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Honoring Joan of Arc: 100 Years at Coe Circle

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On Memorial Day, May 30, 1925, the Portland community gathered at Coe Circle to dedicate the Joan of Arc statue that still stands today. Chances are you've passed by it without knowing the powerful story behind it.

Joan of Arc, the patron saint of the military and France, was a teenage girl who led French troops to victory during the Hundred Years' War. Guided by visions and a fierce sense of purpose, she defied expectations and authority. Captured and condemned as a heretic, she was burned at the stake in 1431 at age 19. Twenty-five years later, her conviction was overturned. In 1920, she was canonized as a saint by the Catholic Church.

The statue at Coe Circle—one of several replicas of Emmanuel Frémiet's iconic 1874 sculpture in Paris—was gifted to Portland by Dr. Henry Waldo Coe, a local physician. It honors Joan's bravery, faith, and enduring legacy. Frémiet's Joan of Arc statue has become one of the most reproduced public monuments in the world. Identical versions can be found in Paris, New Orleans, New York City, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Québec City, among others—each honoring St. Joan as a symbol of courage and conviction.

As we mark the statue's 100th anniversary, it's a chance to reflect on Joan of Arc's story—one of resilience, sacrifice, and the power of standing up for what you believe in. On Friday, May 30, 2025, the community will gather to celebrate Joan of Arc and mark the 100th anniversary of her statue in Coe Circle. The event will begin at 11:00 AM at Coe Circle. The Royal Rosarians will conduct an official rose planting ceremony, followed by a commemorative program celebrating the centennial anniversary.

Following the ceremony, a reception will be held from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM at The Laurelhurst Club (3721 SE Ankeny St.), featuring a singing quartet and light refreshments.

Laurelhurst residents are welcome to attend both the ceremony and the reception. If you plan to attend the reception, **please RSVP** to multnomah.portland.chapter@oregondar.org **no later than Friday, May 23**. Space is limited, so RSVP early and indicate the number of people in your party.

Coe Circle is a very busy traffic intersection; Portland Police Bureau is providing crossing personnel for greater safety, but please use caution when crossing and use the designated crosswalks.

The rededication events are sponsored by the Multnomah-Portland Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association, and other community supporters.

We hope to see you on Friday, May 30 at 11:00 AM in Coe Circle for this historic event.

Get Ready for LNA Board Elections -- May 13

By Kayleen Kusterer, LNA President
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The Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association will hold its Board Elections on Monday, May 13.

Positions up for election:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- SEUL Representative
- SE Quadrant Representative
- SW Quadrant Representative

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LNA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, May 13 at 6:30 PM
The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St.
Join your neighbors for the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association General Membership Meeting!

What's on the agenda?

- LNA Board Elections – Help shape the future of our neighborhood by voting for new board members. (See article on page 1 for full details and candidate statements on page 7.)
- Special Guest: Portland City Council Vice President Tiffany Koyama Lane – Councilor Koyama Lane will join us to share updates and answer your questions. This is a great opportunity to engage directly with city leadership and learn more about what's ahead for Portland and our neighborhood.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, your voice matters. We hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

May

13 LNA General Membership Meeting and Board Elections, 6:30-8 pm
LNA Board Meeting, 7:45 pm
The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St.

14 Friends of Laurelhurst Park work day, 9 am to noon, 3600 SE Ankeny St.

30 Joan of Arc Centennial, 11 am, Coe Circle
Reception following 11:45 am to 1 pm at The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St.

June

10 LNA Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St.

11 Friends of Laurelhurst Park work day, 9 am to noon, 3600 SE Ankeny St.

21 LNA 2025 Garage Sale
Throughout the neighborhood

July

1 Centennial Plaque price increase

8 LNA Board Meeting, 6:30 pm
The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St.

9 Friends of Laurelhurst Park work day, 9 am to noon, 3600 SE Ankeny St.

August

5 Laurelhurst Neighborhood Block Party
Laurelhurst Park, 5 pm - 8 pm

13 Friends of Laurelhurst Park work day, 9 am to noon, 3600 SE Ankeny St.

September

9 LNA General Membership Meeting, 6:30-8 pm
LNA Board Meeting, 7:45 pm
The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St.

10 Friends of Laurelhurst Park work day, 9 am to noon, 3600 SE Ankeny St.

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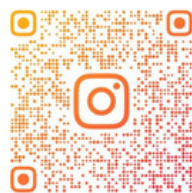
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To learn more about the board positions, please visit laurelhurstpdx.org/about/#bylaws (scroll to the bottom of the page and click on Bylaws).

