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**METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 NEWS** 



## Positions open on Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement

Five seats are currently vacant on the Metro Committee for Citizen Involvement (MCCI) for citizens of Washington County. Two seats must be filled by residents of District 3, two by residents of District 4 and one by residents of unincorporated Washington County outside the Metro boundary.

MCCI was established in 1992 to assist with the development, implementation and evaluation of Metro's citizen involvement program and to advise Metro on how best to involve residents in regional planning activities. MCCI members learn about many aspects of regional government including how jurisdictions work with each other, outside groups and citizens to make our region a better place to live.

MCCI monthly meetings are open to the public; interested persons are welcome to attend a meeting before deciding whether to join. The next meeting is July 12th, 6 - 8 p.m. at the Metro Regional Center. To learn more or to apply, please contact Cheryl Grant at (503) 797-1536 or grantc@metro.dst.or.us.

# Citizen input helps shape region's waste reduction plan

Metro is currently revising the region's Waste Reduction Plan in order to help protect the environment and conserve resources.

This spring, Metro invited public comment on the draft plan by creating an on-line survey, which included background information describing proposed strategies and approaches to help reduce waste and conserve resources. More than 400 people gave input on the plan's overall vision and on key strategies to achieve the vision.

In addition to support for the plan's vision and values, Metro found strong support for several major themes, including a focus on waste prevention, not just recycling; improved access to recycling services, such as adding materials to curbside recycling; more emphasis on education and outreach for all sectors of the population; and ensuring that responsibility for the recycling of hazardous and difficult-to-recycle products is shared by those who produce, distribute and use the products.

Metro will post results of the survey at www.metro-region.org/letstalktrash. The Metro Council will consider the plan for adoption in July or August 2006.

# Oxbow Regional Park: outstanding camping in your own backyard

As gas prices continue to climb over \$3 per gallon, camping under the stars next to a rushing river may look out of reach—but if you look close, it's not. Consider Metro's Oxbow Regional Park, a spectacular 1,200-acre natural area located eight miles east of Gresham within the Sandy River Gorge.

The 67 wooded campsites, available all year on a first-come, first-served basis, have cooking grills, picnic tables and fire pits. The campground also has restrooms with hot showers.

The park offers plenty to do—hiking in an ancient forest, mountain biking, fishing, boating, swimming, wildlife watching and summer weekend campfire programs. Ball fields and play yards for children



## METRO PEOPLE PLACES OPEN SPACES

Carl Hosticka represents District 3, which includes portions of Washington and Clackamas counties and the cities of Beaverton, Durham, King City, Sherwood, Tigard, Tualatin and Wilsonville.

### **Oxbow Park camping**

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are also available. Friday nights typically feature local musicians playing bluegrass and folk music; Saturday evenings feature storytelling and naturalists talking about local area wildlife.

The camping fee is \$15 per night plus the \$4 park entry fee per vehicle on the first day. Two group camp areas are available by reservation. Firewood is sold at the campground for \$4 a bundle. For the safety of wildlife, pets are not allowed at Oxbow Regional Park or any of Metro's parks or natural areas.

Visit www.metro-region.org/parks for a complete listing of guided tours, classes and campfire programs.

# Music on Main Street launches free concert series

A new free outdoor music series is perfect for mid-week musings in Portland's cultural arts district. Music on Main Street takes place from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays from July 12 to Aug. 30 at the Main Street Plaza on SW Broadway, next to the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. The series is sponsored by ArtBar at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts.

The series showcases local musicians and features an eclectic collection of music genres—from Afro-Caribbean reggae to indie pop singer/songwriters. The venue will include full service table seating, cool refreshments and tasty short-bites served by the ArtBar staff. Patron seating and food and beverage service will begin at 4:30 p.m.

This year's season features:

July 12 – Instigators July 19 – Dirty Martini July 26 – Lions of Batucada August 2 – The Stolen Sweets August 9 – The Sort Ofs August 16 – Obo Addy August 23 – Amelia August 30 – 3 Leg Torso

Check www.pcpa.com/events for a full description of the music.

## **Events of note in District 3**

#### 7 p.m. Friday, July 14 Family bat outing

Join naturalist Elaine Murphy to explore the fascinating world of bats. Meet at the Beaverton Backyard Bird Shop for a 45-minute class, then go to a local site to see live bats in action. Listen to bat echolocation calls using a bat detector. Children must be accompanied by an adult. To register, call (503) 626-0949.

#### 9 a.m. Saturday, July 15 Fanno Creek Greenway Trail walk

Tour the Beaverton/Tigard section of the Fanno Creek Greenway Trail, a 15-mile multi-use trail planned from the Willamette River in Portland to the Tualatin River in Tualatin. Begin at the Denney Road trailhead west of Highway 217 in Beaverton. Free. To register, call Bob Bothman at (503) 244-7206.

#### 10 a.m. Saturday, July 22 Tualatin River paddle trip

Join the Tualatin Riverkeepers on a paddle from Rivergrove Park in Lake Oswego. \$5 for members; canoes free. \$10 for non-members; canoes \$20. To register, call (503) 620-7507.

#### 11 a.m. Saturday, July 22 Spineless Tales

Join entomologist/bug expert Matthew Shepherd for a gentle walk through the parks flanking Bethany Creek to discover the insect life thriving in this suburban natural area. Suitable for accompanied children and adults. Free. Advance registration required; call (503) 629-6305 ext. 2953.

#### 9 a.m. Saturday, July 29 Cedar Mill Wetland work party

Spend a morning enjoying wildlife and enhancing habitat. Help remove invasive species and plant natives at Cedar Mill Wetland. A wide variety of wildlife use the wetland habitat, such as beaver and deer and many species of birds, reptiles and amphibians. Advance registration required; call (503) 629-6305 ext. 2953.

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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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