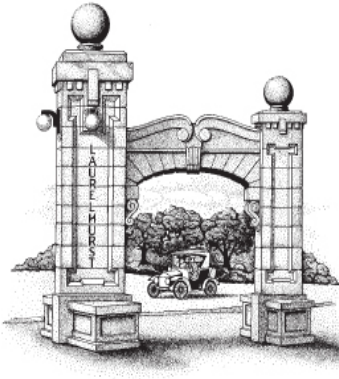


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NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

President's Message

Jeff Martin, LNA President

There was a time when the mere thought of Laurelhurst Park brought a smile to my face, and I went out of my way to go by it. That time has passed.

I used to think of our park as the jewel of our neighborhood and would brag about it to out of town visitors. Now when I think of Laurelhurst Park I get a sinking feeling in my stomach and images pop into my head of scattered hypodermic needles and human feces on the sidewalk, derelict vehicles parked in the street and wall to wall tents and garbage that line Oak Street, 37th and Cesar Chavez Boulevards.

This year I've received countless emails with these images attached. I'm frequently copied on these emails when they are sent to the LNA safety coordinator and to the City officials that we rely on to keep the park safe and clean.

The LNA's safety coordinator has done an amazing job of bringing these images and neighbor concerns to the attention of the City. Nonetheless, City officials have allowed a shanty town to establish itself and take over Oak, 37th and Cesar Chavez.

I don't want to think of how worse it would be if LNA's safety coordinator wasn't constantly notifying the City

of just how bad it's gotten. But even with all of her efforts, it's getting worse, not better. The camp is expanding into the park. Open fires are being started on the sidewalks. Furniture is being moved into the street. Emboldened campers are accosting neighbors in their homes. And what is our local government doing to address these reports? Not much.

Periodic pickup of garbage only results in the accumulation of more garbage. It should not take a tragic act of violence that goes viral on the Internet or a story in the Oregonian of a child contracting a terminal illness from an accidental needle stick in the park to spur the City to act. We deserve more from our Mayor, City Council and our other public officials.

We need the City to act.

We need the City to clear Laurelhurst Park and its surrounding street of illegal campers without delay and keep it cleared.

Editor's Message

John Liu, Newsletter Editor

This issue is largely devoted to Laurelhurst Park and the camping problem that has reached levels not seen for years. The LNA, led by the Safety Committee and neighbors, is pressuring the city and county to act.

Action does not mean persecuting homeless persons, nor does it mean ignoring our neighbors and all the ill effects of large-scale uncontrolled camping. It means pressuring our elected officials to **do their job**: to immediately establish protected and humane shelters for homeless Portlanders; to control camping, trash, and needles in our city parks and streets; and to protect our neighbors, park users, and campers from threats that

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LNA 2020 Meetings

Meetings start at 7:00 pm

Members & Board: by Zoom

- Nov 10

Board: by Zoom

- Nov 10, Dec 8

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Editor, cont from pg 1 should not be a part of anyone's daily life.

You may remember a few years ago, when large-scale camping in and around the park was addressed through a concerted effort by neighbors and the city. It will take a like effort this time. Please read the articles starting at page 5 and add your voice.

On a happier note, the LNA's Racial Justice Committee is following through on the effort to ensure that Laurelhurst is a welcoming neighborhood for all. Your voice is needed here as well - article on page 10.

Covid has taken away much, including many of LNA's fundraisers. One that has become *more* active is BottleDrop. Barry Kast can help you get your returnables deposited. Page 14.

We're entering winter, which means leaf pickup and the annual opportunity to join with Friends of Trees in planting new trees for our urban canopy. Pages 7 and 14.

Early next year the city council will likely vote on the latest effort to permit more demolitions in our Historic District. There wasn't room in this issue for that article, but look for it in the January newsletter, and in the meantime check out the information at historiclaurelhurst.com and the LNA website.

Kalyn Cohen has stepped up to serve out the Vice-President's term. We also have a new newsletter proofreader, Mary Oberst. Think of her as the Editor's editor. Remaining typos and crimes against grammar may be credited to yours truly.

Oh, one last thing. *Thank you for voting.* Voting is our right, privilege, and duty, and in Oregon it is very easy.

