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April 2009

 **Neighbors West-Northwest**
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To submit an article, please email Anne Dufay at anne@nwnw.org.

Preview Performance of "The Uneasy Chair" Annual Benefit for Neighbors West-Northwest



Join your neighbors for a preview performance of "The Uneasy Chair" benefiting Neighbors West-Northwest. Attend the reception prior to the event to view raffle items and catch up with other volunteers.

Date: Thursday May 7th, 2009
Time: Reception 7:00 p.m.
Seating begins at 7:45 p.m.
Place: CoHo Theater
2257 NW Raleigh
Portland, OR

Raffle tickets available!

\$10 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$25.

Raffling several items including a behind the scenes tour at the Oregon Zoo! Watch for new items at: www.nwnw.org/benefit.html. To purchase raffle tickets prior to the event, email angela@nwnw.org.



The Uneasy Chair

"Rising playwright Evan Smith channels Oscar Wilde and Charles Dickens in a Victorian comedy of manners that is also disarmingly modern. Stubborn, thrifty spinster Amelia Pickles rents a room in her London lodgings to equally stubborn, thrifty bachelor Captain Josiah Wickett and sets off a chaotic chain of events." For more information about the play, visit www.nwnw.org/benefit.html.

Regular Tickets: \$35
Students & Seniors: \$25

Buy your tickets today!

Online: www.nwnw.org/benefit.html
By Phone: 1-800-494-TIXS (8497)



Neighbors West-Northwest is a non-profit neighborhood coalition office providing direct support to 12 all-volunteer neighborhood associations in Northwest and inner Southwest Portland. Since our emergence in 1973, Neighbors West-Northwest has been committed to supporting grassroots democracy in action. To learn more about NWNW, visit www.nwnw.org, email coalition@nwnw.org or call 503.823.4288.

Neighborhood Annual Meetings & Elections NWDA

Standup! Take Action! Help Guide our NW Portland neighborhood into the second decade of the 21st Century!!

If you reside in or represent a business in NWDA, you are eligible to run for the NWDA Neighborhood Board of Directors. View a map at: www.nwnw.org/NWDA.html.

Be a part of the action in the West Coast's most densely populated neighborhood.

Be the change you seek to sustain. Improve our local quality of life.

To be on the ballot, you must declare your candidacy in writing by 5pm, Friday April 17th, 2009. You must be a member of the NWDA

to run for office. Register for membership online at www.northwestdistrictassociation.org.

Send declarations of candidacy to:
NWDA Elections Committee
2257 NW Raleigh Street
Portland, OR 97210
Or email to: mark@nwnw.org

There are 7 positions open plus the presidency. Following the deadline for neighbors to declare their candidacy, there will be a public meeting of the Elections Committee to declare the official slate of candidates at the Neighborhood Office, 2257 NW Raleigh Street, 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18th, 2009. For further information, call Mark Sieber: 503-823-4212, mark@nwnw.org

Linnton

Wednesday, May 6, 2009
7:00 - 9:00 PM (Potluck at 6:30)
Linnton Community Center
10614 NW St Helen's Road

Nominations Committee's slate:

Officers (all one year terms):

- John Shaw, Chair
- Gordon Huntsman, Vice Chair
- Shawn Looney, Secretary
- Dan Dishongh, Treasurer

Board Members:

- #1 Ross Folberg: new 3-year position
- #2 Doug Polk: new 3-year position
- #3 Darise Weller: new 3-year position
- #4 Pat Wagner: existing term (replaces Shawn Looney) 1-year; term ends May 2010
- #5 Doug Adams: existing term, 1-year, term ends May 2010

NINA

Join your business neighbors in the Northwest Industrial area for the NINA Annual Meeting and Elections. This is a great networking opportunity.

Date: Tuesday, May 12th

Time: 7:30am

Place: LaQuinta Inn, 4319 NW Yeon Ave.

Questions? 503.823.4212, mark@nwnw.org

Forest Park April Meeting Agenda

Date: Tuesday, April 21st
Time: 7:00 - 8:50 PM,
Place: Willis Building,
360 NW Greenleaf (west side of Skyline at crest between Cornell & Burnside.)

