



# Spencer Butte Neighborhood Association

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## ***SBNA Mission Statement***

The purpose of the Spencer Butte Neighborhood Association is to share common concerns of our rural neighborhood such as safety and logistical issues and preserve our environmental resources. The association seeks to foster the historic tradition of social connections and provide information of common interest to the community.

**Annual Dues:** Our annual dues are \$15. Dues help our association provide services, organize activities, and foster connection within our neighborhood. They pay the maintenance and insurance for our park, development and upkeep of our website, mailings, and other activities. Please fill out the enclosed survey and send it with your check in the envelope included with this newsletter.

**Alternatively,** you can now pay your SBNA dues and join SBNA online. Go to the “How to Pay Dues, Join SBNA, Donate” dropdown under the “For Members” tab at [sbna.net](http://sbna.net).

## **Calendar of Meetings and Events:**

Garden Tour 	<b>June 7th</b> , Sunday from 2-4, Mary Kate Mackey will open her garden to us (34 years in the making!) and present a talk and walk, “What works in our special part of the world.”
SBNA Picnic and Potluck	<b>June 20th</b> , Saturday, at our Lois Barton Park on South Willamette
Walk the Land	<b>June 30th</b> , Tuesday, early evening walk with Holly McRae on the McKenzie River Trust property (283 acres) on South Willamette next to our SBNA park
Wine Tasting	<b>September 13th</b> , Sunday from 4-6 at John Dickinson and Barb Vogel’s house
Annual Meeting	<b>October 18th or 25th</b> Sunday TBA

## **Become an SBNA Board Member**

We need at least one more Board member. We elect members for 3 year terms at the annual meeting. Responsibilities are to guide SBNA activities and policies by attending quarterly evening meetings (we have snacks!), responding to occasional emails, and helping with at least one neighborhood activity. Contact Rolly Thompson or another Board member with questions or interest.

## **South Fork Spencer Creek - McKenzie River Trust**

This property is not open to the public or neighbors at this time as restoration work is in progress.

See above calendar for an early evening “Walk the Land” event on June 30th with Holly McRae from the McKenzie River Trust.

West of Willamette Street, south of Spencer Butte and adjacent to our SBNA neighborhood park is the new conservation area protected property; 40 acres in 2022 with McKenzie River Trust operational dollars and an additional 243 acres in 2024 with funding provided through the Willamette Wildlife Mitigation Program and a generous contribution by the previous landowner, Adam Novick.

More information at <https://mckenzieriver.org/property/south-fork-spencer-creek>

## Local Neighborhood Groups

**Enclosed:** please find a reference card for our neighborhood groups. Keep it handy (inside a kitchen cupboard door) and call any of the leaders if you have any concern in your neighborhood.

SBNA is divided into 10 local groups to facilitate contact with nearby neighbors (e.g., your dog is at my house; a cougar is headed for your chickens), help make properties more fire resistant, prepare for disasters (such as wildfires, earthquakes, ice storms, a tree falling on your house), or just to find help getting groceries or a ride. They are a pleasant way to get to know your neighbors. Some groups are more active than others and each group decides on its own interests and activities. If you are not already part of your local group and wish to join one, please contact dial [sbnacontactus@gmail.com](mailto:sbnacontactus@gmail.com).

**SBNA Website:** This year we added multiple features to the SBNA website, [sbna.net](http://sbna.net), including online dues payment, an online membership application and a password protected Members Only section. On the Members Only pages we post information we want everyone in the SBNA area to know about, but don't necessarily want the entire world to see: e.g. contact information for Local Neighborhood Group Leaders and the SBNA Board, SBNA Board Meeting minutes, all SBNA emails and the monthly bulletins, locations of our meetings and social events. Anyone who owns or rents property in the SBNA area can request access to these pages. To sign in for the first time, go to "First Time Log in Instructions" under the "For Members" tab at [sbna.net](http://sbna.net). The public part of our website includes direct links to each day's fire danger level regarding public use, backyard burning and home wood heating restrictions; the Lane Electric power outage map; wildfire and disaster preparation information for our area: and other information specific to our area.

Email [sbnacontactus@gmail.com](mailto:sbnacontactus@gmail.com) if you have trouble logging in, paying your dues, or joining SBNA.

**SBNA Facebook Page:** SBNA has always had a group page on Facebook. Find Spencer Butte Neighborhood Association and click to join. You will need to provide your street address so it can be verified that you live in our neighborhood before you are invited in. This page is for information about the neighborhood only; it is not a place to sell items or services. If you have asked to join in the last few months and did not hear back please try again. We have had some changes; and please include your address.

**SBNA Monthly Bulletin Board:** A notice board for community members to advertise or inquire about basic services in our neighborhood. One can list goods or services for sale here. It is also a good venue for inviting neighbors to join in fun outings or to meet for activities of common interest. Sarah MacArthur currently sends out the bulletin at the beginning of each month.

**Neighborhood Security:** If you see something, say something ... but also use your cell phone to notify neighbors and photograph it; whether it is a speeding car or a car or person that seems out of place, especially try and get the license plate number. This will aid the sheriff if a criminal incident needs to be reported.

## SBNA Officers & Board Members

Rolly Thompson -President  
Maureen McClain -Past President  
Michelle DeKlyen - Vice-President  
Bob Reeves - Secretary  
Rachel Ruckman - Treasurer and ex-officio member.

### Other Board Members:

John Dickinson  
Kerry Silvey  
Kathy Sherwood  
Doug McCarty