

Riverwood Homeowners Association

Newsletter

MARCH, 2025

Board & Committee News

Board of Directors: The rescheduled Board meeting is happening Thursday, March 20th, 6:30 PM in the Recreation Room. In April, the regular schedule will resume on the 2nd Thursday of each month. The April Board Meeting will be held on April 10th, Thursday. Attend the meeting and learn how Riverwood runs. If you have an agenda item for the coming meeting(s), send it to the Secretary at rwh.boardofdirectors@gmail.com.

At the January Board Meeting, Board members approved an **increase in monthly HOA dues by 10% (which equals \$50) starting March 1, 2025**. This fee increase was deemed necessary for a number of reasons: the HOA is behind in trying to increase our reserves and to accelerate the rate of maintenance of our aging structures, especially plumbing. Monthly cash flow is not always meeting our needs. How to handle our financial situation has been discussed over the past months at Board Meetings. A mailing has gone out to residents with the **"Notice of Increase."** Please remember that your monthly **HOA dues must be received by the Treasurer, Monique, by the first of each month.**

Pool Committee: Summer is coming!! The Pool Committee has had the first meeting of 2025. Jim Eveland is stepping aside from the overall responsibility of the pool. **Many thanks, Jim, for your many years of service!** Jim will continue to be involved over the coming year to seasonally train the new team. Carol Hardy and Lisa Dashiell will take over the responsibility of the pool and bathrooms/saunas. Pete Burns and Luke Forsythe will partner in managing the pump room. Cindy Zinn will continue to manage the chemical testing schedule. In order to manage costs within the budget, there will be volunteer opportunities to prepare the pool area for summer. Watch for further communication about these opportunities. If you or your family take advantage of the Riverwood pool and/or saunas, please consider how you can contribute to the volunteer needs.



Recreation Committee: **March Potluck Social:** Come join the fun at the RW Recreation Room at **2:00 PM, Sunday, March 30th**. Bring your favorite dish or dessert to share with others. Please bring plates, utensils, and beverages of your choice. We will enjoy friendship with neighbors and lots of laughter. **Join us for good food and laughter!!**

The Recreation Committee has room for Driveway representatives. Please contact Carol Hardy if you would like to help out.

Landscape Committee: :It's **SPRING TIME** and the buds are popping! And the slugs are out and about! We had our first 2025 Landscape Meeting with Kelley from Crystal Greens. She is celebrating her 1 year anniversary with the company and us. We feel we've worked through many of our previous problems and are looking forward to a smoother path. Within the next 2 months, we'll have this year's irrigation review report. Depending on the start up cost, we will be looking into having mulch put on all our beds. We are really hoping that we can pull that off.

*Keep those cans and bottles coming!
We greatly appreciate it.*

Please understand, the Landscapers will not mow when it's really wet, to avoid gouging our turf. Thanks

On to Spring Plantings: a HUGE THANK YOU to Jann for researching, picking up and planting native plants from East Multnomah County Soil and Water District. We have 3 of each of Black Twinberry, Red Flowering Currant, Salmonberry, Oceanspray and 5 of the beautiful Mockorange bushes! At this point you will see them

planted (by Jann and her helper Juan) around the property, denoted by a white flag or wooden stake. They look like twigs at this point, but we're excited to watch them grow and flower in the next few years. We used a small amount of our bottle fund for this project, with a balance of \$847. [Editor's Note: **IF YOU LIVE NEAR ONE OF THESE (8) PLANTING SITES, PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO HELP BY WATERING DURING DRY PERIODS!!!** (Contact Jann for locations!) Thank you so much!



Photos (from left to right) show the new native "twig" plantings done in February. (They start in DW 10, then progress outside the fence up to DW 70.) Thank you to Juan Garcia of Eva's Garden for his help with the plantings!!

Welcome Committee: Are you putting your home up for sale? Are you the owner of a rental and are getting a new tenant? Are you renting and planning to move? Are you a new resident and haven't heard from the Welcome Committee? For any of the above, **please notify the Welcome Committee at rwh.welcome@gmail.com or text Lisa Dashiell at 503-293-6861.**

Riverwood Manual: If you are needing an electronic copy of the Riverwood Manual, text (503-293-6861) or email (rwh.welcome@gmail.com) and a copy can be emailed to you. There is a paper copy of the manual in the Community Room which is available for review or copying. If you take it out of the Community Room for copying, please return the original within 4 hours. Remember, to keep our community running smoothly, we are all responsible for following the guidelines in the Riverwood Bylaws, CC&Rs and supporting documents. Riverwood Welcome: Lisa Dashiell and Ilá Benavidez-Heaster.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 2nd THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH @ 6:30 PM

