

# neighborhood activist

## December 2011



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## Prepare Your Home: Seismic Strengthening

Partially Reprinted from Portland's "Residential Seismic Strengthening: Methods to Reduce Potential Earthquake Damage"



"Jack" by Roxanne Mossman  
2009 NWNW Photo Contest

Although most Oregonians have not witnessed a large earthquake in this region, large earthquakes have occurred in the past. The Cascadia Subduction Zone lies off the Oregon and Washington coasts where two sections of the earth's crust (tectonic plates) are colliding, with one plate sliding beneath (subducting) the other. Subduction zones have produced some of the most powerful earthquakes ever recorded, often having magnitudes of 8 to 9 or larger.

The City of Portland, Bureau of Development Services has a program to help you make your home more secure in our next earthquake. Many local homes were built using older construction techniques which are inadequate for the forces we now know earthquakes can cause; but, these older homes can be reinforced easily and inexpensively. Strengthened homes are safer to live in and easier to sell and insure. Evidence from past earthquakes in California has shown that strengthened homes stayed on their foundations in the same neighborhoods where unstrengthened homes did not!

The City of Portland provides tips for conducting your own preliminary survey, strengthening your home and much more. For more information, visit [www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?c=53562](http://www.portlandonline.com/bds/index.cfm?c=53562).

## Events

### SYLVAN ZOO LIGHTS

**Date:** Thursday, December 8, 2010

**Time:** 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Sylvan-Highlands neighbors & guests are invited to celebrate the holidays at a ZooLights Event and Canned Food Drive. Arrive early – parking goes quickly. Show proof of residency at ticket booth and ask for directions to the Sylvan-Highlands reception area. Bring canned food as a charitable donation to the Oregon Food Bank & cookies to share with neighbors. Sponsored by a Neighborhood Small Grant from Neighbors West-Northwest & the Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

### SATURDAY CLEAN-UPS

Northwest District Association's clean-ups have changed! Now there are opportunities on Second Saturdays and Third Saturdays. Join in for some good clean fun! Help clean up the neighborhood and get to know your neighbors. Second Saturday Clean-ups are held at Food Front Coop (2375 NW Thurman St) and Third Saturday Clean-ups will meet at Elephants Deli (115 NW 22nd Ave). Both are held from 9:00 - 10:30 AM rain or shine! Thanks to the sponsors: Elephants Deli, Food Front, Legacy, SOLV, Trader Joe's, and Umpqua Bank.



## NINA Food Drive

Northwest Industrial Neighborhood Association has distributed donation barrels to collect canned goods and other items for Northwest Portland Ministries (NWPM). Most needed items include shelf stable milk, canned vegetables, canned fruit, canned meat and cooking oils. NINA can also accept cash donations from businesses and individuals for NWPM.

Drop off food or monetary donations at Neighbors West-Northwest (2257 NW Raleigh) by Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. Food barrels are also located at Culver Glass, ESCO, Flair Plastic Products, General Tool, Gunderson, Kinder Morgan, Madden Fabrication, OBRC, Penske, and Portland Pattern. Visit [www.ninapdx.org](http://www.ninapdx.org) for updates to the barrel locations. Questions? Contact Barbara Macnab at [barbara@starindustrial.com](mailto:barbara@starindustrial.com).

## Mayoral Candidate Q & A

by Jerry Grossnickle, President

The Portland mayoral race is heating up. Forest Park Neighborhood Association is hosting Question & Answer sessions with the candidates at its regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The neighborhood association would like to give its members a chance to meet the candidates and talk with them about issues important to them and the neighborhood.

As of now, FPNA has scheduled Charlie Hales for December 20, and Jefferson Smith for January 17. Eileen Brady was rescheduled for March 20 to accommodate a conflict on her calendar. The meetings begin at 7 PM at 360 NW Greenleaf Avenue, and the candidates will be first on the agenda at these public meetings. If other candidates announce and ask for time, FPNA will do its best to accommodate them.



