



Speeding on NE 172nd Ave Ends With Multiple Car Collision, Serious Injuries

By Victor Rolund
& Nora Lueck
Wilkes East Neighbors

Sunday October 2nd, we were watching a movie, when suddenly loud nonstop bumping and banging noises caused us to go outside and investigate.

A chaotic 3 car 'hit and run' accident had flung a car into my fence and front yard, rendering the driver unconscious, but was later revived and removed by ambulance. The other 2 cars were across the street on 172nd. One drivers was struck by airbags, but was otherwise ok under the circumstances. The hit and run driver's windshield had a bloody indentation in it. The driver fled the scene.

Many good neighbors and passersby arrived to see what was going on. We thank our police, firefighters, and first responders.

Debris, car parts, and glass was everywhere. There could have been fatalities, and worse injuries and damages.



Aftermath of a 3-car injury accident Sunday Oct 2, 2022, 835 NE 172nd Ave. The sign behind the fence reads: "let's all...drive like our kids walk here"

Something needs to be done on NE 172nd to deter speeding and reckless driving. There have been many accidents causing damage on this street to date. We hope the fatality of a child or adult will not be the catalyst for speed controls on this school street. ■

ED: City of Gresham, Dept of Transportation will be at WENA's Nov 14th meeting to hear neighbors concerns.

Fall 2022 Weather Outlook, La Nina could bring cooler wetter forecast



By Wilkes East Meteorologist Garret Hartung

Following in the footsteps of the Summer of 2022, fall is also taking its sweet time to arrive here in the

Pacific Northwest. So far this fall we have seen persistent above average temperatures and almost zero precipitation. In fact, all but one day so far this October has recorded above normal high temperatures, with many days coming in at over ten degrees above average. This has been due to what is known as a Rex Blocking pattern, where high pressure and upper-level ridging is kept in place over the northwest thanks to an upper-level low meandering off the California coastline.

The dry and calm conditions we've been seeing so far this fall are quite the far cry from the conditions observed around this time 60 years ago, when the remnants of typhoon Freda developed into a powerful extratropical cyclone off the Oregon coast. This storm would later be known as the "Columbus Day Storm", which brought widespread 100+ mph wind gusts to western Oregon and Washington. Ultimately causing over two billion dollars in damage (in 2022 dollars) and several fatalities from falling trees. Windstorms with the magnitude of the Columbus Day Storm are extremely rare, but every five to ten years or so we do get a storm that produces 50+mph southerly winds in the Portland metro area. So, it's good to have a plan if such a storm starts to come into the forecast.

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Wilkes East Land-Use Update

By Greg Hartung,
Board Member, Land-use Chair

The Wilkes East Neighborhood Association board regularly receives land use plans from the City of Gresham to notify us of land use projects within or proximity to the Wilkes East neighborhood boundaries. We are recapping some of the projects from the spring and summer WENA Newsletters as well as some projects in the Rockwood and North Gresham neighborhoods.

Plan case [PRE-22-00376](#)

Date 5/31/2022

Location: 2777-2789 NE 181st Ave, Gresham.

The proposed Cyberwash car wash building will include a 110-foot-long tunnel design, overall dimensions 127 feet long by 48 feet wide, total building 5000 sq. Ft.

There are currently two other carwash projects currently under construction:

- [BLDC-21-02139](#) Eco Car Wash Addition (North Gresham NA) at NE 181st and NE Glisan, additional 5917 square feet and remodel storefront.

- [BLDC-21-03082](#) Washman Carwash (North Gresham NA) at NE 181st and NE Halsey, redevelopment of the existing carwash by constructing four new structures and increasing the number of vacuum units.

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Mark Your Calendar!

Wilkes East Neighborhood

Fall 2022 Meeting

November 14th • 7PM

Columbia View Wesleyan Church
16700 NE Halsey St

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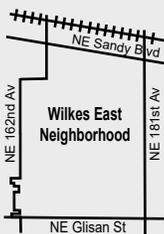
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

Hurray! Rain has finally returned to Oregon. Yesterday I found myself in a couple of downpours & then the wind came out of the skies. The fallen leaves had just been raked and put into bins; now new leaves have taken their place. No matter, the air is clearer again and it feels more like our usual Oregon wetness.

Thank you to all the attendees and speakers that were at our August 8th general meeting at Columbia View Neighborhood Park. The weather was not too warm, although we will have to start earlier in the future to avoid the evening bugs.

Next Meeting

Everyone's invite to attend our next general meeting Monday, Nov 14, 2022 7pm. New location: Columbia View Wesleyan Church, 16700 NE Halsey St. Excellent parking.

Speeding on 172nd Ave

Details of the horrible three-car accident on NE 172nd Ave near NE Pacific St are the lead story in our newsletter. The car causing the accident was speeding "big time" on this school street before wrecking with 2 other cars and taking out a metal fence.

Reminders

If you see anyone camping in our neighborhoods, please call Keven Dahlgren 971-978-8112. He can assist campers seeking shelter and other services.

