

SW News June 2015:

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 7:00 pm Riverdale High School, 9727 SW Terwilliger Blvd.

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There were no calls for burglary or theft in the neighborhood last month. Parks, through the safety board, has training seminars for neighborhood foot patrols. There are six different kinds of foot patrols and very structured guidelines including background checks. Neighbors can organize foot patrols in River View Natural Area. There will be a poll in a month to evaluate interest. Elections of board officers and general members of the board were held at the May meeting. Jim Diamond was elected CVNA chairman. Collins View Neighborhood Association unanimously selected Fran Laird to receive the Collins View 2015 Volunteer Recognition award. Six Riverdale High School students presented their historical research papers at PSU's annual Young Historians Conference on April 28. Senior Brendan Corcoran earned first place in the 2015 International Bridge Building Competition, held April 25 at OMSI. Senior Tal Volk placed fifth. The Science Olympiad team competed at the Oregon state level competition and finished in third place. 500 seniors graduated at Lewis and Clark's April 9 commencement. CVNA sent letters to Portland City Commissioners Fish and Fritz supporting the RVNA plan concepts and Off-Road Cycling Master Plan. On Earth Day, an "Earth Day Greeting" letter signed by several neighbors was hand-delivered to commissioners, Mayor Hale and the bureaus saying, "The decision by the City of Portland to restore, preserve and protect the interior forest habitat, the wetlands and seven streams at the core of RVNA is both applauded and supported by Collins View residents concerned about nature conservancy." RiverViewFriends.org was registered (4/24) and a new site was set up in order to be independent from collinsview.org, which is regulated by the CVNA board. Friends of RVNA is separate from CVNA. About half the attendees of the RVNA open house at the Multnomah Arts Center May 4 were mountain bikers and half were Collins View residents. The RVNA management plan will move forward, not delayed by O-RCMP. Mountain biking is excluded, as are dogs at this time. The city's first community-initiated neighborhood trails process would allow community groups to propose and construct trails in undeveloped right-of ways. It is a long-term process projected to start this summer. Neighbors have been maintaining and improving the unimproved right-of-way between Lobelia and Palatine for quite a while. Lobelia in this area is designated as a footpath on the SW trails map in the SW Trails inventory