

Amendments to LNA Bylaws

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The Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association (LNA) is recommending updates to its Bylaws, the governing document that defines how the association functions. These updates are part of a thoughtful review process led by the Bylaws Ad-Hoc Committee, formed to ensure the Bylaws continue to reflect the Association's current operations and needs.

These proposed changes were introduced and tabled at the September General Meeting. All comments and input are due to the LNA secretary by Saturday, November 1.

The proposed changes have been approved by the LNA Board and will be voted on by the General Membership at the November 11th meeting. The membership meeting starts at 6:30 PM, November 11, at The Laurelhurst Club.

The proposed changes aim to:

- Clarify and define criteria for LNA membership and Board eligibility.
- Redefine certain board roles to better align with current Association activities.
- Provide the Board with greater flexibility in planning general meetings and managing communications, such as the Newsletter.

Proposed Changes:

1. Clarify Membership Qualifications – Clarifies who qualifies to be a voting member. (Page 2)
2. General Meetings – Removes the required number and fixed schedule. (Page 3)
3. Newsletters – Removes the requirement for a specific number and schedule. (Page 4)
4. Board Eligibility – Limits board service to LNA residents and requires they maintain eligibility. (Page 5)
5. Election Schedule – Aligns the VP and President elections on the same cycle. (Page 5)
6. Mid-term Candidacy – Allows current board members to run on any election cycle for a different position. (Page 6)
7. Vice President Role – Adds duties as aide and collaborator to the President. (Page 8)
8. Quad Representatives – May live outside the quadrant they represent. (Page 9)
9. SEUL Rep Redefined – Position becomes Community Relations Representative. (Page 9)
10. At-Large Rep Redefined – Position becomes Volunteer Engagement Coordinator. (Page 10)

Review the Full Document

For the full document, including redline markups showing additions and deletions, visit laurelhurstpdx.org and click on the link on the homepage, or scan this QR code to take you directly to the Bylaws document.



Personal Safety Workshop Held at LNA General Meeting

By Jim Edelson

Personal and family safety in Portland is frequently mentioned as a growing concern for residents throughout our neighborhood. Sarah Johnson from Portland's Office of Violence Prevention presented a 60-minute Personal Safety Workshop at the September General Meeting. It was held outdoors on a very pleasant evening under a tent in front of the Laurelhurst Club.

Exposure to real incidents of crime, and fear of potential incidents, can impact our daily lives, and as was explained at the Training, can vary widely between different populations within the community.

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LNA General Membership Meeting **Tuesday, November 11, 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?

- ◆ – General Membership approval of proposed by-laws changes. See article page 1.
- ◆ – Hands-on workshop led by Vice President Abigail Smock and former Communications officer Jake Cann on shaping the future of Coe Circle. Come and explore ideas for land use, landscaping and pedestrian safety and help create a shared vision for the space. This collaborative session will set the stage for a collective plan to bring our ideas to life in partnership with the city. Don't miss this chance to have your voice heard and help design a safer, more welcoming neighborhood landmark.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November

11 LNA General Membership meeting; vote on Bylaws Change, 6:30-8 pm. The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St.

December

7 Laurelhurst School Winter Artisan Bazaar, 9 am-4 pm, 840 NE 41st Ave

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

13 Breakfast with Santa, 9 am to 11 am. The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny St.

January

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

February

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

March

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

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But everyone can benefit from a better understanding of the different levels of response available to increase one's own personal safety and to avoid dangerous confrontation.

The training presented a hierarchy of increasing levels of engagement -- from recognizing your personal intuition of the situation to escaping physically from the area. These levels of engagement were laid out in this training agenda from the Office of Violence Prevention.

Ms. Johnson labeled the Workshop a "trauma-informed" training, and walked the attendees through details of skills and techniques that can be used at each level of engagement during a potential or actual incident. She stressed that the most important consideration is to "trust your instinct," and emphasized that the whole set of skills in the training provides important preparation for dealing with encounters that could potentially endanger personal safety.

For more information, you can view the entire Workshop presentation tinyurl.com/lnasafetypdx, or visit the Rose City Self-Defense website portland.gov/community-safety/ovp/rose-city-self-defense

TRAINING AGENDA

- **Introductions and Organization Chart**
- **Intuition/Instinct**
- **Assertiveness**
 - 3-Step Model
- **De-Escalation Skills**
- **Options for Escape**
- **Healing and Wrap-Up**



A Brief History of Laurelhurst's "Mayor's Mansion"

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Like many of my neighbors, I often comb the Zillow listings to see what Laurelhurst properties are on the market. I was surprised earlier this summer when I noticed the home at 3360 SE Ankeny, the second largest home in the neighborhood, was up for sale. This is only the second time this property has been listed for sale in the past 35 years.