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Agenda for November 10 LNA Meeting

7:00pm by Zoom webconference (link on website)

Announcements
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Safety Committee
Board Meeting following (open to all)

Safety Committee

TJ Browning, Safety Committee

Anyone visiting Laurelhurst Park or driving down Cesar Chavez Blvd can't help but notice the ever-growing encampment surrounding the park annex. There is a solid line of tents and structures starting at SE Oak St and continuing down CC Blvd toward SE Stark St. As disturbing as that momentary view may be, take a drive down SE Oak St toward SW 37th for the fuller bleak picture. Lock your doors. Passing cars have been attacked and harassed. There is a solid line of tents and structures covering the parkway and spilling into the street. Vehicles in differing states of disrepair line the curb or stick out into the street, narrowing passage. Sidewalks are frequently blocked. The brave of heart should turn onto SE 37th St and witness what our neighbors who live on 37th have across from their homes. As you view the litter, garbage, and collections of junk from the safety of your car, I challenge you to mentally step outside. Imagine what it is like to live in such deplorable conditions. Remember that precariously framed plastic sheeting, jammed up against another plastic sheet or tent with broken chairs and garbage around it is someone's home. This situation has no winners. It is a lose/lose proposition for all involved. Responsibility is squarely on Portland and Multnomah county elected officials and their failed policies.

The neighbors on SE 37th, SE Stark and SE Oak have paid a heavy price for close proximity to the park. Used syringes, litter, human feces and cast-off items from the encampments land daily on their front yards and driveways. Garages, back yards, cars and porches have routinely been robbed. Delivery people have been harassed and denied access to their streets. Loud drinking, fights, and parties keep these neighbors from sleeping in their homes at night. One Sunday afternoon starting at 4:00 pm every single family on SE 37th was held hostage while a delusional man pounded on their doors, screamed, yelled, and rattled door handles in an attempt to get into their homes. One by one they called 911, only to get no help. One of the homes had two small children and a pregnant mother terrified while trapped inside. Finally, at 9:30 PM an ambulance took the man away. The terrifying ordeal lasted OVER 5 HOURS!

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Trash piling up on sidewalks and in street



Abandoned vehicles



Needles littering playground



Tents now in the park itself

Safety, cont from pg 3 Those same neighbors hear women screaming for help and men in brutal fist fights. They have seen people picking up used syringes from the ground and injecting whatever may be left into their bodies. There is a constant stream of emergency vehicles coming to take one or another camper for medical care. The camp is inhabited by drug addicts, alcoholics, people down on their luck, and others with severe mental health issues. Unfortunately for neighboring homes and other campers, there seem to be plenty of criminals living there, too. How can it possibly be healthy and safe for people to live like this? Where is the help for them?

This is really a lose/lose/lose/lose scenario. Laurelhurst park is taking a beating with all this misuse. The playground is littered with used syringes and human feces daily. The playground is unusable for our children without a careful cleaning. With the cold weather, fires are a new daily problem. The bushes in the main park along Oak St are littered with toilet paper and fecal matter as is the triangle of bushes at the SE park entrance. This is a serious health risk. The Shigella bacteria is carried in human feces and can spread in water. Last month the Willamette Week reported 48 confirmed cases in Portland homeless camps. Shigella kills over a million people annually worldwide. Dogs are susceptible to it and can bring to home to their family. Even our dogs are losers to this failed policy! Rain is coming. The campers are going to be even less safe than they are now. Think of the risk to our park workers.

No one is safe under failed current city/county policy on homeless camps. Not neighbors, campers, park workers, park users, our children, not even our dogs! Winter is coming; things are going to get worse. Please help.

LNA has a reporting system to express concerns to the city and their agencies. These reports help determine which encampments get attention. We have many neighbors reporting daily and sharing photos for documenting complaints. We are beginning to see results. It is a slow process, but I am encouraged. After months of writing, I got a call from the mayor's office two weeks ago. Last week I was invited with others to a meeting with almost 20 city/county agencies and our elected officials' staff. It was an extremely productive meeting. Our work group clearly explained the many problems. We presented an analysis of their failed policy, and solutions were proposed. Those solutions are in this newsletter (*Ed: see page 5*). Homework was handed out and we are going to meet again. My closing comment was *"I appreciate this opportunity to meet with you all. However, please know we will continue to bombard you with reports until there is a resolution."* I believe I heard a sigh.

