

# Brooklyn

## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

May / June 2025



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### BAC: Board of Directors Election

What is BAC? The **Brooklyn Action Corps (BAC)** is Brooklyn's non-profit neighborhood association whose purpose is to better the community by working together toward the solution of its social, physical, and economic problems. This work is completed through volunteer effort and led by the Board of Directors. BAC needs volunteers willing to commit 2-3 hours a month to serve on the Board.

Refer to the BAC website for details: [www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org](http://www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org)

To fulfill BAC's purpose, BAC has established several working groups and committees. Some of these include:

- Community Connections Committee (**CCC**)
- Brooklyn Land Use & Transportation Committee (**BLUTC**)
- Brooklyn Climate Action Team (**BCAT**)
- The Brooklyn Newsletter (That's right, the one you are reading!)

Additionally, BAC supports other community organizations, such as the **Brooklyn Community Garden (BCG)** located on the hill at the corner of SE Frankin and SE McLoughlin.

Who is eligible? Eligibility requirements are outlined within *Section III. Eligibility of the BAC Bylaws*, which can be found at [www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org/bylaws](http://www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org/bylaws).

When and Where? Elections will be at Sacred Heart Villa (Corner of Milwaukie Ave. & Center St.) @ 7 pm on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Did You Notice?

Sign toppers are here! Designed by Brooklyn artist Ashley of Wonderline Design and installed by Security Signs, the apple blossom honors Brooklyn's history as an apple orchard. Special thanks to BAC's Melaney Dittler and City of Portland's Public Environment Management Office.

Artist Socials: @wonderlinedesign

Portland's Heritage Tree Program has recognized the Gravenstein Apple on Center and 9<sup>th</sup> as tree #204, a relic from a past orchard.



Above: March 26<sup>th</sup> BAC meeting with Representatives, including Oregon State Representative Rob Nosse (speaking above), Councilor Angelita Morillo, Councilor Steve Novick, and a representative from the office Councilor Tiffany Koyama Lane.

### Representatives Met With Brooklyn

At the March 26<sup>th</sup> BAC General Meeting, representatives spoke with the Brooklyn neighborhood. Brooklyn says **THANK YOU** to the representatives who came and spoke with Brooklyn. ❤️

Also, a **BIG THANKS** to everyone who attended in-person and online. Our voices are being heard, and we have the power to create positive change! Neighbors and other community members, including members from BLUTC & BCAT, voiced opinions about access to the Willamette River, pedestrian safety, concerns with Zenith Energy activity, vacant properties along Milwaukie Ave, and pollution from nearby highways and trains.

## Classical Musical Performance

Local musicians! Sopranos Anita Stryker and Viveka Moon, violinist Austin DeSimone, and pianist Barbara Ulman will perform music by Handel, Mozart, Schubert, Rossini, Barber, and others at Sacred Heart Church, 3910 SE 11th Avenue. **Admission is free**; donations accepted for expenses and additional funds will support **BCG**. Parking is limited; arrive early!

## Neighborhood Clean-up

Save a trip to the dump & get rid of unwanted bulky items like old vacuum cleaners, furniture and scrap wood! This is a great opportunity to clean-up and properly dispose of waste.

**Usable household items / clothes** will be donated.

**Electronics will be recycled** - TVs, computers, printers, phones, circuit boards, monitors, stereos equipment, and other home electronics.

**Household Hazardous Waste accepted until 1pm** - medical sharps / Epi-pens, old medicine, household batteries, compact fluorescents.

### NOT ACCEPTED:

High risk construction materials suspected of containing asbestos: Flooring, Walls, Ceilings, Insulation, electrical, etc.

