

2023 Bolton Neighborhood Association Annual Report

January 2024

Association Leadership -

- Robert McCarthy, President
- Vince Miles, Vice-President
- Janet McCarthy, Secretary
- Walter Swan, Treasurer

Meeting Times, Dates and Location -

The BNA meets the third Tuesday of every month from 7 PM to 8:30 PM at the West Linn Library and via Zoom.

2023 Accomplishments -

1. Continued to refine and codify BNA procedures to make it easier for new officers to step into their positions, such as the BNA website, banking, contacts with the city and TVF&R, facilitating meetings, records retention and working with Google Gmail.
2. Held two neighborhood social gatherings with music, food and events on August 18th and October 22nd. Each event included prizes donated by local businesses. Approximately 200 Bolton neighbors attended each gathering which provided an opportunity to meet new neighbors and learn about the history of the BNA and its role in improving their neighborhood. We plan to continue social gathering each year on a regular basis.
3. After more than two years of work with the City Council, staff and Sunset Neighborhood Association, we officially welcomed the residents of Skyline Drive and Skyline Circle into the BNA. The City will make adjustments to the neighborhood association maps.
4. Refined our hybrid meeting structure to incorporate both in person and a Zoom meeting simultaneously.
5. Continued to refine and the BNA email system and the process to send announcements to members on our mailing list.
6. Discussed and approved a proposed City Council/NA policy to require the greater involvement and collaboration with NAs and City projects in neighborhoods.
7. Met with the WL Parks Director to discuss improvements to the baseball diamonds at Hammerle Park which were made in the spring.

8. Continue to support the Residential Parking District at WLHS.
9. Listened to a presentation by a City engineer on Safe Routes to School.
10. Two years of work with West Linn, Gladstone and Jennings Lodge residents, the Oregon Marine Board, Clackamas Sheriff River Patrol and WL City Councilors helped to stop illegal noise from competition 2-stroke jet skis on the Willamette River. In November a Cease and Desist Order was served on the offender and has ended the noise for now.
11. Continue to support the Friends of Maddax Woods and approved up to \$400 to fund a memorial bench.
12. Brainstormed how the Old Bolton Fire Station could become a Center for Emergency Preparedness.
13. Explored the possibility of merging with the Rosemont Summit NA.
14. Held a voters forum for City Council Candidates.
15. Held a voters forum for Mayoral candidates.
16. Reviewed and provided input to the City about ODOT's tolling plans.
17. Provided input and recommendations to the City regarding an indoor recreation center and public transportation issues.
18. Worked with the City to finalize the design and placement of two permanent "Welcome to the Bolton Neighborhood" signs to be installed in 2024.
19. Discussed the resources, and plans in place, to fight fires in Maddax Woods and Burnside Park during a meeting with Jacob Fuhrer, Public Relations Officer of TVF&R.
20. Reviewed the ongoing development at 1575 Burns Street and the plans for parking and traffic controls.
21. Elected Vince Miles as Vice-President to serve until elections this November.
22. Reviewed BNA by-laws to ensure there is clarity for the role of Treasurer.
23. Began work with residents of Jolie Pointe Rd. to find solutions to speeding and traffic safety issues.

24. Nominated and elected new officers. President- Pat Hogan, Vice-President – Vince Miles, Secretary – Amanda Brookshire, Treasurer – Alfred Brown.
25. Appointed Lisa Wolff to the new position of Communications Coordinator to strengthen social media outreach and communications.

2024 Challenges -

- Broaden and refine social media as a means to better represent our diverse community.
- Incorporating the data from our postcard survey, and adding and involving new members into our ongoing work.
- Refine and strengthen meeting norms and process.
- Continue to adapt to online meetings and broadening membership.
- Judicious use of resources.

Draft 2024 Goals –

1. Partner with the City and Nonprofits to be a part of neighborhood events and provide them with resources. Such as:
 - a. Maddax Woods Ivy Pull
 - b. Garden Club event at McLean House
 - c. Fall Library Harry Potter Festival
2. Formalize ways to welcome new neighbors into the neighborhood by following real estate transactions. Partner with real estate agents in the area. Lovell & Hall and Old Bolton House above the Fire Station
3. Expand Tax Increment Financing Committees work to include areas to develop in Bolton
4. Update Bylaws to ensure clarity of Treasurer’s role.
5. Upgrade and refine the BNA website with photographs.
6. Continue to support and expand community events such as the Ice Cream Social, Halloween Pumpkin Judging, joint events with neighborhood clubs, volunteer efforts to improve trails, the restoration of Maddax Woods, Burnside Park, and the Pocket Park.
7. Assist neighbors in finding solutions to the issues that are important to residents and businesses of Bolton and the City.

- 8. Continue to explore uses for the Bolton Fire Station. .

Accounting of Neighborhood Association Grant Funds 2023 –

• Beginning balance	4089.97
• City Support & Donations	1623.00
• Reimbursement	<u>614.36</u>
	6327.33
• Expenses:	
• BNA Signs	357.26
• Printing (FedEx)	225.10
• BNA Social Gatherings	1109.02
• Clackamas County Records	82.60
• ZOOM	149.90
• Google	12.00
• Maddax Woods Memorial	500.00
• Bank Stop Payment	<u>20.00</u>
	\$2455.88
• Ending Balance:	<u>\$3872.45</u>

Likely Areas of BNA Planned Spending for 2024 –

- Office Supplies and Printing.
- Park Restoration Maintenance and Supplies.
- Support for Maddax Woods, West Linn Food Bank.
- Supplies and refreshments for volunteers and NA meetings.
- Publication of Bolton Neighborhood Walking Tour Booklet and App.
- Neighborhood Signs and Website enhancements.
- ZOOM and Google fees.
- First Responders appreciation event.
- Social Gatherings.

February 6, 2024
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