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## EVENTS

All neighbors welcome at every event!

### – OCTOBER –

**Trick or Treat on N Denver - 10/29**  
5–7:00pm, Schofield to Argyle on N Denver

*Trick or treating at businesses around Downtown Kenton!*

### – NOVEMBER –

**KNA BOARD MEETING - 11/13**  
7–8:30pm, Historic Kenton Firehouse (8105 N Brandon Ave)

### – DECEMBER –

**KNA BOARD MEETING - 12/11**  
7–8:30pm, Historic Kenton Firehouse (8105 N Brandon Ave)

**DECK THE PAUL - 12/6**  
*Details to be determined*

### – JANUARY –

**KNA BOARD MEETING - 1/8**  
7–8:30pm, Historic Kenton Firehouse (8105 N Brandon Ave)

### – FEBRUARY –

**KNA BOARD MEETING - 2/12**  
7–8:30pm, Historic Kenton Firehouse (8105 N Brandon Ave)

### – RECURRING –

#### NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY TEAM (NET)

3rd Monday of every month at 7pm, Historic Kenton Firehouse (8105 N Brandon Ave)

#### PUBLIC SAFETY ACTION COMMITTEE

Quarterly at 6pm at alternating locations

10/10 – Central Northeast Neighbors (4415 NE 87th Ave)

Contact

north.pdxteam@portlandoregon.gov for future dates

#### NORTH PORTLAND LAND USE GROUP (NPLUG)

Fourth Thursday of every other month (next in October) at 7pm, Historic Kenton Firehouse (8105 N Brandon Ave)



Looking for ways to support the Kenton Women's Village? Head to [tinyurl.com/KWVdonationitems](http://tinyurl.com/KWVdonationitems) to see a list of needed items.

### THE KNA NEEDS A NEW SECRETARY!

Have an attention to detail, like taking notes and interested in everything Kenton? Consider becoming the next Secretary for the Kenton Neighborhood Association!

The KNA is looking for a new secretary to help the KNA meet its mission of advocating and promoting diversity, sustainability and livability of all neighbors.

Email [knachair@historickenton.com](mailto:knachair@historickenton.com) for more information!

### KENTON ROSE GARDEN AWARDED PLACEMAKING GRANT

The Kenton Neighborhood Rose Garden was awarded a NPTF Kenton Placemaking Grant to replace the old sign and add a bench to the historic little garden on N Interstate Ave at N McClellan St near the Victorian Belle.

Local Kenton artist Andrew Newell, who designed the new sign and bench, will fabricate both using Pacific Northwest College of Art shop facilities.

The weathered steel sign will feature sculpted steel roses and contrasting laser-cut steel letters. The steel-and-wood bench, featuring cedar donated by Kenton's own Salvage Works, will include an inscription honoring the garden's founder, Alta Mitchoff, a devoted gardener, activist, and community volunteer.

Installation is tentatively planned for early 2020. We hope to dedicate our new sign and bench when the roses bloom next June!

### SAVE COLUMBIA POOL

The City of Portland still intends to close Columbia Pool in July 2020, but through the Save Columbia Pool Coalition of organizations, community groups and individuals affected by the pool's closure, ranging from neighborhood associations, PTAs, swim teams and non-profits, the KNA believes we can keep swimming on the peninsula if we work together and stand up for our pool.

Columbia Pool currently has millions of dollars in deferred maintenance, and the city has stated that they "should not plan on Columbia Pool being suitable for effective operation beyond 2020 without significant repair."

Commissioner Nick Fish has indicated he would like to use capital improvement funding to put a new aquatics center at Charles Jordan Community Center. However, the city has shared no specific plans or designs, and the city's budget office estimated it would take a minimum of five years to build a new facility.

The Save Columbia Pool Coalition is working to better understand the condition of the pool, what repairs would be needed to keep the pool open and gather information on what a pool at Charles Jordan would look like.

Head to [savecolumbiapool.com](http://savecolumbiapool.com) to learn more, get involved and/or to join the mailing list.

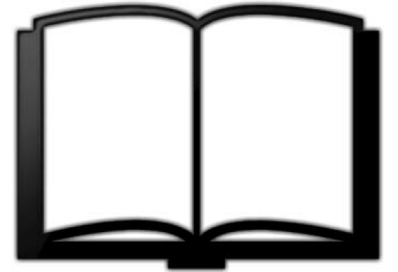
### TRANSITION PROJECTS BREAKS GROUND ON KENTON DEVELOPMENT

Transition Projects, Inc. (TPI) began construction on Low Income Single Adult Housing (LISAH) in June, 2019. LISAH responds to Oregon's housing crisis by providing deeply affordable housing in an innovative development concept. Located on the original site of the Kenton Women's Village at 2221 N Argyle St, the project is using modular construction to construct its four buildings, built in a factory a few miles away.

