

# Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March/April, 2013



## Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, March 27, at 7 pm  
Sacred Heart Villa Hall

Corner of Milwaukie & Center

## TOPIC: Emergency Preparedness

Carmen Merlo, the Director of the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Basic Earthquake Emergency Communication Node will speak about the Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) program.

Red Cross will address individual/household preparedness. Come and be informed and ready to ask questions.

If you are not already included in the Neighborhood "Brooklyn Happenings" email, contact us at [board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org](mailto:board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org)

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Please check out the Business Ads attached to this newsletter.

## PORTLAND-MILWAUKIE LIGHT RAIL PROJECT NEWS

**Construction:** Underground utility work on SE 17th Ave. between Powell and Holgate is nearing completion and crews are beginning construction on sections of new street, sidewalk and trackway. New bridges over Powell Boulevard are currently scheduled to open this fall. Construction information is updated weekly at [trimet.org/pm](http://trimet.org/pm), or call Jennifer Koozer at 503-962-2116.

**Stations:** Each light rail station includes a shelter with a peaked roof, supported by central columns. These columns will be clad with mosaic glass tile, featuring themes significant to each station area. Lynn Basa, the nationally known artist designing the mosaic, is planning to work with Bullseye Glass Company, based in the Brooklyn neighborhood, which will manufacture the glass and fabricate the complex mosaic designs. Bullseye specializes in kiln-formed art glass.

**Potential Development on 17th Ave:** In February, TriMet issued a Request for Qualifications, seeking developers interested in the TriMet-owned property on the west side of 17th Avenue between Boise and Mall streets, near the future 17th & Holgate light rail station. In April, developers' responses will be reviewed by a committee that includes representatives of the Brooklyn Action Corps, who helped define the evaluation criteria.

## Calendar of Events

Seed Starting Workshop  
and  
Garden Work Session  
Saturday, March 9  
Brooklyn Community Garden  
SE Franklin & McLoughlin  
10 am to Noon

BAC Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 13  
6:30 - 9 pm  
Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
Milwaukie & Center

Neighborhood General Meeting  
Wednesday, March 27  
Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
7 pm

BAC Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 10  
6:30 - 9 pm  
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Milwaukie & Center

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY



### AND RUMMAGE SALE



SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2013  
9 am - 3 pm

Trash or Treasure? It's time to clean house!

Brooklyn School Park at 16th and Center

Volunteers are needed! Usually 2 hour shifts.

Contact the Helpline 503/241-4540  
or email [brooknews@brooklyn-neighborhood.org](mailto:brooknews@brooklyn-neighborhood.org)

Look for more details in the May newsletter.

Sponsored by METRO, SE Uplift and the BAC.

## REPLACEMENT BANNERS NEEDED

As some of the Brooklyn neighbors may have noticed, our banners, which are 12+ years old, are showing their age. The board has agreed to pursue the goal of replacing them, and will start fundraising efforts in the near future. Please stay tuned for more on this project.



## UPDATE ON THE BROOKLYN COMMUNITY GARDEN

A professional landscape design for the access slope to Brooklyn Community Garden was recently completed by Carol Lindsay of Design in a Day. Her website is [www.landscape-design-in-a-day.com/](http://www.landscape-design-in-a-day.com/)

Ms. Lindsay's plan will replace the weeds and brush currently on the hill along S.E. Franklin St. with berry bushes, a wheelbarrow path, an enhanced existing foot path, and native plant installations. Two arbors, donated by Terry Brooks in memory of his brother Ken Brooks, will be placed near the top of the hill.

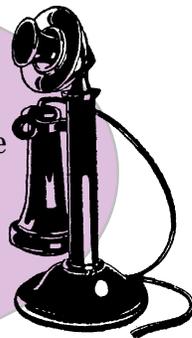


ODOT is currently reviewing the design and upon their approval the improvements will be made by garden volunteers.

A seed starting workshop for adults and children will be held at the garden on March 9th, 10 am - noon. All workshops are open to the public. For information about the Brooklyn Community Garden contact Lee Kamrass at [leek1516@gmail.com](mailto:leek1516@gmail.com)

## 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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## BUSINESS FOCUS

Bad Day Café

4242 SE Milwaukie Ave.

Bad Day Café, a new coffee cart, opened in the Brooklyn neighborhood in October 2012. David Long, the manager, answered a few questions for the Brooklyn Neighborhood News.

Hours of operation: 6 am - 5 pm  
Monday-Friday

*Please tell us about yourself and your business.*

“Coffee has had a strong presence in my life for a long time. The caffeine got me through the trials of college at the University of Oregon and helped me pay for rent while I worked as a barista in three different coffee shops on campus. I met my girlfriend of five years while I was a barista at her favorite campus shop in the business school. It is safe to say that it has been a driving factor in my life to this point and it continues to be prominent with the opening of Bad Day Cafe. Originally the Green Bean out on Woodstock, I was hired by the current owners to take its dusty shell and transform it into a great place for the neighborhood to grab a cup. I wanted to make sure that we shed the stigma that with fast coffee comes poor quality which is common in the coffee drive-thru scene. I did my research and found a perfect roaster to accomplish this. Sauvie Island Coffee Roasters is an up and coming small batch roaster that does it right. We receive the coffee at its freshest and make sure that we always provide you with the best cup possible.”

*What got you started in this field?*

“My first job was in high school as a barista in my hometown Corvallis. It was an awesome experience. The owners trained me on the delicacy of coffee preparation and I enjoyed it immensely. It was also great because I was working with some of my childhood friends and we always joked about the idea of having our own shop when we grew up. This opportunity came along and I think about that “joke” all the time.”



