



# The Other Side of the Fence

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Enhancing the quality of neighborhoods through community participation

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**Housing Inspector/ Artist Dan Collins** with the grand mural of the city skyline and neighborhoods, he painted mostly with leftover paint. The scene, in shades of blue and purple, greets customers coming up to the ONI office at the Columbia Square Building.

PHOTO BY NELL WAGENAAR

## Portland Skyline comes alive at Columbia Square office

By Nell Wagenaar

Working evenings and weekends, Dan Collins, long-time ONI Housing Inspector, is finally nearing completion of an impressive 6 by 15-foot mural that depicts the Portland skyline, the city's bridges and neighborhoods on both sides of the Willamette River. "There are still some minor details to add and some touching up to do but it's mostly done," he said during a recent interview. He started painting the mural shortly after ONI moved into the Columbia Building last fall. The project was funded with money leftover in the Tenant Improvement fund. Mt. Tabor was his vantage point. He made numerous trips to the top of the reservoir trying to get clear shots of the city, took a series of photographs of the downtown and

surrounding skyline, pasted them together, and plotted the terrain and buildings on a graph. He then sketched the image to scale on a transfer sheet, cut out the images, applied the transfer sheet to the wall, painted the basic forms, removed the transfer sheets and then worked on the details. He used left-over blue latex wall paint from the office remodeling project mixing it with white, darker shade of blue and purple to get the various desired shades in the painting.

Dan, born on Long Island, New York, moved to Reno, Nevada at the age of seven. He attended the University of Nevada, was stationed in Washington D.C. for his U.S. Navy active duty and then attended the University of Oregon where in 1975 he obtained a bachelors degree in architecture.

“For a year after that, I was a beach bum in Hawaii having fun and earning a meager living doing pen and ink drawings, advertisements, greeting cards, and selling watercolor and acrylic paintings at the Honolulu Zoo.” He won an award from the Hawaiian Watercolor Society without ever having any formal training in painting. “I started out painting with one of those kids’ watercolor sets with little tablets and a cheap brush that I got for a college architectural rendering class.”

