



# Riverwood Homeowners Association

## Newsletter

March, 2023

### *What's Happening @ Riverwood*

**HOA Monthly Fee:** This month, the Riverwood Board voted to raise the HOA fee by \$40 to **\$480 per month**. A letter notifying Residents of the change has been sent to all Homeowners at Riverwood, as per our CC&Rs and Bylaws (30 days notice). The increased dues will begin on May 1, 2023. Please update your automatic payments to reflect this change.

**Recreation Committee:** last month's planned **Sack Lunch-Bingo Social** was moved to **March 26th 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 will offer Bingo! Bingo cards are 5 ¢ per card. Bring your nickels to buy cards and get a chance at a prize!!



**RW Roster Updates:** There is one Roster update this month, so please add it to your December, 2022 Roster:

1. Jim Eveland: [j.eveland@comcast.net](mailto:j.eveland@comcast.net)



**Landscape Committee:** News! Guess what is peeking up in my pots... Hostas! It's official, time to get the slug bait out and make your first round. Trust me, start now and you will have a greater chance of taking them out for most of the summer. There is nothing better than Spring in Oregon, we are so appreciative of the sunshine. Enjoy 🌱

**Maintenance Update:** Riverwood received a document from our garbage collector, Heiberg Garbage & Recycling. It is an agreement stating that they will pick up our garbage, **excluding all hazardous waste**. Jim was told that the State requires this agreement. It was signed by our Board President. The net result of this communication is that we must all pay attention to what NOT to put in our garbage! No Hazardous Waste! Here is a discussion of hazardous waste from Metro:

**IDENTIFYING HAZARDOUS WASTE:** Being able to recognize which products around the home are hazardous is an important part of ensuring proper disposal. Some products may include words such as: "warning," "caution," "flammable," "poison," or "danger." The following descriptions characterize household hazardous products:

- Ignitable - capable of burning or causing fire.
- Corrosive - capable of eating away materials and destroying living tissue.
- Explosive or reactive - able to cause an explosion or release poisonous fumes when exposed to air, water or other chemicals.
- Toxic - poisonous, either immediately or over a long period.

**DISPOSING OF TOXICS SAFELY:** Metro accepts various types of household hazardous waste for recycling or disposal. Bring it to one of Metro's two transfer stations year-round -just \$5 for up to 35 gallons of household hazardous waste or participate in a free Metro collection event from March to November.

Follow this link: [Common hazardous products | Metro](#) to learn more about common hazardous products. Find a recycler here: [Find a recycler | Metro](#). Beginning in March and running through November, Metro offers neighborhood collection events. Check here for the schedule: [Neighborhood collection events | Metro](#). Learn more about household hazardous waste by searching that topic at [oregonmetro.gov](http://oregonmetro.gov).

**Next Board Meeting** is Thursday, April 13th at 6:30 PM in the Rec Room!!

## *Resources*

**Plug In Portland!** First Tech Federal Credit Union & Free Geek are offering a desktop computer to students, K-12! Here is the link: <https://www.freegeek.org/free-computers/plug-portland>. Apply online or contact them at: 503-232-9350 xt112.

**Do you have old cell phones, computers, or tablets** that you no longer use and are just taking up space? From now until April 14, Lisa Dashiell will collect these items for use by Free Geek. You can bring your unused device to Lisa at 12717 NE Shaver (Driveway 70) or give her a call at 503-293-6861 to arrange a pick up of your device.

### **Stop Social Security-Related Scams! Recognize the four basic signs of a scam:**

1. Scammers **pretend** to be from a familiar organization or agency, like the Social Security Administration. They may email attachments with official-looking logos, seals, signatures, or pictures of employee credentials.
2. Scammers mention a **problem** or a prize. They may say your Social Security number was involved in a crime or ask for personal information to process a benefit increase.
3. Scammers **pressure** you to act immediately. They may threaten you with arrest or legal action.
4. Scammers tell you to **pay** using a gift card, prepaid debit card, cryptocurrency, wire or money transfer, or by mailing cash. They may also tell you to transfer your money to a "safe" account.

