

Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

January/February, 2008

Brooklyn Neighborhood
General Meeting
Postponed until March

"BIG PIPE" DELIVERS BIG REWARDS

By Lance Lindahl

The Brooklyn Neighborhood and other inner-eastside neighborhoods have come out as big winners in the allocation of public funds to help offset negative impacts from the construction of the East Side Combined Sewer Overflow Project (ESCSO). The City has awarded a total of \$1.7 million to 22 different local organizations.

A citizen's advisory committee has been holding monthly meetings over the course of the past year in order to select the winning candidates. There were 38 different proposals asking for a total of \$7 million, so the selection process was a long and difficult one. In the end, the committee decided to focus on projects that improve natural areas and public infrastructure most impacted by recent sewer construction projects.

The most expensive project to be funded is the one sponsored by the Brooklyn Action Corps (BAC). A partnership was formed with Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood Development (HAND) and the City of Portland Office of Transportation to fund bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects in the area where SE 11th and 12th Avenues cross the railroad tracks at SE Clinton Street. A total amount of \$364,600 will be spent on new crosswalk signals and other related safety improvements. Another \$4,800 will be spent to stripe bike lanes on SE Division Place between 4th and 9th Avenues.

The Brooklyn Action Corps is very excited to see our proposal get the green light for funding. We see this as the first step in a series of projects that will improve bike and pedestrian access to both the Willamette River and to our surrounding neighborhoods and commercial districts.

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HELP NEEDED!

Stay at Home Parent? Night Shift Worker? Bored Retiree? If you live near 3925 SE Milwaukie, Meals on Wheels would love to add you to our list of substitute drivers. Please call Lynne @ 503/988-6334



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Calendar of Events

BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 9, 2008

6:30 - 9 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall
Milwaukie & Center

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Wednesday, February 13, 2008

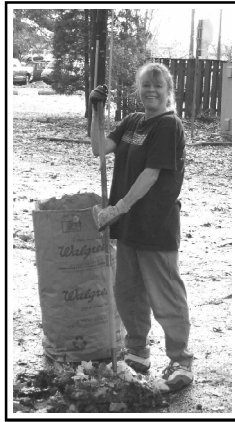
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

SCENES FROM NEIGHBORHOOD FALL CLEAN UP '07



A Brooklynite happy to help

Pictured are just a few of our volunteers and mostly from JOIN. The day turned out to be completely rain-free so many neighbors took advantage of the event sponsored by the neighborhood association and Metro. **THANK YOU** to all those that volunteered and brought your junk!



"Great view from up here!"



What a beautiful day!



Waiting for some business

Big Pipe continued

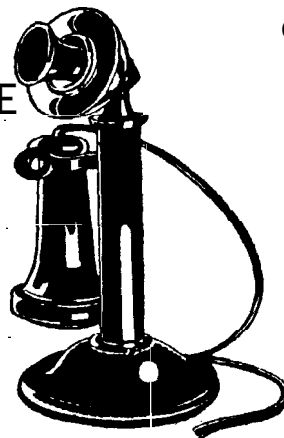
Another positive benefit of this grant program is that it has done a great deal to strengthen Brooklyn's working relationship with both the Hosford-Abernethy and the Sellwood-Moreland neighborhood associations. Friendships have been made, and we will continue to work together on future development projects.

The following are some of the other projects in our area to be funded by the ESCSO grant program:

Metro Parks and Greenspaces Department: \$210,000 to help construct the Springwater Corridor Trail from south of the Sellwood Bridge to SE 19th and Ochoco Streets; **Friends of Trees:** \$218,000 to plant street trees throughout the ESCSO construction area; **SOLV:** \$12,000 to re-vegetate and restore the Willamette riverbank between the Hampton Opera Center and the downstream end of the OMSI property and **Portland Community Gardens:** \$16,700 to expand and improve the Colonel Summers Community Garden on SE 20th and Taylor.

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.



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