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## EVENTS

All neighbors welcome at every event!

– APRIL –

### KNA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, April 11, 7–8:30pm  
@ Firehouse, 8105 N Brandon Ave

### KENTON STREET FAIR FUNDRAISER

Friday, April 20, 6–9:30pm  
@ Disjecta, 8371 N Interstate Ave

– MAY –

### KNA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, May 9, 7–8:30pm  
@ Firehouse, 8105 N Brandon Ave

### KENTON STREET FAIR

Sunday, May 20, 10am–6pm  
@ N Denver Ave

– JUNE –

### KNA BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, June 13, TBD  
Location TBD

– RECURRING –

### Neighborhood

#### Emergency Team (NET)

The Arbor Lodge/Kenton NET meets the third Monday of every month at 7pm  
@ Firehouse, 8105 N Brandon Ave

#### Public Safety Action Committee (PSAC)

The group is currently not meeting, but neighbors around North Portland have been working with the city to get some form of PSAC restored.

### North Portland

#### Land Use Group (NPLUG)

Meets the fourth Thursday of every month at 7pm  
@ Firehouse, 8105 N Brandon Ave

## UPCOMING AT TWILIGHT THEATER

It's Only a Play

by Terrence McNally

April 27 - May 13, 2018

It's the opening night of The Golden Egg on Broadway, and the wealthy producer is throwing a lavish party in her Manhattan townhouse. Downstairs the celebrities are pouring in, but the real action is upstairs, where a group of insiders have bunkered down to await the reviews.

### KENTON STREET FAIR FUNDRAISER

The 9th annual Kenton Street Fair Fundraiser is set for Friday, April 20 from 6–9:30pm at Disjecta (8371 N Interstate Ave)!

Spend the evening with friends, celebrating our community! Taste incredible food & drinks from local restaurants & bars, snap pictures in a photo booth, and enjoy music provided by our DJ while you peruse an array of auction items donated by Kenton businesses. The event is 21+ only. Price: \$20

We are in need of volunteers! Contact Melissa Bancuk of Tidy Nest Organizing at tidynestorganizing@gmail.com for more details.

### PBOT LOOKING AT PROTECTED BIKE LANE ON N DENVER



Parking protected bike lane near Portland State University

As part of the Portland Bureau of Transportation's (PBOT) Fixing Our Streets program, the city had pegged N Denver from N Lombard to N Watts for repaving. While the repaving was previously announced, PBOT has recently started to look at re-configuring this stretch of N Denver with a protected bike lane after it's repaved.

Similar to the layout of SW Broadway at Portland State University, this would entail moving parked cars off

the curb to place a protected bike lane between the parked cars and the curb. In the process, some parking would be lost as well as the center lane, but the pedestrian crossing islands would remain.

PBOT is continuing to evaluate the project and get feedback from neighbors, which has included going door-to-door between N Lombard and N Watts on N Denver. Neighbors can direct questions, comments and concerns to Michael Serritella, Mike.Serritella@portlandoregon.gov, and Mychal Tetteh, Mychal.Tetteh@portlandoregon.gov.

Additionally, PBOT will be attending the KNA meeting on April 11 at 7pm, at the Historic Kenton Firehouse, to discuss the project with neighbors.

### CLEAN AIR

According to the EPA's most recent National Air Toxics Assessment, Portland ranks as the worst city in the US for respiratory distress from air pollution.

With this in mind, Portland Clean Air volunteers conducted data requests about industrial stack polluters and unfiltered diesel trucks from nine government agencies over the past three years. KNA is working with Portland Clean Air to compile this data into a report for our neighborhood. The current report for the area is available at pdxnhn.org.

KNA is seeking volunteers to assist from home with data compilation and analysis. Previous science or data experience is welcome but not required. It took neighbors 42 years to identify that Bullseye Glass was annually emitting 6,000 lbs of lead, cadmium, and other heavy metals unfiltered next to a daycare in Inner SE Portland.

This volunteer project is finding every unfiltered industry and truck fleet in Portland by neighborhood to request an immediate reasonable mitigation. To volunteer, please email greg@portlandcleanair.org.

### ROSE GARDEN

All 240 roses in the Kenton Neighborhood Rose Garden made it into 2018 and most are thriving. Volunteers recently readied the plants for spring by pruning dead and superfluous branches to encourage new growth. Although it didn't qualify for a PBOT grant, we still hope to commemorate the garden's 25th anniversary this year with a new sign. Design and funding ideas welcome! Keep watching for those new blooms—and please join us in the garden. To volunteer, contact taffy@cruzio.com.

### INTERESTED IN HELPING KEEP KENTON CLEAN?

The KNA is looking at bringing back cleanup activities around the neighborhood. If you would like to help out, please contact us at knachair@gmail.com.

## LIBRARY CORNER



### FOR KIDS, TEENS AND FAMILIES

Creative Tissue Paper Art Workshop  
Sunday, April 15, 2–4pm

Join us for this fun and creative abstract art workshop. Kids and families will have fun creating abstract artwork using the color of the tissue paper and water with the bleeding technique.

Lego Brick-Built Masterpieces  
Friday, May 11, 3:30–5:30pm

Join Lego master Blair Archer in creating amazing brick-built masterpieces from thousands of parts. Learn new building techniques and increase your skills making Lego models of your own.

### FOR ADULTS

#### Quiet Space

Thursdays, 3–6pm  
First come, first served

Enjoy a designated quiet space to read, study, or work on your personal electronic device or library Chromebook. No conversations, phone calls, or excessive noise coming from an electronic device are allowed during this time.

#### Our Story: Priced Out Film Screening

Tuesday, April 24, 6–7:30pm

*Priced Out* is an investigative and personal look at how skyrocketing housing prices are displacing Portland's black community and reshaping the entire city. The feature-length documentary explores the complexities and contradictions of gentrification and what neighborhood life means after the era of "The Ghetto."

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## KENTON PARK PLAYGROUND REPLACEMENT UPDATE

The City of Portland anticipates the contractor will be on site by late May/early June, 2018, to begin work on replacing the playground at Kenton Park. Construction is expected to run through the end of September 2018, with the playground reopening in October 2018.

### Impacts of Construction

**Playground and Paths:** The area around the playground and large swingset will be fenced off, interrupting pathways in the play area and limiting access through the park. The smaller set of swings separate from the main playground will be usable.

**Restrooms:** The restrooms will generally remain open, though the men's restroom may need to be closed for a few days at a time during work.

**Splash Pad:** The contractor has agreed to maintain access to the splash pad, so it will be open for the summer. It traditionally opens by Memorial Day (May 28, 2018) weekend and will be accessible from the park entrance at N Kilpatrick and N Delaware.

**Summer Free for All - Lunch + Play Program:** After discussion with partners at Portland Public School (PPS), Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) staff have decided to temporarily suspend the lunch program at Kenton Park this summer and reinstate it next summer.

Although PP&R had hoped to be able to continue to serve the community, they anticipate the construction project will negatively impact participation numbers enough that the program will no longer qualify for funding. Lunch sites in North Portland this summer will include Columbia Park, Charles Jordan Community Center (by University Park), McCoy Park, Peninsula Park, and St. Johns Park.

Questions? Please contact Maija Spencer at 503-823-5593, maija.spencer@portlandoregon.gov

Project Page: [portlandoregon.gov/parks/71826](http://portlandoregon.gov/parks/71826)

## HELP YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD BECOME MORE RESILIENT!

Do you have experience with or an interest in fundraising? Are you a skilled grant writer?

Your Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET) needs your help. We're working hard to get our neighborhood ready for the Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, which could happen at any time. We're training, conducting community outreach, setting up radio communication plans, and creating disaster supply kits for our neighborhood. But we're an all-volunteer group with no income, and currently no one on our team is doing fundraising.

Are you our next fundraising champion? You don't need to be a trained NET in order to help. We just need someone to help us get the word out about what we're doing and ask for help on our behalf.

Here are a few ways in which people can contribute:

**Fred Meyer Community Rewards:** Link your Fred Meyer Rewards card to our team. We'll receive a small donation from Fred Meyer every time you shop there. <https://portlandprepares.org/about/fred-meyer-rewards>

**Cash or In-Kind Donations:** Direct people to our Donation Form. We can accept cash donations or in-kind donations of good or services, and we've included an Equipment Needs list, which provides examples of items that we need. <https://portlandprepares.org/about/donation-form>

**Donations of Space:** As we add to our emergency supplies, we will need more space in which to store them. We're looking for secure space accessible in the event of a disaster. Ideally this space would be near our team's staging areas at Arbor Lodge Park and/or Kenton Park.

**Spread the Word!** If you can't help, maybe someone you know can. Please forward this message to friends, family, and neighbors.

For more info about the Arbor Lodge / Kenton NET, visit [portlandprepares.org/net-teams/north/arbor-lodge-kenton](http://portlandprepares.org/net-teams/north/arbor-lodge-kenton)

## KENTON WOMEN'S VILLAGE (KWV) UPDATE

Quick highlights:

- 8 residents have moved into permanent housing
- 3 more are slated to move soon
- 3 more women are currently apartment hunting
- 5 new residents have come into the KWV

Residents who transition to permanent housing continue to receive services like connecting to in-home care, mental health services, bus passes, peer support services, and basic assistance getting or maintaining things like food stamps, healthcare, VA/SSI/SSDI, etc.

The KWV residents have also started to influence others who are struggling with homelessness. Two villagers went to Salem to advocate for affordable housing for all on Housing Opportunity Day, and on Valentine's Day a team from the village spread out across the Kenton area handing out outreach bags, blankets, jackets, etc. to over 20 individuals, connected 2 of them to community services, discussed the intake process with 4 women and brought 2 to the North Portland warming shelter.

