



# The Other Side of the Fence

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Enhancing the quality of neighborhoods through community participation



Mayor Tom Potter congratulates ONI Crime Prevention National Night Out award winners from left to right, Nancy Chapin and Lynn O'Brien Wolfe. They are flanked by Assistant Chief Stan Grubbs, Crime Prevention Coordinator William Warren and Crime Prevention Program Manager Eric King.

PHOTOS BY MARCIA DENNIS

## Annual recognition event held

# City recognizes public safety volunteers



About 100 citizens attended the volunteer recognition event held Tuesday night at the East Precinct Community Center.



## Crime Prevention starts at home

North Precinct NRT Officer Jason Christensen with Cmd. Cliff Madison thank Will Crow, who accepted an award for the formation of a bilingual foot patrol in the Overlook neighborhood on behalf of himself, his wife Kate and Jim Bennett. North Portland Crime Prevention Specialist Walter Garcia and Mavor Tom Potter look on.

## Ceremony honors 19 volunteers, two city employees

By William Warren and Eric King

A festive event with about 100 citizens attending celebrated the accomplishments of crime prevention by citizens at the neighborhood level at the East Precinct Community Center Tuesday night. Amid much applause and in the company of Mayor Tom Potter and ONI Director Jimmy Brown, and Crime Prevention Manager Eric King, 19 Public Safety Volunteers and two city bureau employees were honored for their crime prevention work in 2005.

The 19 residents exemplify the program's catch-phrase: Crime Prevention Around the Block, Crime Prevention Around the Clock", with Foot Patrols, Neighborhood Watches, Graffiti Abatement and Liquor License reviews. PPB Assistant Chief Stanley Grubbs, the five precinct commanders and many neighborhood response team sergeants and officers were present for the Recognition and Honors part of the evening.

The annual recognition was held from 8 to 9 p.m. at the East Portland Community Center at 740 SE 106th Ave. Preceding the recognition ceremony, crime prevention professionals conducted two concurrent trainings: *Battling Methamphetamine in Neighborhoods*, and *Reinvigorating & Growing Your Neighborhood Watch or Foot Patrol*. The event was organized by ONI's Crime Prevention program and sponsored by the Portland Police Bureau, Portland Parks and Recreation, and Portland's Citizen Corps Council.

"Collectively, Portland's neighborhood-based volunteers spend thousands of hours out of their busy lives to help keep Portland safe. We estimate that over 10,000 volunteers have received training and participate in a variety of crime prevention programs, such as Neighborhood Watch, Community Foot Patrols, Graffiti Abatement, Liquor Licensing Notification, and participation on local Public Safety Action Committees that address such issues youth/ gang violence, residential burglaries, chronic nuisances, and much more. These volunteers are actively engaged in community policing and deserve more recognition than we can possibly offer," states Eric King, Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention Manger.

**Mayor Tom Potter adds,** "Community involvement is essential to creating safe communities. Volunteer participation in Portland's community policing efforts is a true example of community ownership of community problems.... It's important that the City recognize and honor those

individuals who have given so much in their efforts to keep Portland's neighborhoods strong and healthy."

Richard Glenn a Neighborhood Watch leader in Southeast Portland, tells a story of quick action by neighbors that saved the day. "On a recent Saturday afternoon, several neighbors simultaneously noticed a young man acting strangely: wandering in the street, staggering up people's front stairs, appearing to be under the influence of drugs.

Because we each had a copy of our new telephone tree, we called the residents of each of the houses as the man wandered down the street, eventually attempting to break into one of the houses. The first person on the phone tree called the police, and the rest of us kept an eye on him until the police arrived. We pointed the man out to the police and he was apprehended on several charges.

"Because of our Neighborhood Watch, we are much more aware of the goings-on in our neighborhood... As a result, the activity seems to be dropping off... the criminals appear to be getting the message that we are watching and that illegal behavior will not be tolerated in this neighborhood.... It has brought us together as a community and given us a sense of pride that wasn't there before the program got going. It has greatly improved the quality of life in our neighborhood," said Glenn.

The award ceremony was held this month in conjunction with the National Crime Prevention Council's designation of October as Crime Prevention Month since 1984.

The following folks and programs were honored:

**Central Northeast - Palmer Moore and Geneva McArtor.** Geneva and Palmer are the Neighborhood Watch Captain Coordinators for the Binford Condominiums. They organized their neighborhood watch for more than 15 years, and they keep the Binford Condominium Watch organized and going strong every year. Geneva and Palmer attend East Precinct's Citizen Advisory Committee meetings and are active in the Madison South Neighborhood Association.

