Imminent and Important Portland Land Use Decisions Impact Us All

We love our city. We want a Portland where all are welcome and everyone’s interests matter, regardless of background, income, or age, whether renter or homeowner, lifelong resident or new arrival. The greatest asset of our city is its people, and our city is at its best when it facilitates connections among those people: cultural, economic, and social. The policies we lay out below are based on our beliefs for how Portland can achieve these goals. — portlandforeveryone.org

During a compelling and data-driven presentation to the Sabin Community Association Board on October 10, Portland For Everyone (P4E) shared their point-of-view on why we must ensure that Portland’s decision-makers strive for “Abundant, Diverse & Affordable Housing in all our Vibrant Neighborhoods.” Though planning and discussions at city hall are well underway, there is still time and a need to influence the outcomes of five big land use decisions that will occur over next 18 months. On November 9 and 16, the City Council will hold hearings on a recently developed land use proposal called the Residential Infill Project.

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### Calling All Volunteers: Sabin School Needs You!

Calling all volunteers: Whether you are the parent of a current, former, or future student — or a community member willing to share your time, energy, and talents — please consider volunteering at Sabin School!

What are some of the volunteer needs at Sabin School? Sabin students need your support in a variety of ways, including in the classroom, during recess, before school, and with school work. You can sign up to assist students who need extra support in reading or math, play games with kids during recess, assist the front office staff, or volunteer in a classroom — if you have an interest, we will match you with a need!

Sabin School parents: Principal Reiko Williams has asked parents of Sabin Students to commit to volunteer one hour per month. Do you have an hour to spare to play with kids at recess? If so, we’d love to have you be part of our “Parent Play” initiative! If volunteering during the school day simply isn’t feasible for you, ask your child’s teacher if there are ways that you can help during evenings and weekends. Or do you have neighbors who may not have students at Sabin who you think would be a great volunteer? Please ask them if they’re interested!

Sabin community members: Don’t have a student at Sabin School? Absolutely not a requirement to volunteer! In fact, we would love to increase the number of community volunteers at Sabin School who aren’t parents of students. We can help you find a volunteer opportunity that matches your interests and the time that you have to offer. We really need help with recess — you can be part of “Parent Play” too! Even one hour per month would make a difference for our students!

For all volunteers: You can fill out this form to tell us about your volunteer interest: tinyurl.com/sabinvolunteer or email Volunteer Coordinators Tara Bernhardt and Heather Grossmann at sabinvolunteercoordinator@gmail.com.

All volunteers need a current PPS background check: https://apps.pps.net/volunteermanagement.

With your help, we can do even more to support the success of all students at Sabin School.
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ing that can be developed in our communities. For more information on how you can support this initiative, visit www.portlandforeveryone.org.

The Residential Infill Project confronts the key issues that we see happening in our neighborhoods and communities. Namely, how do we balance the projected population growth of Portland and the increasing demand for housing in a way that keeps housing affordable for all residents. One seemingly simple solution is to build multiple-resident housing or convert homes into duplexes, triples, or build medium rise apartments. But in what areas can such one build or convert; how many units; what size lots, and how large?

Why are these important issues and coming to the forefront now? The Portland housing market is hot (as always) but the issues are not new. Perhaps they carry a new gravitas because of the growing lack of balance between supply and demand in our housing market. Without community oversight and influence, housing development may drastically change the look and feel of our neighborhoods and their economic vibrancy — without solving the problems. The key issue identified by Portland For Everyone is: when all is said and done, will there be a fair and just distribution of benefits and burdens to all residents in the community?

Portland For Everyone Goals
- Grow the supply of affordable and diverse housing types in all Portland neighborhoods
- Prioritize housing for historically and currently under-served populations
- Prioritize housing for humans over housing for cars
- Allow more people to live in areas with good access to transportation, parks, and services
- Create and maintain economically diverse neighborhoods

— Henry Moreno

Sabin Orchard Work & Learn Event in November

Interested in learning more about the Sabin Community Orchard? Join Portland Fruit Tree Project and Sabin Community Association for a Work & Learn party. They’re fun, educational, and take place the third Sunday of each month. No experience is necessary, and all are welcome, including kids! Please RSVP or register online (information below).

