



September News

Summertime fun!

Master Recyclers were inspiring conservation everywhere this summer.

- You set up information booths and reduced consumption and waste at farmer's markets all over the region including Forest Grove, Gresham, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Montavilla, Sellwood, and Woodstock.
- You visited over 500 households in your Washington County neighborhoods to share the Tip Your Lid recycling messages.
- Lake Oswego Trash Team offered technical assistance and creative information booths at over 15 community events in West Linn, Tualatin and Lake Oswego.
- You continued the tradition of informing and inspiring County Fair goers in Washington and Clackamas.
- You staffed Metro Healthy Home, Be Resourceful, Clackamas County Yes/No and Washington County Tip Your Lid booths at community events such as Celebrate Hillsboro, Sunday Parkways, Mississippi



Amy Monahan (Class 43) at Lake Oswego Farmers Market.

Street Fair and Mt Hood Green Scene.

- You trained volunteers and offered event recovery technical assistance at large community events such as Oregon's Brewers' Fest, North American Brewers' Fest, and Festa Italiana.
- Almost 50 people attended your Home Eco-parties, learning to take meaningful personal actions.



Bev Ardueser (Class 35) and Joel Hansen (Class 46) at Washington County Fair.

- A team of you joined the Oregon Zoo Backyard Makeover booth to inspire residents to learn about worm bins, recycle, use greener cleaners and Be Resourceful.

Since the beginning of July, Master Recycler contributed 500 hours of volunteer outreach work. You had 11,000 direct community contacts about resource conservation.



Robin Woolman (Class 43) Chatting about alternatives to pesticides.



Felicita Montebianco (Class 42) talking to Zoo goers about Resourceful living.

Think of the thousands of little actions of behavior change taking place all over the region that were inspired by your efforts.

Keep up the great work!



John Bootzin (Class 47) at Gresham Farmer's Market.

J Lauren Norris

Save the date! Plastics and Our Oceans

Metro, Room 370, 600 NE Grand Ave, Portland
Wednesday November 16th 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Spend the evening hearing from two Portland residents who went on two separate [5 gyres expeditions](#) sailing through remote oceanic areas to study plastic pollution. **Nastassja Pace (Class 42)** will share her experience as a Master Recycler, a “Bag Banner” and artist focused on plastic bags. Megan Ponder worked in the Mayor Sam Adams’ Office and lead the Bag Task Force. She now works for the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability on waste reduction policy development and implementation. Both will share their passions about plastics pollution prevention and their amazing adventures seeing the impacts of plastics in our oceans. They will also share the exciting outreach efforts happening world wide to solve this problem.

RSVP to masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov

Be Cart Smart: Include the food!

City Council unanimously approved the City of Portland's rates for the new residential curbside collection system! One correction from the last newsletter is that customers **will have an every four week garbage collection option.** The original proposal included the elimination of monthly service. City council added an amendment to replace monthly service with every four week service so that residents are encouraged to reduce their garbage.

Changes are coming October 31st. How will the City let 145,000 households know about the changes? The City is launching the Be Cart Smart campaign. Here are some campaign elements:

- Ads on billboards, papers, and buses.
- Radio and internet announcements.
- The Curbsider will be delivered and include information about the changes and program details.
- Residents will receive several mailings and a few weeks before the changes, they will receive a kitchen pail to collect their food scraps.



Increased customer service. The City will expand hours to the curbside hotline to ensure that residents can get help through the transition. Residents can get help in three ways:

Visit www.portlandcomposts.com

Call 503-823-7202

E-mail wasteinfo@portlandoregon.gov

Community Outreach and Master Recyclers

Twenty-eight Master Recyclers attended a workshop in August to learn how to help announce the October 31st changes and offer technical assistance in successful food scrap composting. They met our new Be Cart Smart Outreach Coordinator, Babs Adamski, who will be working with many of you. If you didn't get to attend the meeting, there will be plenty of ways to catch up. Messaging will focus on letting residents know about the change before October 31st and offering assistance in food scrap composting through May 2012.

Citywide outreach efforts will include:

- Presentations at neighborhood and community meetings
- Information booths at community events
- Community publications with articles and ads
- February – May 2012: Door-to-door outreach to 40,000 households

Check out the volunteer opportunities to participate in this campaign, contact us if you know of community newsletters or meetings where a presentation would make sense, check out a Be Cart Smart kit and do a presentation or information booth in your own community.

