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**Restore Oregon Presents: What's in Walnut Park?  
A Northeast Portland Neighborhood Discovers Its History, Architecture, and Community**

PORTLAND, OR – On Thursday, August 17, Restore Oregon will host a presentation on “What’s in Walnut Park: A Neighborhood Discovery. Over the summer, Restore Oregon’s Preservation Programs team worked with the Walnut Park neighborhood to document and survey its own architecture and history. This presentation will uncover the architecture and history of this small northeast Portland community.

In May of 2016, an important building, The Ocobock House, at the heart of the Walnut Park neighborhood was threatened with demolition. Walnut Park neighbors successfully reacted to this threat but realized that they would need to be proactive moving forward. Their ultimate success, facilitated by Restore Oregon, but initiated, led, and secured by a core band of neighbors started a conversation about the value of Walnut Park and the likelihood of its survival in an ever-changing Portland.

Like many across the city, the residents of Walnut Park have discovered that their neighborhood is vulnerable. Their stories might go untold. Their landmarks might be demolished. But unlike so many others, the citizens of Walnut Park are working proactively to shape the evolution of their neighborhood. Not to arrest change but to effect that change and direct it in a way that sustains their story and builds on the power of place that has been preserved in this corner of the city.

The public is welcome to join Walnut Park neighbors and Restore Oregon for a presentation to discover the history, architecture, and community of this unique Northeast Portland neighborhood.

**Event Details: What's in Walnut Park: A Neighborhood Discovery Presentation**

August 17, 2017  
7:00pm – 8:00pm  
Held at The Salvation Army  
5325 N. Williams Ave.  
Portland, OR 97217

The event is free and open to the public. Learn more about Walnut Park at [www.restoreoregon.org](http://www.restoreoregon.org). For more information, please call 503-243-1923.

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**About Restore Oregon:** Founded in 1977, Restore Oregon is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization which advocates for sound preservation policy and legislation. Our mission is to preserve, reuse and pass forward the historic places that create livable communities. Each year, we provide statewide educational programming and technical assistance, while working to save the sites and structures featured on our annual list of Oregon’s Most Endangered Places. We hold over 40 conservation

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easements on historic properties, thereby protecting them in perpetuity. Learn more at [www.restoreoregon.org](http://www.restoreoregon.org)

**About Walnut Park:** Walnut Park was platted in 1904 in an undeveloped island of forest in Northeast Portland bound by Alberta to the south and Killingsworth to the north. Its western boundary, Congress Street, was subsequently vacated for the construction of Jefferson High School and, to the east, what was once Union Avenue is now Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. While much of the original plat's western blocks were devoted to a mix of uses, the eastern half of the neighborhood was developed with a pleasant variety of middle-class housing types from the decades leading up to the Second World War. Learn more about Walnut Park at [www.restoreoregon.org](http://www.restoreoregon.org).