From the Residents

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

From Kris C & Lisa D: There are still bags of **free potting medium available in Driveway 60**. The fabric pots are in black construction bags. **Feel free to take as many as you want.** They are first come, first serve. Here are some suggestions for how to use them: 1) take the fabric pots and root systems retrieved from the potting medium and put them in your driveway's in-ground garbage cans to be space savers and for the root

balls to decompose. At some point, plantings may be put in these receptacles (see Driveway 70 for examples) to beautify our community; 2) roll up the black plastic construction bags to use in the future or offer to Mace for his work or list on Facebook's Buy Nothing group for those in our greater community who can use them for their landscaping projects. **Spring is coming!!!!!!**

From Barb H: Family & Friends Night: This is my grandson's school fund raiser. DJ and his parents used to live in DW 30 here at Riverwood. I thought it would be a fun night and support a good cause. **April 1, 5PM to close, McMenamins Edgefield, Power Station Only, 2126 SW Halsey St, Troutdale.** Invite your family & friends to buy dinner at the Power Station Pub. **50% of proceeds benefit the Fairview Elementary After School Program!**



From Bill N: BIRDS OF RIVERWOOD: Colorful male House Finch visits bird feeder on Driveway 10. Sign of spring!

Do you have photos of wildlife spotted around Riverwood? You can share them here! Send to rwh.news@gmail.com.

FAMILY & FRIENDS NIGHT
INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO BUY DINNER
AT THE POWER STATION PUB

**APRIL 1ST
5 PM - CLOSE**

**MCMENAMINS EDGEFIELD:
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TROUTDALE, OR 97060**

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From Lisa D & Jann G: **Portland Clean Energy Fund (PCEF)** - In 2021/2022 Larry Dashiell led a small group of Riverwood residents in pursuing a grant from PCEF. Those of you here may remember the gathering of demographics and PGE bills at that time. After much work by this group, it was determined that Riverwood's specific non-profit status did not qualify for a PCEF grant. Since that time, some of the criteria for grants have changed, so once again Riverwood is exploring the possibility of applying for a grant. Jann Gilbert attended a PCEF workshop in February. Jann and Lisa Dashiell met this month to look at past work done, and determine what a primary and secondary focus of a grant would be. ***One of Riverwood's biggest expenses is water, so the primary focus of a grant application would be water management and conservation. The second focus would be to secure our homes from energy leaks by insulating and sealing heating/cooling leaks.*** The next step is to be assigned a PCEF guide for further conversation and a community walk-through.

Riverwood helpers will be needed. Interested in participating in pursuing a PCEF grant for Riverwood? Contact Jann Gilbert, 503-880-1364, or Lisa Dashiell, 503-293-6861. Whatever your skills, we will find a way for you to help!!!

From Karen E: Friends, it's spring and with spring can come invasions of ants, mice, and rats inside our homes and crawl spaces. In the last month, pest management folks have already visited some of us. We need to stay on top of problems with these critters, especially because we're all attached to someone else's home. What can get in one crawl space or attic, can quickly move next door. Look for signs of these pests and maybe talk to your attached neighbor(s) about working together on eradication. Parkrose Hardware and many exterminators are available to help you solve the problem.



<https://thetvdb.com/series/Vermin> *

From Jann G: **Candidate filing window is now open for the May 20, 2025, Special District Election!** Multnomah County, OR. — The next election in Multnomah County is the May 20, 2025, Special District Election. This election includes contests for local school district boards, community college district boards, the Multnomah County Education Service District board, rural fire district boards, the Urban Flood Safety and Water Quality District board, water district boards, and any local ballot measures. If you are interested in running for office, you can find more information online at multnomahvotes.gov.

Resources

Birch Community Services addresses the roots of hunger and economic hardship in our community of Portland, Oregon through: 1) Supplying groceries and household items to save money in order to pursue financial goals; 2) Providing financial courses and one-on-one meetings to educate and advise on how to effectively achieve financial goals and 3) Creating a community of dignity and accountability through participants volunteering together. **Our mission is to build a financially stable community by providing education, food, and nurturing accountability:** <https://www.birchcommunityservices.org/>.

Community Contacts:

Police: 911 or **Police Non-emergency:** 503-823-3333

Park Rangers: 503-823-1637 or **General Parks:** 503-823-7529

PDX Stolen Cars [Facebook Group](#)

PBOT 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

Neighborhood News

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association News: A pretty mellow Winter is winding down and Spring is right around the corner. Spring officially begins on March 20th. If you're coming out of hibernation, looking at your garden and wondering where to start...there is help! [East Portland Tool library](#) has many tools to make the job easier. Speaking of gardening, both volunteer gardening groups **in Luuwit View Park and Argay Park** resume work sessions this month. The local cat clinic has new owners, there are various ways to help out our local schools in the coming months and some new businesses are popping up in the area. Let's get to it!



