

# Riverwood Homeowners Association

## Newsletter

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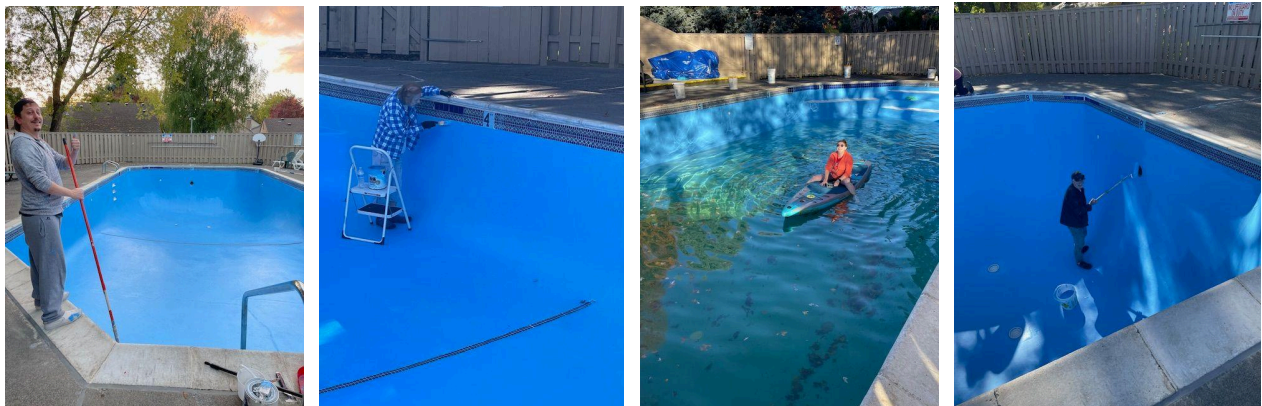
### *Board & Committee News*

**Board of Directors:** President's Corner - **The Riverwood Board will not be holding a meeting in December.** Our next scheduled open board meeting will be **January 8th at 6:30 pm in the Community Room.**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!** **Riverwood is seeking a new Treasurer.** If you would like to learn more about this position, please contact someone on the Board. New Rosters will be available in December attached to this wonderful Newsletter. Those rosters will include Board Oversight and numerous vacancies needed to sustain our committees. If you are interested in volunteering, **contact the Committee Chair.** They would LOVE to hear from you!!

**Landscape Committee:** It's time to remove leaves from our patios, cut back or split plants and to plant spring bulbs. This last year I tried layering different bulbs in 3 pots, according to each bulb's specific depth information. It was easy and the results were amazing. Come spring, before anything peeks out of the ground, your pots will start to bloom! A tip that helped me: I cut a brown paper grocery bag the same diameter as my planted pot, laid it on top of planted soil, wet it and then put some leaves on top. The paper will help keep the squirrels from digging, but let the rain get through. I then placed the pots by my patio doors and come spring it was like having a beautiful bouquet growing right before my eyes! Experiment and enjoy, Kris Clarke  
**(Reminder:** yard debris from your patio must go in or with your garbage, **not** out to the common area for our landscape crew to pick up. Thanks!)

**Pool Committee:** We did it!!!! Thanks to all the Riverwood volunteers who made the pool painting project possible (Patrick Steininger, Luke Forsythe, William Cromb, Ellen Knapton, Kazumi Erickson, Verna France, Elise Morgan and Lisa Dashiell). As always, thanks to Jim Eveland, our pool consultant. The pool surface has been cleaned, new pool light installed, cracks caulked, and 2 coats of bikini blue paint applied. It has been partially filled, chemicals adjusted, and covered for the winter. Now the wait for the mallard couple to set up seasonal residency and our long wait for Summer 2026.



The Pool Committee is looking for volunteer(s) to install 3 toilets and perhaps 1 urinal. There are currently rebates available for the purchase of water efficiency toilets and urinals. I will be exploring whether our pool bathrooms would qualify for the rebates and if our pool budget would allow for their purchase. If so, they would need to be purchased before the end of 2025, but could be installed January-March 2026. In order to make this happen, we would need volunteer(s) who could do the installation. If this project is in your skill set and you

would be willing to take this on, please notify Lisa Dashiell (503-293-6861 or [rwh.pool@gmail.com](mailto:rwh.pool@gmail.com)) by December 6th. - Lisa Dashiell on behalf of the Pool Committee

**Recreation Committee:** Needle, Thread, Glue, Sand paper, **CRAFTS! Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> 11:00 am-1:00 pm** the Rec Committee is hosting a Crafts Day. Bring any craft project to work on and catch up with old friends or meet new friends. Join other Riverwood residents while you enjoy your favorite hobbies.



