



Riverwood Homeowners Association Newsletter

July, 2023

What's Happening @ Riverwood

Board Of Directors: Riverwood HOA is just two months away from the **Annual Board Meeting on October 3rd** (the first Tuesday in October). As a self-managed Homeowners Association, we need help to continue the good works that people have volunteered for and contributed to over the last fifty years! We will need **two new Board Members, Maintenance Committee members and Chair and additional committee members** for various committees. **Your support keeps the HOA fees lower** because we do not have to pay others for the work, we can do it ourselves. Please contact any Board Member or our Secretary with questions. More information and requests will be forthcoming in the near future. Thank you for your consideration and support. **The community needs you!** ~ Larry Dashiell, HOA Board

Recreation Committee: On **Sunday, July 30th, at 2PM**, the Rec Committee is holding a **Picnic Potluck Social!!!** Come to the Rec Room and bring a picnic dish to share and a beverage, if you like! Coffee will be provided. Lawn games for the kids. Dice and card games for the adults. If we're lucky, Jim, our resident DJ, will provide music! This is Riverwood's first potluck since the pandemic, so come see your neighbors and get a little social connection!!!

The **Ice Cream Social** on June 25th was a success!! Here are some photos from the event.



Website Committee: Welcome to Riverwood's new home online... RiverwoodPDX.org!! Attached to this newsletter is a file with two information pages about the new website. The fact sheets explain what information is available online to the public, and what is for Riverwood Residents Only (requires password access). Our goal for the new site is to provide comprehensive information about the "must know" and the "nice to know" about Riverwood Homeowners Association.

During the next few weeks, residents can expect an email from Riverwood's Web Guy. 1) The email will provide residents a USERNAME and Temporary Password. 2) The email addresses for the signup list were gathered from the most recent Riverwood rosters. If you have a different preferred email address, please notify Welcome@RiverwoodPDX.org with an update. 3) Instructions will be provided about how residents can select their own password.



We expect the sign-up process to be completed by early August. We ask your patience during this roll-out. RiverwoodPDX.org has been in development for nearly a year. We reviewed websites for other homeowner associations, and have tried to incorporate best practices for user access and security considerations. We are thankful for input from many people (too many to mention) and those who helped test the site. Think of this online presence as Version 1. Use it. Try it out. Kick the tires. Take it for a spin. Provide feedback on what works or what doesn't. We will learn from your feedback. Keep your suggestions coming. Take a look at the RiverwoodPDX.org fact sheets in this newsletter. Many of your questions will be answered there. And, be on the lookout for instructions on how to sign up. If you have other questions or feedback, please contact the site administrator (AKA "the web guy") at Web@RiverwoodPDX.org. Thanks, and welcome to RiverwoodPDX.org.
--Bill Neville, Riverwood Web Guy

Pool Committee: Bring the Family to the RW Pool!! We've had plenty of hot days, with lots more to come! Cool off in our beautiful Riverwood Pool and bring the family. For those who prefer a kid-free environment, Adult Swim is 4-6pm daily. Come and join us! The pool (and saunas) are open 9am until 9pm, thanks to volunteers who help maintain it. **And** remember to sign up to join the volunteers who help keep the water so clear and beautiful. A sign up sheet is at the pool and simple instruction is available.



Landscape Committee: We have many new homeowners this year and you might not know that each Driveway has its own Landscape Representative. Find yours on the New Roster. Please update your Rosters to add Laurel McAfee for DW 40 and Nancy Stoll for DW 70, as representatives. And of course I take care of DW 60. Any questions or concerns you may have, may go directly to them. Thank you, Kris Clarke, Landscape Chair



12 Plants that Help Repel Mosquitos! Lemon Balm, Floss flower, Citronella Geranium, Lavender, Peppermint, Basil, Sage, Mint, Citronella, Catnip, Marigolds and Citrusum. If you want the mosquito-repelling benefit, you typically need to take a few of the leaves, crush them up a little, and then rub them on your arms and legs. For folks who may be sensitive or have skin allergies, this is a bit of a nonstarter. But for many people who are searching for [more natural mosquito remedies](#), and don't have allergies, these plants make a noticeable difference—and they'll leave you and your yard smelling good! What's not to like about that?

Landscape Fund: Gardening for Green Fundraiser! Along with the July 30th Picnic Potluck Social at the Rec Room, the Landscape Committee and volunteers will be collecting cans and plastic bottles that are returnable!! The money from this collection will be used to (re-)beautify the Riverwood beds!! Please rinse all cans and bottles. No glass accepted at this time, thank you. See the attached flier for more details. Thanks!

Welcome Committee: Welcome to Daisy McCune in Driveway 10, our newest Riverwood resident. Please update your RW Roster to include the following changes:

McCune, Daisy	919-259-2835	12624 NE Prescott Dr	10	dmccune0002@gmail.com
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- Juan Paz's email has changed to: paz@yd.org
- Remove Vicky Hungerford and Peggy Henzel from your roster.

