

Riverwood Homeowners Association

Newsletter

June, 2024

Committee News

From the Board: Dues Increase: The Board voted to increase dues by \$20/month. A formal letter was sent giving 30 days notice. If you did not receive this letter, please reach out to the Board. The monthly HOA fee increase will take effect on July 1, 2024. Please get your monthly fee to the Treasurer (Monique) by the first of every month, as this affects RW's cash flow and ability to pay bills.

From the Treasurer: Monique will be out of town August 7-August 28. **Please drop off your HOA fee by August 1st!!!** Leo Zinn will be making deposits in her absence.



Landscape Committee: ***Mosquito Alert!*** We've been told it's going to be a bad season for mosquitos. Here are a few plant selections that will help keep them away: Plant basil, lavender, and rosemary to repel the mosquitoes. They hate any of the three. Place a pot by your doorway or on the path to the garden. This is an easy way to deter them, and you get fresh herbs, too.



- **Crystal Greens** (our landscape company) is helping to get DW 60 ready for painting by doing building clearance. We will continue throughout the complex. I know some bushes are looking leggy, but we are trying to let them grow back to a natural shape, then make trims. Thank you for your patience. Happy Summer!
- **If you have plants that look stressed, please give them a drink!** Thank you, Riverwooders!!
- **Notice:** It's that time of the year when everything is overgrown and ready to be trimmed back. Look at your patio: *if any plant or tree is touching your home, fence, gutter or your neighbor's property...it needs to be trimmed ASAP.*
- **A gentle reminder** that it is not our landscaper's job to clean up your cuttings from your patio. You need to feed it into your garbage can or use the craft paper bags and put them out with your garbage. It may take a week or two—or your neighbor might have room in their can and might help out.
- **Fund:** **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.
- **Please send your ideas for garden areas needing attention** to your Landscape Driveway Representative (see Roster for names). Photos of the area will help, along with your suggestions.

Pool Committee: **The Riverwood Pool is open! 9am to 9 pm daily!!!!** If you did not receive the code to the pool by email, contact someone on the Pool Committee. And don't forget the saunas! One in each bathroom. Pool rules were attached to last month's newsletter and can also be found online at riverwoodpdx.com (have you signed up to access the Resident's pages?) and in the Riverwood Manual. See you at the Pool!!!



Recreation Committee: This month's Social Potluck will be on June 30 at 2PM. Our theme this month will be **SALADS!!** Please bring a salad or something to accompany one. It would be nice if the weather cooperates and we could be outside. Come to socialize with your neighbors, play games, etc. Remember to bring your own utensils and your beverage of choice. Please come and join us!!!! **HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!!!!!!**



Welcome Committee: In May there was an incident involving pool safety. There were 3 adolescent boys from neighboring housing that scaled the pool fence and were using the pool. There were then 3 young girls from the neighboring housing who heard our pool was open and came requesting to swim. Two requests: 1) If any of these boys come to the pool requesting the belongings they left behind, please text me (Lisa: 503-293-6861) as I have their belongings. Do not send them to our home. 2) Through the pool season, if there are people of any age who are at the pool and you do not know or recognize them as Riverwood neighbors, please

introduce yourself and ask which driveway they live on. The same goes for people who you see walking through Riverwood property. If you do not recognize them as Riverwood residents, introduce yourself and identify on which driveway they live. *Riverwood is private property and there is no trespassing allowed through our property by non-residents.*

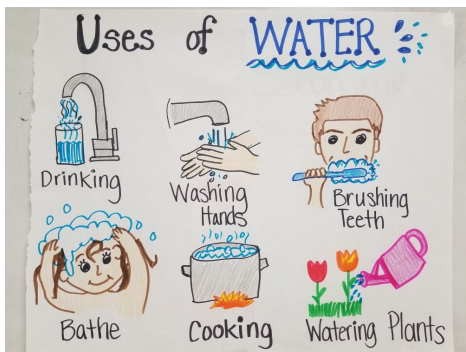
Attached to this newsletter are the current Riverwood Rosters. Please review your information and if there are changes needed or if you need a printed copy, contact Lisa Dashiell at 503-293-6861 (text or voice mail) or rwh.welcome@gmail.com.

