

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

March/April, 2008



Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 7 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall

Corner of Milwaukie & Center

Main Presentation

MAX update including latest details of
proposed stations in the
Brooklyn Neighborhood

New Memorial in Powell Park
in memory of Christopher King
(See page 4 for more details)

Brooklyn T-Shirts

now available for purchase
(See page 4 for more details)

*Meet your neighbors and bring your ideas, concerns
and vision for the Brooklyn neighborhood.
Free coffee and pastries from True Brew*

Check out the Brooklyn website:
www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org

We're looking for a few good people!

Are you passionate about the livability of Brooklyn?
It is the dedication of people like you that makes our
neighborhood a special place to live and work.

**A great neighborhood like Brooklyn can
only stay that way if people get involved.**

The Brooklyn Action Corps is looking for people
interested in improving their surroundings and inter-
acting with their neighbors. Currently, there are **sev-
eral** vacancies on the board.

**Experience is less important than a desire to
work collaboratively with others. Areas of
interest might be neighborhood communi-
cations, monitoring the helpline, organizing
clean-ups and ice cream socials.**

The minimum time commitment is 2 to 4 hours per
month to attend board and general meetings. You can
take on other projects as your schedule allows.

If you are interested in volunteering and being a part of the future of Brooklyn, consider attending a couple of board meetings: March 12 & April 9 (2nd Wednesday every month at 6:30) and check it out! New board members will be elected at the May 28 General Meeting.

See you there! For more information, contact the HelpLine 503/241-4540.

Coming Soon! Neighborhood Cleanup Day: Saturday, June 7, 2008

Mark your calendars now for participating and volunteering to help. See page 4 for more details.

Calendar of Events

BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

6:30 - 9 pm

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Milwaukie & Center

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LOOKING AHEAD

Neighborhood Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 7, 2008

9 am - 3 pm

SE 16th & Center Sts.



Cell Phone Crime Fighters

Sellwood/Moreland neighborhood president, Reid Kells, recently came up with an idea and published it in the February issue of the BEE. His idea is a new approach to dealing with abandoned cars, graffiti and shopping carts. Obviously, the Brooklyn neighborhood does not have a problem with shopping carts, since we do not have a grocery store within our boundaries. We do, however, have issues with abandoned cars and graffiti. His plan follows:

The city's **abandoned vehicle line is 503/823-7309**. Put this number in your directory starting with BAC - WRECKS. Any vehicle you notice on a public street that has a flat tire, expired plates, or is visibly inoperable can be reported. Let's get them off our streets.

The same goes for **graffiti**. The city's hot line is **503/823-5860**. Dial BAC - GRAFFITI to find it quickly. The faster graffiti is erased, the less it becomes a problem.



With these numbers programmed in your cell phone, when you see a problem, just dial BAC and find the above numbers lumped together in your phone directory.

It really doesn't matter how many people call it in – the more, the better. Just remember: REPORT, REPORT, REPORT and the results may astound all of us. As always, if action isn't taken in a timely manner, call the Help-Line (503/241-4540) and let us know.

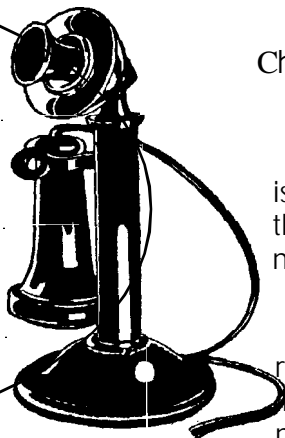


Doggie Doo Bags

There is a new structure at Brooklyn Park. It's a bag holder, designed to store plastic shopping bags so that dog owners will always have a bag available to pick up after their pet. The need for the bag holder came up during a dialogue between the Brooklyn Action Corps and Portland Parks Bureau. The bag holder, located in the south-east corner of the park, has been popular in other Portland parks. The idea is simple: Give a bag or take a bag but always keep our Brooklyn parks clean!

BROOKLYN HELP LINE 503/241-4540

The Helpline is for the Brooklyn neighborhood to voice their concerns or pass on information to the Brooklyn Action Corps.



Check out the **Brooklyn Neighborhood Website**
www.brooklyn-neighborhood.org

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brooknews@brooklyn-neighborhood.org

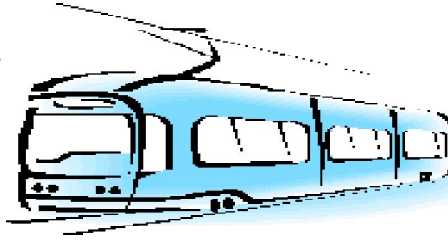
Community announcements, local events and press releases are accepted on a space available basis. Closing date for the newsletter is on the 15th of even-numbered months. This newsletter is edited and designed by Marie Phillippi.

Questions and Answers: Light Rail and the Brooklyn Neighborhood

By Lance Lindahl

Q: What is the Milwaukie MAX project?

