

**No Meeting in March Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 7 PM**  
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**Natural Area Restoration!** On January 17, Fifteen students from area colleges and universities who chose to work for our parks for their Martin Luther King Day of Service. With supervisory help from Susan Jaeger and Robin Jensen with Friends of Marquam Nature Park, the service volunteers enthusiastically pulled and chopped ivy, dug out blackberry and carried out garbage left on our adopted area by the 12th and Gaines Trailhead. Reforestation Party It was a day long in coming, as Doug Weir, president of our partner Friends of Terwilliger said at the introduction. February 12 saw 349 new native trees and shrubs planted on the hillside in front of the Casey Eye Institute. Thanks to Portland Parks Bureau/City Nature West for providing the trees, shrubs and the expertise. Thanks to Urban Forestry for putting in 6 12' + Douglas firs and a 15' big leaf maple before 27 volunteers swarmed the hillside on Saturday. Twenty Douglas fir seedlings, as many pacific madrones, tall Oregon grape, big leaf maples, bitter cherry, and dozens of understory shrubs. Friends of Terwilliger worked hard to get this area restored. We are very grateful to them and to the Parks Bureau not only for its help in getting all these plants into the ground but also for its commitment to care for these trees and shrubs so that our parkland will, indeed, be reforested.

April Meeting Interested in having a more Oregon native landscape in your own yard? Come hear Gaylen Beatty, of the Backyard Habitat Certification Program will talk to us about things we can do to support a native landscape at home. Their program includes site visits, consultations, and access to wholesale prices for native plants. Also at the April meeting we will review our neighborhood's annual Action Plan, which sets the course for the coming year.

Help Design Our Street Sign Caps! As discussed at our February meeting, this year's Office of Neighborhood Involvement/Southwest Neighborhoods Small Grant includes "seed money" for Homestead Neighborhood sign caps on our street signs. You've seen them in Hillsdale, in Multnomah, and in South Burlingame. So, now its our turn to "show our colors.". Abby Becker, a graphic designer who grew up in the neighborhood, and her business partner Kathryn Wojno have volunteered to help us design our sign caps. They will provide some ideas which we hope to post on the website. The city sets the size, but we can choose color and a design for the center circle part of the cap. Help us put Homestead on the map! Help design our sign cap! Red, green, brown? Forest scene, cabin, trail? Let Susan Egnor know your ideas! (see below)

**February Meeting** *Traffic calming for SW Condor Lane.* Elizabeth Mahon, from the Portland Bureau of Transportation, reported that, contrary to earlier understandings, \$30,000 remains available for Phase 2 of the Traffic Calming Plan approved by City Council in 2007.(when we got our speed bumps, curb extensions and Terwilliger Crosswalk approved). We discussed several options, including a curb extension at SW Condor Lane and Terwilliger (challenging terrain), some kind of pedestrian amenity along SW Condor Lane, more effective and safer crosswalk to and from the stairs to the VA hospital, and briefly visited the one-way street option. Elizabeth Mahon said the funding would expire at the end of this fiscal year (June 30).

Because the possibilities are complex, she and OHSU liaison LaToya Fick are checking on whether the funding could possibly be rolled over into the next fiscal year, to allow a more in-depth review of the options.

*Neighborhood Liaison Officer Presentation* Officer Doug Dickenson, whom many of you met at our picnic in August, gave us the good news: there has not been much crime in Homestead lately. Responding to a question, Officer Dickenson told us that crimes on OHSU and Veterans Administration property are generally handled first by the institutions' respective security forces. Such crimes only show up in our statistics if a police report is filed.

#### Standing Reports

For OHSU, LaToya Fick said she would check into the situation with cigarette butts and other trash discarded in the neighborhood by people leaving the smoke-free OHSU campus to smoke. For the Veterans Administration Hospital, Dan Gutkowski reported they expect to break ground in April on the new parking garage. Entrance will be from Veterans Hospital Road; the top will be about level with the parking lot that is now above that road. We again asked about plantings to help obscure the garage from Terwilliger.

Parks Stewardship Agreement The discussion came at the end of a full meeting. Members had questions regarding whether the agreement is required and what impact it would have on our partnerships with Friends of Marquam and Friends of Terwilliger. Susan Egnor is to explore the agreement further with the Parks Bureau.

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