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## Candidate Fairs Who will you vote for?

### Linnton Town Hall Debate October 15

The general membership of the Linnton Neighborhood Association, in conjunction with the Linnton Community Center, are hosting a one hour town hall debate with Amanda Fritz and Charles Lewis, candidates for City Commissioner.



Date: Wednesday, October 15, 2008  
Hosts: Linnton Community Center &  
Linnton Neighborhood Association  
Moderator: Ed Jones, LNA Land Use Chair

7:00-7:30 Questions framed by your moderator.  
Copies available in advance,  
if requested.

7:30-8:00 Questions from the floor.

Email questions welcome. Sorry, no texting.  
Please RSVP to [djpolk2@comcast.net](mailto:djpolk2@comcast.net).



Amanda Fritz



Charles Lewis

### Westside Candidates' Forum October 20

Neighbors West-Northwest (NWNW) and Southwest Neighborhoods Inc (SWNI) invite you to attend a Candidates' Forum. Candidates for City Commissioner Amanda Fritz and Charles Lewis will attend and answer your questions.

Date: Monday, October 20, 2008  
Time: 7 PM (Information tables open at 6:30 PM.)  
Location: Multnomah Center Auditorium,  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

Don't miss this opportunity to hear the city commissioner candidates's platforms, and get your questions answered so you can make an informed vote.

Candidates for other positions, groups supporting ballot measures, etc., will have information tables so you can get other information.

Email your questions

## Community Grants Available



Westside Neighborhood Small Grant Workshop (back to front, left to right): Angela Southwick, Heather Jones, Tanya Lyn March, Judy Johnson-Bari, Adele Nofield, Jane Drevescraft, David Blackledge, Janet Hawkins

### 2009 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 made available to neighborhood and community-based organizations working in inner SW and NW Portland.

Our goal is to provide neighborhood and community organizations an opportunity to expand their community-building capacity, increase diversity and sustain those already involved. In September, fifteen people gathered at the Oregon Zoo for the Westside Neighborhood Small Grant Workshop. This workshop provided volunteers and organizers an opportunity to learn more about the program and receive some input on their ideas. Did you miss it? Grant manager, Angela Southwick, is also available for individual support.

Submit applications for up to \$5000 to Neighbors West-Northwest, 2257 NW Raleigh St., Portland, OR 97210 by 2:00 PM on November 3, 2008. The grant applications are available on our website at [www.nwnw.org/GrantProgram.html](http://www.nwnw.org/GrantProgram.html).

Please contact Angela Southwick with any questions: 503.823.4211, [angela@nwnw.org](mailto:angela@nwnw.org).



### Northwest Neighborhoods Parks and Recreation Fund

This is a Grant opportunity for NW Portland nonprofit organizations. The Northwest Neighborhoods Parks and Recreation Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation invites proposals from qualified nonprofit and public organizations for grants to support the construction and renovation of parks and recreation facilities in Northwest Portland. Applications are due Friday, November 7, 2008 by 5:00 PM. For information on grant application guidelines, please contact Neighbors West-Northwest, 2257 NW Raleigh Street, Portland, OR 97210, 503 823-4212, or The Oregon Community Foundation, 1221 SW Yamhill Street, Suite 100, Portland OR 97205, 503-227-6846.

### Metro Community Enhancement Grants

Have an idea to help make your community greener, cleaner, safer or healthier? Approximately \$150,000 is available from Metro for projects that directly benefit the neighborhoods affected by Metro Central transfer station. Attend a free grant-writing workshop 7 to 9 PM, Wednesday, November 12, 2008. Call 503-797-1506 to reserve your place. Grant applications due 5 PM Monday, December 22, 2008. Details available at [www.oregonmetro.gov/grants](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/grants). Questions? Contact Karen Blauer at 503-797-1506, [karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov](mailto:karen.blauer@oregonmetro.gov)

## Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association

Join the Arlington Yahoo Group.  
Send blank email: [AHNAdiscussion-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:AHNAdiscussion-subscribe@yahoogroups.com).

