

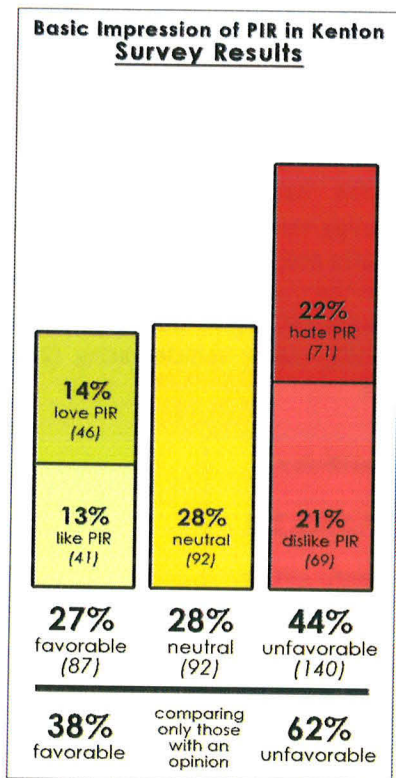
Majority of Kenton Residents Find PIR Noise Excessive

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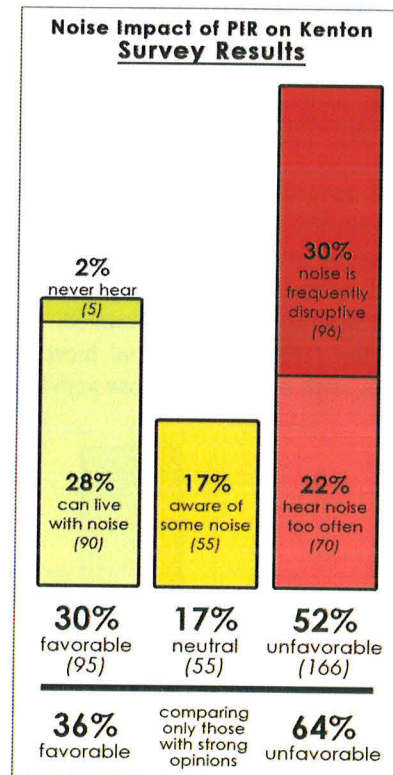
By Kenton Neighborhood PIR Workshop

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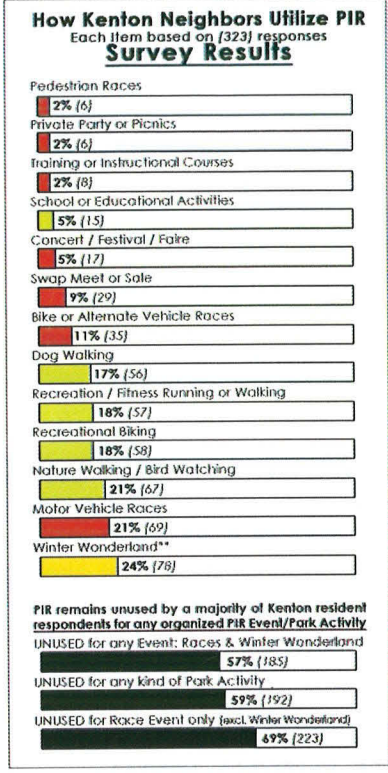
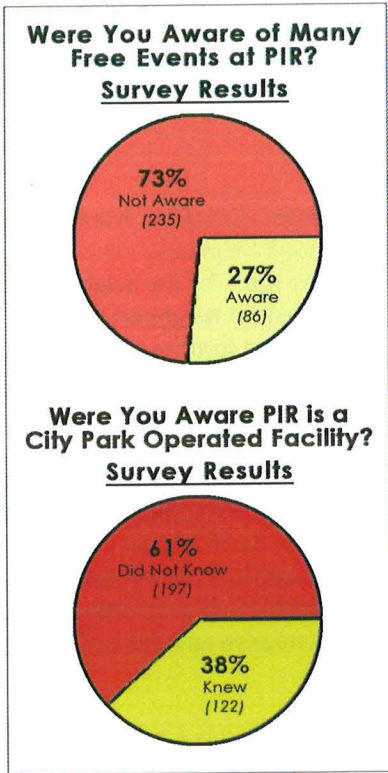


27% of Kenton residents have a favorable impression of PIR, less than have a neutral impression. The majority, 44%, have an unfavorable overall impression of PIR.



