

Commissioner Fritz presents awards to Southwest community volunteers

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This year the theme was "Our Garden of Volunteers," and small packets of seeds were distributed around tables at the Multnomah Arts Center, as Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) held its Volunteer Recognition Party on June 30 at the Multnomah Arts Center.

Portland City Commissioner Amanda Fritz presented awards to outstanding volunteers nominated by local neighborhood associations and other community groups. This year those so honored were:

Sharon Keast, Arnold Creek Neighborhood Association and NET Team. Audrey Metcalf, Bridlemile Neighborhood Association.

Gary Miniszewski, Ash Creek Neighborhood Association and SWNI Land Use Committee. Darien Reece, Crestwood Neighborhood Association.

Don Baack, Hillsdale Neighborhood Association and Southwest Trails

Committee. Susan Jaeger, Homestead Neighborhood Association.

Maureen Diamond, Collins View Neighborhood Association. Gene Hammond, Far Southwest Neighborhood Association. Gary Hoselton, Hayhurst Neighborhood Association.

Chris and Dianne Mays, Maplewood Neighborhood Association. Lee Buhler and Bill Danneman, South Portland Neighborhood Association.

Dona Hippert, West Portland Park Neighborhood Association. John Gibbon, West Portland Park Neighborhood Association, SWNI Land Use and Transportation committees.

Mike Duffield, Marshall Park Neighborhood Association and Multnomah Historical Association. Mary Verghies, Multnomah Neighborhood Association.

Simone Goldfeder, Southwest Hills Residential League. Lynn and Sam Pearson, South Burlingame Neighborhood Association.

Ken Love, South Portland Neighborhood Association and SWNI Parks



Southwest community volunteers were honored by the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. coalition, June 30, at the Multnomah Arts Center. (Post photo by Lee Perlman)

Committee. Steve Mullinax and Greg Schifsky, Bridlemile Creek Watershed Stewards.

In addition, SWNI presented a Lifetime Achievement award to Keith Claycomb. Although he has moved out of the Homestead neighborhood, he performed faithful volunteer service there for more than 30 years, including several as neighborhood association chair.

Commissioner Fritz, who had served

as a volunteer for 23 years, including 17 in West Portland Park and three on the SWNI Board, before her election to City Council last year, said, "It's good to be home. I learned a lot in my time at SWNI. I know how hard you work day in, day out, year in, year out."

Fritz thanked volunteers for supporting her Right Budget for the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, the principal funder of SWNI. "You helped

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- **COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOP 2**
Tuesday, August 18, 5:30 to 8:30 pm
- **OPEN HOUSE**
Summary prior to HOPE VI grant submittal
Tuesday, October 6, 5:30 to 8:30 pm

Events will be held at Hillsdale Terrace, 6775 SW 26th Avenue (across the street and down the hill from MJCC).

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