

Riverwood Homeowners Association

Newsletter

December, 2022

What's Happening @ Riverwood

Landscape Committee. The Landscaper's are CONTINUING to collect our leaves! Most of the trees are almost bare, so we won't be bombarded by the blowers...as often.

They sent an apology for working on Thanksgiving, it was a mistake and will never happen again.

Merry Ho Ho to all!

~Kris Clarke

RW Facebook! The Riverwood HOA PDX Facebook group has 20 members. If you would like to join, go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/336171571588273> or search for 'Riverwood HOA PDX' in the search box of any Facebook page. ~Tom Bucceri



Craft Night continues on the first Thursday of each month (January 5, 2023), in the Recreation Room. If you crochet, knit, embroider, quilt, create jewelry, or have other portable hobbies, bring your project and enjoy camaraderie with some of your neighbors. If you'd like to learn a new skill, this is the perfect place to begin.

Our Riverwood Treasurer, Irene Hennessey, would like to thank everyone who got their HOA fees in early this year!! She really appreciates your efforts! (Just a note: HOA fees are due by the first of each month. Fees paid late make it difficult for Irene to pay our monthly bills. Cash flow is an important part of keeping our HOA solvent. Thanks for your help!!)

The Holiday Party on the 18th was fun and tasty!! There was music (thanks to Jim!), lots of treats (thanks Recreation Committee!) and games to keep us entertained (a dice game: 10,000; and a Hanukkah game: dreidel!). We had a Kwanzaa display, to which the Dashiells added two amazing black Santas! There were menorahs (Hanukkah candleholders) and decorations everywhere. Thanks, everyone, for making this party so welcoming! If you have photos, please send them to rwh.news@gmail.com! (Photos courtesy of Peter Burns)



From the Board Meeting Minutes: Laurel is working with the Board to create processes, policies and procedures for a Riverwood website. Bill Neville has a working version online.

New Roster: Allaire Henneman has sent out an updated Riverwood Roster by email! If you didn't receive one, please contact her.

Next Board Meeting is **Thursday, January 12th at 6:30 PM.**

Resources

Four free COVID tests are once again available through the government. Ordering is simple at: covid.gov/tests

Energy Conservation Resources. With winter upon us and energy costs rising, attached you will find a flier of energy conservation resources. Most are income dependent, so check it out to see if you qualify. Here is the link:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/2/#inbox/WhctKKXpNWBdMFCMvgjPCzdBQjGNRSVdxDnXvzWcmqmLPjFkFTLxMkqwckLmncDhKwdhbQB?projector=1&messagePartId=0.1>

Shaver School Food Pantry: Wednesdays 3p-4:30p

From the Residents!

It was suggested that the Newsletter include a Recipe of the Month, photos of Pets of Riverwood, etc. Thanks for the ideas, Bill N! ***Send your feedback, ideas, recipes, pet photos, etc. to rwh.news@gmail.com.***

From Bill Neville: This hummingbird dropped by Driveway 10 after the recent snow for some cool, refreshing sugar water. (Photo: Gina Neville)



From Jim Eveland: Here is a link to a Russian language song, sung by Israeli children, in honor of Hanukkah! Jim asked if I could translate, but I am sadly lacking in Russian skills! Can anyone translate the title and/or the content of this song? (Thanks for the challenge, Jim!!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ey_ek9Lj8cs

~Editor

From Irene Hennessy:

Old Age—It's Later Than You Think

It's later than you think - everything is farther away now than it used to be.

It's twice as far to the corner - and they added a hill.

I notice I've given up running for the bus - it leaves faster than it used to.

It seems to me they are making steps steeper than in the old days.

And have you noticed the smaller print they use in the newspapers?

There is no sense asking anyone to read aloud - everyone speaks in such a low voice I can scarcely hear them.

Material in dresses is so skimpy - especially around the hips.

It's all but impossible to reach my shoe laces.

Even people are changing - they are much younger than they used to be when I was their age.

On the other hand, people my age are much older than I.

I ran into an old classmate the other day and she had aged so much, she didn't remember me.

I got to thinking about the poor thing while combing my hair this morning and I glanced in the mirror at my reflection and confound it, they don't make mirrors like they used to either...

Looking for Something?

From Jann Gilbert: I found a used karaoke machine!! Is anyone interested in doing karaoke with me? I thought about setting up an event at the Rec Room this winter. Just have to get a cable to attach a monitor. Currently I'm using my smart TV. It works! Come to my house to sing or help me set up something for all of Riverwood and friends!! 503-880-1364.

Neighborhood News from A.T.N.A.

The ATNA Board meets regularly on 4th Wednesdays, 6:30 -8:00 pm. Next meeting: **December 28.**

Access the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID #: 4790037202. Password: Billzoom1. All Argay residents are welcome to attend. **PLEASE JOIN US!**

The Argay Terrace/PSU/Better Blocks grant made it through to the second round! This project is called the Argay Terrace Transformation and seeks to transform the intersection of NE 131st and NE Prescott Dr from a dangerous corner into a welcoming neighborhood space, in a community which is 47 percent Black, Indigenous and people of color. During this Fall semester at PSU, 4 graduate students are initiating a study of how Argay Terrace's roads could be safer for all. The plan will allow ATNA to note to the city where there are deficiencies and advocate for improvements. For more information, contact: linfargay@gmail.com (Photo from PSU Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering website)



ProLogis/Kmart Warehouse: Thanks to the neighbors who attended the November 5 meeting with Commissioner Jaypal and Neighbors for Clean Air (NCA). Parkrose School District representatives expressed grave concerns about the air quality impacts on students at the HS. They noted that students, who will be impacted by increased traffic and diminished air quality, should be part of the discussion. Commissioner Jaypal indicated that the county does not have power over zoning, but they do have power over resident's health outcomes. Air quality data for our area show that residents are already at a higher risk for poor health impacts. With more diesel fumes in Argay Terrace from the placement of two freight warehouses (NE 122nd and NE 138th). air quality will diminish further.

ATNA continues to advocate for BDS to require studying off-site impacts as a factor in permitting decisions. NCA are offering air quality monitors and are willing to help Parkrose and Argay Terrace Neighborhoods negotiate a good neighbor agreement with ProLogis, should city permits go through. If you would like to keep updated about the developments – please contact Nakisha@neighborsforcleanair.org and/or Commissioner Jaypal's office - district2@multco.us.

Future DEQ related activity in the area -

- ECR at NE 122nd and San Rafael is due to renew their permit.
- Feed Commodities LLC, 4441 NE 148th, has been issued a warning letter from DEQ as they are operating without a permit. They will need to apply for a Solid Waste Permit. They gather old bakery items and turn them into animal feed. The NE 148th site is a gathering and transfer site; processing occurs elsewhere.

REMEMBER:

Please send newsletter articles, ads, etc. to rwh.news@gmail.com



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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