

# Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March/April, 2018



## Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, March 28 at 7 pm  
Sacred Heart Villa Hall

Corner of Milwaukie & Center

### PRESENTATIONS:

Eastside Village

Tri-Met

Boys & Girls Aid

Portland Climate Action Initiative

Check out the Brooklyn Website

[www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org](http://www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org)

for an updated calendar of events and if  
you are not on the "Brooklyn Happenings"  
email list, contact

[bac@brooklyn-neighborhood.org](mailto:bac@brooklyn-neighborhood.org)

## New Business Ads

A big thanks to all the Brooklyn businesses that support this newsletter. The BAC appreciates them and urges our neighbors to support our Brooklyn businesses.

Please take the time to check out the new and revised business ads attached to this newsletter and when possible, show your support.



## Friends of Brooklyn Park Getting Ready for the Summer Youth Program

by Ben Tarne

Nearly a dozen Brooklyn neighbors have been organizing to reinstitute the popular summer program that was cut by Portland Parks & Recreation last summer. Friends of Brooklyn Park (FOBP) Chair, Ben Tarne, took a leave of absence from his position on the Brooklyn Action Corps Board to guide the group, which has been meeting twice a month to get things going. There are two board positions that need to be filled, Fundraising Chair and Community Communications. Please email FOBP at [fobrooklynpark@gmail.com](mailto:fobrooklynpark@gmail.com) if you would like to get involved.

FOBP will go live with its own website, [www.friendsofbrooklynpark.org](http://www.friendsofbrooklynpark.org) on March 1st. Please submit your old photos for the gallery and 'old school photo of the week' feature at [fobrooklynpark@gmail.com](mailto:fobrooklynpark@gmail.com). They have also launched fundraising effort for this year's summer youth program. You can donate to their GoFundMe campaign at [www.gofundme.com/brooklyn-summer-youth-program](http://www.gofundme.com/brooklyn-summer-youth-program).

**Mark your calendars.** FOBP has organized a family-friendly benefit concert at Rose City Coffee House in Brooklyn (3370 SE Milwaukie Ave) on Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 6 pm after the neighborhood clean-up. The concert will feature two of Portland's best known acts: Red Yarn ([www.redyarnproductions.com](http://www.redyarnproductions.com)), and The Alphabeticians ([www.thealphabeticians.com](http://www.thealphabeticians.com)). More information about the concert will be available soon.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR: Neighborhood Clean Up Day is May 12th, 2018**

## Calendar of Events

**BAC Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 14, 7 pm  
Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
Milwaukie & Center

**GBBA Meeting**  
Friday, March 16, 4:30 pm  
Classic Pianos  
Milwaukie & Powell

**Neighborhood General Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 28, 7 pm  
Sacred Heart Villa Hall

**Easter Egg Hunt**  
Saturday, March 31, 11 am  
Brooklyn Neighborhood Park

**BAC Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 11, 7 pm  
Sacred Heart Villa Hall

**Looking ahead**  
**Brooklyn Clean Up Day**  
Saturday, May 12 from 9 am - 2 pm

**Friends of Brooklyn Park Concert**  
Saturday, May 12 from 4 - 6 pm  
Rose City Coffee House



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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.

## **BROOKLYN HELP LINE** **971-222-9454**

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

## **Brooklyn Easter Egg Hunt** **Saturday, March 31, 2018** **11am SHARP at Brooklyn Park**

Last year, the Easter Egg Hunt was a great success with the children from the neighborhood. So once again, volunteers are planning year #5!

Please mark your calendars.

For more information, or if you would like to volunteer, please email

Melaney at [mdittler@windermere.com](mailto:mdittler@windermere.com)



## **Brooklyn Neighborhood Clean Up** **& Haul Away Day**



**Saturday, May 12, 2018**

**9 am - 2 pm**

**Brooklyn School Park at 16th and Center**

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

**Volunteers are needed! Usually 2 hour shifts.**

**Contact the Helpline 971-222-9454**

**or email**

**[brooknews@brooklyn-neighborhood.org](mailto:brooknews@brooklyn-neighborhood.org)**

Look for more details in the May newsletter.

Organized by your BAC Board

## **BAC Welcomed the** **Village Coalition's Speakers Bureau**

by Ben Tarne

On January 31, the BAC hosted the Village Coalition's Speakers Bureau at Sacred Heart Villa Hall. Several Brooklyn neighbors, as well as many from the surrounding neighborhoods, attended an evening of listening to the stories of our houseless neighbors, learning from them and discussing their feelings.

The meeting was facilitated by the Village Coalition and dinner was provided to all participants. About a half dozen of our houseless community members shared their journey from housed to houseless and back to hoping for a better future through becoming a part of a community.

The meeting was a rich experience that brought understanding, compassion, connection and a new perspective of our houseless community members.

## Adopt A Block is Growing!

**Pride of Place Brooklyn** has added several new Block Adopters. Welcome: John Wiebke, Stephen Bachhuber, Charlotte Hales, Melaney Dittler, Glenda M. Karas and Josh Hetrick! We now have 40 adopters. In addition, you might be aware that the Twilight Café also sends its own employees out to de-litter blocks near the business and beyond. So, thank you all for making Brooklyn a cleaner place.

