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Hello from your Bryant Neighborhood Association Board of Directors! We hope this email finds you staying healthy and enjoying the Fall colors. We wanted to update you on a few key topics of interest to our neighborhood:

Annual Meeting Save The Date

Our Bryant Neighborhood Association Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday December 4th from 11:30-1:30. At the present time we are planning for the meeting to be a return to an in-person format (with refreshments!) at Lakeridge Middle School. A separate email will be sent with further details, a registration link, and the agenda closer to the meeting date.

Lakeridge Middle School traffic update

When school resumed for the 2021-2022 school year, there was a quite bit of concern expressed on various social media channels regarding the traffic congestion and unsafe driver actions during the school drop-off and pick-up times. Two of our Board members live in the neighborhood most affected and have been monitoring the situation first hand. Your BNA Board has been in touch with a number of resources regarding this issue, including John Parke, the LO School District Safety and Security Director, and James Euscher from the School Resource Office of the LOPD. Here is a summary:

- The back-to-school season that began last month found parents trying to navigate a brand new school and surrounding pick-up/drop-off areas. A shortage of bus drivers also exacerbated the problem, increasing the volume of cars picking up and dropping off students.
- The LOPD did some patrolling to deal with driver frustrations that resulted in dangerous maneuvers. Some citations were issued.
- Both the school and our LOPD contact were supportive of the idea of putting the crosswalk back to where it was previously - crossing from the school entrance to Hill Way. Currently it has been relocated one block farther away, resulting in an increase in kids crossing without benefit of a crosswalk or traffic patrol person to assist. We should have an update on

this by the time of our Annual Meeting.

- As time has passed, and parents have figured out how to adapt to the new school and parking lot layout, we believe the problems have decreased if not entirely eliminated. We will continue to monitor improvement efforts, but in addition we would really like your feedback as to how things are currently going from your perspective and any suggestions you might have for further improvement. Please email your comments to bnassoc.18@gmail.com.

Also related to Lakeridge Middle School, there will be a neighborhood meeting (currently scheduled to be via Zoom on November 29th from 6 PM – 7 PM) to review the School District's plan to construct an artificial turf field at the school. A separate email with a link to register will also be forthcoming.

Upcoming Ballot measures relevant to Bryant Neighborhood

The only three measures on the ballot for Lake Oswego residents this year all have the potential to impact our Bryant neighborhood. Your BNA Board of Directors does not feel it is its role to take a position one way or another with respect to elections and ballot measures. We do think it is appropriate to provide access to as much information as we can to our residents regarding these ballot measures to help with informed decision-making.

Measure 3-577 (Lake Oswego School District).

A school bond is how school districts in Oregon typically fund major capital construction upgrades, updates and/or replacements of buildings. Lakeridge Middle School was rebuilt from funds raised in the 2017 bond measure. As such, although some funds will target ongoing improvements at the junior high, the majority of funds are for schools outside of Bryant Neighborhood. The ballot contains a summary of the measure, and 11 arguments in favor of the measure (no opposing arguments submitted). You can access more information here:

www.LakeOswegoSchoolBond.org

Measure 3-568 and Measure 3-575 (City of Lake Oswego) concerning Lake Oswego park areas.

Two parks that would be affected by each measure are within the Bryant Neighborhood boundaries - Bryant Woods Nature Park and Lamont Springs

Natural Area. Also very important – these measures are inter-related as **only one can pass** – the measure with the most votes assuming one or both are at least 50% “yes.” Residents supporting one measure should also vote “No” on the other measure to avoid negating the effect of their own vote. The ballot contains “explanatory statements” for both but not the actual text of each measure.

The actual text for Measure 3-568 can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/2XDM1rs>

The actual text for Measure 3-375 can be found here:

<https://bit.ly/3mah1J3>

For Measure 3-568, the ballot contains five arguments in favor and one opposed. Supporters of Measure 3-568 have provided this link for more information from their perspective:

<https://bit.ly/3CcR1m7>

For Measure 3-575, the ballot contains four arguments in favor and two opposed. Supporters of Measure 3-575 have provided this link for more information from their perspective:

<https://bit.ly/3Bbtws0>

We also thought it might be helpful to understand who is making donations in support of each of the measures. These links are to public record information pulled from the Oregon Secretary of State site:

Measure 3-568:

<https://bit.ly/3b6ycoF>

Measure 3-575:

<https://bit.ly/3npz0uz>

Wherever you might stand with respect to the measures on the ballot for the City of Lake Oswego, be sure to exercise your right to VOTE and get your ballots in the mail (or dropped off) in time to be counted by **8 PM on Tuesday**

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NEP Grant Award to Bryant Neighborhood

Your Bryant Neighborhood Association was recently awarded a grant of almost \$6000 for a communications campaign to be titled “Bryant Connect” that will run through June 30, 2022. The basic goal of the campaign is to enhance our neighborhood’s ability to connect with each other in times of need (beyond just earthquake preparedness), especially those who might need special assistance. We will cover this project in more detail at our December 4th Annual Meeting, and will be inviting neighborhood residents (including students) to volunteer to help with various aspects of this campaign.

Interested in becoming a BNA Board member or serving on our Urban Forest Committee?

The BNA Board of Directors are elected for one-year periods at each Annual meeting. Our all-volunteer Board welcomes anyone interested in coming on board (pardon the pun). You can also participate in tree preservation efforts through our Urban Forest Committee without being a Board member. Please reach out to us if you would like more information on what is typically involved for either or both of these roles.

Please reply with any comments or input on this email update to bnassoc.18@gmail.com

Stay tuned for more communication in the near future!

With best regards,

Alan, Andy, Ann, Janet, and Leah

Your 2020-2021 Bryant Neighborhood Association Board of Directors

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