

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March/April, 2023



Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, March 22, 2023

Meeting at 7 pm
Sacred Heart Villa
(Corner of SE Milwaukie & Center)

Presentations by 3 new and/or proposed
developments in Brooklyn:

1. BrookLAND apartments
SE Milwaukie between Boise and Cora

2. Food Cart Pod
The former La Carreta site at McLoughlin and Holgate

3. Apartments at the former US Bank site
SE Milwaukie and Franklin

All will be giving details on what they've built
or what they have planned

Go to www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org
for the latest updates and this newsletter in full color.

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 included in this newsletter and, when possible, show your support.

Input from Neighbors at the January General Meeting

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

This year, the meeting was held at Sacred Heart Villa and residents were asked for their concerns, long term goals and hopes 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 topics listed.

All 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

For all those who took the time and joined the meeting,

THANKS!

1. Fix Milwaukie Ave (13)
2. More Climate Emergency Prep (11)
3. Mutual Aid / Houseless Assistance (11)
4. River Access (11)
5. Push Union Pacific on annex impact (9)
6. Grocery Store (8)
7. Art Show/Market (7)
8. Pride Event/Participation (7)
9. Sanctioned Homeless Camp (5)
10. Update the Logo (2)
11. Historic Archive (2)
12. Air Quality (2)
13. Movie in the Park (1)
14. Summer Field Day at Park (1)

Calendar of Events

BAC Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 8, 2023
Sacred Heart Villa, 7 pm

Game Night at Mano Oculta
Tuesday, March 14
1420 SE Powell, 6 pm
(Bring a game to share
or play one of ours.)

Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 8, 10 am
Brooklyn Park
(Bring a basket. Prizes)

Neighborhood General Meeting
Wednesday, March 22, 2023
Sacred Heart Villa, 7 pm

Spring Photo Scavenger Hunt
Saturday, March 25
Brooklyn Park, 1-2:30 pm
(1 adult per team. Prizes!)

Eastside Litter Pickup & Plant Swap
April 22, 10 am - 2pm
Powell Park
(see details, next page)

Looking Ahead

Neighborhood Cleanup Day
May 13th, 9 am - 2 pm
Corner of 16th and Center St.

2nd Annual Pub Crawl
Saturday, June 10th
(Save the date!)

BAC Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 12, 2023
Sacred Heart Villa, 7 pm

Decades Trivia
Tuesday, March 28
6 pm, Mano Oculta

Spring Food Drive
Sunday, March 19, 1-3 pm
Brooklyn Park

Volunteer Recognition Event
Saturday, April 29, 2023
(Save the date, volunteers!)

Friends of Brooklyn Park Returns To In-Person Once Again

by Ben Tarne

Our Auction and Dinner event took place on Saturday, February 25th, 6-9 pm at the Sacred Heart Fellowship Hall. We celebrated last year's success (thanks to you) and raised \$11,000 for next year's summer youth program. We had local food & beverages for dinner, live music, the silent auction, a wine pull, raffle, and the dessert dash.

Thank you to all the local businesses for supporting our Winter Gala and thank you to our Brooklyn community for continuing to support our Summer Youth Program.

The 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 if you are able to help.



First Movie Night in Brooklyn

280 neighbors packed into the Aladdin for the first Brooklyn Movie Night featuring The Big Lebowski. It was a fun filled night with many coming in costume, and the Aladdin served several Lebowski themed drinks. Before the show, many enjoyed trying their hand at the Big Lebowski trivia.

Overall many would say Brooklyn abides!





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.

Being Good Neighbors

by John Karabaic

In the last few years, especially during the pandemic, the canine population of Brooklyn has increased. We've had a few neighbors remind us that Portland has a leash law and owners are required to keep their pooches under control at all times. Oregon is one of the few states that still has a "one bite rule", where a dog owner may be held liable for the bite if they knew or should have known their dog was potentially vicious or dangerous. This may happen when your dog attacks another dog and someone tries to separate them.

A dog owner could be held liable for not using reasonable care in making sure their dog isn't a danger to others. Any of these scenarios could happen in a flash, when the owner isn't paying full attention, such as letting the dog out of their car when it's parked in the driveway and another dog is walking by. We'd also like to point out that Brooklyn does not have any official leash-free areas in our parks, even though some are used that way, and that situation also fuels this potential liability. Be alert to other dogs in the area.

Earth Day Brooklyn

For the first time, Brooklyn will celebrate Earth Day with a community litter pickup in EAST BROOKLYN as well as a plant swap. Gather near the structure at Powell Park (26th & Powell) on Saturday, April 22 from 10-2, and help clean up the park and East Brooklyn neighborhood. All supplies and snacks provided. We just need your positive energy to make it happen!

