

# Council News

## METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 NEWS



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District 2 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.

### Oregon City enhancement grant applications available

Do you have an idea to make your community greener, cleaner, safer or healthier? Metro has grants to help.

The Oregon City-Metro Enhancement grant program supports projects that result in the rehabilitation, improvement and enhancement of sites in the area or that provide opportunities that benefit residents of Oregon City. This program compensates the community affected by Metro South Station, the garbage transfer station at the corner of Highway 213 and Washington Street. The fund is generated by a 50-cent per ton surcharge collected on garbage disposed of at the station.

2006-07 Metro enhancement grant applications for projects within the

### Metro offers popular compost bins for sale year-round

Metro recently introduced year-round sales of the popular Earth Machine home compost bins. Made from recycled plastic, the Earth Machine is easy to assemble. A locking lid keeps children and pets out.

Composting helps recycle grass clippings, leaves and food scraps into a rich soil conditioner for use on houseplants or in gardens. It's easy and inexpensive and helps produce beautiful blooms and bountiful harvests and to retain moisture during the driest part of the summer.

### Metro Council accepts Damascus/Boring Concept Plan

The Metro Council voted March 16 to accept the Damascus/Boring Concept Plan that was recommended by the plan advisory committee Nov. 29, 2005. The plan provides the basic land use framework for subsequent detailed comprehensive planning, which will be undertaken by the cities of Damascus, Happy Valley and Gresham. The concept plan is the result of more than two years of regional collaboration between residents, Metro, Clackamas County, the Oregon

Oregon City boundaries are now available. The total amount available for grants is \$100,000, with a single maximum award of \$25,000.

The grant application deadline is 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2006. Proposals may be mailed or delivered to City Hall, 320 Warner Milne Road.

For more information about the Oregon City enhancement grants, or to request an application, call Michele Beneville at (503) 496-1542 or visit the city's web site at [www.orcity.org](http://www.orcity.org). For more information about Metro's community grants program, call Karen Blauer at (503) 797-1506 or visit Metro's web site at [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org).

The Earth Machine is on sale for \$35 per bin (an \$80 retail value) at the MetroPaint store on Swan Island, 4825 N. Basin Ave., Portland. Store hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

To learn more, call Metro Recycling Information, (503) 234-3000. Details on composting, natural gardening seminars, and bin sales are also available at [www.metro-region.org](http://www.metro-region.org).

Department of Transportation and the cities of Damascus, Happy Valley and Gresham.

The Damascus/Boring Concept Plan Advisory Committee, consisting of 26 residents, government and business representatives, refined the plan with input from residents at public forums, open houses and more than 20 advisory committee meetings.

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In 2002, the Metro Council voted to expand the urban growth boundary (UGB) to include the Damascus area. At 12,000 acres, this is the largest section of land brought into the UGB at one time, and is the largest concept plan of its kind ever developed in the region. Though the work is not complete, it is a first step toward the

## Metro councilors consider president's 2006-07 budget

Metro Council President David Bragdon has presented his FY 2006-07 Metro budget proposal to the Metro Council for consideration. The \$307.8 million package emphasizes cost control, efficient use of resources and flexibility.

This year's budget includes further development of programmatic initiatives, including the New Look – Metro's approach to updated long-term growth management policies for the region, Nature in Neighborhoods – Metro's region-wide program to protect fish and wildlife habitat, and the regional disposal system review and its ultimate outcome.

The 2006-07 budget shows an increase from the previous year because of

## Events of note in District 2

**9 a.m. Saturday, April 8**

### Plant center work day

*Spend some time at Metro's native plant materials center near Tualatin transplanting seedlings, planting willows, weeding, planting seeds or building emergent beds. Activities will depend on the weather and soil condition. All ages welcome. Dress for outdoor work. Gloves, tools, snacks and water will be provided. Bring a lunch if you are staying all day. Advance registration is required; call (503) 797-1715.*

**9 a.m. Saturday, April 22**

### Sea lion paddle, Clackamette Park

*Join Willamette Riverkeeper for a nine-mile paddle from Clackamette Park in Oregon City to Sellwood Riverfront Park in Southeast Portland and try to find sea lions as they hunt for spring salmon. Bring your own boat, or become a member for \$35 and use Riverkeeper canoes and gear at no additional charge at this and other events. Free, but advance registration is required; call (503) 223-6418 or send e-mail to amy@willamette-riverkeeper.org.*

ultimate goal of comprehensive planning, which will take another two to three years.

Planning staff from the cities of Damascus, Happy Valley and Gresham will work with residents to provide details in the areas of land use, roads, transit, biking and walking trails and wildlife conservation areas.

anticipated grants to the agency's planning department for federal transportation projects and an excise tax on construction for an expansion area planning fund. The roughly \$2 million anticipated income from that fund, which will sunset after three years, will be earmarked for local planning efforts.

The budget also assures some administrative initiatives including further centralization of administrative services, additional training for Metro employees, enhanced renewal and replacement reserves and a consolidation of reserved funds.

After discussion, public hearings and possible amendments, council is expected to take final action on June 15.

**9:30 a.m. Saturday, April 29**

### Songbirds of Mt. Talbert

*Join Metro naturalist and expert birder James Davis to be among the first to catch bird activities during the peak of spring migration. Bring binoculars or borrow some of ours. Suitable for beginning and experienced bird watchers from teens on up. Trails can be muddy or steep in places. Free, but advance registration is required; call (503) 557-7873 by April 20.*

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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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