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Our Community in Action

Sabin's Spring Clean-Up Coming May 30

Spring cleaning can be a satisfying chore at best — and at worst, it can feel like a waste of precious time when you're antsy to get out and enjoy the season's warm sunshine.

But Sabin residents who take the time to clear out their unwanted or unneeded accumulations and haul them to Sabin's annual Betty Walker Spring Clean-Up on May 30 will discover that they not only will save money over hauling their "junk" to Metro Central, they will be supporting some great neighborhood projects.

Proceeds from last year's Clean-Up benefited Sabin School's playground renovation, the Sabin Community Orchard, the Bee-Friendly Garden Tour, and provided matching SNAP funds for the King Farmer's Market.

"Supporting the Clean-Up is an easy win-win for Sabin residents and the community," says Lindsey Maser, a co-coordinator of the event with Lauren Gross. "Not only will you de-clutter your house, but you can drop off



Lauren Gross and Lindsey Maser, Sabin Spring Clean-Up co-coordinators, display some of the many still-useful items that residents can bring to the annual Clean-Up on May 30 and recycle.

everything at once and we'll do the sorting — donation, recycling, and trash — for you." Here's what you can bring to the Clean-Up: household junk, furniture, mattresses, scrap metal, untreated wood and large branches,

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Portland's Oldest Independent Children's Bookstore Opens in Sabin

A Children's Place (ACP) celebrated its grand re-opening at NE 14th Avenue and Fremont Street on March 14, 2015. The bookstore, previously located in the Beaumont neighborhood, moved into the space between the Backyard Bird Shop and the Irvington Veterinary Clinic.

ACP opened in 1974, with its original location on Broadway. Pam Erlandson, the current owner, purchased the store in 2003 when it was already located in Beaumont. Prior to owning the bookstore, Pam described herself as a "jack of all trades," working in design, real estate, the stock market, and as a stay-at-home mom for 10 years before start-

ing as a part-time employee at ACP. A few months into working at the bookstore, Pam learned the owner was interested in selling. Pam joked with her oldest daughter, "What if we bought the bookstore?" Her daughter, a voracious reader who was twelve years old at that time thought it would be "the best thing!" Pam purchased the business that has been her livelihood for the last twelve years.

At the time she made the decision, when big box stores dominated the market, Pam admits, "it looked terrible on paper." But, as she explained, "I always loved coming to work and I've had the opportunity to watch families

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2015 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, NE 15th and Fremont. Upcoming meetings:

April 13

May 11

General Meeting with Emergency Preparedness Presentation
Social Time 6 p.m.
Elections 6:30 p.m.
Presentation 7 p.m.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Whole Foods Bag Donation: Sabin Bee Friendly Gardens

April 18–July 12 Dear Sabin neighbors,

Sabin Community Association



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Sabin Briefs

Join Your Neighbors on the SCA Board: Elections in May

Do you love Sabin? Are you looking for ways to deepen your community involvement? Is there an issue about which you're particularly concerned or passionate? If the answer to any of these three questions is yes, then consider joining the Sabin Community Association board. Board elections are held each year at our general meeting, which will be held this year on May 11.

From neighborhood gatherings to bee-friendly gardens to land use and transportation issues, the SCA board works to address a wide range of topics in order to improve the livability of our neighborhood. The SCA board meets on the second Monday of the month (except in July, August, and December) at Whole Foods' upstairs conference room. If you've ever thought about becoming more involved with the Sabin Community Association, now is your chance to join this committed group of people who are working toward an even more vibrant and sustainable Sabin.

Sabin School Auction: April 18

Tickets are still available for the Sabin Auction, set April 18 at 5 p.m. at Montgomery Park. Join friends and neighbors and help raise money to support your neighborhood school. Can't make it to the auction? Purchase \$100 raffle tickets to win a trip for two to the Fairmont Mayakoba in Riviera Maya, Mexico.

For more details, go to sabinauction.com or email SabinAuction2015@gmail.com.

