



# Neighborhood News Richmond

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Richmond Neighborhood Association meets the 2nd Monday of every month except Dec and Jan, 7pm at Cascadia Plaza, 2415 SE 43rd Ave, FL 2, Rm 4.

## CALENDAR

### Call to Artists

The SE Area ARTWalk is gearing up for the March 7th and 8th 2009 Art Walking Tour.

Artists from all over Portland Metro and surrounding areas are encouraged during the "Call to Artists" to apply for this two day arts event in SE Portland. We are always looking for hosts and sponsors to be involved in this community event too – go to [www.seportlandartwalk.com](http://www.seportlandartwalk.com) and link to artist, host or sponsor pages.

The SE Area ARTWalk covers the neighborhoods of Clinton, Division, Hawthorne and Ladd's Addition. Over 90 artists were hosted in homes, studios and businesses during the 2008 ARTWalk – our fifth year. The SE Area ARTWalk is a community-building event that strengthens the connection between businesses, artists and neighbors.

**Application deadline:** November 15, 2008. Apply now and get involved in this unique art event. Applications to participate are posted at [www.seportlandartwalk.com](http://www.seportlandartwalk.com).

**Reminder:  
Richmond Neighborhood  
does not meet  
in December or January.**

The Richmond Neighborhood Association newsletter is published quarterly. Submission deadline for Feb '09 issue is December 16.

**Make your dollars count,  
shop local  
for the holidays!**

## THE TREES ARE COMING!

by Sarah F. Moore

Volunteer for the 2008 Richmond/HAND/Buckman Tree Planting, Saturday, December 6.

We have several volunteer shifts and activities:

- Earlybirds (6am) to help unload and sort trees,
- Trucks to deliver trees and mulch are needed,
- Kitchen elves to help prepare lunch,
- Tree Planters ... and more!

**Location:** St. Paul Lutheran Church parking lot, 3880 SE Brooklyn.

Planters should arrive by 8:45 am to register. Dress for the elements with gloves, sturdy boots, warm clothes, etc. Bring a shovel if you have one.

A hot lunch is provided afterwards. For more information or to volunteer, email Allen Field at [allen\\_field@yahoo.com](mailto:allen_field@yahoo.com).

If you are interested in becoming a Friends of Trees Crew Leader or for more details and to sign up, contact Cara Coffee, [carac@friendsoftrees.org](mailto:carac@friendsoftrees.org).

## STORMWATER PROJECTS COMING TO RICHMOND

by Rhett Drennan

TABOR to the RIVER, Brooklyn Creek Basin Program, it's a big name for a big project. Covering an area from the Willamette River to Mt. Tabor, and from Belmont to Powell, it will include 35 construction projects, 200 green street facilities, thousands of feet of pipe replacement, the planting of almost 4,000 trees, re-vegetation work along the Willamette and in Mt. Tabor Park, and education on how private property owners can better treat stormwater on their property.

The goal is to remove as much stormwater as possible from our combined sewer system and treat it where it falls. The local treatment of stormwater is important because some neighbors in this area are experiencing basement sewer backups. The stormwater overwhelms the system and looks for another place to go, and finds basement drains to escape through. By treating stormwater locally, the water never enters the system, decreases basement backups.

Sixteen of the construction projects fall completely or in part, within the boundaries of Richmond Neighborhood. The first two projects will begin construction Spring 2009; one is in Richmond, SE 42nd Avenue to 47th Avenue, and SE Hawthorne to Harrison.

To learn more about this program and see a map, please visit our website at: [www.portlandonline.com/bes/tabortoriver](http://www.portlandonline.com/bes/tabortoriver), or contact Rhett Drennan at 503/823-6006, or [rhettad@bes.ci.portland.or.us](mailto:rhettad@bes.ci.portland.or.us).



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## RNA LAND USE and TRANSPORTATION

by Doug Klotz

New Seasons Market's owner, architects, and planners attended a Pre-Application conference at City offices on September 3. The Pre-App conferences are a chance for a developer to hear what City bureaus will require. For the proposed store at 40th and Hawthorne, the most important issue for City staff was groundwater contamination from a previous dry cleaner on the site, which could affect disposal of stormwater. Bob Haley of the City's Transportation Department (PDOT) noted that the City will require a three foot dedication along Hawthorne to widen the sidewalk from nine to 12 feet, with street trees. Owner Brian Rohter said they would request a truck loading zone along Hawthorne (mornings only) for large truck deliveries. Smaller trucks would enter the parking lot to access a loading door. The new building will be in the same spot as the Daily Grind, but will have a 2nd floor mezzanine for offices and back stock, leaving the entire ground floor for retail. Parking lot landscaping requirements will reduce parking to 18 spaces. Zoning does not require any parking spots to be provided.

Neighbors living on SE 40th and SE 41st streets south of Hawthorne attended the September RNA meeting to express their concerns about increased

traffic on their streets the store might generate. Speed bumps, a new signal and one-way streets were discussed. The neighbors will meet with Gary Snyder at PDOT and then possibly with Rohter to discuss traffic concerns.