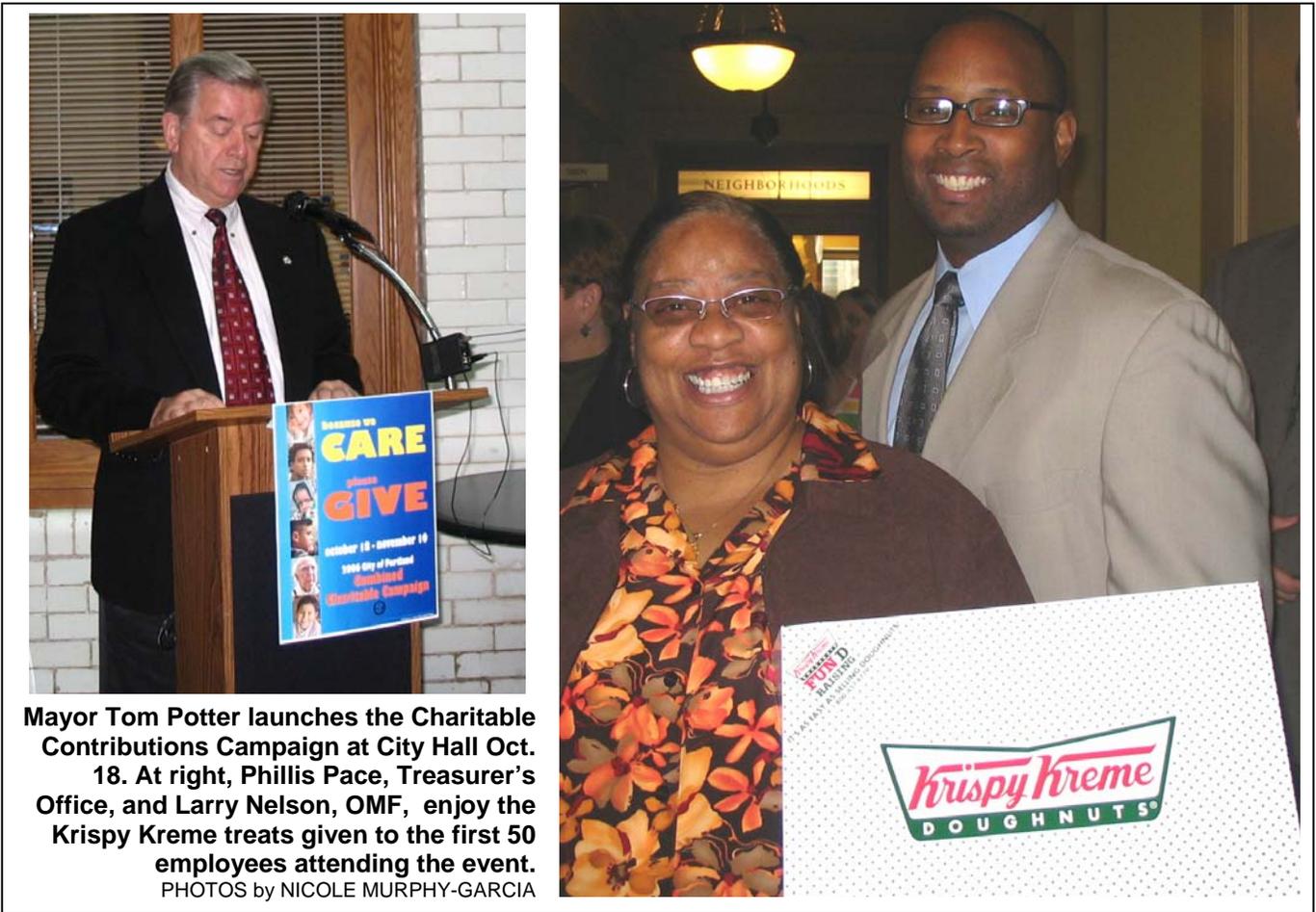
**He came back to Oregon** and started his own building/design business working as a general contractor doing custom residential buildings, building spec houses, designing commercial structures at Sunriver, and remodel projects. Additionally, for a while he worked at a local architectural firm primarily doing perspective architectural drawings that appeared in local media. He continued his art “on the side” doing commissioned paintings, logo designs, murals, advertisements, and won awards—at the Lake Oswego Arts Festival, Trails End Art Festival in Gearhart, Oregon and other art shows. He won an art competition done by KGON FM Radio for which they created a calendar. Many years prior to working for the city he received a second place award out of 2500 entries for a logo for the City’s Transportation Bureau.



## It’s a Girl!!!

Lucianne Chan Kennedy-Wong was born Oct. 16 at 2:15 a.m. to lucky parents Elizabeth and Phillip Kennedy-Wong at Kaiser Sunnyside in Clackamas. Luci is healthy and beautiful and weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. and was 20.75 inches long at birth. She made a surprise visit to the ONI office with her parents a few weeks later.

Congratulations to Phillip and Elizabeth for this blessed event! Elizabeth, ONI liaison, is the Mayor’s Policy Manager for Neighborhoods and Education.



Mayor Tom Potter launches the Charitable Contributions Campaign at City Hall Oct. 18. At right, Phillis Pace, Treasurer's Office, and Larry Nelson, OMF, enjoy the Krispy Kreme treats given to the first 50 employees attending the event. PHOTOS by NICOLE MURPHY-GARCIA

## Charitable Campaign kicks off with free donuts

By Nicole Murphy-Garcia

The Charitable Contribution Campaign began with a bang (or rather a bite) in the City Hall Atrium last month with free donuts for the first 50 employees who attended the kick-off event. Employees came also to hear Mayor Potter speak and a chance to win gift certificates to local restaurants.

