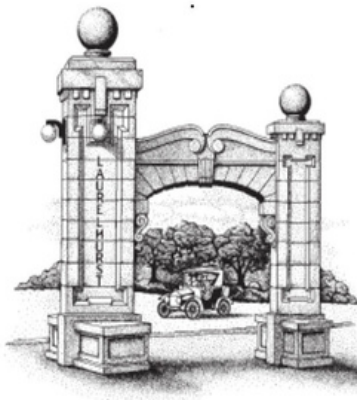


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## President's Message

by Jeff Martin, LNA President

My family moved to Portland in 2004 and shortly thereafter bought our fixer in Laurelhurst with a fix and flip plan. Things didn't go according to plan. We're on our third fridge and don't intend to move anytime soon. Since moving in, we've seen a lot of change in our family, our house, our neighborhood and our city. We've also shared more joy than heartache with our neighbors. The location and beautiful streets and homes of Laurelhurst drew us here but the support and kindness of neighbors is why 16 years later we remain in our home.

We lived in the neighborhood for 12 years before I went to my first LNA meeting and ended up on the LNA Board. I regret that I waited so long to get involved. In my time on the LNA Board, I've marveled at the passion and commitment of the volunteers who have dedicated tremendous amounts of time and energy for the betterment of our neighborhood. As the LNA Board's outgoing president, my last newsletter message is to say thanks to all who volunteer their time in the service of our neighbors and neighborhood. I'm especially grateful to the LNA board members I've served with over the past four years and the members of committees that have taken the lead on everything from: acquisition and oversight of the Laurelhurst Club, advocating for the safety and livability of our neighbors, the newsletter, the garage sale/spring cleanup/picnic/home tour (they'll all return), care of Coe Circle, bottle drop and management of the arches. I have noticed that a relatively small number of neighbors (for the size of our neighborhood) is showing up to take care of LNA business. I'm grateful and better off for their efforts. If you haven't already, I challenge you to get involved with the LNA. I hope you'll vote in the May election of the LNA board and attend the next LNA meeting in May.

### The Laurelhurst Neighborhood

### *Walking Tour*

Take a walking tour of  
Laurelhurst, created by  
resident Amelia Shields and  
narrated by Katy Pozarycki.  
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## Editor's Note

By Kalyn Cohen

Laurelhurst has been my family's home for 28 years and I have been actively involved with the LNA for the last five of these, mostly in roles supporting our neighborhood's nomination as a Historic District. It has been an honor to be the Interim Editor for this issue, filling out the remainder of John Liu's term.

My work on this edition coincides with moving the Newsletter to a new graphic design platform called Canva. Therefore, you may notice a few changes in its layout. Find contact information for LNA Board, Committee Chairs and state and local officials on the back page. Many articles encourage neighbors to reach out to decision-makers. We hope collecting all the contact information on the back page will make this a bit simpler.

And, second, at the request of a resident, we have created a column listing open volunteer positions. This list will also be posted on the website: [laurelhurstpdx.org/volunteer](http://laurelhurstpdx.org/volunteer)

As I began laying out this issue, two themes sprang strongly to mind. First, after Constance Beaumont sent her piece on the socially distanced dance jams that sprang up on Ash Street last fall, I was reminded of an interview with historian Gianna Pomata, aptly titled "How Pandemics Wreak Havoc—and Open Minds," in which Pomata talks about the Italian Renaissance that emerged from the plague of that time. As we head into the next transition in our communal journey with COVID, I like to remember that creativity, resilience—not to mention a safe boogie woogie—are also part of this journey. The second theme was volunteerism, which is strong in Laurelhurst. Most of the pieces in this issue are somehow expressive of this willingness to be of service—from the engaging, two-part historic walking tour; to the new Beautification Committee; to the eighteen candidates for the LNA board. Talking of Board Elections, please mark your calendar for the General Meeting on May 11 @ 7 pm. Candidates will speak that night. Voting begins at 8 pm. (See page 13 for details.)

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## Event Calendar

**LNA General Meeting: Tuesday, May 11, 2021**  
**7:00 pm by Zoom** ([www.laurelhurstpdx.org/events](http://www.laurelhurstpdx.org/events))

Candidates for the Board may nominate themselves at this meeting. Candidates present will make 3-minute statements. Board business will follow (open to all). Voting through SEUL poll and in-person opens at 8 pm (see page 13 for full details).

**LNA Board Meeting: Tuesday, June 8, at 7 pm**

**A Neighborhood Journey Towards Greater Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness 2-part workshop**

**Session 1: Sunday, May 23, 1-5 pm**

Identifying, interrupting bias, and creating welcoming environments

**Session 2: Sunday, June 6, 1-5 pm**

Advancing diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice in our neighborhoods.

To register visit: [laurelhurstworkshops.eventbrite.com](http://laurelhurstworkshops.eventbrite.com)

## Neighborhood Garage Sale POSTPONED

Given that Multnomah County has returned to "High Risk," the 2021 Neighborhood Garage Sale is postponed.

There is a possibility that the 2021 sale could be held in September. Check the LNA website in August for a final decision. Any additional updates will also appear in the September edition of the Laurelhurst Newsletter.

Contact Jennifer Moffatt, Garage Sale Coordinator, with thoughts, suggestions, or questions:  
[LNAGaragesale@gmail.com](mailto:LNAGaragesale@gmail.com)

# Update on the City's Shelter to Housing Continuum Project

By David Tunley

***"Voters have supported significant tax measures to support both houseless services and parks. We need to honor voters' wishes and ensure the ability for all to use parks for their intended purposes. We need them now more than ever."***

Mary Ruble, PDX Parks Foundation member  
Michelle Harper, Former Citywide Collaborative Parks Services manager  
Zari Santner, Former director of Portland Parks & Recreation  
[Oregonlive, March 24, 2021]

As reported in the previous Laurelhurst Newsletter, the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability and Joint City-County Office for Homeless Services were accepting public testimony on the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project (S2HC) in March, which would change city codes to help address the homelessness crisis. The homelessness crisis was declared in 2015.

The goals of S2HC project are to further fair housing laws, expand the range of shelter and housing options, and improve how the regulatory environment affects for-profit, nonprofit, and public-sector-shelter and housing providers.

On March 17, City Commissioners heard testimony from dozens of community members supportive of the goals of creating additional, temporary housing, including sanctioned outdoor shelters with supportive services and hygiene facilities. However, a large number of people who testified were deeply concerned about the possibility of temporary shelters being allowed in Open Space zones such as public parks, golf courses, and other green spaces.

Due to overwhelming testimony from community members, both written and live testimony, City Council moved and accepted amendments that prohibit temporary outdoor shelters in Open Space zones, including park parking lots.

The City Council has now closed public testimony and will consider the updated project on April 28 at 2 pm. At that time, the City Council could move to take a final vote on the amended project. If approved, the shelter-related code changes would take effect on April 30, and the housing and group living elements would take effect on August 1, 2021.

I want to thank everyone who took the time to review the S2HC project and testify or write to City Council regarding their concerns about the proposed code changes.

Our community—like many others—is impacted by the homeless crisis, and I plan to continue working with

neighbors and with city and county officials to create a more sustainable solution to the issue.

If you would like to learn more about the city code changes, please visit [www.portland.gov/bps/s2hc](http://www.portland.gov/bps/s2hc).

To weigh in on future code changes or policy, e-mail addresses for key city officials can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

## Action Update: Laurelhurst Park Is Focus of Rare, Ongoing, Twice-Weekly Meetings with all City Council Members

By TJ Browning

"Do you believe the city has the capacity and the will to address the situation, to restore balance, and to provide safety and security to the neighborhood?" asked LNA Safety Committee member Kayleen Kusterer, referring to the homeless camp at the park. It was directed to the invited panel of city hall representatives and County Commissioner Meieran at the April LNA board meeting. Robert King, Mayor Wheeler's representative answered, "Yes." When pressed for a plan and timeline to address the growing homeless camp, details were scarce. Despite viewing a comprehensive presentation documenting health and safety threats associated with the camp by Safety Committee member, David Tunley, panelists reassured us a solution for Laurelhurst Park was a priority. Kellie Torres from Commissioner Ryan's office, King, and Assistant Police Chief Chris Davis all were optimistic that the rare, ongoing, twice-weekly meetings with all City Council members and police representatives were going to produce a plan.

