

# Brooklyn NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

May/June, 2008

## NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP DAY

**SATURDAY, JUNE 7, 2008**

**9am - 3pm**

**Where?** 16th & SE Center

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



**Not accepted:** Motors,  
large appliances,  
curbside recyclables,  
hazardous waste

### **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.

**Accepted:** Batteries; Tires:  
\$3 without rims, \$4 with rims.  
This year, for the first time, TV's,  
computer monitors, and microwaves  
will be accepted for \$12 each (de-  
pending on size) and taken to Far  
West Fibers for recycling.

**CALL NOW and  
reserve your time.**

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



## **Brooklyn Neighborhood General Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 28, 2008**

**Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
Corner of Milwaukie and Center  
7pm**

### **Board of Directors Elections**

### **Update on Brooklyn's Bike Routes and Connections**

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

## **Missing Banners**

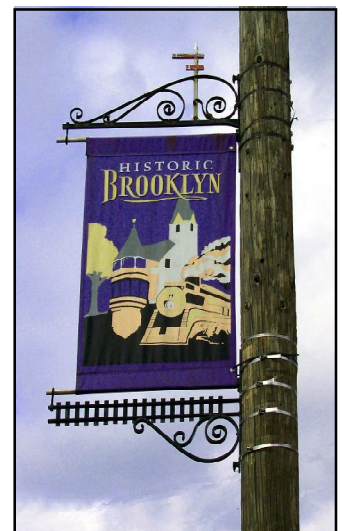
Our Brooklyn banners are one of the  
most attractive neighborhood banners  
in the city. With their unique railroad  
wrought-iron holders, they portray the  
history of Brooklyn. But, because of the  
heaviness of the wrought-iron, several  
have come loose from their brackets  
and are in need of replacement.

The BAC would like your help in lo-  
cating the fallen banners. One resident  
called the HelpLine to report that he  
had a banner in his possession, but

when attempting the call back, the line  
had been disconnected.

If anyone has in their possession, a  
banner or the holders, please call the  
**HelpLine 503/241-4540** and in your  
message repeat your phone number so  
that someone can call you back and ar-  
range for a return of the banner.

The neighborhood association has now  
hired Northwest Flag and Banner to in-  
sure that the banners are safely installed  
and continually maintained.



## Calendar of Events

### BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

6:30 - 9 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
Milwaukie & Center

### Neighborhood General Meeting

Wednesday, May 28, 2008

7 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall

### Brooklyn Plant Swap

Sunday, May 18, 10 am - 2 pm

3522 SE 8th Ave

### Brooklyn Clean Up Day

Saturday, June 7, 2008

9 am - 3 pm

16th & Center Streets

### BAC Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

6:30 - 9 pm

Sacred Heart Villa Hall  
Milwaukie & Center

### LOOKING AHEAD

### Brooklyn Park Movie Night

Thursday, August 14, 2008

## Old Rose Manor Site Set for Fitness

Quoted from the Oregonian, 'In Portland'

by Rebecca Koffman

Brooklyn residents will be able to tone their abs closer to home starting next year. A 24 Hour Fitness Health Club is scheduled to open in the neighborhood in August 2009 on the site of the old Rose Manor Inn at McLoughlin and Holgate.

The club will be the anchor tenant in a 52,000 square foot development called "The Shops at Brooklyn Yard." The gym, at 43,000 sq feet, will be a "Sport" level club, like all the other 24 Hour Fitness Clubs in Portland. It will have the usual workout facilities, sauna, steam rooms and classes, plus one or more the following: basketball court, racquetball court, swimming pool or whirlpool.

An additional 9000 square feet will be available for shops and restaurants. As David Weislogel, president of the Greater Brooklyn Business Association, put it, "Almost anything would be better than the empty lot that's there right now."



## Brooklyn Park & Little League

In response to Neighborhood Association request, a meeting was held on March 25th with the Powell Little League and Parks representatives to talk about the upcoming baseball season and its impact on neighbors who use Brooklyn Park. The following issues were resolved:

1. The green trailer used for concessions will be removed at the end of the baseball season.
2. The outfield fence will be put up in early April and removed no later than June 14th. Powell Little League will remove sections from the right and left field fence when the field is not being played on, allowing other park users convenient access to the North East part of the park.
3. Banners and signs will be up on the fence, only during times when the field is being used by the little league.

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Check out the Neighborhood Link site  
[www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/brooklyn](http://www.neighborhoodlink.com/portland/brooklyn) for the latest news.

### Brooklyn Neighborhood News

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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 and Debbra Palmer.



**BROOKLYN HELP LINE**  
**503/241-4540**

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

# GAS PRICES, ENVIRONMENT and DOGGY DOO

## WHAT'S THE COMMON LINK?

Here's a new angle you may not have heard of, despite all of the email circulating on the Internet about gas prices. Most of the suggestions deal with not buying gas from a particular oil company. But have we thought much about other factors? Have we given enough careful consideration to how petroleum-based materials, for example, may play into the rising prices at the pump?



For example, we probably don't give a second thought to the little plastic baggies that we use for picking up doggy doo. They're made from petroleum; perhaps from the very same barrel of oil that is transformed into gas for your car. Most of us with a pooch companion know that "have dog, will scoop" is expected. But what to do with the "scoopables" is up for grabs. Companies market all sorts of doo-dads and contraptions promising to help with lawful (and leisurely) disposal or burial of dog poop.