Sabin School Fundraiser at Pizzicato

All day on Tuesday, May 5, mention "Sabin" at the 4217 NE Fremont Street Pizzicato location and the store will donate 20 percent of those sales to Sabin School. Stop by for lunch, grab a pizza for dinner, or order pizza for the office to support our school!

Sabin Night at the Oregon Food Bank

On May 14 from 6–8:30 p.m., join Sabin neighbors for a volunteer night at the Oregon Food Bank, led by volunteer team leader and Sabin resident Jane Zwinger ("Oregon Food Bank Recognizes Sabin Resident for Volunteerism," March SCAN). If you're interested, please email MichelleGanowJones@yahoo.com. Children over age six are welcome to come along.

Sabin Orchard Work Party

This month's focus is on pollinators and an Earth Day Celebration.

When: Sunday, Apr. 19, 2–4:30 p.m.

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

RSVP: gareth@portlandfruit.org

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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Sabin Bee-Friendly Garden Project to Receive Whole Foods Bag Credit Donation

Our local Whole Foods has selected the Sabin Bee-Friendly Garden Project to receive bag credit funds from April 18 to July 12. When you shop at Whole Foods on NE 15th and Fremont and bring your own shopping bags, the store will donate five cents per bag to a community organization, including the Sabin Bee-Friendly Garden project.

The Sabin garden project hopes to raise about \$500 through this campaign, and reaching that goal depends on shoppers remembering to make the request. Please remember to remind cashiers that you want to donate your bag credit before they complete your transaction.

In addition to the bag credit promotion, the Whole Foods Fremont store is holding a pollinator-awareness event on Earth Day (Saturday, April 18) from 12 to 3 p.m., with a variety of family-friendly activities:

- Bring your own bucket for the compost give-away
- Make a wildflower "seed bomb" from 12 to 1 p.m.
- Local garden shops Thicket and Garden Fever will have samples of pollinator-friendly plants
- Chat with folks from Xerces Society about bees and how to protect them
- Learn about the Sabin Bee-Friendly Garden Project, and get a Bee-Friendly Garden sign for your front yard

Visit sabinpdx.org to learn more about Sabin Bee-Friendly Gardens. If you'd like a Bee-Friendly Garden sign, please contact Diane Benson at dcb1810@yahoo.com.

Sabin Clean-Up

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appliances, TVs, computers, and "anything with a cord."

If your unwanted items still have enough life left to benefit a local nonprofit organization, Clean-Up volunteers will ensure they are donated. These items include yard and home tools that will be given to Tools4Troops for veterans, building materials that will be given to Habitat for Humanity ReStore, home goods that will go to the Community Warehouse, and bicycles that will go to the Community Cycling Center.

Items not accepted at the Clean-Up include curbside recycling or yard debris, cement, ceiling tiles (which might be made of asbestos), motor oil, paint, hazardous or chemical waste, tires, commercial by-products, or batteries.

"We're also hoping that residents will consider volunteering at the Clean-Up," Maser adds. "It's a chance to get your workout for the day, meet your neighbors, and have fun. We're even providing coffee and lunch." To learn more about becoming a volunteer, email Maser at Lindsey.maser@gmail.com.

According to Gross, at last year's Clean-Up, Sabin residents cleaned out seven tons of trash from their homes and recycled more than two tons of metal and 500 pounds of electronics. The Clean-Up also donated 55 tools to veterans, plus donated numerous re-usable household items, building materials, and bicycles to other organizations.

This year marks the second that both Gross and Maser have helped coordinate Sabin's Clean-Up. Both women are

involved in recycling and reuse activities year-round.

Gross has just completed her second season as an entrepreneur making and selling Bike Mitts that keep bicyclers' hands warm and dry. Additionally, she is the Connecting Communities Coordinator for Micro Enterprise Services of Oregon (MESO), where she organizes classes for entrepreneurial clients, and she also is a lead organizer of Repair PDX.org, which encourages and teaches people to learn to fix broken items rather than throw them away.

