

Powell Valley Neighborhood News

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Summer 2026



East Gresham Park in the summer!



The Annex, in full bloom.



The Rain Garden is growing up.

East Gresham Park, 10 years later

The Powell Valley Neighborhood Association Board launched the East Gresham Park improvement project in about 2016 as a way to bring neighbors together. A common goal seemed like a good idea. At first, the City of Gresham was skeptical, concerned that we'd cause more damage or somehow increase the costs associated with the park. But over the years, we've earned their trust and they are now a full partner, often providing refreshments, tools, and plants for our work parties.

The PVNA would LOVE to get some youth input and involvement on things like bike trail construction. An important note: this is a city park and so the city must approve things before they get built. When huts or bike jumps are built without approval, unfortunately they have to be removed. This creates additional work for volunteers who could be focused on park improvements.

New developments! Thanks to Keren Standley's efforts, we have been awarded 4 pollinator kits of native plants through the **Xerces Society**! These consist of 2 riparian area kits and 2 hedgerow kits, for a total of 180 plants that we will pick up from Corvallis in early October. We'll be getting them in the ground in either October or November, as the weather allows. Come join us!

We also heard from **Friends of Trees** that a grant for help with work at the East Gresham Park has been approved and we are waiting on a meeting with them to see where we go from here. Exciting stuff!

Park work parties are held the last Saturday of every month, 9 am until you want to leave. Address: [237 SE Williams Road, Gresham](#). We often have coffee donated by Starbucks and donuts donated by City of Gresham!

Questions? Contact Park Chair Jennifer Kaiser, jennsabaca@gmail.com

A Block Party is in the plans!

Please keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming Block Party! It's tentatively planned for Spring 2027 and we'll use funds from a grant we expect to be awarded. We'll spread the word when things get nailed down. We're looking forward to getting our neighbors together! Hope to see you there.



General Meeting in September

Please mark your calendar for our PVNA general meeting to be held on September 17th, location to be determined. We'll have some interesting guest speakers about neighborhood issues and emergency preparedness. If you're interested in staying informed about your community and the Powell Valley Neighborhood, please attend. This is also a great opportunity to talk about possibly contributing a few hours a month as a PVNA board member.

Emergency Preparedness Education

At the block party and the general meeting, we'll have a table featuring handouts and information on preparing for emergencies and creating neighborhood resilience.

We're looking for a few folks who are willing to help with this. Please contact us if you're interested.

Contact info: PowellValleyNA@gmail.com



Board Meetings will be held the first Wednesday of each month at Solista Gresham ([2895 SE Powell Valley Road](https://www.google.com/maps/place/2895+SE+Powell+Valley+Road,+Gresham,+OR+97030)) in the library, 6:30 - 8 pm.

PVNA residents and business representatives are all welcome to attend.

The dates for the next few months: August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th.

Email Updates

We want to keep you informed. However, opting in is required. So let us know you want to be included. (See the email link below) We will send one or two emails per month, usually including a newsletter or update.

Stay in touch with us!

PowellValleyNA@gmail.com

Like us and see events on Facebook: [facebook.com/PowellValleyNA](https://www.facebook.com/PowellValleyNA)

Communicate with neighbors on NextDoor: [NextDoor.com](https://www.nextdoor.com)

PVNA page at City of Gresham: [Greshamoregon.gov/Powell-Valley-Neighborhood-Association/](https://www.greshamoregon.gov/Powell-Valley-Neighborhood-Association/)

From our Land Use Chair

Powell Valley Neighborhood Association is notified of any proposals such as land divisions, community service uses, and commercial construction that are proposed within our boundaries or adjacent to our boundary line. We are also notified of the proposed Pre-App (Pre-Application) and given an opportunity to make comments and/or schedule an Early Neighborhood Notification meeting (ENN meeting) with the applicant to voice our questions and concerns before a formal application with the large, un-refundable fees is submitted and timelines take effect.

We share this information with all the neighbors on our mailing list. If you want to stay informed about proposed land use changes in the PVNA, make sure you've provided us with your email address.

For anyone with **questions about what development is happening** in the City or what may be required for a person's own project, a great place to start is with the Planner on Duty (POD), who can be reached via phone at 503-618-2780 or by email POD@GreshamOregon.gov.



A happy pollinator exploring a native wildflower.

The city has **land use regulations** relating to trees (pruning and removal), fences, earth moving, parking, home businesses, and many other activities that may affect adjoining properties, the neighborhood, and/or the livability of our City.

