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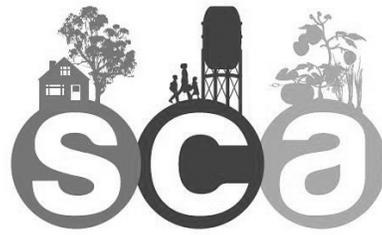
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**Our Community in Action**

**Beech Street Project is 20-Year Tradition**

On a hot August afternoon, bees harvest nectar from purple blossoms on native perennials planted earlier this summer in the parking strip in front of Nancy and Dennis Hauth's home at 1327 NE Beech Street in Sabin.

Mosaic stepping stones add more color to nearby parking strips, and looking west on Beech Street, two large street paintings — at 12<sup>th</sup> and at 13<sup>th</sup> avenues — attract attention from passers-by.

The plantings, street, and garden art are visible signs of the success of this summer's Beech Street Project, conceived and coordinated by Arati von Behren. With the project, von Behren hoped to draw people out of their homes and onto the streets to meet their neighbors. She also hoped a community effort to spruce up the neighborhood would deter crime and give neighbors a greater sense of security.

During the project's planning stages earlier this year, she discovered that Nancy Hauth



**Nancy Hauth, left, joins Arati von Behren and her daughter, Uvaursi, in front of the mural on the north side of Albina Library along NE Beech Street.**

had been among a group of neighbors spearheading a similar neighborhood improvement project in 1994 and 1995. Hauth and about 15 of her neighbors, calling themselves the

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**Neighbors Meet to Address Affordable Housing**

A group of neighbors have met monthly to learn about why there's a shortage of affordable housing in inner north and northeast Portland and to look for ways to influence the city's housing policy. N & NE Neighbors for Housing Affordability, has set goals to help increase the supply of affordable homes in the area and to also ensure that historically diverse neighborhoods, like Sabin, remain accessible to people of all races and income levels.

At the group's August meeting, KBOO host Sekoynia Wright shared stories about African Americans who were displaced from inner north and northeast neighborhoods due to rising rents and property values. In June, John Miller, Executive Director of Oregon Opportunity Network, talked about how the shortage of affordable homes is squeezing low and middle income families. He also

shared a new campaign called Keep Portland Affordable, which aims to raise awareness about the shortage of affordable housing and to pressure the city to take action.

Justin Buri, Interim Director of Community Alliance of Tenants, will speak at a future meeting about inclusionary zoning, a market-based approach to increasing the supply of affordable housing.

N & NE Neighbors for Housing Affordability is open to anyone interested in learning more about this topic and taking steps to address it. Meetings are typically held Wednesday evenings. For specific dates, times and locations, please contact Cameron Herrington (503-388-6100 or cameron.herrington@necoalition.org) or Diane Benson (916-402-5224 or dcb1810@yahoo.com).

**2014 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.

September 8  
October 13  
November 10

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

[www.facebook.com/sabinpdx](http://www.facebook.com/sabinpdx)  
FOR SELECT INFORMATION ON  
SABIN EVENTS

**Comprehensive Plan Workshop**

September 15, 7 p.m.  
1722 NE Alberta Street  
Workshop to review and discuss Portland's draft Comprehensive Plan see [www. http://necoalition.org/calendar](http://necoalition.org/calendar)

**Work & Learn Party**

September 21, 2–4 p.m.  
Sabin Community Orchard,  
NE Mason between 18th and 19th

**Sabin Community Association**



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Friends of Trees, worked together to plant between 30 and 40 street trees along NE Beech between 10<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> avenues.

A year later, the group met to discuss what to do about the graffiti and trash dumping along Albina Library's north and west sides. They hired Portland muralist Isaka Shamsud-Din to design and paint a mural, titled "Saturday Morning in Sabin." With financial help from several residents and nearby businesses, the neighbors again volunteered their time and talents to help make the mural happen.

"We figured that no one was going to mess with a beautiful mural," Hauth explains. The mural, which was painted on panels, originally was placed on the building's west wall. It later was moved to the north wall when Whole Foods market took over the space.

"The whole time we've had it up there — about 17 years — it has only been tagged one time," Hauth adds. "For the most part, no one messes with it."

Later, when neighbors heard that Multnomah Library planned to close its Albina branch, they quickly organized again. This time, close to 40 people carried signs to protest the library's closing.

They attracted media attention, and the county changed its mind. Hauth praises von Behren for taking up the mantle of neighborhood improvement almost two decades later.

"I think it's magical. I love it," Hauth says of the 2014 Beech Street Project, which involved close to 200 neighborhood volunteers. "Arati did such a good job of reaching out broadly. Her project really reconnected us with our neighborhood."

Von Behren agrees that the project fused friendships and created a more neighborly community. But there is still work to be done, and she hopes more people will come forward to assist neighbors improve their parking strips. Volunteers also are needed to install a wooden bench and three "little libraries," which already have been built.

"Some people still think there are problems, and they have concerns about safety in this neighborhood," von Behren adds. "But I see a positive change. Even people who have bought homes here this summer say they are excited."

For more information, contact von Behren at [tea@flyawakepdx.com](mailto:tea@flyawakepdx.com) or 503-729-1602.

--- Susan Goracke

**Crosswalk at Fremont & 9th: Coming Soon!**

The Fremont Green Street project is nearly set for ground breaking. As of August, the city was ready to issue permits to the contractor, who will then submit a proposed schedule for work. Sabin is the first neighborhood to utilize the city's 1 Percent for Green funds for a right-of-way street improvement project. Once

completed, Fremont Street will feature bioswales for storm water runoff and curb extensions and a crosswalk at NE 9th Avenue. Now that the contracting process is in place, neighbors are hoping future projects will experience fewer hiccups. Long-term plans include crossings to NE 8th and 10th Avenues as well.

