

# Riverwood Homeowners Association

## Newsletter

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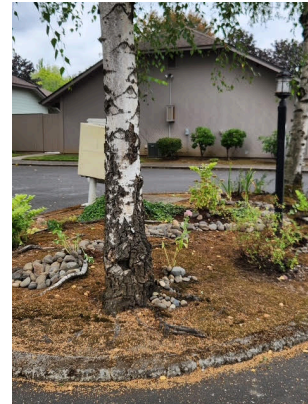
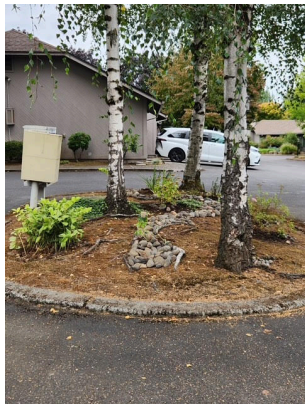
### *Board & Committee News*

**Board of Directors:** **2025 Annual Meeting: Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30 PM in the Community Room.** Riverwoods annual meeting is an opportunity to catch up on committee reports tracking the highlights of the year past. As this meeting occurs on the first Tuesday of October, it is an opportunity for those who cannot make the regular Thursday evening monthly meetings. If you have topics for the agenda, please send them to Elise Morgan or Laurel McAfee at least two days before the meeting. All are welcome to attend. See you there!



Riverwood's **Elections for Board of Directors positions are happening now!** Beginning Friday, 9/12, please be looking at your front door for your ballot to vote for HOA Board of Directors. Your vote/ballot may be placed in the Ballot Box across from the Recreation Room door **by the end of day Monday October 6.** ***Please vote and attend the Annual Membership Meeting on Tuesday, October 7, 6:30pm.***

**Landscape Committee:** > We are moving forward with a Lawn Restoration Plan. It will cover all our lawn areas, green spaces and homeowners lawns. It includes Aeration & Lime application, with Overseeding to fill in bare spaces and to enrich our lawns. > As a Committee, we have decided during leaf season to have our leaves placed on all the bare dirt, flower bed spaces. By bare I mean beds that need more nutrients to feed the soil. You may see flags or poles planted to indicate where the leaves should go. > We have reached out to a few homeowners that were in violation of our Landscape rules. We've had positive responses from half of them and will continue to follow up with the last two. > Another spot in Riverwood has been beautified. > **It is time to divide your perennials...**enjoy the beautiful weather in your gardens!



**Please take a stroll and look at DW 20's mailbox area!!**

Cindy Zinn and a friend—with a little rock moving help from Elise—have worked an extremely difficult area and made it beautiful. ***Thank you so much for taking on that project.***

**The Landscape Bottle Collection Fund** helped us finish the Eastside Flower bed and we Thank You! We are now working to build our coffers again and are planning new areas to work towards making beautiful. **Please donate your RINSED cans & plastic bottles to Jann, Laurel or Kris.** Contact them if you want Green Bags. We are also looking for volunteers to help transfer about a dozen full garbage bags to the green bags.

A Landscape Note: **Please!** do not give instructions to the Landscape Crew. All communication must go through your Landscape Driveway Representative or the Landscape Chair or a Board Member. Direct instructions to the Landscape Crew come through their Company, not through Riverwood. That said, please feel free to smile, wave and be friendly. We just do not want to interfere with their work, as they are on a timeline. **Remember, most issues with landscape work are generally like a haircut: it will grow back!**

**Recreation Committee:** Thank you to Mary Ann for organizing Puzzles & drawers In the Rec Room!! Thank you to Elise, Laurel & Jason for taking on the task of detrashing, cleaning & organizing under the Pool stairs. Thank you to Cindy for Organizing & Cleaning the Electrical/Rec Storage Room. ***Thank you all!!!***

Hey Everyone! Come to the **Riverwood Potluck, Sunday, September 28<sup>TH</sup>, 2:00 pm!!** "Salads & Desserts" is the theme for this month. Show off your favorite SALAD or your most mouth watering DESSERT! Please bring a dish to share, utensils, plate or bowl and a beverage for yourself. Hope to see you on the 28<sup>th</sup>!!



**Riverwood Kids & Grandkids 🥰 Riverwood August Potluck Kids Table**

**Web Master:** Calendar events for the Fiscal Year 9/2025-8/2026 go to Laurel McAfee.

**Welcome Committee:** Riverwood extends a warm welcome to the following new Neighbors: Matthew Barkley - Driveway 10, Gigi Howton - Driveway 20, Jeremy Tarr - Driveway 30E, Alan and Kim Blanchard - Driveway 70. We hope you'll love it here!

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### ***From the Residents***

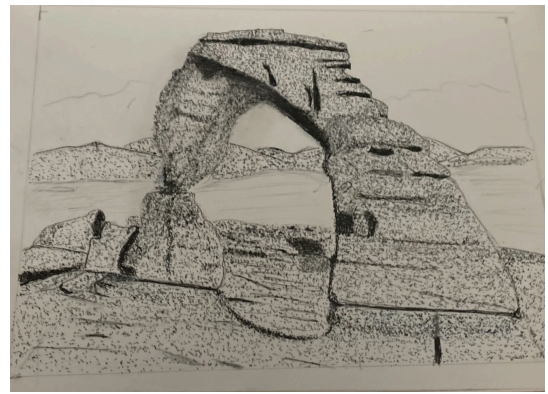
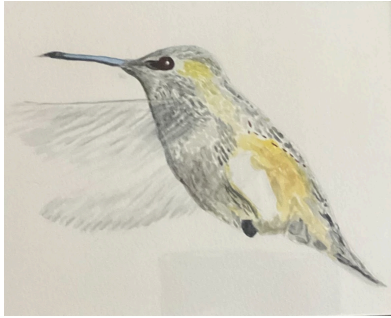
***Send your feedback, ideas, recipes, pet photos, notices, etc. to [rwh.news@gmail.com](mailto:rwh.news@gmail.com).***

