

Collins View SWNI News July 2015 Edition

SW Trails established a system of urban trails that crisscross the southwest neighborhoods. There is a walk in different neighborhoods the second Saturday of each month. The meeting place is Wilson High School (Capitol Hwy and Sunset, behind the bleachers) at 9AM. Trail maps are available at the Multnomah Arts Center or online at www.GettingAroundPortland.org. Volunteer work parties do trail maintenance and new construction. A bridge across Boones Ferry to connect the Tryon Creek and Marshall Park natural areas has been approved by Metro. SW Trails is looking for someone in the Neighborhood Association to act as a liaison. There is a proposal to put sections of the Red Electric Trail in South Burlingame. Funding is in place for some sections.

The Macadam Ridge Development proposes about 44 home sites on Taylors Ferry. Steep gradients, environmental and traffic issues are huge concerns. The Collins View Neighborhood Association supports South Burlingame in opposing the development.

The Collins View National Night Out Picnic, hosted by Collins View Neighborhood Association and Lewis and Clark College, is scheduled for Sunday Aug 2, 2015, 3-6 PM, on campus by the pool.

With a unanimous general vote, CVNA joined the neighborhoods objecting to the massive Pembina Propane Export Terminal. The huge amount of propane, a dense, very explosive gas, is an unacceptable hazard in our city. The city council will vote on this.

River View natural Area (RVNA) website <http://riverviewfriends.org> is improved. There is a Trail Map (under About RVNA), pages for Issues, a "RADAR screen," and a Reference Library of documents. Mountain Bikers continue to ride in RVNA although it is prohibited.

Lewis & Clark College was selected by Princeton Review as the #1 green college in the US.

Collins View has identified a couple of locations (Taylor's Ferry & Terwilliger Boulevard and the crosswalk at Palater and Palatine Hill Rd) where safety vigils may be held this year. Each neighborhood in SW Portland has been asked to identify areas where speeding, running stop signs or ignoring crosswalks are issues. Officers of the PPB will issue warnings to violators over a sixty to ninety minute period, which will hopefully result in behavioral changes in those who routinely disobey traffic laws. Warnings are the preferred choice over citations, since they take far less time to issue. Assuming we can have two to three volunteers to assist in the vigils at each location, they could be set up on either Monday or Tuesday mornings, with a couple of weeks' notice. If interested in participating, please call Gene Lynard, Public Safety chair @ (503) 245-8632. It may be best to hold off on conducting a vigil at the crosswalk on Palater until school is back in session this fall.

A committee is in the process of setting up a WomenStrength Program for SW Portland. If interested, please call Jenny Pullen, SWNI Problem Solving Rep, @ (503) 823-4257 for more information.

The St. Mark Church campus is now our neighborhood meeting area in an emergency. We thank Rev. Barbara Campbell for facilitating this. NET will continue to hold regular meetings on the Lewis & Clark campus. Operation Sasquatch presented a difficult series of challenges to all the participating NET teams. It brought home the need for more training.

There will be no Institutional Zoning briefings on June 9 or July 14. The new draft of the code, with potential changes, is scheduled for late July.