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New historic district improvements for Irvington homeowners



The ICA's Historic Preservation Committee announces new design review fees for Portland's historic districts — including Irvington. *Learn more on page 5.*

We're working for our neighborhood — here's how

by Steven Cole, ICA President

In addition to serving as President of the ICA, I serve as Vice-President of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN) and I interact with all 12 of the neighborhoods which make up the coalition. Some neighborhoods are more active than others. Without a doubt, the ICA is second to none as a proactive involved neighborhood association and has had a number of positive impacts on our neighborhood.

Several years ago, an unsightly cell-phone tower was proposed for 24th and Stanton in the Irvington/Alameda overlap. The ICA passed resolutions and provided substantial money to hire an architectural consultant to assist in combatting the tower. With the ICA's support, and likely the assistance of the historic district status, we were able to defeat the proposed cell tower.



Our Historic Preservation Committee lobbies for homeowners and smart construction practices to preserve our neighborhood.

The ICA has donated between \$17,000 to \$20,000 in each of the three years I have been on the board. Last year the ICA gave \$18,000 to approximately 15 different charities, including neighborhood schools serving children ranging from preschoolers to high school students.

After neighbors on 23rd street notified the ICA that they were having difficulty in getting the Madeline Parish to alter their newly installed lights that were shining through the homeowners' windows, the ICA assisted the neighbors in finding a solution. While the Alameda Neighborhood Association spoke in favor of allowing the continued use of the lights at a Landmarks Commission meeting, the ICA spoke on behalf of neighbors and their concerns. The Landmarks Commission

ordered the lights to be removed from the historical part of the building and that the lights on the newer building be altered so that they did not shine through the neighbors' windows. After approximately 10 months, the lights were finally removed.



For years, the ICA has been active in our local parks, funding playground equipment and other improvement projects.

Along with a Grant Park representative, the Irvington representative to NECN Land Use and Transportation Committee advocated for sending a letter to reduce the speed limit on Knott Street so that children would be better protected while crossing the street. Despite the Alameda representative stating that he rarely saw anyone speeding on Knott Street, the NECN sent a recommendation to the city that the speed limit be changed and the city installed new signs in late summer.



Funds raised from ICA's annual Irvington Home Tour were used to support a variety of neighborhood nonprofits.

In addition, here is a sampling of things the ICA has worked on in recent years:

- Encouraged PPS to reconsider their initial re-boundary plans and in helping to mitigate the school re-boundary issue involving Alameda, Sabin and Irvington so that the impact on families would be minimized.
- Actively opposed the Columbia River Crossing highway expansion boondoggle. As part of its opposition, the ICA donated thousands of dollars to be used to support NECN's legal challenges to the mega-highway project.
- Actively cooperated with the Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association regarding the Broadway Corridor which runs between our two neighborhoods by attending several discussions involving plans for the corridor.
- Was actively involved with the NE Quadrant plan and was a dissenting voice in regard to the Oregon Department of Transportation's desire to widen I-5 through Portland.
- Donated a substantial amount of money and actively assisting in installing a water playground in Irving Park.
- Worked with the city to initiate the installation of an historic Benson Bubbler at 15th and Broadway.
- Improved the playground at Irvington Elementary.
- Assisted Sabin Community Association with efforts to install a safe pedestrian crossing at 9th and Fremont.
- Worked to lower design review fees and streamlining the design review process for people seeking modifications in the historic district.
- Formed a committee to look at potential future capital projects for the neighborhood, including improvements at Irving Park and the Klickitat Mall.
- Continue to run one of the most successful clean-up days of any neighborhood association.
- Schedule two very successful Movies in the Park nights at Irving Park each year.
- Provided Irvington Farmers Market with a start-up loan so that we could have a neighborhood farmers market.
- Funded a guidebook created by the Architectural Heritage Center on windows and weatherization for older homes. Check it out at www.visitahc.org.
- Continue to operate the Irvington Home Tour to sellout capacity, raising funds for neighborhood projects and increase appreciation for historic inner-city neighborhoods.
- Donated money to the renovation of the Madeleine sports Field of Dreams project
- Donated money for the installation of a new football field and track for Grant High School.
- Finally, the ICA has worked with developers, realtors, businesses and homeowners to assist in problem solving as they work with city bureaus on issues from neighborhood policing to getting permits to filing complaints.

