

Spring 2017 Community Calendar

ToolBox Project Garden Work Party
Saturday, April 15, 10 a.m.–2 p.m.
2235 Adams St.
Lunch is provided

FAN Neighborhood Meeting
Thursday, April 20, 6:30–9 p.m.
Washington Park Community Center
2025 Washington St.
(see article to the right)

FAN Outreach Team Meeting
Monday, April 24, 7–8:30 p.m.
Market of Choice, upstairs seating
2862 Willamette St.

FAN Transportation Team Meeting
Monday, May 1, 7–9 p.m.
Washington Park Community Center
2025 Washington St.
(see article page 2)

Friendly Park Volunteer Work Day
Sunday, May 7, 9:00 a.m.–noon
Tools and snacks provided
Help keep this park pesticide free!

FAN Monthly Board Meeting
2nd Monday of every month
Monday, May 8, 7–9 p.m.
Washington Park Community Center
2025 Washington St.

Common Ground Garden Work Parties
First two Saturdays; third and fourth Sunday
every month through October
10 a.m.–1 p.m.
21st Ave. & Van Buren St.

Toolbox Project—Regular Hours
Every Thursday, 4:30–6:30 p.m.
Every Saturday, 9 a.m.–noon
2235 Adams St.

You're invited! Come to the spring neighborhood meeting

by Deb Jones, FAN board member

Thursday, April 20, 6:30–9 p.m.
Washington Park Community Center
2025 Washington
6:30–7 p.m.: social time
7–9 p.m.: meeting

All Friendly Area Neighbors (FAN) residents, property and business owners are invited to our neighborhood meetings. FAN is one of 23 neighborhoods officially designated by the city. If you received this newsletter in the mail, YOU are a member of FAN.

Agenda (Q&A after each presentation)

Eugene Family YMCA update

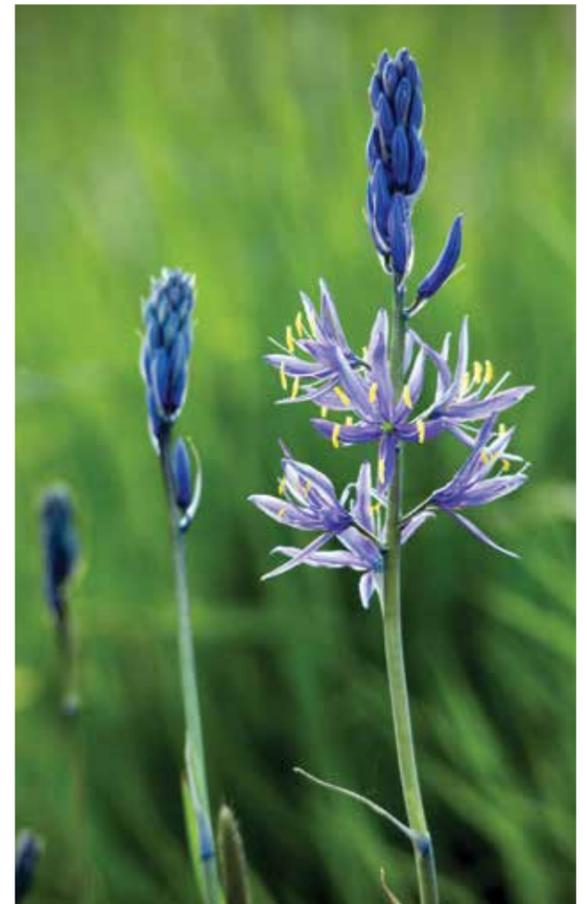
Hear progress on the rebuilding of the “Y” at the old Roosevelt Middle School site. Guest: Julie Grossman, Executive Director YMCA.

Hate and bias: not in anyone's neighborhood!

The Southern Poverty Law Center has recorded over 1000 bias incidents in the last four months. In the same period, Eugene has seen numerous reports of hate and bias—from white supremacist fliers on utility poles and windshields, to swastikas, harassment, and threats. Please join staff from the Office of Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement (HRNI) and other guests in learning how neighbors can proactively address hate and bias in their neighborhoods and be ready with a response to incidents if they occur. You'll learn the difference between a hate crime and non-criminal incident, how to report hate and bias in the community and how HRNI, other local organizations, and the Eugene Police Department work together to monitor and address hate and bias in Eugene. Guest: Rene Kane, HRNI staff. (See article page 3.)

