

RECOVER NW 23 – UPDATE 1 – NOV. 4, 2016

Residents, businesses, and friends of NW 23rd –

Thanks to everyone who came to a meeting or expressed support for NW 23rd Recovery. This is a note to follow up on those conversations and connect to resources. We will be sending regular updates for a while, so if you received this as a forward and you want future emails, please reply and let us know.

Everything here is also up on the website www.portlandoregon.gov/recoverNW23. Updates:

There will be a meeting for residents who were affected by the explosion next week on Wednesday, November 9, from 6 to 8 PM at William Temple House, 2023 NW Hoyt Street. Dinner will be served and families / kids are welcome. RSVP helpful to plan food, not required: recovernw23@portlandoregon.gov.

Anyone who has experienced a financial loss and hasn't filed a claim should please call Liberty Mutual at 844-839-5491 for instructions on how to submit one.

Reliant Behavioral Health is offering counseling at no cost to people affected by the explosion. Call them at 1-866-750-1327; let them know you are a member of the NW Natural Community Project, give your business name, or say you're a community member from NW 23rd area.

Shopping Day November 12th! More publicity materials forthcoming. Spread the word! Contact ari.hiphound@gmail.com for details or to help organize.

Economic Injury Disaster Loan The Small Business Administration makes low-interest loans of working capital to businesses impacted by a disaster. At least 5 small businesses need to show a loss for the event to be eligible. Reporting a loss doesn't mean you need a loan, but it may enable another business to benefit. And the [reporting form](#) is just one page. Please complete and return to recovernw23@portlandoregon.gov if this may help you or someone you know. PDC may also help with loans for other needs such as inventory or repairs. Please send a message if you need info on this as well.

Jared at Tender Loving Empire has collected some funds to distribute to employees who were impacted. If you have employees, send a list to jared@tenderlovingempire.com. If you want to give, check out <http://gen.rs/xNqy>.

Pedestrian walkway should be open on Glisan today following NW Natural paving.

I am still working to get some info from Public Utility Commission on their investigation process and timeline. Just so you know the issue is not forgotten.

The recovery [website](#) is growing. Please email any events, resources, important info to RecoverNW23@portlandoregon.gov and we'll do our best to get it up. Twitter user? Felicia is also building @RecoverNW23. Share photos and help us tell your story by Tweeting to the @RecoverNW23 handle or using the hashtag #RecoverNW23. Or email pics to recovernw23@portlandoregon.gov. More to come. Meanwhile, take care.

Sincerely,
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