



Albertina Kerr to Expand West Gresham Crisis Psychiatric Facility for Children

Albertina Kerr announces plans to add 6,000 sq. ft. building addition

Due to continuing strong demand for services, [Albertina Kerr](#) has announced plans to add 6,000 square feet of space to better serve families and provide additional therapy and office space at their Gresham facility. The project, estimated to cost \$1.5 million, will begin later this fall with completion in 2014.

The new addition will be constructed on the east side of the south building adjacent to NE 165th Av.

Also, an outdated building located southwest of the chapel next to NE 162nd Av will be removed to make way for parking and traffic flow to the new facility.

Since 1997, Albertina Kerr Centers has operated a crisis psychiatric facility on its Gresham Campus at 722 NE 162nd Av.

The additional space will allow the facility to serve approximately 25% more children



Albertina Kerr's proposed 6,000 sq. ft. addition to West Gresham facility, NE 165th Ave

and families through increased utilization of existing bed capacity.

This 24-bed facility has benefited over 4,000 children experiencing severe mental health challenges and their families over the past 15 years and is the only facility of its type in the State of Oregon.

Pam Krecklow, Facility Manager with Albertina Kerr will be a guest speaker at the Wilkes East Neighborhood meeting, Monday, August 26th, 7PM at St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 174th & NE Glisan, and will answer questions about the project.

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Draft Transportation Policy Proposed

Share your ideas

The purpose of the Wilkes-East Neighborhood Association (WENA) is to enhance the livability of our community including promoting the transportation interests of the Association to government agencies and other entities responsible for the transportation infrastructure and facilities that serve our community.

The WENA board has created a draft transportation policy for consideration by its members that addresses our local transportation needs as well as regional needs that impact our neighborhood. Items include:

- Providing better signage along NE 178th and NE Sacramento prohibiting through trucks to reduce freight traffic on NE 169th.
- Adjusting signal timing at NE 181st and Sandy, NE 181st and I-84, and NE 162nd

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and Sandy to provide better traffic flow and ease congestion.

- Re-stripping NE 162nd between Halsey and Thompson with one northbound and one southbound lane and a center turn lane to improve safety.
- Eliminating the right-hand lane on southbound 162nd immediately south of NE Halsey and making it a right-turn-only lane north of Halsey to improve safety.
- Creating left-turn and right-turn lanes on northbound NE 162nd at Sandy to improve safety and reduce congestion.

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Mark Your Calendar! Wilkes East Neighborhood

NEXT MEETING
Aug 26, 2013 • 7PM

St Aidan's Church
174th & NE Glisan

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF PORTLAND METROPOLITAN AREA

Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland assumes operations of PAL Center

On March 1st, 2013, [Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland](#) assumed operations of the former [Police Activities League](#) (PAL) facility, located at 424 NE 172nd Avenue.

Currently known as the Rockwood Boys & Girls Club, programs for youth, ages 6-18, are available at the Club through August 16th. For only \$5/year, youth can reap the benefits of being a member of the Boys & Girls Club. From art and science to sports & education, there is something for everyone! In addition to daily programming onsite at the Club, members will have the opportunity to participate in field trips for a small additional fee. Beginning in the fall of 2013, Boys & Girls Clubs will move its Rockwood Club after school program to several schools in the Reynolds School District; specific schools have not yet been determined.

It is anticipated that the Rockwood Boys & Girls Club will continue operations in Reynolds School District for approximately 18 to 24 months, during which time construction of a new Club, along with a new site for [Friends of the Children](#), will occur after a successful capital campaign. Preliminary plans for the site include a new 30,000 square-foot building for a new Boys & Girls Club, in addition to a 7,000-10,000 square-foot building to suit the needs of Friends of the Children. The two organizations will exist on the same footprint and will compliment each other with regard to services provided for youth and their families in East County.

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

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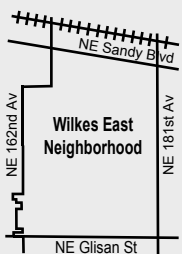
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Email it to: info@wilkeeastna.org
or mail to: PO Box 536 • Fairview, OR 97024

Volunteer Opportunities

Get involved. Let us know how you'd like to help. Email info@wilkeeastna.org for details.



