

# Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

September / October 2025



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## BAC Presents: The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ice Cream Social



Join neighbors on **September 7<sup>th</sup>** from **1:30pm - 4:30pm** at **Brooklyn Park** for 25¢ ice cream, music, kids activities, adult raffles and more! Featuring live music from the Yamhillbillies, face painting, and **FREE ENTRY!**

### BCAT hosts Go-Bag Series focused on Emergency Preparedness

BCAT has hosted two sessions of a 3-part series on go-bags. Go-Bags generally contain 72-hours of essentials for short-term evacuations. As climate risks intensify and earthquake risks persist, Go-Bags and other emergency resources are vital for community resilience.

On July 10<sup>th</sup> and August 14<sup>th</sup>, dozens of Brooklyn neighbors joined BCAT members to learn what to pack in a Go-Bag and the best locations for storing and ease-of-access. Additionally, both sessions featured expert guest speakers.

July's session had two volunteers from the Portland Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) explain NET's role during emergencies. August's session had staff from the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) share information about the city's Basic Earthquake Emergency Communication Nodes (BEECN) system. The August session also focused on tools and strategies for working with neighbors, including maintaining an inventory of skills, resources, and needs - information that will be invaluable during an emergency. As PBEM staff emphasized:

*The strongest communities aren't those with the most resources; they're the communities that know each other.*

The final Go-Bag session, which is free and open to all, will be on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The location is TBD and will be announced in the BCAT newsletter and Brooklyn electronic newsletter. Resources from all sessions, including a comprehensive Go-Bag checklist, can be found at <https://bit.ly/BCATEmergencypreparedness> or by scanning the QR code below:



For more information about the Go-Bag series or BCAT, contact [climate@bacpdx.org](mailto:climate@bacpdx.org) or subscribe to the BCAT newsletter by scanning the QR code above and following the links!

### Did You Notice?

Greenspace in Brooklyn includes three parks, the Brooklyn Community Garden (BCG), and a portion of the Springwater Corridor!

The three parks that total more than 14 acres include Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn School Park, and Powell Park. These parks offer baseball diamonds, basketball courts, open fields, shelters, and picnic tables for gathering. Brooklyn Park is home to *Tête à Tête* (pictured below), a multi-ton sculpture by Marcia Donahue.

The BCG is located at the corner of Franklin and McLoughlin. In addition to the wonderful growing plots, BCG has an incredible view across the Willamette River.



Pictured left: BCAT meeting at Brooklyn Park;  
Above: BCAT meeting at Brooklyn School Park.

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Featuring a 25¢ ice cream bar, this year's event will have live music from the Yamhillbillies, adult raffles, games and prizes for kids, and friendly neighbors!

### Brooklyn Action Committee (BAC) Meetings

September 24<sup>th</sup>: City of Portland representatives will provide an update on the two-year-old Clinton Triangle Shelter site.

BAC holds two public meeting types - General and Board - usually at Sacred Heart Villa with virtual options. General meetings occur bi-monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday; Board meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday each month.

### Brooklyn Land Use and Transportation Committee (BLUTC)

BLUTC generally meets the first Wednesday of every month; however, to accommodate TriMet, the October meeting date is to-be-determined. TriMet has been invited to discuss zoning and land use planning.

BLUTC submitted a pedestrian crossing study of Holgate Boulevard to the Portland City Council Transportation Committee. The study was done to address a surge in crossings, and risky behavior by motorists and pedestrians in the vicinity of the new Brooklyn Carreta.

The study showed that 70% of pedestrian crossings from McLoughlin Boulevard to Milwaukie Avenue occurred at the unmarked 12th Avenue and Holgate intersection, primarily to access the entrance of Brooklyn Carreta. Pedestrians avoided crossing at the nearby McLoughlin crosswalk, presumably because of the danger of right-turning motorists. Several near-miss pedestrian strikes were observed. Rather than closing the 12<sup>th</sup> and Holgate intersection, as PBOT has done elsewhere, we recommended improving the intersection with a marked crosswalk and signage. This will also benefit motorists by preventing gridlock at 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue and improving traffic flow. BLUTC is hopeful that the City Council will improve safety for both pedestrians and motorists by improving this intersection.



