

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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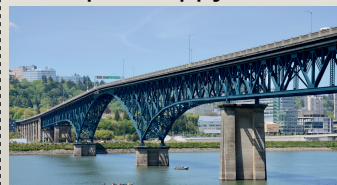
The Brooklyn Action Corps (BAC) is the Brooklyn neighborhood association. BAC is a nonprofit organization that works with the SE Uplift, the District 3 neighborhood coalition. The BAC is supported by neighbors who volunteer time to support the purpose of building a better community by working together. The BAC is open to the public, and there are several groups and committees that are active, including the Brooklyn Community Gardens. Other active groups include the Land Use and Transportation Committee, Brooklyn Climate Action Team, and the Community Connections Collective. The BAC coordinates candidate mixers, the annual ice cream social, neighborhood clean-ups, and so much more. Contact info is on page 4 and events are on page 2.

Pictured:
The Yamhillbillies
at the 2026 Ice
Cream Social



Did You Notice?

Ross Island Bridge is having a birthday! The community is gathering to socialize, and commemorate the Ross Island Bridge turning 100 years old. Neighbors will be gathering near the 9th Avenue Overpass (9th Avenue and Powell Blvd) on December 20th from 1-3pm. Happy 100th!



Ice Cream Social 2026

A BIG THANK YOU to all the neighborhood volunteers who made the "Ice Cream Social in the Park" possible and all the Brooklyn businesses and friends who donated gifts and raffle prizes.

Special thanks to Fred Meyer Stores for supporting the Ice Cream Social with a gift card for over 20 years. Also, thanks to Sacred Heart Church for the use of table and chairs, St. Vincent de Paul for the freezer space, preserving the ice cream bars until the event, and Larry, our neighbor, who provided electricity for the band and microphones.

Honestly, the neighborhood could not have put on this event without all this generosity.

Pictured Right: Kids enjoying the inflatable slide at the Ice Cream Social. Ice cream for privacy.



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>



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? Email the BAC Treasurer at treasurer@bacpdx.org

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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.

The November General meeting date will be November 18th.

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 BLUTC is amplifying Brooklyn's voice for the Inner Eastside Rezoning Project. The community survey has been reviewed, and BLUTC has a report of the results. Scan to read the full report:



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. Visit <https://350pdx.org/brooklyn/> to learn more.

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>

Brooklyn Cargo Bike

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Community Connections Collective (CCC)

Community Connections Collective exists to foster both meaningful neighborhood connections and culture that reflects the values of the Brooklyn neighborhood.

CCC gathers once a month to socialize, and these gathers are often centered around an event. Join neighbors November 12th at Brooklyn Caretta from 6pm-8pm to help plan next year's events, and join neighbors at the upcoming event to recognize Ross Island Bridge's 100th Year on December 20th.

Brooklyn Community Garden (BCG)

Kudos to the BCG volunteers for delivering freshly harvested food to G4G, which served over 6,500 people this summer.

Interested in volunteering at the BCG? Please email bcg-leads@bacpdx.org. We'd love to have you join the effort!



BROOKLYN CALENDAR

BLUTC	11/4 @ 7pm Email bluc@bacpdx.org
BAC Board Meeting	11/11 @ 7pm Sacred Heart Villa
CCC: Monthly Social	11/12 @ 6pm Brooklyn Caretta
SE Uplift LUTC	11/17 @ 7pm SE Uplift
BAC General Meeting	11/18 @ 7pm Sacred Heart Villa
BCAT: Action Night	11/19 @ 6pm Email bcata350pdx.org
BLUTC	12/2 @ 7pm Email bluc@bacpdx.org
BAC Board Meeting	12/9 @ 7pm Sacred Heart Villa
BCAT Action Night	12/17 @ 6pm Email bcata350pdx.org
Ross Island Bridge 100 th Year	12/20 @ 1-3pm 9th Ave & Powell Blvd
BLUTC	1/6 @ 7pm Email bluc@bacpdx.org
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	

Candidate Mixers: Thanks!

Thank you volunteers, candidates, and neighbors for showing up to the candidate mixers this year. Both the SE Uplift District 3 candidate mixer and the BAC/BBA candidate mixer were a success. We hope y'all voted!

Groceries 4 Grout (G4G) is a free food pantry for anyone who could use help with groceries.

Every Friday the pantry hours are 12-1pm. Pantry is in the parking lot at Kenilworth Presbyterian, 4028 SE 34th Ave., at SE 34th and Gladstone.

FRIENDS OF BROOKLYN PARK

Friends of Brooklyn Park is entering a vibrant new chapter as the local non-profit prepares for an exciting new year of community programming and officially welcomes its incoming board members.

Founded to preserve vital community gathering spaces and recreational opportunities in inner Southeast Portland, Oregon, FOBP continues its long-standing mission to foster local connection, manage community-led fundraisers, and run its beloved Friends of Brooklyn Park Summer Youth Program. The addition of fresh board leadership marks a pivotal moment as the group gears up to support new neighborhood initiatives and build on past operational successes.

