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Metro Councilor Rod Park's August 2003 Newsletter (District 1)

Open spaces tour to visit Gresham natural areas

Join me Saturday, Sept. 6, for a tour of some of the region's natural areas acquired with funds from Metro's open spaces, parks and streams bond measure. The tour takes place from 9 a.m. to noon. We'll begin in Gresham and visit Beaver Creek Canyon, Gresham Buttes and the Gresham/Fairview Trail. Metro Council President David Bragdon will join us.

Other guided tours in the region also are being conducted. Visit www.metro-region.org for a schedule. For more information or to register for a tour in your area, contact Cary Stacey, (503) 797-1560 or staceyc@metro.dst.or.us.

Industrial land study

On July 10, 2003, the Metro Council authorized the study of additional land to complete an alternatives analysis in anticipation of possible urban growth boundary (UGB) amendments for industrial uses. In the December 2002 UGB expansion decision, 818 net acres of industrial land and 1,499 net acres of Regionally Significant Industrial Area land were included. There is still a current industrial land need of 1,968 net acres and a commercial land surplus of 393 net acres, which translates into a 2,707 gross acre deficit of industrial land. The study should be completed by October 2003. I'll keep you up to date on this.

August regional parks events

Oxbow campfire program: Campfire programs are held in the outdoor forest amphitheater across from the campground. It's a great way to spend the evening when you're camping at Oxbow, but you don't have to camp to enjoy them. Although the park closes at sunset, those who attend the campfire program and want to leave afterward will be let out at the gate by the rangers. Please park in the designated area near the boat ramp. Park entry fee is \$3 per car. No reservations required. For more information, call Metro at (503) 797-1850. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Jen and Wendy's Eclectic Tunes

8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1

Find your family caught up in a whirlwind of enthusiastic energy with interactive songs featuring bears, bugs and more.

The Amazing Night Life of Bats

8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2

Join local naturalist Kim Wilson to enjoy some great bat slides and a bat-snack, debunk some bat myths and watch for real bats flying above us.

The Folk Music of Juliet Wyers**8 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 8**

Enjoy a special evening with folk/pop singer and songwriter Juliet Wyers, who recently released her first CD.

Storytelling with Will Hornyak**8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9**

Join master storyteller Will Hornyak for an entrancing evening of Northwest myths, legends and tall tales.

Campfire Songs and Sing-along**8 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 15**

Brad Price, former guitarist for the Oregon Trail Band, will make a special musical appearance at Oxbow.

Sensational Salmon**8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16**

You'll marvel at how salmon are perfectly designed to survive the perils of life in rushing rivers and deep dark oceans in this engaging presentation by field scientist Lanea Naylor-Murphy.

Old-Time Bluegrass**8 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 22**

Bluegrass musicians Greg Stone and Lon Jones will play guitar and mandolin and sing old-time tunes around the campfire.

Birds of Prey**8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 23**

Live birds of prey visit the campfire circle from Hawk Haven. Find out some neat raptor facts and meet these beautiful hawks and falcons up close.

Surefire Duet**8 to 9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 29**

Dave Elliott and Randy Oman, members of the Surefire Bluegrass Band, return to Oxbow. Young Buddy Elliott will join them on standup bass.

Storytelling to the Beat of the Drum**8 to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 30**

Gordon Munro returns with his special blend of the ancient arts of drumming and folk stories from different cultures all around the world.

Bull Run watershed tour**8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 16**

Learn about the protected resources that provide Portland with uniquely high-quality drinking water. \$15. To register, call (503) 823-7407. *Portland Bureau of Water Works*

Volunteer opportunities

New volunteer orientation at Metro

noon to 1 p.m. or 6 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20

Learn about Metro's Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department, hear about the benefits of volunteering, receive information on volunteer job opportunities in the field and office, complete your volunteer application and enjoy the company of other new volunteers. Takes place at Metro Regional Center, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 7. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Sunday Work Day at Oxbow

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 24

Help take care of Metro's Oxbow Regional Park, a 1,200-acre natural area park located within the wild and scenic Sandy River Gorge. Projects include restoration of areas impacted by humans, planting and care of native vegetation and invasive species removal. Bring gloves, long sleeves, snacks and water. For more information or to register, call (503) 797-1850 option 8. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Soup on the Slough

6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 21

You are invited for supper, slough stories and a tour of Whitaker Ponds. This casual event is open to everyone interested in learning more about the Columbia Slough watershed. Advance registration required. For more information, call (503) 223-3331. *Columbia Slough Watershed Council and Portland Bureau of Environmental Services*

Ride your bike to the Mt. Hood Jazz Festival

1 to 9:15 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 2-3

Ride your bike to this year's Mt. Hood Jazz Festival and purchase two tickets for the price of one. The festival will be held at Gresham Main City Park, accessible from the Springwater Corridor. For more information, visit the festival web site at www.mthoodjazz.com. *Mt. Hood Jazz Festival*

Stuff for youngsters

Village of the Ancients Summer Camp

Monday through Friday, Aug. 4-8 and Aug. 11-15 (all day plus two overnights)

