

COMMUNITY LIFE

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6 Multnomah Historical Association will hold their monthly board meeting on Monday, Jan. 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Offices, first floor conference room, 2929 SW Multnomah Blvd. Open to the public. More information is available at www.multnomahhistorical.com.

8 Hillsdale Neighborhood Association will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 8, at the Watershed Building, community room, 6388 SW Capitol Hwy (at Bertha Court in Hillsdale). Visit www.swni.org or call 503-823-4592 for more information.

15 William Stafford Centennial Celebration: The Oregon Poet Laureate’s works will be read and birthday cake will be served. Wednesday, Jan. 15, 7:00-9:00 p.m., at Annie Bloom’s Books, 7834 SW Capitol Hwy. Hosted by Susan McKee Reese, Friends of William Stafford board member. Feel free to bring a favorite William Stafford poem to share. For more information visit www.annieblooms.com. Note: this is just one of a number of events throughout the year celebrating the 100th birthday of Stafford.

25 Researching your house history: Have you ever wondered about the history of your house, apartment, church or other building? Whether you’re looking for documentation for historic status or are just plain inquisitive, tracing a property’s history and learning about the people who have lived there can be a fascinating and fulfilling project.

Join the Multnomah Historical Association and the Multnomah County Library to learn how to research the architectural and historical facts about your home. Saturday, Jan. 25, 3:00-4:00 p.m. at the Hillsdale Library, 1525 SW Sunset Blvd, 503-988-5388.



Neighbors deal with water tower property, energy efficiency, traffic calming

The January meeting of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Multnomah Arts Center, Room 30. Our December meeting was held on Tuesday, Dec. 10 and the highlights of that meeting are below.

Freeman Water Tower property

A report was given by members of the MNA sub-committee working on the Freeman Water Tower property sale. They report that neighbors working to stop the pending sale of the Freeman Water Tank are gathering at the property located at 8625 SW 42nd Ave on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. until the issue is resolved. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. They also report that the sub-committee has successfully completed the fiscal sponsorship application process with SW Neighbors, Inc. (SWNI), which means that they are able to accept donations toward their legal fees and that those donations are tax-deductible. The SWNI fiscal sponsorship account is very specific for their potential legal fees and required contingencies for the use of the money in the case the legal fees are met or no longer needed. The application was reviewed and approved by the SWNI board and is managed by the MNA chair and SWNI. As of Dec. 15, there was over \$5000 in donations and a retainer of \$5000 was sent to the designated lawyer, Kristian Roggendorf.

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Clean Energy Works Oregon

A non-profit group, Clean Energy Works Oregon made a presentation to discuss how their group helps local homeowners with home energy efficiency. The group works with homeowners to assess the energy efficiency of their homes and then works with them through local contractors to make the necessary improvements to resolve those issues. In addition, they have graciously made to members of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association a special offer: for anyone who applies with code CENPMU, and completes a project in 2014, Clean Energy Works will donate \$50 back to the neighborhood association. So we encourage interested Multnomah homeowners to visit their website at www.cewo.org to learn more and to determine eligibility.

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to City Commissioner Steve Novick, to express our concerns with the speed of traffic at two points. The first area is the downhill straight section as you drive south into the Village near Southwest Texas Street. The West Hills Preschool located along this strip has reported many near-accidents (and one actual accident) involving parents picking up children. The second area is the downhill section of Capitol Highway as you drive north into the Village at the intersection of Southwest 40th Avenue. There is a fork in the road to allow traffic to turn onto 40th Avenue and due to inadequate warning signage, there have been numerous accidents reported. Wording changes were suggested and applied and the letters will be sent by the end of the year. In addition, members suggested that these letters be sent for review to the SWNI Transportation Committee and to ask for their assistance and advocacy with these problem areas.

Omanski elected Vice Chair

Many thanks to Beth Omanski, who was appointed via acclamation as the Vice Chair of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association. We now have three of the four MNA board positions filled (chair, vice-chair and secretary). The treasurer’s position is still vacant and any local resident interested in the position should contact your chair prior to our January meeting.

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