In mid-November, the fourth building will arrive onsite. The project will be complete in March of next year and fully leased by June.

LISAH will provide 72 units of affordable housing. TPI is excited to join the Kenton neighborhood and are committed to being good neighbors. Please contact [tony@tprojects.org](mailto:tony@tprojects.org) with any questions and/or to learn more about TPI.

### KENTON LIBRARY CORNER



#### Great Ladies of Jazz Homage to Nina, Aretha, Ella, Roberta, Miriam and more!

For Adults  
*Sunday, Oct. 27, 2–3pm*

Soulful. Sultry. Jazzy. Robbi Kumalo transforms audiences. Her exquisite voice, electrifying smile and joyful stage presence mixed with powerful interpretations, impassioned vocals, and improvised commentary span musical genres and languages. In her *The Great Ladies of Jazz*, Kumalo pays homage to many powerhouses.

#### Hula Hoop Making and Decorating for Teens

For Teens  
*Tuesday, Dec. 10, 6–7:30pm*

Come make & decorate your own custom hula hoop sized perfect for you. Shanda Button will show what is possible with practice and teach some hula hoop tricks you can do with your new hoop.

#### Hand Block Printing from India

For Ages 4-6 with Parents  
*Sunday, Dec. 15, 2–3:30pm*

A centuries old Indian art form that utilizes a hand carved teak wood block, dipped in dye and stamped by hand onto cotton or silk fabrics to create various unique designs. Kids will first learn the relevant history and practical applications of this art. They will then choose a fabric, blocks and colors for their art. With the help of sponges, the paint will be applied on the blocks and stamped on the fabric. This process will be repeated until the desired result is achieved.

Want a monthly update on all the awesome things happening in Kenton? Just sign up for the e-newsletter!

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## KENTON PLACEMAKING GRANT AWARDS \$10,000 TO COMMUNITY GROUPS

This summer, through the North Portland Trust Fund (NPTF) under Portland Parks & Recreation and managed by North Portland Neighborhood Services, the KNA announced the recipients of the North Portland Trust Fund Kenton Placemaking Grant (see sidebar).

Applications under the Kenton Placemaking Grant were eligible to apply for awards ranging from \$500 up to \$5,000. Grant awards were determined by an evaluation committee, selected by the KNA Board of Directors, of individuals that live and/or work in the Kenton neighborhood.

10 grant applications were received, requesting more than \$30,000.

Under the NPTF, the KNA was allotted \$10,000 to establish the Kenton Placemaking Grant Program for community enhancement projects that increase connections people have to each other and the places they care about; engage historically marginalized and/or under-represented communities; and sustain those already involved and/or strengthen existing programs.

Special thanks to all those that participated in the process, from grant applicants to committee members, and our partners North Portland Neighborhood Services, Portland Parks and Recreation, Portland International Raceway, Green Savoree.

### Grant Recipients

-The Historic Kenton Firehouse, a historic building, offers free or reduced rates to 35 community groups and partners and will replace tables purchased over 20 years ago. \$500

-The Kenton Farmers Market and community will create a street painting project focusing on food and health at a significant street node, creating space for connection and conversation. \$1650

-The Arbor Lodge/Kenton Neighborhood Emergency Team will create neighborhood block-level resiliency through distributed emergency, secure, medical supply caches. \$1725

-Events, landmarks and neighborhood assets will be highlighted on a new edition of the Kenton Business District map expanding to include Lombard Street businesses. \$1200

-The Kenton Rose Garden, a local Kenton landmark, will benefit from a new sign and bench (see article). \$4925

home goods, silk screening, salvaged materials, catering, party venue, pet supplies, work space, consultative services, day care, catering – it’s a long list!

On a warm summer’s evening, a gathering of many of the “women of Kenton” shared the hospitality of Garland Horner’s rooftop soiree where there was not only the warm embrace of comradery for those attending, but a chance to thank Garland for her resilience and belief in the value of Kenton. The former Insulated Window owner for over 40 years now lives above her previous storefront, which is now leased to newer women-owned business – the McPherson’s sisters Little Red Press, Chelsea Swanda’s Give and Take and newest boutique The Smith & Gardener. Not often will you hear cheers and love for the landlord!

