

July News

New Bottle Bill Signed into Law!

Oregon celebrates a long awaited expansion of our 1975 [Bottle Bill](#). Currently, only bottles that contain carbonated drinks and water have a five cent return. After January 1, 2018, bottles containing sports and energy drinks, coffee, tea, and juice will also be redeemable.

Adding these containers to the list will mean more recycling because the bottle bill is such an effective incentive. Bottles containing water and carbonated drinks are returned at a 75% rate in Oregon. Oregonians can recycle bottles containing other beverages through their curbside programs, but only about 25% of these bottles make it to the recycling carts. During testimony in support of the bill, State Representative Ben Cannon pointed out that "More bottles are recycled in the 11 bottle bill states than in the other 39 states combined."

The new law also has the potential to increase the bottle deposit from 5 to 10 cents. This increase will only happen if the redemption rate dips below 80% for two consecutive calendar years. When the Bottle Bill was first introduced, the recycling rate was as high as 90%, but the value of a nickel has dropped enough that bottles are returned at 75% today. Increasing the deposit amount could renew Oregonians' incentive to recycle.



Finally, the law will enable experimentation with alternative collection systems. Currently bottles are only permitted to be returned at grocery stores. The new law permits a one-time pilot project for a larger redemption center than is possible under existing law and rules. This pilot redemption center will serve up to a 3 mile radius, with stores in the outer ring (1.5 – 3 miles) required to continue taking back up to 24 containers per person daily at their store.

Association of Oregon Recyclers and Recycling Advocates sent out a big “thank you” to everyone who wrote letters and emails, called their representative or offered public testimony in support of the new bottle bill. Many Master Recyclers did that, plus talked to community members to do the same.

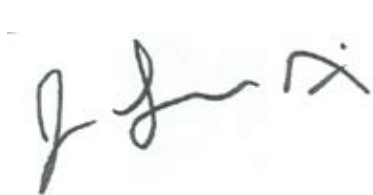
Thanks for spreading the word, and helping improve recycling in Oregon!

In Memory of Steve Apotheker

Metro Analyst Steve Apotheker passed away on June 20th. Master Recyclers from classes in 2004 to 2009 will remember Steve Apotheker as a passionate speaker who cared deeply about conservation. He spoke with classes about his MRF and comingled cart research, hoping to ensure that our systems are effective in getting the materials the people in the region have carefully sorted to their perspective markets. Master Recyclers frequently sited his presentation as one of the most memorable in the series of outstanding speakers. I appreciated his commitment to the Master Recycler mission, as he participated in every class for five years even as it became physically more challenging for him to do so. One Master Recycler wrote in their evaluations, “It is humbling that such a legend in recycling would come and speak with us.”

I will also remember Steve as a friend who shared a passion for Guatemala and its natural beauty. He volunteered there with his family on a sea turtle preservation project and he introduced me to a lovely Tz’utujil family who I just stopped by to visit in my last trip.

J Lauren Norris



Two More Join the Elite Club of Centurions!

There are now officially 30 Master Recyclers who have accumulated over 100 volunteer hours! Thank you to these individuals especially dedicated to the mission of inspiring our neighbors and co-workers to consume differently.

There is a quiet green revolution going on in Lake Oswego and **Robin Woolman (Class 43)** is in the thick of it. If you spend any time at gatherings in Lake O, you might have noticed that suddenly recycling, composting and even durable options are springing up everywhere. That's because Robin and her Master Recycler pals in the LOTT (Lake Oswego Trash Team) have been consulting event organizers in the area and implanting changes. The Farmer's Market, Festival of Arts, Rotary Lobster Club, City Picnic and Lakewood Theater openings are all events that Robin has helped introduce innovative recovery plans while simultaneously tabling on the three R's.



Just one year after completing the course, **Chatten Hayes (Class 44)** tallied her one hundredth hour. Chatten certified by planning and executing the recovery plan for the MAC Club's 30,000 participant event called Festa Italiana. But she has also tabled and presented on recycling at half a dozen events. She has greatly supported the Master Recycler Program by organizing a tour, writing an article for the newsletter, and becoming a Mentor. Chatten was also a big supporter long before she officially joined the program. She consistently wrote stories for the Oregonian that brought thousands to the Master Recycler Plastics Roundups. One such article she wrote in 2006 remains on the refrigerator of both of my parents homes to this day.

A Bunch o' Master Recyclers Certified in June

Bethany Larson (Class 39) promoted recycling and thoughtful consumption at Master Recycler Plastics Roundups, Fix-it Fairs, Good in the Neighborhood, and several Sunday Parkways.

