



Riverwood Homeowners Association Newsletter

June, 2023

What's Happening @ Riverwood

Recreation Committee: The news from the Rec Committee is the **Ice Cream Social: Sunday, June 25th at 2 PM!** Jim, our resident DJ, will provide music! We'll also have Lawn games! Please bring your own beverage. Come and join your community for some tasty ice cream and fun!!



Welcome Committee: The Riverwood Rosters are attached to the email carrying this newsletter. Please contact the Welcome Committee with kudos, thanks or edits!! (Thank you, Lisa!! You rock!).

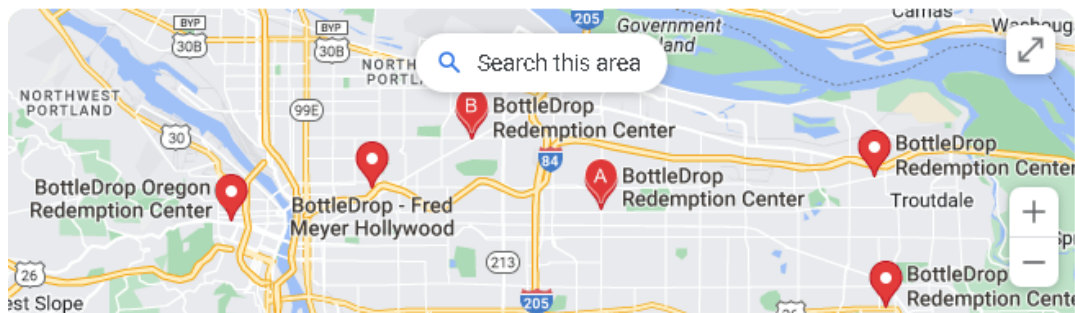
Getting ready to put your home up for sale? Consider letting your neighbors know by posting in the newsletter the month before, as there may be family or friends of Riverwood residents that may be interested in purchasing your unit.

One of this year's Welcome Committee projects has been to update Riverwood resident information. If you have yet to respond to earlier emails, or if you don't have email, you would have received a recent request in the mail for your updated information. Please complete as soon as possible to Lisa Dashiell by mail (Riverwood Welcome, 12717 NE Shaver St, 97230), email (rwh.welcome@gmail.com), phone text (503-293-6861), or in person delivery (driveway 70) so this project can be completed.

Pool Committee: Over the winter, the RW pool was drained, cleaned and repainted a beautiful shade of blue. The pool (and saunas) are open 9am until 9pm, thanks to volunteers who help maintain it.

Come and enjoy a refreshing dip, an invigorating swim or just a lazy float in our 80-81 degree F water! And if you DO enjoy it, remember to sign up to join the volunteers who help keep the water so clear and beautiful. **A sign up sheet is in Rec Room and simple instruction is available** for those who need it—contact Cindy Z or Barbara A to set up an appointment with Jim)

Landscape Committee: Some Residents have been looking into starting a Landscape Fund by opening an account at the BottleDrop. This fund will raise money specifically to beautify Riverwood. The hope is that Residents will collect bottles & cans into



special bags marked with the Riverwood account. Residents will then take full bags directly to the Bottle Drop. In this way, we will all help contribute to the fund. Volunteers will try to arrange pickup from those Residents without transportation. 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!!!)

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



Notice: Riverwood has lost several of its valued residents in the last few months. It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of: **Valerie Curry, Leonard Erickson, Peggy Henzel and Lillian Benton**. They will be missed.

From the Residents

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

From Tom Bucceri: Here is a handyman recommendation: James Freeman, dba Fix it Freeman, 206-601-7511. He's in Vancouver, but willing to cross the bridge and work in Portland. I had him do several jobs for me. He's dependable and does quality work for a fair price.
<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=fix%20it%20freeman>.

From the Welcome Committee: Know a friend or family member who would like to move into Riverwood? The home of Peggy Henzell, 12615 NE Shaver St, Driveway 60, will be going on the market soon. Inquiries can be made to Peggy's daughter, Cassie Giddings at cassieg@bendtel.net.



From Gina Neville: This coyote posed for his mugshot in Driveway 10, on Friday, 6-19-23, at 5:44 AM.

Looking for Something?

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!!

