

Riverwood Homeowners Association

Newsletter

JULY, 2025

Board & Committee News



Landscape Committee: Best News Ever! Come take a look at our beautiful plantings at our East Bed near the Rec Room. It was a long planned project (headed up by Jann, many, many thanks!) using our bottle fund money. Jann, Laurel and Cindy worked with a hired crew to plant the space. We are truly appreciative of all our volunteers and Riverwood residents who helped us collect enough to cover this beautification project, thank you!

We are attending to a few more irrigation tweaks and focusing on making sure all of our fences are “sprinkler-free,” of course at a cost. You’re welcome, Maintenance!

We have an infestation of elder bugs (commonly known as “[boxelder bugs](#)”) along the fence in DW 70. We have been in contact with an arborist expert and have accepted a plan to be carried out August 13th. We will be thinning two huge trees to allow more sunlight in and following up by injecting the infested trees. Safe for everything but the bugs!

LANDSCAPE ALERT: **It is NEVER acceptable to dump your cuttings** or to clean up your patio by dumping debris over the fence to the green space (and it is against HOA policy). That is our public space and the HOA IS NOT responsible for your waste. Please bag it up and feed it into your garbage or pay to have it removed. Be respectful of your neighbors and they will be respectful of you. Thank you.

 **Recreation Committee:** The June Pizza & Ice Cream Potluck was a huge success! Neighbors enjoyed conversation & karaoke led by Pete Burns..We welcomed our New Neighbors: Mary Ann & Craig Zimmerman (DW 20) and also Mark (Marco), Mark & Carolyn (DW 10)..Welcome to our Riverwood family!!!



And don't forget the upcoming **Ice Cream Social Potluck on July 27th at 2 PM** in the Community room!!
The Recreation Committee will bring the ice cream; you bring the toppings!! (also, bowls & utensils!)

From the Residents

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



From Carol H: Our newest Riverwood Resident!

Ads

Free: Some products I don't want anymore: 1) [Green Salt](#) (salt from plants: salicornia), as seen on Facebook – 1 opened, 1 unopened package. 2) Sweetened condensed milk: 2 cans, expire May 2026. 3) Containers of powdered milk: purchased in bulk at Winco to make dog treats. Contact Jann, 503-880-1364, call or text.

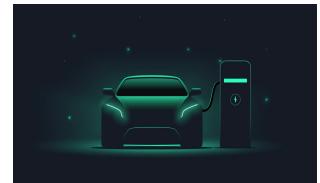


Resources

From Lisa D: Summer 2025 Youth Restorative Justice (RJ) / Conflict Resolution (CR) Training. Now open for registration for youths 15-18. Join friends and classmates this summer for a week-long, interactive RJ/CR facilitator training! Training provides valuable life skills and practice and will qualify participants to become volunteer facilitators with LCSNW's Restorative Justice Programs. Monday, Aug. 4, through Friday, Aug. 8; [4531 SE Belmont, Portland 97215](#); Snacks and lunch included. For further info: contact Molly: mwallace@lcsnw.org or Maxwell, molwa@lcsnw.org.

From Laurel M: From the PGE email: **SHIFT USE, SAVE MONEY!** Save more with Time of Day. Time of Day pricing helps you save with lower prices on weekends and all weekday hours except 5-9 p.m. Try shifting major appliances to off-peak hours:

- Run laundry in the morning or later at night.
- Start the dishwasher after 9 p.m.
- Pre-cool your home before 5 p.m.
- Charge your EV overnight.



From Lisa D: Save The Date! July 17, 2025 - **N/NE PSAC (Public Safety Action Committee) Meeting:** Join us in person and virtually at 7 p.m. on July 17th. Yes, we are going hybrid! Link and instructions to attend virtually will be included in the July 14 email. North Precinct's address is [449 NE Emerson](#) (south of Killingsworth). Akemi Joy Ishikawa will be at North Precinct, for those of you who can join us in person. Our meetings are open to any resident who lives within the [North Precinct boundaries](#). Please invite neighbors to join us. Just sign up for the Zoom invitation. Don't forget! Mark your calendars so you don't miss our next meeting starting at 7 p.m. Virtual meeting will be open around 6:45.

Questions? Akemi Joy Ishikawa - akemij@gmail.com. Look for the Virtual Invitation on or about July 14, 2025. We are excited to see you soon! Akemi and Judith. PS: Want to get these twice monthly notices in your Inbox? Sign up through the link: <https://landing.mailerlite.com/webforms/landing/v4i3t6>

From Jann G: 5 ways to keep cool without blasting the AC!



1. Block sunlight: The U.S. Department of Energy [estimates that about 76% of the rays](#) that hit your windows become heat. Keeping panes covered during the day, especially when the sun is at its hottest, can reduce your need for a cooling aid. Blackout treatments or blinds might seem like the most-obvious move here, but there are options that won't make you live in darkness. [Peel-and-stick solar film](#), for instance, can block up to [78% of the sun's warmth](#) from entering a dwelling; in one case study, [homeowners saw a temperature drop of more than 10 degrees F](#). Cellular shades, whose folds form an internal honeycomb pattern that acts as an insulator, can cut [unwanted solar heat by up to](#)

[60%](#). Other coverings, like slat-style louvered blinds or rolling roman shades, can also help, though they're less effective.

