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Fairview, Gresham,
Happy Valley,
Maywood Park,
Troutdale, Wood
Village, Damascus
and portions of
East Portland.

Let's Talk Trash—Updating the region's waste reduction plan

Are we doing enough to conserve resources for future generations? Can we do more to protect the environment? Tell Metro what you think.

Metro is revising the region's Waste Reduction Plan with strategies that will help the Portland metropolitan region address these issues. It is a component of the larger Regional Solid Waste Management Plan—a blueprint for coordinating solid waste and recycling programs.

This spring (through June 5), the Metro Council is asking residents to comment

Oregon Zoo develops future vision

The Metro Council and the Oregon Zoo Foundation board have announced the creation of the Oregon Zoo Future Vision Committee to develop a master plan to address programming and operating goals. The committee, which is made up of business and government leaders, will meet through June 30, 2007.

Zoo exhibits and the overall industry have changed significantly in the past decade, but the Oregon Zoo's master

on the draft plan. Later this summer, the Council will consider the plan for adoption.

Complete a survey to share your ideas about how the region should manage trash and protect the quality of our air and water—now and in the future. Go to www.metro-region.org/letstalktrash, or call (503) 234-3000 for a printed survey.

The Metro Council is committed to using your ideas and addressing concerns you raise to meet our region's needs. Thank you for participating.

plan, which guides improvements and programming, was written in 1990. The plan needs to be updated to take into account operational needs as well as revenue stream and expenses, while taking a more entrepreneurial and innovative approach.

The committee will make recommendations to update the zoo's master plan, improve its conservation and environmental education programs and initiate operating reforms to address fiscal challenges.

Earth Day billboard art contest winners announced

Four students who won top honors in Metro's annual Earth Day billboard art contest were honored in a ceremony at the Metro Regional Center last month. Nora Mick, a kindergartener at the Portland French School; Lindsie La Bonte, grade 4, from Visitation School in Forest Grove; Claire McKinney, grade 7, from Lake Oswego's Waluga Jr. High; and senior Nicole Schuh from Canby High School were chosen as winners.

Eight other students earned honorable mentions from more than 2,800 submitted entries from home schooled students and

pupils in elementary, middle and high schools. The students' artwork illustrates how creating less garbage or using natural gardening techniques can conserve and protect the Earth's natural resources.

The contest is part of Metro's waste reduction education program, which includes providing teachers with environmental education curriculum, making classroom presentations, performing puppet shows and working with students to reduce waste in their schools.

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Billboard art contest

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ClearChannel Outdoor will create full size billboards from the art, which will appear around the metropolitan area throughout the year.

HONORABLE MENTIONS

- Kees Steensma, grade 1, Portland French School
- Holly Wright, grade 1, Portland French School

Metro's Nature in Neighborhood program awards grants

Citizen groups, businesses, non-profit organizations, school groups, neighbors, government agencies and service organizations submitted more than 80 applications for \$560,000 for nature-friendly projects through Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods grant program.

The grants, to be announced May 11, will be awarded for projects focusing on restoration, conservation education and other innovative ways to motivate communities to protect the

Events of note in District 1

8 a.m. Saturday, May 6

Sandy River Delta bird walk

Take a walk on the wild side with naturalist Elaine Murphy and enjoy the bird life along the Sandy River Delta. Suitable for adults and older children with beginning to intermediate birding skills. To carpool, meet at the Gresham Backyard Bird Shop. Free. Advance registration required; call (503) 661-4944.

10 a.m. Sunday, May 7

Animal tracking workshop at Oxbow Regional Park

Oxbow Regional Park is rich in tracks at this time of year, when beaver, otter, fox, mink, mouse and deer often leave clear footprints in the sand. With practice, you can learn to read the ground like a book. We will also learn to make plaster casts of animal tracks. Local tracker Terry Kem will introduce you to the basics of track identification and interpretation and the awareness and stealth skills needed to watch wildlife at close range. Suitable for adults and families. Bring a snack and meet at the floodplain parking area. Registration and a \$10 fee are required in advance. There is a \$4 per vehicle entry fee, payable at the gate. To register, call (503) 797-1715.

- Lisa Smith, grade 5, Portland French School
- Adele Zawada, grade 5, Westridge Elementary, Lake Oswego
- Mackenzie Elliott, grade 6, Archbishop Howard School, Portland
- Abby Cramer, grade 7, Waluga Jr. High School, Lake Oswego
- Nick Petshow, grade 10, Canby High School
- Priscilla Encarnacion, grade 12, Sam Barlow High School, Gresham

nature of our region. The grant program is part of the Nature in Neighborhoods initiative, the Metro Council's commitment to protecting fish and wildlife habitat in the region. Funding for the two-year program was provided by Metro excise taxes collected on solid waste disposal during the last several years.

Check the Metro website at www.metro-region.org after May 11 for grant winners and their projects.

8 a.m. Saturday, May 13

Sandy River Spey Clave, Oxbow Regional Park

Come to Oxbow Regional Park for a gathering of anglers interested in two-hand fly rod fishing. There will be manufacturers' booths set up with a huge selection of the latest tackle to try as well as free casting lessons. On the water casting demonstrations by some of the world's foremost casting instructors go on all day, each day. Lunch will be served. Overnight camping is available in the park on a first-come, first-served basis for \$15 per night (up to six people per site). Program is free with a \$4 entrance fee to the park. For more information, call The Fly Fishing Shop at (503) 622-4607 or visit www.flyfishusa.com/spey-clave.htm.

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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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