

# EARTH DAY

## Metro Makes Green Awards

Metro has awarded \$100,000 in peer grants to three public agencies to help develop innovative waste reduction and recycling programs.

The grants, only given to projects featuring waste prevention, recycling or earth-wise pur-

chasing, featured a maximum amount of \$50,000. The agencies were required to provide matching in-kind services.

Washington County with Hoffman Construction and Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership received a \$33,000 to purchase products that

are energy efficient and that use recycled building materials.

City of Milwaukie was given \$40,000 for staff training and educational materials related to a program that incorporates waste prevention, energy, water and other material resource conservation at all city facil-

ities.

Ben Franklin Projects of the Portland Public Schools was awarded \$30,000 for a program that organizes green clubs in 19 Portland middle schools to reduce waste, increase recycling and increase energy efficiency.

## Earth Smart Home Project To Be Built

Portland General Electric is partnering with the Portsmouth Neighborhood Community Redevelopment Corp. and Roosevelt High School to build a 1,200 square foot, three-bedroom Earth Smart house at 8267 N. Fisk Ave.

The partnership is a pilot program project to create affordable housing opportunities in an ef-

fort to stabilize an area where 70 percent of the households earn 80 percent or less of Portland's median family income. The home should be under \$85,000.

The project is also designed to keep kids motivated to stay in school. It is part of a newly formed construction class at Roosevelt High School that pro-

vides relevant real-world construction experience and an education that may not be otherwise available. This is the class' first home construction project.

The house will be resource and energy efficient and healthy to live in. Earth Smart features will include the use of low-toxicity recycled materials in decking and

interior finishes. Construction waste will also be recycled when possible. The school's natural resource class will landscape the project using natural plants that require little water or fertilizer.

The schools construction class, working with the contractor, will build front and back porches some decking and some roofing.

## Earthdance 96

An Earthday Celebration and Benefit for Jerry Rust for U.S. Senate  
An Evening of Music, Humor, and Thought With-Cris Williamson & Tret Fure  
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Doors open at 7:30 Show at 8:00  
Roseland Theatre 8 NW 6th, Portland  
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## Candidates Forum

The Portland City Council will hold an Earth Day Candidates Forum: Environment and Community Thursday, April 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. at Lutheran Inner-City Ministries, 4219 MLK Jr. Blvd.

Candidates Jim Francesconi, Gail Shibly, and Eric Stein will each give their views of how Portland should look in 50 years and what needs to be done to get there. They will also

address the Johnson Creek floodplain and creating a sense of community and environmental protection and restoration. A panel concerned with environmental justice, transportation, growth, water quality and the Johnson Creek study will ask questions. Jon Catton of KGW-TV will moderate the forum. Community members are also invited to ask questions.

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## Area Offices Clean Up On Earth Day

PORTLAND, Ore. -- Business in the metropolitan area will be making a tangible contribution to Earth Day when they participate in Clean Your Files Day, a regional program to increase awareness of and participation in office paper recycling.

Clean Your Files Day is the region's first cooperative campaign to boost office recycling and encourage use of recycled office papers. The campaign is sponsored by local recycling service providers, recycling processors and local, regional and state governments.

Clean Your Files Day isn't just one day. It's a whole dedicated to encouraging business to clear out those stacks and files full of paper heads for landfills. The campaign is part of the National Office Paper Recycling Project's Recycling at Work campaign and is taking place all over the country.

"Metro is proud to be a partner in Clean Your Files Day 1996," said Metro Executive Officer Mike Burton. "The project enhances the region's already aggressive recycling programs and gives the business community an opportunity to help move the metro area closer to our overall recycling goal."

The local goals for Clean Your Files Day are to increase recycling efforts in the community, steer more recyclable out of the waste stream and landfills, help the region meet its recycling recovery goals and, finally to close the loop by encouraging offices and businesses to buy recycled products.

"This region has been a leader in recycling, but there are still many businesses that have not yet initiated recycling programs. Clean Your Files Day is an easy and fun opportunity to get started and become a part of the solution for this area," said Keith Ristau, plant manager for Far West Fibers, a local recycling processor.

How big is the opportunity? American businesses throw away more than 12 million tons of office paper every year and purchase 85 percent of paper produced. Up to 70 percent of the waste generated in offices is paper, much of it high quality grades of paper which can be recycled into high quality recycled paper products. This gives offices a special role in decreasing the amount of paper going to landfills and increasing the amount of recycled products sold.

Currently in the Metro area, over 24,000 tons, or 53 percent of high grade office paper is recycled. Through more aggressive efforts, the recycling community believes that high grade paper recovery could reach 70 percent.

The Clean Your Files Day committee is made up of recycling service providers, recycling processors, paper manufacturers, local, regional and state governments. For more information, contact your local recycling service provider, or call: in Portland call 823-7202; in Washington County, 648-8609; in Clackamas County, 655-8521; in Clark County, 360-737-6118, ext.4493; in Gresham, 618-2656, or call the Metro Recycling Information at 503-234-3000.

## Pacific Power's Earth Day

Pacific Power employees will celebrate Earth Day by cleaning up Whitaker Ponds on the Columbia Slough on April 20, and by dedicating a butterfly garden on April 22 with children from the Boise-Eliot School in North Portland.

The activities are part of Pacific Power's "Green Corps" program, which links the company's employees with community volunteers in environmental projects. Now in its fourth year, Green Corps has invested \$200,000 in 120 projects ranging from tree planting to building parks and other activities.

Pacific Power is joining with

Metro and other volunteers on April 20 to weed out blackberry vines and remove debris from an old dump site on Whitaker Ponds. The work will prepare the way for volunteers to build a nature trail as part of Metro's plan to restore Whitaker Ponds.

On April 22, Pacific Power and the National Wildlife Federation, Dannon Yogurt will join with students from Boise-Eliot to dedicate a butterfly garden at the school. The students have worked for months to create the garden, which will be part of a schoolyard wildlife habitat.

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