



## New Rockwood Public Safety Facility Construction to Start Before Year's End

The Gresham Redevelopment Commission is moving forward on the design and construction of a new Police facility in the Wilkes East Neighborhood located at the former Kasch's Garden Center site at 675 NE 181st Avenue.



Artist's concept, new Rockwood Public Safety Facility, 675 NE 181st

This will be a new building primarily serving the Rockwood community, meant to create a welcoming, highly visible police presence in the neighborhood, improve public safety and encourage new investment in the area.

The Public Safety Facility fulfills one of the Urban Renewal goals in the Rockwood-West Gresham Renewal Plan approved by Gresham voters in 2003.

The 2.3 acre site will host a 2-story 15,000 square foot reinforced concrete masonry building that will be shadowing the LEED certification program for energy efficiency.

Considered an essential facility, the new building is required to be 20% stronger than a typical commercial facility.

Police functions at this site will include:

- Support for patrol officers and detectives
- Booking and temporary holding
- East Metro Gang Enforcement Team
- Property and Evidence storage

The facility will be designed to allow for future expansion, and demonstrate a high degree of quality and sustainability in both design and construction. The total urban renewal budget for the project is \$5 million.

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## 2012 Nadaka Community Festival August 11th • Noon to 3PM



Sack race at the 2011 Festival

**Fun for the Entire Family! Music, Food & Activities**

**A festival to celebrate the accomplishments and future plans for Nadaka.**

**An opportunity to meet your neighbors and enjoy Nadaka Nature Park, 175th & NE Glisan in West Gresham.**

From 9:00 am to Noon, Saturday, August 11th there will be a cleanup of Nadaka removing invasive's and debris.

At Noon the real fun begins with the Audubon Society of Portland's live birds, face-painting, disc golf demonstration, free hot dogs and soft drinks (*while they last*), live music and activities for the children until 3 pm.

Partners working on the Nadaka Nature Park & Garden Project will have diagrams,

plans and information about the improvements which will be happening on the south two acres of Nadaka as well as along NE Pacific.

Event sponsors this year are: Albertsons, Audubon Society of Portland, City of Gresham, Eastrose Unitarian Universalist Church, Earth2O, Friends of Nadaka, Meyer Memorial Trust, Owens Corning, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church & the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association.

If you want to volunteer, make a contribution to the Festival or the Nadaka Nature Park & Garden Project or just want to find out more information visit [www.friendsofnadaka.org](http://www.friendsofnadaka.org) or email Lee Dayfield at 503.998.1044 or email [leewilkeseastna@hotmail.com](mailto:leewilkeseastna@hotmail.com) ■

**Mark Your Calendar!  
Wilkes East Neighborhood**

**NEXT MEETING  
Aug 27, 2012 • 7PM**

**St Aidan's Church  
174th & NE Glisan**

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## Reynolds School District Welcomes New Superintendent

The Reynolds School Board is pleased to announce Linda Florence, MAT as the next

Superintendent of the Reynolds School District. She is a proud Oregon resident since 1986 and is excited to join the Reynolds community.

Her background includes 20 years in administration in Oregon. Mrs. Florence's experience includes Superintendent in Ontario and Culver School Districts, Director of Curriculum and Instruction and High School Principal at Central School District. Mrs. Florence was Principal at Gervais High School and an Assistant Principal at McNary High School. Mrs. Florence has 13 years of experience as an English Teacher at McNary High School in Salem-Keizer School District and in the states of Indiana, South Dakota and Michigan. Mrs. Florence has completed her doctoral course work, except the dissertation, and her studies to qualify for administrator and superintendent licensure at Portland State University.

Mrs. Florence has a proven track record of raising student achievement. She approaches challenges as opportunities. Her leadership style is collaborative and she has worked in districts with diverse student populations. The selection process resulted in a unanimous decision to hire Superintendent Florence.

The Reynolds School Board wishes to thank those community members and students who provided invaluable input during the search process.

Superintendent Linda Florence assumed her new duties on July 2, 2012. ■

**14th Annual Rockin' Round The Block**  
Hot Rod Car Show 10AM-7PM Sat. Aug 11th  
Downtown Gresham • Historic Bed Races,  
Fri. Aug 10th 7PM • Live Music. Rock'n Roll.  
Fabulous Food • Great Family Fun!

**Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Newsletter**

Published quarterly. Over 1500 copies distributed throughout Wilkes East.

The Wilkes East Neighborhood Association (WENA) is a non-profit organization in Gresham, Oregon. Deadline for submission is the 10th of the month prior to publication. Submit material to [info@wilkeeastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeeastna.org). WENA reserves all rights, and all copy may be edited for clarity and length. PDF of this newsletter with active links online at: [www.wilkeeastna.org/newsletter.htm](http://www.wilkeeastna.org/newsletter.htm).

