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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION & SPRING CLEAN-UP

by Allen Field

This year the RNA is putting on two spring collection events: a **May 19 (Friday) 1 – 4 pm Household Hazardous Waste Collection**, and on **Saturday, May 20, 9am – 1 pm, the Richmond Spring Cleanup and U-Price-It Rummage and Plant sales**. Both events are free but donations are accepted and tax-deductible. These events are made possible through a Metro sponsorship.

May 19, 1 – 4 pm, HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION:

At SE 46th and Taggart St., the east side of Peaceful Villa, Metro staff will be collecting household hazardous waste:

- Batteries (including lithium-ion and rechargeable batteries but **not** cordless tool batteries)
- Prescription meds (pet meds too)
- Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFL) but NO broken bulbs or fluorescent tubes, and
- Sharps and epi-pens (and sharps containers available for free).

No chemicals, cleaning supplies or automobile liquids accepted.

May 20, 9am – 1pm, RICHMOND CLEANUP with U-Price-It Rummage and Plant Sales:

As we have done for over 20 years, at the Central Christian Church parking lot (1844 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd) we will have large 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 also find great items in the U-Price-It Rummage and Plant Sales. To just access the U-Price-It Sale, enter from the SE driveway on SE 40th.

Senior and Disabled Pickup Service: If you are over 75 or physically unable to bring items to the Spring Cleanup, contact richmondcleanup@gmail.com by May 17 and we can arrange for your items to be picked up. This service is dependent on the number of workers we have, how many people sign up for this service, and what people want picked up. No large furniture or appliances and people doing the pickup/transport service 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, large or broken furniture, and all your reusable items for the U-Price-It Sale (except the items excluded below). Remove all gasoline from lawn mowers.

Electronics accepted for recycling: TVs, stereos, computers and peripherals (keyboard, screens, mouses, cables), and microwaves. (Small appliances and lights go to metal recycling or the U-Price-It sale if they work.)

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED: Construction, demolition, or remodeling debris (anything that might contain asbestos); anything with a compressor (e.g., fridge, freezer, air conditioner), tires, curbside recyclables (cardboard, paper, glass or plastic bottles), soil/sod/yard debris, household chemicals, hazardous materials.

U-Price-It Rummage Sale & Plant Sale: Visit our popular U-Price-It Rummage and Plant Sales. 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.**
- **No couches, stuffed chairs, mattresses, building materials, or chemicals accepted.**
- **We have discretion to refuse items – if a thrift store won't take it, we can't take it.**

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

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

Peaceful Villa Partnership - We are partnering with Peaceful Villa, the affordable housing complex operated by Home Forward on SE Clinton at 47th Ave., to help residents dispose of bulky waste and household hazardous waste, and to recycle electronics, metals, and Styrofoam.

**WANT TO VOLUNTEER
For May Richmond Spring Cleanup?**

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Peaceful Villa Redevelopment Update

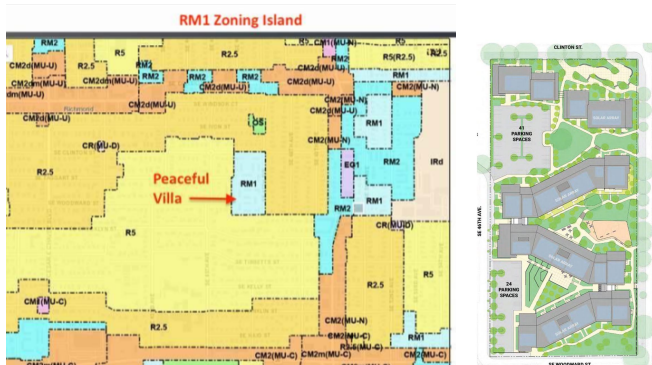
By Heather Flint Chatto

On March 11, the Richmond Neighborhood Association and RNA Land Use & Transportation Committee held an Open House for the Peaceful Villa 4-acre project redevelopment at Clinton and 47th. The existing development includes 18 buildings with 70-units of affordable housing that will be demolished including studios and one-bedrooms originally built in the 1940's to house veterans in a low-stress more natural environment. Home Forward has been working with BORA Architects plans to redevelop the property with a 166-unit affordable housing project.

It was to see nice neighbors in person again and to facilitate information sharing and discussion about affordable housing - a shared goal and priority for the Richmond community. At the Open House we heard general support for affordable housing, as well as a desire for more engagement and information sharing with the community.

The event was well-attended by 90-100 people with tables on architecture, site design, community spaces, transportation, parking, and policy. There were many display boards and options to add comments, including an online survey. Representatives from Home Forward and BORA Architects presented the project to the audience and the RNA helped facilitate a question and answer session. You can find comments and survey results on the RNA website.

The site is zoned RM1 adjacent to R5 and R2.5 zoning. This is typically characterized by row houses, townhouses, courtyard style housing and small apartment buildings. The Community Advisory Committee (CAC) set up for the project, has given some input however the building footprint and building form was determined before the CAC was initiated. The project is anticipated to be submitted for building permits within the month. However, there will not be land use review for public comment nor design review, which is unusual for a large and impactful project of such significant size and scale. There will be an Environmental Assessment that will have an opportunity for community review and RNA has requested an extension of the 15-day process to 30 days for more input.