All Laurelhurst residents and property owners are eligible to run for a board position. Elected board members will serve two-year terms starting June 2025 and attend monthly board meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.

Interested in running?

If you didn't submit a candidate statement for the May newsletter, you can still declare your candidacy by emailing laurelhurst.secretary@gmail.com by Tuesday, May 6th. As of this publication, no one is running for Treasurer and SE Quad Rep. If you would like to run for any seat, please email laurelhurst.secretary@gmail.com by May 6th. If a position has no candidates by May 13, nominations will be accepted from the floor during the General Membership Meeting. Each candidate will have two minutes to share his/her statement.

Voting Made Easy – Two Ways to Vote: To encourage participation, we're offering both in-person and online voting options to make it easy for neighbors to cast their votes:

In-Person Voting – Vote during the General Membership Meeting on May 13. Ballots will be provided to eligible attendees, and a ballot box will be available.

Online Voting – Vote from home at laurelhurstpdx.org. There will be a voting link on the home page. Online voting opens at 7:00 PM on May 13 and closes at 7:00 PM on May 14.

Serving on the board is a great way to help shape the future of Laurelhurst. We encourage all neighbors to vote and get involved!

The neighborhood benefits when volunteers step up to serve on the board. But if serving on the board isn't your thing, there are plenty of other ways to get involved. If you're interested in volunteering in any capacity, please reach out by email to: Laurelhurst.president@gmail.com

LNA Welcomes Councilor Morillo

By Jim Edelston

Councilor Angelita Morillo is one of the three newly-elected representatives of Portland's 3rd District. Four City Council Districts were created by the revisions to the City Charter passed by voters in 2022. All LNA members reside and vote in the 3rd District.

Councilor Morillo is the first of our three representatives to attend an LNA General meeting. A good turnout welcomed her to the March meeting held at the Laurelhurst Club. In her opening remarks, Morillo introduced herself to the audience and then described the budget process currently underway in Portland. Those remarks were followed by a lengthy and lively question and answer session with LNA residents.

Morillo told the meeting that during her campaign for Council she heard most about three voter concerns: high rent, homelessness, and the accessibility of city leaders.



She emphasized that she wants to be very available to her constituents and that Portland city government in broad terms needs to be more responsive to Portland citizens. On City Council, Morillo serves on four Committees: Transportation, Homelessness, Climate, and Public Safety.

Portland's Budget and Morillo's Budget Priorities

Portland's next budget will run from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026. Setting the budget is perhaps the most consequential action of Council each year, and this year will be exceptionally challenging. The upcoming budget is projected to have a \$93 million gap in the discretionary general fund, which pays for parks, police, homeless services and other critical services. Because the city finds itself so short of funds to meet the services it aspires to deliver, Morillo spent most of her time discussing her priorities in the upcoming budget. Among her priorities are parks, homelessness and affordable housing. She also mentioned that she is co-Chair of the Climate Committee which she thinks is a city priority.

The issue most extensively discussed was homelessness. Morillo observed that this is a chronic national problem and that locally the housing shortage extends beyond Portland's borders and affects all jurisdictions within the Metro area. Her measure of success on homelessness emphasizes getting people into long-term housing, which is at odds with the mayor's crisis approach to ending unsheltered homelessness by significantly increasing next year's budget for shelter space.

Interaction with the Audience

Many of the questioners were most interested in conveying their displeasure with the services being delivered by the city despite the wide range of taxes that all are paying each year for these services. In addition, questioners mentioned that there continues to be slow progress towards reviving the Portland economy since the pandemic, and that management of the city is one reason Portland is attracting less population growth, business and real estate investment. One resident expressed her perception of repeated "poor outcomes" in food support, homelessness, and park conditions despite the amount the city is spending on these initiatives.

Morillo responded generally to these concerns by noting that many of the City's revenue sources are targeted to "special projects," rather than to general fund discretionary expenses. But there was no assurance that giving Council more flexibility on spending would meet LNA residents' concerns about the effectiveness of city government.

Morillo repeatedly requested feedback from everyone on their personal priorities for the Budget. She asked the group "What are you OK with cutting in the budget?" There will be several public meetings through the budget process to provide testimony, and you can contact Councilor Morillo's office directly at councilor.morillo@portlandoregon.gov.

