

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Brooklyn Action Corp Presents

Brooklyn's Annual Ice Cream Social

Brooklyn Park
September 13th
2pm - 5pm

Volunteers are needed for this event. Set-up begins around 12:30pm. Volunteers are mostly needed before and after the event for set-up and clean-up. There is no time commitment for volunteering. All you need to do is show up and find Debbie!

The Ice Cream Social will feature 25¢ ice cream, live music, face painting, a bounce house, a bubble station, booths from BCAT, BCG, and more! Email board@bacpdx.org to get involved.



**BOUNCE
HOUSE**



**FACE
PAINTING**



**Ice Cream
only 25¢**

Thanks to Fred Meyer for donating funds for the ice cream!

Did You Notice?

On August 5th, it was widely reported that Portland had the worst air quality on Earth with the Air Quality Index (AQI) peaking at 159.

Although the AQI on that morning was momentarily elevated due to wildfire smoke, the AQI in our community is impacted by vehicles, trains, and commercial business activities. Don't forget to regularly check your trusted AQI source, and to take action as needed. A common source is airnow.gov, which has other relevant info.

Take community level action regarding environmental issues by joining BCAT action nights, or email bcata350pdx.org

BAC and BBA will host a District 3 candidate forum at Sacred Heart Meeting Hall (corner of Milwaukie Ave & Center St) on October 6th from 6:30pm-8:30pm.

HELP SHAPE BROOKLYN'S ZONING FUTURE WITH THE BLUTC

Portland is considering zoning changes in the Inner Eastside, including much of Brooklyn north of Holgate. The Brooklyn Action Corps Land Use and Transportation Committee (BLUTC) is developing neighborhood recommendations so the City knows what Brooklyn wants to protect, improve, and make possible. BLUTC is reviewing existing zoning and proposed alternatives, gathering community feedback, and revising its recommendations before sending to the City.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Visit brooklynrezoning.com to learn about the options, read the FAQ, and take the community survey September 8th - 22nd. You can also attend public BLUTC meetings at 7 p.m. on September 2nd and October 7th at Sacred Heart Villa Activity Room. Whether you live, rent, own, run a business, work, or spend time in Brooklyn, your perspective belongs in this process. Currently, the study scope excludes industrial areas primarily east of SE 17th and neighborhood areas south of Holgate. Let us know if you would like other areas of Brooklyn considered for rezoning.

Scan or visit
brooklynrezoning.com
to learn more:



**community
survey!**

Open from September 8th - 22nd

Brooklyn Action Corps (BAC) Meetings

BAC meetings are held in the Sacred Heart Villa Activity Room located at 3925 SE Milwaukie Avenue (virtual options available), and there are two types of public meetings. General meetings occur bi-monthly on the 4th Wednesday, and Board meetings occur monthly on the 2nd Wednesday.

Because of scheduling conflicts, BAC and the Brooklyn Business Association (BBA) are working together to host a candidate forum at Sacred Heart Villa Meeting Hall on October 6th from 6:30pm until 8:30pm.

Brooklyn Land Use and Transportation Committee (BLUTC)

BLUTC generally meets on the first Wednesday of every month. BLUTC welcomes participation and invites you to join the monthly meetings. Connect with BLUTC via email: bluc@bacpdx.org. *The upcoming zoning changes are an incredible opportunity for our community to drive change for Brooklyn for decades to come. Please join BLUTC on September 2nd and October 7th to discuss. Please take the survey, which is open from September 8th through September 22nd.*

Scan or visit
brooklynrezoning.com
to learn more:



Brooklyn Climate Action Team (BCAT)

BCAT continues to host action gatherings monthly on the third Thursday at 6 pm. Meetings are often held in the park, weather permitting.

BCAT action nights center around taking concrete climate action, whether it is signing petitions and writing letters, furthering emergency preparedness, or addressing any other environmental problem our community faces. In general, action nights will have actionable goals that attendees can complete. Climate issues are too large to face alone, but together we can build community and resilience.