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Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30PM. See [website](#) for details.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

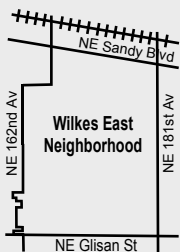
- The Wilkes East Neighborhood Newsletter is funded, in part, through a generous grant from the [City of Gresham](#).
- Printing by [Print Results Inc.](#) 503-287-9566
- Meeting hall: [St Aidan's Episcopal Church](#)

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Email it to: [info@wilkeeastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeeastna.org)  
or mail to: PO Box 536 • Fairview, OR 97024

**Volunteer Opportunities**

Get involved. Let us know how you'd like to help. Email [info@wilkeeastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeeastna.org) for details.



*Dear Neighbors* • a message from your WENA President

For awhile, many of us thought summer was never going to happen, but the last couple of days have felt & looked much more promising!

There have been several activities in our parks this summer including clean-up's, family picnics and a couple of scavenger hunts. This year's Nadaka Community Festival is Saturday August 11th, beginning at 9AM with a clean-up of invasive's and the Festival starting at noon. Albertsons, Owens Corning, St. Aidan's Episcopal & Eastrose Unitarian churches have partnered with WENA to sponsor the event. Albertsons will be providing food and refreshments and their Hospitality Team will be preparing & serving the guests. Owens Corning is sponsoring the tents & sound for the festival music & event activities. Be sure and mark you calendar for a fun day in Nadaka/Nelson Park!

Almost an inch of rain fell during this year's Neighborhood Clean-up held Saturday June 23rd, but it didn't discourage folks from delivering everything from yard debris, old sofa's, to cast off mattresses & BBQ's. Everyone was prepared to get the job done with trucks and a couple of trailers. 9 volunteers, including a

couple of our hardy high school freshman came to lighten the loads.

WENA's Annual Meeting will be Monday August 27th 7PM at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 17405 NE Glisan Street. This year's speakers include: Gresham Police Chief Junginger, Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick, Metro Project Manager Brian Monberg, Owen's Corning Plant Manager Michael Bowling, Oregon State Senator Laurie Monnes-Anderson and Michael Parkhurst, Project Manager, Rockwood Public Safety Building to bring you up-to-date on projects effecting Wilkes East and the surrounding Gresham area.

A couple of reminders: keep your curb free of cars, etc., the first Tuesday of each month through November for the street sweepers; watch for strangers in your neighborhood; photograph & report graffiti in your area; support those businesses which support our community; and check WENA's website at [www.wilkeeastna.org](http://www.wilkeeastna.org) for events & news.

Have a wonderful safe summer!

Your Neighbor,

*Kristen Freiermuth*

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**Project Timeline**

Design of the facility is underway and expected to be complete this Fall. Construction will begin late this year and be completed before the end of 2013.

**Community Involvement**

A Design Workshop was held on April 2 to solicit community input on design ideas. More than 20 community members shared their thoughts on their expectations and preferences for the building design.

The project team will present regular project updates to the Neighborhood Associations, the Redevelopment Commission's Advisory Committee, and Public Safety Committee.

**Featured Speaker**

Michael Parkhurst, Senior Urban Renewal Project Coordinator, Gresham Redevelopment Commission will be a guest speaker at the upcoming Wilkes East Neighborhood meeting August 27th at St Aidan's Episcopal Church. Stop by and join the conversation. ■

**2012 National Night Out, Aug 7th**



**It's America's Night Out Against Crime!**

The "29th Annual National Night Out" (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event is Tuesday, August 7, 2012. We invite you and your neighbors to be part of this community event.

Last year's National Night Out campaign involved 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, and Canadian cities. In all, over 37 million people participated in National Night Out 2012.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT is designed to:**

- Heighten crime prevention awareness;
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs;
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and
- Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Along with the traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils, cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate with a variety of events and activities such as: block parties, cookouts and flashlight walks.

NNO has proven to be an effective, inexpensive and enjoyable program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in our fight for a safer nation. ■

**FREE / LOW COST TRANSPORT**



**503.226.0700**

**door-to-door rides for seniors and people with disabilities.**

**GET INVOLVED! Become a Wilkes East Volunteer**

Email [info@wilkeeastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeeastna.org) for details

**Reflection: Reynolds School District Teachers Strike**



**Commentary by Theresa Delaney-Davis  
Chair, Reynolds School District Board**

Years of hard times and shrinking resources have left little more than frayed nerves in Oregon's public schools. This situation made contract negotiations with our teachers immeasurably more difficult. Still, the Reynolds School District and the union arrived at a balanced agreement that returned our teachers to their classrooms.

