

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 1, 7 PM
OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines, (SW 6th Avenue Drive & SW Gaines)3rd floor
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Three Important Agenda Items at February Meeting: there IS some traffic calming money after all; Parks Bureau wants a Stewardship Agreement with Homestead; we have money for sign caps and need a design. So come join us! We will have refreshments and news.

Traffic Calming Follow-up Contrary to earlier understanding, there are some funds available to improve safety on SW Condor Lane. The Portland Bureau of Transportation reports that, *unless* the neighborhood petitions for a one-way option, PBOT will construct curb extensions at Condor Lane and Terwilliger. PBOT rep Liz Mahon has agreed to brief us on this situation.

Parks Bureau Stewardship Agreement: In our natural area preservation projects, we have been very fortunate to work with the Portland Parks Bureau as well as our partners, the Friends of Marquam Nature Park and Friends of Terwilliger. The Parks Bureau now suggests that Homestead NA sign a Stewardship Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Bureau to facilitate our ongoing relationship and cooperation. Come to our February meeting to vote on the proposed MOU. (We will try to circulate a draft to our e-mail list and post the draft on the website).

New Office of Neighborhood Involvement Grant: Thanks! to the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement and the Southwest Neighborhoods Small Grant program for our 2011 Grant of \$734.00. In addition to supporting our ongoing parks preservation program and our National Night Out Summer Picnic, this grant provides seed money for sign caps for street signs to help identify Homestead. Come to the February meeting and *help design our sign cap*. Our logo has 3 circles: one for the original “homestead” cabin, one for our trees, and the third, a “H” for our hospitals. What would you like to see atop our street signs?

February 12 Work Party in “Terwilliger Wildlands” Please join neighbors and our Friends of Terwilliger partners as we work to clean out shoots of invasive plants previously pulled from our adopted area along Terwilliger Creek. Meet at 9 AM at the restrooms at Terwilliger and Hamilton. Dress for the weather! Snacks, gloves, and tools provided!

Neighborhood Watch Susan Egnor is very interested in starting Neighborhood Watch groups in Homestead. These would be block-by-block “watches”, set up as each group decides, with help from Southwest Neighborhoods Crime Prevention Coordinator Stefanie Adams. If you are interested, call Susan Egnor. This program could help with things like vacation car prowls or break-ins, awareness of neighbors in need, as well as generally making Homestead a better, safer place to be.

Questions, or for more information, contact Outreach and Membership Chair Susan Egnor at 503-939-3828.