

## Collins View August SWNI News Article

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Landscape, diversity, institutions, needs and issues make each of Portland's neighborhoods unique.

**Neighborhood Involvement** is the dynamic force in Collins View. Commercial, educational, residential and faith institutions interact in a setting of natural areas to make Collins View's urban biome.

Our commercial center at Terwilliger and Taylor's Ferry is a busy hub of varied enterprises and a popular gathering spot.. Tryon Creek Grill has provided delicious grill foods to Collins View's annual National Night Out picnic for many years. Greatly appreciated!

Our faith communities - Mt Carmel Lutheran Church, P'nai Or and St. Mark Presbyterian Church are essential participants in our neighborhood activities. We are saddened to learn that St. Mark Church has voted to dissolve and move on after 71 years of ministry. Pastor Barbara Campbell has made the Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) welcome, invited neighbors to St. Mark's Christmas Messiah Sing-Alongs, and has provided meeting space for Watershed workshops. You will be missed, Barbara. The St. Mark Campus remains the Collins View Neighborhood Staging Area where we will meet after a major emergency.

Our spectrum of educational institutions extend from the preschool at Mt. Carmel and Village Preschool on St. Mark's campus, to Riverdale High School, to Lewis and Clark College, Grad School, and Law School. Riverdale High School welcomes our Neighborhood Association meetings every month. Every year since the Neighborhood Association and the College started the traditional National Night Out annual picnic , the College has graciously co-hosted the event by the beautiful outdoor pool and arbor. Thank you Lewis and Clark!!!

Along our streets, in the green space of our five cemeteries, in Tryon Creek State Park and River View Natural Area, the tree canopy and our landscape of hills, valleys, streams and the springs provide refugia and habitat for the other inhabitants of our hood – deer, coyotes, giant salamanders, and salmon fingerlings.

Citizen Involvement: Residents (human ones) volunteer as Friends of Tryon Creek and Friends of River View Natural Area, to provide stewardship, discovery and educational opportunities in these precious wild urban areas.

The Collins View Neighborhood Emergency Team is very active in promoting resilience, preparedness and communication during disasters. NET fosters communication among other neighborhoods as well. December's ice storm brought out many many neighbors spontaneously helping others.

These are some of the facets of our neighborhood.

This is Collins View.

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