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www.southeastuplift.org/neighborhood/richmond

Richmond Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Monday of every month except Dec and Jan, 7pm at Waverly Heights UCC, 3300 SE Woodward St.

CALENDAR

Sewallcrest Park Off-Leash Hours

July 15 - September 1

Monday to Friday

6am to 9am and 7pm to midnight

Weekends

6am to 10am and 7pm to midnight

For more information, contact
503/832-DOGS or visit

www.portlandonline.com/parks

**Please note: The off-leash area
is at the SOUTH end of the park.**

**Saturday, August 1
3 to 10 pm**

Grant Street Fayre

**Sunday, August 16
9am to 4pm**

**Southeast Portland
Sunday Parkways**

Streets open to walking, bicycling,
rolling, and roller blading - without
having to watch for cars!

See www.portlandsundayparkways.org
for more information.

**Sunday, August 16
11am to 5pm**

Hawthorne Street Fair

See <http://thinkhawthorne.com/happenings>
for more information.

**RNA HAS A
NEW MEETING SPACE!**

**Waverly Heights
Congregational
United Church of Christ
3300 SE Woodward St.**

MOVIE IN SEWALLCREST PARK

AUGUST 15: SCHOOL OF ROCK

On Saturday, August 15,
Portland Parks & Recreation
and the Richmond Neigh-
borhood Association will
present **School of Rock** in
Sewallcrest Park. The theme
for the night is "kids rock."

Before the film begins
at dusk (approximately
8:45), entertainment will
be provided by several kid
bands, beginning at 6:30pm.
The bands to date are: **The
Vibrations**, an amazing,
talented group of four
brothers, and **The Portland
School of Rock Allstars**.

School of Rock is part
of the Portland Parks &
Recreation Summer Movies
in the Parks program. For
the full schedule, go to [www.
portlandonline.com/parks](http://www.portlandonline.com/parks).
This event is made possible
by a grant from the 2008-09
Southeast Uplift Neighbor-
hood Small Grant program.
Contact [allen_field@
yahoo.com](mailto:allen_field@yahoo.com) if you would like
to help with this event.

Rain Gardens 101

by Amy Whitworth

The City of Portland's Tabor to the River initiative is designed to reduce stormwater impacts on the Eastside. Construction of local green streets has already begun. Similar facilities can be seen at People's Coop and New Seasons Market. Many of our neighbors have done their part to help the Willamette River by disconnecting downspouts, and they receive Clean River Rewards for their efforts. It is time for homeowners to take the next step.

Rain Gardens are shallow, landscaped depressions that contain rainwater while it slowly soaks into the ground. This recharges groundwater as soil and plant roots filter impurities. Stormwater runoff causes erosion of local stream banks, contributing to the decline in salmon habitat. We can change that by planting native plants in rain gardens around our homes that also provide habitat for wildlife.

Rain Gardens 101 is a class offered by the East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District, as part of their Nature-scaping Series. All classes are free.

Rain Gardens 101 Participants will learn:

- How rain gardens improve urban watershed hydrology
- How to do a site assessment to determine where to safely install a rain garden
- Impervious surface calculation and rain garden sizing
- Plant selection
- Rain garden construction and maintenance
- Tour of a local rain garden

To register, go to www.emswcd.org or call 503/935-5368

Date: Saturday, August 29th

Time: 9am to 1pm

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church, 3880 SE Brooklyn St.

Host: Richmond Neighborhood Association

Contact: Amy Whitworth, plan-it-earth@comcast.net,
503/239-0105

LAND USE

by Doug Klotz

Division Streetscape

The Division Streetscape and Street Reconstruction Project is in the planning stage. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) of 21 local representatives has been meeting since April, 2009. Seth Gallant is the representative for the Richmond Neighborhood Association (RNA). The project will repave Division Street from 6th to 39th. Neighborhood input led to the inclusion of a process to draft a vision for the street; so the current process will design a "streetscape," which could include elements such as curb extensions and crosswalks, and creating an "identity" for the street.

Another element that is being discussed is creating "stormwater facilities" along Division Street. These vegetated "swales" are being promoted by the Bureau of Environmental Services throughout much of Richmond as a more cost-effective way to treat stormwater runoff than building more centralized treatment plants and associated larger pipes. How these facilities, which take significant space, will fit into the street right-of-way and coexist with other desires, including adequate sidewalk space, cafe tables, auto parking, bike parking, and street trees, is under examination by the project committee and staff. Some options include placing them on curb extensions so sidewalk space is preserved

and placing them along side streets if water flows allow.

