

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

July/August, 2010



Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Corner of Milwaukie and Center
7pm

Updates on Milwaukie/Portland Lightrail
by Jennifer Koozer from TriMet

*Come meet your neighbors and bring your
ideas, concerns and vision for the
Brooklyn neighborhood.*

SAVE THIS DATE!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2010

The Brooklyn Action Corps
Sponsors the 9th Annual
**“ICE CREAM SOCIAL
IN THE PARK”**

1 - 4 pm

**Lots of activities are
planned so be sure to
mark your calendar!**

**Help is needed for setup
and take down.**

**Any volunteers?
Call the Help Line
503/241-4540**

Meet
the
new
2010-11
BAC
Board



Front row, Jonathon Miles, Jade Colley, and Lance Lindahl, Vice Chair
Back Row: Crissy Kibbons-Lindahl, Treasurer; Don Stephens, BHS;
Mike O'Connor, Chair; Kirsten Lampi, Secretary and Seth English-Young

BROOKLYN PARK SUMMER PROGRAM UPDATE

“Budget Spares Park Program for Kids”

**Thanks to all who contacted
Commissioner Nick Fish.**

Kids and teens will be able to participate in supervised activities at 23 city parks this summer after all. The Portland Bureau of Parks & Recreation’s Summer Playground Program was set to be eliminated, but Mayor Sam Adams restored \$100,000 in his proposed 2010-11 budget. Besides Parks, Nike will also contribute.



Daniel Gaard

Brooklyn residents, who waged a passionate campaign against the proposed cuts, are jubilant. “We’ve been working on this for months, attending meetings, inundating them with e-mails, so this news is absolutely phenomenal,” says Daniel Gaard, who was one of the most active in the fight to save Brooklyn’s Program. So once again, we will see Craig Montag for his 33rd year in Brooklyn Park.

Calendar of Events

BAC Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 14, 2010
6:30 - 9 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

Neighborhood General Meeting
Wednesday, July 28, 2010
7 pm
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Milwaukie & Center

National Night Out
Tuesday, August, 3, 2010

BAC Board Meeting
Wednesday, August 11, 2010
6:30 - 9 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

LOOKING AHEAD
Ice Cream Social in the Park
Sunday, September 12, 2010
Brooklyn Park
1 - 4 pm

National Night Out Tuesday, August 3rd Plan your own block party

For information about sponsoring your own block party, call Havilah, our Neighborhood Crime Prevention Coordinator 503/823-0540 or go to www.portlandonline.com/oni

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Officer Eric Weber is our precinct officer. His work schedule is Sunday through Thursday, 4pm - 2am. His direct line is 503/545-3392 or email: eric.weber@portlandoregon.gov

DO NOT CALL OFFICER WEBER IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE HELP OR TO REPORT A CRIME IN PROGRESS. CALL 911.

Special Note about Parks

Please remember that both Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn School Park are closed at night after midnight. The Portland Police Bureau has received a number of complaints in recent weeks about suspicious activities taking place in these parks late at night.

Police patrols have been stepped up, and citations will be issued to those found to be in violation of park rules.

Movie in the Park Update

According to the Portland Parks website, there are no movies scheduled for Brooklyn this year. The following website has information on which Parks will have movies:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/parks/index.cfm?c=52643>

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Cultural Academic Student Exchange is currently placing 15-18 year old exchange students with host families in the Portland metro area. Exchange program participants stay for either a semester or a year, and attend a local high school just like other students.

Host families are asked to provide meals and lodging for the student. Students are required to bring at least \$300 per month for personal expenses.

All foreign exchange students and their parents have been interviewed and references checked to determine whether they have the maturity, English comprehension, academic ability, versatility, and genuine interest to live in a new country.

If interested or if you need more information, please contact Maria Young at 503-849-8495 or email: mkpyoung@gmail.com.



The Helpline is always available for the Brooklyn neighborhood to voice their concerns or pass on information to the Brooklyn Action Corps. Please remember to leave a name and phone number with your message so that someone can call you back. Messages are checked at least once a week by a BAC board member.



BROOKLYN HELP LINE

503/241-4540

Brooklyn Neighborhood News

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Community announcements, local events and press releases are accepted on a space available basis. Closing date for the newsletter is on the 15th of even-numbered months. This newsletter is edited and designed by Marie Phillippi.

Crime Prevention Recognition Awards

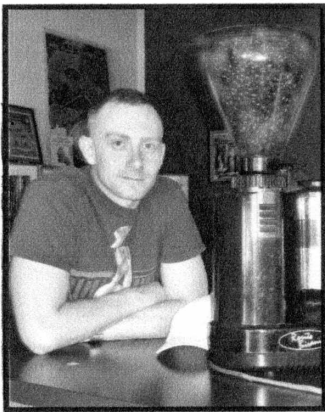
Every year the Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention Program and the Portland Office of Emergency Management honor community volunteers and partners in public safety. On Thursday, May 13th two Brooklyn neighborhood partners were given awards for their work towards public safety in their community.

This year neighbors Maria and Andrew Young won the Neighborhood Watch Volunteer awards for their work in organizing neighbors to form a Neighborhood Watch and for being tireless and persistent advocates for their neighborhood. The other award was given to one of Brooklyn's own district officers, Officer Eric Weber (not pictured) for going above and beyond what is expected of a district officer to work with neighbors, Crime Prevention staff, and partners in Southeast Portland, including work to shut down a drug house.

