

# Susan McLain

## METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 NEWS



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**Susan McLain  
represents  
District 4, which  
includes Northern  
Washington  
County, Cornelius,  
Hillsboro, Forest  
Grove, Northwest  
Beaverton, Aloha,  
Rock Creek, Bonny  
Slope, Bethany,  
Raleigh Hills, West  
Slope, Cedar Mill  
and Cedar Hills.**



### A message from Susan McLain

Happy Holidays! Before the year ends, I want to take a moment to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Metro Councilor for the last 16 years. I have really considered it an honor to represent you on issues dealing with air quality, water supply and conservation, transportation and land use decisions, and recycling and solid waste. I also enjoyed helping to develop fine facilities as diverse as the Oregon Convention Center, the Expo Center and the Oregon Zoo.

Parks and Open Spaces took a lot of time over the years but was well worth the energy that we all put into partnerships with Metro, including Council, counties, cities, park districts and citizens. There is always more work to do. Thank you for the confidence that you showed by passing the Open Spaces Bond Measure last month. As a fifth-generation Oregonian, I know that the program will help keep Oregon vital in both economy and natural areas, and will set it apart as a wonderful place to live, work and play.

The best part of my job here has been meeting and working with the citizens of District 4. I will find other ways to serve our communities and hope to see you in the future.

Thank you again for the privilege of being part of regional and local policy work.

— Susan McLain

### Metro voters approve open spaces bond measure

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 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.or.us](mailto:metroparks@metro.dst.or.us).

### 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 to represent District 4. She will replace Susan McLain.

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## Harrington elected

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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.

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 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 to help demolition contractors find buyers for salvaged material and help builders reduce costs while meeting green-building standards is under development.

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 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 prevent waste from being generated in the first place.

Council is also 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.

## Events of note in District 4

**9 a.m. Saturdays, Dec. 2 and 16**

**Rosa Park planting event**

*Help plant native species in Rosa Park. Bring a shovel and work gloves, if possible. Refreshments will be provided. To register, call Melissa at (503) 629-6305 ext. 2953.*

**Noon Wednesdays, Dec. 6, 13, 20 and 27**

**Lunch with the birds at Jackson Bottom**

*Spend your lunch hour with a naturalist learning how to identify birds. Spotting scopes, binoculars and field guides will be provided. Free. Registration not required. For more information, call (503) 681-6278.*

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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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