

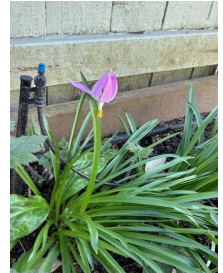
Riverwood Homeowners Association

Newsletter

APRIL, 2025

Board & Committee News

Landscape Committee: The Landscape Committee met on the 14th and began planning a list of projects to work on in the coming months/years. They are: the East Bed (east of the Community Room), the bog behind 4122 Driveway 40 and Prescott/DW 10 where the dirt is sliding down slope from the fence. If you have other areas you would like to see addressed, please contact your driveway representative or email: riverwoodlandscapeteam@gmail.com!



This committee currently has 4 members for 7 driveways. If you are one of the Residents that thinks Riverwood landscaping needs some tender loving care, **please volunteer your time and ideas!** Also, the Landscape Committee only has enough budget to cover our maintenance contract and trees, so please **contribute your plastic bottles and cans to the Landscape Bottle Fund!!** In fact, please ask your friends and family to save them, too!

Pool Committee: Pool Preparation: Summer is coming! This is the time of year that we begin looking forward to pool season. With the transition in the Pool Committee leadership, plans are underway to ready the pool for the summer. **The goal is to open the pool Memorial Day Weekend.** Our hope is to paint the pool deck prior to the pool opening. In order to stretch our budget to do this project, there is a need for volunteer involvement. Here is a list of tasks that need to be completed by pool opening:

- ❖ Remove the pool cover and begin preparing the pool for use: We will hire Mace and Anna to do this.
- ❖ Blow the debris off the deck: To be done before April 27. **Volunteers needed.**
- ❖ Power wash the deck: To be done between April 28-May 3. **Volunteers needed.**
 - (Riverwood has a power washer that can be used)
- ❖ Paint the deck: May 10th (weather permitting). **Volunteers needed** for painting.
 - **We will need someone to oversee the painting project,** as Pool Chair, Lisa, will be out of town.
- ❖ Clean the deck furniture: To be done May 17-22. **Volunteers needed.**
- ❖ Clean the bathrooms: To be done May 17-22. **Volunteers needed.**

Especially if you and your family use the pool area, **please consider how you can help.** Text **Lisa Dashiell** at **503-293-6861** or email her at rwh.pool@gmail.com with which of the tasks you can do and for the current pool door and gate key code.

Taking the pool from this:



To this:



Summer Pool Maintenance: Summer is Coming!!! I'm sure everyone is looking forward to SUNSHINE after a long winter of rain, snow and dark skies. Your Pool Committee is already fast at work planning for the Opening Day of the pool on Memorial Day weekend!!! After many years of volunteering to be responsible for the operation and maintenance of our pool, Jim Eveland is stepping down from these duties. He has graciously written a Pool Operations Manual, sharing his knowledge with those volunteers who will be taking over. **Thank-you, Jim, for your dedication, allowing all of us to enjoy the pool!**

Lisa Dashiell will be the new Pool Committee Chairperson. **Carol Hardy** will be the Co-Chair. **Cindy Zinn** will continue as the Volunteer Coordinator. **Pete Burns and Luke Forsythe** will maintain the Pump room. It takes 4 volunteers a day to run the chemical tests that are required by Multnomah County.

I'm asking that everyone who uses the pool step-up & volunteer to help with maintaining the pool! The tasks take about 15 min. & training is available for all new volunteers, as well as a refresher training for others.

There are 4 times during the day that we need volunteers:

9am – Open the pool, unlock restrooms and perform chemical test

1pm – Perform chemical test

5pm – Perform chemical test

9pm – Close the pool and adjust chemicals as needed, straighten pool furniture, pick up pool toys

Please text **Cindy at 503-557-1811** and let me know which task you are volunteering for and what days of the week you are available. I will contact each of you and then work up a schedule. It has worked well in the past, if possible, to have each volunteer work on the same day of the week each week. If not, I can work with each individual's situation and vacation times. Thank you in advance for volunteering!!!

Do You Use the Sauna? In light of the vandalism that has occurred during past years with non-Riverwood people breaking into the pool bathrooms, the decision has been made to keep the pool bathroom doors unlocked. This will prevent damage to the doors and frames from being kicked in. If you use the sauna, continue to take your key should you want to secure the bathroom while you are in the sauna. Upon leaving, leave the sauna door open and the bathroom door unlocked.



Recreation Committee: This month, we will celebrate **ITALIAN FOOD on Sunday April 27th, 2 PM**, at the Riverwood Community Room. Please come for fun, games, catching up with neighbors after these long, cold days and FOOD! Share your favorite Italian food, or just enjoy the afternoon and relax.

Welcome Committee: Please notify the Welcome Committee if: a) You are an owner putting your Riverwood home up for sale, b) You are an owner and have tenants moving out and new tenants moving in or c) You are a tenant and are moving out of Riverwood. This will help in keeping our community rosters up to date and aid in communication during transitions.