A Pre-App conference was held September 9 for a zone change application for an apartment building at 2844-2848 SE 50th Ave. The proposed change from R-2 to R-1 will allow the owners to convert the existing triplex to a four unit building by adding a basement apartment.

The application of Jason Faye and Ann Skvarek for a Conditional Use permit to operate a Bed and Breakfast at their house at 4220 SE Clinton was approved August 7. A backyard neighbor, Michael Lang, appealed the decision, citing noise and privacy concerns. The appeal hearing was set for September 24.

The City's Bureau of Planning is looking at rezoning from Residential to Storefront Commercial 18 properties on Hawthorne west of 34th. All 18 properties currently have commercial uses and several are in historic commercial buildings zoned Residential. Tom Armstrong, the Bureau's SE District liaison, presented the study at the September RNA meeting. For more information, contact Tom at 503/823-3527 or tom.armstrong@ci.portland.or.us.

The old Reliable Parts building at 31st and Division will likely be remodeled to add a second story. The developers planned to speak at the October RNA meeting.

Apparently prompted by criticism from the Northwest Examiner and advocacy groups for the disabled regarding blocked sidewalks, Rich Eisenhauer of PDOT will lead a Sidewalk Cafe Ordinance Update. A committee of business interests, with district coalitions representatives invited, began meeting every other Tuesday afternoon from 2:00 to 3:30, as of September 16. The afternoon meeting time prevents the City's Pedestrian Advisory Committee from attending. The SE Uplift neighborhood coalition is sending a staff member instead of a citizen activist. Objectives include increasing fees to aid enforcement of the ordinance. Also on the agenda is a proposal to reduce from six feet to four feet the sidewalk clear-zone. For more information, contact Liam Nagy at 503/823-1337.

RNA has received a preliminary notice of an application for Design Review, with six proposed modifications, for two new single-family houses on 25 x 50 foot lots, on the south end of the lot occupied by the house at 2208 SE 48th Ave., which will remain. All of the "Tabasco Addition," from SE 43rd to SE 48th, and between Lincoln and Sherman, was originally platted with 25 by 100 foot lots. Most buyers took two lots and built a single house. The east side of 48th, also in the Addition, has lots 50 feet deep, and platted at 25 feet wide. This half-block has already seen two narrow houses built on

25 x 50 foot lots, and a third planned, north of this proposal. The current proposal could add two more. Neighbors will receive notice of the comment timeline when the application is complete.

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE IN ACTION!

by Jeff Horne

On August 8, the newly formed Richmond Neighborhood Association Sustainability Committee hosted its first official event: a fundraiser where we disconnected residential downspouts from the City's sewer lines. We learned the ins and outs of downspout disconnection, and the staff from the Bureau of Environmental Services (BES) was terrific. Plus, BES treated us to a surprise pizza party in Sewallcrest Park afterwards.

For every 1,000 square feet of roof space, connected downspouts pour 22,500 gallons of water into the City's sewer system. This water can, in many cases, be absorbed by a garden or lawn. During our half-day outing, we disconnected 24 downspouts, which will remove 334,505 gallons of stormwater from the sewer system every year.

There are still 487 homes in Richmond that may possibly disconnect from the City's combined sewer system. If you are interested in disconnecting your downspouts, contact the City's downspout disconnect team at 503/823-5858 or [www.portlandonline.com/downspoutdisconnect](http://www.portlandonline.com/downspoutdisconnect). The City will

do the work for you, or do it yourself and get \$53 for each eligible downspout you safely disconnect. You'll also qualify for savings on your water/sewer bill each month from Clean River Rewards, the City's stormwater management discount program.

## SEEKING NEIGHBORHOOD HISTORY

by Roy Hartley

The Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Coalition is preparing to celebrate its 40th anniversary. As part of commemorating four decades of activity, SEUL is seeking written accounts of interesting events, stories, projects, biographies, etc., to form a history of each of the neighborhoods that comprise SEUL. This is an opportunity for Richmond residents to create a neighborhood history.

Please send your Richmond story to Leah Hyman at SEUL, 3534 SE Main, Portland, OR 97215 or [leah@southeastuplift.org](mailto:leah@southeastuplift.org).

## CHIROPRACTIC OFFICE OPENS

by Jess Barr Desbrow

I recently opened a home office at 4613 SE Ivon for a gentle blend of Chiropractic care and CranioSacral Therapy. I am focused on family care, pre and post partum support, care for infants and children, and offer special work for youth with learning challenges. As a former educator, it is my goal to educate my patients

to understand their bodies, and know how to best care for themselves (thus needing me as little as possible). I am currently offering discounts to Richmond neighbors, educators and students. More details can be found on my website, [www.HealthyJess.com](http://www.HealthyJess.com), or by calling 503/869-3389.

## GARAGE SALE REPORT

by Derek Covey

The annual Richmond Neighborhood's Labor Day weekend "End of Summer Garage and Yard Sale" was a great success. Twenty-three households officially participated by listing their locations on the map we distributed. Thanks to Frederic Dupeyroux for creating the map and Bob Hill at Loprinzi's Gym for providing the map pick-up location.