How long must we wait? While there is cause for some hope that our elected officials will come up with a plan to address the homeless crisis, the lack of a timeline is disheartening. More protests have taken place, with accompanying violence a common occurrence. Asst. Chief Davis recognized the appearance of guns and automatic weapons in our park and neighborhood was alarming. Sadly, since that meeting, more tents, vehicle campers, trash, and used syringes have appeared. The damage to the park is heartbreaking. The threat to the health and safety of all neighbors, park users, and houseless campers, is intolerable. Please continue to report, email, and call for immediate action from our elected officials.

A contact list for all city officials and agencies can be found on the back page of this Newsletter. Anyone wishing to join the reporting group will receive regular safety updates and alerts. Just contact me: [Browningtj@msn.com](mailto:Browningtj@msn.com), LNA Safety Chair.



## **The Laurelhurst WeShine Chapter is forming Now-Join Us**

*By Janet McManus*

**WeShine** is a program of Cascadia Clusters, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that builds structures needed for transitional village communities and provides training opportunities and jobs for houseless individuals. In partnership, Cascadia Clusters and **WeShine** work with neighborhoods, businesses, and faith communities to offer hospitality rather than hostility to unsheltered people.

Each **WeShine** micro-village will include a cluster of six tents, tiny houses, or parked RVs and cars in a clean, safe, managed camp with:

- Fencing for privacy and security
- Community structures for cooking, community meals and meetings
- Solar-powered electricity and light for each tent or tiny house
- Toilet facilities
- Garbage and recycling service
- Regular access to showers and laundry
- A Village Life Coordinator with lived experience of homelessness

**WeShine** will contract with local service agencies to provide mental health, addiction, and housing transition services at each site. Neighborhood and faith-based volunteers will provide additional support, such as community meals, and social and recreational activities. These volunteers will encourage mutual engagement between villagers, neighbors, and congregants.

**WeShine** would like to partner with private property owners in Laurelhurst, Sullivan's Gulch, or Kerns to turn a portion of their parking lots into a site for one or more **WeShine** clusters.

Together, we can reduce the number of people living on the street in dirty, dangerous situations while giving campers hope, dignity, and safety as they wait for permanent affordable housing.

Contact: Janet McManus, **WeShine**  
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# Mixed News on Re-Zoning Bills

By John Liu

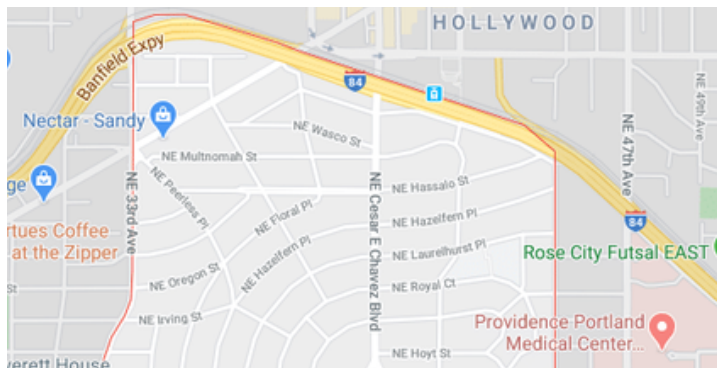
There is good news and bad news on state legislation that could affect Laurelhurst.

Good news first. HB2558 would have rezoned Laurelhurst near the MAX station (parts of NE Senate, Wasco, Hassalo, Multnomah) for up to 5-story apartment buildings. Opponents of the bill argued that it would have incentivized the demolition of historic structures without yielding affordable housing. Others, including the League of Oregon Cities and the Oregon Transit Association, noted that HB2558 would have removed the opportunity for public input into local zoning policies and might actually undercut efforts to improve public transit. Among the bill's sponsors: Senator Dembrow, who represents Laurelhurst. The bill failed to clear a House committee before the April 13 deadline and thus is considered dead for this session.

Bad news. A lot-splitting bill, SB458, appears on its way to passage. This bill would require cities to allow lots to be subdivided into as many micro-lots as there are units permitted. In Portland, that means any residential lot could potentially be split into four or six tiny lots, as small as 833 square feet each. Opponents of this bill argued that those local judgments should be made by local governments with input from local communities, not imposed as a "one size fits all" mandate from Salem.

More bad news. HB2488 appears on its way to passage. Albeit well-intentioned, this bill would allow Oregon's statewide planning goals – from citizen involvement (Goal 1) to protection of natural, scenic, and historic resources (Goal 5) – to be changed with just a single public hearing. In a time when ordinary Oregonians' opportunity for public input into the State Legislature's work has been mostly reduced to logging into a grainy video call, a "single public hearing" is, many feel, hardly respecting Goal 1.

You can read more about these bills on page 5 of the March newsletter, available at [laurelhurstpdx.org/news](http://laurelhurstpdx.org/news).



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# Eligibility Information for COVID-19 Vaccine

Reprinted and condensed from Oregon Health Authority.

As of April 19, all Oregonians age 16 and older are eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine. All Oregonians can sign up to be notified about vaccination appointment availability at the Get Vaccinated Oregon sign-up tool at [getvaccinated.oregon.gov](https://getvaccinated.oregon.gov). Through GVO, you can sign up to receive text or email notifications about vaccine information and vaccine events happening near you. You can find out about updates and vaccine safety through: [covidvaccine.oregon.gov](https://covidvaccine.oregon.gov). The appointment scheduling process for all adults who live in Clackamas, Columbia, Multnomah, or Washington counties will be based on names being pulled from the Get Vaccinated Oregon tool. OHA is electronically scrambles the names of all eligible older adults in the metro area. Weekly, OHA will send a list of names to All4Oregon that matches the number of available vaccination appointments. All4Oregon will contact individuals to schedule their appointment. Due to limited supply, not everyone who is eligible will be included on the weekly list. All adults who want a vaccine will get a vaccine over the coming months. All4Oregon is the joint effort of Kaiser Permanente, Legacy Health, OHSU, and Providence to collaborate in operating the mass vaccination clinic at the Oregon Convention Center.

To schedule an appointment through OHSU for the PDX Airport site and other clinic sites, visit: [www.ohsu.edu/health/covid-19-vaccines-information-and-appointments](https://www.ohsu.edu/health/covid-19-vaccines-information-and-appointments). Appointments are released daily beginning at 9 am. For those with mobility issues: the drive-through PDX Airport Red Economy Lot and Hillsboro Stadium sites are best because you don't have to leave your car.

If you are interested in using a pharmacy to get a vaccine appointment, you can find available appointments by visiting [vaccinefinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org). Older adults and anyone who needs help better understanding the scheduling options are encouraged to call 211. The LNA can support you if you need any help with getting onto Get Vaccinated Oregon or with finding vaccine information, [laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com).



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# Doin' the Hokey Pokey on Ash Street

By Constance Beaumont

2020 was a crummy year in many ways, but one bright spot was the Ash Street Friday Night Dance Parties in Laurelhurst. Now that spring has sprung and folks are getting vaccinated, the neighborhood is looking forward to the resumption of the dances.

The idea of holding Friday evening street dances evolved from the nightly "Thank You" to frontline workers that Ash Street neighbors shouted in a different language each night from their porches. When Mary Pat Daly suggested singing "Danke Schoen" one Friday, Alan and Leslie Comnes brought out their Karaoke machine to broadcast the song. The next Friday, someone suggested doing the Macarena in the street. And the following week another neighbor, Kat Trout, shared a video of the dance steps to Saturday Night Fever.