SquareOne Villages: a place to call home

The SOV nonprofit organization in Eugene built and operates Opportunity Village Eugene, which provides transitional village-type housing for people who are homeless. They're also getting ready to begin construction on Emerald Village Eugene, an affordable housing community of 22 tiny houses for people



with very low incomes. In the SOV village model, residents develop community by having a voice in the rules and procedures for living together. An overarching philosophy is that everyone deserves a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home. SOV is spreading the news about their work to neighborhood associations. www.squareonevillages.org. Guest: Susan Schroeder, SquareOne Villages board.

FAN quarterly neighborhood meetings are a chance to learn about current neighborhood issues and to meet other neighbors. For agenda questions: morgang@uoregon.edu. The most up-to-date agenda is at: FriendlyAreaNeighbors.org/agendagm

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Neighborhood traffic calming: our history of advocacy

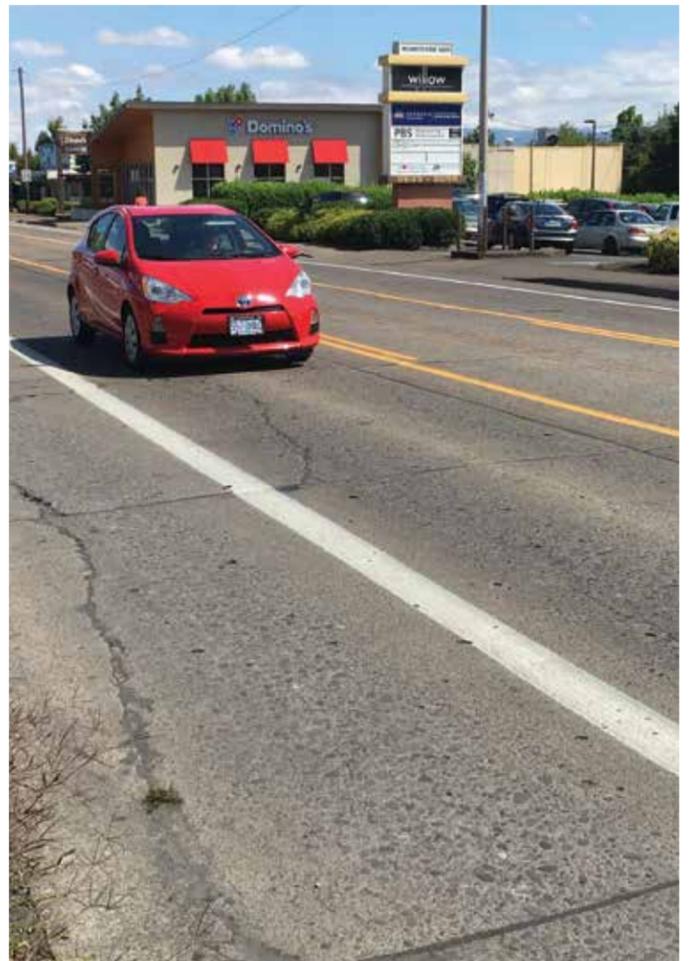
by Bernie Corrigan and Deb Jones, FAN Board Members

South Willamette St. restriping (2016)

FAN supported the current “road diet” pilot redesign as the most conducive to FAN’s interest in improving pedestrian and bicycle safety and access and better traffic access to shops in FAN’s key shopping district. The initial results look good with better bike access and increased bicycle use, slower speeds closer to the 25 mph limit, and no significant detrimental impact to traffic travel times or impacts on nearby alternative routes. The final restriping adoption would occur when South Willamette is reconstructed in 2018. It should be noted that the change to 3 lanes was initially proposed by a FAN Board member in 2006.

West 24th Ave. traffic calming (2013–17)

In 2013, the city repaved 24th Ave. west of Jefferson St. The street redesign partially removed traffic calming curb bump outs, adding striped bike lanes, and eliminated parking on the north side of the street. Since then, neighbors have remained concerned about speeding traffic and also about vehicles driving in the bike lanes. Continued traffic speed monitoring and advocacy by neighbors led to the city’s acknowledgement that the last redesign unfortunately had increased traffic speeds. This street section will get another makeover this summer—with speed cushions—to address these issues. (See article below, right)



Citizen Radar Program

Concerned about speeding in your neighborhood?

from Eugene Human Rights and Neighborhood Involvement Community Bulletin

Are you concerned about speeding in your neighborhood? If so, consider joining the city’s Citizen Radar Program. This is an educational program and doesn’t involve enforcement or traffic citations.

