



Planning Gresham Parks: Improvements to Columbia View Neighborhood Park

Share Your Ideas

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Parks are key services that can enhance a community's overall quality of life and sense of place. Today, Gresham has six undeveloped parks that are typically comprised of open space and natural areas and do not have recreational amenities. The City is exploring ways to expand and improve Gresham's park system and will be creating concept plans for six parks in Gresham that are currently undeveloped.

Join us at a concept planning discussion to share your ideas and aspirations for these six undeveloped parks: East Gresham Neighborhood Park; Southeast Community Park; Southeast Neighborhood Park; Southwest Community Park; Jenne Butte Neighborhood Park; and Columbia View Neighborhood Park, which is in your neighborhood and is scheduled for August 12 at 6:30 pm in the park. The meetings are designed so you can drop in anytime from 6:30 – 8 pm to:

- View proposed design elements that are intended to provide a sense of what park elements might look like and how they could integrate into your neighborhood park,



Columbia View Park (South of H B Lee Middle School, NE 172nd)

- Provide input on goals and desired outcomes of the park,
- Share your thoughts on site opportunities and constraints.

Another way to provide input is by taking a short online questionnaire that is available on the project webpage:

GreshamOregon.gov/Planning-for-Parks. For more information please contact Tina Osterink, Natural Resources Planner at 503-618-2392 or by email at Tina.Osterink@GreshamOregon.gov. ■

A Playground for Kirk Park

[North Gresham Neighborhood Association](http://NorthGreshamNeighborhoodAssociation) has posted [a great video](#) in their quest for a playground for their unimproved neighborhood park at NE 188th & NE Hassalo St. Check it out at <https://youtu.be/jg0JEDGKQDw>. For details contact Michael Elston, NGNA President, 503-753-7932, mkelston@comcast.net ■

First Day of School 2019



Reynolds High School

8:10AM-3:13PM
Sept 4: Grade 9
Sept 3: Grade 10-12

Reynolds Learning Academy

8:40AM-3:45PM
Sept 3: New Students
Sept 4: Returning Student

H.B.Lee Middle School

7:30AM-2:15PM
Sept 3: Grade 6
Sept 4: Grade 7-8

Wilkes Elementary School

8:15AM-2:45PM
Sept 3: Grade 1-5

"Together WE can make a difference!"

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

Mark Your Calendar!

Wilkes East Neighborhood

**Summer Meeting
August 12th • 6:30pm**

Columbia View Park
1121 NE 172nd Ave (HB Lee school)

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National Night Out August 6th

America's night out against crime

Celebrate the 36th anniversary of [National Night Out](#). Organize an event in your neighborhood on Tuesday, August 6th 2019.

Last year 38 million neighbors, from every state, across 16,000 communities participated in events to help make communities safe and raise awareness about anti-crime programs.

Go ahead -- invite your neighbors -- gather on someone's lawn or porch and *turn-on the lights!*

National Night Out: Heightens crime and drug prevention awareness • Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs • Strengthens neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships • Sends a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

Gresham celebrates National Night Out with: Block parties • Cookouts • Visits from Police and Fire • Parades and exhibits • Flashlight walks • Contests • Youth programs • Traditional display of outdoor lights and front porch vigils.

Organize a National Night Out Event in Your Neighborhood!

Contact Michael Gonzales at 503-618-2482 Michael.Gonzales@GreshamOregon.gov to register your event. ■

Volunteers always welcome!
Contact chair@wilkeseastna.org

Wilkes East Neighborhood Association Newsletter

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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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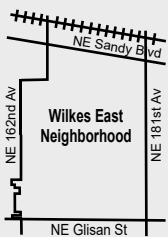
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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Dear Neighbors • a message from your WENA President

“Summer Time” is it really here or just the calendar says it is July?

Land-Use issues presently ongoing: My Place Hotel property is located at NE 178th & NE Sacramento. Their 68 unit hotel is in the finishing stages. Next Farhoud Apartments (Cedar Tree Apartments (Joseph Farhoud) located at 641 & 645 NE 162nd. File DRE 18-26000181 property located at 645 NE 162nd is scheduled for a hearing on Wednesday August 7 at 6:30pm at the Gresham Council Chambers building across from City Hall. Their project is for an 18 Row Apartments project. Panattoni Development Co., Inc. working with MacKenzie Group has applied for a zone change for a 3 building warehouse project located at the intersection of NE 170th Place & NE 172nd Place. MAJ Convenience Store working with MacKenzie Group to be located at NE 181st north of I-84. New Projects: 17090 NE San Rafael Street owner Valentine Borishkerich is proposing to build a 45K square foot warehouse with truck and car parking. This project will take up the balance of the remaining parcel of the property. Pre-App meeting is July 24, 2019 at 10:30am at City Hall. WoodSpring Suites Hotel as well as Courtyard adjacent to US Bank processing center are in their completion phase.

