

Collins View Neighborhood Association

Next Meeting: May 3rd
(Usual contact information)

On the CVNA May Agenda: Board elections, minor amendments to our Bylaws, and our usual stimulating reports and discussion. CVNA will also meet on June 7th, before our two month summer hiatus. This month we want to feature a report from the Friends of River View Natural Area, or "FoRVNA" for short. The following was submitted by John Miller.

Big News! FoRVNA signed a Stewardship Agreement last December, which designated FoRVNA as PP&R's official partner for nature-based restoration activities, such as ivy control, plantings, trail maintenance, fence installation, reclamation, plus the annual No Ivy day work party in October (city-wide).

FoRVNA's first official event in January was snowed out! The next Stewardship Event is on Saturday, July 6th - plantings and fence building.

Currently, RVNA itself has only legacy trails (from logging roads, and informal biking and hiking trails). Heavy rains this winter have again led to severe erosion along those trails in places. This kind of weather will likely continue. Hopefully, the improper trails will be erased as soon as resources permit, as per the RVNA management plan.

FoRVNA would like to do more than fulfill their contractual obligations, by:

- Organizing hikes during the summer/fall months. Last year's bird watch was very successful.
- Conducting Citizen Science - RVNA is a designated USDA Research Natural Area (which values relatively undisturbed ecosystems) and as such, academic science experiments are being conducted in RVNA. FoRVNA intends to track and report on these studies locally.
- Promoting Nature in Our Backyards - FoRVNA's mission includes education. Many homes in Collins View are adjacent to either River View Natural Area, Marshall Park, or the Tryon Creek State Natural Area. How can we minimize our environmental impact on these watersheds?

As seen in the April SW News, Off-Road Cycling Master Plan open houses were held around Portland. The planning process will continue into the summer, when the draft plan will be open for community input. Since RVNA is a potential site for off road cycling trails, a number of Friends are tracking this process.

To keep informed of happenings in RVNA, you can Follow/Like @FoRVNA on Facebook. RiverViewFriends.org has Maps, News, and pages for Stewardship, Birding, Science, and more.