



Riverwood Homeowners Association Newsletter

January, 2023

What's Happening @ Riverwood

Recreation Committee is planning a **Sack Lunch get-together!!!** January 29th at 2:00 PM in the RW Rec Room! We're asking people to bring a sack lunch for themselves. The committee will provide coffee and tea AND will offer play time with games of Dominoes, 10,000, or peoples' choice! Bring your lunch and join us for some conversation, with games afterwards!

Parking Committee: Just as a reminder, parking in the driveways and in front of garages when not loading or unloading is not allowed in our rules. It is often a burden to your neighbors and can prevent people from entering and exiting their garage. Elise Morgan is available by phone if someone needs a new parking pass or has questions about parking.

We still have a vacant position for a volunteer Parking Chair.



Maintenance: D40 repaving: complete. Budgeted at \$45K, final cost \$42K; thus we saved \$3000.

Sewer Issue in Dwy 40: The 2nd major sewer issue in D40 is another 20-25 feet of main 6" line leading to the street that requires replacing due to heavy root clogs into old concrete pipes.

Water Main Issues in Dwy 70: Two water-line breaks under D70 pavement with enough flow to overload the street drain. D70 was back online after 23 hours. Part of the reason for the breaks was poor installation of the line replacement, a project of 20-30 years ago.



(DW 40 Repaving. Photos: J Gilbert)

Insurance Committee: Plumbing here at Riverwood is often very old. When it breaks, whether it is in the crawlspace or within the patio fence, it is the Homeowner's responsibility to repair. Please make sure you have enough insurance to cover your home (at least \$100,000, per the Riverwood governing documents) and that it is condo or HOA-type insurance. Repairs are expensive, so you might also think about having someone inspect the plumbing in your crawlspace, as a preventative measure. Riverwood HOA insurance is for the common areas. Please be aware of the difference. If you have questions, please contact Jann Gilbert.



Craft Night continues on the first Thursday of each month (February 2, 2023) in the Recreation Room. If you crochet, knit, embroider, quilt, create jewelry, or have other portable hobbies, bring your project and enjoy social time with some of your neighbors. If you'd like to learn a new skill, this is the perfect place to begin.

Welcome Committee: Riverwood Manual Updates – With the Riverwood website ready to be unveiled in the near future, it has created the opportunity to review some of the documents for updating. These two documents have been updated: 1) the ABCs of Riverwood and 2) Recycling. You will find both attached to this newsletter.

Most of the recycling document is directly from <https://www.portland.gov/bps/garbage-recycling/recycling> which will be your ongoing, official site to answer any recycling questions.

Some non-recyclable items are often put at the curb. This is a reminder that **these items DO NOT GO IN THE RECYCLE BINS: plastic bags, clamshells, styrofoam**. These materials need to go in the garbage can or be recycled at places other than our curbside bins.

Garbage: With our East County wind and neighborhood wild animals and birds, containing garbage for Thursday morning pick up has increasingly become an issue. It is strongly recommended that all residents use a garbage can with a lid that can be secured. If your can does not have a lid that can be secured, please use a bag in your can and tie it closed, so that the contents of the can do not end up scattered about. Your driveway neighbors will be grateful.



Garbage Cans and Recycle Bins

The winds have been sending our garbage cans and recycle bins all over the neighborhood! They have been dancing down the driveways and streets. Please consider placing your house number on the can, lid, and bin so they can be returned home. Some of Shaver's recycle bins were known to make it down to the post office recently!

Landscape Committee: This coming February, all Landscape questions will be answered by Stressla Beavers. On March 1st, it's back to Kris Clarke. Thank you, Stressla, for the coverage – greatly appreciated.

RW Roster Updates: **1)** Recreation Committee -- Please add Janice Abbate as a member **and 2)** Nancy Stoll has a new phone number - 971-275-8584. **3)** Driveway 70 and alpha sections -- Nancy Stoll has a new phone number - 971-275-8584. **4)** Newsletter Editor is Jann Gilbert – 503-880-1364. **5)** Insurance Committee Chair is Jann Gilbert – 503-880-1364.

Next Board Meeting is Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 PM in the Rec Room!!

Resources

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

Winter Community Resource Fair: Saturday, Feb. 4, 11 AM - 2 PM. Parkrose High School Cafeteria, 12003 NE Shaver St. Food boxes, utility assistance info, employment info, non-profit resources, chiropractic services, kids activities, raffle prizes, yummy lunch!!