There are a few areas that still need adopters:

- Center to Holgate between 17th & Milwaukie
- Cora to Holgate between 12th & Milwaukie
- Areas near Brooklyn Park (9th to Milwaukie, Rhone to Franklin)

If anyone could take on a block or two in any of these areas, please contact Kathy Orton 503-236-5037 or [kt\\_orton@hotmail.com](mailto:kt_orton@hotmail.com)

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## The Greater Brooklyn Business Association is Alive and Well



GBBA is excited to connect with the Brooklyn community! They have spent the past few months creating a new logo, marketing guidelines, solidifying bylaws, and working on adding functionality to the website so members can sign up and pay dues online. The board has been meeting every week since November to finish all these tasks and, in the process, have involved several local GBBA small business resources.

They will be hosting another networking event for our GBBA Businesses on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> and it will be held at Classic Pianos from 4:30 – 6:30 pm. This will be an opportunity for local GBBA businesses to connect with each other in an open and welcome environment and sample some food and beverages made right here in the neighborhood. This is a complementary event for the business community so if you own or manage a business anywhere in our boundaries, even home-based, you are welcome to come and network.

For questions or more information, please email [GreaterBrooklynBA@gmail.com](mailto:GreaterBrooklynBA@gmail.com).

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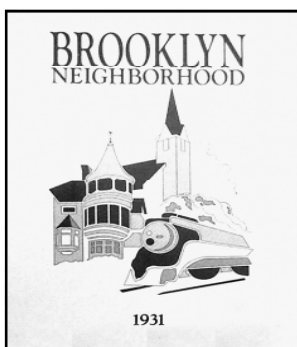
## Input from Neighbors at January Meeting

At the General Neighborhood meeting in January, residents were asked what their concerns, long term goals and hopes are for the Brooklyn neighborhood. The following topics were brought up and discussed.

1. **Parking problems for neighbors near the MAX Line on 17th**
2. **Concerns about diesel particulates from increasing amount of trucks due to the proximity of the Brooklyn Yards**
3. **Access to the Willamette River**
4. **Fire Station opening once again at 13th and Gideon**
5. **Legal proceedings against Bullseye Glass because of their long use of toxins and metal compounds**
6. **Increasing cut-through traffic on side streets**
7. **Hopes for an “Off Leash Dog Park” in the neighborhood**

All of the above topics were discussed at length, some more than others. For all those who took the time and came to the meeting to give their input, THANKS!

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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 \$30 each. The plaques are identical in design and color to those already in existence, except for the date, a custom script, if desired and a new coating. If interested, please email Don Stephens at [don@brooklyn-neighborhood.org](mailto:don@brooklyn-neighborhood.org) or call 503-235-2174 and leave a message.



## FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM

Did you know that you can help your Brooklyn Neighborhood Association (BAC) earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card?

Fred Meyer donates over \$2 million per year to non-profits in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington, based on where their customers tell them to give. Here's how the program works:

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Brooklyn Action Corps (BAC) at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). Donations will help the BAC put on events like the Ice Cream Social, Movie in the Park and Neighborhood Clean-up. You can search for us by our name.
- Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping the BAC earn a donation!
- You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).

## LIVE MUSIC AT CAFE ARTICHOKE

Artichoke Music has recently located at 20<sup>th</sup> and Powell. Though not officially in our neighborhood, they have reached out to Brooklyn for the Ice Cream Social and their free afternoon of live music and community building on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>. Also present was Brooklyn's own Stone Barn Brandy Works, providing samples of their brandies and liqueurs.



Erika Degens from Stone Barn Brandy Works

Artichoke Community Music offers a music store with new and used acoustic instruments, strings, picks and instructional material. Their premier listening room, Café Artichoke, offers Thursday Night Open Mic, Friday Night Coffeehouse and Saturday and Sunday Nights, local and touring musicians in concert.

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The Martingale Band

Photo by Mary Brazell

## SACRED HEART PARISH CENTER

Over the past 2 years, neighbors and friends of Sacred Heart Catholic Church have raised nearly \$1.7 million to build a new Fellowship Hall in the neighborhood. After two years of planning, soliciting funds and working with the city and the Archdiocese, it now looks like it is finally going to happen. This new hall will not only serve parish activities but also be open to neighbors.



11th Ave between Center & Bush

The design committee, in working with the architects, made sure the Hall is reflective of the beauty of surrounding homes. The steps now include getting final costs and the details of choosing interior colors, fixtures and furniture.

Fr. Bob Barricks, Pastor: "We are hopeful that we will break ground in April of this year. We are so blessed and all of Brooklyn will be very proud. Please join us in our excitement! This building will serve our neighborhood for years to come."



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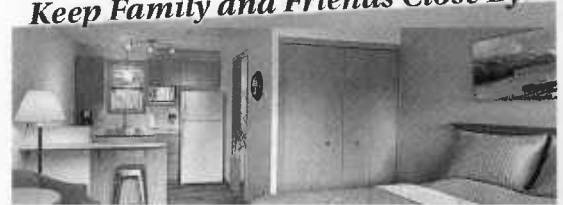
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