

Thieves steal trees and shrubs from gardens in Multnomah Village

By Erik Vidstrand
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There have been some recent thefts of trees and shrubbery along SW Capitol Hwy. in the Multnomah Village area.

Portland Police Officer Dan Spiegel reported that there was a theft of a tree at a home on the 7400 block of Southwest Capitol Highway.

This occurred during the night of May 17 or early the morning of May 18. An apple tree was removed from the back of the home. The tree was not recently planted.

While taking the report, Spiegel learned that some shrubbery was also stolen from the front of a couple of other homes in the area.

Four bamboo trees that had recently been planted were also stolen from the side of an office building located at 7600 SW Capitol Hwy. during the weekend of May 10-11.

If you hear that someone was the victim of this kind of theft, please encourage them to report it. They can call the non-emergency number to the police at 503-823-3333 or they can report it online at www.portlandoregon.gov/police/cor.

"It's important to report all incidents of crime," Stefanie Adams, crime prevention coordinator for Southwest Portland said, "That way we'll have statistics which reflect trends in crime and the police officers are made aware of

problems in the neighborhood."

Adams offered some additional prevention tips.

Call the police when you observe suspicious activity in your neighborhood. If what you see appears to be an immediate threat to life or property or a crime in progress, call 9-1-1.

If not, call the non-emergency number to the police at (503) 823-3333.

"When in doubt start with 9-1-1," Officer Spiegel stressed. "The more you know about your neighbors and the routines of the neighborhood, including businesses, the more readily you will be able to identify suspicious behavior."

Make sure that there is adequate

and even lighting around your property. If neighbors or passerby cannot observe activity occurring on your property, they will not be able to get involved and call the police if there are problems.

Motion detector lighting is an effective option; many systems allow you to set the distance of activation, which can be set to edge of your property.

Some people may be motivated to take further steps to prevent theft of vegetation. There is a website that provides some ideas: www.thecrimepreventionwebsite.com.

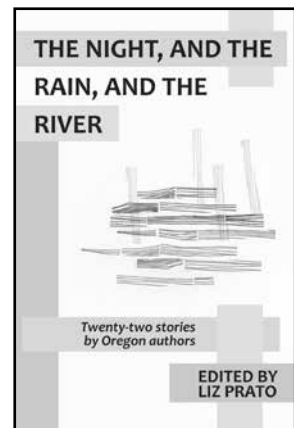
For more information on crime prevention, please check out the city's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/portlandcrimeprevention.

Oregon short story writers coming to Multnomah Village for reading

By Lee Braymen-Cleary
The Southwest Portland Post

If you support Oregon writers—not to mention local small presses—mark your calendars for Thursday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. Annie Bloom's Books (7834 SW Capitol Hwy) in Multnomah Village will host four such writers who read from their works.

Readers will include Jan Baross of Southwest Portland, Gail Gartley of Bend, Steve Denniston of Southeast Portland, and Jackie Shannon Hollis of Aloha.



Each writer is affiliated with the new small press, Forest Avenue Press. Their work will appear in the Hillsdale press's anthology *The Night, and the*

Rain, and the River, a collection of 22 short stories edited by Multnomah Village resident Liz Prato, and, of course, written by Oregonians.

Forest Avenue Press offers this collection in part because it acquired a 2014 Oregon Literary Fellowship. Not a bad accomplishment for a young organization striving to make its mark among larger and more established presses.

Laura Stanfill, press founder and Southwest Portland resident, is justifiably proud of her two year-old establishment. "We've seen amazing reviews, blurbs, and newspaper coverage for our work, including recently being included in the May cover story by *Portland Monthly*, "100 Reasons to Love Portland."

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Drinking water systems, especially unfiltered systems like Portland, need to routinely clean the network of pipes to improve water quality. The Portland Water Bureau uses Unidirectional Flushing (UDF) to scour and clean the insides of the pipes.

What you can expect to see:

- **UDF works** by forcing water in the pipes to flow at much higher speeds than normal. Flushing crews first open and close valves to isolate sections of pipe, and then the water and any sediments in the pipes are flushed out through an open fire hydrant. You may see lots of water gushing from an open hydrant.
- **During flushing**, residents in the immediate vicinity of flushing may notice temporarily discolored water and lower than normal water pressure. The discoloration does not pose a health risk. However, avoid using tap water or running the washing machine or dishwasher until your water runs clear. After flushing, if you still experience discolored water, turn on each cold water faucet in your house and allow them to run for several minutes or until the water is clear.

Flushing usually occurs 9:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

Call the Portland Water Bureau Water Line from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at **503-823-7525** with any questions or to report ongoing water quality problems. For more information, updates, and maps, visit: www.portlandoregon.gov/water/udf.



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THE CITY'S NEW COMPREHENSIVE PLAN WILL INCLUDE LAND USE CHANGES TO CREATE A HEALTHIER, SAFER, MORE CONNECTED CITY.



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www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/mapapp



Through the interactive Map App, you can view proposed land use changes, read more about the project, add your name to the mailing list and give feedback. You'll also see where and how development will be guided over time, and what's proposed in your neighborhood.

Share feedback with the Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) starting July 21.

Informational open houses in July and early September will help Portlanders understand the proposal and prepare testimony. After considering public testimony, the PSC will forward a Recommended Plan to City Council in early 2015.

Visit www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/pdxcompplan or call 503-823-7700.



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