Recently, MCB TV South Korea came to Kenton to interview Mantel owner Karen McClelland and Salvage Works’ Rachel Browning to discuss how small businesses work together to succeed. Rachel shared how woman-owned businesses create a better business community: “I think seeing more women’s businesses inspires other women to open businesses, which over time changes the business landscape to be more inclusive in general.”

When asked how do women-owned businesses change the dynamic of a commercial district like Kenton, she continued, “There is a lot of respect for each other and a huge amount of collaboration between the businesses in the district. I think that makes for a creative and vibrant community overall.”

Echoing Rachel, Karen added, “The female business owners here have supported me from day one. It really feels like family. The Kenton community sticks together and word is clearly spreading.” Angela Guerrero of Root & Connect Mindfulness for Daily Living imparted, “Women are known to pay attention to details and care about others comfort... [M]any of the businesses in Kenton have sprung up from women who have a heart for a certain thing and put their energy into making that thing blossom for themselves and the community.”

Why choose Kenton? Laurie Gold of Sweet Science Boxing Gym answered, “Serendipity! I was looking to continue my fitness boxing training that I had started doing in Tampa, FL. In 2010, I bought out the remaining two partners. From 2010-2013, it was a part-time hobby job while I pursued full time jobs. In 2013, I decided that if the gym where to grow, I had to spend more time running and developing it. In 2015, it became my full time job and we have a small staff of 8 part-timers.”

Along with building a business, Laurie shared the leadership skills her business knowledge has provided: “To just keep plugging along and trying to adapt to the ever-evolving challenges that plague small business. There is no substitute for engagement with customers and hard work to meet budget and revenue goals.”

Whether it’s sister partners, sister/brother partners, longtime friends, strong co-owner spouse/partner, single owner, independent contractor or an owner of several businesses, it’s a benefit to the Kenton community to have their expertise and dedication to making small businesses work that promotes a vital neighborhood and gives us great, local retail options. And as Rachel declared, “You couldn’t pick a more supportive neighborhood!”

## VENUS IS RISING IN KENTON!

The Kenton Business district keeps evolving from a company town of the former Swift Meat Packing Company’s rowdy tavern scene to a beckoning commercial environment for women entrepreneurs.

Sitting in a meeting of the Kenton Business Association, you will find an overwhelming membership of women business owners providing healing and wellness, theatre arts, tattoos, boxing, fine boutiques collections, nourishment, landscaping, antiques, groceries, veterinary services, graphics and art, hair and body care, reusable

### 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.)

## GET INVOLVED

Interested in everything Kenton? Love seeing the direct impact of your efforts while collaborating with a diverse group of neighbors?

Consider getting involved with us! Email [knachair@historickenton.com](mailto:knachair@historickenton.com) for more information!

The KNA Board meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7pm at the Kenton Firehouse @ 8105 N Brandon Ave

## KNA BOARD

### OFFICERS

Chair: Susan Ronning, Terrance Moses (co-chairs)

Vice Chair: Tyler Roppe

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Angela Moos

### BOARD MEMBERS

Andrea Jackson, Cameron Call, Chris Guthrie, Julianne Walrod, Kimberly Smith, Anna Mass, Ryan McCluckie, Patricia O’Bannon, Susan Oliver, Ryan Pittel

## COMMITTEES & ACTIVE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

### COMMUNICATIONS

Angela Moos, A’Quila Ettien, Meghan Prichard, Patricia O’Bannon, Sophia Daly, Taylor Dewey, Tyler Roppe (Lead)

### COMMUNITY GARDEN

Angela Moos, Patricia O’Bannon (Lead)

### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/ NEIGHBORHOOD

**EMERGENCY TEAMS (NET)**  
Patricia O’Bannon, Susan Ronning (Lead)

### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

Cameron Call, Chris Guthrie, Anna Mass, Terrance Moses, Tyler Roppe (Lead)

### LAND USE

Ryan McCluckie (Lead), Anna Mass, Angela Moos, Susan Oliver, Tyler Roppe

### KENTON WOMEN’S VILLAGE

Susan Oliver (Liaison)

### NEIGHBORHOOD CLEAN-UP/LIVABILITY

Cameron Call, Chris Guthrie, Terrance Moses (Chair), Julianne Walrod

### NEIGHBORHOOD GARAGE SALE

Melissa Bancuk

### NOISE

Cameron Call, Angela Moos, Ryan Pittel (Chair), Tyler Roppe

### MARKETING COMMITTEE

Sophia Daly, Angela Moos, Ryan Pittel (Lead), Anna Mass

### ROSE GARDEN

Adele Thompson, Taffy Everts (Lead)

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!