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Collins View Article

**Collins Viewers attended Trimet "Listening Sessions"** at two locations, downtown and Tigard, which were conducted in May by General Manager Doug Kelsey. As expected, people voiced frustration with local bus routes and the times they operate. Collins View residents asked about getting better evening and weekend bus service. Collins View doesn't have any weekend service, which necessitates having to walk two miles from Barbur Blvd on evenings and weekends. Lewis & Clark College operates its own buses to give students better service than Trimet provides. We can't easily get to Lake Oswego or to Sellwood on transit. A bus running south on Terwilliger to Lake Oswego (with a stop at the entrance of Tryon Creek State Park) might be popular. Currently, only #38 goes down Boones Ferry to Lake Grove.

Doug Kelsey mentioned Metro's Regional Transportation Plan and someone else mentioned cross town buses. Metro also has a 2040 plan with town centers and regional centers, but there's no obvious connectivity between them. It's hard to increase ridership when there is too little service. The problem remains: How do we get people out of their cars?

TriMet will gladly send a rep to our CVNA meeting to field questions and take comments. In the meantime, visit <http://collinsview.org/transit.html> to learn about using the bus service we do have in Collins View: *Submitted by Fran Laird and John Miller*

**The Collins View National Night Out Ice Cream Social** is scheduled for Sunday August 5, 3:00-6:00 PM at, the St Mark Church parking lot on Terwilliger, the Neighborhood Emergency Team's Staging Area. This emergency meeting place is where neighbors will go to get help or to offer help the day after an event. The Neighborhood Emergency Team will have informational materials and do radio communication and other demos at the ice cream social. We look forward to having the always popular Portland Fire and Rescue Station 10 Staff attend (with their giant Engine 10 truck!).

**The dry season is upon us**, with the increased danger of urban fires. Many urban fires are caused by campfires getting out of control, but the fireworks season is upon us as well. To protect ourselves and our property, PF&R Station 10's Capt. Tracy Cleys says to make sure dry

brush and vegetation are cleared away from our homes, and to make sure our roofs and gutters are cleared of debris. (Evergreen needles are great tinder.) From PF&R's Personal Wildfire Action Guide (download at [www.portlandoregon.gov/fire/wildland](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/fire/wildland)): "... Many Portland homes are built adjacent to fire-prone natural areas, and residents must be on heightened alert for the threat of wildfire. Being prepared for a wildland fire is vital, as responder resources can be spread thin. It is not a question of "if," but "when" the next major wildfire will occur..."

*Submitted by Maryellen Read*