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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

President's Letter

A message from the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association President David Tunley

Hi Neighbors,

Happy New Year—2022 is here!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season—filled with great food, friends, and family. I love the holidays because they are a time for us to stop, unwind, and spend time with loved ones.

New Years is an exciting time of the year because it brings with it the opportunity for a fresh start. A new year means new resolutions, goals, experiences, and more. If you are looking to start something new this year or contribute to your community, I encourage you to take a New Years; fresh start approach at getting involved with the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association (LNA). The LNA is a dedicated neighborhood organization focused on serving the interest of our community. It is a great way to connect with people, make new friends and contribute to the livability of Laurelhurst. My husband and I have been volunteering with the LNA for more than a year, and I can say that it has been the best way to meet community-oriented neighbors and help get things done. It is easy to find something that aligns with your interests. If you enjoy planting trees, picking up trash, removing graffiti, or volunteering at the Laurelhurst Club—there are opportunities for everyone. To learn more about how to get involved, visit laurelhurstpdx.org or send me an email at laurelhurst.president@gmail.com.

Here is to a wonderful 2022 in Laurelhurst!

Take Care,
David Tunley

Rules change for historic designation under consideration

About 75 percent of Laurelhurst homes contribute to the neighborhood's historic significance.

By: Constance Beaumont

Some 150 people testified at the Portland City Council's November 3 hearing on the Historic Resources Code Project (HRCF). If approved, the HRCF proposal would change policies affecting historic districts listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Such districts include Laurelhurst and Peacock Lane.

Many witnesses expressed support for HRCF amendments that would relax "design review" rules in local historic districts for solar panel installations, window replacements, etc. (Note: Since Laurelhurst is a National Register historic district and not a locally designated one, it is not subject to design review. Property owners in Laurelhurst can already carry out the foregoing building alterations – as well as any and all remodeling projects short of demolition – without going through a special review process. Only ordinary city building permits and rules apply.)

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




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Upcoming Events Calendar

-  **Jan 11**
LNA General Membership & Board Meeting
New time: 6:30 PM
Check website for the meeting link
laurelhurstpdx.org/events
-  **Jan 18**
Laurelhurst Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Group
Time: 6:30 PM
Email dei.laurelhurst@gmail.com for details
-  **Feb 5**
Friends of Trees Northeast Planting Day
Find more details at the website:
friendsoftrees.org/event-calendar
-  **Feb 8**
LNA Board of Directors Meeting
New time: 6:30 PM
Check website for the meeting link
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-  **Feb 15**
Laurelhurst Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Group
Time: 6:30 PM
Email dei.laurelhurst@gmail.com for details
-  **Feb 27**
Laurelhurst Club Cleanup
Time: 10 AM to 1 PM
Find more details on Page 14

Editor's Note

A note from the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association newsletter editor Sydney Busby

Happy New Year, Laurelhurst! 2022 brings changes to the neighborhood and our city.

In May voters will cast their ballots in Portland city elections. Letters to the editor return this issue with a submission from Rene Gonzalez, candidate for City Commissioner, Seat 3. Please note that being featured in the newsletter does not constitute an official endorsement by the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association. Space will be held in upcoming issues for other candidates interested in sharing their platform with the neighborhood.

Inside this issue you can read about proposed safety improvements to Coe Circle and the Burnside Bridge. Also the LNA board of directors seeks neighborhood input on proposed changes to LNA bylaws. Read more details on Page 6 and check our events calendar so you can share your feedback with the board at the next meeting.

I also need to share a correction. In the November issue I incorrectly reported that the Ash Street painting project was supported with a grant from the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association. It was actually funded in part by a donation from David and James Tunley.

If you have thoughts you'd like to share in a future issue or an event to feature in the calendar, send an email to laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com.

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Other HRCF amendments drew more criticism. Among these:

- A dilution of the requirements for relevant expertise and knowledge on the part of members of the Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC), which makes recommendations to City Council regarding the establishment, amendment, or removal of historic districts. Critics of the diluted requirements testified that the seven-member Commission could be composed of real estate developers, bankers, brokers and contractors, with no commissioners having professional experience or knowledge about historic preservation.
- A reduced role for the HLC – and a strengthened role for Portland's Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) – when it comes to reviewing proposals to create new historic districts, reduce boundaries of existing districts, or de-designate districts altogether. Critics of this proposal argued that it would exclude the HLC from major decisions affecting historic districts. Instead, the proposal would make the PSC, whose members are not required to have any expertise in historic preservation, the body that directly advises City Council regarding historic district decisions.
- Changes to the “demolition approval criteria.” Demolitions of buildings that contribute to the significance of a local (or National Register) historic district are currently allowed if: (a) denial of a demolition permit would deprive the owner of all reasonable economic use of the site; or (b) the proposed demolition supports the goals of Portland's Comprehensive Plan. New criteria proposed by HRCF would also allow demolitions if: (a) the demolition is “mitigated” to enhance or restore the historic resource; (b) the demolition facilitates the creation of permanently affordable housing units (i.e., units affordable to those earning no more than 60% of the area's Median Family Income); or (c) the proposal is to demolish an accessory structure (e.g., a garage or shed) and the demolition would not significantly diminish the district's significance.