A weekly tradition was born! Every Friday night from spring through the fall, neighbors would dance together to such songs as the Time Warp, Footloose, and the Hokey Pokey. Residents of all ages – from little kids to seniors – would put their right foot in, take their right foot out, then shake it all about. They found that music, laughter, and camaraderie helped to ease the isolation and pain of the pandemic. Participants would wear masks and socially distance to comply with health recommendations.

The street dances are expected to resume this spring. And that's what it's all about. If other blocks want to do a dance party, The Ash Street group is happy to lend the rolling boom box, which works with any Bluetooth music player--except on Fridays, when it's in use for the Ash Street dance parties. Contact: [laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com)



## The LNA Seeks Volunteers For:

In our last newsletter, a call went out for a neighborhood coordinator to liaise with Friends of Trees.

Martha Irvine happily reports that two neighbors stepped up and will be sharing the work of this volunteer position. Buoyed by the generous spirit of this neighborhood, and in response to requests, we list below other volunteer opportunities. The listings below differ in the length of commitment, yet all are critical. Let the Newsletter Editor know if there are any missing listings.

This list can be found on the website at:  
[www.laurelhurstpdx.org/volunteer](http://www.laurelhurstpdx.org/volunteer)

### The Century Plaque Committee seeks:

- Walkers to deliver flyers to neighborhood homes that are 100 years old or more. (2 hours, every 6 months).
- envelope stuffers to fold flyers and put into pre-addressed envelopes, no sealing of envelopes (1-2 hours, every 6 months).

Contact: [jmwascavage@msn.com](mailto:jmwascavage@msn.com) (see page 9)

### The Beautification Team seeks:

- Volunteers willing to be trained in graffiti removal
- Volunteers to join their monthly 'clean-ups' (2 hours of litter removal).

Contact: [james.tunley@gmail.com](mailto:james.tunley@gmail.com) (See page 10)

### Laurelhurst WeShine Chapter seeks:

- Socially-minded volunteers to promote mutual engagement between residents of sanctioned micro-villages, neighbors, and faith community members. (varies).

Contact: Janet McManus, 503-970-2984 (See page 4)

### LNA Newsletter Team seeks:

- Editors -Do you love to write? Interested in being a poetry finder? (varies)
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# Historic Walking Tour

Warm spring days came early this year, granting the fervent wish of many of us to be able to comfortably sit outdoors, enjoying the company of our friends and neighbors at a COVID-safe distance. The LNA Newsletter Team has collected a few resources to deepen your joy of the neighborhood in bloom.

We caught up with Laurelhurst resident Amelia Shields, who created a two-part walking tour of the neighborhood a few years ago. The Laurelhurst Historical Walking tour is available in both audio and print formats and both can be found under the "History" section of the LNA website. Here's the link: [laurelhurstpdx.org/walkingtour](http://laurelhurstpdx.org/walkingtour). The audio tour has been updated so that it will now play on any device that plays mp3 files. Amelia has included a detailed printed version, which can be used on its own or along with the audio version; it includes historic photos and some additional information.

Tour 1 outlines the history of Laurelhurst from a dairy farm to a carefully planned community in the early 1900s, and takes you to historically interesting homes and landmarks. This tour starts and ends at Laurelhurst Elementary School. It takes approximately 90 minutes to complete the loop.

Tour 2 focuses on Laurelhurst Park, starting with an overview of the park history and how it came to be. This part of the tour walks you through the park and explains the designer's vision and the purpose for each of the different sections within the park. This tour starts and ends at The Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny Street, and takes about 70 minutes to complete.

These tours are wonderful for coming to know our neighborhood in new ways. They are all the more remarkable because Amelia created them while still in high school, as part of fulfilling the requirements for earning The Girl Scout Gold Award. The Gold Award requires a minimum of 80 leadership hours toward completion of a project to better the community. According to Amelia, The Gold Award allows "a Girl Scout to develop leadership skills, be seen as a role model, master time management skills, and make the world a better place."

We caught up with Amelia, who is attending college, and asked why she chose a historic walking tour for her project and whether she is still finding time for personal research projects. She writes:

"I was very interested in history and I loved to do research, so I decided to combine these passions into learning more about our wonderful neighborhood. After many, many hours diving into the historical archives to put the walking tour content together, a team of volunteers helped me edit my walking tour script and test the walking routes. I was fortunate enough to have local resident Katy Pozarycki - a lifelong resident of Laurelhurst - narrate the audio version of the walking tour. I also worked with a professional graphic designer on the design and layout of the printed version of the walking tour and map."

"I've been doing a lot of research for my different classes, but [last] summer I also did a research project for myself to give me something to do during quarantine. I am a big Star Trek fan, so I researched and put together a timeline of the major events of over 60 different species mentioned throughout the different shows, spanning from 4.6 billion years ago to 2399 which is the current present in the Star Trek universe. During this project, I was also researching and brushing up on my HTML programming skills and creating an interactive timeline using the coding language."

"Looking back at the walking tour, I am definitely super proud of it. It's really cool to know that I was able to put something together that other people can enjoy and make them feel connected to the community. Because of the emphasis that doing a Gold Award has on leadership, I feel like I was able to grow a lot in my confidence interacting with people, as well as planning out a major project in a way that makes it doable to execute, which has been super helpful with managing my college workload."



# Who Makes the LNA Century Home Plaques?

By Dian Odell

Have you wondered about the design and manufacture of the Century Home Plaques on homes that have stood in the neighborhood for 100 years or more?

Macadam Aluminum and Bronze in NW Portland is one of only a few companies in the Pacific Northwest to specialize in brass, bronze, copper, and aluminum casting work. Founded in 1948, it was a family-owned and run company until about 2 years ago, when the last family member retired. The new owners are keeping things on the same track though! Macadam Aluminum and Bronze's business is about half industrial and half retail custom sales (memorials, grave markers, customized urns, nameplates, corporate logos, and plaques like ours).

Our orders are a bit different from those of most of their customers. Each batch of 20 we order has plaques for houses of different dates. Our most recent order included plaques from 10 different years: 1911 through 1921.

Each year, Macadam modifies the artwork of our standard pattern and creates a "magnesium die" to use as the mold for that year's plaques. This year, we added 1922 – those houses will turn 100 on January 1, 2022. (We stay a bit ahead of the actual century birthday.) To process our order, Macadam assembles all the dies for all various years in that group order and gives them to the foundry that will make the actual plaques.

At the foundry, brass ingot is melted and poured into the molds, as many times and for the years we have on our order. After the metal has set, each plaque is sandblasted clean of any metal fragments, painted brown, and sanded to remove paint selectively to reveal the shiny brass metal for the lettering, border details, and edges. The final step applies a clear polyurethane coating to protect it. Beautiful!

The LNA provides a specific design for our plaque, but Macadam will work with customers who want to develop their own ideas. One resident in the neighborhood came to them for an informational plaque for their home, wanting it to match the style of the existing Century Plaque. The design team was able to do this easily using the Century plaque fonts and style as a base for the customized plaque.

Macadam has been a great partner on the LNA Century Plaque project, creating a beautiful product with each and every plaque. Keep them in mind for any metal-casting work you might need in the future. You can see more of their work samples and information at [www.macadamfoundry.net](http://www.macadamfoundry.net).

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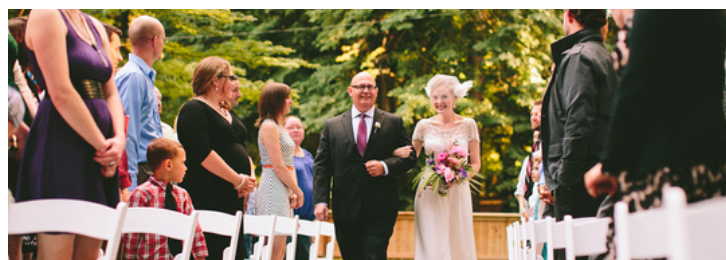


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Order at [www.laurelhurstpdx.org/century-home-plaques](http://www.laurelhurstpdx.org/century-home-plaques). Installation instructions are available there.