The incoming board members join at a time of remarkable momentum for the grassroots organization. FOBP has famously stepped up to fund and protect neighborhood traditions centered around the park's iconic brick "Shack," managing everything from local potlucks and ice cream socials to the historic, 50-year-old opening-day waterslide. After successful advocacy with the community and local authorities, the volunteer-led group has strengthened its partnership with regional park bureaus to keep these cherished summer activities safe and fully operational.

With the new year on the horizon, the expanded board is focused on broadening its network of local business supporters and driving upcoming fundraisers, such as the organization's annual Spring Silent Auction and year-round BottleDrop program. Residents who want to get involved, volunteer for park cleanup days, or support seasonal youth programs can email friendsofbrooklynpark@googlegroups.com for more information.



Thanks Brooklyn for another great summer,
Friends of Brooklyn Park

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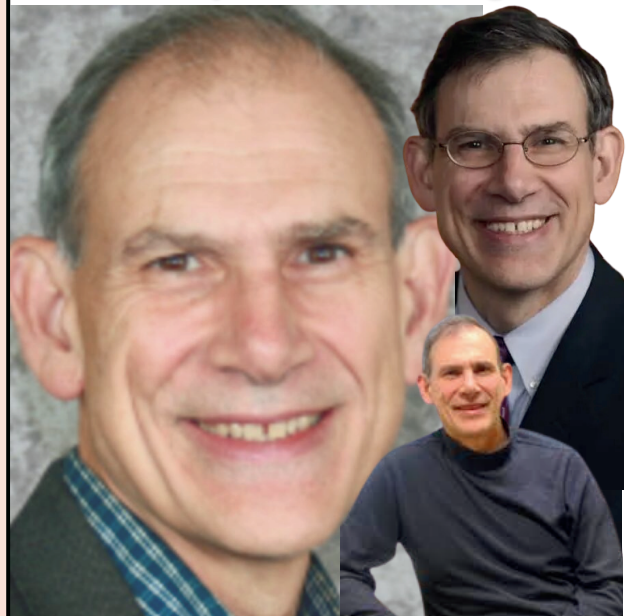
Phil Keisling has served both the neighborhood, and the broader community for decades. Phil has served on the Board of the neighborhood association, and their service did not end there: Phil continues to be an active member of our community. Most recently, Phil engaged neighbors about the risks posed to our houseless community if we put services near dangerous intersections.

Phil served as the Secretary of State of Oregon from January 1991 to November 1999. During this time, Phil championed mail-in voting. Phil's efforts led to Oregon being the first state in United States history to have mail-in voting for a Presidential election.

That November 2000 election had a remarkable 79 percent voter turnout.

The Brooklyn Action Corp is nominating Phil Keisling to a Board Emeritus position, which is an honorary lifetime position. Phil will join Marie Phillippi as a Board Emeritus member.

Brooklyn loves Phil Keisling!



November Pet-of-the-Month

This is Vallen, a sphynx that will be remembered fondly.

Vallen liked to meow **loudly** to everyone that passed by the house in Brooklyn. Vallen was lost to heart failure on August 20th. He was 7 years old.



December Pet-of-the-Month

This is Maxwell. He has extra thumbs and likes to look dapper and sit like a human.



Join Brooklyn's Adopt-a-block

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



MASSIVE CHANGES – BROOKLYN 1960s-1970s

Submitted by Kathy Orton

Brooklyn began this era with rumors flying: houses in Benedictine Hts. being sold to developers; expansion planned for McLoughlin, Powell and 17th; a proposal to build a "Mt Hood Freeway". All these fears made residents see Brooklyn as a chopped apart area to meet city automobile ease of movement with no consideration of the people who lived there.

Both the Brooklyn School and Sacred Heart planted the seeds for community action, and Portland would be dramatically impacted through the development of the neighborhood program. Sacred Heart had a series of blocks, each with a captain, who mobilized neighbors to take action. At the same time, Dad's Club under Don Eckton went on record opposing both McLoughlin and Mt Hood projects. Several people figured prominently: Don Eckton and Peggy Eckton are cited as founders; Rev Paul Waldschmidt is noted for facilitating meetings with Mayor Schrunk; Edward Elliott was a rep for Brooklyn at War on Poverty, and Dwight Edman was a key organizer opposed to the Mt. Hood Freeway.

In 1964, this grass roots effort led to citizens forming the Brooklyn Action Corps (BAC), which helped neighbors take control of their future. Around the same time, a larger coalition was forming from numerous neighborhoods near Powell boulevard: SE Uplift. One of the unifying causes was opposition to the Mt. Hood Freeway where Powell Boulevard is today. In 1968, these community activists asked Portland City Council to create a community revitalization organization in SE Portland, which after a series of events led to the Office of Neighborhood Associations being adopted in 1972.

Back to BAC, there is some conflicting evidence on who the "first founders" were. Whether it was Don Eckton or Peggy Eckton, their efforts and others' were influential enough to have Senate Bill 100 require citizen involvement in land use issues. To learn more about Senate Bill 100, visit: https://www.oregonencyclopedia.org/articles/senate_bill_100/

Regardless of who founded BAC, BAC flourished: the Mt Hood Freeway project was defeated; Mayor Schrunk used BAC as model for citizen participation; and a young Brooklyn beat cop, Tom Potter, pushed the idea of community policing. Tom would go on to be Mayor from 2005-2009. In 1974, BAC was officially recognized by the City of Portland, and BAC's mission would transform to focus on collaborative community building.