When PIR noise is specifically addressed, an unfavorable impression of PIR becomes the majority, at 52% of all Kenton respondents.

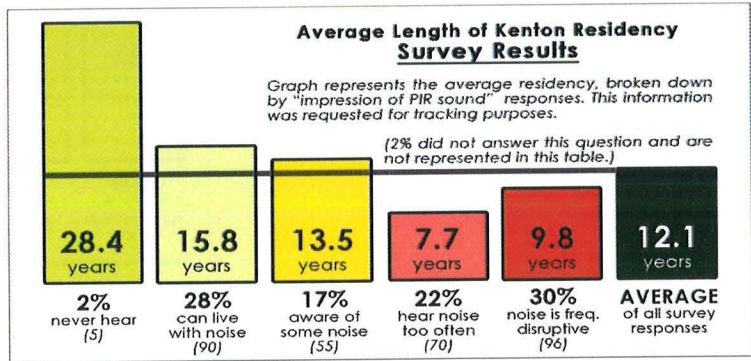
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One thing that became clear is that Kenton residents are unaware of PIR's operational details or services.

The majority of activities in which Kenton utilizes PIR, appear to be more park and nature related, not racing.

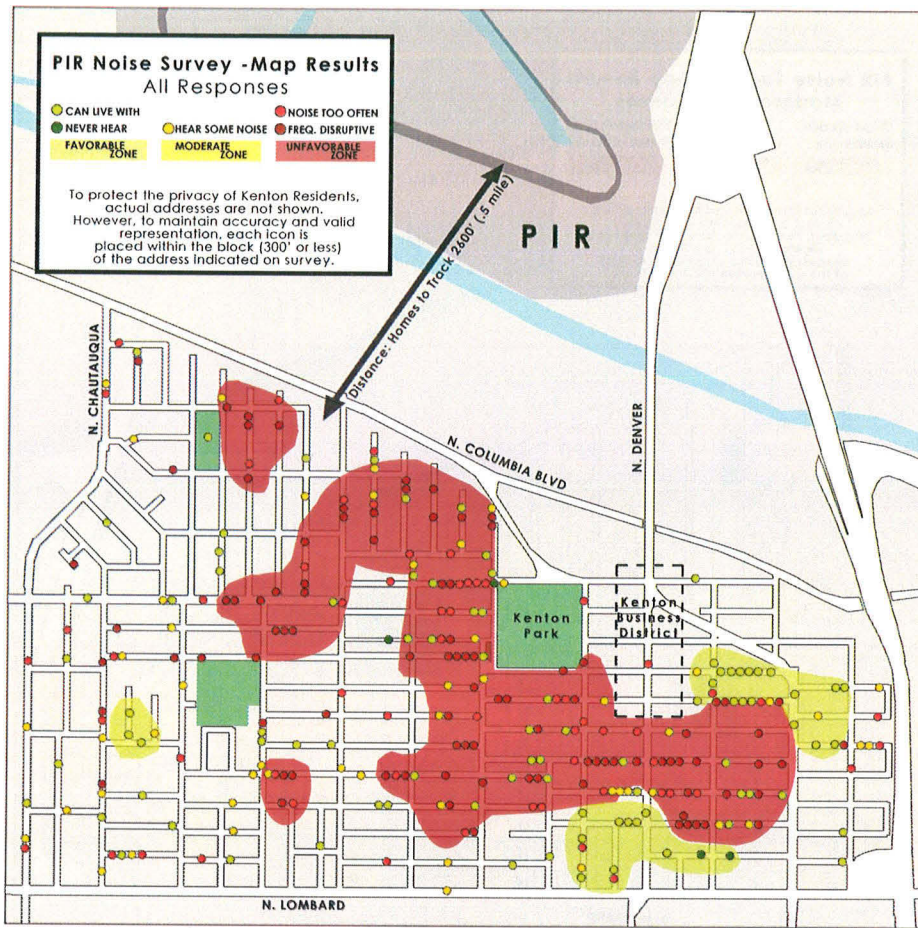
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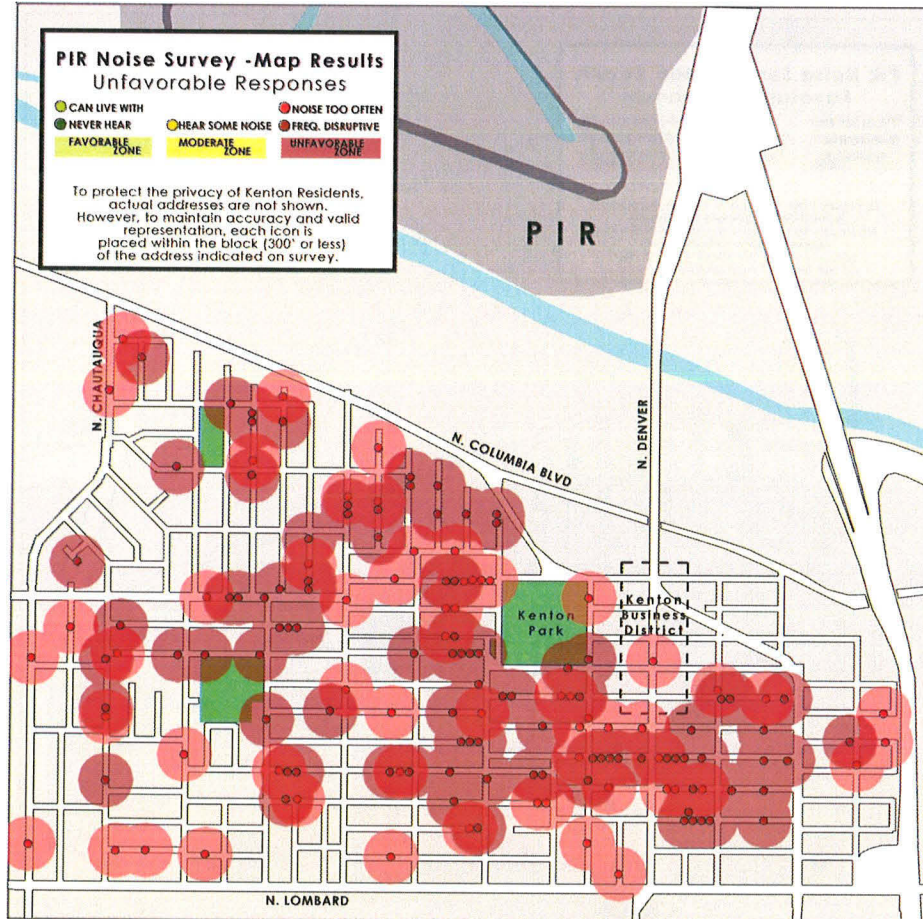
The 2% of respondents who never hear PIR have been Kenton residents for an average of 28.4 years, while the majority of respondents, who are newer residents, find PIR noise unfavorable, likely indicating the trend for the future.

