



TriMet's New North-South 162nd Ave Route Popular with Riders, Service Expansion 2019

Line-74 Is All About Connections

Line 74-162nd Ave is the new connection for East Portland and Gresham. The 6.5-mile bus line which launched in Spring 2018 offers weekday service between Wilkes, Glenfair, Rockwood and Centennial.

Line 74 runs north-south primarily along 162nd Ave between SE Powell and NE Airport Way between 7AM and 7PM Monday through Friday. Buses arrive about every 30 minutes for improved access to family-wage employment, grocery stores, healthcare and various social services in the Columbia Corridor and offers transfers to TriMet bus lines 4, 9, 20, 21, 25, 77, 82 and 87 as well as the MAX Blue Line.

"This bus line is about connections," said TriMet Interim General Manager Shelley Devine. "It is a reflection of TriMet's commitment to the region, to provide more and better bus service, to invest in communities like East Portland and Gresham and to bring faster, more reliable service to areas where people need it most."



Thanks to new transportation funds, TriMet plans to expand service on Line 74 beginning in the fall 2019 with more frequent buses during rush hour and service later during weekdays and on the weekend.

TriMet is also making improvements to some of its oldest MAX stations along the Blue Line by installing larger windscreens, new shelter roofs, updated lighting and security cameras, new signs and TransitTracker™ displays. The E 162nd Ave stations will reopen in late-October early-November 2018, and work will begin on E 148th Ave stations in spring 2019.

Visit www.trimet.org for routes, schedules, news and more. ■

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](http://AllwoodRecyclers.com), 23001 NE Marine Dr, Fairview. 503-667-5497.
- Mulch leaves with a lawnmower and spread the mixture over flowerbeds. ■

Download this newsletter with active links at: wilkeseastna.org/newsletter.htm

Mark Your Calendar!

Wilkes East Neighborhood

Fall Meeting
November 12th • 7PM

Albertina Kerr Campus, Training Bldg
722 NE 162nd Ave

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2018 Reynolds Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet

The Reynolds School District is proud to announce the 2018 class of inductees to the Athletics Hall of Fame. The annual banquet will be held on Friday, November 16th at McMemamins Edgefield. Tickets are available on the Reynolds School District website, or through the athletic director's office at the high school, 503 667-3186.

Darren Brady (Reynolds HS, 1978–1982). Darren was a two-sport standout for the Lancers, earning eight varsity letters in tennis and basketball. As a senior, he was selected 1st Team All-League, All-Metro and All-State, finishing runner-up for Oregon Player of the Year. Darren was also a standout in the classroom, earning a 3.94 cumulative GPA. After Reynolds, he attended Brown University, where he was a 4-time letterman in basketball. During his senior year at Brown, Darren helped lead the Bears to the Ivy League title and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament, which was the first team in school history to do so. Darren and the 1986 team were later inducted into the Brown University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Valerie Fletcher (Reynolds HS, 1995–1999). Valerie earned eight varsity letters for the Raiders in basketball and soccer. During her senior campaign, she served as the team captain and was selected 1st Team All-State. Valerie was also very accomplished in the classroom, earning the President's Educational Excellence Award as well as numerous academic scholarships.

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Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Newsletter

Published three times a year. 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. Download a PDF of this newsletter online at: www.wilkeeastna.org/newsletter.htm.

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Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 6:30PM. See wilkeeastna.org for details.

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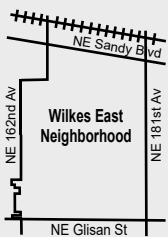
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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- The Wilkes East Neighborhood newsletter is funded, in part, through a generous grant from the [City of Gresham](#).
- Printing by [Print Results Inc.](#) 503-287-9566
- Meeting hall: [Albertina Kerr](#), 722 NE 162nd Av, Training Bldg (center north on campus)



Dear Neighbors • a message from your WENA President

October has arrived ending Summer and Fall has now begun. It's what I like to call a month of both seasons. A little of both is good!

