

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

July/August, 2011



General Meeting Brooklyn Neighborhood

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Corner of Milwaukie and Center
7pm

Sewage Pipe Connection Fees

Many Brooklyn neighbors are being asked to pay large amounts of money to bring their sewer connections into compliance. Join us for a discussion on this problem. Commissioner Dan Salzman has been asked to attend or a city representative to answer questions.

Latest updates concerning Brooklyn

For the latest happenings in the neighborhood, check out our extensive website at www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org

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

BROOKLYN ACTION CORPS BOARD ELECTIONS

At the May 25th General Meeting, 5 volunteers were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for the Brooklyn Neighborhood. Mike O'Connor, current chair, Wendy Miller, current Secretary, Don Stephens, current Treasurer and Jacob Heil were re-elected. Steve Schmunk also volunteered to serve.

The BAC are looking for a few good people

There are presently 6 openings so the BAC is looking for people who feel passionate about our neighborhood and are willing to spend just a couple hours a month to make a difference in the future of Brooklyn.

If you are interested, consider attending a couple of board meetings (the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm).

For more information, contact the Brooklyn HelpLine 503/241-4540.

MOVIE IN THE PARK IS BACK WITH KARATE KID!

Saturday, July 9th in Brooklyn Park
(on Milwaukie)

The River City Band will be playing starting at 6:30; the movie will begin at dusk. Come early and enjoy the music, your neighbors and refreshments. For more information, check out portlandparks.org

BROOKLYN BLOCK PARTY Saturday, August 27th, 11 am

Local businesses and artists will be on hand to showcase their talents and wares. Come meet your neighbors, enjoy good food and support our local businesses. More information will be available on www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org or follow the Brooklyn Neighborhood Association on Facebook at www.facebook.com/bacpdx. Location still to be determined.

Calendar of Events

Movie in the Park

Saturday, July 9th, 2011

Movie starts at Dusk
Brooklyn Park on Milwaukie

BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 13, 2011

6:30 - 9 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, July 27, 2011

7 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2, 2011

BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 10, 2011

6:30 - 9 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

Brooklyn Block Party

Saturday, August 27, 2011
11 am

National Night Out Tuesday, August 2nd Plan your own block party

Anyone can register a party, get ideas for party activities, download forms for closing your street or reserving space at a park, and much more.

For more information about sponsoring your own block party, call Teresa at 503/823-4064 or go to www.portlandonline.com/oni/nno

KIDS BOOKS ARE NEEDED

Portland Kids Book Drive is starting their annual Book Drive. They are hoping to receive 500 New Books to donate to the Local Fire Department during Christmastime this year. All books will be accepted, new or used. Send or drop them off at **4018 SE Center**. Please leave a "Post It note" so that you can be acknowledged on their Facebook page.

They can be reached at Portlandkidsbookdrive@yahoo.com or can be selected by typing "Portland Kids Book Drive" on Facebook. Please click "Like" and help out the kids in our neighborhood and city!

Thank you for your support!

SAVE THIS DATE!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011

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

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

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NEED IMMEDIATE HELP OR TO REPORT
A CRIME IN PROGRESS. CALL 911.**



BROOKLYN HELP LINE

503/241-4540

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.

Brooklyn Neighborhood News

is published bi-monthly by the BAC. To contact the Brooklyn News, call the helpline or email the newsletter at brooknews@brooklyn-neighborhood.org

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.

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY GARDEN

The Brooklyn Community Garden is GROWING with 30-40 people interested. Still needed are organizers, tools, plumbers and organic soil. If you can help with any of the above, contact Jacob Heil at jacob@brooklyn-neighborhood.org

BROOKLYN FOOT PATROL

Volunteers are still needed to make this happen. The commitment is only a few hours a month. To get involved, call the Brooklyn HelpLine or email Don Stephens: don@brooklyn-neighborhood.org

LAWNS MORE THAN 10 INCHES HIGH?

Portland has installed a pilot program that lets residents not only complain but get something done about neighbors' overgrown lawns. Homeowners who fail to mow their lawns could be fined \$233 monthly. Send a digital photo uploaded to the city's website: <http://www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?c=53112>. The homeowner will receive a notice to clean up the property or pay the fine.

Additional information from the website: Due to limited resources, complaints may only be submitted online. This pilot project only addresses tall grass and weeds in excess of 10 inches in height. Other nuisance conditions such as blackberry overgrowth and trash & debris are not addressed under this pilot project. Due to reduced resources, complaints are being prioritized and not all complaints are able to be investigated at this time.

STREET LIGHTS OUT?