A public hearing was also held December 15 to give residents an opportunity to share feedback about proposed amendments to HRCF; however, the hearing occurred after this issue of the newsletter was sent to print. At the time of this printing, the City Council has tentatively scheduled votes on the final version of HRCF for January 19 and 26. See also historiclaurelhurst.com).

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Letters to the Editor

Got something on your mind? We want to hear from you. Send an email to laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com to share your thoughts.

The City’s failure to confront outdoor drug markets imperils its parks, enables addiction

Our city has invested substantial resources over the last century in developing and protecting our parks and made them a centerpiece in urban livability and renewal. Laurelhurst Park has long been a crown jewel. My daughters learned to play soccer in Laurelhurst Park and took ballet lessons there. Generations ago, my grandmother played there.

I am deeply saddened by what unregulated camps have done to Laurelhurst Park and its surrounding neighborhood. Like many Portlanders, I am angered that our city is failing to protect and preserve the beautiful parks we inherited or to address the addiction crisis on our streets. In the name of compassion, Portland has been reluctant to confront decisively unregulated urban camping. However, there is compelling evidence that this approach is enabling addiction and is in fact deeply inhumane.

Consider Multnomah County’s Point-In-Time Count, the county’s biannual study of homelessness, which provides detailed segmentation of the homeless population. Its 2019 study found that:

- (i) Nearly 80% of the unsheltered suffered from at least one disability. Number 1 on the list is addiction (46%); number 2 is mental illness (41%); many suffer both (26%).
- (ii) The city continues to see a steady inflow of homeless moving here. Among the unhoused, over a third were homeless when they arrived here according to the Point-In-Time Count; another third were of an unknown housing status when they moved here.

We have an unsheltered population devastated by addiction and mental illness, which continues to grow with homeless migration to Portland.

Portland has, through inactivity, fallen into a pattern of indefinitely permitting unregulated camps. This approach appears to derive from the Housing First ideology, which centers permanent housing in solving the problem of the unhoused. Housing First has been in vogue in western cities since the Bush Administration.

San Fransicko, Michael Shellenberger’s comprehensive assessment of West Coast cities’ failures on homelessness, raises serious questions of the effectiveness of the approach and firmly rejects it as a solution to unhoused suffering from addiction. Simply put, when it comes to addiction and mental illness, there is not a public health pot of gold for society at the end of the affordable housing rainbow, except maybe for the industrial complex that profits from never-ending housing bonds.

Thus, we continue to forego confronting unsanctioned camps with fortitude, in the hopes of some future point in time when we will have permanent housing for the unhoused. How long will that be? A topic for another day, but given limited supply of housing in metro and challenges we create for multifamily developers in Portland, the answer is we may never have enough housing for every unsheltered person in Portland, much less the homeless who continue to come here.

This begs the question-are unsanctioned camps good for addicts until some mythical future date when housing will be available for all? There is compelling evidence the answer is a decisive no, given the addiction rates in the unhoused population, our lax approach to drug enforcement in Oregon and Portland, including the adoption of Measure 110, and the availability of cheap meth and opioids throughout the West Coast (see The Atlantic’s recent excellent article on the subject). Simply put, we have created an environment of anything goes for addicts with a steady supply of the drugs that enslave them.

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Who to call when you need help

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Letters to the Editor... continued

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The City's failure...Continued from page 4

The outcomes are predictable: according to Multnomah County's Domicile Unknown's in 2019: "Drug or alcohol toxicity either caused or contributed to death in more than half of the 113" homeless deaths in 2019. In 2011, this number was less than 30, according to the same report.

Simply put, the status quo on unsanctioned camps is killing addicts, destroying livability while we wait for a mythical affordable housing future that may never come and simply won't – by itself – address addiction.

What can we do? It is time to end unregulated drug markets (a.k.a. unsanctioned camps) in Portland because it is the most humane way to approach the unsheltered and the best way to protect our common areas. It will require prioritizing emergency shelter options, as well as addiction and mental illness services, offering contingency housing (i.e. must stay sober), and deterring migratory addicts from coming to Portland, absent a commitment to getting clean; most importantly, it will take political will and backbone.

