Brooklyn Neighborhood News
May/June, 2018

Neighborhood Cleanup and Rummage Sale

SATURDAY, MAY 12, 2018
9 am - 2 pm

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
Each vehicle will be quoted a price before unloading.
Mixed Waste: $20 for small pick up loads
$30 and up for large loads
Yard Debris: $15 (more for large loads)

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 or want to volunteer to help?
Call the HelpLine at 971-222-9454. We can help!

Clean up sponsored by BPS, BAC, SEUL & Metro

Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting
Wednesday, May 23, 2018 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 and currently, there are 4 positions available.

Agenda
Brooklyn Action Corps Board Elections
Brooklyn Business Fair

Local Brooklyn Businesses will be present with samples of their products including food and beverages. Find out about new retail places to shop in the neighborhood. 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

Notice
To subscribe to the Brooklyn Happenings emails, go to https://brooklyn-neighborhood.org/subscribe-to-our-email-list/
Friends of Brooklyn Park Concert

From the Neighborhood Clean Up to a Concert! Friends of Brooklyn Park are excited to feature nationally known children’s entertainment groups ‘Red Yarn’ and the ‘Alphabeticians’ hosting a benefit concert for our Summer Youth Program. Come join us for some family fun. Along with the great music, we will have raffle prizes, FUNdraiser games, and more.

Saturday, May 12th
4 - 6 pm
Rose City Coffee Co.
Suggested $10 donation per family for our summer program. Food and drink proceeds go to the program, too!

Update on Friends of Brooklyn Park and the Summer Youth Program

Friends of Brooklyn Park is now a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization. They have just received the status from the IRS on April 10th and are on track to open the youth program on Monday, June 18th. The program will be from 12-8 pm Mon, Tues, Thurs, & Fri. The last day will be Friday, August 24th.
FOBP board have been working tirelessly and have finished getting the requirements for insurance. The permit process has started with Portland Parks and Recreation and once these tasks are done, the only thing left is to raise the funds needed to operate the program. We have already raised $6 of the $18 thousand needed for this year’s program.
You can donate directly on our website, [www.friendsofbrooklynpark.org](http://www.friendsofbrooklynpark.org) (click donation), [www.gofundme.com/fobpsummeryouthprogram](http://www.gofundme.com/fobpsummeryouthprogram) or [www.facebook.com/fobrooklynpark](http://www.facebook.com/fobrooklynpark) (donate button), or mail a check made out to “Friends of Brooklyn Park” PO Box 42143, Portland, OR 97242.

Next board meeting will be on
Tuesday, May 1, 7-8:30 pm at
Iron Tap Station.

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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.
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Project Update: Vegetation Clearing – Starting Soon!

In preparation for construction in summer 2018, cottonwood and ash trees and other vegetation will be cleared in construction areas. Completing this work before the primary bird nesting season, which begins in April, ensures that birds will build nests out of harm’s way. Many large trees will be re-used on-site as large wood in the channels or as snags.

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Construction Scheduled – July through October 2018

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www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/oakbottom

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Land Use Issues

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 or call 503-235-2174 and leave a message.

Brooklyn Historic Plaques

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Important Information
BROOKLYN EASTER EGG HUNT

Thank you to all the families who attended our 5th Annual Easter Egg Hunt this year! Once again, we were very lucky with the weather and enjoyed another dry Easter Egg Hunt for 2018.

This year we had about 1100 eggs filled with candies, toys, and coupons supplied by several local Brooklyn businesses. We couldn’t enjoy this community event without the generous help of our neighbors and local businesses.

Board member, Melaney Dittler, secured donations from fellow business owners at Rose City Coffee, Coco Donuts, and Artist and Craftsman Supply. Dittler, along with Mark Romanaggi and Joanna Jenkins, supplied the rest of the candy and fun surprises that were found inside the Easter eggs. It took about 4 hours to fill all the eggs and several neighbors helped “hide” the eggs about an hour before the hunt. Of course, it took the kids only about 5 minutes to find them all!

We all had so much fun and we hope to see everyone in Brooklyn Park next Easter!

BAC Organizers: Mark Romanaggi, Joanna Jenkins & Melaney Dittler
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