The phone number for reporting street light outages is 503/865-5267 (LAMP) There is also an online reporting form at www.portlandtransportation.org; click on Services and Street Lights will be listed.

GRAFFITI HOTLINE

To report graffiti anywhere in the Brooklyn neighborhood that is NOT being taken care of, the number to call is: 503/823-4824 (4TAG) or email: marcia.dennis@portlandoregon.gov

FIGHT THE BITE: DON'T BREED MOSQUITOES AND PROTECT BROOKLYN FROM WEST NILE VIRUS

The following are some effective things you can do to eliminate mosquito breeding sites:

- Remove standing water in ponds, ditches, gutters, flower pots, puddles, tires and cans.
- Check unusual items that might contain water such as wheelbarrows and toys. Turn them upside down to prevent collecting water.
- Check water in birdbaths and wading pools WEEKLY for mosquito larvae. Better yet, change the water.
- Stock ornamental ponds and fountains with fish that eat mosquito larvae or treat them with BTI, a natural bacteria that kills larvae. This can be purchased at garden and home stores or feed and supply stores.

For more information, visit the Centers for Disease Control website at www.cdc.gov and click on the Fight the Bite links.

EMERGENCY AND PROBLEM SOLVING NUMBERS

Emergency (Police, Fire, Medical)	911	Animal Services	503/988-7387
Police Non-emergency	503/823-3333	Poison Control Center	800/222-1222
City of Portland General Information . .	503/823-4000	Pot Hole Repair	503/823-2867
Abandoned Vehicle Hotline	503/823-7309	Graffiti Hotline	503/823-4824
Drug House Reporting Hotline	503/823-3784	Street Lights	503/865-5267
Downed Trees	503/823-4489	Noise Control	503/823-7350
Water Main Breaks	503/823-4874		
Emergency Sewer Repair	503/823-1700		

Neighborhood Cleanup - A Success



Cleanup volunteers shown (left to right) are Lance Lindahl, Mike O'Connor, Don Stephens, Dan Howell and Daryl Phillippi. Other volunteers not shown were Wendy Miller, Seth English-Young, Jacob Heil, Clancy O'Connor, Ann Noonan and Marie Phillippi. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Access to McLoughlin Completed

The location of the new ADA path to McLoughlin and bus stops is at 9th and SE Cora. As of the 3rd week in June, the new cement access is now available for use. Check it out.



Get Involved in Research about Neighborhood Health Projects

Sarah Church, a PhD candidate from the University of British Columbia (and former Portlander), is looking for people to take part in research about neighborhood nature. Through conversation and interviews of approximately 1 hour, you will be asked to explore your experiences and thoughts on watershed health projects like rain gardens, bioswales, and habitat restoration. The study incorporates only the area between Mt. Tabor and the River. You don't need to have direct experience with any of these types of projects to participate.

For more information or to participate, please contact Sarah at churchsp@interchange.ubc.ca or 208-310-2841, or sign up at <http://churchsp.wordpress.com/dissertation-research/research-sign-up-form/>.

Portland Growers Alliance in Brooklyn

The Portland Growers Alliance, a collective of growers supported by Mercy Corps Northwest, is marketing their produce through a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program. CSA members pay in advance to receive a weekly box of freshly harvested, extremely local produce. One of the scheduled CSA drop-off points is at The Warehouse Cafe (home of Portland Green Parenting) on SE Milwaukie Ave.

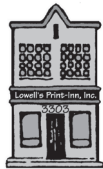
Growers Alliance farmers grow vegetables at three sites in SE Portland and Damascus, using all organic practices with no sprays or synthetic fertilizers. They're now accepting members for their Fall season CSA box. Joining is a great way to receive fresh produce grown only a few miles away and to help new and disadvantaged farmers in the area.

Go to www.growportland.org to sign up! Contact Lauren at lmorse@growportland.org or 503-858-0216 for more information.

Moreland Farmers Market 2011 Fresh from Northwest Family Farmers Wednesdays from May 11 through October 13

The vendors at the Moreland Farmers Market sell local fresh produce, cheese and dairy, poultry, meat, eggs, baked goods, nursery stock, planting starts, cut flowers, prepared food, specialty items and more. Free parking in lot across the street at SE Glenwood and 14th Avenue. Contact information: www.morelandfarmersmarket.org or Market Manager Ted Lee at 503-341-9350 or Ted@morelandfarmersmarket.org.

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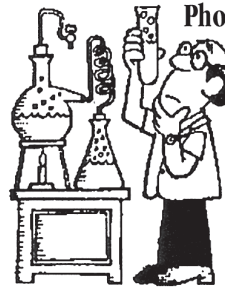
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