

## Barry Kast - Candidate for NW Quad Rep (incumbent)

I ran for the NW Quad position in 2017, committed to Laurelhurst as an Historic District. That was achieved. The stated duties of the Quad Reps are mostly about newsletter distribution. Nonetheless, for the three years I have been in this role, the newsletter has occupied relatively little time compared to the wave of rising petty crime, trespass and seemingly endless struggles over camping and all of its effect, particularly in the NW Quad. With Board support we helped residents on Senate Street take legal measures in agreement with ODOT to virtually eliminate destructive camping at 39th and 37th, the latter occurring across the street from a day school for young children. Bravo for the committed folks on Senate for their work. To reduce the trespassing and foraging in street bins, we created an LNA Fundraiser in the highly successful BottleDrop recycling program. In the two years since we began and slowly ramped up to an estimated 200 households, the program has raised funds in excess of \$7,000 to help restore the arches and offer support for other LNA projects. Over 80,000 containers with deposit value have been removed from recycling bins and the neighborhood has seen a significant reduction in disorder. All that has been accomplished had strong support from the Board. Certainly more challenges will arise.

I had not planned to run for a fourth term but the sudden pandemic and its dramatic effects on the neighborhood led me to offer to serve one more year. If another candidate were to come forward, I would be eager to step down and give someone else a chance. Philosophically, I think candidates with diverse backgrounds, experience and perspectives greatly strengthen the Association and its service to our residents. Whatever the outcome, it has been a pleasure to serve. One way or another I expect to stay involved in LNA projects related to safety, preservation, support of those in need and the quality of life we all seek to enjoy.