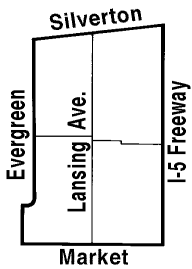
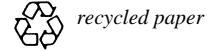


Lansing Neighbor News



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 AGENDA

TUESDAY, APRIL 27 - 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
- Mayoral Candidates
- How to be a Good Neighbor with Adult and Foster Group Homes - Shangri-La and Work Unlimited; along with a City Land Use Planner to Answers Code Questions
- Nomination and Election of Board Members and Officers
- Committee Reports
- Neighborhood Concerns
- Refreshments Provided

CHAIR COMMENTS

By Patty Tipton

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

We have a solution for abandoned shopping carts now for the Salem area. You can call Compliance Services at 503-588-6421.

Additionally, we are still working with Compliance Services on issues of cleaning up garbage, abandoned vehicles, parking issues and derelict buildings. Now it is in the Community Development Department and please contact Officer Nelson Morales, also at 503-588-6421, to report anything that you have concerns about or you can come to our meeting this April 27th and talk to him yourself.

Traffic problems are still a major problem. This includes scooters and cars on our major roads: Park, Evergreen, and Lansing Avenues, etc. We do have police officers that come to our monthly meetings so if you have any questions they are there to answer them, if not there, they are good calling you later.

We will be applying for a new grant for Eastgate Basin Park for a 4 foot metal fence between Hawthorne Avenue and the park for the protection and safety of dogs and children. This will be just about \$2500 for this. Also we are looking to plant more trees on Make A Difference Day this coming fall. I hope that we will have a lot more trees and as big a turn out as last year. The Donuts and drinks also did help along with the good weather.

If any of the aforementioned areas are a concern of yours, please stop by our monthly meeting. We meet the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Waldo Middle School Library.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY



Howard & Zane water a newly planted tree

The Lansing Neighborhood volunteers spent the morning at Eastgate Basin Park on Hawthorne Avenue NE. Some of the 23 volunteers planted 11 trees. Twenty large bags of leaves and waste were raked and picked up by students and staff of Silverton High School and Waldo Middle School. It was great to see the enthusiasm that these young adults showed on simply being able to assist in making the park look nicer. Volunteers set up a canopy and table where donuts and beverages were provided for the volunteers. The park looks good and from when I drive by I see a lot of children and families using it too.

On our web page www.lansingcommunity.org there are pictures of this event. Our 2010 goal is to get a grant from the Salem Parks Foundation to request a 4 foot high metal fence and gate between Hawthorne Avenue NE and the park for safety reasons. Also we are looking to plant more trees along the same metal fence, too. If you would like to help with this please contact us.



Mark Stinson, Waldo Student with bags of raked leaves

COUNCILORS' COMMENTS

By City Councilors Chuck Bennett and Bruce Rogers

Big news at City Hall has been release of the latest budget predictions for the next year. Like every other level of government Salem will have less money to pay for services - this year the projection is \$3 million less. City Manager Linda Norris reported the predicted shortfall to the Budget Committee and will be announcing how she plans to handle it in the 2010-11 City budget.

Last year the manager led the city in a major revamping of its organization including the elimination of several city departments and streamlining others. Over all the changes saved the city several million dollars. This year's budget adjustments will be resolved during the city's budget committee meetings. State law requires the city to have a balanced budget. All budget meetings are public and have portions of their agenda devoted to public comment. The calendar of city budget hearings and topics was approved on April 7 when the City Manager presented her detailed budget plan.

Later this year, the city will be proposing a change to separate out storm water utility costs. The change removes the storm water portion of utility bills from the metered sewer utility bill. The change will result in lower utility bills for most homeowners. The new billing will reflect more accurately real cost of storm water removal by basing it on a property's surface area that doesn't absorb rainfall. For homeowners this is generally confined to the size of the home. Currently the cost is based on how much water you take in from the city water system. That creates a disproportionate cost for a home than for a large store with an asphalt parking lot. This change will more closely reflect the property owner's actual impact on the storm water system.

The city's new shopping cart ordinance is in effect and reports are that it has substantially reduced the number of abandoned shopping carts being left in neighborhoods. Most

carts now carry an 800 number that can be contacted to have the cart picked up by a private organization that works on this process in cooperation with the grocers' association. If it doesn't have a phone number, you can call the City at 503-588-6421 and it will be picked up.

A task force is currently developing a plan to create a railroad quiet zone along the Union Pacific tracks from Hyacinth Street to Madrona Avenue. It is to be funded by a portion of the city's Streets and Bridges bond measure passed by voters in 2008. It will result in substantial pedestrian safety improvements at rail crossings along the line. A long awaited side effect will be declaration that train horns will no longer be routinely sounded in advance of each street crossing.

If you have any questions on these or any other issues please contact Chuck Bennett (503-399-7801) or Bruce Rogers (503-399-7806). We're your city councilors and are happy to hear from you.

