

## Local Legislator Featured Speaker at LNA Meeting

By Marilyn McManus

Rob Nosse, our Oregon House District 42 state representative, was the guest speaker at the LNA's September 12th General Meeting. Among other things, Rep. Nosse responded to a variety of written questions submitted by neighbors prior to the meeting. Asked whether the health of our state is dependent upon Portland, Rep. Nosse immediately replied, "Yes! All of the state's commerce – from farms to suburbs – flows through Portland. Rural Oregon will thrive only if Portland does."

Rep. Nosse currently chairs the House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care. He had served as vice-chair during the Committee's first legislative term in 2021. Noting Oregon's long-time ranking as among the worst states in the country for funding mental health services, he said that the 2021 legislature allocated 1.3 billion dollars to mental health. "That hasn't yet changed our rankings. The 2023 session maintained the 1.3 billion dollar funding, so we neither reduced nor enhanced it. The system has now been stabilized, but not yet improved. Mental health needs to be better funded and we need to stabilize the State Hospital."

Much of the evening's discussion concerned Oregon's Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act, commonly known as Measure 110. Passed by voters in 2020, the ballot measure decriminalized personal possession of drugs. The measure's goal is to move away from a criminal punishment approach to drug addiction and towards a health-based approach. The health approach includes assessment, treatment and recovery services for individuals struggling with addiction. Measure 110 funds these services. Rep. Nosse believes that the upcoming February 2024 legislative session will result in changes to Measure 110.



Rob Nosse speaking at the September General Meeting.

On September 6th the Portland City Council voted to prohibit consumption of controlled substances on public property, as well as upon "any streets, sidewalks, or any other public rights-of-way." A change in state law is required before this amendment to Portland City Code 14A.50.010 can go into effect. Rep. Nosse said, "I anticipate that the legislature will follow the actions of Portland's City Council to prohibit public drug use. We can't smoke cigarettes on public transportation. Why would the law for public drug use be any different?"

While substance abuse increased following Measure 110's passage, Rep. Nosse believes the two are unrelated. "It's coincidental that fentanyl and P2P meth began flowing into the U.S. at about the same time. They are both very easy to smuggle across the border. And P2P meth has a much stronger effect on users than the old meth did. Plus, recycling 20 pop cans is all that's needed to buy a bit of fentanyl or meth."

Rep. Nosse reported that, while Measure 110 had a difficult launch getting funds out to treatment and recovery providers, it is now working to fulfill its mission to provide health-based services to people struggling with addiction. He explained that the pandemic and related staffing shortages slowed the Oregon Health Authority's ability to make timely progress on this work. To date, individuals struggling with drug addiction have been most interested in using the harm-reduction services offered. Drug users have accepted clean syringes and fentanyl testing strips which make their drug use less dangerous.

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## General Membership Meeting

Please join us at the LNA General Membership meeting on Tuesday, November 14th. We will meet at the Laurelhurst Club at 6:30 PM.

### FOCUS TOPICS:

- A PBOT representative will join us to discuss permanently vacating Oak Street East of SE 37th and take your questions.
- Update on the city organization structure when the new city charter becomes effective in 2025.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## November



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**The Annual Holiday Bazaar,  
All Saints Church, 3847 NE  
Glisan, 9 AM - 4 PM**



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**LNA General Membership &  
Board Meeting, Laurelhurst Club  
6:30 - 8 PM**



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**Wine and Jazz Music  
Laurelhurst Club, 3 - 5 PM**

## December



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**Breakfast with Santa  
Laurelhurst Club, 10 AM - Noon**



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**The Winter Bazaar, Laurelhurst  
School, 840 NE 41st Ave. 9 AM - 4 PM**



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**Hanukkah Night Market  
Eastside Jewish Commons,  
2420 NE Sandy Blvd. 5 - 9 PM**

All events held at The Laurelhurst Club,  
3721 SE Ankeny St unless otherwise noted.

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For questions, local government service needs, reporting a  
stolen bike or pothole within Multnomah County.

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Additional services are now becoming available to serve people battling drug addiction. Rep. Nosse noted that a sixteen-bed medical detox center – funded by Measure 110 – just opened in the Portland area in August. Recovery Works NW operates this facility. As it takes about five days to detox from fentanyl and meth, the expectation is that clients will remain at the facility for only a short period of time. An estimated 1,200 individuals will receive treatment through the center each year. Detox center clients will receive case management services and will be offered additional outpatient addiction and mental health treatment and recovery services. Detox center clients will receive case management services and will be offered additional outpatient addiction and mental health treatment and recovery services. Further, Measure 110 is also now funding peer support workers who figuratively walk side-by-side mentoring and bolstering their clients fighting drug addiction.