The RNA very much supports affordable housing and is excited about family-oriented housing, the proposed green features of the project, and the community spaces. The RNA and community members have also shared goals for context-sensitivity, and community engagement in a meaningful way around alternatives with Home Forward in hopes of improvements in the future. The contact for the Home Forward community liaison is Nora.Mattingly@homeforward.org.

Information, project images, presentations and fact sheets can be found online at the RNA website: richmondpx.org/peaceful-villa.

The Dangers of Foxtail Weed to Pets

By 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.

Foxtail 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. In addition to penetrating the skin, the seeds can get into paws, nose, ears, and genitals, and can even be inhaled and cause serious infection and death. If not detected and treated, it is possible for Foxtail seeds to travel inward to the heart, lungs, or brain.

Dr. Katy Felton, of Grateful Heart Veterinary Hospital, sees lots of pets with injuries from Foxtail seeds: "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 a non-herbicide method of control of foxtail to turn the plants under and allow "to degrade in the dark, hot summer soils. Repeat as necessary. Mowing is ineffective as the foxtail just makes 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 foxtail 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 danger posed by foxtail in their parking strips or yards, email richmondnasecretary@gmail.com.



Chalk Art in Richmond

By Simon Kipersztok

As I was walking down Lincoln street near Caesar E Chavez, an impressive chalk drawing on a house walkway caught my attention. After looking at it for a while, it impressed me very much. The drawing is colorful, drawn mostly in blue and yellow, and depicting a young woman with short hair combed to her back. The woman is set on a pedestal and wearing what looks like a robe. She is holding a mug or a cup in her right hand, her head resting on her leg, her face bearing an expression of fatigue or, maybe boredom, as if she was accepting resignation to a reality unknown to the viewer.

I have seen chalk drawings on streets before. This one, I thought to myself, must have been done by someone with far more advanced artistic skills than the typical drawing usually done by children. I wondered who the talented artist might be and decided to ring the bell on the door a few steps beyond the drawing. A young woman opened the door with some surprise. She asked me how she can help me. I introduced myself and told her the reason for my inquiry. I mentioned I am on the RNA Board, and asked if we could publish her drawing in our Richmond newsletter. Smiling, she told me she was the artist and introduced herself as Quincy. She agreed to let the RNA put a photo of her artwork in the Newsletter. Other artwork of hers can be seen at www.instagram.com/qualk.art.

We then had a brief conversation. Quincy, a recent Valedictorian graduate of Franklin High School who has lived in Richmond all her life, explained to me that during the pandemic, when she was mostly housebound, she decided to start drawing with chalk on her driveway to entertain herself, neighbors, and passers-by. Some of her neighbors expressed how much they enjoyed her drawings, so she continued making new ones after the first one was either washed away by rain or became smudged.

Quincy admitted that she drew "impulsively" trying to find out how one chalk color influences another. She drew so many drawings that her mother decided to post pictures of them on Instagram. I visited the site and was impressed by her artistic skills and ability to draw people of many walks of life during their activities of daily living.

She spends part of her summer working at an art gallery and will start her studies at the University of Oregon in the fall majoring in cinema. I foresee a very bright and successful future for this very accomplished Richmond resident.



Vote at May 8 & 9 RNA Board Election with Salt & Straw Ice Cream

The annual Richmond Neighborhood Association Board election (with Salt & Straw ice cream - see below) will be **Monday and Tuesday, May 8 and 9, 6 – 8 PM**, at the entrance to Central Christian Church, 1844 SE Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. The 5 candidates running for two-year board seats are: Claire Cofsky, Brian Hochhalter, Debby Hochhalter, JoAnne Knowles, and Ann Sandvig. Their candidate statements can be viewed at richmondpx.org.

Anyone at least 18 years old and who resides, or owns property or a business in Richmond can vote. Ballots will be available on the RNA website richmondpx.org and will be sent out to the RNA listserv and NextDoor Richmond. Ballots will also be at the ballot box at the church. People must drop off or fill out their own ballots.

The RNA's May 8 monthly meeting, 7 – 9 PM, will overlap the 6 – 8 PM voting, so people can hear the candidates' statements made at the May 8 meeting and then go outside to vote.



The RNA will serve free Salt and Straw ice cream at the May 8 RNA Meeting and election, and the May 9, 6-8 pm voting period. The Division Salt & Straw store is graciously donating ice cream.



Farmhouse Carts Open

By Allen Field

Farmhouse Carts, located at 2415 SE 35th Pl., is fully open after a delayed opening in the Fall from permitting delays. The food carts are: Thai Burger PDX, Let's Roll PDX, E-San Thai, Mama Chow's Kitchen, Salvi PDX, Sunrise Co, Gyro World, Ojo Mexican Grill, and Bobablastic.

There are 8 covered tables (one with a propane fire pit) with overhead heat and 12 tables with no cover. There are three heated bathrooms with ADA access and wi-fi is available. Food cart hours are 11am to 9pm Wednesday and Thursday, 11am-10pm Friday and Saturday, and 11am- 9pm Sundays.

Reverend Nat's Hard Cider recently opened a taproom next door with ciders and beer that can be consumed in the food cart area. Reverend Nat is planning to hold an official grand opening event in July and hopes to "pack the streets with local small vendors, and we can enjoy some cider in the warmth of midsummer in Portland." He also hopes to have impromptu small concerts and perhaps a meeting and events space for the community.



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