

# METROPOLITAN

## Neighborhoods hold city-mega-picnic

by Lanita Duke

**GRASSROOT NEWS, N. W.** — Neighborhood Associations throughout Portland will celebrate their second decade of neighborhood activism at a city-wide picnic, Thursday, August 23rd, from 6 to 10 at Laurelhurst Park, located at S.E. 39th and Stark.

Sarah Newhall, director of the Office of Neighborhood Associations, said the premise of neighborhood associations improving the quality of life has been successful.

"Our purpose is to increase citizen participation at the neighborhood level and its interaction with city government," she added.

By establishing a communication link, Newhall said, residents are able to voice their concerns about land use planning, prostitution, street repair, community clean-up and traffic safety.

One service Newhall proudly points to is neighborhood mediation. Emanuel Paris, service



Sarah Newhall  
(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

center director, stated the mediation program enhances neighborhood associations by resolving conflicts in a way fair to both parties.

"We mediate conflicts surrounding civil and criminal complaints, noise and animal control, lifestyle

differences and landlord-tenant disputes."

Paris said, last year, 1,082 complaints were mediated. "There is no fee and we are just a phone call away, 284-2829."

The Neighborhood Association is undergoing changes as they accommodate growth within the City. Newhall expects the East County annexation to add 125,000 new neighbors. Also, a central Northeast office will open up in the Rose City area to serve the outlying Northeast.

"Commissioner Jordan has been extremely supportive and we expect to make progress in the next couple of years," she said.

The neighborhood picnic will reflect on the association's past, celebrate the present, and plan for the future.

Edna Robertson, coordinator of the Northeast Neighborhood office, said, "I would like to see everyone come and get to know each other. This way, we can become a strong district and talk about issues and

concerns that effect us, as well as learning about other districts."

A highlight of the picnic will be a challenge volleyball game between the offices of Commissioners Lindberg, Jordan and Strachan. A fortune teller will also be on hand. In predicting the future of neighborhood associations, a clairvoyant would have to say, "Everything's coming up roses."

### Senior clinic sets Rock-a-Thon

The Volunteers of America Senior Clinic will benefit from a "ROCK-A-THON" on Friday, August 17th, at Laurelhurst Park. From 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., concerned friends, including Senator Mark Hatfield and Congressman Ron Wyden, plan to rock in rocking chairs for pledged donations. Those interested in the "ROCK-A-THON" or the free picnic can call 232-4117 for more information.

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KBOO Radio's programming charter

by Lanita Duke

**GRASSROOT NEWS, N. W.** — The Afro-American programming strip disc jockeys and their supporters held a pre-emptive communication strike which held KBOO's Board of Directors to their charter at Monday night's board meeting.

Sixty residents attended the meeting and joined with members of the strip, demanding "No change" in Black programming as it is currently aired. The S.O.S. sent by programmers was the last phase of an ongoing battle with the Board and the administration as the programming committee geared itself up to make programming changes.

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