



# Wilkes East Neighborhood Newsletter

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Fall 2015

## 64-Unit, 4-story Waterside Apartment Project Moves Forward, Wetland Area Confirmed

### Early Neighborhood Meeting, November 16th, Albertina Kerr, 7PM

At the Summer 2015 Wilkes East Neighborhood Association meeting, August 24th, Craig Smith with SGS Development LLC (a Bend-based company owned by developer Chet Antonsen that has built several projects in East Multnomah County), presented plans for construction of new 64-unit 4-story 2-building apartment homes at 165th & NE Halsey St.

During the presentation several neighbors raised concerns about the project. Among the main concerns was the number of parking spaces, ingress/egress to the property, building height, 55-and-older vs family tenants, play area size, impact on schools, and a possible wetland.

#### Addressing Concerns

Over the next several weeks SGS Development explored ways to address the neighbor's concerns including reducing



Architect's rendering of a Chet Antonsen apartment building design. Dec 2013.

the building height to 2 or 3-story buildings and spreading out the buildings across the entire site. Based on comments raised at the August meeting a wetlands specialist was retained to study the proposed site. His findings supported the existence of a wetland area on the north portion of the property. A 15' buffer will now separate the wetlands from the project leaving this habitat area undisturbed.

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### Fall's here, and your comfortable, safe home awaits

By Stephanie Swanson, [Enhabit](#)



After what seemed like an endless, hot summer, we're all breathing a sigh of relief as temperatures are finally

dropping—winter is just around the corner! But before the cold sets in for good, fall is the perfect time to take some easy steps to make your home cozier, healthier and safe for this winter and beyond.

Watch your windows. Did you know your windows can help keep your home warm in the winter? Take advantage of the winter sun's heat by opening south-facing curtains, drapes and blinds during the day, and then closing window coverings at night to keep the heat in. If you don't have blinds or shades, consider installing them to reduce heat loss (they'll also help keep your house cool next summer).

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Lower the dial and get cozy. Keep your home 10 to 15 degrees cooler when you are not at home, and lower the temperature slightly at night to save energy. Nothing's cozier than bundling up with blankets on a winter night!

Breathe easy. Many homes trap allergens and pollutants which affect indoor air quality and can seriously impact the whole family. Checking for radon and installing a carbon monoxide detector are two simple steps that will help everyone breathe more easily.

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**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Wilkes East Neighborhood**  
**Fall Meeting**  
**November 16th • 7PM**  
**Albertina Kerr • Bldg "H"**  
**722 NE 162nd Av**

**NEW  
LOCATION**

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### Reynolds School District 2015 Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees



The [Reynolds School District](#) is proud to announce the 2015 class of inductees to the Athletics Hall of Fame:

- Clem "Spaz" Hancock (1960 – 1997)
- Jim Miller (1968 – 1972)
- Steve Raze (1986 – 1990)
- Sue Tuggle (1981 – 1985)
- The 1989-90 Reynolds Boys Soccer Team

This year's banquet will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015, at the Gresham National Guard Armory. The evening will begin with a no-host social and silent auction at 5:30pm, followed by a sit-down dinner. After dinner is served, the inductees will be introduced and recognized for their tremendous contributions to the Reynolds School District athletics program. This year's major banquet sponsors are [Barclay Events](#) and the [Skyland Pub](#).

Tickets for this year's banquet are \$30 per plate, with reserved tables of eight available for \$240.

Tickets may be purchased online at: <http://www.reynolds.k12.or.us/rhs/reynolds-school-district-athletic-hall-fame-class-2015>

For more info contact Shauna Stanfill at: [rhs\\_athleticboosters@yahoo.com](mailto:rhs_athleticboosters@yahoo.com)

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**Did you know?** Inefficient appliances, drafty windows and doors, poor insulation, and other fixable energy wasters cost U.S. consumers an estimated \$300 billion a year--more than the U.S. military budget.

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## Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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

### SPECIAL THANKS

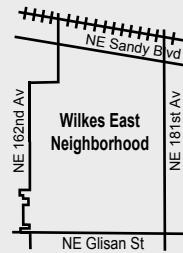
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### Got an interesting story to share?

Email it to: [info@wilkeseastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeseastna.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@wilkeseastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeseastna.org) for details.



