

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

May/June, 2020



Neighborhood Clean Up!

Saturday, May 2

9 am - 2 pm
SE 16th & Center



www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org

POSTPONED!

Because of the virus, our Clean up Day has been moved to the fall months. Stay tuned for the date!

This wonderful banner was intended to be hanging on the fence of Brooklyn Neighborhood Park. It was a gift of Joe's Signs on 7th & Powell. **THANK YOU JOE!** We will be using it in the future. **STAY TUNED!**

MANY BROOKLYN BUSINESSES ARE OPEN!

Please support our local Brooklyn businesses as much as possible!

Many are open for business with limited hours and some restaurants and bars are open for take-out.

Contact your favorites by checking directly with the business by phone or website.

The BAC thanks you!

Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting Wednesday, May 27, 2020 7pm Possibly at Sacred Heart Villa Hall or by a Virtual Meeting **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.

Depending on whether the "social distancing" mandate is lifted or not, the election will happen, either at the Villa Hall or by a virtual meeting.

Neighbors that are up for election are:

Guy Berliner	Josh Hetrick
Don Stephens	Melaney Dittler
Mike Erwin	Mike O'Connor
Joanna Jenkins	Cheryl Crowe
David Ward	Timothy Walsh (new)
Stuart Zeltzer (new)	

For the first time in many years, we have a full slate seeking election. Come to the meeting or be involved in a virtual meeting that will be an introduction to all of the prospective board members.

Please check out the BAC Website for last minute adjustments for the meeting: brooklyn-neighborhood.org or the BAC board at board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org

To subscribe to the Brooklyn Happenings emails, go to <http://brooklyn-neighborhood.org/subscribe-to-our-email-list/>

Calendar of Events

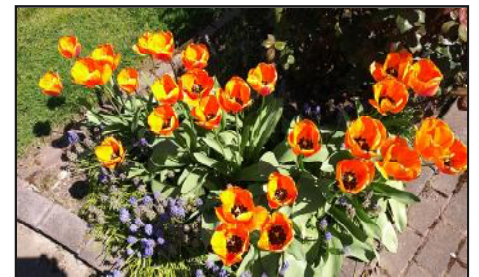
BAC Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 13, 2020
Virtual Meeting - 7 pm

Neighborhood General Meeting
Wednesday, May 27, 2020
Villa Hall or Virtual - 7 pm

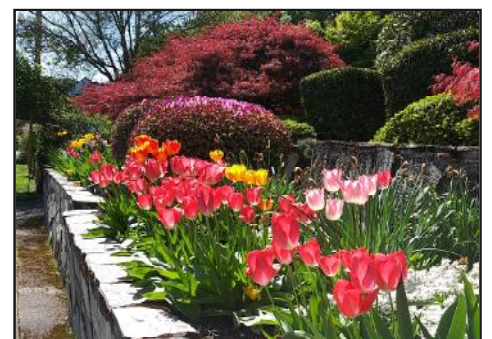
BAC Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 10, 2020
Villa Hall or Virtual - 7 pm

Movie in the Park
Cancelled

SCENES FROM THE BROOKLYN NEIGHBORHOOD



Some Great Sidewalk Art



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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.

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

From Bedside to Brooklyn

By Stuart Zeltzer, MD

The COVID-19 pandemic has swept through our nation and livelihood with incredible impact and unfamiliar challenge. Our businesses have closed, our schools have disbanded, our friends have become distant, our families have sheltered and some of us have gotten sick. It has been a challenging time for all and life threatening for many.

As a family physician, I have seen the pandemic's impact up close and personal. I have cared for patients who have been hospitalized with COVID-19, weakened by the virus, working to breathe and straining to heal. I have held countless calls with family members who could not visit their loved ones and patients wondering if they are the next case in the ever growing global count.

But as I watched our team send home our first COVID-19 patient, a sense of hope and resilience came over me. There is light at the end of the tunnel and our work can pay off. While this was a memorable moment, this was not the first time I felt this sense of optimism. Walking the streets of the Brooklyn neighborhood this past month, I have seen examples of compassion, community and solidarity that give me hope. From supporting our local shops and volunteering to help neighbors to simple acts of waving to a neighbor on a walk; our neighborhood has come together. We have adjusted, sacrificed, modified and we continue to persevere.

As a health care provider I am proud to say that my neighborhood is helping our community, our city and our state flatten the curve. I am proud to say that my neighborhood is helping to save lives.

Stay safe, stay healthy.

If you need help during this distancing time, for example, delivery of essential supplies such as food or medicines, fill out the form at <https://brooklyn-neighborhood.org/outbreak-support/>, or email us at outbreaksupport@brooklyn-neighborhood.org, or you can call the help line at (971) 222-9454. The board will pass on the information to those that can help.