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



From the Residents

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



Editor's Note: Here at Riverwood, leaks in common areas are addressed by the Maintenance person or Board Member with Maintenance Oversight. Leaks in our homes or patios are the Resident's responsibility. Please look for leaks on your property and get them fixed!!! If you think they could affect Riverwood's water bill, contact Monique (Treasurer) to look into getting a refund from the Water Bureau.

Also, please turn off water when not in use. Examples: brushing teeth and washing cars. Unless you are actually using the water, please **DO NOT** let it run! Please do not wash the cars of friends or visitors! Where ever possible, please conserve water. The City adjusts water rates annually on July 1. Last year the water rates increased by 7.9% and another rate

increase is only weeks away. ***Please be mindful of your water use!!***

Anonymous: Please remember that Residents are responsible for retrieving their recycling bins from the curb in a timely manner. If you are out of town, ask a neighbor to do this favor for you.

From Karen E: Friends, here's some good information from Yale about which drugs can cause problems during high heat events – 80°+. Thought it might be of interest to you.

<https://yaleclimateconnections.org/2022/07/common-medications-may-increase-the-dangers-of-heat-waves/>

Anonymous – DW 30: Thank you to the person who planted the flowers at the entrance to DW. 40. So colorful and very welcoming! I smile each time I walk by.

From ilá: If any of you are concerned about the noise of planes above our homes, you can contact the Port of Portland Noise Management at 503-460-4100. It is the information about Aircraft-in-flight (i.e. planes and helicopters). When I was concerned about the noise, I contacted them. You can 1) report an aircraft noise event, 2) listen to alerts or 3) leave a message for Noise Office Staff. I left a message and my phone number. They did not respond. I did notice that the flights were not flying as close to my home. ilá, your neighbor.



From Lisa: There is a new flower in the neighborhood!! And a new game in town!! On Saturday, 06/22 this flower will be "hidden," (but in plain sight!) in driveway 30E.

Rules of the game: 1) When you find the flower, re-hide it in a different driveway or the Rec Room or pool area. 2) Hide the flower so it can be seen when walking by it. 3) Notify Lisa Dashiell, 503-293-6861, when you find it and in which driveway it has been re-hidden. The new driveway will be posted on the information board outside the community room. All finder's names will be put in a hat during August's potluck. Whoever's name is drawn gets to keep the flower!

Looking for Something?

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

Jann: Bird of Paradise for sale. This plant no longer fits my home. It has an anthurium in the same pot. I rescued it from the side of the road with just one leaf and now it needs a home with a little more room. Asking \$75 (cost of pot, fertilizer, care and anthurium!). Please call or text 503-880-1364 with questions or to claim it!

Looking for a house cleaner... someone who does a thorough job and charges a reasonable fee. Please call or text 503-880-1364.

Free to good home: Dark Green Recliner. No pets, non-smoking home. Call or text 503-880-1364.

Looking for a black wrought iron table for my patio. Either a dining table with hole for an umbrella or an accent table for morning coffee! Call or text 503-880-1364.



Free Plants! Outdoor: an azalea (color unknown), a feather grass, an evergreen tree (just a baby), Indoor: red, angel-wing begonia. call or text 503-880-1364.

Volunteer at Riverwood-It's Good For Everyone!

Resources

RW Facebook group: Want to be in the know about what is happening in our community? Join the Riverwood FaceBook group. Notify Lisa Dashiell at 503-293-6861 (text or voice mail) or rwh.welcome@gmail.com, requesting an invite.



Free A/C: Summer is upon us and with summer comes hot weather. Need an air conditioner to keep cool? PCEF is offering free air conditioners to those who meet the criteria. Check your eligibility and apply here: <https://www.portland.gov/bps/cleanenergy/about-cooling-portland>

OR Point your phone's camera at the QR code and it will take you to the online site.

