

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March/April, 2012



GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, March 28, at 7 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall

Corner of Milwaukie & Center

Main Topic

“Imagine Holgate”

A visioning strategy for the SE 17th
& Holgate Station-Area Community

See Page 4 for more explanation

Updates on

Non-Conforming Sewer Issue,
Brooklyn Community Garden,
Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail and
Community Policing

Free Pizza for all those in attendance

Check out the Brooklyn Website:
www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org

PORTLAND-MILWAUKIE LIGHT RAIL PROJECT NEWS

Preparations for light rail underway

Private utility companies have begun work along the 17th Avenue corridor in preparation for light rail construction. Near Powell Boulevard, TriMet crews have begun demolishing recently purchased buildings to make way for street widening, underground utility work and light rail construction.

In March, TriMet’s contractor plans to begin intersection widening at 17th & Holgate, followed by work on a deep sewer pipe in the intersection. Intermittent demolition and sewer and water work will continue along the 17th Avenue corridor for several months.

For construction updates, visit trimet.org/pm/construction and sign up for email updates.

Update on Post Card Campaign to Preserve 26th Avenue



Photo by Mark Romanaggi

To the 248 people that mailed in their yellow postcard to Mayor Sam Adams, the BAC says THANKS! The BAC finally received this response from the Mayor on Feb. 14th:

“I would like to thank the neighbors who live in the Brooklyn neighborhood for bringing their concerns about increased truck traffic on SE 26th Avenue to my attention. I have received numerous petition postcards informing me on the concerns of the neighborhood and possible solutions. The Bureau of Transportation will be conducting traffic counts to gather

data on what modes of transportation are being used on SE 26th Ave and at what times of day. Gathering this information will be helpful, so that when we sit down with our partners we all will have the same factual data. I trust that together, we will be able to come to a resolution that takes into account the unique neighborhood that is Brooklyn. The Bureau of Transportation will be in touch to share their findings when the data has been compiled.” ~Mayor Sam Adams

Editors Note: The BAC has asked to be included as a ‘partner’ in the meetings with the Transportation Bureau and Union Pacific and has adopted a “Wait and See” attitude if notified about the meetings. In the meantime, the “No Left Turn” sign has been taken down from Holgate at 26th so more big trucks can turn left onto 26th from Holgate.

Calendar of Events

BAC Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 2012
6:30 - 9 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

Neighborhood General Meeting
Wednesday, March 28, 2012
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
7 pm

BAC Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 11, 2012
6:30 - 9 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center



NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, June 2, 2012
10 am - 3 pm
Where? 16th & Center



More details in the May newsletter.

Volunteers are needed! Usually 2 hour shifts.

If you would like to volunteer,
call the Brooklyn Helpline.

503/241-4540

CALL NOW and reserve your time.



A special thanks to all the Brooklyn Businesses that support this newsletter. The BAC appreciates it and urges our Brooklyn neighbors to support YOU!

Check out the Business Ads attached to this newsletter.

OTHER BUSINESS NEWS

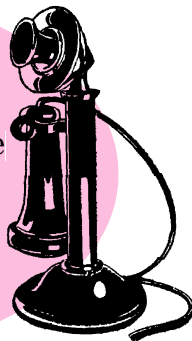
For longer than even I can remember, Tae Sik Kim of BOB'S HANDY PANTRY, has given us staging space in his store so that the newsletters could be distributed throughout the neighborhood. The BAC values this service and if you happen to be in the Pantry, thank him and his wife for their generosity. *(The editor)*

The BAC would like to extend a thank you to RAINBOW PAINTING and Bob Puzis. Bob offered to provide discounted labor to spray a protective clearcoat over our entire mural which artist Lew Jones painted on the SE 9th Ave pedestrian bridge last summer. The mural was made possible by a \$2,046 grant from Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

Two businesses, AUTO START and BAHAMA AUTOBODY are being forced to close due to the Light Rail that will be coming down 17th Ave through Holgate. We want to thank both Doug Lindahl and Ualie Arakelian for their support of this newsletter. We will miss them and hope that they can relocate successfully.

