

Riverwood Homeowners Association

Newsletter

November, 2023



Board Of Directors: The next Board Meeting is Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 PM in the Recreation Room!!

Committee News

Riverwood is a self-governed community. That means community volunteers are needed to keep Riverwood running smoothly. A full complement of volunteers lightens the load on all the committees. Getting volunteer needs met helps to keep our HOA fee lower as **we do not have to hire an outside management company.** There are 9 volunteers needed to fill our committee needs. These are noted on the BOD/Committees/Driveway roster. If you have yet to volunteer, please take a look at our needs and contact the committee chair to convey your willingness to help.

Insurance Committee: With all the new Homeowners at Riverwood, it seems a good time to bring attention to the requirement for individual Homeowner and Tenant comprehensive liability insurance. The minimum insurance coverage required by the Bylaws is \$100,000 and the HOA's Master Policy Deductible is \$25,000. This deductible is the responsibility of the Homeowner, in the case of a claim. The Insurance Guidelines document, with more explanation, has been attached to the Newsletter email. (For those without a computer, please contact Jann @ 503-880-1364 [call or text]).



Kazumi and Barbara
enjoying Halloween!

Landscape Committee: Any Landscape problems or questions from Dec 1 - Jan 10th, please contact your Driveway Representative or Stressla Beavers. Thank you & Happy Holidays to you and yours!

Recreation Committee: POTLUCK, CHIT CHAT & GAMES!! Sunday, November 26th at 2PM in the Recreation Room. Please bring your eating utensils, plates and beverages.

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

Are you looking for a way to begin volunteering at Riverwood? Well, look no farther: the Recreation Committee is looking for you! New volunteers bring new ideas and both are welcome to help spice up the social life here at RW. Contact the Recreation Chair for more information (see the RW Roster).

Website Committee: Visit RiverwoodPDX.org for news and information about the RW community. To join the Residents Only access, notify Web@RiverwoodPDX.org for details.

Welcome Committee & Rosters: Welcome to Riverwood's newest owners: Naomi Graham, Karen Laird, Jaye Hill! For the first time in quite a long while there are no Riverwood homes for sale!

Please make these changes to your October Roster:

1. Please add: Karen Laird, 4210 NE 125th Place, Phone: 503-349-0580, Email: khansen.laird@gmail.com, Driveway 30W



2. Please delete: Deanna Karlik from your contact list.
3. Add: Naomi Graham, 4312 NE 125th Place, Driveway 20
4. Add: Jaye Hill, 12615 NE Shaver St., 503-914-7521, Driveway 60
5. Remove Peggy Henzell and her daughter, Cassie Giddings from your contact list.

Attached to this email, you will find two updated Riverwood documents: "ABCs of Riverwood" and "Protect Yourself." For those of you who want a paper copy, please contact Lisa at rwh.welcome@gmail.com or text 503-293-6861.

Maintenance Committee: POSITION DESCRIPTION - RIVERWOOD MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

CHAIR: This is a very part-time position, averaging less than 5 hours per week. Ideally, you will be retired, with time available throughout the week, which you will schedule as most convenient for yourself. You should be able to work to, and maintain, a very simple budget plan, preferably a computer spreadsheet; but it can be done on paper.

You will be responsible for management of maintenance, repair, and upgrade of: exterior surfaces of all Riverwood buildings; underground sewer and drain lines; underground water supply pipes; all hard paved surfaces (such as blacktop driveways and concrete walkways); security lighting, fences, and Clubhouse facilities.

"Manage" does not mean to actually perform the tasks. It means only to organize and direct; there are sufficient resources, technical knowledge, and experience available to assess and perform whatever tasks you may encounter and to inform and advise you, whatever the case may be. You will have strong backup and support. Therefore, you need not be a carpenter, or plumber, or electrician; or even have worked for a construction or maintenance company. Indeed, experience as a homeowner faced with the usual handyman projects and tools would be a serious plus.

Typical tasks will be:

- Schedule annual projects from the "Budget & Plan" with the working resources by priority and seasonal requirements.
- Track task starts & stops and costs: to maintain a record, provide a basis for future estimates, and assist in building next year's Budget & Plan.
- As unexpected tasks arise, reschedule resources by priority, and plan & track interruptions and expenses as they occur.
- Receive maintenance requests from homeowners, assess their legitimacy and assign them to working resources by priority.
- Near the end of the year, build the next year's Budget & Plan.
- Work with, and report monthly to, your representative on the Board of Directors. Your rep is there to help you, to provide knowledge, guidance, and support. You will rapidly become a key member of the Riverwood management team, and a deeply appreciated resource to all your neighbors.

