

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

*Tuesday, February 7, 2011 7:00 p.m.*

OHSU CDRC, 707 SW Gaines St, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor.

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As I sit down to write this, we are having our first Homestead snow of the year! It's so peaceful to see all of the trees and views with a dusting of snow on them...

Neighborhood projects continue to progress. The traffic calming project at Condor Lane and Terwilliger is moving ahead on schedule. In mid-January, PDOT performed traffic counts on streets that may be impacted by the change at the Condor Lane intersection. These will not only help us better understand the impact (if any) of the left-turn restriction, but also will help us understand how cut-through traffic (in general) has changed over the past few years. As many remember, the Marquam Hill Plan contained an agreement between our neighborhood, the city, and the Marquam Hill institutions to keep cut-through traffic at 2001 levels; it will be informative to compare the 2001 numbers with the new counts.

The temporary barrier at Condor lane will be installed in late January (it should be up by the time you are reading this), and we will be discussing the progress of this project at the next few NA meetings- please join us or get in touch if you have any questions.

On another note, our new sign caps continue to draw attention to our neighborhood identity for residents and passers-by alike! Thanks again to Susan Egnor for her tireless dedication to this project. We are working to extend the project with the installation of more signcaps, but this must be funded by private donations. If you are interested, contributions can be made through SWNI, a 501c3 non-profit corporation, and are tax-deductible 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.

At the last meeting, our neighborhood voted to endorse a utility upgrade by Portland General Electric to improve service reliability to our neighborhood. We also voted to support a dog-friendly (off leash) park designation for the portion of Upper Duniway Park, east of the Lilac Garden.

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](mailto:eric8schnell@gmail.com), or our new neighborhood association email address, [homesteadna@gmail.com](mailto:homesteadna@gmail.com)).

Our next NA meeting is February 7 (see above). In addition to discussing the plans for the traffic calming at Condor Lane, we will receive a presentation from the SW Corridor High-Capacity Transit planners from Metro/ODOT. Although it is still early in the planning for this project, it should be a very informative discussion and a great chance for residents to get more information, as one proposed alignment puts light rail on Barbur Ave right near our neighborhood, and there has even been talk of a Marquam Hill tunnel...

