:30 p.m.
Hillside Community
Center
653 NW Culpepper



**Linnton Neighborhood
Association**

www.linnton.com

TOWN MEETING
Wednesday, January 6th
7:00 p.m.
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
Linnton Community Center
10614 NW St Helens

Special Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 20th
7:00 p.m.
Linnton Community Center

**Linnton Neighborhood
Association**

North Reach Hearing
Thursday, January 28th
2:00-5:00 p.m.
City Hall
Council Chambers
1221 SW 4th Ave



**Northwest Heights
Neighborhood Association**

Contact: Charlie Clark
503 459-3610 or
NWNW at 503 823-4212

Contact us for more information
about your neighborhood or for
volunteer opportunities!



**Northwest District
Association**

northwestdistrictassociation.org
NWDA Hotline 503 823-4288 x7.

BOARD MEETING
Monday, January 25th
6:00 p.m.

Chapman Elementary
1445 NW 26th Ave

Executive Committee
Wednesday, January 20th
10:15 a.m.
NWNW, 2257 NW Raleigh St.

Planning Committee
Thursdays, January 7th, 14th,
21st and 28th 8:00 a.m.
Call to Confirm 503 823-4212

Health & Environment
Monday, January 11th
7:00 p.m.
2217 NW Johnson

Slabtown Planning Committee
Wednesday, January 6th
6:00 p.m.
Northwest Neighborhood
Cultural Center
1819 NW Everett

Monthly Litter Patrol
Saturday, January 9th
9:00 a.m.
Food Front Coop
2375 NW Thurman

Transportation Committee
Wednesday, January 6th
6:00 p.m.
NW Library
2300 NW Thurman



**Northwest Industrial
Neighborhood Association**

Contact: NWNW at 503 823-4212
www.ninapdx.org

NINA MEETING
Tuesday, January 12th
7:00 a.m. Meet and Greet
7:30 a.m. Business
La Quinta
4319 NW Yeon Ave



**Old Town Chinatown
Neighborhood Association**

www.oldtownchinatown.net

BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, January 5th
4:30 p.m.
University of Oregon
70 NW Couch St

**Arts, Culture and
History Committee**
Tuesday, January 19th
11:30 a.m.

Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center
121 NW 2nd Ave

Land Use Committee
Tuesday, January 19th
3:00 p.m.
University of Oregon

Public Safety Committee
Thursday, January 28th
12:00 p.m.
University of Oregon, Room 150

PHLUSH
Monday, January 18th
5:30 p.m.
Orchid Salon
203 NW 2nd Ave

Business Association
Thursday, January 21st
11:30 a.m.
Central City Concern
232 NW 6th Ave



Livability Committee
Wednesday, January
20th
11:30 a.m.
Central City Concern

**Pearl District
Neighborhood Association**

www.pearldistrict.org
Contact: Joan Pendergast
503 226-0612

BOARD MEETING
Thursday, January 14th
6:00 p.m.
Dynagraphics
300 NW 14th Ave

Livability Committee
Mondays, January 4th & 18th
6:00 p.m.
Bank of America
1245 NW Lovejoy (Enter on 13th)

**Planning & Transportation
Committee**
Tuesdays, January 5th & 19th
6:00 p.m.
Dynagraphics

Communications Committee
Friday, January 15th
12:00 p.m.
Urban Grind
911 NW 14th Ave



**Portland Downtown
Neighborhood Association**

Contact: Steve Trujillo
971 230-0030

BOARD/GENERAL MEETING
Monday, January 25th
6:00 p.m. Board
7:00 p.m. General
Loaves & Fishes
1032 SW Main St.



**Portland Downtown
Continued**

**Land Use & Transportation
Committee**
Monday, January 11th
5:30 p.m.
1221 SW 10th Ave, 3rd Floor

Public Safety Committee
Thursday, January 21st
12:00 p.m.
1030 SW Jefferson
2nd Floor Community Room

Sustainability Committee
Monday, January 4th
7:00 p.m.
1221 SW 10th Ave, 3rd Floor

**Sylvan-Highlands
Neighborhood
Association**

For transportation issues, contact:
Dave Malcolm
dmpdx101@comcast.net
503 805-9587

BOARD & MEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, January 5th
7:00 p.m.
Sylvan Fire Station
1715 SW Skyline

Emergency Meeting
Friday, January 8th
7:00 p.m.
Sylvan Fire Station

Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, January 6th
6:30 p.m.
Sylvan Fire Station

Neighborhood Watch Training
Wednesday, January 6th
7:00 p.m.
Sylvan Fire Station

Sustainability Committee
Tuesday, January 26th
6:30 p.m.
Sylvan Fire Station



**Cornell Road
Sustainability Coalition**

Contact: Peter Stark
pstark@gmail.com

Tuesday, January 26th
6:00 p.m.
Call to Confirm: 503-823-4212

**Neighbors West-
Northwest Coalition**

BOARD RETREAT
Wednesday, January 13th
4:30 p.m.
Serratto Restaurant
2112 NW Kearney

**Nob Hill
Business Association**

Contact: Kay Wolfe
503 227-0898 X1
Kay.Wolfe@HomeStreet.com

ANNUAL MEETING
Wednesday,
January 20th
8:30 a.m.
Holiday Inn Express
2333 NW Vaughn

