

# Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

May/June, 2014



## Neighborhood Cleanup and Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2014

9 am - 3pm

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

Getting to the nearest donation drop-off site, or better yet, the dump, is something that few of us find time to do. Bulky items like old vacuum cleaners, furniture, scrap wood and empty and open paint cans take up valuable space in our garages and in our homes.

Not only will you feel great about clearing out unwanted stuff, you will feel good about the contribution you make to your Brooklyn neighborhood!

Where? 16th & SE Center

Mixed Waste: \$10-\$15 for small pick up loads

\$20-25 for large loads

Yard Debris: \$7 (more for large loads)

Each vehicle will be quoted a price before unloading. We have the right to refuse any load and contractor loads will not be accepted.

Accepted: Tires: \$5 without rims, \$8 with rims

Not Accepted: Motors, large appliances, curbside recyclables and hazardous waste

Senior pick up available Call the Help Line

Volunteers are needed, please call the Brooklyn Help Line now and reserve your time. 503/241-4540

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## Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, May 28, 2014 7pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall

Corner of Milwaukie and Center

- ◆ Brooklyn Action Corps Board elections
- ◆ Presentation on Portland's Tree Code
- ◆ Introduction of Historical Tours

## IT'S NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD ELECTION TIME!

There is a common link for all of us in the Brooklyn Neighborhood: WE LIVE HERE!  
A great neighborhood like ours can only stay that way if people get involved. The only prerequisite for a board member is attendance at two board meetings prior to acceptance and a willingness to work together for the good of Brooklyn. Time commitments are about 2-3 hours per month.

Right now, there are vacancies. Please consider joining the board if you care about your Brooklyn neighborhood.

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

Check out the Brooklyn Neighborhood Website at [brooklyn-neighborhood.org](http://brooklyn-neighborhood.org)

<http://www.facebook.com/bacpdx>

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

SAVE THIS DATE!  
MOVIE IN THE PARK  
featuring  
"THE GOONIES"  
Thursday, July 31, 2014  
Brooklyn Neighborhood Park

## Calendar of Events

Brooklyn CleanUp Day  
Saturday, May 17, 2014  
9 am - 3 pm  
16th & Center Streets

BAC Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014  
6:30 - 9 pm  
Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
Milwaukie & Center

Neighborhood General Meeting  
Wednesday, May 28, 2014  
7 pm  
Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
Milwaukie & Center

BAC Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 11, 2014  
6:30 - 9 pm  
Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
Milwaukie & Center

## Neighbors meet with city officials about bioswales concerns



Revised map of bioswales

Three neighborhood meetings at the Thelma Skelton Center were held dealing with the proposed bioswales in the Brooklyn neighborhood. Residents had numerous questions they felt were not answered by the Bureau of Environmental Services, namely, promised data, procedures and criteria on which decisions were made. How were the number, location and styles determined?

How safe are swales with street contaminants that are trapped along with the storm water run-off? Who will maintain them and concerns regarding loss of parking were in the forefront.

A meeting of concerned neighbors was held on April 8 with Nick Fish's office, the commissioner who oversees both the Bureau of Environmental Services and the Portland Water Bureau. Residents were able to voice their concerns. Since early April, many of the proposed swales were eliminated, especially on 9th Ave. because of a new pipe being installed.

For the latest information, call Rhetta at 503/823-6006 or email [rhetta.drennan@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:rhetta.drennan@portlandoregon.gov) and put "Lower Powell" in the subject line.

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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.

The Help Line is always available for the Brooklyn neighborhood to voice their concerns or pass on information to the Brooklyn Action Corps.



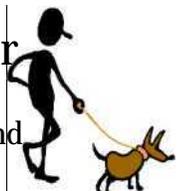
From left, Megan Callahan & Bill Ryan from BES; Concerned Brooklyn Neighbors: Claudia Walker, Rachel Murfitt, Dan Carr, Jim Blackwood Jr (from Comm Nick Fish office) Maggie McSwiggen, Sue Reid, Daryl Phillippi and Marie Phillippi (not shown)



**BROOKLYN HELP LINE**  
503/241-4540

### Friendly Neighborhood Reminder

Many Brooklyn residents have dogs and love to take them for walks. Please be a good neighbor and pick up after your pet.



## Eggs Everywhere!

Even rain and wind failed to dampen the excitement of at least 50 kids showing up for the fun of gathering eggs on Saturday, April 19.

Organizers, Jody and Matt McComas, advertised this "first of a kind" egg hunt through the Nextdoor Brooklyn Website and got a wonderful turnout.



Javin shows off his eggs



Alyia and Jenna sport new faces



Zeydi got a big haul



Jack looks happy with his catch



Lily amongst the many eggs available

## West Brooklyn may lose new bus service!

Light rail is supposed to be a benefit to Brooklyn! But, the new bus stops on McLoughlin at the Ross Island Sand and Gravel entrance and Holgate will be eliminated by Trimet if no opposition is heard from Brooklyn neighbors. These are stops served by buses #33, #32, #31. The "Sand & Gravel" stop was installed just TWO YEARS AGO at considerable expense because it required building the curving sidewalk at SE 9<sup>th</sup> and Cora and also the button-activated crosswalk across McLoughlin Blvd.