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## Dear Neighbors • a message from your WENA President

Goodbye to our wonderful summer. It was dry, but quite a wonderful change from our usual Pacific NW weather!

For a brief moment we thought Land-Use issues were subsiding, however some new/old ones have started up again. With construction on the rise, projects which had been set aside now seem feasible. We will keep you in the loop via email of any Pre-App meetings for new & old projects.

We encourage you to contact the City of Gresham to report abandoned cars, cars parked in bike lanes, and blocked driveways. Call Code Enforcement at 503-618-2866, use [MyGresham](#) online, or download the free phone app for Android or iPhone at [greshamoregon.gov/mygresham/](http://greshamoregon.gov/mygresham/).

Monday, November 16th 7PM, is the Wilkes East Annual Meeting, [Albertina-Kerr Campus](#) at [722 NE 162nd Av](http://722NE162ndAv.com) Bldg "H" located behind the Chapel. Agenda for this meeting: Josh Führer, Gresham Redevelopment Commission Executive Director, Update on Rockwood and lots of surprises; Craig Smith, CEO SGS Developer, Water-side Apts updated site plan, 165th & NE

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#### 2015 Athletics Hall of Fame Inductees:

**Clem "Spaz" Hancock (1960 – 1997):** From 1960 to the time of his passing, Spaz was an invaluable resource for the Reynolds School District and our athletic programs. He continually took it upon himself to maintain the athletic facilities, including mowing, trimming and painting fields. He volunteered to paint locker rooms, clean bleachers, lock gates and repair equipment that wasn't working properly. He constructed a concession stand and press box using his own money and resources. He was the person any teacher, coach or administrator called upon when something needed to be done.

#### Jim Miller (1968 – 1972):

Jim was a two-sport standout in both football and track and field for the Lancers, lettering three times in both sports. As a junior, he was selected 2nd team All-Wilco League defensive tackle in football. He was the league champion in the discus and went on to become the state champion. As a senior, Jim was selected 1st team All-State defensive tackle and 2nd team All-State offensive tackle in football. In track, he was once again the league champion in the discus, establishing the all-time state mark of 193'.

Halsey project; Joe Walsh, City of Gresham Youth Coordinator, Friday Night Basketball and other programs available for youth; Reyna Lopez, Our Oregon, Reaching Out for a Better Oregon; Election of Officers.

We hope you've noticed the *Alerts* in your email inbox. Everything from thefts to missing cats. Not signed up? Let us know.

We have many loyal volunteers; involvement is appreciated & needed. Please consider lending your talents & skills to your community.

Thank you for your financial support when the basket has been passed. At our August meeting someone remembered the adage "postage is the same as money." The half sheet of Forever stamps will go a long way. THANK YOU!

See you around the neighborhood!

Your Friend & Neighbor,

**Kris Freiermuth**

At the state meet, Jim won the discus championship for a second time with a throw of 189-4. After Reynolds, Jim received a football scholarship from Oregon State University but after being injured his freshman year, he chose to focus on track and field, where he had a successful career with the Beavers.

#### Steve Raze (1986 – 1990):

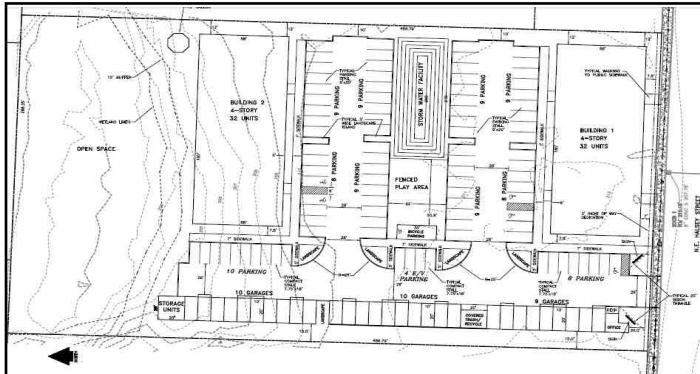
Steve participated in both soccer and basketball where he excelled in both sports. During his senior year, he led the soccer team to the state championship, earning 1st team all-state honors and being named the Oregon Soccer Player of the Year. In basketball, he helped lead the Raiders to the state basketball tournament at the Memorial Coliseum, where they eventually lost in the quarterfinals. Steve went on to play both soccer and basketball at Willamette University, where he was a member of the 1993 NAIA Division II National Championship basketball team.

