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To: Mill Pond Village Owners

From: Mill Pond Village Board of Directors

We were having some very nice weather this month until rain showed up the last week of August. Picture courtesy of a fellow Mill Pond owner, Maggie Gibson.

**PEOPLE AND LOCAL EVENTS**

Food Drive Update, courtesy of Judith Huck: July's food donation total was 321 lbs, YAHOO!! The Food Bank appreciates everything you donate. Summer is a busy time for the Food Bank as donation requests rise in the summer. Your donations truly make a difference. Since we began this Yellow Bag Program in January of 2021, the donation grand total is 9,306 lbs. A very large hippopotamus weighs that much. So you can see that's it's A LOT of donations.

If you, or someone you know, would like to be a Neighborhood Coordinator and pick up donations to take to the food bank. Please let us know.

Thank you as always,
Darlene Houser
Nancy Sweet
Judith Huck 503-936-6661

Jantzen Beach Carousel: As most have heard, Restore Oregon has set a September 15th deadline to find a new Oregon location for this 1920's carousel that has been in storage the past few years. A number of people are interested in coming up with a pitch to bring the Carousel to Astoria. One of five locations in Astoria proposed for the Carousel is the riverside lot behind City Lumber on which a pavilion would need to be built to hold the structure. Per the June 14 and June 17, 2023 Daily Astorian articles, a pavilion could cost as much as \$5 million, plus another \$4 million in renovation work.

Dan Negley, a Mill Pond owner, let us know that Restore Oregon is requesting feedback on the project. We encourage our fellow Mill Ponders to submit your comments, positive or negative, at the Restore Oregon link:

<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/5bfd6b6217b244a797069fcd5ea60eb7>

You will be asked for your name, e-mail address and a box in which to type in your comments. A drop-down box is available to select the Jantzen Beach Carousel as the discussion topic.

OPB has an article on the Jantzen Beach Carousel, which you can find here:

<https://www.opb.org/article/2023/04/08/jantzen-beach-carousel-nonprofit-sets-deadline-keep-oregon/>

Upcoming Construction Projects:

Columbia Memorial Hospital is expected to break ground on expansion and renovation of their existing hospital in the Fall of 2024. The new construction is planned for three floors, with the fourth floor containing the mechanical equipment, along with a remodel of the existing structure.

Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic, aka Coastal Family Health, had the design for their new medical facility approved at the August 3rd DRC (Design Review Commission) meeting. The new facility is planned to be built on the triangle lot bounded by 23rd Street, Marine Drive and Commercial, where the Napa Auto Parts and TP Freight used to be located. Groundbreaking dates still to be determined. Three Mill Pond homeowners attended the DRC meeting to hear more about the design.

Recycling Refresher from Recology: <https://www.recology.com/recology-western-oregon/astoria-transfer-station/>

Questions about what goes where? Visit <https://whatbin.com>. Select Clatsop County and a search bar pops up for you to type in the item you want to dispose of and a response is provided on how you can dispose of it.

RECOLOGY'S TOP 5 RECYCLING CONTAMINANTS:

Plastic Wrap – Plastic that doesn't hold its shape (frozen food packaging, chip bags, and wrapping around toilet paper) cannot be recycled. Place these items in the garbage.

Pizza Boxes & Waxed Cardboard – Grease and wax are not good candidates for paper recycling. Place these items in the garbage.

Frozen Food Boxes – Paperboard boxes that were designed for freezer foods, such as frozen pizza and entrées, have a plastic polymer sprayed on them to protect against freezer burn. That same coating prevents the box from breaking down in the recycling process. These materials are not recyclable OR compostable.

Bagged Recycling – Keep your recycling *loose* in your cart. Bagged recycling cannot be processed at our recycling facility for safety reasons and is often sent directly to the landfill.

Plastic Bags – At our recycling facility, loose plastic bags become tangled in machinery and cannot be effectively sorted for recycling. Ask your grocery store if they offer a take-back program.

Visit <https://how2recycle.info/sdo> to find drop-off locations and what can and cannot be recycled.

Thanks to Judith Huck for the above information.

MILL POND LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE UPDATE – JOHN KIRK, CHAIR

In the early morning as I'm sitting on my front porch sipping a cup of hot mocha, without marshmallows, I'm enjoying a magnificent view of the mighty Columbia River.

A White-Crowned Sparrow lands in front of me, pecking at the grass getting breakfast, yummy! Then starts to sing like a one-sparrow band. Can you have only one in a band? A nice fresh breeze cools me down and now, too, my luke-warm mocha.

What a pleasant way to start the day in Mill Pond Village.

Now I know everyone wants to hear about Fall Clean-Up. Don' cha? The months of September and October are a good time to prune plants and remove plants that are dead.

Remember when you are pruning that our friends and neighbors require good clearance to pass safely on the sidewalks.

Removing weeds, especially before they go to seed, is a continual growing season task.

Most importantly, singing is allowed while gardening. Also, remember to just have fun.

Landscaping Resources on our Website: Landscape Guidelines, Example Landscape Plan, and a Recommended Plant List can be found on this webpage:

<https://www.millpondastoria.com/applications-guidelines>

Board resolutions can be found at this link, all of which are in a single document at this link:

<https://www.millpondastoria.com/files/ugd/c12f53ffeabbd39a2645c397d286a1962e1008.pdf>

Specific landscape resolutions can be found within this document, or if you'd prefer, your Board member will e-mail resolutions to you upon request.

Questions? Kudos? Concerns? Let us know via the **LANDSCAPE KUDOS & CONCERNS FORM** on the HOA website at: <https://www.millpondastoria.com/landscaping-feedback-form>.

ARCHITECTURAL COMMITTEE UPDATE – RYAN BLUM, CHAIR

Pergola: We do not have any updates to share as of the date of this newsletter. We are still waiting to receive a bid from a metal fabricator on construction of the new pergola, so it is quite we're several months or as far out as next summer before any type of construction would begin.

Past newsletters can be found on our website at: <https://www.millpondastoria.com/newsletters>

If you have any questions about Astoria or our Mill Pond HOA you'd like answered in future newsletters, please let us know and we'll be happy to look into the matter and provide the information in the next newsletter!

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MILL POND VILLAGE PLAT MAP



Triangle next to Lot 42 is railroad round

Parade Grounds in BLUE

Large WHITE lot above is Astoria Co-Op & Vacant Lots space