If you need help confirming the correct date for your house, contact [lnacenturyplaque@gmail.com](mailto:lnacenturyplaque@gmail.com).



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## Portland Fruit Tree Project

By Barry Kast



Did you know that years ago homeowners and weekend gardeners planted fruit trees in their back yards or parking strips to raise produce to support their families? Over the years people more and more rely on produce from the market, and that means less fruit is being harvested from the standing trees. Rather than have such produce go to waste, the Portland Fruit Tree Project emerged as a means of gleaning unharvested fruit to share with others in the community.



Today, they have branched out. Here are the basics:

In addition to gleaning unharvested fruit, the Project consults with homeowners about best practices in fruit growing, fruit collection, and orchard and tree management. Their expertise extends to tree care, backyard harvest assistance, tree care services (pruning, disease management, and garden coaching).

Portland Fruit Tree Project is a 501(c)(3) non-profit grassroots gleaning organization that provides a community-based solution to a critical and growing need in Portland and beyond: access to healthy food. By helping neighbors share in the harvest and care of urban fruit trees, we are preventing waste, building community knowledge and resources, and creating sustainable ways to obtain healthy, locally grown food. Through their Harvest Program and Partnerships, they improve the quality of life for people in Portland through the shared harvest and equitable distribution of one of our city's greatest natural resources: fresh fruit!

Why does this matter? One in seven Oregonians faces food insecurity. Of the approximately 552,900 Oregonians who are food insecure, over 35% are children. And even more, people struggle to afford fresh produce, which is critical to healthful eating and prevention of diet-related disease. Portland Fruit Tree Project provides fresh fruit to those most in need. Community-based agriculture makes a lot of sense. Check out their website today: [portlandfruit.org](http://portlandfruit.org).

## The Laurelhurst Beautification Team

Update from co-leaders James and David Tunley

The Laurelhurst Beautification Team carried out our first clean-up on Sunday, March 28th. Twelve volunteers came out to improve the NW Quad, and for two hours removed graffiti and trash between Sandy Boulevard to Hassalo and from 33rd Ave to Cesar Chavez.

The volunteers cleaned up over a dozen vandalized street signs and picked up over 100 pounds of trash, improving the neighborhood's attractiveness and preserving its assets. Below are pictures showing the team's good work.

Clean-ups are going to be scheduled monthly through the spring and summer. Please join us to meet your neighbors and have fun while doing good. If you would like to volunteer for future clean-ups, please email [james.tunley@gmail.com](mailto:james.tunley@gmail.com) to be included on the email distribution list.



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# LNA Prepares For Laurelhurst Club Reopening

By Janet McManus

Thanks to the opportunity the Laurelhurst Dance Club presented to the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association, the LNA gratefully took possession of The Laurelhurst Club on January 1, 2021. Mothballed since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, The Club plans to re-open its doors this summer as soon as COVID restrictions allow. Over the last few months, the LNA Ad Hoc Property Committee, volunteers, and others have spent countless hours preparing The Club for this long-awaited moment.

The entire facility has been spruced up with new interior paint. The shed, basement, closets, and all nooks and crannies have been inventoried and organized. In May, both The Club and the shed exteriors will be power-washed. The awning, sign, porch, and outdoor platform will all be repainted. We have developed a new website and flyers and are in the process of creating a new office space, re-carpeting throughout, and beautifying the grounds. As Oregon moves toward full reopening post-pandemic, so will The Laurelhurst Club.

As the new owner of The Club, the LNA Board has the overarching goal of ensuring that The Club benefits the Laurelhurst neighborhood through the provision of neighborhood, community, art, and social service activities. Expenses and, ultimately, a reserve for larger capital expenses, will be covered by venue rentals. Please consider The Laurelhurst Club for your important family or company events.

Upon re-opening, The Club will serve as the LNA's home base. Having a single address for LNA mail will be both welcome and surprisingly helpful! Laurelhurst neighbors will be invited to participate in a survey or community conversations to determine what types of community events and activities are of highest priority to them. Visit The Laurelhurst Club's updated website:

[www.thelaurelhurstclub.com](http://www.thelaurelhurstclub.com)

## Cindy Thompson Event Productions



CINDY THOMPSON EVENTS

Please join the LNA's Board of Directors in welcoming Cindy Thompson as our Laurelhurst Club manager. Cindy's company, CTEP, has been producing events in the Portland metro area for over twenty-five years. Through this, she is well acquainted with the needs of customers seeking venues for important events. Cindy is also deeply connected within the event industry, including with key players wedding planning world. She worked with Oregon Bride magazine to produce their annual "Urban Unveiled" event, which featured established and up-and-coming wedding designers and vendors, including caterers, rental venues, photographers, and entertainers. CTEP has served as the marketer for two small Portland event venues. CTEP's team includes Tyler Thompson, an experienced on-site manager who most recently was the on-site manager for Leftbank Annex.

Cindy understands community dynamics and has produced many events that required outreach to neighborhood residents and businesses. For example, the Tri-Met Orange Line required coordinating and involving 8 different neighborhoods along the MAX line for opening-day events. She has also produced annual gala fundraisers for several non-profit organizations over the years.



The Laurelhurst Study Club



Refreshed and light-filled ballroom at the Club.

# LNA Elections & Meeting May 11-12: Online or Paper Ballot

LNA's Board elections will begin at **8 pm on May 11**. Voting will be available both via online poll and paper ballot drop-off. South East Uplift, which supports our neighborhood association, will make and monitor the online poll and count both types of ballots. We will also hold an online general meeting.

## ONLINE BALLOT:

From **8 pm on Tuesday, May 11 to 8 pm on Wednesday, May 12** (24 hours), fill out an online ballot available on the website on May 11. **Online ballots timestamped outside that period will not be counted - so please don't vote before May 11, 8 pm!**

Ballots will require your name and address, to allow verification of LNA membership. Every Laurelhurst resident, owner of a Laurelhurst residential property, and one representative of each Laurelhurst business, non-profit, school, or church is a LNA member.

## PAPER BALLOT:

Come to The Laurelhurst Club (3721 Ankeny) **from 8 pm to 9 pm (1 hour only) on Tuesday, May 11**. Masks are required!

Election monitors will have printed ballots. Please BYOP, bring your own pen. We'll have several tables on the porch to maintain safe distance. Once you fill out your ballot, drop it in the ballot box. No congregating, please.

**DECLARE YOUR CANDIDACY:** If you sent a Candidate's Statement to the newsletter, your name has been entered onto both ballots. Nominations remain open, however, until voting starts. You may email us or declare your candidacy at the (Zoom) meeting on May 11, and give a three-minute statement. All ballots will allow "write in" candidates.

**RESULTS:** For safety reasons, paper ballots will be counted and election results available from our SEUL Liaison Paola De La Cruz a few days after voting concludes. Results will be posted on our website as soon as available.

**ONLINE GENERAL MEETING:** The May LNA General Meeting will be by Zoom, starting at 7 pm on Tuesday, May 11. (see website for zoom meeting information.) Join us and hear from the candidates!

**QUESTIONS:** please contact us, [laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com) or our SEUL Liaison Paola De La Cruz, [paola@seuplift.org](mailto:paola@seuplift.org).



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# Candidate Statements

Candidates had the option of filling out a questionnaire or submitting a statement.

## Candidates for President:

### David Tunley for President

My name is David Tunley; I am an active community member in the Laurelhurst neighborhood. I am asking for your support and vote for President of the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association (LNA).

As a cybersecurity professional, my husband James and I had the opportunity to live in any city; however, we chose to move to Portland and make Laurelhurst our permanent home. While we were excited to be new neighbors in this community, it became clear early on that our neighborhood was facing tough challenges—namely livability and safety issues. Determined to be a part of the solution, I immediately got involved with the LNA safety committee. In this capacity, I have worked with several of our neighbors to voice our concerns in City Hall and help find solutions.