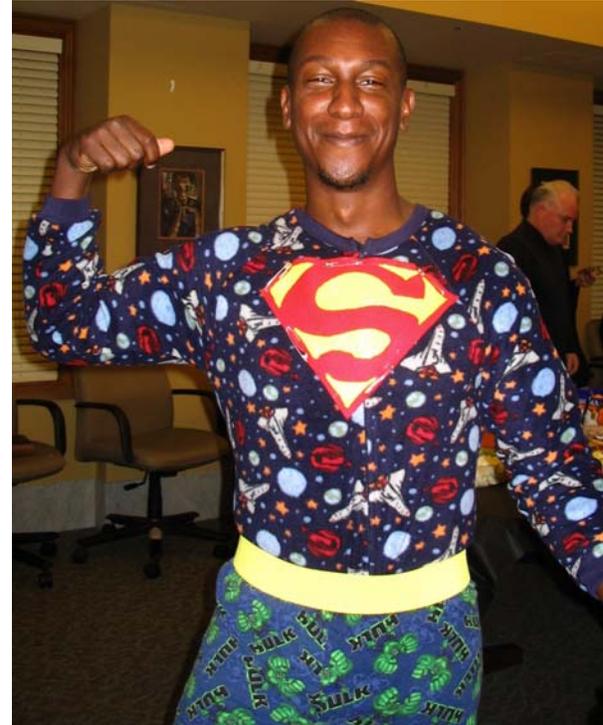
This year 15 charities are participating, and some have added a special fund, which employees can earmark for relief to Hurricane Katrina victims. Last year, the City received \$220,000 in contributions, but Mayor Potter wants employees to increase donations by 20%. "Please give generously to those less fortunate than yourselves." He also challenged Commissioner's offices to have 100% of their staff contribute to the campaign. Tony Stuhe, from the Children's Trust Fund of Oregon, asked each and every employee to contribute something, whether it be a large one time donation or a small one every pay period—every one can do something. Currently, the city charges a \$.50 administrative fee for every payroll deduction but in response to employees' concerns, the Council will vote Nov. 30 on whether to retain or eliminate the transaction fee. If approved by City Council, the fee will not be applied to Charitable Campaign Donations for the 2006 calendar year.



## ***Halloween tradition continues at City Hall***

At left, Ellie Pearson, Sue Parsons and Toni Anderson, from the Council Contracts Division at the Auditor's Office, wear Classic Halloween for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual costume contest. At right is Mimi from the Drew Carey Show. She was filling in for Teresa Solana, Information and Referral Specialist at the ONI office.

PHOTOS BY NELL WAGENAAR



**ONI joins in the fun** with Anna DiBenedetto, left, I&R Specialist, as a fairly knowledgeable butterfly. Fritz Johnson, Deputy Auditor, is faster than a speeding municipal lien in his pajamas and boxer shorts as Superman. The Auditor's Office staff has been organizing the annual Halloween costume contest and office party for 15 years.

## Neighborhood Livability - Crime Prevention

### CP team gears up for specialty community trainings



**Coordinator Stephanie Reynolds**

Crime prevention staff last month was assigned to specialty training topics in such areas as child safety, drug activity response, identity theft, and gangs and youth violence. These trainings will be provided to the public by teams of crime prevention specialists starting in late March after they do some major research into their topics.

Stephanie Reynolds (SWNI) is coordinating the project that will utilize the talents and knowledge of the entire team and include Graffiti Coordinator Marcia Dennis and Liquor License Notification Specialist Kimberly Mark Villela.

Kimberly, Walter Garcia and Galina Grigoryan will tackle alcohol-related problems and inform folks how to use the Time Place and Manner (TPM) Ordinance. The TPM focuses on liquor establishment. If they receive three validated complaints from the public about noise and unruly behavior within a 30-day period, they would be in violation.

Teri Poppino, Stephanie and Marcia will train the public about child safety. William Warren, Stephanie and Walter will handle crimes against commercial establishments—robbery vandalism, shoplifting and trespassing.

Teri, Rosanne Lee, and Tom Peavey will present advanced Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) education that looks at landscaping, lighting and building design and how effective they are in preventing crime.

Katherine Anderson, Rosanne and Celeste will train the public in responding to drug activity. Fraud, ID and mail theft will be presented by Walter, Tom and Celeste. Preston Wong, Katherine, Teri and Tom will tackle gangs and youth violence.

**Tom, Galina, Stephanie and Kimberly will teach good Neighbor Agreements and partnership agreements.** How to deal with graffiti will be taught by Marcia, Teri and Preston. Personal safety for adults will be taught by Stephanie and William. Property management and crime will be presented by Rosanne and William.

The training will be provided to the public in a 45-60 minute version or a 90 minute format. Team members will conduct their own research and develop their own curriculum for the trainings including printed handout materials between now and April.