This is not a NIMBY reaction. Our neighbors are being traumatized daily.
This is not an attack on the homeless. They are not safe and deserve better.
Our children need a safe place to play outdoors.
Our seniors and dog walkers want a place to exercise.
Our park workers should be able to work in a safe environment.
We are all losers, victims of a lack of leadership and failed policies.
None of these are the enemy. We need to take aim at city hall.
We are in a fight for fairness, fairness for all.

Anyone wishing to join our reporting system, email me. browningtj@msn.com

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Homeless Crisis - Solutions to Current Public Health and Safety Threats

TJ Browning, Safety Committee

Introduction. On September 4, 2018, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit issued a ruling in *Martin vs. City of Boise* (case #15-35845). This ruling limited the city's ability to remove homeless individuals or sweep camps from public property. Basically, the ruling means homeless people cannot be moved off public property, no matter how unhealthy or dangerous for the homeless or community, if there is nowhere else for them to go in our city. Due to the ban on enforcement, our public spaces, parks, neighborhoods and businesses are deteriorating as they are occupied by those without housing. Currently there is not enough affordable housing or shelter beds in and around Portland to meet the demand. As a result of this shortage, health and safety-driven enforcement efforts cannot force campers to move off public land and spaces. If this shortage was addressed, then enforcement of existing laws could resume. It is acknowledged that Portland will not be able to build its way out of this problem soon, if ever. Meanwhile, as long as there is no enforcement, homeless people will be camped at public parks, streets, easements, and sidewalks to the detriment of all, including those experiencing homelessness. Therefore, the City of Portland should set up a temporary solution that will enable enforcement of current city/county/state laws until the housing gap is closed. This temporary measure will not only improve homeless people's living conditions but enhance health and safety for the entire city. Portland needs to find public property that is appropriate for those people who currently live without housing.

Proposed Solutions

1. Reopen Closed Temporary Shelters. When Covid19 hit in March 2020, the city/county set up multiple temporary shelters in previously closed public facilities. These shelters were furnished, staffed, and fully operational for several months. One by one, the residents of these shelters were moved into permanent housing and the shelters emptied. THEN THE SHELTERS WERE SHUT DOWN AND DISMANTLED. Meanwhile, many homeless people were still living on the street. Instead of moving more homeless people into these shelters, these fully functioning shelters were closed. This was a functioning temporary shelter system that worked. Why close it? There are still multiple public buildings closed and unused. The weather is going to be turning cold and wet very soon, creating more health and safety risks for the homeless. Housing those indoors could prevent a health crisis. There is no need for a costly reinvention of the wheel, just recreate it, as Mayor Wheeler recently did with the opening of the Charles Jordan Community Center as a temporary shelter. Reopen these temporary shelters and add more, if needed, based on the number of homeless people that need shelter. The homeless count is information that is available to city agencies, enabling these agencies to be more proactive.

2. Open More Sanctioned Camps. Some campers simply do not want to be inside. Recently, Portland opened 3 sanctioned outdoor camps throughout the city. All are currently full. It is time to open more. Select city/county owned property that is not next to parks, schools, businesses, or homes. Provide porta-potties and water stations and badly needed social services. City service providers will not have to hunt for campers or respond to citizen/business complaints about illegal camps. This could provide cost savings to the city. Currently the city pays for cleanup of garbage and used needles in a growing number of locations throughout the city. By reducing the number of daily cleanup sites, the city will realize cost savings.

3. Create Sanctioned Parking Lots for Vehicle Campers. Many of the homeless are living in their cars, RVs, and other vehicles. The city should provide sanctioned parking areas for these vehicle campers. Through a possible private/public partnership, parking lots and parking structures that are not currently used could be opened for homeless camping in vehicles. Covid19 has rendered many public and private parking structures underutilized or closed. For example, the Multnomah County building on Hawthorne is currently closed due to Covid19 and its parking structure across the street is unused. The Convention Center, a publicly owned building, is closed. It has unused underground covered parking and a surface parking lot across the street is empty. These are just a couple of examples. There are many more throughout the city.