Ignore scammers and report criminal behavior. Report Social Security-related scams to the SSA Office of the Inspector General (OIG). Visit [www.ssa.gov/scam](http://www.ssa.gov/scam) for more information.

## *From the Residents!*

*Send your feedback, ideas, recipes, pet photos, etc. to [rwh.news@gmail.com](mailto:rwh.news@gmail.com).*

Don't forget to **pay your Arts Tax**, due April 18th. <https://www.portland.gov/revenue/arts-tax>.

**From Nancy Stoll:** As you may know, I do not drive. On Wednesday, Feb. 22, the day of our snow event, I was visiting my mother at Providence Hospital. When I looked out the window and saw the snow was sticking, I headed downstairs and attempted to order a Lyft at approximately 3pm. Unfortunately, I hadn't updated my phone number on their website, so that wasn't an option. I next called Radio Cab and finally reached a dispatcher to request a ride, but it was impossible to predict when it would arrive. Meanwhile, Radio Cab #70 pulled up at the entrance. The driver got out and I asked him if he was looking for me. He said no, he was there to use the restroom. When he returned, we discussed my predicament: I'd ordered a cab, but didn't know when one would arrive; he asked where I was going and I told him; he said he'd take me home. I was very thankful.

We headed east on Halsey, but saw vehicles stuck/sliding on the overpass above I-205. So, we re-routed, back-tracked and were heading north on NE 82nd. We were across the street from McDaniel (formerly Madison) High School when we became stuck behind numerous TriMet buses, sedans and even a PBOT truck. People were out of their cars, trying to help each other by pushing, digging out and shouting encouragement. The PBOT guy used his shovel, finally got chains on the truck, changed lanes, and proceeded to plow one of the northbound lanes. We never saw him again.

At some point Micah, my cab driver, turned off the meter. Meanwhile, Lisa Dashiell had started a text chain for D-70 at 4:10. I replied with my predicament at 7:20. At 7:23 Lisa told me that Larry would come get me. Larry traversed side streets and was in a line of cars about 1.5 blocks from where we were stuck. Micah and I walked to Larry's (actually Lisa's) trusty Nissan Rogue. At that point, Micah was planning to walk home (approx. 2 miles). Larry didn't hesitate and said he would take him home, too. So, we traversed side streets and got to E Burnside and dropped Micah off at his home, then proceeded on our way. There wasn't much traffic on Burnside and we got on 102nd with no problems until we got to the overpass above I-84 where cars were stopped, stuck, sliding, and driving south in the northbound lane. We maneuvered through that mess and got on Fremont, and then home. I walked in the door at 11:15pm. I made it home thanks to Micah and my wonderful neighbors, Larry and Lisa!

## *Looking for Something?*

**Found:** Key in DW 30. It says "Mex" on it. Contact Jann Gilbert if it's yours.

**Volunteer Positions at Riverwood:** RW is in need of volunteers to step into Committee Chair positions for **Parking, Maintenance, and Pool**. 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 or are interested! Riverwood needs you!!

***Riverwood works because our Residents volunteer.***

## *Neighborhood News from A.T.N.A.*

### **"Hello Spring" Event at Argay Park! Save the Date: April 29th!**

Representatives from Portland Parks and Recreation and others will provide information about the Cross Levee Trail near us, and also summer programs and activities along the Columbia Slough. And of course we plan to have food and fun for the whole family! More details in the next Argay Terrace newsletter. To get an E-version with click-able links, email [jessyargay@gmail.com](mailto:jessyargay@gmail.com). Please include your name and (optionally) phone # and physical address.

**Shaver School Food Pantry:** Wednesdays, 2:30 - 4pm.

**ATNA Board Meeting:** The ATNA Board meets regularly on fourth Wednesdays, 6:30 -8:00 pm. Next meeting: February 22. Access the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID #: 4790037202. Password: Billzoom1. All Argay residents are welcome to attend. PLEASE JOIN US!

