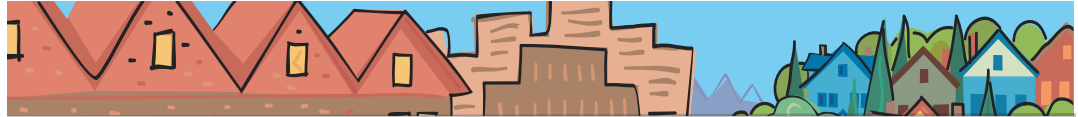


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METRO COUNCIL DISTRICT 4 NEWS



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Metro and counties ask residents to help shape the region for next half century

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.

To assist with the study and development of urban and rural reserves, a Reserves Steering Committee has been formed, consisting 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 committee approved an initial broad study area – approximately five miles outside of the current Metro urban growth boundary – for considering areas to be designated as reserves. At four open houses in July, residents can learn more about the project and the reserves designation process, weigh in on whether the study areas are appropriate and share their thoughts on the development of reserves.

The current open house schedule follows. Local elected officials and project representatives and staff from across the region will be available to discuss issues and answer questions. Additional events may be added.

5 to 8 p.m. Monday, July 7
Multnomah County East Building
600 NE Eighth St., Gresham

5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 10
Tualatin High School Commons
22300 SW Boones Ferry Road, Tualatin

9 a.m. to noon Saturday, July 12
Metro Regional Center Lobby
600 NE Grand Ave., Portland

5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 16
Clackamas County Public Services Building, rooms 369 A and B
2051 Kaen Road, Oregon City

Metro Council awards \$60,000 in grants to benefit residents, make improvements

The Metro Council has announced \$60,000 in new grants that will result in first aid, CPR and conflict resolution training as well as summer jobs for teens. Additionally, the grants will provide opportunities for safe and accessible home repairs for low-income seniors and the disabled and educational paddle trips for area youth to learn and explore the

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Willamette River, among other programs and opportunities.

Funds for Metro's grants were generated from a 50-cent surcharge collected on each ton of garbage brought to the now-closed St. Johns landfill. Today, interest generated on the fund supports the grant program.

The 2008-09 grant cycle marks the 21st year Metro has invested funds in the community through the program. In that time, more than \$2.1 million has been awarded to help fund 441 neighborhood improvement projects. Metro partners with local nonprofit organizations, schools, community groups and others in closely linked goals.

To see the complete slate of 2008-09 grant awards in North Portland, visit Metro's web site (www.oregonmetro.gov/grants).

For more information about Metro's community enhancement projects receiving funds this year, or to be added to the program notification list, visit Metro's web site at www.oregonmetro.gov/grants or call Karen Blauer at 503-797-1506.

Stop illegal dumping in your neighborhood – Call Metro's RID Patrol

Did you know that Metro cleans up more than 1,500 illegal dumpsites throughout the region each year? Illegal dumping of household garbage, old tires, hazardous waste and other refuse threatens human health, wildlife and the environment. Metro's Report Illegal Dumping (RID) Patrol partners with local government agencies, law enforcement and community members to ensure that illegal dumpsites on public land are quickly cleaned up and investigated.

RID Patrol operates two trucks, staffed by correctional officers and inmate cleanup crews, to pick up garbage dumped on public lands. Investigating officers will try to locate the owner of the trash and track down the illegal hauler. Depending on the situation, the owners of the trash may be fined or cited along with the hauler who dumped illegally.

Fines are issued to cover the cost of cleaning up and properly managing waste from dumpsites.

Metro's RID Patrol can provide tools to prevent illegal dumping and help keep your neighborhood clean and green. For more information, call Metro Recycling at 503-234-3000, send e-mail to ridpatrol@oregonmetro.gov or visit www.oregonmetro.gov/ridpatrol. In unincorporated Washington County, please call 503-846-8609. If you would like more information about how the RID Patrol can work with your community organization to prevent illegal dumping, call Tiffany Gates at 503-797-1867.

Metro Council continues to protect water quality and natural areas



In May, Metro and Clackamas County partnered to protect 17 acres along the Clackamas River. Located on a stretch of the river known as Fisherman's Bend, most of the site is within the 100-year floodplain. The property contains nearly ½-mile of river frontage, a perennial creek and a wetland system that could be improved to benefit threatened and endangered salmon species. Habitat restoration, including removal of common invasive weeds such as English ivy and blackberry, will be needed in order for the site to fulfill its potential and provide high-quality fish habitat. Metro purchased the land and immediately transferred ownership to Clackamas County, who will manage it for river access.

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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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