Maser, who retired at the age of 24 as a professional ballet dancer, is now employed by the city of Portland as the Business Sustainability Advisor for the city's Sustainability at Work program.

"I help businesses become more sustainable by focusing on composting, recycling energy, and water efficiency," she explains. In her spare time, Maser enjoys learning about bee-friendly and organic gardening of both edibles and ornamentals, and she has been a Sabin Community Association Newsletter deliverer for the past three years.

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Children's Bookstore

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and kids grow up" through their visits to the store.

Pam strives to ensure she provides the kind of knowledgeable staff and personal service that distinguishes small, locally owned bookstores from larger competitors. Her employees try to read all the books in the store and pride themselves on being able to make recommendations to children looking for books, or family members or friends searching for a gift. Because ACP tracks books purchased by families, if you are looking for a last minute birthday gift, the staff can provide suggestions based on a child's interests and also direct you to books they don't already own.

In addition to its extensive children's book titles, ACP also stocks a hand picked selection of adult fiction and non-fiction along with parenting and teacher resource titles, children's music, toys, and games. With this level of personal service ACP survived to celebrate its 40th birthday in June of 2014. And, although Pam is the fourth in a series of owners, she is still in touch with Lynn Kelly, one of the original owners, who Pam describes as a wonderful resource. Kelly, who lives in NE Portland, participated in the 40th birthday celebration and still comes in to the store from time to time with her grandchildren.

For more information about A Children's Place bookstore, its schedule of events (including a free weekly story time on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. and kid's music on Fridays at 10:30 a.m.), follow ACP on Facebook or Twitter, visit their website at www.achildrensplace-bookstore.com or stop by the store, located at 1423 NE Fremont Street.

— Kyann Kalin

New Tree Codes Implemented in City of Portland

In January, the City of Portland adopted a new city-wide tree code and regulations as part of the Citywide Tree Policy Review and Regulatory Improvement Project. Until this update, prior tree-related regulations had been adopted in a piecemeal fashion, making codes difficult to understand and administer. With the new regulations, the city aims to have a clear, consistent, transparent policy that protects and enhances Portland's urban forest while improving customer service and tree regulation.

Visit <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/trees> to find out more about permits, pruning standards, removing trees, replacing trees, and reporting violations.

Here are a few situations that may require permits from the city:

- **Street Tree Pruning:** a permit is required to prune any tree branches larger than 1/4 inch in the City right-of-way, typically found between the curb and sidewalk. Street tree pruning permits may be self-issued online (for free) if obtained for branches less than 6 inches in diameter, provided it is not for a designated heritage tree. See website for more details.
- **Street Tree Removal/Planting:** Permits are required to remove or replant any street tree (other than sucker shoots or self-sewn trees less than 1/4 inch in diameter).
- **Private Trees:** No permit is required for planting trees on private property, however some private trees require permits for pruning and removal.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Clay Veka

Dear Sabin neighbors,

Last month, I attended a "post-quake Portland" presentation remembering Oregon's 1700 earthquake and looking ahead to the one that is overdue. The presentation drew close comparisons between Portland and Christchurch, New Zealand, in terms of infrastructure and preparedness. Christchurch's 2010–11 devastating series of earthquakes resulted in 185 deaths and an estimated \$30 billion in damage. The more I learn about our Cascadian subduction zone and the expected magnitude and impact of our overdue earthquake, the more action-driven I become.

The SCA general meeting takes place next month on Monday, May 11, May 11, 6–8 p.m. at Sabin School. The meeting is a great opportunity to get together and learn how to prepare as individuals, families, and as a community for a large-scale emergency, such as an earthquake. If you are interested in becoming trained as one of 40 Sabin Emergency Response Team members, we will have more info and sign-ups.

In addition, we hope to have answers to some Sabin-specific questions like, "will the towers at Sabin Hydro Park remain standing and intact? If not, what does that mean for nearby neighbors?" Do you have questions? Find the "earthquake" thread on the SCA Facebook page and post them there.

I hope you join us May 11 to get informed and prepared.

— Clay

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