



New K-12 Charter School Coming to Rockwood, Project To Begin April 2014, Completion 2015

Sleek 3-story 53,000 sq. ft. building will have room for 700 students.

Starting in April, demolition will begin to make way for construction of a new three-story, 53,000 square foot building for the Sunrise Rockwood Charter School at 19034 SE Stark Street in West Gresham.



Sunrise Rockwood Charter School, SE Stark & E Burnside. Completion in 2015

The new 700 student K-12 school will have twenty-eight classrooms, a student commons, administrative offices, auditorium, food services, plus covered and open outdoor play areas.

Rockwood Community Development Corporation, the project's developer, says the Corbett Charter School Association has agreed on a lease to create the new school, which will border E. Burnside and S.E. Stark Street along the MAX Blue Line.

The success of the nationally acclaimed Corbett Charter School, which shares school buildings inside the Corbett School District, has created a waiting list of new students (mostly from east Multnomah

county) wanting to enroll in the highly successful program. High demand and lack of space is one of the reasons for building the new school.

The deal will consolidate 11 properties into one large parcel of land and eliminate the former Original Taco House, United Battery, Metropolitan Pool & Spa, Western Union and Rockwood Motel.

Development will occur in three phases. See **SCHOOL** Page 2

Did you know? Only 3% of the water on Earth is fresh -- the other 97% is salted.

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Water. Save a Little. Help a Lot.



Simple Steps Save Water and Money During Fix-a-Leak Week
[Regional Water Providers Consortium](#)

offers free indoor water saving kits.

Many of us have ignored the sound of a trickling stream coming from our toilet, or maybe we've chosen to overlook those small, slow drips from a bathroom faucet or kitchen sink.

After all, how much water do they really waste?

According to the EPA, more than 1 trillion gallons of water leak every year in homes across the U.S. That's enough water to sustain the population of Los Angeles, Chicago and Miami combined each year. It's also estimated that leaks in almost 10 percent of American homes drip away nearly 90 gallons of water a day. In the greater Portland metro area, that can mean about \$100 in water charges literally going down the drain each year.

Many of these leaks occur in old fixtures, such as leaky toilets, faucets and showerheads. Fix these drips and you'll be amazed at how much water and money you can save.

Plus, in many cases household leaks can be easily fixed by a do-it-yourself plumber and replacement parts don't require a major investment! For example, faucet leaks are often caused by faulty washers that don't allow your faucet to shut off properly. Replacing a faulty washer takes less than five minutes, costs less than \$1 and is an easy way to recoup water and money savings.

Toilet leaks, on the other hand, are often caused by old, faulty toilet flappers that have decayed or have developed mineral build-up over time.

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FREE! Earth Day Recycling Saturday April 19th, 9am-2pm



Gresham City Hall
[1333 NW Eastman](#)

The City will hold its annual free recycling event in celebration of Earth Day, Satur-

day April 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This event is open to all Gresham and Wood Village residents.

Collection Items

- Rigid plastics/clean plastic bags
- Block Styrofoam / clean and dry
- Paper shredding (two bag limit)
- Fluorescent tubes and bulbs
- Cell phones
- Batteries (three-pound limit)

No Electronics or Hazardous Waste

TVs, computers and monitors can be recycled for free year-round at several recycling sites in Gresham.

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Google "[Oregon E-Cycles](#)" or visit our website for a location near you.

Metro has two household hazardous waste collection facilities open Monday thru Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., where you can drop-off unwanted paints, solvents, pesticides, poisons, automotive fluids and more for a small fee. Google "[metro.gov hazardous waste](#)" or visit our website for a convenient link. ■

Did You Know? The City's wastewater treatment plant treats an average of 13 million gallons of wastewater per day.

Mark Your Calendar!
Wilkes East Neighborhood

Next Meeting
March 24th • 7PM

St Aidan's Church
174th & NE Glisan

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@wilkeeastna.org. WENA reserves all rights, and all copy may be edited for clarity and length. PDF of this newsletter with active links online at: www.wilkeeastna.org/newsletter.htm.

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Board meetings are held on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30PM. See [website](http://www.wilkeeastna.org) for details.

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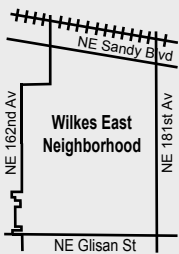
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Got an interesting story to share?

