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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

Winter: November 1 - March 31

Monday to Friday

6am to 9am and 4pm to midnight

Weekends

6am 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.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Monthly meetings are the last Monday of every month at 7pm

Caffe Pallino
3003 SE Division

Contact co-chairs Kathleen Clarke, katdance30@yahoo.com, or Jeff Horne, mailjeffh@yahoo.com with ideas, comments, or questions.

YOU'RE INVITED!

Want to learn more about neighborhood happenings? Get involved – attend a Richmond Neighborhood Association (RNA) meeting. We meet at 7pm the 2nd Monday of every month except December and January. We look forward to seeing you.

**RNA HAS A
NEW MEETING SPACE!**

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

The Trees Are Coming

by Sarah Moore

Volunteers needed for the 2009 Richmond/HAND/Buckman Tree Planting Saturday, December 5. We have several volunteer shifts to fill for the following activities:

- 6am helpers to unload and sort trees
- Trucks to deliver trees and mulch
- Kitchen elves to help prepare lunch
- Tree Planters and other tasks

Location: St. Paul Lutheran Church parking lot – 3880 SE Brooklyn .

Planters should arrive by 8:45 am to register. Dress warmly for the elements with gloves, sturdy boots, warm clothes, etc. Bring a shovel if you have one. A hot lunch is provided afterwards.

Interested in becoming a Friends of Trees Crew Leader? Contact Greg Tudor at 503/282-8846, ext. 12 or GregT@friendsoftrees.org as soon as possible for more details. Crew leader trainings are November 7 and 21.

For more information or to volunteer, email Debbie at ddstoller@yahoo.com.

SE CLAY-TAYLOR STREET PROJECT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



SE Belmont and 42nd vegetated curb extension.

Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services started work in September on the SE Clay-Taylor Reconstruction and Green Street Project. The project includes installing new sewer pipes to increase system capacity, and constructing green street facilities to manage stormwater and keep runoff out of the sewer system. The work is part of the Tabor to the River Program, which will improve sewer and stormwater management systems in neighborhoods from the Willamette River to Mt. Tabor, between SE Hawthorne and SE Powell boulevards.

Work on the SE Clay-Taylor Project began at SE 42nd and Clay. There will be construction along Clay and parts of SE Harrison from 42nd to 47th avenues. Sewer and manhole construction will be followed by connecting new sewers to individual properties, street restoration, and finally green street construction and planting.

Green streets are vegetated curb extensions or streetside

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LAND USE

by Doug Klotz

NEW SEASONS MARKET ON HAWTHORNE

At the September 14 RNA meeting, CEO Brian Rohter presented the current plans for a New Seasons Market on Hawthorne between 40th and 41st, in the old Daily Grind location. The plans are essentially the same as those presented at a recent public meeting at St. Philip Neri Parish on Division, which entail a 17,000 square foot store with parking on the roof for 37 cars. The original plans envisioned a store occupying the same footprint and parking area as the Daily Grind.

Discussion revolves around whether the driveway entrance to the rooftop parking will be on 40th or 41st Avenues. The freight loading door will be on the opposite side of the building from wherever the rooftop driveway is placed. For instance, if the roof driveway is placed on 41st, then the freight area will be on 40th. Small trucks would unload at the freight door. Large semi-trucks will park on Hawthorne at the west end of the store, regardless where the rooftop driveway is placed.

Neighbors from 41st and 40th spoke at the meeting, each preferring the freight loading area to be on their street, not the driveway for rooftop parking. Issues discussed were the bike boulevard on 41st, the difficulties of the 40th Avenue intersection, and the

difficulty of moving grocery freight from the semi-trucks on Hawthorne to a loading dock on 41st via the sidewalk in front of the store. New Seasons is working with the City about these issues, as well as sidewalk widths, which may become at least 12 feet wide. Rohter is hopeful construction will start in early 2010.

RNA ANNUAL GARAGE AND YARD SALE

by Derek Covey

The Richmond Neighborhood Annual Garage and Yard Sale was held on Saturday, September 12. Twenty-six households participated, with five selling their houses as well.

The feedback received was mostly positive. Participants Jill and Rick Ravenoir stated:

“This was the first year we participated in the Richmond Neighborhood Garage and Yard Sale. I must say that it exceeded our expectations — we were able to offload a lot of stuff and make a nice pile of much-needed cash. Most everyone came with maps in hand, so they appeared to have read the advertisement(s) and came ready to shop around the area. We didn’t lose anything to theft or breakage. We will definitely consider participating again next year. Thank you for organizing this event.”

