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## Argay Newsletter - April 2024

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### April 2024



*The ATNA Board meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM.  
Join us for a meeting at the Portland Fire Training Center - [4800 NE 122nd Ave](#)*

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## Happy April, Argay!

Spring is here, the evening light is growing longer, and the neighborhood is awash in color and new growth. Don't forget to take the time to get outside and enjoy the scenes of Spring in Argay Terrace. Have a great month!

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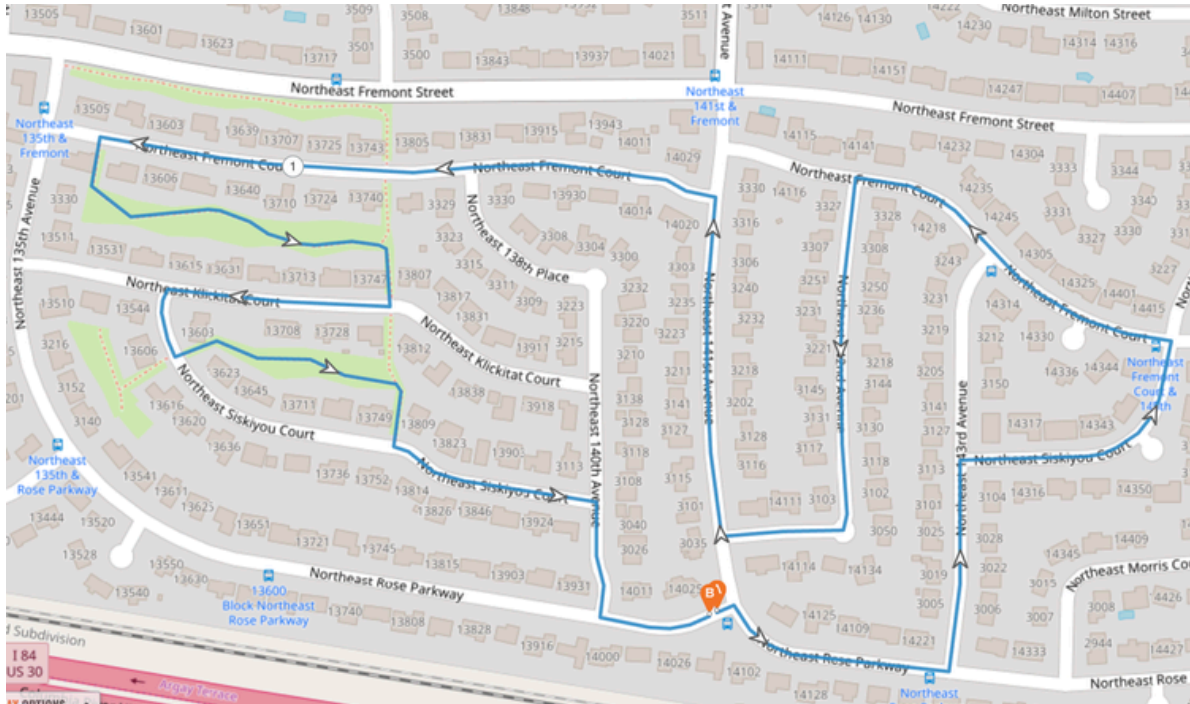
## Let's Walk! Sunday April 21st at 9am.

Join us for a leisurely walk around a pocket of Argay at **9am on Sunday April 21st**. Meet your neighbors, admire the architecture in a part of the neighborhood you may not be familiar with, and get some exercise.

This route has a few hills but it's not a race and there's an opportunity to cut out early a little before the halfway mark if needed. **We'll walk rain or shine.**

Meet at the corner of **NE 141st and Rose Parkway** around 8:45am. **At 9am sharp** we'll meander ~1.5 miles through this SE corner of the neighborhood. We estimate this will take 45 minutes to an hour depending on how many people attend and how much socializing we do! If this is of interest to folks we'll setup walks around other parts of the neighborhood in the coming months as well.

Want to come along? Please give Andrew a heads up [here](#).



## Urban Renewal, Tax Increment Financing, and You

Do you want the 8 people on the board of the Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association to decide how your tax dollars will be spent for the next 20-30 years? We didn't think so!

The process to determine participation in an [Urban Renewal Tax district](#) for Argay Terrace residents is going on now. **Now is the time** to participate in the decision. We have the option to say no thank you, we need more time, or yes please. City council is aiming to make a decision by November 2024 on creating these districts. Prosper Portland who is leading the process is aiming to have some sense of an answer by June 2024.