In February, team members will practice their presentations with each other and in March, they will try out the short version of the presentations a several different audiences including community members and experts in the topic for feedback.

Staffers are also preparing to give shorter spontaneous trainings, brief information and referrals on topics including domestic violence, hate groups, noise, prostitution, homelessness, bombs, sex offenders, child abuse, elder safety and adult businesses.



This hand, above, forms a wall of hands put up in 2003 and is now a permanent part of the wall at Southeast Uplift. At right, more than 1,000 people joined to take the Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Pledge in January 2005 at the Unity Rally, organized in response to skinhead activity in SW Portland.

### **'Anger is a feeling . . . Violence is a choice'**

## **City observes 'Hands & Words Are Not for Hurting' event**

By Marcia Dennis

During the week of October 16-22, the eighth annual Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Week took place in Portland. Mayor Tom Potter issued a proclamation, and the Children's Bill of Rights committee created a banner with their traced purple hands that was hung in the Mayor's office in City Hall. During a short presentation to City Council, the members also took the Pledge and traced their hands, which were added to the banner.

In other communities in Oregon and around the country, Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting week was observed in large and small ways.

The non-profit project has been in existence since 1997, and was created by Ann Kelly in Salem, Oregon. It came out of Ann's life experience, combined with the experiences of her husband, Dr. Bob Kelly, an emergency room physician at Salem Memorial Hospital. Together, Ann and Bob had worked with the Marion County Domestic Violence coalition to put on conferences during Domestic Violence Awareness Month (October). Ann was the founder of Safe and Sound Self-Defense, teaching people how to protect themselves against physical attacks. In that capacity she had encountered many women and girls who were victims of domestic and relationship violence. As an emergency room physician, both Bob and their son Rob, also a doctor, treated victims of violence of all ages and genders.

Ann designed the 14-word pledge: "I will not use my hands or my words for hurting myself or others", and the purple-hand, red heart symbol which serves as a visual reminder of one's promise to stop and think before initiating an act of verbal or physical aggression against

oneself or another, as a means of addressing all types of violence in our communities. The pledge is simple, but powerful. Half as long as our national Pledge of Allegiance, it can be memorized by children as young as 3 years.

**I first learned of the Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project (Hands Project)** when I attended the Crime Prevention Association of Oregon conference in 2000. Ann was a presenter at the conference. In her 'gi' and black belt, speaking of a pledge to end violence and aggression, her message had affected me profoundly. In a short time I became a volunteer and then a board member for this project.

Ann stresses that the Hands Project is not a pacifist movement – it does not say a person cannot defend him or herself in a life or death situation. It does not say a police officer cannot do the job he or she is sworn to do. What it asks of each of us is that we stop and think before saying or doing something that will hurt our self or another person. One of the main beliefs of the Hands Project is “the Power of One”. That is the title of a 10-minute video created for an audience of high school ages and above. It speaks of terrorism both on a global level and in the playground. And, it illustrates how one individual has the power to change the world, by changing how he or she acts.

The Hands Project is a non-profit. It exists through the sales of support materials from the DVD-video, to posters, banners, t-shirts and instructional materials. From the beginning in February 1997, when 12,000 students and adults in Salem, Oregon traced their hands on purple paper and took the Hands Pledge, to November, 2005 – when the Pledge is being recited and incorporated into the character education curriculum in schools in every state and soon in 10 foreign countries, (including Russia, Japan, Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, Sweden and Germany) this little project continues to grow. Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing is using the Pledge/project as part of their training program. The project has been presented at the National Crime Prevention Council's Youth Violence prevention conference; at Harvard University's Kid-Risk Symposium; and at the Hamilton Fish Institute “Persistently Safe School conference in September 2005 to name a few.

**Recently, Marion County Sheriff Raul Ramirez** purchased project banners and signs to place in every correctional facility in the county. San Diego City-County has used the Hands Project Pledge as part of their anti-violence message to all employees and the community. Glendale California will soon implement the Project community-wide. Salem Memorial Hospital has ordered newborn Pledge sheets (featuring a pre-printed infant-size hand with space on either side for parents to trace their own hands) to present to families in their birthing center. (Governor John Kitzhaber and his wife Sharon were the first parents of a newborn to take the Pledge when their son was born).