Email it to: info@wilkeeastna.org
or mail to: PO Box 536 • Fairview, OR 97024

Volunteer Opportunities

Get involved. Let us know how you'd like to help. Email info@wilkeeastna.org for details.



Dear Neighbors • a message from your WENA President

Monthly street sweeping resumes each second Monday, March through November. To ensure crews are able to do a thorough job, please move vehicles, basketball hoops and other items into your driveway.

Monday March 24th, is WENA's Spring Public Meeting, 7 p.m. at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, 174th & NE Glisan St. Guest speakers include: Travis Stovall, Tri-Met Board Liaison discussing "Future Plans for Tri-Met"; Melissa Gaul, Port of Portland describing "Plans for the property near 12 Mile Corner"; Angela Carkner, Multnomah County Drainage District on "Dike Accreditation & Future Plans". Plan to join us.

Saturday June 28th 9 a.m. to Noon, is WENA's Bi-Annual Neighborhood Clean-up. Bring your bulky junk, general clean-up items, metal and yard debris to the dumpster's. Residential only. No commercial waste. Arrive early. We'll be done when the dumpster's are full. Volunteers are needed to direct traffic and transfer deliverables.

Saturday September 27th, is the annual Nadaka Community Festival celebrating the nature park & garden projects. This year's festival is being moved to September due to the community garden preparation and work on the park properties this summer.

Wilkes East has several land-use issues in the works. Most involve the industrial park to the north. Others are listed in this newsletter.

In April we'll again apply to the City for a grant to cover the cost of our newsletters and other items. A this time we don't have an amount, or our list of "wishes." The City has many neighborhood associations requesting funds so grant monies are at a premium.

Are you interested (*or not interested*) in seeing a store like Trader Joe's come to Gresham? Contact any member of the city Council, including the mayor, or any WENA Board member and let them know your desire. North Portland felt Trader Joe's was not for them, and Trader Joe's cancelled their plans for a store there. Many of us would like to see Trader Joe's in Gresham. Let's hear from you on this topic!

Does your area have a Neighborhood Watch? If you don't have a watch group, we encourage you to consider forming one. It's an excellent way to get to know your neighbors and let criminals know that you're organized against crime. Call Gresham Police Department Crime Prevention Unit at 503-618-2824 to start your watch group today!

Last, we'd like to thank the volunteers that serve WENA, everybody who takes time to read the newsletter, and everyone that visits our website (www.wilkeeastna.org) to see what's going on in our neighborhood.

Your Friend & Neighbor,

Kristen Freiermuth

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The first phase includes the demolition of existing structures on the land and construction of the new building, parking lots and driveways. Construction is scheduled to begin by mid-July 2014 and be completed before the start of the 2015-16 school year.

Phase two includes construction of two additional buildings. One building located along SE 192nd Ave. The other building located across from the school's drop-off zone and outdoor play area, along the north property line.

The final phase will develop the remaining land west of the school along E Burnside St.

According to documents submitted to the City of Gresham the completed project is valued at nearly \$7.4 million.

Robert Dunton, director of the Corbett Charter School, and former superintendent of the Corbett School District, says the lease agreement is contingent on a charter ap-

proval from the Reynolds School District, where the Rockwood property is located.

According to Reynolds School District spokeswomen Andrea Watson, Dunton has spoken informally with Reynolds Superintendent Linda Florence.

The Reynolds School Board rejected an earlier Corbett charter request in 2009 when the district was dealing with its own budget issues.

Dunton said the Rockwood building's design allows it to become a major piece of ongoing renewal efforts underway in West Gresham.

The Rockwood-West Gresham Renewal Plan is a 20-year plan established by city-wide vote in November 2003 to invest in the revitalization of the Rockwood-West Gresham area. The plan provides funding for a variety of public improvements and programs to stimulate private investment and improve community conditions. ■

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Replacing a toilet flapper is relatively easy and costs less than \$5. In either case, just remember to bring your old one with you to the hardware store so that you can get a replacement part with the proper fit.

With Fix-a-Leak Week right around the corner (*March 17-23*), there's no better time to check your home for leaks and make every drop count.

To help you save water and money, the Regional Water Providers Consortium—a group of 20+ regional water providers plus the regional government Metro—is offering free indoor water saving kits to customers who reside in the Consortium service area (*find out if you qualify at www.conserveh2o.org/consortium-members*). Available from March 1 through March 22 (*while supplies last*) the kits include a bathroom faucet aerator, kitchen faucet aerator, high efficiency showerhead, shower timer, toilet leak-detection dye tablets and a toilet fill-cycle diverter.