That is a record that few, if any, neighborhood associations can match. While I am extremely proud of the ICA's accomplishments, I think we can do even more. And with your assistance, we will.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Steven Cole

Hi, my name is Steven Cole and I am the new president of the Irvington Community Association (ICA), one of the most active neighborhood associations in the city of Portland. I joined the ICA a little over three years ago after getting involved in keeping a cell phone tower out of our neighborhood. I had followed the ICA prior to that, but I had not become involved despite being very engaged in an historical neighborhood association in another city.

Like many Portlanders I am a transplant. My family and I moved here from Denver, Colorado simply because we wanted to live in Portland. I had read a number of books on urban and neighborhood development as well as transportation planning. Because of my interest and our interest in the Pacific Northwest in general, my wife, Phaedra, and I visited several times before moving here. Since joining the ICA, I have also become involved in the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN), where I currently serve as First Vice-President. In addition, I serve as a board member of the Port of Portland Citizen's Advisory Committee. Our children attend(ed) Alameda Elementary, Beaumont Middle School, and Grant High School. I have been involved in a number of issues involving transportation and urban/neighborhood planning.

When I joined the ICA board, I remarked that I would have become involved earlier, but I assumed that because this was Portland, the board was probably several levels deep with volunteers and did not need my help. While, the ICA has one of the most active and strongest boards of any Portland neighborhood associations, I was wrong in thinking that they could not use more assistance. It could benefit from increased participation then, and it can benefit from greater participation today.

As the new president of the Irvington Community Association, I invite you to get active in your neighborhood association. With each individual participant and differing perspective, our neighborhood is made stronger. The ICA works on a number of varying issues. It has advocated for neighborhood schools, participated in transportation and city planning discussions, and donated thousands of dollars to charities each year. It hears neighbor concerns about crime, bike lanes, dog owners, noise from neighboring bars, parks, and every issue imaginable. And, of course, the ICA implemented a historic district to protect our homes from the demolitions, pop-tops, and replacement of modest homes with much larger and more expensive homes that is occurring in Alameda and other surrounding neighborhoods. At present, we would gladly accept contributions to our quarterly newsletter and our new website which should be up and running soon. Basically, there is something of interest for everyone.

The ICA is made up of differing perspectives. The more perspectives we add, and the more volunteers we get to address the issues affecting our homes, our apartments, our businesses, our citizens, our streets and our parks, the stronger we will be as a neighborhood. If you want to get involved, whether to assist with issues currently being worked on, or an issue which you think needs to be addressed, I would encourage you to attend our board meetings, every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Irvington School Library. You don't have to be a board member. Everyone is welcome to attend meetings and everyone gets to weigh in on matters being discussed or bring up matters that they think should be addressed.

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The ICA meets on the second Thursday of every month (except July and August), 7 p.m. at the Irvington Elementary School, 1320 NE Brazee St.

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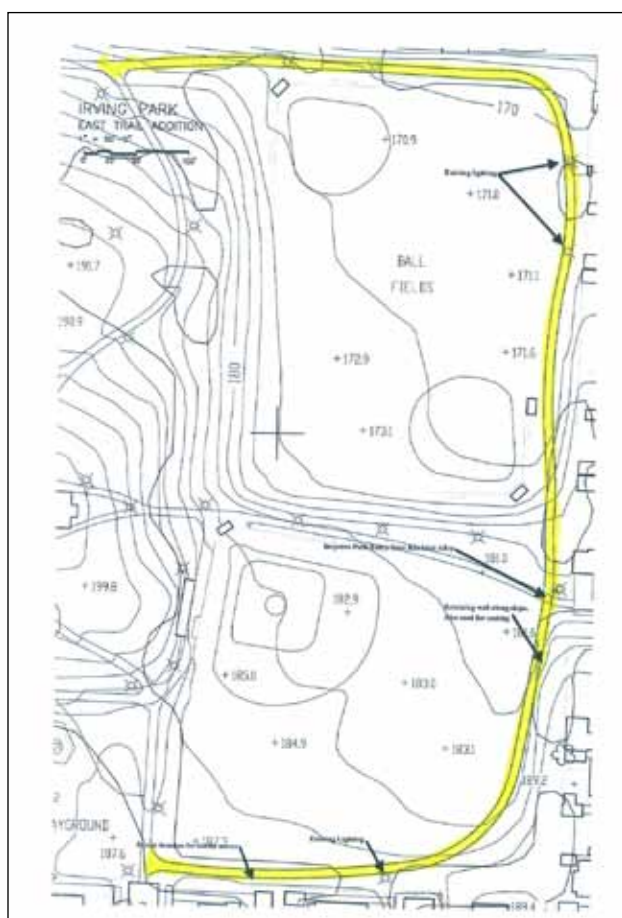
New project: Irving Park perimeter path

