

Eagle Point Introduction, Parkway Projects, Restoration, and More!

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Fall 2014

Eagle Point Social

Join us Saturday, September 27 at 10:00 a.m. for a dedication and social event at the newly acquired Eagle Point property

Last year Portland fulfilled a 100 year-old vision and acquired the Eagle Point site on Terwilliger Parkway. (See more of the history in our Spring 2014 newsletter.)

September 27 schedule

10:00 - 10:30 Informal viewing of property and exhibits

10:30 - 11:00 Learn about the property's acquisition, importance, future, and history from:

Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz

Parks Dept Director Mike Abatté

Architect, historian and author Bill Hawkins

Friends of Terwilliger President Anton Vetterlein

11:00 - 12:00 Social hour, refreshments, property and exhibit viewing

See our website for more detail including location and

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Ivy Removal Dates

Sept 20: 9:00 - noon

Oct 11: 9:00 - noon
Second Annual Parke Diem

Oct 25: 9:00 - noon
City-wide No Ivy Day

Nov 15: 9:00 - noon

Dec 20: 9:00 - noon

Meet each time at
SW Terwilliger Blvd and
SW Hamilton St.

Tools, gloves and snacks are
all provided!

Volunteer Needs

parking options. In keeping with the character of the Parkway, consider making the event the end-point of a morning hike, run, or bike ride!

All the event sponsors - Friends of Terwilliger, Homestead Neighborhood Association, and Portland Parks & Recreation - look forward to seeing you there!

Greenway projects almost complete

The City Neighborhood Greenway projects near the Terwilliger-Barbur intersection are almost done. This area was identified back in 1983 as a needed improvement within the Terwilliger Parkway Corridor Plan.

At SW Chestnut Street, the former grassy island has been reconfigured and reduced in size with Green Street swales, improved pedestrian crossings and one-way traffic turning right onto Terwilliger. The swales and island will be re-landscaped with native plants later this fall.



Chestnut St, approaching the redesigned Terwilliger intersection

Another block toward Barbur, the largest of the new

Newsletter

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Use your writing and/or design skills to help improve communications with present and future Terwilliger Parkway fans.

Ivy Removal /

Restoration Workers

Join a crew, lead a crew, or help planning priorities and monitoring results.



Thanks to Environmental Services!

We all appreciate the efforts of Darian Santner, Watershed Revegetation Program at BES, for leading this effort to rescue trees in steep areas not accessible by volunteers!

Dead ivy and clematis have been obvious on tree trunks above and below the Parkway has been obvious this summer and fall.

Who We Are

Friends of Terwilliger is an active group of volunteers dedicated to protecting and enhancing the scenic corridor character of Terwilliger Parkway. Learn more about the organization and the history of the Parkway on our [website](#).

bioswales stretches between SW Caldew and SW 7th. A new traffic pattern better defines and separates those two intersections. Here too, the large swale will be landscaped with native plants later in October when the rains return.



Looking up from Barbur toward the intersection of SW 7th with Terwilliger.
(SW Caldew meets Terwilliger from the left, just below this photo)

Friends of Terwilliger coordinated with the Bureaus of Transportation, Environmental Services, and Parks, as well as Hillsdale Neighborhood Association, regarding feature locations and amenities.

The large swale design incorporates the foundation for a south Terwilliger Parkway "gateway" sign, matching the north entrance sign installed at Duniway Park during the Parkway's Centennial Celebration in July 2012. We are currently looking for funding to complete the southern sign.

These Neighborhood Greenway projects are a significant investment by the three City bureaus, significantly enhancing the Parkway visually at these prominent locations, improving pedestrian and bicycle safety, and enhancing storm water management and water quality.

The SW Corridor Project

Questions or suggestions?
Email
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Donate!

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and Terwilliger

Connection to OHSU across the

Parkway?

In addition to restoration and enhancement work on Terwilliger, we work to protect the Parkway when development issues might impact its character as a scenic and recreational corridor. We therefore have kept up with the development process for Metro's SW Corridor Plan for high capacity transit.

At Metro's invitation, we joined people from community organizations and design firms to share ideas on how to connect OHSU to the Naito and Barbur Boulevard high capacity transit options under consideration. On a hot August afternoon we gathered at Ahavath Achim on Barbur, beneath the tram and alongside the SW Gibbs Street right of way. Metro and TriMet representatives presented examples of ways other cities have tried to connect where a steep hillside is involved: funiculars in Portugal and Los Angeles, elevators in Pamplona, Spain and Oregon City, pedestrian bridges in Calgary and over the approach to the Brooklyn Bridge, and combination elevators-pedestrian bridges.

Tri-Met and Metro planners advised they anticipate 3000 to 6000 daily "boardings" on Barbur, some headed up to Marquam Hill, others to the South Waterfront. None of the connecting examples appeared designed to handle such volume.

Friends of Terwilliger, Homestead NA and Southwest Trails repeated their strong desire for the least obtrusive connections possible. Noting people served by any connection will come from afar, representatives asked why examples had not included a "people mover" tunnel connection. Planners pointed to security issues; community representatives noted the connection would not need to run 24 hours per day.

To the surprise of the planners, Friends of Terwilliger, HmNA, and SW Trails see a connection stop on Terwilliger itself as an unnecessary expense. Such a stop would detract from the parkway's essence and add to traffic problems as pedestrians tried to cross Terwilliger. Rather, emphasis should be on connecting employees, patients and visitors to the institutions where people want to go: the 9th floor level of OHSU, connecting to the sky bridge to the Veterans Hospital. Tri-Met noted a sky-bridge over Terwilliger would need to be at least 25 feet above Terwilliger for minimum clearance.

South Portland NA's representative noted none of discussion addressed connecting Naito Parkway to Marquam Hill, i.e., how to get through the neighborhood and across Barbur. Metro plans more meetings on this aspect of the planning for the SW Corridor. For more background, see the draft plan now on [Metro's website](#).

Fall Restoration Work

August 31 brought back regular restoration work parties to Terwilliger Parkway after taking July and August off. On that day, Friends of Terwilliger and Portland Parks and Rec teamed with University of Portland students as part of their "Building Community" week. Efforts of 52 students were immediately seen as they removed invasive English ivy, clematis, and Himalayan blackberry from areas of the Parkway near SW Hamilton Terrace and SW Bancroft.



Friends of Terwilliger regularly works with groups such as Multnomah County Alternative Community Service, Hands on Greater Portland, students from local schools, neighbors, and employees of local businesses. We welcome any group who wants to help us rid our beloved Terwilliger Parkway of invasive plants. It's fun, great for team building, and helps you sleep better too!!

Please contact us if your group or any individual wants to joins us. **We** -- provide the tools, snacks, and the know-how to get the job done! **You** -- just enjoy the woods and the kudos of a job well done.

More Terwilliger Construction



Work continues around the Terwilliger/Capitol Highway intersection as the Water Bureau replaces aging water mains. See the [Water Bureau website](#) for the latest information on activities and impacts, including maps of the George Himes Park Trail detour

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