

# Rivergrove Report

NEWSLETTER AND  
PUBLIC NOTICE FOR THE  
CITY OF RIVERGROVE

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## Planning Commission and City Council Topics

### DOUGLAS FIR TREE IN HERITAGE PARK

At the Monday, December 8 meeting, the City Council will discuss the condition of and recommendations for a Douglas Fir tree in Heritage Park considering arborist reports and precaution measures.

### RETAINING AN ARBORIST CONSULTANT FOR RIVERGROVE

At the Monday, December 8 meeting, the City Council will discuss contracting Arboriculture International, LLC as the consulting arborist for the City of Rivergrove. This company staffs a Certified Tree Risk Assessor which is a designation above the Certified Arborist. To help inform their decision, five Rivergrove officials recently attend an all-day tree summit at which many other municipalities and organizations imparted valuable knowledge and insight.

### TREE CUTTING PERMIT APPLICATION

At the Monday, December 1 meeting, the Planning Commission will decide on a tree cutting permit application submitted by Sheri Richards. The tree is a diseased maple tree.

### NEW PICNIC TABLE AT LLOYD MINOR PARK

Thanks to Eagle Scout Patrick Simms, Rivergrove has a new picnic table at Lloyd Minor Park which has been a long-time wish for the park. With the assistance of Ryan Venne of Venne Plumbing, Patrick built and installed the picnic table with no cost whatsoever to the City. Thank you Patrick and Ryan for this wonderful gift! And as other Eagle Scout candidates rise through the ranks, there may be other projects in store for the City. Pictured L to R: Patrick Simms, Ryan Venne, Emma Venne and Cheryl Haworth.



## Decisions

City Council adopted Resolution 244-2014 Extending the Comcast Franchise Agreement, Resolution 245-2015 Approving the new TVF&R Fire Code and Ordinance 87-2014 Revised Comprehensive Plan Goal 12-Transportation

## Mayor's Message

In the spring of 2014, our regional government, Metro, commissioned a "*Residential Preference Study*," the results of which were to assist Metro in planning land for housing in the metropolitan area. As most of you know, Metro controls the urban growth boundary around our area, to avoid the sprawl seen around other cities. The idea is to keep metropolitan Portland dense, but livable. It's a fine line.

The *Residential Preference Study* is interesting to read, and you can find it here:

<http://www.oregonmetro.gov/residential-preference-study>

Even though it doesn't directly affect Rivergrove's land use, it definitely provides food for thought. What types of housing do people want—and what would they choose if money or availability were no object? Currently 65% of area residents live in detached single family housing, yet 80% would prefer to; 8% live in attached housing (duplex), but only 7% would prefer to; 28% live in a condo or apartment, yet only 13% consider this their first choice.

However, Metro is envisioning a vast increase in high-rise multi-family housing in the city of Portland, while holding the boundary firm. According to our Metro Councilor, Carlotta Collette, it would seem that no additions to the urban growth boundary are necessary. But to me, this seems like a "disconnect." If there is an insufficient number of single family homes now, increasing the density of the core will skew that further out of balance. In Rivergrove, the value of our homes (on minimum 10,000 square foot lots) will certainly increase as a result, but will the quality of life for the region as a whole suffer?

*Heather Kibbey*



## ***TIME TO SAY GOODBYE TO PAPER***

*In the City's ongoing quest to trim costs and save trees, we would like to add YOU to the newsletter email distribution. Plus, you will get important announcements should any emergency conditions arise. Your email address will be kept completely private. Email the city at [sheri@cityofrivergrove](mailto:sheri@cityofrivergrove) and GO PAPER-FREE!!!*

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Rivergrove References

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To:

### **Planning Commission Agenda**

**River Grove Elementary School Library**  
**Monday, December 1, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes from November 3, 2014 meeting

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Tree Cutting Permit Application submitted by Sheri Richards

**COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

### **City Council Agenda**

**River Grove Elementary School Library**  
**Monday, December 8, 2014 - 7:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Minutes from Oct 13 and Nov 10, 2014 meeting
2. Financial Statements—November 2014

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Douglas Fir Tree in Heritage Park
2. Retaining an Arborist Consultant

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion of Tree Ordinance

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Giving Program
2. Park
3. Transportation

**COUNCILORS' REPORTS**

**PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT**

**ADJOURNMENT**