



*The River News Digest is a compilation of interesting items and announcements relating to rivers—with a focus on better understanding, enjoying, and caring for our local rivers, while touching on items from around the country and the world. Please note much of the information is from sources other than the City of Portland [like news media, non-profit organizations, and other government agencies]. The Rivers Office lists these items for information purposes only and is not responsible for their content.*

## 1. In Our River Neighborhood...

See Dr. Derek Booth's March 18<sup>th</sup> presentation and slideshow on **Stormwater Management in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**. [Click here](#) (and look to right side of screen).

**Boating restrictions proposed for Willamette** to ensure the safety of boaters, swimmers and construction workers during construction of the new TriMet bridge. Marine Board hearing on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 7-9 p.m., Portland.

**Wasabi Paddlers power up**: Fast-moving dragon boaters leave cancer, competition in their wake (Portland Tribune, March 17, 2011)

**Friends of Tryon Creek Trillium Festival**: April 2 – 3. Shuttle from Riverdale High School. Celebrate spring with a Native & Hardy Plant Sale, Trillium Market, and Garden Art Sale. Enjoy many family fun events including guided hikes, children's crafts, and storytelling.

**Share your opinions about water quality** Help improve water quality in local rivers and streams by joining a Regional Coalition for Clean Rivers and Streams panel and participating in an online survey. Joining the panel lets you share your opinions with public agencies in the Portland-Vancouver area about the health of your community's water. Individual survey responses are confidential.

**Green Roof Expert Interview**: Read how Paul Kephart has applied his ecological design training on noteworthy large-scale architectural icons, including Gap Headquarters, California Academy of Sciences, and the Vancouver Convention Center.

**West Hayden Island—OpEds** (Portland Tribune, March 24, 2011):

**Island needs wise stewardship**  
**Port jobs, nature must coexist**

**Columbia River Crossing**

**OpEd: The right bridge for the right reasons** (OregonLive.com, March 12, 2011)  
**OpEd: Let's not settle for mediocrity** (OregonLive.com, March 24, 2011)

**Portland bridges vulnerable to major earthquake** (KGW, March 15, 2011)

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## 2. Up the Willamette and Columbia...

**Willamette Riverkeeper announces this year's Paddle Oregon route**: "...five glorious days of waterborne magic—105 serene Willamette river miles of leisurely daily paddles fully outfitted with insanely delicious gourmet meals, impressive wines, and laughter."

**Developers show interest in old Blue Heron Paper site in Oregon City**.

(Portland Business Journal, March 11, 2011)

**[Columbia Basin water supply forecast jumps to 104% of normal](#)**  
(Columbia Basin Fish and Wildlife News Bulletin, March 18, 2011)

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### **3. Of Topical Interest ...**

**[Conservation Buffer Workshop](#)**, April 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, Oregon Chapter of the Soil and Water Conservation Society. The Conservation Buffer Workshop will include plenary sessions, oral and poster presentations to raise awareness of recent developments in the science and art of designing conservation buffers for a designated purpose, and the means used to measure, model, and demonstrate their effectiveness in mitigating off-site transport of chemicals.

***In Newberg: [Sustainable Stormwater Classes for Homeowners & Others](#)***: All classes \$10.

*March 30 Sustainable Stormwater*

*Apr 13 Rain Gardens*

*Apr 27 Rain Gardens for Challenging Sites*

*May 11 Landscaping to Conserve Energy*

***Permeable / Pervious Pavement Update & Overview***: April 21, 9-10:30 a.m., Portland Building Auditorium, 1120 SW Fifth. Brett Kesterson, Senior Engineer with the Portland Bureau of Transportation, will provide an overview on the design, construction and monitoring of three types of pervious / permeable pavement installed by Portland in 2005. More background:

<http://www.perviouspavement.org/>

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