

# Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March/April, 2022



## Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, March 23, 2022  
Virtual Meeting at 7 pm

Updates on Important  
Neighborhood Issues

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## Check out the New and Revised Business Ads in this Newsletter

Once a year, we redo the Brooklyn Business Ads and extend 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 all the business ads attached to this newsletter and when possible, show your support.

## Input from Neighbors at the January Virtual General Meeting

*“The BAC Board will hold an annual focusing session to garner recommendations to pursue for the following year.” BAC Bylaws*

Again this year, the meeting was held virtually and residents were asked what their concerns, long term goals and hopes are for the Brooklyn neighborhood. The following topics were brought up, discussed and voted upon as far as importance. 20 neighbors were present.

Each participant had three votes showing their support of the following topics.

1. Events and Connecting People - 10 votes
2. Houselessness and Housing -10 votes
3. Climate Change - 8 votes
4. Air Quality (Trimet, Intermodal Rail, Trucks) - 8 votes
5. BIPOC representation - 7 votes
6. River Access - 6 votes
7. Transportation Accessibility & Safety (walking, biking) - 3 votes
8. Neighborhood Services (grocery stores, etc) - 3 votes
9. Food Accessibility and Sovereignty - 2 votes
10. Neighborhood Cleanup - 2 votes
11. Railroad Blocking 11th - 1 vote

All the topics above were discussed at length, some more than others. If you have more ideas or feedback, please feel free to share and contact us at [board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org](mailto:board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org)  
For all those who took the time and joined in the meeting, THANKS!

## Calendar of Events

**BAC Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 9, 2022  
Virtual Meeting, 7 pm

**Neighborhood General Meeting**  
Wednesday, March 23, 2022  
Virtual Meeting, 7 pm

**BAC Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, April 13, 2022  
Virtual Meeting, 7 pm

## Community Connections Events

**Groceries for Grout Spring Food Drive**  
Saturday March 12th, 10-12 am at Brooklyn Park

**Spring Break Scavenger Hunt**  
March 26th, 1-2:30 pm @ Location TBD

**Neighborhood Cleanup & Haul-Away Day**  
May 14th, 9 am - 2 pm  
Corner of 16th and Center St.

**Brooklyn Trivia** (2 truths and a lie)  
May 12th, 6:30 pm at Brooklyn Park Pub

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## Friends of Brooklyn Park Gala Goes Virtual

by Ben Tarne

Supporters of Friends of Brooklyn Park gathered on Thursday, February 24th for the 3rd Annual Winter Gala & Auction. The event raised funds for the Summer Youth Program. This was the first gathering since the pandemic started. It wasn't in a hall or auditorium, or at a coffee shop. Everyone was watching the gala online. BullsEye Glass Co., Brooklyn Center Suites, Brooklyn Yard Veterinary Hospital, and Classic Pianos sponsored the event.

The virtual event had nearly 90 people attend, bidding on donated items from local businesses and trips to Hawaii and Mexico. The event was hosted by Ben Tarne, chair of Friends of Brooklyn Park and auctioneer Patrick Siver. The long time program director Craig Montag shared stories and the history of Brooklyn Park and the summer youth program.

Participants ordered food from Oscar's Burgers and beer and wine from Array Bottle Shop to enjoy at home while they watched. Over \$6000 dollars was raised for the youth program. Thank you Brooklyn, Portland, and beyond for making our community stronger.

The Summer Youth Program will be back again this summer. June 20 through August 26, Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri, from 12 - 8 pm.

Want to help or get involved with Friends of Brooklyn Park? Do you have an HOUR of time to volunteer for Friends of Brooklyn Park? FOBP is looking for volunteers who can help with our Bottle Drop donations. One day a month a volunteer would stop at local businesses and collect the filled blue bags and deliver them to a bottle drop location. Please contact April Dewees at [info@friendsofbrooklynpark.org](mailto:info@friendsofbrooklynpark.org) if you are able to help.

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## Adopt a Block Update

by Kathy Orton

Thank you to all our present and potential adopters. Several folks called last month and are considering becoming an Adopter. So, what does it take to join?

- 1) Select an uncovered area.
- 2) Commit to picking up litter in your area at least once a month.
- 3) Call appropriate city agency for things like dumped items, street lights out, etc.

Adopters are given a resource list of who to call. That's it, but it makes a huge difference with individuals becoming 'eyes on their street.' Sounds like something you can tackle?

Contact Coordinator Kathy Orton ([kt\\_orton@hotmail.com](mailto:kt_orton@hotmail.com)) - after June 15th! Why so late? We will be on a cross country road trip for 3 months! Give it some thought, let's talk in June!

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## FREE DENTAL CLINIC FOR KIDS

Sacred Heart Fellowship Hall - Saturday, April 16th, 10 am – 2 pm

Each year, the Multnomah Dental Society sponsors the Give Kids A Smile (GKAS) Campaign to promote health in children and to provide urgent dental care to low-income children in Multnomah County. GKAS is part of the American Dental Association's nationwide program. The objective of the GKAS is to mobilize the nation's dentists to provide free oral health care services to thousands of low-income children.

Basically, it will be a fun-filled day of health education and resources along with free dental care. They will have raffle drawings for gift cards, free lunch and a grand prize (probably an X-box); also, 'Joe the Balloon Guy' and goodie bags.

