



Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking building new Gresham location at 178th & NE Halsey Street



Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking new Gresham store, 178th & NE Halsey St. Artists concept.

New store opening Fall 2018

Aiming for a Q4 2018 completion date, [Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking](#) is steadily moving forward with construction on their new building at [17855 NE Halsey](#). Currently located at 20132 SE Stark, Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking is looking to continue growing its operations with a larger location and a bolstered workforce.

Founded in 1980 by Portland native Rick Stanley, Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking has been serving the Portland Metro Area for nearly 38 years. Currently, Rick's has locations in 5 cities throughout Oregon and Washington: Hillsboro, Gresham, Salem, Vancouver, and Kennewick. In 1982, Mr. Stanley opened the first east-side location in Gresham.

Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking offers full-service fence, deck, and patio cover installation services, from the initial steps of design and drafting, to complete project

construction. Rick's also boasts an inventory of quality materials for the Do-It-Yourselfer and partial installation services for the homeowner who doesn't want to fuss with post-setting and framing.

With their new, expanded location, Rick's hopes to continue serving the Gresham area and hire on more quality builders and staff to keep up with the increasing demand for outdoor renovation projects in the Portland Metro Area. Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking continues to strive for quality workmanship, employment opportunity, and customer satisfaction. Rick's is excited to be a part of the Wilkes East Community.

For more information on Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking and their new Halsey Street building, send an email to info@ricksfencing.com or call Gresham Store Manager C.T. Warren at (971) 371-1540. ■



What are you most concerned about?
Frustrated over?
Angry about?

What would make your neighborhood a better place to live?

The WENA board is setting priorities for the new year and your opinion is important.

Maybe it's resident's safety, homelessness, school bus stop, routes to schools, stolen or abandoned cars and trailers, distribution of homeless facilities, speeding cars, bicycle safety, fear of break-in's, or *(fill in the blank)?...*

We need your help in identifying and prioritizing issues in our neighborhood.

Please attend our March 12th Spring meeting audience survey and share your thoughts with us. ■

Download this newsletter with active links at: wilkeeastna.org/newsletter.htm

Mark Your Calendar!

Wilkes East Neighborhood

Spring Meeting

March 12th • 7PM

Albertina Kerr Campus, Training Bldg
722 NE 162nd Ave

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TriMet Safe Travel Tips



- The Transit Police Division does not operate shifts 24/7 so emergencies outside of their normal work shifts are handled by local law enforcement agencies (Gresham, Beaverton, Hillsboro, and Portland)
- Buses and Max cars have over 4,400 cameras but they are not actively being monitored at any given time so waving your hands in front of a camera will most likely not get anyone's attention. Therefore, call 9-1-1 in an emergency
- Be aware of your surroundings and make yourself less attractive as a target since most thefts are crimes of opportunity
- Uniformed security and Trimet information employees, wearing green or white tops, do not have immediate access to police dispatch. So, once again, if you have an emergency, call 9-1-1
- Max cars are outfitted with intercom buttons that allow you to communicate with the conductor. However, conductors also do not have direct access to police dispatch so contacting 9-1-1 is the most expeditious manner to obtain a police or medical response in an emergency
- Know the bus/max number of vehicle you're on, the direction of travel, and be aware of the roads you're near, or stops you've just made in case you need to report an emergency. This information can be vital to help the emergency responders arrive at your location in an emergency and reduce the time it takes trying to calculate the location of the emergency

For more Trimet Safe Travel tips visit <https://trimet.org/guide/safetravels.htm> ■

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Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30PM. See wilkeeastna.org for details.

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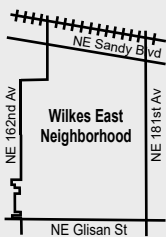
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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Dear Neighbors • a message from your WENA President

Dear Neighbors –

Spring is right around the corner and things look pretty nice at the moment. Our grass is looking very green & the Dauphine bush is in full bloom & fragrant.

We continue to have several land-use issues, some which have been in the works since spring of last year. We haven't heard anything more on the proposed [Waterside Apartments project](#) at 165th & NE Halsey; however we have been promised a speaker from SGS Construction who will give an update at our Monday March 12th public meeting. The 4-story, 122 room Woodspring Suites at 181st & NE Sandy Blvd has yet to break ground but the project is moving forward. And, Rick's Custom Fencing & Decking has broken ground for their new Gresham store at 178th & NE Halsey which is scheduled to open sometime this fall.

