

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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 nature of

Events of note in District 2

9 a.m. Saturday, May 6

Metro plant center work day

Spend a half or whole day at Metro's native plant materials center near Tualatin transplanting seedlings, planting willows, weeding, planting seeds, building emergent beds or data base entry. All ages welcome. Come prepared to get dirty and dress for the weather. 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.

10 a.m. Saturdays, May 6, 13 and 20

Natural gardening celebrity series

The popular natural gardening celebrity series, held at Metro's natural techniques garden at 6800 SE 57th Ave. in Portland, features one-hour presentations by well-known gardening experts and naturalists who successfully use natural gardening techniques. Presentations are followed by a 30-minute walking tour of the garden. Free, but reservations are required and limited to 100 participants. Call (503) 234-3000.

- 10 a.m. Saturday, May 6. "Appreciating tiny creatures in the garden," by Oregonian writer Bill Monroe. Join Bill for a fun and informative look at some of your tiny garden allies.
- 10 a.m. Saturday, May 13. "American potage garden," by Oregonian writer Vern Nelson. If it's edible and can be grown in a backyard, Vern

- 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

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.

has probably grown and eaten it. Come and learn from the master!

- 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20. "Plants to think twice about before planting," by Oregonian writer Kym Pokorny. All plants probably have some intrinsic value, but a lot of plants have no place in your garden! Find out from Kym which plants qualify as problem children, delinquents and escape artists.

1 p.m. Sunday, May 14

Canemah Bluff Mother's Day birds and blooms

Instead of taking flowers to Mom this Mother's Day, why not take Mom to the flowers? Join Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens on a leisurely stroll at Canemah Bluff Natural Area to learn about common wildflowers and local birds. All ages welcome. Registration and payment of \$5 per adult are required in advance; call (503) 797-1715.

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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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