The time will be a way for families to receive information and care in a nonthreatening environment that will be fun for everyone. See you there!



Young Kim

## Thanks to Young and Joung Kim at Bob's Handy Pantry

Every other month, Young and his wife Joung, allow the BAC to bring in 3 big boxes of newly printed Brooklyn Neighborhood News and set them right inside the door so the volunteer deliverers can pick them up whenever it fits their schedule. They have been doing this for years and the Brooklyn Neighborhood is extremely grateful.

If you happen to go into the Bob's Handy Pantry (right across the street from Brooklyn Park) please thank them for their generosity.

## Groceries for Grout Spring Drive

Saturday, March 12th, 10 am - 12 noon at Upper Brooklyn Park

Groceries for Grout is a fundraising program that provides assistance to food-insecure families at Grout Elementary School, which serves the Brooklyn neighborhood as well. The drive this time is asking for these particular items but please know that donations of any kind will be very appreciated.

- breakfast cereals & items (no oatmeal please. we get that from OFB)
- canned tuna, chicken, etc
- condiments: catsup, salad dressings, mayonnaise, etc
- paper goods: towels, toilet paper, table napkins, etc

## Multnomah County Issues Stronger Wood Burning Ordinance

by Wesley Ward

On February 17, 2022, County Commissioners unanimously strengthened its 2018 Wood Smoke ordinance. As we have learned from the EPA, our County, and Neighbors for Clean Air, wood smoke is as unhealthful and toxic as diesel exhaust. Both contain extra fine particulates (PM 2.5) and toxic substances that can damage one's respiratory system and other organs. EPA estimates that wood smoke contributes about 11% of the cancer risk from air pollution in the county. The County's amended ordinance does the following:

1. It no longer exempts EPA-certified woodstoves.
2. It eliminates "Green Days" during which fireplaces, wood stoves, and recreational burning were allowed without conditions.
3. Yellow Days will be the usual classification during the entire year, during which the County cautions us to use only limited wood burning. "Limited" is a caution, not a prohibition.
4. On Red Days, wood burning in fireplaces, wood stoves and fire pits continues to be prohibited, with some exemptions, as well as recreational burning.

The only exemptions are for wood burning devices that are the sole source of heat in a residence and for wood heating by a low-income household. Those who need an exemption must apply to the Multnomah County Health Department before using a wood burning device. Wood burning for residential or commercial cooking is still allowed. The amendments go into effect on October 1, 2022.

Anyone with questions should call the County Health Department, 503-988-3674.

## Three New Businesses on Milwaukie Ave & Cora



The editor wanted to inform all our Brooklyn residents of 3 businesses that just opened last month. All 3 are located on the east side of Milwaukie Ave just north of Cora Ave. On the corner is a hair salon called The Lightening Society. In the middle is the Adapt Cafe with fresh coffee and pastries available from 7 am - 2 pm. Last but not least is Array, a bottle shop that provides drinks of all kinds from 2 pm to 10 pm everyday. They also have taken out an ad in this newsletter.

**WELCOME TO BROOKLYN!**

## February: Black History/Futures Month

by Kimberlea Ruffu

During Black History/Futures Month, we remember and celebrate the literary revolutionary, bell hooks - born Gloria Jean Watkins, who passed away this last December (1952 - 2021). hooks used lowercase for her name to honor her great grandmother and the work she dedicated her life to.

hooks was an acclaimed intersectional feminist whose impact on social movements (by centering Black and Brown women and femmes) shaped perspectives on the intersections of racial, capitalist, and gender based oppression. She fiercely encouraged us to pursue love as an integral force in the work of building a beloved community by recognizing that our collective liberation is bound together. We honor hooks' legacy and find hope in her work.

*"Love is as love does. Love is an act of will ~ namely both an intention and an action."* - bell hooks

We also want to uplift and celebrate Black joy and abundance. Here are some local organizations centering community and self care to either contribute to or receive support from: Equitable Giving Circle, Don't Shoot PDX, and Taking Ownership PDX.

Some local Black women led projects and businesses to follow or engage with: United States of Flowers, Prose Before Bros - a book club centered on Black, Indigenous, Women of Color (BIWOC) narratives and stories, and Fernland Studios which reimagines environmentalism through art and education.

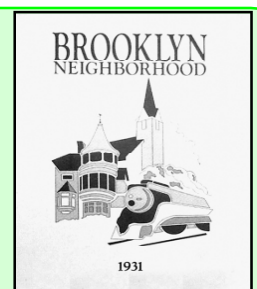
### Brooklyn Historic Plaques

Have you admired the Brooklyn historical plaques on homes and businesses throughout the neighborhood and would like one of your own? Now you can!

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. Plaques are \$32 each.

Ordering details are online at [brooklyn-neighborhood.org/historic-plaques](http://brooklyn-neighborhood.org/historic-plaques).

Questions? Contact [treasurer@brooklyn-neighborhood.org](mailto:treasurer@brooklyn-neighborhood.org)

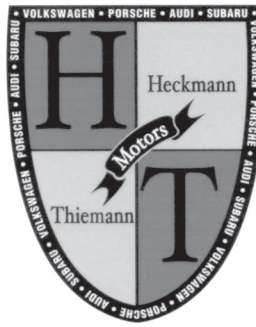


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