How it works:

In the Citizen Radar Program, volunteers monitor vehicle speeds using a city issued radar gun. In the event a speeder is tracked on radar traveling at least 10 miles per hour over the speed limit, the volunteers document the license plate number, vehicle description, location, and time. After the data is captured, the police department sends a letter to the registered owner(s) of the vehicle. The letters are of escalating urgency regarding the vehicle speed and location. The third letter (which comes from the Eugene Chief of Police) includes reference to a possible visit by a traffic enforcement officer, should the vehicle be tracked speeding a fourth time.

Prior to participating, citizens attend a 2-hour radar class run by a traffic enforcement officer. The class covers basic radar technology and science, how to use the radar guns, and safety while out on the streets. Trained volunteers then work in pairs in their neighborhoods. The data gathered is returned to the Citizen Radar Program manager, and the license/vehicle description are verified to ensure accuracy before a letter is sent out.

Participants are encouraged to use the radar guns in their own neighborhoods. You commit only to the time you can spare using the radar gun. Get involved and be a part of the solution! If you have any questions about the Citizen Radar Program, or to sign up for the next radar class, contact Citizen Radar Program Manager Jeff Blondé at 541-682-8332.



Adams to Taylor Sts. traffic calming (1999–2003)

This was a huge neighborhood effort that resulted in speed bumps and/or traffic circles along Adams, Jackson, Van Buren, Tyler, Polk, and Taylor Sts. from 22nd to 27th Aves., and also along 24th Ave. from Friendly to Fillmore Sts. Neighbors borrowed the city’s radar guns to document extreme speeding through many of our north-south streets and on 24th Ave. Top speeds of over 60 mph were observed on all streets monitored. 85% of neighbors in the affected area signed petitions in support of traffic calming measures. Project was designed by a FAN committee and a city traffic engineer. Funding included a \$150,000 federal grant and a State Farm Insurance grant. FAN volunteers installed trees, shrubs, and irrigation in the traffic circles and bump outs.

More FAN traffic calming advocacy:

- Stutter crosswalk light at 22nd Ave. and Jefferson St. (a Safe Route to School)
- W. 28th Ave. speed bumps between Washington and Lincoln Sts.
- Traffic signal at 25th Ave. and Willamette St.
- Traffic signal at 18th Ave. and Madison St.

“Top Four” transportation priorities for 2017

by Todd Miller, FAN transportation team chair

Jefferson St. traffic calming

Jefferson St. is an uncontrolled, 25 mph neighborhood collector through FAN. Excessive traffic speeds are a long-standing complaint of Jefferson St. residents. City transportation staff recently conducted traffic counts and speed assessments to demonstrate that the street qualifies for calming treatment.

19th Ave. and Jefferson St. pedestrian crossing

This currently unmarked intersection serves LTD bus stops, a market, restaurant, and several businesses, and the popular biking route of 19th Ave. Failure to yield to pedestrians and high speeds make this valuable crossing treacherous for users, especially young children. We are seeking to add crosswalk markings and to integrate pedestrian safety with the traffic calming needed on Jefferson St.

Washington Park vicinity access

This neighborhood park is increasingly attracting regional users for ball field and spray play amenities, creating a lot of parking use and traffic around this

residential area. However, this park is actually designated as a neighborhood park and designed for use by residents within walking distance. Park neighbors are aggravated by the more recent increased traffic, speeding traffic, parking violations, noise, and street safety concerns stemming from the overuse of Washington Park. FAN needs the help of parks and traffic staff to develop programmatic and physical opportunities to restore a family-friendly atmosphere around the park.

Friendly Park vicinity traffic

Residents around Friendly Park and along south Monroe St. have been subject to increased traffic and street noise over the past several years. Neighbors believe this is due mostly to cut through traffic that is directed by GPS or web-based mapping services (like Google Maps) to use these side streets. We will work with city staff on traffic rerouting solutions.

Help wanted
Join the Transportation Team to help move us forward on these priorities.
Next team meeting is May 1.

Traffic calming makeover coming for Polk St. and W. 24th Ave.