Attached to this newsletter you will find the current rosters. There are a limited number of paper copies available. If you want one, notify Lisa Dashiell at 503-293-6861 via text or email rwh.welcome@gmail.com.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 2nd THURSDAY, May 8TH @ 6:30 PM

From the Residents

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

From Cindy Zinn: **GARAGE SALE ??????** I have heard that there is some interest in having a community garage sale this summer. The proceeds from the sale would go into the Recreation Committee savings account, for improvements to the Recreation Room. I headed up the last sale we had 2 years ago. I would be glad to work with anyone who wants to be in charge this summer. We might consider having Riverwood's Sale the same weekend that Argay Terrace has a big multi-family sale, the first weekend in August. They always have signs on Shaver St. directing shoppers to their neighborhood. If we had our signs out also, I'm sure we would attract people going to the Argay sale. If anyone is interested in being in charge this year, or is available to help with setting up and cleanup, send me a text and I will call you back. **Cindy Zinn 503-557-1811.**



Orange Fennel Tahini Slaw – A Fresh and Flavorful Lunch Salad!

20 min., 4 servings.

Ingredients:

1/2 green cabbage, thinly shredded approx 4-5 cups
1/2 fennel bulb, shredded 1 cup
3 oranges, segmented
1/2 cup slivered almonds, toasted
1 apple, cut into match sticks (julienned)
1/2 cup parsley, chopped.

MAPLE TAHINI DRESSING

1/4 cup tahini
1 lime, juiced
1 tbs olive oil
1 tbs red wine vinegar
1 tbs maple syrup
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper

3-5 tbs water

Instructions:

1. **Salad:** Shred ½ a green cabbage and ½ a fennel bulb, ideally using mandoline for thin, even slices.
2. Peel 3 oranges and divide them into segments
3. In a dry pan over medium heat, toast ½ cup slivered almonds. Keep close eye on these as they burn quickly! Toast until dark brown. Set aside to cool.
4. In a large bowl, combine the shredded cabbage, shredded fennel, orange segments, toasted almonds, ½ julienned apple, and ½ cup chopped parsley.
5. **Dressing:** In a bowl, whisk together ¼ cup tahini, juice of 1 lime, 1 tablespoon olive oil, 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar, 1 tablespoon maple syrup, a pinch of salt and pepper, and 3-5 tablespoons of water. Adjust water for desired consistency.
6. Drizzle the dressing over the salad ingredients and toss well to coat evenly.



Resources

From Lisa D: Interested in managing rain water in a way that keeps it out of the sewer system? Go to <https://www.portland.gov/ppd/infrastructure/managing-rain-your-property> for ideas on how to do this. East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District web site, <https://emswcd.org/in-your-yard/>, also has information and ideas for naturescaping, rain gardens, water conservation, and urban weeds. **Always remember to check in with the appropriate committee chair before making changes affecting the outside of your home or the common areas.** You can also use the Request Form that came with your Welcome Packet.

From Jann G: The [Smart Discount program](#) provides City of Portland sewer, stormwater, and water customers who are facing financial hardships an automatic reduction in their utility bill. This reduction is calculated by an algorithm that analyzes account information and publicly available information about ratepayers to determine who would benefit most from financial assistance. The program helps ensure customers maintain fair access to essential services. Click the link above to learn more.

Recognizing and avoiding scams this tax season. During this tax season, scammers are employing a variety of strategies to trick individuals. These strategies may include using fake links, pretending to be government officials, and masquerading as the IRS. Here are some essential tips to safeguard yourself against falling victim to these scams. **What to look out for:** Threatening messages or demands, Misspelled website links, Influencer advice on social media. **Common Tax Scams:** False charities, Email & text message impersonators, Unclaimed tax refund. **Learn more by reading our "Recognizing & Avoid Tax Scams" blog** and safeguard your finances and personal information this tax season. [VISIT OUR BLOG](#) [From Community Consolidated Credit Union]

Food resources in Argay Terrace: **SUN/IRCO Oregon Food Bank** open at Shaver Elementary School basketball courts on Wednesdays 2:30pm-4pm. **Feed'um Freedom Black Community Food Center** at 4450 NE 131st Place - Wednesday 2:30pm-4pm / Thursday 3pm-6pm / Friday 2pm-4:30pm. If you have an interest in agriculture, here's information about their programs.

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: Prologis Update: Our legal avenues are done. The appeal court ruled that LUBA had the right to not rule on the land use issue. While the outcome was not what we had hoped, we want to thank the non profits and others who worked tirelessly to try to help our neighborhood: Neighbors for Clean Air. CRAG law firm, 1000 Friends of Oregon, Northwest Environmental Defense Center - Lewis and Clark, Professor Jessica Kleiss and her students at Lewis and Clark, Parkrose High School and Middle school students, State Representative Tran and Steph Routh for helping find a grant to support the legal efforts, and every neighbor who wrote, called, appeared in person at council meetings, or just spoke with neighbors to spread the word about what was going on. **If you hear who might be renting the warehouse, we would love to know.** ProLogis does not give out such information.



