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The SCAN Annual Newsletter is the official publication of the South Central Association of Neighbors. The purpose of the newsletter is to involve citizens in local government planning and decision-making that affects the development of their neighborhood. Other purposes of the newsletter are to communicate information about the neighborhood and to invite participation from all residents, businesses, and property owners. For more information, call 503-588-6207.

Saving Historic Howard Hall

Neighbors continue to work to save, in the words of Kim Charlton, President of the American Council for the Blind, "*the last physical trace of the role that the campus of the Oregon State School for the Blind played in the lives of thousands of families with members experiencing vision loss.*"

On May 15, SCAN Land Use & Transportation Chair Curt Fisher testified in the deliberations to demolish the landmark structure by Salem Hospital. SCAN recommended Howard Hall, determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places, not be demolished.

The public hearing will continue on Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 5:30 PM before the Salem Historic Landmarks Commission in City Council Chambers, City Hall, 555 Liberty St, SE.

The landmark structure has unique history; first proposed by Oregon's great reform Governor Oswald West (1873-1960) in his 1913 Biennial message to the 22nd Legislative Assembly, "*Fire proof buildings should be provided...Otherwise it is only a matter of time until we are called upon to shutter at an awful holocaust. No case is more demanding of aid than where birth or accident has robbed a human being of sight.*"

Elected at age 37 as Governor, West was a visionary. He served only one term (1911-15) and is credited with major reforms: creating the Board of Control governing the Blind School; establishing the Fish & Wildlife and Forestry Departments, the State Library; saving Oregon's beaches for public use; defending the "Oregon System" of referendum and initiative primaries, a minimum wage, reasonable working hours, women's right to vote, worker's compensation, careful regulations in finance. Today, statewide Braille services for the community of blindness are headquartered at the State Library.

In 1923, upon the 50th anniversary of the school, the Legislature enacted HB 367, "*for the construction and equipping a fireproof cottage (Howard Hall) at the Oregon State School for the Blind.*" That year, in addition to approval of a new fireproof cottage, other events commemorated the silver anniversary. A mother of a pupil wrote the OSSB poem: "*...storm and joy and pain...Can never mar your honor nor your fame.*"

Notable people came to OSSB. Four days before Christmas in 1928, baseball icon Babe Ruth visited the school.

John V. Bennes (1867-1943), the principal architect for the Oregon State University (OSU), was selected to do the design: 24 of his buildings in Corvallis and 12 in Portland are on the National Register. The cottage, Howard Hall, is in Italian Renaissance Revival style. Howard Hall is the only building in Salem designed by John V. Bennes.

ALL NEIGHBORHOOD 40th ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2014

6:30 PM

Pringle Hall Community Center

606 Church Street S.E.

AGENDA

- Refreshments
- Introductions
- Police Report
- City Councilors
- Neighbors' Concerns
- Nomination/Election of New Board Members
- Committee Reports

For an updated agenda, please visit

scansalem.org

**“storm and joy and pain... Can never
mar your honor nor your fame”**

Eunice Howard

On the 1923 OSSB 50th Anniversary

Mother of a student



Interview with Councilor Tesler

Councilor, at the end of this year, you will be completing your service. Thank you for your service to the community. You have been a leader on a number of issues at City Council.



Q: What would you say to an individual who might have interest in Council, in municipal affairs, on serving on Council, a Board or Commission?

Laura Tesler
Councilor Ward 2

A: I would say 'Welcome aboard,' and that 'the city needs you'. We need young people, diverse people, people of color, open minded people, new people, all kinds of people to serve on Boards and Commissions. What makes a city great is the makeup of the bodies that govern it. All points of view must be represented, encouraged, discussed, and implemented when possible.

Q: Have you accomplished your goals that you set out?

