



# Rivergrove Report

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF RIVERGROVE, OREGON JULY/AUG 2023



## City Calendar

### City Council Meeting:

August 14, 2023 @7pm

### Planning Commission:

August 21, 2023@7pm

## City Staff

### Mayor

Jeff Williams

### Council President

Brenda Ruble

### Councilors:

Bill Tuttle

Chris Barhyte

Doug McLean

### Planning Commission:

#### Chair:

Andrew Herbert

#### Commissioners:

Alan Stonewall

Stella Radkevitch

Erin McMahon

### Interim City Manager:

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## City Council

The City Council met on July 10 to discuss a variety of matters. All members of Council were in attendance.

Last month's Meeting Minutes were passed and Financials were delayed pending QuickBooks setup completion. Councilor Tuttle stressed the importance of hiring a new Contract Planner and for the Planning Commission to work toward the revision and update of the Land Use Ordinances.

Two motions were passed: Money was reallocated to Firwood Design to upgrade the Boat Ramp Plans to comply with the standards set by permitting agencies (5-0). The motion to apply a broadleaf herbicide on Lloyd Minor Park by TruGreen was also passed 4 -1 with Council President Ruble against.

Former Councilor Susie Lahsene updated the council on the Marlin-Dogwood-Tualamere paving project. Mayor Jeff Williams addressed a letter sent by Black Helterline by inviting citizens to speak with him directly and avoid unnecessary litigation. City Manager reported on the 2023-24 budget adoption and shared a video on budget reallocation requirements. She also requested input on the Canal Rd repair meeting with Lake Oswego and Lake Corp. Additionally, the City Council opted to have the City Manager pursue more information on funding sources for establishing a master parks plan.

## Planning Commission

On July 17, the Planning Commission again hosted Kelly Reid from DLCDD who helped guide the Commission through a discussion regarding the updating of the Rivergrove Land Use Ordinances, the possible adoption of the Oregon Model Code and the update of the Comprehensive Plan.

Chief of concern was how to fund such an enormous undertaking. Grant resources were introduced which included METRO and DLCDD planning grants. The Commission decided to continue to research grant opportunities in order to fund a general audit of the existing code for compliance and defensibility, and then for a broader renewal of the Comprehensive Plan.

Volunteers will be needed for these updates. Please stay tuned!

The **next Planning Commission meeting** will be on **August 21 at 7pm.**

### MEETING RECORDINGS:

Are available online on the City website under the City Council Minutes or Planning Commission Minutes tabs.

## Opportunities to get Involved

**Park Stewardship Committee(s)** needed to help develop a formal park plans and manage upkeep.

**Emergency Management Neighborhood Coordinators** needed to interface with Clackamas County EM and the LO HOAs in the area. Opportunities for training available.

**Tree Board** members help develop our city urban forest. If you love trees and want to more about how to help Rivergrove sustain their Tree City USA status, this is your group.

**Planning Commissioner** this important volunteer position will help the city decide tree cutting and development permit application compliance as well as the updating of the city land use codes.

Email [manager@cityofrivergrove.com](mailto:manager@cityofrivergrove.com) if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

### Who Was Lloyd Minor?



Lloyd Oscar Minor was born Aug. 29, 1912, in Oregon City graduating from Oregon City High School in 1932. During the Depression Lloyd pulled a tour with the Civilian Conservation Corp (CCC). He met his future wife, Ruby Mae Mitchell, in the hop fields and they were married on June 25, 1934.

Lloyd started work as a paper maker with Crown Zellerbach Paper Mill, but during the war effort he was sent to the Portland ship yards where he learned to be an electrician while outfitting Navy warships. After the war he returned to Crown Z and finished his career as a mill electrician retiring after 42 years of service. In 1967 Lloyd and Ruby hand-built their dream home in Rivergrove. There, Lloyd continued his love for gardening and was known far and wide as a gardener extraordinaire supplying neighbors and friends with tomatoes, green beans, pumpkins, holly wreaths and dahlias. Lloyd Minor passed away in 2005 at the age of 92.

## August Observances

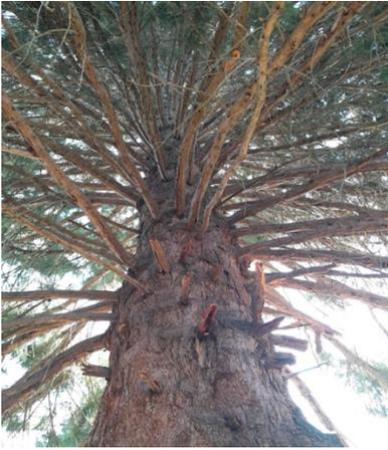
**World Humanitarian Day:** There is a saying that goes: It takes a village to raise a child. Similarly, it takes a village to support a person in a humanitarian crisis. With record-high humanitarian needs around the world, this year's **World Humanitarian Day** (WHD) builds on this metaphor of collective endeavors to grow global appreciation of humanitarian work

Whenever and wherever people are in need, there are others who help them. They are the affected people themselves – always first to respond when disaster strikes – and a global community that supports them as they recover. Far from the spotlight and out of the headlines, they come together to ease suffering and bring hope. (Retrieved from: <https://www.un.org/en/observances/humanitarian-day>)

**International Youth Day** is Aug 12 celebrating young people who make a difference in our society by contributing to community efforts and conversations and hold adults accountable for a variety of causes that concern our kids.