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.



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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.

Non-Conforming Sewer Update

As many of you know, a group of concerned citizens have been meeting with the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) since September 27th of 2011 to attempt to refine (and make sense of) the City's Non-Conforming Sewer program. Over the course of the past several months, many aspects of this program have been discussed in depth, including what defines a non-conforming sewer, how people are notified, and most importantly, what is it going to cost individual homeowners and ratepayers alike. The recommendations from both the citizen's and BES staff members will be presented to Commissioner Dan Saltzman on March 6th. At this time, they will be proposing changes to the

system, including standardizing and reducing costs, asking that the City adopt certain lines currently deemed as non-conforming, and also, what type of refunds will be available to those who have paid into the system prior to the changes we are recommending. For those of you who signed a Public Sewer Utility Waiver, they will be requesting that these be deemed null and void, until the terms of the new program take effect.

After the meeting on March 6th, it is unknown how long it will be before they know if proposed changes will be accepted or not.

Brook Balocca, spokesman for the citizens committee

Grow Portland Seed Club coming to Brooklyn

Warehouse Cafe, 3434 SE Milwaukie Ave. Sunday, March 18, 2012 Noon - 1:30

Local nonprofit, Grow Portland, is gearing up for its third annual Seed Club. For the Seed Club, Grow Portland buys organic vegetable seeds in bulk from socially responsible suppliers. These seeds are repacked into smaller sizes and made available to home gardeners, schools, and non-profits at affordable prices.

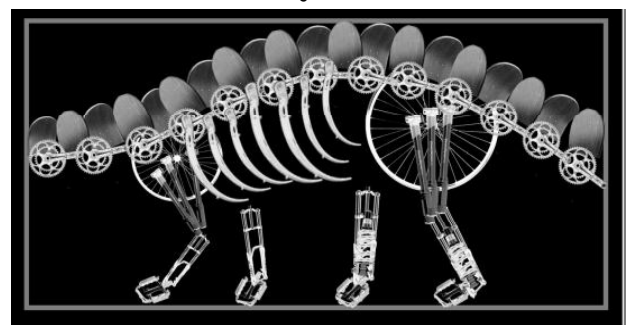
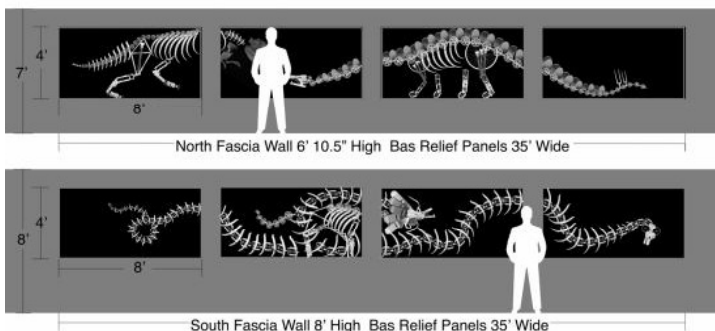
This March and April, Grow Portland is hosting four sessions to pack these seeds. At these sessions, gardeners have a chance to socialize and learn with other growers, pack vegetable seeds, and take home 15 seed packets of their own. Gardeners sign up online in advance to attend.

See our website to sign up, and for more information on membership options for schools and nonprofits: www.growportland.org. Contact Lauren with additional questions: lmorse@growportland.org or 503-858-0216

Local Artist Recycling Bicycle Parts for Artwork under Powell Light Rail Structure

Local artist Horatio Law was selected by the PMLR (Public Art Advisory Committee) to create an art piece under the Powell light rail structure. His concept is a series of bas-relief panels, embedded into the retaining walls. They will be made of concrete and will recycle alternative transportation materials: bicycle, tricycle, skateboard and roller-skate parts that are arranged to resemble skeletal remains of prehistoric reptiles, dinosaurs and other fauna and flora. The piece seeks to transform the underpass into an imaginary archeological dig that resembles a scene from a natural history museum diorama. If anyone has access to bicycle, etc. parts, contact Horatio Law at horatiolaw@gmail.com to get involved.

