

April News

Blue Heron Paper Mill Closes; Regional Paper Recycling Remains Local

Upon completing the March Master Recycler Newsletter, word came from Janet Malloch (our longtime Blue Heron tour guide) that the Blue Heron Paper Recycling Mill was officially closing. Since then, emails from Master Recyclers have poured in sharing solidarity with Blue Heron workers. These sentiments have been passed on to Janet.

Many Master Recyclers asked about the future of paper recycling markets in the region. Most of you remember that the vast majority of office paper, newsprint, phone books and similar high-end paper recycling are sold by local Material Recovery Facilities (MRF's) to area paper recycling mills rather than overseas. This will continue to be true despite the closure of Blue Heron.

SP Recycling in Newberg and Norpac in Longview will seek the supply of recovered paper from Portland area MRF's that were delivered to Blue Heron. In order to meet demand for recycled paper, our local mills depend on paper from a much broader reach than just the Portland metro area. All of these mills receive paper from throughout the west coast. Other western big cities like Seattle and San Francisco have major ports. These ports make selling paper overseas extremely accessible. The foreign markets regularly outbid the Portland area paper mills for paper set out for recycling. It is paper from these markets that Blue Heron is referring to when they say that overseas market prices drove them out of business.

Our region does not have a major port, so our remaining domestic mills have a better chance to buy our scrap paper. Also, one business model that may help keep Newberg's SP Recycling supplied with recycled paper is they also operate their own MRF in Clackamas.

What can we do to generate more material for our local paper mills?



- We can inspire our co-workers, families and friends to recycle the 20 tons of paper that gets tossed every 30 minutes in our region.
- We can buy recycled content paper and encourage others to do so as well.
- We can ensure that people sort recycling properly so that MRF's can get the cleanest load of scrap paper to the mills.



"Thank you a million times for what you and the hundreds of people that have toured the mill on their own time have done to promote recycling. [Recycling] extended our life here by about 30 years because it costs less energy to produce and it saves our forests. It has been an enjoyable relationship." – Janet Malloch

Class 46 Graduates and Hits the Ground Running!

Congratulations to Class 46 on the completion of the course portion of your Master Recycler commitment. Just a month after graduation, the Multnomah-based class has already reported over 150 hours! Class 46 has been spotted all over town including the Fix-it Fair at Jefferson HS, several trade shows promoting the Rebuilding Center and Metro's healthy homes booth. Graduates have already gotten started on some cool personal projects as well including working on the "triple bottom line" messages with Catholic Charities, improving recycling in an intentional community and offering a series of swap events at Mississippi Street Pizza (just to name a few!)



Class 46 touring Blue Heron.

Class 47 will soon follow. The Washington County group will begin on March 30th in Hillsboro and graduate just in time for spring and summer activities on May 18th.

Master Recyclers Certify

Janna Allgood (Class 45) completed her volunteer commitment this month. Janna put her Spanish language skill to work offering apartment door-to-door outreach for Washington County. She also shared her passion for greener cleaners at events where Metro offered the Healthy Homes booth.

Meanwhile, she organized a personal project in her townhome community that involved setting

up a collection day for gently used household goods for Community Warehouse to distribute to families in need. What a great balance of health, environment, and outreach to folks we don't always reach.



Nicole Hillis (Class 33) helped form a green team at Maplewood ES. The team has organized Styrofoam collections, advocated for sustainable lunch trays and offered education on recycling at family nights.



Gasper at a Fix-It Fair.

Gasper West (Class 41) has been incredibly helpful applying his Master Recycler knowledge to inform several policies with the City of Portland as a minority community representative on advisory committees. He joined a tote bag survey that helped the City understand shoppers' barrier to reusing bags. Meanwhile, Gasper tabled and organized food composting at 3 Fix-it Fairs.

Master Recycler Gathering

Madison's Grill, 1109 SE Madison St, Portland (upstairs)
Wednesday, April 20th at 7 p.m.

Please join fellow Master Recyclers to brainstorm, talk about projects, discuss Master Recycler-related topics and have a few beers! This is an informal way to stay connected after completing your classes and keep the momentum going by sharing ideas and networking with each other. Spouses and friends are welcome to this informal gathering.

