

Collins View Article for the October SWNI News

Next Virtual (Zoom) Meeting October 7, 2020, 7 p.m. Instructions will be posted on Nextdoor

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Lewis & Clark College in Collins View neighborhood and Reed College in Eastmoreland neighborhood are two esteemed private liberal arts colleges in Portland. Both the colleges and the neighbors learn from each other to the benefit of all.

And both colleges recently made the difficult decision to close their campuses to the public this fall, as anyone who has approached Lewis and Clark on the road or the trails has seen from the signs posted there. The college made this decision due to concerns about COVID-19 and because it was a requirement from the Oregon Governor for the safety of both the public and the students.

An Aug. 4 email notified the Collins View Neighborhood Association board that “Lewis and Clark College will shortly put up signs indicating that the college grounds are closed to visitors.” A notice was posted on Nextdoor that same date.

The Lewis and Clark website notes that plans for the 2020 fall semester include procedures everyone must follow to play their part in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic. Students are especially coached on safety procedures they must follow in returning to school such as social distancing, wearing masks, testing and informing school authorities if they experience any symptoms of illness.

Primarily we want everyone to know that the campus will be effectively closed to outside visitors apart from those with official business.

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