National Night Out kicks off at Applebee’s
Neighbors gather at Applebee’s Restaurant at NE 15th and Halsey Tuesday evening for free soft drinks and barbecue chicken and ribs. The restaurant chain also donated more than $3,000 in gift certificates. (Photo by Carol Justice)

NNO parties huge success across town
From 10,000 to 12,000 neighbors attended the approximate 128 neighborhood celebrations in 40 neighborhoods across town, according to Portland’s Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention Manager Eric King.
“We all noticed a very diverse group of party goers this year. There were a lot of connections made—neighbors who have lived in the same house for nine years meeting their neighbors for the first time,” he said.

“Also we noticed a strong commitment from the Police Bureau this year. It appeared as though every party had a police visitor.

**Good weather brings folks out for NNO festivities**

ONI Director Jimmy Brown enjoys a piece of blueberry pie at the Bridlemile neighborhood picnic during National Night Out celebrations this week. (Photo by Kathy Bambeck)

Commissioner Randy Leonard, center, congratulates Crime Prevention staffers Eric King, manager, left, Marcia Dennis and William Warren, right, at the Applebee kick-off. Aaron Johnson, far left, is policy advisor to the Commissioner. Below left, Crime dog McGruff makes a visit to the St. John's party and, right, PDOT staff gives away free bike helmets to kids in the Boise neighborhood. (Photos by Carol Justice)
Stephanie Reynolds, left, ONI’s Southwest Crime Prevention coordinator, thanks Lillie Fitzpatrick, Chair of the Hayhurst Neighborhood Association. Lillie heads the Transportation Committee, which is trying to get sidewalks in her community. “Lack of sidewalks is one of the factors that isolates people,” she said.

PORTLAND—From drug busts to ice cream socials, it’s all in a day’s work for some of Portland’s finest—the volunteers who dedicate hundreds of hours keeping their neighborhoods safe, clean and friendly.

About 60 neighborhood organizers including block captains, neighborhood association leaders and party hosts for the National Night Out celebrations Tuesday evening gathered at Laurelhurst Park August 27 to be recognized for their good work. They shared stories, enjoyed refreshments and received their “goodie bags” with gift certificates, T-shirts, flashlights, hats, reflectors, balloons, candy, and other party fare.

These volunteers deal with the every day issues out in the neighborhoods: crime and drug activity, vandalism, lack of sidewalks, traffic issues, prostitution, zoning and high-density apartment complexes. They also tend to the social part of community building—making sure that new neighbors are welcomed, that babies get strolled and ailing folks get checked on.
“This evening is all about you…”

“This evening is all about you,” said Jimmy Brown, director of the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, which sponsored the event and supports the volunteer crime prevention efforts in Portland’s nationally known neighborhood system. “Crime prevention is not primarily a police function. It is a neighborhood function,” he added. “We’re here to celebrate the work you do, whether it be as part of a block watch, foot patrol, crisis response, graffiti abatement, neighborhood clean-up or other livability issue.” He said Portland is a national model in community policing.

**Portland part of global celebrations**

Portland joined cities across the nation and around the world in celebrating the 21st annual National Night Out with parties in 40 neighborhoods. They include ice cream socials at people’s homes, larger gatherings in city parks, block parties, barbecues and potlucks. Many of the celebrations will feature live entertainment. A bluegrass band with two banjo players is slated for the party at Helen’s View High School at 87th and Sumner, said Eugene Muir, chair of the Sumner Neighborhood Association.
Above, ONI staffers from left to right: Preston Wong, Marcia Dennis, Roseanne Lee, Crime Prevention Manager Eric King, Kimberly Mark Villella, Stephanie Reynolds, Carol Justice, Susan Hamilton, Walter Garcia, Galina Boyechko and William Warren, who entertained as Master of Ceremonies.

SE Precinct Commander Rosie Sizer, below, stands in for Chief Derrick Foxworth

“Crime prevention is not a police function. It’s a neighborhood function,” said ONI Director Jimmy Brown. Below are Eugene Muir and Susan Hamilton, community activists from from CNN.

Above, ONI staffers from left to right: Preston Wong, Marcia Dennis, Roseanne Lee, Crime Prevention Manager Eric King, Kimberly Mark Villella, Stephanie Reynolds, Carol Justice, Susan Hamilton, Walter Garcia, Galina Boyechko and William Warren, who entertained as Master of Ceremonies.