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

Centurion Joins Ranks

KB Mercer (Class 46) has officially contributed 100 hours of Master Recycler payback. KB's hard work is laying the foundation for a big dream. KB is a Portland actress aiming to start a non-profit called [ARTSMARTpdx](#). The goal is

to create a materials share pool for artists, theatres, film companies, dance companies, schools, etc.

She has pulled together a work group, an advisory committee and a workplan and is now actively seeking funding, resources, space and volunteer time to bring this idea to a reality.



Five New Certified Master Recyclers

Cori Conway (Class 45) completed her hours working to reduce waste in Tualatin. Cori worked with Washington County and the Property Manager of her apartment complex to improve recycling signage and containers and then let her neighbors know how to use it. She had an Eco-party in her community and also organized recycling at the Tualatin River Festival Bird Days.

Interior decorator **Lynn Feinstein (Class 44)** focused on the home in her outreach efforts. She staffed the Metro Healthy Home booth, and Green Building Hotline to talk about how residents can live in healthy toxics-free homes. Her Eco-party was even featured in the Portland Tribune.

Joel Hanson (Class 46) was found tabling everywhere! Joel promoted The ReBuilding Center, Metro's Healthy Homes, Tip Your Lid at the Washington County Fair, Green Building and Green Jobs at the OAME Sustainability and Equity Fair. Joel will be moving off to Jackson County and we are sad to see him go. He has already been in touch with the Master Recycler Program in that area so he can continue his efforts. Good luck to you Joel!



Joel under the SCRAP reused art arch, Better Living Show.

Nick Hernandez (Class 47) spent 21 hours (that's right - 21!) at the Washington County Fair helping the County with their Tip Your Lid Campaign. There is no doubt fair goers enjoyed the super positive attitude Nick carries with him wherever he goes.



Jason with Cindy Correll (Class 44) at a Washington County table.

Jason Rosenblatt (Class 47) presented to the Super Attendant and Board of Directors in the Eliot Tower where he works to identify ways to improve the central collection system as well as identify ways to collect specific materials such as CFL's, inkjet printers and rechargeable batteries. He also staffed the Tip Your Lid booth at the Hillsboro Celebration and Washington County Fair.

Volunteer Opportunities

Cornelius – Tip Your Lid Campaign Outreach

Distribute educational materials to Cornelius residents in designated areas to help improve the understanding of the residential recycling mix. Master Recyclers can work at their own pace to hang literature on front doors, with a project completion target of September 30. Materials available from Washington County.

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

Adopt-Your-Multifamily Property

Master Recyclers who want to work with their apartment/condominium property manager to improve recycling education on premise will get support from Washington County staff via materials, enclosure decals and more. This project is at one's own pace.

Contact: Heather Robinson, 503-846-3660,
heather_robinson@co.washington.or.us

Portland World Cup Event Recovery Planning

Fernhill Park, NE 37th Ave. and Ainsworth St, Portland

Planning starts immediately. Event is September 3rd through 5th



If you like soccer and inter cultural exchange, join this steering committee as the event recovery coordinator for an exciting community event. The [Portland World Cup Tournament](#) is a three-day soccer match created and hosted by [VOZ, Workers Rights Education](#). The World Cup tournament gives everyone a chance to represent one's own culture through a friendly soccer match, food, music, games, and other fun activities the whole family can enjoy! Attend committee meetings and design and implement a recycling plan.

Contact: Lauren Norris, masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov

Muddy Boot Organic Festival Event Recovery Co-manager

16th & SE Division, Portland

Friday through Sunday, September 9th – 11th

Planning starts now

Jackie Yerby (Class 46) invites a fellow Master Recycler to help her plan and then implement recycling, composting and waste prevention at the Muddy Boot Festival. Thanks to years of Master Recycler participation, an effective plan has been created and the festival was able to recycle and compost 97% of the festival waste in 2010!

Contact: Jackie Yerby, jyyerby@gmail.com

The Community Appreciation Festival

Wilson High School, 1151 S.W. Vermont St, Portland
Saturday, August 27th 12:30 – 5 p.m.

Join Alicia with Be Resourceful and share the durable lunch kits at this Portland Public Schools event for students, families and community members with back-to-school information.

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

Proper Festival

Kenton Park, 8417 N Brandon Ave, Portland
Saturday, August 27th 11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Table at either Be Resourceful or Be Cart Smart. This is a family friendly, North Portland event with this year's theme is "uniting the youth today to create a better tomorrow."

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

Beaverton Old Town Festival

Broadway Street, Beaverton
Saturday, August 27th noon – 4 p.m.

Help staff the Regional Green Building Hotline table at this community festival.