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4. Expand Dignity Village. In a recent interview, Bryan Pollard, founding editor of Street Roots and a driving force behind Dignity Village since its inception, stated that expansion of Dignity Village was always the original intent. Dignity Village has been up and running successfully for decades and never expanded. There is empty acreage adjacent to Dignity Village that could be used for expansion. Again, no need to reinvent the wheel. There is a working model in existence that could be expanded.

Conclusion. Current policy regarding the housing/homeless crisis is not working. Meanwhile, the city's business environment and livability continue to decline. Repeated attempts at a failed policy wastes precious resources. Portland would not be violating the Ninth Circuit's ruling if all these shelter options were expanded and/or instituted by moving homeless people from shared public property to safer sanctioned spaces. Enforcement would mitigate many livability issues for Portland neighborhoods and barriers to business. None of this is new. The city/county knows how to implement all these proposed solutions. Customers should have clean and safe access to local businesses. Our neighborhoods, parks, and playgrounds should be safe and healthy places for everyone. This will only happen through effective leadership by the City of Portland, Multnomah County, and their collective will and support to lead for ALL residents and businesses in Portland. Stop catering to the few. Open a safe, livable Portland to all. Comments to browningtj@msn.com.

Citizens For Laurelhurst Park - Social Media Campaign

In addition to our safety reporting system that we have been conducting, a new Laurelhurst neighbor has launched an online digital social media campaign to complement our efforts. The digital campaign, "Citizens for Laurelhurst Park", was launched via Twitter [@Laurelhurstpark](https://twitter.com/Laurelhurstpark) (<https://twitter.com/Laurelhurstpark>).

We aim to build a digital coalition of community members and businesses that share concerns regarding the safety and health issues unfolding in our community as a result of the illegal camps around Laurelhurst Park.

The goal of this digital reporting campaign is to increase public pressure on our elected government officials and organizations online in the public domain to find solutions to the illegal camp situation in and around Laurelhurst park. Our mission is simple - to return Laurelhurst Park to its intended purpose as a safe public community space for all Portlanders to enjoy, and to pressure our officials to provide safe, humane places for campers. This will reduce the increased crime and safety issues that have plagued our community and the houseless themselves due to the ever-growing illegal camps in and around Laurelhurst Park.

We need your support to build public pressure on our elected officials to implement a solution. To join the digital coalition, visit <https://twitter.com/Laurelhurstpark> or feel free to reach out via email at pdxforlaurelhurstpark@pm.me.

Parents: If Your Child is Exposed to Used Needles

Used needles and syringes are all over the neighborhood. They are being found - sometimes by children - on the Laurelhurst School playground, the park, on sidewalks, and in neighbors' yards throughout Laurelhurst.

A pediatrician gives us this advice: Parents should take their child to their doctor if the child gets stuck by a needle or thinks they got stuck by a needle. First, thoroughly wash the site of injury with soap and water. A young child will cry if they get stuck by a needle. If the child is not crying and has no visible injury and no syringe in hand, then they don't necessarily need to go to the doctor. There is more detailed information about exposure to used needles and syringes on the LNA web site.



Friends of Trees Planting in the Time of COVID January 30th 2021

Plans are afoot for this winter's tree planting in Laurelhurst. On January 30th, we will join with our neighbors in the Kerns, North Tabor, and Sunnyside Neighborhoods to plant street and yard trees. Our goal is to improve and diversify our urban canopy.

Enhancing the urban canopy is important because trees provide countless benefits to neighborhoods. Trees improve livability by reducing city noise and glare, as well as slowing traffic. They provide habitat for birds and other wildlife. The value of trees increases with each passing year. Houses on tree-lined streets command higher prices than those in neighborhoods without trees.

If you have been thinking of adding a tree to your parking strip or your yard, this is your opportunity. You can sign up for a tree at friendsoftrees.org or by calling 503-595-0212. The trees cost \$35 and this includes an 8 -12 foot tree, street tree inspection (right tree, right place), hole digging, planting, stakes, follow-up monitoring, and information on tree care. The deadline to sign up is December 28th. You need to order your tree by January 11th.

