



## Gresham Women's Shelter Near Capacity, Domestic Violence A Large Issue

**89 Women Helped Since mid-September, Many Over Age 55**

*By Charles Hodges  
Dir. Emergency Services  
Human Solutions*

Approximately 18 months ago we had the opportunity to meet with a number of community partners and discuss the challenges faced by women who are experiencing homelessness. From that meeting, a vision was generated that has now led to the opening of the Gresham Women's Shelter. This shelter is domestic violence informed and designed to help alleviate the pressure points in the domestic violence system while providing around the clock access to crisis beds. The facility and programming were significantly influenced by a County lead pilot project exploring the use of Human Centered Design and the principles of Trauma Informed Care. The investment supporting the opening was due in large part to the leadership of [A Home for](#)



Gresham Women's Shelter, 162nd & E Burnside, Gresham OR

[Everyone](#) and the Multnomah County Commission.

The shelter had a 'soft' opening on the evening of September 16th with 16 guests and started accepting crisis referrals through *Call to Safety* on September 19th and regular referrals through 211 on September 20th. Guests initially transitioned from the Hansen shelter while the majority of our additional guests have been placed through the domestic violence system or from advocates working with women from East County specifically those displaced from the Springwater Trail.

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### Nadaka Nature Park, West Gresham Neighbors Delight



*By Monica McAllister  
Nadaka Nature Park Coordinator*

With the arrival of fall and the winter season just around the corner, [Friends of Nadaka](#) (FON) is gearing up for events and stewardship at the park! From gardening workshops to native planting with local schools and community members, we are excited to offer plenty of opportunities for you to get outside and spend time with friends and family. As we begin planning for next year at the park, it is wonderful to look back on all the great work that we have been able to accomplish.

The 6th Annual Nadaka Community Festival was huge success this year with 375 community members joining in the fun despite the heat warning. This year we had 3 performers, 23 partnering organizations and businesses, 19 of which hosted a community booth, and added an Owl Pellet Dissection/Education station, Ivy Crown Craft station, and Nature Photo Booth. A big thank you to our Festival Committee, volunteers, partners and everyone who made the festival a marvelous success!

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*Did you know? Water is the ONLY substance on earth that occurs naturally in all 3 states of matter - liquid, solid, and gas.*



### Reynolds School District 5th Annual Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner

Reynolds School District is proud of their fine athletes, teams, coaches and many support personnel. The Hall of Fame dinner/program inducts and honors 4-5 players, coaches or others and this year our honorees are: Dan Carlson (85-88), Scott Carpenter (68-72), Krystal Saling (97-2001), Dennis Walters (62-66) and 1982 Columbia Boys State Champion Gymnastics team.

Friday, November 18, 2016, 6PM  
McMenamins Edgefield, Blackberry Hall,  
2126 SW Halsey St, Troutdale, Oregon.

The community is invited to purchase tickets for \$30 to join our celebration.

[wilkeseastna.org](http://wilkeseastna.org)

More information available at <http://www.reynolds.k12.or.us/rhs/reynolds-athletic-hall-fame-class-2016>, or phone 503-667-3186 x1008

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**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**Wilkes East Neighborhood**  
**Fall Meeting**  
**November 14th • 7PM**

**Albertina Kerr • Bldg "CI"**  
**722 NE 162nd Av**

**Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Newsletter**

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**BOARD MEETINGS**

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

**SPECIAL THANKS**

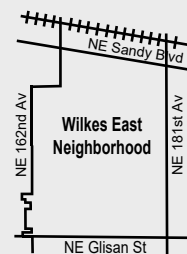
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**Got an interesting story to share?**

Email it to: [info@wilkeeastna.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@wilkeeastna.org) for details.



*Dear Neighbors* • a message from your WENA President

Land Use continues to take up much of our time. Waterside project at NE 165th & Halsey has cleared but not started their land preparation due to changes in the scope of the project. SGS Development, LLC., has begun surveying their additional project at NE 162nd & Halsey. Craig Smith of SGS Development will be presenting an update at our November 14th public meeting.

