

Northeast Neighbors FY23 Annual Report

Total volunteer hours: 1, 014.

Submitted hours for the past 4 years: 944, 944, 873, and 973.

Our greatest accomplishment this year: construction begins on Striker Field Park.

This event capped off 15 years of work, extending back to before Northeast Neighbors even existed. Persistent work advocating for redesignation of the planned park. Meeting after meeting to secure funding. Extensive involvement in public process and design. (Gee, I sure hope it gets completed on schedule and the opening event goes well. We'll have to wait for next year's annual report to find out.)

Other accomplishments:

- July 2022 return to hybrid meetings after 2 years of Zoom only. Five well attended general meetings during the year, with significant speakers: Mayor Vinis, Superintendent Dey, Vidal Francis of ODOT, EPD, LTD, etc.
- Successful food drive for Food for Lane County in February, with more contributions than any other neighborhood association.
- Successful clothing drive on behalf of White Bird Clinic.
- Construction of a picnic shelter at Creekside Park after years of effort.
- Creation of Osprey Hollow, a new park that was a NeN idea.
- Gathering support for the arterial bridge across the Willamette by meeting with RRCO, SCCO, Cal Young, and Active Bethel neighborhood associations and securing their endorsement.

Our greatest challenge: recruitment, both to the board and to the general membership. We have had persistent openings on the board go unfilled. Plus, our attendance at large meetings and the subscription to our e-news are both strong, but could be more representative of the overall makeup of our neighborhood. Biggest need is attracting younger residents. Second is attracting renters. For both, we are interested in learning what works in other neighborhoods so we can apply them.

Pictures:

