

ENA Safety Group Works with Police Bureau

ALTHOUGH EASTMORELAND sees less criminal activity than many Portland neighborhoods, crimes do happen—including recent reports of gunshots fired, car prowling, mail theft and more. Separate incidents in March saw car windows smashed along SE 28th Ave. and along SE Henry and adjoining streets.

What can be done to make the neighborhood safer? The ENA Public Safety Committee is working on that issue, with chairperson Kristin Olson reporting good results. Olson is Eastmoreland’s point of contact with the Central Precinct’s Neighborhood Response Team (NRT), a group of four officers charged with helping neighborhoods improve livability.

During the recent spate of car break-ins, for example, she reached out to the NRT to make sure they were aware of the issue. “The police bureau has been absolutely amazing since I reported the car break-ins to the NRT,” said Olson. She had four officers contact her within 24 hours with a plan to increase patrols in Eastmoreland.

In an unrelated incident, Olson was able to help a neighbor whose home had been burgled. The neighbor was unable to reach the city’s non-emergency number with her questions, so Olson texted an NRT officer, who replied almost immediately.



Neighbors work with special unit on neighborhood safety.

The Central Precinct’s NRT is drastically understaffed from a few years ago, as four officers and a sergeant were cut from the team in 2020. And the size of the area the remaining four officers must cover is huge: a 41 square mile area that stretches from the West Hills and across the Willamette River to Caesar Chavez Ave.

Olson urges anyone who has been victim of a crime to file a report with the Police Bureau, even if it may seem like a small gesture. Crime reports are essential when it comes to allocating police resources. We’ve listed ways to report crimes at the end of this story.

But if you can’t get through on the phone, or if you have filed a report and did not receive a response, you can contact Olson directly to get the process moving. She can be reached at kolson@olsonbrooksby.com, (503) 740-7608.

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President's Message

Matthew Timberlake, ENA President

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You can also reach out to Olson if you are interested in joining the ENA Public Safety Committee. One important aspect of the committee's work is attending the many community meetings taking place about local law enforcement. Help is needed to keep up to date with the city's many on-going initiatives and to express neighborhood concerns.

To report a crime that is NOT in progress: You can go online:
portland.gov/police/police-report-online-submission.
You can also phone (503) 823-3333.

To report other non-emergency issues such as homeless camps, trash, abandoned cars, etc., use the PDX Reporter website: pdxreporter.org.

For emergency situations and to report crimes in progress, call 911.

ENA Annual Meeting and Board Election May 21

THE ENA ANNUAL MEETING and Board of Directors Election is scheduled for Thursday, May 18, at 7 pm. As many as seven new members to the ENA Board of Directors, which has a maximum of 21 members, could be elected. Eastmoreland residents can vote online before and during the meeting (which will be held via Zoom).

The deadline for nominating candidates to the board is April 27, although candidates can also be nominated during the Annual Meeting with the support of three ENA members. If you would like to nominate someone (including yourself), you can find nomination forms and more information at: eastmorelandpdx.org/2023-nominations.

The agenda for the meeting and a link to attend via Zoom, along with names of known candidates, will be distributed via email and posted on the ENA website, eastmorelandpdx.org, at least seven days in advance of the meeting.

Who Can Be a Board Member?

Anyone who lives within the boundaries of the neighborhood, or who has title to real property within the neighborhood, and who is at least 18 years old, can serve on the board. In addition, a person representing a business, nonprofit organization, school or church within the neighborhood can also serve.

The Board of Directors is the governing body of the ENA. Directors serve as volunteers and share their experience and talents in the affairs of the Association. This may include participation in the work of various committees such as land use, communications, trees and green spaces, transportation, schools, events, emergency preparedness and more.

Questions? Email: contact@eastmorelandpdx.org

Upcoming Events

MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these neighborhood events during the coming months. More details about will be posted as they become available on the ENA website at: eastmorelandpdx.org/events.

Gathering in the Garden: May 20, 10 am – 2pm, Eastmoreland Garden Park, S.E. Bybee and S.E. 27th Ave. Enjoy live music while shopping for organic tomato starts and more. Local vendors will sell perennials, native plants, garden tools and houseplants. The Portland Rose Society will sharpen hand pruners as time permits (one per customer). Members of local non-profits will be on hand to provide information and answer your questions. Vendors and non-profits include Birds and Bees Nursery, Red Pig Tools, Wake Robin Gardening, Lord's Luggage, Quiet Clean PDX, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, ENA Tree Committee, Eastmoreland Garden memorial brick sales, Crystal Springs Rhododendron Garden and more. The gathering is sponsored by the Eastmoreland Garden Club and ENA with the support of Southeast Uplift.

Eastmoreland Garage Sale: June 24 – 25: Portland's largest and most popular garage sale returns to the neighborhood. Consult the ENA website for times and how you can have your home's location listed on the official Garage Sale Map.



The Gathering in the Garden will feature live music and a variety of garden-related booths.

Fourth of July Parade: The annual July 4th Parade returns again this year and everyone is invited to join the parade down Reed College Place. Check the ENA website for details as we get nearer to this fun parade.

Summer Clean Up: ENA is working to host a neighborhood clean-up event this summer. Residents would be able to drop off items destined for the dump at a neighborhood location. Details and costs are still being worked out and will be posted on the website as they become available.