We again encourage you to share your concerns, hobbies and/or experiences living in our community in the WENA newsletter. Simply write an article of 350-500 words, include any pictures, and send to info@wilkeeastna.org. Deadline for articles is the 15th of February, July & October for newsletter delivery prior to our public meetings in March, August & November.

Land Use: Current land-use projects are moving ahead; however, [My Place Hotel](#) has dropped their Gresham project at NE 178th and NE Sacramento.

Save the Date: Monday November 12, 2018 7PM WENA's Fall Public Meeting, Albertina-Kerr Campus, 722 NE 162nd Ave Bldg H, NE corner of the campus. You can reach this location from NE 165th between NE Glisan & NE Holladay.

Fall Meeting Agenda: [Gresham Police NET Team](#) update on crime, homelessness & other issues affecting our neighborhood; Danna Diaz, Superintendent of Reynolds School District, looking to the future for our schools. Speaker TBA Tri-Met, improvement to bus lines in our area. Annual WENA Board Member elections.

In Memoriam: I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the passing of 2 of our "silent volunteer's" who lived in the

Capri Terrace neighborhood for over 50 years: Bus Gibson & Jim Kunkle. You have all seen them at one time or another. Bus was our man with the clippers & trash bags keeping our neighborhood & parks tidy. Rain or shine Bus was walking the paths always quiet in demeanor, but with much determination. Bus was a family man, Veteran & FAA flight controller. Jim Kunkle also a dedicated family man was known for his broad smile & friendly "Hi". His determination in keeping the grass in our parks trimmed was almost a mantra. Rain or shine you would see Jim riding along on his mower to one of our parks. Jim was also a Veteran, retired NASA engineer & real-estate developer. We thank them & their families. They will be very much missed!

Get Involved: Annual WENA Board Member elections are November 12th! Get involved. Nominate yourself! No experience needed. Please consider becoming active for your community. Remember if we don't have a neighborhood association we have no idea what plans are being made by City Hall for our community.

Thank you to all who donate their time & energy in making Wilkes East a better place to live.

See you at the November 12th Public Meeting!!

Your Neighbor,

Kristen Friermuth

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After Reynolds, Valerie played soccer at the University of Portland for former Reynolds boys soccer coach, Clive Charles. Valerie played four years for the Pilots, helping them earn three NCAA tournament appearances. Valerie and the 2002 team were later inducted into the U of P Hall of Fame as well as the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame.

Richard Franklin (Reynolds HS, 1967-1971). Rick was a work horse on the wrestling mat earning three varsity letters. As a junior, Rick was the Wilco League Champion in the 130-lb weight class. At the state meet, he helped lead the Lancers to a 3rd place finish. After Reynolds, Rick went on to wrestle at Mt. Hood Community College finishing 3rd at the 1974 NWAAC tournament at 142-lbs. He went on to wrestle at Pacific University, winning the 1978 NAIA National Championship at 142-lbs. He was inducted into the Mt. Hood Community College and NWAAC Junior College Hall of Fame in 1996. In 2009, Rick was inducted into the

Oregon Chapter of the National Wrestling Hall of Fame.

Katie Swoboda (Reynolds HS, 2001-2005). Katie was an eight-time varsity letterman for the Raiders in volleyball and track & field. She led the Raiders to two state tournament appearances, including a 5th place finish her senior year, a school best. She was also twice selected to the state All-Tournament Team. After Reynolds, Katie accepted a full volleyball scholarship from the University of Oregon. She was a three-time Honorable Mention All-Pac 10 selection, a two-time team MVP and one of three libero to be nominated for the Pac-12 All-Century Team. Katie also holds numerous school records and is ranked 4th all-time for the Pac-12 in career digs.

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GOT A STORY TO SHARE?

