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Northeast Alberta Street gets an Earth Day spring cleaning. The annual, volunteer event returns Saturday, April 22, rain or shine.

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cleaning Saturday when the community group Alberta Main Street hosts its seventh annual Alberta Earth Day Clean Up, presented by Pacific Power.

Rain or shine, friends and neighbors and other volunteers will focus on cleaning up litter, clearing storm drains, weeding and mulching at bus stops and removing graffiti along Northeast Alberta Street between Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Northeast 33rd Avenue.

Volunteers of all ages are expected, from student groups, church groups, local businesses, area residents and neighborhood community members.

"Everyone is welcome! It is always

The Alberta Street corridor will get a wonderful to see people of different ages and backgrounds come together and work toward a common goal," said Sara Wittenberg, Alberta Main Street executive director.

> Volunteer check-in is at 10 a.m. at Alberta Central on Northeast 18th and Alberta, and clean up starts at 10:30 a.m. Awards and post-cleanup festivities will take place immediately following the clean up with pizza for lunch, Salt & Straw ice cream, and a raffle featuring prizes from local businesses. The celebration will end around 1:30 p.m.

> Volunteers are asked to bring their own water bottle, gloves and any tools that will aid in clean up. For more information, visit albertmainst.org.

Section 8 Vouchers Dry Up

People who are on the waitlist for Section 8 vouchers will have to wait at least another year for the housing help.

Michael Buonocore, the executive director of Home Forward, the housing authority for Multnomah County, announced Monday that it will not distribute any new vouchers in 2017 due to federal funding cuts.

"We think it is the only fiscally responsible decision we can make in this housing and funding climate, and we do so with great regret for the families left waiting," Buonocore said.

He said rapidly rising rents and really low vacancy rates in the city of Portland and the surrounding metro area have already hurt the voucher program, making it very difficult for veterans, families and senior citizens to find and afford housing.

"Once the federal budgeting process plays out, we will have more concrete information for the people on our wait list and for the rest of the community," Buonocore added.



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