

# Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

January/February, 2013



## Street Tree Inventories and Neighborhood Stewardship Plans

While walking around your neighborhood, do you see areas available for tree planting, trees in need of maintenance, and neighbors who are concerned but don't know where to begin? Urban Forestry is helping Portlanders take action to improve their community's street trees by conducting tree inventories and creating a Neighborhood Stewardship Plan.

Community groups interested in the cause begin by gathering volunteers to help conduct a street tree inventory. Volunteers are guided by Urban Forestry staff, who provide training, tools, and event organization. The result is a Neighborhood Stewardship Plan. The plan identifies the current status and health of neighborhood street trees and provides recommendations for neighborhood action.

How do I get a tree inventory and Tree Plan in my Neighborhood?

Each year Urban Forestry accepts applications for the project via a competitive application process. A tree inventory and Tree Plan are long-term projects, and require a dedicated group of community members to organize and work together. Planning, inventory, analysis, tree plan creation, and follow-through activities may take two years to complete. Applications for 2013 inventories are due January 15, 2013. If you are interested in participating in a tree inventory in the Brooklyn Neighborhood please email Paige Schlupp at [treesgrowinbrooklyn@hotmail.com](mailto:treesgrowinbrooklyn@hotmail.com)

## Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 7 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall, Corner of SE  
Milwaukie Ave. & Center St.

### BAC SEEKS NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT

"The BAC Board will hold a focusing session annually in order to garner general recommendations to pursue for the following year." BAC Bylaws

The Neighborhood Board would like to hear your ideas, concerns and vision for the neighborhood.

Other Topics: 17th AVE. DEVELOPMENT and  
LIGHT RAIL UPDATES

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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Brooklyn website:

[www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org](http://www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org) for the latest updates and this newsletter in full color.

## Calendar of Events

### BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2013

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
Milwaukie & Center

### Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, January 23, 2013

7 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
Milwaukie & Center

### BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 13, 2013

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
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## Possible 2nd Brooklyn Community Garden

At a recent neighborhood association meeting, three potential proposals specific to a site located on SE 17th & Pershing were presented. The site is now being used as a staging area during the light rail construction.

The proposals were: basic landscaping design with grass and tree installations by TriMet; opening the site for potential business development and thirdly, a Brooklyn Community Rail Garden presented by Lee Kamrass.

The Brooklyn Action Corps and TriMet recently agreed to enter into planning negotiations for the community garden option. The site will be made available to the BAC and Brooklyn Community Garden sometime in 2015. The plan is that the community garden will include ADA-compliant growing beds for mobility-impaired gardeners, a community fruit orchard, and garden plots for people on the Brooklyn Community Garden's waiting list. This second community garden for the Brooklyn Neighborhood will be known as the Brooklyn Community Rail Garden.

Ms. Kamrass is the coordinator of the Brooklyn Community Garden, located on SE Franklin and McLoughlin, which was developed last year on an ODOT easement, with 30 plots that opened this past August.

For further information on the Brooklyn community gardens, contact Lee at [leek1516@gmail.com](mailto:leek1516@gmail.com).

## GARDEN TILE MURAL PROJECT AT GROUT SCHOOL

by Kaia Sand & Teresa Tamiyasu

Parent volunteers are now installing an outdoor tile mural at D.A. Grout Elementary School that celebrates the school's language diversity and its new gardens. A large sun image is made up of word-tiles depicting 'sun' in more than 20 languages that Grout students speak or hear at home. Word-tiles elsewhere on the mural show translations of 'leaf,' a 'flower,' 'bird' or 'bug,' as well as lines of 2nd and 3rd graders' whimsical nature poems. Over 400 Grout students hand-made tiles over the past three years for this project. The bright, fantastic Language Garden Tile Mural is visible to the public on 31st Avenue, just off SE Holgate.

Grout's Language Garden Tile Mural is made possible through grant funding from the City of Portland and SE Uplift's Neighborhood Small Grants Program. The project will be extended into 2013 with a Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant as well as funding from Portland State University's Department of Applied Linguistics.

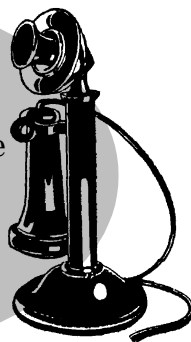
Read about the mural progress on the project blog at <http://groutlanguagegarden.wordpress.com/> or come visit in person!



## 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.



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

Brooklyn Neighborhood News is published bi-monthly by the BAC. To contact the Brooklyn News, call the helpline or email the newsletter at [brooknews@brooklyn-neighborhood.org](mailto:brooknews@brooklyn-neighborhood.org)

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.

## TIME TO GIVE THANKS

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Thank you Lowell and family  
for printing our newsletter  
these many years.



Pictured from left: Darren, Keith, Chuck, Jocelyn, Ryan, Jeff, Sam and Mark



Special thanks also goes to Young Nyun Kim, who is the new Bob's Handy Pantry manager. Young, as well as Tai Sik Kim before him, have given us space for the 2200 newsletters (three big boxes!) so our volunteer deliverers can pick them up at their convenience. This invaluable service to our neighborhood has gone on for more than 25 years.

Young was at the now-demolished pantry store on 17th & Holgate. He has a wife and an 18 year old son. Next time you are around the Pantry (next to True Brew) tell him "thanks."

A BIG THANK YOU to the following volunteers who deliver this newsletter to your door, come rain or shine, hot or cold! The neighborhood saves thousands of dollars every year by hand delivering instead of mailing.

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# Old Brooklyn Diner Discovered



For more information or to share your memories of this piece of history, please contact Jennifer Koozer at 503-962-2116 or [koozerj@trimet.org](mailto:koozerj@trimet.org)

In the 70's, an article ran in the Oregonian about Brooklyn's Diner. At that time, a waitress figured it had to have been there for 50 years because she remembers her grandfather eating there on a regular basis. The restaurant had several names over the years, The Crossway Café (1930's), The Brooklyn Diner (1940's-70's), Brooklyn Pizza (1970's), and Iron Lady Pizza (1970's).

The Old Brooklyn Diner, which was originally a wooden railroad passenger car dating to the 1890s, has been newly discovered because of construction of the Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Transit Project. It rests in a building on Holgate and 18th which TriMet has purchased and will deconstruct this spring for street widening and construction of a substation building. Members of the [Oregon Historical Rail Heritage Foundation](#) plan to salvage parts of the car for study and potential display in their new interpretive center near SE 4th and Caruthers.

## New Development on Milwaukie Avenue

The editor of Brooklyn News had a chance meeting to talk to the developer about this property on Milwaukie Ave. His name is Rick Waible and his company is City Redevelopment.

The building will now be a 4 unit, high-end rental with two 1 bedroom and two 2 bedroom apartments. No trees will be removed and parking for 2 cars will be available on the property. Waible said he is trying to "be a good neighbor, taking down the old and ugly and putting up something a lot nicer to look at." He is looking for a live-in owner who might turn one of the apartments into a small commercial space on Milwaukie. For other information, call 503/673-0250.



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Officer Eric Weber is our precinct officer.

His work schedule is

Monday through Thursday, 4pm - 2am.

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

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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.

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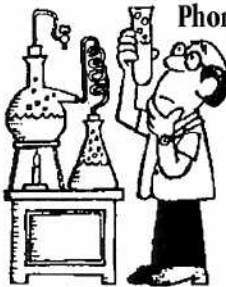
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