



Multnomah County Board Approves Construction and Financing Of New East County Courthouse

It's official. East County Courts will be built! New three-story facility will house courts and county's data center.

After more than 40 years the East County Courts will be built in Rockwood. Ground breaking on the new court facility will begin before year's end.



East County Courts revised design, Rockwood 185th & SE Stark

Unanimous Approval

The Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously October 28, 2010 to approve final plans for construction and financing of a new East County Courthouse in the Rockwood neighborhood of Gresham. Approval to build the facility culminates years of effort to replace the current leased courthouse space in Gresham, which is leaky, cramped and inadequate.

"As a long-time East Multnomah County resident, I am very excited to see this courthouse finally become a reality," said

District 4 Commissioner Diane McKeel. "This project will create new jobs and provide a catalyst for economic growth and development in Rockwood and East County."

Promise Fulfilled

A packed board room praised the board for fulfilling a hope to replace the cramped Gresham court facility.

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Don't 'Leaf' Debris In The Street

Using machines to blow leaves in the street causes problems and expense.

Depositing leaves in the street is a violation of City code. The street sweeper is not able to sweep up large piles of leaves at the curb, which can be a dangerous road hazard.

Leaves left in the street create a back-up effect on the City's stormwater drainage system, which can result in high water, clogged catch basins, slippery and unsafe surfaces and rotten vegetation.

The City recommends these tips:

- Use leaf blowers to vacuum the leaves up and then deposit in yard debris containers.
- Take advantage of weekly curbside yard debris collection included with your garbage service.
- Compost the leaves.

- Purchase yard debris bags at home improvement stores; set out at the curb for an extra cost of \$3 each.
- Take large leaf deposits to Allwood Recyclers, 23001 NE Marine Dr, Fairview. 503-667-5497.
- Mulch leaves with a lawnmower and spread the mixture over flowerbeds for winter. The nutrients in leaves are beneficial. ■

Did You Know? Gresham has 305 miles of streets, over 20,000 signs, 7,500 street lights, and 96 traffic signals. There are also 1,635 fire hydrants.

Mark Your Calendar!

Wilkes East Neighborhood

NEXT MEETING
March 2011

St Aidan's Church
174th & NE Glisan

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Are You Ready For A Winter Storm?

Cold Temperatures, Snow, Freezing Rain and High Winds are Dangerous.

Winter is quickly approaching, so now is the perfect time to start thinking about winter storm preparation.

2010, Wet and wild winter predicted.

A recent story in the Portland Tribune said Portland area residents are in for a wet and wild winter according to a series of forecasts presented by members of the Oregon chapter American Meteorological Society.



December 23, 2008 Portland OR

Two years ago an arctic blast began December 14, 2008 that kept a grip on the area for over two weeks. Lows in the teens and 20's were com-

mon throughout the valley. Portland reported six days where the temperature never got above freezing with high winds, blowing snow, and numerous road closures. Portland General Electric estimated 60,000 customers were without electricity on December 21st. And, on December 23, the airport reported a whopping 10" of snow in one day making it the snowiest December on record.

BRRRrrrr

The 2010 Farmers' Almanac claims this winter will see more days of shivery conditions: a winter during which temperatures will average below normal for about three-quarters of the nation. Western Washington, Oregon, and northwest California should expect above-normal snowfall in most places. The coldest (and snowiest) periods will occur in mid-December and mid- to late February.

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Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Published quarterly. Over 1500 copies distributed throughout Wilkes East.

The Wilkes East Neighborhood Association (WENA) is a non-profit organization in Gresham, Oregon. Deadline for submission is the 10th of the month prior to publication. Submit material to info@wilkeseastna.org. WENA reserves all rights, and all copy will be edited for clarity and length. PDF version of this newsletter is available online at: www.wilkeseastna.org.

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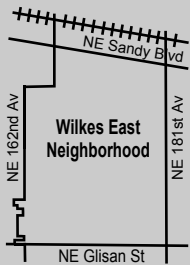
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BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30PM. See website for details.

SPECIAL THANKS

- Funding for the Wilkes East Neighborhood Newsletter was paid in part by a generous grant from the City of Gresham.
- Printing by Print Results Inc. 503-287-9566
- Meeting hall: St Aidan's Episcopal Church



Dear Neighbors • a message from your WENA President

WENA's Annual Clean-Up went well. Forty Households cleaned out their garages and yards, and we assisted with disposing of the their unwanted items and yard debris. Fourteen volunteers kept the cars rolling and loaded the dump boxes. We had a vendor who took metal and an agency that took electronic equipment. The volunteers left the HB Lee parking lot much cleaner than they found it. The clean-up is in partnership with Metro and is the only fund raising project WENA has to help pay for newsletters, flyers, stationary and office supplies.