I cofounded the beautification team and have organized several neighborhood cleanup events, including two at the Laurelhurst Park Annex, to improve park users' usability and ensure that children had a safe place to play in the park playground. Besides the park cleanup events, I have also organized neighborhood beautification events focused on picking up trash, removing graffiti from street signs, and building more robust neighborhood engagement. Recently, I helped led a strong community campaign focused on opposing the City's proposed code changes that would have allowed for sanctioned homeless camping in public parks and open spaces.

In addition to the work in our neighborhood, I have also established strong working relationships with many policymakers in City Hall, the Mayor's office, and Multnomah County. I have held several leadership roles in various non-profits and community organizations, including President of the Wells Fargo Pride Network, volunteer with Nike's First Response Team, and admissions committee for Georgetown University's Security Studies Program.

I am asking for your vote as President of the LNA because I want to maintain our neighborhood's unique character and improve its livability. The LNA can be a stronger voice in our community. As President of the LNA, my key priorities will be:

- 1.Continue building relationships with city and county policymakers to ensure our neighborhood's concerns are heard.
- 2.Increase neighborhood engagement with the LNA to help create a more inclusive and dynamic group.
- 3.Improve safety and security issues in the neighborhood.
- 4.Increase beautification campaigns throughout the neighborhood.

I look forward to working with my neighbors and the broader Portland community as President of the LNA.

### John Liu for President

I helped Historic Laurelhurst and LNA establish the Laurelhurst Historic District to protect our historic houses from demolition. For the last several years I have been the LNA Newsletter Editor. I've also been filling in as Newsletter Ad Manager, SW Quad Rep and SEUL Rep, run the website, and helped with the Historic House Tour, Century Plaque, LNET's emergency BECCN, LN2N and other neighborhood projects. For the Laurelhurst Club project, I did LNA's financial analysis and due diligence, my wife Mary and I did the paint prep and other renovation work, and we handled showing and booking the club. I created and run the HistoricLaurelhurst.com website. Fun fact: I organized our neighborhood free bike repair station when the Naked Bike Ride started in Laurelhurst Park.

If elected President, I hope to: 1) increase engagement of neighbors with the LNA and vice-versa, 2) make the club a welcoming, affordable resource for our neighborhood and Portland's community, non-profit, school, arts and culture groups, 3) help find a real solution for homeless campers, 4) help the post-pandemic restart of our neighborhood Cleanup, Picnic, House Tour, and other events, 5) build ties between LNA and the school PTA, other neighborhoods, and senior citizen support groups like Eastside Village, 6) welcome and support the affordable family housing community coming to the Mann House, 7) make progress on the Arches' restoration, 8) welcome great new neighborhood initiatives and get LNA to support them.

I serve on the boards of Restore Oregon and the Architectural Heritage Center, volunteer with Don't Shoot Portland, and chair the Portland Coalition for Historic Resources. I am an investment manager; before that I was a lawyer and studied mathematics. I restore and ride vintage bicycles, flyfish, cook, and (pre-Covid) enjoyed hosting events. I believe many things can be solved over a bottle of wine. I have lived in the SW quad since 2006.



## **Candidates for Vice President:**

### **Jennifer Moffatt for Vice President**

I have lived in Laurelhurst since 2010 when I merged households with Mark (our four teenagers, dog, cat, and bird) and moved to our home on Glisan Street in the SW Quad. We now are empty nesters and love living here; putting plenty of miles walking at Laurelhurst Park and the great places around the neighborhood. I am a communications professional, and currently, I am Senior Director of Communications at Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare.

In 2014, the house next door was bought for demolition by a developer. It didn't feel right to many of us, and seeing what was happening in other neighborhoods in Portland, I started the "Save the Markham Home" campaign. I met many of you, going door-to-door asking you to sign petitions or contribute to the fund to help save the home. We did it! That led to the neighborhood's efforts to become a historic district. I am proud of that campaign and the relationships I formed with neighbors as we were all working for a common cause. I learned a lot during that time about community, local politics, and the complexities that face our city.

Soon after that time, I began organizing the annual garage sale -- which I have done for the past six years, or so. I enjoy meeting all the neighbors when they pick up or drop off their signs (and I like taking on big projects). In 2016, I built the neighborhood website. With each project I have taken on, I have tried to make things a little better and move the neighborhood forward. We are now at a pivotal time in history and have a lot of big issues facing us as a close-in, urban neighborhood. We have an opportunity to help shape solutions and lead by example.

I am running for Vice President to create greater transparency and two-way communications between the neighborhood and the Board. We are all the LNA, and I believe input from the neighbors should inform the Board's decisions. After years of attending Board meetings and asking questions, I want to help form answers. We can do great things together, and show the city what a great neighborhood we are. I hope you will support me with your vote for Vice President.

### **Kayleen Kusterer for Vice President**

Laurelhurst has been our home for 29 years; my husband and I live in the SE Quadrant. I love this neighborhood, and how it has evolved over the years. I am 100% committed to helping preserve it as one of the best places to live in Portland and am requesting your support to do that. The past year has been challenging in many ways, but I firmly believe better days are ahead.

I have a significant background of community service. I currently serve on the LNA safety committee and have served as SE Quad rep in the past. As an active member of the safety committee, I organized a neighborhood gathering with then city council candidate, Mingus Mapps. The gathering gave neighbors an opportunity to share safety and livability concerns. With Mingus now a City Commissioner, we have the opportunity to keep dialogue open around these issues. Most recently, I was very active in educating neighbors about the Shelter to Housing Continuum Project and encouraging us all to express our voices on the impact of the proposed city code changes, through city council testimony. Due to overwhelming public comments, our parks and open spaces will not be used for temporary homeless camps and better solutions will be developed.

Volunteering has been, and will continue to be, a consistent part of my life. I serve as chair of a Portland based non-profit which works with the Maasai community in Kenya, providing educational opportunities for children. For many years, I have done volunteer work at Mercy Corps in various capacities; strategic and org planning, people development, and project support. Past volunteer work includes: Boys and Girls Clubs of Portland, The Nike Foundation, The American Red Cross, Dress for Success, and S.M.A.R.T. (Start Making A Reader Today).

I had a 30-year career at a Fortune 500 company, where creating business and team success was my North Star. As senior director of a large, complex, profitable, and ever- changing business I honed my skills in cross matrix collaboration and leadership to meet business goals. Currently, I am a business consultant, executive coach, and small business owner.

I am results driven, believe in collaboration, transparency, open communication, and data informed decision making. If elected to this board position, I have three key priorities:

- 1) Creating a safe and livable neighborhood
- 2) Enabling and fostering collaborative working relationships with city and county policy makers, to ensure our voices are heard.
- 3) Be an active and contributing member of a board that is dynamic, functional, resilient, and effective.

## **Kayleen Kusterer for Vice President (continued)**

Strong neighborhood associations are a crucial part of creating and maintaining a thriving, livable, and safe Portland. I believe our neighborhood strength includes active participation and mutual respect for all neighbor's voices. My professional experience, community service work, love for the neighborhood, and fresh perspective make me well qualified to serve. I look forward to the opportunity to be Vice President of the LNA Board.

## **Candidate for Secretary:**

### **Jim Edelson for Secretary**

I have been honored to be on the Neighborhood Association Board for over a decade and to have served as Secretary for the past 4 years. There have been many accomplishments and challenges over this time, but I want to continue to make the LNA as effective as possible in serving the needs of our neighbors. LNA has been granted new opportunities with the gracious donation of the Laurelhurst Club which I think will enhance livability in Laurelhurst. I have professional experience with public meetings that I have brought to the job of Secretary, and look this year to provide more accessibility to LNA's documents on the web. I am also an alternate LNA representative to the Providence Medical Center Good Neighbor Advisory Committee, and participate on their Transportation Working Group on behalf of LNA. I also want to help increase LNA's effort towards making the neighborhood association as open and welcoming as possible to all existing residents, and to those who have recently moved into the neighborhood.

