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**Our Community in Action**

**Food, Flowers and Friendships Grow at Ariadne Garden**

With the growing season in full swing, it's fun to stop by Ariadne Garden on Northeast 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue between Beech and Fremont streets and meet some of the friendly folks who lovingly tend this Sabin neighborhood treasure.

If you come during the months of May through October on Wednesdays or Saturdays between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., you can purchase freshly picked and washed organic produce and flowers, depending on what's in season, at the market stand for lower prices than what can be found at most grocery stores.

On a recent Saturday, offerings included deliciously crisp sugar snap peas, plus a good selection of individual leaves of spinach and other salad greens, collards and lovely peonies and roses. Later in the season, raspberries, leeks, cucumbers, green beans and tomatoes, as well as herbs and other flower varieties, will be available.



**Sabin neighbors Susan Giese and Jeff Strang are among longtime volunteers at the Ariadne Garden.**

You'll also get a chance to talk to some of the 10 or so regular volunteers, some who have been among Ariadne's gardening team for almost 15 years. They include Jeff Strang and Susan Giese, both of whom have been

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**Irvington Community Association Hopes to Improve Klickitat Mall**

As anyone who has walked, run, biked, or pushed a stroller through the Klickitat Mall (the car-free portion of Northeast Klickitat Street between 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Irving Park) is aware, the Klickitat Mall needs maintenance.

Areas of the mall are overgrown, and the pavement is cracked and in some areas so steep, it is not wheelchair-accessible. Some segments are so dark that neighbors feel unsafe. While the mall is a public right-of-way that falls under Portland Transportation Bureau's jurisdiction, the city of Portland has not maintained it in recent years.

About five years ago, the Irvington Community Association (ICA) identified the mall as a project for their Budget and Capital Improve-

ments Committee. Committee Chair Nathan Corser explains that, in the ICA's solicitations to neighborhood members about issues they would like to see the ICA address, the Klickitat Mall "kept coming up on the list." Corser thinks the success of the Irving Park "Movies in the Park" program brings lots of people through the Klickitat Mall on their way to the park, and that attendees notice and are concerned about the mall's condition.

However, tackling the project has proved challenging. The committee unsuccessfully tried to obtain assistance from Portland State University's School of Planning. Also, property owners whose property abuts the mall have had mixed reactions to the committee's early efforts. Cors-

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### 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:

June 13  
September 12

#### EVENTS CALENDAR

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**Tour De Hives: Portland's Backyard Honeybees** Portland Urban Beekeepers offer tours of N/NE backyard beehives on June 25 and 26 from 1–4 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and good for both days. For more information, visit <https://tourdehives.com>.

#### Sabin Community Association



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### Sabin Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NET) News

What will you do the moment you feel your house start shaking? Who will be there to help you after all the shaking stops? The Sabin Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (Sabin NET) is committed to helping the community prepare for and recover from emergencies and disasters.

In November 2015, Sabin community members trained with the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management and Portland Fire & Rescue, learning skills such as search and rescue, triage, radio operations, and small fire suppression to become Neighborhood Emergency Response Team members (NETs).

Sabin NETs will likely be first on-the-scene when firefighters and police are slowed or delayed in the event of a major disaster. Sabin NETs are:

- Prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks during any emergency,
- Able to provide emergency assistance to their families and community,
- Able to work within an emergency response team to save lives and property in our community, and
- Able to guide untrained volunteers who want to help others during a disaster.

In the event of a citywide or regional emergency, households and neighborhoods need to be prepared to be self-sufficient. Sabin NET supports self-sufficiency through Community Preparedness and NET Skills/Training.

Community Preparedness includes shar-

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### Mark Your Calendars! Fourth Annual Sabin Yard Sale is June 25



The 4th annual Sabin Yard Sale will be Saturday, June 25. As in previous years, Sabin residents hold many yard sales on the same day to attract more shoppers. To participate, just set up your tables in your yard or garage, and place signs (with your address) at a major cross street, such as NE 15th or Fremont. The Sabin Community Association will advertise on Craigslist and other media to try to generate interest.

#### Sabin Orchard Work & Learn

June's focus is on low-tech irrigation and fruit monitoring. In July, we will learn about summer pruning, and in August, weed identification and soil health. No experience necessary. All are welcome, including kids.

**When:** Sunday, June 19, 2–4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, July 17, 2–4:30 p.m.  
Sunday, Aug. 21, 2–4:30 p.m.

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

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### Bike Thefts Prevalent in Sabin Neighborhood

The frequency of reported bicycle thefts in Portland rose nearly 85 percent from 1995 to 2013. In 1995, there were 1,260 bike thefts reported to the Portland Police Bureau. Reported bike thefts rose 131.2 percent from 2009 to 2013. (The Portland Police Bureau is updating its records management system and does not have most recent statistics for the city.)

The following is a breakdown of reported bike thefts in the Sabin neighborhood from 2007–2014:

2007	2008	2009	2010
6	17	20	6

2011	2012	2013	2014
15	13	8	16

Leah Treat, a resident of Sabin Neighborhood and director of Portland’s Bureau of Transportation (PBOT), knows all too well how it feels to have a bike stolen. “My bike was stolen in the summer of 2013 from outside of my workplace. I got my bike back - I’m one of the lucky ones,” Treat says. “I believe I was ‘lucky’ because I knew my bike’s serial number, had registered it with police, and filed a formal complaint.”

Treat said that bike theft in Portland has become so prevalent that PBOT and the Portland Police Bureau partnered to form a Bike Theft Task Force in 2015. She added that in 2014, more than 2,100 bikes were stolen in Portland and that the city was on track to exceed that number in 2015. Since the task force was formed, stolen bike recoveries have doubled due to police officer training, and public education efforts, and tips from the public

through email and the bike theft task force twitter account (@PPBBikeTheft).