Other Land Use issues are: Rick's Fencing, 179th & NE Halsey. This is a zone change. They're proposing an 8,000 SF retail commercial building with outside storage yard. In progress projects are: Courtyard by Marriott, NE 181st near exit 13; Christensen Electric, NE 172nd & Sacramento; Columbia Care, 17720 NE Halsey; Wilkes Elementary School, 170th & NE Wilkes Rd; Chevron Station, NE Sandy Blvd & 181st; Stark Firs Apts, 641 NE 162nd. No update or time-line for any of these projects at this writing.

If you have any code issues, send pictures when reporting to the NET group (Neighborhood Enforcement Team) at the City of Gresham. Report abandoned cars, blocked driveways, graffiti, foliage blocking your line of sight at intersections, and stolen property. You may phone the NET group at 503-618-2866. You can download the free "MyGresham" app from Google Play or the iPhone App Store. Using the "MyGresham" app is every bit as good as a phone call.

December will be the last month of Gresham's Street Cleaning program for neighborhoods. Arterial street sweeping is year-round on the 3rd week of each month 2am to 7am. By removing debris from the roads & street it reduces obstacles to pedestrians & cyclists. It also removes sub-

stances, which clog storm drains & it reduces the amount of pollutants collecting on the streets. Please remove garbage cans, recycle carts, cars, boats, campers & basketball hoops off streets & make sure vegetation is away from the curb.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

• Monday November 14, 2016 7-9PM  
WENA Fall Public Meeting  
Albertina Kerr Campus, 722 NE 162nd Ave, Bldg "CI". From 162nd go east on Holiday St to 165th, turn right, go 1 block, turn right onto campus. There is plenty of parking (there will be other meetings at the same time at other locations on campus).  
AGENDA: Craig Smith, Project Dir SGS Development LLC, update on Waterside apartments 165th & NE Halsey & ProjectOne on the southeast corner of NE 162nd & Halsey; Deborah Kafoury, Chair Multnomah County Commission (not confirmed at this time); update on homeless projects in our area; Election of 2016-17 Wilkes East Neighborhood Board.

We continue to recruit volunteers along with those interested in running for the WENA Board. Please consider becoming active in your community. Remember if we don't have a neighborhood association then we have no idea of what's going on at City Hall & how their plans impact our neighborhood!

As always, thank you to all who donate their time & energy toward making Wilkes East a better community.

See you around the neighborhood!  
Your Friend & Neighbor,

*Kristen Freiermuth*

**SHELTER (Page 1)**

To date we have served a total of 89 women a significant number of which are over 55 with more referrals coming in daily. We expect to be full shortly and are working closely with our domestic violence partners who are now offering regular office hours in the shelter with additional times available as needed.

Unfortunately, while access to safety off the streets is improving, the demand continues to outpace the resources available. Yes, adequate shelter space is critical but is in no way a final solution. Similarly, relying on the private market to provide housing in sufficient numbers to support the housing first / rapid rehousing model is currently not possible and will likely remain so for years to

come. Therefore the need for increased investments in diversion funding, allowing greater flexibility in spending, longer-term assistance for those who require it and a redoubling of efforts to establish and maintain a supply of permanent affordable housing is clear. ■

**Writers & Editors Needed**

*Looking for a way to create positive change in your community?*

Volunteer to help with the Wilkes East Neighborhood newsletter. We need writers and editors for content preparation. Bring your ideas and energy. Contact [info@wilkeeastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeeastna.org)

**Did you know?** Gresham's elevation is 301 ft. Average winter temps: high 46', low: 35'

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## 2016 Reynolds School District

