SCA Seeking Ideas to Improve Our Community

If you had up to $1,000 to spend on our neighborhood, what would you do? The Sabin Community Association is excited to announce our new small grants program, offering two grants of up to $1,000 each. The purpose of the program is to use SCA funds for community programs that support the association’s guiding principles: Engaging the community, seeking to understand and meet community needs, supporting diversity, encouraging local businesses, preparing for the future and supporting sustainable living, caring for our natural environment, and partnering with community organizations.

The SCA board is seeking ideas from Sabin residents to build strong community participation and partnerships. Engagement of historically under-represented and under-served communities is a high priority for this small grants program. Interested in applying? The process is easy. The proposed idea must:

- Be within Sabin boundaries
- Demonstrate how it improves the experience of living in Sabin
- Benefit the Sabin community, rather than an individual or specific group

All ideas are due by May 1. We have included an idea card on page 4 of the newsletter that you can either drop off at the SCA Small Grants Box at the Albina Library vestibule (3605 NE 15th Ave., next to Whole Foods), or email your idea and information to sabincommunity@gmail.com. We look forward to hearing from you!
SCA Annual Meeting, Elections Set Monday, May 9

“Budding and Buzzing Sabin” will be the subject of Sabin Community Association’s annual meeting on Monday, May 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Sabin School Auditorium, 4013 NE 18th Ave. To access the second-floor auditorium, use the school’s northeast corner entrance.

Meet your friends and neighbors beginning at 6:30 during the Sabin Social, followed by SCA board member elections at 7 p.m. Learn about native and pollinator-friendly plants for your garden, local resources to help yards bloom, and the Sabin and King Street Tree Inventory during the “Budding and Buzzing Sabin” presentation and discussion, from 7:30 to 8:30.

Sabin Community Orchard Work and Learn Party on April 17

Come join us from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 17, for Sabin Community Orchard’s monthly Work and Learn party at NE Mason Street between 18th and 19th avenues. Back by popular demand is the Pollinators learning session, hosted by Mace Vaughn and Julian Dominic. Learn how to attract pollinators to your yard, and check out our neighbor’s resident bee hives! Bring work gloves, any small personal tools you may like (well labeled), and drinking fluids. Folks of all ages welcome!

Sabin Community Orchard began in 2009 as a partnership between the Sabin Community Association and Portland Fruit Tree Project. For more information, contact April Jamison, Orchard Programs Coordinator, 503-284-6106, april@portlandfruit.org.

Sabin School Auction on April 15

Grab your elegant summer dresses and fedoras and get ready for a night of delicious food, drink, and music. It’s Tropicale! — this year’s annual Sabin School auction, coming up on April 15 at the Castaway. This year’s presenting sponsor is Sabin resident and Realtor Billy Grippo.

The auction is the primary fundraiser for the Sabin PTA, Sabin School Foundation, and special projects at Sabin School. This year’s auction special appeal will fund a restorative justice coach at Sabin to give the community new tools to resolve conflicts through the introduction of restorative circles. There are a variety of ways that community members can support the auction. More information is available on the auction website, www.sabinauction.com.

Attend the auction: For $25 attend the silent auction/cocktail party, or buy a $75 ticket and enjoy the silent auction/cocktail party and full dinner/live auction with live band Heavy City Reggae playing at the after party.

Buy a raffle ticket: Choose among three amazing vacation packages: Napa Wine Country VIP Insiders Tour, Costa Rica Escape, or Disneyland Family Adventure. Tickets are $50, only 200 tickets will be sold.

Make a donation: Prefer to make a donation to the Sabin School PTA? Choose the ‘Cash Donation’ button on the auction website.

Volunteer: Volunteer opportunities are available from 8:30 a.m. until midnight on the day of the auction. Look for the ‘Volunteer’ button on the auction website.
SMALL GRANTS IDEAS

IF YOU HAD UP TO $1,000 TO IMPROVE SABIN, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Proposed ideas must be within the boundaries of Sabin, demonstrate how they improve the experience of living in Sabin, and must benefit primarily the Sabin Community, rather than an individual or particular group.

PROJECT IDEA & COST:

YOUR NAME & CONTACT INFO:

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Save the Date: SCA Spring Clean-Up is May 21, 10 am-2 pm

Few chores are as satisfying as tackling a thorough household spring cleaning and de-cluttering, especially after years of accumulating no-longer needed stuff.

So consider this even-more gratifying “two-fer”: When you haul your “junk” to Sabin Community Association’s annual Betty Walker Spring Clean-Up on May 21 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the Maranatha Church parking lot — instead of to Metro Central — you’ll pay less and also be supporting several worthwhile community projects. Maranatha’s parking lot is at 4222 NE 12th Ave. between Mason and Skidmore.

The cost to drop off a carload of items is $20, and a truckload costs $50. Clean-Up proceeds have benefitted Sabin School’s playground renovation, the Sabin Orchard, and SNAP matching funds for the King Farmers’ Market, among other neighborhood projects.

And if you really want to boost your happiness quotient, consider volunteering for a morning or afternoon shift at the Clean-Up. To volunteer, or for more information about the Clean-Up, contact Coordinator Lauren Gross at sabincommunity@gmail.com.

Here are garbage and recycling items that will be accepted at the Clean-Up: household junk, furniture, mattresses, scrap metal, and appliances. You also can donate (for use by others) yard or home tools, plus fully functional items such as kitchenware, lamps, irons, fans, alarm clocks, as well as canes, crutches and other medical gear.

Here is what won’t be accepted:
• Building materials containing asbestos. This includes vinyl flooring (tiles or sheet goods) and mastic; wall plaster; cement shingle siding such as Transite; ceiling materials such as acoustical tiles, popcorn or other spray-on texture; insulation that is spray-applied, blown-in, vermiculite, pipe, HVAC, and lagging; electrical wire insulation and panel partitions; plus fire doors, fire brick, and fireproofing.
• Curbside recycling or yard debris.
• Miscellaneous items such as cement, motor oil, paint, hazardous or chemical wastes, tires, commercial by-products, batteries, and TVs.

“Supporting the Clean-Up is an easy win-win for Sabin residents and the community,” says Gross. “Not only will you de-clutter your house, but you can drop off everything at once, and we’ll do the sorting — donation, recycling, and trash — for you. This year, we will have a large free area where you can also take away gently used items donated by your neighbors.”

— Susan Goracke