Be prepared when attending any Planning Meetings regarding code changes or Plan Presentations to go with photos and/or petitions supporting your concerns.

We continue to ask for articles to include in the WEna Newsletter. REMEMBER this is your opportunity to share your concerns and/or interests with your neighbors. All it takes is 300-500 words and a related photograph. Send your material “print ready” to: chair@wilkeeastna.org, subject

“[wena] article” The newsletter is published the end of February, July and October and are delivered prior to our public meetings in March, August and November. The deadline for articles is the 10th of February, July and October.

Our Matching Grant to The City of Gresham was accepted and a check received for the printing of the newsletter as well as maintenance costs for our website. THANK YOU Michael Gonzales and the Neighborhood Department as well as The City of Gresham for their consideration and generosity. We also would not be able to apply for grants if it were not for the volunteer hours given by many of you. The hours spent by the Distribution Team delivering newsletters and flyers are matched at \$18 an hour. Thank YOU!

DATES for your Calendar:

WEna’s Public Meeting will be Monday, August 12, 6:30-8pm at Columbia View Park. Yes, we will be meeting in Columbia View Park, so please bring chairs or blankets to sit on along with your list of questions and suggestions for Columbia View. Agenda:

- Tina Osterink and City of Gresham Parks Department – “What improvements would you like to see in Columbia View Park?”
- Kevin Dalgren – Community Health Services Advisor City of Gresham – “25 Hr. City of Gresham Program for assisting Homelessness”

Thank You to all who donate their time and energy in making Wilkes East a better community. Volunteers always welcome!

Hope to see you in the park on August 12!

Your Neighbor,

Kristen Freiermuth

MOVIES IN THE PARK

Fri Aug 9 Into the Spider-Verse (2018) PG
Ventura Park, [460 SE 113th Ave](#)

Thu Aug 15 Slumdog Millionaire (2008) PG
Laurelhurst Park, [SE 37th Ave](#)

Sat Aug 17 Bumblebee (2018) PG-13
Gateway Discovery Park, [NE 106th Ave](#)

Fri Aug 30 Dumbo (2019) PG
Montavilla Park, [8219 NE Glisan St](#)

Sun Sep 1 Pawn Sacrifice (2014) PG-13
Gateway Discovery Park, [NE 106th Ave](#)

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Happening's At Nadaka Nature Park & Garden

By Grace Graham,
Interim Nadaka Park Coordinator

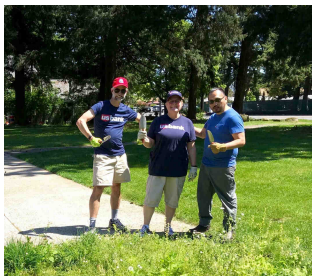
Can it really be July already? Where does the time go? Though we are well into the summer season at [Friends of Nadaka](#) Nature Park (FON), we count our blessings that we have yet to be hit with the scorching heat of a typical Oregon summer. We join our newly-planted trees in relishing the cool temperatures and enjoying periodic showers of rain as we work with dedicated interns and volunteers to keep the park safe, healthy, and beautiful.

In last quarter's newsletter, we left off with the news that Monica McAllister had moved on from her position as Nadaka Park Coordinator and had temporarily handed over the reigns to Jamie Stamberger as Interim Coordinator. In recent months, another transition took place as FON welcomed Grace Graham, formerly an AmeriCorps Member at Nadaka, as the new Interim Nadaka Park Coordinator



through the end of December. Grace is now working part-time to coordinate summer events, interns, and volunteer groups, in addition to gearing up for a fall season full of restoration events and environmental education programs. She is supported by a small but dedicated team of Nadaka Ambassadors, who work year-round to keep Nadaka clean, help facilitate events, and build positive relationships with park users. For questions about upcoming Nadaka events and programs or how to get involved, please contact Grace by emailing info@friendsofnadaka.org.

