COMMUNITY LIFE

By Don Snedecor The Southwest Portland Post

9 Multnomah Neighborhood Association meets again on Tuesday, October 9, at 7:00 p.m. at the Multnomah Center, Room 30, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Find out the low-down about the upcoming Multnomah Boulevard sidewalk and bike lane project. For more information, please contact Moses Ross, chair, 503-309-7985 or email mnachair@ gmail.com.

10 Neighborhood Small Grants are available once again. Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.'s share this year is \$10,020. The funds, distributed to the seven district coalitions by the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement, are available to community organizations for special projects. SWNI will hold a workshop for potential grant applicants on Wednesday, October 10 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Multnomah Center, 7688 SW Capitol Highway. Applications are due November 5. For more information, visit www.swni. org/grants.

SWNI Candidates Debate will at 7:00 p.m. in the Multnomah Center Auditorium, 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. The debate will feature candidates Jeffferson Smith and Charlie Hales, who are in the runoff for Portland Mayor. Candidates Amanda Fritz (incumbent) and Mary Nolan are in the runoff for Portland City Commissioner. For more information call 503-823-4592 or visit www.swni.org.

29 Spirit of Portland Awards will be presented by members of the Portland City Council in a ceremony beginning at 7 p.m. October 29 at the Double Tree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St.

Ashcreek Neighborhood Association (Neighborhood Of The Year) is being recognized for devising a formula acceptable to all parties for providing traffic calming on Southwest Garden Home Road; for working with the Crestwood neighborhood on improvements to Woods Park and the intersection of Southwest Taylors Ferry Road and Capitol Highway; for creating a Good Neighbor Agreement with a new sports bar; for creating a memorial fund in honor of the late Patty Lee; and other accomplishments.

Southwest resident Bruce Murray (Community Stewardship) is another winner. He has served as board chair of CASH Oregon, which works with AARP and others to help low income individuals secure federal tax refunds they are entitled to. He has also volunteered with Friends of Marquam Park, and helped secure funding for the Southwest Trails Committee's 4T Trail.

Sixth Annual Halloween in the Village is Wednesday, October 31 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Last year more than 1200 little goblins raided the Village, so this year Portland Police will be directing traffic. Start at Starbucks (SW 34th and Capitol Hwy) to pick up your walking map. Finish across the street for a special treat from Dr. Jensen's Multnomah Village Dental Care. Parents are encouraged to dress up. Costume contest with prizes, \$5 photos to benefit Neighborhood House on the Harvest Stage. Visit www.multnomahvillage. org for more information.

Lee Perlman contributed to this calendar

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Remember the Golden Rule when driving along neighborhood streets

I see that the city is going ahead to change the speed signs and reduce the speeds in many Portland neighborhoods. Many neighborhoods have asked for and received traffic calming techniques already.

Some southwest streets have electronic signs that tell you what the posted speed is and how fast you are going.

Our neighborhood street happens to be a main arterial and therefore cannot have traffic calming due to the needs of emergency vehicles.

A large percentage of cars blow right through the stop sign near my home and almost all speed on this neighborhood

I requested one of those electronic speed signs but was told that there are no funds. Furthermore, the police told me that they couldn't enforce the speed on my street because there is no place to hide!

So, I am asking all the residents of neighborhoods who have benefit of speed calming options to stop speeding on ALL streets!

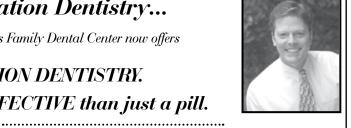
You want me to drive slowly past your house and residents of my neighborhood street would like the same courtesy. Think about it!

Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen Multnomah

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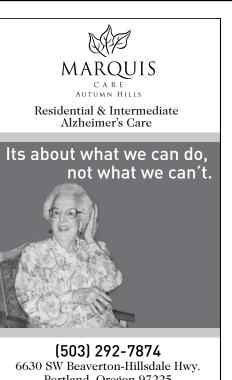
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