In case you missed it: a new self-managed homeless camp sprang up January 27th just north of the Wilkes East Neighborhood. Called the "[Village of Hope](#)", it sat on City of Portland owned land along the Columbia River Slough near 170th & NE Airport Way. Officials cleared out the camp February 2nd; Oregon Public Broadcasting [reported February 8th](#) the Joint Office for Homeless Services is looking for a new site (to replace the closed shelter at 159th & SE Stark) that can better serve a larger number of homeless families. Top of the county's list: a furniture

warehouse at SE 148th Avenue and Stark Street, which the county estimates could serve up to 200 parents and children.

DATES for your Calendar

Monday March 12, 2018 7PM Public Meeting, Albertina-Kerr Campus, [722 NE 162nd Ave](#), Training Bldg. You can reach this building from NE 165th between NE Glisan & Holladay St. There's plenty of onsite parking.

Agenda

- What are you most concerned about? (audience survey)
- Neighborhood Enforcement Team (NET)
- Mario Palmero, City of Gresham Council
- Waterside Apartments project update
- Zimmerman House update

We encourage neighbors to share your experiences of living in our community, your concerns, and your hobbies in the newsletter. All you need to do is write an article (250-400 words), include a photo & email to info@wilkeeastna.org. Submit your material by Feb 15, Jul 15, Oct 15.

As always we thank everyone who donates their time & energy in making Wilkes East a better community!

Your Neighbor,

Kristen Friermuth

Graffiti Removal

It is the property owner's responsibility to remove graffiti.



Report graffiti: If your property was tagged with graffiti, you should file a police report: Call 503-823-3333.

Use My Gresham to report graffiti on someone else's property visit: <https://greshamoregon.gov/MyGresham/>

Graffiti removal kits

Free graffiti removal kits are available through the Office of Neighborhoods and Community Engagement at City Hall. Each Kit contains small bottles of graffiti removal solution, gloves, goggles, a mask and a scrubby. Call 503-618-2469 for more info. ■

Want to grow your own vegetables?

Check out Portland Nursery's 12-month "Veggie Calendar" planting guide here: https://portlandnursery.com/docs/veggies/veggie_calendar.pdf. ■

SEEKING BOARD MEMBERS

Being a Board member is a great opportunity and experience for any neighbor, whether you've been on a board before or you're considering the idea for the first time. Members serve for 1 year. Learn more about this exciting opportunity, email info@wilkeeastna.org.
"Together WE Can Make A Difference"

A New Church?

It appears the vacant Walgreens store at 162nd & NE Glisan may become [Life Change Church Glisan St](#), according to a recent GoFundMe campaign seeking to raise \$250,000. This would be the second Portland location for [Life Change Church](#) which has been serving North and Northeast Portland for over fifty years. ■

Start your Neighborhood Watch

It's a great way to know your neighbors. Reduces crime. And most important, it works! Visit: <https://greshamoregon.gov/Neighborhood-Ready/> for details. ■

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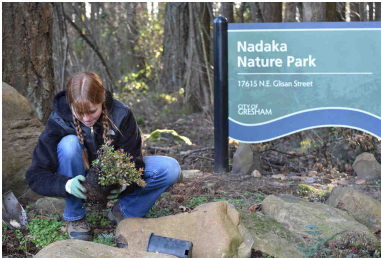
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Happening At Nadaka Nature Park & Gardens

By Monica McAllister, Nadaka Park Coordinator



Spring is in the air as you walk through the forest at Nadaka Nature Park! The first leaves of the Indian Plum and Red Flowering Currant are emerging, squirrels are venturing boldly across the paths, and the sound of song birds can be heard among the trees. As

the park begins to emerge from winter, the [Friends of Nadaka](#) are excited to start hosting gardening workshops, forest restoration events, nature walks, and story time for the little ones. There will be numerous opportunities for you to get outside and spend time with friends and family this spring.

Interested in finding new plants for your yard? Join friends and neighbors to share free plants to add to your garden at the Spring Plant Swap happening Saturday, March 10th from 10 AM to 12 PM! Bring labeled plants or seeds to swap. Receive a free plant that supports pollinators. Gardening experts will be available to help! This event will be held in the [Nadaka/St. Aidan's parking lot](#) and is hosted by [Backyard Habitat Certification Program](#), [City of Gresham](#), [Audubon Society of Portland](#), [East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District](#), [St. Aidan's](#), and [Friends of Nadaka](#). For more information on how to join the Backyard Habitat Certification Program check out their website here: <https://backyardhabitats.org/>.