by Jeff Jones, ICA Treasurer and Parks Committee Co-Chair

Something strange happens when you enter Irving Park from 9th Avenue. You are directed straight towards the middle of the Park where you can either choose to continue north or turn west and continue around the perimeter. When you reach the north side along Fremont, the walk suddenly ends.

There is no “going around” the park, unless of course, you wish to walk on dirt and grass. Many people do just that — walk or jog their way along the perimeter of the east side of the park. Come the rainy season, friends and parents slosh across the grass and slide around on muddy turf to watch kids play soccer, frisbee and other sports.

It wasn't planned this way. Early blueprints mined from the City archives show that Irving Park was redesigned as part of the Model Cities grant back in 1972. A pathway is shown encircling the entire park and ballfields.



Elegant lighting fixtures were spaced along the path every two hundred feet or so. After completion, the light standards were in, but mysteriously, the walkway was not. Whether the project ran short of funding or another reason prevented its construction, the fact remains that park users were denied a valuable asset.

Fast forward to 2013. Momentum is gaining to finally get this pathway built.

In 2010, the Parks Department worked with the Department of Transportation in hopes of finding a solution to the construction of the Klickitat Bike Boulevard where it intersects the Park. Hoping to limit cyclists from traveling straight through the park from 9th Avenue, they agreed an east side perimeter path would be the best solution. In the short term it was decided to alter the course of the bicycle boulevard to bypass the Park entirely and instead jog it over to Siskiyou at 17th Avenue. With the concept approved by the Parks Department, there really doesn't seem to be a good reason not to build this pathway. The only obstacles appear to be money and momentum.


A few years ago, the ICA developed a couple of capital improvement funds, one dedicated for projects in Irving Park and the other for general neighborhood beautification projects. This money will be enough to start moving the project forward. A fundraising effort will be needed to raise money for a public/private partnership with the City. For several years the cutbacks in the City forced a moratorium on new capital improvement projects. According to Eileen Argentina, PP&R Services Director, the timing for this project is excellent as the moratorium will be lifted in October. Much of the City's emphasis for projects and services is focused on the outer east-side. Because of this, for this project to succeed a strong neighborhood contribution will be critical.

Additional features to be considered include the addition of benches along the southern edge near where parents now stand to watch “kick and chase” soccer. To mitigate the sloped landscape along the eastern edge, a retaining wall would likely be built. This would provide seating to watch soccer and Frisbee matches, much like the popular Spray Pool wall constructed in 2005. Also to be considered are the enhancements of the entryways to the Park from Klickitat Alley and from 9th Avenue at both the north and south boundaries.

The coming months we will be working closely with the Parks Department to further plan and budget for this project. In the meantime your comments and input would be welcome.

Please join us for our upcoming ICA Land Use Committee meetings. They are held at 7 p.m. in the Chapel of Westminster Church at 1624 NE Hancock St. For exact dates, e-mail Dean Gisvold at deang@mcewengisvold.com. To reach the Chapel, enter the church at the “awning” door (close to NE 16th) and head downstairs. You will need the code for the key pad at the door.

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Supporting our community: ICA's 2013 annual report on fundraising

by Susan Hathaway-Marxer, ICA Charitable Giving Chair

The Irvington Community Association (ICA) has had a formal Charitable Giving Program since 1992. The program started because of the financial success of the ICA's annual Irvington Home Tour and the Board's desire to direct revenue from the tour to improve the life and wellbeing of the people living in Irvington.

Each organization that receives a grant is required to submit a report to the ICA Board at the six-month period of the grant award, explaining how the funds have been used and the goals accomplished. The ICA Board is grateful for the neighborhood's support and the Home Tour Committee's hard work which allow this unique Charitable Giving Program to continue to reward service to others.

Each year, a committee composed of board members meets to review applications and develop recommendations for board action and award. At its regular meeting on June 13, 2013, the ICA Board voted to award a total of \$17,000 in grants to the following organizations serving our neighborhood.