**Can you help?** Volunteers needed!

**Do you need help?** Volunteers can assist moving items for you! To volunteer or to request help, please contact:  
[Board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org](mailto:Board@brooklyn-neighborhood.org)

**Donations will be suggested to support BAC.**

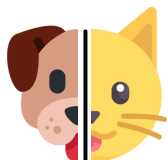
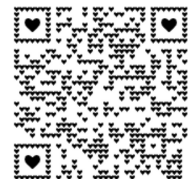
## Brooklyn Pub Crawl - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual

\$10 per ticket to support BAC. Maximum 26 people.  
Please, RSVP @ [ccc@brooklyn-neighborhood.org](mailto:ccc@brooklyn-neighborhood.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Classical Musical Performance	5/4 @ 3pm <i>Sacred Heart Church</i>
Brooklyn Land Use Transportation Committee (BLUTC) Meeting	5/7 7pm - 8pm <i>Chomp</i>
Neighborhood Clean-up	5/10 9am - 2pm <i>16<sup>th</sup> &amp; SE Center</i>
Community Connections Committee (CCC) Meeting	5/13 5pm - 6pm
BAC General Meeting	5/28 7pm <i>Sacred Heart Villa</i>
BLUTC Meeting	6/4 7pm - 8pm
Brooklyn Historical Walking Tour	6/6 5:30pm <i>Rose City Coffee</i>
CCC	6/10 5pm - 6pm
Brooklyn Pub Crawl	6/14 4pm - 8pm
BAC Board Meetings	2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday Monthly 7pm <i>Sacred Heart Villa</i>

Scan and subscribe for more events and up-to-date information:



### May Pet of the Month

Bronco HillJenks, a 2-year old Great Dane, loves the couch as much as the outdoors. This 'leaning', gentle giant welcomes 'hellos' while on walks around the Brooklyn neighborhood. Bronco HillJenks' BFF is OGUN, an orange cat.

### June Pet of the Month

Wanda (cat) loves to sunbath on 9<sup>th</sup> Ave, where she goes on walks with her best friend, Josie (dog) and greets friendly neighbors. Wanda loves climbing trees / pole dancing, sunbathing, and rodent hunting. Wanda probably knows more people than you. 😊



# Brooklyn

## HISTORICAL WALKING TOUR

**JUNE 06, 2025**

**\$10**

**5:30 pm meet in front of Rose City Coffee**

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## Brooklyn Land Use and Transportation Committee

BLUTC made their voice heard at the March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting by speaking to representatives and discussing Brooklyn's need for access to the Willamette River via the Ross Island Sand and Gravel Site, which included the Park Department negotiations for the purchase of this land and a safe crossing of McLoughlin Boulevard. Also, BLUTC outlined the need for a zoning change from strictly industrial to a category that would allow residential development along the west side of 17th Avenue. This would allow for more housing that would support services and infrastructure for our neighborhood. Although BLUTC requested support for these goals, this was primarily an information gathering session for the Commissioners. BLUTC's aim was to inform and involve the representatives in developing solutions for the problems of River Access and lack of land for housing in Brooklyn. BLUTC hopes to work more closely with representatives going forward.

With the opening of Brooklyn Carreta (the bar and food cart pod at Holgate and McLoughlin), the pedestrian safety issue around the site is more apparent. The crosswalk at this intersection is extremely dangerous with impatient turning-on-red drivers and high-speed traffic turning off McLoughlin. Many pedestrians already perceive that it is safer and easier to cross mid-block to get to the businesses lined on this block of Holgate, such as the fitness center. BLUTC members continue to raise awareness and have gotten attention from Commissioner Mitch Green. BLUTC will attempt to involve the entire City Council in a solution to this problem.

Brooklyn Climate Action Team Newsletter Sign-up:

This newsletter has helpful reminders, resources, and other news and info impacting our community.



## BROOKLoveYourNeighbor: Marie Phillippi

Nearly four decades ago, Marie (*pictured below*) bought a 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue home for \$39,900. Three months later she met the love her life and they would go on to be valued neighbors in the Brooklyn community. Marie has served as Chairperson of the BAC Board and was editor of this newsletter for over 25 years. Marie continues to be an active neighbor, including distribution coordinator for the newsletter and Music / Choir Director at Sacred Heart Church.

Marie and her late husband Daryl's love led to the growth of their backyard garden oasis, which can be enjoyed from the sunroom that Daryl built years ago. Marie extends her gratitude to all her Brooklyn neighbors for their love and care after Daryl's passing in 2024.