Proposal to Repeal Protection for Historic Districts Removed from Housing Bill

By Constance Beaumont

A proposal to repeal protection for historic homes in districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places has been removed from House Bill 2138, a major housing bill under consideration by the Oregon legislature. Examples of such districts in Portland include Laurelhurst, Peacock Lane and Eastmoreland.

The main goal of HB 2138, initiated by Governor Tina Kotek, is to stimulate the creation of more middle housing (e.g., duplexes, cottage clusters, and accessory dwelling units) to make housing more affordable and accessible. That goal is widely and strongly supported.

But two lines in the original 43-page bill – at section 22 (1) (f) – drew strong opposition at a March 3 hearing held by Oregon's House Committee on Housing and Homelessness. This provision would have ended a current requirement that local governments review proposals to demolish buildings that contribute to the significance of historic districts on the National Register before such demolitions may proceed. Under existing law, when local governments review demolition proposals, they must consider a structure's condition, historic significance, and value to the community. Demolition proposals may be approved if they will yield more affordable dwelling units than would result from a structure's preservation.

Among the comments made by those who testified in favor of removing Section 22 (1) (f) from HB 2138:

- More demolitions work against our climate goals. Oregon needs to prioritize low-carbon housing strategies that add affordable options in existing buildings. The CO2 emissions generated in Portland by 823 residential demolitions over a span of five years are roughly equivalent to the burning of 36 million gallons of gasoline or the annual emissions of 76,480 cars.
- The Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association supported (through letters, lobbying, and donations) the recent renovation of the historic Anna Mann House (on the Laurelhurst-Kerns border) and the creation therein of 128 apartments for low-income residents.
- Removing the demolition review requirement would essentially nullify Oregon's Land Use Goal 5 for historic resources.

After the controversial Section 22 (1) (f) generated hundreds of pages of testimony (an Oregonian article referred to the provision as a "lightning rod"), an amendment to HB 2138 (posted as a "-2" amendment) called for its removal. At a press conference held to tout the bill as a whole, Governor Kotek said she would support dropping the proposal to repeal the demolition-review requirement.

Assuming the full House of Representatives approves HB 2138 as amended, the Senate Committee on Housing and Development must act on the bill by May 23.

Between now and June, when the legislature is scheduled to end, there could be more attacks on historic preservation. Since the public often receives little advance notice of new amendments to bills before committee hearings take place, those interested in tracking this issue can keep posted by visiting Restore Oregon (restoreoregon.org) or the Architectural Heritage Center (visitahc.org/newsletter).



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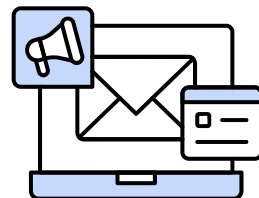
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You can sign up to receive LNA email notices of events and happenings, elections and opportunities, and yes, meetings. Go to the LNA website laurelhurstpdx.org, then scroll to the bottom, just above the map, and click on the link to sign up.





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Friends of Laurelhurst Park In Full Swing for Spring

By Alice Knouff and Peggy Glascock
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With the welcome warmer weather, Friends of Laurelhurst Park (FLP) activities are ratcheting up. We are very happy to have some new volunteers and are always looking for more to join us for work parties and other endeavors.

First off, check out new plants in several spots in the park! For Earth Day in April, we planted a large area across from the Laurelhurst Club where a huge tree fell in 2024, decimating many established shrubs. New evergreen camellias and pieris, along with hardy natives, will be a boon to wildlife. Thanks go to LNA and Portland Nursery for funding these efforts.

On a less positive note, a private cyclone fence has been erected, encroaching on city land at the northwest tip of the park. As of this writing, folks at Parks Property Group are looking into the problem and several FLP members are keeping this issue in the forefront. There was a prior dispute about this property line in 2012 and it was supposedly settled then. Subsequently, Friends planted many new shrubs to create a nice backdrop—most of these have now been destroyed. Let's hope this gets fixed, and soon!

Another huge area of concern this year is the certainty of big budget cuts that will impact all Portland parks. Again, as of this writing, we don't know exactly what those cuts will entail but they are likely to dramatically affect staffing, community centers and maintenance services like keeping bathrooms open, etc. A planned Parks Levy on the November ballot might provide partial help, but not if it fails.

If you think our parks and greenspaces are important, speak up whenever you can. Our District 3 city councilors need to hear your voices. They are Steve Novick, Angelita Morillo and Tiffany Koyama Lane.

To keep updated about our work party plans and get on the FLP email list, contact us at
laurelhurst.parkfriends@gmail.com.