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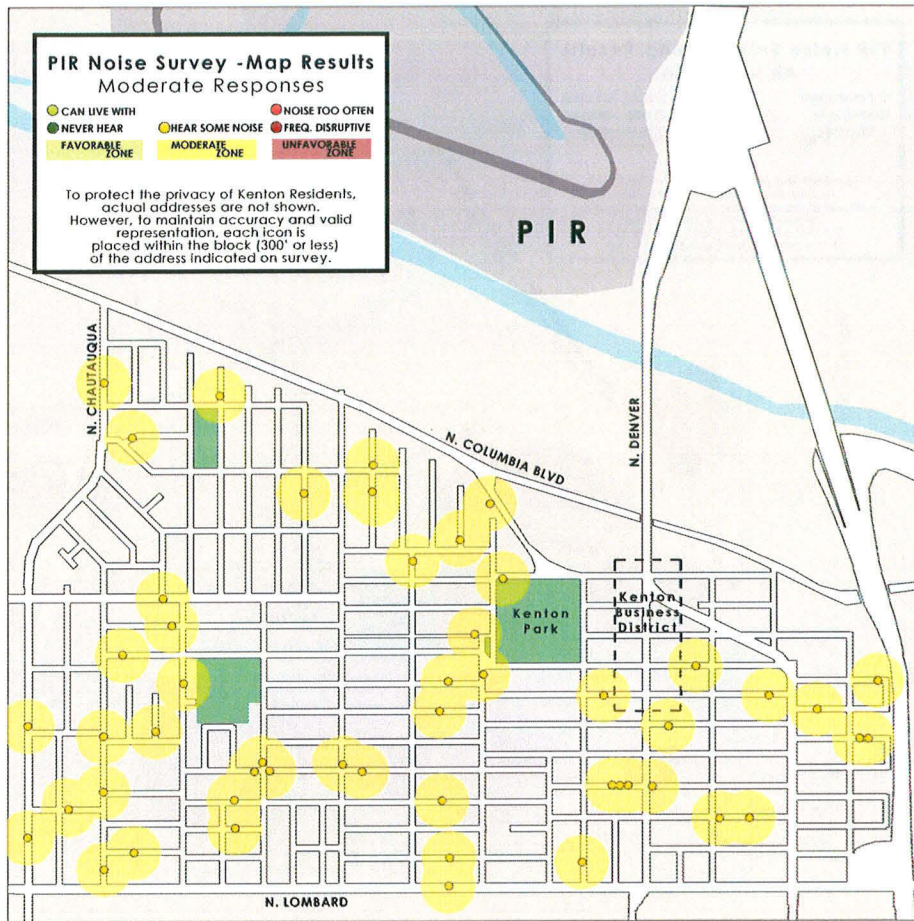
The geographical demographics reveal what might be considered obvious. The more unfavorable responses came from residents living in closer proximity of PIR (northerly), while the strongest areas of favorable responses came from further away (primarily, the southeastern region of Kenton). The following maps display a generalized response pattern of the survey results.



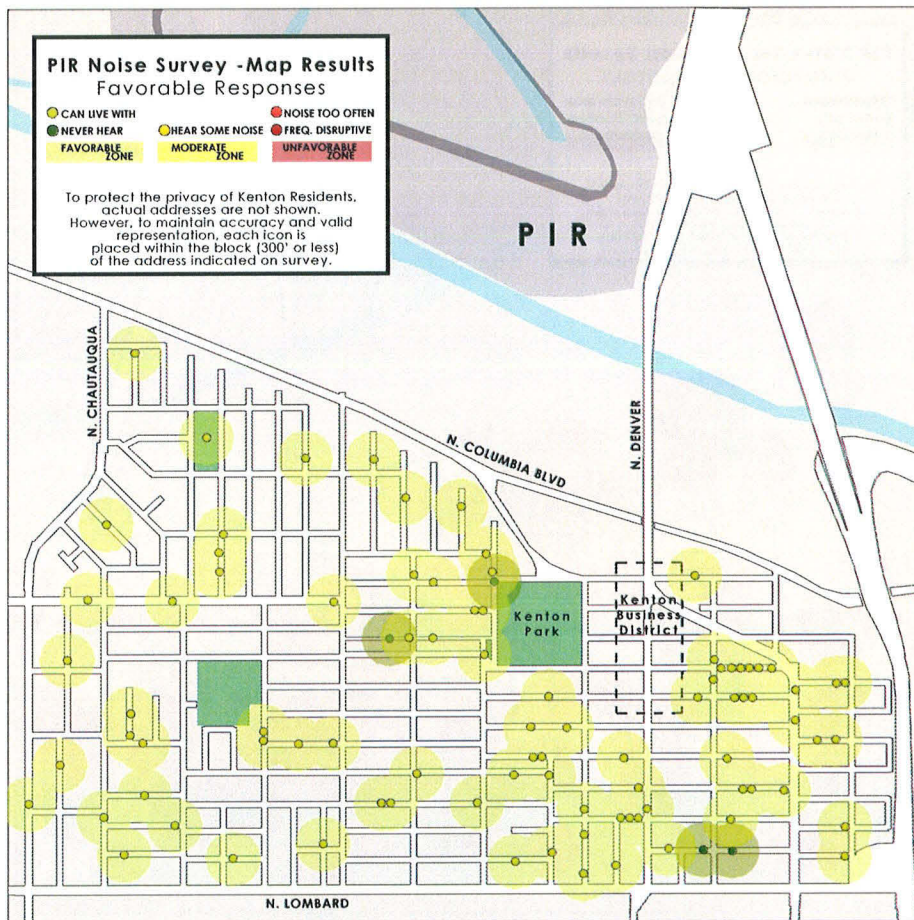
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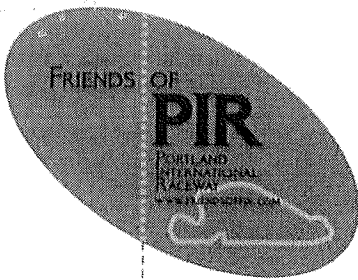
Showing locations of ALL Unfavorable Responses