—Rene Gonzalez

Mr. Gonzalez is a youth advocate and owns a technology company. He is running for City Commissioner, Seat 3, v. Jo Ann Hardesty.



**Editor's note:
Rene Gonzalez is
running for Seat
3 City
Commissioner.*

*Space will be
held for other
candidates who
would like to
share their
points of view
with the
Laurelhurst
neighborhood
ahead of the May
2022 election.*

You Can Help Oregon's Foster Care Crisis

On any given day, there are 7,000 children in Oregon's foster care system. Many of these children come from situations of abuse and neglect only to find themselves facing uncertainty and instability once they enter foster care.

Boys & Girls Aid, a nonprofit founded in Portland in 1885, wants to change that. We are looking for compassionate people to help improve the lives of children in foster care.

A good foster home is often the first place a child in foster care has felt safe in a long time. Foster parents help children build trust in adults and provide a supportive environment where they can thrive.

Boys & Girls Aid supports foster parents with responsive program staff available 24/7, ongoing free professional training, and generous monthly, tax-free stipends ranging from \$1,200 to \$3,500 per month. There are options to fit every family, from full-time placement to relief care a few days a month.

Fostering children might bring life changes and challenges, but it's a great opportunity to make a difference in a child's life — and in your own life, too. "It's worth it to get to know these kids," said experienced foster parents Jen and Chad. "It's enriched our lives a lot."

To learn more, visit our website: boysandgirlsaid.org/fostercare, or contact Outreach Coordinator, Scott Appel at (503) 542-2316 or sappel@boysandgirlsaid.org.

—Hallie Campbell, Boys & Girls Aid outreach coordinator



Updates proposed to the LNA Bylaws

Neighborhood input needed at January General Meeting

By: TJ Browning, LNA at-large rep

The LNA Board of Directors is conducting a review and revision project of our current LNA bylaws. A draft of the revised bylaws is posted on the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association website: laurelhurst.pdx.org.

Our bylaws were last updated in 2015. This project aims to address concerns about board member continuity and bring our bylaws more closely aligned with standards and practices recommended by the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement. We believe that updating our bylaws will better reflect how our neighborhood has evolved. The finished product will be revised bylaws presented to the LNA general membership for vote and adoption. The updated bylaws will be posted on our website for review.

LNA Bylaws Timeline

Jan 11,
2022

Discussion of
draft & changes
proposed at
General Meeting

Feb 9,
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Vote-ready draft
of bylaws posted
on website

Mar 8,
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General Meeting/
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on changes



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Burnside Bridge replacement option identified

Multnomah County's final decision on the replacement expected spring 2022.

By Fred Cooper, LNA Treasurer

There is a 1 in 3 chance of a magnitude 8 or greater earthquake occurring in our region within the lifetime of most Oregon residents. Portland's aging downtown bridges are not expected to withstand such an earthquake and it could be weeks before any downtown bridge is usable. That is why Multnomah County is taking the lead on making at least one downtown crossing earthquake-ready.

The Burnside Bridge Replacement Project is currently in the Environmental Review Phase. In late 2020 and early 2021, the County asked for comments from the general public and recommendations from a Community Task Force on a Preferred Alternative. The Replacement Long Span was identified as the best option to move forward since it is best for seismic resiliency, has the lowest cost, and least environmental impacts. This included the type of long span bridge that should be constructed: girder, truss, cable-supported, and tied arch options, as well as bascule and lift options for the bridge's movable span.

The project team will be reviewing public feedback and finalizing the Preferred Alternative in a supplemental Environmental Impact Statement to be published in Spring 2022. Then the final decision by Multnomah County on the Preferred Alternative is expected in late 2022. Depending on when funds are secured, construction could begin as soon as 2025.

The Preferred Alternative has an estimated cost range of \$825 to \$915 million. This estimate range, which is highly dependent on how the economy rebounds from the current COVID-19 price spikes impacting all Pacific Northwest transportation projects, will be refined and narrowed during the Final Design phase as more information becomes available. The County currently has access to about \$300 million for the project from local vehicle registration fee revenue. To make up the gap in funding, the County is actively working to secure funds from local, state, and federal sources – including President Biden's proposed infrastructure package.

Burnside Street is designated as a regional lifeline route, and a resilient Burnside Bridge will play a critical role in emergency response, rescue, and economic recovery following a major earthquake. The existing bridge is nearly 100 years old and approaching the end of its service life. A new Burnside Bridge will support community transportation needs for the next century. For more project information, contact Fred Cooper, LNA representative on the Citizen Task Force laurelhurst.treasurer@gmail.com, or visit burnsidebridge.participate.online.



