

# neighborhood activist

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## Linnton Movie Night Environmental Entertainment

Free movies! Free Popcorn! Every Friday! Please join us and raise your consciousness.

Show time 7:00 pm at the Linnton Community Center, 107th and St Helen's Rd.

🌍 March 7 *"Global Warming, the Signs and the Science"*. Uncover the reality of global warming

🌍 March 14 *"A Killer Bargain"*. Secrets of the textile industry.

🌍 March 21 *"The Crude Awakening"* Peak oil crisis

🌍 March 28 *Watershed and Salmon*. Perspective on the salmon crisis in the Pacific Northwest

## Forest Park Stewardship Event in Linnton

March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Forest Park Conservancy & Linnton Environmental Group** are sponsoring a neighborhood work party in our section of Forest Park. We will remove English Ivy, prune Holly, and learn new techniques to control ivy in our back yards. The ivy epidemic is consuming Forest Park -- infecting one in five trees. Help us win back some of the forest from this sprawling pest. Tools, training and refreshments will be provided.

Meet at the Linnton Community Center, 107<sup>th</sup> and NW St. Helens Rd. at 8:30 am – or the end of NW 3<sup>rd</sup> St at 9:00am. Park around the community center, not on the hill. Wear weather appropriate clothing, and boots. We will finish by 1:00pm and meet back at the Linnton Community Center for refreshments.

Come for the whole time, an hour or half an hour. *Your volunteer efforts will be appreciated!* **Please RSVP:** mike\_aspros@yahoo.com; 503-312-4218 so we can plan for tools, and refreshments.

For more information and directions see: <http://www.linnton.com/envir.asp>

See you in the Forest! the Linnton Environmental Group

## Spring in the Northwest Community Garden Where Neighbors Meet

by Matthew Krueger, Garden Manager

**Did you know: if you live or work in NWDA, the Pearl District or Old Town Chinatown, you are eligible to join this garden!**

Tucked away, between two neighborhoods, and below a highway overpass, sits an urban oasis known as the Northwest Community Garden (NWCG).



Now entering its third year of operation, the garden is located on NW 16th, between Johnson and Kearney, and below the 405 freeway. Planning for the project started several years prior to groundbreaking and involved many local citizens, businesses, and other organizations. Backed by the Zimmerman Community Center, the goals of the garden are to make creative use of blighted land below the 405 freeway, create a "pocket park" green space, and help enhance a gateway between the Pearl and Northwest Districts.

In addition, the garden serves as a community space bringing people of various backgrounds together for a common interest and goal. The garden gives local residents, many of whom do not have their own yard, the opportunity to get their hands dirty.

The NWCG differs from other community gardens in that it is not a vegetable garden where people rent their own plot space. It includes 5 themed garden beds, as well as a large common area.

Past grants from Oregon Community Foundation's I-405 fund and NWNW's Small Grants program, along with contributions from other local organizations such as Food Front, Pearl Hardware, and REI, built the garden infrastructure. This includes a painted metal perimeter fence, tool shed, irrigation system, and gravel path. Much has been accomplished but there remains work to be done, and seasonal upkeep is an ongoing need.

If you are interested in becoming a member, making a contribution to the garden, or would like more general info, please visit [www.nwcommunitygarden.com](http://www.nwcommunitygarden.com).

You may also contact garden manager Matt Krueger at 503-221-4012 with any questions.

The beauty of the garden is open to everyone, year-round, dusk to dawn. Feel free to stop by to enjoy this neighborhood treasure, the Northwest Community Garden.



## Carpool Hotline!

Tired of driving to work? Share the driving, make friends and save gas by carpooling.

Find a carpool or passenger(s) online from the Northwest District Association website at <http://northwestdistrictassociation.org/Default.aspx?tabid=31> to connect with CarpoolMatchNW.com, an electronic bulletin board for arranging carpooling.

Please, let us know how it goes! Send your success stories, humorous anecdotes or helpful suggestions to [juliet@easystreet.net](mailto:juliet@easystreet.net).

