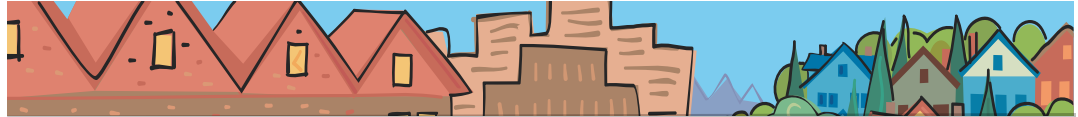


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METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 3 NEWS



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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.



A vote of confidence

Metro celebrated a huge victory for the region when the voters approved our natural areas, parks and streams bond measure in November, with majorities in all three counties. This measure ensures a legacy of clean water and natural areas stewardship that will serve generations to come (see related article).

The vote was also a vote of confidence in Metro as an agency. We successfully managed the first open spaces bond measure from 1995, delivering 2,100 acres more than targeted, on schedule and under budget. We kept our promises to voters, and they felt assured entrusting us with this second bond measure. They could see that we are efficient with tax dollars and build broad coalitions for success.

This victory also demonstrates that Metro is both visionary and bold with ideas, providing the regional leadership that will benefit everyone and that no one local city or county could provide.

Councilor-elect Kathryn Harrington will be joining us in January to assist us with that regional leadership (see related article). Please join me in welcoming her to the Metro Council. I believe she will be an asset to the Council, as we work to perform ever-greater service to you, the citizens.

— Carl Hosticka

Metro voters approve natural areas bond measure

Voters in the region passed Metro's open spaces bond measure last month by 58.6 percent, indicating to the Metro Council that they are willing to protect local natural areas. 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 Council to work in several ways:

- \$168.4 million will purchase up to 4,500 acres of targeted areas
- \$44 million will be distributed to Metro-area jurisdictions to fund local projects
- \$15 million will fund a new capital grants program through which local organizations can apply for funding for community projects.

The measure was modeled after a successful package approved by voters in May 1995 through which Metro acquired more than 8,100 acres of natural areas. The program will operate entirely on a willing-seller basis. Lands purchased through the bond measure will be retained in public ownership.

To stay informed about the natural areas program and upcoming public involvement opportunities, get on the natural areas mailing list by calling (503) 797-1870 or sending e-mail to metroparks@metro.dst.

Kathryn Harrington elected to Metro Council in District 4

Former high-tech business leader and community advocate Kathryn Harrington was elected Metro Councilor on Nov. 7 to represent District 4. She replaces Susan McLain.

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Harrington, whose community 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 congestion caused by growth, including freight movement.

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.

Metropolitan area increases recycling rate

An annual report by the Department of Environmental Quality shows that the Portland metropolitan area achieved a record-high waste-recovery rate of 58.6 percent in 2005, up from 57 percent in 2004. Metro Council President David Bragdon says the region is on track to reach its 2009 goal of 64 percent waste recovery.

To help reach that goal, Metro continues to develop programs to help residents and businesses generate less waste and recycle more of the waste they do generate.

The "Recycle at Work" campaign provides recycling assistance for businesses. Nearly 200 businesses signed on as partners, pledging to start a recycling program or to increase their existing programs.

Another program is Metro's "Construction Industry Recycling Toolkit," a directory of more than 100 recycling and salvage services. Also, a website is under development to help demolition contractors find buyers for salvaged material and help builders reduce costs while meeting green-building standards.

The recovery of organic waste for composting is another program launched in the region in recent years. Food waste from restaurants, grocery stores and food processors is trucked to a composting operation.

To help conserve resources and protect the environment in the future, the Metro Council has been planning programs and strategies for the next decade. Earlier this year the Council approved a regional waste reduction plan, which outlines strategies to achieve higher recycling levels in commercial and residential sectors. The plan also outlines a significant shift from managing waste to one that prevents waste from being generated in the first place.

In addition, the Council is considering ways to improve the region's waste disposal system, from sustainable business practices to new standards for privately owned companies that handle commercial waste. The Metro Council will consider adoption of a new 10-year Regional Solid Waste Management Plan early next year.

ZooLights feature "Kid Coaster"

ZooLights at the Oregon Zoo, daily through Dec. 31 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday through Thursday 5 to 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday Closed Dec. 24 and 25

Enjoy choral and dance ensembles, a train ride, puppet shows, costumed animal characters, culinary treats and petting pygma goats. This year during ZooLights, visitors can also take a whimsical trip back to their childhood on the Zoo's newest thrill ride, "Kid Coaster." The simulation ride captures the essence and exhilaration of being a child, plunging down steep inclines and careening up to the ceiling. The ride requires an additional \$3 ticket. Admission is \$9.50 for adults, \$8 for seniors, and \$6.50 for children ages 3 through 11. Parking \$1 per car. Visitors who arrive by MAX get 50 cents off admission. Call (503) 220-3687 or visit www.oregonzoo.org for more information.

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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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