Additionally, BLUTC continues to advocate river access from the neighborhood, access to Ross Island, and correction of the issues that have resulted in toxic algae blooms.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

BLUTC

9/3 @ 7pm  
Sacred Heart Villa

## Ice Cream Social

 **Sunday**   
**September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:30 - 4:30 pm**  
**Brooklyn Park**

- Music 
- Raffles 
- Face Painting

*With a bounce house!*



**Fun for all!**

BAC: Board Meeting

9/10 @ 7pm  
Sacred Heart Villa

BCAT: Go-Bag (pt. 3)

9/11 @ 7pm  
TBD

BAC: General Meeting

9/24 @ 7pm  
Sacred Heart Villa

BLUTC

TBD @ 7pm  
TBD

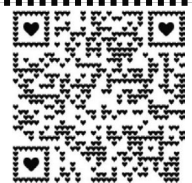
Portland Marathon

10/5 @ 9am-5pm  
99E → SE Franklin  
→ SE Milwaukie

BAC: Board Meeting


10/8 @ 7pm  
Sacred Heart Villa

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Howdy Brooklyn Neighbors,

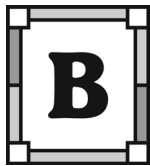
My name is Dandy (or Dandy), and I am honored to be your editor for this bi-monthly newsletter. I hope this newsletter continues to connect the community and highlight both the accomplishments and fun we all have together. Through these connections, I hope Brooklynites can share mutual aid and work together to ensure we all have safe and fulfilling lives. Please send me written content, photos, pet of the month nominations, suggestions, or anything else to: [brooknews@bacpdx.org](mailto:brooknews@bacpdx.org). Thanks to those who have reached out and I look forward to hearing from others!

With love,  
Dandy 

*Pictured: Dandy with their three cats  
(Mister, Lady, and Princess) as 'cat-tax'*







# 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 insert supports 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.

## Brooklyn Business Member News and Events

BBA Fall Events – TBD! We are working on planning some new events in the coming months. Keep an eye on our website and social media for more information.

### PURCHASING PROPERTY TOGETHER: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

10/17  
12-1pm

Strategies and options for joint property ownership and co-purchasing, including financing solutions, legal agreements, and other essential considerations.



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### Purchasing Property Together: What you need to know!

Dreaming of buying a home or other property but not sure how to make it happen? Co-ownership could be your key! In this upcoming online seminar, a panel of experts will guide you through buying with family or friends.



### Classic Pianos

BBA 'Neighborhood Partner'!

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Family-owned Classic Pianos has been part of the Brooklyn neighborhood community since 2001. Founded by Maurice Unis, who learned piano restoration from his grandfather, the store has long welcomed dreamers, students, educators, and professionals alike. Today, the Unis family carries on that tradition of service in a newly updated showroom now with a convenient entrance and easy parking at 1010 SE Powell. Classic Pianos offers something for every player — from beginner to concert artist — with hundreds of in-stock new and used pianos from Yamaha and other world-class brands. You're invited to visit, explore, and be inspired.

The BBA had the pleasure of visiting the new showroom last month when they hosted our networking meeting. As a regular supporter of the Brooklyn neighborhood, we encourage you to check out Classic Pianos and support them with your next piano purchase.



### Impressions In Ink

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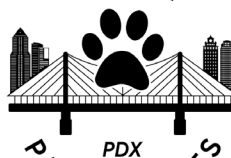


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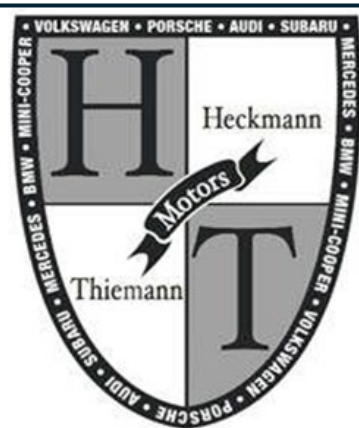
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The Empowered Aging Method teaches self-care through mindful fitness to stretch and strengthen your body, meditation to help calm and center your mind and creative exploration for fun.

