

## **SWNI News Article for Dec. 2015**

Portland police staffing is down. Downtown officers are working overtime to fill in. Right now, 25% into the fiscal year, 40% of the budgeted overtime has been used up. By the summer, Portland will be down over 100 police officers due to inadequate recruiting, budget and morale issues.

The River View Natural Area Management Plan is currently under review at the director level. We expect the plan to see daylight sometime in December. October 24th was the 12th annual 'No Ivy Day' throughout the area. Several folks from Collins View and Marshall Park showed up at River View Natural Area to pull juvenile vines up. Ivy goes through a lifecycle that includes "fruiting" when the vine grows up onto trees. City Nature is using targeted spraying to win the ground war. We agreed to testify about this spraying policy when the RVNA Management Plan goes before council. We would like: A) to know about alternatives to spraying or alternative chemicals; B) notification, even if only on-line, of when spraying is planned and a record of when and where it was done; C) education of how the ivy is being managed. Glyphosphate (Roundup) is an endocrine disrupter in marine critters and declared a cancer causing agent by the European Union. There is a lack of data regarding safety and effects.

The Off Road Cycling Master Plan (ORC-MP) may determine where off-road cycling should be developed. The Toole Design Group will do the outreach and design. No area seems exempt from consideration. ORCMP will cover all kinds of off-road cycling, not just mountain biking, within the city.

The Campus Institutional Zoning Project is nearing completion. The present draft keeps the land use for the campus to the present land use. In Lewis and Clark's case, this corresponds to Conditional Use Master Plan (CUMP) limits. Our main concerns are listing the CI designation and its zones as employment areas, allowing retail services for the surrounding areas, as well as allowing biomatter incineration on campus. The Bureau is hard core about allowing 5000 square feet of retail on campus boundaries in spite of what the John Cole commission recommends. The new city policy has campuses as employment and economic zones, and specifies they may include retail. Public Hearing and oral testimony heard by the Planning and Sustainability Commission on Campus Institutional Zoning Project is tentatively scheduled for Tue, Dec 15, 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM. Three public hearings for the Comprehensive Plan are scheduled for mid-November until mid-December.

The Riverdale-Tryon Creek NET groups (Arnold Creek, Collins View, South Burlingame, Marshall Park, etc.) meets at 6:30 the second Wednesday of every month at Stephenson School. The meetings always have interesting preparedness drills and techniques, tips on supplies, clever uses of every day equipment, as well as NET news. All are welcome.