## **Candidate for Treasurer:**

### **Fred Cooper for Treasurer**

I wish to express my interest in serving as Treasurer of the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association for another year. As the incumbent, it has been an extremely active roll despite the slowdown in LNA activities due to the Pandemic. The LNA Treasurer interacts and coordinates with all LNA committees and activities. The donation of the Laurelhurst Club to LNA has resulted in considerably more activity on the part of the treasurer - preparing budgets, processing payments for maintenance and repairs, and approving and signing contracts. During this last year, I have improved the monthly financial reports to the board and members.

I have helped put in place a line of credit for the Laurelhurst Club. I have filed reports with the State of Oregon and Federal Government to assure our active, non-profit status. I fully expect the responsibilities of the treasurer to be even greater over the next twelve months as we restart our annual Garage Sale, Spring Cleanup and Home Tour. While I feel confident that I can handle the treasurer's responsibilities, I am planning on having a Finance Committee to provide oversight and advise.

There are other matters of importance to our members and that come before the LNA Board. I consider all of these issues important and am glad that I can contribute - homeless camps, our pro-active work on pedestrian safety, maintenance of the Arches and Glisan Circle; accessory dwelling units and other land use issues. We must continue to be proactive in working with the City in finding solutions that are best for Laurelhurst residents.

I have been a resident of Laurelhurst for thirty years and the Portland area since 1969. With regard to finance matters, I am a retired professional business owner, served on the finance committee for two international non-profit organizations for many years, and volunteered for numerous committees with the City of Portland and Multnomah County.

## **Candidates for SEUL Rep:**

### **Guy Fiorita for SEUL Rep**

Hello Laurelhurst friends! My name is Guy Fiorita and I'm excited to run for the Southeast Uplift Representative position. My wife Ann and I moved to Laurelhurst with our son in 2015 and are proud to call it our home. We love the beautiful tree lined streets, the character of the homes and our beautiful park. As natives of South Dakota where it seems there are more people than trees (and there aren't many people), we truly treasure our lush green neighborhood and friendly neighbors.

In my professional life, I work as a producer of commercials, television, film and live events. As a producer, I'm often put in situations where expectations are not in line with budgets and/or timelines and I need to quickly find a middle ground. This has given me a great deal of experience with creative problem solving. I'm a firm believer that listening and understanding is the first step in making progress.

Our family has taken great joy in being part of the Laurelhurst community. I see this as an opportunity to become a more active member of the community and ensure it continues to improve. Thank you for your consideration!

## **Janet “Jan” McManus for SEUL Rep**

**My Qualifications and Experience:** I am a social worker with more than forty years of experience in my field. I am semi-retired with a consulting business focused on issues of aging, disabilities, and housing. My work has included many years of experience working with both non-profits and local government. I have skills in grant-writing, program and policy development, program management, supervision, and budgeting.

**Most Important LNA issues and goals:** I think the most important issues and goals for the LNA to focus on in the coming year are to work with local government to address the housing crisis in innovative and humane ways that will reduce the negative pressure on the neighborhood exerted by unmanaged encampments and serial, ineffective sweeps. We also need to continue our work on becoming a more diverse, inclusive and welcoming neighborhood. A particular interest of mine is to help update and consolidate some of our administrative operations as a non-profit -- data collection, social media, bylaws, mail handling, and record-keeping.

**What do you like most about living in Laurelhurst?** Great neighbors, beautiful trees and yards, historic and unique charms including the Park, Coe Circle, and the Laurelhurst Club, wonderful daily walks, my neighborly book club.

**What do you like least about living in Laurelhurst?** I hate to see people living in squalor within Laurelhurst Park, in parked vehicles, or in clumps of tents in other places within our neighborhood, without adequate access to alternative shelters and safety net services including mental health, addiction treatment, hygiene, and sanitation.

**Why Do you Want to Serve on the Board of the LNA?** I have served on the Board for 2 years as the SE quadrant representative. Prior to serving on the LNA Board, I was a member for several years of the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Emergency team (NET). I have enjoyed working with the newsletter delivery volunteers and participating in the myriad issues, discussions and decisions with which our neighborhood association board wrestles. In my first two years, I chaired the Ad Hoc Committee on Racial Justice and Police Reform. The Committee drafted statements, circulated a special edition of the Newsletter, and hosted a facilitated discussion at a special member meeting in July 2020. Subsequently, we planned two anti-bias workshops, led by Dr. James Mason, that will take place at the Laurelhurst Club on May 23 and June 6. I also served on two other ad hoc committees.

The SEUL Representative role provides an important opportunity to communicate and collaborate with other neighborhoods on key issues that concern us all. I have been attending meetings of the SEUL Homeless Action Committee and, if elected, will continue to attend these meetings as well as the SEUL board meetings.

## **Candidates for Board Member At-Large:**

### **Gabriel Aron for Board Member At-Large**

My name is Gabriel Aron. I am running for a position on the LNA board as a board member at-large. I am a healthcare worker, a business owner, a husband, a father, and a member of our community. I see that we have much work to do in this community to clean it up, work on security, recreation, and provide opportunities for all of us to live healthy, happy lives. I'd like to work on that with you and the other members of our board. While this will be my first position on the board, it is not my first time working in the community to get things done. I was fortunate to work on the Historic District nomination committee and got to meet lots of our wonderful neighbors during that process. I hope you give me a chance to be a part of LNA board where I can help work on things that matter to this neighborhood.

### **TJ Browning for Board Member At-Large**

Currently, I am the LNA Safety Committee Chair. In that capacity, I have worked with a committee team of four enthusiastic and highly skilled individuals and countless dedicated neighbors. Our main objective has been to convince the city to address the issues threatening Laurelhurst's safety and livability. We have had some success. The homeless camp at the park was cleared twice. After each clearing the Annex was immediately cleaned of used syringes, garbage and biohazards by volunteers recruited by a committee member. Working with other organizations, we stopped the proposed city code changes that would have permitted camping in our parks and open spaces. There is much more work to be done. I am running for the Board to do the work necessary to promote a safe Laurelhurst.

Getting City Hall's attention has taken the vast majority of our time. Countless emails, calls and reports have been sent to City Hall by the Safety Committee and neighbors. Replies to our pleas have been sparse. It is only through our tenacity and the sheer volume of our correspondence that there has been any progress. Since last Fall, the Safety Committee has had several meetings with city commissioners, their staff and police. Any success was fleeting. Garbage, graffiti and vandalism are everywhere.



## **TJ Browning for Board Member At-Large (continued)**

There are protestors occupying the park. Protestors carrying guns and automatic weapons have been in Laurelhurst. There is little to no police enforcement. 911 calls do not result in response. Neighbors have spent fearful nights watching protestors march past their homes. Every quadrant in Laurelhurst has reported a serious threat to their homes or persons. The decline in safety is not the fault of the homeless. They too have been victims of violence. They live in unhealthy conditions. The responsibility for this chaos rests solely on a dysfunctional City Hall.

I believe a united Laurelhurst voice will help elevate our voices and lead to greater city influence. We need to build a bridge to our elected officials. By serving as both a Board member and as Safety Committee Chair, I will promote a stronger Laurelhurst voice in city policies and actions. Please vote for TJ Browning for At-Large Board member.

