

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

May/June, 2017



Neighborhood Cleanup and Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2017

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 and scrap wood 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: \$15 (more for large loads)

Each vehicle will be quoted a price before unloading.

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

Prohibited Materials:

Hazardous waste, remodeling or demolition materials;
kitchen garbage and curbside recyclables

Examples of high risk construction materials suspected of containing asbestos NOT ACCEPTED:

- Flooring: vinyl tiles, vinyl sheet, mastic
- Walls: plaster, decorative plaster
- Siding: cement siding shingles
- Ceilings: acoustical tiles, "popcorn" and spray-on texture
- Insulation: spray-applied, blown-in, vermiculite, pipe and HVAC
- Electrical: wire insulation, panel partitions
- Other: fire doors, fire brick, fire-proofing

Do you need help getting your stuff there?

Call the HelpLine at 971-222-9454. We can help!

Clean up sponsored by the
BAC, Metro, BDS & SEUL

Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, May 24, 2017 7pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall

Corner of Milwaukie and Center

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.

Agenda

Brooklyn Action Corps Board Elections Brooklyn Business Fair

Local Brooklyn Businesses will be present with samples of their food and beverages. Find out about new retail places to shop in the neighborhood. Talk to service providers who are nearby and ready to help with all kinds of services. Let's support our neighborhood and business community by choosing local!

If you would like to present your own business at the Business Fair, contact the GBBA at GreaterBrooklynBA@gmail.com

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

Calendar of Events

BAC Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 10, 2017
6:30 - 9 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

Brooklyn Cleanup Day
Saturday, May 13, 2017
9 am - 3 pm
16th & Center Streets

Neighborhood General Meeting
Wednesday, May 24, 2017
7 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

BAC Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 14, 2017
6:30 - 9 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

BROOKLYN EASTER EGG HUNT

Our 4th annual Brooklyn Easter Egg hunt was another great success! The weather could not have been better. We estimate at least 70 kids participated and found about 1500 eggs in about 3 minutes! Face painting was again very popular.

We're so thankful for all the neighbors who turned out to participate and help make this happen and for Mosaic Church giving us a grant to help cover the expenses. We'll be back next year for more Easter fun.

Matt McComas, Coordinator



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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

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.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

There has been a lot of break-ins, thefts, etc. in our neighborhood lately, as reported on Nextdoor Brooklyn. We need to make sure these are reported, even if it's the next day, it is important. Please take the time to call the Non-emergency number and give them a description of the crime. Non-emergency: 503-823-3333. There is also a number for Crime Prevention: 505-823-4064.



BROOKLYN HELP LINE

The new number to
call or text is
971-222-9454

City Turns Its Back on 60 Year-Old Successful Summer Program



Brooklyn neighbors came together at the April Brooklyn neighborhood board meeting. The topic of interest was the Parks & Recreations decision to discontinue the summer program for kids in the Brooklyn Park. This program has been run for 40 years by Craig Montag and is considered by many to be the most successful of the “Free for All” summer programs run by the city. Three representatives from PP&R were in attendance to explain why the program was cut. The Parks Department stated that the program was cut because the participation numbers did not support the program. When asked what those numbers were, they did not know. In a

an email received on March 28th, Portland Parks stated that the Brooklyn Summer Program was cut because PPS pulled the free lunch portion. When asked about this discrepancy, Parks acknowledged the City did not look at the participation numbers or the merits, success, and history of the program prior to withdrawing its funding.

While many neighbors thought they were attending this meeting to “brain storm” ideas of how the program could be saved, Portland Parks made it quite clear that the cuts were in progress and they were there merely to explain why and how the cuts were arrived at.

When quizzed as to the cost of the program in Brooklyn Park, they gave a number of \$10,000. One neighbor asked if a check could be written for \$10,000 would it save the program. The answer appeared to be NO, as the decision had been made.



Brooklyn Testifies to Save Summer Program at City Budget Meeting



Craig Montag

The Mt Scott Community Center was filled with several hundreds of citizens from all over Portland on Tuesday evening, April 18 for the city’s first public budget hearing for the 2017-18 fiscal year. Portlanders had an opportunity to address the mayor and city commissioners to give testimony to their cause about the proposed budget. The neighbors of Brooklyn stood together 50-plus to address the proposed cut to our beloved summer youth program that has been running since 1959 at Brooklyn Neighborhood Park.

Brooklynites of all ages showed up at the hearing to support the summer park program; families with young children, teens, seniors, park program volunteers, and former park program participants. Even former Brooklyn residents from around Portland and the surrounding metro area came to lend support, moved by what the program meant to them and their families. Accompanying the supporters were their colorful signs, big and small, magnifying their simple message to save the summer youth program.

The spoken testimony given by BAC board member Ben Tarne and many more written and submitted for the record, along with the powerful display of community support will hopefully convince the city to spare this essential program for the Brooklyn Neighborhood. The final budget is due by June 8, please continue to give your support and let the city know that Brooklyn needs this program. Thank you to everyone that has emailed our city officials, signed the petitions, shared your stories, and lent words of support.

For information about Save the Brooklyn Park Summer Youth Program visit or follow: www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org, BAC Facebook Page www.facebook.com/bacpdx, Facebook group@SupportBrooklynPark. Please take a moment to sign the Save the Brooklyn Park Summer Youth Program petition at: www.change.org, search: Save Brooklyn Park. •



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BROOKLYN BUSINESS FOCUS

HATHA YOGA CLASS FOR WOMEN 50 YEARS AND OLDER



Maggie Mackenzie

Awakenings
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Classes start on April 26th and includes
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Wednesday. The drop-in fee is \$15/class.

For more information or to register,
contact Maggie by calling or

Email: maggiemackenzie@gmail.com

4-H LIVES IN BROOKLYN! “Creating confident & proud kids”

2017 Multnomah 4-H Fair May 27, 28, 29, 2017 at Oaks Park

4-H is a big part of the Multnomah County Fair which takes place Memorial Day Weekend. The club members will be exhibiting their art and showing their small animals, (rabbits, guinea pigs and chickens) and many other aspects of the 4-H youth program.

Fair Hours: Noon to 7 pm each day
Free Admission and Free Parking

More information is available about the fair, and all of our programs at our website:

<http://extension.oregonstate.edu/portland/4h>
or by calling Courtney Lobo @ 971-361-9629.



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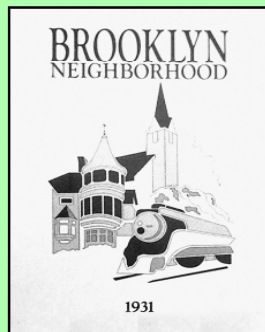
Bridge To Becoming has been in the Brooklyn neighborhood since January 2017, offering gentle acupuncture, shiatsu massage, and some naturopathic consulting by Electra Allenton, ND, MSOM, LAc. She operates in a newly opened space with a parking lot, accessible via 7th Ave. next to Powell Blvd. She specializes in helping patients get back to their self after a big life change, such as a new school, new baby, military deployment or return, or many other events, especially focusing on bringing calm and stability to the mental-emotional aspects of the change.

New patient visits are \$200 and return visits are \$100. For Returning Veterans Project, there is a sliding scale and time of service discount.

The clinic is open on Monday evenings and all day Thursdays. Call or email to make an appointment!



Electra Allenton



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.

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