

I'm beginning to catch on: Master Recyclers tend to be detail-oriented people! To feed your hunger for detailed news, I'm introducing a new feature in the Newsletter: each month, there will be an article about what is happening in waste reduction in one county. This month we'll look at new projects in Multnomah County. Stay tuned for information about Washington and Clackamas Counties in coming months.

Thank you for your ardent interest!



J Lauren Norris

PS. I'm back from Central America!

Multnomah County Waste Reduction News

Portland

The City of Portland just completed a series of stakeholder meetings to develop recommendations for a new Solid Waste Management Plan. Portland's goal in developing a new plan is to make the solid waste management system more sustainable.

The Residential Stakeholder Group considered many changes, including: using biofuels in hauling trucks, using rollcarts for recycling collection, improving outreach efforts, having weekly yard debris collection that includes food waste, increasing the difference between rates based on can size (so there is a larger incentive to use a small garbage can) and expanding the list of materials that are accepted at the curb. Master Recycler Mentor Robert Welch (Class 26) participated in the Residential Stakeholder Group.

In Portland, businesses can choose their garbage hauler and negotiate rates. However, all businesses are required to recycle 50 percent of their waste. The Commercial Stakeholder Group evaluated restructuring the commercial system and expanding recycling requirements to create a more sustainable system.

After completing additional research about the recommendations, Portland plans to present the proposed changes to City Council in early 2007. You can learn more about Portland's new Solid Waste Management Plan here: <http://www.portlandonline.com/osd/index.cfm?c=43052>

Gresham

The City of Gresham launched a commercial compost pilot project. The eight-month project includes about twelve participants, including a school, a grocery store, coffee shops and restaurants in Gresham Sanitary's franchised territory. One pick-up per week is scheduled for all customers. A Metro grant was used to purchase equipment for the participants and adaptations to hauling equipment, such as scales on hauling trucks.

The Gresham City Council approved funding the project by increasing commercial rates by 1.6%. Participating businesses will receive a 25% discount on their garbage rate as incentive to actively participate.



Armando Espinoza (Class 31) shows how to sort recycling in Portland.

Master Recyclers are involved with this project too. Mentor Angie Marzano (Class 30) and Leslie Johnson (Class 27) work for the City of Gresham and Tristan Whitehead (Class 34) is an intern working on this project.

MASTER RECYCLER PROGRAM NEWS

Class 34 in Clackamas County Registration Open

Do you know anyone from Clackamas County who wants to be a Master Recycler? Clackamas County will host the 34th Master Recycler Course in January and February. Registration opened today at www.masterrecycler.org and will be open until the course is full. Spread the word!



KB Recycling in Clackamas County, a field trip stop for Class 34. Photo: April Fong (Class 33).

MASTER RECYCLER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Hillsboro Winter Market: Fair Complex

Hillsboro Fairgrounds, Cornell Road and 28th Ave., across from the Hillsboro Airport
Saturday, December 9 and 16, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

One or several volunteers needed to staff a curbside recycling, compost or greener cleaner table. Contact the market to reserve a table. <http://www.hillsboromarkets.org/hfm/index.html>
503.844.6685

Post-Holiday Recycling Fair

Clackamas K-Mart, 13750 SE Johnson Road, Clackamas
Saturday, December 30, 2006, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Participate in a recycling fair that will include free: Document shredding, computer hard drive destruction, plastics, cardboard, wrapping paper recycling. Computers, Styrofoam, and trees will also be recycled for a small fee. KATU plans to cover the event. Volunteers needed to staff a table and help the public sort incoming materials.

Contact: Michael Bouchard of E-Waste Solutions, 503-722-0010, recycle@ewastesolutions.biz

Don't forget to log your
volunteer hours.

Visit masterrecycler.org and
click on the Members tab.

Username: MasterRecycler
Password: master

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Remember: Jobs announced between newsletters can be found on the Master Recycler Forum in the Members section of the website.

Puppeteer/Education Assistant, Metro

Be part of a pool of trained puppeteers available to perform in three different educational puppet shows: Mother Nature's Garden, Compost City and Kenji and the 3 Rs. Puppet shows are booked in advance. There are also opportunities to provide outreach at community events and assist with other program activities. This is a great position for someone who wants to use hands-on or dramatic techniques to help teach elementary school children about waste prevention, recycling and composting.

Required knowledge, skills and abilities:

- Creative, energetic, upbeat, outgoing person
- Experience and enjoyment in working with children
- Ability/willingness to be dramatic in puppet shows (includes singing)
- Good public speaking skills
- Organized and able to work independently
- Cooperative manner and able to work well as part of a team

- Able to lift and carry program materials up to 40 pounds
- Able to stand, kneel, bend, manipulate puppets for prolonged periods of time
- Have valid driver's license and good driving record (Metro vehicle provided)
- Appropriate appearance and demeanor for a school/office setting
- Knowledge of and commitment to waste reduction

Hours: This is part-time, temporary position. (6-15 hours/week possible) Shows are booked in advance on Mondays and Wednesdays (plus occasional other days) between the 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Guaranteed hours during training and initial performances; other hours as available.

Position start/end dates: December 2006 through mid-June 2007.

Salary: \$12.73/hour for part-time temporary position, no benefits

To Apply: Send resumé and letter of interest to: Freda Sherburne, Metro, 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland OR 97232 or sherburnef@metro.dst.or.us.

