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News from Neighbors West-Northwest

We have a new website!

Are you wondering what you can do to help your neighborhood? Do you need to check on the time or place of a meeting? Are you interested in how our coalition works with our member neighborhoods?

Then come visit our new website at www.nwnw.org/new/Home.html.

Here you will find handy tools, fascinating features and

neighborhood pages. Browse an easy-to-use calendar of all our neighborhoods' upcoming meetings and events or search our resources directory to find the information you need to help you get involved.

We've also included a staff directory, a NWNW board directory and downloadable newsletter links.

Look it over, then let us know what you think! We will be adding new features on a regular basis, so if you've got something you'd like to see included, let us know.



Neighbor Spotlight

What makes a neighborhood-the neighbors! In conjunction with the launch of our new website we will be conducting monthly interviews with neighbors of your choice and highlighting them on the website.

Know a neighbor who's lived in the area for decades? Do you want

to know more about someone's life or motivation? Nominate a friend or yourself to be interviewed. Send us their name and contact information (email or phone number).

Each month we will announce the spotlighted neighbor in the Neighborhood Activist.

Parking Pass Reminder

It's the time to renew your Legacy Good Sam parking pass, or get a new pass to park for the year. For more info contact Angela at 503-823-4211.

Need language, childcare, transportation or accessibility assistance to participate in your Neighborhood Association?
Contact Neighbors West-Northwest to find out about available resources: coalition@nwnw.org, 503.823.4288.



Forest Park Candidate Forum!

Tuesday, September 16th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM. Willis Building, 360 NW Greenleaf

Amanda Fritz and Charles Lewis will be speaking and taking questions from the audience. They are vying for the position of Portland City Council Commissioner. The November 4th election will be here before we know it, so take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about their plans and priorities.

Please join us, come to listen and to ask questions!



Linnton Environmental Movie Night

Join us at 7:30 PM on the second Friday of every month for a movie at the Linnton Community Center, NW 107th and St. Helens Road (just beyond the St. John's Bridge). Give the planet a break. Step up to the plate. See the films to educate. Save yourself and all to whom you relate.

🌍 September 12th: *The Future of Food. Genetic engineering and control of seed is the topic of this month's movie. You can survive without oil, but not without food.*

Forest Park Event in Linnton

John Muir said that one time he went out into the woods thinking he would stay out a little while and then come back in. Once he got to the woods he realized that he wasn't going "out" but rather that he was coming "in".

The Forest Park Conservancy and the Linnton Environmental Group are coming back "in" the woods for another day of stewardship on September 20th. We would be delighted to share the morning with you -- combining our efforts to restore our forest to its rightful health and beauty.

Please come in to the woods to work with us or just to visit and to have a cup of tea or coffee, a glass of juice, a pastry and friendship.

WHAT: Forest Park Stewardship Day

WHEN: September 20th, 8:30 am until about noon

WHERE: Meet at the Linnton Community Center located at 10614 NW St Helens Rd, the corner of St Helen's Rd (Hwy 30) and 107th Ave in Linnton. Linnton is about two miles past the St John's Bridge going toward Sauvie Island.

WHY: Building partnerships and friendships while restoring and enhancing our precious forest.

Need funds for an
interesting community
Project?

Neighborhood Small Grants Program

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement and Neighbors West-Northwest are excited to offer the third year of the City of Portland's Neighborhood Small Grants Program. Up to \$22,242 will be available to neighborhood and community-based organizations working in inner SW and NW Portland.

Our goal is to provide these organizations an opportunity to use unique, creative projects to expand their community-building capacity, increase diversity and sustain those already involved.

Grantwriting Workshop

New to grantwriting? Want to bounce your ideas off other volunteers? Come to the Westside Grant Workshop on Thursday, September 25th, 6:30 PM at the Oregon Zoo's Sunset Room. Neighbors West-Northwest staff help you through the application process. Successful applicants from previous years will be there to share their insights.

Applications and information are available at www.nwnw.org. The application includes a map of the grant area. Submit applications to: Neighbors West-Northwest, 2257 NW Raleigh St., Portland, OR 97210 by 2:00PM November 3, 2008. contact Angela Southwick with any questions at 503.823.4211 angela@nwnw.org.



The Pearl Talks

by Joan Pendergast, President, The Pearl District
Neighborhood Association

Party! Raffle! Dance, Dance, Dance!

The annual Pearl Party will be held on Friday, September 12th. Pearl District merchants have been very generous donating great items for the raffle. Items to be raffled include gift certificates from many local restaurants, baskets of goodies, bottles of wine and more.

