

Collins View Article May 2019 SW News

On March 19 - (still winter!) the Santiam Park Fire threatened 65 homes, grew to an estimated 60 acres, and triggered Level 3 “go now” evacuation orders. According to Portland Maps, all of Collins View is in a “Wild lands Fire Hazard” area. It’s probably a good idea to get the winter’s worth of debris off our roofs and gutters now, and clear potential tinder from the areas around our homes.

The Neighborhood Association annual elections for board positions will be held at the May 1 meeting, 7 PM, in Riverdale High School. All 2019-2020 board positions are open for nominations. Please explore the descriptions on the collinsview.org website.

<http://collinsview.org/CVNA-Board-2019-2020-slate-duties-chart.pdf>.

Even now, at the end of our rainy season, the River View Natural Area vernal pools are dry, as they were this time last year. It is an increasingly threatened ecosystem. More than 90% of California's vernal pools have already been lost. Vernal pools provide critical habitat for numerous rare plants, salamanders and other amphibians.

There were many Nextdoor reports of an aggressive disturbed individual in our area (Collins View, South Burlingame and the Barbur/Terwilliger area). From the website www.portlandoregon.gov/police/62135 , Portland Police has the “Enhanced Crisis Intervention Team (ECIT). These officers will be the first responders dispatched by 9-1-1 to crisis calls that are determined to be related to an individual with mental illness. The Behavioral Health Response Teams (BHRT) pairs a patrol officer and a licensed mental health professional from Cascadia Project Respond. The Portland Police Bureau has three BHRT cars. Referrals to the BHRT cars are made through patrol officers. For further information on the Behavioral Health Unit, please contact (503) 823-0817.”