Typically our planting is a fun community activity, an opportunity to meet your neighbors and get outside. This year it will be different. We won't be gathering to share breakfast before and lunch afterwards. Instead, your tree will be planted by small groups of employees, interns, and volunteers. The planting will take place over the course of a week beginning January 30th. You will be alerted in advance when we are coming out to plant your tree and you can expect all planters to be wearing masks and practicing physical distancing.

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As of September 30, 2020 by Fred Cooper, Treasurer

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Key Bank	\$ 6,091.81	\$ 7,165.79	\$ (1,073.98)
Savings			
OnPoint Credit Union	\$ 8,028.26	\$ 8,027.61	\$ 0.65
Key Bank	\$ 18,331.12	\$ 18,330.96	\$ 0.16
Other			
Pay Pal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
OBRC Bottle Drop	\$ 1,621.42	\$ 1,226.32	\$ 395.10
Accounts Receivable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Designated Funds			
Arches Fund	\$ 11,437.39	\$ 11,437.24	\$ 0.15
Street Trees	\$ 1,157.59	\$ 1,157.59	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 46,667.59	\$ 47,345.51	\$ (677.92)
<i>LIABILITIES</i>			
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 46,667.59	\$ 47,345.51	\$ (677.92)

Notes:

1. Street Tree Fund balance of \$1,157.59 is maintained with KeyBank general checking.
2. Current Arches Fund consists of Designated Arches funds plus BottleDrop Account balance, totalling \$13,058.81.

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wading pond in Laurelhurst Park, 1962



art exhibit in Laurelhurst Park, 1953



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Next Steps in Efforts to Make Laurelhurst a More Welcoming and Inclusive Neighborhood

By Jan McManus, LNA SE Quad Rep, Ad Hoc Racial Justice Committee Chair

The final drafts of the LNA Board Statements on Portland Police Bureau Reforms and our neighborhood's racist history were presented to the membership at the September 8th meeting. A number of members offered comments.

After additional Board discussion and revisions, both statements were adopted. The statements are available to view on the LNA website at laurelhurstpdx.org/news.



Dr. James Mason is helping the LNA

Soon after, the police reform statement was circulated to local elected officials, several print media sources, and other neighborhood associations in the City of Portland.

We received positive feedback on our statement from the Foster Powell and Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Associations, and also from staff of SE Uplift. The Mayor, City Councilor Fritz, and County Commissioners Jayapal, Stegman, Vega Pederson and Meieran all thanked us for our statement. Commissioners Meieran and Vega Pederson each gave a more personal response as opposed to an automatic thank you.

At the October 13th LNA Board meeting, the Board agreed to offer a series of workshops to our neighbors. These workshops will provide further opportunities for dialogue and exploration of ways to make Laurelhurst a more inclusive and welcoming neighborhood.

I will be meeting with Dr. James Mason (pictured at left, Dr. Mason facilitated our July LNA discussion on the initial draft statements) as well as with the members of the Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice to plan and schedule these workshops.

If you would like to participate in the planning process or want to register your interest in workshop participation, please email me at laurelhurst.sequadrep@gmail.com.

LNA Board Statements on Police Reform and Racial Covenants

On September 8, the LNA General Member meeting discussed, and subsequently the LNA Board approved, the following statements prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice.

[Statement on Police Reform](#)

[Statement on Historical Racial Covenants](#)

Read the LNA statements at <https://www.laurelhurstpdx.org/news>

Mann House Project Update

One of the most exciting genuinely affordable housing projects in Portland is right by us on NE 33rd. The historic Mann Old Peoples' Home was built in Laurelhurst in 1911 and is listed on the National Register. In recent decades it was the "Movement Center" meditation and yoga retreat.

Project plan: NE 33rd on east.

The affordable housing developer Innovative Housing Inc (IHI) will convert the main building to family affordable housing with two- and three-bedroom units. IHI will also add an East building along NE 33rd and a South building, retain most of the large trees and off-street parking, and have on-site services.



Drawing of planned south building

The LNA has supported this project from the beginning. If all goes well, in late 2022 about 80 new families and kids will be able to grow up in Laurelhurst!



You can read more about the Mann House project at laurelhurstpdx.org/news.

