

Metro District 2

METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 2 NEWS



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Metro Council

District 2 includes the cities of Gladstone, Johnson City, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Oregon City, Rivergrove and West Linn and a portion of Southwest Portland.

Metro and partners begin work on urban and rural reserves

Metro and Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties are leading a regional effort to designate urban and rural reserves to accommodate future growth and protect valuable farmland, forest land and natural areas that define the character of this region. Urban and rural reserves will provide greater predictability for the region as to where future growth may take place inside and outside the current urban growth boundary (UGB) over the next 40 to 50 years, while protecting important farmland and natural areas from urbanization for that same period of time. The process for designating these reserves offers the region greater flexibility in determining which areas are more suitable for accommodating growth than others.

To assist with the study and development of urban and rural reserves, a Reserves Steering Committee has been formed, comprised of officials from local cities, counties and Metro, as well as representatives of various business sectors, the agricultural community, the environmental conservation community, and social and economic equity organizations. The Steering Committee will advise the Metro Council and the commissions of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties on the eventual designation of reserves. Designation of urban and rural reserves will be made through agreements between Metro and the counties in 2009.

Reserves Steering Committee meetings are held once each month and are open to the public. In addition, Metro and the counties are embarking on a coordinated public outreach effort to seek public input throughout the process of studying and designating reserve areas.

More information on urban and rural reserves, including the schedule and materials for Reserves Steering Committee meetings, can be found online at www.metro-region.org/reserves or by calling 503-797-1508.

Metro Council on the road!

Every year, the Metro Council chooses locations for offsite meetings to enable people around the region to more easily attend. Four offsite meetings are planned for April and May and you are invited to attend. Please check the Metro website for calendar updates, agendas and meeting packets: www.metro-region.org/council

2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 16
Greatest Place Metro Council Work Session
Tigard Auditorium
Public Works Building
8777 SW Burnham St., Tigard

2 p.m. Thursday, April 17
Metro Council Meeting
Wilsonville Council Chamber
29799 SW Town Center Loop East, Wilsonville

2 p.m. Thursday, April 24
Metro Council Meeting
Native American Youth Association
5135 NE Columbia Blvd., Portland

2 p.m. Thursday, May 15
Metro Council Meeting
Forest Grove Community Auditorium
1915 Main Street, Forest Grove

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Metro and SOLV IT team up to clean up

Since 1990, SOLV IT volunteers have removed more than 13 million pounds of waste and litter from illegal dumpsites, neighborhoods and natural areas. Every year Metro staff and volunteers pitch in to help make SOLV IT one of the largest Earth Day events in the nation.

On Saturday, April 19, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., thousands of volunteers will converge on approximately 100 sites throughout the region, including Metro natural areas. Metro activities include trail maintenance at Cooper Mountain Nature Park in Beaverton, ivy removal at Newell Creek in Oregon City and plantings at Metro's Native Plant Center in Tualatin.

To become a SOLV IT volunteer, register online at www.solv.org or call 503-844-9571.

Metro's RID Patrol keeps our region clean

Every year, Metro's illegal dumping enforcement team cleans up more than 1,500 illegal dumps on public property in the region. While the job hasn't changed, the team now has a new name – Report Illegal Dumping (RID) Patrol – and a new look.

Illegal dumping of household garbage, old tires, hazardous waste and other refuse threatens human health, wildlife and the environment. Metro's RID Patrol partners with local government agencies, law enforcement and community members to ensure that illegal dumps on public land are quickly investigated and cleaned up.

Metro's RID Patrol can provide tools to prevent illegal dumping and help keep your neighborhood clean and green, from investigation and citation to signs and community involvement materials. To report a dumpsite or request technical assistance, call 503-234-3000 or visit the Metro website at www.metro-region.org.

For more information, call Metro Recycling Information at 503-234-3000 or send e-mail to mri@metro.dst.or.us.

District 2 events of note

2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 13 and 20: Sunday at two lecture series at Tryon Creek
Going solar and Art in the forest
April speakers are Stuart Green of Solar Oregon who will present on the basics of why solar is a smart choice in Oregon and Matthew Tucker Cartwright who will give a special art talk. Tryon Creek State Natural Area is located at 11321 SW Terwilliger Blvd., Portland

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Saturday, April 5: Native Plant Center volunteer ventures
Help plant native plugs and seedlings, mulch plantings and sustain the beds of native species that will produce seeds for Metro's restoration projects at Graham Oaks and Mount Talbert natural areas. Learn how you can get involved with these conservation projects from the ground up. Prior gardening experience is not required. Gloves, tools, water and a snack will be provided. Advance registration required; call 503-701-7554.

Metro's Native Plant Center
2661 SW Borland Rd., Tualatin, near the Stafford Road Exit on I-205.

6 – 8:00 p.m. Monday April 21: Lake Oswego to Portland corridor scoping Meeting, Lakewood Center for the Arts
368 S. State St., Lake Oswego.
As a preview of the environmental analysis process that will begin in 2009, this meeting will provide information on the proposed transit project, the timeline for the environmental study and invite public participation in the process, including comments on the proposed options. Additional details will be posted as available. For more information, call Metro transportation planning at 503-797-1756 or send e-mail to trans@metro-region.org.

For more information on these and other events, visit www.metro-region.org/calendar.

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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