Velo-Saurus (Bicycle-Dinosaur)



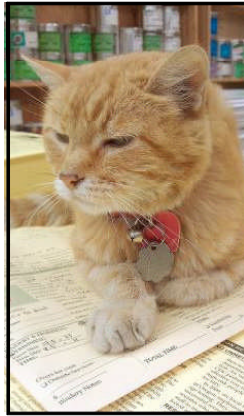
IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Officer Eric Weber is our precinct officer. His work schedule is Sunday through Thursday, 4pm - 2am. His direct line is 503/545-3392. DO NOT CALL OFFICER WEBER IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE HELP OR TO REPORT A CRIME IN PROCESS. CALL 911. For Police Non-Emergency, call 503/823-3333.

Mayor of the Neighborhood

“There’s this cat that lives around here. Not mine, not the upstairs tenants,’ sort of the local enforcer in the outdoor furry department. He’s a slightly ragged marmalade tom with a lot of charisma, who will have a conversation with you, follows people to see what they’re doing, and so forth. This guy’s name is Reno.”

He normally lived in the print shop next door to my place; which is to say, he had food and a litterbox there. He used to live up the hill, but he liked our block better here along Milwaukie Ave, so the folks up there eventually relinquished him. He was ‘catnapped’ once resulting in a court action to get him back.”



RENO 1998-2012

“Last night I was walking home from the coffee house two blocks away when I noticed Reno inside the Bear Paw. I stepped inside and asked the bartender what Reno was doing in there, and she told me he came in during the evenings to hang out and party. They’d tried to chase him out at first, but he’d just hide behind the pinball machines. I made sure they knew his name, wished him the joy of it, and went home.”

Jay Lake, Brooklyn resident

Reno lost his battle with cancer and will be truly missed by people who knew him and his family at Lowell’s Print-Inn.

BROOKLYN RECEIVES GRANT FROM SE UPLIFT



The BAC received funding of \$1500 from the City of Portland and SE Uplift’s Neighborhood Small Grants Program, to help with the costs of our Ice Cream Social in the Park in September. After many hours of work submitting the necessary information, we are very grateful to SE Uplift for choosing us as one of the 16 recipients.

IMAGINE HOLGATE

A Vision for the SE 17th/Holgate Station Area Community

What is your vision for the Brooklyn neighborhood? Over the next few months, a group of five PSU graduate students, BrightRail Planning + Design, will be working with the Brooklyn community to identify goals and aspirations for development around the new MAX station at SE 17th and Holgate. The results of this work will be provided to TriMet and Metro for their consideration. You can learn more about the project at the Imagine Holgate website: <http://imagineholgate.org/>

There are several ways to get involved:

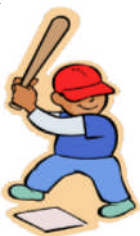
Take the Survey: Visit <http://imagineholgate.org/survey/> to take a brief survey about Brooklyn and what you want to see happen around the new MAX station. You can take the survey until March 30th.

Attend a Focus Group:

Neighborhood Residents – March 12th - 6 - 8 pm at the Sacred Heart Villa Community Room, 3911 SE Milwaukie Avenue. If interested in participating, contact us at info@imagineholgate.org

Attend the Community Workshop:

April 19th - 5:30-7:30pm at the Sacred Heart Villa Community Room, Center & Milwaukie Avenue
The workshop will provide the opportunity for residents, business owners, and others to imagine different scenarios for development around the future MAX station. The scenarios you create will help guide investment and growth in the community.

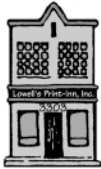


POWELL LITTLE LEAGUE IN BROOKLYN

Powell Little League is now registering boys and girls ages 4-18 for T-Ball, Baseball, and Softball. Anyone can register by going to our website: powelllittleleague.blogspot.com. Games start in early April and even if you don’t have a child that plays in the league, come on down to the Brooklyn Neighborhood Park to catch some outstanding youth baseball.

Email powell.littleleague@gmail.com with questions.

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