



Gulch Gazette

2017 Fall Gulch-O-Rama Edition

Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association / www.sullivansgulch.org

Saturday, September 9, 4-9pm, 2500 block of NE Clackamas between 24th and 26th Ave.

It's Time for Gulch-O-Rama!

Please join us to celebrate the Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood, the best neighborhood in the City! Meet more of your neighbors. Talk with people you haven't seen all summer. Have fun! Share food!



Photo: Emily Young

We go all out for this annual party with a huge potluck (hot dogs provided by SGNA), live music, DJs, artists' booths, a circus, kids' activities, ping pong, a bake-off, games, and tables for community organizations. There are lots of door prizes from our neighborhood businesses too! Join the raffle!

Music at 4:00 pm. Potluck at 5:00 pm.

More details about activities, participants and performances will be posted on our website: www.sullivansgulch.org

Participating community organizations

Climate Action Coalition, Health for All Oregon, Portland Renters' United, Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET), Sullivan's Gulch History Project.



Photo: Irina Bukina

Thanks to our event sponsors!

Milo's Cafe	Great Wine Buys	XRAY-FM
Postal Annex	Taste Tickler	Eutectic Gallery
Cadillac Cafe	New Seasons	Footwise
Speedy Glass	Jasmine Pearl	Furever Pets
Broadway Books	Twisted	Sweet Jayne's
Trade Roots	Kitchen Kaboodle	Bloomsbury Antiques

Find an updated list of sponsors on the SGNA web site!

Gulch-O-Rama needs volunteers!

Gulch-O-Rama is great fun because **so many volunteers keep it going**. We need:

1. Set-up: Noon-3:30pm. Six volunteers, one truck. Set up lights and banners, tables and chairs, stage and sound system.
2. Welcome Table: 3:45-8:00pm. Greet participants. Offer door prize tickets for GulchNet sign-ups, etc.
3. Potluck: 3:30pm set-up. 5:00pm maintain food stations and recycling. Four volunteers.
4. Clean-up: 6:00-9:00pm. Recycling and pack up. Six volunteers, one truck.

Interested in helping?

Contact: Helen Kennedy, htkenn@aol.com.

Welcome to Sullivan's Gulch

Are you new to the neighborhood? Welcome! The Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association (SGNA) is dedicated to making "the Gulch" even better than it already is. We're the official group for communications to the City of Portland. You'll see in this newsletter many ways to become informed and involved.

The best place to find out what's happening in the Gulch is the SGNA web site. Visit for important news on land use, public safety, and emergency preparedness as well as current SGNA events and activities. Sign up on the site for our Gulchnet email list for updates or submit a question or comment to the SGNA Board.

Discover our web site and stay informed:

www.sullivansgulch.org.

Introducing the Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Emergency Team



by Michelle Johnson, SG NET

Imagine this—Scenario One

Susan Jones, an elderly woman with limited mobility, lives in a small block of apartments. One day, there's a cooking fire that quickly grows out of control in the apartment below Susan's. Everyone flees the building, except Susan, who can't leave by herself. By the time the firefighters come and get her out, Susan has suffered extensive smoke inhalation injuries and is placed in intensive care in critical condition.

Scenario Two

Susan Jones, an elderly woman with limited mobility, lives in a small block of apartments. A neighbor in her building underwent Neighborhood Emergency Team training and organized a "Map Your Neighborhood" gathering in which all the residents got together, got acquainted, and mapped out anyone in the building with special needs as well as those with relevant skills and equipment useful in case of emergency. One day, there's a cooking fire that quickly grows out of control in the apartment below Susan's. As everyone leaves the building, a neighbor checks on Susan and helps her evacuate. The neighbor didn't need any special skills or tools, but by remembering Susan might need mobility assistance, the neighbor may have saved Susan's life.



Our Sullivan's Gulch NET

All over the world, after a major disaster, as many as 96% of people who require help are rescued by their neighbors and not by professional emergency responders like police or fire departments. The most effective immediate response comes through neighbors helping neighbors.