A big congratulations and thank you to the Youngs and Officer Weber for their work in helping to keep Brooklyn a safe and thriving neighborhood!



Andrew & Maria Young



True Brew Has New Owner

Taking over True Brew has been a very exciting adventure for new owner, David Johnson, who has been working hard to make the business successful again. David has lived in Brooklyn for six years and was a long time customer before purchasing the shop. He wants to thank all of the members of the community who have showed their support throughout the past difficult months. He has a lot of attachment to True Brew, and is very excited about its future, planning to add a full food menu with vegetarian/vegan options and making more open space by eliminating the books.

Good Luck David!

Winterhaven School Celebrates Installation of New Play Structure

Winterhaven School hosted a celebration of their new play structure at Brooklyn School Park on Tuesday, June 15th. Winterhaven students, faculty, parents, along with Brooklyn families and community members, gathered to celebrate and to thank donors for helping to make the new play structure a reality.

The history: The park's original wooden play structure was removed for safety reasons in 2006.



The 323 students at Winterhaven School (K-8), as well as the children living in Brooklyn neighborhood, have been without an adequate play structure for more than three years. Thanks to generous donations from the Fred Meyer Fund, Advantis Credit Union, Brooklyn Action Corps and the Brooklyn and Winterhaven communities, the children now have a large, innovative, fun play structure to enjoy for years to come.



Jeff Milkes from Parks, Principal Rudy Rudolf and Glynda Broakhoff from Fred Meyer watch the ribbon cutting along with the entire school.

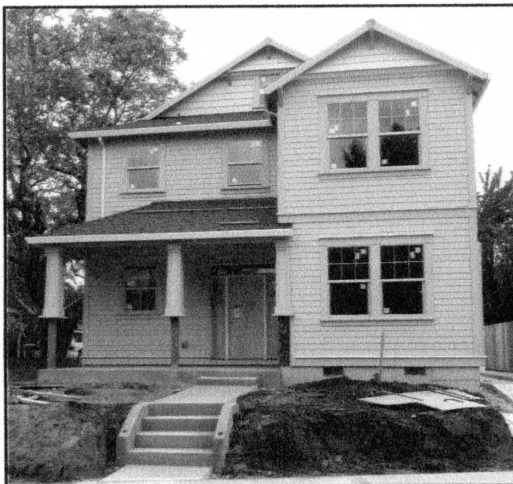


What's new around Brooklyn?

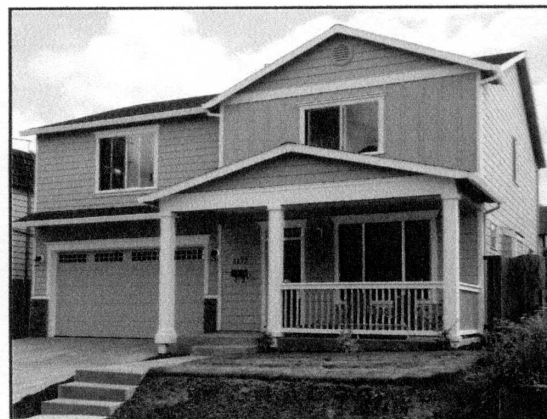
Brooklyn is starting to show some sprucing up with new trees along "the avenue" and really appropriate new "in-fill" homes. Even some front yards with newly designed landscaping add to the exciting feeling one gets in this very walkable neighborhood.



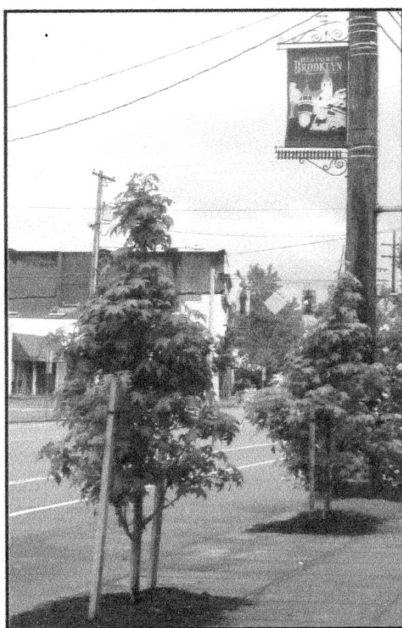
Free trees from the city were planted all along Milwaukie Ave. and will be maintained for 2 years, all free of charge. What a deal!



New but unfinished house on 11th Ave.



Newly finished house on Pershing.



New artwork and design landscaping on 9th and 10th Avenues.

WHAT IS IT?

Have you seen this little 3-wheel zebra striped car driving around the neighborhood? Dogs bark at it, children point, and adults stop to ask, "What is that?" It is a 100% electric Xebra car manufactured by a Chinese company called Zap, with the US headquarters located in Santa Rosa, CA. It runs on 6 lead-acid batteries that are charged via a 110 volt charger onboard which plugs into any outlet. Charging takes 1 hour for every 3 miles and the vehicle can be driven up to 40 miles with occasional charging throughout the day.



The actual range varies as everything affects the power drawn from the batteries. Top speed is 40mph, making it ideal for city driving. In spite of its limitations, you can't beat the price of driving as it only costs \$0.02 per mile. You can order one locally at a starting price of \$11,700 in your choice of 5 colors and with several different features. The stripes are optional, but how can you drive one without them? And is it fun to drive!

Shanthi Holland, Zap Car Owner