**Chinatown/Old Town - Howard Weiner** has over 21 years of community building in the downtown core, much of it spent actively involved in the Old Town/Chinatown Neighborhood Association, including three years as chair and five years coordinating the public safety committee. Howard was a founding member of the Mayor's Downtown Livability Group and has been involved in the citizen's commission on homelessness.

**East Portland - Nancy Boxell.** While neighbors logged drug-related activity at a local house, Parkrose neighborhood watch organizer Nancy Boxell and her family gathered intelligence which PPB Neighborhood Response Team Officer Sheri Davis incorporated into a successfully executed Hayden Warrant. The one-time drug house was recovered as family housing. Police joined in to celebrate National Night Out while neighbors hung their new Neighborhood Watch sign and held a "Name that Drug House" contest. They toasted it all with a cake which declared in colorful frosting, "Together We Stand."

**North - Will and Kate Crow and Jim Bennett.** Will and Kate Crow of Arbor Lodge and Jim Bennett the Overlook Neighborhood Chair were instrumental in the formation of the Arbor Lodge Citizen Foot Patrol. Will and Kate Crow were keys in the development and deployment

of the City of Portland's only bi-lingual Foot Patrol. The patrol focuses its prevention efforts around Ockley Green Middle School.

**North - Sheryl Ebert**, Safeway Store Manager, has supported the North Portland Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC). Sheryl, as a representative of the Safeway organization, supplied beverages and snacks to the PSAC meeting attendees. Because Safeway supported the PSAC meetings, community members were able to get together to learn, discuss and implement crime prevention strategies and solutions.

**Northeast - Nicole Williams**. A business consultant for non-profits, Nicole has been active in crime prevention since 2001. She organized 50 neighbors (as "Build Our Safe Neighborhood") to target and close neighborhood drug houses. She then folded that group into the Boise Neighborhood Association when she became Safety Chair in 2004, then Chair in 2005. Nicole also co-chairs the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods' Community Safety and Livability Committee, which addresses crime prevention and livability issues in NE Portland.

**Northeast - Kim Adams** has been the Foot Patrol Organizer for the Piedmont Neighborhood Association for the last 12 years. Kim resolved to be involved in seeking a proactive solution to area crime problems by first being a block watch organizer, in which capacity she still serves today. Kim continued to be involved in seeking proactive solutions to area crime by serving on the Piedmont Neighborhood Association Board as the Crime Prevention Coordinator for five years.

**Northwest - Ginger Burke**. Her Hillside neighborhood watch began in the summer of 2003 following a rash of residential burglaries. Ginger suggested a neighborhood watch program, having recently left the Clackamas County District Attorney's Office as a community prosecutor assisting drug-infested neighborhoods in facilitating neighborhood watch programs of their own. The neighborhood watch includes 60 homes within the Hillside neighborhood; it is not the traditional model, but an information-sharing mechanism that operates by e-mail. The e-mail model has been particularly helpful in warning neighbors of car break-ins and fraudulent door-to-door fundraising efforts either during or immediately following the criminal activity.

**Southeast - Bruce Chaser** is a 17-year resident of the Richmond neighborhood who has coordinated the Hawthorne Patrol Program for nearly ten years. With voluntary funds from many merchants on the boulevard, a patrol service was hired to help alleviate crime. Several years ago he spearheaded the Hawthorne Business Blockwatch and phone tree. This year he helped organize the Hawthorne Foot Patrol, a walking patrol of Hawthorne merchants and other concerned people.

**Southwest - Hamilton Park Foot Patrol** formed this year in response to neighbor frustrations with teen partying in Hamilton Park and at Bridlemile School. Neighbors were kept awake by late night noise from stereos and squealing tires, and found broken bottles in the street and under the playground structure where they took their small children to play. In addition, they were worried that neighborhood teens were driving drunk. The neighbors formed an active Foot Patrol, and successfully work with multiple city agencies and school staff on creative ways to solve the problem.

**Graffiti Abatement Program - Ted Okrasinski** lives in Grant Park neighborhood. He walked on foot patrol for ten years and has volunteered with graffiti abatement for four years. Since joining the Graffiti Task Force, Ted has been invaluable in helping on several large volunteer

projects. From the October 2004 graffiti removal event in Central Eastside Industrial Council, to the Cherry Park Elementary volunteer project in May, and the Korean Baptist Church Youth Group in August Ted's involvement made a significant difference. He has rounded up supplies, getting discounts or donations from local businesses, and he has built a 'specialized graffiti removal kit' that he takes on his rounds throughout Grant Park.

