

**NEWS BRIEFS**

**New business group organized**

South Portland Neighborhood Association president Ken Love announced that the area will soon have a new neighborhood business association. A kickoff meeting in February drew 30 participants, he said. "This may become the largest business association in southwest," he said. Ross Island Grocery owner Jennifer Daneluk, who attended the session, said, "This area is one of the last to form a business association. It's really exciting."

**Southwest neighborhood coalition to hold candidates fair**

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. will hold a candidates fair beginning at 7 p.m. April 29 at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 S.W. Capitol Highway. SWNI has invited all candidates for

mayor and two soon-to-be-vacated City Council seats. Mayor Tom Potter has declined to run for re-election, Commissioner Erik Sten is resigning, and Commissioner Sam Adams is stepping down in order to run for mayor. Come hear and question the candidates you will select with your votes

**Watershed tower now includes backlit "Hillsdale" sign**

The Watershed tower is now shining thanks to the community around it. Plans for the four-story, 51 unit affordable senior housing project always included backlighting for a sign at the top of its tower.

However, rising construction costs forced Community Partners for Affordable Housing, the project's parent organization, to cut this feature from the budget. At this point the Hillsdale Alliance, Business Association and Neighborhood Association "really stepped up to the plate" and raised \$21,000 for the light, according to Community Partners

spokesperson Tracy Stepp.

The agency pitched in to provide the balance of the payments for the light

and a human-and-dog drinking fountain in front of the facility, at a total cost of \$60,000.



The Hillsdale community raised some \$21,000 to help backlight the "Hillsdale" sign on the Watershed building. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)

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