Before we move forward, however, here are five reflections on what I saw as Chair of the Reynolds Board during this 5 day strike:

- **District was a target:** Our District, one of the state's largest and poorest, managed to build significant cash reserves – and a plan to fill some of the holes created by declining state funding over a three-year period. Unfortunately, this made the district a target. This ultimately pitted prudent fiscal management of scarce taxpayer resources against escalating costs for both employers and workers. Once this happened it became impossible to have a serious conversation how to make the most of what we had for the benefit of our students.
- **Emotions got in the way:** Modern communications technologies make it far too easy for passion, anger and misinformation to overtake everything else. This does a lot more than get in the way of meaningful and thoughtful negotiations over complex issues; it drives people to do things that in normal times they would not do.
- **Personal attacks out of bounds:** Leaders on all sides must declare personal attacks out of bounds. And they should certainly not use them to intimidate those across the negotiating table.
- **The public cares:** The public cares deeply about quality education and that money is well managed – even if they do not dive into the details of school management and finance. Everyone with a role in our schools must respect this. The entire educational enterprise is endangered if we do not.
- **Salem key to answers:** Real solutions to our school finance and quality problems lie in Salem. As long as partisanship and regional self-interests dominate the legislature, local boards across the state will have little more than band-aids at their disposal to cover the gaping wounds in our schools.

It is now time to look forward to the coming year. We are excited about the arrival of our new superintendent. Fresh leadership helps us put the strike behind us and allow us to face the future as a united community.

It will also help us retool our budget priorities. We'll have to make deeper cuts than we would have liked. Critical maintenance, the purchase of textbooks and other things will be delayed longer than we hoped. And, although we'll make every effort to avoid it, we may have to lay off employees to manage our budget.

I know our Reynolds community, our teachers, the board and our administration will come together to find solutions to these immediate challenges.

But more than anything else, I know school doors will open wide next fall to excited students. Inside our children will find a dedicated faculty ready to help them use education as their pathway to the future. ■

**Open an account.. HELP A SCHOOL!**

For everyone who opens a NEW account by September 30, 2012, Riverview Bank will donate \$50 to the Reynolds Education Foundation (REF). REF provides Reynolds teacher grants for unique educational ideas and programs for students not funded by school district monies.

Visit Riverview's newest branch on E. Burnside (*across from the Gresham High School athletic fields*). Voted Gresham Outlook's "Readers Choice" 3-years in a row!

**Nadaka Nature Park & Garden Project**



**Where we nurture nature, food & families.  
By Lee Dayfield**

So far 2012 has been a busy year for the Friends of Nadaka.

On May 17th the Metro Council awarded \$238,000 in capital funding to the Nadaka Nature Park and Garden Project, building momentum to this community-driven garden and nature park project. The competitive Metro grant award comes from capital bond funds approved by voters as part of the 2006

Regional Natural Areas Bond Measure and will support new park features like a nature based play area, rain garden, community garden, picnic tables and more. This new funding adds to over \$150,000 in existing financial support from East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District, Meyer Memorial Trust and the City of Gresham. To date, the project includes over \$40K in volunteer hours and in-kind donations.

The SUN program at H.B. Lee has been taking students after school, sometimes weekly to learn about native and invasive plants. They have also been removing some invasive plants while also enjoying games in the forest. St. Aidan's Episcopal Church has been providing snacks for the students at the church at the end of their day before returning to school.

The SUN program at Parklane Elementary spent an afternoon at Nadaka also learning about native and invasive plants and being treated with snacks at St. Aidan's.

The Audubon Society of Portland did its fourth annual Bird Walk through Nadaka and nine different birds were identified.

Some of the funds raised have been used to hire MIG [www.migcom.com](http://www.migcom.com) to review the Master Plan and finalize the design, perform surveys, prepare construction documents and the permitting for the project. The Nadaka Project Committee met with MIG in May, June and July to review all aspects of the project which also include fundraising and community outreach.

Improvements along NE Pacific will include removal of the fence, a sidewalk, planting street trees, lighting and rain gardens. These improvements are required by City Code as a result of development on the Nadaka property. They will make Nadaka more inviting as a public park and will be a big improvement from the 8 foot chain link fence there now which remains from the Camp Fire organization. Necessary funds for this entire project are being raised by the Friends of Nadaka collaborators.