\$1,000 to the Beaumont Middle School Foundation

The Foundation requested operating support to help cover its fundraising events' costs. The Board's goal is to increase awareness of the school's Foundation and to broaden the participation of students' families. Their goal is to organize and produce four fundraising events during the year that will attract families to attend school programs and events. Special emphasis is placed on attracting parents of new sixth-graders.

\$800 to Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT)

This small non-profit operates out of Augustana Lutheran Church at 2710 NE 14th. Formed in 1996, CAT is a grassroots, tenant-controlled tenants' rights organization. Its mission is to educate and empower tenants to demand safe, stable, and affordable rental housing. Working with CAT, tenants can increase their ability to effectively advocate for themselves and develop skills at documenting and communicating their concerns. CAT is a tenant membership organization and most members are low-income, predominately low-wage workers, families with children, people living with disabilities, seniors, and people of color.

\$1,000 to the Grant High School Foundation

Vivian Orlen, the former principal, submitted an application that requested funding to increase teacher time and consequently reduce class sizes at Grant. The grant seeks to secure the positions of the more junior teachers and to strengthen the filmmaker-in-residence program offered in connection with a new independent study elective, Integrated Media Production.

\$1,000 to Grant High School All Night Party for 2014

The high school uses this money to provide scholarships so that all graduating seniors can attend the important annual event held on the night of their graduation. Grant had 391 graduates in 2013 and nearly 60 of those graduates requested financial help to attend the alcohol-free and drug-free party. In 2013, the graduating students were charged \$90 each to attend the party and the ICA's contribution goes to support those kids that cannot pay the fee.

\$900 to Hancock Street Preschool

This non-profit cooperative preschool, which operates at Westminster Presbyterian Church, has served children and families in the Irvington neighborhood for almost 30 years. The grant will be used to provide assistance to families in need of tuition subsidy. The children at Hancock Street Preschool range in age from three to five years old and the entire community is 36 families. The school strives to be as accessible as possible. It is their goal that no child, once enrolled, should have to leave the school midyear because of a change in their family's resources.

\$3,000 to Home Forward

The public housing operator of Grace Peck Terrace and Dahlke Manor uses this funding to support an on-site foot care clinic including the services of a licensed, professional nurse. Through the foot care clinic, the nurse can help improve blood circulation

for many elderly and disabled residents and also perform preventative services such as diabetes screening. Everyone residing at both Grace Peck Terrace and Dahlke Manor has met the criteria to live in subsidized housing.

\$1,800 to Irvington K-8 School

Lisa McCall, Principal at Irvington, requested funding to support Irvington's 7th and 8th graders' Spring 2014 field trip to Washington, D.C. The trip is designed to enhance the student's social studies curriculum. Students are fundraising to help provide funding for the trip, which is for any student in 7th and 8th grade who commits to preparing for and attending the adventure. Kitty Haglund, the math teacher, is the coordinator for the trip

\$600 to Irvington Preschool

Located at Augustana Lutheran Church, Irvington Preschool has operated in the neighborhood for over 50 years and serves 30 families forming a community dedicated to raising children in a positive learning environment. Parent education is a huge part of the service to their families. They will use the grant for parent education lectures and interactive workshops with the aim of strengthening families by developing parenting skills and raising awareness of early child development. They propose five evening lectures in the 2013-14 school year.

\$1,000 to Kinship House

This organization, headquartered in two home-like service facilities at 1823 NE 8th Avenue, provides mental health therapy, assessment, and family services to foster children who have been traumatized by family disruptions or dissolutions. The funds will be used to support children in foster care aiding them in successful placement in stable healthy homes. Adults also receive counseling and parenting skills training to support the successful transition of the child to his or her new community. Kinship House served over 400 children in 2013 and has been located in Irvington since 1996.

\$2,000 to Meals on Wheels People

Providing good nutritious food to senior citizens, the Meals on Wheels People received funding to support their Martin Luther King, Jr. Center which is located at 5325 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. The kitchen at this neighborhood dining center prepares and serves meals at the Center but also delivers meals to home-bound seniors. During their last fiscal year, they reported serving 1,176 seniors in the Irvington neighborhood some 71,990 meals. Meals are available to anyone age 60 or older, regardless of income, living in their service area.