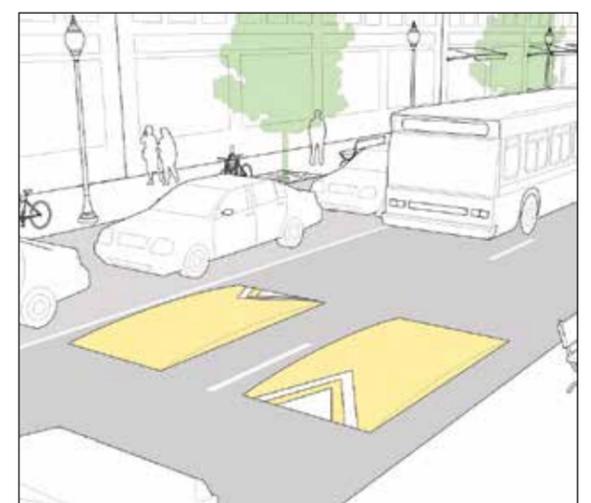
by Chris Henry, Transportation Planning Engineer

This summer the city will be revamping traffic calming features on Polk St. (between 24th and 28th Aves.) and on 24th Ave. (between Chambers and Friendly Sts.) to address speeding traffic. Traffic calming techniques in Eugene have evolved since we started installing them. Both streets will now get speed cushions. This new tool helps reduce speeding traffic, while maintaining access for emergency vehicles on some of our more heavily traveled neighborhood streets. Speed cushions are similar to speed humps, and are typically used on key emergency response routes. They are 3-inches high and span the width of the street, and also have cut-outs for the wide wheel-path of emergency vehicles.

For years, the traffic calming chicanes on Polk St.—formed by rumble strips, tubular markers, and concrete planters—have been in a state of disrepair. In this year’s redesign of Polk St, the rumble strips will be removed and replaced with speed cushions, while the concrete planters will remain.

On 24th Ave., recent modifications to the street to allow space for bicycle lanes has increased concerns about speeding traffic. In response, speed cushions are

planned along the street at multiple locations spaced approximately 300 feet apart. This street has two-way bus service, so we are developing a design that will slow people driving cars—while letting emergency vehicles and buses go through the grooves without going over the humps.



Speed cushions. Image: National Association of City Transportation Officials

South Willamette planning update

by Margie James and Pam Wooddell, FAN Board Members

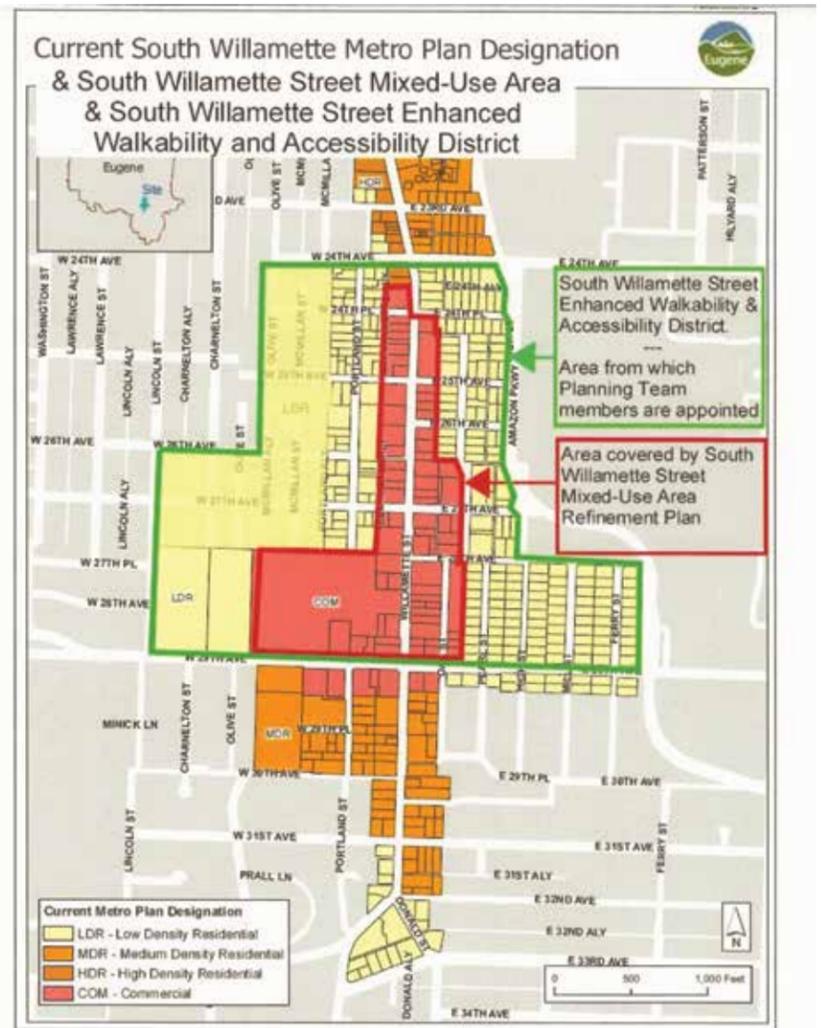
To review, the South Willamette Refinement Plan (aka South Willamette Street Initiative, SWI) was developed and approved by the Eugene City Council upon withdrawal of the previous South Willamette Special Area Zone proposal. The goal is to develop a community-based plan guiding future development of the South Willamette St. commercial area, including improved accessibility and walkability between business and residential areas.