When asked about Portland's homeless situation Rep. Nosse said, "I do not support tenting wherever. I do support the sanctioned campsites such as the one the City of Portland just set up in the Clinton Triangle area off of Gideon Street and SE Powell." He added that it is unclear whether the city has the capacity to stop public drug use as there is a bottleneck in getting Portland Public Police Bureau candidates through their training. Rep. Nosse ended that discussion with a rhetorical question: "Should the Oregon State Police help with Portland's traffic situations so that the City police are released to attend to other things?"

Rep. Nosse has agreed to return to an LNA meeting in February for further discussion and to give us a political update.

## **President's Letter**

*By Kayleen Kusterer, LNA President*

Dear Neighbors,

Well, Pumpkin Spice Latte season is in full swing. What a nice transition we had from summer to fall! It was great to have some early fall sunshine and warm days.

I hope many of you were able to attend the September General Membership meeting to hear from State Representative Rob Nosse. I'd like to thank Representative Nosse for attending the meeting and answering our questions. Please refer to a separate article on page 1 for more coverage of Representative Nosse's comments.

I'd like to update you on a new process we are engaging in at the LNA: FY2024 Budgeting. It is one of my goals as president to institute a robust LNA budgeting process. The LNA's fiscal year runs from January 1 to December 31 and that is how we manage the finances and the tax filings. This year, under the leadership of LNA's Treasurer, each committee head, committee coordinator, and board officer has projected revenue and expenses for FY2024.

Actual revenue and expenditures will be managed against budgets submitted. This allows the LNA Board to make timely and data-informed decisions regarding LNA programming, events and communication, among other things. I'd like to thank everyone who has participated in this new process; we will continue to make refinements as needed to ensure we are making good financial decisions.

Now on to something more fun than budgets! On Sunday, October 28th the LNA hosted a kids Halloween Event at the Laurelhurst Club. Penny's Puppets entertained the kids with a puppet show, followed by some yummy treats and a costume parade. All the ghouls and goblins in the neighborhood had a ton of fun at this no-cost event.

And that was not all the fun to be had this season. Join us for a wine and jazz event on Sunday, November 19th from 3-5 PM, at The Laurelhurst Club. Tickets are \$20.00, which gets you a glass of wine from one of the participating wineries (of course, you can purchase additional glasses) and some great live jazz music. Piccone's Corner will also be providing charcuterie boxes for purchase. This is a perfect opportunity to stock up on local wines for the holiday season.

On Sunday December 3rd join the LNA for Breakfast with Santa at the Laurelhurst Club. We received a lot of great feedback from last year, so Santa will join us again from 10 AM-noon. Tickets are \$15.00 each, which includes a pancake breakfast and a visit with Santa. This is a wonderful opportunity to take some pictures with Santa and to create some holiday memories.

I hope you will attend one or more of these events; they provide great opportunities to meet new neighbors and to build a thriving and healthy neighborhood.

As always, if you would like to get involved with the LNA in any capacity, please email me at [Laurelhurst.President@gmail.com](mailto:Laurelhurst.President@gmail.com)

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Holiday Season.  
All the best,  
Kayleen

## **Hollywood Hub New Housing Soon to be Constructed at the Hollywood Transit Center**

*By Steven Fisher, LNA Land Use and Transportation Committee*

A new housing development will soon be under construction at the current site of the Tri-Met Hollywood Transit Center on NE Halsey St. across from Trader Joe's. An open house sponsored by Tri-Met and BRIDGE Housing, the developer, was held on Sept. 27 at the Parkrose Presbyterian Church.

The development will be twelve stories in height and have 224 units. It will contain a mix of studio and 1-3 bedroom apartments for rent. In that mix, 71 units will be dedicated to those earning 30% or less of the Area Median Income. Another 151 units are dedicated to those earning 60% or less of the Area Median Income.

