

Brian Newman

METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 NEWS



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Brian Newman represents District 2, which includes a portion of Southwest Portland and much of urban Clackamas County including Gladstone, Johnson City, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Oak Grove, Oregon City, Rivergrove and West Linn.



A message from Brian Newman

Happy 2006! Since this year is an election year, this will be the last personalized newsletter I distribute until June. Metro election code prohibits councilor newsletters during the 120 days leading up to an election. Therefore, for the next four months, you will receive a generic Metro newsletter updating you about regional news and events.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the public forums that the Metro Council is convening to discuss a possible bond measure to purchase natural areas and open space. The article below identifies the specific dates and location of the forums. The one held in my council district will be from 7p.m. to 9p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31 at Athey Creek Middle School in West Linn. I will be there and I will also be attending several city council and neighborhood events to seek public input on the bond measure.

My priority is to focus scarce resources on purchasing sites that have ecological importance but are also threatened by development. Target areas for purchase include Scouters Mountain near Happy Valley, the Stafford Basin between Lake Oswego and West Linn, Abernathy Creek near Oregon City, the Damascus buttes, and smaller parcels in mature communities near Milwaukie, Oak Grove and Gladstone.

I hope that you will attend the community forums to weigh in on the bond measure and share your priorities.

— *Brian Newman*

Metro hosts public forums on bond measure proposal

This spring, the Metro Council will develop and refer to voters (for consideration at the November 2006 election) a bond measure proposal for the protection of natural areas, clean water, and fish and wildlife habitat. Through a 1995 bond measure, Metro successfully acquired more than 8,100 acres and 74 miles of stream and river frontage from willing sellers in order to preserve these natural areas for future generations to enjoy. A 'Blue Ribbon' committee of local business and civic leaders recently recommended that the Council develop a new \$220 million package to continue our successful efforts and preserve critical wildlife habitat, protect water quality, and provide opportunities for future generations to enjoy natural areas as our region continues to grow.

Metro will host public forums in January and February to explain the bond measure proposal and to receive your ideas on what elements should be included.

- 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, Light and Power Building Auditorium, 1818 B Street, Forest Grove
- 1-3 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 25, Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland
- 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 31, Athey Creek Middle School, 2900 SW Borland Rd., West Linn
- 7-9 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2, Tualatin Hills Nature Park, 15655 SW Millikan Blvd., Beaverton
- 9-11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 4, Deep Creek School, 15600 SE 232nd Drive, Boring

For more information, please visit www.metro-region.org or contact Ken Ray at (503) 797-1508 or rayk@metro.dst.or.us.

Nature in Neighborhoods grant pre-applications due Jan. 12

Are you a private property owner, non-profit community group or local government agency that would like to initiate or continue restoration efforts in your neighborhood or watershed? Metro's new Nature in Neighborhoods grant program will provide financial support for nature-friendly projects in neighborhoods throughout Metro's service area. Through this program, individuals and communities will be actively participating in making a positive difference in their watershed.

Metro is inviting pre-applications from citizen groups, businesses, non-profits, school groups, government agencies and service groups. Grants from \$1,000 to \$25,000 will be awarded to projects related to restoration, protection of water quality or education. They must either link participants and citizens to their watershed through education and active restoration,

develop partnerships and possibly foster innovative public/private enterprise, or focus on expanding existing restoration projects or developing new projects that become anchor sites for future restoration.

Projects must be within Metro's jurisdictional boundary. Grant pre-applications are due at Metro by 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12.

Funding for this two-year program was provided by Metro excise taxes collected on solid waste disposal during the last several years. In this funding cycle, there will be approximately \$500,000 available.

For more information, call Janelle Geddes, restoration grants coordinator, at (503) 797-1550 or send e-mail to NINrestore@metro.dst.or.us. The hearing impaired can call TDD (503) 797-1804.

Earth Day billboard art contest invites student entries

Students from Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties are invited to create a design for a billboard that encourages people to conserve and protect resources through waste prevention, recycling, composting or using fewer toxic products.

Metro's Earth Day billboard art contest judges will select one winner from each grade-level category: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. The four winners will have their artwork, their name and the name of their teacher and school displayed on billboards that are rotated around the Portland-metropolitan area throughout the year.

Metro expects to receive more than 2,000 entries. Approximately 200 entries will be selected as finalists and will be displayed in the lobby at Metro Regional Center the week after the deadline of Feb. 10. Winning and honorable mention artists will have their original artwork framed and returned to them at the art show and unveiling ceremony on April 8.

View contest rules and application instructions at: www.metro-region.org. For more information for elementary schools,

call Freda Sherburne at (503) 797-1522 or send e-mail to sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us. For more information for middle and high schools, call Amy Wilson at (503) 797-1521 or send e-mail to wilsona@metro.dst.or.us.

Event of note in district 2

7 p.m. Monday, Jan, 30
New look at regional choices — planning for the future of this region
Clackamas County Public Services Building
2051 Kaen Rd., Oregon City

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About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy and good transportation choices for people and businesses in our region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges that cross those lines and affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to protecting open space, caring for parks, planning for the best use of land, managing garbage disposal and increasing recycling. Metro oversees world-class facilities such as the Oregon Zoo, which contributes to conservation and education, and the Oregon Convention Center, which benefits the region's economy.

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