## Love Your Neighbor, Part Two

by Lanai Hoyt, Pearl District Neighborhood Association Livability Committee

The Livability Committee has been shaking things up (for the better) in the Pearl District lately and in November we set our goals for 2012. One of our most important objectives is to continue Emergency Preparedness Planning. Our first plan of attack for 2012 is to hold round table discussions every two months with experts and interested parties from our community. So take note Pearl District condo owners, apartment dwellers, businesses, schools, etc., because you're all invited! Some of the experts we plan to glean from include Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) members, structural engineers, and crime prevention experts, just to name a few. Emergency preparedness planning is a vital endeavor involving many fields of discipline and it is entirely achievable for us as a community to be well prepared for a possible major event. Please get involved in the safety of our community by saving the date of January 26, 2012 and joining our first round table discussion! Contact Jan Valentine at [jan.grammy@gmail.com](mailto:jan.grammy@gmail.com) or at 503 715-2822 for more information, and continue to watch for the dates of our future discussions, to be published soon. Let's love our neighbors, and ourselves!

## Neighborhood Annual Meetings and Elections

### GOOSE HOLLOW FOOTHILLS LEAGUE



Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Goose Hollow Foothills League's Annual Meeting and Board Elections scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2011, 7:00 PM at the Multnomah Athletic Club, 1849 SW Salmon Street.

Six board positions are open. The following slate of candidates has been approved by the Goose Hollow board: John Karafotias, Bill Reilly (incumbent), Scott Schaffer (incumbent), Tom Turner (incumbent), Mary Valeant (incumbent), and Randy Wyszynski. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting. Each candidate will have three minutes to speak, indicating what they can contribute to the neighborhood, before voting takes place.

All League members are eligible to vote if registered as a member by noon on Thursday, December 8, 2011. Membership applications are available on the League's website: [www.goosehollow.org](http://www.goosehollow.org).

Contact Angela at Neighbors West-Northwest ([angela@nwnw.org](mailto:angela@nwnw.org), 503 823-4211) with any questions.

### HILLSIDE

Hillside will have its annual meeting Tuesday, December 13 at 7:30, at the Hillside Center, 653 NW Culpepper Terrace. Elizabeth Aaby, Gary Berger, Jack Schwartz, Barb Schwartz, Keith Taft and Randy Weisberg are standing for reelection on the board. Anyone who wishes to run for the board can send a declaration of candidacy to Peter Stark at [ptstark@gmail.com](mailto:ptstark@gmail.com), or put their name forward at the annual meeting.

You must be a member of the neighborhood association in advance of voting or declaring candidacy. A completed membership application is required, and is available at [www.nwnw.org/membershipapps/HillsideMembershipApplication.pdf](http://www.nwnw.org/membershipapps/HillsideMembershipApplication.pdf)

The board will also be voting on a modification to its bylaws to adjust the neighborhood boundary.



### STREET STORIES FILM FEST

**Date:** Saturday, December 10, 2011

**Time:** 12:00 – 3:00 PM

**Place:** Cinema 21, 616 NW 21st Ave

The Empowered Voices Media Project (EVMP) invites you to join them for authentic stories from the streets. From individual lives to the systemic causes of homelessness and poverty, the Street Stories Film Festival examines the many sides of these community issues. The festival is free and open to all people, regardless of housing or economic status.

Coordinated by Sisters Of The Road. Sponsored by Neighbors West-Northwest & the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement through the Neighborhood Small Grants Program.

### COFFEE KLATCH

### WORKING WITH TRIMET

What can neighborhoods do to work with TriMet? What successful projects have been initiated by neighborhoods in the past? Discuss your passion and questions with your neighbors. Space is limited. RSVP at [angela@nwnw.org](mailto:angela@nwnw.org) or 503 823-4211.