At Long Last, City Prunes Trees on Reed College Place

THE PORTLAND BUREAU of Transportation (PBOT) last month conducted a long-overdue pruning of the majestic trees that line Reed College Place in the heart of Eastmoreland.

The trees had not been pruned since 2012, when ENA raised funds to do the work. But during a three-day stretch last month, contractors for PBOT surveyed the mile-long greenway lined by Lindens and pruned all trees that posed a danger to vehicles travelling the street. Crews also pruned overhanging branches that posed a danger to pedestrians who enjoy the unpaved path down the center of the greenway.

“It’s been one our priorities to get the city to take responsibility once again for the trees, and it’s very good news to see PBOT doing this pruning” said ENA President Matt Timberlake. He gave special thanks to ENA board member Todd Bauman and ENA volunteer Robert McCullough for maintaining a dialogue with city officials.

While the city owns the trees on Reed College Place, “it abandoned caring for the entire area after the 2008 recession,” said Timberlake. In the absence of city funds to care for what



Crews work on long-delayed pruning.

is basically a public park, ENA spends about \$38,000 annually to keep the area in good condition. This includes raising funds for watering, sprinkler maintenance, leaf removal and other work. ENA also recently paid an arborist to inventory the health of all 257 trees, a survey that PBOT acknowledged was helpful in planning last month’s pruning.

The pruning done last month was to ensure a minimum 14-foot clearance over the paved street area and an 8-foot clearance over the grass pathway. The pruning was done by Harranty Tree Specialists, the same company ENA contracted with more than 10 years ago for the previous pruning.

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Historic Signage Coming

To celebrate Eastmoreland's recent designation as a National Historic District, more than a dozen signs will be placed atop existing street posts throughout the neighborhood. The so-called "sign toppers," which are found in many other historic Portland neighborhoods, will feature artwork of a tree and the words "Eastmoreland Historic District." The location of the 14 sign toppers was determined by ENA with the idea of illustrating, as much as possible, the boundaries of the new district. The production and placement of the signs were paid for with funds from ENA and the design approved by the city. The signs should be in place by late summer.

ENA Offers Help with Tree Planting

The ENA Tree Committee helped neighbors with the planting of 20 street trees in January, with many of the new trees replacing dead and dying trees affected by winter storms. ENA offers heavily subsidized street trees for Eastmoreland residents as part of the 100 Trees for 100 Years ENA initiative. The initiative aims to offset the loss of the neighborhood's large street trees, many of which were planted 100 years ago.

If you want to plant a street tree in the sidewalk strip in front of your home, please reach out to the ENA Tree Committee for assistance with selecting the tree and for information about city permits. Contact the committee via email at eastmoreland.tree@gmail.com or consult the website at eastmorelandpdx.org/committees-taskforces/trees.

ENA Gets Gold Seal Award

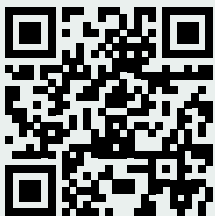
One of the nation's leading evaluators of nonprofit organizations recently awarded ENA the 2023 Gold Seal of Transparency. The award by GuideStar recognized ENA's commitment to sharing information with the public about revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities, as well as the makeup of the Board of Directors. GuideStar is used by many donors to evaluate charities and contains information about thousands of nonprofits. Visit www.guidestar.org for more information.

Congrats on 7th Degree Black Belt

Congratulations to Master Aaron Brown of Portland and his peer Master Monique Tindall of Scappoose. Both are long time students of Kim's Taekwondo in Portland's Sellwood neighborhood. They tested to their 7th Degree in January of this year.

For Master Brown, his journey started 40 years ago when he was only 10, with Kim's Taekwondo in Salem. After graduating from Willamette University, he earned his 1st Degree Black belt with Grandmaster Hong Sik Kim, founder of Kim's Taekwondo. Together with his wife, Master Cynthia Brown, 7th Degree, they have been leading the school located in Sellwood on SE 13th & Tacoma since 2006, and teaching classes through Portland Parks and Recreation since 1994. He also is the President of Aaron Brown and Associates of Portland, a commercial appraisal business.

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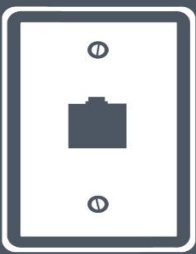
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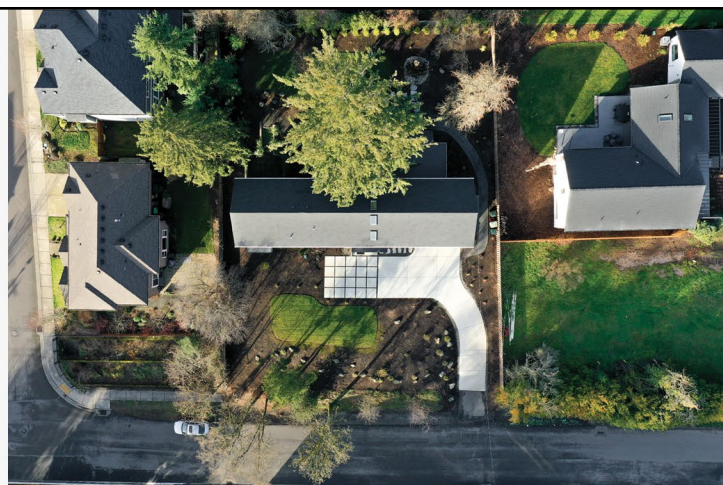
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