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### Never Lose Anything Again

By Sarah Bushor

#### What is Tile®?

Tile® is a Bluetooth tracking system that connects with your Android or Apple phone to trace your keys, wallet, purse, even your remotes and pets! Whatever it's attached to. Tile® updates its location every time it moves, and can give you notifications when you leave somewhere without the item it attached to. When you get within a certain distance of your missing Tile® green rings will show up on the phone app. As you walk around it'll show you if you're getting closer or farther away. When these green rings pop up a button appears that you can press to make your Tile® ring so you can hear it and find it easier! It's great for those items we all tend to lose. It can also be super helpful in locating a lost pet, and can aid in finding stolen property!

#### The Missing Wallet

Recently while rushing to the store before it closed my boyfriend and I got stuck in a road-work section, so we decided to switch seats and he would run into the store. When I got out of the car I dropped my wallet and didn't realize it. The next morning when I noticed the wallet was missing I remembered I had a Tile Slim® inside it! I checked the location on my phone, and it said it was about 3 miles away; just a couple blocks away from where



we had changed seats. It also showed it had gone to two other locations while it was out of my possession, meaning someone had it.

I hadn't gotten any notifications that my credit cards were used, so I was hoping at least some of the cash was still inside. The wallet had \$400 from a recent ATM withdrawal. I tracked the wallet to a homeless camp. I asked everyone if they had my wallet and proceeded to activate the ringer.

I could hear it ring as I approached a man. He said he found it the night before and then acted like he couldn't find it. It was ringing in the pocket of his jacket. He finally handed it over, sadly the cash was gone. He then asked if he could "have a reward" for "holding onto the wallet for me". While it may not have been a very happy ending I did get my wallet, my cards, and drivers license back, all thanks to my Tile Slim®.

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### New Community Day Programs for Special Needs Adults Opening!



Greetings! My name is Dimitrios Zourkos, Founder and Executive Director of Kefi Care Programs. I have worked in developmental disabilities for the past 9 years and have a great passion for the population I serve.

At the end of this year I will be launching a new Medical Non-Profit Day Program for adults with disabilities right in the heart of Gresham! Kefi Care Programs will serve

some of Gresham's most vulnerable and often forgotten persons and provide them with a safe space to build skills, socialize, and find their inner passion.

As one could imagine, building a non-profit from the ground up is hard work and requires lots of grassroots support from the local community. Today, I ask each community member to visit our website at <https://www.keficareprograms.com/> to share the information with your friends and family.

Through community and grassroots support, Kefi Care Programs can serve and support many families in the Gresham area and become a necessary staple for Gresham's most vulnerable. ■

**Did you know?** The City's wastewater treatment plant treats an average of 13 million gallons of wastewater per day.

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### Wilkes East Land-Use Update

By Greg Hartung,

Board Member, Land-use Chair

Hello members of our Wilkes East Neighborhood Association. Here are some land use updates since our last Spring 2021 Newsletter edition.

**UPDATE:** Albertina Kerr Workforce Housing 930 NE 162nd Ave., Gresham, OR 97230. Construction of the Workforce Housing continues at a fast pace. Viewing from the street corner of NE 162nd and NE Holladay, the main structure is taking shape, topping off at four stories, the walls and roof truces are being hoisted into position. You can now see the approximate height of the structure as it will stand. Street side concrete curbs are being set along NE 162nd and NE Holladay.

Drivers and pedestrians should use extra caution when driving through this area as there will be possible road closures and road construction during the project.

This is the development of a four-story workforce apartment building (100,548 gross square feet) with a total of 150 units, 146 dedicated residential vehicular parking space areas, children's play area and other associated site improvements. Construction should be completed by August 2021.

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### Mark Your Calendar!

Wilkes East Neighborhood

**Summer Meeting**  
August 9th • 7PM

Nadaka Park, 176th & Glisan  
Bring a Chair or Blanket

Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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

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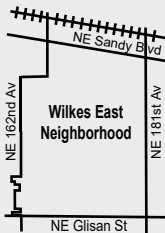
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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Meeting: Albertina Kerr, 722 NE 162nd Av, Training Bldg (center north on campus)



Dear Neighbors • a message from your WENA President

I hope all is well with you and your families! During the pandemic, I hope you accomplished some long wished "projects you would like to do."

We do have one piece of news! Our summer meeting will be held in the west meadow of Nadaka Park, 176th & NE Glisan; a real public meeting with people (properly spaced apart). The meeting is August 9 and will begin at 7pm. Bring a blanket or chairs.

