

# Brian Newman

## METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 NEWS



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**Brian Newman**  
represents District  
2, which 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.



### A message from Brian Newman

In January I will begin a new term on the Metro Council, and I look forward to the opportunities and challenges of representing the citizens and communities of District Two for another four years. I extend an invitation to you to attend the inauguration of Council President Bragdon, Councilor Park and myself, and incoming Councilor Kathryn Harrington and incoming Auditor Suzanne Flynn.

The inauguration ceremony will take place at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the Oregon Zoo's Cascade banquet center. Oregon Supreme Court Justice Thomas Balmer will administer the oaths of office, with a reception to follow.

In the new year you will hear a lot more about two projects that I am working on. The first is the Strategic Master Plan for the Oregon Zoo, which includes a business and site plan that will guide the zoo for the next decade and beyond. I am the co-chair of the committee that is writing the plan.

Second, this spring I will announce an international design competition for successful approaches and innovative development designs that protect and enhance stormwater management, water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. The competition is co-sponsored by the City of Portland, Clackamas and Washington Counties, and the Green Building Council.

Have a happy holiday season!

— *Brian Newman*

### Kathryn Harrington elected to Metro Council in District 4

Former high-tech business leader and community volunteer Kathryn Harrington was elected Metro Councilor on Nov 7. Harrington will represent District 4, and replaces Metro Councilor Susan McLain, who served on the Metro Council for 16 years.

Harrington, whose volunteer work includes serving as vice chair of Citizen Participation Organization 7 and involvement with other community organizations including transportation planning committees and Washington County's road project advisory committee, said she will focus on growth and transportation issues.

"People are concerned about growth", said Harrington. "In order to protect our quality of life, we need to manage growth to ensure that we have the appropriate amount of room for housing, schools and businesses, while at the same time maintaining our superior air and water quality."

Harrington will also focus on transportation, and said that she will work to find creative solutions to improve roads and highways and expand public transit in order to handle the increased traffic congestions caused by growth and the needs it presents, including freight movement.

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## Harrington elected

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District 4 includes Northern Washington County, Cornelius, Hillsboro, Forest Grove, Northwest Beaverton, Aloha, Bonny Slope, Bethany, Raleigh Hills, West Slope, Cedar Mill and Cedar Hills.

## Metro open spaces bond measure passes

Voters in the region told the Metro Council that they are willing to preserve local natural areas by passing Metro's open spaces bond measure last month by 58.6 percent. The \$227.4 million measure directs Metro to acquire and protect natural areas, thereby preserving some of the region's best remaining open spaces for the citizens of the region.

The approval of Measure 26-80 enables the protection of rivers, streams and creeks at the regional, local and neighborhood levels in several ways:

- Metro will use \$168.4 million to purchase up to 4,500 acres of land in identified target areas
- \$44 million will be distributed to cities, counties and park districts within Metro's jurisdiction to fund local projects that are consistent with protection of natural areas and water quality
- \$15 million will fund a new Nature in Neighborhoods Capital Grants Program through which non-profit organizations, local governments and other community-based organizations can apply for funding to support community-level projects.

The measure was modeled after a successful \$135.6 million package approved by the region's voters in May 1995. As a result, Metro acquired more than 8,100 acres of natural areas throughout the region, including 74 miles of stream and river frontage. Nearly one million trees and shrubs were planted, and more than 20,000 volunteer hours contributed to restoration efforts.

The natural areas acquisition program will operate entirely on a willing-seller basis with local property owners. Lands

purchased through this bond measure will be retained in public ownership.

Metro is currently developing areas purchased with funds from the 1995 measure, including the 256-acre Cooper Mountain in Washington County, and the 184-acre Mt. Talbert in Clackamas.

## Oregon Zoo lights up for winter holidays

For the 19th winter, the Oregon Zoo comes alive with nearly a million lights decorating animal exhibits, gardens, trees and custom-designed and animated animal sculptures.

The annual celebration features choral and dance ensembles, a ride on the zoo's brightly-lit train, conservation-themed puppet shows, a troupe of costumed animal characters, seasonal culinary treats, and the opportunity to pet the zoo's pygora goats.

The light display includes 500,000 energy-saving LEDs (light-emitting diodes), which use only a fraction of the energy of conventional bulbs. The zoo has been using LEDs for its ZooLights displays since 2000, and continues to add more each year, replacing its conventional bulbs. LEDs use only about 1 percent of the power of standard holiday lights, and about 10 percent of the power in mini-lights.

ZooLights, presented this year by The Boeing Company and co-sponsored by KOIN News 6, Clear Channel Portland and United Rentals, is a family tradition. Gates open at 5 p.m. nightly with elves greeting visitors. The festival runs through Dec. 31. For more information, call (503) 220-3687.

## 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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