♥Brooklyn Loves Marie!♥



## Brooklyn Historical Plaques

The Brooklyn Historical Society provides plaques for \$32 each. The plaques are identical in design and color to those already in existence with the addition of construction date, a custom script, and a weather resistant material.

*Questions?*

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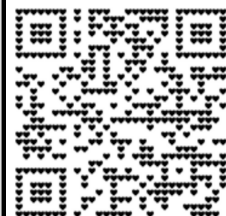
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## A Season of Renewal: The Heart of the Brooklyn Community Garden

I woke up on the morning of our grand reopening with the kind of anticipation that hums in the bones—a quiet, knowing excitement. It was the beginning of something new, yet familiar. A new season, a new opportunity, and a new chapter in the ongoing story of the **Brooklyn Community Garden (BCG)**. As I made my way to the garden, I was met with **the crisp breath of early spring**, the earth still damp with the memory of winter, but eager to awaken. The sun, though shy, peered through the clouds as if it, too, was watching, waiting for what would unfold. And then, **they arrived** - the heart of the garden, our community of dedicated members, stepping into this shared space with boots muddied, gloves ready, and hearts open.

**This wasn't just about tending to soil and weeds; it was about tending to something much greater.**

One-by-one, familiar faces and new ones alike gathered, each bringing their own purpose, their own reason for being there. Some came with quiet determination, setting their sights on the plots they would soon nurture. Others came for the camaraderie, for the shared work that turns strangers into friends. And then there were those who came simply because they believe - **in the garden, in the community, in the idea that something as simple as planting a seed can bring people together.**

We dug. We lifted. We cleared. **The remnants of the past season made way for the future.** The old bricks and borders were gathered and sorted, paving the way for a **new natural seating area**, a place where neighbors will soon sit together, watching the sun sink behind Portland's skyline. **It will be a space of reflection, of laughter, of connection—an anchor within the garden, not just for plants, but for people.**

We built. We organized. **We breathed new life into forgotten corners.** The first stages of our **Wood Chip & Soil Storage Box** took shape, a testament to the effort to make the garden more efficient and accessible. The donation plots - spaces meant not for personal gain, but for feeding those in need - were given a fresh start, cleared and prepared for a new season of generosity.

As I looked around, I felt something deeper than pride - **I felt gratitude.** For every person who knelt in the dirt, for every hand that lifted a shovel, for every voice that rang out in conversation and laughter. **This garden is not just a collection of plants and pathways - it is a living, breathing reflection of the people who care for it.** By the time we finished, there was exhaustion in our bodies and triumph in our hearts. **We had done something beautiful.** Not just for ourselves, but for everyone who will walk through the gates in the days, weeks, and months ahead.

As I stood there, taking it all in, I thought about the seasons still to come - the work still to be done, the harvests yet to be shared, the moments waiting to be lived within these fences. **And I knew, with absolute certainty, that this was only the beginning.** So, to those who came, **thank you.** And to those who have yet to step through the garden gates, **know that there is always a place for you here.** Because this garden does not belong to any one person - it belongs to all of us, Brooklyn.

**With dirt on my hands and gratitude in my heart,  
Konstantinos Chrysovergis  
Brooklyn Community Garden Manager**







# BEST OF BROOKLYN BUSINESS BULLETIN

Supported by your Brooklyn Business Association (BBA)

Welcome to the business insert of the Brooklyn News! This insert is meant to **familiarize neighborhood residents** with our Brooklyn area neighborhood businesses. This is a place for **Brooklyn businesses** to advertise, inform, and share their products and services. This will support our local small businesses, which are vital to the unique character and vibrancy of our neighborhood. If you are a Brooklyn small business or know any Brooklyn based business interested in having a **feature space on this page or an ad**, please reach out to us at the BBA at [GreaterBrooklynBA@gmail.com](mailto:GreaterBrooklynBA@gmail.com) for more information.

