



NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS Richmond

SPRING ISSUE 2024 | THE OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF THE RICHMOND NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
OPEN BOARD MEETINGS THE SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH – RICHMONDPDX.ORG; RICHMOND.PDX.CHAIR@GMAIL.COM

May 18 RICHMOND SPRING CLEAN-UP & Metro HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

Allen Field

Saturday May 18, 9am – 1 pm, will be the Richmond Spring Clean-Up and U-Price-It Rummage and Plant sales at Central Christian Church parking lot, 1844 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd. There will also be a Household Hazardous Waste collection event – read below for details. Both events are made possible through a Metro sponsorship.

The Clean-Up is FREE but donations are accepted and tax-deductible – the \$ goes to put on the event and excess funds help pay for the RNA's movie in the park.

As we have done for over 20 years, there will be dumpsters for mixed waste and recycling for metal, Styrofoam, and electronics. The Spring Clean-Up offers a great opportunity to clean out your garage, basement, and closets. Just drive up in your car or truck and we'll help you unload.

You can find great items in the U-Price-It Rummage and Plant Sales. To access just the U-Price-It Sale, enter from the SE driveway on SE 40th. NO ENTRY from 40th IF you have a load of waste or recycling material

Senior and Disabled Pickup Service: If you are over 70 or physically unable to bring items to the Spring Cleanup, contact richmondcleanup@gmail.com by May 13 and we can arrange for your items to be picked up. This service is dependent on the number of truck crews we have, how many people sign up for this service, and what people want picked up. No large furniture or appliances and the truck crews have discretion to refuse to accept loads that are too large or heavy.

ITEMS ACCEPTED: Mixed and bulky waste (loose debris must be bagged), block Styrofoam (and peanuts)/metal/electronics for recycling, lumber, appliances (but nothing with a compressor), carpet and carpet pads, mattresses, furniture, and all your reusable items for the U-Price-It Sale (except the items excluded below). Remove all gas & oil from gas lawn equipment.

Electronics accepted for recycling: TVs, stereos, computers and peripherals (keyboard, screens, mouses, cables), and microwaves. Green Century recycling will be staffing this area. Go to richmondpx.org/richmondcleanup for information on electronics Green Century accepts.

Small appliances & light fixtures: Label them if they “WORK.” Community Warehouse will be there to take it. If they don't work, then Green Century will take it or it goes to metal recycling.

Styrofoam and Stretch film: We can take block and peanuts styrofoam, polyethylene (shiny, bendable styrofoam), and stretch plastic. Go to richmondpx.org/richmondcleanup for details on what we can accept.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Construction, demolition, or remodeling debris (anything that might contain asbestos); anything with a compressor (refrigerators, freezers or air conditioner), tires, curbside recyclables (cardboard, paper, glass or plastic bottles), fire extinguishers, soil/sod/yard debris, and household or auto chemicals.

U-PRICE-IT RUMAGE & PLANT SALE: U-Price-It means YOU set the price, and items are free after 12:30 (so we don't have to throw stuff away or haul to a thrift store.) A lot of reusable household items are always available. Please NOTE: No items accepted after 12 noon AND we have discretion to refuse items – if a thrift store won't take it, it needs to go in a bulky waste dumpster.

The Plant Sale is a great way to get greatly discounted plants, seeds, bulbs, and veggie starts.

Auto Tail Light Bulb Repair: We are again partnering with CNB-SEEN.org to provide tail-light bulb repair to help people, especially BIPOC individuals, avoid pretext stops by the police.

METRO HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION: In the north parking lot, Metro staff will be collecting:

- **Batteries**, including lithium-ion and rechargeable batteries but *not* cordless tool batteries.
- **Prescription meds** (pet meds too). Take meds out of containers and put them in plastic bags.
- **Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL)** but NO broken bulbs or fluorescent tubes.
- **Sharps and epi-pens.** Sharps containers are available for free.

NO paint, chemicals, cleaning supplies or automobile liquids accepted.

Contact richmondcleanup@gmail.com to volunteer or you have questions. More information at: richmondpx.org/richmondcleanup.

Chair's Report

Debby Hochhalter, Richmond Neighborhood Association Chair

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Happy Spring! The RNA has some great events coming up that we hope you will participate in. May 18 is our annual Spring Clean Up which includes a great plant and rummage sale. CNB-Seen will replace burned out vehicle tail lights and Metro will be collecting household hazardous waste - see details in previous article.