**Date:** Thursday, January 19, 2012

**Time:** 5:00 – 6:00 PM

**Place:** Cafe Yumm, 1806 SW 6th

# neighborhood **activist** Community Calendar

## Arlington Heights Neighborhood Association

Join the Arlington Yahoo Group.  
Send blank email: [AHNAdiscussion-subscribe@yahoo.com](mailto:AHNAdiscussion-subscribe@yahoo.com).

### BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 12th & January 9th, 5:30 p.m.  
Sylvan Fire Station  
1715 SW Skyline Blvd  
Call to Confirm: 503 823-4211



## Forest Park Neighborhood Association

Contact: Jerry Grossnickle  
503 289-3046

[www.forestparkneighbors.org](http://www.forestparkneighbors.org)

### BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 20th  
7:00 p.m.  
Willis Community Center  
360 NW Greenleaf



## Goose Hollow Foothills League

[www.goosehollow.org](http://www.goosehollow.org)

### ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Thursday, December 15th  
7:00 p.m.  
Multnomah Athletic Club  
1849 SW Salmon St

### Planning Committee

Thursday, December 8th & January 12th, 7:00 p.m.  
First United Methodist  
1838 SW Jefferson



### Neighborhood Vision Realization Committee

Tuesday, December 13th  
8:00 a.m.  
Jeld-Wen Field, Providence Bldg.  
D.R. Horton Room (SE Corner)  
909 SW 18th Ave

## Hillside Neighborhood Association

Contact: NWNW 503 823-4212  
[www.hillsidena.org](http://www.hillsidena.org)

### ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Tuesday, December 13th  
7:30 p.m.  
Hillside Community Center  
653 NW Culpepper

### Next Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 10th  
7:30 p.m.  
Hillside Community Center  
653 NW Culpepper



## Linnton Neighborhood Association

[www.linnton.com](http://www.linnton.com)

### NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, January 4th  
7:00 p.m.  
Linnton Community Center  
10614 NW St Helens

### Linnton Photovoice Project

View entire project in December at New Seasons Arbor Lodge.



## Northwest District Association

[northwestdistrictassociation.org](http://northwestdistrictassociation.org)  
NWDA Hotline 503 823-4288 x7

### BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 19th  
6:00 p.m.  
Legacy Good Sam, Building 2  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
1040 NW 22nd Ave

### Next Health & Environment Committee

Monday, January 9th  
7:00 p.m.  
2217 NW Johnson St

### Planning Committee

Thursdays December 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th & January 5th & 12th  
8:00 a.m.

CoHo Theater  
2257 NW Raleigh  
Call to Confirm 503 823-4212

### 2nd Saturday Litter Patrol

Saturday, December 10th  
9:00 a.m.

Food Front Coop  
2375 NW Thurman

### 3rd Saturday Clean Up

Saturday, December 17th  
9:00 a.m.

Elephants Deli  
115 NW 22nd Ave

### Executive Committee

Wednesday, December 7th & January 11th, 8:00 a.m.

CoHo Theater  
2257 NW Raleigh

### Transportation Committee

Wednesday, December 7th & January 4th, 6:00 p.m.

Legacy Good Sam, Building 2,  
2nd Floor Conference Room  
1040 NW 22nd Ave

### Safety & Livability Committee

Monday, November 28th  
10:00 a.m.

Northwest Library  
2300 NW Thurman St



## Northwest Industrial Neighborhood Association

Contact: 503 626-8197  
[www.ninapdx.org](http://www.ninapdx.org)

### NINA Meeting

Tuesday, December 13th  
7:30 a.m. Meet & Greet  
Bring food drive donations (pg 1).  
Holiday Inn Express  
2333 NW Vaughn St

### Emergency Preparedness Committee

Wednesday, December 7th & January 4th

4:30 p.m.  
Galvanizers Company  
2406 NW 30th Ave



## Northwest Heights Neighborhood Association

Contact: Charlie Clark  
503 459-3610 or  
NWNW at 503 823-4212

Contact us for more information about your neighborhood or for volunteer opportunities!