If you've got an interesting story you'd like to share email it to: info@wilkeeastna.org

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Happening's At Nadaka Nature Park & Garden

By Monica McAllister & Grace Graham

Turned leaves are falling, the mornings are cool, and our plants are drinking up the first rains of the season as we settle into a beautiful autumn here at Nadaka Nature Park. After a summer buzzing with community celebrations and gatherings, gardeners tending their bountiful harvests, and many educational workshops and volunteering events, we at [Friends of Nadaka](#) (FON) are looking forward to our winter programming and have already begun planning for next year's events. Over the next several months, we will be offering indoor gardening workshops, forest restoration projects, and other community engagement events that we encourage all of our neighbors to attend. Before diving into information about our upcoming park activities, however, we would like to take a moment to reflect on the past season's successes and thank our community members and partners who helped make them possible.



This year's 8th Annual [Nadaka Community Festival](#) was a huge success! We had over 350 participants, 3 performances, and 34 partnering organizations & businesses. We were thrilled to have The Aztec Dancers, Ukrainian Folk Singer Natalia Hougan, and

the NW Panmen Terry Baber and Brad Hirsch on the Steel Drums perform again at this year's festival. The [Audubon Society of Portland](#) education birds and handlers, [City of Gresham Police Cadets](#) and [Fire Department](#) had a ton of fun connecting with the community and teaching them about the amazing work they do. Environmental education activities, crafts, and face painting were led by our Nadaka Interns, East County Nature Crew, Centennial Park High School, Gresham High School Key Club, and TALON Apprentices from Audubon Society of Portland while the [Boys & Girls Club](#) kept the fun going with games and activities at the picnic shelter! We extend a big thank you to our Festival Committee, volunteers, partners, and everyone else who made the festival a marvelous success! Our Festival sponsors and donors included: Owens Corning, [City of Gresham](#), and [St. Aidan's Episcopal Church](#), as well as Albertsons, Starbucks, and [Rockwood PUD](#) who donated hot dogs & chips, coffee, and water respectively. We are extremely grateful for their support!

Friends of Nadaka would like to recognize the amazing work of our two Nadaka [SummerWorks](#) Interns and nine East County Nature Crew who helped lead and teach bilingual events for the [Human Solutions](#) apartment complexes and lead nature activities for the [SKIP Program](#) (City of Gresham's *Summer Kids In the Park* Program, which includes free lunch and family-friendly activities) hosted at Nadaka with the Boys & Girls Club this summer. This year, Lilia from the SummerWorks Intern Program joined the ranks of the Nadaka Ambassadors, and Trey has returned as an Ambassador after his internship with the East County Nature Crew to continue working at the park year-round. We also want to recognize the amazing work of our year-round Ambassadors who have been working to engage the community, lead events, and keep the park safe and clean!

For the fall season, volunteers from the neighborhood showed their love for Nadaka at our [SOLVE Beach and Riverside Cleanup](#) in September and the No Ivy Day event in October. For this year's No Ivy Day event, Friends of Nadaka was awarded a \$2,000 SPACE Grant from [East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District](#). This grant enabled us to purchase native plants and tools,

and help support the Nadaka Park Coordinator and Nadaka Ambassadors in running the event. We were lucky to have "[College Possible](#)" high school youth and community members come together to prep the garden for winter. Another great annual event was our Fall Bird Walk with Audubon Society of Portland, where we cataloged the number and variety of species passing through the park during fall migration. In the garden, we finished up our free hands-on gardening workshop series with [Outgrowing Hunger](#), and did an end-of-the-season cleanup. For those who are interested in gardening at the park, new garden registration for Nadaka begins February 1st. Contact Adam Kohl of Outgrowing Hunger (adam@outgrowinghunger.org) for more information and how to register for a garden plot.

New to our team at Nadaka Nature Park this fall is [AmeriCorps](#) Member Grace Graham, who recently started an 11-month term of service as the Events & Outreach Specialist for both Nadaka Nature Park & Garden and the [Columbia Slough Watershed Council](#). Grace was born and raised in Anchorage, Alaska, and graduated from Willamette University in Salem, OR last May with a Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Science and degree emphasis in Social Sciences. During her time in school, Grace managed her university's Outdoor Program, assisted her academic advisor in climate research, and spent a semester studying biodiversity and the local social impacts of ecotourism in Bocas del Toro, Panama. After graduating, she worked for a diversified organic farm in Salem before moving to Portland to begin her service with AmeriCorps.

