



Arlington Heights is an old historic Portland neighborhood, surrounded on three sides by city parks: Washington Park to the east and south, and Hoyt Arboretum to the west. Our Neighborhood Association has a history of working with the city to achieve mutually beneficial outcomes.

We serve as a neighborhood voice for the Hoyt Arboretum, Washington Park and Forest Park. We want to protect and improve these 'crown jewels' of Portland. We have a seat on Explore Washington Park (which includes Portland Parks, Japanese Garden, Oregon Zoo, Children's Museum, World Forestry Center, AHNA and SHNA). Arlington Heights neighbors are on the Friends of Hoyt Arboretum Board.

In 1849 Amos King purchased the land (one square mile) from Daniel Lonsdale, who owned the tannery where Providence Park now sits. King added 640 more acres of land using a Donation Land Claim. They began developing the land in 1860.

In 1871, the King family sold 40.78 acres to the City of Portland to create City Park in 1909, which is now known as Washington Park. The original Zoo began in 1894 in City Park until it moved to its current location in 1958.

The first Arlington Heights house was built in 1911. The Portland International Rose Test Garden was dedicated in 1924.

In 1930, Hoyt Arboretum planted the first tree of now over 2300 species of trees and shrubs. The Japanese Garden was dedicated in 1961.



We want to enhance accessibility for all. We want Portlanders to enjoy the beautiful parks. Washington Park, with all its attractions and vistas of the City of Portland and the Cascade Mountains attracts thousands of people, especially in the summer. We welcome people to come here to smell the roses, hike the trails, enjoy the Japanese Garden, or head to the Zoo and World Forestry Center.

We have also been highly supportive of the world renowned Washington Park Reservoir Project and applaud the excellence of that project team with outstanding communications and sensitivity to the impact of the construction on livability in the neighborhood.

We have an interest in our Forests – keeping them green, accessible and safe.

We would like to work with the City in being extremely vigilant in fire season to identify and eliminate potential fire risks, such as campfires, fireworks, downed power lines etc.