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Pedestrian Improvements Coming to Coe Circle

Plus an update on livability issues at Laurelhurst Park.

By TJ Browning, LNA Safety Committee Chair

After some prompting from neighbors around Coe Circle, I reengaged with Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) about their promised Coe Circle traffic study. This effort began almost two years ago when frequent complaints about pedestrian safety were common. At that time, PBOT promised a traffic study, then Covid hit, and the city came to a halt. As things slowly get back to pre-Covid status, traffic increased, and pedestrian safety concerns returned. PBOT was contacted, the traffic study was conducted.

The PBOT traffic engineer evaluated Coe Circle a few weeks ago and recommended changing the signage and pavement marking on the other three legs (east, west and north) to have similar signage and striping as the northbound approach. Uniform signage and lane markings provide drivers uniformity, guidance and consistent information to know which lane they should use. The photo below is a snapshot of the work order for the signs and the street painting. In addition, the existing crosswalk markings are faded and need to be refurbished. An email was sent to PDX roads for the refurbishment of the existing crosswalk markings. Additionally, there is a work order for maintenance to clear away shrubs, foliage and trim trees that block the visibility of the signs.

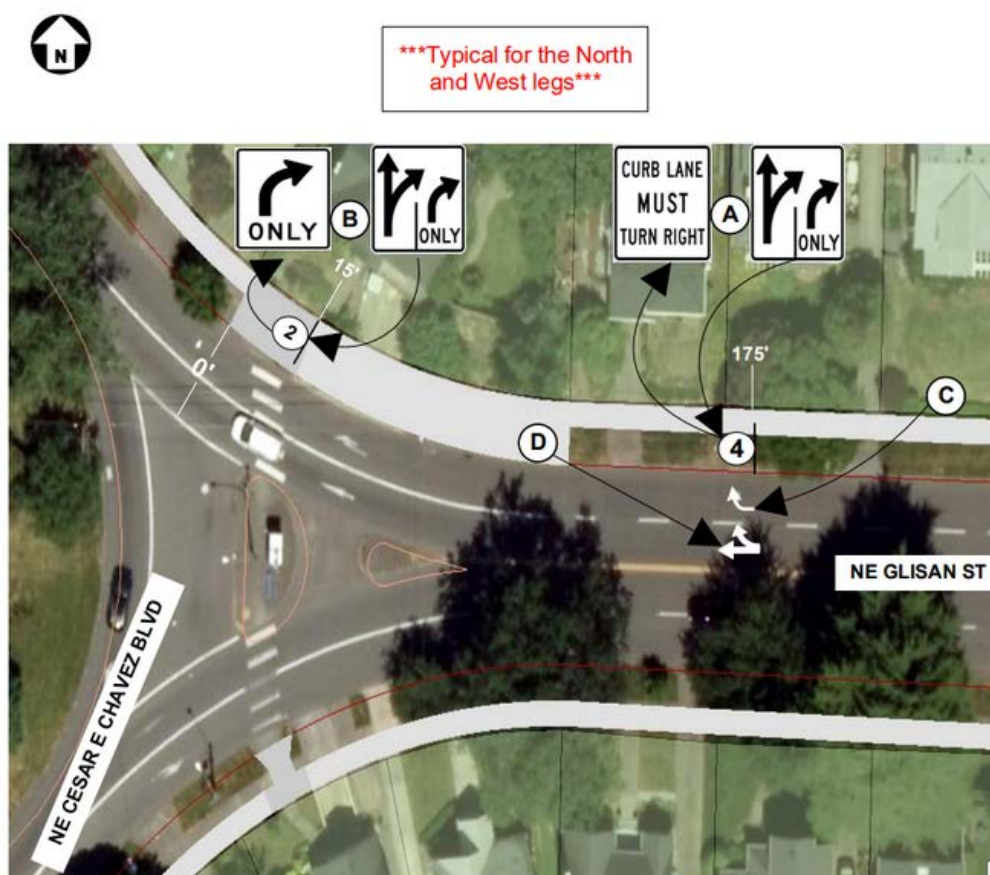
There isn't any clear indication yet how effective these measures will be in improving pedestrian safety around Coe Circle. If this effort is not sufficient, flashing pedestrian crosswalk lights may be the next step.

The Safety Committee continues to meet with the city to discuss neighborhood safety, public health and livability issues around our neighborhood. One of the most pressing issues is the continual illegal camping adversely affecting the park and surrounding areas.

Laurelhurst Park is still struggling with illegal campers in and around the park, the annex and Cesar Chavez Blvd. With the chilly weather setting in, more fires have been seen in these camps. The camps have been posted for removal and cleared. The campers simply move a few feet away, across the street to the main park or around the corner to Cesar Chavez Blvd.

