

Riverwood Homeowners Association

Newsletter

AUGUST, 2025

Board & Committee News



Many thanks to Elise Morgan who added more hooks on the fence to give pool items a home.

Pool Committee: Many thanks to the Pool Committee and testing volunteers who kept the pool in pristine condition while I needed to step away from responsibilities for a couple of weeks. Your work is appreciated. We are in the final weeks of our 2024-2025 pool season with the anticipation of closing the pool at the end of September. What a great summer season it has been!

Here are a couple reminders:

- 1) The **pool door/gate security code is NOT to be given to anyone outside your immediate family for whom you have completed the Guest Registration Form or anyone under the age of 18.** Doing so will necessitate changing the code for the whole community.
- 2) **Please leave the pool area as neat and picked up as you found it.** Toys should be picked up off the bottom of the pool and all devices neatly put away. If items are left around the pool, it is your neighbors who will pick up after you!

Recreation Committee: August 31st Pot Luck will have an INTERNATIONAL THEME!!!

Come to the Riverwood Recreation Room at 2:00 pm on the last Sunday in August, Please bring ONE of the following; An Internationally-themed Main dish OR side dish OR dessert. Also bring your plate, utensils and beverage of your choice. We all look forward to catching up on summer vacation conversations, general renewal of news exchanges. We always have games and puzzles available, so join us for fun and friendship! Hope to see you on the 31st!



Welcome Committee: Attached to this newsletter you will find updated Riverwood Rosters. Please review your information and if corrections are needed, please send the corrections to rwh.welcome@gmail.com or text to Lisa Dashiell at 503-293-6861.

There are a variety of **volunteers** needed to fill Riverwood committee needs. Volunteer needs can be found on the [Riverwood BOD/Committees/Driveways Roster](#). Review those needs and consider how you can help. It takes volunteers to keep Riverwood up and running smoothly and to avoid hiring a management company or additional increases in our HOA fees. If you can fill one of those needs, please notify the committee chair.

Riverwood depends on YOU!



*The Next Riverwood Board Meeting will be
Thursday, September 11th at 6:30 PM in the Community Room.*

From the Residents

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

From Laurel: These new alerts about crime in our immediate neighborhood kept dropping in my inbox. I went to unsubscribe but found there were other interesting topics on the list to receive. Residents can sign up for free on topics of crime, real estate, pets, weather, restaurants, and neighborhoods. Information is power, they say.

<https://www.neighborhoodalerts.com/users/6c0245c9-f566-40c1-b763-4e9f52fcdc1f/subscriptions/unsubscribe>



From Karen E: Lately crows have been seen picking open plastic garbage bags set out for Thursday pickup. A couple ideas for deterring them are (1) spraying outside of the bag with a little Windex; or (2) spraying with a peppermint oil mixture. The recipe is about 2 cups water, 10-20 drops peppermint oil, and a little liquid dishwashing soap; shake well. Peppermint oil can be found in the health and wellness section of many supermarkets. (Peppermint flavoring in the baking aisle isn't the same thing.)

[Editor's note: Residents may also purchase a small, 20 gallon plastic garbage can and lid at most hardware stores. These are just about the right size for 1 bag of trash and the lid will keep wildlife out.]

From Karen L: Pet Owners Alert – Recently there have been several **coyote sightings** around 8-8:30 a.m. in Driveway 30. This is a reminder that they can be around at any time of the day or night, and we need to be sure our pets are safe. Very small children also can be in danger. The critters are able to jump 6-foot fences, but there's never been a report of that occurring in Riverwood.

From Jann: This looks like something fun to do—explore the Plazas all over Portland! Check out PBOT's [Plaza Directory](#). This photo is from Arleta Triangle Square at the corner of SE 72nd Avenue and Woodstock Boulevard.



From Healthy Little Peach on Facebook:
Nature's Homemade Cherry Limeade
Gatorade! Serves 2

Ingredients

- 1½ cups coconut water (or sub filtered water or decaf green tea)
- 1 cup aloe vera juice (or sub with green tea, coconut water, or filtered water)
- 1 lime, peeled
- 1/2 cup pitted cherries
- ¼–½ tsp salt
- 1-2 tbsp honey or maple syrup (more or less to taste)

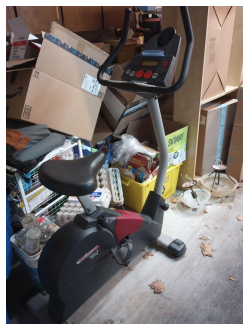
Instructions

1. Add everything to a blender: coconut water, aloe juice, pitted cherries, lime, salt, and sweetener.
2. Blend until smooth.
3. Pour over ice through a fine mesh strainer to remove pulp (or just drink the pulp, too!)
4. Garnish with fresh cherry and lime slices.