Resident Information Update: The Riverwood Resident Information Update is in its final stages. Thank you to all of you who have responded with your updated information. For those of you yet to provide your information, **please respond ASAP** so this project can be completed. If you have misplaced the form that was emailed and mailed to you, contact Lisa Dashiell at rwh.welcome@gmail.com or 503-293-6861.

Notice: It is with sadness that we acknowledge the passing of: **Peggy Henzel** on 6/21/23 at the hospice house in Bend, OR. She will be missed.

Next Board Meeting is Thursday, August 10th at 6:30 PM in the Rec Room!!

From the Residents

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

“The Need to Grow” documentary film. I recently watched this film online. It was a mind-blowing game changer! I learned so much about our soil and food production and what individuals are doing to make positive change in these areas. The film follows one young girl as she works to convince the Girl Scout leadership to make their cookies non-GMO (genetically modified organisms). It follows a farmer as he gains access to some acreage from his city to start an experimental farm using proven farming ideas and techniques to produce more and better produce. And it follows an inventor who invests years to create a facility that turns wood waste into algae and bio-char (in record time), items which help to create living soil (versus dead dirt) and boosts plant nutrition and growth naturally.



“With an estimated 60 years of farmable soil left on Earth, more toxic chemicals sprayed than ever before, seed varieties going extinct, bees dying off, historic water shortages and epidemics of malnutrition, the time to heal our food system, our environment and ourselves is now. But can we feed the world without destroying it?” (~Facebook)

“In a race against the end of farmable soil, three individuals fight for change in the industry of agricultural food production, calling for a revolution. ‘The Need to GROW’ delivers alarming evidence on the importance of healthy soil — revealing not only the potential of localized food production working with nature, but our opportunity as individuals to help regenerate our planet’s dying soils and participate in the restoration of the Earth.” (~website) <https://www.earthconsciouslife.org/theneedtogrow> —Jann Gilbert.

Reminder: **Please** keep dog waste out of flower beds and off lawns. Owners and visitors must pick up after their pets, always! Also, garbage cans and yellow bins should be put in garages or patio areas. Thank you!

Looking for Something?

The Riverwood Board of Directors will need **two new Board Members** to replace members retiring in October. **Maintenance Committee members and Chair are needed, as well as additional members** for various other committees. Please contact any Board Member or our Secretary with questions.

Resources

Shaver School Food Pantry - Wednesdays 2:30-4:00 PM. This food pantry continues through the Summer

Tool Library - Saturdays 10:00-1:00 in the parking lot of Cherry Park United Methodist Church at 1736 SE 106th. Need a tool, but don't want to purchase it? East Portland now has a library where a tool can be checked out for a week. There is a one time member cost of \$12.00. There is no additional cost to check out a tool unless time-kept exceeds 1 week. When joining, bring your ID and a proof of Argay residency (mail with your address). Do you have tools sitting in your garage that you no longer use? Consider donating to the neighborhood tool library. Contact info@EastPortlandToolLibrary.org to make arrangements for your donation.

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!

Coming Events

WE Outside at Luuwit View Park - July 30 3:00 PM -Join this wellness event which is geared toward those who identify as Black, Indigenous and People of Color. There will be games, exercises and workshops.

Movies in the Park at Luuwit View - August 18. Join the neighborhood for the showing of "Jumanji" which will show as the evening gets dark. Prior to the movie there will be music, free popcorn, food available for purchase, and resource information booths.

Lunch in the Park at Luuwit View Park - Monday-Friday - 12:15PM. Free lunch for kids provided daily, Monday-Friday. This is a great opportunity for kids to connect with other kids in the neighborhood. There are also games and activities provided.

Fremont Fest - NEV (NorthEast Village) will once again have a booth at this popular neighborhood festival. The street fair includes a variety of vendors booths, music, kids' activities and more. Saturday, Aug 5 from 10 - 4 in the Beaumont/Wilshire neighborhood.



Parkrose Community Garage sale! Saturday, July 22, from 10am to 3pm. Several homes in the Parkrose neighborhood will be offering lots of great stuff for sale at bargain prices. You can find an online map here: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/edit?mid=1RgvINky5U98OoIDxwxu8ORW4oLMT86w&usp=sharing>. Full event info at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1372552416661347>

REMEMBER:

Newsletter articles, ads, etc. are due by Noon, on the 20th. Send to: rwv.news@gmail.com

Thanks to those who contributed to this month's newsletter: The RW Welcome Committee, Lynn Young, Barbara Ascher, Laurel McAfee, Bill Neville, Kris Clarke, Larry Dashiell and anyone I might have missed!!! JGG

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