Riverwood **Game Night will be Monday, December 8th at 5pm** in the Community Room. Last month we played poker and Apples to Apples and enjoyed the many snacks everyone brought. Join us for dice, cards, and other tabletop games! Feel free to bring your favorite game from home or find a new favorite with your neighbors! Hot cocoa provided. Bringing a snack is encouraged, but not required. Any questions, please call or text Elise Morgan at (808)497-8565.



**Safety & Security Committee:** Dear Neighbors: The Safety & Security Committee observed that many garage lights were not turned on during our recent evening drive through Riverwood. While it's easy to assume our headlights provide enough illumination when we arrive home, once we pull into the garage, close the door and step inside, we may not realize just how dark the front of our homes remain. For your safety and the security of our community, if you have them, please turn on your exterior lights, particularly garage lights, from dusk to dawn. A well lit entry way helps deter unwanted activity and improves visibility for neighbors, visitors, and deliveries. This small action makes a big difference in keeping Riverwood safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know at [www.riverwoodpdx.safety@gmail.co](mailto:www.riverwoodpdx.safety@gmail.co). Thank you,

**Web Master:** Action Requests via Riverwood Website: If you are needing to contact any of our Committee Chairs to request or notify of an issue within your property or the HOA in general, **please contact them directly** with your information by their personal email address found on the Roster.

**Welcome Committee:** Riverwood welcomes the Blanchards: Alan, Kim and Hayden, on DW 70!! Say hi when you see them!

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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 Karen E:** (From a conversation with a Metro employee) **No shredded paper in recycling.** Thanks for reaching out. With the implementation of the Recycling Modernization Act on July 1 of this year, shredded paper was removed from the list of items included for recycling in our curbside recycling bins. This decision was made with a lot of input from paper recyclers, recycling sorting facilities, garbage haulers and local governments and because shredded paper was not really getting recycled prior to the change in recycling acceptance.

Shredded paper creates a huge mess at the recycling sorting facilities. Even if shredded paper was contained in a paper bag and the bag managed to stay intact by the time it arrived at the recycling sorting facility, employees at the sorting facilities were required to open the bag to look inside. The paper would fly everywhere and most of it would land on the floor where it was swept up as garbage or end up



From Lina De Fournay by the Good Flower Med

clinging to the recycling machinery. In our current curbside recycling system, shredded paper is very difficult to separate for actual recycling. So shredded paper should now go in the garbage at home or be taken to a facility where paper is source separated (not mixed with other recyclables) for recycling. Currently, the only option for that is Metro's transfer stations. Residential shredded paper is accepted free of charge for recycling.

**Metro South Transfer Station**

2001 Washington St.  
Oregon City, OR 97045  
7 days a week, 7 a.m.- 7 p.m.

**Metro Central Transfer Station**

6161 NW 61st Ave.  
Portland, OR 97210  
7 days a week, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

I realize our transfer stations are not exactly conveniently located for a lot of folks in the metro region. However, access to non-curbside recycling options will change in the coming years. With the passage of the Recycling Modernization Act (the state law implemented on July 1<sup>st</sup> that created the change to shredded paper acceptance), mini recycling depots will be located throughout the metro region and will become available over the next couple of years. These depots will allow more difficult-to-recycle items like styrofoam, shredded paper, etc. to be easily contained and sent to the appropriate facilities for more efficient and proper recycling. Until then, shredded paper should go in your garbage can.

One thing to keep in mind is that a lot of your personal information like name, address, phone number and email are already publicly available on the internet. I don't say this to scare you but to provide information that may help you reduce the amount of paper you feel you need to shred. Only paper that has your birthday, social security number or other sensitive information like medical records or bank account information truly needs to be shredded. Most identity theft happens digitally these days and not really through people stealing mail out of your recycling bin. *[Note: What is Metro? [oregonmetro.gov](http://oregonmetro.gov): Metro works with communities, businesses and residents in the Portland metropolitan area to chart a wise course for the future while protecting the things we love about this place.]*

**From Bob C: Local Amateur Art!!** I'm Bob Christman who lives at Driveway 30. I consider myself as an amateur artist who would like to share some of my artwork. Most of my work is in three different genres: watercolor, pen and ink and colored pencil. They are but a few of my large collection.



Far Left: (Colored pencil) A rendering of Oak tree leaves on our patio minus the Acorn.

