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.

Discover our fresh web site and stay informed

The best place to find out what’s happening in the Gulch is the SGNA web site. It has a fresh look and much more useful content – how to prepare for disasters, history of the area, what new developments are planned, or what the SGNA Board of Directors did last month. Sign up on the site for our Gulchnet email list for updates or submit a question or comment to the SGNA Board. Also visit our Blog and submit comments and questions directly on our site.

Find us at www.sullivansgulch.org.

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Gulch-O-Rama – Saturday, September 10, 4pm to 9pm

Time for our Neighborhood Block Party!

Please join us for this important and fun event, our annual block party featuring a huge potluck, exhibits, artists, performances, kid space, and more. Location: NE Clackamas Street between 24th and 26th Ave.

Bring wonderful potluck food, meet your neighbors, and have fun. See you there!

The entertainment starts at 4pm. Don’t miss it!

Gulch-O-Rama needs volunteers!

Let’s make Gulch-O-Rama the Greatest Party on Earth, together.

1. Set-up: Noon–3:30pm. Six volunteers, one truck. Get the street ready. Procure and set up chairs, tables from Grace Episcopal Church. Hang banners, lights. Set up sound and theatre stage. Assist artists, performers, and Broadway businesses set up “stations.”

2. Welcome Table: 3:45–8:00pm. Greet participants. Sell raffle tickets. Ask participants to sign up for GulchNet. Give information and directions.

3. Food: 3:30pm until everything is eaten. Set up and maintain food stations. Clean up and other tasks as needed.

4. Clean-up: 9:00pm until all is clean. Six volunteers, one truck. Return chairs, tables to the Church. Take down banners, lights, etc. Clean so that in the morning the street looks as if nothing has ever transpired there (Remember: what transpires at Gulch-O-Rama, stays at Gulch-O-Rama!!!)

Interested in helping? Contact: Stepan Simek, simek@lclark.edu, 503-577-5041.

Gulch-O-Rama Performance Schedule (Times approximate)

4:00–4:45  The Orchestra of the Moon – Medieval Music band
4:50–5:20  Nomadic Theatre – Antic Art Show one-man clowning/juggling
5:30–6:00  Welcome to the Gulch-O-Rama Best in Show Competition
6:00–6:45  BilgeRats & Pyrettes – Pirate band
6:45–7:10  Raffle with Awesome Prizes, the best ever, fantastic!
7:10–7:30  PETE Theatre – Constellation Medley theatre performance and songs
7:30–8:15  Malachi Graham and her Small Million band
8:15–9:00  The Bottom Shelf Band – Rock band

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Sullivan’s Gulch History Exhibit
Sullivan’s Gulch Artists Exhibition
Cascadia Children’s Circus

Sullivan’s Balls – Ping Pong Tournament
Potluck and local restaurant food samples

For the latest Gulch news, visit www.sullivansgulch.org
A Bit of Gulch History

From Sandy going north on 28th Avenue you now see the entrance to the U-Store facility and then Fred Meyer. At one time this area was the Doernbecher Furniture Manufacturing Company. This photo gives an overall view of the plant, the 28th Avenue viaduct, and the surrounding neighborhood. Before it became Fred Meyer it was the Hyster Manufacturing plant, producing farm equipment.

The process of changing from industrial to “big box” retail was a tumultuous period for the Sullivan’s Gulch and Grant Park neighborhoods. Both insisted that the city take steps to protect them from cut-through traffic, which resulted in the cul de sacs at 28th Ave. on Wasco, Clackamas, Halsey, and Weidler.

If you’re interested in learning more about Gulch history and helping collect it, please contact Emily Young at artistyoung@comcast.net.

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