The stately Colonial Revival style home at the NW corner of Laurelhurst Park has been a landmark of the Laurelhurst neighborhood for over a century. Built in 1912 by H. Russell Albee, this home is known as the "H. R. Albee House" or the "Mayor's Mansion" since Albee was elected Mayor of Portland on June 2, 1913, a year after the home was completed. He served until 1917, then resumed his business career until returning to public service in the Parks Bureau from 1939 until his death in 1950.

Albee purchased the property, which consists of four lots, in 1911. Two years later the City purchased the 27-acre adjacent property with the hope of establishing a park in accordance with the Olmsted Plan. Albee had the house built in 1912 for use as his summer home, two years before the city completed Ladd Park, which was later renamed Laurelhurst Park.

Albee's architect was A. E. Doyle, who designed every significant building in Portland in that era, including the Portland Public Library, the Meier & Frank Building, the Benson Hotel and Civic Stadium (now Providence Park) and was highly regarded for his indelible mark on several buildings at Reed College.

Albee, a liberal Democrat, first entered politics in 1903 when he won a seat on the Portland City Council. At the end of his term two years later, he ran for mayor but lost to Harry Lane. In 1910, Albee was elected to the Oregon State Senate where he served until 1913. That year he again ran for mayor and this time was successful. Albee was the first mayor to preside over Portland's commission form of government, which had been approved by a very slim majority of city voters on May 3, 1913. He and his wife June lived in the home for only six years. After leaving office Albee sold the house in 1918 to J. P. Brix, president of the Wilson Bros. Shipbuilding Co. of Astoria, who kept it until 1951.

Anthony Radmilovich purchased the home in 1951 and lived there with his wife Mary until 1959, when it was sold to Kenneth Jones. Jones owned it for 14 years but made no major alterations to the home before it was purchased by Viola Munger in 1973.

Mrs. Viola Petersen Munger had been the manager of Meier & Frank store's notions department before she married William Munger in 1952. He had invested in White Rock Bottling, and she is credited with successfully acquiring Dr Pepper and Schweppes franchises. The Mungers contracted a complete remodel of the kitchen the year they moved in but made few other changes during their 15 years in the home.

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After Viola Munger passed away, there was a well-attended estate sale at the house in 1988, but the home went into the Munger trust and was unoccupied for the next two years. The neglected property was bought in 1990 by retired engineer and PCC Professor Richard Kroll and Park Bailey.

There were bars on the windows, and the property needed some major repairs. Fortunately, some original stained glass, alabaster and pewter light fixtures, and tile and oak floors survived. They remodeled the kitchen again in 1990, and with time, elbow grease and estate sale antique shopping, Kroll and Bailey lovingly restored the mansion. It was during their ownership that the home was added to the National Register of Historic Places in October 1992.

Following Park Bailey’s passing a few years later, Dick Kroll decided to turn their 101-year-old home into a traditional bed and breakfast. The Mayor’s Mansion Bed & Breakfast opened in the summer of 2013 with four rooms available for reservations. Kroll said he tried to sell the home at one point, but no one would bite. So, he decided to go the bed and breakfast route instead and see what he could make of it. He operated the B&B until he sold the property in late 2018 to the current owners, Elizabeth & David Miller.

Shortly after acquiring the home, the Millers embarked on what would become a five-year renovation project. They partnered with Portland based firm Jessica Helgerson Interior Design to manage the restoration. The home’s significant updates included finishing the basement with a guest suite, laundry zone and screening room; installing a wellness area in the attic; transforming all of the four-and-a-half baths; and reinventing the kitchen layout.

The mansion is favored by film, TV and catalog location scouts needing authentic grandeur. “Portlandia” shot the exterior of the house, which sits on an elevated, half-acre lot, for a fancy party attended by Fred Armisen’s and Carrie Brownstein’s characters (season 3, episode 8). Most recently it’s been featured in Architectural Digest as well as several other publications.

The property has been open to the public three times in recent years. In December 2011 it was opened by the Architectural Heritage Center for a self-guided tour after the renovation by owner Park Bailey; in September 2018 it was open during the LNA’s Historic Home Tour where the owner allowed us to use it for a historic slide show to kick-off the tour. Most recently, in July 2023, the current owners allowed Restore Oregon to host a historic home tour following their extensive renovation project.

