

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

July/August, 2023

The Brooklyn Action Corps Board for 2023-2024



Every May, at the General Meeting, the board comes up for elections. The editor usually takes a picture but this year, it was accidentally omitted, so head shots are provided.

The board members are from L-R: Debbie Dicks (treasurer), Kirsten Lampi (co-secretary) Melaney Dittler (co-chair), John Karabaic (chair), Myong O (climate chair), Cheryl Crowe (CCC Chair), Jim Bloom, Marie Phillippi (Newsletter Editor), Guy Berliner and Stuart Zeltzer (secretary).
Not shown: LC Hansen (SEUL rep).

For the first time in several years, the board has a full membership.

A special thank you to all these volunteers that spend a lot of time and energy to serve our neighborhood.

Please subscribe to our weekly Email Newsletter that offers updates on current news and events happening in and around the Brooklyn Neighborhood. This is the best way to stay informed on things that affect our neighborhood specifically. It comes out every Tuesday and is a quick read.

Sign up on the website: brooklyn-neighborhood.org, or contact us at board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Crafts Night

Wednesday, July 5, 4 pm
Brooklyn Park Shelter

BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, July 12, 7 pm
Sacred Heart Villa

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Wednesday, August 9, 7 pm
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Piano Music at Know Thy Food
1st & 3rd Wednesdays
2:30 - 4 pm

Community Connections Meeting

Monday, July 10th, 4 pm
Rose City Coffee

Portland Pride Parade Meetup

Friday, July 16, 930 am
1523 SE Haig St.
Meet up with your neighbors, ride the max, and enjoy the parade together.

Celebrate Summer Picnic

Tuesday, August 8, 6pm-9pm
Brooklyn Park
Bring a blanket, a picnic and a neighbor

GBBA Meetings

Wednesday, July 12, 4:30
Stonebarn Brandyworks
Friday, Aug 4, 8:30 (TBD)

Climate Group Meetings

Thursdays, July 13 & 27
August 10 & 24, 7 pm
Meet at The Chomp Restaurant

Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, July 26, 7 pm
Sacred Heart Fellowship Hall

Looking Ahead

Ice Cream Social in the Park
Sunday, September 10, 2023, 1 - 4 pm
For details, see page 4

The GBBA Is Back!

by Matt McComas

The Greater Brooklyn Business Association is back in action after a long hiatus during the Covid-19 pandemic. From home-based businesses to brick and mortar, to industrial, we have an amazing variety of businesses working in Brooklyn. Together the GBBA will be focused primarily on three things.

- 1) Foster networking between businesses.
- 2) Platform events that help businesses and neighbors connect.
- 3) Advocate for neighborhood interests (safety, transportation, lighting, etc.).



Keep an eye out for GBBA networking events and a business fair this fall by visiting greaterbrooklynba.com. If you have a Brooklyn-based business, please contact us to get involved! You can reach out by email to greaterbrooklynba@gmail.com

Perks of Being A Volunteer

by Cheryl Crowe

One of the perks of being a volunteer in Brooklyn is the recognition party. In April once again, the annual fete of Volunteers was held at 503 Distilling's atrium. This year the BAC recognized 3 volunteers for their contributions to the Neighborhood.

Stephen Bachhuber was recognized for his leadership on building the 9th street overpass crew who care for the pedestrian overpass as well as other neglected public parts of the neighborhood.

Josh Hetrick, who is stepping down from the BAC board, was recognized for his leadership of the BAC as well as the Land Use Transportation Council.

And Marie Phillippi was heralded for her many contributions to Brooklyn over the years. Marie had many contributions to the neighborhood but notably editing this newsletter for 20 plus years and coordinating the 30+ volunteers who deliver it 6 times a year. The Ice Cream Social was conceived by Marie and it is now a cornerstone event of the Brooklyn year. She also contributed to bringing the Max through Brooklyn and suggesting the redirection of the path to 17th Ave instead of coming down 9th Ave and taking out many homes on that path. Marie certainly puts the Action into the BAC name.

A big thanks to 503 who sponsored the drinks as well as the venue and Meta Pizza and The Chomp who catered the affair.

