

HUZZA! What a Lollapalooza!
Happy New Year!

Did we get your attention?

The Maplewood community is a great place to live as evidenced by the many improvements this past year. Note the following:

- ◆ Sign caps saying “Maplewood” rest atop street signs throughout the neighborhood welcoming visitors. This was accomplished thanks to grants from SWNI and the APNBA (Alliance of Portland Business Associations).
- ◆ Our annual summer picnic was a success thanks to volunteers and a grant from SWNI
- ◆ Friends of April Hill Park started restoration of the Woods Creek spring area.

These projects started originated ideas of dedicated volunteers and grew into reality because enough people cared to make them happen.

In the coming year the community will continue with several ongoing projects and face some proposed city projects that will affect many people in the neighborhood. Note what’s coming:

- ◆ MNA has been awarded a grant to fund the 2008 summer picnic. Volunteers are needed to make this happen.
- ◆ April Hill Park is still raising funds to purchase a water fountain, bench and information kiosk. Volunteer work parties will continue work on the restoration of the natural area.

There are two infrastructure projects that will have a major impact on our neighborhood this year. First is redo of the sewer line on SW Multnomah Blvd. Second are the proposed SW Vermont St. improvements. Watch for more discussion on the design and proposed formation of a HALO LID, as it may affect everyone’s taxes in Maplewood.

We would like to get more information to neighborhood residents. In order to do this we need your input on how we can better communicate with you. Let us know the best way to reach you.

A good next step to get, bring ideas or concerns related to Maplewood neighborhood is to attend the next neighborhood association meeting on Monday, Jan. 14 at 7 pm at the West Hills Friends Church classroom.

See you there..