Dear Neighbors • a message from your WENA President

The first part of this year has been filled with numerous land-use issues including expansions by long-time businesses and new projects. Albertina-Kerr's new addition looks more like a single family residence than a facility for patients. Moore Excavation has applied to build a 6,000 sq. ft. metal building on their site. Construction of the new [Rockwood Public Safety Facility](#) on NE 181st should be complete this Fall.

The 3rd Annual Nadaka Community Festival is Saturday August 3rd. The day starts at 9AM with a park clean-up. The festival begins at Noon with food provided by Albertson's, NE 181st & Glisan. Activities for kids of all ages, live music, information tables, and the [Audubon Society](#) will be there with their "bird friends". Please come and enjoy a family day in the parks!

A few weeks ago a large sign was installed at Nadaka Park showing the proposed community garden and the names of the project partners. In mid-June the Army Reserve 671st Engineering Company used heavy equipment to move boulders at the park. Paul Bickmore, with the Army Reserve unit, is also the new manager of the Albertsons store at NE 181st. The next time you shop at Albertsons please thank him for all his help and support.

In April the WENA Board applied for a matching grant from the City of Gresham to print our newsletter and for potties at the festival and park clean-ups. With your volunteer hours we received a check for \$1,100 dollars. Thank you! And, thank you City of Gresham!

I'd like to remind you to frequent local business' who support the Wilkes East Neighborhood: Albertsons, [Grower's Outlet](#) and [Jazzy Bagel](#).

If you don't have a [Neighborhood Watch](#) group, we encourage you to consider forming one. It's an excellent way to get to know your neighbors. Contact us for more information or assistance.

Save the date Monday, August 26, 2013, WENA General Meeting at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 17405 NE Glisan Street. The agenda will include Albertina-Kerr's proposed expansion; Mike Rosenberger, Rockwood Water PUD; Steve Fancher, City of Gresham, on sustainability; and hopefully the Boys & Girls Club on NE 172nd. Bring your questions, comments & suggestions.

Be sure and check the WENA website for events & news at: www.wilkeeastna.org

Enjoy our wonderful summer weather!
Your Neighbor,

Kristen Freiermuth

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- Installing traffic calming devices at key points along NE Pacific between 172nd and 181st to reduce speeds and improve safety.
- Extending the existing center turn lane on NE Sandy west to 162nd and create a left-turn lane onto southbound 162nd to improve safety and reduce congestion.
- Completing the sidewalk along the western portion of NE 169th between Halsey and Schuyler to address pedestrian (including school children) safety.
- Completing street improvements (including a sidewalk) along the eastern portion of NE 162nd between Hoyt and Halsey for pedestrian safety purposes.
- Engaging in renewed planning to address the lack of adequate transportation corridors between Hwy 26 and Interstates 205 and 84.

Be sure to attend the August meeting where we'll discuss these issues and others related to transportation. ■

2013 National Night Out, Aug 6, 2013

America's Night Out Against Crime!

Celebrate the "[30th Annual National Night Out](#)" We invite you

and your neighbors to be part of this community event involving 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S.



territories, and Canadian cities. Cities, towns and neighborhoods celebrate with a variety of events and activities such as: block parties, cookouts and flashlight walks! ■

Wondering what to do with those old paint cans, motor oil and solvents?

Visit www.OregonMetro.gov for everything you need to know about recycling and hazardous waste disposal.

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ALBERTINA (Page 1)**About Albertina Kerr**

In 1910 canning jar magnate Alexander Kerr married Albertina Sechtem in Portland, Oregon. Albertina, a strong advocate for helping the city's many homeless children, suddenly died of typhus in 1911. After her death, Alexander gave away their family home in Northwest Portland to be used as a nursery in Albertina's honor. The Albertina Kerr Nursery Home was born, providing adoption services and day-care for children of single mothers.

The original Kerr nursery soon ran out of room and, following a fundraising campaign, a beautiful brick nursery was built in 1921 at 22nd & NE Glisan and opened as the Albertina Kerr Nursery.

Meanwhile in 1915, construction of the Louise Home Hospital and Residence Hall, a home for wayward girls, began on nine acres of farm and forest, on what is now NE 162nd. Over the years additional buildings were added to support different services. The Wynne Watts School (*named for a former medical director*) opened on this campus in 1938 and operates as a school today.

