

# Southwest coalition awards 12 small neighborhood grants

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Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. last month awarded a total of \$10,585 to 12 projects under the Neighborhood Grants program.

The funds, allocated from the City of Portland's General Fund through the Office of Neighborhood Involvement, are distributed through SWNI and the City's six other neighborhood offices and coalitions.

They are awarded to neighborhood associations and other community groups for projects that are likely to "increase the capacity" of the organization, encourage partnerships, and encourage participation by "under-represented communities."

The winners were selected from among 22 applicants requesting a total of \$20,325. All but two of the grants were for less than the amount requested. The grants were as follows:

Neighborhood House: \$1,500 for operation of the Jackson SUN School program. Home Forward: \$536 for a National Night Out celebration at Ruth Haefner Plaza.

Multnomah Arts Center: \$1,465 for a performance by the Shakespeare Liberation Army as senior entertainment and outreach.

Multnomah Neighborhood Association and Friends of Spring Garden Park: \$550 for "People in the Park," a variety of events intended to encourage use of the park.

Maplewood Neighborhood Association: \$775 for "Arf in the Park," an effort to make dog owners stewards of April Hill Park through social activities.

Tryon Creek Watershed Council: \$650 for a day of volunteer restoration work.

Mary Rieke Elementary School: \$1,829 for their Outdoor Classroom.

The classroom will include seating beneath a shelter, rain barrels and a hanging vegetable garden. Volunteers and other grant dollars will help support the project.

South Burlingame Neighborhood Association: \$410 for a National Night Out celebration.

Bridlemile Neighborhood Association: \$400 for a movie night at Hamilton Park. Homestead Neighborhood Association: \$220 for parks preservation and a National Night Out celebration.

Marshall Park Neighborhood Association: \$1,500 toward restoration of playground equipment to Marshall Park. Crestwood Neighborhood Association: \$750 for movies at Dickinson Park.

This may be the last year during which grants are available. Mayor Charlie Hales has called for all bureaus to recommend 10 percent cuts to their budgets, and the Grant Program is a potential target for such cuts.

Jillian Daley contributed to this story.

## HILLSDALE NOTEBOOK

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### MJCC sportsplex receives nod

Mittleman Jewish Community Center representatives sought support for a letter the group wishes to submit to the city to extend the temporary permit for the Sportsplex at 6651 SW Capitol Hwy.

The 22,000-square foot, climate-controlled indoor sports facility also is called the Bubble. The community center got unanimous support for its permit renewal.

"They're a good neighbor, and we

want to support them," Apenes said.

### Chili cook-off Feb. 6 at The Watershed

In other business at the meeting, Apenes announced that the neighborhood association is hosting a chili cook-off at 6:30 p.m., just before the group's 7 p.m. Feb. 6 meeting.

Anyone can bring their prized chili to the event, held at The Watershed at Hillsdale, 6388 SW Capitol Hwy.

The meeting agenda will include Oregon Department of Transportation's planned reconstruction of the Vermont Street and Newbury Street bridges along Barbur Boulevard.

### Work party Feb. 28 at George Himes Park

Fred Meyer employees, neighbors and Parks & Recreation staffers are teaming up for a work party at George Himes Park to remove invasive species such as ivy.

The first shift of the Feb. 28 event is 9 a.m. to noon and the next is 1 to 4 p.m. at the 32-acre park, with volunteers meeting at Terwilliger Boulevard and Nebraska Street.

Closed-toed shoes and rain gear are recommended. Gloves and tools will be provided. For more information, email Don Baack, baack@q.com.

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