A: There is a strong desire by both local government officials and area residents to expand Portland's popular MAX light rail system into inner Southeast Portland and quickly growing Clackamas County. The proposed Milwaukie MAX extension would add 6.5 miles of track and provide improved transit service from Brooklyn to OMSI, River Place, and Portland State University to the north and to Sellwood-Moreland, Downtown Milwaukie, and Oak Grove to the south.



Q: Who will be riding this train?

A: Recent analysis by local planners predicts that the new MAX line would serve between 23,000 and 26,000 daily riders by the year 2030. Some of these would be existing transit riders, but MAX light rail has a proven record of attracting new transit riders as well.

Q: How much is this project going to cost?

A: Recent media reports have indicated that this project will cost in excess of one billion dollars. This number is correct. The latest projections show that the project will cost \$1.4 billion. Sixty percent of this cost will be picked-up by the Federal Transit Administration. The State of Oregon has already committed \$250 million of state lottery funds for the project.

Q: Wouldn't it be cheaper to extend the Portland Streetcar into Brooklyn instead?

A: Yes, however such an extension would serve fewer people and would require much longer travel times. Since the streetcar uses existing streets, they can only move as fast as automobile traffic. Milwaukie MAX will get around this problem through the use of dedicated right of way in order to bypass congested city streets.

Q: Where are the rail tracks going to be placed?

All of the streets in this area seem to be too narrow to accommodate such a project.

A: The Brooklyn portion of this project will be built along SE 17th Avenue. It was determined that placing this rail line along either McLoughlin Boulevard or Milwaukie Avenue would require the displacement of a large number of private homes. SE 17th Avenue was selected as a way to eliminate the need to displace local residents. However, a significant number of commercial businesses in this area will now have to relocate. TriMet

staff members are currently working with local property owners in affected areas to discuss relocation options.

Q: Where will the Brooklyn area MAX stations be located?

A: Light rail stations will be located at SE 12th Avenue and Clinton Street, SE 17th Avenue and Rhine Street and SE 17th and Holgate Boulevard. Plans are also being made to include an additional station at SE McLoughlin Boulevard and Harold Street to better serve both Reed College and the Sellwood-Moreland neighborhood.

Q: How can I learn more about this project?

A: The official website for the Milwaukie MAX project is www.metro-region.org/southcorridor.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Officer Eric Weber attended the General Meeting last November. He works Sunday through Thursday, 4pm - 2am. His phone number is 503/545-3392.

NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008 9am - 3pm

Where? 16th & Center

Fees? Mixed Waste: \$10 for small pick up loads
\$20-25 for large loads

Yard Debris: \$7 (more for large loads)

Each vehicle will be quoted a price
before unloading

We will have the right to refuse any load and
contractor loads will not be accepted

Tires: without rims - \$3, with rims - \$4

Not accepted! Motors, large appliances, curbside
recyclables, hazardous waste

More details in the May newsletter.

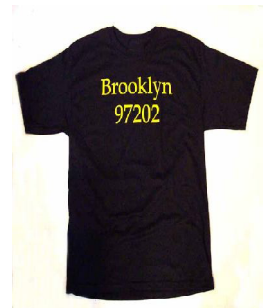
Volunteers are needed! Volunteers willing to
work a two-hour shift at the cleanup will be
allowed one free load of yard debris OR general
waste. **CALL NOW and reserve your time.**

**If you would like to volunteer
call the Brooklyn Helpline
503/241-4540**



BROOKLYN T-SHIRTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Once again, the popular Brooklyn T shirt is available. You can flaunt the Brooklyn neighborhood and support it at the same time. These "classy" black tees have yellow letters and are now available in COTTON. Cost is \$15 each with limited quantities of Small, Medium, Large, & XLarge. To purchase your "one of a kind" T shirt, they are available at the True Brew on Milwaukie (across from Brooklyn Park) and Neighborhood General Meetings.



For more information, call the Help Line
503/241-4540

NEW BOOK RELEASE

**Brooklyn Resident,
JENNIFER HOOPER MCCARTY and
Co-author TIM FOECKE offer up answers
to the century old mystery
"WHAT REALLY SANK THE TITANIC:
NEW FORENSIC DISCOVERIES"**

The authors apply new tools to the century-old mystery, using the same methodology that forensic scientists use in CSI. The book is available for \$22.95 at all Barnes and Noble bookstores, as well as Powell's.

Jennifer Hooper McCarty completed her master's and doctoral degrees in Materials Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. Following her graduate research at both the Smithsonian Institution and the National Institute of Standards and Technology, she worked as a researcher at Oxford University. Currently, Jennifer is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Oregon Health & Science University and she lives in the Brooklyn neighborhood.

MEMORIAL PLANNED

The family of Christopher King will be attending the March meeting with information on a Powell park memorial project. Chris was the young man that was struck by a train and killed at 17th and Lafayette last year.

The plans include a clay/cob style bench. Friends and family are working with the Village Building Convergence and City Repair. Any help or suggestions are welcome.

Contact emails for the project are
chriskingsmom@yahoo.com and
www.chriskingsmemorial.tripod.com.