## Old Town Chinatown Neighborhood Association

[www.oldtownchinatown.net](http://www.oldtownchinatown.net)

### BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, December 6th & January 3rd, 5:00 p.m.  
U of Oregon, 70 NW Couch St

### Public Safety/Livability Committee

Wednesday, December 28th  
11:30 a.m.  
Central City Concern  
232 NW 6th Ave

### Land Use Design Review Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 20th, 3:00 p.m.  
U of Oregon  
70 NW Couch St

### PHLUSH

Monday, December 19th  
5:30 p.m.  
Floyd's Coffee Shop  
118 NW Couch St

### OTCT Quarterly Business Association Meeting

Thursday, December 15th  
4:30 p.m.  
Thirsty Lion, 71 SW 2nd Ave



## Pearl District Neighborhood Association

[www.pearldistrict.org](http://www.pearldistrict.org)  
Contact: Dave Davis  
503 799-2212

### Board Meeting

Thursday, December 8th & January 12th  
6:00 p.m.  
PREM Group, 351 NW 12th Ave

### Executive Committee

Thursday, January 5th  
8:30 a.m.  
Urban Grind  
911 NW 14th Ave

### Livability Committee

Monday, December 5th & 19th  
5:30 p.m.  
Crane Building  
710 NW 14th Ave

### Planning & Transportation Committee

Tuesday, December 6th, 20th & January 3rd, 6:00 p.m.  
PREM Group  
351 NW 12th Ave



### Communications Committee

Monday, December 12th & January 9th  
5:30 p.m.  
Zimmerman Community Center  
1542 NW 14th Ave

### Pearl District Board Training

Saturday, December 10th  
9:00 a.m.  
Zimmerman Community Center  
1552 NW 14th Ave

## Portland Downtown Neighborhood Association

[www.portlanddowntownna.com](http://www.portlanddowntownna.com)

### Land Use & Transportation Committee

Monday, January 16th  
5:30 p.m.  
Eliot Tower, 3rd Floor  
1221 SW 10th Ave

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### Next BOARD/GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, January 24th  
6:00 p.m. Board Meeting  
7:00 p.m. General Meeting  
Loaves & Fishes  
1032 SW Main (Enter on 11th)

### Public Safety Action Committee

Thursday, December 15th  
12:00 p.m.  
Harland Building  
Main Floor Conference Room  
400 SW 6th Ave



## Sylvan-Highlands Neighborhood Association

For more information visit  
[www.sylvanhighlands.org](http://www.sylvanhighlands.org)  
To get involved in Public Safety or Transportation contact  
[claudiachaconne@hotmail.com](mailto:claudiachaconne@hotmail.com)

### NEXT General Meeting

Tuesday, January 10th  
7:00 p.m.  
Sylvan Fire Station  
1715 SW Skyline Blvd

### ZooLights and Food Drive

Thursday, Dec. 8th  
6:30 p.m.  
Oregon Zoo  
4001 SW Canyon



## Cornell Road Sustainability Coalition

Contact: Peter Stark  
[pstark@gmail.com](mailto:pstark@gmail.com)

Monday, January 23rd  
6:00 p.m.  
Audubon Society  
5151 NW Cornell Rd

## Neighbors West-Northwest Coalition

Board Meeting  
Wednesday, December 14th  
5:30 p.m.  
Legacy Good Sam, Northrup Building  
2282 NW Northrup

### Community Grant Committee

Monday, December 5th  
4:00 p.m.  
Legacy Good Sam  
Wilcox Building, Rm 102  
1015 NW 22nd Ave

## Nob Hill Business Association

Contact: Kay Wolfe  
[kay.wolfe@homestreet.com](mailto:kay.wolfe@homestreet.com)

### GENERAL MEETING

Wed. January 18th  
8:00 a.m.  
Holiday Inn Express  
2333 NW Vaughn St