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## Esprit Motors Will Find You a Great Car or Vintage Trailer

Kim and Ian Lomax are 6-year Sabin residents and co-owners of Esprit Motors, LLC, a small automotive brokerage and dealership. As long-time classic car and vintage trailer enthusiasts, they often had friends and acquaintances asking if they could help them buy or sell a car. Last fall they decided to become licensed Oregon vehicle dealers.

So far, their favorite part of being dealers is helping customers purchase a car and avoid the need to driving all over town to multiple used car lots and dealing with high-pressure sales tactics.

"Many of our customers don't have the time or energy to spend researching potential cars, searching for a car with the needed specifications, or negotiating a car purchase," Kim explains. "As auto brokers, we help customers determine the right car for them based on their needs and then go out and find that car."

Customers are charged the wholesale price plus a fee. They also sell cars for customers who don't want to deal with the hassle of doing it themselves.

In addition to cars, the Lomaxes buy and sell vintage trailers and love helping new enthusiasts find a trailer and learn how to tow it safely.

Their own 1966 Streamline Countess has accompanied them on trips all over the western United States. They are drawn to the older and the European (aka the fun and the feisty); Ian currently drives a 1974 Alfa Romeo Berlina, and jokes, "it's the envy of every 12-year-old-boy in the neighborhood."

--- Michelle Ganow-Jones



**On August 17, 2014, first grader Sophia Self paints a bench during the first of three Sabin School beautification parties at the start of the school year. Among other things, volunteers cleaned up the gardens, painted benches and bike racks, installed a new table, and prepped the field for future improvements. For more information about Sabin School beautification projects, visit [www.sabinpta.com](http://www.sabinpta.com)**

### ACCESS SABIN NEWS ONLINE

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

## SABIN BRIEFS

### Harvest Time at the Sabin Orchard

This season, we've pruned, watered, weeded, and watched the bees on the trees. Join us for the September Work & Learn Party at the Sabin Community Orchard, where we'll harvest fall fruit and donate a portion to the food bank. Everyone is welcome to come learn about caring for and enjoying the fruits in the orchard.

**When:** Sunday, September 21, 2-4 p.m.

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

**RSVP:** [intern@portlandfruit.org](mailto:intern@portlandfruit.org)

### Sabin Community Orchard Seeks Liaison and Volunteers

After several years as the Sabin Community Orchard liaison, Rachel Lee will be stepping down. We hope to fill this position soon in order to organize with our partners at The Portland Fruit Tree Project to finish the growing season and put the beds to rest for the winter. If you are interested in learning more about this rewarding position, please contact Clay Veka, [clayveka@gmail.com](mailto:clayveka@gmail.com) for details.

### Save the Date: Sabin School Auction Saturday, April 18, 2015

Volunteers and sponsors are needed for the school's biggest fundraiser of the year. Mark your calendars for an evening of fun at Montgomery Park that benefits all Sabin students. Email the Sabin Auction team at [sabinauction2015@gmail.com](mailto:sabinauction2015@gmail.com).

### SCA Communications Team Seeks New Members and Ideas

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Clay Veka

Dear Sabin Residents:

About 70 Sabin neighbors joined the Community Picnic on August 5th at the Sabin School play field and made it a party. Frisbees, games of chase, an interactive art piece, conversations, and laughter filled the field.

We enjoyed visits from Portland Police, our inner-N/NE Crime Prevention Specialist, and the grand finale visit of a fire truck and crew, replete with sirens and lights.

The picnic was Sabin's National Night Out (NNO) event this year. National Night Out is a day when people across North America hold parties to strengthen community cohesiveness and crime resistance, and get to know their neighbors and their local public safety officials. Mark your calendars for the 2015 celebration on Tuesday, August 4th!

Whether you joined the picnic or not, please consider getting involved with our neighborhood. From working at the community orchard, to posting content on our social media sites, to organizing events, there are opportunities big and small.

In mid-August, a Gallup analysis was released that found, "People who volunteer to serve their communities are significantly happier than those who do not." We really are a fun and happy group and would love to find a way to plug you in! Get in touch with me to learn more.

--- Clay Veka



Neighbors gather to check out a fire engine at Sabin's National Night Out held on August 5th at Sabin School.

## Sabin Artists Included in Local Studio Tour



Portland Open Studios began in 1998 and takes place every year during the second and third weekends of October. Almost 100 artists across the Portland metropolitan area participate, opening their studios to demonstrate how they work and showcase their art.

Portland Open Studios is a non-profit tasked with creating educational opportunities for the public — it offers a scholarship fund for emerging artists to ease participants' financial barriers and encourage diversity in the field, and in 2009 it began offering internships to school students.

Studio tours take place October 11, 12 and 18, 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The self-directed tours are available in the form of a calendar featuring photos of participating artists (\$20), a smart phone application (\$9.99), or a map-only ticket (\$5). Each option includes tickets for two adults (children under 18 tour for free), making it accessible to the entire community.

Tickets are available from participating artists, at New Seasons, Collage, Muse and I've Been Framed, as well as many local independent art stores.

This year six Sabin artists are participating in the tour: Karl Ramentol; Michael Hensley; Kindra Crick; Jean Gauer; Meghan Radick; and Suki Allen. For artist profiles and tour information, please visit [www.portlandopenstudios.com](http://www.portlandopenstudios.com).

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