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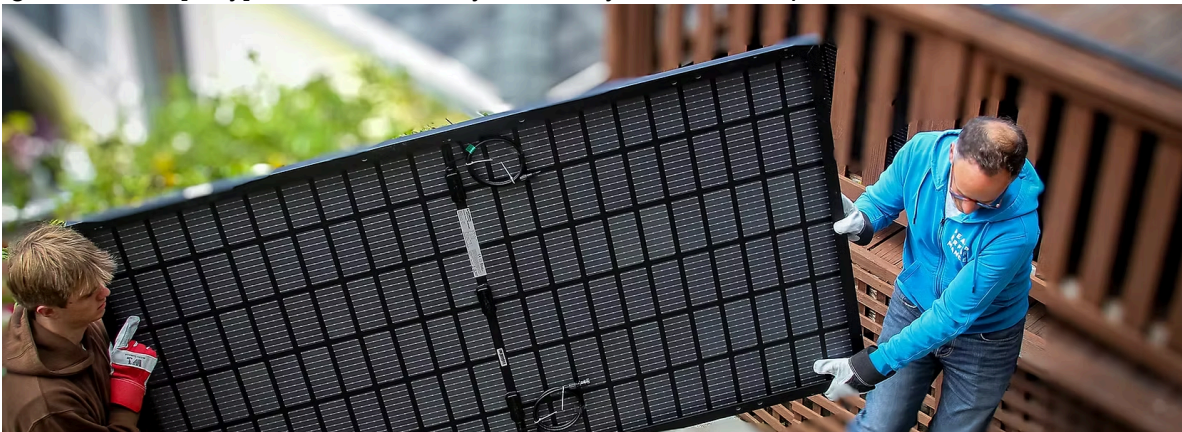
Nancy Stoll - 971-275-8584 - Exercise bike
- \$25 OBO.



Resources

From Lisa D: Birch Community Services, birchcommunityservices.org. The Sustainable Families Program. Over sixty percent of Americans are living paycheck to paycheck. These families are working, but still struggling to make ends meet. Whether through jobs that don't provide livable wages or living under a cloud of debt, these financial burdens keep hard-working families from being able to get ahead and put them at risk for short-term food insecurity and long-term stagnation. Now knowing someone who is actively participating in the Birch Community Services, I can vouch for the great service provided through this organization. There is no income restriction. Your food dollars will be stretched, freeing up finances for other needs in your household, along with providing free financial counselling. There is a waitlist which can be months long so it is important to contact the program to get on the waitlist.

From Lisa D: Interested in solar but constrained by the cost? **Bright Saver**, brightsaver.org, is an organization that works with lower-income households to provide access to discounted or free plug-in solar panels to help lower energy costs. They review your application to "determine eligibility and fit, including whether you're home during the day and likely to use the energy the panels produce. If you qualify and your home is a good match, [they] will reach out to you directly with next steps."



From Jann G: I want to take a minute to highlight the [East Portland Tool Library](http://EastPortlandToolLibrary). This is the organization that helped us out with a wheelbarrow and tools when Riverwood came together to mulch the East Bed (next to the Rec Room) this summer! They have a lot to offer and it's free. They are also always looking for tools to add to their collection. Just visit the Wishlist on their website and the next time you are purging a garage or moving, keep them in mind!

Scam Alert from Bank of America: [Know the red flags that signal a scam!](#)

Scammers are constantly reinventing new ways to trick people. While their stories may change, their tactics remain the same. Being aware of these red flags should make you pause, verify, and help stay protected:

- You're contacted out of the blue.
- You're pressured to act immediately.
- You're asked to pay in an unusual way
- You're asked to provide personal or account information
- It seems too good to be true

Remember: If you authorize a transfer or send money to a scammer, there's often little the bank can do to help get your money back. Read our [tip sheet](#) on talking to friends and family about fraud, scams and cyber security.

Food resources in Argay Terrace:

- **SUN/IRCO Oregon Food Bank** at Shaver Elementary School basketball courts on Weds 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.feedumfreedom.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:

Fred Meyer in Gateway [is closing](#) in September. The store has been open for over 70 years in the Hazelwood neighborhood and was famous for the arch (photo below) on the front of the store in the [Gateway Center](#), which stood for over three decades before being deconstructed. This Fred Meyer closure is one of 60 others nationwide. The company has not publicly stated why the Northeast Portland store was selected for closure. The store's fuel station will remain open.