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Event Calendar

The event calendar in this issue is still skimpy.

While the pandemic has cancelled many in-person events, we're happy to list virtual neighborhood events. To list your event, email laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com.

LNA and Neighborhood

Nov 10, Jan 12 - LNA General meetings (Zoom)

Nov 10, Dec 8 - LNA Board meetings (Zoom)

www.laurelhurstpdx.org/events

Also of Interest

House History Research, parts 3 and 4, Nov 7 and 14. Virtual at visitahc.org.

To list an event, contact laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com.

Thank You For Voting

By the time you receive this letter, voting will be completed for the November elections.

Energy, passions, volunteering, and emotions have been high during this election season, for national and local races alike.

Whatever the results, whether you are happy or unhappy with those results, thank you! to everyone for voting.

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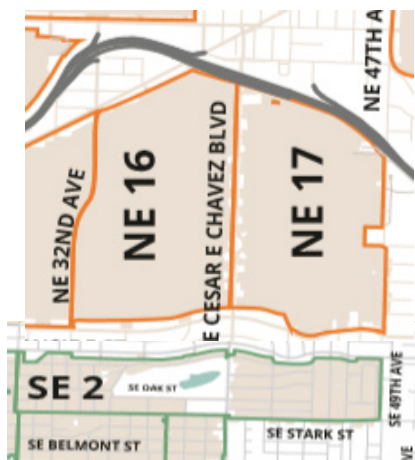
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Leaf Day

Laurelhurst's urban canopy brings us shade, oxygen, beauty and greenery. It also brings us so many leaves that the city comes to pick them all up. For residents new to Laurelhurst, here's a **Leaf Day primer**.

Go to portlandmaps.com/apps/leafday/ to confirm when your block's two Leaf Day pickups will be. They *should* be: N of Burnside/W of Cesar Chavez (Leaf District NE16): 11/16, 12/2; N of Burnside/E of Cesar Chavez (NE17): 11/16, 12/9; and S of Burnside (SE 2): 11/12, 12/10.

Rake the leaves you want picked up into the street one day before your Leaf Day. Tree leaves only, please. Keep one foot between your pile and the curb. Move vehicles and other objects off the street if you can; rake leaves away from remaining street-parked vehicles. The city uses heavy equipment to move leaves, and parked cars will prevent that area of the street from being cleaned.



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Soggy, slimy, slippery leaves in the street are a hazard for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers, and clog storm drains. Help Laurelhurst's streets get clean! Read more at portland.gov/transportation/maintenance/leaf-day.

BottleDrop Update

Barry Kast, NE Quad Rep, BottleDrop Coord

During the pandemic, are you accumulating more empty beverage containers than before? You can turn your refundable containers into a donation to the LNA. The BottleDrop fundraiser is now reliably generating \$100 each week for the LNA. That means nearly 60,000 refundable containers are being recycled per year. Until the end of December those dollars are being dedicated to the Historic Arches account. Good work to all of you who participate.

If you encounter any difficulty depositing your blue bags at one of the local drop sites (Fred Meyers, etc), please let me know. The Bottle Drop managers want to hear about problems in their system.

In addition, I suspect that there are a number of our neighbors are storing bags full of containers for any number of reasons. As project coordinator there is no limit to how many bags I can take to the Glisan center. Contact me so we can arrange to get those bags delivered safely and efficiently: LNABDrop@gmail.com.

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Neighborhood Winery

As the owner and operator of Laurelhurst's newest licensed winery, Alex Morrow took a circuitous path to wine-making. After years of work as a chef in fine dining, and a stint cooking in Italy's Piedmont region, he earned a Ph.D. in history. As he describes, "I was sitting in the archive one day and I stumbled upon a winemaking journal from the 1900s that included the kinds of aperitif wines I'd experienced in Italy and France." "It felt serendipitous; this is what I want to make." After several years of research and experimentation, he's set to release his first aperitif this winter, a Provencal-style Vin d'Orange. Under the Ash Street Wine Co. label, he bottles more common varietals, like Pinot Noir and Chardonnay. Alex and his wife Sarah, moved back to Portland and chose Laurelhurst to raise their two kids. "My neighbors have been intrigued and supportive," he says. "Some of my best customers live down the street." The winery officially opened for business in 2019... on Ash Street. He maintains a small client list of friends and neighbors and all new releases are announced via email. "It's been an unpredictable year, to say the least," says Morrow, "But the neighborhood has been very supportive." "Of course, when everyone is stuck at home, people like getting wine delivered to their porch from the winery around the corner." *Ed - we're starting a series introducing our local advertisers to you. Support local businesses!*