I am teaching Mindful Fitness classes Wednesdays 2-3 and Thursdays 2:30-3:30 at The Gem Studio, 975 SE 11th Ave, Unit D. I have started an Indivisible Group. This is a plan for working for justice and sustaining well-being and joy.

Text me at 503-421-2040 for information on classes and/or Indivisible.

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## Adopt-a-Block!

Adopting a block is a great way to have pride in the neighborhood. Adopting a block means being a steward of one block during monthly litter pick-up and being a friendly neighbor that reports potholes and out street lights, which makes Brooklyn safer and cleaner! Contact Kathy @ [kt\\_orton@gmail.com](mailto:kt_orton@gmail.com) to adopt-a-block!

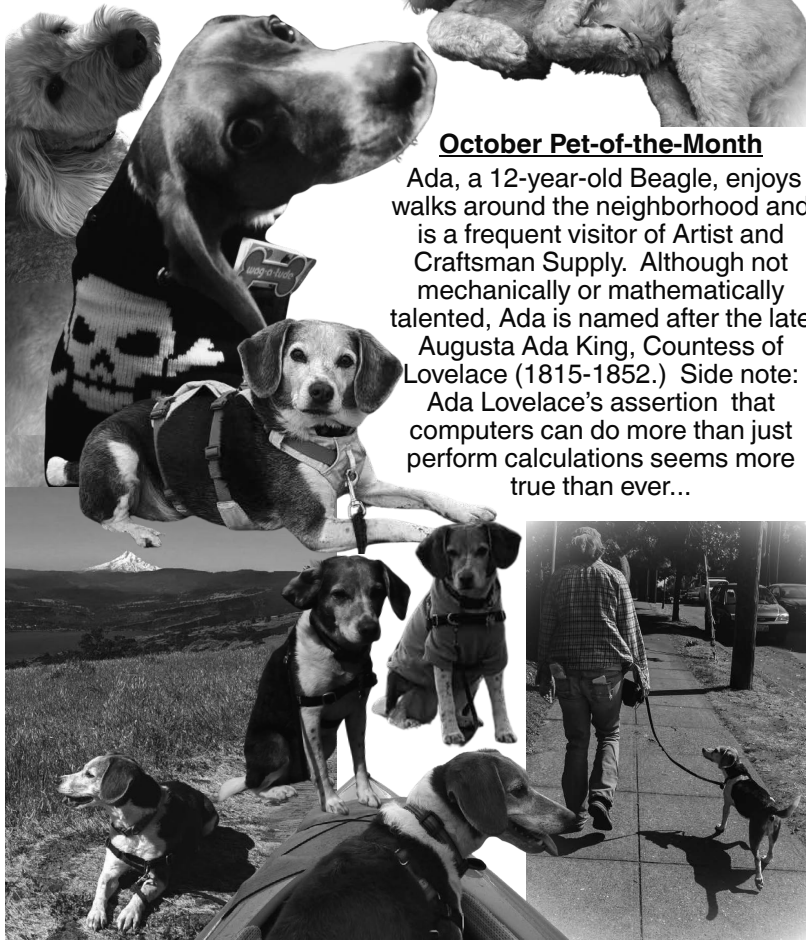
### September Pet-of-the-Month

Haloperidol (also a medication) is a 4-year-old golden doodle that daylights as Brooklyn Pharmacy's comfort canine. Contrary to popular belief, Hal is not a workaholic and goes home every night. Side note: the medication is an anti-psychotic commonly used to treat Schizophrenia and Tourette Syndrome!