\$900 to Northeast Community Child Development Center

NCCDC is a nonprofit cooperative childcare center located at 1624 NE Hancock St. in the Westminster Presbyterian Church building. They currently serve approximately 40 children and their families. They will use the grant funds to support their music, movement, and body awareness program, specifically providing their young students with weekly yoga classes. The goal of their yoga classes is to build strength, balance, concentration, relaxation and body awareness skills.

\$2,000 to Project Linkage

Project Linkage, at 2200 NE 24th Avenue, coordinates volunteers who provide crucial services to older adults and individuals with disabilities in the Irvington neighborhood. Their goal is to help low-income older adults to live independently. Project Linkage provides in-home support, including minor home repairs, and transportation services to more than 200 older adults who live in the neighborhood. Clients receive rides to medical appointments, grocery stores, senior centers, and area farmers' markets.

\$1,000 to Sabin School

Sabin principal, Andrew Dauch, requested the funds to pay for licensed classroom instructors (substitutes) so that teachers within the new International Baccalaureate (IB) Program at Sabin could be released from their classrooms to complete and write the IB units.

A design review improvement for Irvington's National Historic District

by Barb Christopher, Historic Preservation Committee Chair

May 1, 2013, was a great day for homeowners in historic districts throughout Portland. An 18 month-long effort reform to the city's historic design review process culminated in a new streamlined flat-fee type of review that is already benefitting numerous homeowners in the Irvington Historic District. As a homeowner, how can you benefit? Take a look:

The Irvington Community Association (ICA) led the effort to bring down the fees and shorten the review timeline for small home improvement projects. As a founding member of the Portland Coalition for Historic Resources, the ICA worked tirelessly to get the city to fund a code improvement project, and to fast track it to a vote at City Council. That council vote in March of 2013 approved a new Type I historic design review.

So, what does the new Type I review do for you? Most significantly, the new Type I gives you a design review process that allows you to do small projects with a flat \$250 design review fee and a 14 to 21 day decision from the city. Prior to this new code language, almost every project in the historic district was triggering a more intensive Type II review with fees starting at about \$1000, and going up significantly from there. Those Type II reviews also took six weeks or more to get through the city system. Now there is code language to differentiate two distinct levels of projects, with the smaller Type I projects assessed fees that are in line with the overall scale of a typical minor home improvement project rather than a full blown remodel.

Dean Gisvold, Land Use Chair for the ICA, estimates that the new Type I reviews have covered nearly half the projects coming through the Irvington Land Use Committee for the past four or five months. That represents a huge savings for homeowners. The most utilized criteria for a Type I project so far seems to be the provision that the exterior remodeled areas total less than 150 square feet. Homeowners can replace a couple of windows, move a door, or even add a small dormer and stay well within the 150 square foot maximum outlined in Type I.



Another exciting feature in the new Type I category is the provision that allows property owners who are restoring lost historical elements on their home to use a Type I review with its lower fee and faster timetable. So, if you know how the front porch used to look or if you want to replicate and replace missing trim details, you should ask about a Type I. The ICA and the Portland Coalition for Historic Resources fought to get this particular incentive built into the code. The historic district provides protections, and now there is also a real incentive for small restoration projects.

Additionally, the ICA lobbied to get specific exemptions into the revised code language. Among the things that now have these exemptions from design review are:

- basement windows on non-street facing facades including egress window replacements, removal,
- storm and screen window/door additions or removals,
- wheelchair ramps that can be removed without destroying existing building material,
- skylights and roof hatches on flat roofs and on non-street facing pitched roofs,

With so much new information available to homeowners, it can be a bit daunting. The ICA wants you to know that we are on call to help. You don't need to wait until your application for design review goes into the city. We offer pre-application discussions at either the Land Use Committee (LUC) meeting - usually the fourth Thursday of the month or the Historic Preservation Committee (HPC) meeting - usually the second Wednesday of the month. We can help you navigate the design review process, and we can save you time and design dollars with early advice. Contact Dean Gisvold, LUC chair: deang@mcewengisvold.com or Barb Christopher HPC chair: barbfc@comcast.net.

