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## Richmond Neighborhood Spring Clean-up, May 19

### U-Price-It Sale & Plant Sale

by Jonathan King & Allen Field

Our annual neighborhood Spring Clean-Up this year will be Saturday, May 19, at the Central Christian Church parking lot (1844 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd.) from 9am to 1pm. Our Clean-Up offers a great opportunity to clean out your garage and basement and unwanted items throughout your house. Just drive up in your car or truck and we'll help you unload your junk, recyclable (not curbside recyclables) and reusable items)

The fee is \$15 - \$25 depending on size of load.

### Items Accepted

Mixed and bulky waste (loose debris must be bagged), electronics, (once again!) block and peanut Styrofoam, scrap metal, scrap lumber, old appliances, carpet pads, all your reusable items for the U-Price-It Sale (except the items excluded below).

### Items Not Accepted

Construction, demolition, or remodeling materials, and nothing that might contain asbestos.

### Plant Sale and our U-Price-It sale

You can also visit our popular Plant Sale and our U-Price-It sale. The Plant Sale offers an excellent opportunity to get affordable plants for your yard or garden.

The U-Price-It is a big neighborhood rummage sale with all sorts of reusable household items looking for a new home, brought and bought by you.

**NOTE: No couches, stuffed chairs, mattresses, building materials, or chemicals accepted at U-Price-It Sale. No items accepted after 12pm.**

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## RNA 2018 Board Election

Run for a seat, or vote for a candidate

by Rob Mumford

It's time again for the Richmond Neighborhood Association annual election on June 11th, 2018. If you are a renter, property owner, business or land owner and over the age of 18, you can run for a seat on the board.

You can announce your candidacy two ways by:

1. announcing in person at an RNA meeting
2. announce via email to the board chair at **[richmond.pdx.chair@gmail.com](mailto:richmond.pdx.chair@gmail.com)**

Candidate announcements can be submitted no later than May 7th for the June 11th election.

We have eight board seats open out of 15 maximum. Each seat is a two-year term.

Candidates are encouraged but not required to provide a written statement of 250 words or less to be posted on the RNA website and listserv. A statement can be mailed to the board chair at **[richmond.pdx.chair@gmail.com](mailto:richmond.pdx.chair@gmail.com)**.

Learn more at **[richmondpdx.org/elections](http://richmondpdx.org/elections)**

## June 16 Richmond Graffiti & Litter Clean-up Day

by Allen Field

On Saturday, June 16, 9am to 1pm, the RNA is hosting its 1st annual Richmond Graffiti & Litter Clean-up Day. From a staging area at Central Christian Church, 1844 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd., teams of volunteers will go out to pick up litter on SE Hawthorne Blvd. and SE Division St. in the Richmond neighborhood (between SE 29th and

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# Rats!

by Christopher Roberts, Public Health Vector Specialist,  
Environmental Health Services, Multnomah County Vector Control & Code Enforcement

Have rats moved into your home or property? Rats are attracted to places where they have access to food. Rats can get food from many sources, but the most common food sources in the Portland area are bird seed, chicken feed and backyard (not curbside) compost. All three of these sources of food have one thing in common: Humans put them out and therefore, there is a distinct connection between human behavior and rat behavior. The best way to control rats is to focus on what has attracted them. First, identify their food source. Next, secure or remove the source. Finally, replace the source of food with mechanical traps or chemical rodenticides.

If you are dealing with rats inside your home, the first step is to inspect the exterior of your home to locate and secure the access points. Seal up all holes

the size of a dime (mice can fit through a hole this size and it's important to keep them out too) and larger to prevent access.

Multnomah County Vector Control can assist you in locating these access points, as well as determining the reasons why rats may be finding your property attractive. Multnomah County is not an exterminator, but our vector experts can perform a free inspection and offer advice as well as snap traps and bait stations (up to three of each per property). If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please call Vector Control at: **503-988-3464** or find additional information online: [multco.us/health/staying-healthy/pest-prevention-and-control/rats](http://multco.us/health/staying-healthy/pest-prevention-and-control/rats)

## Richmond Ready: Prepare Your Disaster Water Supply

by John Wheeler

The best place to start with your disaster preparedness is by getting an emergency supply of water. Water is essential for survival. The average person can survive for about three weeks without food but only 8-10 days without water. Due to the subduction zone earthquake threat, water providers now recommend that we each maintain a 14-day supply of water.

It can be hard to get excited about storing water when you live in a rainforest, but it's something we all need to do. Our water systems are complex and, at several points, vulnerable to earthquakes. Portland's water system was built long before the advent of seismic design standards. The water bureau is working to strengthen the system but that will be a long term effort. Japan's infrastructure is relatively resistant to ground-shaking since earthquakes are so common there. Nonetheless, the 2011 Tohoku Earthquake, which was a subduction zone earthquake, like the one we will eventually have, disrupted the water supply to about 2.3

million homes. So it should not surprise any of us when we find that our taps are dry after the ground stops shaking.

On top of that, earthquakes are not the only threat. Mechanical failures and contamination can disrupt or degrade our water system. Last summer, the Eagle Creek Fire came very close to the Bull Run Reservoir and burned several acres in the watershed. Floods and landslides can also threaten our water system.