Peter Brandom (Class 42) spent many a lovely (and sometimes not so lovely) day tabling at the Hillsboro Farmers' Market sharing his enthusiasm for all things sustainable. Peter was also instrumental in ensuring that the City of Hillsboro host Class 42.



Bethany with Kelly Panciera (Class 38) at Fix-it Fair.

Felicita Montebianco (Class 42) started an active Green Team at her workplace, the Albertina Kerr Center. She also created an interactive “becoming a recycling advocate” class designed to make Master Recycler class materials relevant to teenagers so they can in turn teach their peers. Felicita canvassed her neighborhood with Washington County’s new Flip Your Lid campaign, and her presentation at United Cerebral Palsy was so exciting one of the members decided to become a Master Recycler!



Felicita (second from right) at the new Zoo Backyard Makeover with Liz Brown (Class 46), Janna Allgood (Class 45) and Chatten Hayes (Class 44).

Gary Bachofner (Class 43) started off his volunteer hours organizing recycling at a neighborhood cleanup event in Northeast Portland. He also worked to improve recycling at his multi-family complex before he joined the very active Lake Oswego Trash Team.



Cindy Correll with classmate Linda Ralley.

Cindy Correll (Class 44) joined a corps of City of Portland Be Resourceful volunteers. She helped residents learn about how to “Get more of the Good Stuff” through creative reuse at a senior center, the Children’s theater, a neighborhood night out, and Fix-it Fairs. She also offered a recycling refresher course at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore where she works.

Hila Ritter (Class 45) staffed the Metro Healthy Home booth to promote greener cleaner and wormbins/compost at events throughout the region. She also joined in with Metro’s new bean bag recycling and greener cleaner game at Sunday in Parkways, and hosted an eco party.

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

Su-Wen Chen (Class 46) volunteers with [Create Plenty](#) which promotes awareness of waste through art and community participation. Through Create Plenty Su-Wen created a high school class on toxics and planned and implemented the 2011 [International Plastic Quilt Project](#).



Su-Wen (middle) at the MR Tour of PDX airport.

Volunteer Opportunities

Tip Your Lid – Literature Distribution

Residents carefully separate recyclables from trash and naturally expect their efforts to pay

Make Your Recycling Efforts Count.

Tip Your Lid



off by keeping valuable resources out of the landfill. Help residents learn what is and is not recyclable at home at your own pace. Select an area in Washington County to distribute educational door hangers (or we can provide an area to you). It's a great opportunity to enjoy the Spring/Summer weather, improve recycling efforts and gain outreach experience.

Literature and route map available from Washington County offices.

Contact: Michelle Pimentel, 503-8746-3651, Michelle_Pimentel@co.washington.or.us

Belmont Street Fair Event Recycling Planner

SE Belmont at SE Yamhill

Saturday, September 10th noon – 8 p.m.

Planning meetings start immediately

Join the Belmont Street Fair Planning Committee as the Event Recycling planner. You will be the person who checks out the recycling kits, contacts the garbage hauler, creates a plan for the garbage and recycling and implements it during the day of the event.

Contact: Mitzi Sugar, sweetgreenevents@gmail.com

Lake Oswego Summer Concerts

July 6th, 8th, 10th, 13th, 15th, 17th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 27th, 29th and 31st
Times and locations vary, concerts run 2 hours

Master Recyclers will answer questions about recycling and reuse, and enjoy [good music](#).

Contact: Amy Monahan, 971-404-7008, gpmonahan@comcast.net

Woodstock Farmers' Market Event Recycling

SE 46th and Woodstock, Portland
Any Sunday in July 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The new Woodstock Farmers' Market is working to set up a great recycling program. Work with the Master Recycler Events Recovery Liaison, Mitzi Sugar (Class 44) to learn more about the particulars, participate for a day recycling at the farmers' market, and write up a suggested plan.

Contact: Mitzi Sugar, sweetgreenevents@gmail.com

Mt. Tabor Summer Concert Series

Mt. Tabor Park, Portland
Tuesdays, July 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.



Wendy Posson (Class 46) showing kids the coolness of worms.

Check out a Portland Recycles! kit and set up an information table (and get in some great music while you are at it). You can choose one or several of the dates in July.