Contacts: Mitzi Sugar, iandi.mitzisugar@yahoo.com or Kevin McCarter, kkavn@yahoo.com (both Class 44)



Special Volunteer Opportunity

Portland Event Recovery Liaison

Work from home

May 2011 – February 2012 (about 50 hours)

The City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability (BPS) Event Recycling Program seeks a Master Recycler volunteer to fill the new role of Event Recovery Liaison in order to assist in the coordination of Master Recycler participation in event recycling, waste prevention and composting in Portland.

The Liaison is a new position and this will be a pilot year. [Click here](#) for a description of the volunteer position.

To apply, send an email (no more than 500 words) describing why you would like to participate and your relevant skills, knowledge and experience to masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov by 5pm on Wednesday, April 6th.

A BPS team will review applications and make a selection.

Volunteer Opportunities

Zero Waste Home and Recycling Presentation

Sussman Shank LLP, 1000 SW Broadway, Suite 1400, Portland
Tuesday, April 5th noon – 1 p.m.

Check out a Portland Recycles! kit and present to approximately 20 people on topics of waste reduction and correct recycling. AV equipment can be supplied as well as validated parking.

Contact: Melissa Jaffee, (503) 227-1111, melissaj@sussmanshank.com
Contact for kit: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107,
alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov



Whole Foods Tanasbourne Recycling Collection

19440 Northwest Cornell Road, Hillsboro
Saturday, April 9th 1 – 3 p.m.

Check out a greener cleaner kit from Washington County and staff an information table on residential recycling at this Recycling Collection event.

Contact: Robin Kovach, 503-645-9200 x750, Robin.Kovach@wholefoods.com
Kit contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651,
michelle_pimentel@co.washington.or.us

Jennings Lodge/Oak Grove Green Day

Former GI Joes 15600 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Oak Grove
Saturday, April 16th 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Check out a kit and join Oak Lodge Sanitary District's booth with green cleaners, healthy home, and recycling information.

Kit contact: Sherri Dow, 503-742-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us
Contact: Kay L. Deines, 503-653-1653 x. 103, kldeines@olsd.net

Keeping it Local Fair

Wilsonville Community
Center, 7965 SW Wilsonville
Rd, Wilsonville
Saturday, April 16th
10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join Green Building Hotline
staff to promote this resource
for people wanting to reduce
waste in Construction and
Demolition.



Kate McPherron (Class 43) Remodel it Green display.

Contact: Valerie Garrett, 503-823-5431, valerie.garrett@portlandoregon.gov

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Blount Environmental Earth Day Employee Fairs



Mitzi Sugar (Class 44) at Whole Foods Collection event.

4909 S.E. International Way,
Milwaukie
Monday, April 18th and Tuesday,
April 19th 11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.
and
3901 S.E. Naef Road, Milwaukie
Tuesday, April 19th
11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Check out a recycling Yes/No, green cleaner or worm/compost kit and promote waste reduction at this employee fair. Pick a date or do both.

Contact: Jason Smith, 503-653-4228, Jason.Smith@oregonchain.com
Kit contact: Sherri Dow, 503-742-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

Siltronic's Earth Day Celebration

7200 NW Front Ave., Portland
Tuesday, April 19th 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.
and
Thursday, April 21st 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

Join Siltronic's staff to educate employees on recycling, green cleaners, compost/green gardening, and waste prevention at home. Volunteers will need to help set-up the tables and answer questions.

Contact: Koreen Lail, 503-219-7994, koreen.lail@siltronic.com

Adidas Earth Day Celebration

Adidas Headquarters 5055 North Greeley Ave, Portland
Friday, April 22nd 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Aimee Fahey (Class 46) invites Master Recyclers to staff a booth at an informational fair to include topics of recycling, composting, reuse, AND get local nonprofits like SCRAP, Community Warehouse, and Free Geek to have tables here as well. Choose your topic, check out your kit of literature on recycling and staff the booth.