### ANNUAL MEETING/ ELECTIONS

Monday, October 13th  
5:30 p.m.  
Sylvan Fire Station



## Forest Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Jim Emerson  
503-283-4096

### Neighborhood Meeting

Tuesday, October 21st  
7:00 p.m., Willis Community Center, 360 Northwest Greenleaf. (Next to the water tower & antenna farm.) Activity reports and discussion.



## Goose Hollow Foothills League

Contact: NWNW 503 823-4211  
For electronic notices, email [angela@nwnw.org](mailto:angela@nwnw.org)

All Meetings Held At:  
First United Methodist Church 1838 SW Jefferson

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Thursday, October 16th  
7:00 p.m.

### Planning and Zoning Committee

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



## Hillside Neighborhood Association

Contact: NWNW 503 823-4212  
[www.hillsidena.org](http://www.hillsidena.org)

All Meetings Held At:  
Hillside Community Center  
653 NW Culpepper

### BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 14th  
7:00 p.m.

### Transportation Committee

Wednesday,  
October 1st & 29th  
7:00 p.m.



## Linnton Neighborhood Association

<http://www.linnton.com>

Meetings held 1st Wednesdays of  
odd-numbered months

### BOARD MEETING

October 22nd, call for info  
TOWN HALL DEBATE  
October 15TH, 7 - 8 pm  
NEXT TOWN MEETING  
Wednesday, November 5th,  
7:00 p.m.

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



## Northwest District Association

Questions, Concerns? Call the Neighborhood Hotline at 503 823-4288 x7.  
[www.northwestdistrictassociation.org](http://www.northwestdistrictassociation.org)

### BOARD MEETING:

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

### Executive Committee

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

### Planning Committee

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

### Transportation Committee

Wednesday, October 1st  
6:00 p.m.  
NW Library  
2300 NW Thurman

### Health & Environment Committee

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

### Parks & Public Space Committee

Wednesday, October 8th  
11:00 a.m.  
call for location

### Public Safety & Livability Committee

Thursday, October 9th  
10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
World Cup Coffee  
1740 NW Glisan

### Monthly Litter Patrol

Saturday, October 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

To be announced

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](http://www.ninapdx.org)

### NEXT NINA MEETING

Tuesday, October 14th  
7:30 a.m.  
La Quinta Inn  
4319 NW Yeon



## Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association

[www.oldtownchinatown.net](http://www.oldtownchinatown.net)

### BOARD MEETING

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

### Arts, Culture and History Committee

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

### Land Use Committee

Tuesday, October 21st  
3:30 p.m.  
Central City Concern  
232 NW 6th

### Communications Committee

Monday, October 27th  
5:30 p.m.  
Voleur Restaurant & Kitchen  
111 SW Ash

### Public Safety Committee

Wednesday, October 29th  
1:00 p.m.  
Central City Concern  
232 NW 6th

### PLUSH

Monday October 20th  
5:00 p.m., Old Town  
Chinatown office  
115 SW Ash St., Ste.  
400G

### Business Ass'n

Thursday, October  
16th, 11:30 a.m.  
Central City  
Concern



## Pearl District Neighborhood Association

Contact: Joan Pendergast  
503 226-0612

### ANNUAL MEETING and ELECTION

Thursday, October 9th  
5:30 p.m.  
Bay 13th Restaurant  
Corner of NW 13th and  
Irving. See you there!

### Planning Committee

Tuesday, October 7th  
6:00 p.m.

### Transportation Committee

Thursday, October 9th  
3:30 p.m.  
Ecotrust, 721 NW 9th Ave.

### Communications Committee

Tuesday, October 28th  
6:00 p.m.  
Umpqua Bank  
1139 NW Lovejoy



## Portland Downtown Neighborhood Association

Contact: Steve Trujillo  
971 230-0030

### NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

Monday, Monday October  
20th  
5:30 p.m. Board Meeting  
Loaves & Fishes  
1032 SW Main Street

### Land Use & Transportation Committee

Monday, October 13th  
5:30 p.m.  
Elliot Tower, 1221 SW 10th

### Public Safety Committee

Thursday, October 16th  
12:00 p.m. Harland Building,  
400 SW 6th Ave, Main Floor  
Conference Room

### 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](mailto:malcolmdave@comcast.net)  
503 805-9587

### REGULAR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, November 11th  
7:00 p.m.  
Sylvan Fire Station  
1713 SW Skyline