The police, Rapid Response and outreach workers have been at these camps time and time again. Sadly, the city has no plans and rarely even mentions the "service resistant" homeless who do not want help, do not want to live indoors, do not want to follow any rules. These "service resistant" may be a minority of the homeless population but they are responsible for a majority of the problems. Meanwhile, Portland has NO detox/triage center, very few Behavioral Health Units, (comprised of specially trained police officers and mental health clinicians) lots of guns AND a rising meth problem. Now more than ever we need to watch out for each other.

Thank you to all neighbors who report. Please remember to watch for fires on these chilly nights and report them to the Fire Bureau via 911. Much appreciation to those who keep an eye on the park, our neighborhood and each other.



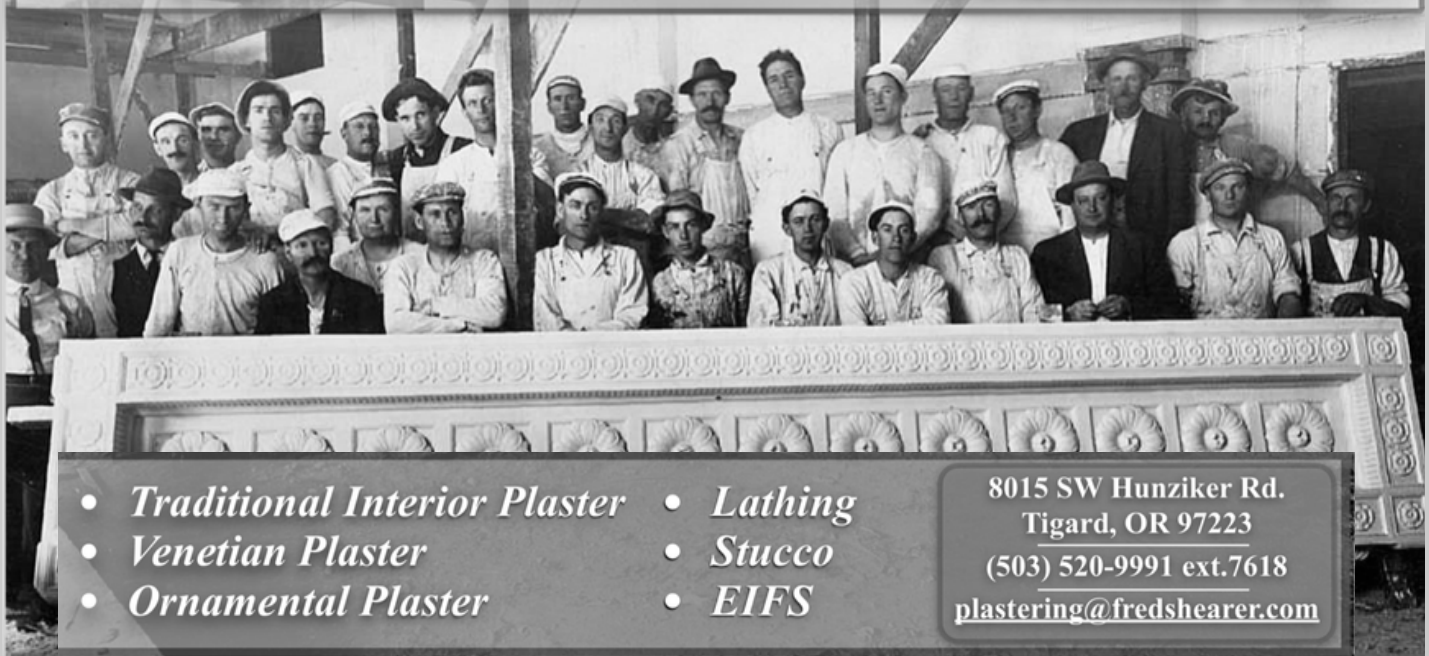
A snapshot of the work order for the signs and the street painting.

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WeShine is Ready to Go...at a New Site With a New Pod Design

Northeast Portland church will host the non-profit's first village.

By Janet McManus, WeShine Executive Director

WeShine Initiative (Welcoming, Empowering, Safe Habitat Initiative, with Neighborhood Engagement) has been moving forward with site development. Although we were working with the owner and developer of the former Gordon's Fireplace property for a micro-village site, it turned out that the short lease length (nine months) they were able to offer was inadequate for WeShine purposes. We are thankful for their initial support—it helped us make huge strides in our planning and readiness to proceed.