A: I think I hit most of what I aimed for. It did take time; I have brought an environmental awareness to Council. The other Councilors look to me for my input on projects that had biological impacts. I am proud of the work we did at Minto Brown: the acquisition of the island for a park. The pedestrian bridge will be great. The Railroad Bridge was a great addition to the Riverfront Park.

The Boise Cascade site is finally on the right track for development and a good interface with the park.

We got the parking lots areas off Leffelle Street paved in Lower Bush Park. I saw crime rates drop drastically in parts of the Ward. 12th Street is coming along. The Planning Commission has members that represent different sectors of Salem other than realty, developers, and builders.

We are working on better pedestrian and biking connections. We have storm water rules that encourage the use of bioswales and pervious pavement. We found compromises with Salem Hospital. We encouraged the State of Oregon to step back off fast track development on the North Campus of the State Hospital.

We encourage mixed use development all over Salem. Downtown looks and feels alive. You can eat something past midnight now. Plans to develop State Street are very exciting.

Q: Tell us about City Council.

A: The best thing one must fully understand is that the City Council is a lot of work.

You may not agree with the Council or certain Councilors, but one needs to understand compromises are a good thing at times; that it's unpaid work to be on Council, work that entails a lot of late night emails, phone calls, and time that could be spent with your family or another pursuits. City Council is truly a labor of love.

I would ask that we all remember this, respect this commitment that is made to be a Councilor. I have always been concerned about public involvement and integration of public input.

When I first ran for Council I did feel like public input was lacking and not respected, and Council was not balanced. Over time that has definitely changed. I learned that compromise and respecting others' opinions who may not agree with you is very important. I work hard to find consensus as much as possible.

Q: Would you tell us about your idea for a Sustainability Commission.

A: I have been waiting until I felt that the Council and the City were at a point where a Sustainability Commission would be welcomed and useful. I feel that time is here.

I am leaving Council with a concern that there is not a specific advocate for the environment of the Council. I plan to keep being very involved. in that arena. We all should continue our efforts to be concerned about the environment.

We need to continue to press for more bike and pedestrian connections -- to press for better and expanded transit options - - to support smart development and development that is "out of the box" yet affordable. We need to keep up the standards for multi-family and even placement throughout the city.

We need to encourage our neighbors we have not seen at a SCAN meeting to participate and make them feel welcome.

We need to realize that the funding situation for the City is reaching critical levels. We as citizens must begin to support what we desire for service levels which may mean taxing ourselves above the standard allowable rate.

The most important thing is we need to think about all of these issues as a community and how this benefits us as a community rather than how it effects us personally.

On Council, I leave with the knowledge I did most of what I came to do. However there is much more to do!

I want to thank everyone who has supported me over the years. It really has been my pleasure and honor to represent you.



LAURA TESLER

EVENTS CALENDAR

May 30	MCKINLEY GARDEN CARNIVAL Annual Garden Dinner at 5:30 PM info: 503-399-3167
Jun 10	SUMMER YOUTH READING CLUB Begins City Library www.cityofsalem.net/Departments/Library/EventsAndPrograms
Jun 11	SCAN 40th ANNUAL MEETING Pringle Hall Community Center 6:30 PM 606 Church St SE
Jun 14	ANNUAL BERRY FESTIVAL at PUBLIC MARKET 8:30-2 PM 1240 Rural Ave SE 503-623-6605
Jun 23- Aug 29	SUMMER CAMPS AT SOUTH SALEM HS begin (band, basketball, soccer, volleyball, football, cross country) for details visit www.southsaxons.com
Jun 21-22	62nd ANNUAL SALEM SOAPBOX DERBY CHAMPIONSHIP in Bush Park info: www.salemsbd.org
Jun 23- Jul 26	39th CHILDREN'S EDUCATIONAL THEATER (CET) 710 Howard St SE info: 503-399-3398 info: www.cetsalem.org
Jun 23- Aug 15	YOUTH TENNIS CLASSES at Bush Park Two age groups: Quickstart 10 and Under, and 11 to 18 www.cityofsalem.net/recreation
Jun 28	8th ANNUAL WINE & JAZZ FEST AT DEEPWOOD 4-9 PM 12th & Mission SE info: www.historicdeepwoodestate.org
July - August	YOUTH BASKETBALL CAMPS Willamette University info: kioane@willamette.edu
Jul 4	INDEPENDENCE DAY FIREWORKS at Riverfront Park info: www.salemfourth.com
Jul 18-20	65th ANNUAL SALEM ART FAIR & FESTIVAL in Bush Park info: www.SalemArt.org
Jul 18-20	ST. PAUL'S ANNUAL CHAI YO FOOD SALE info: 503-362-3661, 1444 Liberty St SE
Jul 18-20	CET Children's Play "Aladdin Jr." in Bush Park
Jul 7- Aug 1	AWESOME ACADEMIC ADVENTURES PROGRAM Grades 1-8 Willamette University Info: www.willamette.edu/go/youthprograms
August	YOUTH BASEBALL CAMPS in Bush Park Ages 7-14, info: aswick@willamette.edu
Aug 5	NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHT OUT 6-9 PM call 503-588-6175, or 503-588-6211 for street closure
Sept 1	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