*What brought your business to Brooklyn? What do you enjoy about the neighborhood?*

“The location is great because we are right off the busy street of Milwaukie. We get the morning rush coming through and it feels good to help the neighborhood wake up. The best thing about the neighborhood has been the loyal regulars we have. Some of the most interesting people I have ever met visit the shop daily. It has been

a pleasure serving them and I enjoy all of our conversations.”

*For those unfamiliar with your business, what's important to know?*

“We have big plans for when the weather gets better. We have plans for neighborhood barbecues, cold drinks, fresh fruit smoothies, and other outdoor specialties. Until then, we have a happy hour where you get a double punch on your punch card from 11am -2 pm.”

*Is there anything else you'd like to share?*

“As a three employee cart we are always looking to improve and hear the opinions of our customers. If there is anything that we can do to help serve you better let us know. We have a flare for the creative side and we would love to make the cart a great place for Brooklyn. As a neighbor, you can have a say in how you'd like to be served.”

Contact them on the web at [www.baddaycoffee.com](http://www.baddaycoffee.com). Find it on Facebook, and on Twitter at @baddaycafe or email David Long at [david@baddaycoffee.com](mailto:david@baddaycoffee.com).

Interview by Jeff Kleen

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### Brooklyn Historic Plaques

Have you admired the Brooklyn historical plaques on homes and businesses throughout the neighborhood? Have you thought of adding one to your OWN home or business? Now you can!

The Brooklyn Historical Society will provide the plaques for \$35 each. The plaques are identical in design and color to those already in existence, except for the date and a custom script, if desired. If interested, please call 503-235-2174 and leave a message for Don Stephens.

The following is a summary of our NEIGHBORHOOD VISIONING SESSION at the January General Meeting. The topics were brought up by concerned and interested neighbors.

Thanks to all who came and participated.

**Bus Access:**

Judy Litt was concerned about how TriMet bus service would change with the new lightrail coming. Jennifer Koozer from TriMet replied that the #9, 17, and 19 would use the new bridge. There is still an issue with people who now will need to walk farther to catch those buses.

**Fruit Tree Gleaning:**

Someone was interested in fruit tree gleaning in the neighborhood. It was mentioned that there's an organization called the Portland Fruit Tree Project that already does this.

**Parking Issues:**

Street parking near US Bank is very limited during the day. Jennifer Koozer from TriMet suggested that if they have a business, they can contact the Streets Division and apply for short-term parking signs.

**Foot Patrol:**

Graffiti is an ongoing problem and what is the status of the Foot Patrol? The chair responded that a dedicated coordinator is needed in order to make it happen. Since that meeting, both Matt McComas and Rev. Meiko Jones are interested in participating and coordinating. If interested in participating, contact Rev. Meiko at the Buddhist Priory, 503/238-1123.

**Leaf Pickup Service:**

Why doesn't Brooklyn have a leaf pickup service? It was mentioned that we were passed over as a neighborhood in the leaf program; but then again, we also are not being asked to pay extra for it. People seemed satisfied with that answer.

**Zoning/Comprehensive Plan:**

Several attendees mentioned the need for zoning changes along SE Milwaukie, and Judy Litt agreed to look up the dates and get back to the board about the input sessions for the draft Comprehensive Plan. Matt Wickstrom from the City has agreed to come to our March board meeting to help the us navigate the process and improve our odds of making a successful appeal for a zoning review.

**NERT Team (Neighborhood Emergency Response Team):**

Several suggestions were made on the issue of emergency preparedness:

One attendee mentioned that there is a 6-week training program with the fire department to train NERT members. We need to get a list of who are our current NERT team members. There is a map that specifies that Brooklyn Park is the gathering place in the event of an emergency, but that information is not well known. There was a request that we dedicate an upcoming general meeting to emergency preparedness and invite appropriate community members to speak about various components of safety and preparedness. It was agreed we need more neighborhood members trained as NERT members and that we need to make emergency information more readily available.

This issue was taken up at the February BAC board meeting and it was decided that the March General Meeting will have a presentation about this program.

**Brooklyn School/Winterhaven:**

What is the status of opening up Winterhaven to the neighborhood? Matt McComas indicated that the issue was in a holding pattern with the district and that more advocacy is needed to advance the cause.

**Brooklyn Community Kiosk:**

Don Stephens, board member, brought up the issue and the fact that we might have a renewed opportunity to establish a kiosk with the new lightrail construction happening and new blood in the neighborhood. Mike agreed to bring in the Kiosk file so we could go over the hurdles and decide if we want to take another shot at getting one installed.

**Access to the River:**

Don Stephens also gave a brief history of the effort to get the City to make good on its historic promise to provide safe, convenient access to the Willamette River bank in the neighborhood. Aaron Maples agreed to do some additional research on the issue and perhaps be a coordinator to revive the effort. If anyone is interested in joining a committee to revitalize this effort, contact Aaron's email at [aynux1@gmail.com](mailto:aynux1@gmail.com).



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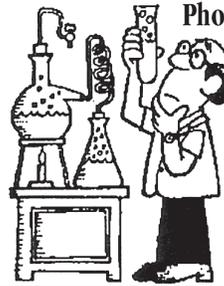
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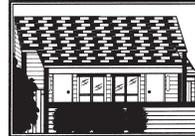
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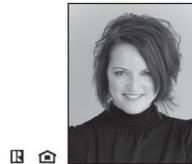
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