The agenda includes Gresham Council member Dina DiNucci (Position 1), and Dannelle Heikkila, Principal at HB Lee Middle School.

Please mark your calendar for the following Board and general meetings. Board meetings take place the 2nd Monday of each month, excluding December. General meetings are the 2nd Monday of March, August, and November. The November meeting includes the election of Board officers as well as other topics and speakers. In compliance with Oregon law, all meetings are open to the public. We would very much like to see or hear from you.

If you have a topic or special event you would like to share with your neighbors, please consider contributing to the WENA newsletter.

You can submit a print ready article with 300 to 400 words, along with any pictures to our newsletter editor at rglundbom@aol.com (include the subject line: "[wena] newsletter article"). The deadline for newsletter articles is the 10th of February, July and October.

AS A REMINDER: Please remove cars and other items at your curb the 2nd Monday of each month from February through November for curb sweeping! This is a service we pay for and helps to keep our sewage drainage in check.

There are many opportunities to have influence in your community. You can contact our moderator Sarah Jacobson for the ZOOM meeting link the week prior to our meeting at member2@wilkeseastna.org, visit our website at www.wilkeseastna.org or find us on Facebook at Wilkes East Neighborhood Association.

We hope to see you in person in the meadow at Nadaka Park on Monday, August 9 at 7pm! Don't forget a chair or blanket.

Your Neighbor,

Kristen Freiermuth

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Other recent land use items for the Wilkes East Neighborhood:

• Plan Number LF-21-00098

Applied Date 03/02/2021
Project Address 665 NE 178TH AVE PORTLAND OR 97230
Description: Zoning Verification Letter, copies of Zoning Variances, Conditional/Special Use Permits, Site Plan, Certificates of Occupancy and information on any open Zoning/Building/Fire Code Violations for: The Pine Square Apartments located at 665 NE 178th Ave, Gresham, OR 97230 Parcels: R321591, R321538, R321553, R321752 Year Built: 1979

• Plan Number LF-21-00100

Applied Date 03/02/2021
Main Parcel R943312740
Project Address 17899 NE OREGON ST PORTLAND OR 97230
Description: Zoning Verification Letter, copies of Zoning Variances, Conditional/Special Use Permits, Site Plan, Certificates of Occupancy and information on any open Zoning/Building/Fire Code Violations for: The Village Court Apartments located at 17899 NE Oregon St, Gresham, OR 97230 Parcel: R321717 Year Built: 1973

• Plan Number LF-21-00340

Applied Date 06/23/2021
Main Parcel R513600100
Project Address 17905 NE SANDY BLVD PORTLAND OR 97230
Description: We are a chocolate bar manufacturing facility and are looking for a LUCS to be able to use CBD as an ingredient. There will be no extraction activities or any handling of raw hemp. The CBD oil will be purchased in a processed form to be used solely as an ingredient. ■

Attention Neighbors

The Wilkes East Neighborhood Association would like to remind our neighborhood that all neighbors are welcome to attend board meetings, and are strongly encouraged to attend our general meetings held 3 times each year. Our next general meeting will be held on August 9th at 7:00pm in beautiful Nadaka Park. In order for our community and neighborhood to thrive, we need participation and input from all individuals living in the Wilkes East Neighborhood.

Your voices, opinions, and concerns matter. ■



Get involved! Start your own Neighborhood Watch. For more information please visit: greshamoregon.gov/Neighborhood-Ready

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## Saving 267 trees: Shaull Woods

By Janet Unruh

Wilkes East Neighbor and Nature Activist

(BACKGROUND: After a public outcry to save a stand of Douglas fir trees, the city of Gresham plans to move forward with a multi-million dollar purchase of a local natural area. The 7.82-acre Shaull Property, located at 3535 W. Powell Blvd., had a significant price tag after a developer snapped up the site with plans to construct 30 homes. That proposed development led to an uproar, prompting city officials to put out a survey and begin the process for reclaiming the woods.)

Good news! Quoting <https://greshamoregon.gov/Parks-Planning/>, "The City signed a purchase and sale agreement for the Shaull property on June 15. A fall closing is possible, subject to due diligence."

The final steps to completion of the purchase are listed here: <https://greshamoregon.gov/Parks-Planning/>. See "Next Steps." This is the culmination of determined efforts of many activists and of City Council President Eddy Morales, whose work behind the scenes resulted in additional funding and help. I learned about the Shaull woods from a KGW video (<https://www.kgw.com/embeds/video/283-7dcc8f3c-2fff-4c36-9163-6a60d8c98f06/iframe?jwsourc=cl>) and rang the alarm with some activists I know. The word spread and people from various groups came together to help save the woods.