The SWI includes two parts, with the first being a refinement plan for mixed use of the commercial properties along Willamette St. between 24th and 29th Aves. (see red area on map). Refinement plans can address a wide variety of components depending on the desire of the community. Some examples are building heights, building setbacks, sidewalks, accessibility, and parking and green space requirements. Planning proposals regarding this part of the refinement plan have the potential to result in building code changes.

The second part provides for an enhanced walkability and accessibility district immediately surrounding the refinement plan area (green area on the map). This will promote community visions to enhance the pedestrian experience and improve the connection between residential and businesses areas. Decisions made regarding the enhanced accessibility area would be aspirational and would not involve new code as part of the SWI process.

The refinement plan process is in a holding pattern until after city council returns from their spring break. The FAN board's SWI committee, after discussions with city staff, submitted a Planning Process proposal, which is currently under consideration. The proposal addresses basic goals and ground rules for proceeding with SWI, including community outreach and formation of a planning team. This plan will need approval of city council. It does not include specific plans for the area.

What the refinement plan will look like will be determined by residents, businesses, and other nearby neighbors participating together to develop our vision. FAN members are strongly encouraged to stay informed and be involved.



Graffiti and bias crimes alert and response

compiled from Southeast Neighbors newsletter and City of Eugene

Reports of white supremacist graffiti continue to increase around the community. We need to be proactive and stop hate from spreading. There are things we can do:

- Familiarize ourselves with hate graffiti symbols compiled by the Anti-Defamation League (adl.org). Much seemingly innocuous graffiti is rooted in white supremacy.
- Report all graffiti promptly to Lane Council of Governments Graffiti Reporting Center (llog.org) so that it can be tracked by local law enforcement.
- Sign the "I Got Your Back" Pledge with Community Alliance of Lane County (calclane.org). You will receive action alerts when there are opportunities to respond to hate activity in the

community.

- Educate yourself on Eugene's hate and bias laws and response (eugene-or.gov/529/Discrimination-Hate-and-Bias-Complaints).
- Hate and bias crimes instill fears and distress to victims and communities, and may have far-reaching negative consequences. Hate crimes impact the community at large and require specific attention and sensitive response.

Criminal bias and hate activity: includes any criminal act against a person, group of people, or property motivated by bias or prejudice. Crimes that involve bias differ from other crimes because of their intent to send a message that implies: "You are a target because I don't like you. I don't want you here. I will hurt you." Crimes can range from telephonic harassment, graffiti, property damage, physical assault, or murder. Criminal mischief, intimidation, and

assault are common bias crimes in Eugene. Eugene Police Department (EPD) Violent Crimes Unit leads criminal investigation of bias crimes.

Non-criminal hate activity: includes biased or bigoted acts that do not involve crimes. It is often protected by free speech and can include rallies, offensive signs or t-shirts, leafleting and flier distribution, and group meetings. Attempts to regulate speech face substantial constitutional hurdles. EPD may not involve itself in non-criminal hate activity.

Federal and/or Oregon protected classes: race, color, religion, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and disability

Eugene bias crime reporting also includes: marital status, political affiliation or beliefs, affiliation for/against labor organization, economic status, social status, citizenship, and age

City food waste collection pilot update

Eugene's curbside food waste collection program is now running in three of four total pilot areas. The program allows participants in the pilot areas to mix their food scraps in with their yard debris bin. The pilot in a small area of Friendly neighborhood began in September.

Thus far, the City of Eugene has received extremely positive feedback from community members. In the Friendly neighborhood pilot area, over 50 percent of eligible participants use the program. If you are included in the pilot program, please be on the lookout for a mail survey with an online option. The survey will give residents a chance to give input and discuss what is going well and what could be improved.

