



Rivergrove Report

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF RIVERGROVE, OREGON

MAY 2023

City Calendar

City Council Meeting:

May 8, 2023 @7pm

Planning Commission:

May 15, 2023@7pm

City Staff

Mayor

Jeff Williams

Council President

Brenda Ruble

Councilors:

Bill Tuttle

Chris Barhyte

Doug McLean

Planning Commission:

Chair:

Andrew Herbert

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City Council

At the special meeting on April 13th the council heard testimony from several residents. Items of concern included the need for transparency about the change in proposed projects for the Coronavirus funds, more public input, adequate public notice, responsible budgeting and park stewardship, a call for a master parks plan, and questions about abandoning the proposed Stark boat ramp signage project.

After listening to citizen testimony, the council addressed concerns reminding citizens of campaign promises of action and transparency and the justification for abandoned projects.

After discussing their top choices for the Coronavirus funds, the council moved to approve the Stark Boat Ramp restoration bid with On Demand Excavation 4-1, the bid from Caldwell Landscaping to improve Lloyd Minor Park (5-0) and also to fulfill the city's obligation to make the pathway between Lorna Lane and Dogwood Ct ADA compliant by approving the bid from J&J Casta, LLC (5-0).

Councilor Tuttle requested input from citizens to create formal park plans while Councilor McLean requested to discuss the removing the Stark boat ramp gate altogether at the next CC meeting.

Planning Commission

On April 19th the Planning Commission heard two Type III development permit application requests. The first, at 4546 Dogwood Drive for a floating dock whose application was deemed incomplete at the previous meeting. After submitting a more scaled drawing which accounted for the embankment trees, The Planning Commission deemed the application complete and approved the dock 3-0. There were no objections by the public.

Next, the Commission continued the hearing for the Type III development permit application for 4810 Dogwood Drive. Previously the applicant was asked to provide a response to, among other things, the city arborist written concerns about the number of trees removed and the protection zones of neighboring trees. Citizens raised concerns about their trees, the increased area flooding potential as well as the difficulty in obtaining timely information to evaluate.

The PC deemed the application complete and conditionally approved the applicant request for a hardship variance as noted on the Notice of Decision (NOD). Currently, two citizens have issued an appeal. An Appeal Hearing by the City Council will be announced shortly.

Opportunities to get Involved

The Budget Committee needs you. Two evening meetings are scheduled in May to oversee the Rivergrove budget proposal for 2023-2024. Please consider joining this important group and help Rivergrove stay financially fit for the coming year. No prior experience required.

Two **Planning Commission** positions are currently open. The Planning Commission meets over Zoom on the third Monday of each month for about two hours. They are also the group for citizen involvement, tasked with fulfilling the state of Oregon's number one priority. If you have a passion for helping people develop property safely and sustainably, this is the group for you! No prior experience required. Training is provided free of charge.

Parks Committee needed to help develop a formal parks plan.

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

Email manager@cityofrivergrove.com if you are interested in any of these volunteer opportunities.

THANK YOU!

Thank you, Salim Mayan for your time serving on the Planning Commission. We are grateful for your willingness to jump into Rivergrove public service for the first time and we look forward to working with you again in the future.

Thank you, Byron Kibbey for updating the population on our Rivergrove City Welcome signs to 558! We really appreciate your support.

Thanks, Mom. Mother's Day is May 14th this year and what a great day to say thanks to all of our Rivergrove moms for all you do. We know you volunteer countless hours to support your kids and our greater community. And we thank you.

Know someone that deserves Rivergrove's thanks? Feel free to send in your shout out to manager@cityofrivergrove.com

May Observances

Arbor Month: Our first annual Tree Festival will be held on May (something) with visits from TVF&R, Reggie Raccoon, Live Music and a chance to meet and greet your neighbors old and new. Stay tuned for more information.

National Mental Health

Awareness Month: Observed in the U.S. since 1949. Every year during the month of May, NAMI joins the national movement to raise awareness about mental health. Together, they fight stigma, provide support, educate the public and advocate for policies that support the millions of people in the U.S. affected by mental illness. This year NAMI launched their campaign "You Are Enough". For more information go to: <https://www.nami.org/Get-Involved/Awareness-Events/Mental-Health-Awareness-Month>

National Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage

Month: In May, we also recognize the histories of Americans hailing from across the Asian continent and from the Pacific islands of Melanesia, Micronesia and Polynesia.

This year's theme, selected by the Federal [Asian Pacific American Council](#), is "Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity," which builds on a leadership advancement theme series that began in 2021. (cont'd. on Page 3)

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"Our history is also filled with incredible stories of resilience, of persistence, of determination, to fight for our basic rights," Choi told NPR. "This is a celebration of our history, of our culture ... and all the different ways in which our community has really demonstrated that we're not only here to stay, we are a part of this fabric — a part of this country." Read more about AAPI at <https://www.asianpacificheritage.gov>

National Jewish American Heritage Month

In 2006, President George W. Bush proclaimed May to be Jewish American Heritage Month. Thanks to the efforts of the Jewish Museum of Florida and South Florida Jewish community leaders.

The Jewish Women's archive has suggestions on how to celebrate this month by conducting an oral history interview. If you would like to hear an example of how ESL teacher Deborah Ross undertook this task, JWA has a curated exhibit accessible online at <https://jwa.org/exhibits/dc>

Read more about the extraordinary contributions of American Jews like Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Albert Einstein and George Gershwin at <https://jewishamericanheritage.org>



Ready, Set, GO! Wildfire Preparedness Webinar May 15

Prepare your home and family for wildfire season by joining us on Monday, May 15, at 6 p.m. via Zoom for a Ready, Set, GO! wildfire preparedness webinar.

Fire & Life Safety personnel will go over simple steps you can take now to best prepare your home and family for wildfire season. We will cover how to create and maintain defensible space around your home, form emergency plans, and prepare emergency kits. We will also go over evacuation levels and steps to take to get you and your household (pets included!) out quickly. The webinar will be live, and staff will provide an opportunity for community members to ask questions at the end.

Visit www.tvfr.com/wildfire for more wildfire safety and planning information and to sign up for our scheduled presentation.

The webinar will be recorded and posted to our [Ready, Set, GO! website](#) for viewing if you can't attend.

If you have questions or need assistance in registering for the webinar, please email education@tvfr.com or call 503-259-1502.

Our Treasure

In this month's edition, we want to draw attention to a true treasure. If you have lived in Rivergrove for any amount of time, you know our resident **Heather Kibbey**, who began her political career in Rivergrove as a Planning Commissioner. She then worked with the City Council and later became Mayor. After retiring from public work, an opening suddenly became available for a new city manager and she was the obvious choice to fill the role. Heather is a wealth of information and is a woman who knows how to get things done. She was instrumental in Rivergrove's designation as a Tree City, USA member through the National Arbor Day Foundation, orchestrated the acquisition of Heritage Park, and was the most dedicated member of both the last Comprehensive Code update and the proposal for Rivergrove's Land Use Ordinances (RLDO) update based on Oregon's New Model Code for small cities. Heather, we are thankful for your many years of service. You are truly a treasure and the unofficial Queen of

Meeting Zoom Links

May 8, 2023 City Council Zoom Link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87924986343?pwd=elpkM1NON1VLRnVuSVBaQzFpNHZtZz09>

Meeting ID: 879 2498 6343

Passcode: 540564

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Dial by your location

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Find your local number:

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