The yearly Plant Swap will also be happening at the same location. Bring your extras and pick up something new to add to your garden/yard. Questions? Kathy Orton 503-236-5037 (kt_orton@hotmail.com)

Free Groceries at Grout School

Every Friday, from 1:30-2:30 pm, regardless of whether there is school, the Groceries 4 Grout volunteers offer free groceries. The shopping-style pantry lets you choose from a variety of available items, often lots of fresh produce, canned goods, meat & dairy as they are available. The tables are set up just behind Grout School at 3119 SE Holgate Blvd. To learn more, email Groceries4Grout@gmail.com.

Free Trees from Parks & Rec

Interested in getting free trees in 2023? Sign up with this QR Code and Parks & Rec will send out an email to alert you when registration opens in September 2023.

Eligibility Reminders:

1. Trees must be planted on private property inside Portland city limits.
2. Trees cannot be planted as street trees.
3. Trees may not be used to fulfill the requirements of a permit.
4. Limit 2 free trees per year, per address.



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This newsletter is designed and edited by Marie Phillippi.

City-Sanctioned Campsite Near Brooklyn?

This article was prepared using reporting from KOIN-TV and a statement by the BAC Board.

You can find both at the BAC website.

On Monday, Feb. 13th, Mayor Ted Wheeler's office confirmed to KOIN 6, it made two letters of intent to purchase potential shelter or sanctioned campsite locations for the homeless, but didn't go into further detail. According to the mayor's calendar for Jan. 20, it appears one of those letters of intent is potentially for the Clinton Triangle, a parcel of land along the north side of Powell extending from SE 13th to 16th.

The plot of land sits near the Brooklyn and Hosford-Abernethy neighborhoods and is currently home to a fire station and contractor **Stacy and Witbeck**. However, some who live near the Clinton Triangle say it's also prime real estate in a growing neighborhood.

“We know that particular parcel has been looked at for development, so our concern is, if they do put something there, they’re going to end up moving folks anyway,” said John Karabaic, co-chair of the neighborhood association Brooklyn Action Corps. Karabaic says “Since the city approved moving forward with six sanctioned camps around Portland, some residents were for bringing a site to Brooklyn. We had folks express, during our general meetings, that there was interest in actually hosting a sanctioned campsite.”

But the neighborhood says it also has concerns the program may not run as well as planned, leaving residents and the unhoused in an entirely different situation, hoping instead for more permanent solutions.

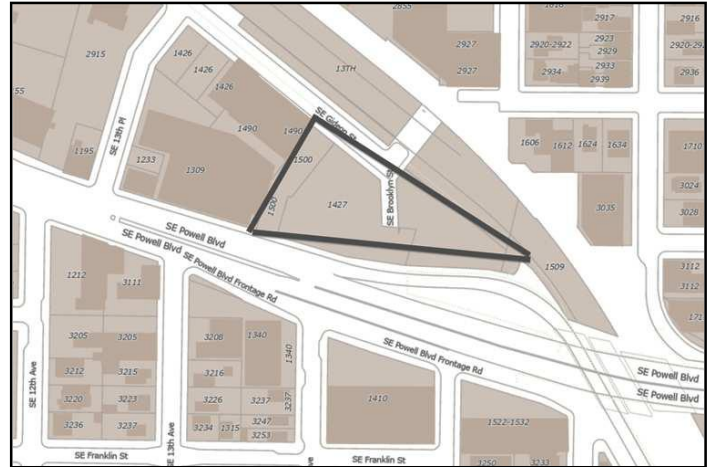
“We think that housing first is a strategy to pursue in a housing crisis, not sanctioned campsites that try to get the unhoused out of sight,” Karabaic said. Brooklyn neighborhood leaders say they also haven’t received any communication from the city yet.

Neighbors say they're concerned the plan would be regressive and end up costing more than creating permanent housing. "We believe we need to keep trying different ways to support our unhoused neighbors, respecting them as our neighbors, while we build the housing," Karabaic said.

So far, the city has committed up to \$27 million for the first three sanctioned campsites to be built and operated for at least one year. Neighbors say they're concerned the plan would be regressive and end up costing more than creating permanent housing.

At this time, the mayor's office has not confirmed to the 2 neighborhoods involved that a mass encampment is headed to the Clinton Triangle in Southeast Portland. Christopher Eykamp, chair of the Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood District, said the mayor's office has not yet reached out to the surrounding community.

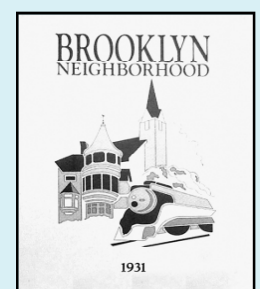
“At this point, HAND neighborhood remains optimistic that the proposal can be successful, but there are many issues yet to be discussed, much less resolved” Eykamp said. “We look forward to working with the mayor’s office to ensure this proposal is successful for everyone.”



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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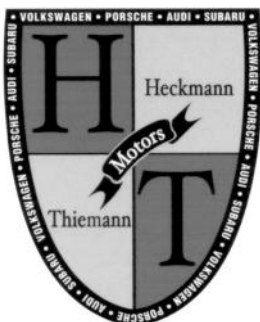


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