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**Important Phone Numbers**

- 9.1.1 To report criminal activity right now in which someone may be hurt or property seriously damaged
- 823.3333 Non-emergency criminal activity or a "cold" crime where the suspects have left or there is no known suspect information
- 823.2143 Southeast Precinct front desk

**Neighborhood Resource Team**

- 823.1274 NRT Officer Steven Mirau, smirau@portlandpolice.org
- 823.1277 NRT Officer Robert Pickett, rpickett@portlandpolice.org
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**Southeast Crime Prevention Coordinators**

- 823.3432 Katherine Anderson, kanderson@ci.portland.or.us
- 823.0540 Max Margolis, Max.Margolis@ci.portland.or.us

**Information and hotlines**

- 823.4000 City/County Information and Referral
- 232.0010 Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Program. Technical assistance, community organizing, and urban planning
- 823.DRUG Drug and Vice Division 24-hour hotline
- 823.SAFE Traffic Management for neighborhood traffic concerns
- 823.7350 Noise control

**safetyCorner**

**Protecting Your Home**

There's been a rise in home break-ins in Buckman recently so it is more important than ever to make sure your home is secure. Here is a simple checklist to help make your home less of a burglary target.

**Doors**

- Exterior doors locked
- Exterior doors of solid-core construction and at least 1 3/4" thick
- Exterior doors fitted with Deadbolt 1" throw locks
- Sliding doors locked and fitted with track locks, Charlie bar, or wooden rod
- Side entry from garage equipped with deadbolt lock

**Windows**

- Are windows secured by pins or locks
- Double-Hung sash windows pinned closed
- Window air conditioner secured to window frame
- Sliding glass windows fitted with track locks or wooden rod
- Basement windows locked and secured

**Lighting**

- Front and rear porch lights present and working
- Motion-sensing lights along sides and rear of home
- Motion-sensing or floodlight over garage entrance

**Landscaping**

- Shrubbery trimmed to below window sill height
- Shrubbery trimmed away from entrances so that they are visible from the street
- Trees trimmed at least 4 feet from ground level to allow visibility from the street

**Yard, Garage & Driveway**

- Front or backyard fenced
- Fencing in good repair with locking gates
- Garage doors and side entrances locked with a deadbolt
- All garage windows covered
- Ladders or other climbing access possibilities such as garbage cans or lawn furniture secured
- Bicycles, lawnmowers, power & yard tools stored in locked garage or shed

**BUCKMAN  
NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS**

"read it, share it, recycle it"

Fall 2007

**Sandy Green Street Project Recommended for Funding; Seeking Additional Community Involvement**

The Advisory Committee for the City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services East Side Community Benefit Opportunity (CBO) Program has made its draft recommendation to provide funding for the SE Sandy Boulevard Green Street Project. The CBO Program is providing funding for community improvements in neighborhoods and business districts affected by the construction of the East Side combined sewer overflow (CSO) projects.



The core of the SE Sandy Green Street project is located at the intersection of SE Sandy Boulevard and SE Oak Street. At this location, it has been proposed to remove unnecessary roadway pavement and replace it with landscaped stormwater treatment swales. This project has the potential to treat and infiltration stormwater runoff from nearly an acre of impervious roadway surfaces that would otherwise flow into the combined sewer.

- Local benefits from this design project include:
- \* an enhanced streetscape that includes street trees and landscaping
  - \* the creation of up to 15 new on-street parking spaces on Sandy Boulevard
  - \* improved pedestrian connections along SE Sandy Boulevard

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**Buckman a "National Historic District"???**

Unless you are a history or architecture enthusiast, you probably don't realize that the Buckman neighborhood is one of Portland's valuable historical resources.

