

SWNI News Article Sept 2015 (the below is 530 words, just an FYI)

On Sunday, August 2nd, Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA) and Lewis and Clark College co-hosted our very successful annual National Night Out picnic. A very big thank you goes out to Tryon Creek Grill who donated all the high-quality grill foods. Fred Meyer also supported us by donating a gift card. In addition, over a hundred CV neighbors provided an amazing smorgasbord of side dishes and desserts while enjoying the pool, sitting in the shade, and chatting with new and known neighbors. It was exciting to see the ample foot traffic at our three information tables. Friends of River View Natural Area (RiverViewFriends.org), Backyard Habitat Program, and our Neighborhood Emergency Team (CollinsView.org/NET) tables provided information, handouts, and a friendly conversation. NET member Dylan Dalton thanked Pastor Barbara Campbell for making the St. Mark Church campus our designated neighborhood emergency meeting place. To help fund both neighborhood activities and the purchase of emergency supplies, we encourage participation in the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program (collinsview.org/community-rewards.html).

As you know, it is fire season and our Fire and Rescue Station #10 was prepared for a busy Fourth of July due to weekend holiday festivities, the extreme heat and excessive dryness. However, a majority of our neighbors listened to the precautions and adhered to the fireworks ban and the fireworks situation was better than expected. Thank you.

In RVNA, foot patrol reports three new camp sites, numerous illegal bikers and, most disturbing, fire activity along trails within our fragile Natural Area. Charred remains littered trails and burnt ground has been observed. All this activity has been reported to the Ranger Call Center. Open fires within city limits are banned. We ask all neighbors to adhere to this policy and cease all burning activities. For further information, see <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/fire/article/405003>.

The Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability bulletin (<https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/538336>) was released and pertains directly to RVNA. It states, "...The City has previously undertaken multiple site-specific planning efforts that considered off-road cycling use on public properties, most recently as part of the Riverview Natural Area Management Plan....Summer 2015: ...BPS is reaching out to a variety of public agencies, community organizations, businesses and neighborhood associations who are or might be interested in or impacted by this project.... The Off-road Cycling Master Plan staff will provide information about the ORCMP planning effort during the NWTAs [North West Trail Alliance's] meeting [scheduled for Nov. 29, 2015]." Michelle Kunec-North, manager of the process for the city, was featured in an August 11, 2015 article in bikeportland.org. At this time, CVNA has not been contacted. As tax-paying citizens in Portland we expect, deserve and demand that the City's explorations and processes be thorough, fair and unbiased.

The River View Natural Area PAC meeting is scheduled for Sept 22, 2015 at 5:30 PM. Location is TBA and will be posted on Nextdoor. If you are not a member of Nextdoor, please log on to www.nextdoor.com and set up an account. If you are already a member of Nd, you have the ability to send 18 invitation post cards per month to your neighbors.

M. Read, Secretary CVNA