

Laurelhurst

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Rats!

by Sarah Hardy, shardy73@gmail.com

Imagine sitting in your recently acquired Laurelhurst home one autumn night, kids snuggled away in bed, when out of the corner of your eye you see movement... on the floor... in the dining room. Wait, there it is again. What IS it?

Oh my GOD, it's a RAT!!!

This scene recently played itself out on our house, complete with panic, chases (tennis racquet in hand), and ultimately a lost trail, leaving us standing in tense stillness at the ready for five minutes of absolute silence, adrenaline surging, sensing nothing.

Once the wave of adrenaline started to recede, what had happened began to sink in: A rat. In our house. In the living quarters, no less. We exchanged phrases like "I don't care about your allergies we're getting a cat," and "where's the duct tape, we're sealing this basement door shut," along with words that can't be repeated here.

From there, it was off to bed, although, as you can imagine, little sleep was gained. By 5 a.m. the next morning, I was sending off an email to a neighbor for the name of the exterminator she employs.

A bit ago, this neighbor was the first to enlighten us to the neighborhood's little secret. Evidently, quietly, Laurelhurst is famous for its rats.

Despite our seldom-used-except-for-laundry unfinished basement with dark corners, we had an "it will never happen to us" complacency. Ha ha, we chuckled. Yuck, we gasped.

And then we met our little friend.

When the "pest control consultant" arrived the next morning, my relief

was palpable. Kathy radiated competence, toughness, and I'm-not-scared-of-no-rat reliability. It took her about three minutes to find the "point of

entry" and a fresh rat dropping in one of those dark basement corners, saying something like "I'd be concerned about this uncapped sewer pipe." Um, duh. After Kathy's thorough survey of our house and property, she gave

us some homework and deployed her "technician" Bob in setting traps in our basement and around our exterior property. Our homework outside was to cut back low-lying brush, to clear out debris in the "wasteland" side of our house, and to get the dog food put away properly.

My husband arrived home from work soon after Bob left to reassure himself that we were on the right track. He descended the basement stairs and discovered – HAH – ratty, dead in a trap that Bob had just set. Holy smokes! OK, so since then, we've not seen or heard from any rodents in our house (you better believe I'm knocking on wood as I type this). Bob's been back and reported "moderate" activity on the external baited (pet proof and anchored) traps around the house. The sum of our experience was a straightforward point of entry, now sealed, one rat dropping, and one dead rat. It could have been a lot worse!

Lessons learned are worth sharing. The most important lesson was that Laurelhurst does, indeed, have rats; there's nothing mythical about it. You may chuckle too as we did, at your own peril. It wasn't surprising to Kathy that our visitor arrived in October. Rats live high on the hog and reproduce like crazy in the park all summer. Come fall, dominant male rats kick out the others, who go looking for new places to set up shop. Rats are territorial, so one dominant male per home is typical. It can take some time to really infest a home with a large population



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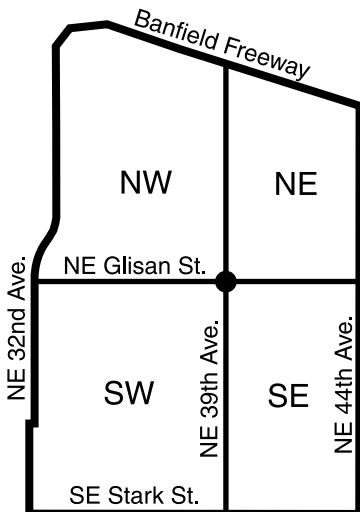
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Laurelhurst Neighborhood



From the Editor

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Historic District Survey Results

Here are the results of the survey on making Laurelhurst a Historic District: "I'm all for it" - 44%; "I'm more in favor than not" - 10%; "interested by undecided" - 7%; "more against than not" - 5%; and "No way!" - 34%. I had known that the issue was contentious, so it was no surprise to find that the survey produced pretty polarized results. What WAS surprising was the general lack of responses at all. It might seem impressive that 10% of the responses were "more in favor than not", but if I told you that the 10% was made up of only 4 people, I'm guessing you might be underwhelmed.


The arguments broke down primarily along the lines of "I don't want to be told what I can do with my property" and "some restrictions on individual properties can make the whole neighborhood better." As near as I can figure, these are arguments reflect the core of how a person sees the world. They are both rational in their own way, and given their primal nature, I expect that they are pretty unchangeable.