## New Brooklyn Businesses in March/April

**Champs Burger – 1234 SE Cora St**

**Brooklyn Carreta – SE Holgate and 99E**

**Shwop - 3338 SE Milwaukie Ave. (Welcome back!)**

## *Champs* **Champs @ Away Days Brewing**



**BBA 'Growing Partner' since Oct 2024!**

Located at 1234 SE Cora St

In March, lines of hungry neighbors cued up to try a Champs Burger. What makes Champs burgers worth waiting in line for? **The ingredients!** Owners Sterling Houghton and Travis Wilshire have sourced quality ingredients to make a burger that stands out among other burgers. The burgers are made with **dry aged beef**, gooey melty cheese all on a **house-made bun** that is a hybrid of brioche and Japanese milk bread. The **fries** are made in **beef tallow**, giving them a taste like the McDonald's fries of yesteryear. Enjoy your burger and fries and **homemade cookies** and wash it down with a pint from Away Days. Champs is open Thursdays & Fridays 4-7pm, Saturdays 12-7pm

## **Portland Table Tennis Club**

**BBA 'Growing Partner' since Sept 2024!**

[PortlandTableTennis.com](http://PortlandTableTennis.com) Located at 1720 SE Haig St

Did you know there's a fantastic place to play Table Tennis right here in Brooklyn? They're open from 10 AM to 9 PM, seven days a week, and offer a **"drop by and play"** option. Affordable at \$10/day or \$55 for a 30-day pass. And if you need a partner, they'll find one for you!

Players of every level are welcome. **Balls and paddles are provided**, but feel free to bring your own. Group classes and personal training from national Table Tennis champion, Jeff Mason, are also available.

As a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers, it a **true community club**. They are excited and preparing for new members with the upcoming release of the movie "Marty Supreme," starring **Timothée Chalamet**. The film is loosely based on the life of table tennis champion Marty Reisman and is set to open in theaters on December 25th. Visit their club and discover this hidden gem in Brooklyn for yourself!



## **Upcoming Brooklyn Business Assoc. Events:** **Member Hosted Networking Events:** Open to all

Brooklyn area business owners/managers.

- June 6<sup>th</sup> – 9-10am at Bullseye Glass (with Factory Tour)
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4:30-6pm at TBD
- August 1<sup>st</sup> – 9-10am at Classic Pianos (with Tour)

## **Annual Members Only Meeting and Dinner**

- May 7<sup>th</sup> – 6-8pm at Heckmann-Thiemann Motors



## **Brooklyn Carreta is Open!**

**NEW BBA 'Community Partner'!**

[BrooklynCarreta.com](http://BrooklynCarreta.com)

Brooklyn's new food cart venue featuring **18 food carts**, a full bar, a coffee bar, and a pinball room is finally open! They are offering a **spacious dining area** for meals indoors or outdoors with overhead heaters, a fire pit, and a vibrant mural. The site offers plenty of **parking** for vehicles and for bikes. Soon they hope to host community events and entertainment.

The **bar's drink options** include a custom cocktail menu, non-alcoholic mocktails, boozy slushies, local wines, craft beers, and as a tribute to the original La Carreta, **oversized 'fishbowl' margaritas**. Food carts will provide something for every appetite, from Rollin' Fresh **Sushi** to **Shawarma** House and from Hello **Philly** to **Mac-a-Deli**. Check their website for specific cart hours. The bar and indoor space will be open from 11am-9pm, 7 days a week! Go check them out today at the corner of Holgate and McLoughlin/99E.

**Did you know?** There is a **Lawn Bowling Club** at nearby Westmoreland Park. The next open house is June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm. Check out their website at [PortlandLawnBowling.com](http://PortlandLawnBowling.com) for more info!

We hope you like our new look (wait until you see it in color)! Our new logo and branding is being rolled out! Look for the new BBA stickers on your local member businesses soon!



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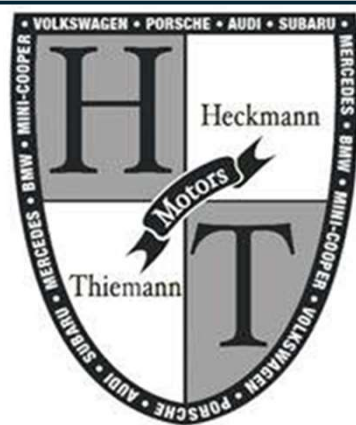
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