Hot Water in your Bathroom, first thing in the morning! Lynn Young and Shirley Piel recently installed **Recirculating Pumps** on their water heaters and feel this is the best thing they have done for themselves in 2022! Besides saving the HOA gallons of water (the cold water which runs while the hot water is traveling to your faucet), imagine the pleasure of having HOT water, day and night! These Recirculating Pumps sit on top of your water heater. Easy to install, no additional plumbing needed, complete in about 1 hour. We both used the services of a local contractor on Shaver: Kim Nego, 503-635-5599



Patrick Steininger has found a good deal on Amazon. Contact him for more information.



From the Residents!

From Bill Neville: this photo of a hummingbird during the December freeze!

Send your feedback, ideas, recipes, pet photos, etc. to rwh.news@gmail.com.

Looking for Something?

Volunteer Positions at Riverwood: RW is in need of volunteers to step into Committee Chair positions for **Parking, Maintenance, and Pool**. Riverwood works because our Residents volunteer. Please help out by taking on one of the open volunteer positions!!

Irene is looking for someone to take on the **Treasurer position** – instruction available. This position holds just part of the financial responsibilities – those of the checking accounts and mail pickup at our Post Office Box. The Bookkeeper (Leo Zinn) addresses balancing of accounts and financial reports. Please contact Irene Hennessey if you have questions.

Forest Green Electric Recliner, in great shape, looks good (not the kind that helps you stand). *Free to a good home!* It will probably take 2 people to move it. Call Jann: 503-880-1364

Neighborhood News from A.T.N.A.

Oregon Community Solar Program: Here's a chance to go solar without putting panels on your roof! A new state effort, the Oregon Community Solar Program (oregoncsp.org), now gives homeowners and renters the option to source energy from small solar farms throughout Oregon on their existing utility bill and at a discount. The



**OREGON
COMMUNITY SOLAR
PROGRAM**

program connects PGE and Pacific Power customers to solar energy projects without having to install panels on their own roofs. There is no cost to sign up, participate, or cancel and consumers are to be incentivized for participating. This incentive is received as a credit directly on your bill simply by joining the program.

Sad News: Tragically two pedestrians have been killed in Argay Terrace in the last 90 days. The latest death occurred at NE 141st and Sandy Blvd on Dec 19th. ATNA board members continue to work with ODOT to try to improve safety along Sandy Blvd. Consider calling PBOT at 503-823-7233 and request safer streets in Argay Terrace.

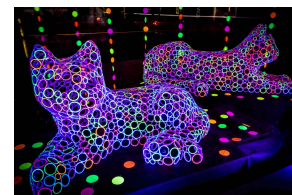
ProLogis/Kmart Warehouse: Neighbors for Clean Air (NCA) continues to advocate with the City of Portland to get off-site impacts evaluated prior to permitting this warehouse project. In addition to increased truck traffic adjacent to Parkrose High School, ATNA and NCA have grave concerns about the air quality impacts on Argay and Parkrose residents, as well as students. NCA is offering air quality monitors <https://www2.purpleair.com> to our neighborhood. Please contact Morgan Towle at: Morgan@neighborsforcleanair.org if you would like one.

Shaver Elementary: For the Budding Artist: Dreaming of creating a comic book? Check out: <https://makebeliefscomix.com/> -- Empowering you to express your ideas & stories in Comix!

Calling all young, nature-loving artists! The Oregon Enviro-Art Youth Art Contest invites young Oregonians to express their ideas about the environment and climate change. Oregon youth aged 18 and under are welcomed to submit 2D art. Deadline for submissions is February 1, 2023. Click the link below for more details and to submit your child's art. Follow @enviro.art.or on Instagram to check for updates on submission deadlines, prizes, climate resilience activities, and more.

<https://oregonpediatricsociety.org/enviro-art/?fbclid=IwAR2Ss4qosEKxiH-sI660s0W08SVhMYs9BeiJ8-ujla3GSKZSsypVbuuwUxE>

Portland Winter Light Festival: Feb 3 - 11. This year's event will feature dynamic anchor art sites in the City Center and pop-up art installations throughout Portland. Please check the individual artist listings on the program page for specific hours and days: pdxwlf.org.



Career Launch for Immigrants & Refugees: Feb. 6-17, FREE 10-day workshop for English language-learners making a step towards a more secure job and higher income. Location: PCC Metro Center 5600 NE 42nd Ave. Trimet Bus Lines 72 & 75. To register, call Alisa Cherry (971) 722-2050 or email: alisa.cherry@pcc.edu

REMEMBER:

Newsletter articles, ads, etc. are due before February 20th. Send to: rw.h.news@gmail.com

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And a big thank you to our faithful delivery people: **Stressla Beavers, Sue Beede, Nancy Stoll and Mary Yemane.**