Based on the small turnout of the survey, however, maybe the one thing that we can all agree upon is that most of us don't really care one way or another. Could that be true?

The Microfilm Abyss

If you've ever been charmed into believing that digging into history is an exciting adventure by movies like *The Da Vinci Code*, *National Treasure*, or even one of my personal faves, PBS' *History Detectives*, I'm here to tell you that it ain't so. For the article on the Frazars in the middle of this issue, I spent no less than eight hours in an exotic location called The Multnomah County Public Research Room glued to a microfilm reader just to get the 500-odd words for the story.

Not a task for the faint of heart.

However, if you, like me, find a sick pleasure in rooting through old microfilm, donning white lint-free gloves, and scouring ancient tomes of Oregon lore, drop me a line. Perhaps the next time I won't be the only idiot in the Research Room that's there on his day off. 



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Rats!

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(unlike mice, who seem to be more friendly and tolerant of one another's broods). Rats are opportunistic; they won't work terribly hard to get in, but if you give them an opening, like an uncapped sewer pipe, an open door, window, or garage door they'll take it.

The rat in our home was a Normandy rat. I learned from Kathy that roof rats also thrive in Laurelhurst. These guys are better climbers, not as much burrowers. They typically gain entry up high in the house and live in attics and upper floors. Since they live so far away from each other, it's possible to have roof rats and Normandy rats in your home at the same time.

Regarding the myth that rats can climb in through the toilets, Kathy affirmed this although she said it's relatively uncommon. She said that keeping toilet lids closed and flushing before opening are some simple steps to prevent unwelcome, um, surprises.

Normandy rats typically live in holes that are a few inches in diameter and go straight down into the ground. They're often found near sidewalks or pavement, or near the foundations of homes. Kathy advises caution in dropping poison directly into rat burrows, since rats can kick it back out and, being poison, it's extremely toxic to dogs, people, etc. In the burrow she found at our house, Bob dropped in poison and we filled the burrow with pea gravel not just as a physical barrier to the rats but also to keep the poison where it belongs.

Importantly, rats don't mind if their food and shelter is outside but near your house. They'll feel quite welcome and comfortable foraging from your trash, fruit from trees, and food-encrusted recycling. Store pet food and birdseed in metal trash cans (they'll chew through plastic cans or tubs in a heartbeat) with bungee cords securing the top. Rats will nest among low-growing, ground covering vines, stems, shrubs, and brush (which Kathy noted seem to dominate the well-coiffed gardens of many Laurelhurst pads). You may as well put out a sign that says "Rats, nest here, cozy corners, great cover, peace and quiet for making babies!" she said. When rat populations are comfortable near your home, they're bound to try and gain entry at some point.

We now keep our shrubs trimmed high, our trash sealed, our recycling clean and inside until recycling day, our sewer pipes capped (of course!), and our interior basement traps baited and set. Of course, caution and common sense are necessary when using traps, bait, poison, and bungee cords. The bottom line is that if all of us in Laurelhurst do what we can to make rats feel less welcome, maybe the myth will become just that. **H**

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Our Elms in Danger?

by Lyle Howard, lmhoward@peoplepc.com

What would your street, your house, or your neighbor's house, and your entire block look like if that huge, stately, graceful, umbrella-like elm tree in the parking strip went away? We know because five of the elms on our street were removed a couple of years ago including one about 100 years old, 110 feet tall, with a 45 inch trunk. It took 6 days to remove it and another day and a half to grind out the stump. They all fell victim to the dreaded Dutch Elm Disease (DED). The disease that wiped out the elms in other parts of the country found its way to Oregon and is slowly taking its toll. You may not have noticed but it is alive and well in Laurelhurst as well as the rest of the city.

There is no cure for this fungus, *Ophiostoma ulmi*, first isolated in Europe in 1920. Eighty-seven years later it is still a threat to our elms. Most likely spread to Oregon from Idaho in 1973, it probably traveled along the I-84 corridor by people transporting firewood. The first infected tree discovered in Oregon was in Overlook Park in 1976. It was removed and no further outbreaks occurred until 1986.

Unfortunately, the City cannot wage a war against DED throughout the city, so it is up to property owners to do what they can to ward off the disease. Many people like neighborhoods with large trees and that can help to maintain the value of your property. For the rest of this story, come to the next LNA meeting, Jan. 29th, and learn what has happened since, how it has affected our neighborhood, how to recognize an infected tree, what we can do to slow the progress of DED, and what to do when you lose a tree.