Planned & potential developments are the focus of this meeting.

1. Bonny Slope West (Metro "Area 93") Conceptual Development Plan, Multnomah County Land Use Planning - 60 minutes

2. The Urban/Rural Reserves process presentation, for lands along Springville Road by Jim Irvine - 30 minutes
3. Address March action items & new business - 20 minutes

All neighbors and interested parties are welcome to attend.

Jim Emerson
FPNA President
503-283-4096

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No Foolin'! April Neighborhood Membership Drive & Walk Safe Umbrella "Buy One, Get One Free" Sale.

Stop by the Coalition office in April and sign up to join your neighborhood association. New members are eligible to take home two marvelous Walk Safe umbrellas for the price of one!

(Thanks to the generosity of the NWDA Transportation Committee.) These umbrellas were designed to maximize pedestrian safety by increasing visibility on cloudy, gray, wet days and evenings. The unique design combines an iridescent yellow fabric, reflective trim, and

clear plastic panels.

The iridescent yellow is particularly visible on cloudy, gray and wet days and at dusk. The reflective trim catches the light from headlights and streetlights helping auto drivers see the pedestrian. The clear plastic panels enable the

umbrella carrier to see approaching traffic in two directions.

Already a member of a NWNW neighborhood? This deal is for you, too. Adult size \$20, Child size \$8. Special offer available at coalition only, 2257 NW Raleigh. Pick up at office. While supplies last.



Gordon Huntsman's smile was the only sunshine to be seen at Saturday's Linnton Neighborhood Clean Up. A small but mighty crew showed up to make Linnton sparkle. The Neighborhood plans to continue to collect litter throughout the upcoming weeks to show their neighborhood pride.

Neighborhood Clean Ups

by Alison Wallisch

These days it seems the whole world is depressed. One of the best ways I've found to relieve depression is to volunteer. Volunteering costs only your time and gives important resources to your community. Johns Hopkins University studied the effects of volunteering on participant health and found great benefits in volunteering. I couldn't agree more. After volunteering I feel invigorated, and happy. I can't get enough volunteering.

In the spirit of volunteerism I am very proud to announce the neighborhood clean ups happening near you this spring. Consider getting involved in a clean up to show your love for the neighborhood and your commitment to improving your community.

NWDA Second Saturday Neighborhood Clean Up Saturdays April 11th, May 9th, etc. 9:00 AM-10:30 AM. Meet neighbors and local businesses as they clean up litter in the northern reaches of the Northwest District Association. Clean up leader, Phil Selinger, reported 22 volunteers showed up last month proving that volunteerism is alive and well. Meet at Food Front to participate, trash bags and gloves are provided, and afterwards the group convenes for social time and refreshments.

Sylvan-Highlands Annual Clean Up Saturday April 18th 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Neighbors Welcome! Last year a record tonnage of trash was collected; we can collect even more with your help! Meet at the Sylvan Starbucks to pick up supplies, participants may even be immortalized on television.

Forest Park Neighborhood Clean Up Saturday April 18th 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Meet at the luncheonette on the corner of NW Skyline Blvd and NW Germantown Rd. Clean up litter and pull invasive garlic mustard. Supplies and a hearty lunch provided.

Northwest District Association Second Annual Graffiti Removal Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM a professional crew and neighborhood volunteers will spray wash, paint out, peel, and erase graffiti in the right of way. Meet at the Fred Meyer Lobby.

Polish the Pearl Saturday May 17th 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. Meet at the Peet's Coffee on 11th and Couch to pick up supplies and a pastry.

Other Activities in the Neighborhood: Besides these events I've heard of other great events happening in the neighborhood including picking up trash along I-405 and in Tom McCall Waterfront Park, removing ivy throughout Forest Park, and congregation service days. In addition, Project 150, a downtown clean up project sponsored by Cascade Aids Project is happening on May 16th.