From the Residents

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

From Jim: Would the person who took the new, boxed set of "Double-Twelve" dominoes from the Rec Room please return them? They are not for borrowing.

Ever wonder where the name MontaVilla came from? Well, it was a thinly-populated area in the 1880's, but a growing neighborhood, known technically on the survey maps as Mount Tabor Village. When the municipal

streetcar system reached it, their destination signs did not have room for the entire name, so they abbreviated it to "Mt. Ta. Villa." By the 1890's, the signs had become "Monta. Villa." That apparently had a nice ring to it because residents adopted it and it eventually became the official name: MontaVilla.

Regarding DW 20's water being turned off: a Renter had a leak. The Homeowner called a plumber, who did not want to turn off the house water valve, so instead turned off the driveway water. This happened twice. The Board will be looking into new rules about individual homeowners shutting off community water.

From Nancy: If you use the Recreation Room, please be sure the door is securely locked when you leave. Twice this week it was unlocked when someone arrived to use the room. Thank you.



From Bill: RIVERWOOD MAINTENANCE ON THE JOB. Some units on Driveway 10 are getting a siding update this year!

Looking for Something?

Outdoor Plants Wanted: When you divide your bulbs or dig up a bush you no longer want, please consider whether this plant could grace the common area flower beds of Riverwood! If you have a plant to donate, you can contact your Landscape Committee Driveway Representative (see the roster) to check if Riverwood can use your plant!! Thanks for your help in beautifying Riverwood!

Resources

As winter approaches, we can all do our part to prevent pipe leaks and bursts as the temperature drops. Now is a good time to insulate outdoor spigots, or use the shutoff, if you have one. If you need help insulating, I am available to help to the best of my abilities. Elise Morgan 808-497-8565

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/abandonedauto>
- 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 or

https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/pdxstreetresponse/viz/PSRDashboard_16400451878570/AndyDashboard?publish=yes

- Smart phone app to reach all the above (except the police): <https://pdxreporter.org/#Login>
- Air Quality: 888-997-7888 Online Form [English or Spanish]: <https://www.deq.state.or.us/complaints/dcomplaint.aspx>
- Excessive Noise, 10pm to 7am: contact the Noise Officer at 503-823-7350

Coming Neighborhood Events

December 3: Live “Music of the Season” Concert – 3:00 p.m. at the Howard Horner Performing Arts Center on the campus of David Douglas High School, 1400 SE 130th Avenue – between Stark and Division Streets. The all-volunteer East County Community Orchestra and Portland Metro Concert Band will

present a FREE concert featuring ‘Music of the Season’ – from light classics to show tunes and marches. For more information see the Orchestra’s website: [CLICK HERE](#).



Neighborhood News from A.T.N.A.

New Houseless Ordinance: The City of Portland will start enforcing a “time, place and manner” camping ordinance starting November 13, 2023. Cars and RV’s are considered a campsite under the ordinance. Camping is not allowed in the city from 8a-8p. Click on the interactive map to see where camping is not allowed at any time in the city. <https://www.portland.gov/wheeler/time-place-manner>.

Political News of interest: Our Multnomah Co. representative, Commissioner Susheela Jayapal, resigned on November 1st to run for congress, hoping to replace Earl Blumenauer, who is retiring.. Jesse Beason president and EO of the non-profit Northwest Health Foundation, was named interim Commissioner for Mult. Co. District 2. A special election will be set by the County Board to replace Commissioner Jayapal.

For more information: <https://www.opb.org/article/2023/11/01/susheela-jayapal-steps-down-multnomah-county-board-run-for-congress/>

Opportunity to advocate for trees in the ‘hood: Portland Parks & Recreation is looking for 15 community members to serve as volunteers on the Community Advisory Committee (CAC). Members of the CAC will help shape the future of Portland’s urban forest, including how we protect, grow, and manage trees. [Follow this link](#) to learn more details about the CAC and to fill out an application. CAC applications are due Sunday, November 26, 2023 at midnight.

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

Thanks to those who contributed to this month’s newsletter: Carol Hardy, Kris Clarke, Shirley Piel, Lynn Young, Bill Neville, Lisa Dashiell, Jim Eveland, Elise Morgan, Nancy Stoll, Jessy (ATNA View newsletter)!

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