Grace is thrilled to have the opportunity to bring her passions for environmental conservation and social justice together through her position as the Events & Outreach Specialist. At Nadaka, she has begun facilitating and leading environmental stewardship programming with the [SUN Program](#) at HB Lee Middle School and students from Centennial Park Alternative High School. She is also looking forward to becoming more involved with communities and organizations in the Wilkes East neighborhood. At the Columbia Slough Watershed Council, she assists with outreach and communication efforts, and provides logistic and administrative support for community events. She is excited about becoming more engaged in diversity, equity, and inclusion work in the environmental field, and looks forward to building many more relationships with the communities she serves! If you have questions about Grace's role, the AmeriCorps program, or opportunities to collaborate, please contact her at grace.graham@columbiaslough.org.

Even though winter weather will be upon us shortly, Friends of Nadaka will still have many fun events coming up rain or shine! Join us for our Urban Weeds Workshop with [EMSWCD](#) on Thursday 11/8 from 6-8:30 PM in the community hall at St. Aidan's Episcopal Church. MLK Day of Service will be at the park on Monday, January 21st, and the Community Planting Event will follow on February 9th. Starting in March, we will be offering our Annual Free [Indoor Gardening Workshop](#) Series with [Oregon Food Bank](#) in English, Spanish, and Russian. Another event to keep an eye out for is our Spring Bird and Nature Walk Day with Audubon Society of Portland.

These are just a few of the activities we have in store for the community at Nadaka. For more information and opportunities to get involved and help create a positive social and environmental change in the Wilkes East and Rockwood community, visit www.friendsofnadaka.org, "Friends of Nadaka" group and [Nadaka Nature Park page on Facebook](#), or contact Monica at monica@friendsofnadaka.org or 503-956-8558. We look forward to seeing everyone at the park! ■

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

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Debbie Swoboda (Columbia HS & Reynolds HS, 1988-2016). Coach Swoboda started at Columbia in 1988 as a member of their physical education staff and also served as the Chargers head softball coach. Prior to that, she was the head volleyball coach at Corbett High School, where she led the Cardinals to five state championships. When Columbia and Reynolds combined in 1989, coach Swoboda took over the new Reynolds Raiders volleyball program. She went on to coach the Raiders for 24 seasons. During that time, coach Swoboda led her teams to 13 state playoff appearances, including two top-8 finishes and a school best 5th place finish in 2003. In the Mt. Hood Conference, Coach Swoboda earned Coach of the Year honors and was also selected twice as the Oregon Athletic Coaches Association (OACA) Coach of the Year. ■

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! ■



WENA Annual Election of Officers

Are you looking for ways to make a difference?

Join your neighborhood Board. All positions up for election!

When: Monday, Nov 12th 7PM

Where: Albertina Kerr Campus
722 NE 162nd Ave, Training Bldg
(From NE Glisan: north on 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. No experience needed.

Participation is open to all residents who live, own property or a business, organization, church or government agency within our boundaries (NE 162nd Ave, NE Glisan St, NE 181st Ave, and the railroad tracks along NE Sandy Blvd).

To run for the Board, simply show up Monday, Nov 12, and nominate yourself! Get involved. Make a difference! ■

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Holiday Events & Activities

Visit our website for a list of family Holiday favorites. Tree Lightings, Christmas Ships, Zoolights, Peacock Lane, Santa visits, Train rides and more at 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 Holiday Season!

Save the Date!
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Monday, November 12th, 7-9PM**
Albertina Kerr • 722 NE 162nd Av
Training Bldg (center north on campus)

- WENA 2018-19 Board Elections
- Gresham Police NET, area activity update
- Danna Diez, Superintendent Reynolds
- TriMet, update of new lines in Wilkes East
- North Gresham NA, volunteers Kirk Park

See you there!

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