Friends of Brooklyn Park Update

By Ben Tarne, Chair

Friends of Brooklyn Park has applied for a park permit from Portland Parks and Recreation to host our Summer Youth Program at Brooklyn City Park from June 15th through August 28th of 2020. Given the circumstances and public health issues, we are assessing how a summer youth program could work while adhering to state and local health guidelines. We are hoping that some form of the program will be possible and will inform/update you as we know more and get feedback from PPR and others. If it is not deemed safe to have our program we will be back for 2021.

We welcome any input, feedback, or questions that you have to offer. Thank you as always, for your support.

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Adopt a Block Update

How Everyone can Help the Block Adopters:

EVERYONE - Pick up litter in front of your home or business.

SMOKERS - Get a can to fill with butts, don't throw them on the sidewalk.

DOG WALKERS - Yes, your dog loves all the extra walks, BUT please pick up after your pet.

ADOPTERS - Use your walk time to check on neighbors, pick up litter using gloves and at your own discretion.

THANK YOU to everyone for keeping Brooklyn a clean, caring community!

Questions? Call Kathy Orton 503-236-5037 or email kt_orton@hotmail.com

Will Diesel Pollution Continue for Ten More Years?

by Wes Ward, Portland Neighborhood for Diesel Action

Wouldn't it be a nice relief if the clean air we've experienced lately could stay with us when people could go back to work?

Since our local "Town Hall" on diesel pollution last September, two limited measures have been enacted.

1. Clean public construction sites standards adopted by the City of Portland and the three metro counties. But, it applies to public projects only and will take several years to phase in.

2. Address medium and heavy-duty diesel trucks and busses, but they had serious loopholes and a ten-year transition period. However it did direct funds (Volkswagen settlement) to clean up diesel school buses and to provide incentives for retro-fitting older diesel trucks.

To backfill the gaps, clean air advocates have proposed using existing state law to focus on "Indirect Sources" of harmful diesel pollution, such as ports, railyards, shipping centers and large construction sites. Late last year, Neighbors for Clean Air, the Lewis and Clark Law School's Green Energy Institute, and the Northwest Environmental Defense Center drafted a detailed "Indirect Source Rule" (ISR) in the form of a petition for consideration by the state Environmental Quality Commission (EQC), advised by DEQ. (Under the ISR, the owner of an Indirect Source, like the Railyard, could be required to adopt measures to reduce the amount of diesel pollution including greenhouse gases from diesel equipment at the site.) The proposal was submitted by 21 petitioners supported by 5 local governments, including the City of Portland.

Unfortunately, after 90 days of study and 225 favorable public comments, DEQ paid more attention to 75 negative comments from industry lobbyists. EQC denied the petition. DEQ seemed determined to find every possible reason NOT to proceed with stronger regulation focused on these local sites. They asserted that the ISR would be excessively broad in scope, too costly, too difficult to administer and be likely challenged in court, and would require additional funding by the Legislature. DEQ also implied that recent measures would address the diesel issue adequately. One senses that DEQ and industry are content with the gradual aging out of unfiltered diesels as no-emission equipment becomes available over the next **TEN YEARS**.

Environmental Quality Commission's denial is a blow to the 21 petitioners, five local governments and your local advocates, which include the Portland Neighbors for Diesel Action (PNDA) and Neighbors of Clean Air. It would not have been surprising if DEQ had scaled back the Indirect Source proposal, but the outright denial and self-serving reasons it gave, were a shock.

But, this may not be the end of the story. Petitioners and advocates are regrouping. At EQC's meeting this month, we will see if DEQ has any intention of focusing regulations on the most serious local concentrations of diesel pollution, or will it allow this brief period of cleaner air to become a fading memory.



River Plan/South Reach Project

by Josh Hedrick

The City's River Plan/South Reach project passed another milestone recently. A "proposed draft" of the plan was published and advanced to the Planning and Sustainability Commission. Later, it will go to Portland City Council for consideration.

In the current draft, the plan's actions for re-establishing Brooklyn's river access are proposed in the "6 to 20 year" time frame. The BAC is glad to see action being proposed, but feels that such a long timeline doesn't reflect the long-overdue promises to the neighborhood. And, even with this plan, more support will be needed to actually get funding to make sure it happens.

City Council will need to hear from you to make sure this project gets the attention it deserves. They are not yet taking public comments on it, but will be listening for updates.

Check the BAC website for announcements, and read the plan on the City's website at portland.gov/bps/south-reach.



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