At left: Victor Flaming, instrumental in shutting down a drug house in the Montavilla neighborhood, and Jerrie Johnson from Arbor Lodge checking her “goodie bag.” She had an ice-cream social at her house in North Portland.
“Portland’s National Night Out is the most public demonstration that occurs throughout the year that celebrates the cohesiveness of our citizens in preventing crime in Portland’s neighborhoods. As a lifelong Portlander, I am very proud to have lead ONI’s National Night Out celebration,” said Commissioner Randy Leonard, who is in charge of ONI.

“It has always been very active in observing National Night Out because we have always valued the power of neighborhood involvement and action. We also know that National Night Out's premise is true; it is citizens who have the ultimate power to protect their city by watching out for each other,” said Mayor Vera Katz.

It all started in Boston

It all started on a Boston street corner one August night in 1985 when Matt Peskin urged residents to turn on their porch lights for the night as a way for people to “turn a light on crime.” The event has grown over the years and now typically involves 7,000 to 10,000 Portlanders.

The Portland Police Bureau is an active partner in the event. “These parties give officers a chance to interact with the community in a most pleasant way—not just during times of crisis,” said SE Precinct Commander Rosie Sizer, who came on behalf of Police Chief Derrick Foxworth.

Getting Involved

“Getting involved is the glue of communities,” said long-time neighborhood leader Fern Bramlet of Mill Park Neighborhood Association. She’s been a block captain for 21 years covering 40 blocks. “When I got my front room window shot out to the tune of $400, Officer John Costello said there was not a thing he could do about it. I said to myself: I can do something about it. I got involved!”

Local businesses are participating by donating money and facilities. Applebee’s Restaurants has donated more than $3,000 in gift certificates and hosted a kick-off party in their parking lot at NE 15th and Halsey. Everyone was invited. Other supporting businesses include Infiniti Broadcasting, Umpqua bank, PGE, Bank of America, and Home Depot.
New faces brighten ONI downtown and south offices
By Nell Wagenaar

The Information and Referral Center had been short-staffed until earlier this summer when three permanent employees were hired to ease the load—Teresa Solano, Nicole Murphy-Garcia and Anna DiBenedetto. They all speak fluent Spanish as well as English.

The Noise Control office gained two temporary noise control inspectors for the summer. They are Joe Chamberlain and Kari Meiser.

The Housing Inspection team added Lee Gonzales.

Teresa Solano. If you hear singing in the ONI office downtown, there’s good chance it’s Teresa.

She came to Information and Referral as a temp last January to fill a staffing gap. She was hired as a permanent full-time employee May 17 and she loves her job.

“You guys are all so upbeat. I love coming to work. It makes me come to work with a smile.”

She actually has two careers—one as information and referral specialist and the other, a mom of four boys, 17, 16, 9, and 5. Life can be a challenge, she says. “Vitalert vitamins help.”

“My boys are pretty good. They’ve learned to live within our parameters. We pretty much live hand-to-mouth.”

Teresa’s always worked two jobs to support her family. She came to us from the Herzog-Meier car dealership in Beaverton where she worked in the customer service department and as a weekend receptionist since 1996. She was employed by the Washington County Housing Department from 1993 to 2000 and also by Oregon State University from 1989 to 1992. “My main goal has been security for my family.”

Her life doesn’t leave much room for leisure but when she gets a breather she plays word games like Literati and Scrabble. Down the road she may go back to school and study medicine. She is specifically interested in the field of OB/GYN.

She was born in Salem and speaks fluent Spanish. Her parents met as migrant laborers, as her grandparents had settled in Independence. They came here from Mexico with the Bracero program, a program that hired agricultural laborers to work in the United States. She has fond
memories of her abuelita who used to call her Escuincle, a term of endearment derived from itzcuintli, Aztec term for a small dog with features of a little piglet.

Nicole Murphy-Garcia sits tucked away in a corner at her computer at City Hall answering the phone but when she turns around, her big smile shines all over the ONI office.

“I’m very glad to be here. I feel lucky to be in an office with such nice, normal people.” Nicole has her hands full with her new job and as the young mother of three children, 5, 2, and 1. But she said her husband Jose helps around the house.

“I was a stay-at-home mom. This feels like a vacation, not wrestling with the kids all day.”

A native Portlander, Nicole graduated from University of Portland last year with a B.A. majoring in psychology and sociology. She got a city job because it puts her in the hub of the city’s activity and she likes the fact she is in a position to help people.

