

Old Beechwold Association

A HISTORIC NEIGHBORHOOD

Monday, April 26, 2021

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS - JENNIFER ALEXANDER

Happy spring Old Beechwold residents. I hope this note finds you well. While I believe we are on our way to being able to have in person meetings eventually, we aren't there yet. Therefore, the officers are offering a written report in lieu of a quarterly meeting. During the last quarter, the OBA Officers created and published some guidelines for use of the Old Beechwold Association Google group. In case you missed that, they are attached to this email.

The latest update from the city on the infrastructure project was communicated on April 5th and is also summarized below in the Infrastructure updates section. Last week we received another update from the city.

Columbia Gas will start their relocation/upgrade work in the Old Beechwold area sometime mid to it looks like they may not finish up until Sept/Oct. Columbia's work needs to be complete or mostly complete before the storm/water/roadway project construction will start. Our project is currently advertised for bids and there has been a lot of interest and questions from Contractors. The bid opening date has been moved out 2 weeks from April 28 to May 12 to allow the designers additional time to answer questions and the Contractors to respond. This is typical given the size and complexity of this project.

The Social Committee sent a survey to all residents earlier this month and will use your feedback to plan events to reflect your interests. Mark your calendars for **Sunday May 16th from 3pm – 5pm** for a Walking Happy Hour; our first social event for 2021. More to come on other plans once the committee reviews the survey feedback.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS – GAIL MAHAFFEY

A report of HRC Actions attached.

TREASURER'S REPORT – BECCA DONNELLY

Treasurer's report as of 3/31/21 attached.

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT AND BLUEPRINT UPDATE

On March 22nd, the Old Beechwold Area storm, water, and roadway project started advertising for construction bids and bid opening is scheduled for April 28, 2021. Over the next 3-4 weeks construction contractors will be obtaining and reviewing bid documents (plans and specs), likely driving around and inspecting the area, and submitting any questions they have to the City/designer team. Once bids are opened the contractor with the lowest, responsible, responsive bid will be awarded the contract. We are advised that bidding and contract award takes several months and that construction should begin July/August.

ARBOR COMMITTEE UPDATE – LINDALEE BROWNSTEIN

The arbor committee plans for this year include:

- Two spring work sessions to clear invasive plants and pick up trash from the common areas: Thursday, April 29, 6-7:30 PM and Saturday, May 1st 9-11am. We hope you will bring your work gloves and pruning shears and join us to help keep our neighborhood beautiful.
- Fall grass reseeding of the bare areas of the ravine East of the bridge.
- Clear and mulch 4' around entryway pillars and possibly install some plants. This is to be done by an external company. Major investment in this project will be at the completion of Project Blueprint.
- Mulch around trees to the East of the bridge.
- Begin work on a 5-10 year plan for the Old Beechwold woodlands.

In addition, the city has agreed to remove Tree of Heaven around Jastram Grove prior to installing the rain garden.

A big thanks to the arbor committee members for their contributions to the neighborhood: Becca Donnally, Beth Humble Crick, Carole Roberts, Gail Mahaffey, Gregg Peace, Kevin Milstead, Kirsten Minnie, Lindalee Brownstein, Melissa Sickles