Our goal for this project is that one day have the purple hand-red heart will be as recognizable as the pink ribbon for breast-cancer awareness or the MADD red ribbons. We hope people WILL take the pledge and take it to heart. We know that ‘anger is a feeling’ and ‘violence is a choice’. Through hearing about and taking the 14-word pledge, we hope people everywhere will stop and think before saying or doing something that will hurt someone else, or themselves.

For more information about the Hands & Words Are Not For Hurting Project, please go to the website at: [www.handsproject.com](http://www.handsproject.com)

# Car prowl education missions pay off in southeast

By Roseanne Lee

During the month of October SE Crime Prevention Coordinators, Officer Dave Golliday from SE Precinct and Montavilla volunteer Victor Flaming conducted four weekend car prowl education missions. We did this last year and had significant results precinct-wide, even though we hit specific hot spots. This year we have had a similar major decline in car prowls in SE precinct. Here is the statistical breakdown for the October missions.

District	% change of car prowls
Buckman, Hosford-Abernethy	-9.0%
Kerns	-9.0%
Montavilla, Mt. Tabor	-14.0%
Sunnyside, Richmond	-18.0%
South Tabor, Foster-Powell	-21.0%
Sellwood, Eastmoreland	-0.0%
Woodstock, Brentwood-Darlington	-46.0%

The entire precinct had a 43% decrease in car prowls comparing September 2005 to October 2005 for this mission. The precinct shows a 65% decrease in car prowls comparing October 2005 to October 2004. The precinct shows a 25% decrease in car prowls comparing September 2005 to September 2004.

In a nutshell, Community Policing works as evidenced by the partnership between SE Precinct, ONI Crime Prevention and neighborhood volunteers.

## **28<sup>th</sup> annual crime prevention conference set**

### **Topic: Crime prevention, homeland security and you**

BEND – the 28<sup>th</sup> annual Crime Prevention Conference sponsored by the Crime Prevention Association of Oregon and the Western Community Policing Institute is set for April 19 – 21 at the *Mt Bachelor Village Resort*, 19717 Mount Bachelor Drive, in Bend, OR.

The 2006 event will focus on crime prevention, homeland security, and their collective application at the local level and will help participants connect the dots between key partners through training, special presentations, and networking.

If you are working to prevent crime—whether a citizen, a health care professional or a community volunteer— join crime prevention colleagues at the crime prevention event of the year. Presentations on strategies to prepare local communities to prevent and respond to the threats of crime and terrorism will be the focus of the conference.

Workshops will be presented by the state's leading crime prevention specialists on such topics as drug prevention; suicide prevention; disaster preparedness; violence prevention; and much more. Full registration before March 15 is \$180 and includes one year CPAO membership (a \$40 value) and most conference meals. After March 15, full registration will be \$200. Register now to obtain the best value.

For more information or to obtain a registration form, visit our web-site at [www.cpao.org](http://www.cpao.org) or contact Tana Steers, 541-726-3731.

## **Landlords say city training makes them better landlords**

By Eric King

Since 1989 the nationally recognized Landlord Training Program has brought the message to over 11,000 Portland-area property owners and managers that effective rental housing management paired with active citizen involvement is crucial to the safety and health of a community. Over 90% of landlords who have taken the course agree that they feel more confident in their ability to screen applicants, recognize signs of illegal activity, and deal with problem tenant behavior should the need arise.

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement sponsored a series of four presentations of the Landlord Training Program Oct 25 and Nov. —the first two were already held Oct. 25 and Nov. 5, 8 and 10. The program's manual, now in its 11<sup>th</sup> edition, is still available through the registration office. The manual is a valuable resource for property management with information on current Oregon landlord-tenant law and key aspects of residential property maintenance requirements in the city of Portland.

This is the original program, updated to current laws and issues, which has been adopted by over 400 cities and counties across the nation. Presented by the program's author, John Campbell of Campbell DeLong Resources, Inc., the content of the course reflects in-depth research with organizations and individuals in police work, housing maintenance, property management, law, and public housing. Topics covered include applicant screening, rental agreements, lease enforcement, property maintenance, and crisis resolution including problem-solving techniques when working with police and housing maintenance inspectors.