This month we celebrate the third anniversary of the Irvington Historic district. It has been a learning curve for the district and the city as we manage the largest historic district on the West Coast. Despite the challenges we've faced, it is important to note that the things we don't have going on may be the best evidence of the historic district's value. We are not having a battle like the one created years ago by the Irvington Squire apartments on 15th Avenue. We are not struggling to move a classic Victorian cottage out of the path of a wrecking ball like the Boise neighborhood did last month. We are not appealing a commercial development to LUBA like the neighbors in Beaumont. We are not overwhelmed with pop-up additions super-sizing modest bungalows as seen all over Sabin outside the historic district. And, we haven't seen a cell phone tower proposal within the district in three years. All in all, this is a pretty good report card.

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Safer crossings: Fremont and 9th Avenue green street improvement

by Jeff Jones, ICA Treasurer and Parks Committee Co-Chair

It has been four and a half years since I received an email from Trent Thelen, member of the Sabin Community Board, asking if we could work together to create a safe crossing from Sabin into Irving Park. As a long-time chair for the ICA Parks Committee, I was thrilled with the possibility of creating a crossing for bikes and pedestrians connecting both communities to the Park and stores on opposite sides of Fremont.

Trent is a landscape architect with ZGF architecture and has worked with Portland planning and building bureaus on many projects in Portland. Nevertheless, as uniquely qualified as Trent is, it has taken all this time to negotiate his way through the fundraising and permitting process.

Hopefully now, all his work is coming to fruition.

As originally conceived, the crossing is similar to the ones popping up along Siskyou and Klickitat as part of the joint bicycle boulevard & storm water retention system. If you have ever tried to cross Fremont anywhere along the stretch between 7th and 15th, you have experienced the challenge of avoiding the heavy traffic and, during storms, the ensuing puddles of water. As we know all too well, with children and dogs in tow, the peril worsens. The proposal is to create a number of safe crossings starting with 9th and Fremont and following with two or three additional ones after that. The proposed 9th Avenue crossing narrows the traffic lanes by extending the curbs and using storm water retention planters. The Irvington Community Association

endorsed this project in spring of 2009.

After all this time I think it is appropriate to share an update on where this project stands today. Only the 9th Avenue phase is currently under deliberation. The project won a "1 percent for Green" grant with the help of endorsements from the Irvington and King neighborhood associations. After two years under City review, \$30,000 from grants and fund-raising efforts has been spent on permitting fees. The construction/permit drawings are 90% through the permitting process and it is projected to be completed by the end of October. Many city bureaus have cooperated to see this project through. It is expected there will be no more delays by the City and the bids will go out sometime in mid-October.

Trent will be acting as project manager through the contractor under the auspices of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods (NECN). Volunteer help will be needed when it is time for soil preparation, planting, and maintenance. Local nurseries will be solicited to provide planting and landscape materials.

Not unlike the Grant Fields Project which had its grand opening September 20th and was 10 years in the planning, the 9th & Fremont Project will be a testament to the drive of individuals in the community making a difference. We hope this project will commence by the end of the year. If not, be assured the tenacity of Trent Thelen and his team will see that this project will be completed sometime in 2014.