Did you know that Sullivan's Gulch has a new and growing Neighborhood Emergency Team (NET)? The City of Portland's Bureau of Emergency Management created the NET program to train and support neighborhoods to prepare for and respond to a citywide or regional emergency. These volunteers are specially trained to help others without putting themselves in harm's way.

NET members are:

- Prepared to be self-sufficient for two weeks during any emergency.
- Able to provide emergency assistance to their family and immediate neighbors as well as save lives and property in their neighborhood.
- Able to guide untrained volunteers who want to help others during a disaster.

Thankfully, most of the time, there aren't major emergencies to respond to, so the Sullivan's Gulch NET will focus on outreach to help people plan and prepare for the unexpected. In the year ahead, in addition to continuing to build up the numbers and skills of our core team, we plan to actively reach out to neighbors to roll out our own "Map Your Neighborhood" program as a first step in engaging and educating the neighborhood about easy steps we can take to help everyone better prepare for an earthquake, fire, serious power outage, or other unexpected event.

How can you get involved? There are options for every level of commitment:

- Want to dive in and really tackle this issue head on?
 - Sign up to become NET certified and join the team!
- Do you not want to commit to the full training program but have special skills in first aid, medicine, construction, radio-operation, mental health or other areas for which there may be need in an emergency?
 - Sign up to be on our "Affiliated Volunteer list" of individuals whom the Team will seek out as needed in an emergency!
- Interested in hosting or participating in a "Map Your Neighborhood" gathering or block preparation party?
 - Let us know — we hope to start rolling these out in the fall and will provide the content — but need hosts and interested participants to step forward so we know where to start!
- Help us help you. Fill out the NET survey: tinyurl.com/gulchsuryey
- Check out the information and resources at: sullivansgulch.org/sullivans-gulch-net.html Use the form on that page to indicate interest in any of these options. Someone from the team will contact you.
- Look for us at Gulch-O-Rama on September 9. Meet some of the Sullivan's Gulch NET members and ask us in person about getting involved!

Updating the SGNA Bylaws

An organization is legally governed by the procedures outlined in its bylaws. These include the purpose of the organization, how members participate, elections, meetings, and committee procedures.

Our *Bylaws* have not had major revision for 15 years, even though there have been substantial changes in the recommended and required provisions for neighborhood associations by the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement. After review and some experience with the *Bylaws*, the Board concluded that they are unclear in many respects and woefully inadequate in practice. The Board also wished to incorporate provisions maximizing public participation in discussions which greatly affect our neighborhood. The SGNA Board of Directors appointed a Bylaws Committee to review our current *Bylaws* and recommend amendments that would make our work more effective, transparent, and accountable to our Membership.

Our goal with this revision is to promote transparency and accountability with bylaws that are clear, instructive and workable.

The committee used two criteria for updating our *Bylaws*:

1) Compliance with ONI Standards, using the text of its recommended bylaws as much as possible;

2) A text that is clear and complete, leaving little to interpretation, and including important provisions that our current *Bylaws* lack.

This required that we re-write the entire document, beginning with the ONI text but including sections of our current *Bylaws* important to retain. For such a major revision, we felt it necessary to provide a comment period for everyone in our Association, the neighborhood of Sullivan's Gulch, to review and comment on the proposed changes. Comments should be sent to Daniel Pirofsky (danielpirofsky@comcast.net). Our Board will review your comments and adopt a Final Draft for your vote at our November 14 Annual Membership Meeting.

Please find a link on the home page of the [SGNA web site](#) to download the Discussion Draft of the proposed *Bylaws* and a summary of its changes. Your comments are appreciated. Then come to our Annual Membership meeting this November and vote on our updated *Bylaws*. Your participation is the only way to improve the livability of our neighborhood.

Annual Membership Meeting

Annual Election, Bylaws amendments.

If you live in Sullivan's Gulch, you are eligible to vote.

November 14, 2017, 7pm to 9pm.

Grace Episcopal Church, 1535 NE 17th Avenue

Protect Your Home

Excerpted from Residential Burglary Prevention, published by the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement Crime Prevention Program, Summer 2015.