This is the Pearl District Neighborhood Association's only fundraiser. The money is used to purchase Mutt Mitts and pay other costs that help keep us "Looking Out for You".

The raffle is just part of the fun at the Pearl Party. Local restaurants will provide food, coffee, wine and beer. As in the past the band "The New Iberians" will provide great music. Residents, owners of property, and workers in the Pearl are invited to enjoy food, drink, music, and fellowship.

The Party is on NW 13th between Hoyt and Irving from 5pm to 9 pm.

Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association

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

BOARD MEETING

Monday, September 8th
5:30 p.m.
Sylvan Fire Station
1713 SW Skyline

Questions? Call: 503 823-4211



Forest Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Jim Emerson
503-283-4096

Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, September 16th
7:00 p.m.

Willis Community Center
360 Northwest Greenleaf



Goose Hollow Foothills League

Contact: NWNW 503 823-4211

For electronic notices, email
angela@nwnw.org

All Meetings Held At:

First United Methodist Church
1835 SW Jefferson

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 18th
7:00 p.m.

Planning and Zoning Committee

Thursday, September 11th
7:00 p.m.



Hillside Neighborhood Association

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

All Meetings Held At:

Hillside Community Center
653 NW Culpepper

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 9th
7:00 p.m.

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, September 24th
7:00 p.m.



Linnton Neighborhood Association

<http://www.linnton.com>

Meetings held 1st Wednesdays of
odd-numbered months

NEXT TOWN MEETING

Wednesday, September 3rd
7:00 p.m.

Potluck at 6:30 p.m.
Linnton Community
Center, 10614 NW St.
Helen's Road



Northwest District Association

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

BOARD MEETING:

Monday, September 22nd
6:00 p.m.
Chapman Elementary
1445 NW 26th Ave

Executive Committee

Wednesday, September 10th
9:00 a.m.
NWNW, 2257 NW Raleigh St.

Planning Committee

Thursdays, September 4th,
11th, 18th & 25th 8:00 a.m.
Call to Confirm 503 823-4212

Transportation Committee

Wednesday, September 3rd
6:00 p.m.

Legacy Good Samaritan
Northrup 1st Floor Confer-
ence Room, 23rd & Northrup

Health & Environment Committee

Monday, September 8th
7:00 p.m.
2217 NW Johnson

Parks & Public Space Committee

Wednesday, September 10th
11:00 a.m.
MLC Pool, 2003 NW Glisan

Public Safety & Livability Committee

Thursday, September 11th
10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
World Cup Coffee
1740 NW Glisan

Monthly Litter Patrol

Saturday, September 13th
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

To be announced

Contact us for
more informa-
tion about your
neighborhood
or for volunteer
opportunities!



Northwest Industrial Neighborhood Association

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

NEXT NINA MEETING

Tuesday, September 9th
7:30 a.m.

La Quinta Inn
4319 NW Yeon



Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association

www.oldtownchinatown.net

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 2nd
4:30 p.m.

University of Oregon
70 NW Couch

Arts, Culture and History Committee

Tuesday, September 16th
11:30 a.m.

Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center
121 NW 2nd Avenue

Land Use Committee

Tuesday, September 16th
3:30 p.m.

Central City Concern
232 NW 6th

Communications Committee

Monday, September 22nd
5:30 p.m.

Voleur Restaurant & Kitchen
111 SW Ash

Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, September 24th
1:00 p.m.

Central City Concern
232 NW 6th

Business Association

Thursday, September 18th
11:30 a.m.

Central City
Concern
232 NW 6th



Pearl District Neighborhood Association

Contact: Joan Pendergast
503 226-0612

BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 11th
6:00 p.m.

Pacific NW College of Art
1241 NW Johnson

Pearl Party

Friday, September 12th
5:00 - 9:00 p.m.

13th Ave between Hoyt &
Irving

Planning Committee

Tuesdays, September
2nd & 16th

6:00 p.m.

Pacific NW College of Art

Transportation Committee

Thursday, September 11th
3:30 p.m.

Ecotrust, 721 NW 9th Ave.

Communications Committee

Tuesday, September 30th
6:00 p.m.

Umpqua Bank
1139 NW Lovejoy



Portland Downtown Neighborhood Association

Contact: Steve Trujillo
971 230-0030

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Monday, September 15th
6:00 p.m. Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. General Meeting
Loaves & Fishes
1032 SW Main Street

Land Use & Transportation Committee

Monday, September 8th
5:30 p.m.
Elliot Tower, 1221 SW 10th

Public Safety Committee

Thursday, September 18th
12:00 p.m. Harland Building,
400 SW 6th Ave, Main Floor
Conference Room

NEXT Communications Committee

Thursday, October 2nd
5:30 p.m., Loaves & Fishes



Sylvan-Highlands Neighborhood Association

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

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, September 9th
7:00 p.m.