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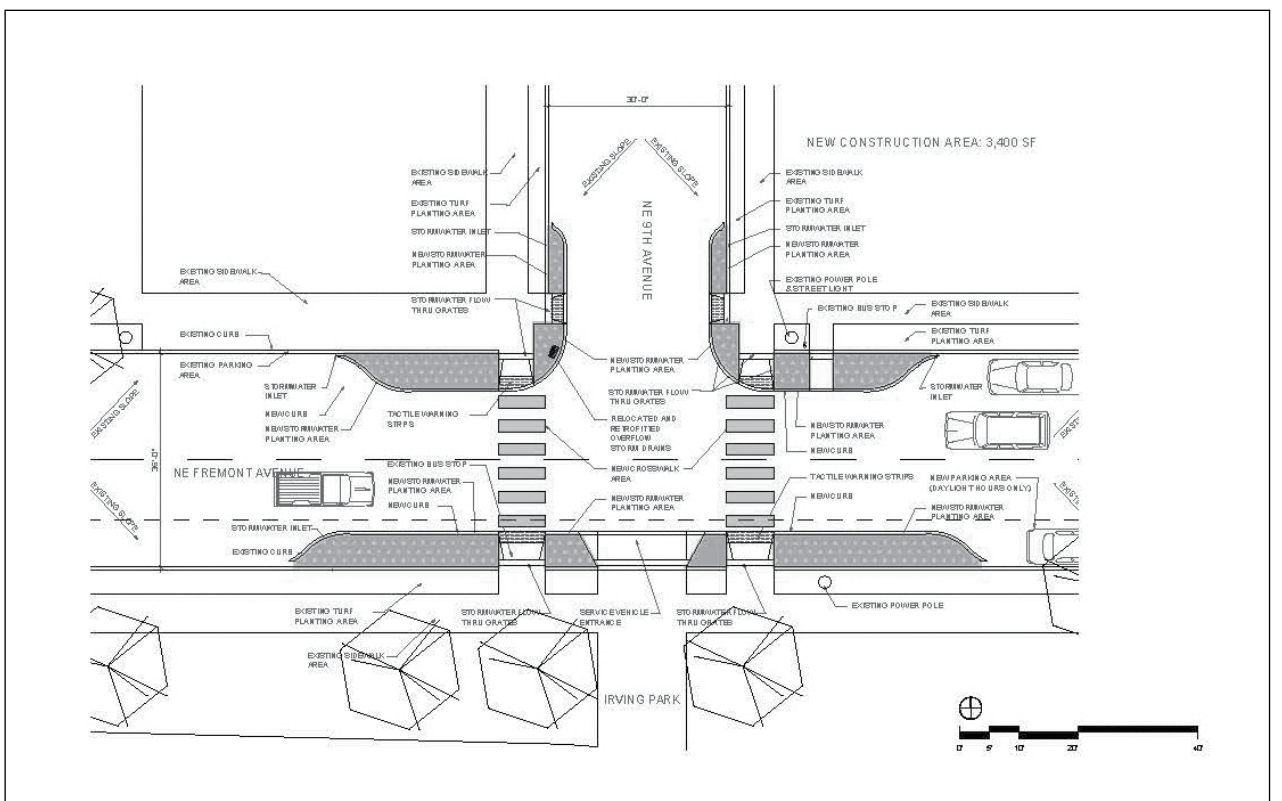
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Dog owners can help keep schoolyards and parks healthy for play

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) and Portland Public Schools are encouraging dog owners to show good "petiquette" when visiting parks and schoolyards.

Parks and schoolyards are used for many different kinds of play, from soccer to jogging to dodgeball to biking," says Ali Ryan, who manages PP&R's Dog Off-Leash Program. "The best ways dog owners can contribute to maintaining safe, healthy places for play are by keeping dogs on leash and removing pet waste."

Off-leash dogs in sports fields, playgrounds, and other leash-only areas is an ongoing concern for many park and school visitors. By law, dogs are required to be on leash in all public spaces including parks and schoolyards. Pet waste must also be removed and disposed of properly. Pet owners who don't leash and scoop risk citations of up to \$150.

PP&R has 33 designated off-leash areas in parks throughout the city. Dogs on leash are welcome visitors to schoolyards during non-school hours and most parks, trails and natural areas.

"As year-round, all-weather users, dog owners can have a great, positive presence," says PP&R Security Manager Art Hendricks. "But their presence is just as positive, and much safer for all park users and pets, when dogs are kept on leash."

Outreach, Enforcement Scheduled for Irving Park

Starting in October, Portland Parks & Recreation will be stepping up leash and scoop law education and enforcement at parks where lack of compliance is an ongoing issue, including Irving Park.

PP&R outreach staff will add additional signs, and visit the park frequently, reminding dog owners to leash up and scoop poop. Park Rangers will add patrols, and will be issuing citations of up to \$150 for leash and scoop violations. No warnings will be given. Efforts focus on encouraging dog owners to use designated off-leash areas for dog recreation.

At Irving Park, the off-leash area is located along NE 7th Ave, north of the tennis courts. Off-leash boundaries are identified on the map on the off-leash area rules sign. Dogs must remain on leash until they're in the off-leash area.

To report leash/scoop problems in parks, contact Portland Park Rangers at 503-823-1637. To report leash/scoop problems in schoolyards, contact Multnomah County Animal Services at 503-988-PETS (7387).

For more information, please visit PP&R's dog information page at www.portlandoregon.gov/parks/38287.

Autumn in Irvington: On the hunt for big color and historic trees



Ahhh fall. Before the mountains of leaves come fluttering into our yards and streets, make sure you take some time for a neighborhood stroll. The celebrated trees in our neighborhood — part of Portland's "urban forests" is alive and blazing with color during the last few weeks of October.