**Liquor Licensing Program - Susan Pearce** of the Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood has shown a continued commitment to problem solving for her community. Sue is the former Chair of HAND and now is a member of the Good Neighbor Agreement and Liquor License Committee for HAND. Sue was on the Noise Control Task Force and is now a member of the Noise Review Board. She is a member of the Mayor's Liquor License Advisory Group.

**Public Safety Citizen Activist at Large - Charles Ford**, as a representative Citizen at Large to the Gang Violence Task Force, has stood against the tide of gang related crime and violence by engaging in pro-active problem solving with government and community organizations since 1985. Charles was chairman of the PPB Police Community Relations Committee for three years in the 1970's and served on the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Board since 1975. He attends the Gang Violence Task Force meetings held at NE Precinct, continuing to be a guiding light to city, county and private agencies seeking solutions to gang violence and crime.

**Public Safety Partner - Portland Police Bureau Officer Tracy Bertalot** was instrumental in bridging the public service needs of The Housing Authority, the Portland Police Bureau and the City of Portland. In September of 2002 to July of 2005, Officer Bertalot was selected to serve as the Portland Police Liaison officer with the Housing Authority of Portland. Officer Bertalot worked with the Section 8 Housing Fraud Investigator, assisted in investigations, and documenting criminal behavior that violated the programs "Family Obligations". Officer Bertalot has assisted PPB Detectives, Gang Officers, DVD officers and US Marshals, and has continually encouraged HAP properties and Law Enforcement to work directly with each other and establish working relationships outside of the liaison officer position.

**City Bureau Partner - Debbe Hamada**, East Portland Community Center Director, has become the ultimate crime prevention partner. Not only has Debbe helped make this recognition event possible by providing us with the use of the Community Center, but also she



Neither rain, shine nor the fact that it was her birthday kept NE Crime Prevention Specialist Celeste Carey away from the evening event.

has been an active participant in many crime prevention active cities. Throughout the past few years, Debbe has been involved with a community-driven effort aimed at preventing, controlling, and reducing violent crime, drug abuse, and gang activity in designated high-crime neighborhoods, known as a "Weed and Seed" strategy.

**ONI Crime Prevention National Night Out - Nancy Chapin, Cindy Lynden, Lynn O'Brien Wolfe** represent neighbors and businesses of the ONI National Night Out Citizen-Business

Committee, which re-designed the grass roots approach to the crime prevention program's premiere event, National Night Out, the first Tuesday in August. Lawn signs and the pre-

planning party packets were two accomplishments of the committee supporting the 160 events and block parties celebrating Crime Prevention Around the Block., Crime Prevention Around the Clock. Because the need for a more in-depth and comprehensive crime prevention-training track is evident, we are moving the yearly event to the last Saturday in April. (April is national volunteer recognition month.) This allows for tracks that will offer prevention training to the newcomer and the experienced public safety volunteer. And, we will continue to follow the training with a recognition and honors event.

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**Just another day in paradise for David Lane and family**

Former ONI Director David Lane, left, partner Jonathan and their twins Eli and Sophie take a break for a quick dip in the ocean out their back door on the Hawaiian Island of Kauai.

PHOTO BY AMALIA ALARCON

## Life is a beach for former ONI Director Lane

By Nell Wagenaar

When we contacted former ONI Director David Lane for an update, he was getting ready for a run along the ocean and listening to the soundtrack of “South Pacific.” The movie was filmed on Kauai, the island paradise in Hawaii that was on his to-do list after ONI.

And now that he's there—surrounded by the mountains, the sea, the sky and never-ending green—he's in no hurry to come back to what one former county commissioner called the “worst job in the county.” A moniker Lane dismisses quickly....

Lane, director before Jimmy Brown, moved to Hawaii with his partner Jonathan after the birth of their twins, Elijah and Sophie, in February 2003. He had served as bureau director for four-and-a-half years.

“I loved the work and energy of ONI but I realized with the birth of my twins that life truly is too short. I wanted to take time for my family (including my other three sons).” Kauai had been a favorite vacation spot for Jonathan and him and the place they eventually wanted to retire. So when the twins' grandparents offered them a gorgeous home on Kauai's south shore, “we knew it was the right time for us.”