WORK PARTIES 2025

Second Wednesday of the month (9-12 noon):

May 14, June 11, July 9, August 13, Sept. 10, Oct 8.

All tools are supplied; bring work gloves and wear grubbies and sturdy shoes. Volunteers meet at the blue-green Parks building (3600 SE Ankeny St. on the north side of the park).



Volunteers rejuvenate storm-damaged areas with new plantings, October 2024.

LNA Gears Up for Garage Sale

By Chris Brewster
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As the year slowly warms and spring flowers emerge, Laurelhurst's thoughts turn to one of its cherished annual traditions – the Laurelhurst Garage Sale. This year's Garage Sale will be held on Saturday June 21 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. As longtime neighbors know, the Garage Sale is a big event on the neighborhood calendar – last year, more than 145 residents held garage sales on a perfect summer day. This was a new record in the post-COVID era, and we anticipate similar interest again this year. And while there is no way to quantify this exactly, interest from the rest of the city seemed high last year, with a great many people walking the neighborhood and visiting the sales.

The Garage Sale is not only fun and a good way to declutter your home – it also serves as a fundraiser for the neighborhood. Neighbors who hold a garage sale pay a \$30 registration fee for which they receive a Garage Sale sign and are included on the official garage sale map. They also benefit from the publicity and advertising that the Garage Sale team orchestrates in the days and weeks leading up to the sale. As always, proceeds from the registration fee go toward the Laurelhurst Arches Restoration Fund, which we use to keep the Laurelhurst arches clear of graffiti and for deeper restoration of the arches. This year, the arch on the north side of NE Glisan was restored, including removal of years of graffiti and cover-up paint, repair of crumbled mortar and the concrete cap that tops the arch, and a glow-up of the gold paint in the "Laurelhurst" inscription. Last year, similar work was done on the arch on the south side of NE Glisan. The Arches Committee is always on the lookout for vandalism to the arches so that it can quickly be removed.

Garage Sale registration will be open in late April, so be ready for further instruction on the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association's social media pages and the neighborhood email list!



Every year the LNA financially sponsors several services and events that are FREE to you – this Newsletter, the summer block party, the extra flowers and plantings at Coe Circle around the base of Joan of Arc, the Halloween Party and Puppet Show, and others.

These are brought to you courtesy of your neighbors' volunteer efforts. They generate no income. They do, however, generate expenses: for supplies, printers, plants, ice cream, etc.

LNA needs YOUR SUPPORT to continue these valued activities.

Consider this an electronic "pass the hat", please make a contribution to the LNA to help maintain the level of service we are determined to provide.



Candidate Statements – May 13 LNA Board Elections

Abigail Smock – Candidate for Vice President

I'm excited to run for Vice President of the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association. Since 2022, I've served as the Southeast Quadrant Representative, bringing a fresh perspective to the Board and organizing community events like the summer block party, a family clothing swap, and membership meetings.

Professionally, I've built a career in social impact over the last 15 years and currently work for a global public sector consultancy. Since moving to Portland in 2020 and buying our first house in Laurelhurst, I've had the pleasure of building a home and feel privileged to have found such a strong community here.

As Vice President, I'll continue my commitment to making our neighborhood a welcoming and family-friendly place and work alongside our board and President Kayleen Kusterer to strengthen neighborhood connections and engage with citywide issues that impact us all.

Steven Fisher – Candidate for SEUL Rep

Southeast Uplift (SEUL) is a city sponsored non-profit encompassing Portland District 3's neighborhoods and business associations. SEUL has been around a long time, going back to the 1960s when Portland formed its neighborhood districts. Its mission is to "To collaborate with Portland's District 3 community to build informed, inclusive, and participatory neighborhoods that support our social and ecological well-being." In practice SEUL meetings are where Portland's Bureaus (Planning, PBOT, Environmental Services) come to present plans that will affect District 3 neighborhoods and where Portland's many advocacy groups come to present their ideas and seek neighborhood support.

As the LNA representative to SEUL I will make sure our neighborhood's perspectives are represented and work with the representatives of other District 3 neighborhoods to find common ground on issues that affect us all in the SEUL forums. I will also bring issues back to the full LNA Board when necessary. Lastly, there is a fiscal component associated with SEUL; grants and fiscal partnering have been awarded to specific neighborhoods in the past. I will work with the LNA Board to determine if there is a desire or need to seek a grant.