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The remaining two units are for an on-site manager and staff. There will be 5100 sq. ft. of community space including indoor play spaces for children and teens. There will also be a small retail component of less than 1000 sq.ft and an outdoor plaza fronting on a paseo and new ramp being constructed by Tri-Met connecting to the existing pedestrian overpass. Virtually no parking will be provided in the development: only eight spaces, some of which will be reserved for staff and maintenance.

Tri-Met will construct a new stairway and ramp on the Hollywood side, connecting to the existing overpass over I-84 which provides access to the Hollywood MAX Station and continues to the Laurelhurst neighborhood on NE Senate St., the frontage street along the freeway. There will be no improvements provided by this development to the existing overpass and the stairway and ramp on the Laurelhurst side of the overpass. Access to the MAX station and across the overpass will be maintained through the construction site by a temporary stairway and ramp.

Construction will be in three phases. In Phase 1, starting next month, Tri-Met will construct first a temporary stairway and ramp to the overpass, while installing the permanent structures. The former bus stops have already been relocated. In Phase 2, starting in September 2024 and lasting for two years ending in September 2026, BRIDGE Housing will construct the development. Lastly, in Phase 3, the public improvements will be completed including a memorial to the tragedy that occurred on the MAX in May of 2017.

Two websites are tracking this project. The first is [hollywoodhubpdx.com](http://hollywoodhubpdx.com). Another website from Tri-Met is [trimet.org/hollywood/#equity](http://trimet.org/hollywood/#equity). I have noticed small variations in project schedule information between the websites and what was presented at the open house. We will be tracking this project as it proceeds. Project outreach staff seem amenable to attending an LNA meeting.

## Connect to Dance: A Talk with the Founder

By Kalyn Cohen

The Laurelhurst Club building was dedicated almost 110 years ago, on December 29, 1914; it opened with a New Year's Eve dance two days later. In 1924, an addition extended the original club into an L shape. This increased the size of the dance floor and added a stage, providing a place off the dance floor, but in sight of it, for a small orchestra. Social dancing has been braided into the life of this community center from its founding and continues today.



Connect to Dance partner class at The Laurelhurst Club.

We caught up with Uwe Hessinger, a founder of Connect To Dance, who with co-founder Colleen Suzanne has been teaching social dance classes at the Club for sixteen years. They teach Monday-Wednesday evenings. On Tuesday night, beginners are the focus, with the option of “test driving” the first night, to make sure students are happy with their dance choices.

I asked Uwe what he likes about teaching in the space the Laurelhurst Club provides.

UH: We enjoy the character of the building, the openness of it, including its many windows, with the view into its garden and, from some angles, Laurelhurst Park.

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Connect to Dance partner class at The Laurelhurst Club.

### Know of Nonprofits whose work and mission you'd like to share?

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It has good air circulation, heating as well as cooling, so is comfortable any time of the year. The fireplace and the sitting area in front of it are wonderful to have, especially in the cooler time of the year. We also appreciate that this is a neighborhood community place that invites local attendance.

KC: What do you like best about teaching dance?

UH: Colleen and I enjoy introducing people to partner dancing in a fun and friendly way. These are high energy classes with wonderful music. We focus on the connection between dancers as they are moving and learning. Finally, we teach the why and the how behind partner dancing and not just the what, to make dancing work well for our students.

KC: What should beginners expect when they learn dance from you?

UH: There is no need to bring a partner. We balance each class between leaders and followers every week and every class, and encourage rotation between partners, so students get to learn faster and get to know each other. Our students range in age – we even have a class for teenagers! The students’ experience is very positive; many tell us the classes are the highlight of their week.

New sessions start in November. You can find more information about Connect To Dance classes offered at the Laurelhurst Club at [connecttodance.com](http://connecttodance.com).

## Emergency Communication

By Lee Younglove and Linda Bellerby  
for the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Emergency Team

Do you know where to get information following a big disaster when phone service and internet are no longer available? We have answers to that question. First, the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management will set up multiple locations throughout the city where neighbors can get information from the authorities concerning the disaster response. These sites are called BEECNs (Basic Earthquake Emergency Communication Nodes). BEECN sites are located within a 20-minute walk of most residences. The Laurelhurst neighborhood BEECN site will be located near the All Saints School property.

BEECNs are easily located under a clearly marked red and white popup tent. At these sites, you will see BEECN volunteers, pre-designated City employees, Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) members or other volunteers operating emergency radio equipment. There are 50 locations throughout Portland.

