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Neighbors West-Northwest

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ARLINGTON HEIGHTS	HILLSIDE	NORTHWEST HEIGHTS	PEARL DISTRICT
FOREST PARK	LINNTON	NORTHWEST DISTRICT	PORTLAND DOWNTOWN
GOOSE HOLLOW	NINA	OLD TOWN CHINATOWN	SYLVAIN-HIGHLANDS

To submit an article, please email Anne Dufay at anne@nwnw.org.

Neighborhood Faces, Neighborhood Places



Members of the Old Town Chinatown Arts Culture and History Committee, representatives from Blanchett House, and the Artist gathered in November to clean Old Town Chinatown's Historic Bronze Plaques as part of a SOLV project.



Your Neighborhood Photo Contest

Submit your photos now! Show us your favorite place in your neighborhood, a favorite neighbor, or your favorite neighborhood event. Your photo could win prominence, prestige and prizes (TBD)! Photos are due by January 31st and can be emailed to alison@nwnw.org or dropped at Neighbors West-Northwest. Photos must include a caption or label of where it was taken, a title, and photographer's full name, address, daytime phone number and email address. For complete rules go to www.nwnw.org/PhotoContest.html.

Local Events

NINA's Food Drive, Holiday Meet & Greet

NINA invites you to support our community November 25th through November 9th by making a donation of food to the Oregon Food Bank. If you haven't had a chance to make a donation to one of the many barrels placed in businesses around the NINA area, feel free to bring it along to the NINA holiday meet & greet. For barrel locations or more information, contact Mark at mark@nwnw.org, 503.823.4212.

Date: Tuesday, December 9th
Time: 7:30 am - 9:00 am
Location: Guilds Lake Inn,
3271 NW 29th Ave.



Pearl District's Holiday Social

Come meet and greet your neighbors at Sweet Masterpieces! Crystal will pair wine and chocolate. Spend only \$10 on this sweet event. For more information, please contact Jan Valentine, jan.grammy@gmail.com.

Date: Monday, December 8th
Time: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Location: Sweet Masterpieces,
922 NW Davis



Sylvan Highlands'

Zoolights & Cookie Exchange

Come visit with your neighbors and bring some treats to share! Afterwards, feel free to wander around the Zoo and check out the lights. Pass the word to all your neighbors! For more information, contact Tracey Taylor at 503.701.5931.

Date: Thurs., December 18th
Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Oregon Zoo
Classrooms 1 & 2



Forest Park's Board Meeting, Holiday Treats & Conversations

The Board will have a brief meeting to approve minutes, update Committee action, and review our 2009 election cycle. We will also discuss prospective programs for next year's meetings.

Then we'll switch gears and enjoy treats and conversation. Meet other Forest Park Neighbors! Let the board know what you'd like them to be working on!

Thank you to all who attended the informative November 18 meeting on Urban and Rural Reserves.

Date: Tuesday, December 16,
Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm
Location: Willis Building,
360 NW Greenleaf

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

Accepting Board Nominations



The annual FPNA election of directors will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009. The three candidates receiving the most votes will be elected to the Board of Directors for 3-year terms.

Nominations will be accepted if received on or before January 19, 2009. Candidates must be members of the association. Nominations must be submitted by the person nominated, or accompanied by written consent of that person. Each 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, 2009 edition of the Northwest Examiner. If nominations received by January 19th are insufficient to fill all positions, the President may nominate additional candidates.

To nominate a candidate, or for additional information, contact:

Neighbors West-Northwest
2257 NW Raleigh
Portland, OR 97210
Phone: (503) 823-4288
E-Mail: coalition@nwnw.org



The Pearl Talks

by Ben Andrews Communications Community Co-Chair, The Pearl District Neighborhood Association

It was a cold, dark evening on December 17th, 1993. I remember it like it was yesterday. I was a freshman on the University of Oregon Track & Field team, home from Eugene to compete at the Memorial Coliseum in my first collegiate race – "The Portland Indoor". Memorial Coliseum – home to the Blazers, where Bill Walton brought Portland its only NBA World Championship, home to Clyde the Glyde, and where my brother Matthew and I watched countless NBA practices from the upper levels, craning for a glimpse of Larry Bird or Magic Johnson.

Now it was my turn on Portland's biggest sporting stage.

As a Portland native I led the team on its five mile warm-up run. I was to "avoid traffic" so I took us into the Northwest Industrial Triangle, now commonly known as the Pearl District. I'd never run there before.

We crossed the Broadway Bridge into the district, navigating the dark streets using our natural running senses, light on our feet, listening for truck's loud diesel engines, then back to the Memorial Coliseum via the Steel Bridge.

We all raced very well that night and some attributed our great showing to my excellent warm-up route. From their acknowledgment and my 'first race' experience grew my fascination with the Northwest Industrial Triangle.

