

Riverwood Homeowners Association

Newsletter

April, 2024

Committee News

Maintenance Supervisor Search Committee: (an ad hoc committee) has begun the process of a **search for a Maintenance Supervisor for Riverwood**. Jim Eveland will continue to support this position for now; however, he is stepping down after a 9 year stretch of volunteer service to our community! (Thank you, Jim!!!) Committee members are: Jim Eveland (Board member), Laurel McAfee (Board Secretary), Lynn Young and Jann Gilbert (Residents).

If you have information regarding 1) where to advertise the search for a Maintenance Supervisor, 2) companies that do hiring background checks or 3) candidates for the job, please contact one of these committee members. Once a job description has been updated, we can share that with your applicant. Your help will be appreciated!

Landscape Committee: Check out the PBOT ad for Free Compost! For more details, check out [Free Compost Days](#).

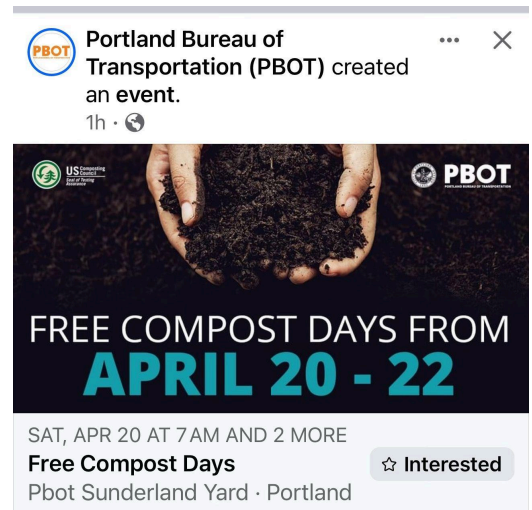
A BIG “THANK YOU” to everyone who is helping us grow our Landscape Bottle Fund. **Please continue to bring your RINSED, returnable cans & plastic bottles to Board Meetings and Social Events. Or contact someone on the Landscape Committee to arrange drop-off or pickup.**

We will begin making plans for the re-beautification of Riverwood at the next Landscape Committee meeting on April 8th. Please send your ideas for areas needing attention to your Landscape Driveway Representative (see Roster for names).

Newsletter Committee: **This is the April newsletter.** Yes, it is earlier than usual, because our team will be taking a break later this month. Thank you to those who sent in their items early!

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: 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 or a maintenance supervisor! 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. If you can help, please contact a committee chair and volunteer!!!



The next Board Meeting is Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 PM in the RecRoom!!



From the Residents

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

From Lisa D: From Portland Water Bureau: Leaks are a leading cause of an unusually high water bill. If you find a water leak on your property, contact a plumber to fix it immediately. Once it's fixed, call our Customer Service to get your bill adjusted at 503-823-7770 or email PWBCustomerService@portlandoregon.gov.

Learn how to check for leaks: bit.ly/3J1SUXN. Visit our local home repair page for organizations that can assist you with repairing a leak: bit.ly/3VDHRvh. Water Leak Repair Assistance Program: 503-823-6060, leakrepair@portlandoregon.gov.

Leaks not only lead to an unexpectedly high bill, but they also waste a ton of water and can cause serious property damage. Read our full blog on what to do if you get a high bill due to water leaks: bit.ly/3PFuCX6

Editor's Note: In Riverwood's case, water bills are paid by the Treasurer out of Residents' monthly HOA fees. Please look for leaks and get them fixed. If you think they could affect Riverwood's water bill, contact Monique [Treasurer] to look into it.

Looking for Something?

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

Recommended by Angie: Winter is over, Spring is here! I am ready to get your yards cleaned up and ready for planting!! No job too small!! Call me: Maureen 503-270-7837

Resources

Regenyx / Agilyx will no longer accept polystyrene plastic waste from any source as of Friday, March 22, 2024. Regenyx, located in Tigard, Oregon (US), was formed in 2019 as a joint venture between Agilyx and Americas Styrenyx (AmSty) to showcase Agilyx's depolymerization technology and establish a market for recycled polystyrene and styrene monomer over the course of a 5-year project term.

The facility diverted 6 million pounds of post-use polystyrene. The project term successfully ended in 2024 and the decision was made to close the Regenyx facility and focus on larger, more economic projects. Over the course of the venture, Regenyx diverted over 6 million pounds of post-use polystyrene waste from landfills.