She’s glad she’s got a foot in the door and plans to work very hard. Her eventual career goal is to travel all over the world to meet people. She wants to give inspirational talks to motivate people and help them realize their full potential.

Nicole speaks English and Spanish. She is proud to be tri-cultural, with one foot in her native African American community, the other foot in the Mexican tradition she married into and both feet in the larger mainstream American community.

In her spare time, she likes to go to the movies with her husband. “The Last Emperor,” is one of her favorite all-time films.

Anna DiBenedetto has been with I&R since March and also speaks fluent Spanish. As a Reed College student, she went abroad and studied Spanish in Ecuador for four months in 2001. Not only did she learn more of the nuances of her second language, she also had a life-changing experience. She met Jose Manuel.

“We met at a party and he asked me to dance.” They married six months later.

They now live at the Portland Center, so it's a very nice commute to work. “I was so excited to get this job. I love Portland and I’m learning so much about why Portland is such a fabulous city. I love walking to work. I’m living the urban dream, without a car—and almost without a dog! A few weeks ago, she rescued Paco, an older Chihuahua, until she could find a good home for him. But, the home she delivered him to last week didn’t work out, so now Paco is back and Anna is thrilled. “I was really missing him.”

She was born in Sequim, WA on the Olympic Peninsula...”beautiful country.” She picked Reed College because it was “highly academic, had small, intimate classes and no organized sports.” She graduated with a BA in Spanish Literature.

She enjoys her new job answering the phone for the city and county because she gets to use her Spanish and learn all about how Portland works. Her long-range goal is to teach Spanish in some kind of immersion program or travel abroad.

Kari Meiser is here on temporary assignment until October and is handling all the noise complaints from North, Northwest and Southwest Portland. This includes loud music, mechanical equipment, and industrial noise, to name a few.
“We can’t enforce human voices. That’s considered freedom of speech,” she explains. If the subject gets really unruly, the police handle it as disorderly conduct.

This is her second stint with Noise. She worked there from July 2001 to September 2002 while it was under Office of Planning and Development Review.

She graduated May 2\textsuperscript{nd} from the University of Portland with a BA in environmental studies and a minor in Spanish. Her BA is interdisciplinary, combining the fields of biology, theology and environmental studies.

“My passion is sustainable community development,” she says, and sees her work with urban noise pollution as a chance to work with the key issues in this area. Her long-term plans include the development of an urban eco-village, utilizing sustainable design to facilitate neighbor relationships, build relationships with the land, and support wise resource use.

“It’s so much easier to develop sustainably from the ground up, when you have a clean slate,” she commented. “Our challenge in Portland is to retrofit our current infrastructure so that it responds to real human needs and creates environmental harmony.”

\textbf{Joe Chamberlain}, a Portland native, worked as a carpenter building houses around the city after he graduated from Gladstone High School. “I like building stuff.” Eventually, he wants to go back to school, take code classes and study to become a building inspector.

Right now he’s dealing with construction noise. He was appointed a temporary noise inspector in June to help handle the volume of complaints during the summer season. He came to ONI from the Bureau of Development Services, where he also had a temporary appointment. Joe is currently in charge of all the construction noise complaints in the city. Violations of the noise code can cost up to $5,000 in fines. Last week he was able to help a construction company save some money. He went out after hearing a report that construction was going on throughout the night until 5 in the morning. (Construction noise is supposed to end at 6 p.m.) He went to the site and explained the code to workers. They stopped and no citation was necessary.

“I like being in the field and fixing people’s problems,” he said.

\textbf{Lee Gonzales} commutes two-and-a-half hours a day to work as a member of the Neighborhood Inspection team but he doesn’t mind it. “It’s a relaxing time. It gives me time to prepare for the day and unwind going home.”

He and his wife Cindy live in Dallas, about 12 miles from Salem. Last spring he graduated from Salem’s Chemeketa Community College in its building inspector program. After becoming aware of the Housing Inspector position with the city, he was selected for an interview and joined the team last April.

“I enjoy Portland. Each day I look forward to coming to work. Great people, great office atmosphere.”