Our guests at the meeting will be Rob Crouch, Urban Forestry Coordinator for the City of Portland; Richard Ross, Board Member of Save our Elms, a long time neighborhood volunteer group in Ladd's Addition dedicated to preserving their elms; a group of neighbors who inoculated 16 elms themselves on 32nd Ave.; and Lisa Adajian, Chairperson of the LNA Trees committee who will report on the annual LNA tree planting that will have taken place three days earlier on Jan. 26th.

Bring your interest in dendrology (the branch of botany dealing with trees) and come to the meeting, Tuesday, Jan. 29th prepared to learn and get answers to your questions from people who have "been there – done that". **H**



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Leadership Opportunities!

If you want your voice to be heard, want to help set the direction for the LNA, or want to give back to your neighborhood, the LNA has several positions currently available. The positions of **Vice President** and **Secretary** are both currently open. The Vice President conducts meetings in the absence of the President, while the Secretary takes the minutes at monthly meetings and distributes them. Both positions are voting members of the LNA Board. After three years Benson Kwan has stepped down as the **Chair of the Public Safety Committee**, leaving that position open as well. One of the duties of this position is to represent the LNA at community policing forums. Contact LNA Board President M.J. Coe if you are interested in filling any of these positions.

M.J. Coe, mj@mjsunderground.net

Become a Master Recycler

Would you be interested in becoming a "Master Recycler" for the Laurelhurst neighborhood? Trainings for the Master Recycling program are offered but three times per year (once each for Multnomah, Clackamas, and Washington Counties), and the few openings are in such demand that registration normally fills up at the speed of a Britney Spears or Hannah Montana concert! The LNA Board will consider sponsoring your training in exchange for your support of our neighborhood recycling and conservation programs.

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Trees Vandalized

It appears that some trees along the sidewalk on the northeast corner of 41st and Ash have been vandalized. Constance Beaumont noticed what appeared to have been intentionally cut rings around the trees and called the City Arborist's office. An investigator sent by the office agreed that the damage was intentional and could shorten the lives of the trees.

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Before Laurelhurst: Meet the Frazars

by Rob Shields, newsletter.editor@laurelhurstpdx.org

Thomas Frazar had a particular knack for retail. Within 8 weeks of his arrival in Portland in 1851 was already advertising his "wholesale and retail commission" operation in the Oregonian ("corner of Washington and First"). After a brief diversion to southern Oregon as part of the great gold rush migration (where he is said to have managed to dig up "some gold dust"), and a trip East again to pick up his family (wife and five daughters), he found himself thriving in the grocery trade.

He quickly involved himself in the Portland community, becoming an active agitator for getting Portland's "Free" school back on track (it had disbanded in 1853), becoming a school board member, and at various times, the City Treasurer, and a City Councillor.

By 1856, the Frazars were looking to try something new, and living the life of a "gentleman farmer" seemed just the thing.

At the same time Elijah and Saloma Davidson, having settled their Donation Land Claim by improving it for four

years, were looking to move on. They had sold the southeast portion of their property in April of 1855, which left them with four hundred acres yet to sell.

On February 2nd, 1856, the Frazars purchased the remaining 400 acres from the Davidsons; a tract that extended from what is now 39th Avenue, all the

way to 60th, and from Stark St. to Halsey St. (minus the southeast chunk that the Davidson's had previously sold). The cost of this purchase was \$4,000, which the Frazars immediately recuperated by selling everything east of what is now 44th Ave., for that same amount.

Once the Frazars moved out to the farm in the spring of 1857, Thomas set to work clearing

the land and planting an apple orchard. Mary, it turned out, had set to work sowing something else entirely.

Mary Frazar (along with Thomas) was one of a handful of Portland-area residents who came from the "Liberal Christian" tradition. Yearning for a way to practice their particular brand of

Christianity, but having no established church in which to do it, the Frazars began holding regular Sunday services at their new home in what would one day become Laurelhurst (which their children had



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named Hazelwood Farm). Mary would go on to organize the Ladies' Sewing Society, a group of women interested in the cause of Liberal Christianity. It is from this group of ladies, with Mary at the helm, that the First Unitarian Church in Portland would be founded.