Showing locations of ALL Moderate Responses



Showing locations of ALL Favorable Responses



Kenton Neighborhood Association
General Meeting
February 10, 2010

Friends of PIR has been asked to help manage PIR in the future. At the initiative of the City, we are now having discussions to determine if and how we might do so.

We believe that PIR is an integral part of the Kenton Neighborhood in particular, and the broad North Portland community in general. We also believe that PIR should be a more active and substantial participant in its neighborhoods.

In furtherance of these goals, we seek your advice on four topics:

1. PIR is a very substantial economic activity. We think that it could and should do more to complement commerce and services in the Kenton neighborhood. How might it do so?
2. PIR is an environmental resource of regional significance. For example, it does more to clean storm water entering the Columbia Slough than any other tributary while providing natural habitat of extraordinary significance. How can it contribute to the sustainable value of the Kenton neighborhood?
3. PIR is an open space of exceptional scale, variety and activity. Unfortunately, it appears to be virtually inaccessible to the Kenton community. How should this be changed?
4. Portland Public Schools in North Portland face extraordinary challenges in providing rich and diverse educational opportunities for their students. They need educational, vocational and financial partners to achieve their goals. How can PIR most effectively contribute?

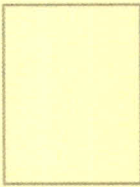
We think that the opportunities for PIR to assist Kenton as well as other North Portland neighborhoods to achieve their goals are substantial. We have been developing some plans and programs that have potential, but they need the focus and support that you can provide.

We look forward to your assistance.

FRIENDS OF PIR

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**KNA Survey - PIR
2209 N Schofield St
Portland, OR 97217**



FROM: _____

(fold here)

Thank You for taking the time to fill this out.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SURVEY TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

Historic Kenton Firehouse - mail slot at 2209 N Schofield St (24 hrs)

Peninsula School - front entry drop box (during regular school hours)

Kenton Library - lobby drop box (during regular library hours)

at the **Kenton Clean-Up - May 15th only** (corner of N Delaware/N Farragut)

at the **Kenton Street Fair - May 22rd only** (KNA booth)

at the **KNA General Meeting - June 9th only** (Kenton Masonic Lodge)

OR YOU CAN MAIL IT

(just fold, fasten & add postage)

**Return Survey By
June 1st
Final Deadline
June 15th**

Kenton Neighborhood Association

Spring 2010 Survey Portland International Raceway (PIR)



The **Kenton Neighborhood Association** wants to be an accurate voice for the issues and concerns in our neighborhood. In order to better understand what residents think about certain elements of neighborhood livability, we are asking you to respond to this survey regarding PIR. Please take a few moments to fill out this survey and return it by June 15th to one of the locations listed on the back. The results will be posted on the KNA website (www.HistoricKenton.com).

1. What is your overall impression of PIR?
 Love it Like it Neutral Dislike it Hate it
2. How often have you attended **organized events** held at PIR in the past 12 months?
 Never Once 2-5 times 6 or more times
3. What types of events have you attended? (All that apply)
 Motor Vehicle Races Concert/Festival/Faire Swap Meet/Sale
 Bike/Alt Vehicle Races Private Party/Picnic Winter Wonderland
 Running (Foot) Races Training/Instructional Course Other
4. Were you aware that many events at PIR are free?
 Yes No
5. Were you aware that PIR is a city park facility operated by Portland Parks & Recreation?
 Yes No
6. How often have you engaged in **park activities** available at PIR in the past 12 months?
 Never Once 2-5 times 6 or more times
7. What types of park activities have you enjoyed? (All that apply)
 Fitness Walk/Run Dog Walking Bicycling
 Nature Walk/BirdWatching School or Educational Field Trip Other
8. What is your overall impression of the noise levels generated by PIR events?
 Never hear it I can live with it Hear it sometimes Hear it too often Frequently Disruptive

9. What is your Kenton street address?

10. How many years have you lived in Kenton?



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EVENTS

ATTEND A BOARD MEETING

No experience necessary. We are a friendly, inclusive group. Please join us!