In brief: Urban Renewal/Tax Increment Financing sets aside 3% of the increase of assessed property values in a 20-30 year period to be spent in the designated TIF district. Presently the TIF district being discussed includes Parkrose and Argay Terrace. 45% of that money is managed by the Portland Housing Bureau for affordable housing, housing stabilization. It is City of Portland policy that funding for multi family homes goes towards those with an income of 60% Average Median Income (AMI) or below. 55% of TIF funds goes towards

Prosper Portland for business incubation, stabilization. Funds must be spent on permanent physical improvements and related investments. Funds do not go towards infrastructure, parks or schools. Future expenditures would be guided by a 5-year action plan designated by a yet to be determined council of local representatives. Ultimately it is the city council who has the final vote for future projects but the intention is that this be community driven.

The greatest amount of new housing in the next 20 to 30 years will occur in Argay Terrace with the **potential development** of the privately held farm fields along NE 122nd and NE 147th. In the Parkrose Community plan, which did not have representation from the Argay Terrace community, the farm fields were identified as a location for affordable housing of varying sizes.

**Where to find out more:**

**April 30th - Tuesday - 6pm** - Information and question session at Rossi Barn. Prosper Portland will be leading the discussion.

Further reading can be found [here](#).

Take the TIF survey [here](#).



*Spring skies make outdoor plane watching a more pleasant experience. And how about that candy stripe Condor livery?*

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## Other Updates

**Two businesses in Argay Terrace** have new owners - [the liquor store](#) in Argay Square on 122nd and [Uncle Vinny's restaurant](#) on Sandy Blvd. Thank you to the proprietors for placing your business bets in Argay Terrace!

**The vacant lot** at NE 131st and Sandy Blvd remains for sale in case anyone wants to build the coffee house of their dreams! The permit for the proposed food truck pod at NE 141st remains in "awaiting permits approval" land.

**Prologis:** Land Use Board of Appeal process continues. Thank you to Parkrose Middle School students for filling out postcards opposing the project! The post cards are planned to be delivered to City Hall in early April. Commissioner Rubio who is head of the Bureau of Development Services who issued the permits allowing the project to go forward will be speaking to PHS students sometime in April. See the Parkrose Student's video opposing the development [here](#).

**Rose Festival:** Congratulations to [Jaqueline Ngo](#) - Parkrose Rose Festival Court Princess for 2024.



Argay from the air. Top to bottom: I-84, NE Rose Parkway, NE Siskiyou Ct, NE Klickitat Ct. All of which (except I-84) are featured on our April walking route. Coincidence?

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### Upcoming Events Near Argay

**April 4 - 10am** - The Argay Park Garden Group - next volunteer gathering

**April 17 - 5:30pm-7:30pm** - [East Portland Basic Bike Maintenance Workshop](#): (14127 SE Stark St.)

**April 17 - 4pm** - Historic Parkrose Happy Hour - O'Dear's on Sandy blvd. (Urban renewal information will be available)

**April 20 - 12:45pm-2:00pm** - [Greening Wilkes Earth Day event](#) - Afternoon walk guided by Oregon Bird Alliance (formerly Portland Audubon) and free plant giveaway. RSVP - Wilkes Park.

**April 27 - 8:45am - [Cycle the Well Field](#)** - Leisurely 17 mile bike ride by Portland Water Bureau and Columbia Slough watershed council through the Well field in our neighborhood. Please register before. Meet in front of Aloft hotel Cascade Village.

**April 30 - 6:00pm - Parkrose Argay - Urban Renewal/Tax Increment Financing District** discussion - Rossi Barn

**Save the Date: May 29** - Rossi Barn - Portland's new government - how it will work and what is rank choice voting? Bring your questions to city of Portland transition team and Multnomah county voting team members. Sponsored by Rossi Barn/Parkrose NA and Argay Terrace NA.

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## Volunteer Opportunities

We are always looking for volunteers at the events Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association puts on throughout the year. Want to help out? Email [argayevents@gmail.com](mailto:argayevents@gmail.com) to let us know!

How about joining the ATNA board to help advocate for our neighborhood? Email board President [Lillian](#) for more details.

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### Community Contacts

**Police:** 911 or **Police Non-emergency:** 503-823-3333

**Park Rangers:** 503-823-1637 or **General Parks:** 503-823-7529

**PDX Stolen Cars** [Facebook Group](#)

**PDOT Abandoned Auto:** 503-823-7309 or [Report Abandoned Autos Online](#)

**Speeding:** 503-823-7233

**Graffiti:** 503-823-4000 or 311 (say you wish to request graffiti cleanup) or [Report Graffiti Online](#)

**Houseless:** 311 (say you wish to file a houseless report) or [Report Campsite Online](#)

**Illegal Campsite-related garbage:** 503-234-3000 or [Report Dumped Garbage Online](#)

**Portland Street Response** is available city wide. They can be reached by dialing 911 or [Online](#)

**PDXReporter:** Smart phone app or [online](#) to reach all the above (except the police):

**Air Quality:** 888-997-7888

**Excessive Noise:** 10pm to 7am: contact the Noise Officer at 503-823-7350



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