Buckman, the oldest neighborhood on the east side, is home to the Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery, founded in 1855, and which contains the graves of many illustrious pioneer families and early city leaders. If you walk along Stark St. next to the cemetery, you will find a stone marker engraved with "P2." This represents the incorporation of East Portland with Portland in 1891.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Tour of Untimely Departure**  
October 31, 6-10pm  
Lone Fir Cemetery  
To volunteer, contact  
Marissa Johnson at  
503.236.3467  
or 503.853.9352 (c)

**Scheduled Meetings**

**Board Meeting**  
The 1st Thursday of the month, 6 -7:15 PM,  
Central Catholic High School  
Teacher's Lounge,  
2401 SE Stark

**General meeting with info session on Historical District Designation**  
The 2nd Thursday of the Month, 7-9 PM,  
Central Catholic High School  
Auditorium, 2401 SE Stark

**Historic Designation Group**  
The 3rd Thursday of the month, 6:30-8PM

**Land Use Committee**  
The last Thursday of the month, 6:30-8PM,  
Central Catholic High School  
Teacher's Lounge,  
2401 SE Stark

**Contact**  
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503.236.2214



# eat & drink

## Sautéed Kale with Roasted Tomatoes

The tomatoes become sweet and tangy when roasted and perfectly complement the bitter kale. This is a wonderful dish that takes advantage of an abundant fall harvest season.

- 2 cups cherry tomatoes
- 3 tbl olive oil, divided
- Salt and black pepper
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- ½ red onion, sliced
- 1 lb kale, roughly chopped
- 2 tbl balsamic vinegar

Preheat oven to 350 F. Toss the tomatoes with 2 tablespoon olive oil, salt, pepper and thyme. Roast, stirring occasionally, 40 minutes.

Meanwhile, saute onions in remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil until soft, about 5 minutes. Add kale with 1/4 cup water to the pan and saute, tossing occasionally, until wilted and tender, about 10 minutes. Add balsamic vinegar and toss together. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Serve topped with roasted tomatoes, including any juices in the roasting pan.

Makes 6 side dish servings.

## b p Buckman Profiles

Lots of fascinating people call Buckman home. Thousands of us are alive, but some 20,000 souls are dead. The latter repose in the Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery.

A handful of the feistier long-dead will make their ghostly presence felt on Hallowe'en. Yes, on Wednesday, October 31st from 6 to 10 P.M. the Friends of Lone Fir Cemetery (FOLC) will hold their 3rd **Tour of Untimely Departures** starting at the 26th Ave between Stark and Morrison of Portland's oldest continuously operated burial grounds. In fact the all-volunteer Friends' group formed a few years ago as a response to vandalism on this very holiday, and this event helps guard against that kind of desecration.



**Tour of Untimely Departures**  
**Wednesday, October 31st**  
**6 to 10 p.m.**  
**Lone Fir Cemetery**

The **Tour of Untimely Departures** has turned out to be an unbelievably popular event. Guests pay a modest fee to be guided along candle-lit paths and see and hear some of the most entertaining ghosts tell of their more unusual deaths. Amateur thespians in costume thrill their audience with these long-forgotten tales of murder and suicide. The entry charge, as well as membership fees, help with FOLC's year-long work at education, preservation and restoration, such as cleaning headstones and documenting the historic Rose Garden.

Volunteers to set out the candles, sell tickets and refreshments, lead tours, provide parking guidance and

## Sandy Green Street Project

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Other design elements that are envisioned to be integrated into this project, pending the availability of funding, include a small open plaza, public artwork/sculpture, interpretive signage, the inclusion of two smaller stormwater treatment swales, and a pedestrian/bicycle crossing of Sandy Boulevard.

security and even qualify to enact the starring roles of the defunct are urgently needed. Co-chair Marissa Johnson may be reached at 503.236.3467 or 503.853.9352 (c) for more information or to volunteer.

The Friends of Lone Fir is an all-volunteer 501-c-(3) with a modest membership charge. In fact it was volunteer Mary Glenn who spent 18 months and hundreds of hours to shepherd an application through which resulted in Lone Fir just being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This is a prestigious honor rarely awarded to cemeteries. But Lone Fir with its history stretching back to 1833, holds pioneers, a governor, mayors and such notables as Hawthorne and Ladd.

Membership information can be received by calling stalwart FOLC volunteers Becky and Steve Oswald at 503.775.6278.

A little-known fact is that grave sites can still be purchased from Metro, which runs all cemeteries within its boundaries. Unusual among burial grounds, there are almost no restrictions on the type of stone or memorial allowed. This makes for a fascinating variety of touching remembrances from dignified plaques to children's toys and plastic pinwheels whirling in the wind. Along with the long-ago dead lie recently deceased Ukrainians commemorated in their own language.