Eugene tosses over 40 million pounds of food into the local landfill. Half of this waste comes from homes. Composting food waste instead of sending it to the landfill helps keep Oregon beautiful for future generations, reduces greenhouse gas emissions, and turns waste into something useful. This pilot program builds off of the success of Eugene's commercial composting program, Love Food Not Waste®. Over 200 local businesses and schools have already been reducing waste by sending food scraps to be composted. To date, over 8,400 tons of food waste have been converted to compost and biogas.

For questions or more information about the pilot: 541-682-5655, wasteprevention@ci.eugene.or.us, or eugenercycles.org

Support Adams Elementary School while you shop

by Sharon Docherty, Adams PTA

You can help earn thousands of dollars a year for Adams Elementary, our Friendly neighborhood school...at no additional cost to you! When you register your credit, debit, and loyalty cards with eScrip.com, national and local merchants will automatically donate a percentage of your total purchase to Adams. Sign up is easy and secure! Participating local merchants: Market of Choice, Sizzle Pie, Sam's on Franklin, Dickey's BBQ Pit, and El Tapatio. Dozens of national merchants also participate.

Visit eScrip.com to register cards, update your account, access the Online Mall, and view your monthly reports. The Group ID # for Adams Elementary is 6268064. The Adams PTA thanks you for your support. Please contact Sharon Docherty with questions or concerns: skdocherty@gmail.com.



Madison Meadow springs up

by Susan Jerde, Madison Meadow board member

Spring has arrived at Madison Meadow! Trees and shrubs are starting to bud and the wildflowers aren't far behind. The low-lying camas area will be a field of blue in May. Red flowering currant and osoberry are leafing out, while the pink clarkia is returning from its own seed. As the days get warmer, watch the twinberry, ninebark, and ocean spray open up, and later in summer check out the flowering coyote bush!

The meadow is now home to 11 added native trees, 17 native shrubs, and over 20 types of wildflowers—in addition to the filberts, hawthorne, fruit trees, and madrone that have been part of these two acres for many years. The more recent plantings were chosen with guidance from Doak Creek Native Plant Nursery, Friends of Trees, and other plant experts with the goal

of enriching wildlife and pollinator habitat. Volunteers have donated countless hours clearing invasives, hauling away brush, and spreading loads of chips to maintain the meadow as a welcoming place.

Watch for tree work and a plaque coming soon at the dead cedar on 22nd Ave. Scott Altenhoff, our city Urban Forester, has volunteered to “snag” the tree to create a high rise hotel for birds, insects, and other animals.

Madison Meadow always welcomes planned school groups of all ages, as well as unplanned visits from everyone who passes by. Give yourself time to walk through this greenspace in the heart of our neighborhood.

For more information: madisonmeadow.org, 541-683-3430, and follow us on Facebook!



The first FAN Garden Swap held on March 11 drew a couple hundred gardeners to share fruit tree scion (graftable cuttings), many kinds of vegetable seeds, and plant divisions. Thanks to the Agrarian Sharing Network for gathering the scion and providing grafters.



Help wanted: Business Beat

The FAN newsletter team is looking for someone willing to write a brief (100 word) new feature—Business Beat. The regular feature will highlight several businesses that have opened in the neighborhood within the last year. Emphasis will be on locally or regionally owned businesses.

Contact editor@friendlyareaneighbors.com if you are interested.

Get involved in your neighborhood!

Friendly Area Neighbors works in several teams to develop the work of the neighborhood association and projects of interest to neighbors. All residents are welcome to join our teams or simply to sit in on any discussion to hear what we're working on.

Unless otherwise noted, for more information and next meeting times contact: editor@friendlyareaneighbors.org.

South Friendly Safety Project: this new group's first focus is on traffic safety between W 24th and W 28th, Friendly Street and Jefferson, especially around Friendly Park. Join this group at: facebook.com/groups/southfriendlysafety

Vulnerable Populations Multi-Neighborhood Working Group: currently focused on winter strategies for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Join the elist at: groups.google.com/d/forum/csenvpop or email sielicki@gmail.com

Transportation Team: improving how we get around by bike, car, bus, or walking. Next meeting May 1. See calendar on front page

Outreach Team: supporting ways to communicate with neighbors and grow participation in neighborhood projects. Next meeting is April 24. See calendar on front page.

Public Safety Team: encouraging disaster preparedness and preventing neighborhood crime.

Sustainability Team: cultivating and strengthening sustainable practices and opportunities in the neighborhood.

Friendly Area Neighbors Newsletter

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We would like to hear from you! Send your comments, letters to the editor (limit to between 150 and 200 words), and community calendar events to:

editor@friendlyareaneighbors.org

or

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