New BEECN volunteers are always welcome. For a map of BEECN sites, or more information about volunteering, search on “PBEM BEECN” or contact the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Emergency Team at [laurelhurstnetteamleader@gmail.com](mailto:laurelhurstnetteamleader@gmail.com).

An additional source of information during a disaster is amateur radio. Locally, it is a critical resource for coordinating activities and ensuring the safety of people who are out in the neighborhood providing aid. Additionally, amateur radio provides the ability to communicate with other neighborhood emergency teams and city authorities.

If you are licensed or interested in becoming licensed as an amateur radio operator, we could use your help. Contact the Laurelhurst NET Team Leader at the above email address to learn more about emergency communications. We’d love to have you as part of our team in supporting the neighborhood.

## Newsletter Deadlines 2024

The LNA newsletter is a good way to be in touch with your neighbors. Please, if you have an idea for an article let the editor know at [laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com). Or, if you are looking for a way to advertise a business or event, write us at [adteam.laurelhurst@gmail.com](mailto:adteam.laurelhurst@gmail.com).

The newsletter is delivered one week prior to each general meeting. See below for deadlines for submitting to upcoming issues.

General Mtg.	Article Deadline	Ads Deadline
<b>2024:</b>		
Jan. 9	Nov. 21, 2023	Dec. 5, 2023
March 12	Jan. 23, 2024	Feb. 6, 2024
May 14	March 26, 2024	April 9, 2024
Sept. 10	July 23, 2024	August 6, 2024
Nov. 12	Sept. 24, 2024	Oct. 8, 2024

# Laurelhurst School Student Support Fund

By Carol Kast

Most parents know how expensive it can be to send their kids to public school. Families need to pay for school supplies, lunch boxes and water bottles, backpacks, and clothing, so that their students can learn and feel that they belong. Most families in the Laurelhurst K-8 neighborhood can afford these things, but many cannot.

LNA's IDEA Committee (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Access) wants to help. Working with the staff and PTA of Laurelhurst K-8, we have established a fund to provide school necessities for those who lack them.

The Laurelhurst School Student Support fund will be managed by the school bookkeeper and will be kept separate from all other school money. All donations will go toward fulfilling students' needs.

There are two ways to donate. The easiest is to use the School Pay portal through this link [schoolpay.com/link/laurelhurststudentsupportfund](https://schoolpay.com/link/laurelhurststudentsupportfund), or by using the QR code below. Checks are welcome too; they can be made out to Laurelhurst School with Student Support Fund on the memo line and sent to Laurelhurst School 840 NE 41st St., Portland OR 97232.

It would be great to get a lot of donations right away, since we are still near the start of the school year, but this fund will be ongoing, so you can donate anytime. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



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# The Laurelhurst Arches Need Your Help!

By Chris Brewster

Can you imagine our neighborhood without the Laurelhurst Arches? The Arches are a signature feature of Laurelhurst. We on the Arches Committee like to think of them as a happy welcome to our city neighbors outside the bounds of the neighborhood, and a source of pride and beauty for those who live in the neighborhood. Because of this, we are committed to their maintenance.

The Arches are in need of work. In 2018, the LNA hired Henberry Eddy, a Portland architectural firm, to assess the Arches and to develop a plan to preserve them. The Henberry Eddy study uncovered significant issues. For instance, while the face of the Arches is sandstone, the top of each Arch is concrete. This is intended to keep moisture from seeping into the interior of the Arch, which damages its structure. The report found that the "sky-facing surface of the arch beams has severely deteriorated, exhibiting concrete erosion, cracking, and failure of the topping." These structural issues are in addition to the cosmetic issues we can all see – such as staining, mold, graffiti, and peeling and scaled stone. As far back as 2011, a previous study by a stonemason hired by LNA found that "the sandmix coping over the arch is failing."

In 2023, the Arches Committee took steps to highlight the issues with the Arches and raise the funds necessary to address them. In May, we hosted an event at the Laurelhurst Club which many neighbors attended. In August, the Arches Committee sold beer and other drinks at the Neighborhood Picnic. We were pleased to meet, or re-connect with, so many of you, and raise funds for the eventual restoration of the arches.

In the coming months, the Arches Committee, along with the LNA Board, will be rolling out a new initiative for the repair of the Arches. In past years, the Board has allocated funding for work on the arches; the Arches Committee believes that the time has come to fully address the recommendations the architects and masons have provided.



Condition of concrete topping on SE 32nd/E Burnside arch beam.



Extensive peeling at vertical surfaces of pier - including smooth and tooled surface finishes.

In the meantime, the Arches Committee is working to keep the Arches in the best shape possible. This means quick removal of graffiti using methods designed to preserve the soft and porous sandstone. Last summer, D & R Masonry removed two waves of graffiti on the Arch at the north side of NE Glisan. (See images below)



D & R Masonry uses a gentle method of removal that is intended to preserve the soft sandstone of the arches; it is the same method used on many of Portland's other historic buildings, many of which are built from the same vulnerable sandstone.

This work was made possible by both the Arches fundraising that occurred this year and funds allocated to the Arches by the LNA Board.



# Holiday Happenings

**Mark your calendars for some upcoming holiday fun!**

## **THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH (3847 NE GLISAN)**

**Saturday, November 4th, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

Featuring holiday shopping, food, music, holiday treats and treasures for kids. The Children's Room includes "gifts" that kids can purchase for family and friends. There will also be a Treasure Table of consigned items such as antiques, vintage linens and other cool old stuff. The Bakery Booth will have cakes, muffins, cookies, candies, pies, preserves and other sweet and savory treats available for purchase. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to All Saints.

## **WINE AND JAZZ MUSIC AT THE LAURELHURST CLUB**

**Sunday, November 19th, 3-5 PM**

**Tickets: \$20 per person, must be 21 to attend.**

Join us at the Laurelhurst Club for a special wine tasting and live jazz event. Taste wines from three urban wineries: *Jackalope Wine Cellars*, *Willfull Wines* and *William Marie Wines* and listen to the jazz sounds of Stephanie Bernards. Tickets at: [thelaurelhurstclub.com/events](http://thelaurelhurstclub.com/events)

## **THE WINTER BAZAAR AT LAURELHURST SCHOOL (840 NE 41ST AVE.)**

**Sunday, December 3rd, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**

The Bazaar is an annual fundraiser that focuses on supporting local artisans as well as student artists. Over 100 booths of handmade wares will be on display under one roof.

## **BREAKFAST WITH SANTA AT THE LAURELHURST CLUB**

**Sunday, December 3rd, 10 am - noon**

Santa's coming to breakfast at the Laurelhurst Club! For all kids, and kids at heart, you're invited to join us. Your \$15 ticket gets you a pancake breakfast and time with Santa. Space is limited, so register early at [thelaurelhurstclub.com/events](http://thelaurelhurstclub.com/events)

## **HANUKKAH NIGHT MARKET WILL BE HAPPENING AT EASTSIDE JEWISH COMMONS (2420 NE SANDY BLVD.)**

**Saturday, December 9th from 5 - 9 pm**

This event will feature live and DJ'd music as well as a food market where local Jewish businesses will vend their food.



## Support the Laurelhurst School Foundation

At the heart of Laurelhurst School are unique staff positions providing invaluable support to our students including Educational Assistants, Interventionists, Counselors, and a full-time Librarian. Our Local School Foundation is the only way we can fund this important work and these talented individuals. We are so fortunate to have an amazing neighborhood school, 100 years old and going strong!



<https://laurelhurstschool.schoolauction.net/fall2023>



For our Fall Pride Campaign, we are asking our neighbors in the community to consider every child they know who has benefited from the kind of support and dedication of a teaching assistant, or a librarian, or a school counselor, and invest in the Laurelhurst School Foundation in their honor. **It takes roughly \$300 per student to ensure this critical support for our children, but the impact is invaluable and lasts a lifetime.** Thank you in advance for considering supporting the Laurelhurst Lions Pride!

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**DON'T MISS OUR TWO UPCOMING EVENTS:  
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# Year #19 for Friends of Laurelhurst Park (FLP)!

By Peggy Glascock and Alice Knouff

People sometimes ask us who we are, what we do and how the FLP began.

In 2005, some folks noticed Laurelhurst park had some problems. Problems with weeds: ivy, blackberry and other invasive plants were growing everywhere. Problems with dogs running loose. Other issues included a dog poisoning incident in 2003 when many dogs died. Neighbors were becoming scared and worried. Yet people loved their park and wanted to see it usable and cared for.