WENA received a matching grant from the City of Gresham to help defray the cost of the quarterly newsletter and for the use of a portable potty for clean-ups at Nadaka Nature Park. United Sites Services was generous in giving us an additional discount for the use of their portable sanitary equipment. Because this is a matching grant, it is important for us to document the time donated by volunteers to deliver flyers, the quarterly newsletter and work at the Nadaka and Nelson properties.

Jazzy Bagels has been a regular donor and generous in supplying bagels for the clean-ups.

Parkrose Hardware falls in this same category as a neighborhood supporter in a big way. Third Place Coffeehouse has posted materials, meeting dates and given generously of their excellent coffee. Starbucks Coffee at 181st has been most liberal in providing refreshments for clean-ups and meetings. Growers Outlet has always been willing to provide fresh fruit.

We encourage our members to frequent all of these businesses – they are great community supporters.

We continue to keep a watchful eye on the big-box issue along with several land-use items. We have recently been made aware of transients moving into vacant properties. If you see anything strange or out of the ordinary such as broken windows or transients loitering near vacant properties, call the Police or Code Enforcement 503-618-2463.

Have a wonderful Autumn!

Your neighbor,

Kristen Freiermuth

COURTHOUSE (Page 1)

Third Floor & Data Center Added

The new three-story courthouse will be built on county-owned property at Southeast 185th Avenue and Stark Street and include three courtrooms, security, the county's data center, office space for the Multnomah County District Attorney's office, and room for growth. Officials estimate the courthouse will cost \$19.6 million to build. Roughly \$15 million of the costs will be paid for with Recovery Zone Economic Development (stimulus) Bonds. The remaining portion funded from the 2008 sale of the South Edgfield property.

'Green' Construction

The courthouse will meet LEED Gold Certification standards and the Architecture 2030 Challenge, requiring the building to use green and energy reduction technology such as solar, eco roofs and geothermal ground source heating.

Site Preparation Begun

Deconstruction and recycling of the existing buildings on the site is complete. County leaders and court officials will break ground on the new courthouse in early 2011, with an expected public opening in the spring of 2012.

Background

Multnomah County is required by state statute to provide court facilities in the city of Gresham for violations that occur east of 122nd Avenue. In 2008 alone, an estimated 27,000 defendants went through the courthouse in Gresham, mostly for traffic and other misdemeanor offenses.

Full story at: wilkeseastna.org/node/629 ■

Graffiti Problems Continue To Rise. Report Tagging Immediately.

Don't let vandals control your neighborhood!

Graffiti damages property and casts a bad light on our community.



Within 24 hours of graffiti appearing:

- Take a picture of the graffiti
- Report graffiti to the police
- Clean it off or paint over it

Call the Graffiti Information and Reporting Line at 503-618-2463 to report graffiti.

Free Graffiti Removal Kits are available. Call 503-618-2582 for more information.

Remember, graffiti affects everyone. ■

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503.226.0700

door-to-door rides for seniors and people with disabilities.

Filing a Police Report Just Got Easier



Gresham Police Department

Gresham Police offer new online reporting of nonemergency crimes.

Gresham Police Department has launched a new crime reporting service that allows residents to file police reports online. The new service allows people to file certain reports at their convenience. These reports include: vandalism (including graffiti), lost property (excluding firearms and prescription medications), theft from vehicles, theft (excluding firearms or prescription medications), vandalism to a motor vehicle, and additional property information (supplemental information to a prior report).

Use the link on wilkeseastna.org home page.

Full story at: wilkeseastna.org/node/621 ■

Free Child ID Kits Available By Request

Record important info: physical, dental, photo, take a DNA cheek swab and fingerprints.

See: wilkeseastna.org/node/553 for details ■

Beverage Container Redemption Center Opens in Wood Village



Bottle Drop Center, Wood Village

Cha-Ching! Wood Village Redemption Center includes EZ Drop for greater convenience.

Oregon's first beverage container redemption center since the inception of the Oregon Bottle Bill opened in late September.

The Wood Village BottleDrop Redemption Center, located at 3345 NE Halsey St., is open to the public from 9AM to 6PM seven days a week. Operated by Oregon Beverage Recycling Cooperative the facility has reverse vending-machines and employees available to count up to 200 containers per person per day and issue immediate container-deposit refunds.

Changes Ahead

The first two participating retailers, Wood Village Fred Meyer and Cherry Park Safeway, will no longer accept beverage container returns. Consumers should take their refundable containers to the Wood Village Redemption Center or to smaller retailers in the area for collection.

Visit: bottledropcenters.com for more info ■

\$200 Rain Garden Grants Available



Rain gardens protect area streams

Planning new landscape? Add a rain garden.

Homeowners are catching on to rain gardens, a shallow depression in a yard that collects rainwater and sports a variety of flowers, shrubs and grasses.

By installing a rain garden into your landscape to manage stormwater from your home, you could be eligible for up to \$200 from the City and East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District. Free assistance available.

More info at: wilkeseastna.org/node/622 ■

Nadaka Nature Park Vegetation Management Plan Nears Completion



Nadaka Nature Park

Protecting a Natural Resource.