October 13th 7pm
Kenton Masonic Lodge
8130 N Denver

November 10th 7pm
December 8th 7pm
Kenton Firehouse
2209 N Schofield

THIRD THURSDAY ART WALK

6pm - 9pm
October 21st
November 18th
December 16th

Kenton & Interstate
Commercial Districts

NATURESCAPING WORKSHOPS

9am - 1pm
November 6th
Naturescaping Basics
November 20th
Site Planning 1

Kenton Firehouse
2209 N Schofield



VISIT OUR NEWLY IMPROVED WEBSITE

The KNA website, www.historickenton.com, was recently migrated to a new hosting provider to improve the speed and dependability.

As a result, it has become easier for new information to be posted. Please check out our events calendar and blog to find out what's going on in the neighborhood. We also have a Facebook page, *Kenton Is My Neighborhood*, and we will be increasing our e-communications as important information for Kenton residents becomes available.

Don't miss out!
Subscribe to the KNA e-mail list on our website.

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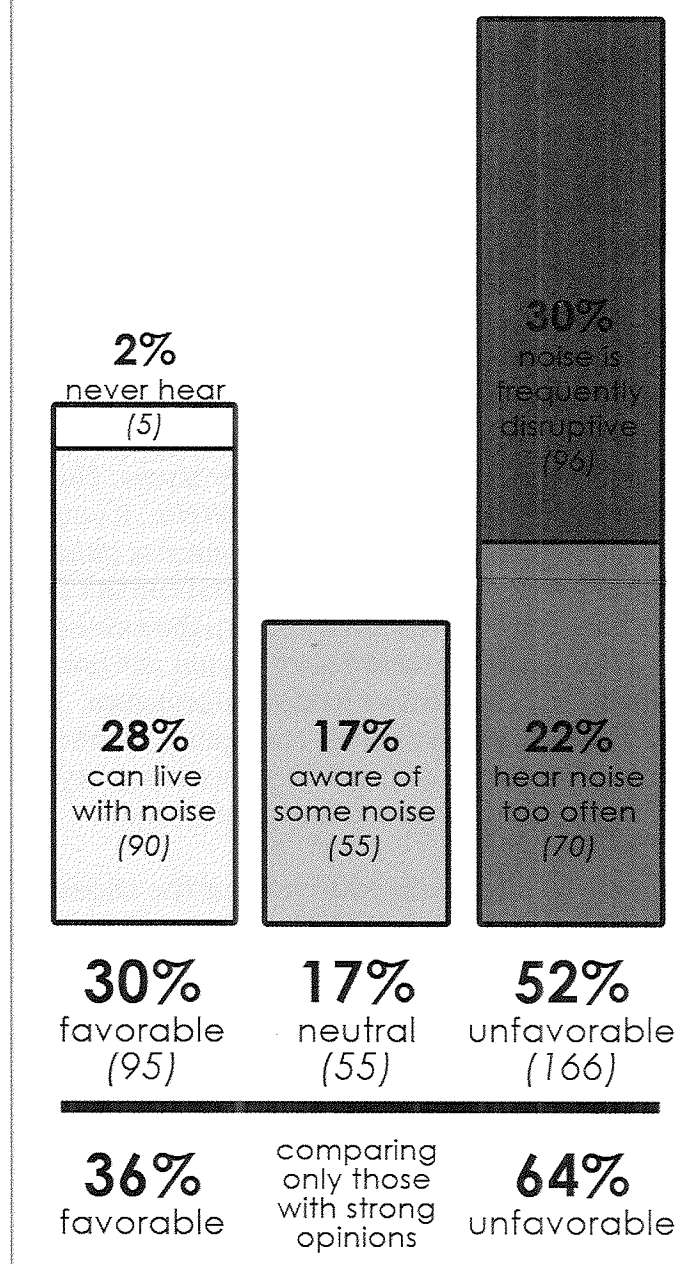
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Thanks to all who took the time to complete and return this survey. This information is very helpful to share with FoPIR regarding the interests and impressions that the Kenton neighborhood has of PIR and how PIR can improve its relationship with Kenton. For the complete survey results, including additional charts, graphs, and explanations please go to the Kenton Neighborhood Association website, www.historickenton.com.