## NWDA Annual Meeting & Elections

Monday, May 5, 2008

Election of Directors of the Board and President.

**Wanted! Candidates for the NWDA Board of Directors!**

Are you a resident of the neighborhood or a representative of a neighborhood business or organization interested in improving the livability of Northwest Portland? Stand for a seat on the Board and work to benefit your neighborhood.

The office of President and eight (8) board director positions are open.

To be on the ballot, you must declare your candidacy in writing by 5 p.m., Friday, March 28, 2008. You must be a member of the NWDA to declare yourself as a candidate.

You may register for membership online at <http://northwestdistrictassociation.org/>

Send declarations of candidacy to: NWDA Elections Committee, 2257 NW Raleigh Street, Portland, Oregon 97210 or by email to: [mark@nwnw.org](mailto:mark@nwnw.org)

For information contact Mark Sieber: 503 823 4212, [mark@nwnw.org](mailto:mark@nwnw.org)

**Second Saturday Clean-Ups!** Join us on March 8th at Food Front Co-op at 9:00 a.m. to pick up litter between NW 22nd and 25th. Contact Alison for more information, [alison@nwnw.org](mailto:alison@nwnw.org), 503.823.4265.



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## Forest Park Neighborhood Association (FPNA)

Forest Park Neighborhood Association and Skyline Ridge Neighbors Joint Meeting Tuesday, March 18 7:00 - 8:30 PM at SKYLINE GRANGE, 11275 NW Skyline Blvd.

“Program: Climate Change, with some projected local effects. Presented by Tamara Olcott, trained by the Climate Change Project. Please join us to listen to recent information presentation, and ask questions. There may be time for some discussion as well. This topic is affecting all of us in some way, and is likely to do so more as time goes on - let's begin to form a common basis of knowledge.

FPNA will conduct a short business meeting from 8:45 - 9:00 to ratify officer designations for 2008.”

—Jim Emerson FPNA President



## Mark Your Calendars! Neighbors West- NW Annual Benefit: May 8th

Enjoy an evening of quality theater and support your local Neighborhood Coalition!

This year's performance is Heather Raffo's *9 Parts of Desire* which highlights the lives of a diverse group of contemporary Iraqi Women. For more information about the play visit:

www.heatherraffo.com

Tickets are available now for purchase at the Neighbors-West Northwest Office, 2257 NW Raleigh.

For more information about the fundraiser contact Mary-Rain at NWNW, mary-rain@nwnw.org, 503.823.4288.

## Call for Volunteers Neighbors West-Northwest

We are currently seeking volunteers to assist with our annual coalition benefit at the CoHo Theatre this spring. No experience is necessary, just a love for West and Northwest Portland. Tasks vary depending on your interest. There is a flexible time commitment and you can start anytime. If interested, contact Mary-Rain at the NWNW office: 503.823.5308 mary-rain@nwnw.org

## Northwest Clean Sweep 2008 — Dude, They Don't Want to Tow Your Car!

If you live in Goose Hollow or Northwest District Association, watch for your green Clean Sweep flyer in the mail soon. The Clean Sweep removes leaves and other debris from streets to prevent storm water drains from clogging, which can result in street flooding. The Clean Sweep is scheduled three times per year; the first one in 2008 is this April. The barricades placed along the streets are your official notice that you are required to remove your car from the street for the duration of the Clean Sweep. If you do not remove your car, it will be towed at your expense. For more information about the Northwest Clean Sweep 2008 and for the upcoming schedule, visit the City of Portland's website at <http://www.portlandonline.com/transportation/index.cfm?c=35716>, call the City of Portland's Transportation Maintenance at 503.823.1778 or contact your non-profit neighborhood coalition office, Neighbors West-Northwest, at 503.823.4288.

## Make Room for the Sweep Prune Your Trees.

By Judy Brown, Portland Office of Transportation

Ever wonder why your street was not cleaned next to the curb line during the Northwest Clean Sweep, even after you moved your cars? Often this is caused by overhanging tree limbs reaching into the street, preventing the sweeper from getting next to the curb. To address this you may either push the accumulated debris out from under the overhanging limbs or trim them.

