NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

NORTHEAST

Nine Northeast neighborhoods have joined together into the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, Inc., including seven of the former Model Cities neighborhoods and two other groups: Boise, Concordia, Eliot, Humboldt, King, Piedmont, Sabin, Vernon, and Woodlaw. They are served by the Northeast Neighborhoods Office located at 4815 NE 7th, 248-4575, and staffed by Coordinator Rhina M. Robertson and her secretary, Gay Myers. The Northeast Coalition usually meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The North - Northeast dividing line is the I-5 Freeway.

NORTH

In North Portland, seven neighborhoods are joined into one association, the North Portland Citizens Committee, Inc. Since 1972, Arbor Lodge, Kenton, Linn ton, Overlook, Portsmouth, St. Johns, and University Park have worked together on issues affecting the peninsula's citizens. These neighborhoods and other active citizen groups in North Portland are served by the Neighborhood North Office located at 7500 NW Hereford (at Lombard), 248-4524, and staffed by Coordinator Jerry Mounce and her secretary, Toni Weaver. NPCC holds the contract with the City to operate the office. The general membership meeting is usually held the first Tuesday of each month.

WEST-NORTHWEST

On the West side, the neighborhoods lying west of the Stadium Freeway and north of the Sunset Highway have not formed a coalition. Each neighborhood is invited to send a representative to the non-incorporated review board for the Neighborhoods West-Northwest Office located at 817 NW 23rd Avenue, 223-3331. The Northwest District Association, the Northwest Industrial Neighborhood Association, the Hillside Neighborhood Association, Arlington Heights, Floyd Street Park, and Goose Hollow Pothills League hold the contract from the City for this office and are served by Coordinator Margaret Strachan and her secretary, Ceci Ethen.

SOUTHWEST

The twelve Southwest neighborhoods lying south of the Sunset Highway have formed a coalition, Southwest Neighborhoods Information, Inc. They are served by Joy Stricker who works out of the Multnomah Community Design Center, a Park Bureau facility. The address of the Southwest Neighborhoods Office is 7780 SW Capitol Highway, 248-4592.

SOUTHEAST

Nineteen Southeast neighborhoods (south of the Banfield Freeway) each send a representative to the Southeast Uplift Board where planning and zoning proposals are reviewed. One other neighborhood is forming an association. All are served by the Southeast Uplift staff coordinated by Kathy Zimmerly. The SEUL Board normally meets on the first and third Mondays of each month. The farthest Southeast neighborhoods are served by Mary Bumg, working out of the Southeast Uplift Office at 5224 SE Poster, 777-5846. The funding for this office is provided primarily by PDC, with assistance from OMA.

INNER-SOUTHEAST

Seven of the inner Southeast neighborhoods have formed a loosely-knit group called the Inner-Southeast Coalition which meets to consult on community development efforts and issues of interest to the associations. Meetings are usually held on the first Tuesday of each month.

OTHER

Neighborhoods not presently grouped with others in coalitions or for service purposes include: Alameda, Burnside, Columbia, Downtown, Grant Park, Hollywood, and Rose City Park.

PORTLAND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS:

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- where they are...
- who to contact...

A neighborhood association is a group of people who organize to improve the livability of their neighborhood. They find that problems can be solved more easily by working together. The associations work to improve streets and bus service, parks and schools; they are also involved in planning for the future.

HISTORY

Although 16 neighborhood councils were formed in the 1930's to fight juvenile delinquency, most neighborhood associations are more recent. In the late fifties and early sixties, groups in Laurelhurst, Irvington, Southeast Hills, and Sellwood-Moreland were formed to preserve the residential quality of their neighborhood and to carry out projects to improve it. Federal activities in the late 1960's helped eight Northeast neighborhood groups in the Model Cities area and five close-in Southeast groups through Portland Action Committees Together, Inc. When the Model Cities program began in the Northeast, City Council passed a resolution asking the Portland Development Commission to establish the Southeast Uplift Board to serve Southeast neighborhoods. All active Southeast neighborhood, send representatives to the SEUL Board, which meets to review zone change requests for Southeast and to review other planning matters. Finally, other neighborhood organizations to protest zoning decisions, freeway plans or proposals for urban renewal, and then decided to continue on and work for the future.

TODAY

Today 58 associations have formed to represent 68 neighborhoods (three associations are composed of more than one neighborhood). Three Northeast areas have not yet organized.

NEIGHBORHOOD COALITIONS

Neighborhoods in Northeast, Southeast, Northwest, and Southwest have organized to work together in district boards of coalitions, while all seven North neighborhoods are organized into one group. They are described on the back page of this folder. The Northeast and Southeast coalitions are also coded on the map inside this folder.

ONA

The Office of Neighborhood Associations (ONA) was established by City Council in February, 1974, to encourage and stimulate citizen participation. This is accomplished largely through improving communications between citizens and city officials, and among citizens in a neighborhood.

NEIGHBORHOOD LIST

One of OMA's responsibilities is to maintain a current list of neighborhood associations and their contact persons. The list is available upon request. Call 248-4519.