Brooklyn Earth Day A Success

by Kathy Orton

On April 22nd, Earth Day, Brooklyn neighbors gathered at Powell Park to pick up litter, share plants and get involved in local Climate Issues, from 10-2pm. We were surprised that SOLVE and a local radio station also were there doing litter pickups from 10 to noon. So both Brooklyn and Creston-Kenilworth got litter pickups!

Our Brooklyn group covered Powell Park and the entire Eastside of Brooklyn, from 17th to 26th, Powell to Holgate. We found plenty of interesting debris. We also had one of our unhoused residents, Randy, who picked up a full bucket of trash along 22nd. At the same time, Guy Berkner set up a plant swap: 'Just take some free plants' area. When SOLVE finished their time, many of their volunteers came and adopted plants also!

Myong O. and Jeff Kleen also had a table featuring Climate involvement opportunities and had quite a few people sign up for future events.

Thank you to: Debbie Savage, Josh Hetrick, Debra Kyle, Stephen Bachhuber, Randy, Yarrow Murphy, Linnea & Cabron Ramos, Michael O'Connor, Rebecca Garza, Robert Christian, John Karabaic, Cheryl Crowe, Rae Knopp, LC Hansen, Lee Orton, Wesley Ward and Jim & Liz Houser for doing all the work!! Thanks to Heiberg for collecting all our bags on Monday. We all appreciated getting to know a bit about "East Brooklyn".



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.

2nd Annual Pub Crawl by Eli Nary

On Saturday, June 10th, around 20 residents from the Brooklyn Neighborhood participated in the 2nd annual pub crawl, showcasing our fantastic local business scenes.

The bars, cider houses, pizza spots, and everything in between, shined bright with great service and tasty beverages. Meanwhile, pub crawlers were invited to play bingo and go by goofy nicknames among many other bits of silliness, all in the name of community.

By the end when the drinking stopped, a collection of jovial neighbors ambled home with new appreciation for the businesses and neighbors in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn Clean Up

A big thanks to the event organizers, Cheryl Crowe and Melaney Dittler, D&H Flagging for lending free cones and **to all the volunteers** that made it happen: Tim Dittler, John Wiebke, Mark Romanaggi, Myong O, Jeff Kleen, Guy Berliner, Stuart Seltzer and Marie Phillippi.

A special thanks to volunteer Christina Thompson who took care of all the clothing recycling, LC Hansen for taking care of the styrofoam and Paul Zavitkovski and John Karabaic who provided "breakfast by the dumpsters."

We filled 2 dumpsters and collected 3.84 tons of waste!

**Thanks to everyone who helped
and brought their stuff!**

Clinton Triangle Shelter Site Update



On June 12, 2023, HAND and the BAC jointly hosted a Stakeholder Discussion at the Aladdin Theater with representatives of the Mayor's office, Hank Smith and Skyler Bocker-Knapp. Attendees got a summary of the Good Neighbor Agreement which included maps of the zones for enhanced city services defined in an included table. Please check out the QR code for the details of the Good Neighbor Agreement or go to the BAC website for more details: brooklyn-neighborhood.org.

From L-R: Hank Smith (City Rep), John Karabaic (BAC Chair) Ashley Wolfe Plauché (Brooklyn Neighbor) and Chris Eykamp (HAND Chair)

There was a good turnout of neighbors from adjoining neighborhoods and time was allotted at the end for questions from attendees.

A big thanks to the Aladdin for providing the space free of charge.



Block Party Portland!

Block Party, previously called National Night Out, has been celebrated across North America on the first Tuesday of August since 1983. It's a day when neighbors hold parties to strengthen community cohesiveness and crime resistance, and get to know their neighbors. When neighbors get to know each other, they create a connected and safer community.

Every year, more than 20,000 people in Portland participate. This year, the time has been extended to the first 2 weeks of August. The City of Portland allows neighbors to shut down local traffic service streets and receive waivers on noise variance permits for block parties. Portland Parks & Recreation will also allow one free event permit per neighborhood association during this time. Register at <https://www.portland.gov/community-safety/pop>.

Sudden Passing of a Long-Term Brooklyn Volunteer by Marie Phillippi

Emily McKinnon was the BAC Vice Chair in 2003 and Chair in 2005/06. For all these years, she had continued serving our neighborhood by storing tables and tents as well as assisting with this newsletter.