A Better Sandy Blvd: ODOT is spending \$250,000 to plan a better Sandy blvd. Be part of the conversation! The future plan depends on future funding but we can have high hopes. Either meet 3:30-5:30pm Today, April 1st, at the Parkrose Grocery Outlet, or make your voice heard via their survey which is open until April 5th.

SPACC TIF: The applications from Prosper Portland to participate on the Community Leadership Committee (CLC) as part of the Sumner Parkrose Argay Columbia Corridor (SPACC) Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district, formerly known as an Urban Renewal Area (URA) should be coming out in April. Stay tuned.

Historic Parkrose: What is it? Check their new website to find out about this Neighborhood Prosperity Initiative (NPI) and how you can participate in making downtown Parkrose a vibrant business community.

In other education news: **Mt Hood Community College** will have a bond on the May 20th election ballot. Our closest Mt Hood Community College campus is in Maywood at 102nd and Prescott.

Scholarship: Applications for the EAGLE caddie program for 9th grade students that could lead to a full scholarship to University of Oregon is open until May 3rd.

Neighborhood Events:

April 16th: Wednesday - 5:30pm to 8pm: **Elevate Oregon celebration and fundraiser.**

April 18th - May 23rd: Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Fridays, 9:30 AM-12:00 PM. A 6-session evidence-based workshop designed for those dealing with a chronic or limiting health condition. Each session is 2.5 hours and participants learn self-management techniques and skills needed in the day-to-day management of any type of ongoing health condition. Includes a reference book titled "Living a Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions." To register, call 503-288-8303. (\$25 gift card to Fred Meyer if you complete all 6 or % classes!) [From Community for Positive Aging, Hollywood District]

April 20th: Sunday - 6:30am: **Easter Sunday at The Grotto** — procession starts at 6:30am. Mass at 8am, 10am, and Noon.

April 23: Wednesday - 6:30pm: **Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association meeting** at Fire Training Center (NE 122nd).

April 23rd: Northwest Pilot Project's Spring Housing Forum—Barriers to Housing Older Adults: Insights from Housing Service Providers. from 4:15-5:30 pm, Portland First United Methodist Church, 1838 SW Jefferson Street, Fireside Room. The event will highlight how housing service providers support older adults in their efforts to secure safe and affordable housing and explore the barriers to accessing housing that older adults face. The Forum will feature a panel of housing service providers who will discuss housing access barriers, finding housing while experiencing homelessness, managing limited income, overcoming criminal background checks, and more. Please [Register](#). [from NW Pilot Project]

April 24th: Thursday - 9am to 11am: **Luwit View Garden volunteers meet.**

April 26th: Save The Date! The 20th Annual Parkrose Education Foundation [Dinner & Auction](#). 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. For more info, click the link above.

April 29th: NE Village PDX Housing and Resource Fair:, 2025 (2:00 - 4:00 pm), Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 NE Alameda St., Youngson Hall. The Fair will give attendees the opportunity to connect directly with experts — from assisted living and memory care facilities, adult foster homes, community resource centers, and more — who can answer questions and share information about this complex and often overwhelming life change. The event is free and open to the public.

May 3rd: Saturday: **Historic Parkrose Mother's Day Craft Pop-Up and Indigenous Marketplace** — FREE community event featuring DIY crafts, vendors, food, and drinks. Indigenous Marketplace will showcase amazing vendors with perfect gifts.

May 24th: Saturday: **Rocky Butte Farmers Market reopens.** Follow along on Instagram at @rockybuttefm.

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

The poster for the Parkrose Educational Foundation 20th Annual Dinner and Auction features a young boy standing in a gallery, looking at colorful abstract paintings. A QR code in a gold frame is on the right. Text on the poster includes: "Parkrose Educational Foundation 20th Annual Dinner and Auction", "Portland Airport Sheraton Saturday, April 26th 2025 5:30-9:30pm", "\$75 per person/\$145 per couple", "Buy tickets at: www.ParkroseEdFdn.org", "For more information or to donate an auction item, E-mail us at: predfdn@gmail.com", and "Not sponsored by Parkrose School District". The Parkrose Educational Foundation logo is at the bottom left, and "Night at the MUSEUM" is written in large, stylized letters at the bottom right.

Parkrose Educational Foundation 20th Annual Dinner and Auction

Portland Airport Sheraton
Saturday, April 26th 2025
5:30-9:30pm

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A gigantic "Thank You!" to those who contributed to this month's newsletter!!

Welcome Committee, Lynn Young, Cindy Zinn, ATNA Newsletter, NE Village PDX, Community for Positive Aging, CCCU