Sylvan Fire Station
1713 SW Skyline



Neighbors West- Northwest Coalition

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday,
September 10th
5:30 p.m.

NW Library,
2300 NW Thurman

Neighborhood Small Grant Workshop

Thursday, September 25th
6:30 p.m.
Oregon Zoo, Sunset Room
4001 SW Canyon Rd

Nob Hill Business Association

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

GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday,
September 17th
8:30 a.m.

Holiday Express
2333 NW Vaughn



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Free Mediation Training with Resolutions Northwest

Learn Conflict Resolution Skills While Serving Your Community!

Resolutions Northwest (RNW) is a community mediation nonprofit organization that provides high quality, cost-effective conflict resolution services and education to neighbors, families, and organizations. RNW's Neighborhood Mediation Program provides a comprehensive, 35 hour mediation training at no charge along with a year long, hands-on mentoring experience.

This opportunity is designed for people who have a commitment to help others have challenging discussions and find mutually acceptable solutions together.

If you are called to serve the community by offering you time, talent, and heart-centered presence during times of conflict, then we hope you will consider working with Resolution Northwest's Neighborhood Mediation Program. From now until November 26th, RNW is accepting applications for a limited number of spots in the annual volunteer mediation training (held in January).

Applications and additional information can be found at <http://www.resolutionsnorthwest.org> or by calling (503) 595-4890.

Stuart Watson
Mediation Program Coordinator
Resolutions Northwest
www.resolutionsnorthwest.org
503 595-4890 ext. 104



Work-study Job Opportunity at Neighbors West-Northwest!

Neighbors West-Northwest (NWNW) is offering a part-time limited term Federal Work-Study Administrative Assistant position through Portland State University. The administrative assistant will be a key part of the NWNW team. Key responsibilities will include:

- Facilitate neighborhood compliance with open records requirements, both electronic and paper
- Update and maintain database records in MS Access and send updates to City of Portland
- Execute reproduction of training materials, orientation packets, grant applications, and other projects
- Coordinate volunteers to purge and consolidate neighborhood archives
- Assist with special events planning and other administrative activities as needed

Required Skills:

- Excellent computer skills
- Detail oriented
- Exercises independent judgment in the resolution of administrative problems.

Preferred Experience

- Website maintenance
- Database updates with Microsoft Access

Hours: approximately ten per week. Salary \$9-\$11.00/hour DOE. Duration: Oct 2008 to June 2009. For complete job posting and application please contact Angela Southwick, Neighbors West-Northwest. 503 823-4211. angela@nwnw.org

Protecting Your Vehicle from Thieves

by William Warren,
Office of Neighborhood
Involvement
Crime Prevention Program
Coordinator

If you own or drive a 1995 Honda Civic, a 1991 Honda Accord, a 1997 Ford F-150 or a 1989 Toyota Camry, you may be surprised to know that, despite their age, these cars are among the most popular cars stolen by thieves across the country.

No matter what make or model of car you own there are a number of things you can do

to improve the security of your vehicle. The Portland Police Bureau recommends following a basic prevention policy. To help ensure your vehicle is not an easy target for thieves on the prowl, follow these tips:

- Never leave your car running with the keys in the ignition when you're away from it, even for "just a minute."
- Always roll up the windows and lock the car, even if it's in front of your home.
- Never leave valuables in the car. If you must, never leave them in plain view.
- Park in busy, well-lit areas.
- Carry the registration and insurance card with you when you leave your vehicle.
- When paying to park in a lot or garage, leave just

the ignition key with the attendant. Make sure no personal information is attached. Do the same when you take your car for repairs.

For added auto theft protection for your vehicle you can also:

- Etch the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) on the windows, doors, fenders and trunk lid. This helps to discourage professional thieves who have to either remove or replace etched parts before selling the car.
- Install a mechanical locking device – commonly referred to as clubs, collars or j-bars – that locks to the steering wheel, column or brake to prevent the wheel from being turned more than a few degrees.
- Consider installing a

security system if you live in a high theft area or drive a vehicle that is popular among thieves.

- Look into joining the Portland Police Bureau Combat Auto Theft (CAT) partnership program. Individuals voluntarily register their cars with the police, and allow the police to stop the car during certain hours when they would normally not be driving (1 a.m. to 5 a.m. in Portland). All participants display decals in a designated area on their vehicles.

For more information on keeping your vehicle secure visit www.portlandpolice.com to access A Guide to Home and Vehicle Security or call 503-823-5068 for more information on the CAT partnership program.