The event was advertised in The Oregonian, Portland Tribune and Craigslist. Every sale site received maps to

pass out, showing the location of all the garage/yard sales and listing the type of items for sale. Loprinzi’s Gym helped again this year distributing maps.

If you wish to offer suggestions or comments about the event or would like to be involved next year, please contact Derek Covey at covey7us@yahoo.com or 503/233-3181.

TRANSPORTATION

by Doug Klotz

DIVISION STREETSCAPE PLAN

At the September RNA meeting, Liz Mahon, Portland Bureau of Transportation, described the Division Streetscape and Reconstruction Project. The planning process has been going on since April, with a Citizen’s Advisory Committee advising city staff. RNA has two representatives, Seth Gallant and Jordan Lanz.

The most far-reaching issue is the proposed removal of the “pro-time” lanes on Division between 11th and 28th, which provide extra transit lanes for westbound traffic 7-9 am and eastbound traffic 4-6pm. The city’s traffic engineering consultants concluded that the pro-time lanes are not well-used, except at major intersections of 11th/12th, and 20th/21st (Seven Corners), and that removal of the lanes would not adversely affect traffic on Division, which would allow for pedestrian curb extensions and other benefits. However,

the engineers also concluded that elimination of all of the pro-time lanes would have the undesirable effect of causing cars to divert to Clinton, a bike boulevard. The current plan would keep the pro-time lanes in some form between 11th and 13th, and between 19th and 22nd. A meeting was planned in late September to include further discuss those two intersections.

Also being discussed are plans for street trees and stormwater planters, as well as a scheme for “flexible” sidewalk space that would give adjacent businesses options for use of the adjacent right-of-way, including the sidewalk and on-street parking area. For instance, a restaurant might use an adjacent parking space for café tables, while still leaving adequate sidewalk space for walkers. Trees might be located between parking spaces in small, stormwater-absorbing bulb-outs. Another merchant might choose to preserve the adjacent parking spaces.

An Open House showing current plans was planned for October 10. Future open houses are also planned. For more information, contact Elizabeth Mahon, Project Manager, at 503/823-0396, or email at Elizabeth.Mahon@pdxtrans.org.com.

RNA NEIGHBORS

by Jordan Lanz

If you have complaints about tall, uncut (over two feet) grass/weeds or indoor furniture left out in public areas or in

commercial/residential areas, call Bureau of Code Violations 503/823-2633. For "Abandoned" vehicles in the public right of way (on the street), call 503/823-7309. Streetlight problems 503/823-5216. Bikeway network issues/problems 503/823-2925. Street sweeping and urgent minor repairs to the bikeway network 503/823-1700. Pot hole repairs 503/823-2867. Traffic investigations/issues/solutions 503/823-7253.

RID PATROL

by Tiffany Gates

ILLEGAL DUMPING? CALL METRO'S RID PATROL

It's unsightly, dirty and dangerous. No one likes it, but someone's putting it there. It's the mass of tires, garbage, and old furniture or even worse illegally dumped along public property, parks, streets and streams. And Metro's Regional Illegal Dumping (RID) Patrol wants your help.

Metro's RID Patrol partners with local governments including law enforcement to help clean up public property and handle investigations and prosecutions of illegal dumping on public or private property. The program clears out more than 1,500 illegal dump sites each year across the Metro region, and the public can help RID Patrol prevent new ones.

It's easy to report illegal dump sites. Call RID Patrol at 503/234-3000, send an e-mail to ridpatrol@oregonmetro.gov or report a dump site at www.oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol.

CLAY-TAYLOR STREET PROJECT

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planters that collect storm-water runoff from streets. The green street facilities allow water to soak into the ground as soil and vegetation filter pollutants. Work in the Richmond Neighborhood includes constructing 40 green street facilities, installing more than 4,000 feet of sewer and 21 manholes, planting 85 street trees, and revegetating about half of an acre.

Environmental Services worked closely with neighbors during the project design phase in 2008 to ensure green streets are located where they can most effectively manage stormwater runoff, and have the least impact on neighborhoods. Richmond neighbors reviewed plans and submitted comments, and their involvement resulted in many design changes.

The Bureau of Environmental Services provides city residents with Clean River programs including, water quality protection, wastewater collection and treatment, and sewer installation.

For more information, go to www.portlandonline.com/bes/tabortoriver, or contact Rhetta Drennan at 503/823-6006 or rhettad@bes.ci.portland.or.us.