I know if I could provide a picture, she would be recognized. Her dedication as well as a beautiful sense of humor will be missed! THANK YOU EMILY!

Brooklyn Climate Group Update

by Jeff Kleen

The Brooklyn neighborhood is going through some big changes. Two large apartment developments are being built along SE Milwaukie Ave. and more are expected. When developers came to speak at a Brooklyn Action Corps (BAC) meeting, members of the climate group started to wonder if the new apartments would include gas stoves, furnaces, and water heaters—locking them into the use of methane for decades to come and posing a threat to the health and well-being of residents. When it comes to climate change we hear a lot about carbon dioxide, but methane (what is called “natural gas”) has up to 86 times the global warming potential of carbon dioxide (learn more at <https://350pdx.org/>). Electrification creates an opportunity for homes and buildings to be safer, healthier, and more resilient, and powered by renewable energy—like solar power (including community solar programs like Oregon Shines*), and other emerging technologies.

A climate justice group member reached out to the developers and learned that one building will have gas infrastructure while the other will not. The group realized that the neighborhood should be proactive in urging developers not to include gas heating and appliances before they start planning and building. This led the group to draft a resolution that the BAC voted in favor of recommending new developers or remodelers not connect to gas. While the resolution isn't legally binding, it's a clear statement of the neighborhood's values of health, clean air, and climate justice. Read the resolution on the BAC website. Brooklyn is the first neighborhood in Portland to pass such a resolution, which pertains strictly to new developments, not existing homes.

The climate group will send the resolution to the Multnomah County Commissioners to urge them to vote for a county-wide ban on gas infrastructure in NEW developments. The City of Milwaukie recently joined cities across the country in passing a similar resolution. County commissioners may vote on the concept as early as September.

*Learn more and sign up for the Oregon Shines community solar program at www.oregonshines.com. Low-income households can save up to 40 percent on their electricity bill. To receive a \$25 gift certificate when you enroll, add “Myong O” as your referral.

Brooklyn Historical Walk

by Hans Albing

On the evening of June 23, at least 25 neighbors started out at Rose City Coffee and headed to the Aladdin, looking at several pictures of Milwaukie Ave. and Powell from the 1910's to the 1930's. We then meandered up Franklin, looking at classic home architecture.

Continuing to the Poulsen House, a complete and amazing tour was given by Charlene Quaresma, who owns the house and uses it for her financial advisory business. (North-western Mutual)

We then made our way south to Sacred Heart Catholic Church on 11th, and then back up Milwaukie.

Many celebrated afterwards with a stop at Meta Pizza or Brooklyn Park Pub.



SAVE THIS DATE!

Sunday, September 10, 2023

The Brooklyn Action Corps Sponsors

“ICE CREAM SOCIAL IN THE PARK”

1– 4 pm

Be a part of the Annual Brooklyn Ice Cream Social! We are seeking neighborhood groups, artisans, businesses and residents to set up information and booths at the Social. Booth space is free, but you will need to bring your own table. Also, if any Brooklyn business would like to offer gift certificates for the raffle, please e-mail:

board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org.

Help is needed for setup and take down.

Any volunteers?

Email the board at

board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org

Brooklyn Historic Plaques

If you have admired the Brooklyn historical plaques on homes and businesses throughout the neighborhood, have you thought of adding one to your home or business? Now you can! The Brooklyn Historical Society will provide the plaques for \$32 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. Ordering details are online at brooklyn-neighborhood.org/historic-plaques.

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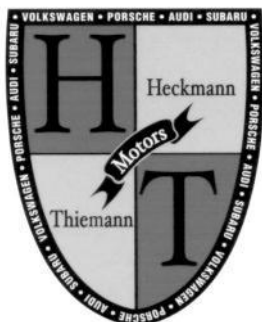


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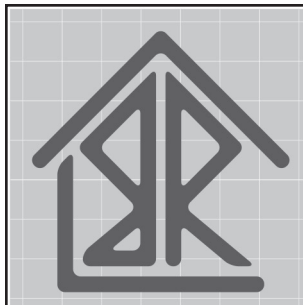
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