According to city code, it is the property owner's responsibility to maintain a clear passage, free from projecting or overhanging bushes and limbs. Vehicles and pedestrians should be able to move freely alongside the curb. All improved streets must be clear of obstructions to an elevation of 11 feet above street level and all sidewalks must be clear to an elevation of 7 ½ feet.

To trim your tree you are required to have a permit. Permits are free and are issued by the office of the Portland City Forester. They can be reached by calling 503-823-4489.

For more information regarding Title 29 Property Nuisances, please see the City website at [www.portlandonline.com](http://www.portlandonline.com).

## Help Stamp out Garlic Mustard!



West Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District seeks to identify and treat invasive Garlic Mustard in west Multnomah County.

Kate McQuillan, the Invasive Species Control Coordinator, is requesting help from community members to locate patches of invasive Garlic Mustard.

If you have any information regarding Garlic Mustard locations, or if you need assistance identifying or treating this invasive weed, please contact Kate at (503) 863-6472 or [kate@westmultconserv.org](mailto:kate@westmultconserv.org).

## NWDA Neighborhood-Business Area Graffiti Cleanup

March 15<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

To volunteer, meet at Legacy Parking lot 2, on the south side of NW Marshall, between NW 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> streets at 8:45 a.m. to sign volunteer form and collect your tools. Crews will hit the streets at 9:00 a.m. We will concentrate on 21st and 23rd between Burnside and Lovejoy, and tackle more areas as the number of volunteers permit.

Volunteers will remove graffiti from properties “in the right-of-way”, including utility poles, dumpsters, newspaper boxes, and other sites that are not routinely cleaned by agencies or owners. City-contracted graffiti removal crews will focus on paint-out or power-wash removals from private properties (provided we have signed owner-permission prior to the event).

We need a minimum of 10 volunteers from the community.

Supplies will be provided by the Graffiti Abatement Program.

Sponsored by The City of Portland Graffiti Abatement Program with assistance by volunteers from NWDA and Nob Hill Business Association.

## Meet Kay Wolfe: New President of Nob Hill Business Association

Wolfe graduated high school from Grants Pass, Oregon and then went on to graduate from Whitworth College in Spokane. She has a



background in outdoor advertising, managing real estate and in 1992 launched a career in residential lending. Wolfe has worked for

HomeStreet Bank for the past six years and is a residential loan officer for the bank's NW Portland branch at 23rd Avenue and Burnside. Wolfe joined the NHBA Board of Directors in 2004.

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## Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association

Join the Arlington Yahoo Group.  
Just send a blank email to:  
AHNAdiscussion-subscribe@  
yahoogroups.com. Thank you!

### BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 10th  
5:30 p.m.,  
Sylvan Fire Station  
1713 SW Skyline Blvd  
Questions? Call: 503 823-4211



## Forest Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Jim Emerson  
503-283-4096

### Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, March 18th  
7:00 p.m.  
Skyline Grange  
11275 NW Skyline Blvd

Neighbors are  
invited attend!



## Goose Hollow Foothills League

Contact: NWNW 503 823-4211  
To receive electronic notices  
of meetings, events, minutes &  
agendas contact Angela  
Southwick: angela@nwnw.org

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thursday, March 20th  
7:00 p.m.  
Multnomah Athletic Club  
1849 SW Salmon

### Planning and Zoning Committee

Thursday, March 13th  
7:00 p.m.  
First United Methodist  
1835 SW Jefferson



## Hillside Neighborhood Association

Contact: NWNW 503 823-4212

### BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 11th  
7:30 p.m.  
Hillside Community Center,  
653 NW Culpepper Drive



## Linnton Neighborhood Association

Contact: Ross Folberg  
http://www.linnton.com

Meetings held 1st Wednesdays of  
odd-numbered months

## Linnton Neighborhood, Continued...

### NEXT TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, March  
5th, 7:00 p.m.  
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.  
Everyone welcome!  
Linnton Community  
Center  
10614 NW St. Helen's Rd.