**From Jann:** I recently discovered a blog called [The HOA Detective](#). "Our mission is to bring positive change to a fragmented HOA marketplace. By educating buyers, the CIDA Mission seeks to empower a new generation of homeowners who will become tomorrow's leaders and decision-makers of more than 350K privatized residential communities in the United States." One article RW'ers may find useful is: [K.I.S.S.](#)

**From MaryAnn:** The Zimmerman's in DW 20 have 2 yellow recycling bins, if anyone wants one. Call 503-867-3849







Three examples of my art work: two watercolor pictures and a pen & ink drawing. **Bob Christman, DW 30.**

## *Resources*

**From NW Natural Gas:** Introducing a new program to ease monthly energy costs! NWN is pleased to offer grants in collaboration with the Oregon Public Utilities Commission. If you have a qualifying income, you may be eligible. See all their assistance programs at [nwnatural.com/paymentassistance](http://nwnatural.com/paymentassistance).

**From the Portland Curbsider:** For the first time, businesses that make packaging and paper products will help pay for recycling. Their funding will upgrade local recycling facilities and make recycling available in more parts of the state! These improvements are part of Oregon's Plastic Pollution and Recycling Modernization Act, a new state law. Learn more at [portland.gov/recyclingmodernization](http://portland.gov/recyclingmodernization).

### **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](http://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:*

**Speed Bumps Coming to Rose Pkwy:** Speeders on NE Rose Parkway have ruined it for everyone. Rose Parkway neighbors, justifiably tired of drivers going too fast down their street, complained enough to PBOT and have spurred them into action. By now many neighbors have received the mailed letter below from PBOT stating speed bumps will be installed sometime between Fall 2025 and Spring 2026. White lines spray painted across the

street indicate the future locations of speed bumps between NE 122nd and NE 141st. Enjoy a smooth ride home (at the posted speed limit, please) on that street while you can because it's about to get bumpy.

**City Councilor in the Neighborhood:** On September 19th, [Portland City Councilor Avalos](#) is scheduled to be in Argay Terrace as part of her effort to visit neighborhoods across District 1. [Sept. 19th 8AM to 5 PM, per her website.] In related news: Councilor Smith has opened her district office at the Nick Fish building on NE Halsey — stop by if you have a concern. Both Councilor Dunphy and Avalos continue to look for office space within the district.



**COR Transfer Station Permit Renewal: Your Opinion Wanted!** The COR garbage and recycling facility visible from NE Sandy and 141st (look for the dust cloud) is up for permit renewal. If you have commentary about the renewal, now is the time to voice it. [Comments are due by 5pm on Monday September 15th, 2025.](#) Read more [here](#).

**Local History Spotlight:** Want to learn a little history about our area? The Parkrose Community Archive is part of an OSU master's project and includes oral histories worth reading. Check out these links:

- [Parkrose Community Archive](#)
- [OSU feature: "An Acre of Apples in Parkrose"](#)

#### **Argay Business News:**

- The old Shari's on Airport Way has been purchased by Elmer's.
- The former Shiloh Inn is being redeveloped by Vesta Hospitality out of Vancouver, WA — with the new restaurant currently called *Jawfish Restaurant and Bar*.
- The Gateway Fred Meyer is slated to close this month [Sept. 9th] after more than 70 years in the Hazelwood neighborhood. [Read more from OPB.](#)

### ***Events:***

**September 12–21 – [City of Portland Welcoming Week](#)** Free events throughout the city to bring together longtime and new Portlanders. Welcoming Week is a free, week-long event that builds strong community support for immigrants and refugees. It offers art, performances, information, and community discussions to all Portlanders.



**September 13 - Saturday: Repair Cafe: spreading repair culture!** Leaven Community, 5431 NE 20th Ave, Portland. Volunteers will be fixing outdoor gear, small appliances, garments and bikes. They will also be sharpening knives and tools. See website for details: [repairpdx@gmail.com](mailto:repairpdx@gmail.com).



**September 18th - Thursday: Luuwit View Garden Volunteers** will change their work day to the 3rd Thursday of each Month in September. Their September work date will be Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

**September 19 – Friday: Councilor Avalos** in the neighborhood!! (see above).

**September 20–21 – Saturday & Sunday – 46th Annual St. George Middle Eastern Festival.** Sat. 11am–9pm / Sun. 11:30am–5pm at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church (2101 NE 162nd).

**September 24 – Wednesday – 6:30pm:** Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association Board Meeting.

#### **Portland-Wide Events**

**September 5-14:** [Geek Week](#)

**September 12-14:** [Portland Staycation Weekend](#)

#### **October Save The Dates:**

**October 6 – *Mid-Autumn Festival*,** celebrations throughout Portland.

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

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**A gigantic “Thank You!” to those who contributed to this month’s newsletter:  
Laurel McAfee, Kris Clarke, Bob Christman, Bill Neville, Carol Hard, MaryAnn Zimmerman,  
Welcome Committee, Lynn Young , Argay View (ATNA newsletter)**



Indiana Jones: Raiders of the Lost Ark was a hit at Luuwit View Park in August