To learn more about these opportunities or for help planning your own service project contact Alison Wallisch (Alison@nwnw.org or 503-823-4265) or Angela Southwick (angela@nwnw.org or 503-823-4211). There is no better time to get involved!



Party with the Pearl Neighborhood Association

by Joan Pendergast, PDNA Board President

Join the Pearl District Neighborhood Association for a "Happy Hour" on Thursday April 9th from 6pm-7:30pm in the Gallery Room of the Paragon Restaurant, NW Hoyt and 13th. All residents, workers and property owners in the Pearl are invited. Committee Chairs will speak about past and future activities.

A special feature will be a slide show of the Pearl from years ago. See the changes as it has developed. See the railroad yards where your building now stands.



NWDA held a Board Retreat on March 7th.

NWDA volunteers: Noel Johnson, Stephen Metzler, Sharon Kelly, Brian Bramlett, Steve Pinger, Dan Anderson, Kim Carlson, Perry Heitman and Ron Walters. Facilitator: Eryn Kehe from Resolutions Northwest

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News from Neighbors West-Northwest and Friends

Chat with Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Come bring your questions, concerns and ideas for the City of Portland's Commissioner Amanda Fritz to the upcoming Neighbors West-Northwest (NWNW) board meeting on Thursday, April 23rd, 5:30 PM in the Auditorium at Legacy Good Samaritan Hospital Building 2, 1040 NW 22nd Avenue. Commissioner Fritz will share some of her agenda and then open the floor for a discussion with the NWNW community. For more information, contact Mark Sieber at 503.823.4212 or email mark@nwnw.org.

Invasive plant removal efforts: Garlic Mustard from the City of Portland, Bureau of Environmental Services

This spring, the City of Portland will work with several partners to stamp out garlic mustard along roads and streams, and in natural areas around northwest Portland. European settlers brought garlic mustard to North America, probably to use for food and medicine. But its threat to the environment far outweighs any medicinal or nutritional benefits.

Garlic mustard is a non-native, invasive plant that spreads by seed and rapidly displaces native vegetation. Garlic mustard roots release chemicals into the soil that inhibit growth of nearby plants.



The city will hire licensed contractors to spot-spray garlic mustard along roadways in northwest Portland this April and May. See the *Garlic Mustard Treatment Locations* table at www.portlandonline.com/bes/garlicmustard for spraying locations along roadways.

In April and May, the city will also spot-spray garlic mustard along trails in Forest Park. The city is also working with Clean Water Services to spray garlic mustard near streams that flow into the Tualatin River. Crews will pull garlic mustard in the same areas this June.

Plan to attend the *Garlic Mustard Monster Mash* on May 16, 2009. Portland Parks and Recreation is still determining the time and location. For more information, contact Rachel Felice at 503-823-9423 or Rachel.felice@ci.portland.or.us.

Washington Park Transportation Planning: Public Input Invited

Six students from the Master of Urban and Regional Planning program at Portland State University are working on transportation issues at Washington Park and its attractions. They plan to address visitor access to and from the park, getting around the park, and vehicle parking issues.

It is crucial the process include strong public participation. Westside residents and all other interested parties are invited to an Open House to help generate solutions. The Open House will be on the evening of April 21, 2009 at Washington Park, location and time to be determined.

The group will be launching an online survey in the coming weeks to gather information on visitors' experiences. Also, a focus group will be held in early May to evaluate possible recommendations for transportation improvements.

If you would like more information about the project or the Open House, or would like to take part in our survey or focus group, please contact Cathy Cibor at catherinecibor@gmail.com.

Crime Prevention

Hello Neighbors West Northwest. My name is Michael Boyer, and I am the new Crime Prevention Program Coordinator for the Old Town Chinatown and Portland Downtown Neighborhood Associations. Since graduating from Portland State University in 2006 with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice I have worked for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement in the Crime Prevention, Liquor License Notification and Graffiti Abatement Programs. During that time I filled in for William Warren here in NWNW, when he was busy with other assignments. Now I am back with Neighbors West-Northwest and excited to be working with this wonderful and diverse community on a wide range of public safety issues. There is no other place I would like to be or job I would rather have. I'm looking forward to working with you.