Contact: Aimee Fahey, 971-234-2447, aimee.fahey@adidas.com

Gresham City Hall Earth Day Recycling Collection

City Hall , 1333 NW Eastman Parkway, Gresham

Saturday, April 23rd 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Help with direct outreach to residents in cars dropping off recycling materials. Residents will not leave their cars, volunteers will most likely give fliers and briefly discuss recycling. More information on the event can be found at www.Greshamoregon.gov/earthday.

Contact: Shanna Sutcliff, 503-618-2694,
Shaunna.Sutcliffe@greshamoregon.gov

Mt Hood Green Scene

Welches Middle School, 24903 E Salmon River Rd, Welches

Saturday April 23rd 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Clackamas County staff invite Master Recyclers to join them in staffing a table on residential recycling at this family friendly event.

Contact: Shannon Martin (Class 29), 503-742-4458,
smartin@co.clackamas.or.us

Rosedale Elementary School 2nd Annual Green Festival

3963 SW 229th Avenue, Hillsboro

Saturday, April 23rd 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This Gold LEED Certified Elementary School wants to share what it means to be "GREEN." Check out a Washington County kit and staff a booth at this interactive, hands-on, family-oriented event.

Event contact: Ashley Siebert, 503-844-1200 ext. 7230, sieberta@hsd.k12.or.us

Kit contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651,
michelle_pimentel@co.washington.or.us

3rd Annual Trash to Treasure

Red Sea Community Church, 7535 N Chicago Ave, Portland
Saturday, April 23rd 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Trash to Treasure will take place at the same time as the St Johns Neighborhood Cleanup. Help promote swapping reusable goods and collecting recyclables. The Portland Recycles! kit will already be on site so you can just show up for your shift.



Contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107,
alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov

City Repair Earth Day Celebration

Washington High School Field (SE 12th & Stark), Portland
Saturday, April 23rd
Shifts: 1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Join the 11th Annual Earth Day Celebration sponsored by City Repair and the Buckman Neighborhood Association. Table with Be Resourceful and encourage others to get more of the good stuff in their lives.

Contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107, Alicia.Polacok@portlandoregon.gov

Whole Foods Fremont Compost Giveaway

3535 NE 15th Ave. Portland
Saturday, April 23rd noon – 4 p.m.

Table on composting, green cleaners, and toxics at this fun event.

Contact: Noelle Sosaya, 503-288-3414, Noelle.Sosaya@wholefoods.com

Spring Garden Fair

Clackamas County Fairgrounds, 694 NE 4th Ave, Canby
Saturday, April 30th 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 5 p.m.
Sunday, May 1st 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., 1 - 4 p.m.

Join the Clackamas County Office of Sustainability to promote home composting and natural gardening at this annual Master Gardener event.

Contact: Sherri Dow, 503-742-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

Tualatin Hills Green Gardening Fair

Tualatin Hills Nature Park Interpretive Center,
15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton
Saturday, April 30th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join Green Building Hotline staff to promote this resource for people wanting to reduce waste in Construction and Demolition.

Contact: Valerie Garrett, 503-823-5431,
valerie.garrett@portlandoregon.gov



Kathy Gillette (Class 29) Jefferson High School Fix-It Fair.

The Kenton Neighborhood Cleanup

7654 N Delaware (lot at the corner of N Farragut), Portland
Saturday, April 30th 9 a.m. – noon and 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Share household waste reduction, reuse and recycling information and resources with the public.

Contact: Teri Thomas Petersen (503) 234-0894, TeriThomasPetersen@yahoo.com

Garden Home Library Sustainability Fair

7475 SW Oleson Rd, Portland
Tuesday, May 3rd 4 – 6 p.m.

Help table for Washington County at this Earth Day event.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503-846-3651,
michelle_pimentel@co.washington.or.us

Don't forget
log your volunteer hours
Visit the Members area of
www.masterrecycler.org

Conservation News

Recology No longer Accepts Styrofoam

Beginning April 1st, Recology will be ending its Styrofoam collection program until further notice. It's two locations at 6400 SE 101st Ave, Portland and 4044 N Suttle Rd, Portland will be under construction in preparation to act as transfer stations for the food scrap and yard debris collection and will not have the room for Styrofoam. They will notify us if they do begin to collect the material again. This leaves Total Reclaim as the only company accepting Styrofoam in the region at 5805 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland, 503-281-1899 \$5 per load

Compost Giveaways at Whole Foods Market

Whole Foods Markets joins Recology to giveaway compost every Saturday during Earth Month. Come and collect the equivalent of two-to-five gallon buckets of compost for free! Everyone is encouraged to bring their own containers.