Middle: (Pen & ink)

Right: (Watercolor)

**From Karen E: Scammers trick Oregon coast woman out of \$284K! The FBI intercepted an Eugene woman before she handed over \$800K in gold.**

Police in Oregon say that yet another resident has fallen victim to a nationwide gold bar and coin scam, this time losing approximately \$284,000. The case marks at least the fourth victim that Oregon authorities have publicized since this summer. The Lincoln County Sheriff's Office said on Oct. 16 that an 81-year-old woman reported that she'd lost \$284,000 after a scammer claiming to be an FBI agent tricked her into using her savings to buy gold. She then delivered the gold to the scammers "for safekeeping" on Sept. 6.

Less than two weeks later, the man posing as an FBI agent asked the woman to buy an additional \$278,000 in gold coins and hand them over, according to court papers. But as the woman attempted to buy coins from JS Coins, the proprietor told her he thought she was being targeted by scammers and that she should call the



police, according to court papers. Both police and the FBI began to investigate and prevented the woman from handing over more cash.

In other news, the FBI also was able to stop a fifth potential victim — an elderly Eugene woman — as she was trying to deliver \$800,000 in gold to scammers late last month, according to court papers, which didn't elaborate further. Police say this gold bar and coin scam has been sweeping Oregon and the nation.

In July, the Oregon Department of Justice warned the state's residents about this devastating fraud, saying an eastern Oregon woman in her 60s lost most of her life savings — \$600,000 — after scammers posing as federal agents told her she should convert her cash to gold bars and hand them over to them for safekeeping. The scammers tried to siphon an additional \$300,000 in gold from the woman but police intervened after the woman's sister called the state agency's **consumer protection hotline at 877-877-9392** for help.

Police warn residents to always **verify** that anyone contacting you who claims to be from a bank, government or other legitimate agency **is actually who they say they are**. This verification can be done by independently obtaining the contact information of the agency and reaching out to them. ~by **Aimee Green, The Oregonian / OregonLive**, [agreen@oregonian.com](mailto:agreen@oregonian.com) [Note: This article has been edited for length.]

## Resources

### 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](#)

**Rid-Patrol: 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:

### Argay Business News:

- **Circular Action Alliance (CAA)** is opening Oregon offices at City of Roses Recycling on NE 138th. CAA is implementing Oregon's Recycling Modernization Act across the state, with an estimated statewide rollout budget of \$254 million in 2026 and \$289 million in 2027. The site will serve as Oregon's contamination audit hub, where recycling samples from across the state are evaluated. COR's wood, food waste, and other recycling operations will continue on site.
- **Jawfish Restaurant and Bar** is set to open soon along Airport Way in the former Shiloh Inn.
- **Cola's Peacock Blues & Brews** has requested a liquor license and video lottery machines for 11807 NE Sandy Blvd.

### Local Events:

**November 20 - 3rd Thursday - 7 pm:** Neighborhood Safety and Community Meetings - A reminder that the **North/Northeast PSAC meeting** takes place the **third Thursday of each month**. It's a great opportunity to discuss neighborhood concerns directly with an officer from the Portland Police North Precinct. **At the precinct or online.** For online info, contact: [JudithAshleyKlef@gmail.com](mailto:JudithAshleyKlef@gmail.com)



**November 22 – Saturday – 9am–3pm:** St. Matthews Anglican Church Bazaar.



**November 27 – Thursday:** Thanksgiving.

**November 28 – Friday – 5pm–9:30pm:** Grotto Festival of Lights – Guests encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for SnowCap.

**Save the Date:**

**Shaver Elementary School Fundraiser: Sunday, March 29, 2026 — 3:00 PM.** Shaver Elementary Community Organization is partnering with the Portland Trail Blazers for a school fundraiser! A portion of all ticket sales will support field trips, classroom supplies, and community events. Trail Blazers vs. Washington.

[Purchase tickets here.](#)

**Food resources in Argay Terrace:**

**SUN/IRCO Oregon Food Bank** is open at Shaver Elementary School basketball courts. **Pantry Days have switched to Fridays 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.

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**REMEMBER: Newsletter articles, ads, etc. are due by Noon on the Tuesday following the Board Meeting!!!**  
**[rwh.news@gmail.com](mailto:rwh.news@gmail.com). Next newsletter: November 18th.**

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**A gigantic “Thank You!” to those who contributed to this month’s newsletter:**

**Bob Christman, Carol Hardy, Elise Morgan, Laurel McAfee, Lisa Dashiell, Karen Esterholdt, Kris Clarke, Lynn Young, Tori Lundgren,, Argay View (ATNA newsletter), Aimee Green, The Oregonian / OregonLive.**



**“Gratitude is not only the greatest of virtues, but the parent of all the others.”**  
**Cicero**