



Riverwood Homeowners Association Newsletter

September, 2023

What's Happening @ Riverwood

Board Of Directors: The **Annual Board Meeting on October 3rd** (the first Tuesday in October). Is just weeks away. As a self-managed Homeowners Association, we need help to continue the good works that keep Riverwood going. **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. If you have time and skills that would help Riverwood remain a vibrant place to live, please contact any Board Member or Committee Chair with questions. Thank you for your consideration and support. **The community needs you!**

Recreation Committee: **COME JOIN US SUNDAY, September 24th** for another Social at the Recreation Room. Please **bring your own utensils, plates and beverage**. Bring your dish to share. We will have games for Adults and Children, Music selections by our Musicologist, Jim Eveland and lots of sharing and laughter. See you at **2:00 pm on the last Sunday in September**.



Also, bring your RINSED, returnable cans & plastic bottles to the Picnic for the Landscape Fund!!

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: **NEW BACK TO SCHOOL POOL SCHEDULE!!** Monday through Friday: Adults and Kids All Day!! Saturday and Sunday: Regular Schedule-- Adults Only 4-6PM. Thank you!

Welcome Committee & Rosters: Just a reminder that 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.

Treasurer Update: Hi, my name is Monique Mascarinas and I am the treasurer-in-training under Irene. Text is the best way to reach me, when it's HOA payment time. I'm generally home on the weekdays after 4:30 pm. I'm also around during the weekends, too. My contact information is 12633 NE Shaver St, (503) 421-6404, moniquemascarinas5@gmail.com. It's a pleasure and an honor to be a resident here at Riverwood, and I look forward to continuing to learn my new position?

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.



**The Annual Board Meeting is
Tuesday, October 3
at 6:30 PM in the Rec Room!!**

From the Residents

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



Here are some new plantings on the path to the Rec Room, by DW 30!

Looking for Something?

The Riverwood Board of Directors is looking for **Maintenance Committee members and Chair, as well as additional members** for various other committees. Please contact any Board Member or our Secretary with questions or for information. This HOA cannot operate without volunteers, so help keep costs down and join a committee!!

From Kris Clarke: Looking forward to Christmas! I've been blessed to be invited to join my kids in Thailand for Christmas. I'll be traveling from Dec 7th- Jan. 9th. I was thrilled my last trip that one of our homeowners put me in touch with family members that needed a place to stay. They stayed free and got to love and feed my two cats. It turned out great. Unfortunately they aren't going to be back in town till Feb. so I'm on the hunt for new guests. A single person or couple would be the best. Please, if you have anyone that you would feel happy to leave in your home, I'd feel free too, also. Thanks, Kris Clarke 503-449-1784.

From Joyce Christman: Free to anyone who can use these items: Now that my ankle is healed, I no longer need the walker or bedside commode. I would like to find someone who can benefit from them.



Resources

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>.

Shaver School Food Pantry: Wednesdays 2:30p-4:00p.

What can I do to stay safe online? Don't open attachments or click on URLs in unsolicited emails from vendors and people you don't know. These may be phishing scams that contain links that will download malware on your computer or lure you into entering personal information. Be aware, the email may even appear to be from someone you know, but may look or sound suspicious. Use strong passwords, and do not use the same passwords for multiple websites. Consider increasing the complexity of passwords or use phrases, and regularly change passwords for added security. Be secure when you shop online. Use a credit card in lieu of a debit card in case of fraudulent charges. If a fraudulent transaction takes place on your credit card, at least the funds won't automatically be pulled from your checking account while you are settling the dispute. Also, protect yourself by only shopping on sites with HTTPS and a padlock icon to the left or right of the URL. (From OnPoint Credit Union email)

New Phone Scam (PORTLAND, Ore., PORTLAND TRIBUNE) — Be careful — a phone scam making the rounds in which the suspects impersonate a Multnomah County Sheriff's Office deputy got one victim to send \$4,000 before they caught on to the grift. Most often the scam calls are from someone posing as a MCSO sergeant or deputy. It's been reported that the scammer claims there is a warrant, unpaid court fines or missed jury duty, and that the victim must pay a fine with a gift card immediately or face arrest.