In the meantime, we have received unanimous support from the Parkrose Community United Church of Christ's Council to develop a village in partnership with the church and the Providence Health System on church property at **125th and NE Halsey**. Since our aim is to shelter the most vulnerable of Portland's unhoused population, we are collaborating with the congregation to decide which group we will serve at this micro-village.

Although we were drawn to the artistry and coziness of the Conestoga hut, originated in Eugene, we ultimately decided to use our own design for our sleeping pods. The WeShine volunteer building team felt that the Conestoga huts would be complicated for volunteers to build, were not very portable, and were incompatible with city requirements for power and heat in each sleeping pod. Our volunteer architect and two experienced builders put together a prototype panelized pod design and are finalizing the instruction manual to guide our volunteer building helpers. Our engineering volunteers are working on the site plan to connect to existing power, water and sewer at the church site. Need we say—we are in awe of the skills, commitment and hearts of our amazing professionals who have chosen to volunteer with us!

We have proposed a budget to support the development and operation of three villages, including the one at the Parkrose Community church site, during the 2022 calendar year to the Joint Office of Homeless Services (JOHS). We expect to receive their answer very soon. We are in search of a warehouse where our building helpers can assemble the panels for each pod. The panels will then be taken to the village site where they can put together by another group of volunteers armed with power drills and good screws! As soon as we get funding, we are ready to go!

For more information about WeShine:

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Get answers to your questions about Laurelhurst Century Plaques

The new year means more Laurelhurst homes are eligible for Century Plaques.

By Johnyne Wascavage, Century Plaque Committee

About 400 houses built in the Laurelhurst neighborhood in 1922 and earlier are eligible right now for Century Home Plaques. So far, 331 owners have purchased a beautiful bronze plaque for their home. Sometimes we hear from people who think their home does not qualify for a plaque for some reason or other. Here are answers to the frequent questions we get.

My house is “noncontributing” (NC) as far as Historic District is concerned. Can I buy a plaque?

Absolutely! The plaque program is celebrating that your house is still a home, standing after 100 years. The program is not related to Historic District or whether a house is contributing or not.

I’ve remodeled the exterior of my house (or it has been remodeled in the past) and it isn’t totally original anymore. Can I buy a plaque?

Yes of course! If you have changed the porch or expanded a 2nd floor, or have done other things that are not “original” but still in keeping with the original look and style of the house, you can get a plaque. If the house was demolished and rebuilt (or “substantially modernized” and enlarged outside), then you’ll have to wait about 100 years to qualify!

I don’t know the year my house was built. How can I find it?

One easy source is the web page www.portlandmaps.com. Enter your house address in the box. The top line of the information displayed is the “year built”. This is usually the right year and is a good starting point. See the next question and answer for how to get more details.

Portland Maps shows a different year than when I think my house was built.

Sometimes a house was really completed a year or two earlier than what is shown on the first display of www.portlandmaps.com. Enter your house address in the box, then scroll down to the Permits and Zoning section, and click on Permits. Scroll to the Historic Plumbing section, and click on the number to the left of the “Plumbing Permit.” Scroll to the bottom of the inspection cards to get to the oldest one. The year of the final inspection is what to look for. We assume that if the water and sewer have been connected, the house is ready for occupancy. What fun to think about the inspector hand-writing on that typed card way back then!

When can I order a plaque for my house?

You can order a plaque anytime on the LNA web page or by mail with a check payment.

How long does it take to get the plaque after I put in an order?

You can order anytime, but we usually submit batches of orders to the foundry in May and October, with plaques returned to us in July and December.

How do I get my plaque when it is ready?

When we get the plaques back from the foundry, we will notify you with a couple of options for pick up date/time/location in the neighborhood. When you put in your order, be sure to give us an email and phone that you check frequently so you will get the pickup info timely – when we get the plaques, we set up pickup times within a couple of days.

The online order form has 1910 as the oldest built year to choose. What if my house was built before 1910?

We use 1910 as the oldest year because that is when Laurelhurst as a planned development was first registered and platted. But there were a few houses already built at that time on land that eventually became part of this neighborhood. We do like to confirm these older dates with Portland Maps and other resources. But yes, you can order a plaque for a pre-1910 home... choose 1910 as the year in the online form, but make it clear in your note what year you want the plaque to be.

How much do the plaques cost?

The plaques cost \$100. The LNA makes a small profit from each one, which helps finance other neighborhood activities. The plaques are heavy bronze and high quality workmanship, meant to be an attractive and permanent part of your house.

How do I order a plaque?

Orders are accepted any time on the LNA website (Home/Store and Donation Center) - laurelhurstpdx.org/product-page/laurelhurst-century-home-plaque, with payment by credit card or PayPal. Or you can mail an order with a check payment any time to LNA Treasurer, 3721 SE Ankeny Street, Portland OR 97214.



