UPDATE: Portland’s Residential Infill Project

According to the City’s website: The goal of the Residential Infill Project is to adapt Portland’s single-dwelling zoning rules to meet the needs of current and future generations.

In response to community concerns about demolitions and the scale of new homes, as well as the supply of housing in Portland, the City of Portland’s Residential Infill Project addresses three topic areas:
1-scale of houses
2-housing opportunity
3-narrow lots.

Find more information at www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/infill.

Community Activity. Thanks to all of you who joined us for the Residential Infill Project kick-off meeting on October, 10, 2017, where Chief Planner Joe Zehnder and Project Manager of the Residential Infill Project, Morgan Tracy, discussed the purpose of the project, the proposed process and timeline, an overview of the proposals, and next steps. Slides shown at the presentation can be found here: www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/658612.

A public review comment period extends through Monday, November 20, 2017. This outreach period is focused on familiarizing community members with the detailed amendments in preparation for the Planning and Sustainability Commission and subsequent City Council hearings next year. There were also a series of drop-in office hours at the District Neighborhood Coalition offices, which have now passed. Another source of information on the Residential Infill Project is The Map App, an online interactive tool that allows users to select individual properties to see how they will be affected by the proposed amendments. The app is located at www.portlandmaps.com/bps/mapapp/maps.html#mapTheme=rip.

Sabin residents can still comment through November 20, 2017 via email: residential.infill@portlandoregon.gov.
Business Profile
Organizing Service: LIFE WELL LIVED ORGANIZING

Rachael Langtry, a Sabin resident for the last 14 years, has always enjoyed organizing projects for her own home as well as helping friends and family tackle organization projects large and small. A longtime Program Director for Friends of Children, Rachael felt it might be time to consider a career change. Inspired by the popular book “The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up: The Japanese Art of Decluttering and Organizing,” Ms. Langtry started researching careers in the organizing industry. She found support and networking opportunities in the local chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers.

To get started, Rachael completed some required coursework and provided free organizing sessions to gain experience. She is working toward becoming certified as a professional organizer, but that will take some extensive course work and a couple of years of work experience.

In the meantime, she has been busy helping families of all sizes as well as individuals, businesses and estates get organized through her Sabin business, Life Well Lived Organizing. Rachael has especially enjoyed working with first time parents to get their house prepared for their new baby. She also loves any opportunity to use her creativity - for example she likes to work with clients to reimagine and reconfigure their living space in a way that makes a house feel like a home.

Rachael explained it this way, “I love to help people live in their homes in a clutter and stress free way.” She thinks that getting rid of the clutter frees people to focus on the things that are really important in their life.

If you are interested in talking to Rachael about how she could be helpful in decluttering or organizing your space, you can find more information about Life Well Lived Organizing at www.lifewelllivedorganizing.com.
Neighborhood News

SCA Seeks Neighbor to Organize Sabin Clean-Up
Every spring, we stage the annual neighborhood clean-up sponsored by the NE Coalition of Neighborhoods, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, and Metro. It is our biggest fundraising event of the year, and provides a valuable service giving neighbors place to donate unwanted goods; and get rid of household junk. Last year it raised $1,618.

For the last three years, SCA member Lauren Gross has generously donated her time to running the clean-up. We now need someone to take over for Lauren. The position requires 15 to 20 hours of time, starting in February and ending late May or early June. The role mostly involves coordinating and scheduling with the clean-up team and organizations that make it happen. Interested in helping us continue this important fundraising event and community service? Contact us at www.sabinpdx.org/contact-us.

Run for Sabin School Fundraiser
The second annual Run for Sabin School took place on October 26. This school-wide community event also serves as a fundraiser to promote educational excellence and support the success of all Sabin students. This year, funds raised by kindergarten thru 6th graders will support efforts to improve school climate through a program called Playworks and to improve student achievement in math through interventions and teacher professional development. Funds raised by 7th and 8th graders will offset costs of a spring trip to Washington DC. Members can send donations to the Sabin School PTA, 4013 NE 18th Ave, Port-land, 97212. Please note “Run for Sabin School” on the memo line. Thank you for your support!

Hurry and you can still donate your books to Sabin School’s annual Children’s Book Harvest. Drop off your books in the boxes in the hallways thru November 9. Contact Cara Farr farroufitfamily@gmail.com for more info.

HELP US DELIVER NEWSLETTERS
We are looking for a TWO volunteers to help deliver newsletters the first weekend in February, April, June 2018.

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, and get a little exercise.

Give Sandy Bacharach a ring at (503) 287-6927 or email her at arequita@gmail.com and she’ll let you know what’s involved. Light duty, really.
Create a Family Emergency Plan
October is the time of earthquake preparations like The Great Shakeout exercises on a city and state level. It's also a good time to work on educating family members on responses to different types of disasters, evacuation plans, and identifying meet-up sites both immediately outside the home as well as outside of your neighborhood. Schedule regular practices of emergency plans. Everyone should carry with them key phone numbers, including an out-of-state emergency contact. It is good to develop a local support network of care for children, pets, or seniors until family members can reunite.

Family members should know when and how to turn off gas, electricity, and water. Family members should also know how to use fire extinguishers; the importance of cleaning up flammable spills; and in the case of earthquakes, how to put fire extinguishers curbside so that they can be shared to put out small fires.

It is important to prepare and rotate supplies for shelter-in-place kits as well as go-kits for each person, pet, and location that you spend time (eg. work go-kit, school comfort kit, car kit, under-the-bed kit etc.). Do a home hazard hunts and over time embark on structural and non-structural mediations. Have proof of adequate insurance, cash-on-hand, and copies of important documents and meds (kept in a waterproof container).

Work with your neighbors in block-by-block planning. Contact a Sabin NET member to express interest in holding a Map Your Neighborhood block meeting (meissun@hotmail.com) to learn key aspects of block-by-block responses, how to work with our Sabin NET (Neighborhood Emergency Team) and be a part of our neighborhood operations plan which is located along with other critical emergency resources on the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management (PBEM) website.

Coalition for Healthy Kids and Education Ballot Measure - May 2018
At the June 2017 SCA board meeting, a representative from the Coalition for Healthy Kids and Education gave a presentation about a proposed measure to tax soda and sugary drinks in Multnomah County. The proposed tax of 1.5 cents per ounce on the distribution of sugary beverages would raise an estimated $28.4 million per year to support preschool and early learning programs, including school gardens, healthy eating school curriculum, playground improvements, and physical education.

The coalition emphasized that “similar taxes in other cities have reduced consumption of sugary drinks by nearly 10 percent. Sugary drinks are the top source of added sugar in kids’ diets, leading to chronic conditions like diabetes and heart disease.” The measure would support local programs for kids and would be placed in a dedicated fund (rather than the general fund), where half would be spent on expanding and supporting preschool programs for low-income families. Interested community members can find out more about the measure at www.healthykidsmultnomah.org.