Noise Impact of PIR on Kenton Survey Results



KNA BOARD BECOMES CLEARER, STRONGER VOICE FOR KENTON NEIGHBORS

Chair's Remarks by Angela Moos

Greetings, neighbors! We've had many months of great community activities in Kenton starting with our neighborhood clean-up event in mid-May, followed by the successful Kenton Street Fair, Sunday Parkways, and the recent, well attended, summer evening Kenton Park Concerts. Now it's back to school, time to harvest our gardens, and see the final stage of the Denver Streetscape project completed. It especially important to remember how pedestrian friendly our neighborhood is becoming and take a short walk or bike trip to downtown Kenton during the closing of N Denver Avenue, Sept 14 – October 12th to patronize our local businesses as they weather this last stretch of construction.

Be sure to check the KNA website, www.historickenton.com – your neighborhood resource for updates on the streetscape, bus rerouting, read the full PIR survey results, view the KNA monthly calendar of local events and find other useful links. We will continue to be challenged by the livability issues in Kenton; noise tops the list, but public safety concerns and the recent efforts to preserve the Kenton Historic Conservation District through a land use appeal are focusing our efforts to protect and improve our neighborhood. The KNA Board is becoming a clearer and stronger voice for your concerns; your input is always welcome via attendance at KNA Board meetings or messages sent via the KNA website.

CRIME PREVENTION BEGINS AT HOME

By Michelle Charbonneau

Key to community safety is neighborhood participation in crime prevention. Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI) offers crime prevention services and assists neighbors in problem-solving projects. ONI Crime Prevention Coordinators work closely with police precincts, neighborhood associations and community members to address crime and livability issues. North Portland's Crime Prevention Coordinator is Mark Wells. If you have a question about crime prevention or a livability concern, please reach out to Mark at mark.wells@ci.portland.or.us and contact the Kenton Neighborhood Association as well. Keep the non-emergency number (503-823-4000) for Portland Police in your cell phone or address book and call with any concerns or helpful information. You may be directed to voicemail on the non-emergency number, but your message will be received. Call 911 in an emergency or if you feel your safety or the safety of others is being threatened.

Lawn mower stolen from your yard or the shoes off your front porch? Please report even minor theft by visiting portlandpolice.com to submit an online crime report.

Partial Kenton Crime Statistics from January to July 2010:

Part I Crimes		Part II Crimes – A Crimes	
Aggravated Assault	11	Drugs	11
Arson	2	Forgery	9
Burglary	60	Fraud	10
Homicide	0	Prostitution	0
Larceny	69	Sex Crime	6
Rape	0	Simple Assault	33
Robbery	6	Vandalism	38
Theft from Vehicle	62	Weapon	2
Vehicle Theft	43		
Part II – B Crimes			
Curfew	7	Disorderly Conduct	37
DUII	19	Liquor Laws	18

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JOIN THE LIVABILITY TEAM

The Kenton Neighborhood Association Livability Team is looking for energetic volunteers to join our team. Volunteers routinely provide graffiti documentation, reporting, removal and trash pick up in Kenton. Volunteers must be willing to commit to one workday a month for one year. If you are interested in getting involved in the Kenton Livability Team and want to help make Kenton a more livable neighborhood, please send an email to livablekenton@gmail.com

NEW BUSINESSES OPEN IN KENTON DESPITE TOUGH ECONOMY

By Kirsten Merrell Kippen

It is becoming easier and easier to never leave Kenton, with a new batch of businesses within walking distance:

I first heard whispers of a flower shop on Valentine's Day, when **Solabee Flowers and Botanicals** took over a corner of Posie's Coffee and cheerfully sold my husband and me two lovely succulents in seashells. Six months later, Solabee's has found a more permanent home at 8315 N Denver, bringing Kenton a new resource for weddings, arrangements, botanicals, and garden consultation.

