

Riverwood Homeowners Association

Newsletter

February, 2024

Celebrate Black History Month

[Celebrate Black history at the Library](#)

Feb 20, 6PM, St. Johns Library: [Gumbo](#). Join us for a Kanopy film screening of "Gumbo", directed by Ken Burns.

Sat Feb 24, 10:15 AM - 10:45 AM, Hollywood Library: [Black Family Storytime](#). The African and African American experience comes alive for children from birth to age 6 (with their favorite adult/family members). Have fun with books and stories, songs, and movement activities in a positive and affirming environment.



Sat Feb 24, 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM, Capitol Hill Library: [African Storytelling](#). Join Habiba, a native of Ghana, in learning stories about African history. Habiba offers an interactive, multicultural performance with authentic West African costume, spiced with singing and movement.

Sun Feb 25, 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Hillsdale Library: [Family Craft Sundays](#). Join us every Sunday in February for Black History Month Arts and Crafts. There will be fun for the whole family while we celebrate African American artists and artwork. A different creative activity will be available each Sunday from 12:00-4:00 pm.

These are just a few of the events happening at your Multnomah County Libraries!

Committee News

Board Meeting News: 1) Announcing a new Parking Chairperson: Laurie Watson!! Moving forward, please send your comments regarding parking issues to Laurie!! Her contact info can be found in the RW Rosters. Thank you, Laurie, for stepping up!

2) From the Treasurer: there is now a mail slot for HOA fees—to the right of my front door at 12633 NE Shaver. Thanks!

3) An ad hoc committee (ad hoc: created or done for a particular purpose as necessary) has been created to begin the search for a Maintenance Supervisor for Riverwood. Committee members are: Jim Eveland (Board member), Laurel McAfee (Board Secretary), Lynn Young and Jann Gilbert (Residents). If you have ideas regarding the search for a Maintenance Supervisor, please contact one of these committee members. (Please see previous editions of the Newsletter for background on this situation.)



Newsletter Committee: Just a reminder that there will be a copy of the February Newsletter in the Rec Room in a binder, for those who might like to read it. Please do not remove this copy from the Rec Room, as it is there for all Riverwood Residents to read. Thank you.

Recreation Committee: The Recreation Committee is planning a **Potluck Social for Sunday, Feb. 25th at 2 PM**, in the Recreation Room! Bring any dish you wish to share or bread, side dishes or dessert. Soup will be provided. Remember to bring your own eating utensils, bowl, plates, and beverages. Hope to see you there to enjoy friendship and laughter (and games if there is an interest)!!. Join us!!

[Note: There will not be a social in March because of Palm Sunday and Easter.]



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

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: Look for the current Riverwood Rosters attached to this email. If you are wanting a paper copy, please notify Lisa Dashiell, 503-293-6861 or rwh.welcome@gmail.com.

Welcome to our newest Riverwood residents in Driveway 10: **Nathali Rojas, Jose Rincon, Maria Rojas, Juan Diego Munoz and Marcos Pinto.**

Many thanks to **Ila Benavidez-Heaster who has joined the Welcome Committee!!**

Remember that Riverwood is a **Resident Volunteer-run HOA**, which saves **ALL RESIDENTS AND OWNERS** the cost of having to hire a property management company. Please consider how you can serve our community by volunteering. Refer to the first page of the Riverwood BOD, Committees, & Driveway Roster to see which committees have a need for additional volunteers.

The Riverwood Manual has been reorganized to more closely align with the Riverwood Website. If you are wanting an electronic copy, please notify Lisa Dashiell at 503-293-6861 or rwh.welcome@gmail.com. Also, there is a paper copy of the Riverwood Manual in the Community Room that you can take out for a short period of time in order to make a copy.

Note: If you have contacted Bill Neville requesting full access to the Riverwood Website, you already have access to all the documents in the Riverwood Manual.

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

From the Residents

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

From Kris: And now a word from Phil!!

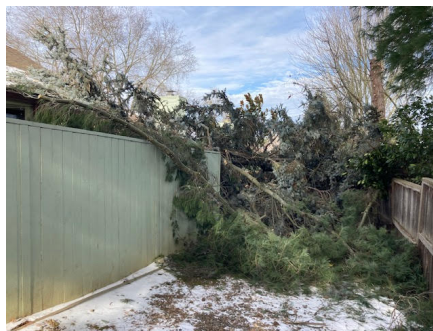
In Punxsutawney, 1886 marked the first time that Groundhog Day appeared in the local newspaper. The following year brought the first official trek to Gobbler's Knob. Each year since then has seen a steady increase in participation in the celebration from people all over the world.