Our Board election is June 10. I really hope many people will consider joining the Board. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet neighbors, learn about issues that impact our neighborhood, and serve your community. Visit our website at richmondpx.org for details about the election.

If you have ideas for a project or event, becoming a board member can help you accomplish it. Past events board members have organized are: One-Garbage-Can-A-Month Recycling Challenge, Yard/Garage Sale Weekend, Graffiti and Litter Cleanups, Downspout Disconnects, and Emergency Preparedness.

Finally, remember to mark your calendars for the Summer Movie in the Park at Sewallcrest at dusk on Friday, August 30.

I hope you join us at a meeting sometime. We have hybrid meetings; we meet in person and people can attend via Zoom the second Monday of the month except January, when we have our board retreat. Wishing you all a wonderful Spring!

Cleveland High School Modernization

Chris & Heather Flint Chatto

Cleveland High School, SE 26th and Powell, is undergoing a modernization planning process, with significant decisions to be made that will determine the scope and cost of the project. In RNA meetings, project updates were presented for community comment.

While the school is being remodeled, staff and students will relocate to another school which will likely be Marshall High School on SE 91st Ave., as indicated by Portland Public Schools (PPS).

PPS has presented various options for the remodel: a complete demolition and replacement, a partial preservation and adaptation, and an all-historic renovation. A completely new facility is projected to be less costly and presents more flexibility for design, program, and building performance. The partial preservation option would add a major new addition and maintain the historic, existing façade at a cost of \$10 million. This would reduce the environmental impacts of construction, but limit some design flexibility in maximizing the utility of the small site. The all-historic complete renovation and expansion option is no longer being considered.

The building (originally Clinton-Kelly School) is eligible for national historic registry due to its 1929 architecture, but opinions at recent PPS project meetings have leaned toward the all-new construction option, partly due to lower costs. Project leaders have indicated that demolition and all new construction is the likely plan.

The Fred Meyer corporate headquarters, previously for sale at 3800 SE 22nd Ave, was initially an option to relocate and build a new school but the property was taken off the market (possibly due to a proposed merger with Kroger and Albertsons).

A member of the planning committee noted that the Fred Meyer site had been a preferred option because it could consolidate the school facilities and the track and field area. Some members of the public asked if that might still be a possible option since it has the advantage for phasing construction without relocating students and preserving the existing historic building for other uses.

It is possible that the parking lot across the street from the school could be developed, such as for a performance and arts spaces, maybe with basement parking. However, costs would increase, particularly if a skybridge connection were provided (estimated at \$25 million) between the buildings, as proposed plans envisioned.

With an estimated \$400 million dollar cost for the remodel, Cleveland High School and Ida B. Wells High School will likely be on the November city ballot for funding approval for seismic renovation and general facility modernization. View presentations and learn more at: <https://www.pps.net/ClevelandBond>



August 30 Movie in Sewallcrest Park

Allen Field

On Friday August 30, the Richmond Neighborhood Association, in partnership with Portland Park & Recreation, will show A MILLION MILES AWAY in Sewallcrest Park, SE32nd Ave and Market St.

It is the inspiring true story based on the biography of Latino NASA astronaut José M. Hernández. He grew up working as a migrant farm-worker to become an astronaut and crew member on a Space Shuttle mission. He was also an accomplished electrical engineer, who co-developed the first digital mammography imaging system.

Pre-movie entertainment starts at 7:30 PM with the movie starting at dusk, around 8:30 PM.



The Dangers of Foxtail Seeds to Pets

Allen Field

Foxtail is a grass-like weed that is popping up everywhere in parking strips and yards. In the past few years, foxtail seems to have spread exponentially in the neighborhood.

Foxtails can be deadly to pets: The barbed seed heads can attach quickly and easily to your pet's fur, like Velcro, and can penetrate relentlessly down into their fur and body.

The tough seed heads do not break down inside a pet's body. The seeds can get in their skin, paws, nose, ears, genitals, and lungs through inhaling. If not detected and treated, it is possible for Foxtail seeds to travel inward to the heart, lungs, or brain. Dogs have even died from foxtail seeds.

Dr. Katy Felton, of Grateful Heart Veterinary Hospital, sees many pets with injuries from foxtail: "Foxtail season is one we always brace ourselves for. We handle urgent care and emergency cases to remove foxtails from ear canals (even punctured through ear drums), noses, behind eyelids, between toes (migrating into the foot, wrist or even further up the leg), even anuses and prepuces!" The seeds "carry bacteria into the wound with them causing abscesses ... and infected wounds that won't heal." Pets sometimes require sedated wound exploration and extensive surgery to find and remove the seeds.

