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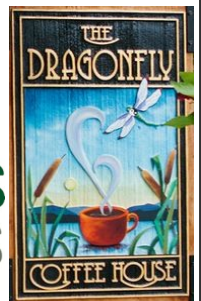
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## FRIENDS OF TREES ANNUAL TREE PLANTING IN MADISON SOUTH

Join Friends of Trees to plant trees in our neighborhood on Saturday, March 25th, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Location details are still being finalized and will be posted to <http://www.friendsoftrees.org/volunteering/calendars/portland-vancouver-salem> when determined. To purchase a tree for your home, <https://friendsoftrees.org/plant-it-programs>. For volunteer groups of 4 or fewer, just show up! RSVPs are requested for groups of 5 or more (visit <https://friendsoftrees.org/volunteering/group-registration>). This event will also have people planting trees by bike! Want to join the bike team? Sign up at <http://friendsoftrees.org/volunteering/how-can-you-help/plant-trees-by-bike>.

All participants should arrive at the staging site by 8:45 am for hot coffee and breakfast treats.

Planting starts promptly at 9:00 am. Gloves and tools are provided, so just show up dressed for the weather and wearing sturdy shoes. A potluck lunch for all volunteers is held after planting is complete! Please contact Jenny or Randi at (503) 595-0213 with questions. Special thanks to Dragonfly Coffee House for generously sponsoring this event! Together we can improve our community.



## FIX-IT FAIRS INCLUDE ¡Clases en Español! (Classes in Spanish)

Now in its 30th year, the FREE City of Portland Fix-It Fairs offer attendees ways to learn how to spend less and stay healthy throughout their lives. Connect with resources and attend workshops about water and energy savings, home and personal health, food and nutrition, community resources, recycling, yard care, and more. Free professional childcare and free lunch will be available, and new this season are workshops presented in Spanish at all Fix-It Fairs (in addition to workshops in English). Small countertop appliances and clothing or other items to sew can be repaired by Repair PDX volunteer "fixers" at the Repair Cafés at each fair. There will be a Fix-It Fair on Saturday, January 28 at George Middle School, 10000 N Burr Avenue, and another on Saturday, February 25 at Madison High School, 2735 NE 82nd Ave. Both fairs are held 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. More details can be found at <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/595574>.

## SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday, April 29, 2017, 11th Annual 82nd Avenue of Roses Parade.**

Join us at 9:30 am to help kick off the 110th year of the Portland Rose Festival. Following the parade is the Eastport Plaza Carnival Days community fair and Classic Car Cruise-In. For more information, visit [www.eastportplaza.com/events/](http://www.eastportplaza.com/events/).

## MSNA MEETING SCHEDULE

**\*\*\*NEW MEETING VENUE\*\*\***

**All meetings are now held at:**

**CITY BIBLE COLLEGE  
9200 NE Fremont Street**

*General meetings are held bi-monthly, on the first Thursday of even numbered months, starting at 7:00 p.m.*

- **February 2<sup>nd</sup>, General Meeting**
- **April 6<sup>th</sup>, General Meeting**

*\*Board meeting dates and times are posted on the MSNA website: [www.madisonsouth.org](http://www.madisonsouth.org).\**

## FIND MORE: WEBSITE - FACEBOOK - NEXTDOOR

On the MSNA website you can learn about Madison South, find volunteer opportunities, view a calendar of events, read neighborhood facts, and more. Go to [www.madisonsouth.org](http://www.madisonsouth.org). Facebook and Nextdoor are great resources for community information and current events. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/groups/125027987552528/> for Facebook, and <https://nextdoor.com> for more information about Nextdoor.

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## HUMAN SOLUTIONS

Human Solutions helps low-income and homeless families and individuals gain self-sufficiency through providing affordable and emergency housing, family support services, job readiness training, and economic development opportunities. **If you are homeless and need information on shelter or housing, please call the Portland office at (503) 548-0200 or the Family Center at (503) 477-9724** for help navigating to programs and services, and/or a referral to other agencies that may be able assist you. Visit <http://humansolutions.org/helping/> for more information about volunteer opportunities and contribution needs. Thank you for your support!

### REMEMBER!

The annual **MSNA Neighborhood Clean-Up** will be held in May 2017.

Watch for details in the **April/May/June 2017 MSNA newsletter**.

### SAFE SLEEP PROGRAM ENDS

Despite the fact that the mayor's Safe Sleep program was ended in October 2016 due to misuse and confusion, the instances of criminal activity and littering were a topic of much discussion at a recent MSNA general meeting. Neighbors had a lot to say, and many suggestions were noted. People who are homeless are no longer allowed to camp or sleep on Portland streets and sidewalks, though the mayor is continuing other programs for homeless people that have proven effective. The city of Portland has placed dumpsters and portable toilets at several locations around the city, and the storage facility for homeless people, which allows homeless people to store belongings while they go to medical appointments or job interviews, will be expanded. There is a lot of work still left to do to address the homeless crisis that Portland is facing. Visit <http://www.portlandoregon.gov/phb/60593> for more on the Portland Housing Bureau.

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## NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS BITS

### • East Portland Involved Citizens

Our next **EPIC** meeting will be on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. **Captain Todd Wyatt** will be our keynote speaker and our keynote presentation will be: **CSI: Portland**. Bring a neighbor and join us for an informative evening at the East Precinct Community Room, 737 SE 106th Avenue.

### • Winter Driving Safety Tips

At this time of year, during the months of grey skies and wet/cold weather, it is critically important for all drivers to take these measures to increase driving safety for everyone on the road:

- \* **SLOW DOWN** and maintain a safe distance from the vehicles in front of you (3-4 times as far as much space as you would leave in good weather).
- \* Avoid the use of cruise control during wet weather, especially in the presence of deep or standing water.
- \* Use turn signals to communicate your intentions to other drivers, and turn your headlights on to make your vehicle more visible.
- \* **ALWAYS designate a sober driver** for transportation home from seasonal celebrations.
- \* Be sure to buckle up and avoid distracted driving! **NEVER TEXT WHILE DRIVING!!!**

Find more tips for Oregon winter driving safety at <http://www.oregon.gov/odot/comm/pages/winterdriving.aspx>.

### • Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Tips

Help drivers to see you when you are a bicyclist or pedestrian. Wear brightly colored or contrasting clothing, add retroreflective material to your clothing, utilize flashing lights in order to be more visible to drivers, and **wear a helmet every time** you ride.

### • Ellington Apartments

The Ellington is a sprawling apartment complex on 11 acres near NE 66th Avenue and Halsey St. It includes 211 two-bedroom units and 40 three-bedroom units, and was supposed to be a home for low-income families via a tax-credit program. Presently, the Portland City Council has approved up to \$51 million to purchase this 263-unit complex, with most of that money coming from the newly approved multi-million dollar Housing Bureau bond measure. Now all the units will be affordable to families earning no more than 60 percent of the region's median, and nearly one-third of the units will be set aside for families earning no more than 30 percent of the region's median. **Tenants of the Ellington** Apartments can join a Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/224523877986594/> to keep up with planned changes.



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*Space at programs is limited. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis, except as noted on the Multnomah County Library website. For more information and full schedule, visit: <https://multcolib.org/events>.*

Upcoming events include: 农历新年 / Tết Nguyên Đán / Lunar New Year; Paper-Circuitry Art; Catch Me Telling Stories; Princess and the Pea; Warm Up with Chai; Beginning Cybersecurity; and Stay Fit While You Sit. \*Registration required for some events, as noted online.\*

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