## **Candidate for NE Quad Rep:**

### **John Deodato for NE Squad Rep**

Having been a Laurelhurst resident since 1995, I have seen a slow but progressive change in our neighborhood and surrounding neighborhoods that has had both a positive and negative impact on livability. Laurelhurst's central location on the east side and historic character makes it a very desirable place to live. Over the past decade Laurelhurst has seen a steady increase in complete and partial demolitions of moderately sized original homes, with the replacing structures substantially increasing in size and cost. The impact has been most noticeable in the NE & NW quadrants where the smaller bungalow homes are the predominant style. Seeing this trend several years ago, I decided I needed to get involved in the effort to get the neighborhood listed as a Historic District. Through the involvement with many of my neighbors in the Historic Laurelhurst Group, we raised the money required and worked on the nomination with the assistance Peter Meijer Architect. We finally reached the goal of being listed in March of 2019, with the Laurelhurst Historic District being officially listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

This is a great legacy we're leaving for future generations in this neighborhood, and the entire city of Portland. And while this is an amazing accomplishment, and only possible due to many dedicated neighborhood volunteers, there is still much work to be done to preserve the character of this neighborhood. Much of that work will need to be done in the coming years. Working with the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association, I hope to contribute to this effort.

With the more recent acquisition of the Laurelhurst Club by the LNA, there is a unique opportunity for the preservation of this historic property, and the chance to return it to the function for which it was originally constructed back in 1914. Taking ownership of this property is a big commitment for the LNA. To our knowledge, we are the only Portland neighborhood association that has taken on such a project. There is much to do to return Laurelhurst's historic club building to active use as a self-supporting resource for neighborhood, community, nonprofit, and arts and culture uses. I hope to help with this process along with many of my neighbors, and return this facility to its use as a gathering place for the Laurelhurst neighborhood.

## **Candidates for NW Quad Rep:**

### **Mario Nicholas for NW Squad Rep**

**Why do you want to serve on the board of the LNA?** I feel very fortunate to live in Laurelhurst and I'd like to do my part to help the neighborhood continue to grow and develop as a wonderful place to relax and live in Portland.

**What qualifications and/or experience would you bring to the board that would benefit the LNA (i.e., experience in management, finances, committees, civic organizations, newsletter writing, website content creation, event planning, legal, etc.)?** From a personal perspective, I would bring to the board my experience raising young children (one currently and one on the way) in the neighborhood, my experience navigating the streets of Laurelhurst and Portland as a cyclist, and my experience as a new(ish) Portland resident adapting to an ever-changing neighborhood and city.

My wife and I choose to move to Portland in 2014 and couldn't be happier with the decision. We moved from Buckman to Laurelhurst in 2019 and feel very lucky to have ended up in such a wonderful part of the city.

From a professional perspective, I would bring to the board my experience as a construction and design attorney and member of the real estate practice group at the law firm Stoel Rives LLP. I have been practicing law since 2010 (first in San Francisco before moving to Portland) and have experience working on a range of real estate, construction and general business issues. I pride myself on being accountable, easy to work with and steady, and I would bring the same level of commitment I take to work to the LNA.

## **Mario Nicholas for NW Squad Rep (continued)**

### **What do you see as the most important association issues and goals that the LNA should address over the next year?**

Over the next year, I believe the LNA should focus on developing an efficient, equitable and sustainable management approach with the Laurelhurst Club, continue to assist with the campers along Laurelhurst Park and (hopefully!) reinstate the typical events and traditions of the LNA that have in large part been put on pause since March 2020.

**What do you like most about living in Laurelhurst?** The proximity of Laurelhurst Park, one of the more beautiful city parks in Portland and beyond, walks among the historic homes in the neighborhood, and the fact you see groups of children constantly playing in the neighborhood.

**What do you like least about living in Laurelhurst?** I'm not sure I've lived here long enough to have strong feelings about a thing I like the least, but I'd have to say the current conditions around the playground in Laurelhurst Park is a real challenge that comes to mind.

## **Tanya Baikow-Smith for NW Squad Rep**

Hello, Laurelhurst neighbors. My name is Tanya Baikow-Smith and I have lived in Laurelhurst since 1982. I bought my current home on NE Multnomah Street in 1986. I have delivered the LNA newsletters to neighbors in the NW Quadrant for a number of years. I actually can't remember how long, but now that the NW Quad Rep position is open, I would love to be the new NW Quad Rep. I worked on the historic district effort and was co-chair for the first Laurelhurst Historic Homes Tour.

I am retired from United Airlines where I flew internationally for many years. My husband and I love to travel and are looking forward to getting back to it when things normalize. We are pet parents to one Red Lab and two Siamese cats. My husband is a terrific cook and we love socializing with our friends and eating good food and wine. We look forward to resuming those activities too! I hope you will consider me as a candidate for this position.

## **Candidates for SE Quad Rep:**

### **Craig LeMay for SE Squad Rep**

Like all of you, I am constantly bombarded by important issues that our neighborhood and larger communities face. The continuing houslessness crisis, demands for racial justice, the increase in gun violence, and the need for police reform are just a few concerns that sit heavy on my heart. But, I have learned that issues will not be solved by me alone. It will take creating powerful and strong relationships with each other, through listening and strategically acting, to address them. To create strong relationships in Laurelhurst, that can address our concerns is why I want to serve as the SE Quadrant Representative.

Talking to friendly people walking our streets, neighbors checking in on each other, the garage sale and street/neighborhood picnics, are reasons my family has stayed here for over 10 years. I also love the park, the trees, and how close we are to the many sights and sounds of our city. However, the worry about property and houses often overrides the concern for people and a feeling of detached privilege can dominate. This isolates our neighborhood, and makes it harder for the LNA to be taken seriously on city issues. I believe we must do better. This year, the LNA should take an active role in strengthening relationships amongst neighbors in Laurelhurst and our relationships citywide. The LNA should do this by actively listening to the needs of residents and working to organize them to address issues that are important to them.

Before I became a stay-at-home parent four years ago, I worked with churches and nonprofits in helping them listen to the needs of their members and organizing them to take action. I am trained in the skills of community organizing, but I am not committed to any one method or organization. I am a licensed primary teacher in Oregon and I believe in using evidence based practices and seeking solutions without blame. As a parent, I have dealt with strong emotions and have had to listen to my kid's boring, weird, or nonsensical stories while still maintaining a relationship. I see all of these skills as valuable assets that I can bring to the board.

As more people get vaccinated and we begin the long process of emerging out of the pandemic, we need to start coming together again and rebuilding our community. Now is the time to listen and solve issues together.

## **Regina Winkler for SE Quad Rep**

My husband Jeff and I have been privileged to live in Laurelhurst for the last 25 years and have raised our 2 children Will and Genevieve in the Laurelhurst SE Quad neighborhood and schools. Living in a community like Laurelhurst with its beautiful old homes and trees across from the historic Laurelhurst Park was a lifelong dream which was fulfilled when we found ourselves parked across from our dream home on Pine St the first day it came on the market. Needless to say we snatched it up and are committed to supporting the vision of single family homes in curving tree-lined parcels which follow the natural contours of the land that was the design of the Olmstead Brothers for Laurelhurst.

As a result, I relished the opportunity to support many of the projects sponsored by LNA as well as the city. I enjoyed working on the tree inventory for the city which gave me insight into the diversity of our tree population especially in Laurelhurst Park. Additionally, I knocked on many doors in the neighborhood to get signatures advocating for the historic designation of Laurelhurst and also to inform eligible residents of their eligibility for the Century Home Plaque. Extensively researched many of our elegant old homes designated for the Laurelhurst home tour in addition to interviewing the owners of those homes. Furthermore, distributed information to residents to inform them of the city's efforts to use open spaces for shelters. Registered neighbors for Friends of Tree Planting in Laurelhurst. Served on the Safety Committee for LNA.

This is a volatile time in Portland and LNA must be pro-active in engaging with the city council on issues effecting our neighborhood such as the suggestion to open our parks up to camps as well as providing input and solutions to the increased violence and crime in Portland. Partnering with other neighborhood associations on common concerns is essential to having our voices heard. Homeless camps are growing especially now on Oak St. The opioid epidemic as well as covid19 restrictions are contributing to this growth. Supporting programs such as 'We Shine' to relocate homeless to safe and clean facilities is essential. I would be honored to serve on the council to tackle these and other critical problems facing our neighborhood.