Alas, the apple orchard fared less well. During the first few years, it was destroyed by frost.

While living on this estate the family experienced other misfortunes as well. Their seventeen year old daughter died suddenly far away in what is now downtown Portland. Two years later, three children died of diphtheria within three weeks. In the spring of 1862 the Frazars left the farm and



Thomas Frazar

returned to Portland proper, though they held on to their farm until 1869, when it was sold to a man named Charles Coleman for \$4,750.

Thomas died in 1890 at 77 years old in Forest Grove where he spent the last six years of his life. He was buried at the Lone Fir cemetery at

20th Ave. and Morrison St.; just a few blocks away from his Hazelwood farm.

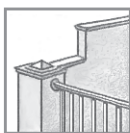
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NETworking: Winter Problems

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Winter storms do not always bring snow. They can, however, bring freezing temperatures and wind. Extreme cold often accompanies a winter storm or is left in its wake. Prolonged exposure to the cold can cause frostbite or hypothermia and become life threatening.

A long period of cold can cause many problems.

Pipes exposed to the cold air can freeze and should be wrapped. Pipe insulation is available in various sizes. Do not use pipe heating tape on plastic pipe. If you have pipes running through outside walls and there is no insulation, keep a slow trickle of water flowing through the pipes at its farthest point (e.g. the upstairs bathroom). If you have a hose outside, make sure it is drained.

Make sure there is enough insulation in the attic. If you have inadequate insulation in the attic, heat from the house can melt the ice or snow on the roof. Water runoff from the roof can refreeze as it passes the exterior wall and cause an ice dam. This will push water under the roof and into the house.

A heavy accumulation of ice can bring down trees, branches and electrical wires. Do not walk under trees during an ice storm. A branch loaded with ice can break. As it falls, it will hit other branches causing a cascade of ice and branches. It can also bring down power lines. DO NOT go near any downed wires. They may look dead but don't bet your life on it. Call PGE at 503-464-7777 to report a downed line.

Some cold weather injuries include hypothermia and frostbite. Hypothermia is low body temperature; below 95 degrees. Warning signs are uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, and drowsiness. Get medical help immediately. If help is not available, begin warming the person slowly. Get the person into warm dry clothes and wrap them in a blanket. DO NOT give person alcohol, drugs, coffee or any hot beverage or food. Warm broth is best. DO NOT warm extremities first.

Frostbite is damage to body tissue caused by that tissue being frozen. Warning signs for frostbite are a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ears, and nose. If symptoms are detected get help immediately. If help is not available, slowly re-warm affected area. Do not rub affected area. If person is also showing signs of hypothermia, warm the body core first.

To help prevent hypothermia and frostbite, dress in layers.

Ed Rentz is the team leader for the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET), a member of the Red Cross Disaster Action Team and the Canteen Action Team. If you are interested in taking the training (it's free) or joining the team contact Ed.

New Committee Reporting Procedure Adopted

The following procedure was adopted by LNA Board of Directors at the December 20th, 2007 Board meeting:

LNA Committee Reporting Procedure:

Each LNA Committee Chair shall appear annually in person at the request of the Board President to provide a committee report on past progress, current actions, and future plans and needs. If an LNA sanctioned committee requests a donation from the LNA at any time, the request shall be made in person at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, and if secured, a follow-up presentation shall be made in person to the Board subsequent to use of the monies secured. If a committee chair fails to appear at the request of the Board, the LNA Board shall decide whether to disband/no longer sanction the committee, or consider the chair of the committee temporarily vacant. H

Laurelhurst Kids Club News

by Kelly Notarfrancesco, laurelhurstkidsclub@hotmail.com

Along with the New Year, comes a new Laurelhurst Kids Club coordinator! Please welcome Jessi Fleagane into her new role in our community. She's been a member of the LKC 2006 group since her daughter, Abbi, arrived, and will be a wonderful coordinator! I was disappointed to have to leave the LKC coordinator role after only one year, but we are moving out of state. I really enjoyed my time as coordinator and was reminded daily about how great our Laurelhurst community is. Please support Jessi in making LKC 2008 the best year yet!

Calling all 2008 babies! The 2008 Laurelhurst Kids' Club is now forming. A few little ones have already arrived and many more are due later this year. Contact Jessi at laurelhurstkidsclub@hotmail.com for information on joining LKC 2008. The group will be looking for a coordinator as well!

