



**Wilkes East Neighborhood Association**  
**Public Meeting**  
**November 18, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Kris Freiermuth, President. This Public meeting was held at the Moose Lodge, 16411 NE Halsey St., Portland, OR.

**Roll Call:** Kris Freiermuth, President, Greg Hartung, Land Use; Gail Voge, Secretary; Billy Simmons, Treasurer; Krista, Time Manager and Eric & Robyn Elkay, Members at Large.

Billy Simmons, Treasurer

This is his last meeting as treasurer.

A payment was made to Kris Freiermuth for Zoom. Billy paid for the printing of the WENA's Fall Newsletter.

Kris Freiermuth, President

Elections

Claudette is running for Treasurer  
Janet Unruh is running for Member at Large

Kris introduced the current Board members.

Motion to elect new members and re-elect current Board members. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> and approved.

Ian Alger, Habitat for Humanity

Ian gave us an overview of the work that Habitat for Humanity does in the community. Homes built more affordable, equitable access to homeownership, make vacant, underutilized, and publicly owned land available for affordable housing development.

The new project located on 17640 NE Glisan St., Gresham. Featuring 20 homes with 3, 4, or 5 bedrooms, that will house over 80 people. The community will feature a beautiful green space with mature Douglas Fir trees. These homes will remain affordable for future generations through the community land trust model. Learn more at [habitatatportlandregion.org](http://habitatatportlandregion.org)

Linda Neal, UpRiver Village

UpRiver is not a health Care organization. They support positive aging at home by:



Providing socialization and volunteer services to older adults (55 and older) in Gresham, Troutdale, Fairview and Wood Village. UpRiver Village is an all-volunteer organization that is currently being developed. Once the organization has launched there will be a membership fee.

Some of the services included in membership: Driving to doctors, cultural and educational activities, help with shopping, occasional housekeeping, handyman services and many other services.

If you would like to volunteer go to UpRiver website [uprivervillage.org](http://uprivervillage.org).

Janet Unruh,

Clean Air Action Planning

A kickoff meeting was held at H.B. Lee Middle School and was sponsored by DEQ and Neighbors for Clean Air. The State of Oregon picked several communities to do pilot projects and Rockwood and Wilkes East are two of those areas. They will be looking at all types of pollution and places to put their recording equipment to collect data.

Janet gave a power point presentation giving us a lot of information about the air quality in our area.

You can find more information at [neighborsforcleanair.org/](http://neighborsforcleanair.org/)

Cook Plaza located at 19421 SE Stark St.

The day center will provide many services such as food and beverages, kitchen, showers, storage lockers, case management and many more.

There will be 28 personal shelter pods in an adjoining lot, with 24/7 village-style shelter for up to 42 people.

Rockwood neighbors have begun a petition to relocate the proposed homeless services center. It is just a few blocks from an elementary school.

More information at [johs.us/emergency-shelters/alternative/shelters/echrc](http://johs.us/emergency-shelters/alternative/shelters/echrc)

Janet also gave us an overview of What is an SRO. SRO is a single room occupancy housing unit usually for one person. It could have a shared kitchen and or shared bathroom.

Kris Freiermuth, President

WENA is sponsoring a clean up day that will be located at the Moose Lodge, 16411 NE



Halsey St. on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 from 8 am until 1 pm. Chairs for clean up at Greg Hartung and Eric Elkay. Volunteers needed!

One last note – If you are having any problems with your neighbors contact my Gresham on [greshamoregon.gov](http://greshamoregon.gov) website.

Motion to adjourn. It was seconded and approved.

Adjourn 8:12

Next Public meeting, Monday March 10, 2025

Next Board Meeting, Monday January 13, 2025

Website: [www.wilkeseastna.org](http://www.wilkeseastna.org)

All Board Meetings start at 6:30 pm.

All Public Meetings start at 7:00 pm.

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