When: Sunday, Nov. 20, 2–4:30 p.m.
Putting the orchard to bed for the winter

Where: Sabin Community Orchard, NE Mason between 18th & 19th

RSVP: april@portlandfruit.org, (503) 284-6106
www.portlandfruit.org/sabin-community-orchard

Sabin Community Association is on Facebook

Over 600 residents like Sabin Community Association’s Facebook page and enjoy up-to-date information about our neighborhood. Check out our page www.facebook.com/SabinPDX for news, upcoming events, and tips from fellow neighbors.

SCAN Deliverers Needed

We are looking for a couple of volunteers to help deliver newsletters five times a year. Each SCAN issue is produced and delivered entirely by volunteer efforts, and we need your help!

Delivering SCAN is a great way to get to know your neighborhood, meet new people, get a little exercise, and contribute to the success of our bi-monthly newsletter.

If you would like to find out more, please contact Sandy Bacharach, arequeta@gmail.com or (503) 287-6927.
Greetings Sabin Neighbors:

In continuing with our Emergency Preparedness corner, the Disaster Duo has some initial information about gradually building emergency supplies or homestay kits in case of a major emergency. If the Number 9 earthquake happened tomorrow, your family may not have electricity or water/sewer systems restored for several months and federal/state relief may not arrive for days or even weeks. As such, it is critical to gradually start building a substantial supply of water, food, medical, and other emergency supplies for your household. Emergency supply lists are readily available on websites, such as preporegon.org.

By making small, incremental purchases, even those on a limited income can build up a homestay kit over time. You will need to rotate food and water supplies regularly (about every six months). Experts recommend storing at least a gallon of water per person per day in potable water approved containers as well as having several methods to safely filter and purify water. These methods include backpacking or straw filters, boiling on camp stoves, and having iodine pills and/or bleach.

Plan to have at least two five-gallon buckets with lids in order to set up an emergency sanitation system—separating urine and feces as much as possible. You can search the internet for examples of twin-bucket emergency toilets to find out more. Store your emergency supplies in an area of easy access, such as a shed or metal garbage container. Pooling resources with neighbors is a great way to spread costs for larger items, such as a 6-foot crowbar to lift fallen structural pieces, drywall, or concrete.

Our next article will focus on Go Kits which can be prepared for your car, children’s locker, workplace, and the like. Get prepared and encourage your neighbors and friends to do so as well!

Signing off until the next episode,
Deborah Pleva and Diane Meisenhetter

Sabin Neighborhood Emergency Team (Sabin NET) Updates

October has been a busy month for Sabin NET! The blustery storm put NETs across the city to work clearing storm drains and marking downed power lines.

Sabin residents Nathan White, Greg Shine, Kirstin Greene, and Courtney Brown were recognized by the City of Portland for their work clearing storm drains on our neighborhood streets. Way to go team!!!

NETs from around the city were also deployed on October 19 to help Portland Fire and Rescue mark the safety perimeter around a large gas explosion site on Northwest 23rd Avenue in Portland.

Sabin NETs participated in another Portland Bureau of Emergency Management training, Operation Bull Run, that simulated neighborhood conditions following a catastrophic earthquake. These “live fire” trainings are great opportunities for us to test our response skills.

If you are interested in emergency preparedness, then join us at our team meetings held on the fourth Monday of every month from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., upstairs at Whole Foods on NE 15th and Fremont Street, in the Mt. Bachelor conference room.

Great information about preparedness and training can be found at PBEM’s website at: www.portlandoregon.gov/PBEM/31667.

Be Prepared!
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