Michael Anderson, who works as a news editor for BikePortland.org and a staff writer for The Green Lane Project, believes that the jump in bike thefts is directly related to organized crime.

Many believe that the majority of heists are committed by those seeking money to purchase drugs or to survive on the streets. While many thieves may fit that demographic, Anderson believes that technological advancements have provided people the opportunity to steal and fence expensive bicycles and parts. The Bike Theft Task Force has successfully shut down area “chop shops” that dismantle stolen bikes and then trade and sell parts.

It has been reported that as many as 300 bicycles a day are posted for sale on Craigslist. And because serial numbers are only scribed in the bottom of bike frames, expensive parts are sold and are nearly untraceable.

Many Sabin residents have turned to Nextdoor Sabin, a private social network, to report bike thefts or to alert neighbors that a bike has been found. The site (nextdoor.com/neighborhood/sabin--portland--or) also assists in the organization of neighborhood watch groups, and more. However, the best recipe for curbing bike thefts is prevention.

Bikes may be registered at <https://project529.com/garage>. Education on how to be a more informed and prepared bike owner can be found at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/66825>.

— Geoff Knapp

### Meet Up for Sabin Summer Playdates

Calling all Sabin neighborhood families with kids! Do you have a child who will be starting school at Sabin in the fall? Or do you just want a way to connect with other families in the neighborhood over the summer?

Between June 14 through August 23, gather at Sabin School’s south playground on Tuesdays between 4:00–6:00 p.m. for informal Sabin Summer Playdates! Meet up with friends old and new. Feel free to bring a blanket and a picnic and stay for dinner in the park.

### SCA Facebook Page has Over 600 Followers

In addition to reading SCAN, residents can catch up on local news that affects Sabin and find out about upcoming events by “liking” SCA on Facebook. SCA is excited to announce that in 2016, SCA’s Facebook page reached over 600 followers. SCA also regularly posts news on Nextdoor ([www.sabin.nextdoor.com](http://www.sabin.nextdoor.com)) and the SCA website ([www.sabinpdx.org](http://www.sabinpdx.org)). The next issue of SCAN will be published in September 2016, so follow SCA on social media or on the website for timely information over the summer.



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## Improving Klickitat Mall

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A view of Klickitat Mall at 14th Avenue.

er explains that some fencing, plants, and other structures on abutting property encroach into the public right-of-way.

Recently, the ICA earmarked about \$10,000 for the project, hoping the funds can act as seed money, or that the ICA might obtain matching funds from the city or other interested organizations. The ICA has set aside additional funds for a landscape architect to identify landscaping possibilities. In addition, a volunteer arborist plans to assess the health of existing plants and trees to determine if some may need care and whether some may need to be removed.

Corser reports that the committee is now contacting owners of abutting property to initiate block-by-block meetings and seek their input. Also, the ICA is contacting PBOT to see how ICA and PBOT might work together to maintain the Klickitat Mall. Corser hopes the committee will wrap up its preliminary information gathering by May, and can begin some action on the project this summer. Anyone who is interested in volunteering in any capacity — from helping plan mall improvements to joining anticipated work crews this summer — may contact Corser by email at [Nathan.Corser@ch2m.com](mailto:Nathan.Corser@ch2m.com).

— Kyann Kalin

## Ariadne Garden

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volunteering at the garden for 14 years. Volunteers' duties include weeding, planting, watering, composting and harvesting. And for their work, they get to take home some of the day's harvest. "We're a cooperative community garden," explains Strang, who lives with his wife, Tamera Boyd, in a nearby home where the couple grows starts from seeds for the garden in their sunroom.

The garden's beginning dates to 1993, when Sabin resident Kim McDodge used \$10,000 of a family inheritance to purchase the double lot. In 1995, McDodge deeded the land to the Oregon Sustainable Agriculture Land Trust (OSALT). As both an employee of the Sabin Community Land Trust and a fan of bio-intensive gardening in the 1980s, McDodge knew it would take time to develop the soil in order to produce healthy plants without pesticides or herbicides. And she wanted to protect the property from building development.

McDodge, who also helped establish Alberta Cooperative Grocery, died from breast cancer in April 2011.

According to Strang, proceeds from the sale of market stand produce are used to pay for the garden's use of water and the purchase of potting soil, seeds, pots, fertilizer and tools. Money also has funded the building of a storage shed and small green house at the back of the garden.

For more information or to learn how to become a volunteer, visit [www.ariadnegarden.com](http://www.ariadnegarden.com). The garden also has a Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/Ariadne-Garden](http://www.facebook.com/Ariadne-Garden).

— Susan Goracke

## Sabin NETs Update

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ing what we learned through outreach to neighbors, schools, churches, businesses, and other groups in our community to educate and assist them in emergency preparedness. Look for Sabin NETs at upcoming community events and activities, such as The Great Shake Out in October.

Sabin NETs train regularly as individuals, in small teams, and as part of larger-scaled multi-team exercises. Sabin NET meets on the fourth Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Whole Foods upstairs conference room. Email us at [sabin.netpdx@gmail.com](mailto:sabin.netpdx@gmail.com) if you would like more information about Sabin NET.

Check out the "NETs" tab on the Portland Bureau of Emergency Management's website at <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/pbem> to get more information about NETs, find information about upcoming training opportunities; learn more about hazards, disasters, and emergency preparedness; and to view the Sabin NET Operation Plan (soon to be posted).

Now, when you are done reading the Sabin Community Association Newsletter, take a moment to do at least just one thing to help you, your family, or your community to be prepared.

— Tom Braibish



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