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

Beaverton Farmers Market

SW Hall Blvd between 3rd and 5th Streets
Wednesday, August 31st 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Help staff the Regional Green Building Hotline table at this community farmers' market.

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

Lewis & Clark College PioFair

Griswold Stadium, 0615 SW Palatine Hill Rd, Portland
Friday, September 2nd, 4:30 – 7 p.m.

Join approximately 1600 students for an evening of food and music to table about recycling, especially multifamily/dorm recycling.

Contact: Amy Dvorak, 503-768-7794, advorak@lclark.edu

Portland World Cup

Fernhill Park, NE 37th Ave. and Ainsworth St. Portland
September 3rd and 4th 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
September 5th 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. and 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

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Woodstock Farmers' Market Event Recycling

SE 46th and Woodstock, Portland
Sundays, September 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Join **Matt Spencer (Class 46)** in offering technical assistance to the new Woodstock Farmers' Market as they work to set up a great recycling program.

Contact: Matt Spencer, matt.spencergrice@gmail.com

Not Back to School Potluck Picnic

Cook Park, 17005 Southwest 92nd Ave, Tigard
Tuesday, September 6th 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Join the Oregon Education Association Retired group at this picnic to present on a topic of your choice.

Contact: Kathryn Warrior, 503-648-8112, kathryn.warrior56@gmail.com

Matt Briggs Deep Green Home Tours

Locations will rotate in downtown Lake Oswego
Saturdays , September 10th and October 8th 1 – 5 p.m.

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



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

Beaverton Home Fair - ReBuilding Center Table

Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW 5th Street, Beaverton
Saturday, September 24th 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Help spread the word about the great services of The ReBuilding Center at this fair geared towards all City of Beaverton and Washington County employees, held on the same day as the Beaverton Farmer's Market. A required training will be provided, time TBD Week of Sept 19th.

Contact: Rosie McGown, 503-467-4985, volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org

Build it Green! Info Fair - ReBuilding Center Table

Green Depot, 819 SE Taylor St, Portland
Saturday, September 24th 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Help spread the word about the great services of The ReBuilding Center at the BIG! Info Fair, a prelude to the BIG! Tour with green vendors, demonstrations, food, drink and music. A required training will be provided, time TBD Week of Sept 19th.

Contact: Rosie McGown, 503-467-4985, volunteer@ourunitedvillages.org

Northeast Sunday Parkways

Route connecting Woodlawn, Alberta, Fernhill Parks, plus Cully Blvd.
Sunday, September 25th 1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Staff the new Be Cart Smart table at the last Sunday Parkways of the season!



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

Fall Home and Garden Show - ReBuilding Center Table

Portland Expo Center, 2060 North Marine Drive, Portland

September 29th to October 2nd

Thursday, September 29th 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday, September 30th 11 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday, October 1st 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Sunday, October 2nd 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Help spread the word about the great services of The ReBuilding Center at the largest home and garden show in the state. A required training will be provided, time TBD Week of Sept 19th.

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Conservation News

Twitter #MasterRecycler

Bill Grogg (Class 47) started a new Twitter hashtag (#MasterRecycler) to mark tweets that may be of interest to fellow Master Recyclers. He invites fellow Master Recyclers who uses Twitter to use this tag for things that you'd like to share. So remember to use #MasterRecycler for any tweet (or retweet) that you think would be of interest to the rest of the Master Recycler community.



See what's on [#MasterRecycler](#) already.

Master Recycler Gathering

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

Wednesday, September 21st 7 p.m.

Join fellow Master Recyclers every 3rd Wednesday of the month in 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 Surgar, sweetgreenevents@gmail.com
or Kevin McCarter, kkavn@yahoo.com

How to Be an Agent of Change Fall Classes

Group 1: Mondays, Oct. 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, Nov. 7th, and Dec. 5th
6 p.m. – 7:45pm

Group 2: Thursdays, Oct. 13th, 20th, 27th, Nov. 3rd, 10th, and Dec. 8th
7 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.

Come learn a proven framework for putting your Master Recycler skills to work. Make an impact on the culture where you live, work, and play! There is no charge for the class, but advance registration is required. Presented by Dick and Jeanne Roy of the [Center for Earth Leadership](#).

Contact: Emily Klavins, 503-227-2315, emily@earthleaders.org.

Job Opportunities

Metro Recycling Information Specialist and Assistant

Assistant position **closes August 24th**. Specialist position **closes August 30th**. For more information, visit the [Metro job listing online](#).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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



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