

December 2011 SWNI Article
Collins View Neighborhood Association (CVNA)
Next Board Meeting--- Wednesday, January 4, 2012, 7 pm
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In the last 2 months, Collins View has seen several neighborhood residential burglaries and some bike thefts at Lewis & Clark College (L&C), as Officer Caspar reported at CVNA's December meeting. Burglaries have been day-time events; jewelry and small electronics seem to be the main objects of interest. To avoid becoming the victim of a burglary, be sure all doors are closed and locked (with a block for sliding doors which are so easy to open). To protect your property, label larger items, record serial numbers, and take photos to document belongings.

Jeff Feld-Gore, Interim Dean of Students at L&C, reported that the college is exploring a relationship with Red Cross. There is no distribution center on the west side of the Willamette for emergency supplies. L&C may be able to let Red Cross store materials on campus. The college is studying this issue for future action.

Fran Laird, CVNA's SWNI liaison, is on the SWNI grant committee, which is judging grant applications at this time.

CVNA is looking for ways to get more people to participate in discussions to prioritize neighborhood concerns for improved TriMet service. Dorothy Fay had a small meeting at her home with 2 other attendees in an effort to start the discussion. Collins View is served by TriMet routes 38, 39, 43 and 65. Two of these routes (38 and 65) provide important services during commuting hours to downtown Portland and to OHSU—but no evening or weekend service. NONE of the routes provides weekend service; and TriMet service on routes 38 and 43 from Collins View into downtown Portland ends at about 7 pm.

If you are at all interested in the issue of TriMet service in Collins View, please contact Dorothy at dafay@hevanet.com.

An addendum to CVNA December 2011 minutes includes information about a suit recently filed by Citizens for Water Accountability, Trust and Reform (WATR) against the city regarding allegedly unauthorized spending of water bureau funds. Articles have mentioned the Water House in NE Portland and purchase and renovation of the Rose Festival Building. However the suit also includes the recent purchase of Riverview Cemetery land for public use. The record will show that this land was paid for with funds from several sources, including Portland Parks, Metro, and a grant from Oregon State Parks and Recreation. In addition, using this land as a greenspace, given its steep slope on the west side of the Willamette, should protect water quality.

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target older and low income residents), county governments, Veterans Affairs; populations served by those funding sources may be targeted for services. Interested volunteer drivers can call 503-226-0700.

Anna Browne, as a rider of 38, has heard reports that TriMet is considering service changes—including cutting 38. TriMet board meets on Wed, Feb 8, and will receive a report about possible changes to cover budget deficits. That report will be on TriMet's web site by Feb 9 in the morning. There will be 4 meetings around town for resident input: Feb 15, 4:30 to 6:30 pm, in Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th Ave. There will be a 30-day period for public comment. Michel George, in charge of transportation at L&C, has met with TriMet. Their rates for students are very high, creating a barrier (bus pass fees for students are higher than fees for faculty).

There was discussion about how best to get resident input about TriMet services. Perhaps we could devote the March meeting to the TriMet topic. Michel suggests a preliminary meeting at L&C, to be announced via our Outreach, for interested residents and a TriMet representative to identify neighborhood needs re: TriMet. Suggested date Thursday, Feb 9, at 7 pm at L&C (exact location TBA). Then the March CVNA meeting may be dedicated to TriMet, if Prakash can re-schedule Portland DOT guests to our April meeting.

Land Use— The college got permission to add an AT&T antenna on campus (there are other antennae on the same tower).

SWNI—Sam Pearson from Burlingame Neighborhood will be an officer in SWNI. Tonight he reported that Parks and Rec has removed Fulton Park Community Center from the list of its highest budget cuts; there will still be some cuts to the center's budget, but at a lower percentage of cuts. SWNI Grants were awarded last week.

L&C College—Michel reports that residence hall construction is on schedule for July 15 opening. There will be a debate of Portland's 3 major mayoral candidates at L&C on Feb 13 at 7 pm (see www.lclark.edu). Prakash is still concerned about what appears to be some renewed parking by L&C students on neighborhood streets. Michel reassures us that the college is still dedicated to enforcing this issue, and Paula expresses a similar commitment from the High School.

Samantha did a ride-along with Officer Caspar and spoke highly of the interactions she observed between him and citizens he encountered during that shift (including an attempted robbery at the convenience store at SW Taylor's Ferry and Spring Garden). Any citizen can request to do a ride-along – inquire at Central Precinct.

Beware of coyotes in neighborhood---keep dogs and cats indoors.

Adjourned 8:55

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