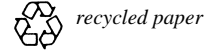


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Lansing Neighbor News



The *Lansing Neighbor* is the official publication of the Lansing Community Action Association. The purpose of the newsletter is to involve citizens in local government planning and decision making that affects the development of their neighborhood. Other purposes of the newsletter are to communicate information about the neighborhood and to invite participation from all residents, businesses, and property owners. It is published annually. For more information, call 503-588-6207.

ANNUAL MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26
7:00 P.M.
WALDO MIDDLE SCHOOL
LIBRARY
(enter south doors)
2805 Lansing Avenue NE

Agenda

- **Introductions**
- **Police Report**
- **Compliance Services Report**
- **Parole and Probation**
- **Airport Bombing Exercise - Roger Stevenson, Emergency Preparedness Manager**
- **Nomination and Election of Board Members and Officers**
- **Committee Reports**
- **Neighborhood Concerns**
- **Potluck Refreshments Served**

CHAIR COMMENTS

By Patty Tipton

The Lansing Community Action Association (LCAA) has been working hard on various projects again for the neighborhood; here are a few of the activities and concerns that we have tackled in 2010.

Because of the new abandoned shopping carts solution, we have a lot less of them in the neighborhood, but if you do find one please call 503-588-6421 and report it.

Additionally, we are still working with Compliance Services on other issues of cleaning up garbage, abandoned vehicles, parking issues and derelict buildings. Also we have had noise complaints regarding the State Fairgrounds. If you have questions regarding these please call the Community Development Department and please ask for Officer Nelson Morales at 503-588-6421 or you may come to our meeting this April 26th and talk to him yourself.

Traffic problems are still a major problem. This includes scooters and cars on our roads: Park, Evergreen, and Lansing Avenue, etc. We do have a police officer that comes to our monthly meetings so if you have any questions they are there to answer them.

We will be applying for another grant for Eastgate Basin Park for a street light in the park, to light up the area. This will help bring safety to the park regarding unwanted night life. This will cost about \$6,000, from the Salem Parks Improvement Fund and the Salem Parks Foundation Fund.

Also on October 24th of 2010 we planted 20 plus trees; we cleaned and spread hog fuel on the playground area with the help of 40 plus volunteers. We hope at our next Make A Difference Day we will plant some more trees along Hawthorne Avenue.

If any of the aforementioned areas are a concern of yours, please stop by our monthly meetings. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 pm in the Waldo Middle School Library.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



Make A Difference Day was held on October 23, 2010 with the Lansing project in Eastgate Basin Park. We had sunshine, about 40 people, and we planted 21 trees, cleaned up the park and spread hog fuel around the playground equipment and the trees, etc. We started around 8:30 am and were done by about 11am. Salem Parks was pleased with the work we did and we were in the Statesman Journal Sunday paper. It was successful and that park looks good.



EXCITING NEW RESOURCE FOR THE LANSING NEIGHBORHOOD!

The Fostering Hope Team is pleased to announce the Opening of the "Little House" at 3032 Sunnyview St NE. The Holy Cross Lutheran CaN Center Church has donated use of this home to the Fostering Hope Partnership to help serve the Neighborhood in a more meaningful way.

Our Vision: Children thrive at home, at school and in the community. Families are challenged and supported to protect and nurture their children. Neighbors care about one another and Neighborhoods are safe places to raise children.

Our Mission: To build a neighborhood based family support system robust enough to reduce the need for foster care 50% by 2020.

Neighbors are always welcome at the Little House. To find out about volunteering or schedule a tour email Jess Armas at jmarmas@comcast.net or Carrie Maheu at carrie@salem1f.org.



NO CHARGE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Once again, there will be a No Charge Summer Lunch Program sponsored by the Salem-Keizer School District and the U.S.D.A. (U.S. Department of Agriculture). Lunches are served to youth 1 -18 years old. For a list of sites, dates, and times of this year's program or to volunteer to help, please call the program coordinator, Terri Tjulander, at 503-399-3091, ext. 232.

WE SAY GOODBYE TO A FRIEND AND COUNCIL MEMBER BRUCE ROGERS

By Patty Tipton



We wish to thank and say goodbye to Council Member, Bruce Rogers for the last 8 years of service to Lansing Action Community Association.

I have only known Bruce for about 6 years and four of those as Chair of Lansing. From the beginning he has always been there for our monthly meetings, supported our concerns and reported about the councils meetings to us. He always answers our questions and if he didn't have the answer, he would get back to us or call us at our home. We could depend on him for all our concerns regarding our neighborhood. And for me, if I needed help with my meetings or had any questions regarding how to chair the meetings, he has always been there for me, too.