Concerned about your utility bills? Operating your air conditioner may increase your electric usage. If you need assistance with electric bills, you could be eligible for discount programs and assistance through your electric utility.

PGE customers: Portland General Electric offers an income-qualified bill discount between 15% and 60%, based on annual income and household size, off your monthly electric bill, along with other energy assistance programs. To apply, visit: portlandgeneral.com/pgediscout or call: 503-228-6322

NW Natural customers: The NW Natural Bill Discount Program for income-qualifying customers in Oregon can save you 15% to 40% on your monthly gas bills. The application takes only a few minutes to complete. To apply, visit: nwnatural.com/BillDiscount, call: 503-226-4211 or 800-422-4012, Monday to Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. or email: csst@nwnatural.co.

Summer Free Lunch Program:

www.portland.gov/parks/arts-culture/summer-free-all/documents/english-free-lunch-play-2024-schedule/download

Free Lunch + Play		Monday-Friday 10:00am-2:00pm No program on July 4 & 5
EAST	Gateway Discovery Park: 10520 NE Halsey Street	Monday, June 24 to Friday, August 23 • 11am - 11:45am
	Lents Park: SE 92nd Avenue and SE Steele Street	Monday, June 24 to Friday, August 16 • 11:30am - 1pm
	Lincoln Park: SE 135th Avenue and Mill Street	Monday, June 24 to Friday, August 23 • 12 - 12:45pm
	Luwit View Park: NE 127th Avenue and Fremont Street	Monday, June 24 to Friday, August 23 • 12:15 - 1pm
	Raymond Park: SE 118th Avenue and SE Liebe Street	Monday, June 24 to Friday, August 23 • 11:30am - 12:15pm
	Ventura Park: 460 SE 113th Avenue	Monday, June 24 to Friday, August 23 • 11:30am - 12:30pm
	Verdell Burdine Rutherford Park: 1599 SE 167th Avenue	Monday, June 24 to Friday, August 23 • 11:30am - 1pm
	Wilkes Park: NE 154th Avenue and NE Beech Street	Monday, June 24 to Friday, August 23 • 11:30am - 1pm



Free Lunch + Play

Monday-Friday 10:00am-2:00pm
No program on July 4 & 5

Play for days at Free Lunch + Play, where kids come to share a meal together and have fun in the sun!

Summer Kickoff Event • June 27

Celebrate summer and the start of Free Lunch + Play with live music, arts activities, lawn games, and free lunches for youth ages 18 and under. Performance by Ballet Papalotl, free roller skating with Rose City Rollers, and Arts in the Parks leading crafts.

Event Time: 11:30am-1:30pm • Meal Time: 12-1:30pm
McCoy Park • N Newman Avenue and N Newark Street

Free lunches are for youth 18 years old & under

All events are Wheelchair Accessible: Individuals may enter and exit the site using paved pathways



5 tactics imposters are using and how to help avoid them (from Bank of America):

1. **"They said to ignore those warning messages."** Transaction messages exist to help protect your account — hang up if told to ignore.
2. **"They needed remote access to 'fix' my computer."** Don't grant access to your computer or devices. You could reveal personal information and lose your money.
3. **"I thought I scored really hard-to-get tickets."** Research sellers before buying anything. When it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
4. **"The rental home we paid for never even existed!"** Research the owners. If a rental listing has different names or if you're told to wire money, it's likely a scam.
5. **"They told me to lie to the bank."** If you're told to lie to your bank about why you need to wire money or make a withdrawal, it's probably a scam.

Take a minute before you react: Don't disclose codes, passwords or account information. (We'll never call to ask for those.) Take your time — don't let anyone rush you. Always verify any request for money.

Steady As You Go: Falling is NOT a normal part of aging! What causes imbalance? Decreased vision (eye), decreased strength (muscles), aging balance system (ear). Too many falls? Falls are the leading cause of accidental death and injury in people 65 and older. 33% of older adults fall annually and only 1/2 talk to their doctor about it! Find the cause — Talk to your doctor! Get screened for BPPV (benign paroxysmal positional vertigo): crystals in your inner ear can get dislodged, but this can be corrected!