Step into a world of adventure, myth, nature skills and ecology in the Village of the Ancients. Each camp experience, for ages 9-12, runs Monday through Friday with overnight camping on Monday and Thursday nights. Transportation from downtown Portland to the site near Deer Island will be provided. Tuition is \$250; some scholarships and work-trade opportunities are available. For more information and to register, call (503) 235-9533. *Cascadia Wild!*

Blue Lake Nature Crafts: Camouflage Bug

10 to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6

Learn all about natural camouflage in the wild and try making your bugs disappear. Held at the Clatsop shelter at Blue Lake Regional Park. Family groups and day care centers are welcome. Cost is \$2 per child for materials, payable the day of the event. Park entrance fee is

an additional \$3 per car or \$6 per bus. Activities are suitable for ages 4-14. Registration is not required for individual families and small groups. If you are bringing 10 or more children, you must register and pay a \$20 deposit in advance. To register, call (503) 797-1850 option 5. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Amazing Magic

2 to 2:45 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6

Arthur Atsma is a magician hero who provides an enthusiastic show that will enthrall you with unbelievable slight-of-hand and make you laugh. This program at Blue Lake Regional Park is especially for children 3-12. Meet in the bandstand area (Chinook shelter if it rains). Day care groups are welcome. Free with regular park admission of \$3 per car or \$6 per bus. No reservations required. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Ethos Mystery Music Bus and Vandeveere Dancers

1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 13

First enjoy magical musicians Ethos who bring their mystery musical bus to the park to share the rhythms of the Caribbean and South Africa. Then kick up your heels with the Vandeveere Dancers. This program at Blue Lake Regional Park is especially for children 3-12. Meet in the bandstand area (Chinook shelter if it rains). Day care groups are welcome. Free with regular park admission of \$3 per car or \$6 per bus. No reservations required. *Metro Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

Blue Lake Nature Crafts: Animal Masks

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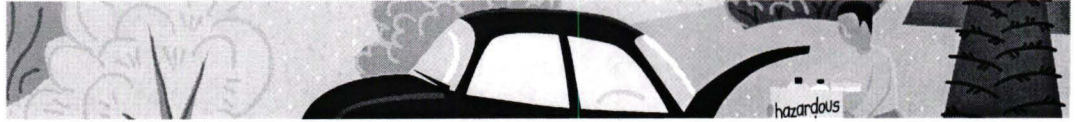
Let your imagination run wild as you create the likeness of the four-footed and winged ones and capture their images in masks decorated with feathers, fur and paint. Held at the Clatsop shelter at Blue Lake Regional Park. Family groups and day care centers are welcome. Cost is \$2 per child for materials, payable the day of the event. Park entrance fee is an additional \$3 per car or \$6 per bus. Activities are suitable for ages 4-14. Registration is not required for individual families and small groups. If you are bringing 10 or more children, you must register and pay a \$20 deposit in advance. *Regional Parks and Greenspaces Department*

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Let me know if there's something you'd like to see in this monthly newsletter. If there's anything you'd like information about or would like to discuss, call me at (503) 797-1547) or send e-mail to me at parkr@metro.dst.or.us.

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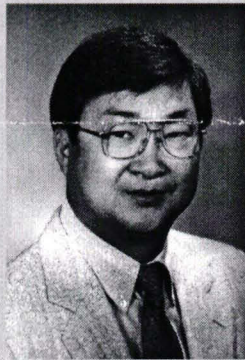
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I hope you like the new layout for my newsletter as much as I do. This space is set aside for me to tell you each month what I'm

doing, and also to ask you to share your ideas and thoughts with me.

If you have any comments or suggestions, or if you'd like to contact me about anything in our district that's on your mind, call me at (503) 797-1547 or send me an e-mail at parkr@metro.dst.or.us. The more I hear from you, the more effective I can be.

I'm getting ready for the open spaces tour on Sept. 6. We're going to tour Beaver Creek Canyon, Gresham Buttes and the Gresham/Fairview Trail. I've mentioned this in previous newsletters, and we have quite a few people signed up but there's always room for more. If you haven't signed up yet, I believe there are a few spaces left. Call Cary Stacey at (503) 797-1560 and she'll reserve a spot for you.

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Making choices for a healthy economy and the environment

Metro's Fish and Wildlife Habitat Protection program is about balancing the desire for clean water, access to nature and a healthy economy. The vision is to conserve, protect and restore fish and wildlife habitat around the region.

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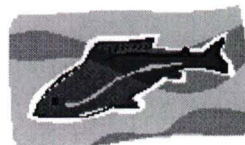
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Household hazardous waste collection events

What we do in our own backyard or garden makes a difference in the quality of our rivers, streams and wildlife habitat. That's why Metro offers a variety of programs and events to help keep our environment safe and healthy.

Through November, Metro is offering household hazardous waste collection events. Events take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the following location:

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 17 and 18
Calvary Christian Center
10505 SE Holgate Blvd., Portland

Once you've cleaned those products out of your home, we can help you have a healthy yard or garden by using "greener" methods.