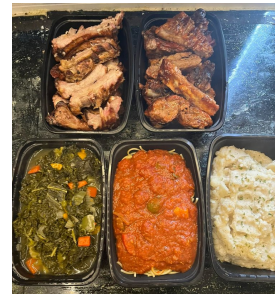
Argay Cat Clinic Changes Paws: Tucked away in Argay Square, the Argay Cat Clinic has been a cherished part of the community since 1976. For 48 years, Dr. Henry Dykehouse and his wife Jill have provided expert and compassionate care to countless furry family members while supporting their human companions through moments of both joy and sorrow. With heartfelt gratitude for their decades of dedication, we announce their retirement and the sale of the practice. We warmly welcome Dr. Melinda Barkley as the new owner of Argay Cat Clinic and are grateful that the ever-cheerful and efficient vet assistants, Linnea and Yara, will continue to be part of the team

Historic Parkrose survey is open until April: They'd love to [hear from you](#).

Building a Safer 122nd Avenue - [Online open house](#) to learn more about the following projects:

- Paving and restriping near 122nd between NE Broadway and NE Glisan Street
- A redesign of the intersection of NE Halsey Street and NE 122nd Avenue
- [Six New Signalized Crossings of 122nd Avenue](#)
- A Better Bus project on 122nd and Burnside
- Upcoming Safe Streets for All projects

New Businesses in the Area: [Parkrose Coffee Shop](#) is rumored to open this month and will be located on NE 105th, just south of Sandy Blvd. Lily and Peter will run the shop and aim to cater to families with features like a play corner, a changing table, story hour with local educators, and a kids' menu. They also plan to have a large enclosed courtyard in the back. **Los Tacos Juan y Antojitos** (no website or Google listing yet) will open this month directly next door to [Best of India](#) and [The Venture Inn](#) at NE 141st and Sandy. This adds to our already impressive list of nearby Mexican food options which includes [Taqueria Querétaro](#), [La Alegria](#), and [El Yucateco](#). Challenge yourself to try them all? [Beekies PDX](#) is a new soul food truck that opened in February in the Grocery Outlet parking lot on NE 107th and Sandy Blvd. Pictured (right) is a sample of their mouth-watering offerings.



Neighborhood Events:



Monday, March 24: Learn to Darn w/ Sivia. 6:00 – 8:00pm, 5431 NE 20th Ave, Portland. Sivia will teach several methods during this workshop to start darning your socks, sweaters, and other knitwear. **REGISTRATION REQUIRED.** Please register for this class [HERE](#). For more information, visit the events calendar at Repair Portland: <https://www.repairpdx.org/repair-events>.

March 27th, Thursday: from 9am to 11am, **Luwit View Garden Volunteers** - The Luwit View Garden Volunteers have emerged from hibernation and will get back to working in the community garden on. **They plan to meet on the 4th Thursday of each month through October.** Portland Parks and Recreation provides tools though volunteers are welcome to bring their own gloves and hand-held tools. Anyone interested in joining the volunteers should contact Cathy Ferrari via email or by phone at 614-578-6584. Cathy will notify volunteers where to meet a few days before the 4th Thursday.

April 12th, Saturday: Repair Portland's monthly Repair Café @ Leaven Community House, 12:00 – 3:00pm, [5431 NE 20th Ave, Portland](#). We will be in the basement room at the Leaven Community House. Parking is in the lot off 20th and street parking. Volunteers will be fixing broken small appliances, repairing bikes, and mending clothing! No tool and knife sharpening as of right now, but we will let you know if someone volunteers to help with that. Please fill out this form to let us know what you're bringing: <https://forms.gle/DjXiVuYKsjSRTQVR6>. Repair PDX Mission: Spreading Repair Culture. Since May of 2013, Repair PDX has been organizing Repair Cafés where volunteers fix broken household items for free. We are also currently expanding our repair education programming by offering workshops to help people fix their own items. See our [Calendar](#) for more info on events and classes!

April 26th: Save The Date! The 20th Annual Parkrose Education Foundation [Dinner & Auction](#) is on **April 26th**. You can help by buying tickets and attending this super fun event. The organizers are also accepting donations for products, services, gift cards, and/or volunteers to help with the event.. You can help by buying tickets and attending this super fun event! For more information:

REMEMBER: Newsletter articles, ads, etc. are due by Noon on the Tuesday following the Board Meeting!!! Send to: rwh.news@gmail.com

An Enormous **"Thank You!"** to those who contributed to this month's newsletter!!

Elise Morgan, Karen Esterholdt, Barbara Hale, RHA Welcome Committee, Lynn Young, ATNA Newsletter, Kris Clarke, NextDoor website, Bill Neville, PDXRepair.

** It's the story of a praying mantis who goes off the city to become a policeman and is going to suffer a lot. It's a bit like Zootopia but without being tolerant. <https://thetvdb.com/series/Vermin>*