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Registration Open Now

Steve and Kate's Camp will hold its seventh day camp season this summer for kids ages four to 12. Camp will run for 10 weeks. Visit their website to sign up:

steveandkatescamp.com/portland

Portland Audubon Day Camp

Registration Opens January 19 at 9 AM

Portland Audubon offers week-long, nature-based day camps for kids starting in first grade. Camps in their 172-acre nature sanctuary and neighboring Forest Park combine art, science experiments, exploration and games. Mobile camps take campers by van or bus to learn about some of the beautiful parks, greenspaces and forests in and around Portland. Visit their website for registration information:

audubonportland.org/our-work/learn/youth-programs/camps-for-kids/summer-camp

Camp Shazaam

Registration opens February 1

Camp Shazaam offers dance camp at Taborspace for kindergarten through fifth graders of all genders and third graders through middle schoolers for girl-identified, non-binary and trans youth. Contact Camp Director Tara Sawyer by phone 503-516-4680 or email at campshazaam@gmail.com. Website:

campshazaam.godaddysites.com

OMSI Summer Camp

Registration opens February 14

After being canceled the last two summers due to Covid, OMSI overnight camps are back! The complete schedule of day and overnight camps for students kindergarten through eighth grade will be posted in January. Visit here for more information:

omsi.edu/camps-and-classes

The Children's Gym

Registration Opens February or March

The Children's Gym had limited details to share about summer camp registration at print time, but staff confirmed camps will be held during Portland Public Schools summer break. Registration could begin in February, so check their website periodically for details: childrensgym.com

The Laurelhurst Club Committee announces

Special Rates for Community Uses

Plus a look back at the club's first year in operation.

By Kayleen Kusterer, LNA Vice President

This month marks one year since The Laurelhurst Club was gifted to the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association.

It has been a busy year at the club! The first five months were spent sprucing up the club and making repairs, to get it ready to rent as an event venue. A big THANK YOU to all those who volunteered their time, energy, and expertise to get the club operational. In June the work was completed, and the club was finally ready to make its debut. It was a busy summer hosting weddings, graduation and birthday celebrations, community gatherings, and the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association summer picnic. The Laurelhurst Club has already booked many events throughout 2022 and even a few for 2023. It is well on its way to becoming a sought-after space in the Portland event arena.

On Sunday, November 21, the club hosted an afternoon of wine tasting and live jazz guitar music. The turnout was great, over 125 people attended to taste wine from Ash Street Wine Co., Buona Notti Winery, and Jackalope Winery. While tasting so many delicious wines and enjoying charcuterie boxes from Picconne's Corner, the crowd was entertained by jazz guitarist Ben Graves. It was a great afternoon to see old friends and to make new acquaintances in the neighborhood

As we enter 2022, the LNA is looking to open the club for community uses by Laurelhurst residents. The Laurelhurst Club committee has drafted the process and policies around community use of the club.

They include the following:

- Scheduling a date and time when the club is not already booked
- Paying a cleaning fee (this is a sliding scale, dependent on use)
- Signing a credit card authorization for any damages incurred and signing a user agreement
- Providing proof of liability insurance
- Having an on-site liaison
- Monday through Thursday, unless approved otherwise by the Laurelhurst Club Committee

Priority will be given to organizations that have a tie to the neighborhood and/or provide a benefit to those living in the neighborhood. There may be a rental fee (50 percent of the commercial hourly rate), depending on what type of event the club is being used for.

If you would like more information, please contact Kayleen at Laurelhurst.vp@gmail.com. The Laurelhurst Club committee is looking forward to an exciting 2022, if you would like to join the committee please contact Kayleen at the email address above. New committee members are always welcome. Hope to see you at The Laurelhurst Club in 2022!



Snapshots from the November 21 wine tasting and live jazz event. (Left) Jazz guitarist Ben Graves. (Right) Wine tasting with Ash Street Wine Co., Buona Notti Winery, and Jackalope Winery.



BottleDrop Update: How the LNA contributes to homeless causes

By Sydney Busby, LNA Newsletter Editor

In 2021, the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association approved a motion to use the neighborhood's BottleDrop revenue to establish a dedicated fund to support one or more local non-profits serving unhoused individuals and families. The motion was recommended by a BottleDrop ad hoc committee led by LNA BottleDrop coordinator Barry Kast.

