



Neighborhood News Richmond

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Meetings occur the 2nd Monday of each month at Waverly Heights Church, 3300 SE Woodward ST at 7 pm

2016 RNA Board Elections

by *Cyd Manro*

Please read carefully, as the election procedures are changing. The board will vote on recommendations from the Election Reform Committee at the May meeting. Some have already passed. Anyone who wishes to run for a seat at the RNA board of directors election on June 13th, 2016 must announce their candidacy at the May 9th, 2016 meeting. Candidates are encouraged to submit a statement about why they are running and if they have a top issue they'd like to address.

Please visit the website at richmondpx.org for more detailed, up-to-date information regarding the 2016 RNA board and officer elections. All who are 18 or older who live, own property, or run a business in the Richmond neighborhood are encouraged to attend and vote!

Clean-Up, Rummage and Plant Sale

by *Jonathan King*

Once again, our annual Richmond Clean-Up gives us a great excuse for cleaning our houses, especially our

basements and garages, of unwanted and hard to recycle (non-curbside) items. Just bring them to our annual Richmond Clean-Up on Saturday, May 21. Please note, however, that Metro will no longer accept demolition or construction materials because they are all-too-likely to contain asbestos which the DEQ has "outlawed."

Our clean-up accomplishes several things. We have access to a centrally located place to dump unwanted items such as bulky waste and obsolete electronics. It is a fundraiser for YOUR Richmond Neighborhood Association which supports neighborhood events. Plus, if you don't have stuff to get rid of you can still visit our popular plant and rummage sale. The plant sale has been growing each year and is an excellent opportunity to get affordable plants for your yard. The rummage sale is a big neighborhood garage sale with all sorts of reusable household items looking for a new home.

This event is only made possible thanks to our neighborhood volunteers who donate their time on clean-up day. For more information, contact Jonathan at richmondcleanup@gmail.com or (503) 206-6529.

Seeking: Litter-picking Superheroes!

SE Division / Clinton Litter Pickup

Join us Sat 4/23 10-noon
Starts & ends @ St. Honore
3333 SE Division
More at www.seuplift.org

Seeking Litter Picking Superheroes for the Division/Clinton Litter Pickup
by *Katy Asher*

Vanquish trash while wielding a litter picker and bucket, and help make your neighborhood shine.

Spend the morning spreading good neighbor vibes with SE Uplift, Division Clinton Business Association (DCBA), and SOLVE as we work our way up one of the busiest corridors in inner-SE. Let's work together to make a simple and visible impact. As a sign of gratitude, DCBA member St. Honore will serve volunteers tasty coquettes and coffee.

What: Division/Clinton Spring Litter Pickup

When: Saturday, April 23, 2016 10am-noon

Where: Begin and end at St. Honore, 3333 SE Division

RSVP: requested but not

required at <http://solveoregon.org/get-involved/events/divisionclinton-litter-pickup>

Planning Your Neighborhood Block Party

by Allen Field

Having a block party on your street is the best way to get to know your neighbors, and it's easy to organize.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) handles block party permits, which cost \$10. There is an extra \$5 per street fee for each additional street that is closed as part of the event. There is a \$25 expedited fee for applications received 5 business days or less before the event.

PBOT's block party website provides all the necessary information and street closure permit applications: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/66080>. The Office of Neighborhood Involvement block party webpage has very useful tips on planning block parties and useful links: <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/33907>.

Noise permits are required if you will have amplified music. Permits are \$58, but, if you registered your block party as a National Night Out event (first Tuesday in August, but any block party the first two weeks in August usually qualifies – check with the city's Noise Office, 503-823-7350), the noise permit fee is

waived. Online registration for a National Night Out event is at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/oni/55345>.

Some tips to keep in mind:

- Hold a neighborhood barbecue or potluck so neighbors can get together to pick the date, to decide whether the entire street or only part of it will be closed, to divide responsibilities, and to decide if you want entertainment.

- Divide the workload: some neighbors can supply the barbecues, others can bring tables and chairs, maybe some neighbors play in a band or have other talents to entertain, and one or two people can take care of all the permits.

- Organize games or contests for kids, for example: bean bag toss game (cornhole game), sidewalk chalk contest, a piñata, pumpkinseed spitting contest, outdoor movie, kids' races, rent a jump castle, hold a talent show, etc. Collect donations from neighbors to help cover the cost of any permits you get, drinks, ice, communal food, and other costs.

You do not have to close off the entire street, but you do have to get the signature of every house on the section of the street you want to close and the corner houses if one side of the house sits on the closed street. Submit your paperwork to PBOT no later than four weeks before the event.

Street closure barricades (at least three Type I barricades are required) and signs can be

borrowed from SE Uplift and the RNA or rented from a local company. The RNA requires a \$150 deposit and \$5 battery fee -- contact allen_field@yahoo.com to reserve them well in advance of your block party (at least 3 weeks).

Richmond Community Action Network

by Lisa Miller

Richmond Community Action Network (RCAN) is a new group supported by OHSU Family Medicine at Richmond Clinic. RCAN is partnering with the community to address social determinants of health. Social determinants of health (SDHs) are factors outside of medical care that impact health: housing, education, nutrition, social support, socioeconomic status, etc. The team has chosen housing as the first area of focus.