In 1940, the Louise Home and the Albertina Kerr Nursery incorporated under the name of Albertina Kerr Homes. With fundraising help from the community in 1956, Kerr built cottages on the campus to offer safe residential treatment to young children.

In 2001, Albertina Kerr formed an innovative partnership with [Morrison Child and Family Services](#), to recruit and train foster care providers.

Albertina Kerr continues to increase its focus on community-based care for adolescents with developmental disabilities and mental health challenges and community based early intervention care for young children.

Learn more visit www.albertinakerr.org, or contact Amy Miner by email amym@albertinakerr.org or phone 503-408-4721. ■

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While each organization will have separate entrances to their facility, there will be shared spaces that will benefit all youth. For example, there will be one gymnasium, in which Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland and Friends of the Children will share time and schedule joint programming. Additionally, there will be a teaching kitchen which will primarily be used by Friends of the Children, but Club members will have access to learning similar cooking skills during program time. All youth served by Friends of the Children will be members of the Boys & Girls Club and, in turn, the Boys & Girls Club will naturally be gifted additional adult mentors when Friends of the Children mentors bring their mentees to the Club. While the planning stages have just begun, both organizations are exploring additional partnership opportunities and are excited for the possibilities.

In a community that has lacked youth services for so long, the time for change has come. With a shared vision, Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland and Friends of the Children look forward to this collaborative effort in order to serve youth and families in the Rockwood community.

To get involved at the Rockwood Boys & Girls Club, contact the Club directly at 503.969.5465 or visit www.bgccportland.org. ■

Nadaka Nature Park & Garden Project

By Lee Dayfield, *Friends of Nadaka*

[The Friends of Nadaka](#) continue their work at Nadaka by organizing cleanups, writing grants, making presentations to groups about the Project and doing outreach in the community.

In December 2012 a sheet mulching project on one-half the future community garden site included 52 volunteers and a total of 260 volunteer hours. The City tilled the area and [HB Lee SUN](#) students first spread feather mulch. The volunteers then laid down large sheets of cardboard, compost material, a thick layer of leaves and then bark mulch. This process is also known as "*lasagna gardening*" and will provide a rich environment for the garden.

In January we were joined by a group from the [Center for Family Success](#) removing invasives. On April 20th a [SOLVE](#) cleanup was held in which 38 volunteers participated for a total of 103 hours.

On June 15th and 16th volunteers were joined by the [671st Engineering Company of the Army Reserves](#) at Nadaka to move boulders out along NE Glisan. This was done as part of the future park development to prevent vehicles from driving into the park. They also worked removing weeds from the future community garden area. 39 volunteers participated for a total of 236 hours of volunteer time. Then on June 26th youth from the [Four Cities Peer Court](#) group continued removing weeds in the community garden and cleared an area of boulders behind a bench on the south edge of the meadow.

Students from the [Mt Hood Community College SEED program](#) created a neighborhood walking map for Nadaka. We hope to get the map printed in the near future for distribution.

This Spring the [Audubon Society of Portland](#), Friends of Nadaka, [Columbia Slough Watershed Council](#) (CSWC), and the City of Gresham collaborated with [Rosemary Anderson High School](#) on an urban forestry service learning project. It provided education and technical training for eight Rosemary Anderson High School students in the process of developing a laminated root rot assessment, tree removal and planting plan to treat the root infection in Nadaka. Project development by Audubon and CSWC contracted with WolfTree Inc. to lead education and training for the students. Additional project support was provided by Friends of Nadaka and [St. Aidan's Episcopal Church](#).

On April 16th an Early Neighborhood meeting on the proposed Nadaka Neighborhood Park Land use/Development Application was held at St. Aidan's. [MIG](#) continues to work with the City of Gresham to go through the land use process in obtaining the necessary permits for this project.