Do you want to get involved? Do you have ideas for action nights? Reach out at bcata350pdx.org to sign up for the email list.

Friends of Brooklyn Park (FOBP)

Monthly Board Meetings are open to the public. Check out the online calendar for FOBP events and fundraisers! Email fobrooklynpark@gmail.com for meeting info.

For more additional details on upcoming events, visit: <https://www.friendsofbrooklynpark.org/events>

SE Uplift: Community Small Grants Program

SE Uplift grants program supports groups with a project located within District 3 and/or that will serve the residents of the district. Get application support at the upcoming workshops. To learn more or to register for the Community Small Grants Application Workshop, visit seuplift.org/grants

BROOKLYN CALENDAR

BLUTC	9/2 @ 7pm Sacred Heart Villa
FOBP Board Meeting	9/8 Email FOBP for info
SE Uplift Grant Applications Open	9/8 seuplift.org/grants
BAC Board Meeting	9/9 @ 7pm Sacred Heart Villa
Brooklyn's Annual Ice Cream Social	9/13 @ 2-5pm Brooklyn Park
BCAT	9/17 @ 6pm SE Corner of Brooklyn Park
BAC General Meeting	9/23 @ 7pm Sacred Heart Villa
SE Uplift Grant Application Workshop	9/23 @ 7pm Online / Register Before
BAC & BBA District 3 Candidate Forum	10/6 @ 6:30pm-8:30pm Sacred Heart Meeting Hall
SE Uplift Grant Application Workshop	10/6 @ 6pm Register Before / Online
BLUTC	10/7 @ 7pm Sacred Heart Villa
FOBP Board Meeting	10/13 Email FOBP for location
BAC Board Meeting	10/14 @ 7pm Sacred Heart Villa
BCAT	10/15 @ 6pm Sacred Heart Villa
BLUTC	11/4 @ 7pm Email bluc@bacpdx.org
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Scan and subscribe for more events and up-to-date information:	
The neighborhood calendar is open to the public. Do you have a community event for the calendar? Email Brooklyn News: brooknews@bacpdx.org	

Brooklyn Community Garden (BCG)

Interested in volunteering?

Please email us at bcg-leads@bacpdx.org. We'd love to have you join the effort!

Interested in donating?

Venmo @BAC-97202 (please put Brooklyn Community Garden or BCG donation plot in the comment)



Friends of Brooklyn Park (FOBP): A Slip and Slide!

As widely reported by other news outlets, Portland Parks and Rec reversed its *slip-up*, which temporarily halted the decades long tradition of a summer waterslide for the kids attending Friends of Brooklyn Park's free summer youth program.

In prior reporting by the late Rita Leonard for The Bee, FOBP has faced challenges over the years, such as the 2017 realignment of "Summer Free-for-All" funds that provided free summer lunches for the kids in the park. And in 2019, Craig Montag recalled that the water slide first appeared in the summer of 1978, making the waterslide tradition nearly 50 years flowing.

A letter from Friends of Brooklyn Park:

A Splashy Thank You to Our Fantastic Neighbors!

A giant, heartfelt thank you from FOBP to our incredible community! When Portland Parks & Recreation unexpectedly packed away our beloved, 50-year-old slip-n-slide tradition as summer temperatures climbed past 90 degrees, you didn't just sit back. You spoke up, shared your outrage, and rallied fiercely alongside us to save a cherished neighborhood tradition.

Because of your immediate outcry and local advocacy, city park leaders completely rethought their move within days. They reversed the ban and officially allowed our 100-foot slide and near 50-year tradition to return. Thanks to your voice, the local kids enjoyed the final weeks of the Summer Youth Program racing down the hill and sliding into August with giant smiles!

We are so proud to be part of a community that stands up for its youth and its park traditions.

Thank you for keeping Brooklyn cool!