The first aim is responding to the City of Portland's Safe Sleep guidelines, an emergency plan from Portland's mayor's office for managing camping on city-owned property by people experiencing homelessness. RCAN, Richmond Neighborhood Association (RNA) and Division-Clinton Business Association (DCBA) are forming a workgroup to engage the community in providing local interpretation and guidance for these City-approved guidelines.

In an effort to provide inclusive input by affected stakeholders, the workgroup has reached out so far to members of Home

Forward, Portland Police Bureau, Richmond Community Church, as well as RNA and DCBA.

If you are interested in joining our work on the Safe Sleep guidelines, or helping form our long-term work to address the impact of housing on the health of the community, please e-mail rcan.workgroup@gmail.com.

RNA Adopts Notification Policy *by Heather Flint Chatto*

There has been rapid redevelopment of Division from both public investments in the Division Streetscape project and extensive new private large development projects over the past three years. The nearby residents have had neither the policy nor political framework to have a say in this development. In response, the Richmond Neighborhood Association (RNA) formed the Division Design Initiative (DDI), a coalition with Hosford Abernethy Neighborhood District (HAND), Mt. Tabor and South Tabor Neighborhood Associations (MTNA & STNA), the Division Clinton Business Association (DCBA) and Southeast Uplift (SEUL).

On February 19th, the RNA adopted the Community Notification and Engagement Policy, applicable to projects 5,000 square feet or greater and five units or more. The policy gives a desired timeframe within which developers are asked to come to the neighborhood association so there is earlier opportunity for community

feedback, desired information developers should bring so the community can better understand the design and potential impacts, and a process and form for how to follow up on community feedback topics.

While this policy is a not a mandatory requirement enforced by the City, it does represent community priorities for having enough information to better engage with architects and developers more successfully in future planning of the neighborhood, particularly for those projects where the NA has discretionary or advisory power (demolitions, rezones, etc.). It is further hoped that this policy will help improve compatibility of new development with neighborhood context and character. The policy will be posted on the RNA website later this month and will be shared with future developers and architects.

To learn more about the Division Design Initiative work and Top Ten Policy Recommendations for the City of Portland, please visit www.divisiondesigninitiative.org To contact the DDI or be added to their notice list, email ilovedivision@gmail.com. To support the work of this grassroots inter-neighborhood coalition to help provide technical assistance on adopting policy improvements that respond to neighborhood context and character, please send donations to: Division Design Initiative, c/o SE Uplift, 3534 SE Main Street, Portland, OR 97214.

Dare to Prepare: Cascadia Subduction Zone 101

by Callie Jones

Unless you have been living off of the grid, or have been out of the country for a few years, or perhaps, like me, you moved here from a place where earthquakes are not an issue, you have probably come to realization that you are living on the edge of the Cascadia Subduction Zone.

The Cascadia what? The Cascadia Subduction Zone is a fault line that separates the Juan de Fuca and North America plates, extending from Northern Vancouver Island Canada to Cape Mendocino California. The Juan de Fuca plate is moving towards the North America plate and is being pushed below it, hence the word "subduction."

The problem is it appears to be stuck. Pressure has been building for over 300 years and is overdue to for a "megathrust" earthquake. Geological evidence shows that such great earthquakes occur every 400 to 600 years.

(<http://pnsn.org/outreach/earthquakesources/csz>)

We all react differently to this kind of information. You could move away, or pretend it's not going to happen, or you could look it straight in the eye and deal with it in small, proactive ways while you carry on with your normal life in Portland. Here's a few things that you can do to prepare:

- Sign up for “Public Alerts” at <http://www.PublicAlerts.org>
- Prepare together, get your neighbors involved. PREPOregon <http://www.preporegon.org/>
- Join your local chapter of Portland NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) <https://portlandprepares.org>
- Make a plan and build your kit:
 - Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem/46475>
 - PREPOregon (Planning for Resilience & Emergency Preparedness) <http://www.preporegon.org>

Stephanie Swanson of Enhabit offers the following extra tips:

- **Identify Home Hazards.** Heavy objects that can be dangerous if they move or fall during an earthquake. Secure bookcases, electronics, appliances, and any other items to walls with fasteners, or move them away from beds and seating.

- **Retrofit.** Reinforcing older homes—bolting them to the foundation, reinforcing the “cripple wall” between the first floor and the foundation and shoring up weight-bearing posts and beams—helps them stay standing after an earthquake. A seismic retrofit can also help you get earthquake insurance, and since your home is your biggest investment, make sure it’s protected.

The RNA Adopts a Vision Statement

by Cyd Manro

On February 8, 2016 the RNA adopted a vision statement after collecting input from RNA members and the board over a couple of months. A vision statement is concise, clear, and describes what kind of role the RNA strives to play in the Richmond neighborhood.

The RNA adopted the following success criteria for the vision statement:

1. aligned with our values
2. inspirational and clear
3. holds up when we check our decisions against it
4. represents the constituents of Richmond
5. both forward thinking and grounded in Richmond’s history and culture

The vision statement is as follows:

“RNA inclusively listens to Richmond residents and supports with integrity their collaborative engagement to improve the livability, accessibility, and safety of the neighborhood for all.”

There will be more opportunities for RNA members to give input in order to shape the vision statement during a special session to be scheduled in April. If you have feedback or you want to be on the email list, send an email to RichmondNA@yahoo.com.

RNA Board Members

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