The Laurelhurst Kids Club continues to grow and remains as an excellent resource for neighborhood families and a significant community outlet. During the past Christmas, many LKC groups participated in the Salvation Army's 'Adopt a Family' program. The kindness of our neighborhood families helped ensure that many Portland families were able to provide Christmas gifts and food for their children. The LKC provides great socialization for kids and is a critical network for parents. Over the winter, there have been many LKC playgroups and several well-deserved Mom's Nights Out.

Tip for Parents: Do you know how to check if your child's toys have been recalled? The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission tracks all recalled toys. You can sign up for regular (about once a week) email deliveries of new recalls by accessing this website: <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpsclist.aspx>

Laurelhurst Events Calendar

January

26th, Sat - Friends of Trees Tree Planting Event - 8:30 a.m., Laurelhurst Park, Ankeny Building.

29th, Tue - LNA Regular Membership Meeting - 7 p.m. at All Saints Church Parish Hall, 39th and Glisan.

February

8th, Fri - Friends of Laurelhurst Club dance - Lessons at 6:30 p.m., open dancing at 7:30 p.m. At the Laurelhurst Club; \$12 at the door.

21st, Thu - LNA Board Meeting - 7 p.m. at the Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny.

March

14th, Fri - Friends of Laurelhurst Club dance - Lessons at 6:30 p.m., open dancing at 7:30 p.m. At the Laurelhurst Club; \$12 at the door.

25th, Tue - LNA Regular Membership Meeting - 7 p.m. at All Saints Church Parish Hall, 39th and Glisan.

April

2nd, Wed - Friends of Laurelhurst Park Work Party - 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Ankeny building and bring work gloves!

11th, Fri - Friends of Laurelhurst Club dance - Lessons at 6:30 p.m., open dancing at 7:30 p.m. At the Laurelhurst Club; \$12 at the door.

16th, Wed - Friends of Laurelhurst Park Work Party - 9 a.m. to noon. Meet at the Ankeny building and bring work gloves!

24st, Thu - LNA Board Meeting - 7 p.m. at the Laurelhurst Club, 3721 SE Ankeny.

LKC 2008 Calendar Highlights: Mid-June—Laurelhurst Neighborhood Garage Sale, a great place to buy or sell children's items! July 4th—Kids' Parade around Laurelhurst Elementary School, complete with fire truck and police motorcycle participation! Mid-July—Children's Heart Foundation Lion Heart in Laurelhurst. Mid-August—Laurelhurst Family Picnic, Laurelhurst Park. Detailed information on these events will be featured in upcoming Kids' Club emails and the LNA Newsletter.

As always, if you are looking for family-oriented Portland activities or LKC membership and playgroup information, please refer to our website <http://www.laurelhurstpdx.org/kidsclub/> or email the LKC. H

Neighborhood Association Meetings

November Membership Meeting

Summarized from minutes submitted by Debra Horvath

The agenda and minutes unanimously approved as distributed.

MJ Coe made the following announcements:

- The current secretary resigned one hour before the meeting. The search will begin for a new secretary. Debra Horvath volunteered to take meeting minutes for this meeting.
- Commissioner Saltzman is recommending that the current system development charges be increased by 75% for new residential and commercial development within the city. Adding the commercial element is new and will increase funds which are needed in order to achieve city and park development goals which are only at 25%.
- The city is undergoing a comprehensive plan review that maps out what the city might look like in the future. The current plan is 25 years old. They will look at land use, zoning issues. The review process will begin with a March meeting to include bureau speakers and stakeholders.

Treasurer Colin James reported that there is \$24,449.39 in the account. Colin will be looking at putting the funds into a short-term CD.

Gary Naylor reported that quarterly meetings will be held between Providence and various neighborhood associations. The new cancer unit is scheduled to open in February of 2008. Look out for more information on an open house. Gary also provided an update on the Laurelhurst Arches. Restoration to the seven arches is about to begin. There are funds to cover this project, which will include replacing and or repairing plates, brackets, globes and the sandstone to their original condition.

TJ Browning facilitated presentations on Public Safety issues, including representatives from: The Traffic Division (Captain Jarmer), Transit Police (Commander Donna Henderson), Detective Division (Detectives Heidi Housley and Jeff Bender), and the Neighborhood Response Team representative to Laurelhurst (Officer Robert Pickett, along with Community Crime Prevention Coordinator Kathryn Anderson). Attendees heard reports on various activities around Laurelhurst, got tips on how to prevent crime and what to do once a crime has occurred, as well as had the opportunity to ask their own questions of the Police representatives. Particular points of interest in the Q & A included: Bicycle safety, and the Hollywood Transit Station and bridge to Laurelhurst.

