



John Garofalo, Public Safety Coordinator, University Park Neighborhood Association

Community Action Spotlight Fighting Crime with Smiles and Waves

A Conversation with John Garofalo

meeting and greeting neighbors in University Park, offering them insights into basic safety procedures, and connecting them to public resources. Most of us live busy lives, and even so I believe it's necessary for all of us to make the effort to get out and meet our neighbors, take a walk to the park and get to know those who live around us. Fostering community can be the best deterrent to crime. My "safety hat" can also encompass disaster preparedness, as well as encouraging awareness of the cleanliness of our air and the environment around us.

David: As Portland neighborhoods go, how safe is University Park?

John: We live in a relatively safe neighborhood, though crime is an issue throughout the city. Drug use is rampant throughout Portland (and many cities for that matter), and with it comes property crime.

David: What are the most common types of crime in University Park?

John: The most common crime in our area is property theft, which includes car and home invasion.

David: What can the residents do to help make the the neighborhood safer?

John: Take the time to meet your immediate neighbors. Form a Block Watch, and become educated on basic safety measures that can further protect yourself, your family, your property and your neighbors. Report crime as it happens. Call 911 when you witness a crime in action, and 503-823-3333 when you suspect a crime could be occurring. If you notice a crime "after the fact," file an online police report at portlandoregon.gov/police/cor/

Do not "engage or entice" a potential criminal that you encounter on the street, but rather greet them by saying "Hello!" or "How are you?" Criminals do not want to be noticed.

David: If a group of neighbors wanted to start a Block Watch, how would they go about it?

John: Contact Mark Wells, who is Portland's Crime Prevention Coordinator, at 503-823-2781.

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David: I think most people in University Park know you, or at least have seen you and your dog Bear walking around around the neighborhood. How long have you been a resident of North Portland?

John: I've lived in North Portland for twenty three years.

David: I understand that you are on the board of the University Park Neighborhood Association (UPNA). What is your title on the board, and what do you do?

John: Public Safety Coordinator. I volunteer as a liaison between Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI), the Portland Police Bureau, and other public agencies that are committed to the safety and welfare of our citizens. Much of my energy goes into

Truth in Advertising!



Your Neighborhood, Your Police.

The city of Portland recently launched a billboard campaign called *Your Neighborhood, Your Police*. The billboards feature actual police officers, pictured in the neighborhoods that they serve. The message of the campaign is that these officers are truly connected to and care about the neighborhoods they serve. For North Portland, the campaign features Officer Israel Hill and Officer Rashida Saunders.

So...are the officers they chose for North Portland really connected to our neighborhood? YES!

Officer Saunders graduated from De La Salle North Catholic High

School, located at Interstate and Lombard. Saunders is the head of the Portland Police Bureau's Crisis Response Team, which provides assistance and support to individuals and families impacted by traumatic situations.

Officer Hill is a school resource officer in North Portland, who also works on call for the Crisis Response Team.

In addition to their full-time positions, Saunders and Hill often work overtime to help ensure safety at Jefferson and Roosevelt High School events, and they spend their days off at Peninsula Lodge, making sandwiches for Neighbors Helping Neighbors to distribute to the houseless.

Officers Hill and Saunders: Our Neighbors, Our Police!



Peaceful Warriors Summer Camp Offered July 9-13 by EMERJ-SafeNow



Founded in 2016, EMERJ-SafeNow provides equity-based, trauma-informed violence prevention training and education, that starts with the community, builds strong relationships and promotes healthy choices.

EMERJ-SafeNow is a new 501(c)3 nonprofit that aims to provide training and skills to vulnerable communities, rural and urban, that may not have access to resources, skills and education. They provide sessions throughout the year that include training facilitators, workshops, camps and programs in and after school. All sessions offer financial assistance and a sliding scale fee.

EMERJ-SafeNow currently offers workshops for people with different abilities, families, and the LGBTQ community. Any organization can request a workshop or training.

Peaceful Warriors Kick'n It for Kids Camp (grades 3-6)

July 9-13, 12-3 pm

Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge

Cost \$160.00

If you want to have fun learning how to defend yourself using martial arts, drama, and games, this week-long self-defense camp is for you. We value peace, and aim to provide participants with important life skills to promote safe communities and healthy choices. Topics include assertive communication, building healthy

relationships, intuition, self-care, meditation, as well as physical and non-physical self-defense skills, inner strength and assertiveness in stressful situations such as bullying and harassment. All classes are taught by experienced violence prevention instructors trained to use an equitable, trauma-informed approach to teaching.