Report abandoned or illegal parked cars or large trucks (including commercial vehicles), or vehicles parked too close to fire hydrants or blocking your line of sight. Use the MyGresham app available online, or at Google Play or Apple App Store. It can solve many issues in your neighborhoods!

Board Elections

This is our Board election meeting. Please consider joining the board. Monthly meetings are the 2nd Monday of each month (excluding December). There are many opportunities for you to make a difference in your community. Contact any board member listed in this newsletter or at www.wilkeeastna.org for information.

Wilkes East is a better community because of you!

I hope to see everyone Monday Nov 14th!
Your Neighbor,

Kristen Freiermuth

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Plan Case DR-21-00616

Date 11/05/2021

Phase 1 of new construction of approximately 26,000 square foot pre-engineered metal building for Pape Machinery's new Ditch Witch facility located at 17217 NE Sandy Blvd. This is on the 11-acre property adjacent to the historical Zimmerman House. Due to site constraints all regulated trees are proposed to be removed. The Gresham Wetland report indicates no wetlands on this property. Phase 2 will include a second Pape Machinery facility.

These plans and other public information can be viewed on Gresham Online Services portal where applicants can electronically submit Plan or Permit applications quickly and easily, and where interested parties searching for public records can search for project data or access the City's map service.

For public records requests for files processed between July 2017 and December 31, 2020, please continue to access ePlan or contact the Planner on Duty at POD@GreshamOregon.gov.

If you have any questions about using Gresham Online Services, please contact PlanningTech@GreshamOregon.gov. More information on these land use projects can be obtained by calling 503-618-2845 to speak with a submission's coordinator or email the planner on duty at pod@GreshamOregon.gov. ■

Plan Case DR-22-00328 (Rockwood NA)

Date 05/19/2022

Location: NE 165th and Burnside. The proposal is as follows: New 92-unit multi-family affordable apartment development consisting of ones, twos and threes bedroom units. No retail/commercial is proposed. Anticipated 4-story wood frame construction on conventional slab on grade foundation. Surface grade parking to be located to the North and East of proposed building. Site improvements and outdoor amenities to support development requirements including storm infiltration and two exterior courtyards.

Plan Case PRE-21-00688 (Rockwood NA)

Date 12/09/2021

Habitat for Humanity development of the 1.41-acre site, comprising two lots, located on the south side of NE Glisan Street, approximately 100 feet east of NE 176th Avenue (17616-17636 NE Glisan) directly south of Nadaka Nature Park. The proposal includes 7 buildings comprising a total of 20-units and 29 parking spaces in a surface parking lot. The elevations and site plan provided show a typical two-story structure with individual ground floor entries and small rear yards. A condominium review (subdivision) and parking reduction are also being proposed. NOTE: There has been no update from the city of Gresham regarding proposal.

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Citizen Volunteers in Policing (CVIPS)



Citizens making a positive difference in our community

About the CVIP program
Gresham's Citizen Volunteers in Policing (CVIP) are the eyes and ears of the Police Department and create a visible presence in our parks, trails, residential areas and commerce centers.

The CVIP program is currently accepting applications online (<https://greshamoregon.gov/WorkArea/DownloadAsset.aspx?id=5063>), mailed or dropped off or at the Police Records Department, 1333 NE Eastman Parkway, Gresham Oregon 97030, Attn: Lt. Jeff Miller.

Volunteers do not carry weapons, confront suspects, or participate in altercations; they observe and report.

In addition, CVIPs:

- Deliver food boxes.
- Participate in community events.
- Report graffiti.
- Patrol along City trails using a Gator mobile.
- Issue handicapped parking citations.
- Deploy the speed radar trailer.
- Assist with curfew sweeps.
- Initiate patrols of residential areas, parks, school grounds and commercial areas.

Volunteer criteria

- Must be 21 years of age and older
- Must live or own a business within the city limits of Gresham
- Must pass a DMV and criminal background check

More information

If you have questions about the CVIP program please contact Sgt. Mike Amend at 503-618-2894 or Michael.Amend@GreshamOregon.gov. ■

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While a major windstorm is not currently expected to impact the region anytime soon, forecast models are hinting at more typical fall weather finally arriving after October 20th, including some much-needed rainfall and perhaps even some below normal temperatures for once. This will likely put an end to the wildfires in the region, which have been responsible for the recent haze and poor air quality.

As for frost, it does not look too likely before November. However, it is likely that we will see our first frost sometime before November 20th. So be on the lookout for a frost advisory or freeze warning from the National Weather Service sometime in early November if you have any sensitive plants that need to be brought in.

Winter is not too far around the corner and La Nina looks to make a return for a rare third consecutive winter. Generally, La Ninas (cooler ocean water temperatures along the equatorial Pacific) lead to cooler temperatures and above average rainfall for the Pacific Northwest. This does lean towards a slightly better chance at snowfall in the lowlands but there have been plenty of La Nina's without significant snowfall. So for now we will just have to wait and see what winter has in store for us, but it's a good idea to start planning on winterizing your homes before the first proper cold snap of the year. ■

Volunteering Never Felt So Good!