McKinley Garden

Carnival

Come and see your neighbors at this fun event! Provided will be a "Farm to Table" dinner by Willamette University's Bon Appetit, 5:30-7:00 PM. Specialties will include BBQ pulled pork, grilled mushrooms, and Mac and Cheese for the kids. Kids \$3; Adults \$5. Carnival games and garden activities 6:00-7:30 PM. See the beautiful children's tile artwork on the exterior west wall. Plant sale, wreath making table, Sno-Cones, Cotton Candy: a great dinner including a vegetarian option. For more information, please call [503-399-3167](tel:503-399-3167).

Test Results

Latest figures indicate there's lots of learning at McKinley. Fifth grade OAKS scores in Math and Science (including 9 students who do Math at 6th grade level) were 30% and 21% higher respectively than 24J District wide. Reading for 4th graders was 22% higher. Congratulations to the students and the teachers!

Tips for Parents Summer Youth Programs

For youth programs this summer 2014 in South Central Salem area check out: www.willamette.edu/go/youth; www.southsaxons.com; www.cityofsalem.net/recreation.

Nextdoor.com

Hop aboard! Join your neighbors in private neighborhood network! It's free! SCAN residents wanting to start or join in your local area Nextdoor.com network, go to the SCAN website for information or contact McRae Carmichael at bluemac55@hotmail.com or Jim Schepcke at jimschepcke@comcast.net



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President's Message

This summer, soon after this year's Salem Art Fair & Festival, we will be ground breaking for the new ADA tile surfacing and play equipment at the Crooked House Playground. We have learned over nearly 4 decades that play areas are not permanent and need continual renewal. This summer, the play area at McKinley also be renovated.

Special thanks to the many who helped with fund raising for the Crooked House Playground. We want to thank Cesie Delve Scheuerman, Carol Suzuki, Michele Scalise, Mark Cowan at the Oregon Parks & Recreation Department, H. Thomas Andersen, Kim Freed at the Autzen Foundation, Delmy and Kent Edwards, Jean Bottcher, Ellen and Tom Stevens, Bonnie and John Clyde, McRae Carmichael, Ken Hetzel, the Compton Family Foundation, State Representative Brian Clem, the Salem Clinic, the Christian Science Church, Salem Art Association, Parks Superintendent Keith Kever, Operations Toni Whitler, Supervisor John Kleeman, Linda Bierly and Betsy Belshaw from the Salem Parks Foundation, Kathy Reed, Mayor Anna Peterson and members of City Council, City Manager Linda Norris; Public Works Director Peter Fernandez, Mark Bechtel, the SCAN Board specifically Tyler Malstrom, for their leadership and fine support.

Victor J. Dodier, President

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