He’s getting used to driving around in Portland and is beginning to appreciate its urban flavor. He might consider moving here if he gets a permanent appointment with the city. “But it would be hard to leave Dallas, our roots go pretty deep there.”
Raised in California, he moved to the Northwest where he attended Northwest College in Kirkland, WA. In 1984, he and his family moved to Dallas near Salem. He and Cindy have been married 28 years. Their kids, Nathan and Angela, are now grown and have families of their own.

As “empty nesters,” they are very involved in their church, the Valley Life Center, and they play music together whenever they can. Lee plays bass guitar and Cindy plays piano. They cover the gamut from jazz to contemporary gospel.

**Two new crime prevention coordinators join ONI staff**

*By Eric King*

**Tom Peavey** started on Monday, August 2nd. He will spend his first few days in the 1900 building before going to NECN later next week. Tom has worked for over 30 years at the Portland Police Bureau. He has experience as a patrol officer and crime analysis officer, with a focus on Community Policing. Tom has been instrumental in the development of "Partnership Agreements" and other crime prevention tools. He has a bachelor degree in Police Science Administration from Washington State University.

**Renata Rhodes** will be starting on Monday, August 23rd. Renata has most recently served as Clark County's liaison to various community groups and government agencies, including the Vancouver Police Department, City of Vancouver, local school districts, and neighborhood associations. She has extensive experience in implementing community outreach strategies and has been instrumental in Clark County's efforts to deliver culturally competent services. Renata holds a Masters degree in Public Affairs from Washington State University.

**ONI Neighborhood Inspection Team bids fond farewell to Tiffani Penson**

*By Crystle Cowen*

Neighborhood Inspections bids a fond farewell to Tiffani Penson on August 12th, 2004. She has accepted an Assistant Program Specialist position with the administrative team in the Bureau of Development Services.

Her new position focuses on customer service, helping to resolve internal and external customer issues. Tiffani has been with NIT for 5 years, and has become a resource for both inspectors and office staff. Victor Unkow, one of the inspectors she provides support for, says, "We're going to miss her." Melissa Kuhn says "I remember when we interviewed her, ... she brought in a lot of life to the office that it desperately needed, she brought the fun back."
Congratulations David on 10 years of I&R excellence!!!
David Muir, enjoys gifts, balloons and well wishes from his many fans in the city including a message from Mayor Vera Katz thanking him for the good work he does everyday connecting people to services from his desk at the Portland Building. (Photo by Carol Justice)

Information & Referral

Staff and ONI office courtesy phones help two in need
By John Dutt

In the ONI office at City Hall, we have a courtesy phone at the front of the office, which brings with it a mixed bag of customers—from tourists, to citizens, to staff, to the down-and-out. We get a number of folks that come in each day and sometimes we attract some regulars who have little access to a phone of their own. One such gentleman came in the other day to use the phone. He spent several minutes on the phone and then became rather demonstrative in his excitement. When he hung up the phone he proudly exclaimed to the office that he had gotten a job and thanked us for our help in letting him use the phone. Another satisfied customer!

That same day an elderly lady with a heavy Central European accent came in looking for some advice on places to visit while she was in town. We gave her some tourist brochures we keep on hand in addition to information about the POVA visitor center at Pioneer Square and some downtown maps. She was very grateful for our time and assistance. Before she left her
backpack strap broke and she was a little upset about what to do. We took a look at the backpack and were able to help her get it sufficiently repaired for her to continue on her voyage.

**Meanwhile on the phones**, July proved to be another stellar month for I&R. We took 13,804 calls at a robust 90.8%. This marks the 4th consecutive month of over 90% of our calls answered under 25 seconds. With the new permanent staff on board and with a wealth of knowledge under their belts, I&R is cruising along! Also:

- On August 4th David Muir celebrated 10 years with the City of Portland and with the Information and Referral Program. David has been with the program since it’s inception 10 years ago and truly embodies what the program is all about- customer service and helping citizens in our community to access the services they need. David is an icon as the “guy at the front desk of the Portland Building”. To celebrate David his co-workers decorated his desk and gave him a card and a gift certificate to the Portland City Grill. Mayor Katz and the commissioners all signed his card and the Mayor even took the time to send David a personal letter on her own initiative when she found out about this milestone in David’s career with the City. It all testifies to the respect that David has garnered through his excellent work as an ambassador for the City.