For more information, please visit their website emerjsafenow.org. You can also email them at inquiries@emerjsafenow.org or by telephone @ 503-498-8452



Oregon Odd Fellows Present Check to Northwest Disability Support



Jody Morris served as the Odd Fellows Grand Master of the State of Oregon for 2017. During her term, she was responsible for the growth and governance of all forty-six Odd Fellows lodges in the state.

It is also the job of the Grand Master to lead by example in raising money for charitable causes and organizations. Grand Master Jody Morris traveled the state raising funds and awareness for several organizations, including Portland-based Northwest Disability Support.

Northwest Disability Support is actually a collaboration of two organizations, Northwest Downs Syndrome Association, and All Born In, a cross-disabilities advocacy net-work.

These two organizations work together under the umbrella of Northwest Disabilities Support, in order to promote inclusiveness in the community and in education.

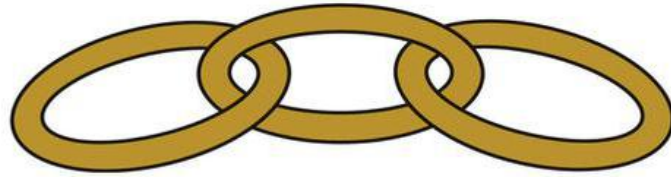
During her travels as Grand Master, Jody Morris spoke to Odd Fellows lodges about the good work that NWDS is doing, and raised \$2041 to support their

efforts.

The check was presented to NWDS in a ceremony on February 27, at Peninsula Lodge. Angela Frome and Daniel Jarvis-Holland gave a beautiful presentation on the mission and goals of the organization, and accepted the check on its behalf.

If you would like to donate to Northwest Disabilities Support, or learn more about the organization, you can find them online at:

<http://nwdisabilitysupport.org/>



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Third Annual *Odd Ball* April 28



The Odd Ball is an evening of non-stop fun, food, drinks and dancing. The event features a whole slew of entertainers, including dancers, singers, musicians and actors all competing for your tips.

\$20 general admission

\$10 if you are wearing a fez!

April 28, 2018 from 7pm-11pm

**Historic Peninsula Odd Fellows Building
4834 N Lombard St, Portland, OR**

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Or you can contact him via email mark.wells@portlandoregon.gov. You can also make an inquiry on NextDoor about forming a block watch, and I will contact you via Private Message.

David: What else does the neighborhood association do?

John: We are a voice for each and every person living in the neighborhood. We hold monthly Board Meetings, and quarterly General Board Meetings to address issues of public safety, our environment, land use issues, school happenings and concerns, and new ordinances including city, regional and state regulations that affect all of us. As a Community Board we carry a fair amount of weight in formulating our neighborhood's needs and concerns before City Council. In University Park, our communal voice also interplays with that of the University of Portland, a key collaborator in enhancing the livability of our neighborhood.

David: Can any member of the neighborhood go to the meetings?

John: Yes, to both our Monthly and General meetings.

David: What else would you like to share with our readers?

John: I believe University Park is a special place to live. We are surrounded by the natural beauty of the Willamette River, the often peaceful sense of being somewhat



removed from the City, living out here on the north peninsula. We are blessed with the rich resources of the University of Portland. With growth comes challenges and opportunities, as our neighborhood develops with residential infill and growing retail establishments. Most of us work hard for our bread, to raise our families, to have a place to call home.

My invitation to each of you is to

own this special place, to claim it by getting to know your neighbors, walk its streets, visit its parks, shop and dine here. Make it your own. Yes, there is crime. Yet you and I pay the rent here. Invest in this place and in each other, so that we can walk our own streets, not in fear but in pride, that together we have made it what it is. . . a jewel in the network of neighborhoods we call home.

Neighborhood Association Board Meetings for March

Portsmouth

March 6, 2018 at 6:30 pm

Peninsula Odd Fellows Lodge, 4830 N. Lombard Street

University Park

March 12, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Portsmouth Trinity Lutheran, 7119 N. Portsmouth Ave.



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