They talked to Parks staff...what can we do to help? Then-president of LNA, Nancy Chapman, and Marilyn Harlin came up with a plan: Let's start a "Friends" group. Friends of Laurelhurst Park. A core group of people initially volunteered. Later, volunteers from Hands On Greater Portland were also welcomed. Other neighbors and people who regularly used the park heard about work parties and joined in. And businesses sent their staff members for special work days.

Gradually, the park became much more weed-free and the neighborhood became more educated about park issues. Working with Parks staff, Marilyn Harlin and others lobbied to organize a dog off-leash area. Marilyn also convinced the Forestry staff to remove the holly trees which had overrun the woodsy Rhododendron Hill, worked with management when the pond water became polluted, and promoted the idea of dredging (2010-11). Ongoing, there was a property dispute, staff budget cuts to protest, and a need for safety handrails for the brick stairs (2017). FLP and LNA volunteers wrote letters, went to Council meetings and conferred with Parks staff.

NOW—the FLP is a team. Many of the same core people still help out. We meet with Parks staff for direction. We prune, weed, rake, plant and mulch once a month – the second Wednesday – from 9 am to noon. We begin work parties in April and finish up in October, rain or shine. The staff bring gloves and tools and clean up the huge piles of debris we remove.

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Do we need more help? Oh yes. Do you need to have skills in landscaping in order to help? No – we will train you. Our primary goal is to keep the park healthy and vibrant. We are doing that, and with your help we can do more. Join the team! It feels so good to spruce up our park – and meet great people at the same time.

# LNA BottleDrop

By Kayleen Kusterer, LNA President

I recently had the pleasure of meeting up with Barry Kast, the LNA BottleDrop program coordinator, over a cup of coffee. First and foremost, I would like to thank Barry for his commitment to this program. He has served in this position for six years. The LNA truly appreciates all his efforts in this capacity and the positive effect he has had in the neighborhood.

In 2017, a representative from PPB told the LNA membership that one of the most important safety strategies in the neighborhood would be to remove the incentive to forage for items of value in recycling bins, mostly returnable bottles and cans. As a result of this recommendation the LNA BottleDrop program rolled out in 2018, with the help and support of many neighbors, and has been going strong ever since. The program raises about \$250-\$300 per month, which helps fund LNA programming and events.

Here is how the LNA BottleDrop Fundraiser works. The LNA purchases blue bags used in the program and makes the bags and LNA stickers with QR codes available at ten pick-up locations throughout the neighborhood. The QR code attached to the bag insures that funds are directed to the LNA when the filled bag is returned and processed. Blue bags can be returned to drop doors located at Redemption Centers or participating retailers, mostly grocery stores. The value of containers in the bags will be directed to the LNA. It's that easy!

In addition to LNA's blue bag program, Oregon BottleDrop has its own convenient green bag program. You can enroll in the green bag program online at [www.bottledrop.com](http://www.bottledrop.com) or at a BottleDrop kiosk located in participating stores. Green bags can be purchased at a redemption center and in most local grocery stores, at a cost of \$2.00 for 10 green bags. Stickers can be printed at the kiosk with your personal code to attach to your bags.

Once your bag is filled and the sticker is attached, the green bags can be returned to drop doors, located at Redemption Centers and participating retailers. These are the same locations where blue bags can be dropped for redemption. BottleDrop monies in your account are yours to keep, or money can be donated to the LNA, either online at [www.bottledrop.com](http://www.bottledrop.com) or at a kiosk. Simply type in Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association in the indicated search window, click on learn more and then click the donate now button. The funds will be transferred from your account to the LNA!

The Oregon BottleDrop program makes it easy for you to help keep Oregon beautiful, give new life to your redeemable beverage containers, and put your redemption funds to work! This system remains one of the most effective in the nation, helping redeem and recycle over two billion containers each year.

If you have questions or need more information, go to [www.bottledrop.com](http://www.bottledrop.com).



(Photo from [www.BottleDrop.com](http://www.BottleDrop.com))

## Seeking NEW LNA BottleDrop Coordinator

By Kayleen Kusterer, LNA President

The current LNA BottleDrop Coordinator, Barry Kast, is vacating this position after 6 years. He has made a great impact in this role, and we thank him for his efforts. The LNA is seeking a new BottleDrop coordinator to continue this great program in the neighborhood. The responsibilities of the BottleDrop coordinator include:

- Purchasing the Blue Bags twice a year from a BottleDrop redemption center. The LNA covers the cost of the blue bags.
- The coordinator ensures the 10 distribution locations in the neighborhood have bags and stickers available for pick-up.
- If residents need blue bags, they contact the coordinator via email, and they are instructed where to pick up blue bags with stickers.
- The coordinator ensures participating households have recycling information and answers inquiries and questions via email.

