

**WEST PORTLAND PARK NOTEBOOK**

By Jillian Daley  
The Southwest Portland Post

Crime, National Night Out, the new Walgreens, elections and park regulations on fishing were among the topics the West Portland Park Neighborhood Association board discussed at its July 12 meeting.

Portland Police Officer Andrew Caspar attended the meeting, held in neighborhood association chairman Bill Dant's backyard, to give neighbors an update on recent crimes in the area:

A 15-year-old male was arrested after a fight among juveniles involving a knife on June 13 at Holly Farm Park, 10819 SW Capitol Highway.

A car was reported stolen on June 16 in the 3800 block of Southwest Comus Street.

A burglary was reported on June 21 in the 10,000 block of Southwest 53rd Avenue.

Caspar asked that neighbors call 9-1-1 to report in-progress crimes and call the public safety non-emergency response line to report suspicious activity: 503-823-3333.

"Call, it's free," he said. "You pay your taxes. You have high property taxes in this area."

Board member Sarah Jane Owens gave her report on parks, telling the board that Portland Parks & Recreation had recently designated a few parks as acceptable places to fish: Kelley Point Park, Cathedral Park, Sellwood Riverfront Park, Powers Marine Park and Vera Katz Eastbank Esplanade.

Transportation issues the board touched on included traffic con-

cerns about the Walgreens being constructed at the intersection of Southwest Capitol Highway and Barbur Boulevard, abutting an entrance ramp to and an exit ramp from Interstate 5.

Owens said she hopes the new Walgreens is successful but is concerned that it will cause congestion when it opens later this year.

"I just believe there's going to end up being back-ups on I-5," she said.

The neighborhood association board also discussed its plans for celebrating National Night Out. The neighborhood is holding its event 2-4 p.m. Aug. 5 at Southwest Comus Street and 35th Avenue. Attendees are invited to bring a dish

and something to grill.

In September, the board will hold elections. The board was not certain whose term was expiring and so elected a nominating committee to sort out the details.

Imtiaz Khan, president of the Islamic Center of Portland, told the board that there would be more traffic around the mosque, 10323 SW 43rd Ave.

Ramadan, a holiday during which Muslims fast during the day and pray late into the night, began July 20 and continues for the next 30 days.

"If there is any issue, please contact me," Khan said. Khan's email address is president@assaber.com.



Sarah Jane Owens reads a press release about designated fishing sites in city parks during the West Portland Park board meeting while Mike Langtry and Imtiaz Khan listen. (Post photo by Jillian Daley)

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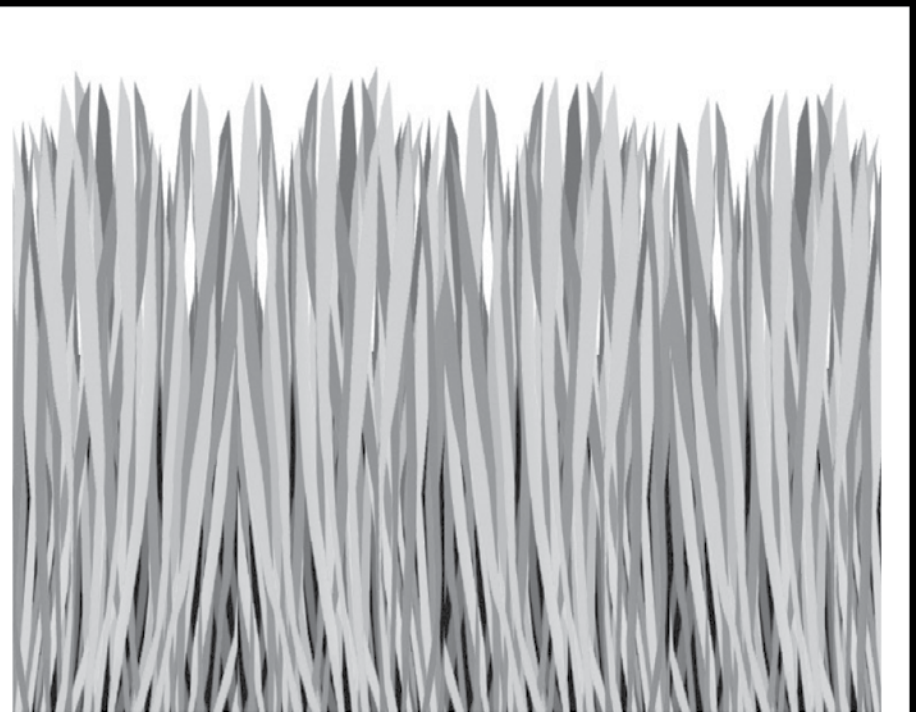
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