Frank Silva is the new Crime Prevention Coordinator for Northwest Portland. The NWNW neighborhoods he covers are: Arlington Heights, Forest Park, Goose Hollow, Hillside, NWDA, NW Heights, NW Industrial, The Pearl District, and Sylvan-Highlands. Frank lives in Goose Hollow. Frank received a BA in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Community Crime Prevention from Western Oregon University and a MA in Criminal Justice with an emphasis in Research and Evaluation and Management and Organizational Theory from Loyola University Chicago. He's been involved in all aspects of the Criminal Justice system. From corrections, to law enforcement and from the OLCC

to statistical analysis, he brings far-reaching experience and perspective to the job.

Frank and I are located in the Old Town/Chinatown Neighborhood. Our office is on the corner of First Avenue and Davis Street, under the Smart Park structure, right along the Max line. We both consider good communication critical to our success – we want to hear from you. Call us anytime with your concerns and questions, or simply drop by our office. Check out our websites, focusing on specific crime prevention needs of our respective neighborhoods, and sign up for our electronic newsletters.

Frank and I work closely with the staff of Neighbors West-Northwest, the Portland Police Bureau, the Multnomah County Neighborhood District Attorney's Office, and public safety partners and providers. As Crime Prevention Program Coordinators we focus on three major aspects: problem-solving, community organizing, and education on issues of crime and public safety. We look forward to seeing you in the near future!!!

Frank Silva
Crime Prevention Program Coordinator:
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503-823-42587
Frank.Silva@ci.portland.or.us
www.portlandonline.com/oni/nwcp

Michael Boyer
Crime Prevention Program Coordinator:
Downtown & Old Town/Chinatown
503-823-1863
Michael.boyer@ci.portland.or.us
www.portlandonline.com/oni/dtoretcp



And, don't forget: Ready. Safe. Go. 4th Annual Safety and Preparedness Event

**Saturday, April 25th, 2009,
8:30 am - 3:00 pm**

Warner Pacific College 2219 SE 68th Ave.

Gain crime prevention and critical emergency preparedness skills. Honor fellow community members at the annual awards ceremony. Registration Deadline: April 9th. Information and Registration at: www.portlandonline.com/oni/cp or call to register or ask questions. 503 823-4064

**Arlington Heights
Neighborhood Association**

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

BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 13th
5:30 p.m.

call to confirm
Sylvan Fire Station
1713 SW Skyline Blvd



Questions? Call: 503 823-4211

**Forest Park
Neighborhood Association**

Contact: Jim Emerson
503-283-4096

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 21st
7:00 p.m.

Willis Community Center
360 Northwest Greenleaf.

** Clean-up -- see page 2 **



**Goose Hollow
Foothills League**

For electronic notices, email
angela@nwnw.org

Contact: NWNW 503 823-4211

**Planning and Zoning
Committee**

Thursday, April 9th
7:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church
1838 SW Jefferson

**NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING**

Thursday, April 16th
7:00 p.m.
MAC, 1849 SW Salmon



**Hillside
Neighborhood Association**

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

All Meetings Held At:
Hillside Community Center
653 NW Culpepper Dr.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, April 14th
7:30 p.m.

Transportation Committee

Tuesday, April 7th
7:30 p.m.

Cornell Coalition

Wednesday, April 15
7:30 p.m.
Location TBA



**Linnton Neighborhood
Association**

<http://www.linnton.com>

Meetings held at the Linnton
Community Center,
10614 NW St. Helens Road

BOARD MEETING

Monday April 13th
7:00 pm

TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, May 6th
7:00 p.m.
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.



See Annual Meeting notice pg 1.

**Northwest District
Association**

Questions, Concerns? Call the Neighbor-
hood Hotline at 503 823-4288 x7.
www.northwestdistrictassociation.org

BOARD MEETING:

Monday, April 20th
6:00 p.m.
Chapman Elementary
1445 NW 26th Ave

Elections Committee

Saturday, April 18
10:00 a.m.
NWNW Office, 2257 NW Raleigh

Executive Committee

Wednesday, April 15th
8:15 a.m.
NWNW, 2257 NW Raleigh St.