Contact for kit: Alicia Polacok, 503-8237107, alicia.polacok@porlandoregon.gov

Contact: Kathy Schuman, 503-774-1598, kjschuman@msn.com

Matt Briggs Deep Green Home Tours

Locations will rotate in downtown Lake Oswego
Saturdays, July 9th, Aug 13th, Sept 10th, Oct 8th

1 – 5 p.m.

Check out a kit and staff an information booth on any topic of your choice: Recycling, Green Building Hotline (from [Valerie Garrett](#), Portland office), Greener Cleaner, compost/worm bins.

Contact to volunteer: Lisa Clifton, 503-675-1108, lisamclifton@gmail.com
Kit contact: Sherri Dow, 503-742-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

Mississippi Street Fair Community Warehouse Booth

N Fremont and Mississippi St, Portland
Saturday, July 9th 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Help promote this important reuse resource while you enjoy the music, food and fun of this community event.

Contact: Andy Olds, 503-235-8786, volunteer@communitywarehouse.org

Milwaukie Farmers' Market

Main St. between Harrison St. & Jefferson St, Milwaukie
Sunday, July 10th 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Help staff the Regional Green Building Hotline at this great community event.

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

Metro's Somos Oregonenses y Nosotros Reciclamos

Metro is conducting outreach this summer to connect with families, particularly Spanish-speaking families, about sustainability. The goal is to educate families in fun, interactive ways about walking, biking, recycling and reducing waste. We are seeking energetic Master Recyclers who speak Spanish to help with the recycling education. As part of this bilingual outreach, you will help distribute recycling and greener cleaner information using games and activities (provided by Metro at the booth). You will work with Spanish-speaking staff from Metro.

Hillsboro Farmers Market

Main Street and 2nd Ave, Hillsboro
Saturday, July 9th 7 – 11 a.m. and 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Forest Grove Farmers Market

Main Street, Forest Grove
Wednesday, July 13th 3 – 8:30 p.m.



Celebrate Hillsboro

Civic Center, 150 E Main Street,
Hillsboro
Saturday, July 23rd 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Beaverton International Festival

THRD Recreation Complex, SW 158th & Walker Roads, Beaverton
Saturday July 30th 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Contact: Maria Davila, 503-813-7578, Maria.Davila@oregonmetro.gov

Gresham Farmers' Market

NW 3rd St & NW Miller Ave, Gresham
Saturday July 16th, July 30th, and August 13th 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join City of Gresham staff in a recycling information table at this bustling farmer's market.

Contact: Aubrey Lindstrom, 503-618-2206,
aubrey.lindstrom@greshamoregon.gov

Green Living Fair

Whole Foods Market Bridgeport, 7380 SW Bridgeport Rd, Tigard
Saturday, July 16th
Shifts: 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Table on your choice of topics for the home - recycling and composting, etc.

Contact: Mea Irving, 503-639-6500 x260, mea.irving@wholefoods.com

Cracked Pots

2126 SW Halsey St, Troutdale
Tuesday, July 19th and Wednesday, July 20th
10 a.m. – 7 p.m. (shifts available)

Promote waste reduction at this creative reuse art show. Check out your choice of a Portland Recycles! kit or Be Resourceful kit. Canopies, tables and chair are provided by the event.

Contact: Lauren Norris, masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov

West Linn Music in the Park

Tanner Creek Park, 3456 Parker Rd, West Linn
Thursdays, July 21st and 28th, August 4th, 11th, 25th
6:15 – 8:30 p.m.

Check out a kit from Clackamas County and inform concert goers about recycling while you train and supervise volunteers on event recycling and enjoy great music. Information on performers at westlinnoregon.gov/musicinthepark.

Event contact: Lisa Clifton, 503-675-1108, lisamclifton@gmail.com
Kit contact: Sherri Dow, 503-742-4463, sherridow@co.clackamas.or.us

Celebrate! Hillsboro

Civic Center, 150 E Main Street, Hillsboro
Saturday, July 23rd 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. (Shifts available.)

Be part of Sustainability Village by staffing a booth with Washington County at the Celebrate! Hillsboro event with Farmers' Market, youth skateboarding events, Parks & Rec activities, food, music and much more! Focus on residential recycling and "Tip Your Lid" anti-contamination educational campaign.

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

Rolling Hills Apartments Pool Party

19355 SW 65th Ave, Tualatin
Saturday, July 23rd noon – 3 p.m.

Check out multifamily literature and recycling display and set up a table at this fun poolside party. Master Recycler is also encouraged to create your own family friendly fun activity or check out the Wheel of Fortune from Metro.