Joining them in the same building is the expanded **Kenton Family Wellness Center**, a one-stop wellness cooperative. Services include massage therapy, naturopathic medicine, counseling, acupuncture, and chiropractic care. Stop by on Thursdays from 3-7pm for \$20 community acupuncture. Beginning in mid-September, yoga classes will be offered on Saturday mornings. www.kentonwellness.com

Salvage Works brings Kenton our very own architectural salvage shop and is located at 2030 N. Willis (the spot previously occupied by Lovett Deconstruction). **Locket2you**, currently selling whimsical lockets at Posies, just rented the old Kenton Wellness space behind Cup and Saucer and will soon open a gift shop. **Wow & Flutterville** will open a children's playspace this fall and has rented the two spaces by the Laundromat at 8103-8107 N. Denver. **Kenton Beadworks** runs a virtual storefront. Find quality, hand-crafted jewelry at kentonbeadworks.com and Kenton Third Thursdays.

GOOD THINGS GROW ON TREES

Through Friends of Trees' Plant It Portland campaign, Kenton residents can now buy trees for their homes for only \$35. The \$35 includes the wholesale price of the tree, delivery, hole digging, planting assistance, stakes, and follow-up maintenance checks. You'll also be invited to join a neighborhood potluck after the planting. The sign-up deadline for the **February 19** planting in Kenton and Portsmouth is **January 17**. The sooner you sign up, the more selection you'll have.

Visit www.FriendsofTrees.org/BuyTrees

NATURESCAPING WORKSHOPS OFFERED

By Katie Meckes

The Kenton Neighborhood Association is hosting two FREE workshops to bring you the information you need to get involved in naturoscaping and to help create wildlife habitat that doesn't stop at property lines – all for free! Attend these Naturoscaping & Site Planning workshops in November and get a head start planning for next year's gardening season!

Naturoscaping Basics ~ Saturday, 11/6 from 9am-1pm

Naturoscaping is the practice of designing (or redesigning) a landscape so that it reduces water use, stormwater runoff, and pollution without sacrificing splendor. Plus, it saves you time, money, and energy – all while providing a beautiful habitat for birds, wildlife, and you! This introductory workshop explores the core concepts of Naturoscaping, provides tips for basic site planning and many other great native gardening tips.

Site Planning 1 ~ Saturday, 11/20 from 9am-1pm

An extension of Naturoscaping Basics, this workshop covers the steps involved in planning a landscape or project. You will learn how to map and measure your property, assess your garden style and needs, and learn how to prepare a site plan that utilizes naturoscaping techniques.

Both workshops take place at the Historic Kenton Firehouse at 2209 N. Schofield Ave, Portland OR 97217.

Space is limited and advanced registration is required.

Register online at www.emswcd.org. Information: 503-935-5383.

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Parsons, Susan

From: Angela Moos [amoos49@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2010 10:06 AM
To: Parsons, Susan
Cc: 'Ryan & Gloria'; 'Jared Tormohlen'
Subject: FW: Comments at City Council for Wed, Sept. 15, 2010

Hello Susan,

Can you please facilitate this request in Karla's absence.

Thank you,
Angela

From: Angela Moos [mailto:amoos49@comcast.net]
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To: 'kmoore-love@ci.portland.or.us'
Cc: 'Ryan & Gloria'; 'Jared Tormohlen'
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Hello Karla,

The Kenton Neighborhood Association would like to speak during Citizens Comment:

Date requested: Wednesday, Sept 15th.

Requester's name: Angela Moos

Address: 3417 N Russet St.,

Phone number: 503-490-9847

Regarding the issue: The Kenton Neighborhood Association would like to update the Portland City Council on community feedback from a recent polling of Kenton neighbors on the PIR. The additional speakers, Ryan Pittel and Jared Tormohlen will provide you their information to complete this request;

Thank you for you assistance,
Angela

Angela Moos
Kenton Neighborhood Association Chair
503-490-9847
amoos49@comcast.net

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Request of Angela Moos to address Council regarding recent polling of Kenton neighbors on Portland International Raceway (Communication)


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