Natural gardening seminars

Natural gardening relies on techniques that build healthy soil, encourage a diversity of plants, keep a balance of beneficial and pest insects, and maintain a more complex garden ecosystem. These techniques help prevent problems before they start.

Natural gardening seminars are free. Reservations are required and limited to the first 100 for each event. Call Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000. Visit www.metro-region.org for a complete list of seminars.

Organic lawn care

10-11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 6
Portland Nursery, 9000 SE Division,
Portland

September events

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Senior Safari at Metro's Oregon Zoo

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 16

World Animal Festival at Metro's Oregon Zoo

11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 20-21 and 27-28

For more information about either event, call (503) 226-1561.

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Metro helps Gresham businesses recycle to save \$

From a community college to a concrete accessories company and at many other businesses in the Gresham area, recycling saves money and resources.

Since 1999, Mt. Hood Community College, a major employer in Gresham, has had a campus-wide recycling program that began with a \$25,500 grant from the Metro Council.

In 2001, Metro gave \$22,313 to the city of Gresham to support recycling technical assistance to local businesses. Another \$22,538 was directed to the city in 2002. Metro likely will invest the same amount this year.

Funds go to partially support the Gresham Resource Efficiency Assistance to Business – the GREAT Business program. Partnering with the college and other area businesses, program staff identified easy and affordable steps organizations can take to reduce waste, conserve water and minimize stormwater impacts.

The Metro Council promotes efforts to meet the regional recycling goal of 62 percent set by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

To learn more about how your business can profit from money and for resource saving tips, call Metro Recycling Information at (503) 234-3000.

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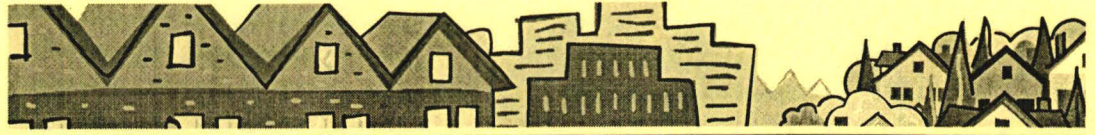
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Industrial Lands/Periodic Review Talking Points

- Goal
 - Maintain a tight urban boundary that directs appropriate economic growth to centers while protecting key agricultural areas outside the UGB
- History
 - 2002 UGB decision added 18,638 acres for residential and employment
 - Region needs additional 1,968 acres for industrial land
 - LCDC partner in the process; granted extension until June 2004
- Process
 - Prepare AA on remaining lands under consideration, including mapping and studying over 40,000 acres of exception lands
 - 20 year pop/employment forecast identified need for industrial land
 - Filter according to locational and siting criteria:
 - Slopes of less than 10%
 - Accessibility to major transportation facilities
 - Proximity to other industrial uses
 - Study organized into Five Tiers (Tier 1 and 1A are exception lands, Tiers 2-5 contain resource lands with Tier 5 containing most productive soils)
 - Recognize needs of agriculture by partnering with Dept. of Ag and hosting Agricultural Symposium
 - Consider Title 4 regulations and RSIA's
- Timeline
 - Agricultural Symposium - Oct. 30
 - Complete 2003 Alternatives Analysis - October
 - Use suitability factors to reduce areas under study – November
 - Meet with LCDC to review Ag Symposium, AA, related studies
 - Hold workshops with the public – March, 2004
 - Council hearings and adoption – June, 2004

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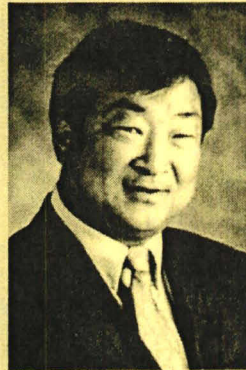
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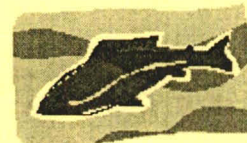
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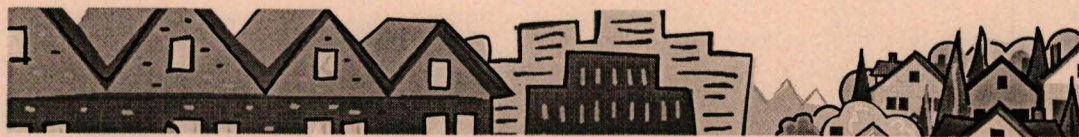
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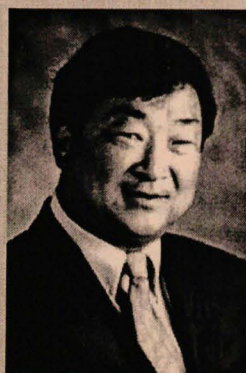
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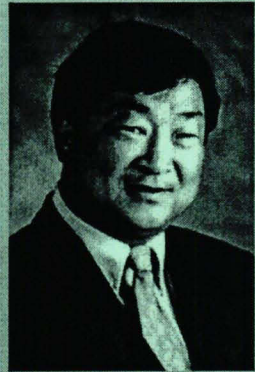
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