Retire, he didn't. He is currently the Kauai bio-terrorism preparedness planner for the Hawaii Department of Health. Lane chuckles when asked about the “connection” between ONI work and his current job. “Some friends in Portland have said that after dealing with some of the difficult ONI issues, bio-terrorism was a logical next step.”

Lane's background is in community planning, facilitation and community health issues so the job suits him well. “It's a laid-back job, no stress...I work with phenomenally nice, gentle people.” His office is very diverse and he's learned about foods from Hawaiian, Chinese, Filipino, Japanese and Portuguese cuisines.

Life on Kauai suits Lane's dreams. “Being a father has always been the most important thing I ever wanted to do. It fuels who I am. Knowing how fast your children's childhoods go, I'm trying to really take the time to enjoy and appreciate each moment of Sophie and Eli's lives.” They go to the beach regularly, take the kids on walks, play in the park and go to many of the local traditional cultural events the island offers.

“Having the kids potty-trained, or clean, or doing something ‘on schedule’ isn't as important as watching them laugh, hugging them, or just ‘being’ there. The decision to move to Kauai has allowed me the time to be home early, no night meetings, no stress and just be ‘daddy.’ Plus he has time to stay in touch and participate in the lives of his older boys on the mainland.

### **What he misses most about Portland**

Friends....oh and Trader Joe's and shopping! Prices are very expensive on the island and he's learning the joys of eBay. “Not a day goes by that I don't remember Portland fondly...such a magical place.” He misses the ONI family including colleagues, coalition staff and neighborhood leaders.

Living on Kauai and seeing the growth issues affecting the island, he has an even a greater appreciation for community involvement. “The amazing energy of the neighborhood volunteers I saw in Portland will always be a highlight of my life.”

## Miguel Elias to finish out Project Safe Neighborhoods program

ONI welcomes Miguel Elias, the newest addition to the East Portland Neighborhood Office. Miguel was hired in mid September to finish out the Project Safe Neighborhoods grant— a two- year program awarded by the Department of Justice focused on the reduction of gun violence. The program is scheduled to be completed by Dec. 31, 2005. Even though the position is temporary, Miguel is excited about completing the program with much success.

Miguel has worked for Congresswoman Darlene Hooley as a District Aide, assisting in issues such as Immigration, IRS and Post Office. He worked at the Democratic Party of Oregon: Latino Outreach Program as the Statewide Field Coordinator. Most recently he is the owner of MEK Design, a small graphic design company based in the Portland area.



**Miguel Elias**

Miguel is happily married to Karla Elias and has a beautiful two-and-a-half year-old daughter named Elli. He attended Portland State University where he is a year away from completing a degree in Marketing and Business Administration.

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### ***Citizen health team stops here***

**By Nicole Murphy-Garcia**

Senator Ron Wyden and former Gov. John Kitzhaber participated in a work session at City Hall Sept. 23 on how to provide affordable health care to every American. The Citizens Health Care Working Group was created by Congress in 1989 to provide for a nationwide public debate on the issue and make recommendations to the President and Congress. The group consists of five physicians, one public health nurse, one social services worker and four consumer advocates. The group has held workshops at five locations around the country and hopes to issue “The Health Report to the American People” in October. Check [www.CitizensHealthCare.gov](http://www.CitizensHealthCare.gov) for updates.



**I &R's Nicole Murphy-Garcia welcomes Sen. Ron Wyden and new wife, Nancy Bass, to City Hall for the Health Care workshop.**



### Online suggestions wanted

# Safety Committee Charter Nears Completion

By John Dutt

The ONI Safety Committee met Sept. 20 and has nearly completed its Charter. The Committee will be now be meeting with Jimmy and Sarah to review and modify the charter to get us to a final document. Once all parties have signed off, the committee will officially be up & running.

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.

The committee is also working on a brief safety survey to be distributed to staff later this fall. This survey will assist the committee in determining what staff's perceptions are regarding safety and wellness in the workplace and help us to prioritize issues. This survey will also give us a benchmark in which to measure the progress of the bureau with regards to safety and wellness in the workplace.

## BIP team to establish citywide customer service standards

By John Dutt

The BIP Team #7 has now been meeting for approximately three months and is making slow but steady progress toward its charge which is to come up with recommendations for how City bureaus can work to develop improved Customer Service policies and procedures. John Dutt, City/County Information and Referral Supervisor, is a member of this committee which is being lead by Michael Mills, City Ombudsman; Bonnie Morris, Development Services Manager from BDS; and Carol Stahlke, Customer Accounts Specialist from the City Utilities Customer Services Division.