## Neighbors West- Northwest Coalition

### BOARD MEETING

Wednesday,  
October 22nd  
5:30 p.m.  
Coho Theater,  
2257 NW Raleigh

### NWNW/SWNI

Candidates Fair  
Monday, October 20th  
6:30 p.m.  
Multnomah Art Center  
7688 SW Capitol Hwy

## Nob Hill Business Association

Contact: Kay Wolfe  
503 227-0898 X1  
[Kay.Wolfe@HomeStreet.com](mailto:Kay.Wolfe@HomeStreet.com)

### GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday,  
October 15th  
8:30 a.m.  
Holiday Express  
2333 NW Vaughn



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## Neighborhood Faces, Neighborhood Places Your Neighborhood Photo Contest

### Neighborhood Essence

What do you enjoy in your neighborhood? Do the people next door smile at you? Do you love the hustle and bustle—or the peaceful serenity—of your surroundings? Is the view from your patio amazing? While each individual's view of the neighborhood is slightly different, we want to know: What unites your neighborhood?

Neighbors West-Northwest is sponsoring a photo contest to capture the essence of Arlington Heights, Forest Park, Goose Hollow, Hillside, Linnton, Northwest District, Northwest Heights, Northwest Industrial, Old Town Chinatown, Pearl District, Portland Downtown, and Sylvan-Highlands.

If you live, work, or play in any of these neighborhoods, you are invited to show us and your neighbors the defining element of the neighborhood through your eyes.

### Contest Rules

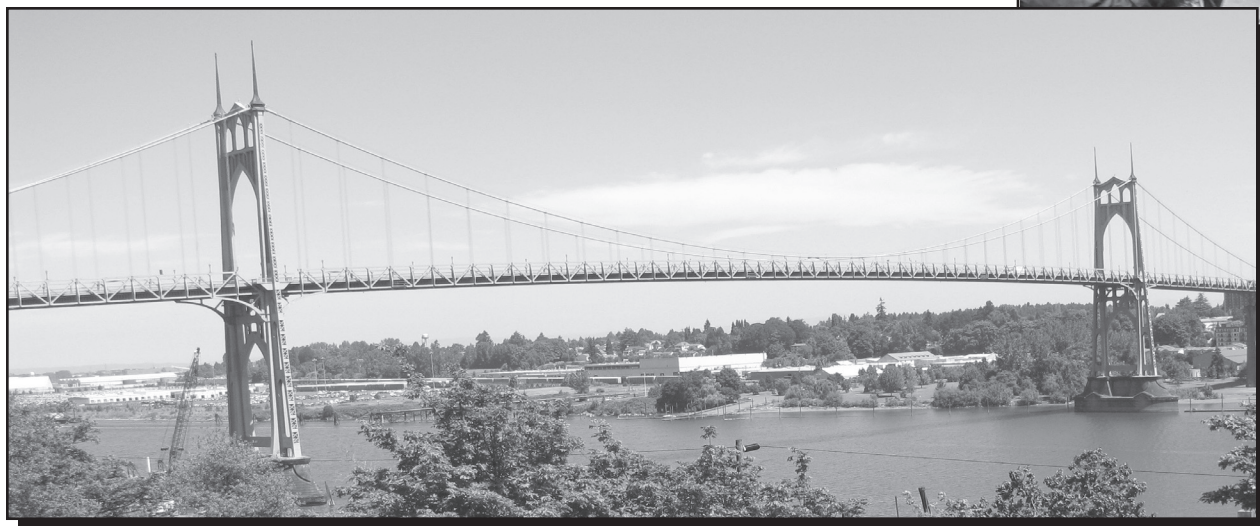
We are currently accepting submissions. All entries will be posted on the coalition website [www.nwnw.org/PhotoContest.html](http://www.nwnw.org/PhotoContest.html) by January 31, 2009. The NWNW community will begin online voting February 1, 2008 for the peoples' choice. At the end of March, winning entries (one per neighborhood) will be notified. The winning photos will be framed and displayed in the Coho Theater gallery. Winners will also receive local prizes.