A tactic of scammers involves keeping the person on the phone throughout the process so they are unable to contact family or friends for advice. Once the scammer receives payment, they often say the person can visit an MCSO office for reimbursement. New tactics reported include the scammers using fake badge numbers and fake case numbers to further legitimize the claims. The MCSO never conducts matters concerning warrant service, missed jury duty, missed court dates or payment of fines over the phone. If you are called by a person claiming to be a member of the sheriff's office to request payment in any capacity, do not send money or engage with the individuals. [Read more at PortlandTribune.com](https://www.portlandtribune.com).

Coming Neighborhood Events

September 22 - Summer Concert on the Tree Walk at Leach Botanical Garden –5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Enjoy The Resoelectrics, a rock & soul power trio “exploring the vast landscapes of roots music with layered harmonies, multi-tonal guitar tracks, and ambitious arrangements.” Bring your own blanket and low concert chairs, non-alcoholic beverages, picnic supper, or snacks – and a garbage container to pack it all out. TICKETS: Adults \$25 | Kids \$15 | 2/younger Free; lower prices for Leach Garden Friends members. You must purchase tickets in advance; Leach Botanical Garden is located at 6704 SE 122nd Avenue, a block south of SE Foster Road.

September 24 - Montavilla Farmers Market– 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Open on Sundays, providing fresh vegetables, fruits, flowers and plant starts. There's also baked goods, sustainably raised meats and eggs, and specialty foods. Located on the gravel lot in the 7700 block of SE Stark Street – across the street from Mr. Plywood. For more information, visit: <https://www.montavillamarket.org/>

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 newsletter, email jessyargay@gmail.com. Please include your name and (optionally) phone number and physical address.

Kmart /Prologis Update: The Argay Terrace NA along with the Parkrose School District sent a letter to the Fire Chief and the head of Bureau of Development Services (BDS) requesting the suspension and re-evaluation of permitting at the site following the fire. Now that Prologis, the lessee, and Garden Homes Commercial, the property owner, have directly harmed the surrounding community, put City of Portland employees in danger and expended Portland taxpayer's dollars through negligence, we are requesting the permitting be re-evaluated. Meanwhile, the demolition permit is completed and awaiting payment. Outstanding issues with PBOT and ODOT remain for public rights of way permits. If you haven't already, please see: <https://www.parkrose-argay.org/> for more information on this issue of great importance to our neighborhood.



... and related air quality: In the spring of 2023 Argos Scientific, a company that monitors air quality data (and is owned by a former Parkrose HS graduate, Don Gamiles) met with the Parkrose Superintendent and School Board and offered to set up a community air monitoring network at no cost to the School District or Community. This was after news had spread that ProLogis would be moving into our neighborhood and building a large semi-truck distribution center at the old Kmart site. The fire that occurred in that vacant building on July 19th, 2023 spread debris and ash across the Parkrose and Argay neighborhoods. Argos hopes to have air monitoring stations up and running by the end of September. Check out this website where you will be able to see the readings in real time. <https://parkrose.argos-sci.info>.

Weed Warriors suspended at Luuwit View: Portland Parks has changed their zones, and our stalwart horticulturist, Kirsten Provenzano, is no longer assigned to Luuwit View. We are in contact with the Park's East Zone supervisor to find out who will be Luuwit View's new horticulturist to restart this weeding effort.

Do your part for community safety. Contact the numbers below as appropriate:

- Police: 911 or Police Non-emergency: 503-823-3333
- Park Rangers: 503-823-1637 or General Parks: 503-823-7529
- PDOT Abandoned Auto: 503-823-7309
<https://www.portland.gov/transportation/parking/abandoned-auto>
- Speeding: 503-823-7233 <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation/79389>
- Graffiti: 503-823-4000 or 311 (say you wish to request graffiti cleanup), graffiti@portlandoregon.gov (They may require pictures of the graffiti)
- Houseless: 311 (say you wish to file a houseless report) <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/69333>
- Illegal Campsite-related garbage: 503-234-3000, <https://ridpatrol.oregonmetro.gov/report/#/start>
- Portland Street Response is now city wide. They can be reached by dialing 911.
<https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/pdxstreetresponse>
- Air Quality: 888-997-7888. Online Form [English or Spanish]: [Formulario de queja DEQ](#) (then choose English).
- Excessive Noise, 10pm to 7am: contact the Noise Officer at 503-823-7350

REMEMBER:

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

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

And a big thank you to our faithful delivery people: Stressla Beavers, Sue Beede, Nancy Stoll and (Welcome!) Diane Fisker!