We recognize that the polystyrene drop-off was well received and used extensively by the community and that its closure comes as a disappointment. We are in discussions with other local organizations that may be able to resume collection of these materials in a new location in the coming months. We will provide another update once those details have been finalized. We want to sincerely thank you for your support over the past five years. Together, we have made positive strides to help solve the plastic waste problem.

Editor's Note: Ridwell - <https://www.ridwell.com/>, a subscription recycling company, continues to accept styrofoam (for a fee) and ship it to its partners in Denver, CO. (Yes, there are environmental concerns with shipping; however, it still beats ending up in a landfill!)

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

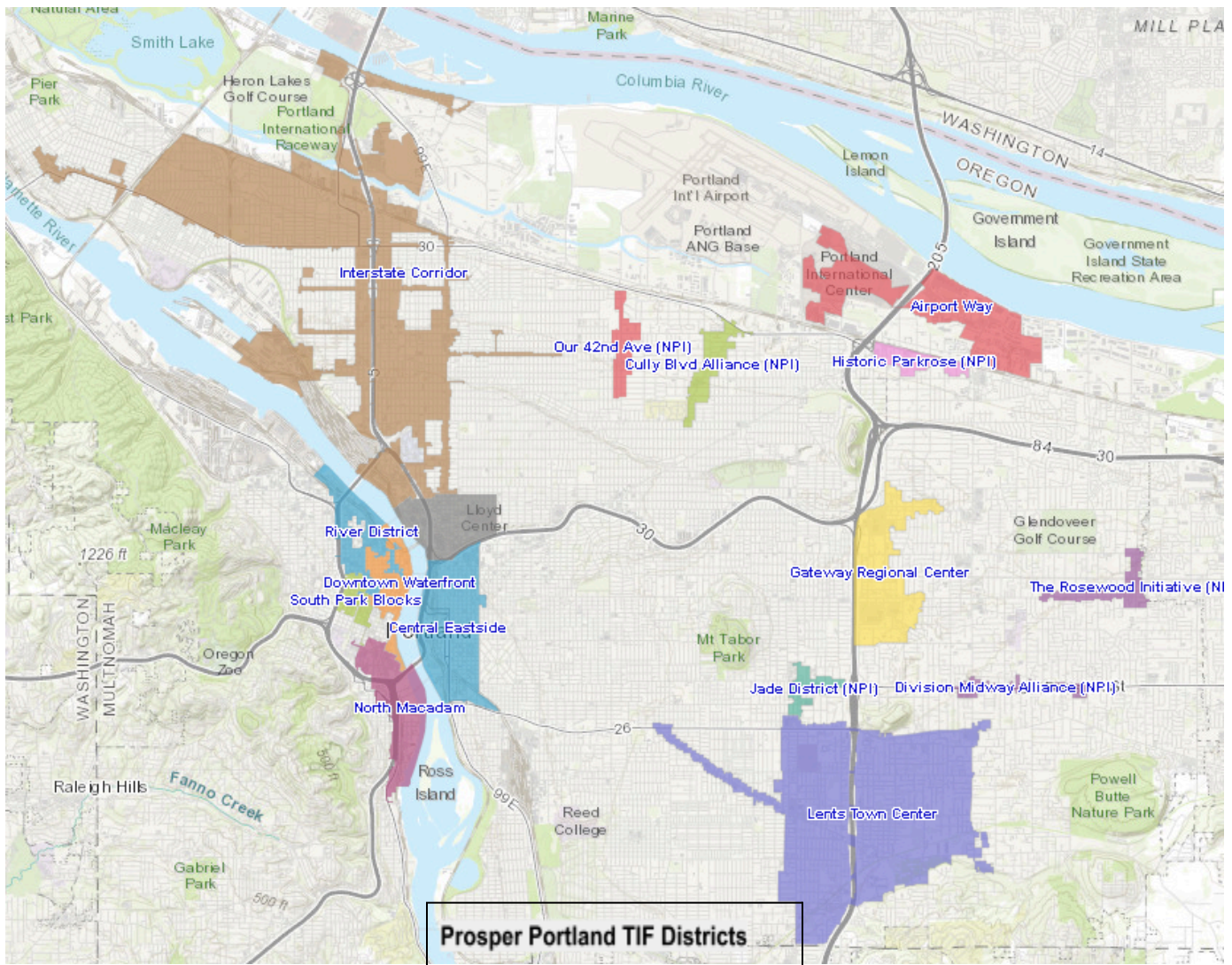
Volunteer at Riverwood-It's Good For Everyone!