Steven Rebischke – Candidate for SW Quad Rep

I am running for the LNA Board position of SW Quad rep. I have served on the LNA Board for the last two years in the same position. I have also served on the Laurelhurst Club Management Committee (which sets direction and oversees the operation of The Laurelhurst Club) and the LNA Finance committee (which reviews and oversees the financial health/integrity of the LNA/The Laurelhurst Club). I have carved out time to work on these committees and management groups because I care deeply about my neighbors and the welfare and livability of our neighborhood.

That is why I am running for another term. Please vote for me. If you have any questions or concerns you'd like to raise – please contact me at laurelhurst.SWQuadRep@gmail.com.

Scam Alert: Watch Out for Fraudulent Emails Circulating in Laurelhurst

By Kayleen Kusterer, LNA President
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Several scam emails have recently been circulating through the Laurelhurst Gmail system. These messages typically claim that the LNA treasurer is out of town and ask the recipient to provide an urgently needed payment to the supposed vendor – with a promise of later reimbursement.

Please know: **the Laurelhurst Board and your neighbors will never ask you for personal payments on behalf of the LNA.**

Unfortunately, one neighbor recently fell victim to this scam. We're sharing this warning to help prevent it from happening to anyone else.

Always double-check with the person who supposedly sent the email before taking any action. Never send money, gift cards, personal information, or bank details in response to an unexpected request.

If you receive a suspicious email, don't respond or send money. When in doubt, contact a known Board member directly to confirm.

How to Tell if an Email Is a Scam:

1. **Urgency or Pressure.** The email says something needs to be done right now (e.g. "Treasurer is out of town," "urgent payment needed").
2. **Unusual Payment Requests.** You're asked to send money, gift cards, or bank info—especially if it's out of the blue.
3. **Poor Grammar or Typos.** Many scam emails have awkward wording, strange phrases, or lots of errors.
4. **Email Address Looks Off.** Even if the name looks familiar, hover over it. A scam email might come from something like laurelhurst.treasurer@gmail.fake.
5. **Too Friendly or Vague.** The message might try to sound casual, like "Hey, are you free? I need a quick favor," without any context.
6. **Promises of Reimbursement.** Scammers often say "you'll be paid back soon" to get you to act fast.

What to Do If You're Unsure:

- Do not reply and delete the message.
- Do not send money or personal info.
- Forward the email to a known Board member to verify.
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Conversation with a Cop – Spring 2025 Edition

By Alan Comnes

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LNA hosted its first “Conversation with a Cop” of 2025 on March 25. Eleven residents sat down with Lieutenant Brent Maxey and Officer Joana Buck, both from Portland’s Central Precinct.

Lt. Maxey and Officer Buck offered clarity on when to call 9-1-1 versus either the Police non-emergency line--(503) 823-3333--or PDX 3-1-1. 9-1-1 should be used for emergencies where a life may be in danger or for active crimes, or if someone is imminently at risk for harming him/herself or others. It’s also OK to use 9-1-1 if you see a crime in progress impacting another person or property. Even if police can’t respond immediately, reporting incidents to PPB through all channels helps with future investigations.

Another topic of discussion was the impact of HB 4002, the 2024 law that partially re-criminalized hard drug use and possession. The new law gives PPB more ability to get drug users off the street and into treatment. Officer Buck and Lt. Maxey noted that 167 individuals had been referred but the requirement to pursue treatment and housing is limited. Whether repeat offenders will end up in jail remains to be seen.

The officers also discussed the real progress PPB has made in improving response times in the last year. Staffing remains below recommended levels but is slowly improving. They also told us that Portland’s traffic enforcement division, effectively disbanded in 2020, is back, albeit with smaller staffing. As part of PPB’s focus on traffic safety in understaffed times, it has deployed “decoys”--non-operational patrol vehicles placed in visible areas—in hopes of improving driver behavior.

All participants and LNA Safety Committee co-chair Alan Comnes thanked the officers for attending. If you would like to participate in a future Conversation With a Cop or have a question regarding neighborhood safety, please contact laurelhurstSafetyComm@gmail.com.

Communication In An Emergency

By Shelley Zucker, Laurelhurst Neighborhood Emergency Team (LNET)

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Today, most of us rely on cell phones for communication. In the event of a regional emergency, power outage, or other disruptions to cell service, it is crucial to have alternative plans for communication. Key family members/friends need to know what is expected of them and how to share critical information with others. Do they try to send a text message? Call in using Family Radio Service/General Mobile Radio Service (FRS/GMRS) phones? Radio in using amateur radio (Ham Radio)? Head home, meet at a pre-identified location or wait to be picked up?