**World Elephant Day** will be celebrated on Aug 12 at the Washington Park Zoo. Elephants need safe and flourishing habitats to thrive, and so do humans! Come hear from the animal care team about our elephant family, and what you can do to help elephants in the wild. Get tickets to this event here: <https://shop.oregonzoo.org/#/Admission>

## July Tree of the Month



July Tree of the Month goes to this Giant Sequoia Tree on the corner of Marlin and Childs Rd. With a circumference of about 24 feet and a diameter of about 91.7 inches, this tree is estimated to be somewhere between 50 and 60 years old! Rumored to have been the former home owner's planted Christmas Tree. Learn more about the amazing Sequoia tree here: <https://www.arborday.org/trees/treeguide/TreeDetail.cfm?ItemID=918>

Send us a photo of your tree and tell us why you think it should be the Tree of the Month! Not sure what kind of tree you've got? Consider using a plant identification app like [EarthSnap](#).

Winner of this monthly contest will win a gift from the Hoyt Arboretum and other goodies with a chance for your tree to become tree of the year at next year's Spring Arbor Day Festival.

## Explore a Career in the Fire Service!

TVF&R is gearing up to offer a unique Career Day on October 14 tailored with activities to give people a inside look at what it's like to be a firefighter.

Career Day offers an opportunity for adults who may be interested in a career in the fire service to learn more about job requirements and TVF&R. It includes hands-on experiences in primary firefighter responsibilities as well as presentations about station life, career and volunteer opportunities, the hiring process, emergency medical services, fire prevention, public safety education, and more.

Between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. that day, participants will rotate through activity stations at the Training Center in Sherwood and have a chance to talk with education partners from several colleges and universities about their respective emergency medical services and fire science programs.

"One of the things I'm passionate about is creating a fire department that is welcoming to everyone," said TVF&R Fire Chief Deric Weiss. "I want young people to understand how the fire service works, how they can help create safer communities, and how they can be a part of our organization. Our ranks should better reflect the community we serve. Career Day is a great opportunity to learn about firefighting, emergency medical care, fire safety, and stewardship."

The application period opens August 1, and TVF&R will select as many as 35 participants for Career Day. The deadline to apply is September 1 but may close prior to that date if the district receives enough applications for consideration. Candidates interested in applying for TVF&R's Career Day must be 18 or older and can apply online at [www.tvfr.com/careers](http://www.tvfr.com/careers) under "Outreach"



**City Council  
Meeting Agenda Highlights and Zoom Link**

**AGENDA:**

Request for the Alleyway Restoration from Childs to Dogwood through Lloyd Minor Park

Discussion Regarding adding a Motion Light on the Boat Ramp

Discussion Regarding Job Postings for City Manager and Contract Planner

Vandalism in Lloyd Minor Park

Discussion regarding Dog Waste in Heritage Park

Citizen Concern regarding Home Businesses

**COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS:**

- Boat Ramp and Lloyd Minor Park Project Updates
- New Park Benches for Lloyd Minor Park
- Emergency Management
- Canal Road Contract Negotiation with Lake Oswego and Lake Corp
- Metro Grant Funding for Park Planning
- and the Return of the Stark Boat Ramp Sign

**Join Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting ID: 879 5416 5354**

**Passcode: 609073**

**Planning Commission  
Meeting Agenda Highlights and Zoom Link**

A continuation of the work session which began on July 17, 2023 to further discuss and plan for the necessary land use code and comprehensive plan updates.

**PRESENTATION:** Metro Representative will discuss grants available for Small City Planning Updates.

**AGENDA:**

The Grant Application Progress with DLCD and METRO intended to raise funds for these purposes:

1. A Code Audit by a contracted professional to analyze the current Rivergrove Land Use Ordinances for compliance with current federal, state and local laws.
2. A Community Outreach effort to survey the residents of Rivergrove for a broader vision of the future of our city.
3. A Full upgrade of our Comprehensive Code and Land Use Ordinances applying the Model Code for Small Cities format currently undergoing updates (est. launch 2025)

Nomination and Vote for 2023 Planning Commission Chair and Vice Chair

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**Meeting ID: 810 8080 5236**

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