## Athletic Hall of Fame Biographies

• **Dan Carlson (1985 – 1988)**

Dan was an eight-time varsity letterman for the Lancers in football, wrestling and baseball, earning multiple all-conference honors. In baseball, he helped lead the Lancers to the first Mt. Hood Conference title and also earned all-state honors. Dan's dedication and work ethic was unmatched. After Reynolds, Dan went on to pitch for the Mt. Hood Community College baseball team, earning multiple All-NWAC honors. He was drafted by the San Francisco Giants in 1990, making his Major League debut in 1996. He spent four years in the Majors playing for San Francisco as well as the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

• **Scott Carpenter (1968 – 1972)**

Scott was a three-sport standout for the Lancers in football, basketball and baseball, earning seven varsity letters and multiple All-Wilco League honors. In basketball, he helped lead the Lancers to two Wilco League titles, including his senior year when he received all-state honors. Scott was the epitome of leadership, being selected team captain in all three sports, five times overall. After Reynolds, Scott went on to compete at Linfield College, playing baseball for a year, but eventually focusing on basketball, where he was a four-time letterman, three-time team captain and part of two Northwest Conference Championships.

• **Krystal Saling (1997 – 2001)**

Krystal earned an astonishing twelve varsity letters for the Raiders in soccer, basketball and track and field, receiving multiple All-Mt. Hood Conference honors. In track and field, she won numerous conference championships and qualified for the state meet four years in a row in various events, including the 4x100m relay, 100m hurdles, 300m hurdles and pole vault. As a senior, she was the state runner-up in the pole vault and voted the Reynolds Female Athlete of the Year. After Reynolds, Krystal received a track and field scholarship from Idaho State University and also competed in soccer. She transferred after two years to Mt. Hood Community College and eventually Portland State, where she still holds the indoor record in the pole vault with the height of 11-4.

• **Denny Walter (1962 – 1966)**

Denny was a seven-time varsity letterman for the Lancers in football, basketball and baseball. In football, he earned multiple All-Wilco League honors. As a senior, he was co-captain of the 1965 football team, helping lead them to the Wilco League title, 2nd place in state and was selected to participate in the Shriner's All-Star football game. He earned 1st Team All-State honors and was voted "Most Athletic" by his Lancer classmates. Denny went on to become a four-year letterman in football at Lewis & Clark College, helping lead the Pioneers to three-consecutive Northwest Conference Championships while receiving All-Conference honors as a sophomore, junior and senior, including All-American honors as a senior. He was inducted into the Lewis & Clark Hall of Fame in 1989.

• **The 1981-82 Columbia Boys Gymnastics Team**

Arguably the most successful Chargers Athletics program during the existence of Columbia High School was the boys gymnastics program. They reached their pinnacle during the 1981-82

season. Led by coach Scott Robinson and 2012 Reynolds Hall of Fame Inductee Wendall Wetzell, Columbia won the Wilco League title with a 6-0 record and first place finish at the district meet. They went on to dominate the state meet, earning the first and only state championship for Columbia. Team members: Mark Alexander, Glen Anderson, Bret King, Derek Lutz, Ted Lutz, Wendall Wetzell and head coach Scott Robinson. ■

**Did you know?** *The City's wastewater treatment plant treats an average of 13 million gallons of wastewater per day.*

## NADAKA (Page 1)

Volunteers from the neighborhood showed their love for Nadaka at our [SOLVE Beach and Riverside Cleanup](#) in September and our *No Ivy Day* event on October 29th alongside the "[College Possible](#)" High School youth to remove invasive plants and replace them with native plants. We also partnered with [Audubon Society of Portland](#) to host a September Bird Walk where we cataloged the number and variety of species passing through the park during fall migration.

