

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

July/August, 2021



Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

Virtual Meeting at 7pm

AGENDA

July Litter Cleanup
Community Resource Board
Community Connections
Update of BAC By-laws
Updating BAC logo
Railroad Issue Update

For the latest happenings in the neighborhood
and this newsletter in full color, check out
www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org

The Brooklyn Action Corps Board for 2021-2022

Since Covid 19 restrictions were still in place,
neighborhood meetings occurred on Zoom.
But, every May General Meeting, elections of the
board are required and it still happened,
via a virtual meeting using Zoom.
Come and meet our new board!

The New Brooklyn Action Corps Pictures from Zoom Screen



(from left to right)

Melaney Dittler - Vice Chair, John Karabaic - Secretary, Josh Hetrick - Chair, Marie Phillippi,
Guy Berliner, Timothy Walsh - Treasurer, Kimberlea Ruffu, Stuart Zeltzer,
Jone van Rees & David Ward

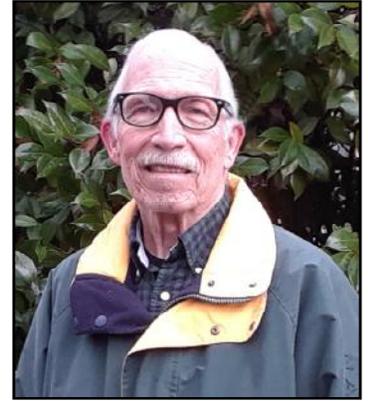
Don Stephens

(Nov. 13, 1943 - April 25, 2021)

Don Stephens joined the BAC board around 1993 and participated in the Brooklyn Foot Patrol as long as it lasted. In the mid-1990's, he was active in the successful coalition to bring Max to Brooklyn. He was also chair of the Brooklyn Historical Society from 2001-2012, documenting Brooklyn's history and preserving our historical archive. Don served as the BAC treasurer since 2009, maintained the historic banners that are mounted on telephone poles throughout the neighborhood since 2007, replacing them all in 2014. Besides being a long time deliverer of the Brooklyn News, he also managed orders for the Brooklyn Historical Plaques that are mounted on houses and according to his records, the current count is near 70.

Don served as the Brooklyn representative on the Portland Neighbors for Diesel Action coalition as well as a member of the Land Use and Transportation subcommittee. Most recently, he had joined the new Equity and Social Justice subcommittee.

*The Brooklyn Neighborhood has lost a man that served us tirelessly for many years.
His contributions are immeasurable. Thank you Don!*



In Appreciation



Sam Hill, Manager

After Don Stephens passed away, the family found files and files of documents relating to the Brooklyn neighborhood, covering YEARS of history. There was so much material, that the board had no place to store it while investigating it all. Enter Sam Hill at West Coast Self Storage (17th & McLoughlin.) He offered the BAC a FREE 10 ft square room for at least 4 months so our historians can go through it and organize it all. **Thank you Sam!**



The BAC would like to thank Joe at Joe's Signs (7th & Powell) for donating this sign in recognition of our graduates. Hopefully, many have taken advantage of a great photo opportunity.

Thank you Joe!

Calendar of Events

BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 14, 2021
7 - 8:30 pm

Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, July 28, 2021, 7 pm

National Night Out

Tuesday, August 2, 2021

BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, August 11, 2021
7 - 8:30 pm

Looking Ahead

Neighborhood Clean up Day
Saturday, Sept. 25, 9am - 2pm

New Brooklyn Apartments

Ground was broken in May for "Brookland," formally Townsend Tea, on Milwaukie between SE Boise and Cora. Ethos Development LLC is creating a total of 166 residential units: 5 3BR and 2 studio below-market-rate units as well as 51 2BR, 57 1BR, and 51 studio market-rate units.



Brooklyn Neighborhood News

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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 Community Continues to Support Park Program

by Ben Tarne

Congratulations Brooklyn! Another summer is here and our non-profit Brooklyn Park Summer Program for youth has returned. This would not have been possible without all the neighborhood community support and resources. A rummage sale, bottle drop gives, donations from community events, and community grants have helped mightily during the challenging past 14 months.

Brooklyn Center Suites recently reached out to Friends of Brooklyn Park (FOBP) about having a Community Rummage Sale in their parking lot. The Brooklyn community donated hundreds of items for the sale, donating canopies, and tables and chairs loaned from Sacred Heart Church. We raised a total of \$1200 for the Park Program! Thank you Brooklyn and a big thanks to Jane Schue and Brooklyn Center Suites for getting this going. We are planning on having the Rummage Sale event again next summer. Hopefully it will be much cooler.

Eric Wheeler and Melaney Dittler recently led a historic walking tour of our beautiful neighborhood. They kindly collected money in lieu of a fee and raised over \$200 for our program.

FOBP also has received community grants this spring. A \$650 communication grant was awarded to us through SE Uplift. This grant supports our website, social media, printing, and banners. FOBP also received a \$1500 grant from the Portland Parks Foundation through the US Bank Portland Parks Champions award. This grant will support our administrative costs such as insurance, permits, licensing, and state and local fees.

Lastly we are approaching \$10k raised through the Bottle Drop Give. Blue bags can be found at Brooklyn Pharmacy, Rose City Coffee, and at the Park Program. Thank you to Heckmann & Thiemann Motors, and The Bear Paw Inn for donating your cans and bottles.



April Dewees, Ben Tarne & Melaney Dittler

Spring Plant Pop Up

by Kimberlea Ruffu

On Saturday, May 22nd, the BAC's Equity and Social Justice Committee organized a late spring plant pop up. We collectively provided over 150 fruit and veggie plant starts, which included generous donations from our neighbors - thank you! Portland Plant Nursery provided us with a beautiful gift planter that we raffled off, Coco Donuts provided donuts, and Brew Dr. donated us an assortment of kombucha.