Activists and activist groups included the following:

- Gresham watchers: John Bildsoe, Carol Rulla, Jim Buck, David Porter, Cindy Tucker, Jim Labbe, and others.

- Cascadia Wild: <https://www.cascadiawild.org/>

- Sunrise PDX: <https://www.sunrisepdx.org/>

- We Keep Trees Standing:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/keeptreesstanding/>

- Tree Emergency Response Team (artists):

- <https://www.elisabethjones.art/tree-emergency-response-team.html>

- Ad hoc "save 267 trees" group, including some who volunteered to "tree sit."

I think everyone recognized that it was important to save this area from development for many reasons: it's the last unprotected habitat in a mosaic of wetlands, open water, prairie, forested uplands and buttes known as the Grant Butte Wetlands. It's also the headwaters for Fairview Creek and flows into Johnson Creek during flooding. And it provides habitat for egrets, raptors, otters, turtles, other species, and migratory birds.

The activists spoke at City Council meetings, held an art event at Shaull woods, went door-to-door in the neighborhood, posted updates in NextDoor, Facebook, and Change.org; created [save267trees.org](https://www.save267trees.org), designed and handed out flyers, painted banners, "tabled" at Gresham Farmers' Market, and ran an online letter campaign. Petitions racked up 1,193 signatures, and it could have easily been more.

Once the issue became public, the City of Gresham decided to survey the residents to determine the interest in saving the Shaull

woods. The survey offered the potential purchase of the Shaull property along with nine city properties (mostly parks) in need of upgrades. It stated that \$5.4M in bond money from Metro would be divided among the 10 options based on the results of the survey. The survey was available online from April 5 to 26.

On May 9, we held a rally at the Shaull woods / Southwest Community Park on May 9, 2021. We had a band and an impressive line-up of speakers, including the following:

- Chris Gorsek, Oregon State Senator
- Eddy Morales, Gresham City Council President
- Bob Sallinger, Director of Conservation, Audubon Society
- Shirley Craddick, Metro Councilor
- Cindy Tucker, neighbor of Shaull woods and friend of Helen Shaull (deceased)
- John Bildsoe, Land Use Chair, NWNA; Vice President, Coalition of Gresham Neighborhood Associations; Member, Friends of Grant Butte Headwaters

The speakers talked about the history of the property, the importance of preserving the woods and wetlands, and the money that had been pledged for the purchase in addition to the Metro bond money. The rally was reported in The Outlook: <https://tinyurl.com/pceux22m>. Everyone went away from the rally feeling encouraged. However, at that time, the city had yet to make the official commitment.

The following Tuesday, May 11, the results of the survey were presented to City Council. More than 800 people voted in the survey, with the Shaull property at the top of the list. See: <https://greshamoregon.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=12453>. And still we waited for a decision.

Finally, the announcement that the City planned to purchase the Shaull woods came in an email on June 18. See: <https://greshamoregon.gov/Parks-Planning/>, "Next Steps."

According to the City's website, the City is planning to finalize the purchase by September 15. Given the conditions of the site, the City may extend the closing date to November 1, if necessary.

The following tasks need to be completed to finalize the purchase:

- An environmental site assessment
- An appraisal
- City Manager approval of the terms of the purchase and sale agreement
- Formal approval from Metro to use the bond funding for the purchase

The City will update the public on the status of the purchase of the Shaull property on or around July 30. It's hard to imagine a show-stopper at this point, but unfortunately, we can't rest until the agreement is signed.

Because we have so many new connections among interested people, a new group may be forming to focus on BSATDs (Biologically Sensitive Areas Threatened by Development) in our area. Please let me know if you're interested in joining.

For more information please visit: <https://save267trees.org/> or contact Janet Unruh at [unruh.janet@yahoo.com](mailto:unruh.janet@yahoo.com) ■

**Did you know?** Gresham has 26 parks and 8.39 miles of trails.

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**The Stolen Purse**

Just a week ago my grandmother was at her regular hair and nail salon appointment when she realized she had left her phone in her car. She grabbed her keys from her purse, leaving the purse behind at the beautician's station.

A young man entered the salon inquiring about making a manicure appointment for his girlfriend. While waiting for someone to make the appointment he asked to use the restroom. He was directed to the restroom, but instead he grabbed my grandmother's purse and ran out of the salon.

The salon had no security cameras. It seemed as though nothing could be done, so my grandmother filed a police report, hoping the thief had tossed the purse with her wallet, id, cash, passport, and many other things including a gold rosary that belonged to her grandmother.