Safety Plans should include an out-of-area contact who won’t likely be impacted by the local emergency. This out-of-area person can relay details to others and will likely have more access to resources. Each family member should have a physical as well as digital copy of identified contacts and meeting locations. In addition, ensure your emergency kit includes a car-phone charger, portable charger and a battery powered radio with extra batteries (stored separately from the devices).

Tips for using Cell Phones

If you plan on using cell phones, establish off-peak hours (i.e., 5:15 am, 1:15pm, etc.) for emergency communication. Send short, clear text messages as they take up less bandwidth than a call, photo or video. Use power saving modes to preserve battery life.

If you have K-12 students, ensure you “opted in” to receive text messages from the school and that your emergency contact list is up to date with a broad range of authorized people on the school’s pick-up list. Ideally, include someone within walking distance. Most public and private schools will contact families via email, text and voice messages. In addition, schools will share critical information on district/school websites and through social and news media. Portland Public School’s website (pps.net/Page/213) summarizes the district’s communication plan.

Alternatives to Cell Phones

Take time to establish personal plans if cell phones are down. Non-cordless landlines are a reliable alternative. Some people may have a paid subscription to a satellite phone or be amateur radio operators. For shorter distances in the neighborhood, there are many options for hand-held walkie talkies (FRS/GMRS radio); choose a main and back up channel for your emergency contacts. Hand-written messages posted at specific locations are incredibly effective, assuming your key contacts know where to look and can get to these sites. Throughout Portland, some public pay phones exist at a few MAX stations (Orange Line) and other public areas, though they are quickly disappearing.

Network with your family, friends, block, and extended community to create a clear and diverse communication plan. Write it down, review, and share a printed version with all parties.

Neighborhood Communication Networks

Basic Earthquake Emergency Communication Nodes (BEECNs) are an important resource for city and statewide communication. There are about 50 Portland BEECN sites that provide a neighborhood communication hub where people can get information from the authorities concerning the disaster response. Laurelhurst’s BEECN site is All Saints School with a backup location at the Laurelhurst Club. In the event of a regional emergency, communications will be collected from neighborhood blocks via paper messages, FRS/GMR and Amateur Radio. These messages will be prioritized and passed up the chain at BEECN staging areas, amateur radio operators’ homes and fire stations. Critical communications will be relayed to The Portland Bureau of Emergency Management, Multnomah County and Oregon State emergency teams.

If you are interested in becoming a BEECN Volunteer or to get trained as an amateur radio operator, the LNET team can help put you in touch with the right resources and training. Email us at laurelhurstnetteamleader@gmail.com.



NET Radio Operators during a January 2025 radio training (from left to right: Kevin Matson, Laura Rodgers, Linda Bellerby, and Lee Younglove)

Do You Know WORDPRESS?

Are you an experienced WordPress website developer? Would you be willing to help the LNA do some cleanup and added functionality on our website? Some of the things we are looking to have done are these:

- addition of an interactive Calendar widget where you click on an event for more information;
- a template for the recurring LNA events, so we can easily update or spin off new event pages;
- cleanup and standardization of the elements in the Square Store;
- a template for one-off newsletter articles;
- a scheduler announcement widget preloaded with announcements that change on a timer;
- set up redirects to use the alternate domains we "own;"
- make Donate and Volunteer options more upfront;
- more topics/tabs/section at top of landing page, so not so much is hidden in drop down lists;
- a Search function for all components of the website.

If you understand these words and how to make the changes happen (or know someone who does this kind of work), please contact us at laurelhurst.communications@gmail.com about your skills and other criteria for your assistance. We are eager to start on these as soon as possible.

Century Home Plaque Price Increase Coming- July 1

By Johnyne Wascavage
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Starting July 1st, the cost of Century Home Plaques will increase to \$125. The foundry has increased the price of both the mold and the individual plaques over the years. Order now to get your plaque at the original price, before the increase!

We are accepting orders for homes built in 1926 and earlier. The plaques are heavy polished bronze, customized with the year the home was built.

Plaques may be ordered online at the LNA Store (lnastore.square.site or use the QR code below), or by mailing a check payable to the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association to LNA Treasurer, 3721 SE Ankeny St., Portland OR 97214. Be sure to include a note with your name, email address and phone number as well as the year your home was built.

The plaques are suitable for mounting on siding, pillars, doors, gates or other locations inside or outside your home.

If you need help to determine the year your home was built, a good place to begin is the Portland maps database (portlandmaps.com) or send your questions to lnacenturyplaque@gmail.com.

