

*Next Meeting of the **Homestead Neighborhood Association***

Tuesday, January 3, 2011 7:00 p.m.

OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines St, 3rd floor.

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HomesteadNA.org

Big news: our first neighborhood street Sign Caps have been installed! Thanks again to seed money from a South West Neighborhoods Inc. small grant, and continuing hard work by our outreach chair Susan Egnor, we were able to get the first 6 signs made and installed at a few key intersections. Our hope is to get them at as many intersections as possible... and to do that, we will need your help, since we need to raise the rest of the money for the signs with local donations. Each sign will cost approximately \$60-90 for production and installation (we are waiting for a final figure on installation costs from the city), and anyone is welcome to sponsor a sign (and choose an intersection, if you would like) or give any size contribution to help with the effort. Contributions can be made through SWNI, a 501c3 non-profit corporation, and are tax-deductable per IRS regulations (thanks to SWNI for agreeing to be our fiscal sponsor for this project!). Checks should be made out to **Southwest Neighborhoods Inc** or SWNI and in the **memo portion of the check**, donors need to write **Homestead Sign Cap project**. Checks need to be mailed to SWNI, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy., Portland, OR 97219.

Additionally, we received the great news that our 2012 Small Grant application was successful (submitted thanks to the tireless efforts of Susan Egnor), which will allow us to perform an outreach project via the postal service to get more neighbors involved in our neighborhood. We will publicize our ongoing neighborhood meetings, projects, and especially highlight our new electronic communications mechanisms, as they seem to be favored for many of our residents. Of course we will continue with all of our other meetings and news items for those who are already accustomed to those!

We did not have a December NA meeting, but the SW 11th sidewalk project is moving along, and still being planned to break ground next summer. Additionally, the traffic counts and temporary barrier on Terwilliger at the Condor Lane / Terwilliger intersection are still slated to begin in January as previously announced. A mailer with more information should be forthcoming at the very beginning of January. A Portland Bureau of Transportation representative is planning on joining us at our January meeting to discuss the plans in more detail and to answer any questions about the process.

As usual, please get in touch if you have any ideas on how to continue to improve our neighborhood or if you would like to get on our email list to receive information about local issues (rarely more than 2-3 emails per week- just send a request to eric8schnell@gmail.com).

Our next NA meeting is January 3 (see above). In addition to discussing the plans for the traffic calming at Condor Lane, we will also be discussing the sign cap program, our

plans to fulfill the conditions of our 2012 small grant, as well as have a discussion about a possible dog area in Dunaway Park. Happy New Year!