Friends of Nadaka would like to recognize the great work that our two SummerWorks Interns, eight [STRIVE](#) team members, and five TALON Apprentices did at Nadaka this summer. These young adults helped lead and teach environmental education, stewardship, and field trips to youth from partnering programs such as Latino Network, [Human Solutions](#), and various SUN programs during the summer. They were also instrumental in keeping the park in tip top shape by removing invasive plants, caring for two education garden plots, managing for the front 2 acres, and helping with the Nadaka Community Festival just to name a few things. All the amazing work that Friends of Nadaka, partners, and volunteers have put into the park has resulted in recognition from various organizations. This year Friends of Nadaka was awarded the City of Gresham's GREAT Business Certification, and *Portland Monthly's 'Light a Fire Award'* for Game Changing Project. More information about the Light a Fire Award can be found here:

<http://www.pdxmonthly.com/articles/2016/10/10/friends-of-nadaka-unites-a-gresham-neighborhood-to-create-a-park> .

We are excited to continue providing a safe and welcoming space to our community and invite you to join us for our upcoming events at Nadaka. These include our Pollinator Workshop with [EMSWCD](#) on 11/5 from 9am to 11am, the November Bird & Nature Walk with Audubon on Saturday 11/12 at 9am, MLK Day of Service January 16th, and Nadaka Backyard Bird Count February 17th.

Be sure to come see the new additions at the park including a multilingual bird interpretative sign, new ADA accessible Oodle Swing (right, in progress), and new park ambassadors!



ADA accessible Oodle Swing

These are just a few of the activities we have in store for the neighborhood. For more information and opportunities to get involved, visit [www.friendsofnadaka.org](http://www.friendsofnadaka.org), "[Friends of Nadaka](#)" on Facebook, or contact Monica at [monica@friendsofnadaka.org](mailto:monica@friendsofnadaka.org) or 503-956-8558. Help us fulfill our mission to nurture nature, food, and families. We look forward to seeing everyone at the park! ■

### Holiday Cooking: Freeze the Grease, Save a Bundle. Keep Fats Out Of The Pipes



#### Simple Solution. Big Reward.

After big holiday meals, no one likes to be stuck doing the clean-up. But if you aren't careful with left-over gravy, pan drippings and sauces a grease-clogged drain could ruin your holiday and cost you a bundle.

When fats, oils and grease are poured down the drain, they stick to the inside of pipes causing messy sewer back-ups and expensive cleanup and repair.

The solution: Pour the grease into a can, freeze it, and toss the can in the trash! ■

#### Got a tip or story to share?

If you've got an interesting tip, story or article idea that you'd like to share email it to: [info@wilkeseastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeseastna.org)



### Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Annual Election of Officers

Are you looking for ways to make a difference in your community on the issues you care about most?

Join your neighborhood Board. All positions up for election.

When: Monday, Nov 14th 7PM

Where: Albertina Kerr Campus

722 NE 162nd Ave, Bldg 'C1'

From 162nd go east on Holiday St, turn right NE 165th, enter driveway across from NE Pacific Dr

Being a Board member is a great opportunity and experience for any neighbor, whether you've been on a board before or you're considering the idea for the first time.

Any member of the Wilkes East Neighborhood Association can run for a board position and vote for board members. To run for the board, you simply need to show up on Monday, Nov 14, and self-nominate yourself.

New members will serve for 1-year with a dynamic, enthusiastic, committed group of other volunteers who work hard on behalf of this neighborhood. Add your talents too!

Board members can expect to spend about 5 hours a month of volunteer time, including attending monthly Board meetings and at least one committee meeting per month. To learn more about this exciting opportunity email [info@wilkeseastna.org](mailto:info@wilkeseastna.org) ■



### Don't 'Leaf' Debris In The Street

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. ■



### Holiday Events & Activities

Visit our website Nov-Dec for a list of Holiday favorite activities and events at [www.wilkeseastna.org](http://www.wilkeseastna.org) . ■

### Our Holiday Wish To You

This holiday season take the time to give thanks for all that's good in your own life -- and to give to others who may not share the same good fortune. Have a safe and happy holidays!

Save the Date!

Wilkes East Neighborhood Fall Meeting  
Monday, November 14, 7-9PM

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- WENA 2016-17 Board Elections
- 162nd Women's Shelter Update
- Area Homeless Shelters Update
- Waterside Halsey Projects Update
- Neighborhood news & more

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