Neighborhood News from Argay Terrace NAs

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association:

- **Let's Walk!** Sunday April 21st at 9 am. Join us for a leisurely walk around a pocket of Argay at 9 am on Sunday April 21st. Meet your neighbors, admire the architecture in a part of the neighborhood you may not be familiar with, and get some exercise. This route has a few hills but it's not a race and there's an opportunity to cut out early a little before the halfway mark if needed. We'll walk rain or shine. Meet at the corner of NE 141st and Rose Parkway around 8:45 am. At 9 am sharp we'll meander ~1.5 miles through this SE corner of the neighborhood. We estimate this will take 45 minutes to an hour depending on how many people attend and how much socializing we do! If this is of interest to folks, we'll set up walks around other parts of the neighborhood in the coming months as well. Want to come along? Please give Andrew a heads up [here](#).
- **Urban Renewal, Tax Increment Financing, and You:** Do you want the 8 people on the board of the Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association to decide how your tax dollars will be spent for the next 20-30 years? We didn't think so! **The process to determine participation in an Urban Renewal Tax district for Argay Terrace residents is going on now.** Now is the time to participate in the decision. We have the option to say "no thank you, we need more time," or "yes please." City council is aiming to make a decision by November 2024 on creating these districts. Prosper Portland, who is leading the process, is aiming to have some sense of an answer by June 2024.
 - In brief: Urban Renewal/Tax Increment Financing sets aside 3% of the increase of assessed property values in a 20-30 year period to be spent in the designated TIF district. Presently the TIF district being discussed includes Parkrose and Argay Terrace. 45% of that money is managed by the Portland Housing Bureau for affordable housing, housing stabilization. It is City of Portland policy that funding for multi-family homes goes towards those with an income of 60% Average Median Income (AMI) or below. 55% of TIF funds goes towards Prosper Portland for business incubation, stabilization. Funds must be spent on permanent physical improvements and related investments. Funds do not go towards infrastructure, parks or schools. Future expenditures would be guided by a 5-year action plan designated by a yet to be determined council of local representatives. Ultimately it is the city council who has the final vote for future projects but the intention is that this be community driven.





- The greatest amount of new housing in the next 20 to 30 years will occur in Argay Terrace with the **potential development** of the privately held farm fields along NE 122nd and NE 147th. In the Parkrose Community plan, which did not have representation from the Argay Terrace community, the farm fields were identified as a location for affordable housing of varying sizes.
- **Where to find out more: April 30th - Tuesday - 6pm** - Information and question session at Rossi Barn. Prosper Portland will be leading the discussion. Further reading can be found [here](#). Take the TIF survey [here](#).
- **Prologis:** Land Use Board of Appeal process continues. Thank you to Parkrose Middle School students for filling out postcards opposing the project! The post cards are planned to be delivered to City Hall in early April. Commissioner Rubio who is head of the Bureau of Development Services who issued the permits allowing the project to go forward will be speaking to PHS students sometime in April. See the Parkrose Student's video opposing the development [here](#).
- **[East Portland Basic Bike Maintenance Workshop](#):** April 17 - 5:30pm-7:30pm - (14127 SE Stark St.).
- **Historic Parkrose Happy Hour:** April 17 - 4pm - O'Dear's on Sandy blvd. (Urban renewal information will be available).
- **[Greening Wilkes Earth Day event](#):** April 20 - 12:45 pm-2:00 pm - Afternoon walk guided by Oregon Bird Alliance (formerly Portland Audubon) and free plant giveaway. RSVP - Wilkes Park.

- **Cycle the Well Field**: April 27 - 8:45am - Leisurely 17 mile bike ride by Portland Water Bureau and Columbia Slough watershed council through the Well field in our neighborhood. Please register before. Meet in front of Aloft hotel Cascade Village.
- **Urban Renewal/Tax Increment Financing District discussion**: April 30 - 6:00 pm - Rossi Barn. Prosper Portland will be hosting an Open House at Rossi Farms around their East Portland TIF (Tax Increment Finance) Engagement Survey. Please put this on your calendar if you'd like to give feedback on this process. A flier will be sent out closer to the date with more particulars. (This will be instead of the Parkrose NA April meeting.)
- **Save the Date: May 29 - Rossi Barn** - Portland's new government: how it will work and what is "rank choice voting?" Bring your questions to the City of Portland transition team and Multnomah county voting team members. Sponsored by Rossi Barn/Parkrose NA and Argay Terrace NA.



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: Kris Clarke, Angie Svoboda, Lisa Dashiell, Parkrose Neighborhood Association, Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association.