Thus far, the group has focused mostly on coming up with a Citywide Customer Service Expectations document and surveying the individual bureaus regarding customer service improvements.

- The customer expectations draft document attempts to establish standards of customer service that bureaus can agree upon and then communicate with all of our customers so that they have a clear understand of what they can expect when doing business with the City. (<http://www.portlandonline.com/mayor/index.cfm?c=39025>)
- The bureau survey was sent to all city bureau directors and their staffs to complete. The surveys are back and the committee is just about complete in its work of compiling and analyzing the data. Preliminary results show that there is great variety in the responses. Some bureaus have done a lot with customer service improvement planning, training, surveying, etc and some have done pretty much nothing.

The committee has also looked at a 2004 State of Oregon report regarding measuring customer satisfaction in state government. A subcommittee has been formed to look at the report and bring back recommendations to the full team. John Dutt, I&R Supervisor is on this subcommittee. The subcommittee feels this is an excellent document because of the depth of the research and the quality of their analysis of government service provision to a variety of different customer groups.

([http://egov.oregon.gov/DAS/OPB/docs/kpm/2004RT/110104\\_CSreport.pdf](http://egov.oregon.gov/DAS/OPB/docs/kpm/2004RT/110104_CSreport.pdf) - this is a rather large PDF file so may take a while to open

Process and getting outside input are other issues the committee has been grappling with. The committee of roughly 15 staff has been collectively putting their brains together to look at existing customer service and ways to improve it. Thus far the group has not gotten much input outside of the group. Committee members are to be sharing information with staff in their bureaus and soliciting their input. The committee does recognize that thus far not much input is being solicited from frontline staff and to an even greater extent our external customers. A customer service improvement plan without input from our customers lacks credibility. In an effort to address this issue we drafted a document titled "Customer Service Improvements and Community Governance" that basically spells out three options for how we gather input from bureau frontline staff and individual external customers. These range from just using the resources currently available to the group to doing full blown community outreach with focus groups, formal scientific surveys, etc. While the committee general agrees that we would like to do as much outreach as possible to the city's customers we are very aware of the time and financial resources necessary to do this work. To this point we don't believe much is available in terms of these resources. The committee team leaders are going to bring this issue forward at the next BIP Implementation Meeting and will bring up this issue with other BIP groups that we are sure are dealing with the same exact issue.

This brings me to the main goal of this report and that is to solicit input regarding a number of different documents that I have referred to in this update. Most of these documents are available on a portion of the City's Website dedicated to Bureau Innovation Project news and information. I will include the links to all of these documents in the following...

The first documents are an External Customer Expectations Document,  
<http://www.portlandonline.com/index.cfm?&a=88864&c=39025>

An an Internal Customer Expectations Document,  
<http://www.portlandonline.com/mayor/index.cfm?&a=88869&c=39025>

These are the committee's latest draft of what are basically a customer and staff Bill of Rights documents. The committee feels these documents are fairly complete but would love to hear from anyone who has ideas about things to add, subtract, etc.

The next document is the State of Oregon "Measuring Customer Satisfaction in Oregon State Government" report. The link is not yet active from the BIP site but here is the direct link...

[http://egov.oregon.gov/DAS/OPB/docs/kpm/2004RT/110104\\_CSreport.pdf](http://egov.oregon.gov/DAS/OPB/docs/kpm/2004RT/110104_CSreport.pdf) (this is a rather large PDF file so may take a while to open)

The subcommittee that is looking at this report's initial analysis is that this is an excellent document that we feel we will be very helpful.

The final document is a draft document which attempts to deal with the issue of how to gather input from stakeholders and what resources would be necessary to do so at several different levels of involvement. The document basically lays out three different levels of customer involvement that would require three different levels of commitment of resources. This document can be found at <http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=94347>

I would greatly appreciate any comments that I can get from any ONI staff or Coalition Offices regarding any of these documents. You may email me at [jdutt@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:jdutt@ci.portland.or.us) or call me at 503-823-3042 if you have any question and/or feedback. Thank you!