At the WENA annual meeting in August 2010, Ric Catron, City of Gresham Parks Planner provided information about this Plan for Nadaka Nature Park. Its purpose is a balance of protection of natural areas and future park development, restoration of the site and creating diversity for native wildlife and providing passive recreation.

This Plan includes: Property Report, Resource Inventory, Current Management Practices, Maintenance Costs, Management Goals, Landscape Management Recommendations for the forest, meadow, eco-lawn and a future community garden. It also contains Volunteer Priorities, Staff Priorities and Monitoring Recommendations.

At the time of this writing, the Plan is still in draft form but should be available on the City of Gresham website within the next few months.

Threatened by Disease

A portion of this Plan deals with Laminated Root Rot (LRR) disease which has been identified on approximately 13% of the Douglas Fir trees in Nadaka Nature Park. LRR is caused by a fungus that is widespread in Southern British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, northern California and western Montana.

Full story at: wilkeseastna.org/node/604 ■

Did You Know? Gresham has 116.74 miles of bike lanes in the city.

Got an interesting story to share?
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Check our website or the info box at the park entrance for cleanup events

Nadaka Nature Park

17500 NE Pacific St

WINTER (Page 1)

AccuWeather.com Chief Long-Range Meteorologist Joe Bastardi is predicting that the worst of winter's cold and snow will be from the Pacific Northwest to the western Great Lakes. "That will put cities like Portland and Seattle colder and snowier this year."

Make a plan. Be prepared.

Don't let winter weather catch you by surprise. Visit our website for a complete set of winter storm checklists.

Full story at: wilkeseastna.org/node/631 ■



WINTER STORM CHECKLIST

Emergency supplies should include enough food, water and supplies to last four days without power or help.

Personal Checklist

- Food that doesn't require refrigeration, such as canned meats, soups and stews, cereal, and energy bars
- Manual can opener, paper plates, cups and plastic utensils
- 1 gallon of water per person per day
- Baby supplies (bottles, formula, food, diapers)
- Flashlights and batteries
- Battery-powered radio
- First-aid kit (printable first-aid kit checklist)
- Four-day supply of prescription medicines
- Warm coats, gloves or mittens, hats, boots, extra blankets and warm clothing
- Dress in several layers of lightweight clothing, wear mittens and a hat that covers your ears
- Pet food and additional water for household pets

Household Checklist

- Remove outdoor hoses, cover faucets
- Bring pets / companion animals inside during winter weather
- Have ample alternate heating methods such as fireplace wood
- Never leave lit candles unattended
- Sand, rock salt or non-clumping kitty litter to make walkways and steps less slippery
- Running water indoors, even at a trickle, helps prevent pipes from freezing

CAUTION: CARBON MONOXIDE KILLS!

- Never use a generator, grill, camp stove, propane, natural gas or charcoal-burning devices inside a home, garage, basement, or any partially enclosed area.



Wind (mph)	Temperature (°F)																	
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15	32	25	19	13	6	0	-7	-13	-19	-26	-32	-39	-45	-51	-58	-64	-71	-77
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55	25	18	11	4	-3	-11	-18	-25	-32	-39	-46	-54	-61	-68	-75	-82	-89	-97
60	25	17	10	3	-4	-11	-19	-26	-33	-40	-48	-55	-62	-69	-76	-84	-91	-98

Frostbite Times: 30 minutes (light blue), 10 minutes (medium blue), 5 minutes (dark blue)

$Wind\ Chill\ (°F) = 35.74 + 0.6215T - 35.75(V^{0.16}) + 0.4275T(V^{0.16})$
 Where, T=Air Temperature (°F) V=Wind Speed (mph) Effective 11/01/01

Wind chill is not the actual air temperature, but is based on the rate of heat loss from exposed skin by the combined effects of wind and cold

"Big Box" Retail Design and Development Standards Code Nears Completion.

Enactment by City Council set for Nov 16, 2010.

After more than 5 years the City has developed building standards for its three town Centers, and its Corridor Districts.

Full story at: wilkeseastna.org/node/612 ■

Nadaka Nature Park: Audubon Reintroduces Western Screech Owls, Dogipot® Pet Station Added



Western Screech Owl

Back to the Wild

On September 8, 2010 the Audubon Society of Portland released two juvenile Western Screech Owls at the meadow in Nadaka Nature Park. About a dozen people from the neighborhood watched as the two owls took flight. Both owls came into the Portland Audubon's Wildlife Care Center as fledglings. Unfortunately they had signs of head injury. After recovering, the owls were placed in a flight cage to build up strength and learn to hunt. The Audubon Society decided they were ready to be in the wild once more and agreed on Nadaka. Look around. You just might see them.

Pet Station Installed

A Dogipot® has been installed near the north entrance of Nadaka Nature Park and contains litter bags to be used for dog waste. Recycle your unwanted plastic grocery bags here.

Full story at: wilkeseastna.org/node/603 ■

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