We only place an order with the foundry once a year now, in late fall. The plaques are delivered in December. However, you can save \$25 by ordering by June 30th either online (use the QR code) or by sending a check to the Treasurer.



Land Use Update

By Steve Fisher, Land Use Committee Chair

Barbie's Village

Barbie's Village, formerly the site of the Laurelhurst Presbyterian Church, continues to make progress. As a reminder, the former church is now owned by Future Generations Collaborative, a nonprofit organization serving the indigenous people living in Portland. The existing building has been renovated to better serve FGC's efforts with new carpeting, paint, a new HVAC system and a kitchen to serve nutrition programs. The tiny house project is still a work in progress. The number of tiny houses seems to have been downsized from the original concept. Now six tiny homes are being considered, five for families and one for a caretaker. FGC is still looking for funding. Stay tuned for future updates.

Hollywood Hub

The Hollywood Hub is a 12-story affordable housing building with 224 units, located on Halsey Street across from Trader Joe's on the site of the former Tri-Met Transit Center. Work on the foundation is underway. Pile driving is almost complete. You will notice a large crane on the site which will be there for a while, approximating the eventual height of the building, a new addition to the Hollywood skyline. The project schedule shows units being rented in early 2027. Fencing is installed around the site but access to the MAX Station and across the pedestrian bridge between Hollywood and Laurelhurst has been preserved through construction and will continue to be as construction continues. As noted in previous articles this project is supported by funding from the City, County and Metro and sits on Tri-Met land.

WeShine's Third Village Opens in North Portland

WeShine accepted an invitation from North Portland's St. Andrew's Episcopal Church (7600 N. Hereford Ave.) to develop the nonprofit organization's third small village-style shelter on church property. The St. Andrew's Community Village opened in April 2025. It features 10 sleeping pods, an open-sided pavilion, portable garden beds, and an office in what was formerly a church parking lot. Additional shared community spaces include a full kitchen, several accessible bathrooms, an accessible shower, washer and dryer, and a large community gathering space in the church undercroft or basement. That space is accessible by both stairs and a wheelchair lift.

Media representatives and dignitaries, including Oregon's governor, attended a village preview on March 8th. Governor Tina Kotek made remarks to the approximately 150 attendees, stating, in part:

For someone who has been traumatized by living outside to have a place to lock a door, to put their things, to have a communal space downstairs to eat: that is healing. That is hopeful. That's what we need around the state, and it is happening around the state. I have been blessed by seeing all 36 counties in my first year in office and to be back on the road during my second year.



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Save the Date: Laurelhurst Neighborhood Block Party

By Abigail Smock, SE Quad Rep
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Mark your calendars! Our annual Laurelhurst Neighborhood Block Party is back on Tuesday, August 5th!

Every summer, this beloved tradition brings our community together to celebrate what makes Laurelhurst special: friendly faces and a strong sense of connection. Since 2017, this gathering has grown into a vibrant evening of food, music, and activities for all ages. It's more than just a party—it's a chance to build relationships, welcome new neighbors, and strengthen the fabric of our neighborhood.

This year, we're looking forward to another evening of community spirit—and we'd love your help. If you have ideas or to volunteer, contact Abigail Smock at laurelhurst.sequad@gmail.com. Whether you've lived here for decades or just moved in, we're looking forward to seeing you there.

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Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

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Looking to advertise a business or event? Write us at adteam.laurelhurst@gmail.com.

The newsletter is delivered one week prior to each general meeting.

General Meeting	Article Deadline	Ads Deadline
Sept. 9	July 22	July 22
Nov. 11	Sept. 23	Sept. 23

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What is happening around the state is truly transformational. People are figuring it out, coming together and trying to help their neighbors in so many ways. The partnership between WeShine and St. Andrew's to build and operate a micro-village is a model for other faith communities to follow. It's efforts like these that give me faith that Oregon will be a place where no one has to sleep on the streets at night.

WeShine's person-driven model of service delivery focuses on meeting people where they are. Villagers are in charge of their own progress and receive peer support and advocacy to help them connect to resources and services that meet their needs. In order to remain in the community (maximum of two years), guests must make consistent progress on the ultimate goal of moving into stable, affordable housing.