**Montavilla Farmers Winter Market** – March 26: The “Winter Stock-up Market” is open 10:00 a.m. -2:00 p.m. Come shop for seasonal root and fresh vegetables and fruits, baked goods, sustainably raised meats and eggs, flowers, plant starts, and specialty foods. It’s located on the gravel lot in the 7700 block of SE Stark Street – across the street from Mr. Plywood. [CLICK HERE](#) to see their website.

**Parkrose Bronco Boosters Beverage Bottle & Can Drive** – No fooling! April 1, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Your deposit-return cans and bottles help support their community educational efforts. Parkrose Middle School front entrance, 11800 NE Shaver Street,. Coordinated by Patty Meighen, meighen@hotmail.com.

**ProLogis Warehouse Siting:** If you are concerned about the "K-Mart site becoming a ProLogis warehouse" issue, check out this link:

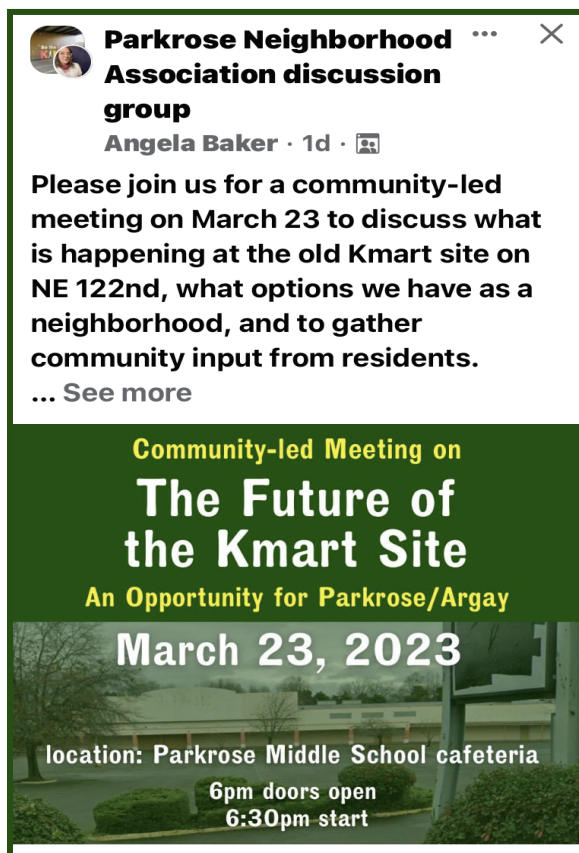
<https://www.change.org/p/east-portland-community-opposes-proposed-diesel-truck-distribution-center/u/31383673>

A neighbor who opposes siting this freight warehouse in our neighborhood has created a petition and urges neighbors who feel similarly to sign on. At last check, almost 5,000 had signed the petition.

The link provides background information on this project and includes three "asks" for the City Council. It also includes a link to the KGW TV News spot on this project, which aired earlier this week.

**East County Community Orchestra Concert** – April 2, at 3:00 p.m., members of the all-volunteer Orchestra will present a FREE Spring Concert. Selections will include highlights from Rodgers & Hammerstein’s South Pacific, Bacchanale from Samson and Delilah and European Marches. This afternoon of delightful music will take place at the Horner Performing Arts Center,

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**Parkrose Neighborhood Association discussion group**  
Angela Baker · 1d · 📷

Please join us for a community-led meeting on March 23 to discuss what is happening at the old Kmart site on NE 122nd, what options we have as a neighborhood, and to gather community input from residents.  
... See more

**Community-led Meeting on  
The Future of  
the Kmart Site**  
An Opportunity for Parkrose/Argay  
**March 23, 2023**

location: Parkrose Middle School cafeteria  
6pm doors open  
6:30pm start

**REMEMBER:**

**Newsletter articles, ads, etc. are due by Noon, April 20th.**

**Send to: [rwnews@gmail.com](mailto:rwnews@gmail.com)**

Thanks to those who contributed to this month’s newsletter: The RW Welcome Committee, the ATNA Newsletter, Shirley Piel, Kris Clarke, Laurel McAfee. Norene Huddleston, Nancy Stoll.

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