Planning Committee

Thursdays, April 2nd, 9th, 16th,
23rd & 30th, 8:00 a.m.
Call to Confirm 503 823-4212

**Transportation
Committee**

Wednesday, April 1st
NW Library
2300 NW Thurman

**Health & Environment
Committee**

Monday, April 13th
7:00 p.m.
2217 NW Johnson

Public Safety & Livability

Wednesday, April 8th
11:00 a.m. at MLC Room 117 &
again at 6:00 p.m. --MLC Library

Parks & Public Spaces

Thursday, April 9th
9:30 a.m. World Cup Coffee
1740 NW Glisan
For questions – Tanya March
march@pdx.edu

Monthly Litter Patrol

Saturday, April 11th
9:00 - 10:30 a.m.
Meet at Food Front
2375 NW Thurman



**Northwest Heights
Neighborhood
Association**

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

BOARD MEETING

Board Meeting
Thursday, April 16th, 6:00 p.m.
Tualatin Valley Fire Station
8585 NW Johnson

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



**Northwest Industrial
Neighborhood Association**

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

NINA ELECTIONS & MEETING

Tuesday, April 14th
7:00 Meet & Greet
7:30 a.m. Meeting
starts: LaQuinta
4319 NW Yeon Ave



**Old Town Chinatown
Neighborhood Association**

www.oldtownchinatown.net

GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, April 7th
4:30 p.m.
University of Oregon
70 NW Couch

PHLUSH

Monday, April 20th
5:30 p.m., Floyd's Coffee, 118 NW
Couch St.

Business Ass'n

Thursday, April 16th
11:30 a.m.
Central City Concern
232 NW 6th

**Arts, Culture and History
Committee**

Tuesday, April 21st
11:30 a.m.
Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center
121 NW 2nd Avenue

Land Use Committee

Tuesday, April 21st
3:00 p.m.
Central City Concern

Communications Committee

Monday, April 27th
5:30 p.m.
For location, email:
vicechair@oldtownchinatown.com



Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, April 29th
1:00 p.m.
Central City Concern

**Pearl District
Neighborhood Association**

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

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, April 9th
6:00 p.m.
Pacific NW College of Art
1241 NW Johnson

Livability Committee

Monday, April 6th & 20th 6:00 p.m.
The Louisa's 2nd Floor
Community Room, 123 NW 12th

Planning Committee

Tuesday, April 7th & 21st
(21st includes transportation)
6:00 p.m.

Communication Committee

Tuesday, April 28th
6:00 p.m.
Umpqua Bank, NW 12 & Lovejoy
Contact ben@pearldistrict.com
to confirm

**Portland Downtown
Neighborhood Association**

Contact: Steve Trujillo
971 230-0030

Board Meeting:

Monday, April 20th
6:00 p.m.
Loaves & Fishes
1032 SW Main Street
(enter on 11th Avenue)
followed by:

GENERAL MEETING

Monday, April 20th 7:30 p.m.

**Land Use & Transportation
Committee**

Monday, April 13th
5:30 p.m.
Elliot Tower, 1221 SW 10th Ave.
3rd floor meeting room

Public Safety Committee

Thursday, April 16th
12:00 p.m.
Harland Building, Main Floor
Meeting Room, 400 SW 6th



**Sylvan-Highlands
Neighborhood
Association**

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

Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 14th
7:00 p.m.
Sylvan Fire Station
1713 SW Skyline
Clean-up, see pg 2



**Neighbors West-
Northwest Coalition**

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 23rd
5:30 p.m., Legacy Good
Sam Auditorium, Bldg 2
1040 NW 22nd Avenue
**SPECIAL GUEST:
COMMISSIONER
AMANDA FRITZ!**

Preview Play & Fundraiser

Thursday, May 7th
7:00 p.m., See page 1
for details

**Nob Hill
Business
Association**

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

Board Meeting

Wednesday,
April 15th
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Holiday Inn Express
2333 NW Vaughn St.