Financial Manager/ Controller, Celilo Group Media

Seeking an organized, motivated individual to serve as the controller and financial manager for the company. The Controller/Financial Manager is responsible for the overall financial accounting and financial operations for a leading green media firm.

For more information, visit: <http://media.sijournal.com/documents/CGM+controller.doc>

Administrative Assistant, Metafore

Metafore is seeking an individual to assist in the smooth and professional operations of the office by providing reception service and administrative support to staff team; interacting with clients, vendors, internal customers and other individuals; and ensuring proper function of support technology and infrastructure.

For more information, visit: <http://www.metafore.org>

Program Coordinator, Tualatin Hills Nature Park

The Program Coordinator is responsible for planning, organizing and coordinating outdoor recreation activities, special events, and environmental education programs: leading the work of support staff and volunteers; working with staff on habitat management and enhancement, and performing other duties as needed.

For more information, visit: www.thprd.org

Outreach Director, 1000 Friends of Oregon

The Outreach Director will design and lead 1000 Friends' work to organize:

1. Broad-based citizen participation in Envision Oregon, a three-year program of civic engagement, education and action to improve Oregon's land use planning system;
2. Focused citizen activism and advocacy in support of 1000 Friends' legislative and administrative efforts to respond to Measure 37 and improve Oregon's land use planning laws; and
3. Field efforts in support of campaigns to support or oppose ballot measures affecting Oregon land use planning, in the 2008 general election and beyond.

For more information, visit: www.friends.org

Office Coordinator, Clackamas County Soil & Water Conservation District

The Office Coordinator will assist the District Manager in planning and management of District operations and activities; to facilitate and coordinate activities of District staff, outside agencies and individuals; and promote strong management practices and cohesiveness of overall District operations

in accordance with District policies and Oregon Law relating to public entities. Office Coordinator for Clackamas Soil and Water Conservation District located in historic Oregon City, OR.

For more information, visit: <http://www.cc-swcd.org/OfficeCoordinator.html>.

Temporary Outdoor Science Instructors, Oregon Museum of Science & Industry

Challenging, rewarding work in amazing locations, spend the year teaching high school and middle school students ecology, geology, astronomy and wilderness skills in nature's classroom. Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) Outdoor Science Education offers natural science focused programs, including rafting and backpacking adventures, to students enrolled in residential outdoor science school in the spring and fall, campers in summer science camps and adventures.

For more information, visit: www.oms.edu

Spring Education Internship, Audubon Society of Portland

Join the education team of the Audubon Society of Portland and tour the Pacific Northwest with youth eager to learn about the region's wild areas and wildlife. Gain the experience needed to lead tours of our sanctuary to elementary age children. Assist with our in-school programs and field trips to Mount St. Helens, Ape Caves, Beacon Rock and the Oregon Coast.

For more information, visit: http://www.audubonportland.org/about/jobs/summer_internship

Earth Day Coordinator, The City Repair Project

Organized, activist-minded person sought to be the Earth Day Coordinator for The City Repair Project, a dynamic, collectively run, volunteer-driven non-profit organization that helps citizen groups undertake grassroots community improvement projects and promotes ecological sustainability, community self-determination, and localization.

The Earth Day Coordinator has been a volunteer position during the past celebrations and is a member of the City Repair's Council, the collective decision-making body that runs the organization. You will be both the face and the main administrator of the Earth Day celebration, working closely with volunteers, Council Members and Board Directors, and interacting with members of the public, press and government.

Roles include:

- Organizing monthly Earth Day meetings in the Woodlawn community;
- Oversee all aspects of planning including budgeting, fundraising, volunteer organizing and connecting with the Woodlawn Neighborhood Association;
- Attend monthly City Repair council meetings in SE Portland;
- Working with City Repair to coordinate activities with other City Repair projects.

NOTE: The Earth Day Coordinator position has the potential of becoming a paid position through City Repair if someone who is interested takes the initiative to work with the new Program Coordinator at City Repair and the board/council groups of the organization.

Please send cover letter and resume to Bob New at earthday@cityrepair.org by Friday, December 22 or send to PO Box 42615, Portland, OR 97242.

Project Steward, The Nature Conservancy in Oregon

Join TNC and help save the last great places on Earth! Work with the Northeast Oregon stewardship team to manage the Zumwalt Prairie and Clear Lake Ridge Preserves near Enterprise, Oregon. Duties include non-native species control, facility and fencing maintenance, contract management, and implementation of restoration projects such as prescribed burning and seeding.

For more information, visit: <http://www.nature.org/careers>

NEWS, EVENTS and RESOURCES

AOR's 2006 Fall Forum

"Exploring the Modernization of Oregon's Bottle Bill: A Stakeholder Discussion"

Willamette Valley Vineyards, 8800 Enchanted Way SE, Turner, Oregon

December 6, 2006, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Members \$65 (AOR, WSRA, ORRA, SWANA), Non-members: \$75, Students: \$35

This all day event includes continental breakfast and lunch.

For 35 years, Oregon's Bottle Bill has been an essential part of the recycling success story. It has effectively reduced litter in Oregon and consistently delivers a high quality stream of recyclable resources to manufacturers of new products. But a changing marketplace for beverages and newer curbside recycling systems have led to decreases in redemption, falling recycling rates for rigid plastic containers, and an increasingly littered landscape.

Call AOR at (503) 233-3056 to reserve your place

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