I moved back to Portland after college, running professionally through the 2004 Olympic Trials. I ran weekly in the Triangle, preparing for road races on its uneven cobblestone roads, negotiating potholes while maintaining a four-minute mile pace. I remember leaving my warm-up sweats and energy drink bottles on idled trains that would, later in the day, deliver beer bottles and hops up to Henry's. After some workouts I'd be too exhausted to walk back so I'd hitch a ride on a passing train, collect my sweats and wonder what it would be like to live in such an industrial part of town.

Loud diesel engines gave way to hybrids; factory noises to pilings and cranes. The Lovejoy Columns were replaced by a ramp, the trains by streetcars and a lot of grit became a little more glitz.

In 2005 my wife Heidi & I moved in to the Streetcar Lofts to be closer to our business and clients. Each morning we walk to our office along the same street I ran on that first night in December, 1993. A lot has changed – I'm not as graceful and certainly not as fast. But I still run up and down 11th and 12th and along Lovejoy and regularly make a trip across the river and over to and around the Memorial Coliseum.

And, if you look closely, it's all still here – the train tracks on 12th, the cobblestones on Marshall. Even the Lovejoy Columns are still here, they just moved a few blocks south.

**Arlington Heights
Neighborhood Association**

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

BOARD MEETING

Monday, January 12th
5:30 p.m.

Sylvan Fire Station
1713 SW Skyline Blvd



The board will discuss the neighborhood's position on the Japanese Garden's proposed non conditional use for a house on Kingston.

Questions?
Call: 503 823-4211

**Forest Park
Neighborhood Association**

Contact: Jim Emerson
503-283-4096

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 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

**Planning and Zoning
Committee**

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

First United Methodist
Church, 1838 SW Jefferson

**NEXT NEIGHBORHOOD
MEETING**

Thursday, January 15th
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, December 9th
7:30 p.m.

Transportation Committee
Wednesday, December 3rd
7:00 p.m.



**Linnton Neighborhood
Association**

<http://www.linnton.com>

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

Next Town Meeting
Wednesday, January
7th, 7:00 p.m.
Potluck at 6:30 p.m.



**Northwest District
Association**

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

BOARD MEETING:

Monday, December 15th
6:00 p.m.

Chapman Elementary
1445 NW 26th Ave

Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 10th
8:15 a.m.

NWNW, 2257 NW Raleigh St.

Planning Committee

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

Transportation Committee

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

NW Library
2300 NW Thurman

**Health & Environment
Committee**

Monday, December 8th
7:00 p.m.

2217 NW Johnson

**Public Safety & Livability
Committee**

Thursday, December 11th
10:00 a.m.

World Cup Coffee
1740 NW Glisan

**Parks & Public Spaces Com-
mittee**

Thursday, December 11th
11:00 a.m.

World Cup Coffee
1740 NW Glisan

Monthly Litter Patrol

Saturday, December 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 information about your neighborhood or for volunteer opportunities!



**Northwest Industrial
Neighborhood Association**

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

**NINA FOOD DRIVE AND
HOLIDAY MEET & GREET**

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

Guilds Lake Inn
3271 NW 29th
Avenue



**Old Town Chinatown
Neighborhood Association**

www.oldtownchinatown.net

GENERAL MEETING

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

University of Oregon
70 NW Couch

**Arts, Culture and History Com-
mittee**

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

Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center
121 NW 2nd Avenue

Land Use Committee

Tuesday, December 16th
3:00 p.m.

Central City Concern
232 NW 6th

Communications Committee

Monday, December 29th
5:30 p.m., To confirm, email:
sequentialart@gmail.com

PHLUSH

Monday December 15th
5:00 p.m., Old Town Chinatown
Office, 115 SW Ash Street, Ste.
400G

Business Ass'n

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

Central City
Concern
232 NW 6th



**Pearl District
Neighborhood Association**

Contact: Joan Pendergast
503 226-0612

BOARD MEETING

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

Pacific NW College of Art
1241 NW Johnson

Holiday Social

Monday, December 8th
5:00 p.m.

Sweet Masterpieces
922 NW Davis

Planning Committee

Tuesday, December 2nd &
Tuesday, December 16th
6:00 p.m.

Pacific NW College of Art

**Pearl District Neighborhood,
Continued...**

Livability Committee

Monday, December 1st
6:00 p.m.

The Louisa's 2nd Floor Com-
munity Room, 123 NW 12th



**Portland Downtown
Neighborhood Association**

Contact: Steve Trujillo
971 230-0030

BOARD WORKING MEETING

Monday, December 15th
6:00 p.m.

Loaves & Fishes
1032 SW Main Street



**Sylvan-Highlands
Neighborhood
Association**

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

**Zoo Lights &
Cookie Exchange**

Thursday, December 18th
6:00 PM

Zoo Classroom 1 & 2

**NEXT REGULAR
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Tuesday, January 13th
7:00 p.m.

Sylvan Fire Station
1713 SW Skyline



**Neighbors West-
Northwest Coalition**

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday,
January 14th
5:30 PM
NW Library
2300 NW Thurman Street

**Nob Hill
Business
Association**

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

Membership Holiday Party

Wednesday,
December 17th
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

A-Ball Plumbing
1703 W Burnside