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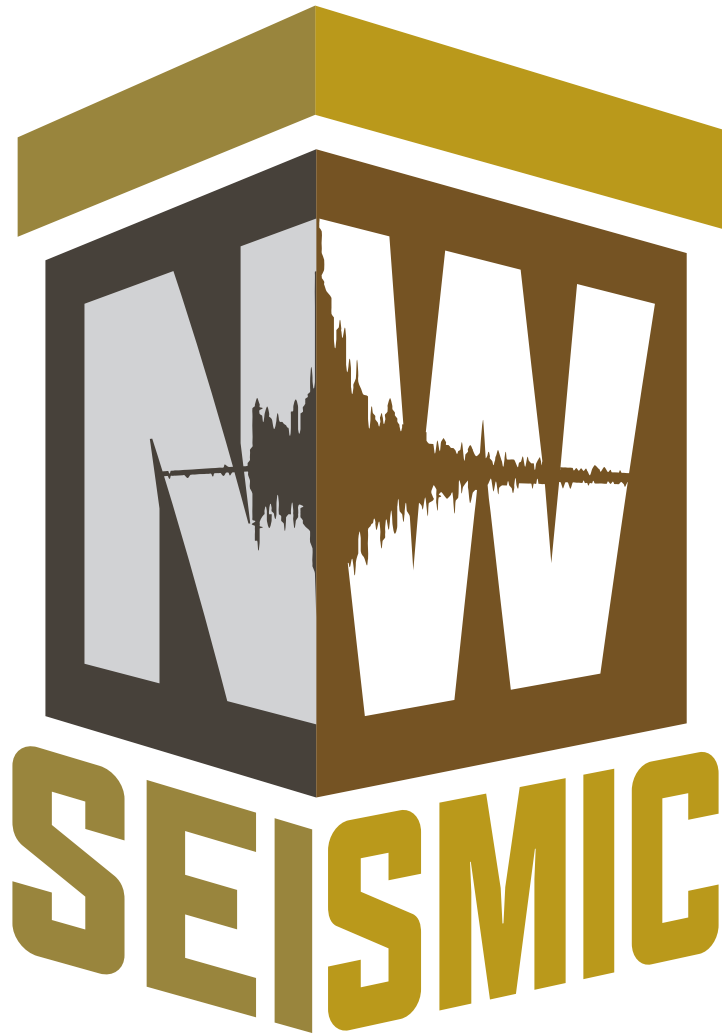
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From the Secretary's Desk

LNA meetings are public and ADA accessible. **All Laurelhurst residents, businesses and organizations invited.** Minutes at laurelhurstpdx.org.

Key Items from July 14 Board meeting

1. SEUL rep Quincy presents on Healthy Business Permitting program. President to send letter in support.
2. Fred Cooper discusses Burnside Bridge replacement project.

Key Items from Sept 8 General meeting

1. Financial statements reviewed.
2. Draft LNA statements on police reform and racial covenants reviewed.

Key Items from Sept 8 Board meeting

1. Kalyn Cohen appointed VP.
2. President to send letter on health & safety issues.
3. Statements on police reform and racial covenants adopted. Discussed Ad Hoc Racial Justice Committee proposal for workshops; no vote.
4. Laurelhurst Club discussed. Ad Hoc Property Committee to review LNA option to take possession.
5. City invited to discuss Historic Code Revision Project at October meeting.

See you in January!

At Day-Close in November

The ten hours' light is abating,
And a late bird wings across,
Where the pines, like waltzers waiting,
Give their black heads a toss.

Beech leaves, that yellow the noontime,
Float past like specks in the eye;
I set every tree in my June time,
And now they obscure the sky.

And the children who ramble through here
Conceive that there never has been
A time when no tall trees grew here,
That none will in time be seen.

- Thomas Hardy

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