At the time of writing this article the Camp Fire kiosk is almost complete along the trail near the south meadow. A small matching historical grant was secured from the City of Gresham to build the kiosk. Jerry King designed the kiosk and with the assistance of Paul and Garrett Dayfield constructed it over the Spring. Nancy King is the historian for the [Camp Fire Organization](#) and is working on the display which will show the history of the Camp Fire girls at Nadaka. It is anticipated to be completed by the Festival on August 3rd. A thank you to Parr Lumber for a generous discount on the materials to build the kiosk, Jerry and Nancy King for all their work and Paul and Garrett Dayfield for the construction.

The Nadaka Nature Park & Garden Project is an over one million dollar project including required improvements to NE Pacific. The City of Gresham has obtained a CDBG grant this year in the amount of \$100,000 for the improvements to NE Pacific as a result of the park development. This street improvement project is estimated to cost \$235,000. A small amount for the street improvement was received in the Metro grant but there are more funds needed.

Working with the Friends of Nadaka team the City of Gresham submitted a \$523,000 State Parks grant for this project. On June 6th Steve Fancher, Director of Environmental Services together with Lee Dayfield and Lora Price from Friends of Nadaka made a grant presentation to the State Parks grant committee in Sunriver.

Enjoy The Fresh Tastes of Summer



Farmer's markets are a fantastic source for fresh, seasonal, locally produced foods and artisan products. Don't miss this opportunity!

2013 Portland's East Side Farmer's Markets

- **Fairview Farmers' & Artists' Market**
Downtown Fairview, Thur 3-8PM Apr 4-Oct 10
- **Gresham Farmers Market**
Downtown Gresham, 3rd & Miller, Sat 9-2PM May 11-Oct 26
- **Hollywood Farmers' Market**
44th & NE Hancock, Sat 8-1PM Year round.
- **Lents International Farmers' Market**
92nd & SE Foster, Sun 11-4PM Jun 16-Oct 27
- **Montavilla Farmers Market**
76th & SE Stark, Sun 10-2PM Jun 2-Oct 27
- **Parkrose Farmers Market**
118th & SE Shaver (Parkrose HS) Sat 9-3PM May 4-Oct 12
- **Portland Farmers Market**
Largest Market In Portland!
Portland State, South Park Blocks, Sat 9-2PM Mar 16-Dec 21
- **Troutdale Farmers' and Artists' Market**
Downtown Troutdale, Sat 10-2PM Year round.



WHAT CANNOT GO IN THE BLUE CART

Plastics marked 3, 6 or 7. Plastic bags. Clamshell take-out containers. Plastic cups & lids. Garden hoses. CDs. DVDs. VHS tapes. Styrofoam of all kinds (incl. packing peanuts). Put these items in the garbage cart. Questions? oregonmetro.gov/findarecyclor

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There were 34 other projects vying for the grant money. A decision will be made and approved by the State Parks & Recreation Commission on July 17th, after this article has gone to press.

The 3rd Annual Nadaka Community Festival will be held on Saturday, August 3rd and should be a great event for the neighborhood. A cleanup will be held from 9am to Noon and volunteers are invited to help remove invasives and make sure the park is clean. From Noon until 3:00 pm there will be free hot dogs and drinks, face painting, Audubon live birds, music and games for children. Bring out the family and enjoy your park.

For updates on Nadaka projects go to www.friendsofnadaka.org or check out the Friends of Nadaka group on [Facebook](#). Information is also available at www.wilkeseastna.org. ■

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3rd Annual
Nadaka Community Festival
at Nadaka Nature Park
Saturday August 3, 2013
Cleanup 9 am to Noon • Food & Fun Noon to 3
NE 175th Ave. between Glisan and NE Pacific St.

Nadaka Festival is part of the larger Nadaka Nature Park & Garden Project which nurtures nature, food & families.

Fun for the Whole Family

All Ages	Free Hot Dogs <small>(while supplies last)</small>	Live Music <small>W/ Fun Man Terry Baker - Steel Drum</small>
Games	Face Painting	Park Plans
Audubon Education Birds		
Voter Registration		

Save the Date!

Wilkes East Neighborhood General Meeting

Monday, August 26, 2013 7PM

St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 174th & Glisan

- Pam Krecklow, Albertina Kerr
Expansion of the Gresham facility
- Mike Rosenberg, Rockwood Water PUD
- Steve Fancher, City of Gresham
Environmental Services Director
- Draft Transportation Policy
- Neighborhood News

See you there !

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