

SWNI News March 2020:

Collins View Facts: An oceanic island that attached itself to North America is the thirty-six to fifty million years old bedrock Waverly Heights Basalt under Collins View. The basalt is under silt in Collins View. Go to Elk Rock Island in the Willamette River to see the exposed Waverly Heights lava, according to *Portland Hill Walks* by Laura O. Foster. Two volcanoes, Mount Sylvania and Cook's Butte, are in our Tryon Creek watershed. About 15,000 years ago, the Missoula Floods inundated the Columbia River basin and the Willamette Valley. Did Collins View revert to its island nature then? The elevation of Collins View averages 423 feet; the crest of 2nd Ave is about 540 feet. The Missoula flood level in Portland and Oswego is estimated to have been 400 feet deep. At elevations above 300 feet in the Tryon Creek watershed, wind-blown silt covers the lava bedrock, while at lower elevations sand and gravel cover it. Along these watery lines, the Collins View Rain Gauge at Riverdale HS recorded 9.7 inches of rain fell in January (1/29/2020), 18.47 inches for the “water year” (10/1 through 9/31).

Five Collins View residents testified before City Council regarding RIP on Jan. 15. Prakash Joshi, CV Transportation Chair, sent letters explaining CV considerations and perspectives to the Oregonian, SWNI Mayor, City Council, and others. He did receive responses from some of the Commissioners and their staff. A letter went out to the RIP project manager, who had reached out and requested it.

Motorists trying to avoid the toxic Terwilliger/Taylor's Ferry intersection are running the stop sign as they merge on to SW Terwilliger from the south end of SW 6th Avenue near the intersection of SW Terwilliger and SW Taylor's Ferry Road. This impacts and endangers travelers through South Burlingame and Collins View. CVNA sent a letter to South Burlingame and has communicated with PBOT (City of Portland TrackIT Submission: Item Non-Urgent Traffic Safety Report Form), but the response (“...*does not have the resources to target many areas with few to low numbers of violators, with little to no serious injury or fatal crashes, or that are not part of the high crash network. PPB allocates resources to where they may be able to do the most good and have the greatest impact...*”) was not encouraging. As with our other problem intersections, we will have to wait for a “serious injury or fatal crash.”

“Songbirds of SW Portland Parks & Yards,” a FREE presentation by Portland Audubon’s Jay Withgott, will be held in the Multnomah Arts Center Auditorium on April 7, 2020, 7-9:00 pm. This is the second of the nature based series of presentations sponsored by Collins View Neighborhood Association. Suggestions for upcoming topics are welcome, as are volunteers to help set up chairs on April 7.

The CVNA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday March 4, at 7:00 pm at Riverdale High School. Please attend.

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