Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Corner of SE Milwaukie and Center at 7 pm

MAIN TOPICS
◆ Discussion on OCCL (Office of Community and Civic Life) changing the code and status of Neighborhood Associations
◆ Update on South Reach River Plan

If you are not already included in the Neighborhood “Brooklyn Happenings” email, contact us at board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org

Check out the Brooklyn website brooklyn-neighborhood.org for this newsletter in full color and the latest updates.

Our special thanks goes to Fred Meyer Stores for supporting the Ice Cream Social with a gift card for the past 18 years. The BAC could not continue its mission of bringing neighbors together without their generous support.

The BAC is also grateful to all the businesses listed below, that donated gift cards, prizes and certificates for the adult raffle at the Ice Cream Social. We couldn’t have put on this community building event without you.

Aladdin Theater
Artist & Craftsman Supply
Bear Paw Inn
Brooklyn Mall
Brooklyn Park Pub
Edelweiss Sausage & Delicatessen
Houndogs Bar & Grill
JoshDailyArt
Mike’s Drive In
Minuteman Press
Pizza Doughnais
Pok Pok Restaurants
‘Ready, Inspect, Go’
Sanborn’s Restaurant

Studio One Theaters
Subway
The Lamp
Townshends Tea Company
Twilight Cafe
US Bank
Windermere

Thanks to our Brooklyn Businesses
Calendar of Events

**BAC Board Meeting**
Wednesday, November 13, 2019
7 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

**Neighborhood General Meeting**
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
Sacred Heart Villa Hall at 7 pm

**BAC Board Meeting**
Wednesday, December 11, 2019
7 pm
Sacred Heart Villa Hall

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Fire Department Changes for Brooklyn
by Guy Berliner

Portland Fire Lieutenant, Lee Elten, attended Brooklyn’s general meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 25th and gave everyone a history of our closest local station and the events that led to severe staffing cutbacks in the past two years. He explained the dangers that such understaffing poses to effective fire response efforts in our neighborhood, and urged the board and the entire neighborhood to request that the City Commissioners reconsider these cutbacks.

If you share this concern, email or call JoAnn Hardesty at joann@portlandoregon.gov 503-823-4151
City Hall, 1221 SW 4th Ave. 97204

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Large Scale Development Proposed at Townshend Tea Properties
by Melaney Dittler

Brooklyn has another new development coming in Spring 2020 at Brew Dr properties on Milwaukie Ave, including two single family homes on 12th Ave. Matt Thomas, the owner of Brew Dr and Townshend’s Tea, has outgrown the site and has coordinated with the developer Ethos, and architecture firm Hacker to build “brookLAND”, a five story, 160 unit apartment complex.

In September the team arrived to a heavily attended BAC board meeting and presented their plans to the neighborhood: Six 3 bedroom affordable rental units with the remaining 1 and 2 bedroom units and studios renting at market rate. The building will feature a modern design with an interior courtyard green space, elevators and ADA accessible units, approximately 40 mechanical auto parking spaces and 240 bike parking spaces accessed on Boise Ave. A gym, a common area lounge and workspace and a rooftop deck with mountain and city views are also in the plans. One commercial space in the building, a tea house featuring Townsends Tea, will be on street level.

The room was full of residents opposed to the 5 story large scale development asking questions and having concerns about previous conversations regarding development on the property and the zoning changes that were granted in the recent past by the neighborhood based on those conversations. Many residents requested a max 4 story height as well as more parking and more commercial spaces. Many were concerned about basic services (water/sewer/garbage/etc). On the other hand, some people were happy to see the development come in to the neighborhood, especially since it provides easy access to Trimet routes and the central city. A few residents mentioned that we need more density in this area to help with our affordability and rental availability in the area.

If you have questions or concerns that you would like to get answered, please email the BAC Board at board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org. We would be happy to forward it and get a response. Attend future BAC meetings or reach out to the Board for updated info regarding this development.

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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.

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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 designed and edited by Marie Phillippi.
2019 “ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN THE PARK”
Thanks to all the volunteers that made this day possible:
Mark Romanaggi, Ben Tarne, Julio Enciso, Dan Howell, Rick Moore, John Weibke, Deb Brushi, Marie Phillippi and board members: Josh Hetrick, Joanna Jenkins, Melaney Dittler, David Ward and Guy Berliner.
The BAC would also like to thank Sacred Heart Church for the use of tables, chairs and benches, Sara’s Tamales for providing great food and drinks, D&H Flagging for donating the use of the orange cones, and Majhor-Murray, electricity for the band. The Ice Cream Social could not happen without YOU!
For the first time in 18 years, it down-poured right at 2 pm. Though the music had to stop, a lot of neighbors still stayed around until 4 pm.
And thanks to EVERYONE that came and helped us celebrate our Brooklyn community.
Friends of Brooklyn Park Update
by Ben Tarne

Thank you Brooklyn for a great summer at the park. Many friendships and memories were made. Friends of Brooklyn Park are now busy getting ready for next summer. We are continuing the Bottle Drop program throughout the year. Visit Brooklyn Pharmacy or Rose City Coffee for bags and details; over $800 raised to date.

Our next event is our 2nd Annual Winter Gala and we are planning for a Saturday in February, 2020. There will be dinner, drink (including adult ones), live music, fun activities, and raffle. Be on the lookout for details soon. We will post our complete 2020 events calendar in December.

Finally, we are looking to fill 2 board positions: Communication/Outreach and Fundraising. Board meetings are once a month 7:30 pm-9 pm. These are volunteer positions. If you are interested and want more details please email, fobrooklynpark@gmail.com. Help us take FOBP and the Summer Youth Program to the next level.

Portland Marathon Runs Through Brooklyn
by Cheryl Crowe, Organizer of the event in Brooklyn

On Sunday, Oct. 6th, it was perfect weather as more that 5,000 runners cruised through the streets of Brooklyn and Brooklyn came out to cheer them on. For the day, we declared Brooklyn the “home of the high five” and encouraged people to offer high fives to the runners.

As the runners came through the center of Brooklyn, they were greeted with live music organized by Ed Rosney of Artichoke Community Music. Runners and cheering residents enjoyed the music of the Martingale Band; Bass Pancake, a jazz combo of Cleveland High students; The Oregon Mandolin Orchestra as well as Jon Lee and the True Bluesers.

Across the street from the music, volunteers from The Friends of Brooklyn Park handed out drinks and treats to the runners in front of Brooklyn Park. The Marathon provided a donation to them to help fund the Summer Youth Program.

After the aid station, the runners had a challenge of running up Franklin. The race director, Jared Rohatinsky, said the marathon got DOZENS of emails wanting to thank a young man that encouraged the runners up the hill and even sometimes running with them. If anyone has information who this person is, please contact the BAC so we can thank him in person.

To top everything off, Cheryl received this message after the event:
“CONGRATULATIONS! Brooklyn won the OHSU Neighborhood Cheer Challenge! We are so grateful for your neighborhood's participation in this event. We will be making a donation of $1,000 to the Brooklyn Action Corps.”

Editors Note: Thanks go to Cheryl Crowe, who organized all the sign making and getting volunteers to wave the runners on. Also, thanks to Ed Rosney who organized the music in the parking lot across from the Park on Milwaukie. AMAZING DAY!
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