### October Pet-of-the-Month

Ada, a 12-year-old Beagle, enjoys walks around the neighborhood and is a frequent visitor of Artist and Craftsman Supply. Although not mechanically or mathematically talented, Ada is named after the late Augusta Ada King, Countess of Lovelace (1815-1852.) Side note: Ada Lovelace's assertion that computers can do more than just perform calculations seems more true than ever...



## BROOKLoveYourNeighbor

Myong moved from Korea to the U.S. as a tween before traveling the world on their own, then with her life partner Jeff, then as family with children. Myong and Jeff raised their children in Brooklyn and have called it home for over twenty years, which is longer than anywhere else they've lived. Myong has been active in the community for years, including serving on the Brooklyn Action Committee Board of Directors.

Myong, a therapist, is aware and in tune with the things that make us feel safe, sad, happy, angry. Myong believes we all do and feel our best when basic needs (like food and housing) are met and when we don't feel alone. With that mindset, three years ago, Myong and Jeff started putting their love into action by starting BCAT (Brooklyn Climate Action Team) via the BAC. Myong and Jeff have created positive change through BCAT and have found more than a hundred Brooklynites with similar passions who have signed up to be a part of BCAT. BCAT has been meeting regularly for the past 3 years to create positive change in the community. Myong believes we are stronger (and less lonely) together. Myong also encourages you to reach out and connect ([climate@bacpdx.org](mailto:climate@bacpdx.org))!

♥Brooklyn Loves Myong (and Jeff)!♥

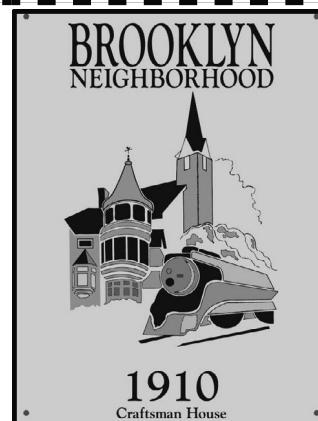


## Brooklyn Historical Plaques

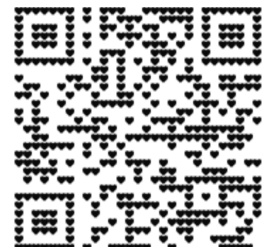
The Brooklyn Historical Society provides plaques for \$32 each. The plaques are identical in design and color to those already in existence with the addition of construction date, a custom script, and a weather resistant material.

Questions?

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## Brooklyn Community Garden: A Season of Growth, Gratitude, and Giving

As we step into the golden months of fall, the Brooklyn Community Garden stands as a living canvas—each plot a brushstroke, each volunteer a vibrant hue, and every shared harvest a soft note in a symphony of community care.

This past August, we held our first BCG Summer Garden Celebration at the home of garden member Renie McGale—a heartfelt gathering that brought together neighbors, laughter, and the fruits of our labor. With garden-grown finger foods, music under the summer sky, and the warm presence of familiar faces, the evening reminded us that a garden is more than soil and seeds—it is a space of connection and meaning. During the event, we proudly recognized the tireless efforts of our volunteer teams, whose dedication has helped the garden flourish in both beauty and purpose.

As the Garden Manager, I've worked closely with our members not only to maintain the space but to cultivate a spirit that thrives just as much as the plants do. I see this garden as a palette where community, diversity, and mutual support blend into something greater than the sum of its parts.

One of the most meaningful efforts this year has been our Donation Plot Program—an initiative powered entirely by volunteers to grow and share produce with local neighbors in need. It's a gentle but powerful reminder that generosity, like a garden, must be nurtured. We welcome continued support for this program, including small donations via Venmo (details available at the garden shed bulletin board, just include "BCG Donation" in the memo).

Perched near the Willamette River, the Brooklyn Community Garden is the only one of its kind with a river view—and we believe that view should reflect the spirit of all who call this neighborhood home.

May the colors of the coming season inspire you as much as you inspire us.

With gratitude and heart,  
Konstantinos Chrysovergis  
Garden Manager, Brooklyn Community Garden



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