Today, Groundhog Day (Friday, February 2nd) remains what it was when the tradition first came to our shores and found its way to Punxsutawney. A day to take everything a little less seriously, and break up the winter monotony... at least for a little while!

Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil did not see his shadow on Groundhog Day 2024, meaning an early spring is on the way! I'm ready, how about you?



From Jann: Below are photos of the incident on DW 30 during the recent winter snow and ice storm. The bad news: Some RW fences were damaged and poor little Bella (Shirley's dog) couldn't use her back patio for awhile! The good news: 1) no one was hurt!! 2) there were no insurance claims on Riverwood's insurance, 3) the owner of the trees hired people to do some of the major cleanup (and may be doing more, we hope) and 4) Mace (our Maintenance support) was able to replace the damaged fence at Shirley's place. Here's hoping for the rest of Portland's winter weather to be calm and quiet!



Looking for Something?

This is a space where you can advertise things for sale, freebies, services, requests, etc.

Resources

Community Contacts:

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 or [Report Abandoned Autos Online](#)

Speeding: 503-823-7233

Graffiti: 503-823-4000 or 311 (say you wish to request graffiti cleanup) or [Report Graffiti Online](#)

Houseless: 311 (say you wish to file a houseless report) or [Report Campsite Online](#)

Illegal Campsite-related garbage: 503-234-3000 or [Report Dumped Garbage Online](#)

Portland Street Response is available city wide. They can be reached by dialing 911 or [Online](#)

PDXReporter: Smart phone app or [online](#) to reach all the above (except the police):

Air Quality: 888-997-7888

Excessive Noise: 10pm to 7am: contact the Noise Officer at 503-823-7350

From Argay Views (Neighborhood Newsletter)

The ATNA Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM. Join us for a meeting at the Portland Fire Training Center - 4800 NE 122nd Ave.



Neighbor Survey - Be Heard! Please consider taking this [neighbor survey](#) to provide feedback on what you want from your Neighborhood Association in 2024 and beyond. Your voice matters and your feedback will help us (Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association) continue to work toward our stated goal of enhancing the quality of life for all Argay Terrace residents.

Hello, neighbors! We hope everyone made it through ice-mageddon safely. For most it's just a melted memory but small businesses in Argay and beyond lost up to 25% of their income for the month of January due to closures during the storm. Please consider buying local in February to help Argay businesses!

ProLogis/Kmart Update:

- On November 28th the City of Portland Bureau of Development Services issued permits to Prologis to build a 250,000 Sq ft/37 bay freight warehouse on the old Kmart site.
- On December 19th, the following non profits - 1000 Friends of Oregon. Neighbors for Clean Air, Northwest Environmental Defense Center and CRAG law center filed an intent to appeal the permits with the Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals. (LUBA). The Neighborhood Association is very grateful to these non profits for spending their resources and time in trying to protect our neighborhood. The outcome of the appeal should be known in the Spring.
- The Argay Terrace NA, the Parkrose School District and Parkrose NA continue to look for a better use for this site and ways to oppose the building of this freight warehouse.
- Argos Scientific continues to work with the Parkrose Schools to place air monitors in the area so we have federally acceptable data for the EPA.
- News stories from [the Oregonian](#) and [Willamette Week](#).

NE Prescott Dr / NE 131st Place: Improvements to this intersection will be taking place. PBOT has been working with students at Parkrose High School and nonprofits Pathfinder and Elevate Oregon to imagine a safer, healthier intersection after repeated incidents of gun violence. They recently received a grant from Bloomberg Philanthropies for \$25,000 for the project. Wieden and Kennedy will be providing creative advice pro-bono. PBOT will be reaching out to survey neighbors sometime in 2024. Here is [a brief article](#) about the project.

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: Shirley Piel, Lynn Young, Lisa Dashiell, Monique Mascarinas, Kris Clarke, Karen Esterholdt, Bill Neville, Argay Views (ATNA newsletter), Multnomah County Library website.