It's made in Argay? Ruby Jewel! Who knew! You may have seen their ice cream sandwiches at your local store. Those dessert treats are produced in the business park just North of Sandy Blvd.

Hyper local produce: Those veggies you see grown right here in the farm fields of Argay Terrace can be purchased at Growers Outlet on NE 161st and Glisan. No planes, trains, tariffs for these veggies - just a couple of blocks from field to market. For the tomatoes you will need to eat at Kann or check out Farmer Evan PDX at Sellwood Moreland farmer's market. Spada's vegetable stand and u-pick on NE 158th is still open carrying fresh vegetables.

River fun: The majestic Columbia river is right on our doorstep - sometimes it is easy to forget that. A 15 minute scenic drive from Argay Terrace are a couple of dining spots on the Columbia River. Enjoy a summer sunset before they are gone. The [Sextant Bar and Galley](#) offers informal dining and drinks. For a splurge try [Salty's](#). And for on-the-water breezes, check out [The Deck](#), a seasonal restaurant literally floating on the river.



Neighborhood Events:

August 23rd, Saturday, 7:30pm: Movies in the Park - "Indiana Jones." Join us at Luuwit View Park for Indiana Jones! The film this year is [Raiders of the Lost Ark](#) (1981. Rated PG). The event starts at 7:30pm. The movie begins at sundown. The movie is subtitled. We suggest you bring a blanket, snacks and maybe a sweater! Pre-film music will be provided by [The J Calvin Band](#) from Argay Terrace. [Level Beer](#) will be pouring samples. Hope to see you there!

August 28 - Thursday - 9am-11am: Luuwit View Garden Volunteers meet. In September this group will change their work date to the 3rd Thursday of the month. As always, contact [Cathy Ferrari](mailto:cathyferrari1954@gmail.com), cathyferrari1954@gmail.com, if you would like to join.

Ongoing Events:

Gateway Discovery Park – All Summer: Enjoy a variety of kid-friendly events throughout the summer.
[Download Full Schedule](#)

Until August 22 - 10am to 2pm: Luuwit View Park Lunch and Play – Kids 18 and under can enjoy free lunch (served from 12:15pm to 1pm) and playtime in the park.

September - Save The Dates

September 7th: Fred Meyer in Gateway [is closing](#).

September 20 and 21 - Saturday and Sunday: 46th Annual Portland Middle Eastern Festival, hosted by St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church at 2101 NE 162nd Ave Portland, OR 97230. The Festival is Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event has influences from Syrian, Greek and Lebanese cultures culminating in a day of food, dance and fun. The event is free to attend. Food and beverages are available for purchase.

Here are the activities you can enjoy at this event: A variety of authentic cuisine, including lamb, chicken kebabs, gyros, falafel, pastries, baklava, meat and spinach pies, and more. Tours of the beautiful St George Antiochian Orthodox Church. Traditional Arab dances. Fun activities for kids, including bounce house, face painting and games. A book store. A silent auction. Evening prayer at 5 p.m. on Saturday. (click the flyer below for more information.)



ST. GEORGE
46th Annual
Middle East Festival 2025

Free Admission

• Church Bookstore
• Raffles & other Prizes
• Children's activities (bouncy house, games, face painting)

Food Booths Include:

- Arabic Pastries & Coffee
- Falafel
- Chicken Shawarma
- Gyro Sandwiches
- Lamb Shanks
- Chicken Kabobs
- Green Beans & Rice
- Kibbi & Yogurt
- Spinach Pies

Church Tours:
Sat. 12:30-1:00pm & 4:00-4:30pm
Sun. 11:30-2:00pm

Chanting:
Sat. 1:00pm & 4:30pm
Sun. 2:00pm

Evening Prayers (Vespers):
Sat. 5:00pm - 8:45pm

Folk Dancing Show:
Sat. 3:00pm & 5:45pm (Young Kids)
Sun. 3:00pm

Music and Dance Party:
Sat. 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Featuring Singer
Nassar Ghali

Come experience a heritage of Faith, Hospitality, Food, Music and Culture!

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church
2101 NE 162nd Avenue
Portland, OR 97216

REMEMBER: Newsletter articles, ads, etc. are due by Noon on the Tuesday following the Board Meeting!!!

rwh.news@gmail.co. Next newsletter: September 16th!

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

Laurel McAfee, Welcome Committee, Laurel McAfee, Karen Esterholdt, Karen Laird, Lynn Young, Argay View (ATNA newsletter), Bank of America.