Falls Prevention: 1) Medical: visit your doctor for a checkup, have your eyes examined, make diet & lifestyle changes. 2) Balance: exercise, such as yoga or tai chi, physical therapy. 3) Safety: use proper support, such as a cane, walker or handrails; use proper lighting; use proper eyewear and footwear. For more information, visit: <https://vestibular.org/?s=aging>.

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association News

Aloha Argay Event in Argay Park! Sunday 6/23 - 4pm-6pm. Join us in Argay Park for Aloha Argay! Enjoy food from [Pidgin Hole](#), drinks, games, and crafts for the whole family. Come out and enjoy Argay Park, meet your neighbors, and explore one of the beautiful greenspaces right outside our doorstep. This event is sponsored by the City of Portland - Bureau of Environmental Services. Please contact [Katie at argayevents@gmail.com](mailto:katie@argayevents@gmail.com), if you would like to help with events now or in the future.

Urban Renewal, Tax Increment Financing (TIF), and You (continues):

Thank you to those who attended the Urban Renewal/Tax Increment Financing District discussion at the fire station on Wednesday, May 22nd! We heard from Prosper Portland about what benefits being a TIF district can bring to the area as well as an eye-opening presentation about the financial health of Parkrose School District and how a TIF district may negatively impact their operations. More neighborhood specific details to come.

Other TIF learning materials: Watch this [YouTube video](#) explaining the TIF district project. Further reading can be found [here](#). Take the TIF survey [here](#). Contact Prosper Portland Staff [here](#).



Prologis Construction: Construction continues. Thank you to all who responded to the survey. 280 completed surveys were received. Lawyers from CRAG went through them and condensed the findings which were then presented to ProLogis. It's now up to ProLogis, and Commissioner Rubio's office, if they want to find ways to be a good neighbor and address community concerns. The Land Use Board of Appeal case continues. If you think construction noise is too loud, please call 311 to file a noise complaint.



East Portland Tool Library: Lawn getting high but the mower is broken? Have little odd jobs around the house to complete but not the right tool to get them done? Check out the [East Portland Tool Library](#) to help you get moving on those projects.

EPTL's One Year Anniversary! Sat., June 29th, 10am - 1 pm. Tool Library Open House, Membership Drive, Refreshments, Pizza, Free Shredding Event – bring your boxes of old documents to be disposed of securely by Shred NW's on-site truck!1

June 24th - August 23rd - Free [Lunch and Play](#) for those 18 and below

June 29 - [Yoga and Beer at Level Beer](#): Sat., June 29, 2024: 9:45 AM 10:45 AM; Level Beer, 5211 NE 148th Ave. Portland. **Class Summary:** The last Saturday of every month brings us to one of our Portland favorites, Level Beer, for some hoppy farm vibes. Join us for a feel-good, Saturday morning practice

in Level Beer's greenhouse. Class is followed by a pint of beer with fellow yogis. \$23 for Yoga + your first pint. \$17 for yoga only.

June/August: [Elevate Oregon summer camps](#) - grades 1-5 - Shaver Elementary - **June 27th**; Basketball camp - grades 1-8 - Parkrose HS - **August 5th**

Save the date:

July 2nd - [Ladybug walk](#) in Luuwit View Community Garden - ages 2-6.

July 10th - Historic Parkrose Summer nights.

August 2nd-4th: Argay Neighborhood Garage Sales.

August 23rd - Luuwit View Park - 7:30pm - Movies in the Park. Our film this year will be "Independence Day" starring Will Smith.

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, Monique Mascarinas, Lisa Dashiell, Shirley Piel, Lynn Young, Nancy Stoll, Karen Esterholdt, Ilá Benevidez-Heaster, Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association. Bank of America.



← **Argay in the Spring of 1957.**
Can you spot the piece of land your future home would be built upon? (Blue pen line heading East is NE Fremont Street's eventual location.)