When it comes to burglary prevention, you can reduce the likelihood of your home becoming a target if you take steps to increase the risk of detection to the offender, increase the level of difficulty required to gain access to your home and valuables, and reduce the perceived rewards of committing the crime.

- Report suspicious activity to the police. You can contact 9-1-1 when what you observe appears to be a threat to life or property. Otherwise, contact the non-emergency number at 503-823- 3333. When in doubt, it's okay to start with 9-1-1.
- Never leave a hidden house key in an obvious place outside such as under a doormat or lower pot.
- Remove keys and garage door openers from your vehicles, especially those parked outside. Do not include your address on your keys.

- Lock doors and windows, including garage doors. This includes the door to your attached garage. During summer months, use locks to secure windows in unattended rooms. Talk to your children about the importance of locking up.
- Look into improving the security hardware of your home to fortify entry points.
- Examples of security measures to consider for doors include installing deadbolts with at least 1" throws, strike plates with long screws, and solid core doors that are strong enough to withstand excessive force.
- For windows, install double paned windows and secondary locks and pins.
- Security for sliding glass doors should have dowels and vertical locks to prevent their removal from tracks and forced entry.

To continue this article, including a security checklist, published by the Crime Prevention program, visit our web site: www.sullivansgulch.org

Gulch-O-Rama – Saturday, September 9

We need volunteers to help make

GULCH-O-RAMA

the Greatest Party on Earth, together.

Potluck, Performances, Exhibits, Artists, and more.

Contact: Helen Kennedy, htkenn@aol.com.

About SGNA

The Sullivan's Gulch Neighborhood Association is made up of residents and business owners in the Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood — from Holladay Park (across from Lloyd Center) to NE 37th Ave., and Broadway to I-84.

SGNA sponsors activities during the year: Neighborhood Clean Up, Gulch Garage Sale, Gulch-O-Rama, emergency preparedness training, and other activities that build community and improve the livability of our neighborhood. SGNA is your voice to communicate to the city your views on new developments, transportation, and proposed changes affecting the area.

The SGNA Board meets the **second Tuesday of each month at 7pm, Holladay Park Plaza, 1300 NE 16th**. If you have concerns or comments or want to stay informed, please attend. Also, SGNA has two Membership Meetings each year — spring and fall — to hear your concerns and comments and discuss our activities and events. Each fall we elect members to our Board of Directors at our Annual Membership Meeting.

Help make Sullivan's Gulch even better

SGNA is made up of your neighbors working together to improve the livability of the neighborhood.

If you have a question or concern, SGNA is the place to start. Contact us on our web site or attend monthly Board meetings. If you're ready to work with your neighbors to make Sullivan's Gulch an even nicer place to live, join an SGNA committee. You don't need to be an SGNA Board member to serve.

Thanks

Thanks for reading this edition of the *Gulch Gazette* and thanks to our contributors. If you want to help with future *Gazettes*, or advertise in our pages, please contact us at: www.sullivansgulch.org/communications.html

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SGNA Annual Calendar

May 2018	Neighborhood Clean Up
May 2018	Spring Membership Meeting
July 2018	Sullivan's Gulch Garage Sale
August 2018	National Night Out
Saturday, September 9	GULCH-O-RAMA
Tuesday, November 14	Annual Membership Meeting

Updated information is posted on the SGNA web site (www.sullivansgulch.org) and sent out on the Gulchnet email list, and NextDoor.com.

Featured article on the SGNA web site

[A Discussion of Homeless Issues with Marc Jolin: Held at the SGNA Membership Meeting, May 16, 2017.](#)

Mr. Jolin described our current regional efforts to address the homelessness crisis through new housing and services, including an excellent Q&A session.

Marc Jolin is Director for A Home for Everyone/Joint Office of Homeless Services. A Home for Everyone is a community-wide effort to house homeless Multnomah County citizens by making smart investments in the areas of housing, income, survival, emergency services, health, access to services and systems coordination.