Another significant element of the project involves the possible removal of the "pro-time" lanes on Division from 28th to 12th, where curb-side lanes serve travel during peak hours and provide parking in off-peak hours. Early indications are that staff has found they really don't serve through-traffic, so much as turn-movements at major intersections; therefore, for much of the street, they will likely be removed. This decision will allow not only more parking, but the addition of curb extensions for easier street crossing in that stretch of Division, an option that is currently be precluded by the pro-time lanes. The CAC's meetings run through November 2009.

For more information on the process, call Elizabeth Mahon at PBOT, 503/823-0396.

Division Developments:

UD+P's two projects on Division are proceeding with permitting. Evidence of construction may be visible by the time of publication. The Reliable Parts Building project, at 3103 SE Division, should start first. This project will remodel the existing building and add two stories of apartments above.

3812 SE Division involves moving the existing house on the corner of 38th and Division (to a new location along 38th), removing the house to the east of it, and building a four-story mixed-use project. Permits to move the house have

been issued. Pictures of both developments are available at www.udplp.com.

Wild Oats building, 3002 SE Division: Owners New Villages were successful in their attempt to get the Division Street/Main Street overlay zoning regulations changed to allow stores larger than 10,000 square feet to locate on the second floors and above in larger, existing buildings. Their plan to put a health club in the building has been stalled, presumably because of the economic climate.

2009 RICHMOND CLEANUP

by Colin Cigarran

Thanks to everyone who volunteered and participated in the annual RNA spring cleanup this year and made it another great community-building event. Overall, nearly 21 tons of material came through the gate from 120 households and we were able to divert 15 tons of this material for re-use or recycling purposes. Percentage-wise, this is a 71% diversion rate which is almost as good as last year's record of 72%. It took a lot of hard work to get all of that plastic, metal, Styrofoam, wood, electronic waste, yard debris and reusable household items sorted and collected – only the best volunteer crew in Portland could handle such a task. The U-Price It and Plant Sale brought in \$1,668 which goes toward the annual neighborhood tree planting project. I thank you all again and look forward to working with

everyone on next year's cleanup. I also invite any comments or feedback on how to improve the event, so please email me at colincigarran@yahoo.com with any ideas.

Remember, you don't have to wait for the cleanup. Everything that we collect at the cleanup can be recycled nearly 365 days of the year. Call Metro's Recycling hotline at 503/234-3000.

A big Thank You to our event sponsors: Metro, the Office of Sustainable Development and Southeast Uplift. Support and in-kind donations were provided by Byron's Salvage, Central Christian Church, Cloudburst Recycling, Community Warehouse, FarWest Fibers, Fred Meyer, Free Geek, Gruetter Sanitary, Oasis Pizza, the Rebuilding Center, SE Examiner, Starbuck's Coffee and the UPS Store.

INDEPENDENT AND ASSISTED LIVING

by Cathy Walter

St. Anthony Village is a not-for-profit housing community for older adults, located southeast of Mt. Tabor at 3560 SE 79th Ave. Please call 503/775-4414 to obtain individual housing information.

RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD'S GARAGE SALE

by Derek Covey

The Richmond Neighborhood 3rd Annual Garage and Yard Sale is coming up once again.

This year it will be Saturday, September 12th. This year's Garage and Yard Sale will work the same as last year; each registered yard sale site will receive maps to pass out showing the location of all the yard sales and the type of items for sale. Maps will also be available at Loprinzi's Gym on SE 41st prior to, and on the garage sale day.

To receive the 2009 Garage and Yard Sale Registration form or if you are interested in volunteering, please contact me at 503/233-3181 or covey7us@yahoo.com.

We will advertise the neighborhood sale in **The Oregonian**, **Willamette Week**, **Craigslist** and anywhere else that looks like a good idea. Every registrant receives a kit that includes signs, maps, informational and safety tips. The cost to register your sale will be a donation of \$10 to the Richmond Neighborhood General Fund and this can be waived for the financially challenged. Deadline for getting your completed registration form back to me is Friday, August 28th in order to be on "The Sale Map".

For the 2010 event, I am already looking for people who want to participate and also one or two volunteers to help organize this event for next year.

HELP US SOLARIZE SE PORTLAND!

by Tim O'Neal, SE Uplift

Southeast Uplift is collaborating with the Mt. Tabor Land Use Committee and Energy Trust of Oregon to

create a community solar installation program for Southeast Portland homeowners. Solarize Portland will help Portland residents overcome the logistical hurdles of going solar at home, including who to hire, what equipment to buy, how much to budget and where to start. With Solarize Portland, interested neighbors will join forces to conquer the process as a team and realize cost savings with bulk purchasing power.

Energy Trust and SE Uplift will organize workshops to provide program participants with the information they need to make the right decisions. Workshops will cover everything from solar basics to tapping into available cash incentives and tax credits. We will also facilitate the selection of a contractor to perform site assessments and the installations.