The 1970s saw Brooklyn Library closing; Overpass for rail built on Powell; Middle Schools upsetting residents; McLoughlin plans shelved; Brooklyn School becoming a community school with more hours, events and summer programs and the Aladdin showing 'Deep Throat'. Peggy Eckton got funds for the Five War on Poverty neighborhoods: Brooklyn, Buckman, Albina, Richmond and Sunnyside. This began the process of neighborhoods working on issues held in common.

Brooklyn survived the 1960s & 1970s, now how would it evolve? No longer the independent city of the 1920s-1940s; no longer a convenient way to deal with city issues, like Ross Island Bridge or adding freeways. How will Brooklyn residents take control of their neighborhood? How will the city continue to impact the neighborhood? How will neighbors continue to build culture and community?

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BAC Land Use and Transportation Committee (LUTC) bluc@bacpdx.org

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BAC Conduct Committee conduct@bacpdx.org

BAC Executive Team executive@bacpdx.org

This bi-monthly newsletter is published by the Brooklyn Action Corp (BAC), and distributed by many dedicated volunteers. Community announcements, events, pet-of-the-month nominations, photos, etc., are accepted as space is available, and subject to BAC approval. Please email submissions by the 1st of even-numbered months.

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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. Please 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 for more information. Please check our website BrooklynBA.com for all current and timely updates and membership opportunities.

Brooklyn Business Member News and Events

2nd Annual BROOKLYN HOLIDAY GUIDE! Available November 13th!

Our 2nd Annual Holiday guide will be available soon! Look for your printed book at local Brooklyn establishments or online at <https://holiday-guide.brooklynba.com>. Find new local businesses to support, holiday offers, coupons, and more to make your holiday season more enjoyable. We'll be printing and distributing over 1,500 copies throughout the Brooklyn neighborhood. Grab your copy while you can!

The People's Depot will close CEIC location, meanwhile, new Brooklyn location may fall through...

The People's Depot will close its current location in the CEIC under the Morrison Bridge by January 31st. The announcement follows news that the buyer of the proposed site at 1109 SE Brooklyn St. backed out of the purchase, stalling the People's Depot's planned move and leaving the future location of its redemption operations uncertain. Community members are actively encouraging both the Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative (OBRC) and The People's Depot to explore mobile redemption sites. Advocates argue that mobile units in multiple city locations would provide better service and accessibility, rather than concentrating all redemptions at a single site. OBRC is encouraging the use of Green and Blue BottleDrop bags for deposit redemptions. Shifting toward the pre-bagged drop-off system could significantly alleviate challenges and safety concerns often associated with immediate cash redemptions. Local residents are urged to visit Change.org (c.org/tDx62DMJSt) to sign the petition, share feedback, and stay updated as further developments unfold.

**Friends of Brooklyn Park would appreciate neighbors use the FOBP blue BottleDrop bags to help fund the Summer Park Program, their FOBP blue bags are available at Rose City Coffee and Brooklyn Pharmacy.

Brooklyn Business Association Upcoming Events:

Member "Friendsgiving" Lunch and Networking

November 13th, 11:30am-1pm @ Hip Chicks Do Wine

4510 SE 23rd Ave— Enjoy a **complementary Thanksgiving inspired lunch**. We will pass out the **2nd Holiday Guide** to those who want to distribute them. If you are a member of the BBA or just checking out the BBA, this is for you! Pick up some wine for your holiday meals and gifts, or enjoy a glass with lunch, while you are here!

Free Holiday Wrapping Paper at Rose City Coffee from Melaney Dittler Realtor!

Celebrating a decade of holiday cheer, Melaney Dittler with MORE Realty and her local mortgage partner are thrilled to bring back the annual tradition of complimentary holiday wrapping paper for the Brooklyn community! Residents and patrons look forward to selecting their favorite festive rolls each December. This year, the wrapping paper will be available exclusively during the week leading up to Christmas, perfectly timed for wrapping those final special gifts. Drop by Rose City Coffee to enjoy a cozy drink and a treat, pick up your free roll of wrapping paper, and get ready for a stress-free holiday season!

New Memberships and Renewals for September and October:

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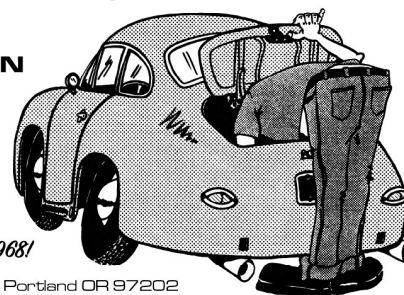


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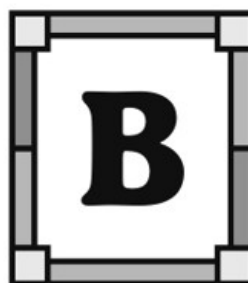
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