

SWNI News Collins View Article May 2018

The Neighborhood Association election is May 2, 2018. All positions are open for nominations. Do volunteer for one of them. Your interests, concerns and skills are vitally important to what makes Collins View Neighborhood work. The election slate is available on collinsview.org

June 6, 2018, 7pm: Crime Prevention Office of Neighborhood Involvement. Riverdale High School Maverick Room.

Learn prevention strategies for keeping ourselves, our families and our neighbors safe. Presenter Mark Wells, City of Portland Crime Prevention Program Coordinator, will discuss setting up Neighborhood Watch and crime prevention strategies specific to our neighborhood. Effective 911 call strategies will be addressed. Strategies are designed to reduce the impact of neighborhood crime in the areas of personal safety, cyber safety and theft.

The Neighborhood's National Night Out Celebration, Sunday, August 5 will be an ice cream social. All Collins View residents are encouraged to attend! Details and location information will follow.

Online discussions about campers on our streets and freeway greenspaces turned strident as people vented their frustrations, (fears?), opinions and dystopian scenarios about our city's - and neighborhoods' increasing problems with homeless campers. Safety, crime, sanitation and the availability of effective city services ranked high in the topics. "Portland's [2035] Comprehensive Plan is a long-range plan that helps the city prepare for and manage expected population and employment growth, as well as plan for and coordinate major public investments... (<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/57352>)" Does the city have a strategic "comprehensive plan" to address the complex issues of homelessness? If not, it is time to get one and publicize actual statistics and the history of attempts to address these problems. The "expected population growth" has arrived. If there is a system already in place, then civil, successful economic and housing measures do not seem to be on the public awareness billboard. *ALL of us – whatever our demographic* - are invested in a secure and safe place to live. This is THE "major public investment."

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