Cheers,

The Friends of Brooklyn Park Board



BROOKLoveYourNeighbors

Craig Montag is the Program Director for Friends of Brooklyn and has been for over 45 years! Craig has led Brooklyn's free summer youth program by coordinating daily activities and leading those activities. Craig has been the stickball coach, quizmaster, and much more.

Recently, Craig emailed the Park's Bureau with hopes the waterslide ban would be lifted, and spoke to local news outlets. Craig's decades-long advocacy for the Brooklyn neighborhood and the FOBP, continues to benefit the neighborhood. The waterslide ban was lifted. The last time I biked by the park, Craig was smiling and sharing joy with kids going down the waterslide.

Brooklyn Loves Craig!



Brooklyn Cargo Bike



The Brooklyn Adopt-a-Block program helps keep Brooklyn safe and more attractive, and the program helps maintain a sense of community pride.



To adopt-a-block, Contact Kathy Orton at kt_orton@hotmail.com



Pet-of-the-Month

Please submit your pet to brooknews@bacpdx.org! There have been no recent submissions.

September Pet-of-the-Month

No submissions.

October Pet-of-the-Month

No submissions.

BROOKLYN HISTORY: FIGHTING FASCISM, AND MORE CHANGES IN THE 1940s & 1950s

by Kathy Orton

The war years preceding and during the 1940's had Brooklyn rallying behind the effort against fascists abroad. Both Brooklyn and Sacred Heart Schools were centers for war bonds, bandage making, and care boxes that were sent to the troops. The neighborhood was also the site of Air Raid Drills and blackouts, with a large siren located near the intersection of Milwaukie Ave and SE Schiller St. These sirens have since been decommissioned and removed. Although many prior residents were leaving or were drafted, the neighborhood's central location meant spare rooms housed workers vital to war industries like Iron Fireman, Poulson lumber, and rail yards. This was a time of no vacancies. Due to food rations and supply issues, Victory gardens were everywhere a patch of green existed. To add some recreation to this intense time, Brooklyn School dads raised funds and purchased a movie screen and projector. Each week a movie was shown without charge.

With the end of the war, Brooklyn went through a transition. Returning soldiers wanting more space were attracted to the suburbs, and Brooklyn's vacancies were primarily filled with Italian and Swedish immigrants. Brooklyn School was filled to capacity with 550 pupils. Of the 360 families represented at the school, 320 of them were involved in the PTA. Movies at the school now had a 15-cent charge. The 1950's brought cheaper housing to Brooklyn, and moms were mostly stay-at-home, and dads often did not work in the neighborhood – commuting became common. The Streetcars disappeared, which led to more cars on all roads and Brooklyn feeling squashed between the major roads boxing the neighborhood in.

To end the era, several icons disappeared: Poulson Lumber closed in 1954; main rail operations moved to Eugene in 1958; steam engines that had not been scrapped languished at Oaks Park or at the Brooklyn Roundhouse. The Inman House, which was the identical twin to the Poulson House, was toppled over in 1959. Big changes await...

Do you have a Brooklyn story to share?

Email brooknews@bacpdx.org.

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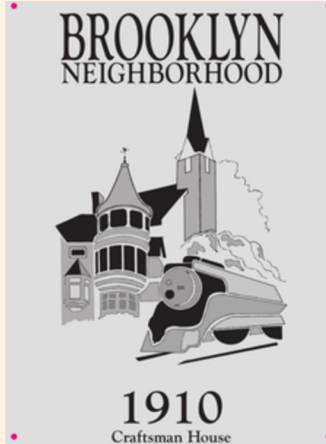
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Brooklyn Historical Plaques

The ordering process is being updated. Until then, email requests to treasurer@bacpdx.org. Include your name, the home address, year the home was built, and preferred contact method.



Brooklyn apparel! This exclusive merch celebrates Brooklyn's apple orchard history with a unique apple blossom. There are multiple colors and styles available. Order online: <https://BACMerch.printful.me>



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