This innovative project is developing and implementing a 5-year operation and maintenance plan to enhance habitat, remove invasive species and diseased trees, and provide a variety of nature-based education programming related to wildlife, gardening and stormwater management. Both capital improvements and the operation and maintenance plan aim to create local jobs and workforce training opportunities.

A Nadaka Nature Park Vegetation Management Plan was prepared by the City of Gresham in October 2010. One of the important aspects of this Plan is dealing with the Laminated Root Rot (LRR) disease. A total of 38 trees have been identified that are infected with LRR in Nadaka. The primary hosts are Douglas Fir, White Fir, Grand Fir and Mountain Hemlock. It is transmitted by root-to-root contact and can remain in stumps for up to 50 years. For more information review the complete Vegetation Management Plan on the City of Gresham's website [www.greshamoregon.gov](http://www.greshamoregon.gov). The project committee is working with MIG, City of Gresham and Oregon Dept. of Forestry officials to come up with a plan of action for removal of infected trees.

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**Did You Know?** Gresham's parks system includes over 300 acres of park land, 840 acres of natural areas and several miles of trails, many suitable for walking, jogging, biking, rollerblading, strollers, and horseback riding.

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The Nadaka Nature Park and Garden Project is seeking cash and in-kind donations from individuals and business to implement the Master Plan. We need donated labor, irrigation, planting materials, gravel and soil amendments, and many other items, materials and supplies. Cash donations will also help us achieve our fundraising goals. The Columbia Slough Watershed Council (CSWC) is the fiscal agent for this project for contributions and grant writing opportunities. Please contact Jane Van Dyke, CSWC at [jane.vandyke@columbiaslough.org](mailto:jane.vandyke@columbiaslough.org) for ways you can help.

To volunteer for cleanups, the Nadaka Community Festival on Saturday, August 11th or to be involved with the Nadaka Nature Park & Garden Project contact Lee at 503.998.1044 or email [leewilkeseastna@hotmail.com](mailto:leewilkeseastna@hotmail.com). For more info about Nadaka visit [www.friendsofnadaka.com](http://www.friendsofnadaka.com) or join Friends of Nadaka on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/friendsofnadaka).

**Farmer's Markets Open for 2012!**



Farmer's markets are a fantastic source for fresh, seasonal, local produced foods and artisan products.

**Portland's east side Farmer's Markets**

- Fairview Farmers' & Artists' Market
- Gresham Farmers Market
- Hollywood Farmers' Market
- Lents International Farmers' Market
- Lloyd Farmers Market
- Montavilla Farmers Market
- Parkrose Farmers Market
- Portland Farmers Market
- Troutdale Farmers' and Artists' Market

For complete details on area markets, dates and times visit: [wilkeseastna.org/node/1012](http://wilkeseastna.org/node/1012)

*Save the Date!*

**Wilkes East Neighborhood Annual Meeting**

**Monday, August 27, 2011 7PM**

- Chief Junginger, Gresham Police
- Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor
- Michael Bowling, Owens Corning
- Michael Parkhurst, Gresham Planning
- State Senator Laurie Monnes-Anderson
- Lee Dayfield, Friends of Nadaka

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**Free Outdoor Movies for the Entire Family!**



**Movies Start At Dusk!**

**Cars 2**

Friday, August 3, 2012  
Gresham Center for the Arts  
401 NE Second St, Gresham

**Madagascar**

Thursday, August 9, 2012  
Reynolds Learning Academy  
20234 NE Halsey, Fairview, OR

**Meet the Robinsons**

Friday, August 10, 2012  
Gresham Center for the Arts  
401 NE Second St, Gresham

**Kung Fu Panda 2**

Friday, August 10, 2012  
Oliver Elementary  
15840 SE Taylor, Portland OR

**Walle**

Thursday, August 16, 2012  
Hartley Elementary  
701 NE 185th, Portland OR

**SHREK Forever After**

Friday, August 17, 2012  
Gresham High School  
1200 N. Main Ave, Gresham OR

**Who's Minding the Store**

Friday, August 17, 2012  
Gresham Center for the Arts  
401 NE Second St, Gresham

**ZooKeeper**

Thursday, August 23, 2012  
HB Lee Middle School  
1121 SE Main, Portland OR

**Waterhorse Legend of the Deep**

Friday, August 24, 2012  
Dexter McCarty Middle School  
1400 SE 5th, Gresham OR

**Megamind**

Friday, August 24, 2012  
Gresham Center for the Arts  
401 NE Second St, Gresham

**CARS**

Saturday, August 25, 2012  
Gresham Plaza  
401 N.E. 2nd St, Gresham OR

**Sound of Music**

Friday, August 31, 2012  
Gresham Center for the Arts  
401 NE Second St, Gresham