

# Wilson High School principal shares plan to replace stadium turf

## HILLSDALE NOTEBOOK

By Jillian Daley  
The Southwest Portland Post

The new Wilson High School principal shared the plan for the school stadium with members of the Hillsdale Neighborhood Association at its Sept. 5 meeting.

Principal Brian Chatard said the plan is to replace the grass in the stadium with synthetic, all-weather turf. Having turf instead of grass would open up the field to winter sports, be low-maintenance and conserve water, Chatard said. The turf would last 20 years.

The Wilson Fields Improvement

Project, a subcommittee of the Wilson Boosters, intends to meet its \$1.2 million investment fundraising goal by May 2013, completing the project by August 2013. For more information on the fundraising effort, go to [www.wilsonfields.org](http://www.wilsonfields.org).

Chatard also told Hillsdale neighbors last month that he was impressed with the large showing of volunteers who helped beautify his school during the Community Service Day in August.

He said he supports partnering with the community and always is looking for volunteers. He added that he wouldn't mind some help keeping an eye on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders who eat at the food carts set up at the entrance to the school. Although underclassmen are not usually allowed to have lunch off campus, Chatard is permitting them to eat at the food carts while under supervision.

### Committee to prioritize sidewalk repair list

Transportation Committee chairman Glenn Bridger invited the community to weigh in at a committee meeting

on Sept. 18 about which sidewalks they'd like to see prioritized to be repaired.

Bridger said extended shoulders might be another option where a sidewalk is not financially feasible.

At this month's committee meeting, he plans to finalize the priority sidewalks list, which he will present to the neighborhood association in November or December. Once the list is approved, Bridger plans to present it to the city for consideration.

For more information, email [gbridger@teleport.com](mailto:gbridger@teleport.com).

### Funds available for Main Street improvements

Hillsdale Main Street design committee co-chairman Richard Garfinkle said there is \$20,000 in Main Street funding

available to business and property owners for storefront improvements, \$10,000 of which must be used for lighting improvements.

There also could be an additional \$30,000 grant from State Farm for storefront improvements. For more information, contact Hillsdale Main Street executive director Megan Braunsten 503-896-9211 or [meganb@hillsdale-mainstreet.org](mailto:meganb@hillsdale-mainstreet.org).



Ninth-graders in teacher Alicia Provost's physical education class played touch football in the grass at the Wilson High School stadium on September 27. Students will be able to play on the field year-round once artificial turf is installed. (Post photo by Jillian Daley)

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