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Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association Celebrates its 10th Anniversary

BEND, OR (12/1/11) – The Southwest Bend Neighborhood Association (SBNA) will celebrate its 10th anniversary with an open house on Monday, December 5th, 2011 at the River Rim Coffeehouse, 19570 Amber Meadow Drive (in the Brookwood Meadow Plaza). Residents of Southwest Bend are invited to attend any time during the 5:30-7:30pm reception to help celebrate and learn more about the origins of the group. The SBNA was formally recognized by Bend's City Council on December 5, 2001 and is the first of the City's 13 Neighborhood Associations to reach the decade milestone.

To commemorate the recent anniversary, City Councilor Jim Clinton presented a certificate of recognition to the SBNA's current President, Mike Lovely, at the November 16, 2011 City Council meeting. Clinton was the first President of the SBNA and one of three organizers who volunteered to craft the Neighborhood Association Bylaws in October 2001 along with Lovely. The Association's population has seen dramatic growth over the past 10 years with boundaries encompassing the southwest corner of Bend with the Deschutes River to the west, Powers Road on the north, Third Street on the east, and the city limits on the south.

The SBNA continues to strive to uphold its mission, "To maintain, protect and enhance the livability and sense of community of the neighborhood. We desire to provide an open process by which all members of the neighborhood may involve themselves in the affairs of the neighborhood and to facilitate the exchange of information among neighborhood residents." In addition to addressing general neighborhood issues, the SBNA is comprised of committees that work on projects ranging from Brookwood Boulevard beautification, to snow removal around fire hydrants and homes of elderly residents, to monitoring initiatives like the Murphy Overpass and new roundabouts.

Membership to the SBNA is free to all residents within the designated boundaries. General membership meetings are held twice a year at Pine Ridge Elementary school and the Association's all-volunteer Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month. For an application to join or for more information please visit the SBNA website:

http://bendneighborhoods.org/Neighborhood_Websites/Southwest_Neighborhood_Association/.

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