If you are interested in being the LNA BottleDrop coordinator, please email Kayleen at [Laurelhurst.president@gmail.com](mailto:Laurelhurst.president@gmail.com)

# WeShine's First Micro-village Celebrates its One Year Anniversary

By Jan McManus

Our first village, located on the grounds of the Parkrose Community United Church of Christ, brought the WeShine vision to life. Since September 2022, we have served a total of 19 LGBTQIA+ adults. Four have moved into permanent housing and three more are preparing to move out. Five villagers are employed and two have income from other sources. One villager has applied for disability benefits. Two others are job hunting. One guest is receiving intensive case management services through the Providence Better Outcomes through Bridges (BOB) program. No current villagers actively abuse substances; almost all of our villagers have been in recovery for a year or more—since before they moved into the village. All are actively participating in primary health care and mental health counseling.



We have built a self-governing community in which villagers play a leading role in weekly Village Council meetings and Village Advisory Committee meetings and make the final decisions on new village admissions. Villagers contribute many hours of sweat equity each week in roles that include maintenance and repair tasks, routine cleaning, village improvement projects, leading social and recreational activities, weeding and watering plants, keeping the village safe and secure, and administering a social media communication channel for villagers.



## Secretary's Report

### Key Items from the September 12, 2023

#### General Member's Meeting:

1. Representative Rob Nosse was primary guest and answered member questions on state investments in mental health treatment, homelessness solution sets for Portland, his trip to Portugal to learn about drug decriminalization, and other forthcoming issues for the Oregon Legislature.
2. Land Use Committee Chair presented updates on Anna Mann House and Barbie's Village.

### Key Items from the September 12, 2023

#### Board of Directors Meeting:

1. A quorum of the Board was not present and the Board received informational updates on Land Use items and on Laurelhurst Club items.

### Key Items from the October 10, 2023

#### Board of Directors Meeting:

1. The Board approved sending a positive LNA response in support of PBOT's petition to vacate Oak Street between 37th Street and Cesar Chavez Ave.
2. The Board approved \$900 in expenses to support three upcoming community events at the Laurelhurst Club.
3. The Board deliberated on how to comment on the proposed reorganization of city agencies, including Office of Civic Life. The Board approved sending a formal LNA request for an extension of no less than 30 days for public comments on the proposed reorganization plan.

**The Laurelhurst Neighborhood Walking Tour**

Take a walking tour of Laurelhurst, created by resident Amelia Shields and narrated by Katy Pozarycki. Audio and print versions available at: [laurelhurstpdx.org/walkingtour](http://laurelhurstpdx.org/walkingtour)

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# News from Coe Circle

By Linda Kerekes

The Circle continues to recover from the damage done by devastating winds last winter. First, the remaining tree stump will be ground soon. Following some miscommunication between the forestry department and PDOT, we are definitely on the forestry department's list to do that work. Also, we have learned that the forestry department planted the two small trees flanking the Joan of Arc statue. They send a worker with a water truck to water once a week. So – that mystery is solved!

We are having the rhododendrons professionally trimmed. They have not fared well during our extremely hot summers. Trimmers will be removing the dead branches and cleaning up the shrubs.

Unfortunately, the Circle continues to be inadequately irrigated. At one time a sprinkler system watered the whole circle. Sadly, it was shut off in the late 2000s to save water and since then has completely rusted. So the plants and trees on the outer circle do not receive water. We will be provided with compost by PDOT which will hold in some of the natural moisture.

Next spring we will be refreshing the flower bed around Joan of Arc, with new plantings and new colors. The plan is for a lower-profile design that will discourage use of the plantings for sleeping or loitering.

We will be having a last work party to put the circle to bed. We would love volunteers to help. If you are interested, contact [laurelhurst.coecircle@gmail.com](mailto:laurelhurst.coecircle@gmail.com).

If you would like to be a part of our committee, please let me know – contact me at the above email address. We are in the process of updating our volunteer list and contacting all of you who have shown interest. We will be meeting for work parties once a month or so, from April through October or November, depending on the weather. Have a wonderful fall and winter. Look forward to our changes!



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