- We were delighted to receive some assistance once again this summer from the Youth Employment Institute summer intern program. Juanisha Spicer, from Madison High School has been working with us for a couple of weeks. She has been able to help us out with our Pocket Phone directory project by calling all of the contacts in our Marketing Database and updating the data. She then put together all the packets and mailed out about 15,000 total brochures to about 200 different organizations. Juanisha has also been helping us out with some database and excel spreadsheet projects. The future looks bright for this rising star!

- John met with staff from the City and County IT departments to resume work on the data exchange project between the City and County. The first goal of this project is to create a two-way sharing of data for the City and County employee database. Presently the County is sharing its data with the City but the City has not yet gotten the City employee data to the County. We hope to have this completed in the next month. Future goals of this project are to have one single employee database, to make a version of this information available through the Web to the public and to improve data sharing and updating both between the City and County and within the City and County systems. John also met a couple of times with Alan Poole to continue working on our new Filemaker Database rewrite. John will be doing some final testing and then we will need to migrate the data and hope to start using the new tool within the next month.

- Congratulations to our Summer 2004 Queen of Trivia—Teresa Solano, who got the highest score during the “jeopardy run-off competition” Thursday beating out her team after weeks of daily Portland History trivia quizzes.
Neighborhood Resource Center

Big Pipe inches toward Island Pump Station

West Side Big Pipe Update

Inside the Swan Island Pump Station looking up. The pump station is 200 feet deep and 130 feet in diameter. The West Side Big Pipe will connect to here and the pump station will have the capacity to pump 220 millions gallons of CSO’s per day to the Columbia Boulevard Treatment Plant. The yellow pipes on the left and right provide surface air to the workers at the bottom of the shaft. There is a stairway on the left. Imagine going up and down that all day!

Photo by Sue Bednarz, PB Inc.
Neighborhood Resource Center handles thousands of requests
By Joleen Jensen-Classen

During the fourth quarter of 2003-04 (April through June) the coalition and neighborhood offices assisted with 12,000 requests for technical assistance from citizens, neighborhood associations and city staff. These requests are complex information and referral calls that require more time, effort and expertise on the part of office staff. The requests come in the form of phone calls, emails, faxes, walk-in visits and written documents.

More than 8,000 community members attended approximately 600 neighborhood and coalition meetings during this period of time and approximately 250,000 newsletters were distributed to the areas served by the seven coalition/neighborhood offices.

NRC developing neighborhood association diversity proposal
By Art Hendricks

As Neighborhood Resource Center Development Coordinator, I am working on four projects. The main project is to develop a diversity proposal and present it to City Council by January of 2005. The 2004/05 Mayor's proposed budget included a budget note for ONI to develop and present a proposal to City Council for a pilot project to increase the involvement of under-represented community members in neighborhood associations.

The ONI proposal will include a work scope with measurable deliverables, a budget that identifies matching resources including grants, and an evaluation plan.

The diversity proposal was a result of council hearing testimony from neighborhood activist that resources needed to be dedicated towards increasing the diversity of neighborhood associations. SEUL formed a Diversity and Civic Leadership committee which is made up of coalitions, ethnic and cultural organizations and neighborhood activists who have been meeting to develop a proposal to increase diversity in the neighborhood system.

Over the next few months I will be working with this committee, the district coalitions and ONI to identify a pilot project for this proposal. More to come.

Neighborhood Inspection Team

Inspections sets up Stakeholder Advisory Committee
By Ed Marihart

Neighborhood Inspections has officially established and implemented its Stakeholder Advisory Committee. This committee, made up of representatives of the people and agencies that we serve, is new for Neighborhood Inspections. It is envisioned as a dual-purpose body: 1. Policy & procedure advice & feedback. 2. Information sharing, education and advocacy of the program to the public. The first meeting of the committee will be held later this month. We anticipate that the committee will meet on a quarterly basis and receive policy updates & requests for feedback from time to time in between meeting dates.

Current members of the committee and the organizations they represent are: Nick Sauvie, of the Rose CDC; Paul Iarrobino, Gatekeepers; Ian Sligerland, Community Alliance of Tenants;
Raina Beavers, Portland Housing Center; Deborah Imse, Metro Multifamily Housing Association; Susan Landauer, North Portland Neighborhoods; Peter Deyoe, ONI BAC & East Portland Neighborhoods; Andrea Matthiessen, BHCD; and Connie Buckley, PDC Housing.