2. Create a cross breeze: Keeping air moving doesn't necessarily lower the mercury, but it does create a chilling sensation as it helps sweat evaporate off the skin—your body's natural cooling mechanism. If it's decent enough outside to have the windows open, cross-ventilation can let you feel the breeze, while also pulling cooler air inside and pushing warmer air out. To generate a breeze, open a door and/or window on opposite sides of your home, creating an inlet and an outlet. Then position fans—either box, floor, or table—to direct air from one side to the other. This will work best if you take advantage of the natural tendency for hot air to rise (aka convection): Place the inlet at a lower level than the outlet, which can be as simple as lowering the top sash of a window instead of raising the bottom. [One study conducted in India](#) found that good cross-ventilation can have a cooling effect of around 11 degrees F at the hottest point in the day.

3. Optimize your ceiling fans: Like cross-breezes, a gentle waft of air coming off a ceiling fan can help sweat evaporate more quickly. While the level of cooling depends on how fast the air is moving and how humid it is, a fan can let you [adjust the thermostat up by 4 degrees F](#). Most fans are bidirectional, so glance up at yours and make sure it's spinning counterclockwise, which creates a downdraft. If it's going the wrong way, turn it off and find the switch that reverses the spin. A wobbly or dirty fan is also an inefficient one. Dusty blades may not slice through the air as well as clean ones—and they'll also fling crud around the room. Add wiping down the blades to your cleaning routine, and while you're up there make sure to check and tighten up any fasteners. We've got the [guide on what to do if your ceiling fan](#) isn't acting up to scratch.



4. Keep humidity in check: On steamy days, the air is simply too saturated for sweat to evaporate efficiently, [making you feel even hotter](#). When it's damp out, a dehumidifier can be your hero. These appliances condense and collect water vapor, and then release drier air back into the room. (According to the EPA, the [ideal indoor humidity is between 30% and 50%](#).) Another reminder: If you have a bathroom fan, be sure to run it to dissipate the effects of steamy showers. Lower humidity will not change the temperature of your home, but can make it seem cooler.



5. Use appliances wisely: Appliances like [ovens, dishwashers, and refrigerators need a lot of energy and generate a lot of heat](#) as they do their jobs. In some cases they are responsible for [more than 16% of the heat in a home](#). While you can't do much about your refrigerator, make sure to use things like ovens, dishwashers, and clothes dryers during cooler hours—if you turn them on at all. You can, for example, [line-dry your clothes](#), opt to grill, or tap another alternative cooking method like [an induction burner](#). Baking a pie in the oven, for instance, could [raise the temperature in your home by 1 to 10 degrees F](#), while using a smaller appliance like a toaster oven or air fryer will do less to kill your chill. One more tip: [Unplug devices when not in use](#)—they can generate heat, even on standby.

Food resources in Argay Terrace:

- **SUN/IRCO Oregon Food Bank** is 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. www.feedemfreedom.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

Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association News:

Neighborhood Garage Sale - Friday-Sunday, August 1st through 3rd: Clean out your house and/or find some new treasures at our annual neighborhood garage sale. The event is scheduled for the first weekend in August which means this newsletter is the last time it will be mentioned outside of our social media accounts. You're following us, right? **To sign up for the garage sale** and have your home listed in the directory and garage sale map, click [here](#) to send an email to argayevents@gmail.com. The email should include **your name, your address, and your phone number**. Leave the subject line as "GARAGE SALE 2025" and you will receive a reply later with a confirmation and more info from Katie.



Luwit View Playground Repair: Portland Parks has scheduled the [repair of the playground](#) at Luwit View! If you have more questions or suggestions there is a community engagement person assigned to the project Jenna Stathopolous who can be reached via email at: Jenna.stathopolous@portlandoregon.gov.

PBOT and 122nd: Planned repaving of 122nd has been pushed back to 2026. BES stormwater filtration improvement work to start June 2025. [Here is](#) the latest design plan and how to sign up for updates.

Neighborhood Events:

July 16 - Wednesday - 5pm: Historic Parkrose Summer Nights Street Fair and Market at NE 104th and Sandy Blvd. Evening street fair featuring vendors, music, and food.

July 27 - Sunday - 11am to 4pm: Sunday Parkways at Gateway Discovery Park. Open streets, live music, and family fun at Gateway Discovery Park. [More Info](#).

August - Save The Dates: We're taking a month off from neighborhood specific events in July but will be back strong in August. The month will begin with the **Argay Neighborhood Garage Sale scheduled for August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd**, and ends with Indiana Jones at Movies In The Park on August 23rd at Luwit View. Hope to see you there.

August 1 - August 14th: Organize your own block party!! - The City of Portland is making it [easier to host a block party](#). **Safe Blocks "POP," Party On Portland** - If you register your party, the city will help with permits to close the road, noise permits and invite safety partners to the event.

August 23rd - Saturday - Movies In The Park -Join us at Luwit View Park for "Indiana Jones." The event starts at 7:30pm. The movie begins at sundown. We recommend you bring a blanket, snacks, and maybe a sweater. Hope to see you there!

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

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

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