The manual can be viewed and printed at the website for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, [www.portlandonline.com/oni](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni). For more information about the manual, call ONI's Landlord Training Program line at 503-823-7955.

### **Information & Referral**

## **Safety Committee and management meet to finalize charter**

By John Dutt

ONI's Safety Committee met with Jimmy Brown and Sarah Keele to review and modify the charter to get us to a final document. The meeting went well and set the tone for a cooperative relationship between the committee and upper management. A few modifications were made to the charter based on this conversation. The Safety Committee met last week to finalize these changes and soon it will be available publicly through our Website.

The City held it's annual Safety Conference at the Iron Workers union hall on NE 158<sup>th</sup> and Airport Way Nov. 3 Four of the five ONI Safety Committee members were able to attend. The conference was a great way to network with other safety committees across the city and with safety professionals at the city. The two featured speakers were Louann Beck, RN, MSN who spoke regarding Mastering the Art of Risk Communication and Rob Russell who spoke on The Ethics of Safety: The Foundation of Action. Both speakers were talented and informative presenters. Mayor Potter and Cheri Greenwood, the City Risk Management Director noted the excellent work safety committees across the city have done over the past 10 years to significantly reduce worksite problems and workers comp claims.

The committee is now accepting suggestions/concerns from staff using an online suggestion form that staff can access on the ONI Website at <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=39337>. The ONI Website has a top-level category titled "Employees" which is where you will find the ONI Safety Committee information and this online suggestion form. To access this category you have to be logged in to PortlandOnline so that the site is able to recognize that you are a city employee. This category is not viewable by those who are not logged in with a city employee account. Staff may also submit suggestions directly to any member of the Safety Committee as another means.

## **North Portland Online wins Digital Government Achievement Award**

North Portland Online is connecting local citizens to government and recently won a national award for it. The City won the award in September for a pilot project, also known as the eVolvment project, that ONI has been involved with over the past year. John Dutt, the City/County I&R Supervisor, participated as a member of the four-person eVolvment project management team. Brian Hoop oversaw the work of our two outreach interns, Maria Elena Guerra and Doretta Schrock, and I&R Specialists Anna DiBenedetto and Nicole Murphy-Garcia. They assisted in training residents on how to use the program, monitoring the Backfence Discussion Forum on the site as well as updating content to the site.

The North Portland site received the Digital Government Achievement Award citizen-to-government category. The Center for Digital Government is a national research and advisory institute on information technology policies and best practices in state and local government.

North Portland Online's goal was to use the Internet to increase community interaction and involvement both with city government and between neighbors. With over 500 registered users the site has demonstrated the effectiveness of this type of technology to give community members another venue with which to resolve issues and connect with others in their communities. While this project was a "pilot" project the hope is that this technology will be made available to the rest of the city in the not-too-distant future. Some of the sites key features were the Backfence Discussion Forum, the Community News and Calendar Section, and the ability for users to submit service requests to city bureaus and staff. While the pilot phase of the project has officially ended the site is still up and running and continuing to eVolve at <http://www.portlandonline.com/northportland>

## ***I&R crew gets off to rough start in October but finishes close to benchmark***

We finished the month of October with 13072 calls answered at 89.2%. After a very rough start because of extreme short staffing due to the plague sweeping through, the team recovered nicely to get us very close to our 90% goal. In other news, we are putting the finishing touches on the database rewrite and plan to roll it out by the end of the month.

## Neighborhood Resource Center

### Grant writing workshop for neighborhood groups set for Nov. 17

A workshop on how to get that grant and other ways to track down resources for your neighborhood is scheduled for Nov. 17 from 6:30 – 9 p.m. at the Historic Kenton Firehouse, 8105 N. Brandon Ave. at Schofield.

The event is free of charge but you must register in advance. Space is limited to the first 40 folks who register. For more info and to register for the workshop, contact Brain Hoop at 823-3075 or [bhoop@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:bhoop@ci.portland.or.us)

The workshop is designed for neighborhood leaders wanting to develop fundraising strategies and raise resource for their groups and individuals interested in organizing special neighborhood projects.