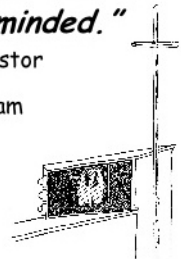
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January 2008 LNA Regular Membership Meeting Agenda

Time: Tuesday, January 29th, 7 p.m.

Place: All Saints Church Parish Hall, 39th and Glisan

1. Additions to the agenda
2. Announcements
3. Approval of General Membership Meeting Minutes, November 27th, 2007
4. Presentation: Public Safety
5. LNA Committee Reports

Pizza and soft drinks will be provided!



President's Perspective

*MJ Coe, LNA President
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It's baaaaaaack. Laurelhurst Historic District designation.

No one told me when I signed up for this job that I would be presiding over one of the most contentious issues our neighborhood has ever confronted in its history. But alas, here it is in my lap, and to a considerable extent the bane of my existence.

At best, it is a distraction from many other important initiatives our neighborhood activists wish to tackle in the coming year. At worst, it could fracture and divide our neighborhood as surely as national politics has in the past few decades.

One thing for certain I would like to stress. I will personally strive to make sure the issue and process of historic district designation is as transparent, informed, thorough, measured, and fair as possible to all sides of the debate. I will be leaning heavily on our Neighborhood Association communication tools — the LNA newsletter and our General Membership and Board meetings — for that. The debate is long from over, and no doubt the neighborhood will be asked to weigh in at some point, one way or the other. The good news is that no blood has been shed to date (at least that I know of). Now if we can only keep it that way 'til resolved. Stay tuned.

And I would be remiss not to mention another bane of mine, the chronic lack of a Secretary for our Association. It was with regret that I accepted the resignation of a newly elected secretary late last summer. It is also most unfortunate that in the span of two months, not one, but TWO interested candidates declined at the last moment to join. This is a crucial position without which our association could not come close to functioning properly. Please, please consider join-

ing our board in this capacity.

On a more positive note, I would like to thank Board member T.J. Browning for organizing a very successful November General Membership meeting on Public Safety. Special thanks to the many Portland Police Officers who provided informative and timely tips for the benefit, safety, and well being of our homes and families. A tip of the hat to both them and T.J.!

As part of our "Laurel-Earth" neighborhood theme, I would like to make note of a new environmental initiative our members are working on: a "Save Our Laurelhurst Elms" inoculation program. (Please see corresponding elm update elsewhere in this newsletter). Our American Elms, the disease to which they are susceptible (Dutch Elm Disease), and related tree canopy issues will be the focus of our January General Membership meeting. Representatives from the local non-profit "Save Our Elms" and the City's Urban Forestry Department will be in attendance to provide information, experience, and suggestions to help guide our neighborhood in this effort.

We are fortunate to have at our disposal such valuable experience on which to model a successful elm protection program, with no need to reinvent the wheel. And with any luck we'll also hear some tips and advice from the experiences of an LNA group that started their own elm inoculation program last summer!

Despite Laurelhurst having one of the largest concentrations of American Elms in the city — and one would think the means to tackle the problem — quite frankly I'm stunned that Laurelhurst has absolutely no organized elm tree protection program to speak of.

These majestic, bold, stately trees provide our community with many financial, environmental, and health benefits. It seems only fair that we work toward keeping these trees intact for the benefit of future generations. After all, it's just one of the many reasons why Laurelhurst is such a great place to live. I hope that many of you will join us in beginning a sustained effort for the long-term protection and enhancement of our neighborhood tree canopy and American Elms.

The Laurelhurst Report



This is one of three Laurelhurst homes sold recently by Yvonne Buchanan. Above-and-beyond services by Nouveau Realty Group include whole-house staging consultation by a professional stager and photos by a Street of Dreams photographer.

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	2007	2006
Homes Sold	82	61
Average Sales Price	\$541,126	\$542,858
Avg. Price/SF	\$189	\$179
Avg. Days on Market	53	48

Source: Realtor's Multiple Listing Service

Laurelhurst is defined geographically as between Stark and I-84 and between 32nd and 44th



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