Resources

Every five years, the City of Portland reviews the residential garbage, recycling and compost collection system to see how well things are working for everyone. We'd like to hear what you think! What is going well and what could be improved?

Learn more and share your thoughts at: www.portland.gov/garbage-review

ProLogis Update: Lots to do - Your help is needed!

We've been working diligently to stop Prologis - including regular meetings focusing on an EPA complaint, meetings with PBOT and environmental justice nonprofits. We all know this is a David v Goliath situation. We bring dedicated community members who dream of a better neighborhood.

They bring a herd of corporate lawyers, Billions of \$\$\$, and a cozy relationship with the City.

But we have something they don't: This is OUR community, and we are fighting on our home turf, for our kids, and our community's future.

We have an amazing core of volunteers, and we know the more voices we add, the more we will be heard by the press and government. Your voice matters, and your skills and ideas are needed!

PLEASE JOIN US at our bi-monthly workgroups, now every-other Thursday at [Level Beer](#) on NE 148th at 7pm kids welcome, and offer to bring your neighbors! (Bring a sweater, it gets chilly as the sun goes down)

Where you can plug in:

Social Media Team : Like using Tiktok and Insta? Enjoy blogging? Tweeting quips and facts? Writing newsletters? We need you!

Testifying before City and County: We're gearing up to testify before City Council and Multnomah County Commissioners again - ASAP. Want to testify? We'd love to have you join us.

Collecting Community Input: [The Survey Team](#) needs to know what our community wants for the Old Kmart Site so we can accurately represent those wants to the City.

Research Team: What other communities are fighting diesel freight warehouses? What resources and strategies are out there? How do we reduce the profitability of this site for Prologis? We need to dig into the data and find connections.

Contacting Elected Officials - We need a strategic plan to reach out to Governor Kotek, our Senators Wyden and Merkley and Congressman Blumenauer. The City Council continues to ignore us, despite Comm Rubio having promised a listening session. We need community pressure on electeds.

Outreach and Events Team: We need folks to organize events and to table other local events so we can get the word out. What direct actions do we want to take? Do you have experience in activism? We need you!

PLEASE reach out and let us know how you can help and lend your skills and ideas to this very important work to build a better Parkrose and Argay community. We all deserve a walkable, livable, prosperous community. And that starts by getting the City to believe that we deserve those things - which means stopping Prologis.
- Angela and the Coalition



Neighborhood News from A.T.N.A.

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!

Events In Our Vicinity

June 1-29~ Enjoy events at nearby **Leach Botanical Garden**, including Garden Tours, Children's Music, Folk Harp Music, Forest Bathing Walks and more. See calendar here:

<https://sales.leachgarden.org/calendar.aspx>

Rocky Butte Farmers Market opens for the season – 9:00 am - 1pm. This Saturday Market offers seasonal and locally grown foods and artisan products. Every Saturday, through September 21. Located in the Manna House Church parking lot at **9200 NE Fremont Street**. For more information, see their official website: <https://www.rockybuttemarket.com/> Also **June 24**.



Lents International Farmers Market Opening Day – 9 am - 2 pm, through November 20. Local farmers and food artisans, including two new vendors bringing locally distilled spirits and herbal tinctures. Market Scouts will be providing fun activities for kids ages 3 to 12. In addition to cash and credit, this market accepts checks SNAP, WIC and other currencies. **SE 91st Avenue along SE Foster Road**. Also **June 25**. See <https://www.portlandfarmersmarket.org/our-markets/lents-international/>

Montavilla Farmers Market – Now open every Sunday, **10 am – 2 pm**, providing seasonal root and fresh vegetables and fruits, baked goods, sustainably raised meats and eggs, flowers, plant starts, and specialty foods. Located on the gravel lot in the **7700 block of SE Stark Street** – across from Mr. Plywood. For more details, see: <https://www.montavillamarket.org/> Also **June 25**.



REMEMBER:

Newsletter articles, ads, etc. are due by Noon, July 20th. Send to: reh.news@gmail.com

Thanks to those who contributed to this month's newsletter: The RW Welcome Committee, the ATNA Newsletter, Shirley Piel, Barbara Ascher, Laurel McAfee, Tom Bucceri, Gina Neville, and anyone I might have missed!!! JGG

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