

The news from Collins View Neighborhood Association

By Maryellen Read, Secretary, CVNA and Jim Diamond, Chair, CVNA

The 2016 Neighborhood-Lewis and Clark Picnic was a happy and fun success. The neighborhood really appreciates co-host Lewis and Clark's hospitality for making available the gorgeous site, its generosity for funding the lifeguards, bartender and catered beverages, and the organizational prowess for the extraordinarily smooth venue set-up. The neighborhood needs to know how much Lewis and Clark contributes to this gracious and fun event.

An officer from Portland Police Central District and a crew from our Fire Station #10 stopped by for a visit and chat. We said, "We know what you do for us. What can WE DO FOR YOU?" The cop said "Wow. No one ever asked that question before." HMMM. Any suggestions here?

A fireman said "ACCESS!!! ...We take this [42 ft] truck out on every call. If you build a wall next to your driveway, we can't get in. If you plant a tree that will grow big next to your driveway, we can't get in. Parking both sides on your narrow streets denies us access..." Heads up. Words to heed.

Another grove of big mature trees has been cut down on a Collins View property with no posted permit or advance notice to neighbors by either property owner or by the city.. This is at least the third egregious violation of the "Tree Code" in the past year in our neighborhood alone. "Stumptown" to macadam indeed. It is a tragedy for our iconic city and a travesty of our vaunted environmental advocacy. If the City wants any citizen support for its emphasis on infill and increased density it needs to immediately improve, clarify, publicize, and rigorously enforce the Tree Code. <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees/article/507996>. From the first paragraph of that site: "...Community members complained that the City's tree regulations were confusing and did not adequately preserve and protect trees, particularly large trees and tree groves..." is absolutely unchanged. Without rigorous publicity and notification, the specter of discriminatory and selective enforcement haunts all our neighborhoods' development.