*By Candee Layton
Wilkes East Resident*

During Covid a friend told me about [Adopt One Block](#).

You sign up to become a block ambassador, have a block assigned to you, and pick up trash in that area. They provide trash bags, grabber, and gloves.

I live in Sandstone. You can spot me always wearing a yellow baseball hat! For the most part Sandstone is a clean community. The block I was assigned is off NE Halsey and NE 170th. I walk as far as the Albertson's warehouse and beyond. I go rogue! I have walked many miles picking up trash; down Halsey to 181st, 169th to Wilkes School, along the berm (NE 169th Ave), along the freeway wall, down Russell St to 162nd, up and down 162nd, and throughout Sandstone.

I pick up trash 2-3 times a week and fill 2-3 large bags in 1 1/2 - 2 hours. I never bring the trash home. I have asked and been given permission to leave trash at apartment complexes, Wilkes Elementary school, Christensen's Electric and Albertsons warehouse.

When I'm out picking up trash, people always nod or say hi, but it's always great to get a thank you!

Adopt One Block www.adoptoneblock.org has business and resources they work with:

- [1-800-Got-Junk](#), has been out to pick up many couches I reported dumped on the berm. Email portlandcomback@1800gotjunk.com
- I have reported abandoned vehicles to [MyGresham](#), and graffiti to MyGresham and ODOT ([Oregon Dept of Transportation](#)).
- Another resource is RID patrol, they are an illegal dumping patrol. Visit www.oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol for details or email ridpatrol@oregonmetro.gov

Together Adopt One Block ambassadors are a force for good for making our community what it can and should be. Their focus is rapidly implementing highly scalable solutions to make an immediate impact in our community that support our fantastic volunteers.

Volunteering with Adopt One Block is very rewarding! It makes the place you live a cleaner and happier place! Plus you are getting exercise, and you can do it on your schedule, whenever you want!

Please consider signing up! ■

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 Monday, November 14th 7pm at [Columbia View Wesleyan Church](#), 16700 NE Halsey Street.

In order for our community and neighborhood to thrive, we need participation and input from all individuals living in Wilkes East. Your voices, opinions, and concerns matter. ■

Prevent Street Flooding

Leaves left in the street create slip hazards, flooding, clogged drains and can block traffic. If fall leaves are blocking a storm drain in your neighborhood, please rake them aside or bag them up.



1-800-GOT-JUNK picking up an abandoned couch at NE Sandy Blvd & NE 161st

Area Non-profit Micro Village Transitional Shelter Seeks Household Donations



Members assemble micro village shelters providing transitional housing to vulnerable adults ahead of the coming fall weather.

By Lucile Harden
Wilkes East Resident

[Parkrose Community United Church of Christ](#) is proud to be in partnership with [WeShine](#) (Welcoming, Empowering, Safe Habitation Initiative with Neighborhood Engagement), a non-profit providing transitional shelter to vulnerable adults in micro villages with basic hygiene, sanitation, service connections and support while guests await access to permanent affordable housing. [WeShine has just been named the best new nonprofit agency by Portland Magazine.](#)

The [Parkrose Community Village](#) is the first WeShine micro village built in Portland, and it has been a labor of love and partnership between WeShine, Parkrose Community United Church of Christ and the wider community in building the pods. They are looking to build other micro villages in the Portland area.

As a member and leader of the church, I am pleased we have the land to offer WeShine and help make a difference in the lives of unhoused who want resources and be able to move to permanent housing.

The village is currently looking for small appliances to use in their community building such as: a toaster, electric skillet, blender, hot plate, frying pans, utensils, can opener, pots and pans, plates, bowls, silverware, cutting board. If you have any spare items to donate, please contact Lucile Harden at 503-255-1021.

In partnership with other organizations, Parkrose UCC also offers to the micro village and wider community the opportunity for weekly showers, use of washer and dryers, and distribute healthy meals provided by [Feed the Mass](#) three days a week. ■



Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Annual Election of Officers

Join your neighborhood Board. All positions up for election!

To join the Board, simply show up Monday Nov 14th, 7pm and [nominate yourself!](#) Get involved. Make a difference!

Freeze the Grease, Save a Bundle. Keep Fats Out Of The Pipes

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After big holiday meals, no one likes to be stuck doing the clean-up. But if you aren't careful with leftover gravy, pan drip-pings 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.



The solution:

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

Peace, Joy & Happiness

Wishing you Happy Holidays and a New Year filled with prosperity and success.

This holiday season 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.

Have a happy Holiday Season

Save the Date!

**Wilkes East Neighborhood
Fall 2022 Meeting
Monday, November 14th, 7-9PM**

**Columbia View Wesleyan Church
16700 NE Halsey St**

- Gresham Transportation, 172nd
- Gresham Planning, Street Parking
- Gresham CVIPs
- Wilkes East Land Use Update
- 2023 Wilkes East Board Elections

See you there!

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

