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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

November-December 2007

NOVEMBER GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

THURSDAY, Nov. 1, 7-9 pm
Fire Station Conference Room, 2nd Floor
(Enter on the parking lot side of the building.)

Neighborhood Development Plans & MNA Officer Nominations

Tom Louris of Architects Van Lom Group will discuss plans for property in the neighborhood. Also, we will be accepting nominations for Neighborhood Association officers and steering committee members. Please join us!

From the Chair...

A funny thing happened the other night as I sat listening to a small group of teenagers discussing current events over a cup of coffee. One of the group was mentioning that her birthday was coming up and the most exciting thing about it was that she would be able to vote.

Imagine that, a girl 18 years old and the best thing about her birthday was that she could vote. I was surprised and excited. Was there a move afoot to re-involve our children into the political process? Have we been teaching civics in school again? Is it possible that our children have become less self-absorbed and are actually interested in the world around them, at least interested enough to make their concerns known at the polls?

Perhaps they have decided that they need to get involved as a generation to stop the onslaught of Mother Earth, to help clear the air, stop the deterioration of the ozone layer, keep entire populations from being slaughtered. I personally don't know what is re-igniting their passion to vote, but I for one am ecstatic.

Perhaps we should all take this to heart and remind ourselves that it is our duty as American Citizens to vote, decisions must be made and we as a neighborhood can have a say in how our city, county and state develop. **Make your opinion and your vote count.**

Tim Powell, Chair

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MNA Meeting Dates

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JULY.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETS EVERY OTHER MONTH. ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND STEERING MEETINGS.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- November 1, 2007
- January 3, 2008
- March 6, 2008

TIME: 7 PM

LOCATION: FIRE STATION CONFERENCE ROOM, 2ND FLOOR

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- December 6, 2007
- February 7, 2008
- April 3, 2008

TIME: 7 PM

LOCATION: NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OFFICE, FIRE STATION, LOWER LEVEL. ENTRANCE ON 7TH STREET.

www.mnaoc.org

Land Use Report

As of press time, the following items are pending:

HRB 07-07- Public Plaza: City staff attended the October 5th Steering Committee meeting and reviewed seven options for the plaza redesign proposal. The public plaza is currently the landscaped area between the historic Fire Station and the historic 100F building on 7th Street. Several suggestions were reviewed and staff was to go back and make the recommended changes. The final proposal will be reviewed at the October 23rd Historic Review Board Meeting. A report will be given at the November MNA meeting.

CU 07-03- House of Myrrh Ministries-1104 Sixth Street: The applicants have requested a continuation of their public hearing. The continuance is to allow the applicant time to provide a Traffic Study for review in order to determine impacts of the Conditional Use on the local transportation system. The submitted indicate a number of concerns with the proposed attendees at the location.

HRB 07-13 520 Monroe Street: This is a request that is pending for an after the fact installation of non-compatible windows in a designated historic landmark, the Kent R. Wilson House. The public hearing is scheduled for November.

SP 07-XX- 615 Eighth Street: The agreed upon plan (neighbors, city staff and the MNA) for the screening the mechanical equipment was changed while staff was on vacation. Resolution is pending regarding the outcome of this change.

Restaurant Review

Have you been wondering where else to eat in downtown besides McMenamins? Well look no further than Mi Familia located at the corner of 7th and Main streets. It is a place for you to try.

This family-run operation makes pizza like you have never had before. The wood-fired oven and the freshest ingredients make for great pizza, calzones and lasagnas. They also serve salads and great desserts. Whatever your appetite, from small to large, there is sure to be something for you.

Open six days a week, they hope to open on Sundays beginning in November.

Mi Familia
701 Main Street

Downtown Oregon City

Hours:

11 am to 10 pm Monday through Thursday

11 am to 11 pm Friday and Saturday

Vote Yes For Fire Annexation

It is not an easy job being a City Commissioner. Making decisions for the future of a city are never as easy in foresight as in hindsight. The bad news is that 5 years ago, when elected officials, management and the folks from Clackamas County Fire District #1 (CCFD) signed our current emergency and fire services contract, it was too much of a compromise from all parties involved. The City didn't have the money then to pay the going rate for fire services — always hoping they could pencil in that gap in future budgets — and CCFD was equally optimistic and underestimated just how difficult a task that would be for Oregon City.

Compounding the problem has been the passage of statewide ballot measures that limited how cities can earn their revenues and the surge in Oregon City's population growth. That has left us in our current crisis: CCFD canceled their contract with Oregon City, leaving the City only one choice — pay the going rate other cities served by the Fire District pay, or go without fire service.

Now for the good news. Yes, there is good news. We, that means both you and I, have a chance to fix this situation - and permanently. However, it takes courage and some money to step up to the plate and pay for our fair share for emergency fire and rescue services. Annexing (joining) Clackamas County Fire District is the best option possible for Oregon City.

As a resident of the McLoughlin Neighborhood and a homeowner of an 80-year-old house, I know just how important this issue is. The solid wood framing that we are so proud of in our historic homes goes up in minutes when there is a fire. Seconds count, fast response times are critical.

Vote Yes on Measure 3-274. Keep your home — and your neighbors' homes — safe!

— Daphne Wuest, City Commissioner

Officer Nominations

At the November meeting, nominations will be accepted for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. The vote will be held at our January 3 meeting. Terms are one year.

A few hours a month is all it takes to make your neighborhood a better place!

Neighborhood Events

At the McLoughlin House

Bonnet Making

Saturday, November 17

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

See how the lovely headwear of the 1800s was created!

Candlelight Tour Open House

Saturday, December 1

4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Learn about the types of Parlour games that were played during Dr. McLoughlin's time. Refreshments will be available in the Barclay House.

The McLoughlin House is a unit of Fort Vancouver National Historic Site 713 Center Street, Oregon City, OR (503) 656-5146

Holiday Parlour Tour

Ten Historic Sites

Saturday, December 15,

11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Tour of 10 historic sites, including the McLoughlin House, that will be decked out in their holiday best.

Tickets are \$20 and available for pre-sale at Oregon City Antique Company starting October 20, 2007, Sponsored by the Historic Oregon City Coordinating Committee & the Old Home Forum. Contact the Oregon City Antique Company for ticket information at 503-655-0393.