**Meanwhile, our terrific I & R team is back about our 90% benchmark this month!** 14,855 calls were answered at a solid 90.4% of calls answered under 25 seconds. Busy month and despite having many staff vacation days, we made our 90% goal

Also, we are almost complete with the updating of the City employee database. We just completed updating over a years' worth of personnel reports from human resources. We have been also working with individual bureau contacts to make sure our staff listings are up-to-date and complete by reviewing their current roster lists. John will be meeting with database consultant Alan Poole the first part of October to finalize changes to the database. Data migration is pretty much complete. We are on track to start using the database by November.

## **I & R staffer travels with Transportation Bureau of Maintenance**

**By Teresa Solano**

Everything I've always wanted to know about BOM but was afraid to ask got answered when I went on tour with the crew Thursday, Sept. 22. It was a great day of learning about the Transportation's Bureau of Maintenance and networking with some neat City and PDC employees along with private citizens interested in learning about the *City that Works!*

A few of the stops included a bus tour through Stanton Yard, watching the road crews creating new sidewalks, the street strippers striping, the street pavers in action, and learning the difference between paving side streets using slurry (a grayish brown concoction) and paving with asphalt (the nice black stuff) on main arterial streets (i.e. Division, Powell, and Burnside).

Also, we were able to tour an underground viaduct/bridge that runs under the roadway alongside the harbor near NW Front Ave and next to a wooden dock. The city didn't know about this area until recently, because the private owner who was developing the land right alongside the water had found a hole leading to city property, reported it, and wow—a great find! We were able to watch the guys installing a permanent catwalk so they can perform future repairs to the bridge/viaduct safely, and found a great party spot my for next weekend barbecue...limbo anyone?

### **Did you know?**

BOM employs about 425 people and fixes and keeps clean:

- 1,801 miles of streets
- 2,100 miles of sidewalk
- 2,936 miles of curbs
- 36,000 improved corners
- 180 bridges
- 500 retaining walls
- 182 stairways
- 25 miles of guardrail
- 1,500 parking meters
- 1,100 traffic signals
- 2,481 miles of sewer lines
- 30,000 catch basins
- 14,200 sumps
- 135,417 traffic signs

From there, we made a stop at the Sunderland Yard facility for lunch. After some great networking during our lunch break, Jill Jacobson, Program Manager for this facility, gave us a tour where we learned about the composting, construction material recycling, and windmill energy projects, which contribute towards environmental sustainability. She also provided a map of their future expansion project, which includes doubling the size of Dignity Village. For more information on this project check out this link:  
<http://www.portlandonline.com/shared/cfm/image.cfm?id=94018>

We also got to see the grinder, a huge machine that can cut down the road up to 4” in depth in order to prepare the area for new pavement. It requires the machine operator to have 360-degree visibility. The machine itself has huge grinder teeth--146 of them--that need to be replaced weekly and the neatest part is that the machine operator is an itty-bitty gal with 20 years of experience. You go, girl!

Accept the Bureau of Maintenance’s invitation next year and experience it for yourself. Many thanks to all the staff at BOM that made this possible!

## Neighborhood Resource Center

### ***Spirit of Portland Awards nominations wanted***

PORTLAND - Nominations are now being solicited for the City of Portland’s annual “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. Mayor Tom Potter and City Commissioners will present awards in late Fall.

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.**

The selection committee—comprised of representatives from the Mayor's and City Commissioners' Offices, the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, each Neighborhood District Office, and past award winners— will determine the winners from among the nominees by evaluating them in EACH of the following four categories:

- Assistance with implementing outstanding projects
- Enrichment and revitalization of our community and neighborhoods
- Provision of a special service to citizens
- Demonstration of overwhelming responsiveness, creativity and civic values

Nomination forms can be obtained at the seven neighborhood district offices or at the Office of Neighborhood Involvement at City Hall, 1221 SW Fourth Ave., Room 110, Portland, OR 97204. The forms also can be downloaded at <http://www.portlandonline.com/oni/> click on “Getting involved” and the information can be found under “committees.”

Nominations are due at the ONI office Friday, Oct. 21. For more information, please contact Amalia Alarcón at 503-823-5542 or [aalarcon@ci.portland.or.us](mailto:aalarcon@ci.portland.or.us).

## Middle and high schoolers to help in disconnect program



This fall about 180 Middle School and High School students will be out in the neighborhoods disconnecting downspouts for property owners this fall. Students work in the classroom with a science, math or language arts curriculum that teaches them about storm water, rain trends, converting area to volume and science vocabulary. They then apply this knowledge by working in small teams to disconnect downspouts. Teacher Debra Nass of Sunnyside Environmental MS says, "Downspout is a tangible way for students to learn about the impact they can have on their watersheds." While out learning about storm water the kids also learn how to work as a team, work with their hands, use maps, and present themselves to adults in the community.

