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Slope, Raleigh Hills,
West Slope, Cedar
Mill and Cedar Hills.

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, 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

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.

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.

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Billboard art contest

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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.

ClearChannel Outdoor will create full size billboards from the art; look for them around the metropolitan area throughout the year.

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 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.

Events of note in District 4

8 a.m. Monday, May 1

First Monday at Jackson Bottom Wetlands Preserve

Get your week off to a great start by spending time in a special place while learning about wetlands and all the amazing plants and animals that live in these unique ecosystems. Join naturalist Sarah Pinnock and explore the preserve from the ground up. Take a look at wetland soils, water quality, plants, birds, mammals, amphibians, reptiles and more. To register, call (503) 681-6278; a \$5 registration fee is required.

9 a.m. Friday and Saturday, May 5 and 6

Hazardous waste collection events

West Side Community Church

18390 SW Farmington Rd., Aloha

Dispose of your household's toxic trash at these free community collection events.

9 a.m. Saturday, May 6

Cedar Mill invasive plant removal

Help remove English ivy, Himalayan blackberry and English holly from the natural areas of Cedar Mill Park. Bring loppers, a shovel and work gloves, if possible. Refreshments will be provided. Meet at the tennis courts located at the lower parking lot of Cedar Mill Elementary

School at Northwest 103rd Avenue and Cornell Road. To register, call Melissa at (503) 629-6305 ext. 2953.

11 a.m. Sunday, May 7

Gotter Prairie tour

Join Metro naturalist Deb Scrivens to learn more about Gotter Prairie, a Metro natural area near the Tualatin River. Learn about this rare original wet prairie habitat and the wildlife it supports. Advance registration and payment of \$5 per adult required in advance; suitable for adults and children age 12 and older. Call (503) 797-1715 to register and for meeting location and directions.

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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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