



Northwest Neighborhood

Winter 2010



Election of Officers

Expect a few changes to the lineup of Nwana officers. Attend the meeting on Thursday to participate in the nomination and election process.



Free Computer Classes

Oso Martin, Executive Director of CREAM (Computer Reuse, Education and Marketing), will provide information at the meeting about the introductory classes offered at the non-profit's Internet Café.

Located at 5000 NE Fourth Plain, CREAM accepts a variety of electronic devices for resale or recycling (website, page 7).

Franklin Park Project

Franklin Park lost four trees last fall to BPA's expanded requirements for securing power to the whole of the northwest.

The trees are gone, but the city has plans for replacing them and then some!

Get an update on progress at the meeting from Leonard Bauhs, Nwana President and member of the newly formed Franklin Park Committee.

Letter from Vancouver's Urban Forestry details background and plans for park

"Hello, Residents of Vancouver's NW Neighborhood,

"I am pleased to inform you that Vancouver Urban Forestry will plant seventeen trees and one hundred shrubs yet this winter in Franklin Park.

"We will plant a diverse variety of trees, including evergreen, deciduous, and ornamental species. We have carefully selected the planting locations so as not to interfere with any current or future park uses.



"In 2003 the city of Vancouver completed a tree canopy analysis using wide-ranging laser data and infrared photos. We discovered that the total tree canopy is only 20%, which is much less than the 40% canopy recommended for Pacific Northwest cities by American Forests.



"We have established a target of 28% citywide. Your neighborhood has a high canopy level of 35%, but we will all benefit from the addition of more trees. These new trees will help reduce storm water runoff, improve air and water quality, beautify the area, and generally improve the quality of life in your neighborhood.

"The Urban Forestry welcomes input from the community on other locations where tree-planting projects could occur in the future. You are also invited to attend our **TreeTalk Workshops** to include upcoming topics of 'Diagnosing Hazard Trees' and 'Fruit Tree Pruning and Care'.



"Thanks - Jessica Antoine, Urban Forestry Outreach Coordinator"

(Editor's note: See page 7 for related website)