And here's a bonus: many of the City of Portland's Heritage Trees — trees that have been deemed historically significant and are registered and protected by the city — are located in Irvington.

There are 286 Heritage Trees in Portland, representing 121 species and 56 genera. Of those, 128 are public trees (on the right-of-way, in parks, on a public golf course or on public school property) and 158 are on privately-held land.

The Heritage Trees in Irvington are clearly marked with plaques, with the species name and date of designation. Need some help scouting them out? There's an app for that. PDX Trees is a free, downloadable mobile phone app, developed by local Portlander Matt Blair. The app allows you to map Heritage Trees, click on them and learn more about their size, species and more. The free app is available for download on iTunes. Happy hunting — and happy fall!



This massive Copper Beech, located at NE 18th and Knott streets was added to the registry in 1997. It has spread of 84 feet and is more than 80 feet tall with a circumference of more than 20 feet. The natural range of the tree extends from southern Sweden to central Italy, west to France, southern England, northern Portugal, and central Spain, and east to Northwest Turkey.



Located at 1728 NE Stanton Street, this London Planetree is more than 80 feet tall and has a spread of 85 feet. London Planetrees were first recorded in Spain in the early 17th Century. This Irvington species was placed on the registry in 1997.



This 70-foot tall Northern Catalpa is located at 2827 NE 24th St. and was added to the registry in 1994. The tree has a spread of 36 feet and is 11.5 feet in circumference. Northern Catalpas are a native to the United States.



Remember that Irvington is a City of Portland-designated Leaf Zone.

And with this comes new service dates and fees for leaf removal. The City of Portland Bureau of Transportation has been working hard to improve the Leaf Day program for 2013. Information is now available to the public about this year's leaf pickup service. The city has launched a new Web site at www.portlandonline.com/leafday with all the details. New program elements include an online Leaf Zone locator and the ability to opt out or pay the leaf fee online.



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**Goodbye to friend
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Lee Perlman
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Though he was always quick to point out that he lived across the NE 7th Avenue "border" in the Eliot neighborhood, Lee Perlman was a fixture at Irvington community meetings. We will miss his encyclopedic knowledge of Portland and the mischievous twinkle in his eye as he related the backstory on some news item. Thank you Lee, for all the years of being there for your neighbors and for insuring that neighborhood issues 'got some ink.'

The Irvington Community Association has made a contribution to Sisters of the Road to honor Lee. Please send donations to Sisters of the Road, 133 NW 6th Avenue, Portland, OR 97209, or go to www.sistersoftheroad.org

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Successful 2013 home tour showcases diversity of Irvington homes

by Kim Bissell, Irvington Home Tour Chair



The 2013 Irvington Home Tour, held May 19 May, included 10 sites, seven located on the west side of NE 15th Street.

This unprecedented tour showcased the magic of the oldest and most recent plated blocks in Irvington. Tour included the beautiful Pipes Family Home, built in 1910 by Wade Pipes near Irving Park, and the Kerrigan House at 11th and NE Thompson. Irvington School was open for tours of the historic WPA murals in the front lobby. Photos taken on the day of the tour will be released in February 2014 on

our home tour site at www.irvingtonhometour.com.

A special thanks goes to the sponsors for the 2013 Irvington Home Tour — Billy Grippo, Windermere Realty; Sarita Dua, Ask Sarita Team at Keller Williams; Dana Griggs, Windermere Realty; Hasson Company Realtors; Windward Construction; Andrew Perry, Impac Mortgage; Pratt & Larson Tile and Stone; WILLCO; and Timmco Insurance.

Tour day highlights included a partnership with the Portland Region of the Horseless Carriage Club of America with nearly 20 antique cars along the tour route — a perfect scenery to match our sites, a partnership with the Hardy Plant Society of Oregon with several Irvington gardens opened to tour-goers and an informative garden lecture by Eileen Fitzsimons on Portland's Historic Gardens.

Funds raised by the tour are used by the Irvington Community Association for neighborhood improvement projects and for annual Charitable Giving Program to local direct service organizations. Last year's total giving exceeded \$17,000.

The 2014 Irvington Home Tour will be held on Sunday, May 18. Tickets will be available in the first week of April. More information can be found at www.irvingtonhometour.com. To volunteer, please email volunteer@irvingtonhometour.com. For sponsorship information contact Kim Bissell kim_bissell@msn.com



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