**Student Marney from Mt. Tabor MS drills a strap in while ONI's Crew Leader, Jonah Willbach looks on.**

### Neighborhood Livability - Crime Prevention

## SE crime prevention busy with car prowl missions

September has been a very busy month for Galina Grigoryan and Rosanne Lee who provide crime prevention services to the Southeast Uplift neighborhood area.

For the past three Saturday mornings we have been participating in the Southeast Precinct car prowl missions with Officer Dave Golliday putting flyers on cars located in "hot spot" areas. During the week following the flyers night shift officers visit the areas checking to see if residents are taking to heart the advice of "Keep your car showroom clean!" Those cars with observable valuables are sent letters from the precinct reminding them that they are at risk of becoming a car prowler victim. These missions have produced remarkable reductions in the overall rate of car prowls in Southeast Precinct.

Volunteers are welcome to participate in these missions too. Just contact Galina Grigoryan at 823-3432 or Rosanne Lee at 823-0540 to be notified of future mission opportunities.

This time we had the pleasure of working with Victor Flaming from Montavilla neighborhood.

We also had the second meeting of the City-wide Landlord Forum on September 29<sup>th</sup>. Landlords from across the city heard a presentation from Victor Unkow, ONI Housing Inspector and participated in a dialogue on how to work with Housing and Code Compliance.

Landlords were also presented with the proposed Enhanced Safety Property (ESP) program to be piloted in North Precinct and later in East Precinct. This is a three phase program that when completed permits landlords to display the ESP logo on their property and in their advertising. For more information please contact Rosanne Lee at 823-0540.

We are also partnering with Resolutions Northwest to do two trainings. The first one is on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at Southeast Uplift. The topic will be Managing Challenging Meetings. The second training will be on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> also at Southeast Uplift. That evening's topic will be "Creating Dynamic Good Neighbor Agreements." For more information contact Galina Grigoryan at 823-3432.

## **Ridding Peninsula Park from drug activity is ongoing effort**

**By Tom Peavey**

Since early 2005 the Piedmont Neighborhood Association has busily been working with city government agencies, private service providers and community members to resolve issues connected to a public park and the city's Drug Free Zones.

In February 2005 the Piedmont Neighborhood Association hosted a panel discussion during a general meeting which served as a balanced forum to educate the community regarding issues of crime activity connect with Peninsula Park. The forum, included the Portland Police Bureau, Portland Parks and Recreation, Office of Neighborhood Involvement. As a result the Piedmont Neighborhood Association took an active role in organizing or sponsoring the following park events, which took place during the spring and summer of 2005:

- Youth Job Fair at the Peninsula Park Community Center
- Concerts in the Park
- Free Family Swim Night
- National Night Out at Peninsula Park
- Ice Cream Social at Peninsula Park

On September 27, Piedmont Neighborhood Association offered a community forum to discuss the workings of Portland's Drug Free Zone Ordinance and voted to hold a special meeting to seek community consensus before notifying the city of Piedmont's stance on the renewal of the zones. Although association boundaries only border a current and proposed zone, board members felt this type of education was important to their membership pending the renewal hearings before the City Council slated for late October. Invited to discuss Drug Free Zone issues were members of the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office, Multnomah County Public Defender's Office, Portland Police Bureau and ONI. NE Portland resident, Richard Brown, was also on hand to inform residents that Drug Free Zones in north and northeast Portland were established as a result of citizens living in those areas urging the city to apply what had been earlier applied to downtown Portland.

The Piedmont Association has become very efficient in seeking information through the forum process and offering needed support to the community. If you are living in the Piedmont neighborhood, you should drop in. Meetings are held at Hold Redeemer School, 127 N. Portland Blvd.. Neighborhood Board position elections are to be held at the next general meeting, October 26<sup>th</sup>. As published in *The Piedmont Homefront* newsletter, if you are interested in a board position contact Chair Eleza Faison at (503) 823-4524.

