

Wilkes East Annual Meeting
Monday, August 23, 2010
St. Aiden's Episcopal Church

Vice President Marc Thornsbery called the meeting to order at 7:05 and welcomed all.

- Encouraged all to welcome new neighbors. Call a board member to obtain a Welcome kit.
- Check out crime occurrences in your neighborhood. Call Kelly Landavazo at the City of Gresham to find out how to begin a Neighborhood Watch in your area.
- Need volunteers to put out yard signs for future events.
- "Adopt a Street" by City of Gresham Sponsors. Contact City of Gresham if interested.
- Graffiti removal kits in the back of the room. More can be acquired by contacting the city of Gresham.
- Check your WENA web site for all neighborhood events.



Donations are always welcome to cover costs of newsletter and other means of getting information and services to you. Many , many thanks!!

Presentation by Maegan Vidal of the Mt. Hood Medical Center.

Updates by Maegan included:

- Kids fair on September 15 will include low cost immunizations, \$5 snow board Helmuts, teddy bear clinic and health checks. The Jaws of life helicopter will be there and other emergency vehicles.
- New emergency unit construction will include "short term stay" and a new state of the art imaging unit, CT scanner with 40% less radiation, and a new MRI.
Some Facts: The current unit serves approx. 128 visits daily.
They see 600 – 1000 kids a month.
All east side trauma incidents go the MHMC
Transfere to any other hospital.

Presentation by Donald Shaw of Energy Trust

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- Encouraged attendees to sign up for a free home energy survey. Find out About rebates, scheduling a home heating evaluation, getting a water audit, or a lighting evaluation.
 - Pacific Power, PGE, and NW Natural Gas are the sponsors of the program.

- They service Rental Property and Apartment complexes as well as single family homes.
- Double pane windows are quite sufficient. No need for triple.
- Energy Trust does not recommend service contractors.
- Contact Donald Shaw @ 503 270-1415 or go to energytrust.org for more information.

The services of Energy Trust received a hearty endorsement from attendees who have experienced audits.

Presentation on Neighborhood Safety by Kelle Landavazo (Kelle works for Gresham Community Services Department which includes the Neighborhood Watch Program.)

- Will supply an outline for starting a Neighborhood Watch Program in your area. Getting the first meeting set up is the hardest part. You can call for help any time during the process.
- Website crime reports are not totally reliable. The department is working with Police to publish an accurate monthly report.
- Please always report unusual people or activity in your neighborhoods.
- If you hold neighborhood events in your neighborhood, please let city know so folks can show up to say “thank you”.

Presentation on the Future of Gresham Parks by Ric Catron (Ric has served 13 years with the City of Gresham. His former department, Environmental Services has been discontinued and he is now ensconced in the Planning Department.)

- Ric presented many facts about the dire state of the city parks. Basically, they Used heavily, under funded , and under staffed. (Please see brochure, Our Parks – Our Future)
- Please attend the November 9 City Council Meeting at 3pm for further discussion



The establishment of a Parks District would require a citizen vote. Bend

and Tualatin have Park Districts.

- Setting priorities is tough and he urged input in these strapped times.
 - e.g. Updates to Main City Park
 - Replacing trestles and bridges on the Springwater Trail
 - SW Gresham has NO parks (although it has space but no funds for Development.
 - SE Gresham has NO parks. It has 20 acres of undeveloped land.
- Our neighborhood has 144 undeveloped acres. We have Columbia, Nadaka, Nelson, and Zimmerman.
- Ric asked every attendee to take the OUR PARKS – OUR FUTURE brochure

And talk to neighbors and friends who were not here to urge support. Come the Green Ribbon Task Force Meetings, Volunteer, attend the City Council Meetings.



NADAKA update: Serious Root disease has been detected. A number of

trees

Will need to be removed.

Ric thanked the Friends Of Nadaka for working to eliminate the invasive
Around the park. That and the regular cleanups are invaluable to the
City.

Neighborhood Watch principles apply regarding the safety in the park.

Metal posts are installed so no vehicles can enter.

The gate between Nadaka and Nelson will be open.

Marc thanked the Presenters and emphasized the need for community involvement in these tough financial times. He asked that all be supportive of efforts to maintain safety and upkeep in our neighborhood.

Marc called to order the Business Meeting @ 8:10

Marc read and called for approval of the August 24, 2009 minutes.

Moved by Lee Dayfield

Second by Curt Duval

Unanimous aye vote

The following officers and board members were nominated and accepted unanimously:

President – Kris Freiermuth

Vice President – Marc Thornsbury

Secretary – Nancy Pyburn

Treasurer – Billie Simmons

Land Use Chair – Curt Duval

Communication Chair & Web Master – Bob Lundbom

Member – at – large - Lee Dayfield

Member - at - large - Greg Hartung

Member - at - large – Dan Clement

Attendees moved , seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn @ 8:30pm