### St Patrick's Day Dance

Saturday, March 15th  
6:00 p.m.  
Linnton Community Center

## Northwest District Association

Contact: Juliet Hyams  
503 823-4212  
www.northwestdistrictassociation.org

### BOARD MEETING:

Monday, March 17th  
6:00 p.m.  
Chapman Auditorium,  
1445 NW 26th Avenue

### Neighborhood Mixer

Thursday, March 27th  
6:00 p.m.  
Lucky Lab Beer Hall  
1945 NW Quimby St

### Executive Committee

call to confirm date & time  
NWNW Office,  
2257 NW Raleigh

### Planning Committee

Thursdays, March 6th, 13th,  
20th, & 27th  
8:00 a.m.

Call to Confirm 503 823-4212

### Transportation Committee

Wednesday, March 5th  
6:00 p.m., NW Library,  
2300 NW Thurman

### Next Health & Environment Committee

Monday, April 14th  
7:00 p.m.  
2217 NW Johnson

If you would like to file a  
complaint about an odor  
event or air pollution prob-  
lem please visit our website  
at [www.portlandair.org](http://www.portlandair.org)



## Northwest Heights Neighborhood Association

Contact: Charlie Clark 503 459-3610

NWNW at 503 823-4212  
Bring your interests and pas-  
sions to contribute to this fledg-  
ling organization. Board mem-  
ber & volunteer positions open!

### BOARD MEETING

Please contact  
us for meeting  
time and place.  
Look forward  
to seeing you  
there!



## Northwest Industrial Neighborhood Association

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

### BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, March 11th  
7:30 a.m.

La Quinta Inn & Suites  
4319 NW Yeon.

Speakers:  
John Spencer,  
Con-way  
Master Plan



Peggy Anderson,  
Portland Business Alliance

## Pearl District Neighborhood Association

Contact: Joan Pendergast  
503 226-0612

### BOARD MEETING:

Thursday, March 13th  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Pacific Northwest College of  
Art, 1241 NW Johnson

### Communications Committee

Tuesday, March 25th  
6:00 p.m.  
Umpqua Bank, NW 12th &  
Lovejoy Street

### Planning Committee

Tuesdays, March 4th & 18th,  
6:00 p.m.  
Pacific NW College of Art

### Livability Committee

Thursday, March 20th  
6:00 p.m.  
Umpqua Bank,  
1139 NW Lovejoy

### Transportation Committee

Thursday, March 13th  
4:00 p.m.  
Ecotrust, 721 NW Ninth Ave,  
3rd Floor Conference Room



## Portland Downtown Neighborhood Association

Contact: Steve Trujillo  
971 230-0030

### BOARD & GENERAL COMMUNITY MEETING:

Monday, March 17th,  
5:50 p.m.  
General meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
First Congregational Church  
1126 SW Park Ave.

### Land Use/Transportation Committee

Monday, March 10th,  
5:30 p.m.  
Elliot Tower Meeting Room  
1221 SW 10th Ave.

## Portland Downtown NA Continued...

### Public Safety Committee

Thursday, March 20th,  
Noon - 1:00 p.m.  
Harland Building  
Main floor meeting room  
400 SW 6th



## Sylvan-Highlands Neighborhood Association

For transportation related is-  
sues, contact: Dave Malcolm  
malcolmdave@comcast.net  
503 805-9587

### Regular Membership Meeting

Tuesday, March 11th  
7:00 p.m.  
Fire Station 16  
1713 SW Skyline Blvd.



## Neighbors West- Northwest Coalition

### BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, March 12th  
5:30 p.m.  
NW Library  
2300 NW Thurman St.

### Annual Benefit

Save the Date!  
Thursday, May 8th

Join us for a  
preview performance of  
Heather Raffo's  
9 Parts of Desire  
at CoHo Theater.  
See preceding article.

## Nob Hill Business Association

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

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 19th  
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.  
Holiday Inn Express  
2333 NW Vaughn

