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Our Community in Action

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 diverstiy, 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 his-

torically 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!

SABIN'S 2016 BETTY WALKER

SPRING CLEAN UP







SATURDAY, MAY 21 | 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Marantha Church Parking Lot | 4222 NE 12th Ave. (at Skidmore)

Donation: \$20 per carload, up to \$50 for truckload

Donations support neighborhood projects

WHAT TO BRING?

Household Junk

Broken Furniture, Mattresses

Scrap Metal, Appliances

Wood (no treated wood, but

paint and nails okay)

FOR DONATION

Tools (yard and home)

Functional kitchenware and small appliances, lamps, irons, fans, alarm clocks, canes, crutches, and medical gear

Clean linens, blankets, towels, and shower curtains

Bikes

NOT ACCEPTED

Curbside recycling and yard debris

Cement

Construction materials

Motor oil, paint, hazardous or chemical wastes

Tires, batteries, TVs

** See page 4 for full list







Thanks to Metro, our regional government, who provides free waste disposal for neighborhood clean ups.

2016 SCA Meeting Schedule

Board meetings are open to all and are held from 7–9 p.m. on the second Monday of the month (except in July, August, and December) at Whole Foods' upstairs conference room, Northeast 15th and Fremont. Upcoming meetings:

April 11 May 9 (General Meeting)

EVENTS CALENDAR

www.facebook.com/sabinpdx FOR SELECT INFORMATION ON SABIN EVENTS

Black Storytime: The African American experience comes alive for children 0-6 (with adult), Mondays, 6:30-7 p.m. at Albina Library

Free: King Sabin Tree History Walk Saturday, April 16, 12:30-3 p.m. Begins at Whole Foods Market Registration and More Information: http://tinyurl.com/kingsabinhistory

Sabin Community Association







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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.

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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.



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SABIN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

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:

Cut out this card and drop it in the SCA Small Grants Box at the Albina Library vestibule (3605 NE 15th Ave., next to Whole Foods), or email your idea to sabincommunity@gmail.com. All ideas due by May 1, 2016.

ACCESS SABIN NEWS ONLINE

Readers can catch up on breaking local news that affects Sabin by "liking" SCA on Facebook or checking Nextdoor Sabin (www.sabin.nextdoor.com). To view Sabin Community Association newsletters starting with the January 2014 issue, go to SCA's website (www.sabinpdx.org). Click on "More" at the top of the page and select "Newsletter Archives."

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



Volunteers gather at the Maranatha Church for the 2015 SCA Clean-Up.

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 CleanUp. 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 fire-proofing.
- 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



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Clay Veka

Dear Sabin Neighbors,

I joined the Sabin Community Association when my family moved to Sabin eight years ago and our first daughter was only a couple of months old. Initially, I attended meetings and served on the Land Use and Transportation Committee. Over the years, I have served different roles including editing this newsletter (which more than 30 volunteers hand-deliver to every household in Sabin — amazing!) and now president.

What I love about being involved in SCA are the people I work with and the projects we take on. I'm thrilled with the small grant program we are kicking off this spring. If you had \$50 to \$1,000 to invest in our Sabin community, what would you do with it? And we have so many other continuing projects — the Spring Clean-Up, emergency preparedness, the Sabin Orchard — as well as our committees that include communications, land use, and transportation, among others.

Our SCA annual elections are in May, and we welcome you to join the board. We have several openings, and you could take either a small or a larger role. Join an existing team or work with SCA to start something new. If you have questions or want to explore possibilities, get in touch with me at 503-961-3702 or at clayveka@ gmail.com. Or just show up to the annual meeting at Sabin School on May 9, express interest, and we'll plug you in. The 15 currently serving board members would love to welcome you to the SCA!

- Clay Veka



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