Now this newly refreshed 113 year-old piece of Laurelhurst history awaits its eighth caretaker.



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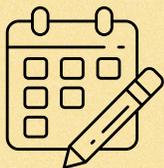
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LNA Website Has A Calendar



Check out the LNA website:
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At the bottom of the home page is a new scrollable CALENDAR, with events and activities around the neighborhood and/or of interest to LNA residents. If you have something to add (or change), send a message to calendar.laurelhurst@gmail.com. (A neighbor, Wendy Stenzel, is coordinating the updates.) Click on any entry to see more details. We will try to improve the look of the entries (word wrap in titles, fonts, different colors) but at least for now, we have a usable calendar that is also easily updated without webmaster skills or credentials.



Support your favorite LNA activities

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, tools and plants for the Friends of Laurelhurst Park, batteries and supplies for the LNET team, 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.



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By popular request, your Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association has restocked the beautiful (and practical) blue aprons and hats. They make wonderful gifts!

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Dehen 1920 Weaves Community on Laurelhurst's Eastside

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Unknown to many in the neighborhood, a small, bright factory sits on NE 44th Street where workers use nearly century-old machines to transform wool thread into sweaters, jackets and hats. Machines whir, threads unspool, hems are sewn, and steam rises from the steamers. This is the manufacturing home of Dehen 1920, a longstanding Portland apparel company that, two years ago, opened a retail store in the front of its building on the eastern boundary of our neighborhood. On a cool fall Friday morning—a perfect time to visit a sweater maker—I stopped by to meet with Rebecca Canady, Retail Sales Manager for Dehen 1920. We talked about the company's long history in Portland, its home in our neighborhood, and its approach to business today.

Dehen began in 1920, producing varsity cardigans for local high schools and, eventually, schools across the country. Over the decades, they adapted to changing fashions—moving from cardigans to letter jackets, cheerleader uniforms, and even custom varsity-style pieces for biker clubs. To this day, Dehen still handles special-order jackets for groups as far away as Germany. Dehen's workshop has been on NE 44th since 2007, after relocating from its longtime Pearl District home at NW 10th Ave and Flanders St. Today, its focus is broader wool apparel. While most of Dehen's sales are online or through retailers nationwide, the local shop—celebrating its two-year anniversary—offers a direct link to the city. As Rebecca put it, “It's really positive being in this community.”

On the workshop floor, I watched employees work with quiet efficiency—cutting fabric, maintaining a mix of vintage and modern machines, and preparing wool for production. Bright bolts of cloth lined the shelves, while racks overflowed with patterns for jackets, sweaters and hats. In one corner, steam filled the air as fabric passed through a large roller system to smooth and stretch it. I spoke with Bill Salscheider, who oversees a row of vintage knitting machines that spin spools of thread into wool tubes destined to become sweaters or scarves. Many workers are career employees; one veteran reflected on how styles have evolved during her 36 years at the company.

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Dehen 1920 remains a family business. During my visit I met Jim Artaiz, husband of the Dehen founder's granddaughter, who now owns the company. At a time of fast fashion, the Dehen family factory reminds us that real craftsmanship still thrives in our city.

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Laurelhurst Stained Glass

By Nicole Hansen

The Laurelhurst neighborhood is home to many beautiful examples of stained glass, from private residences to landmarks such as All Saints Catholic Church and Old Laurelhurst Church. These windows reflect the craftsmanship and artistry that enrich the historic character of our neighborhood, and they deserve to be highlighted as part of Portland's cultural legacy.

There is an opportunity to establish a stained glass walking tour similar to existing garden and home tours. Depending on homeowner consensus, this could be an evening tour with the glass backlit for night viewing from outside, or a daylight tour where participants come inside. I'm hoping to eventually work with the city of Portland to establish the Laurelhurst neighborhood as a stained glass district. The project could also include applying for grant funding to support new works that beautify secular public spaces and celebrate the neighborhood's heritage.

Neighbors who would like to participate or share photos of stained glass in their own homes for inclusion are warmly invited to reach out at nicolemarie4@gmail.com.



Laurelhurst Neighborhood Emergency Team: Please join us!

By Pat Kelly, Assistant Team Leader
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The Laurelhurst Neighborhood Emergency Team (LNET) began in 1994, and we still have original members in the neighborhood. So why a reintroduction? To provide a reminder of our purpose and our plans and to ask for your assistance in serving the neighborhood.