# Fall youth crime prevention programs start in CNN

The fall season not only marks the beginning of school but also the start of several youth crime prevention programs at Central Northeast Neighbors (CNN). Madison Park in the Gregory Heights Middle School area will again have both a 7th and 8th grade basketball program sponsored by CNN, Asian Family Center, and ONI Crime Prevention. The program stresses the importance of doing well in school, teamwork, and staying drug and crime free. Other programs with similar goals include homework and study club, which will assist students having difficulties with homework assignments, and a chess club, which will help students, be better planners for the future. These programs were very successful last year and will continue to be this year. If you are interested in helping with any youth program at CNN contact Preston Wong, Crime Prevention Specialist, 503-823-278.

## *Crime Prevention annual report ready*

The Fiscal Year 2004-05 Annual Report for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, Crime Prevention Program is now available, according to Eric King, program manager. Please find link below. In this report, you will receive a summary of our partnerships, accomplishments, and our strategic planning process that took place over the past year. A big thanks to all the Crime Prevention staff who helped make this report possible! Please contact Eric at 503.823.2030 if you have questions about this report or would like additional information.  
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### Southwest Neighborhoods Inc. (SWNI)



### ***Lair Hill Park lovers celebrate pesticide-free space***

Lair Hill Park, at SW 2<sup>nd</sup> & Woods, is one of Portland's first pesticide-free parks. The pesticide-free parks program celebrated its one-year anniversary Oct. 2 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Park with program staff available to answer questions. Light refreshments were served and native plants given away. Portland Parks and Rec has teamed up with the Northwest Coalitions for Alternatives to Pesticides (NCAP) to manage three

of Portland's parks, including Lair Hill Park, without the use of pesticides. Volunteer work parties have taken place over the past year to keep the parks weeded, mulched and looking good. For more information, please visit [www.portlandparks.org](http://www.portlandparks.org) or call 503-823-1636. NCAP can be reached at 503- 423-7549.

## Fundraiser for Dickinson Park playground set for Oct. 22

Mark your calendars for the Fundraising Auction/ Dinner Saturday Oct. 22 from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capital Hwy. The event will raise funds to build a playground at Dickinson Park. The property was acquired by the city for a park but it is just vacant land—no playground, picnic tables, etc. Admission is free and the kids can play at the Kids Craft Table. Roast beef, sweet and sour chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, and cake are some of the menu choices for dinner. A \$6 is the suggested donation with proceeds going to Southwest Loaves & Fishes. A raffle and silent auction will be part of the festivities. Among items auctioned will be a beach house weekend, a spa massage package, and an autographed Trailblazers basketball.

## Eagle Scout troop installs steps in Woods Park

Eagle Scout Daniel Reid, front left, and fellow Eagle Scouts from Sherwood Troop #116 recently led a volunteer effort to install a set of steps near the SW 43rd and Alice Street trailhead in Woods Park. The steps are part of a larger Friends of Woods Park trail improvement project aimed at reducing erosion and increasing trail safety.

Over the past year, the Friends, in partnership with Portland Parks & Recreation, the Bureau of Environmental Services, AmeriCorps and others, have been working to enhance stream health and to give people a better way to enjoy the park. Projects include improving the trail system, including placing boardwalks along the creek, controlling invasive, and planting native trees, shrubs and other flora.

Regular work parties are held every third Saturday of the month. The Friends meet at 9 am at either the Marigold or Alice Street trailheads. For more information on joining the Friends of Woods Park, please contact Colleen Mitchell 503- 823-5326 or [colleenm@bes.ci.portland.or.us](mailto:colleenm@bes.ci.portland.or.us).



## SWNI/SOLV Litter Patrol keeps southwest streets clean



Dave Johnson, Sharon Nelson, Harriet Saxe, Robin Jensen, Karen Johnson, Tom Grinnell are part of the SWNI Litter Patrol. Join them Nov. 5 for the next one. Bring your yard debris and household junk and stay for a few hours to help clean up some streets. Meet at Portland Christian Center at Dosch Rd. and Beaverton-Hillsdale Hwy at 9 a.m. For more info and to sign up, call Karen Johnson at 503-245-9069.



## Do you know your city?

*Congratulations to the winner of our first trivia question of the new contest- Ms. Devra Stanearth of the City's Accounting Department! She was the first and only person to correctly answer that the site currently occupied by Portland's City Hall was originally the site of a school by the name of St Helens Hall.*

*Since this is the Official Office of Neighborhood Involvement Newsletter, we thought we would focus on some neighborhood specific trivia over the next several months. For this month our name the neighborhood question is...*

***One of 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. This question is a two-parter and to get credit, you must give the name of both the housing tract and the official neighborhood that contains it.***

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)