We have dealt with shopping carts, chickens, land use polices, taxes, and many other problems. Bruce has always represented us well when he was speaking at the Council meetings.

We are sorry to see him go and not sure if we could get a better Council member like him, but we hope so. He is an example of what a Council member can be and I have learned a lot from him. We just wish him the best in the future.

May Bruce know that if he wishes to come back and visit us again; we will always welcome him; and hope that he will have warm thoughts for us too.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Change is the name of the game at Washington Elementary School this year. Voter approved bond money provided construction work last summer. We now have new windows, ceiling tiles, water pipes and playground asphalt. The school environment is bright, cheerful and safe for our eager young learners.

School Improvement dollars and a generous donation from a local benefactor have enabled us to provide three all-day kindergarten classes. The state provides 2 ½ hours for kindergarten and we provide 6 hours this year. We also have 1 ½ hours added to the school day for students in grades 1-5. Students arrive at 8:00 and are dismissed at 4:00 on Monday-Thursday. Friday all students go home at 2:40. Assessment data shows that students are learning at an accelerated rate, particularly in the primary grades. We are excited about this learning opportunity for our students!

Along with this wonderful news, more change is coming that will be difficult and challenging. With less state revenue, our school district must make significant cuts to balance the budget by June. This will be a time the Lansing Neighborhood can show support by providing ideas to restructure and encouragement to one another.

PROUD TO BE PART OF LANSING NEIGHBORHOOD



Angelina Vital-Torres go on litter patrol around the neighborhood.

Students at Waldo Middle School and Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School are helping around the neighborhood. In the past six years, they have cultivated a community garden on the Waldo site that has become very successful. Students have been learning to raise a variety of vegetables and fruits in an organic setting. This "gardening experience" is fully integrated into regular school curriculum and many families are able to harvest lots of produce during summer months.



"Community Gardening" students, Ana Garcia, Tyler Orman and Esmeralda Ramirez plant the seedlings that they started in their classroom

Also, through the City of Salem's "Adopt-a-Street" program, students have adopted a section of Lansing Avenue. They participate in voluntary litter patrols once a month. We're trying to make the neighborhood an even better place for everyone.

We're proud to be in the Lansing Neighborhood!

WORKING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Inside Waldo Middle School is a small, 90-student, charter school called the Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School (JGEMS). Lansing neighborhood folks might know about JGEMS through the school's efforts over the years to replant creek sides, clean up streets and help with the City's annual Fall Leaf Haul.

Every year JGEMS 8th graders work on environmental projects outside the classroom and work with many different agencies, including the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. They also receive help from experts at universities throughout the state.

Some local JGEMS projects involve catching, identifying and then releasing fish in Claggett Creek, counting Western pond turtles along a section of the Willamette River, surveying bird species in Minto Brown Park and comparing nutria populations in creeks around Salem. JGEMS students over the past few years have also planted hundreds of trees and wildflowers in and around Salem. The school's curriculum focuses on environmental science, and teachers plan projects to help students make a difference globally and locally. To attend JGEMS, a 5th grade student must be selected from a random lottery, held each March. For more information, call JGEMS at 503-689-2425.

MCKAY COMMUNITY PROGRESS TEAM (CPT)

The McKay Area Community Progress Team (McKay CPT) is an organization of community members who work on issues and programs relating to children and families in the East Salem area. Founded in 1998 as part of the Marion County Children and Families Commission, the McKay CPT receives a small amount of funding each year that we distribute in grants to schools, neighborhoods, churches and individuals who want to provide a service to the community. Over the past decade, the McKay CPT has awarded over 200 grants totaling more than \$250,000. For each project, the applicant must find collaborative partners and leverage local resources. This has created over a million dollars in leveraged resources that have gone for such things as after-school programs, free-lunch sites, parenting classes, summer camps for foster children, family activity nights at schools, and other community events.

Annually the McKay CPT hosts a Community Sharing Dinner where community members can come and share their successes and learn about positive things happening in their community.

If you would like to know more about the McKay CPT, we meet each second Tuesday of the month at the Capital Baptist Church - 3000 Lansing Avenue NE at 5:00 p.m. or you can call Susann Kaltwasser, McKay CPT President, at 503-363-3998.

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The Lansing Executive Board meets the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at Waldo Middle School, 2805 Lansing Ave NE. The Annual Meeting, where officers are elected, is traditionally held in the spring. These meetings are open. The public is invited.

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