Nadaka is thrilled to be hosting [Welcome Back Vulture Day](#) Saturday, March 17th from 12-3 PM with [Audubon Society of Portland](#) and [St. Aidan's Episcopal Church](#) for the third year in a row. This family friendly festival is filled with fun and educational activities. Come meet Ruby, Portland Audubon's Turkey Vulture, up close (along with many of Audubon's other education birds). Compare your "wingspan" to that of a California Condor, make a crafted vulture and mask, play "Upchuck Chuck!", and discover why vultures are important. Audubon Society of Portland hosts many amazing events around the Portland Metro area which you can learn more about here: <http://audubonportland.org/>.

For Arbor Month, Friends of Nadaka is partnering with [Friends of Trees](#) and the [City of Gresham](#) to be the host site for the Rockwood Neighborhood Tree Planting event on Saturday, April 14th! We are excited to also be planting street trees for Nadaka along NE Glisan Street and near the nature based play area. For more information and to volunteer, please contact Neighborhood Tree Specialist Ian Bonham at ianB@friendsoftrees.org. Interested in a street tree of your own? Check out Friends of Trees website: <https://friendsoftrees.org/>.

Want to help out for Earth Day 2018? Meet us at Nadaka for the [SOLVE IT for Earth Day Cleanup](#) Saturday, April 21st 9-12pm. We will be removing invasive species such as English Ivy from the 10 acre forested portion of the park and helping out in the garden. The event will start with a brief lesson on native and invasive plant species. Register on the SOLVE website here: <https://www.solveoregon.org/>.

Tools, plants, gloves, and light refreshments are provided for all our stewardship events. Dress to work in natural areas: long pants, warm cloths, and closed-toe sturdy shoes. Meet us at the picnic shelter. Please bring a water bottle and a friend!

Those of you who love insects and flowers are encouraged to join our Taller de Polinizadores/Pollinator Workshop with Celeste Mazzacano and [East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District](#) (EMSWCD) in Spanish on Saturday, May 19th from 9 AM to 11:30 AM at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church/Nadaka! Celeste will

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run the workshop in Spanish and have all materials translated. To register, contact Monica McAllister at 503-956-8558. We will also have online registration in Spanish open at the end of February. For other workshops hosted by EMSWCD see their website here: <http://emswcd.org/workshops-and-events/>.

Upcoming events to keep an eye out will include our Spring Migration Bird Walk with the Audubon Society of Portland, a Spring Plant Walk, Tadpole Tales (we will be renaming this program), and a series of hands on gardening workshops with Outgrowing Hunger (<https://outgrowinghunger.org/>) and Oregon Food Bank (<https://www.oregonfoodbank.org/>). Be sure to check our website for our finalized dates and times. Speaking of websites, we will be launching our new website designed by Sue Hughes in March! We have loved working with Sue and are sure you will love the website as much as we do. To contact Sue about her work email here at sue@resolutions-inc.net.

A quick recap of events we hosted over the winter include our Beneficial Insect Workshop with [EMSWCD](#) and instructed by Celeste Mazzacano in November and our Annual [Seed to Supper/Siembra La Cena Free Gardening Workshop Series](#) with [Oregon Food Bank](#) and [OSU Extension Service](#) during February and March. This year we hosted a class for Spanish speakers (Siembra la Cena) in addition to our English speaking class (Seed to Supper) at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church and the Nadaka Community Garden. Both classes had presentations, books, resources, and instruction in their respective languages. We hope to continue offering multilingual/multicultural programming as we continue improving upon our existing programming. To provide feedback and ideas for more programs please contact Monica McAllister, Nadaka Park Coordinator, at monica@friendsofnadaka.org.

On Monday, January 15th we hosted our 2nd MLK Day of Service at Nadaka Nature Park with community members and [Campus Compact](#); a program that brings college students from a variety of universities to volunteer at various sites around the city. This amazing group planted natives along NE Pacific Street and the rain garden, removed invasive blackberries, mulched paths, and added coffee grounds donated from [Boyd's Coffee](#) to the community garden and blueberries.

In February, we had a great show of community support at the 3rd Nadaka Community Planting Event where our volunteers planted over 300 native plants and mulched new plants and paths! This year we are focused on restoring habitat for wildlife and pollinators along the NE Pacific entrance, the main forest loop, and the south side of the meadow by planting Oregon grape, roses, kinnikinnik, and fringe cup. As we continue these restoration efforts we are keeping in mind various CPTED ([Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design](#)) concepts where appropriate. As you walk through the park keep an eye out for these amazing



new additions.