A farewell from Councilor Bruce Rogers: As I near the end of my duties as a City Councilor I would like to take a moment to express my appreciation to the members of the Lansing Neighborhood for making me feel so welcomed. With your support we have made a few constructive changes for the neighborhood. There are a few issues that never completely go away, like speeding cars and paint on fences. However, it's neighbors willing to report problems that helps maintain our livability the most. I have enjoyed sharing the neighborhood with Councilor Bennett. He has been a wonderful team player through our years representing you at council meetings. As you drive down Center Street please take note of the changes. The new hospital is under construction and the Kirkbride building is being refurbished. It will also contain a museum to display the history of mental health in the State of Oregon. I wish all of you the very best as you continue to make Salem the best City to live in.

A LEGACY-GENERATION TO GENERATION



Karen Rice was one of the original "founders" of the Lansing Community Action Association and worked on developing the Bylaws in the beginning of the association. She has lived in the Lansing area for 48 years, even before the area became part of the City of Salem. She along with others worked to promote water and sewer service for this area. Prior to that time residences were on wells and septic systems and there were problems with overflowing septic tanks.

Karen has remained active in the Lansing Community Action Association and has served on many committees through the years. She worked with the group of people who helped to bring about the safer dropping-off and pickup area at Washington Elementary School. This included sitting down and watching and recording information when children were coming to and from the school.

The enthusiasm, dedication, and loyalty with which Karen has served can be reflected today through her son Brian's service to the Lansing Association. Brian actively serves as Vice-Chair and Neighborhood Watch chairperson.

It is common to see Karen and Brian in their reflective vests walking the streets of our area. They have reported things such as burglar alarms sounding at a church in our area and water being turned on by someone and left to run as a malicious act.

Several years ago, they helped to organize some neighborhood walk-about, where members of our association worked together to knock on our neighbor's doors and introduce them to neighborhood associations and explain the purpose of them.

It's the eyes and ears of people like Karen and Brian Rice that make the Lansing Community a safer place, hence improving the livability of the area. We are grateful for the dedication and loyalty of concerned citizens like Karen & Brian.

A MESSAGE FROM WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY ~

In February, students at Washington began their first round of state assessments in reading and math. Comparing the results with the same time last year, more students are meeting and exceeding the benchmarks! We attribute this improvement to explicitly teaching to the core standards and showing students the importance of effort and perseverance.

Last summer our school received new siding and paint. It looks terrific! In June, construction work will continue on windows, ceiling tiles, water pipes and playground asphalt. We are very thankful to the Salem voters who passed the Construction Bond Measure last year, making these greatly needed improvements possible.

Community members and volunteers are always welcome at Washington. To find out more about volunteering or to schedule an appointment for a tour of the school, call 503-399-3193.

WALDO JGEMS COMMUNITY GARDEN

As reported last year, teachers and students at Waldo Middle School and Jane Goodall Environmental Middle School have created a community garden on the Waldo site. It has become a successful and very productive venture, where students are taught to raise a variety of vegetables and fruits in an organic setting. The "gardening experience" has been fully integrated into regular school curriculum.

Waldo is looking for neighborhood families who would like to help in the garden this summer, in exchange for some lovely fresh produce. If you have a child at Waldo and would be interested in assisting this year, please contact Sally White (Waldo science teacher and coordinator of the Waldo/JGEMS Community Garden project) at 503-399-3215. After 2:30 p.m., you can reach her by email at white_sally@salkeiz.k12.or.us. Thank you!

WALDO STUDENTS ARE OUT TO CLEAN UP

Students at Waldo Middle School are trying to make a difference in the Lansing neighborhood. Through the City of Salem's "Adopt-a-Street" program, Ms. Renfro's "Social Responsibility" students have adopted a section of Lansing Avenue; where they participate in voluntary litter patrols at least four times per year. Waldo students have already completed one street clean-up. They collected 6 garbage bags of litter between Market Street and Silverton Road. In addition to the Social Responsibility students, 24 sixth through eighth grade students volunteered their time after school to help with another litter patrol.

When you see the "Volunteer Litter Patrol" signs on Lansing Avenue, and kids in orange vests carrying garbage bags, please take a moment to acknowledge these ambitious students who are trying to make the neighborhood an even better place for everyone.

To contact Jillian LaRaut-Renfro at Waldo: 503.399.3215 or laraut_jillian@salkeiz.k12.or.us

JGEM-ERS WORK 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 (CPT) COMMUNITY PROGRESS TEAM

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 190 grants totaling more than \$200,000. For each project, the applicant must find collaborative partners and leverage local resources. This has created 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 6:00 p.m. or you can call Susann Kaltwasser, McKay CPT President, at 503-363-3998.

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NO CHARGE SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM AT HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Due to construction at Washington Elementary School this summer, the site will be at Holy Cross Lutheran Church - Sunnyview at Lansing Avenue. The No Charge Summer Lunch Program is sponsored by the Salem-Keizer School District & the U.S.D.A. (U.S. Department of Agriculture). Lunches are served to youth 18 years old & younger at noon.

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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.