Central to the person-driven service delivery model is the micro-village environment that allows staff to tailor the services available to villagers to meet both individual and group needs. Among others, wraparound services include:

- support to use public transit;
- helping villagers re-establish their identity documents;
- ensuring enrollment in the Oregon Health Plan and SNAP monthly food benefits;
- helping villagers obtain services from mental health and substance abuse treatment providers;
- offering recovery and peer wellness support;
- job readiness coaching and job training support;
- support to apply for disability benefits if needed;
- coaching villagers on their individual income options
- providing housing placement assistance

WeShine's St. Andrew's Community Village owes its existence to the contributions of so many organizations and countless volunteers. Oregon's Home Builder's Foundation (HBF) was an essential partner in this project's success. The HBF provided connections to numerous other donors of cash, materials and labor for all our appliances, storage boxes, portable garden beds, flooring, fencing, decking, and all of the painting in and around the church building. Altogether, the monetary value of HBF staff time, as well as the HBF member and volunteer contributions, exceeded \$100,000.

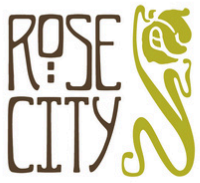
While WeShine has received pro-bono services and other donations to support the development of each of its micro villages, the St. Andrew's micro-village featured substantially more community collaboration than our other villages to date. These included contributions from the Portland Shed, the St. Andrew's congregation, the Episcopal Diocese of Oregon, the Spirit Mountain Community fund, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, and the Native American Youth Association.



Neighbors inside a sleeping pod.



St Andrews Preview, March 2025.



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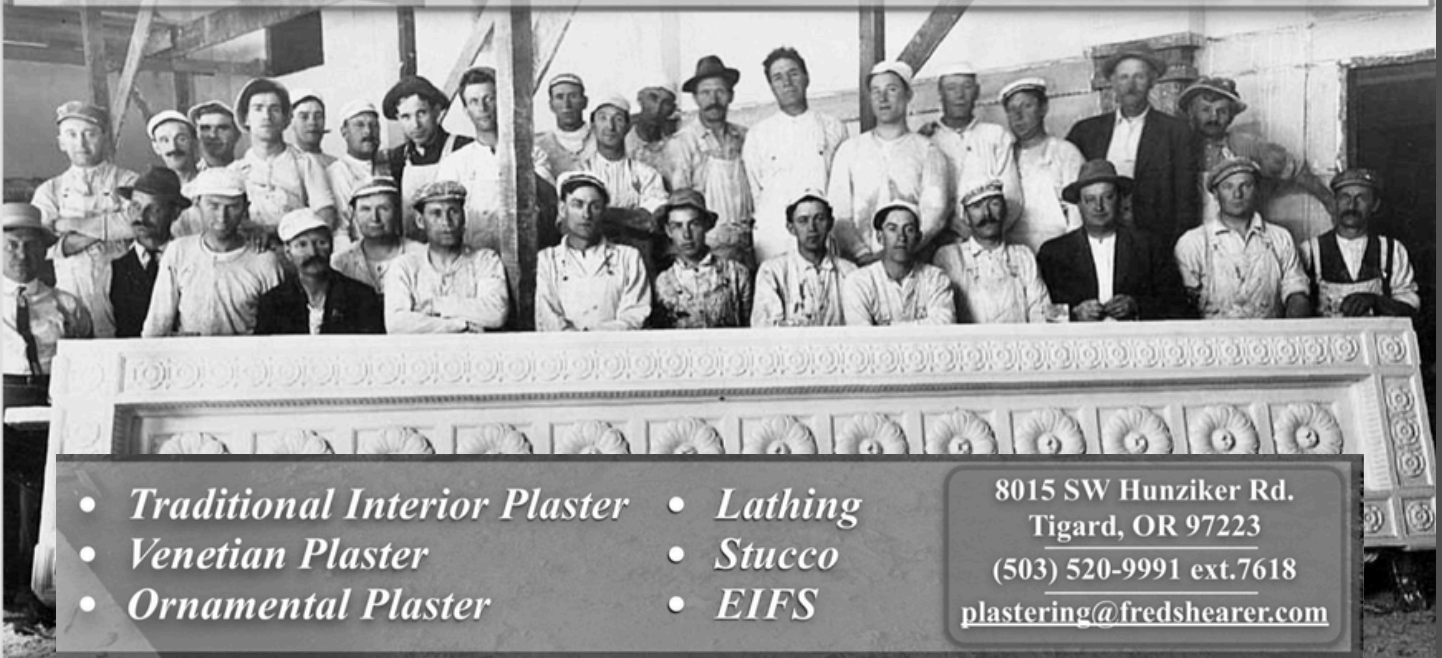
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