

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

May/June, 2010

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, May 22, 2010

10 am - 3pm

Where? 16th & SE Center

Mixed Waste: \$10 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: Batteries; Tires: \$3 without rims, \$4 with rims

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



TV's, computer monitors, and microwaves can be taken to Far West Fibers for recycling.

Senior pick up available
Call the HelpLine

Volunteers are needed!

Volunteers willing to work a two-hour shift at the cleanup will be allowed one free load of yard debris OR general waste. Call now and reserve your time.

If you would like to volunteer,
call the Brooklyn Helpline
503/241-4540

Clean up sponsored by METRO and the BAC



Brooklyn Neighborhood

General Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Corner of Milwaukie and Center

7 pm

Board of Directors Elections

Neighborhood Issues Update

Check out the Brooklyn Neighborhood Website at
brooklyn-neighborhood.org

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

Free coffee and pastries from True Brew

UPDATE ON BROOKLYN PARK SUMMER PROGRAM

THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO CONTACTED COMMISSIONER NICK FISH. THE BATTLE IS NOT OVER.

The next meeting/hearing will be on Thursday, May 20th from 6 - 8:30 pm at the University Park Community Center at 9009 N Foss Ave. "Finally, citizens will be able to speak and give comment directly to the City Council."

Several people have gotten involved and have sent me inspiring words regarding this issue, especially Daniel Gaard who has also started a Facebook page about Brooklyn Park. The editor has decided to print his article and a letter from a mother concerning our summer program. Their comments are on page 4. The more people that show up and testify, the stronger our chances are to save our program. Contact information is also on page 4.



Craig Montag, Brooklyn Park
Program Coordinator
(Photo: Rita Leonard)

Food for Thought: Director Park is a small plaza near the Downtown Nordstrom store. The park construction was budgeted at \$2 million dollars, and ended up costing \$6 million dollars, but the true cost is probably higher. Annual public cost for maintaining this space: \$475,000! Evidently, those in charge believe that Director Park in Downtown is more deserving of millions of dollars rather than supporting Brooklyn's Summer Park Program annual cost of \$8,000.

Calendar of Events

BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

6:30 - 9 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, May 26, 2010

7 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

Brooklyn Clean Up Day

Saturday, May 22 2010

10 am - 3 pm

16th & Center Streets

BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 9, 2010

6:30 - 9 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

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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 Phillipi.

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



BROOKLYN HELP LINE
503/241-4540

MCLOUGHLIN BLVD TO BE REPAVED

Project location and overview

This project will repave 1.9 miles of SE McLoughlin Blvd from MLK Viaduct to Harold Street. ODOT plans to install a signalized crosswalk for pedestrians and bicyclists crossing McLoughlin Blvd. near the Ross Island Sand & Gravel facility.

Project benefits

New pavement will improve safety for the 55,000 vehicles traveling on this stretch of McLoughlin Blvd. each day. A signalized crosswalk will also allow pedestrians and bicyclists safer and more convenient passage across McLoughlin Blvd. in the project area.

Traffic impacts

Due to the high volume of vehicle traffic along this key corridor in the City of Portland, ODOT will primarily restrict lane closures to nights and occasional weekends. Some lane closures will be allowed during off-peak daytime hours. No major detours are anticipated although access to some side streets and businesses may be temporarily restricted during construction stages.

Noise impacts

ODOT has been granted a noise permit to conduct some nighttime operations during this paving project. Most of the night work will be grinding and paving. This type of operation moves at approximately 5 mph. Adjacent residents will likely hear some noise from these operations as the grinding and paving equipment moves along the corridor. Because it's a moving operation, the length of the noise impacts will be limited. Prior to nighttime work starting, ODOT will send residents nearest McLoughlin Blvd. a 24-hour noise hotline number.

Key dates

Work is scheduled to take place from April through August 31, 2010. The ODOT Hotline for complaints or information is 503-771-3370 BUT it will only be activated once night work starts on the project.

Contacts:

Mike Mason, ODOT Community Affairs Coordinator,
503/731-8246, michael.w.mason@odot.state.or.us

Ken Earlywine, ODOT Construction Project Manager,
503/731-4343, kenneth.g.earlywine@odot.state.or.us

For general concerns about traffic or the timing of work in high traffic corridors, contact: Sue Dagnese, ODOT Region Traffic Manager, 503/731-3427, suzanne.l.dagnese@odot.state.or.us

BUSINESS FAIR at March General Meeting



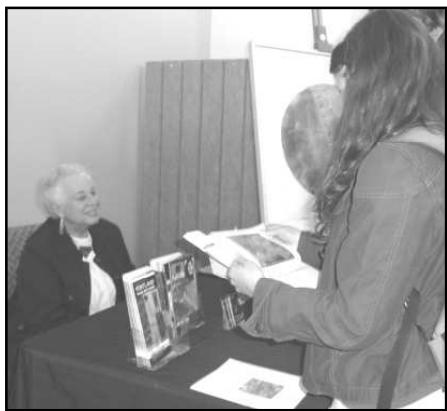
Keith & Lina Miller
from CHANTIQUES

Everyone present agreed that the evening was a successful event. Not only did residents find out more about the businesses in their neighborhood, but the businesses were able to learn more about each other and to do some networking. A few businesses donated some generous prizes, even if they could not be present: Diana McCreadie, Realtor, True Brew and Tastebud.