There is a lot of guidance on how to prepare your emergency water supply. The Regional Water Providers Consortium's website tells you everything you need to know. Go to [regionalh2o.org](http://regionalh2o.org) and check out their 'Emergency Preparedness' page. Simply sanitizing and filling up several five-gallon containers will do the trick. Smaller containers, including re-purposed liter soda bottles, are easier to maintain and refill than larger containers. Coming up with a water storage solution should not be a barrier. There are plenty of effective and inexpensive methods. The most important step is to make a decision to do it.

### Quick Water Storage Tips

Create a water plan to include: stationary and portable storage and equipment to filter and treat water when you need to make questionable water

Spring Cleaning, continued from page 1.

**We reserve discretion to refuse items – if a thrift store won't take it, we can't take it.**

This event is made possible by our neighborhood volunteers. If you'd like to join our volunteer team or for more information about our annual Clean-Up, contact Jonathan at [King.jonathan.b@gmail.com](mailto:King.jonathan.b@gmail.com) or **503-206-6529**.



**Help volunteer on this newsletter!**

Contact Jonathan King at [King.jonathan.b@gmail.com](mailto:King.jonathan.b@gmail.com)

safe to consume. Don't forget to sanitize your container before you fill it up!

**DO store water:**

- in a UV-resistant, food-grade container – protects it from bacteria and algae growth
- in polyethylene-based plastic containers – look for numbers 1, 2 or 4 on the bottom of the container
- in a cool, dark place
- in soda and Gatorade bottles
- on top of a wood board or cardboard so that odors and chemicals do not leach in

**Do NOT store water:**

- in milk jugs, they will break down over time and any live cultures that remain in the jug could make you sick
- in disposable water bottles, they will also break down
- in containers that have previously held chemicals (liquid or powder) or fuel
- sitting directly on concrete or near harsh fumes or chemicals, containers will absorb the chemicals from these!

See more resources and tips at Richmond Ready: [richmondpdx.org/water](http://richmondpdx.org/water)

Graffiti & Litter, continued from page 2.

50th/52nd Aves.) and clean up graffiti at residential intersections people have “adopted,” and at locations along Hawthorne and Division in Richmond.

The RNA is partnering with SOLVE, KINK Radio's “Paint the Town Green” event, the City's Graffiti Abatement Program and Keep It Pretty Rose City anti-litter campaign, Metro, SE Uplift District Coalition, the Division-Clinton Business Association (DCBA), Hawthorne Blvd Business Association (HBBA), the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, and with Hawthorne and Division businesses, such as New Seasons and Fred Meyer.

**How to Sign Up to Volunteer**

To sign up for the June 16 event, either to pick up litter or clean up graffiti, go to the SOLVE website: [solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0C110000021Afd](http://solveoregon.org/opportunity/a0C110000021Afd) This event is a SOLVE cleanup event.

The event is modeled after the very successful RNA-Friends of Trees event: 9am registration with coffee & snacks at the church, with graffiti cleaning and litter pickup safety talk and demonstration, then 2-hour cleanup on Hawthorne and Division, then lunch at the church 12 – 1pm. We will provide lunch and free raffle with prizes.

**Adopt an Intersection**

Sign up to clean the intersection near you. Would you like to remove the graffiti on the street signs near where you live? The RNA and the City's Graffiti Abatement Office can help you by providing a graffiti cleaning kit, a quick training at this June event, and you can get some assistance in cleaning the graffiti.

Once people have the materials to clean graffiti off of signs (only the backside) and they realize how simple and fast it is to remove graffiti, and how to report front-of-sign graffiti to the city via [pdxreporter.org](http://pdxreporter.org) (the front of signs have a reflective coating that requires special cleaning), the idea is that people who have “adopted” their intersection see to cleaning their nearby street signs or will report it to [pdxreporter.org](http://pdxreporter.org).

**Volunteer to be a Team Leader**

We hope to have a large turnout to pick up litter on Division and Hawthorne. We will need at least 8 Team Leaders to help lead the litter pickup crews and at least 5 Graffiti Team Leaders. Email [allen\\_field@yahoo.com](mailto:allen_field@yahoo.com) if you are interested in being a Team Leader.

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## CALENDAR

### May RNA Meeting

Monday, May 14, 2018, 7:00–9:00 PM

Waverly Heights Church (basement)

3300 SE Woodward Street

### May 19th RNA Spring Clean-up

Saturday, May 19, 2018, 9:00 AM–1:00 PM

Central Christian Church,

1844 SE Cesar Chavez Blvd.

### June RNA Meeting + Elections

Monday, June 11, 2018, 7:00–9:00 PM

Waverly Heights Church (basement)

3300 SE Woodward Street



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## Summer Art Camps for Kids

*Press Release*

This summer, the Richmond neighborhood will be brimming with creative activities at Summer Art Camps for children grades K-4. The activities are sponsored by Art Literacy Academy, an after school program at Abernethy Elementary School. The classes are limited to 10-12 children and will include nature walks to explore the connection of nature to art, and lessons in drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking. The sessions are offered for the following weeks:

June 18-22	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
July 9-13	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
July 23-27	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Aug 13-18	12:00 pm - 5:00 pm

### Location

Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church

2828 SE Stephens Street, Portland, OR 97214

### Info + Contact

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### Art Literacy Academy Blog

[artliteracyacademy.com](http://artliteracyacademy.com)

## ADDITIONAL INFO

Visit your Richmond Neighborhood Association website for a copy of this newsletter and much more at [richmondpx.org](http://richmondpx.org)

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