All photos must be original, amateur artworks with an accompanying label stating where the photograph was taken, a title or caption, photographer's complete name, address, daytime phone number and email address. Digital photos must be submitted as JPEG's. Visit our website for a complete set of rules: [www.nwnw.org/PhotoContest.html](http://www.nwnw.org/PhotoContest.html).

To submit a photo, if you are a local business person who would

like to support this photo contest, or you have additional questions, contact Hanna Craig at 503-823-4288x8 or [hanna@nwnw.org](mailto:hanna@nwnw.org). Film and digital pictures are accepted.

Many thanks to the hard work of Alison Wallisch, an AmeriCorps member placed in the NWNW office for the last year. Her last day is October 10th. She will be missed. Alison designed this photo contest and has supported many neighborhood clean-up events.



Above: Clean-Up Volunteers  
Left: St. Johns Bridge from NW Portland

## New NWNW Website Launched! [www.nwnw.org](http://www.nwnw.org)

Same web address with a great new look! Neighbors West-Northwest is pleased to announce the official launch of our new website at [www.nwnw.org](http://www.nwnw.org).

### New Features

The website is a great resource, whether you are a regular volunteer or brand new to the area. New features on the website include a user-friendly neighborhood calendar, splash pages for each NWNW neighborhood, and up-to-date news items. We are currently highlighting the photo contest (above), the new cycle for the Neighborhood Small Grant Program, and an open work-study administrative assistant position.



### Resources

Check out the new resource page as well. You'll find information about coordinating clean-ups, land use basics, and much more. Explore the website and check back to find updates and current news & events.

### Accepting Submissions

A special website feature coming soon... 'Highlight a Neighbor.' Each month, we will profile a neighbor who has contributed to their local neighborhood. We are currently accepting nominations for the

upcoming featured neighbors – if you have a friend, relative, or co-worker who has been active in one of our twelve neighborhoods, please let us know. We look forward to meeting neighbors and supporting active engagement with the community!

### Website Trainings

The new site was brought to you thanks to Hanna Craig's hard work over the last several months. Please contact Hanna if you have comments or questions about the new NWNW site. She is again available for neighborhood website trainings or for advice on developing a new site. Hanna can be reached at [hanna@nwnw.org](mailto:hanna@nwnw.org) or at 503.823.4288x8.

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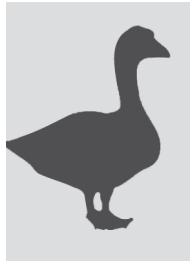
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## How Do I Sign Up to Become a Member of My Neighborhood Association?

By: Tracy Prince, Board Member--Goose Hollow Foothills League and NWNW

I started participating in my neighborhood, Goose Hollow, when someone attempted to break in to my house--while my family was home.

I felt helpless until I contacted my neighborhood association and got involved. I've met so many neighbors through this process.

Now we chat more when we see each other, email each other if we see anything suspicious, and stay

in close contact about everything going on in our part of the city. It's a wonderful, empowering feeling knowing that we are all looking out for each other.

Do you live on the inner West side of the Willamette River? Do you know what's going on in your neighborhood? Are you interested in clean-up days and get-togethers and meetings? Do you know how to get involved?

Most people don't realize they are NOT automatically a member of their neighborhood association. You need to actively sign up.

"How?" Glad you asked!

Neighbors West-Northwest is an umbrella organization, supporting twelve inner southwest and northwest Portland neighborhoods. NWNW has an easy online enrollment process. Go to [www.nwnw.org/JoinNow.html](http://www.nwnw.org/JoinNow.html), click on your neighborhood link and enroll.

Not sure which neighborhood

you belong to - contact Angela Southwick - [angela@nwnw.org](mailto:angela@nwnw.org) or 503 823-4211. You may need to provide proof of residence or other membership qualification. This can be dropped off, mailed, faxed, or emailed.

Come on along and join the fun! Neighbors West-Northwest  
2257 NW Raleigh Street  
Portland, OR 97210



## Next NWDA Health & Environment meeting

October 13th @ 7:00 p.m., 2217 NW Johnson. We will be planning for an upcoming meeting with Sam Adams and John Kroger, the new Attorney General, about our environmental problems in NWDA.