Plant starts, donuts, and kombucha were all available for free or by donation, and we received just over \$600 in donations which was split evenly between Black Futures Farm and the BAC's effort to



Stuart, Freeland, Bowie, Kimberléa, & Emily

build an inclusive, community resource board. ("Black Futures Farm" is a program of the Black Food Sovereignty Coalition and a community farm located in SE Portland.)

All of the plant starts were taken home, and we had a fabulous turn out of sunshine and neighbors. We are so excited to support community building in Brooklyn this summer, and we share our appreciation with our volunteers and everyone who participated and supported the event!

Neighborhood News

The following letter was sent to the BAC requesting that it be printed in the next Brooklyn News. We are glad to oblige!

Dear Neighbors,

We had a house fire on 10th Ave. on March 20, 2021. We were impressed and so very thankful for all the support our neighborhood showed us. Since no one will accept anything as a thank you, we were thinking that we could put a small message in the neighborhood newsletter thanking our wonderful community for everything they did for us.

We have felt blessed to live in the Brooklyn neighborhood for the last 18 years. Over spring break, we had a house fire. While our family and pets were able to get out safely, our community gathered in front of our house to help support us in ways that we only understand now. Since you all have been unwilling to allow us to thank you with "stuff," we want to publicly thank you for everything you did for our family on that emotional day. From the blankets & jackets, to the coffee & snacks, the space to just be when your space is no longer safe, and the hot shower & change of clothes. We felt compassion from strangers and connected to neighbors we only knew in passing. Again, we cannot thank you enough, our Brooklyn Neighborhood Community! We are proud to call Brooklyn our home! Denise Graves & family

Up-Coming Brooklyn Neighborhood Events

Pedalpalooza Ride – BrooklynPDXScenes Saturday, July 10 @ 11am

Ross Island Flotilla Sunday, July 18 @ 3 - 6pm

Brooklyn Neighborhood Litter Cleanup Saturday, July 31 @ 10am - 2pm

Brooklyn Scavenger Hunt Saturday, Aug 14 @ 9:30 - 11:30am

FOBP Bottle Drop/ G4G Food, Hygiene, and School Supply Drive Saturday, August 28 @ 10am -1pm

Brooklyn Bridge Kids Ride Sunday, Aug 29 @ 11am

For details on the above events, please reference the NEW Community Connections Calendar on the BAC website or email the Community Connections Committee at community-connections@brooklyn-neighborhood.org
Link for CC website: <https://brooklyn-neighborhood.org/community-connections-committee>

LITTER-ALLY CONFUSING!

by Kathy Orton

As Brooklyn's "Adopt a Block" coordinator, I started getting calls about the new "Adopt One Block," however, that is not us! So, here is a breakdown on the TWO groups. Everyone is welcome to join one or both, there is plenty of litter to be picked up!

	ADOPT A BLOCK	ADOPT ONE BLOCK
FOUNDED:	2015	2021
BY:	Kathy Orton/Brooklyn	Frank Moscow/SW
WHY:	Litter pickup Neighbors looking out for each other	Litter pickup Wanting everyone to help
REQUIRES:	Monthly, on own schedule	Year commitment, on own schedule
WHERE:	Brooklyn Neighborhood	City wide
SUPPLIES:	Group projects – gloves, bags, vests Signs available for window	Donated –trash grabber, trash bucket or trash bags, gloves,
SPONSORS:	BAC, SE Uplift	501,C3, generous donors, software
HOW TO JOIN:	kt_orton@hotmail.com	Website: www.adoptoneblock.org

Grand Group Litter Pickup

WHAT: Brooklyn Adopt a Block/BAC sponsored, Pick it all up day

WHEN: Saturday, July 31, 10am - 2pm, WHERE: Meet at Brooklyn Park Covered Table

CHECK IN: Select an area, get bags, gloves, vests; collect and bring back, dispose in barrels

SIGN OUT: Get checked off, return supplies, get a drink & snack.

QUESTIONS: kt_orton@hotmail.com

2021 Diesel Emission Grants Announced by DEQ

by Wesley Ward

Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality will provide \$8 million in grants in 2021 to reduce pollution from diesel trucks and construction equipment. As voted by the Legislature in 2019, these funds will come from the Volkswagen diesel settlement. This competitive grant program will be open to owners of diesel equipment, businesses, and governments. Its purpose is to replace older, polluting diesel engines with new, cleaner technology or with exhaust filtration retrofits.

The grant program opens for applications from 6/30/21 to 8/31/21. Grant awards will be announced on 10/31/21 and funds will be available on 12/31/21. Funding varies from 25 - 100% of the project cost, depending on the type, equipment, and owner. The goal is to maximize benefits for vulnerable populations in areas with the highest levels of diesel pollution and to maximize cost-effectiveness of the program. For more information, see the Diesel Emissions webpage: <https://www.oregon.gov/deq/air/programs/Pages/Diesel-Grants.aspx>.

It appears that older truck fleets using the Brooklyn Railyard would be eligible. Just a wild thought, but perhaps Union Pacific would match state funding to assist its truck owners in reducing their contribution to harmful pollution in surrounding neighborhoods.



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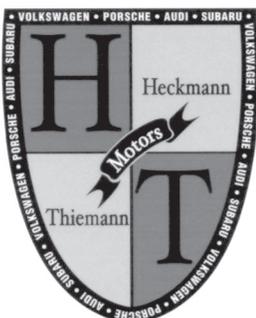
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