By the end of our recent spring, [Friends of Nadaka](#) had completed another term with [HB Lee Middle School's SUN program](#), in which local middle school students learned about stewardship and gardening at Nadaka, and even got to design, prepare, and plant Nadaka's education garden plot in the Nadaka Community Garden. We also hosted a wildly successful Community Planting Event back in April in collaboration with [Friends of Trees](#). 189 volunteers gathered on a drizzly, gray morning to help plant hundreds of small shrubs at Nadaka Nature Park, as well as 150 street trees throughout the neighborhoods surrounding Nadaka. [Friends of Nadaka](#) is so thankful for our



ever-growing partnership with [Friends of Trees](#), and we are already looking forward to more planting events this coming winter. We were also joined last May by an amazing group of employees from US Bank, who volunteered four hours on a hot day to help water Nadaka's trees and tend to areas overtaken by weeds and garbage. We wrapped up a wonderful spring

season with a Bird Walk hosted by the [Audubon Society of Portland](#), a free public workshop on Creating Edible Landscapes with [East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District](#), and a Nadaka Community Work Party in June.

This summer, FON staff are joined by the helping hands of the East Side Nature Crew, an inspiring group of high school students from [POIC + Rosemary Anderson](#) who will be working at Nadaka Nature Park two days per week to work on restoration and park maintenance tasks, lead groups of children from other summer programs in fun games and activities, and develop their own creative project for improving Nadaka Nature Park. We are so thankful for these youth and the hard work they are putting in to making Nadaka a more safe and enjoyable place for community members. The park will be alive with activity all summer long as the usual presence of families and children combines with the other visiting groups we are hosting, including the [Rockwood Boys & Girls Club](#), Trash for Peace, HB Lee Middle School, [NW Youth Corps](#), and Friends of Trees.



Our most exciting event of the summer, however, is the [♥ROCKWOOD FESTIVAL](#) on Saturday, August 17th from 11am-8pm. This event combines the resources and goals of the Annual Nadaka Community Festival with the popular Rock The Block event for a new festival geared towards celebrating the Rockwood community, delivering free services to local families and children, and highlighting the amazing resources and programs available at Nadaka Nature Park. The decision to create this new event stemmed from a scheduling conflict that arose between the Nadaka Community Festival and Rock The Block. Instead of competing for the attendance of the same community members and partners, we decided to form a new partnership and combine the best parts of both events into one. We are so excited for this opportunity to work with new partners in introducing more of our neighbors to Nadaka and the incredible resources that exist in our community. If you are interested in volunteering at the [♥ROCKWOOD FESTIVAL](#), please visit www.friendsofnadaka.org to register or email info@friendsofnadaka.org. We are in need of extra hands!

Coming up this fall, we will be hosting several habitat restoration and planting events, including the [SOLVE Beach & Riverside Clean-Up](#) on September 21st, No Ivy Day on October 26th, and a [Friends of Trees](#) Planting Event in November (specific date TBD). We are also excited to offer two free workshops with [East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District](#) this fall, including the Urban Weeds Workshop on October 2nd and the Native Plants Workshop on November 9th. To learn more about the events listed above, visit our website at www.friendsofnadaka.org. We also encourage folks to sign up to receive our monthly electronic newsletter through our website, or by using the following link: <http://eepurl.com/gb1A2r>. You can also stay up-to-date by "liking" our page on [Facebook @NadakaNaturePark](#), or following our Instagram account, [@nadakanaturepark](#). If you have questions about any events, news, or programs at Nadaka Nature Park, please email info@friendsofnadaka.org. Thank you for your support, and we hope to see you at Nadaka soon! ■

Did you know? Gresham has 26 parks and 8.39 miles of trails.

Rock The Block & Nadaka Community Festival Combine to Present

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A FREE Community Festival for All Ages!



AT NADAKA NATURE PARK

17615 NE Glisan St



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together in health



Saturday, August 17th

11am - 8pm



ENTERTAINMENT! **FOOD!** **NATURE ACTIVITIES!** **COMMUNITY RESOURCES!** **BOUNCY KINGDOM!** **CULTURAL ARTS!**

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

Come ready to enjoy a full day of entertainment, activities, and giveaways in a beautiful community park! Blankets and chairs are encouraged!

- Live performances all day!
- Food!
- Haircuts!
- School supplies!
- Medical and dental check-ups!
- Forest scavenger hunt!

5 - 8pm
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