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### Thanksgiving is a time to reflect

Take the time to give thanks for all that's good in your own life -- and to give to others who may not share the same good fortune this holiday season.

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**WATERSIDE** (Page 1)**New Design**

Due to the confirmed wetland area, SGS Development says they are forced to go back to a similar design with two 4-story buildings "because they have less buildable area to work with than originally proposed". The new design calls for moving the buildings closer to NE Halsey St and will include 16 1-bedroom units, 32 2-bedroom units, and 16 3-bedroom units. In addition, there will be 121 parking spaces, 29 garages, a 2,400 sq. ft. play area, and additional storage near the northern garages. SGS Development also says this project will not be marketed exclusively to seniors.

**Next Presentation**

Join us November 16th at 7PM at the Fall Wilkes East Neighborhood meeting when Mr. Smith will present the new Waterside project designs and answer your questions. The meeting will be held at [Albertina Kerr](#), Building "H" (behind the chapel), [722 NE 162nd Av](#). Plenty of lighted parking is available.

This presentation is part of the [City of Gresham's Early Neighborhood Notification](#) process. Neighbors wishing to comment should attend this meeting or submit written comments to City of Gresham before the meeting. Pre-App [1526000239](#). ■

**Other Land-Use News**

Proposed 4-story 93-room 55,670 sq. ft. Marriott Courtyard hotel, 176th & NE Sandy. Meeting Thursday Nov 19th 6:30PM at Hampton Inn, 3039 NE 181st Ave. Pre-App [1526000220](#). ■

**REYNOLDS** (Page 2)**Sue Tuggle (1981 – 1985):**

Sue was a three-sport standout for the Lancers in soccer, basketball and softball, earning twelve varsity letters and multiple All-Mt. Hood Conference and All-State honors. In soccer, she was part of two state championships, three conference championships, as well as a state runner-up. In basketball, she helped the Lancers win the conference title in 1984 as well as a second place finish at the state tournament. In softball, she was part of the 1983 Mt. Hood Conference championship team. Sue went on to compete at Concordia University in Portland where in basketball, she was the school record holder for all-time assists average, which was just recently broken.

**The 1989-90 Reynolds Boys Soccer Team**

In the first year of the Reynolds/Columbia merger, the Raiders won the Mt. Hood Conference with an 11-0-3 record. Led by coach John Garrow and 2015 Hall of Fame Inductee Steve Raze, Reynolds outscored their opponents 13-1 in the State Playoffs and went on to win the first State Championship for the Reynolds Raiders, finishing with a 15-0-3 record and a #15 national ranking. ■

**COMFORT** (Page 1)

Get prepared. Back to school is a great time to take stock of emergency preparedness plans and supplies. It's also a good time to ensure your home is prepared for what may come. Seismic "hardening" of your home helps keep your home secured during severe storms, high winds and earthquakes. It's also a necessary first step if you're looking to get earthquake insurance.

For more information about how to improve the comfort, health and safety of your home, visit [Enhabit.org/neighborhood](#) and take a quick online quiz, or if you're ready – schedule a free in-home visit with an Enhabit-certified contractor. Our qualified contractors and easy financing are available for a variety of home upgrades including energy efficiency improvements, radon mitigation, seismic retrofits and solar energy installations. ■

**Free Friday Night Youth Basketball**

With funding from the Oregon Youth Development Council's "Youth & Gangs Grants", the City of Gresham is sponsoring a [late-night basketball program](#) every Friday from 6 to 10 p.m. at H.B. Lee Middle School. The program, which started last fall, offers skill-building and supervised games for youth in grades 6 through 12. The program is part of a larger citywide effort to connect more at-risk youth with positive adults and activities, and so far it's working well. Last year an average of 50 youth participated every Friday night without incident. Following the success of year one, the school happily agreed to continue its partnership with the City, and the state renewed the grant funding for the next biennium. For more information, contact Joe Walsh, City of Gresham, at 503-618-2372.