As part of the motion, the committee developed a list of criteria for evaluating non-profit organizations to receive the BottleDrop funds. Organizations must meet the following criteria:

- Non-profit with 501(c)(3) tax status
- Verifiably financially sound and responsible
- Prioritize viable organizations that demonstrate a need for additional support
- Offers a welcoming low-barrier organization for those served
- Diverse staff and volunteers
- Hires people with lived experience
- Strong volunteer support
- Willing and able to provide services to houseless members of the Laurelhurst community as well as other areas
- Investment should demonstrate an impact and benefit by and for Laurelhurst and its adjacent neighborhoods

As part of the motion, an annual report of activities of the BottleDrop ad hoc committee including income and expenditures from the fund and the outcome of services and support will be presented annually. The dedicated fund will have a duration of three (3) calendar years and expires on December 31, 2023, subject to the discretion of the LNA Board.

The BottleDrop ad hoc committee will meet in the new year to determine the organization or organizations that will receive the BottleDrop revenue. If you're interested in contributing your bottle and aluminum can deposits to the LNA BottleDrop program, visit the LNA website: laurelhurstpdx.org/bottledrop.

The LNA Seeks Volunteers

The Laurelhurst Club is a beloved part of our community and neighborhood, and we'd like to make sure it's in top shape!

Please join us on **Sunday, February 27, from 10 am to 1 pm at the club**. We need help doing minor repairs, light painting, sorting through old files, and general cleanup.

Coffee and doughnuts will be provided. So, grab your tool belt and come join us. Hope to see you on February 27 at The Laurelhurst Club!



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From the Secretary's Desk

Catch up on recent Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association meetings.

Key items from the September 14, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting:

1. Sydney Busby was appointed and approved as LNA Newsletter Editor.
2. Laurelhurst Club Property and Treasurer provided updates on Club and LNA finances.
3. Board discussed and commenced a workgroup to develop proposed revisions to LNA Bylaws.
4. Board was presented and discussed a proposed Charter for a Committee on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
5. Board passed a motion to authorize emergency expenditures up to \$2500 by The Laurelhurst Club Committee.

Key items from the October 12, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting:

1. Board received reports from the Bylaws Workgroup and the Safety Committee.
2. LNA removed its COVID pause on holding Club and other events and heard results of neighbor survey of interest in Club events.
3. Board passed motions to add signatories to the checking account and to apply for Club property tax exemption with state of Oregon.
4. LNA's SEUL representative described new obligations for being a Board member of SEUL.
5. Board approved Jan McManus as Coordinator of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion with intentions to provide a plan for future activities for the interested group members and to develop a proposed charter for a standing committee.
6. Newsletter Editor provided a detailed editorial schedule for upcoming LNA publications.

Treasurer's Report


A statement of financial position as of October 31, 2021

ASSETS

	This Period 10/31/2021	Previous 8/31/2021	Change
Bank Checking and Savings			
General Fund Checking (KeyBank)	\$ 5,257.97	\$ 1,968.27	\$ 3,289.70
LC Rental Deposits (First Interstate)	\$ 33,065.86	\$ 38,192.45	\$ (5,126.59)
LC Rental Deposits (KeyBank)	\$ -	\$ 2,737.32	\$ (2,737.32)
OnPoint Credit Union	\$ 5.14	\$ 5.14	\$ -
Homeless Support Fund (KeyBank Savings)	\$ 4,821.50	\$ 1,877.76	\$ 2,943.74
Arches Fund (OnPoint Savings)	\$ 12,919.45	\$ 12,918.90	\$ 0.55
Street Tree Fund (KeyBank)	\$ 1,157.59	\$ 1,157.59	\$ -
Total Checking and Savings	\$ 57,227.51	\$ 58,857.43	\$ (1,629.92)
Other Cash Assets			
PayPal	\$ 1,092.32	\$ 97.52	\$ 994.80
OBRC BottleDrop	\$ 787.90	\$ 1,665.00	\$ (877.10)
Fixed Assets			
Land	\$ 1,852,900.00	\$ 1,852,900.00	\$ -
Buildings	\$ 158,820.00	\$ 162,060.00	\$ (3,240.00)
Other Improvements	\$ 21,250.00	\$ 23,560.00	\$ (2,310.00)
Depreciation	\$ 5,550.00	\$ -	\$ 5,550.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,097,627.73	\$ 2,099,139.95	\$ (1,512.22)
LIABILITIES			
LC Rental Deposits	\$ 22,863.00	\$ 51,732.42	\$ (28,869.42)
First Interstate LOC	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 47,863.00	\$ 76,732.42	\$ (28,869.42)
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 2,049,764.73	\$ 2,022,407.53	\$ 27,357.20

The Laurelhurst Neighborhood Walking Tour

Take a walking tour of Laurelhurst, created by resident Amelia Shields and narrated by Katy Pozarycki. Audio and print versions available at: laurelhurstpdx.org/walkingtour



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