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Neighborhood group offers Saltzman solution

By Virginia Bruce

A group of neighbors is so concerned about the state of [upper Saltzman Road](#), south of its intersection with Laidlaw, that they have taken the unusual step of funding their own study of a potential solution. The [Bethany Neighborhood Coalition](#) (BNC) is proposing a technical methodology that could produce a safer, cheaper, and faster way to realign the road.

12 years and no action

As early as 2004, a Washington County Land Use & Transportation Department (LUT) report found, "The existing alignment is substandard in terms of both vertical and horizontal geometry. Sight distance at the current Saltzman/Laidlaw intersection is inadequate and would be very difficult to address. The bridge [over Ward Creek] on Saltzman near Laidlaw is substandard and poses a safety hazard." [Ordinance 626-A](#) called for a study of the situation to be added to the county's Transportation Plan. [\\$6.5 million was set aside to design and build](#) the new alignment, but the study never made it to the top of the county's priority list. The county still doesn't have any firm plans for

tion 2, a straight route that would terminate at Hamel, would be even more expensive, estimated to cost \$15.5 million. Option 1 uses the current alignment of the road, and widens it to three lanes with bike and ped amenities.

In a statement to The News in November 2015, LUT said, "The County's long-term Transportation System Plan calls for an \$11 million realignment/widening project on Saltzman, but there are no immediate plans to widen the road. Other substandard roads with higher traffic counts are higher priority, Commissioners said. Put simply, dedicating \$11 million for the Saltzman project would jeopardize other road improvement projects that may be more critical."

Although Option 3 was labeled "preferred," LUT is now proposing to implement features of Option 1 as an "interim" solution. They are planning to use \$1.2 million from the proposed Transportation Development Tax on Bonny Slope West developers to add a bike lane and a grade-separated sidewalk. It's unclear whether the project would widen the very narrow vehicle



the road, although it is mentioned in the [current Transportation Plan](#).

In November 2013, partly in response to pressure from the neighborhood group, LUT held an open house to introduce [three proposed options](#) (see map on page 5). Option 3 was estimated by the county to cost at least \$11.1 million, and require extensive fill and a bridge across Bronson Creek. Op-

lanes. This will involve the purchase of right-of-way (ROW) from landowners adjacent to the road, and would also undoubtedly require lane closures along Saltzman during the construction.

The County is now working on *MSTIP 3E, the plan to prioritize and fund road projects in the 2019-2020 time period. Saltzman

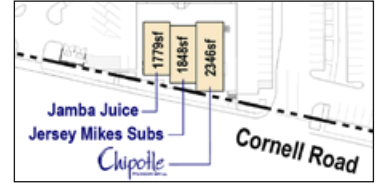
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New Sunset Mall restaurants this spring

Demolition is nearly complete, and the new building, with storefronts right on Cornell, is scheduled to be ready for its new tenants in May. The new businesses will be Jamba Juice, Chipotle, and Jersey Mike's Subs.

No word from mall owner [Kimco Realty Company](#) about whether the Cedar Mill Farmers Market will be able to continue in the lot, but we have heard that some of the organizers are looking for a new location.

Former tenant [Bandito Taco](#) is doing well in its new location in the main part of the mall, next



to the dollar store. In addition to the healthy Mexican food they're famous for, they're also offering Persian food. WanQ Chinese Restaurant moved across Cornell to Cedar Mill Place, and finally opened last spring, after many construction delays.



Street view of the new building

Is BSD planning adequately for growth in our area?

By Virginia Bruce

Since the end of the recession around 2012, housing development in the northern part of Washington County, including Bethany and Cedar Mill, has exploded. Many of us feel we're watching a session of SimCity when we round a corner and see a housing development that wasn't there a few months ago. Final approval for North Bethany master plans allowed building to begin in Summer 2013. Bonny Slope West received approval at the end of 2015. Together these two areas alone will bring nearly 6000 homes to the area. Infill development throughout the area will account for several hundred additional homes, at least.