**Nadaka Nature Park Highlights From This Summer!**

*By Monica McAllister, Nadaka Park Coordinator*

Nadaka's 5th Annual Nadaka Community Festival was a huge success! We had 23 partnering organizations hosting booths, free refreshments provided by Albertsons and Earth H2O, Aztec dancers, steel drum performer, a Ukrainian folk singer, and a variety of family fun activities and crafts. Between 350-400 community members attended the event. All of this was made possible by our wonderful volunteers, partnering organizations, and local community members. We're always looking for great new ideas and help planning. To join the Festival Planning Committee email the Nadaka Park Coordinator at [monica@friendsofnadaka.org](mailto:monica@friendsofnadaka.org).

Since June, we've had 3 Nadaka Community Cleanups and the [SOLVE Beach and Riverside Cleanup](#) at Nadaka. This year's "No Ivy Day" had 60 high school students from [College Possible](#) volunteer to remove invasive plants! We are so thankful for all our volunteers and their hard work! We're always looking for volunteers, groups, organizations, and businesses to come to our stewardship events. Our next stewardship opportunity is the Native Planting Event February 27th 9-12pm.

We also hosted a series of classes and private organizations at Nadaka for environmental and garden education. These include our monthly Bird Walks, Garden Workshops, and "Tadpole Tales" with story time, a craft, nature walk, and show and tell. We held a nature day camp called "A Week in the Woods" taught by [Earth Art and Agriculture](#).

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**Did you know?** Only 10% of energy in a light bulb is used to create light. Ninety percent of a light bulb's energy creates heat.



## Zimmerman House Holiday Evening Tours

*If you've enjoyed the Zimmerman House during the day, you should see her at night!*

The fourth annual evening tours will be held on:

**Tuesday, December 8th 3pm-7pm  
Thursday December 10th 3pm-7pm**

The historic [Zimmerman House](#) was built in 1874 and was home to three generations of the Zimmerman Family. Their furnishings and personal articles remain in this two-story Victorian home, including children's toys, games, Christmas postcards, and winter clothing.

Parking is extremely limited, so please consider car pooling. Please reserve the time you'd like to visit the House, and give yourself approximately 45 minutes to explore both floors of the home. For reservations go to <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/evening-at-the-zimmerman-heritage-farm-december-8th-or-10th-tickets-19085275573>.

Admission is free, but the suggested donation for this special event is \$5 per person 18 and older. For more information, please call: 503-261-8078 or visit <http://echohistory.org/contact/>

\* The Zimmerman House will also be open Saturday, December 20th from noon-4pm. Reservations are not required. ■

### [Freeze the Grease, Save a Bundle](#)

After big holiday meals, no one likes to be stuck doing the clean-up. But if you aren't careful with leftover gravy, pan drippings and sauces a grease-clogged drain could ruin your holiday and cost you a bundle.

When fats, oils and grease are poured down the drain, they stick to the inside of pipes causing messy sewer backups and expensive cleanup and repair.

**Pour the grease into a can, freeze it, and toss the can in the trash.**

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Nadaka will host an Urban Coyote Talk with [Audubon Society of Portland](#), Monday November 16th 6:30pm, [St. Aidan's Episcopal Church](#), Murdock Hall. Coyotes have become established in Gresham neighborhoods just as they have become established in many urban areas across the United States. Some people are happy to see these wild dogs while others are concerned about conflicts. Come [learn about urban coyotes](#) with [Audubon Conservation Director, Bob Sallinger](#). Bob has been working on coyote issues in the Metro Region for more than two decades.

Monthly Bird Walks will continue with the Audubon Society of Portland. Meet us at the picnic shelter: Saturday November 14th 9-10am, Friday February 12th 9-10am, and Saturday March 19th 8-9am. Join the Christmas Bird Count at Nadaka, Saturday January 9th 9-11am. We recommend you attend the Christmas Bird Count Rev-up Class at [Leach Botanical Garden](#), December 15th 7-8:30pm. Leach Botanical Garden and The Audubon Society of Portland will also have the "Fireside Nature Chat Family Event at Leach" January 16th 3-6pm.

For Nadaka updates and more information visit [www.friendsofnadaka.org](http://www.friendsofnadaka.org), "Friends of Nadaka" on Facebook, or [wilkeeastna.org](http://wilkeeastna.org). If you're interested in volunteering, becoming a park ambassador, or providing environmental education to your school, contact Monica McAllister at [monica@friendsofnadaka.org](mailto:monica@friendsofnadaka.org) or call 503-956-8558. Help us fulfill our mission to nurture nature, food, and families in West Gresham. See you at the park this winter! ■

### Join the Board

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