First of all, what is a Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)?

NETs are volunteers who are sponsored, screened and trained by the City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Management. NET members are:

- Prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks during an emergency;
- Able to provide emergency assistance to their family and immediate neighbors;
- Able to work within an emergency response team to save lives and property in their neighborhood; and
- Able to guide untrained volunteers who want to help others during a disaster.

NET members receive 28 hours of basic training, pass a background check and perform at least 12 hours of volunteer service each year including ongoing training, making presentations and assisting neighbors in preparing for emergencies.

If you are interested in becoming trained and joining LNET please see the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management website to sign up. Immediately following the July 20, 2015 Pulitzer Prize winning article by Kathrine Schultz in the New Yorker titled, "The really big one, an earthquake long overdue in the Northwest," our membership went from about 10 active members to over 20 active members. During the remote communication times of COVID that number dropped to 8 active members and is now up to about 10 active members. We are adding a few new members each year. Unfortunately, we also lose a few each year. We don't have enough trained active members to perform the emergency support missions that we have equipment, supplies and radios to support. We need more active volunteers. We have roles for members of all physical abilities.

LNET operates with an Annual Program of Work that we review and update each year and as needed. Our objectives are:

1. Ensure members' leadership skills – every NET member is a leader. Emphasis on collaboratively assessing a situation, evaluating the hazards and the team's capabilities, deciding on a course of action, briefing the course of action, leadership of the action, determination of the effectiveness of the action and capturing lessons to be learned in an after-action review.

2. Community Engagement

- Recruit new members.
 - Consider an open house for neighbors focused on emergencies.
 - Maintain an active relationship with the LNA Board.
 - Implement PBEM's proposed affiliated trained volunteer (ATV) process when it is ready to be implemented.
 - Support and nurture active blocks.
- Maintain an active relationship with All Saints and Laurelhurst Schools including an annual meeting.

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- Maintain an active relationship with Providence Hospital's Principal Emergency Management Officer.
- Maintain an active relationship with the Fire Stations with primary responsibility for our neighborhood.
- Staff an information booth at community events.
- Develop articles for the LNA newsletter.

3. Training – emphasize life safety skills.

- Review and practice light first aid.
- Radio Communications with an emphasis on non-licensed.
- Develop familiarity with our Emergency Supplies and Equipment Cache.
- Participation in Citywide Deployment Exercises.
- Develop an orientation to LNET for new members.

4. Ensure active participation by members.

- Team Leader, Assistant Team Leader and Liaison roles.
- Active blocks groups.
- General Membership meeting contributions.
- Citywide deployment drills.
- Articles for the LNA newsletter.
- Recruit inactive members.
- To accomplish these objectives we have scheduled General Membership meetings in September, October, January, February, March, April or May and June with the standard meeting pattern being the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 7:15pm to 8:45pm. All meetings were in person. Members will be participating in the Fall Citywide Deployment Exercises in November and the Spring exercise in April or May.

Our meetings have included:

- Presentation and discussion of our meeting plan and Program of Work Objectives.
- A meeting with the Principal of All Saints School and the Vice Principal of Laurelhurst School to discuss mutual support during emergencies.
- Refresher training in treating life threatening medical conditions; triage and use of NARCAN.
- A meeting with the Principal Emergency Management Officer from Providence Portland Medical Center.
- A review of radio usage and procedures, including exercises.
- A review of steps to take while deploying to an emergency or disaster including an exercise.
- Training in Team Leadership with an exercise.

We planned for and held ten Team Leader/Assistant Team Leader meetings in July, August, September, October, November, January, February, April, May, and June. Topics included:

- Development and approval of the Program of Work and Objectives.
- Detailed planning for the next General Membership meeting.

- Planning for LNET participation in Fall and Spring Citywide Deployment Exercises.
- After Action Review of LNET participation in the Fall and Spring Citywide Deployment Exercises.
- Review of member roster and development of call down lists.

The LNET Radio Team held weekly communications check-ins and maintained our team-owned radio equipment in good order.