To request a free kit, visit the Regional Water Providers Consortium from March 1 through March 22 on Facebook, www.facebook.com/RegionalWaterProvidersConsortium.

For more tips to help you discover and repair leaks during Fix-a-Leak Week and beyond, visit the Consortium at www.conserveh2o.org.

About the Regional Water Providers Consortium: The Regional Water Providers Consortium (a group of 22 local water providers plus the regional government Metro) is committed to good stewardship of our region's water through conservation, emergency preparedness planning, and water supply coordination. The Consortium provides resources and information to help individual and commercial customers save water.

www.conserveh2o.org ■

Albertina Kerr Begins Construction on \$1.5M Project

Construction on a new sub-acute care addition, and a new residential facility, are set to begin in March at [Albertina Kerr Centers Gresham Campus](#), 722 NE 162nd Ave. Work on the project is expected to be completed in July.

The 6,000 square feet of new space, a new exercise area and parking lot improvements will allow the facility to serve approximately 25% more children and families.

Since 1997, Albertina Kerr Centers has operated a youth crisis psychiatric facility on its Gresham Campus.

The 24-bed facility has benefited over 4,000 children experiencing severe mental health challenges and their families over the past 15 years and is the only facility of its type in the State of Oregon.

Albertina Kerr will provide the neighborhood with regular project updates which we'll post on our website as we get them.

For more info contact Pam Krecklow, Real Estate & Construction Manager, Albertina Kerr, at 503-869-2596. ■

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Nadaka Nature Park & Garden Project

By Lee Dayfield, Friends of Nadaka

2013 was a very productive year for the [Friends of Nadaka](#) team which includes the [Audubon Society of Portland](#) (Audubon) and [Columbia Slough Watershed Council](#) (CSWC).

Audubon released a Cooper's Hawk and brought their educational birds to the Nadaka Community Festival. Over 300 people attended the Festival last August. This year's Festival will be held September 27th. You can [view the release of the Cooper's Hawk](#) on YouTube by searching for Nadaka Nature Park.

The Nadaka Nature Park & Garden Project was awarded an Oregon State Parks grant in the amount of \$523,480. These funds will be used to cover the large capital improvements such as the restrooms and covered picnic shelter.



Joey Wojtas of Troop 606 chose Nadaka to do his Eagle Scout Service Project. His project included clearing an area on the meadow, planting natives, mulching and installing a new concrete bench. It also included removing a large area of ivy in the forest. A special thanks to Joey and Troop 606 for their work at Nadaka.

There were two cleanups with [SOLVE®](#) in 2013 as well as many others throughout the year. 473 individuals volunteered 1413 hours in 2013. This didn't even include the thousands of hours the Nadaka team devoted to the project.

In addition to the above team of Friends of Nadaka, CSWC and Audubon, the following groups have been working on the Nadaka project: City of Gresham, St. Aidan's Episcopal Church, MIG, Inc., Verde, Outgrowing Hunger, Human Solutions, Center for Family Success, Springwater Trail High School, Four Cities Peer Court, HB Lee Middle School, East Hill Church, Rosemary Anderson High School and Oregon Tradeswomen. The involvement of our community at Nadaka continues to grow.

2014 promises to be even more exciting. Construction should begin on the 2-acres near NE Glisan in June. Improvements along NE Pacific will happen late summer or fall which will include removing the fence and completing the street. Approximately 12 Douglas Firs with laminated root rot will be removed possibly in March. These trees will be used in the future nature based play area.

Upcoming Events:

- March 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Cleanup
- April 12, 10 a.m., Walk & Talk with project partners
- April 26, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., SOLVE® Cleanup
- Sept, 27, Noon to 3 p.m., Nadaka Community Festival

For updates on Nadaka go to www.friendsofnadaka.org or check out the [Friends of Nadaka on Facebook](#). Information also available on the WENA website www.wilkeseastna.org.