April 2nd – Tanasbourne

19440 NW Cornell Rd. Hillsboro, OR 97214

April 9th – Laurelhurst

2825 E Burnside St. Portland, OR 97214

April 16th – Mill Plain

815 SE 160th Ave. Vancouver, WA 98683

April 23rd – Fremont

3535 NE 15th Ave. Portland, OR 97212

April 30th – Bridgeport

7380 SW Bridgeport Rd. Tigard, OR 97224

19th Annual BEST Awards

Hilton, Grand Ballroom, 921 SW Sixth Ave, Portland

Tuesday April 19th 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (seating begins at 7 a.m.)



The BEST Awards highlight sustainable Portland business. Keynote address by member of the London Assembly and former Deputy Mayor of London, Nicky Gavron addressing the importance of political and business leadership working hand in hand against climate change.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit [BEST Awards online](#).

Our Green Washington County Classes

Various Locations

Wednesday evenings, April 6th to May 25th 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Partners for a Sustainable Washington County Community (PSWCC), a coalition of 11 local government service agencies, is offering this Portland Community College community education class.

The class offers an introduction to sustainability and the steps individuals and organizations can take to live and work in a more sustainable way. Learn the science behind sustainability, participate in discussions with experts, and tour local sites to explore sustainable systems in action.

Course info can be found [here](#). For the schedule of site tours e-mail douglas@tvwd.org.

CHAIR AFFAIR+

Community Warehouse's festive and popular spring fundraiser features unique, re-created chairs and home furnishings plus plenty of food, drink and fun. This year features two events:



"Reserved Seat" dinner party

Thursday, April 28, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

"Standing Room Only" party

Friday, April 29, 5 – 9 p.m.

For details, visit [Community Warehouse online](#).

Earth Day Evening of Music and Song

First Unitarian Church, SW 12th and Salmon St, Portland

Friday, April 15th 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with an evening of music and song, featuring artist Michael Allan Harrison and other instrumental and vocal offerings. Donations gratefully accepted.

For more information contact Jeanne Roy, 503-244-0026.

Be a Clackamas County Energy Steward

Development Services Building, 150 Beaver Creek Rd, Oregon City
Wednesdays, May 4th to June 8th 6 – 9 p.m.
Application deadline April 25

Educate others about energy conservation and the energy-efficiency incentives through Clackamas County's Energize Program. This new program includes training on presentation, group discussion and community engagement. Classes are limited to 30 students and priority will be given to Clackamas County residents. Participants agree to attend all the classes and commit to volunteer 18 hours. Registration is \$40 and includes a home energy resource kit.

For more information or to apply, visit www.clackamas.us/sustainability or call 503-742-4460.

The Local Organizer's Toolkit: Essential Knowledge for Change

Hosted by the Center for Earth Leadership
Downtown Portland
Saturday, May 7th 9 a.m. – noon

For those who seek to be effective agents of change in creating a sustainable culture. Explore tested principles and strategies to create local change. Visit www.earthleaders.org for additional information.

There is no charge for the workshop, but reservation is necessary. Contact Emily Klavins, 503-227-2315, emily@earthleaders.org.

Job Opportunities

Metro Parks and Property Stewardship Program Director

For more information or to apply, visit www.oregonmetro.gov/jobs.

Portland Parks & Rec Sustainability Project Intern

Application for this paid internship closes April 1st. For more information, please visit the Job Opportunities section of the [Master Recycler Forum](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

can be found in Job Seekers at the Master Recycler Forum.

www.MasterRecycler.org