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Land Use Happenings: Fall 2025

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Here is a recap of recent developments in the area of land use:

- We continue to have quarterly meetings to monitor our Good Neighbor Agreement with Anna Mann House, the affordable housing development on NE 33rd near Sandy. I am happy to say we have a good relationship with the management.
- Barbie's Village, just south of Anna Mann House on NE 33rd, continues to be the headquarters and community space for Future Generations Collaborative, a non-profit that serves Portland's indigenous community. There is no news on the proposed tiny house development on-site.
- The Hollywood Hub, another affordable housing development being erected across from Trader Joe's in Hollywood, continues construction. Units are not expected to be occupied until 2027.
- And the best news, the portion of Oak St. that once divided Laurelhurst Park from the "annex" is now a part of the park forever, as the City Council approved the land transfer from PBOT to the Parks Dept.

Lastly, as an ongoing subject to monitor, Portland and the entire political ecosystem from the State, Metro, and Multnomah County continue to look for ways to encourage more and higher density housing, particularly on the east side of Portland, close to transit and other services. How that focus will affect Laurelhurst remains difficult to predict. We are a built-out neighborhood with almost no vacant lots. In addition, the majority of houses in Laurelhurst contribute to the historic district and cannot be demolished without a review process.

However, the City would love to see more Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), duplexes, triplexes and "cottage clusters" as development opportunities come about over time.

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

The LNA Newsletter is a good way to be in touch with your neighbors. If you have an idea for an article let the editor know at laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com. 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.

2026 Dates

General Meeting

March 10
May 12
Sept 8
Nov 10

Article & Ads Deadline

Jan 27
March 31
July 28
Sept 29

A big thank you to everyone who has come out to buff up this special community space, as well as to Parks staff for being such great partners. Hands On Greater Portland volunteers have been invaluable help also.

Going forward, involving even more neighbors who appreciate this park and want to support it would be ideal. We welcome newcomers! Possible future city budget crunches make our support more important than ever. In addition to the work parties, we do advocacy and communication tasks. The 2026 season of work parties will begin in April but planning will be going on this winter. To join our email list, please contact us at laurelhurst.parkfriends@gmail.com.



*Chips, chips and more chips!
Volunteers and staff put down a thick chip blanket to retain moisture while keeping weeds out (hopefully)*

Friends of Laurelhurst Park Wrap up the Season

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Strolled through the park lately? If so, you undoubtedly have seen signs of rejuvenation everywhere. New plantings, freshly mulched plant beds and well-pruned shrubs are all the result of Parks staff's hard work bolstered by dedicated Friends of Laurelhurst Park volunteers.

The seven work parties held this Spring and Summer were well attended and the enthusiasm was contagious. Long-time and first-time volunteers shared plant knowledge, pruning know-how, and friendship as we worked to keep the park thriving. Many hands working together help us succeed in keeping the landscape beautiful.

Our year was capped off in October with a post-work party with refreshments and a shared feeling of a job well done.



Volunteers from the September work party relax after weeding and mulching the Chavez end of the park.

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contact.

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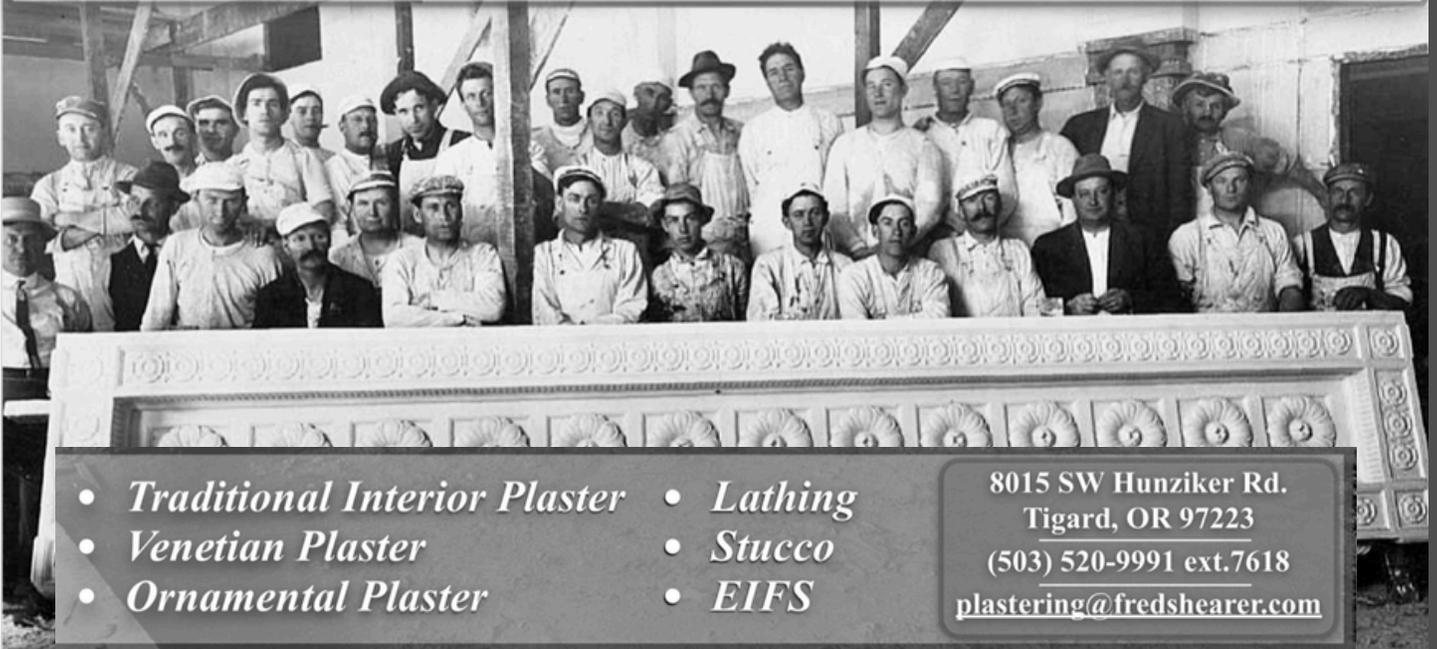