When the county develops a plan for a new community, such as North Bethany, you might think that they would indicate where the schools should go so that the community could be built around them. Instead, schools have to guess where development will happen *prior* to planning, or wait and buy what's left over at high prices. Property owners are allowed to sell to the highest bidder,

and developers are allowed to maximize their profits by minimizing community space. Because of court decisions in recent years, if land was designated for a school, the owner wouldn't be able to sell for anything else, and it could be considered a "taking," meaning that the jurisdiction was reducing a landowner's potential to profit.

Faulty forecasts?

The Beaverton School District (BSD) is required by Oregon law ([ORS 195.110](#)) to work with its jurisdictions (cities, county) to provide adequate school capacity. The District's latest [Facilities Plan](#), which is used to satisfy this requirement, was issued in 2010, using a [population forecast](#) produced by Portland State University's Population Research Center in 2008 (during the beginning of the recession).

The district updated its population forecast when it went to the voters for the 2014 Bond Measure, but the Facilities Plan has not been updated.

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Cedar Mill Business Roundup

Do you have news or events or know of something that you would like to see covered in the Cedar Mill News? Please write to Virginia Bruce at info@cedarmillnews.com

Business Association plans meeting, elects new board

Tuesday, February 9, noon, Cedar Mill Bible Church Chapel, 12208 NW Cornell Rd.

Michael Chase will explain "GPS Marketing," seven "almost free" DIY digital marketing tools that every small business needs to monitor and take advantage of. Chase explains, "I say almost free because they do take some time for the DIY process and time is money. On the other hand these are all free and available to everyone to use. I have

Sales & Marketing since 1988 and has been working with web design and marketing since 1999.

The Cedar Mill Business Association has been bringing area business people together for many years. They greet 2016 with a new roster of folks ready to lead the group to even better things for the community. The new team is excited and committed to making CMBA the best that it can be this year.

CMBA meets at noon on the second Tuesday monthly. Visit cedarmillbiz.com for more information.



L-R: Joanne Hollister, Mountain Man Nut and Fruit; Brian Houston, Coldwell Banker Seal; Lauren Sinha, Secretary, Coldwell Banker Seal; Rosemary Levesque, Vice-President, Second Nature Healing; Brian Harvey, President, American Family Insurance; Michael Chase, MF Chase. Not pictured: Jodie Loeks, Treasurer, Country Financial.

over 20 years of marketing experience and have watched this process over the last seven years of doing my own marketing on the internet for my small business of website development."

The takeaway from this talk will be a self assessment tool that the audience can use to develop their own strategies for digital marketing. Chase, the founder of mfchase.com, has worked in B2B as well as B2C

Leedy Artisan Market

Saturday February 6, 9 am-2 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman Road

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Second Edition clearance

25% off February 13-15; 50% off February 16-18; 75% off February 19

It's that time of year already! Second Edition is having their twice-yearly sale, clearing everything to the walls. The sale starts Saturday, February 13th and the famous Bag Sale is Saturday, February 20. The whole bag is just \$8! All sales benefit the Cedar Mill Community Library Association.

Celebrate with The Greek!

Saturday, February 27, 5 pm to close, The Greek Village, 301 SW Murray (just south of US 26)

Celebrate 45 years of friends and fun with "The Greek" on Friday, February 27. Owner Irene Pavlatos says, "My father bought the small tavern in 1971, opening the [Greek Village](#) in February. It has since been expanded from its original size and layout. We'd like to invite all of our old and new customers and employees to join us for complimentary food and raffles starting 5pm!"

If you've never visited The Greek, discover it now! And if you have great memories of fun times there, make sure to stop in and see what's new and what is still wonderful about this spot!

Complimentary snacks will be coming out of the kitchen from 5 pm. A free raffle ticket will be given to everyone who comes in, for cool prizes. Live music starts at 8 pm.

Farmers' new sign and new assistant

Joey Laparne, Cedar Mill's Farmer's Insurance Agent, has hired Kristina Craig as Office Manager. She has a customer service background and experience in bookkeeping. Joey says, "Our kids go to Bonny Slope together and she also has kids in Cedar Park and Sunset. Together, we're hoping to get involved in the schools more and spread awareness of the great discount Farmers gives to educators while becoming more involved in the community. To complement her addition the agency, we expanded and remodeled our office." They have also installed a new sign in

front of the building on Murray, just north of Cornell.