Contact to sign up and check out literature: Heather Robinson,
503-846-3660, heather_robinson@co.washington.or.us
Contact to check out the Metro Wheel of Fortune: Freda Sherburne,
503-797-1522, freda.shurburne@oregonmetro.gov

Spanish-language Community Meeting

Sequoia Square Apartments, 247 SE 160th, Portland
Wednesday, July 27th or August 3rd 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Present in Spanish on Multifamily Recycling at this 52 unit community. Please come 30 minutes prior to the presentation in order to see what the physical recycling setup is. This is a great opportunity if you enjoy working with families and children in an informal setting.

Contact Joel Hanson, 503-280-3741, JoelH@hapdx.org

Washington County Fair

Washington County Fair Complex, 873 NE 34th Ave, Hillsboro
Thursday, July 28th to Sunday, July 31st
Shifts: 10 a.m – 2 p.m., 2 – 4:30 p.m., 4:30 – 8 p.m.



Worms at the Backyard Makeover table at the Zoo.

Help staff a booth with Washington County staff on residential recycling, waste prevention and other sustainability topics at this huge four-day event. Entertainment, food rides and much more!

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

Oregon Brewers Festival

Tom McCall Waterfront Park, between Morrison and Burnside Bridges,
Portland
Thursday, July 28th to Saturday, July 30th noon – 9 p.m.
Sunday, July 31st noon – 7 p.m.
Shifts available.

Help improve the recycling efforts this year by helping train/supervise the recycling volunteers for a couple of shifts.

Contact: Mitzi Sugar, sweetgreenevents@gmail.com

Native American Housing to Homeownership Fair

NAYA, 5135 NE Columbia Blvd, Portland
Saturday, July 30th 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Assist Metro with the Healthy Home booth.

Contact: Caran Goodall, 503-797-1693, caran.goodall@oregonmetro.gov

Linnton Health Fair

Linnton Community Center Gymnasium
10614 N.W. St. Helens Rd., Portland
July 30th from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Check out the Portland Recycles! kit and staff an information booth at this community event that will aim to connect health with the environment.

To check out a kit contact: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7107,
alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov
Contact to volunteer: Sara Present, sdpresent@dhs.state.or.us

East Columbia Neighborhood Picnic

East Columbia Children's Arboretum, 1137 NE Meadow Dr, Portland
Saturday, July 30th noon – 4 p.m.

Check out a Portland Recycles! kit and set up an information booth at this family friendly community event. Free music, food and will be provided.

Contact for a kit: Alicia Polacok, 503-823-7017,
alicia.polacok@portlandoregon.gov
Contact to volunteer: Michelle Edgar, 503-504-4796,
michelle.edgar@yahoo.com

National Night Out

Neighborhood of choice
Tuesday, August 2nd

Get involved with your neighborhood efforts around National Night Out. There are often block parties, cookouts, music, exhibits and visits from local police. A National Night Out



party can be an excellent opportunity to not only help neighbors get to know and like each other but to develop neighborhood safety strategies.

Learn more from the Office of [Neighborhood Involvement](#).

Check out a kit or stay tuned for involvement with BPS efforts with Be Resourceful and Portland Recycles!

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

Cornelius National Night Out

Harleman Park, 795 S. Heather St, Cornelius

Tuesday, August 2nd 5:00 – 8:30 p.m. (includes set-up/break down)

Table at this unique community event focused on fun community activities and crime and drug activity prevention. This well-attended event provides a great opportunity to connect with Cornelius residents about waste prevention and recycling topics. Check out materials and displays from Washington County for use at this wonderful event. Spanish-speaking opportunities available, but not at all required.

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

Conservation News

Master Recycler Gathering

Madison's Grill, 1109 SE Madison St., Portland

Wednesday, July 20th 7 p.m.

Join fellow Master Recyclers every 3rd Wednesday of the month 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. Spouses and friends are welcome.

Contact: Mitzi Sugar, sweetgreenevents@gmail.com or Kevin McCarter, kkavn@yahoo.com

Job Opportunities

Clackamas County Recycling Partnership Waste Reduction Education Coordinator

Seeking a contractor to serve as their Waste Reduction Education Coordinator in Clackamas County Schools. For more information, visit the Jobs Forum in the [Members section of the Master Recycler website](#).

BPS Residential Outreach and Community Involvement Coordinator

Two coordinator positions are open to assist with the City of Portland's changes to the Curbside Collection System. **Extended! Closes 3 p.m. Friday July 8.** For more information, visit the Jobs Forum in the [Members section of the Master Recycler website](#).

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