



Riverwood Homeowners Association Newsletter

April, 2023

What's Happening @ Riverwood

HOA Monthly Fee: Just a reminder, 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: The RW Recreation Committee will hold a **Game Day Event on April 23rd, Sunday, at 2 PM in the RW Rec Room**. Bring your favorite game to enjoy with others or plan to join others who enjoy playing Ten Thousand (a fun and easy dice game, also called Farkle). Come visit with your neighbors and friends!

Newsletter Committee: There will not be a newsletter next month (May) as the staff will be taking a break! Don't forget to send in your contributions for the June newsletter by June 20th!! Hasta la vista!! See you later!

Treasurer's Note: Thank you to all the RW Residents who have upped their game and sent in their monthly HOA fees by the first of each month! Irene is excited to see the response to her request at Christmas time. Also, this provides the cash flow for her to pay our bills!



Landscape Committee: Some of you may have noticed the RW flower beds slowly becoming more and more bare. This is mainly due to a budget that covers maintenance and emergencies, but not much else. Some Residents have been looking into starting a Landscape Fund by opening an account at the BottleDrop specifically to raise funds to beautify Riverwood. We hope to begin collecting in June or July. Please save your **rinsed out, returnable, refundable beverage containers** for this good cause! More information will be coming! (Please talk to Laurel or Jann if you want to help!!!)

Maintenance Update: One more reminder that **all hazardous waste** must be disposed of properly—not in your garbage.

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](#).

Welcome Committee: The Welcome Committee has been sending out emails requesting updated information on all our Riverwood Residents. There is no record of this being done since the inception of Riverwood, so you can imagine how much updating needs to be done!



If you have email, look for the email from rwh.welcome@gmail.com. **Please reply with any updates by May 1** as this will save on the postage costs of sending out a mailing. For those of you without email, you will be receiving a letter from the Welcome Committee in the near future with what is currently on file. Please return promptly with any updates. Thanks for your help in bringing this project to completion.

Insurance Committee: Riverwood's insurance premium increased in March, due to State Farm's annual review of dwelling coverages. After much discussion and at the suggestion of our agent, the RW Board decided to decrease the dwelling coverage of our policy back to last year's amount. This decreased our insurance premium and gave us one less financial challenge to live with this year!

Rosters: After a long service to Riverwood, Allaire Henneman has stepped away from keeping the RW Roster updated. **Thank you, Allaire, for your work!** The Roster will now be kept current by Lisa Dashiell. **Thank you, Lisa, for taking this on!**

Next Board Meeting is Thursday, May 11th at 6:30 PM in the Rec Room!!

Resources

Oregon Homeowner Assistance Fund: The Oregon Housing and Community Services' (OHCS) Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) helps homeowners who are in a difficult financial situation due to the coronavirus pandemic. As part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Oregon has received \$90 million to help eligible homeowners avoid mortgage foreclosures and displacement, and to cure delinquencies and defaults. The HAF program can help homeowners through a Past-Due Payment Relief program and an Ongoing Payment Relief program. Please note that funds are limited and cannot serve all in need. Find out if you are eligible to apply or click below to learn more.
<https://oregonhomeownerassistance.org>



Fraud Prevention Workshop: Join AARP Oregon for a **FREE** fraud prevention workshop at OMSI. Learn how to spot scams and get prevention tips to protect you against fraud. Guests include Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and KGW consumer reporter, Kyle Iboshi. All attendees will receive complimentary admission to the museum after the event, and the first 100 guests will receive a planetarium ticket, which can be used through April 30. Light breakfast and lunch provided. Free parking. Tuesday, April 25 | 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. OMSI, 1945 SE Water Ave, Portland, OR 97214.

From the Residents!

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

From Laurel: Volunteer with the Rose Festival!!! Float decorating volunteers will join us in the final week of parade preparation before the Grand Floral Parade. Volunteers will get the chance to get up close and personal with our floral floats and help put the finishing touches on before the big day. Along with your crew chief, you'll help paint the base colors for each float, then apply the matching organic materials which may include seeds, beans, rice and of course: FLOWERS! We have a new float building location in NE Portland this year. We invite you and anyone you would like to help volunteer, to come



out and decorate floats before the parade, **June 3- June 9**, please sign up on our website at www.rosefestival.org/p/support/volunteer

This is fun for the crafty person. No training or hard labor involved. Help cut leaves, spread glue and sprinkle seeds, poke coconut shavings into spots, paint the sides of ships or flower the petals of a rose. Likely to be in a large warehouse open to outside weather. Wear comfy shoes and layered clothing, bring work gloves and a water bottle. Donate a 3hr shift with some friends. It's fun to see how the floats are built and grow in color!