— Gilly Burlingham, gillygb@yahoo.com

Individuals who are interested in participating in the continued visioning and development of the SE Sandy Boulevard Green Street Project are encouraged to contact Adam Zucker at adam\_zucker@yahoo.com.

— Adam Zucker

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Unfortunately, Buckman faces many disadvantages in protecting its historic buildings. The high rate of absentee ownership means that those absentee owners are less invested and less active in the neighborhood. Absentee properties are less likely to be maintained and are more likely to be sold to a prospective developers whose main interest is to build new, high-density developments. These new developments often do not respect the scale and historic context of the neighborhood.

In addition, Buckman has had the past reputation of being an inner city ghetto-type neighborhood with little money. The city has been all too willing to place social service institutions into the neighborhood, which then attracts its own set of problems regarding property upkeep.

The newly formed Buckman Historic Association, along with Give a Buck for Buckman under the sponsorship of Southeast Uplift, is in the first phase of working towards a historic district in the Buckman neighborhood. Historic districts do not prevent demolition, but do slow down the process of demolition. A historic district will also create a design review overlay within the city's zoning, which will give the neighborhood input on proposed new developments, insuring that new development is sensitive to the existing context of our neighborhood.

For information on the Buckman Historic Association or to get involved, please contact Christine Yun, 503 233 0276, [Historic.Buckman@gmail.com](mailto:Historic.Buckman@gmail.com).

— Christine Yun

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## Burnside Bridgehead Project Update

The status of the Burnside Bridgehead project will be reviewed at a public meeting at the Portland Development Commission offices, 222 N.W. Fifth Avenue, at 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 9th. The Bridgehead project is a five block mixed use redevelopment adjacent to the north side of the Burnside Bridge, just west of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The Portland Development Commission selected Opus Northwest in April 2005 to develop the project. At that time it was assumed that a healthy condominium market would assure financing and anchor a successful development. The condominium market has softened and the developers are searching for another "anchor" tenant before proceeding. A recent attempt to lure Columbia Sportswear headquarters to the site was not successful. Opus Northwest will report on the progress of the search for another anchor at the October 9th meeting. More information about this project is available at the PDC website, [http://www.pdc.us/pdf/ura/central\\_eastside/burnside\\_bridgehead/agendas-notes/2007/0911/status-update-july-august-2007.pdf](http://www.pdc.us/pdf/ura/central_eastside/burnside_bridgehead/agendas-notes/2007/0911/status-update-july-august-2007.pdf).

— Jim Andrews

## Want even more information on the NHD?

Homeowners, renters, and business partners all are highly encouraged to attend the October general meeting of the BCA as the Historic Designation Committee has prepared a presentation in which the pros and cons of a historic district will be discussed by experts from the City of Portland as well as the State Historic Preservation Office. Your input is valued, and your questions will be answered. This is the main item on the agenda though there will be updates on current land-use and liquor issues.

Obtaining NHD is not an easy process, and volunteer effort will be key. Please come, get involved and help to ensure that this wonderful neighborhood retains its historic character and charm.

We will be meeting 7pm on Thursday, October 11, at the Central Catholic High School Performing Arts Auditorium, 2401 S.E. Stark Street. We have reserved this large room to ensure space for as many community members to come and participate as possible. We also encourage residents from other neighborhood considering this process to attend. Refreshments will be served.

The nine person BCA Board has a vacancy and please consider joining us to ensure this great neighborhood remains represented. The Board meets the first Thursday of the month, from 6 - 7:15. General meeting are the second Thursday

*NHD information meeting*  
*7pm on Thursday, October 11*  
*Central Catholic High School*  
*Performing Arts Auditorium*

of the month from 7-9pm. The Land-Use Committee, where issues related to development and liquor licensing meets the last Thursday of the month from 6:30-8pm. All meetings are held at CCHS, to whom we wish to publicly thank for their continued support of the BCA through providing this service to the neighborhood. Contact the BCA directly, 503-236-2214 or via email at [buckman\\_comm2000@hotmail.com](mailto:buckman_comm2000@hotmail.com). Ms. Yun can be reached at [pyung@pyung.com](mailto:pyung@pyung.com)

— Susan Lindsay