## Arlington Heights Annual Meeting

### Neighborhood Social

Join us for a get-together **Monday, October 13th at 5:30 PM** at the **Sylvan Fire Station, 1713 SW Skyline Blvd.** Come catch up with your neighbors! Bring an appetizer to share.

### Community Update

We will have a short meeting to give you a neighborhood update, elect board members and discuss reservoir capping, Zoo parking, security Issues, Arlington history update and YOUR topics & concerns.

Join us to share stories, meet your neighbors and learn more about our "Neighborhood in the Park."

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](mailto:coalition@nwnw.org), 503.823.4288.



## The Pearl Talks -- Thirteen Amazing Years

by Judy Gibson, Board Member, The Pearl District Neighborhood Association

Thirteen years ago my husband and I made the big change from house ownership to loft ownership. The Pearl District had always been one of our favorite places to visit. We'd start at Giant Steps - only the best independent coffee shop in the city - and then on to the local galleries, many no longer with us - Jamison Thomas and Quartersaw galleries, to name two of my favorites.

I remember driving my parents to see our warehouse in transition. My mother looked at the Palace Gallery - located where MacKenzie Lofts stands today - and seeing young artists and street kids lounging on the outdoor theatre seats, proceeded to tell us we were crazy. We weren't going to deny she might be partly correct, but nonetheless, we were excited.

Soon we began attending the Pearl District Neighborhood Association Board meetings. Back then, reflecting the neighborhood, their were more business owners than residents on the Board. At these meetings, we met the early pioneers who came to the Pearl with a vision - Al Solheim, Neilson Abeel, Wilbur Larson and Carol Smith-Larson.

We sat and listened to the plans for the future and the hurdles to be cleared to achieve those goals. Within a few short months, I was asked to sit on the Board. I eagerly accepted.

Although I was very interested in the physical growth of the neighborhood, I was even more interested in its livability. Back then, the Pearl had many homeless people, drunks, and drug dealers. We had our foot patrol - our own sort of community policing - on the theory our presence in the neighborhood would show these individuals we lived here and cared about what was happening on our streets.

We walked the North Park blocks in Pearl District vests, picking up trash (there were no garbage cans in the district at that time). We carried a portable phone and called police when we saw illegal activity, or CHIERS when a drunk was endangering his life by falling asleep in the street.

Next the Neighborhood Association bought garbage cans at the local Winks Hardware, along with chains and padlocks to secure them and went off to look for sponsors to empty them. When sponsors were found - Giant Steps

and a couple galleries - I padlocked the cans to nearby light poles. Now there were receptacles for the coffee cups and doggie waste bags.

And the Pearl grew. Abandoned buildings, drunks and drug dealers, gave way to new construction. After many hours and a lot of hard work by another one of our residents, Donna Drummond, the city replaced our portable trashcans with their own trash receptacles.

We continued the "Pearl Party" tradition. Our 10th anniversary party was one of the biggest yet Pearl restaurants and businesses contributed to its success. Community involvement was huge.

Last month we held our 17th annual Pearl Party. Attendance has tripled, and community involvement is stronger than ever. I organized the 10-year party pretty much on my own. This year, board member and organizer Carter Case needed more than a dozen people to help him. Carter and every one of his helpers put in countless hours to make this the most successful party ever.

These are just a few of the changes we long-time Pearl residents have seen. And, although the landscape has changed, the need for community involvement has not.

There is still a lot of land to develop and projects in the works - The Fields (the large community park north of Tanner Creek), Centennial Mills, the main post office on Hoyt, and the list goes on.

These proposed projects will change the landscape for generations to come. In the past, there were not that many of us, and we all dug in and worked hard. Today we have thousands of new residents, but we still need neighbors who care about livability and continued growth of the Pearl to get involved in the neighborhood association. The more involvement we get, the less strain it puts on the rest of us.

I am amazed by the changes over the 13 years I've lived here. And I know the Pearl District would not look like it does today without the hard work of those early pioneers and the many hours they devoted to its growth and livability. It took a lot of work. And we still need people to carry on the work of the those pioneers. Step to the plate. Get involved. Help make the next 13 years even more rewarding

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Join us for the Pearl District Annual Membership meeting and Elections. Thursday, October 9th, 5:30 pm, Bay 13th Restaurant, NW 13th & Irving