Kaiser Permanente has a Resource

Access Center: If you have KP medical insurance and are in need of assistance, you can contact them for free support and resources: Food assistance, financial concerns (utilities, rent, medical costs), housing resources, community resources, transportation, application assistance for public benefits, dental resources, employment and education assistance, legal resources. The number for non-medical community resource needs: 503-571-8005. (They will ask you to leave a message with your needs.) (This resource is from the BuyNothing: Argay Terrace site)

From Jim Eveland:

1. When Jantzen Beach Amusement Park opened in 1928, it was the largest in the entire nation, covering more than 128 acres on Hayden Island. The enormous Big Dipper roller coaster led more than 20 other thrill rides and a half-mile-long game & treat midway. There was a midget auto racing track, the Golden Canopied Dance Pavilion, two huge swimming pools including one that played music underwater, a Fun House, and the original CW Parker carousel from the 1904 World's Fair. For almost 40 years, it was Portland's Number One amusement place. Unfortunately, after WWII and major flooding in the area, patronage dropped off and attractions were closed until in 1970 the entire amusement park was shuttered. Today the area is a shopping mall, and not a single building or memento remains of the glory that once was Jantzen Beach.

2. It cost 3 million dollars to build the Titanic; and 100 million dollars to film the movie.

Looking for Something?

Forest Green Recliner looking for a good home. Electric recliner is in really good shape. Comfy and free! Contact Jann 503-880-1364.

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!!

You are Invited to a Play Street Near You!	
Date(s): April 7th; May 12th; and June 9th 2023	
Hours: 2:15 PM - 4:15 PM	
Expected # of participants: 100	
	
Dear Neighbor,	Host: Shaver Elementary & Argay Neighborhood Association
We're letting you know about our Play Street! A Play Street is a PBOT program designed to make neighborhood streets available to kids and adults for playing, socializing, and physical activity. We've included our planned activities and hope you will join us. No need to bring anything but yourself.	Street to be closed: 134th Ave
Local access for deliveries, neighbors, and emergency vehicles will remain open. See you there!	Between: NE Prescott Dr & NE Shaver St
Today's date: 3/21/2023	Dates: April 7th; May 12th; and June 9th 2023
	Planned Activities:
	- o Bouncy Structure - o Connect Four - o Jenga - o Corn Hole - o Dominoes - o Foam Blocks - o Sidewalk Chalk - o Cannon Ball Drop - o Cafe Style Seating Area - o Light Snacks

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!!

Neighborhood News from A.T.N.A.

“Hello Spring” Event at Argay Park! Save the Date: April 29th! Please join Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association **Saturday April 29th, 1:00pm to 3:00pm for Hello Spring! at Argay Park!** Enjoy lunch and learn about your Neighborhood Parks & Columbia Slough Watershed! Bring a neighbor to share in the fun.... Let's get outdoors!

Lunch & Paleta Popsicles Provided by Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association. Lawn games provided by PBOT. Two Piñatas for the kids during the event.

Lunch & Learn with Portland Parks & Rec Nature Team, Street Trust, Columbia Slough Watershed Council, Latina Network, Argay Terrace NA. Special thanks to Level Beer, Crumble Cookies & PBOT!

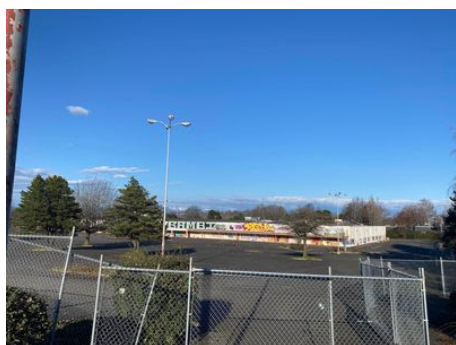


Event open to everyone. Come out, meet your neighbors and enjoy the park! Feel free to bring your Tennis Rackets, Basketball or Soccer ball. **If you will be attending please let us know by following the link below.** This helps us with a headcount for food and treat estimates.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hello-spring-argay-park-free-lunch-fun-learn-about-columbia-sloughs-tickets-621122523187>

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!



ProLogis Warehouse Siting/Old KMart: Parkrose/Argay people are organizing and have sent out an email with suggestions about actions we can take and who to contact regarding the siting of a ProLogis warehouse on the old KMart site. Please reach out to them if you'd like this information: OldKmartOpportunity@gmail.com. The email is titled: TELL OUR OFFICIALS: PARKROSE AND ARGAY ARE NOT A SACRIFICE ZONE. (Unfortunately, their email is long and difficult to include in this newsletter.)

REMEMBER:

Newsletter articles, ads, etc. are due by Noon, June 20th. Send to: rw.h.news@gmail.com

(Note: Text contributions are difficult to include!)

Thanks to those who contributed to this month's newsletter: The RW Welcome Committee, the ATNA Newsletter, Shirley Piel, Kris Clarke, Laurel McAfee, Noreen Huddleston, Jim Eveland, Irene Hennessey.

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