Richmond neighbors are invited to participate in this exciting project. If you would like to install solar electricity on your home please visit www.solarizeportland.org for information about upcoming workshops and to find out how to sign up. We are also looking for people who are interested in spreading the word about this throughout the neighborhood. The more people we get signed up the more cost savings this project can accomplish! If you are interested in helping to organize your community to 'solarize' please contact Tim O'Neal, Neighborhood Sustainability Coordinator for SE Uplift, at 503.232/0010 x313, or email tim@southeastuplift.org.

FRIENDS OF TREES PLANTING—DECEMBER 5

by Sarah Moore

The 2009 Richmond/Hosford-Abernethy Neighborhood Tree Planting with Friends of Trees will be held Saturday, December 5th. The sign-up deadline is early October.

The earlier you sign up, the better the tree selection. The Friend of Trees website has information to help you choose the perfect tree. For only \$75 (or less, as funding allows) you get a City-approved tree for your planting strip (or yard), hole digging, planting assistance, mulch, stakes, and follow-up monitoring.

We're serious about planting trees. Friends of Trees planted more trees last season than any other in their 20 year history. Richmond was the top neighborhood for the 2008-09 planting season.

You will be asked to help plant on planting day or volunteer in some other capacity – but that's really part of the fun and it's not hard. On planting day we provide a continental breakfast to get you going and a hot soup lunch afterwards.

Why get a tree? Because trees...

- Increase the value of your home,
- Keep your home cooler in the summer and muffle noise,
- Improve air quality and help slow traffic speeds,
- Beautify and unite neighborhoods, and
- Help keep the Willamette River clean.

All you have to do is decide which tree(s) are right for you. Sign up to participate at www.friendsoftrees.org and click "Order street or yard tree."

For more information:

Richmond: Call Janet or Eric at 503/236-8418 or email jenk2@mindspring.com

Hosford-Abernethy (HAND): Call Jack at 503/238-0912 or email jacklindas@att.net

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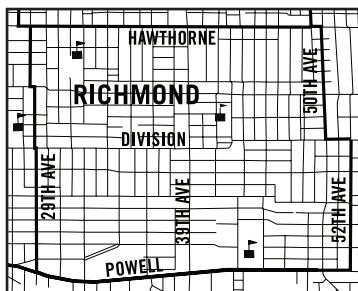
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Clinton Bike Boulevard Update

by Tom Ralley

The Clinton Street Bike Boulevard project is moving forward. The project will use art to communicate to drivers on Clinton between 12th and 52nd that the street is one of Portland's bike boulevards, defined in Portland's city code as "a roadway with low vehicle traffic volumes where the movement of bicycles is given priority." In late April, artists Brian Borrello and Matt Cartwright presented results of their work on the project to a citizens advisory committee and Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) staff.

Clinton is heavily used by cyclists. Last summer, PBOT counted more bicycles than motorized vehicles traveling through the intersection of 26th and Clinton, with daily counts of 2710 bicycles and 2640 motor vehicles. To encourage cyclists' use of Clinton and to increase driver awareness of cyclists, Borrello and Cartwright were selected by the Regional Arts and Culture Council and commissioned to create design and art features that would achieve these goals.

Among the street features proposed by Borrello and Cartwright are:

- **Street Sign Topper** – This would be a 6-inch high metal silhouette of a bicycle and rider that would attach to the tops of street signs along Clinton between 12th and 52nd.

- **Head Badge** – This was inspired by bike manufacturers' metal logo stamped to bicycle head set tubes (the tube into which handlebars go). The head badge would be an oval placard with a bicycle logo, curved to fit onto street-side utility poles.
- **Pavement Markers** – This is a top-down view of a bicycle and rider to supplement the current design of white dots around a bicycle silhouette.
- **A Large Mandala** (a circular design used by ancient cultures to symbolize the Universe) made up of the top-down bicycle pavement markers. The mandala was proposed for use at some of the key intersections along Clinton.
- **Bike sculptures** – These would be stainless steel, half-wheel and spoke structures situated in some of the circular traffic-calming islands on Clinton between 23rd and 50th.

PBOT held an open house in mid-July at which neighborhood residents were invited to attend, look at the proposed designs, talk with the artists, and comment on their work.

Ironically, at the same time that this effort is being made to encourage cycling on Clinton, the Division Streetscape project is considering changes to parking along Division that may divert additional cars onto Clinton. Currently, during evening rush hour, parking is not allowed along the south side of Division between 12th and 28th Avenues. The Division Streetscape project is reviewing two plans for street enhancements that would improve aesthetics and pedestrian movement along the street. Both plans under consideration would allow parking along the south side of Division during rush hour.

For more information, contact Tom at lindatom@easystreet.net.



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