Controlling Foxtail: The Oregon State University Extension Service article "Foxtail control in pastures and hayground" recommends as a non-herbicide method of control to turn the plants under and allow "to degrade in the dark, hot summer soils. Repeat as necessary." Mowing is ineffective as the foxtail forms seeds on a shorter stalk. Spraying white vinegar on foxtail within 2 weeks of emergence is a very safe and effective method to eradicate it.

For fields and parking strips with complete coverage with foxtail, the OSU publication lists herbicides that can control it but herbicides can kill all other plants nearby and are harmful to beneficial insects.

Education and Awareness: Many people do not know about the danger to pets from foxtail. Educating our neighbors and the community is key. If you would like flyers to place on porches to inform and educate people about the dangers posed by the foxtail in their parking strip or yards, email richmondnasecretary@gmail.com.



Van Veen Heritage Garden

Ann Clack

Have you heard about Van Veen Heritage Garden (VVHG) yet? It is located at Van Veen Nursery, on over 4 acres, at 42nd and SE Franklin. Many people don't know it exists.

We have had three volunteer days, the first on November 19, where we accomplished many projects to move us forward with our mission. We would LOVE to see some new faces at our next volunteer day. Join us on May 18th from 9am - noon and enjoy the flowers while you are there.

What is VVHG? You can read about the history and mission on our website: www.vanveenheritagegarden.org. Sign up to the email list and get information on our volunteer days by emailing acclack73@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you.

Profile of a Great Neighbor

Leslie Brunker

I have wanted to sing the praises of my next door neighbor, Erinn Bates, for some time now. I have lived here for 18 years and in that time I have seen her do so many wonderful, thoughtful, and generous acts. She's the kind of person who notices what's happening and then pulls together people to help or to celebrate others.

For many years in October she and her husband Kevin have hosted a neighborhood cider press block party. They organize it all: getting the permits to close the street, setting up tables for the potluck, running the cider press, and disposing of the apple waste. They buy the apples and don't ask anyone to chip in; everyone gets to share in the cider that's produced.

Erinn is super friendly and knows all of our neighbors for blocks around us. When a neighbor is in need, she is right there to organize help for neighbors. For instance, when one neighbor had a bad health diagnosis, she organized meal deliveries from other neighbors. When another neighbor passed away, she organized a yard work team to help their partner during this difficult loss.

Erinn sees a need and steps in with support and love happen. She doesn't just talk about it, she takes action. She is a lovely person and I feel so grateful to have landed right nextdoor to her and her family.

Contribute to the Richmond Newsletter

Interested in contributing to the Newsletter? We are always eager to receive contributions from the community, be it points of interest, news and events, or maybe your kid just won the local hula hoop contest and the world needs to know about it. We do not publish opinion pieces or Letters to the Editor.

If you would like to submit an article please email it to rmanewsletter@gmail.com. You can include a photo or graphic to accompany your article. It will be the Editor's discretion whether to include it, depending on space limitations.

Article deadlines are January 1, April 1, July 1, and October 1. Two weeks before the deadline, please inform the Editor you intend to submit an article. The Newsletter is distributed a month after article submission, so time your article accordingly. The guidelines are at richmondpxd.org/richmond-newsletter-calendar-guidelines.



**PREMIER
FOOD
CARTS**

**FARMHOUSE
CARTS**

2415 SE 35TH PLACE → SE PORTLAND

Restrooms • Heated Outdoor Seating
Connected Tap Room

FARMHOUSECARTS.COM

oregontreecare.com
Certified Arborist . PN-6405A



**Keeping our
Richmond Neighborhood
trees safe & healthy.**

Oregon CCB #176382

503.929.9437



**OREGON
TREECARE**



**WE
♥
SE!**

Principal Broker
Living Room Realty
rosecityroseman.com
503.515.5973



**BONNIE ROSEMAN
& TEAM**



DOING OUR BEST TO KEEP PORTLAND SAFE




SEISMIC RETROFITS | GAS VALVES | FOUNDATION REPAIR | NWSEISMIC.COM | 503-741-8311

CCB 186559
WA # NWSEIS*828PK

**NEWSLETTER
DELIVERY
PEOPLE NEEDED**

Contact:
RichmondNAsecretary@gmail.com