Funds for this project are still needed and you can make a tax-deductible contribution on the [Friends of Nadaka website](#). The Columbia Slough Watershed Council, a 501(c)(3) organization, is the fiscal agent for this project. Checks can be mailed directly to the CSWC at 7040 NE 47th Ave., Portland, OR 97218. Just make a notation the gift is being made for "Nadaka". No gift is too small and we need funds for printing, copies, buying tools for the community garden, office supplies, the design, fabrication and installation of interpretive signage, and the Community Festival in September, matching funds to support a community art project, etc. The grant funds received thus far cannot be used for any of the above items. All grants are specific as to what the funds are to be used for. ■

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2014 Street Sweeping Schedule



Second Monday, Monthly
March - November

Mar 10	Jun 9	Sep 8
Apr 14	Jul 14	Oct 13
May 12	Aug 11	Nov 10

The help ensure street sweepers are able to do a through job, please move vehicles, boats, campers, garbage cans, basketball hoops and other object into your driveway.

DO NOT PLACE LEAVES OR YARD DEBRIS IN STREET

New Construction In Our Area

AT&T proposes to construct a new wireless antenna facility at [17941 NE Glisan St.](#) The top of the cellular antenna will be approximately 60 ft. above ground level. The facility will be enclosed by a chain link fence and a 5 ft. wide landscape buffer. The site is surrounded by commercial property including a convenience store and food carts.

SEKO Logistics proposes to construct a new 23,000 sq. ft. building just west of their existing Portland location at [17949 NE Sandy Blvd.](#) The proposed 34 ft. tall structure will be similar to their existing building. ■

Spring Gardening Tips

Winter's almost over. Get busy outdoors. As the weather warms, it's time to dig in on planting, pruning, and pest control.

Early spring is the ideal time to divide perennials like coneflowers, daisies, asters, hosta's and garden mums.

As soon as bulbs poke through the soil, slugs start feeding. Stop these voracious chewers early by applying slug bait.

Turn over the garden. Nothing grows easier than peas. Sow seeds outdoors now for arugula, peas, scallions and spinach.

For a year-around guide to vegetable gardening in the NW visit portlandnursery.com/docs/veggies/VeggieCalendar.pdf ■

Neighborhood Cleanup

Sat. June 28th
9am-Noon*



Car \$10
Suv/Van \$15
Pickup \$20
Trailer \$30

Residential only • No commercial waste

*First come, first served. We'll be done when the dumpster's are full.

Accepting: Bulky junk, general cleanup items, metal, yard debris.

NO: TVs, Paint, Food, Florescent's, Tires, Rock, or Hazardous

Volunteers Needed. Email: info@wilkeeastna.org

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Community Calendar

- **Monday, March 24, 2014** 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Wilkes East Neighborhood Meeting
St Aidan's Episcopal Church, [174th NE Glisan](#)
- **Thursday, April 03, 2014** 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Spring Birds
Council Chambers, [1333 NW Eastman](#)
- **Sunday, April 06, 2014** 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Rain Garden 101 in April
Hollydale Elementary School, [505 S.W. Birdsdales Drive](#)
- **Wednesday, April 16, 2014** 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Weed Watchers Invasive Plant Identification Class
Barlow Trail Room, Gresham City Hall, [1333 N.W. Eastman](#)
- **Thursday, April 17, 2014** 6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Third Thursday Studio: Storytellers from Tad's Talks
Gresham Historical Society, [410 North Main Ave.](#)
- **Saturday, April 19, 2014** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Earth Day 2014 - Recycling Event
[Gresham City Hall Parking Lot](#)
- **Saturday, May 17, 2014** 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Naturescaping Basics in May
Troutdale Conference Building, [223 S. Buxton Road](#)
- **Saturday, May 17, 2014** 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Weed Watchers Plant Identification Class
Rockwood Library, [17917 SE Stark St.](#)
- **Wednesday, June 25, 2014** 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Summer Weed Identification Workshop
Linnemann Station, [3828-3852 SE Powell Blvd](#) ■

Save the Date!

Wilkes East Neighborhood
Spring Meeting

Monday, March 24th, 2014 7PM
St Aidan's Episcopal Church, 174th & Glisan

- Travis Stovall, Tri-Met Board Liaison
Future Plans for Tri-Met
- Melissa Gaul, Port of Portland
Plans for property near 12 Mile Corner
- Reed Wagner, Multnomah Drainage
Dike Accreditation & Future Plans
- Neighborhood News

See you there!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Join your friends and neighbors. Wilkes East Neighborhood has volunteer opportunities available. For more information email info@wilkeeastna.org ■

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