## **Candidates for SW Quad Rep:**

### **Kay Altman for SW Quad Rep**

My name is Kay Altman. I have lived in Laurelhurst for 20 years and currently serve on the Safety Committee. I am running for SW Quad Rep on the LNA Board. I am seeking membership on the LNA Board fueled by a growing frustration with our city's lack of response to our neighborhood's safety and livability concerns. I have spent hours in Safety Committee meetings with our elected officials or their representatives. I have written countless emails to those in City Hall resulting in infrequent responses. Our committee and Laurelhurst neighbors are working hard to find workable solutions to our concerns. Our city should do the same. I am a business owner and run an engineering firm. If my business worked like our city, I would be out of business. If any of my employees were unresponsive to our clients, they would be fired. Laurelhurst has valid, documented safety and livability concerns. These issues cannot continue to be ignored. We must get organized and louder. As your SW Quad Rep, I will work hard to capture the city's attention and make our voices heard. Please vote Kay Altman for SW Quad Rep.

### **Mike Parrott for SW Quad Rep**

My name is Mike Parrott, and I am very interested in becoming involved in our community. Please consider me for the position of SW Quad Representative. My wife and I became residents of Laurelhurst over twenty years ago. Over the years, I have been lightly involved in other neighborhood initiatives, and now that retirement is on the horizon, I want to become more involved.

My professional background is focused on business management and marketing. My industry of expertise is professional services – law, accounting, and finance. I believe this background will be beneficial in my effort to support our neighborhood and community. Our neighborhood and community need help now more than ever. I hope to be part of a coalition that can bring resources to the table to solve the problems we face today. I hope you will seriously consider me for the position of SW Quad Representative.

### **Molly Littlejohn for SW Quad Rep**

As a native Oregonian I have lived in Laurelhurst for 22 years. First on Ash Street and then on Flanders. We love this neighborhood for its architecture, parks and closeness to great restaurants. We have raised two lovely girls in the 'hood and now that they have flown the nest, I'd like to pay it forward and help our neighborhood association.



# From the Secretary's Desk

Past minutes from LNA's General Meetings and Board Meetings can be found on the EVENTS dropdown on the LNA home page.

## Key Items: 3/9/21 General Meeting:

- Discussion of delays in scheduling the 2021 Garage Sale and Spring Cleaning events
- Presentation on WeShine micro-housing grant options in Portland
- The Property Committee presented a status report on the Laurelhurst Club.

## Key Items: 3/9/21 Board of Directors Meeting:

- The Board approved the 2021 budget for maintenance of Coe Circle.
- The Board heard a report on the Bottle Drop proceeds and a plan to reallocate the revenues.
- The Property Committee reported on the application for the Line of Credit, the improvements on the building underway, and a report on three responses received to the request for a manager. The Board approved a limited budget for hourly event management support and cleaning.

## Key Items: 3/30/21 Special Board of Directors Meeting:

- The Board approved appointments for Acting Newsletter Editor, Acting SEUL Representative, Acting SE Quad Representative, and LNA Webmaster.

## Key Items: 4/12/21 Board of Directors Meeting:

- The Safety Committee assembled a panel representing City Council and the County Commission to hear a report and respond to unsafe conditions in Laurelhurst Park.
- The Property Committee presented background and their recommendation for contract management of the Laurelhurst Club.
- The Board approved the contract with modifications. The property Committee also listed the number of updates underway at the club, The Board discussed a motion to reallocate the Bottle Drop funds and tabled the motion.

## Treasurer's Report

### Statement of Financial Position (as of March 31, 2021)

#### ASSETS

	This Period	Previous	Change
<b>Bank Checking and Savings</b>			
Key Bank Checking	\$ (5,370.01)	\$ 4,593.65	\$ (9,963.66)
OnPoint Credit Union	\$ 829.98	\$ 2,029.88	\$ (1,199.90)
Key Bank Savings	\$ 3,696.28	\$ 3,696.23	\$ 0.05
Arches Fund (OnPoint Savings)	\$ 11,440.26	\$ 12,539.77	\$ (1,099.51)
Street Trees (KeyBank Checking)	\$ 1,157.59	\$ 1,157.59	\$ -
LC Rental Prepayments (KeyBank)	\$ 36,981.50	\$ 35,906.50	\$ 1,075.00
Total Checking and Savings	\$ 48,735.60	\$ 59,923.62	\$ (11,188.02)
<b>Other Cash Assets</b>			
PayPal	\$ 39.70	\$ 388.20	\$ (348.50)
OBRC BottleDrop	\$ 981.60	\$ 392.10	\$ 589.50
<b>Fixed Assets</b>			
Land	\$ 1,852,900.00	\$ 1,852,900.00	\$ -
Buildings	\$ 162,060.00	\$ 162,060.00	\$ -
Other Improvements	\$ 23,560.00	\$ 23,560.00	\$ -
Depreciation	\$ (23,560.00)	\$ (23,560.00)	\$ -
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,064,716.90</b>	<b>\$ 2,075,663.92</b>	<b>\$ (10,947.02)</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
LC Rental Prepayments	\$ 36,981.50	\$ 35,906.50	\$ 1,075.00
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 36,981.50</b>	<b>\$ 35,906.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,075.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,027,735.40</b>	<b>\$ 2,039,757.42</b>	<b>\$ (12,022.02)</b>

#### Notes:

1. Street Tree Fund balance of \$1,157.59 is maintained with KeyBank general checking.
2. Rental prepayments held in KeyBank checking account.

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# Why Should You Compost?

By Sabrina McGarvey

There are fats, oil, and grease (FOG) in most of the foods we prepare. After we are done eating, many of us wash the leftover pieces down the drain. While the leftovers don't seem like much, they add up over time. When those fats, oils, and grease go down the pipes they cause buildup and obstructions.

The blockage causes many problems, and the process to remove it is both difficult and expensive. Water costs in Portland are high, and the routine clean-out of these blockages are part of the reason.

However, there is something you can do. By composting you make sure that FOG doesn't cause problems either in your pipes, or the city's. An appealing alternative to composting may be throwing these food scraps in the trash. I assure you that composting is a better option. You already have the means to readily compost if you have a yard-waste bin, as the city of Portland collects compost in the same green container. You can collect the compost in your kitchen in any kind of container you want, from compostable bags you buy at the store, to Tupperware that can be easily washed in the dishwasher.

You can compost a lot of kitchen waste. Food scraps, meat, bones, cheese, eggshells, coffee grounds and filters, tea bags, compostable garbage bags, paper towels, napkins, and pizza boxes all can be composted. However, you cannot compost tissues, wax paper, paper plates, or straight oil, fat, and grease. The FOG from the foods you prepare are fine, but large amounts of fats should be put in an airtight bag or container and disposed of with your kitchen garbage.

Composting is good for the environment. Beyond providing fertilizer for crops and local produce, it helps with climate change. When food decomposes in landfills it releases methane gas, a greenhouse gas that is worse than carbon dioxide. However, in composting facilities the decomposition happens through an aerobic process of composting which does not release methane gas.

For more information about what you can compost, visit the City of Portland's website: [www.portland.gov/bps/garbage-recycling/compost-guide](http://www.portland.gov/bps/garbage-recycling/compost-guide). You can also learn more about pipe buildup and what you can do to help by looking up Portland's "Cut Through the FOG" program: [www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/54538](http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bes/54538).

Sabrina McGarvey, a sophomore in high school, is Senior in Girl Scouts and this is her 11th year with the organization. She also just became a Girl Board Member of the Girl Scout Board of Oregon and Southern Washington. Her family started composting when they moved to Portland almost two years ago because their old community did not offer composting services.

## See You In September!

**"Hope" is the Thing with Feathers**

"Hope" is the thing with feathers -  
That perches in the soul -  
And sings the tune without the words -  
And never stops - at all -  
And sweetest - in the Gale - is heard -  
And sore must be the storm -  
That could abash the little Bird  
That kept so many warm -  
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