We are looking to expand the committee to include a representative from each of the other five Neighborhood Coalitions. We hope this committee will go a long way toward educating others about the active role Neighborhood Inspections plays in promoting neighborhood livability.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT UPDATE - Our Housing and Nuisance Inspectors attended 22 National Night Out Events on Tuesday, Aug. 3rd. Good job to all. A lot of positive comments were received by both the inspectors and the citizens that attended. Many business cards were distributed, much socializing and networking occurred and a lot of information was provided about our programs. We are looking forward to next year’s events.

Resolutions Northwest mediation services: getting to know us
By Judith Mowry

Many people, when they hear “mediation” instantly envision folks engaged in a conflict sitting down together to work out their differences with a neutral third party. That is, indeed, one of the tools that the Neighborhood Mediation Service offers. But there is more! So much more!

The Neighborhood Mediation Program of Resolutions Northwest is committed to assisting in the resolution of conflicts between neighbors. We think about this process as having three levels. **Level one** is contact with the person who has asked for the assistance, known in our world as Party 1. There are several goals for this initial conversation. We want to educate people about what mediation is or isn’t, get an understanding of the conflict to date and the efforts Party 1 has made to resolve it. Sometimes there is a long history of interaction; sometimes the neighbors have never spoken about the problem. At this point we help P1 assess their options. If they have never communicated with their neighbor about the problem we may help them think about how they could do that. What are their concerns, what might happen, how they might best make that contact? Sometimes this is all folks need, a little help thinking about how to approach their neighbor on what they fear will be a touchy topic.

If they have not had success on their own, our next step, **level 2**, involves us contacting Party 2. We call, or when a number is unavailable, we send a letter, and let P2 know that we have been contacted and that there is a neighbor with a concern that they would like to address. Again, the responses are varied. Sometimes P2 is surprised to hear there is a problem and surprised they weren’t directly approached by the neighbor. Some people, once they have been made aware of the problem, just address it. Others have their own frustrations with the situation and want the opportunity to air their “side” as well. We call this level of service phone conciliation.

**Level 3** brings us back to the folks sitting down at the table. When both parties are interested, we invite the parties to a “joint session”. This session is facilitated, or mediated, by two trained mediators who assist the parties by being the facilitators of the process. Helping them set ground rules, air their concerns, negotiate their options and, hopefully, find solutions that best meet their needs. The mediators have no vested interest in an outcome. Joint sessions are helpful in building a foundation for the neighbors continuing communication and relationship. At every level of interaction we are committed to building the neighbor’s ability to successfully address conflict independently. We believe in the least amount of intervention and in maximizing the ownership of the process by those involved.
Mediation Services are flexible. We are good at applying our many communication tools effectively where they might be of the most use. A recent example of this was situation where a citizen contacted crime prevention for help with a problem in his apartment complex. As the crime prevention coordinator began to work with the citizen the list of problems and stakeholders grew until the issues became murky. Neighborhood Mediation facilitated a meeting with the aggrieved neighbors and management with the expressed purpose of identifying concerns and next steps. It was one 2 hour meeting that produced a list of concerns and who might best move forward in finding solutions.

Neighborhood Mediation Services is one of the many ways that ONI seeks to offer a hand to community members. Remember to give us a call if we can be of assistance. 503-823-3152.

Central Northeast Neighbors hires new neighborhood specialist
By Courtney Lobo

Along with getting National Night Out events off to a good start, things at Central Northeast Neighbors have been pretty calm in spite of some changes in staff. Sandra Lefrancois is the new Neighborhood Involvement Specialist and is working hard to get neighbors and neighborhood working together on a number of issues not limited to, but including land use and cultural diversity.

Courtney Lobo has been hired as the new receptionist who greets everyone with a heartwarming smile and is absolutely fantastic and organizing and problem solving. Please stop by and welcome both Sandra and Courtney. Both of these charming ladies are outstanding to work with.

Susan Hamilton, a CNN volunteer, is a temporary hire for the City of Portland to fill in the Crime Prevention slot left open when Dave Austin moved to the Water Bureau. Susan will be moving to the East Portland Neighborhood Office effective August 10th when Preston Wong moves to CNN to take over Crime Prevention duties on a permanent basis.

Do you know your city?
In 1845 Portland was named as the result of a coin toss between land claim owners Francis Pettygrove and Asa Lovejoy. Pettygrove won the toss. What would have Lovejoy named it if he had one the toss?

The first person to correctly respond by emailing the Trivia Guru at 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 prize-winner and the ONI Portland Trivia champ for 2004.