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Adopt a Storm Drain

As we turn the corner from fall into winter and the weather becomes wetter, the Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) is once again encouraging residents to adopt a storm drain.

Portland's storm drains, also known as catch basins, help with stormwater runoff and prevent flooding. If drains get clogged with fallen leaves and other debris, it can lead to dangerous ponding along city streets and intersections. PBOT crews work hard to keep more than 58,000 storm drains clear, but they can't always get to them all. That's why they're asking Portlanders to adopt storm drains..

PBOT thanks all Portlanders who have already adopted storm drains in their neighborhoods to help keep them free and clear. For those interested in joining those who have already adopted a drain, PBOT offers some tips for clearing storm drains:

- Use a rake, shovel or broom. Don't use your hands.
- Wear gloves. Be careful of sharp objects.
- Wear reflective clothing so drivers can see you. Watch out for traffic.
- Only clear drains you can reach from the sidewalk. Don't stand in the street and don't clear drains that are in the middle of a street.
- Clear drains before the rain, whenever possible.
- Clear 10 feet on both approaches to the drain.
- Watch for standing water to avoid slipping or stepping on sharp objects.
- Make sure adults are supervising if children are helping.
- Clear surface debris only. Call PBOT Maintenance Dispatch 24/7 at 503.823.1700 for any emergency hazards or if the drain is still clogged after removing surface debris.
- Never lift storm drain grates. They are very heavy.
- Don't put leaves in the street. Place leaves in your green yard debris roll cart for curbside pickup. If you have too much for the cart, simply use lawn bags and place them next to the roll cart for pickup.
- If the drain is still clogged after you've removed the surface debris, report it online at pdxreporter.org, call Maintenance Dispatch or email pdxroads@portlandoregon.gov to report it.

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Problem Solver Network Addresses Liveability Issues

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In many areas of SE Portland, liveability issues and public safety concerns disproportionately affect residents. To better marshal City programs and services into a collaborative team to address cleaning and activating public spaces, the Public Environment Management Office (PEMO) was established. Its goal is to streamline solutions to public realm issues including trash, graffiti, illegal dumping, abandoned cars, unsanctioned camping and more in public spaces like sidewalks, streets, parks, right of ways and others.

PEMO's Problem Solver Network brings together a diverse set of community stakeholders including businesses and business district associations, neighborhood associations, non-profit and community organizations and others. Fifteen Problem Solver areas meet every two weeks in online Problem Solver meetings. By working together, the network addresses community challenges in a comprehensive, creative and timely manner, while maintaining a strong sense of urgency and accountability.

The 30-minute meetings are grounded in partnership, accountability and outcomes. Meetings are practical and solutions-oriented, focusing on reporting, followup, action and new issues. City staff (Portland Police, Portland Fire, Graffiti Abatement, etc.) update community members on the status of issues from previous meetings and hear about new problems reported by district representatives.

The Problem Solver meeting schedule is available at portland.gov/pemo/pemoproblemsolver. To attend a Problem Solver meeting, email pemo@portlandoregon.gov. There is also a Problem Solver boundary map to help people identify which meeting is appropriate for their area.

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