When it comes to your dog's leavings, believe it or not, flushing is best. It keeps bags and their contents out of overstuffed landfills, while preventing the bacterial contamination of soil and water that can result from outdoor disposal. How do you get it to the toilet?

**One way is with the Flushable Bag, a pooper-scooper that dissolves in water.** The Flushable Bag, made of poly-vinyl alcohol was developed two years ago. The translucent green bags measure 7.9 inches by 9.8 inches and are water soluble. They are an environmentally-friendly, non-toxic sister to the compound that makes up Elmer's glue.

Is the idea of transporting the bag to the toilet a little too green for you? **There are biodegradable bags such as a unique corn-based bioplastic product sold through Trellis Earth store on NE Sandy Blvd which can be disposed of in the garbage can.**

"Why should I worry about this," you ask? If you have one dog and use two bags a day, you're using about 700 bags a year. With all the responsible poo-scooping dog owners out there, that adds up to a whole lot of petroleum-based plastic bags.

Improper disposal contributes to pollutants in waterways. Twenty to thirty percent of all pollutants in waterways are attributed to dogs. Overall, it is believed dog waste is third or fourth on the list of contributors to bacteria in contaminated waters.

Then there's the doo itself. Instead of allowing all of our dogs' leavings to be mummified for the future, within plastic bags, let's be the wonderful people our dogs think we are—consider one of the above alternatives. Who knows, if everyone meticulously focused on lessening their consumption of plastics, we may see the price of oil come down enough to fill our tank for a spontaneous drive to the beach. And who would appreciate that more than our four-legged friends?

***Plastic bags are made from a non-renewable resource (oil), are not biodegradable and take thousands of years to break down.***

**Bio-plastic Corn-Based Bags**  
**Non-flushable, bio-degradable**

**\$4.70 for 100**

**(503) 281-0307**

**Trellis Earth Store**

**6017 NE Sandy Blvd**

**[www.trellisearthstore.com](http://www.trellisearthstore.com)**

**Flushable Bags**

**\$14 for 50**

**[wisconsinproducts.com](http://wisconsinproducts.com)**

## Brooklyn Neighborhood Sustainability Committee

The quality of our environment is something that affects us all. It is not only an issue at the global level, but right in our own communities.

There are many non-profit organizations and City agencies working on these issues, but a neighborhood sustainability committee is a great way for us to address the problems at the neighborhood level.

A sustainability committee could be used to discuss environmental issues affecting the neighborhood and city, bring awareness to residents about existing sustainability measures and programs, host events and workshops, and advocate for green development and policy.

There are many ways for us to all work together to be a part of the solution.

If you are interested in learning more about the Brooklyn Neighborhood Sustainability Committee contact Tim O'Neal, Neighborhood Sustainability Coordinator for Southeast Uplift, by calling 503/232-0010 ext.313, or email at **[tim@southeastuplift.org](mailto:tim@southeastuplift.org)**.



**The 3rd Annual  
Brooklyn Plant Swap  
May 18<sup>th</sup>, 10 am-2 pm  
3522 SE 8th Ave**

**For more information,  
contact Kathleen at  
971/212-5702  
or email:  
[neonkatz@hotmail.com](mailto:neonkatz@hotmail.com)**

**Opening Day at the Moreland Farmers Market  
Wednesday, May, 14, 2008 3:30-7:30 pm**

- \* Offering local fresh produce, nursery stock, cheese, baked goods, flowers, prepared food, specialty items and more.
- \* Master Gardeners will conduct a hands-on potting event; Sellwood Arts Academy will supply the tools for an art project.
- \* Enter a Drawing to win a bag of Market goodies (must be over 18).
- \* Enjoy the sounds of Sellwood Middle School's Jazz and Marimba Bands 3:30-5:30 followed by the caberet sounds of Padam Padam 5:30-7:30.

**On May 21**, Project Linkage, in conjunction with the Moreland Farmers Market, will bring you to the market by their lift-equipped shuttle, free of charge (although donations are welcome.) **Pick up at Sacred Heart Villa is scheduled between 2:45-3:30.** Project Linkage will stay at the market approximately 1 hour. Please reserve your spot by calling 503-249-0471, as seating is limited. For market information, contact [laura@morelandfarmersmarket.org](mailto:laura@morelandfarmersmarket.org), or call 503/341-9350.

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**WORLD HERITAGE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS  
AREA REPRESENTATIVES NEEDED**

World Heritage International Student Exchange Programs is a non-profit, public benefit organization offering quality students from a variety of countries the opportunity to spend a high school year abroad with a volunteer host family. They are in need of interested people to help with the program by providing local support for exchange students and their host families. While this is considered a volunteer position there is a \$500 payment for placing/supervising each full academic year student. World Heritage local representatives volunteer about 2-4 hours per student each month. Training, materials and support are provided.

Your help is needed to make a student's dream of visiting America come true. All students are between 15-18 years of age and are carefully screened by the World Heritage representatives. Those who demonstrate excellent character, behavior and proficiency in the English language, are accepted. Students arrive with their own spending money and insurance. Host families provide a bed, meals and a loving environment. Without your support there will not be enough homes for these students.

If you think you might be interested in becoming a local representative or would like more information about the program, contact

**WHO DO I CALL?**

Police Emergency . . . 911  
Non-Emergency . . . 503/823-3333  
Southeast Precinct . . . 503/823-2143  
Graffiti Hotline . . . 503/823-5860  
Abandoned Vehicle Hotline . . . 503/823-7309  
Drug House Reporting . . . 503/823-3784

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