



Riverwood Homeowners Association Newsletter

August, 2023

What's Happening @ Riverwood

Board Of Directors: Riverwood HOA is just over a month 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 and Maintenance Committee members and Chair, along with other members for various committees**. Your support keeps the HOA fees lower because we do not have to pay a management or maintenance company for the work—we can do it ourselves. Please contact any Board Member or our Secretary with questions. Thank you for your consideration and support. The community needs you! ~ Larry Dashiell, HOA Board

Recreation Committee: COME JOIN US **SUNDAY, AUGUST 27th** for another **Potluck Picnic** outside the Recreation Room!! Bring a dish to share! We will have games for Adults and Children, Music selections by our Musicologist, Jim Eveland, and lots of sharing and laughter. There will be two flavors of Ice Cream (no coffee flavor!) See you at **2:00 pm, the last Sunday in August!** (Also, bring your cans & plastic bottles for the Landscape Fund!!)



Rec Room Cleaning Party: A cleaning party is being planned for the Recreation Room once the cooler weather returns. Some of the tasks to be done are window washing, carpet cleaning and scrubbing of the kitchen, fridge and bathroom. We want to polish up the Rec Room so everyone can enjoy it. **If you use the Rec Room for private or community gatherings, PLEASE come and help clean it!!!** Contact someone on the Recreation Committee to volunteer.

Website Committee: RIVERWOOD HAS A WEB SITE with a RESIDENTS ONLY SECTION! Visit www.RiverwoodPDX.org For access to the Residents-Only section, send an email to the webmaster at Web@RiverwoodPDX.org for a username and password.

Pool Committee-Update: The Riverwood Pool was closed for several days due to water contamination following the KMart fire on July 19th. After testing, the lab results showed no contaminants and the pool was declared safe to use. Many, many thanks to Jim Eveland, who spent hours and hours researching, testing and doing what needed to be done to clean the water. Bill added muscle in the pump room to assist. Elise and Lisa spent time removing the significant ash debris from the top and bottom of the pool. When you see these people, please convey your thanks!! Also, Riverwood thanks all those who helped by cleaning up fire debris in common areas. Thank you Carol, for going above and beyond!

Landscape Committee: Landscape Fund: Gardening for Green Fundraiser! The first Can & Bottle Collection at the July Potluck Picnic was a success! We have turned in about 11 bags to the BottleDrop!! Please continue to collect your **RINSED!** cans and plastic bottles for the Landscape Fund! **You can bring them to the August Potluck Picnic.** If your returnables are already in a green bag, you can bring them to Laurel, 4122 NE 125th Place. Remember: we are collecting cans and plastic bottles that are returnable!! The money from this collection will be used to (re-)beautify the Riverwood flower beds. Many thanks for your contributions!

Welcome Committee & Rosters: Attached to this newsletter you will find updated Riverwood Rosters. Updated rosters are provided on even months. On odd months, any updates will be provided in the main body of the newsletter for you to add to your roster. For those of you unable to print the roster, if you are desiring a

printed copy, please notify Lisa Dashiell by email (rwh.welcome@gmail.com) or by text (503-293-6861) to arrange.

Budget: In case you are interested in the most recent HOA financials, here is a link to that page on the new Riverwoodpdx.org website: <https://riverwoodpdx.org/category/rha-online/financials/> . Includes historical reports.

Next Board Meeting is Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 PM in the Rec Room!!
Mark your calendars: the **Annual Board Meeting** is coming up on October 3rd!

From the Residents

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

A special thanks and much appreciation to Jim Eveland for making our new Driveway 60 sign happen! And have you noticed that the DW 70 sign is back up! Wahoo!



Another new installation are the benches on the East side of the Rec Room. Feel free to rearrange them as needed. They are there for our use! Enjoy! (Thank you to all who contributed!)

Gratefulness! I want everyone at Riverwood to know what incredible neighbors I have. LORI WATSON offered to water my plants while we took a four day trip the first week of June, during which I fell and broke my ankle. Without skipping a beat, she took over the watering, helped with laundry, helped change the bedsheets, took care of the recycling (and returned the bins). All this while working, caring for her elderly mother and volunteering for Riverwood. JANN GILBERT helped with the watering and offered any help we needed. RUTH LONG picked up our mail, helped with the watering, and helped Bob with putting out the garbage. Without such gracious help, I don't know how we would have coped. - Joyce Christman

Estate Sale Parking. The Astala property at 4312 NE 125th Place will have an Estate Sale on Friday and Saturday, September 9th and 10th. The property is located in DW 20 and the sale will probably impact guest parking on these two days. Larry has asked that the owners make sure access to properties (garages) not be blocked. Please be patient as we support a past, long-time, Riverwood resident and their estate.

The Henzel/Gidding home at 12615 NE Shaver is for sale. To learn more, [click the link here](#), or contact Jan Hilbert, Broker, 503-353-6673,

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

Stay Cool! Below are resources to stay informed, to recognize and respond to heat illness and to stay cool. Please share them widely (click on underlined links to visit websites):

- Help for When it's Hot: Latest information from the County on cooling centers, health and safety
- 2-1-1 info: Call to find the cooling center nearest you and for transportation support.
- Public Alerts: Sign up to receive safety alerts in your area.
- National Weather Service: Check the forecast and plan outdoor activities for coolest times of day.
- Aging and Disability Resource Connection: 24-hour information and assistance to older people, people with disabilities and caregivers. 503-988-3646, adrc@multco.us
- Heat illness can affect anyone. We should watch for symptoms in ourselves and others. Heat illness is more common under certain conditions and for individuals with certain risk factors —especially seniors, infants, children, and people with chronic conditions. Visit Heat Illness and First Aid for more information.