The next morning I remembered that I'd given her Tile's® for her birthday. I asked if she had one on her purse. She indicated yes but said the battery registered "very low." Tiles®, even work when the batteries need replacement.

She gave me her phone and sure enough, the location had updated 3 minutes prior! It was about 4 miles away, just a few blocks from the salon. The map took us to an apartment building, where we could only enter with a police escort. We called the police non-emergency phone, gave them the case number of the robbery, and outlined our situation. The officers were a bit cynical and didn't think I could lead them to the exact apartment, but I was 100% certain that I could. They told me if I couldn't find the exact apartment, then they couldn't knock on any doors.

The police were able to get me into the building, and we went floor to floor, door to door. The Tile® signal was the strongest outside two doors on the third floor, so I made it ring. It rang loud enough to hear through the door and we quickly identified the exact apartment. The police knocked, and after quite a hassle, we were able to retrieve the stolen purse. Sadly the only thing in the purse was the Tile®, and a pen. They refused to let the police search the apartment, so we hit a bit of a dead end.

We are still searching pawn shops in hopes of finding the lost gold rosary, but we were able to retrieve the stolen purse all thanks to my grandmother's Tile Pro®.

*Editor's Note: Bluetooth tracking tags from Tile, SmartTag, Chipolo, Onn, AirTag and others range in price from \$12-\$29. Google: "bluetooth tracker". For a 2021 comparison visit Tom's Guide at <https://www.tomsguide.com/us/best-key-finders.review-2657.html>.*



**Thank You For Your Selfless Service!**

To the many individuals that pick up litter while walking or jogging in our neighborhood, the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association would like to acknowledge you and extend a very special "Thank you!" ■

**2021 Street Sweeping Schedule - Wilkes East**

NE 162nd Ave to NE 181st Ave, NE Glisan to NE I-84  
2nd Monday, March - November

<del>Mar 08, 2021</del>	<del>Jun 14, 2021</del>	Sep 13, 2021
<del>Apr 12, 2021</del>	<del>Jul 12, 2021</del>	Oct 11, 2021
<del>May 10, 2021</del>	Aug 09, 2021	Nov 08, 2021



**Meet City Councilor Dina DiNucci**

Councilor Dina DiNucci was elected to a four-year term on Nov. 3, 2020, and sworn into office on Jan. 5, 2021. She brings a broad range of public and social services experience from organizations like Multnomah County, the City of Gresham, Human Solutions, and the Wallace Medical Concern. She has also been a small

business owner and community advocate, and brings her knowledge of project management, community organizing and collaborative leadership to the City Council.

A Rockwood homeowner since 1999, she began volunteering to engage and improve the area by spearheading new initiatives and community events like Rockwood Business Coalition and Rock Soup. She has served as Neighborhood Restoration Chair for the federal Weed-and-Seed Program in west Gresham and mentored OHSU nursing students in "becoming community competent".

She expanded her community building efforts in 2007 when she opened Park Place Coffee & Crepes with the dream of creating a place for neighbors to gather and connect, where she brought people together and learned a new appreciation of the struggles small business owners face in Gresham.

Earlier in her career, Councilor DiNucci spent ten years working in the City of Gresham's Department of Environmental Services. She then managed community outreach and operations for nonprofits serving the Gresham community, and she is currently employed as a Health Care Investigator for Multnomah County.

Councilor DiNucci believes the Council can make better decisions through prioritizing communication with residents. "As Gresham's demographics change, so should the vision on how to cultivate relationships with our residents and incorporate their diverse perspectives. As a City Councilor, I believe we can create lasting solutions by ensuring that residents' voices inform our City policy." Councilor DiNucci's primary committee assignments include the Community Development and Housing Subcommittee, the Home Forward Board, and the Regional Disaster Preparedness Organization. Additionally, she serves as an alternate for the Urban Forestry Subcommittee, A Home for Everyone, the Watershed Councils, and the Regional Water Providers Consortium. ■

**Fall Begins Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 3:21PM PDT**

*Save the Date!*

**Wilkes East Neighborhood Summer 2021 Meeting**  
Monday, August 9th, 7-9PM

**Nadaka Park Meadow**  
176th & NE Glisan St

- Dina DiNucci, Council Position 1
- Dannelle Heikkila, Principal HB Lee
- Neighborhood news and more!

*See you There!*

**Are you signed up?**  
Nextdoor.com is the social networking service for neighbors to connect with each other. Sign-up today!