#### Basic introductory skills you'll learn:

- Development strategies for neighborhood groups
- Making fundraising a part of your group's work plan
- Making the ask to neighbors and area businesses
- Researching, building, and writing a simple grant proposal
- Who has money, the world of local foundations

Workshop info online at: <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=37089>

Flier for workshop: <http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=70989>

To register Online go to

[http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?event\\_id=16310&cal=DisplayEvent&c=29367&arowbutton=%3C&year=2005&month=12&modefrom=month](http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?event_id=16310&cal=DisplayEvent&c=29367&arowbutton=%3C&year=2005&month=12&modefrom=month). Then click on "Register for event". You need to have a PortlandOnline account. If you don't you will be prompted to set up an account.

### Spirit of Portland nominations double over last year's

By Brian Hoop

Over 67 people and organizations were nominated for this year's Spirit of Portland awards. The Spirit of Portland Awards, given annually to individuals, neighborhoods, businesses, and volunteers are one way the City recognizes the importance of citizen involvement in shaping the livability of Portland. The selection committee will complete their selection process in late November and the Awards Ceremony will be held at 2pm on December 15, 2005 in City Hall. Awards will be given this year for Humanitarian effort, Independent Spirit, Large Business, Small Business, Non-Profit Organization, Neighborhood of the Year, Outstanding Partnership and Youth Volunteer of the Year.

For more info: <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=29024>

### *Neighborhood system, public involvement scrutinized*

The Office of Neighborhood Involvement and community leaders are looking at ways to improve opportunities for the public to be engaged with the City of Portland. Mayor Tom Potter's Bureau Innovation Project is getting underway with some 20 committees examining a

broad array of opportunities for the City to be more effective and efficient at providing programs and services.

## Visioning committee to look 30 years into future

An extensive community process will identify the shared values of all Portland citizens. The results of this process will be used as a platform to develop a citywide strategic plan, with a vision, mission statement and goals for bureaus to link to and develop performance measures. The strategic plan framework will focus the work of the City and provide a basis for measuring progress and to make further organizational changes within the City bureau structure.

Two community organizers have recently been hired to lead this effort. Liesl Wendt and Juan Carlos Ocana will be working with a committee of 30 community leaders who were just appointed by Mayor Potter. This group will be working closely with ONI being as Portland's neighborhood system and opportunities for public involvement will be closely connected. A Request For Proposals will be available soon for community groups to propose strategies for engaging the community in this effort. For more info:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/mayor/index.cfm?c=39149>

## *Committee to assess ONI's mission, structure and goals*

The #8 committee will conduct a complete assessment of ONI's mission, goals and organizational structure to reinvigorate citizen participation and involvement and supporting the City's goals of diversity and inclusiveness to build community capacity. The outcome may be to restructure Portland's neighborhood system and the City's Office of Neighborhood Involvement to better represent a diverse range of perspectives and needs in the community governance process.

The group has begun by examining the types of questions to use to engage people in a conversation about what a neighborhood or community involvement program might look like that would be accessible to a diverse range of people. Second, the group has been considering the use of focus groups to engage specific constituency groups in this dialogue.

For more info: <http://www.portlandonline.com/mayor/index.cfm?c=39011>

## **Committee developing consistent public involvement procedures**

The #9 committee will focus on internal city reforms regarding public involvement processes to create consistent expectations and processes for public involvement activities depending on the type of project. Additionally, it will articulate the process by which community members and stakeholders participate on boards and commissions.

The City of Portland currently lacks publicly-shared consistent standards, accountability mechanisms and expectations for involving and informing community members and stakeholders in its decision-making processes. The group is currently examining different public involvement models used by governments in a number of other countries. Of key concern is what kind of criteria should be used for determining which types of projects should require public involvement. For more info:

<http://www.portlandonline.com/mayor/index.cfm?c=39099>

## Fall leadership development workshops prove very popular

Workshops ranging from understanding land use procedures in Portland, to grant writing skills, to designing web pages and online forums for neighborhood groups have proved very popular. All four workshops scheduled this fall have already been filled to capacity.

The ABC's of Land Use workshop was offered in conjunction with NE Coalition of Neighborhoods, and a second one with Neighbors West/Northwest. Thirty participants at each workshop learned about State, Metro and City goals for land use as well as specific code language to guide neighborhood leaders in responding to Land Use Review Notices (LUR's).