City of Portland Residential Waste Collection Review: The proposed updated Franchise Agreement is now available for review: [Download PDF file](#). (Residential Waste Franchise Agreement Draft for Public Comment July 31, 2023370.42 KB) **Public comment period is open until August 29th**. The following updates were developed through a public survey, staff recommendations, and engagement with garbage and recycling companies:

- Including customer service expectations of franchisees
- Improvements to promote equity in the system, via service delivery, workforce diversity and company ownership
- Provisions to accommodate a low-income assistance program, currently in development
- Recognition of Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act adopted in 2022
- Incorporation of the City of Portland's renewable fuel standard to further reduce the environmental impact of diesel use
- Alignment of confidentiality policy with Oregon Revised Statute

How to submit comments: The deadline to submit comments is **5 p.m. on August 29, 2023**. Comments can be submitted by email to wasteinfo@portlandoregon.gov or by mail to: Garbage and Recycling Franchise Review, 1810 SW 5th Ave., Suite 710 Portland, OR 97201. Questions? Contact us.

Parkrose Student Health Center: serving all Kindergarten-12th grade youth who live or go to school in Multnomah County. There are no out-of-pocket costs and we will see you with-or-without insurance. Multnomah County Health Department and Parkrose School District are partnering to provide comprehensive primary and mental healthcare services, at Parkrose High School. <https://www.parkrose.k12.or.us/student-health-center>.

Coming Neighborhood Events

If you happen to be visiting Luuwit View Park in the near future, put down your skateboard and check out the **Piano in the Pavilion!** These are placed by Piano.Push.Play, a non-profit fostering community engagement. <https://www.pianopushplay.com/>. Apparently the pianos are moved every 2 weeks so hurry on over and plunk away!

August 19 - Concert in Wilkes Park: 3655 NE 154th Avenue Starting at 6:30 p.m. The concert features A *Cara O Cruz Band* music in Cumbia, Latin rock, and current favorites with vocals in English and Spanish. Food may be available for purchase. Bring your picnic dinner, blanket and low beach chairs and enjoy the show.

August 20 - Multicultural Kids Festival NW: 11:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., at Ventura Park, 460 SE 113th Ave., along Stark St.. Come celebrate our diverse community with performances, crafts, activities, and food at this FREE event, sponsored by the Slavic Community Center of NW. . For planning, they ask that you order FREE tickets: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/multicultural-kids-festival-2023-tickets-635884045297>

August 20 - Mount Immigration Concert on Mt. Tabor: Starting at 1:00 p.m., at the Mount Tabor Park Summit (on the west side of the loop). Drawing inspiration from the natural movements of Mt. Tabor's lush, urban, mountain landscape, award-winning artist musicians make connections between the world around us and the act of migration in this FREE program: *Illegal Son*. Guests are encouraged to bring their own seating, picnics, children, and well-behaved pets.

August 26 - Rosewood Saturday Celebration: Noon - 4:00 p.m. at The Rosewood Initiative 14127 SE Stark.. Family fun, activities, and music, celebrating local champions and local talent. The event also includes the Makers Market & Resource Fair, which brings together local artisans, creators, micro-entrepreneurs, and other 'genius' makers, whose wares will be available for viewing or purchase. For more information, contact Kaylee Sales kaylee@rosewoodinitiative.org/

August 27 - Movies in the Park at Luuwit View. You won't want to miss this -- ATNA and Portland Parks & Rec have a Jumanji Jungle theme going on! Pull out your Safari Hats and head over to Luuwit View Park! The movie will show as the evening gets dark. Prior to the movie there will be music (The Tiki Men - around 7 or 7:15PM), free popcorn, food available for purchase and resource information booths. Bring a blanket & some friends!

August 27 - Pedalpalooza!! Sponsored by the Parkrose-Argay Opportunity Coalition. Luuwit View Park, NE 127th & Fremont, 2-6 PM. Food, music, speakers, children's activities, optional walking tour. Learn about the arrival of Prologis and their impact on our community.

Neighborhood News from A.T.N.A.

ATNA Board Meeting: The ATNA Board meets regularly on fourth Wednesdays, 6:30 -8:00 pm..Access the Zoom meeting: Meeting ID #: 4790037202. Password: Billzoom1. All Argay residents are welcome to attend. PLEASE JOIN US! To get an e-version of the Argay Terrace View, email jessyargay@gmail.com. Please include your name and (optionally) phone number and physical address.

Kmart Fire Update: By now, most residents know about the fire on the K-Mart property on July 19. At the time, there was concern of airborne asbestos particles in Argay and Parkrose neighborhoods. The latest word is that none of the solid or air samples tested by EPA so far included asbestos. For further information, see the DEQ website: <https://deqblog.com/2023/07/21/kmart-fire-asbestos-response-ne-portland/>.

Shootings in our Neighborhood: There have been 2 separate incidents of shootings in our neighborhood in July.

<https://katu.com/news/local/one-in-custody-another-in-the-hospital-after-shootout-involving-car-theft-suspects-in-ne-portland#> And <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/police/news/read.cfm?id=493015&ec=2>.

ATNA Board is considering writing a letter to the City Council, reiterating these events (and all of the shootings in our neighborhood this year) and asking what can be done. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please let the Board know. You can email us, post to Facebook, or better yet, come to our next Board meeting at the Fire Station on August 22nd.

REMEMBER:

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

Thanks to those who contributed to this month's newsletter: Welcome Committee, Lynn Young, Bill Neville, Joyce Christman, Larry Dashiell, Jessy Jacobs/ATNA Newsletter and anyone I might have missed!!! JGG

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