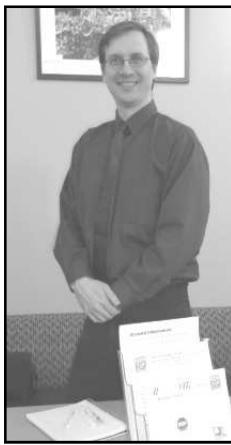
The Board is planning on making this an annual event. The next Business Fair will be in January or March of next year.



Sam Snow from ECO FLOORS and
Trina Hesson from COLOR ON TAP



Madeline Janovec from
JANOVEC ART STUDIO



Robert Kobs
from AI DESIGN



Jade Colley & Jonathan Miles
from JADE PRESCHOOL



Jane Schue from
BROOKLYN CENTER SUITES



Free coffee and pastries
from TRUE BREW



Carolle Chapman from
BROOKLYN NATURAL
HEALTH CLINIC



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. eric.weber@portlandoregon.gov

**DO NOT CALL OFFICER WEBER IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE HELP
OR TO REPORT A CRIME IN PROGRESS. CALL 911.**

Officer Mitchell Orellana is the new Neighborhood Response Team member. His number is 503/823-0076. His schedule is Tuesday-Friday, 7am - 5 pm.
For Police Non-Emergency, call 503/823-3333.

SAVE THE BROOKLYN SUMMER PARK PROGRAM

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Via Email to Brooklyn News

The Parks and Recreation Department presented their proposed budget and it includes cuts of all summer park programs after this year. The specific budget cut is on page 92 of their website and Brooklyn's program is mentioned by name. It is stated that the impact on the community of this cut will be that safe places for kids to go will be eliminated and this could result in drug dependency and delinquency and yet . . . they still propose a cut.

Many strong efforts have been going on since we first heard that we could lose the program.

KGW covered the story, as well as THE BEE and the Oregonian and a huge turnout by our neighborhood and other supporters at the March budget hearing. The Facebook page now has over 1000 supporters and our son's teacher turned it into a civics and writing lesson in her class and they all sent letters to Nick Fish this past week. In her email to me she said it best. "Just because kids can't vote doesn't mean what they have to say doesn't matter." What a true statement.

The battle is not over. We have continually posted the contact info down at the park and also the next date, time and location of any budget meetings. **The next meeting/hearing will be on May 20th from 6-8:30pm at the University Park Community Center at 9009 N Foss Ave.** Finally, citizens will be able to speak and give comment directly to the City Council. We feel that it would be in our best interest to get as many people as possible to attend this meeting and show the City Council and the Mayor both in numbers and in voice, that this cut is not in anyone's best interest.

Daniel Gaard, Jennifer Ming & Oliver Gaard

CONTACT INFORMATION

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samadams@ci.portland.or.us

Letter to Commissioner Fish

Dear Commissioner Fish,

I am writing to comment on the plans to cut the summer parks program; in particular the one at Brooklyn Park. I am a Westmoreland resident and have visited Brooklyn Park with my young sons once or twice each summer on a hot evening over the past 8 years.

I was impressed from the very start at the work that the coordinator, Craig Montag, has done in getting teens and pre-teens to hang out in a safe environment and have fun, following rules, and being part of a community.

I have mentioned it to friends many times in terms of what a great program it is for kids who could otherwise be getting into trouble but for a caring, engaging man who is looking out for them in a way that is fun for them.

I am familiar with some of the other summer park programs, like "dive ins," park movies and the "rec and roll" bus, which are all fantastic, but if you are needing to choose which programs to cut, I hope you will spare those that truly serve kids who could really use the support of someone like Craig Montag to make those pre-teen and teen years a bit less turbulent as they become the young adults in our society.

Sincerely,
Eileen Stone

City of Portland & PDC Community Budget Hearing

Join the Mayor and City Commissioners!

Testify in person on the Proposed Budgets.
This hearing provides public input for the City Council's May 26 vote on Approved Budgets.

THURSDAY, MAY 20
6-8:30 pm (testimony begins at 6:30 pm)
University Park Community Center
9009 N Foss Ave.
Parking lot available, Bus Routes 4 and 35