On March 10, Catholic Charities celebrated the Kenton Women at their Celebration of Hope. Jewell, a housed villager, spoke about her story in front of about a thousand people.

While the city-owned land used for the KWV remains under contract to be sold to Transition Projects Inc (TPI) to build low-income housing, that development is running about 6 months behind schedule, allowing the opportunity for the KWV to extend its operation. The KNA Board intends for neighbors to consider approving up to another year of the KWV via a neighborhood vote in case TPI experiences additional delays.

Project organizers for the KWV have vowed to continue only with Kenton neighborhood support.

Our earliest opportunity for a neighborhood vote will be at the next General Meeting on June 13th. In the meantime, the KNA Board has granted a 3 month extension for the KWV's occupation the site, regardless of the outcome of the vote. This will enable Catholic Charities to continue normal operations until the neighborhood vote, and allow time to wind down the project after, if the vote fails. Catholic Charities will ensure all remaining residents are relocated to other temporary housing when the KWV ends.

Once details of the June 13th vote have been established, they will be sent out via email (sign up at ), the hand-delivered Kenton Connect and possibly by US mail. All persons aged 18 and over who live, lease, rent and/or own any real property within Kenton are eligible to participate in a neighborhood vote.

Finally, a huge thank you to all the Kenton residents who have become so engaged with the KWV thru donations and volunteering. You are awesome people and you make us all proud to be a part of this great neighbourhood.

To learn more about the KWV, visit [historickenton.com/village](http://historickenton.com/village) and/or the KWV Facebook page at [facebook.com/kentonwomensvillage](https://facebook.com/kentonwomensvillage)

## GET INVOLVED

The KNA is seeking new board members and/or volunteers to share their skills and talents to enhance the neighborhood. New residents are welcome and encouraged.

Contact us at [KNAChair@gmail.com](mailto:KNAChair@gmail.com)

The KNA Board meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:00pm.

Kenton Firehouse  
8105 N Brandon Ave

## KNA BOARD

### OFFICERS

Chair: Tyler Roppe  
Vice Chair: Ryan Pittel  
Secretary: Megan Van de Mark  
Treasurer: Angela Moos

### BOARD MEMBERS

A'Quila Ettien, Julianne Walrod, Kimberly Smith, Nathan Wittstock, Nick Rowland, Patricia O'Bannon, Robert Wilcox, Susan Oliver, Susan Ronning, Webly Bowles

## COMMITTEES & ACTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

### COMMUNICATIONS

Angela Moos, A'Quila Ettien, Meghan Prichard, Patricia O'Bannon, Taylor Dewey, Tyler Roppe

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

Angela Moos

### EMERGENCY

### PREPAREDNESS/

### NEIGHBORHOOD

### EMERGENCY TEAMS (NET)

Patricia O'Bannon, Susan Ronning

### KENTON COMMUNITY FOOT PATROL

Terrance Moses

### KENTON WOMEN'S VILLAGE

Patricia O'Bannon, Susan Oliver (Chair), Taffy Everts, Terrance Moses, Tyler Roppe

### LAND USE

Steven Rupert, Webly Bowles (Chair)

### MARKETING

A'Quila Ettien, Ryan Pittel

### NEIGHBORHOOD

### CLEAN-UP

Rebekah Creswell

### NEIGHBORHOOD

### GARAGE SALE

Melissa Bancuk

### NOISE

Ryan Pittel (Chair)

### PAINT PAUL PROJECT

Angela Moos, Colin Fogarty, David Fredrickson, Derek Sangston, Gloria Pittel, James Arndt, Jamie Goodwick, Jan Hafer, Marti Clemmons, Rachel Browning, Ronna Craig, Ryan Pittel

### ROSE GARDEN

Adele Thompson, Taffy Everts

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As always, a special thanks to all those in the neighborhood who pick up litter, lend a helpful hand to their neighbors and generally make Kenton a better place.

While we may not know your name, we witness the good that happens because of the kindness you show to our lovely community. Thank you!

## NUMBERS TO KEEP HANDY

Police Non-emergency:  
503.823.3333

Poison Control:  
1.800.222.1222

PGE (outage reporting):  
503.464.7777

NW Natural (gas leaks—evacuate your home before calling!)  
1.800.882.3377

Crime Prevention:  
503.823.4064

Graffiti Hotline:  
503.823.4824

Illegal Dumping:  
503.797.1835

Mental Health Crisis Line:  
503.797.1835

Multnomah County Vector Control:  
503.988.3464

Noise Control:  
503.823.7350 ext. 6

Overgrown Foliage:  
503.823.2633

PIR (noise complaints):  
503.823.7223

Road Safety Hazards:  
503.823.1700

Use PDX Reporter at [pdxreporter.org](http://pdxreporter.org) to report a variety of non-emergency city issues (graffiti, abandoned autos, potholes, park maintenance, sidewalk vegetation, etc.)

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