Looking for more ways to be involved with Nadaka? Become a volunteer for one of our many events, train to be a Nadaka Nature Park Ambassador, or join an event committee team through Friends of Nadaka. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Monica McAllister at monica@friendsofnadaka.org or call at 503-956-8558. For Nadaka updates and more information visit www.friendsofnadaka.org, "Friends of Nadaka" on Facebook, or visit wilkeseastna.org. Thank you for helping us fulfill our mission to nurture nature, food, and families in west Gresham.

We are look forward to seeing everyone at the park! ■

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Local Business Spotlight



CHADOWBOXX SALON

Nurturing a passion for hair since the age of 7, Charlisa Harris owner and head stylist at Chadowboxx Salon always dreamed of a career in cosmetology. After

graduating beauty school Charlisa worked for the Regis Corporation, trained by a team of professionals in the Paul Mitchell theory in hair design and color technique.

In 2010, Charlisa opened Chadowboxx Salon (a play on Charlisa's name and shadowbox) at its current location, bringing to life her vision of providing a salon experience where a woman can leave feeling confident and beautiful. In 2017 Charlisa launched her own carefully curated line of Chadowboxx Luxury Brand organic and sustainably produced hair care products including Chadowboxx Edges, Shine On spray and serum, Mylani Oil, Renee's Faith Oil, Gimme Some Sugar and Bao Down anti-breakage butters.

At Chadowboxx Salon their goal for every client is a place "Where Beauty Is An Experience". Open Tue-Fri 9Am-6PM, Sat 8AM-7PM. 1590 NE 172nd Ave (1 blk south of Halsey). Call 503-957-5369. Visit chadowboxx.com. ■



DEVINE NAILS

Divine Nails is a full service nail salon providing manicures, pedicures, shellac gel polish, and acrylic services. Professional nail technicians offer the latest trends and styles using the

finest in nail care products to give you the best nail care experience. Their knowledgeable and experienced staff loves to experiment with new, fresh designs as well as traditional looks for that special occasion.

A family owned business of 20 years, Devine Nails is run by Kim Nguyen, Lisa Nguyen and Jessica Le. Together they have built a loyal clientele for their salon by treating everyone like family. It is the mission at Divine Nails to provide clients with the highest degree of customer service in a fun, professional and clean setting. "For many years, it was a dream for my family to run a business in a neighborhood we can call home", says Jessica. "For the past ten years the people of Wilkes East and Gresham have made our dream a reality." The salon recently completed a renovation with updated decor and state of the art pedicure chairs.

Divine Nails prides themselves on providing a great salon experience at an affordable price. Come see for yourself. Open Mon-Fri 10AM-7PM, Sat 10AM-6PM. 17304 NE Halsey St. Call 503-253-8455. ■

FREE! Earth Day Recycling Sat Apr 28, 2018 9AM-2PM Gresham City Hall, 1333 NW Eastman Pky



The City will hold its annual free recycling event in celebration of Earth Day, Saturday April 28 from 9am to 2pm. This event is open to all Gresham and Wood Village residents and businesses. Curbside recycleables are not accepted.

Accepted Items

- Rigid plastics (5-gal size or larger)(residents only)
- Clean plastic bags, bubble wrap (no soft plastics, grocery bags)
- Block Styrofoam, packing peanuts (residents only)
- Paper shredding (residents only)(two bag limit)
- Fluorescent tubes and bulbs (30 max)
- Small appliances, electronics, computers, monitors, cords

Did you know...

TVs, computers and monitors can be recycled for free year-round at several recycling sites in Gresham. Google "[Oregon E-Cycles](#)" or visit our website for a location near you.

Metro has two household hazardous waste collection facilities open Monday thru Saturday, 9am to 4pm, where you can drop-off unwanted paints, solvents, pesticides, poisons, automotive fluids and more for a small fee. Google "[metro.gov hazardous waste](#)" or visit our website for a convenient link. ■

Save the Date!

Wilkes East Neighborhood Spring Meeting
Monday, March 12th, 7-9PM

Albertina Kerr • 722 NE 162nd Av
Training Bldg (center north on campus)

- What are you most concerned about? Audience survey
- NET Team, Gresham Police
- Mario Palmero, City of Gresham
- Waterside Apt Project Update

See you there!

Have You Signed Up?
Nextdoor.com is the neighborhood-centric social network for you, your neighbors and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbors to talk online. And it's free! [Sign-up today!](#)