Village Gallery

Tuesday-Saturday 10 am-4 pm; Sunday 12-4 pm; 12505 NW Cornell, next to the Cedar Mill Library

Village Gallery is seeking artists for its 7th Annual Art Adoption (formerly Art Challenge). This annual show brings in over 1,000 patrons throughout the month of May. The show features hundreds of 6" x 6" x 1.5" canvases displayed throughout the entire gallery.

Please join us by creating pieces of art to adopt! The show is non-juried and open to all ages. Funds raised through the show help pay for general gallery expenses, like power and heating. For over 50 years, this gallery has run on 100%



Barbara Martin's Art Challenge entry

volunteer power.

Registration forms and rules are available at the gallery and online. For more information email artchallenge@villagegalleryarts.org

Village Gallery is a non-profit, cooperative gallery in operation since 1963. For complete details on all classes please visit www.village-galleryarts.org

Si Señor has a new location!

The Villasenor family is excited to share their news that they have found a great new location nearby, after learning late last year that they'd have to leave the building in the "triangle" center at Saltzman & Cornell.

Their last day in the current location will be February 22. The new location, originally built by the Choban family as Marika's, has seen several businesses come and go, but they are confident that their loyal customers will be happy with

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Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

The Goats are on the way!

Kids in our community read 12,228 hours—more than doubling our goal of 5,000 hours for the “Read for Goats” challenge! Our donor was so impressed, two pairs of goats are being donated to Mercy Corps. A huge thanks to all who participated. Great job!

New York Times access

With your WCCLS library card, you can now get unlimited online access to the New York Times, both inside and outside the library. [Visit the website](#) for more information.

Teen SAT practice

Saturday, February 13, 9 am, Cedar Mill Library

If your teen wants to find out what the redesigned SAT is going to be like, we have a practice test coming up where they can find out. [Sign up here.](#)

Eat Smart Movie Series

Saturday, February 20, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman

“Hanna Ranch” documents Kirk Hanna’s struggle to protect a way of life in Colorado. Born on the family ranch, Hanna became a leader in the environmental ranching movement that set out to protect the West from development and misuse. Hanna was called the “eco-cowboy,” sat on environmental boards and was president of the Colorado Cattleman’s Association. When his dream of sustainability ran up against the reality of family conflict and mounting threats to his land, Hanna struggled to maintain hope.

This film is especially timely, considering recent events in Malheur County. Discussion and garden seed swap follow the film. Film is free, donations accepted.

Leedy Grange and Terra Linda CUE are working with [The Green-horns](#), and have partnered with others, to buy the public presentation rights to their “Up Up! Farm” series (a total of over 15 hours of films). This is the first showing of a film in that series.

Film Club [Everything Went Down](#)

Wednesday, February 24, 6:30 pm

This American film tells the story of a friendship between a professor and a singer. Special guest Emmy-winning filmmaker and author Dustin Morrow will introduce the film and then lead a Q&A after the screening. Morrow is currently a professor at Portland State University, where he teaches courses in film production and theory.



Film Club programs are free, open to the public and are shown in the Cedar Mill Library’s upstairs meeting

room. Selected films may contain objectionable material; therefore Film Club attendance is recommended for adults, aged 18 and over. Coffee, tea and popcorn are provided, and participants are welcome to stay after the film for discussion.

Valentine Day Book Sale

February 6-13, Bethany Branch atrium area

Stop by for our Bethany Valentine’s Day Sale. Gently used love stories and romance novels will be sold at great prices!

School News

By Sydney McRae

Sunset High School:

This year, the annual Cram the Stands basketball game (a fundraiser to raise cancer awareness) is supporting Sam Day, an eighth grader at Cedar Park Middle School. In fourth grade he was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma. Starting February 1, as well as at the games, Cram The Stands T-shirts will be sold at Sunset for \$10 each. All of the proceeds will go towards Sarcoma Cancer research. Attend the women’s game on February 5 at 7:15, and the men’s game on the 12th at 7:15. There will also be catered food trucks at the game, and all of the proceeds will go to the Day Family.

Tuesday, February 23, 7 pm

Sunset High School will be hosting the second event in the “Knowledge Is Power: Drug and Alcohol Education Series,” which is an event to educate families about the realities of drugs and alcohol.

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Slowing development?