For more information about requirements relating to what you might be planning on your property, the following link should take you to the Urban and Design and Planning section of the City's website:

<https://www.greshamoregon.gov/urban-design-and-planning/planning-applications-and-forms/>

Your PVNA has received a Neighborhood Matching Grant!

This grant is provided by the City of Gresham to neighborhood associations like ours. These funds are to be used to enhance livability and foster community involvement. The funds are not huge. \$10,000 is shared among all 16 recognized associations.

Funds will be used for two items:

1. Block Party with theme of Emergency Preparedness (Spring 2027)
2. Native plant purchase for East Gresham Park & Kane Road Park

Greetings from the Kane Road Park Committee

We have exciting news to share! On June 4th, the Powell Valley Neighborhood Association met with the City of Gresham Department of Environmental Services.

PVNA Representatives:

Janet Armstrong: Co-Land Use Chair & Arthur Armstrong (pet)

Jeff Muceus: Co-Land Use Chair

Jennifer Kaiser: East Gresham Park Chair

Stella Funk Butler: Kane Road Park Chair & Georgia Jessie Butler (pet)

City of Gresham Representatives:

Tim Suelter: Operations Supervisor

Astrid Dragoy: Parks Program Manager

Jenny Keisler Forners: Park Superintendent

Cailla Campbell: Natural Resources Program Planner

This meeting was invaluable to PVNA. It allowed us to network with the people who have the skills and resources we need to start the work and to ensure safety remains our top priority. During the meeting, the group discussed how PVNA and the City could move forward. A walk through of the park was also completed. Discussions included:

- How to clear trails in the undeveloped areas to make the park more accessible.
- How to remove graffiti and garbage.
- How to remove invasive plants and replace them with natives that we plan to purchase through grants.
- The City stated they would remove downed trees blocking trails and clear the blackberries from the 5th/Scott entrance.
- The City will also provide hand tools and garbage bags as well as haul the garbage away.

And finally, PVNA submitted a proposal detailing the project and the tasks we plan to address. We hope to hear from the City soon.

Everyone is excited and looking forward to what the possibilities can be in the Kane Road Park.

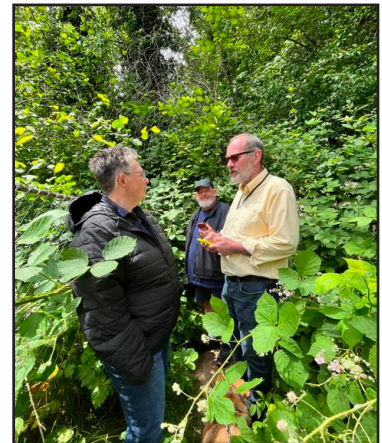
Our first-ever work party at Kane Road Park happened on July 19th. We had a good turnout and so got a great start on opening up the access paths, removing some invasives and picking up trash. It looks better already! More work parties coming up! Watch the Powell Valley Neighborhood or Kane Road Park Facebook page for more info.



Kane Road Park
500 NE Kane Drive



Park meeting with City of Gresham
Parks and PVNA folks



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Wildflower display in our East Gresham Park.

PS: We're always looking for people to get involved! If you've got an idea or time to give, please let us know. Our email is: PowellValleyNA@gmail.com. You can also attend a Board meeting. Board meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month in the library of Solista Gresham ([2895 SE Powell Valley Road](https://www.greshamoregon.gov/2895SEPowellValleyRoad)) located behind Fred Meyer on Powell Valley Road, at 6:30 - 8 pm.

City of Gresham Events

Music Mondays at the Arts Plaza

Free concert series, July 6th - August 31st, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Music Mondays concerts run 5:30-8:30 pm at the Arts Plaza and include the ability to purchase food, beer, and wine and enjoy kid's activities each Monday of July and August.

www.spiritofgresham.org/music-mondays

Gresham National Night Out with a Powell Valley NA booth!

August 4th, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about PVNA as well as various city agencies. There will be family-friendly activities. The City's Fire and Police departments will be on hand showing off some of their equipment and answering questions. Your PVNA will have a table at this event with our new banner. Come say hi!

www.greshamoregon.gov/National-Night-Out/

Need assistance with a conflict?

Mediation is a way to work through a disagreement or conflict between two or more people. East County Resolutions is a nonprofit that offers free conflict resolution services, including mediation, conflict coaching, facilitation, and training, to individuals and communities across East Multnomah County.

Email Info@ECRMediate.org or visit ECRMediate.org

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