Some ideas for improvement for next year are:

1. Limit the event to one or two days.
2. Verify and double-check garage sale information.
3. Pick the date and advertise it much earlier. For next year, some people have suggested doing two sales: one in the spring and another in late summer.

Others have suggested doing the sale the weekend of the Division/Clinton Street Fair, which is the last Saturday in July.

Email [covey7us@yahoo.com](mailto:covey7us@yahoo.com) to let me know your preference for the date, or if you have another date to suggest, and to provide any feedback or comments, which are greatly appreciated.

## ELKS' SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

by Emma Pletz

The Portland Elks Lodge has scholarship money available for high school seniors going on to a college program. The Most Valuable Student Contest is open to any senior high school student who is a US citizen. The application can be downloaded from the Elks web site [www.elks.org/enf/scholars/ourscholarships.cfm](http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/ourscholarships.cfm). The due date for this year's application is Friday, January 9, 2009 and must be turned in to the Lodge office at 3717 NE Columbia Blvd. by 5pm on that date. Winners from our lodge go on to compete at the district level where an additional \$8,400 in scholarships will be awarded. Winners at the district level then go on to compete for scholarships totaling \$19,400 at the State level. The applications from these winning students are then sent to compete for scholarships at the Grand Lodge level, which could equal their full 4-year college tuition, paid in full. They need not be affiliated with the Elks in order to apply.

The Legacy Scholarship is a one-year, \$1,000 scholarship for children and grandchildren of Elk members who are high school seniors, going on to college. There will be awarded up to 500 Legacy Awards nationwide. The scholarship is open to any child or grandchild (or step-child, step-grandchild, or legal ward) of an active Elk who has been a member in good standing since at least April 1, 2006. The Elk must also be a paid-up member through March 31, 2009. Great-grandchildren are not eligible. The applicant must be a high school senior. The applicant must apply through the related member's Elks Lodge, regardless of where the applicant resides. The student, the Elk, and the Lodge secretary must complete their respective sections. The student is to send the application to the Elks National Foundation address on the application postmarked no later than January 9, 2009. Applications are available from the ENF website <http://www.elks.org/enf/scholars/legacy.cfm>. Applications are not turned into the Lodge.

For more information about these scholarship opportunities, please call the Lodge office at 503/282-8707 and your question will be forwarded on to the Scholarship Chairman.



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Recycling Information and Community Board On Site  
(see attendants for details)



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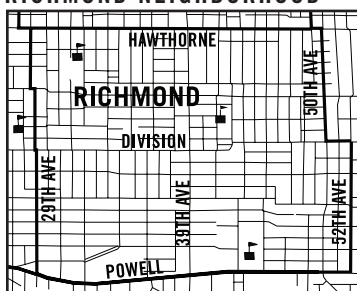
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# Leaf Removal

*compiled by Portland Office of Transportation*

The fall leaf removal program begins the first of November and runs through December. The program focuses on picking up the leaves that fall onto the streets in neighborhoods with high concentrations of mature street trees. Street leaf removal helps reduce slippery road conditions, increasing the safety of motorists, pedestrians, and bicyclists, and reduces localized flooding caused by clogged drain inlets. This reduces the amount of leaves entering the storm drains.

Information such as the leaf removal schedule for the designated leaf areas, the leaf depot schedule, and information about other community composting services for yard debris other than leaves can be found at [www.portlandonline.com](http://www.portlandonline.com).

Please be aware that we ask all residents not to rake leaves into the street. Use your yard debris collection service, or take your leaves to the leaf depot sites for recycling. The City's leaf removal service is intended solely for leaves that impede stormwater drainage and cause traffic hazards.

**How you can help keep storm drains clear**

The City asks residents to help clean the inlets and catch basins (grated storm

drains) in front of your properties. Use a rake or pitch fork to clear leaves, limbs, and debris from the storm drain/catch basin. Do not put your feet and hands into the storm drain – all kinds of debris collect there that could be dangerous, including injection needles. If you believe an emergency response is necessary, because you cannot clear your clogged catch basin, call Transportation Maintenance at 503/823-1700 to report the clogged catch basin.

Please do not rake the leaves from your yard into the street. Leaves become a slippery mess that can cause localized flooding and pedestrian, bicycle, and motor vehicle accidents. Rotting leaves diminish the life span of the asphalt that's underneath them, leading to premature repair needs. The City's leaf removal service is intended solely for leaves that impede storm-water drainage and cause traffic hazards.

**Leaf Depots**

Leaf depots are leaf recycle sites where residents can bring their yard leaves for recycling for a nominal fee. These depots start late October and run through mid-December. Depots are open weekends through mid-December.

Neighborhood leaf removal service is provided in 17 neighborhoods with high concentrations of mature street trees. The leaf drop in these areas is so heavy that it creates hazards for motorists, bicyclists, and pedestrians, and clogs storm drains causing local flooding and deterioration of the road surface. Specially equipped crews are required to pick up the large volume of leaves from the streets in these neighborhoods. Residents in the leaf removal neighborhoods will be notified in advance of their scheduled dates by a door hanger.

*For more information contact the LEAFLINE at 503/823-1784.*

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