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Sustainability Corner

by Kathleen Clarke

On Wednesday, August 26, the RNA Sustainability Committee hosted an exploration of issues and activist possibilities around the \$4 billion Columbia River Crossing (CRC) 12-lane bridge proposal. We started with a fun, motivational bike ride led by Jeff Cropp to visit neighborhood spots saved by the local activists who derailed the 1974 Mt. Hood Highway. We then proceeded to the Flying Cat Coffee Co. at 3041 SE Division for a teach-in hosted by Mara Gross of Coalition for a Livable Future (www.clfuture.org) and David Osborne from Stop the CRC (stopthecrc.org), followed by "Road to the Future" (Find it online at www.pbs.org), a PBS documentary that compares cities that embraced highways such as Denver with cities that invested in public transport, such as Portland.

The August 29 Rain Garden Workshop, expertly taught by Amy Whitworth, was attended by 37 enthusiasts, 25 of whom were Richmond residents. Check with East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District (www.emswcd.org), the workshop's co-sponsor, for future workshops if you missed this one.

We plan to continue having films, speakers, and discussion at the Flying Cat to help our neighborhood build community and create the best possible future in the spirit of Transitionpdx (transitionpdx.org), the emerging metropolitan organization which seeks to provide support and information in conjunction with other grassroots efforts for creating local resilience to climate change, peak oil, and economic decline. We are open to the possibility of creating a neighborhood transition initiative as one of our projects as a way of focusing our attention on planning a sustainable future.

How-to classes and workshops on raising chickens, garden sharing and garden building, building neighborhood compost bins, permaculture, rain water harvesting, the ongoing storm water management efforts, green streets can all be part of this framework. Finding ways to support local businesses and share resources among neighbors can be fun and effective ways to strengthen our local economy. Bike rides are definitely in the plans. Whatever creates new friends and fun is sustainable!



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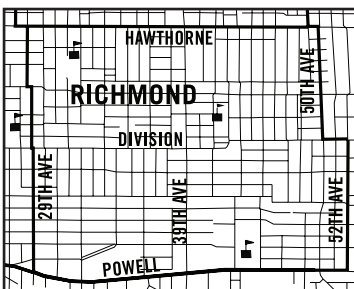
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Help distributing the newsletter is always welcome: call Derek at 503/233-3181.

RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD



Leaf Removal

Compiled by Portland Office of Transportation

The fall leaf removal program begins the first of November and runs into December. The program focuses on picking up the leaves that fall onto the streets in neighborhoods with high concentrations of mature street trees. Street leaf removal helps reduce slippery road conditions, increasing the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists. Leaf removal also reduces localized flooding caused by clogged drain inlets. The City infrastructure also benefits from the reduced amount of leaves entering the storm drains.

Information such as the leaf removal schedule for the designated leaf areas, the leaf depot schedule, and information about other community composting services for yard debris other than leaves can be found at www.portlandonline.com.

Please be aware that we ask all residents not to rake leaves into the street. Use your yard debris collection service, or take your leaves to the leaf depot sites for recycling. The City's leaf removal service is intended solely for leaves that impede stormwater drainage and cause traffic hazards.

LEAF DEPOTS

Leaf depots are leaf recycle sites where residents can bring their yard leaves for recycling for a nominal fee. These depots start late October and run through mid-December. Depots are open on either Saturday

or Sunday each weekend through mid-December. See www.portlandonline.com for depot locations, times, dates and fees.

NEIGHBORHOOD LEAF REMOVAL

Neighborhood leaf removal service is provided in 17 neighborhoods with high concentrations of mature street trees. The leaf drop in these areas is so heavy that it creates hazards for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and clogs storm drains causing local flooding and deterioration of the road surface. Specially equipped crews are required to pick up the large volume of leaves from the streets in these neighborhoods. Residents in the leaf removal neighborhoods will be notified in advance of their scheduled dates by a door hanger. For more information contact the LEAFLINE at 503/823-1784.

HOW YOU CAN HELP KEEP STORM DRAINS CLEAR

The City asks residents to help clean the inlets and

catch basins (grated storm drains) in front of your properties. Use a rake or pitch fork to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain/catch basin. Do not put your feet and hands into the storm drain — all kinds of debris collect there that could be dangerous, including injection needles. If you believe an emergency response is necessary, because you cannot clear your clogged catch basin, call Transportation Maintenance at 503/823-1700 to report the clogged catch basin.

Please do not rake the leaves from your yard into the street. Leaves become a slippery mess that can cause localized flooding and pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle accidents. Rotting leaves diminish the life span of the asphalt that's underneath them, leading to premature repair needs. The City's leaf removal service is intended solely for leaves that impede stormwater drainage and cause traffic hazards.



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