Upcoming workshops will address How to get that Grant covering basics for writing simple grants for neighborhood and community building projects. It will also focus on guiding groups to build their proposals into a diverse funding strategy that should include membership donations and special event fundraisings.

Going Online is a workshop in December that will provide helpful tips on finding the most effective online communication strategies for neighborhood groups. Often times a group thinks they need a web site when an email listserve or adding content onto an existing newsgroup will get the job done. For more info: <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/index.cfm?c=37087>

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## NE Coalition hosts group from George Fox University

By Burel Ford, Director, Multicultural Services, George Fox University

The students of George Fox University learned a great deal about themselves as individuals, the community of Northeast Portland, and life in general on Sept. 6, 2005 – the university's Serve Day. Since its inception in 1998, the purpose of Serve Day is to serve the public. What occurred at the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods was a role reversal: The students supposedly doing the serving were the ones being served.



John Canda, director of the coalition, provided students with the opportunity to engage in the community in three ways. First, he gave a tour of the facility while providing historical information on the center's creation. During the tour, students met several of the people who take on the arduous task of working with the community to ease the tensions created by gang violence. The students met the people who do their part to make residents feel empowered in their community. This was an eye-opening experience because it showed them that people care about people – and that each individual can have an impact in his or her community.

Next, the students were told to beautify the area by picking up trash on the streets and on lawns. John gave tremendous advice when he told the students to look at people in the eye.

“When you look at people, look at ‘em! Really look at ‘em. Don’t look away. Look at ‘em,” John said. “When you are out in the community, look at the people, say good afternoon and be cordial. What you are going to find is that the people are very friendly.” That fact was realized as people said “hello” and thanked the students for their efforts.

Finally, students were served when they visited the shelter for Hurricane Katrina victims at Washington-Monroe High School. “To see the possibility that people will have to sleep on cots, take communal showers, and not have a job makes me appreciative of the blessings I do have,” said one student. Two students were so inspired by the experiences, they volunteered to assist the coalition and Katrina victims on a monthly basis.

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods opened the door for students to learn about an area that they knew little about. They were moved by the fact that people have hopes and dreams just like them. They also learned that people have hope. Hope for a better world, thanks to the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods led by John Canda.

## Out and About

**North Portland:  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art  
Sale to be held  
at the Historic  
Kenton  
Firehouse**



The second annual Art Sale will be held at the Historic Kenton Firehouse in North Portland Saturday, Dec. 3 from 11 am – 8 pm. The unique, one-day only holiday art sale features one of a kind, fine gifts of ceramics, fiber art, jewelry and many other beautifully handcrafted arts and crafts, most under \$50. The Historic Kenton Firehouse is conveniently located at 8105 N. Brandon Avenue, 1 block west of Denver, 6 blocks north of Lombard, and a few blocks from the Kenton stop on the new Yellow Max line.

For more information- contact: Mary Jaron Kelley at North Portland Neighborhood Services 503-823-4099 or [mkelley@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:mkelley@ci.portland.or.us)

## Do you know your city?

*Congratulations to Lauren Norris from the Downspout Disconnect Program. Lauren was the first person to correctly answer that the nation's first planned communities with sidewalks, paved streets, the whole kit and caboodle was designed with a central park and streets which all circled the hub in concentric circles was Ladd's Addition in the Hosford Abernathy Neighborhood District. All that time spent out in the community paid off for Ms. Norris this month!*

*Continuing on our these of neighborhood specific trivia...*

***In this current Neighborhood, it's most famous geographic feature once was the home of a golf course that later became a "town" known popularly as "Hooverville" or "Shantytown" where over 300 homeless men lived between 1932 and 1941.***

The first person to correctly respond by emailing the Trivia Guru at [jdutt@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:jdutt@ci.portland.or.us) will be crowned our monthly winner. At the end of the year we will have a final showdown of our monthly winners to determine the grand prizewinner and the ONI Portland Trivia champ.



## The Other Side of the Fence

***The Other side of the Fence*** is a monthly newsletter published by the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement. If you have questions or story ideas, please contact Nell Wagenaar, editor, at 503-823-2569 or email [nwagenaar@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:nwagenaar@ci.portland.or.us)