Trimet's reasoning is that it will duplicate the light rail service on SE 17<sup>th</sup>. However, the trip to downtown Portland takes 9 minutes on the Frequent Service bus while Trimet projects 15 minutes on light rail.

All of Brooklyn, west of Milwaukie, now has easy access to the McLoughlin bus stop (roughly that area south of Rhine and west of 10<sup>th</sup>) but by eliminating the bus stops, residents will be required to walk a farther distance to the light rail line for a much slower trip downtown. Also being considered for dropping are Lines 9, 17 and 19 that now serve stops at the Ross Island Bridge. If you use these buses, or plan to use them, you should let Trimet know how you feel.

Contact them directly at [trimet.org/pm/busplanning](http://trimet.org/pm/busplanning) or our Trimet representative, Jennifer Koozer 503/962-2116 or email her directly, [koozerj@trimet.org](mailto:koozerj@trimet.org).

## Brooklyn Station Area Project

About 20 people attended the fourth meeting for the Brooklyn Station Areas project on Thursday, March 27. Community members discussed transportation-related issues and concerns for the neighborhood, and then brainstormed potential projects that could address those issues over the next 20 years. Staff from the Bureau of Transportation and the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability were on hand to answer questions and record concerns and ideas.

Attendees expressed significant concerns about the barriers that surround the neighborhood, including McLoughlin, Powell, Holgate and the railroad tracks. Increasing connections along and across these difficult spots, particularly for pedestrians and bikes, is a priority for residents to increase safety and access to nearby neighborhoods.

Although attendees strongly support projects to improve conditions in all of these places, upgrading pedestrian and bicycle facilities along Holgate Boulevard is a priority for the area.

Next Steps: Recommendations for transportation projects and zoning changes, discussed at earlier Brooklyn Station Area meetings, will be presented at an open house on May 15, 2014 Sacred Heart Villa Hall from 6 - 8 pm.



Grant Morehead,  
Transportation Planner

# Brooklyn Community Garden News

## New Brooklyn Community Garden Coordinator



Spring has arrived and new things are popping up at the Brooklyn Community Gardens! BCG welcomes Jeff Lowery as the new garden coordinator. Jeff is a resident of Sellwood. His “day” job is as the director of L.A.S.T. (Learning and Serving Together) a faith based youth program in Portland that links youth with service opportunities. Jeff will be working with Lee Kamrass over the next few months to bring him up to speed and to ensure a smooth transition. Jeff is excited to be a part of the garden community and to help make a difference in the neighborhood. If you would like to know more about the Brooklyn Community Garden or ways that you can volunteer contact Jeff at 541-654-1878 or [Revjlow@yahoo.com](mailto:Revjlow@yahoo.com)

## Brooklyn Historic Neighborhood Tour

Saturday, May 24 at 2:00 pm

Meet at the Warehouse Café on Milwaukie Ave.

Tour lasts about 2 1/2 hours

\$5 suggested donation

Eric Wheeler is our tour guide and you can learn about him at

[www.senseofplace.biz](http://www.senseofplace.biz)

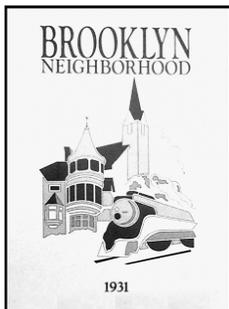
(search for “Uniquely Portland”)

## 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 New Brooklyn Orchard Garden

Since the well-attended community meeting in March for the proposed Orchard in the Brooklyn neighborhood, an Advisory Committee of approximately 9 members has met weekly to begin the planning process with the goal of presenting a proposal to TriMet by July 1st.



Orchard Planning Committee includes Aurora Lemieux, Lee Kamrass, Michael O'Connor, Paige Schlupp and Jay Higgins (photo by Rita Leonard)

The project – originally suggested as a combined orchard and community garden, will be solely an orchard. Its mission will be to build Brooklyn’s identity and livability, provide opportunities to harvest and share fruit, and create a place for education, stewardship, and community involvement.

The committee has voted to name the orchard Gideon’s Orchard, in homage to the early Brooklyn neighborhood settler Gideon Tibbetts and his family, who planted one of the largest orchards in the Portland area in the late 1800s.

Aurora Lemieux is the Chair of the Advisory Committee. You can contact her by emailing [gideonsorchard@gmail.com](mailto:gideonsorchard@gmail.com) with any questions.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Officer Eric Weber is our precinct officer.

His work schedule is

Monday through Thursday, 4pm - 2am.

Email: [eric.weber@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:eric.weber@portlandoregon.gov)

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503-962-2222

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