The question arises—should Washington County cut back on approving new development because of inadequate school capacity? When the county considers a new development, it sends “Service Provider Letters” (SPLs) to the various agencies such as fire, water, and sheriff. The providers look through the plans and mark a checkbox to indicate they have capacity to serve the new development.

Last December, former CPO 7 Chair and current Washington County Planning Commissioner Mary Manseau wrote to BSD Executive Administrator for Facilities, Richard Steinbrugge, noting,

“ORS 195-110 prohibits a building moratorium based upon lack of school capacity. ORS 195.110 allows a city or county to deny a land use application (different and distinct from a moratorium) based upon lack of school capacity if: 1) the issue is raised by the school district; 2) school capacity is based upon a school facility plan; and 3) the jurisdiction has considered options to address school capacity.

“In September 2016, Springville will no longer have the capacity to serve its intended purpose as a K-8 school. In September 2016, with the relocation of the Summa program, Stoller will not be able to serve all programs assigned to the school.

“Springville, Stoller and Westview are all operating at over 100% capacity. You say that your SPLs are communicating to the county that BSD no longer has adequate capacity to serve new development north of Highway 26. Nevertheless, you are not checking the ‘inadequate capacity’ box on the SPL. Why the disconnect? You are sending a mixed message to Washington County about the available school capacity to serve development. Without directly stating to Washington County staff that your capacity is inadequate to serve additional new development in the north part of the district, the county will be unable to request denial of a land use application based upon lack of capacity.”

When a school district can’t accommodate growth with existing adjacent schools, there are certain “tools” they must consider to provide additional capacity, mandated by both state law and county code. These include double shifts, portable classrooms, and bussing students to underutilized facilities elsewhere in the district. Because BSD is using many of these tools, it is able to assert that it can provide for the education of students in new development.

Until recently, BSD has been interpreting “capacity,” when submitting SPLs, as district-wide capacity, but the county is interested in local capacity. This reinterpretation is leading to questions.

Andrew Singelakis, Washington County Director of Land Use and

He continues, “Since these tools are employed, we feel that we have no basis to deny subdivision applications based on school capacity issues. To do so would invite developer appeals, which we believe we would lose if we did deny. BSD did have language in previous service provider letters that talked about these tools and how they can be used to mitigate shorter-term capacity issues in individual schools. LUT is concerned that taking this language out could invite appeals of subdivisions by neighbors. BSD has not asked the county to deny subdivision applications.”

Coordination issues

Another issue that seems to be affecting the ability for BSD to accommodate growth is a potential lack of coordination among

School funding

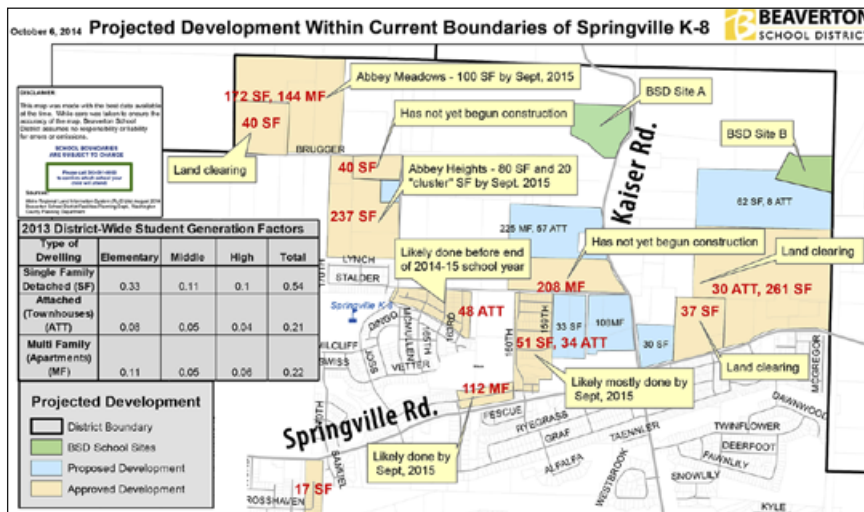
Voters passed a Bond Measure in 2014 that raised \$680 million for capital projects, which included modernization and repair (55%), additional capacity (35%), and technology upgrades (10%). The total for additional capacity comes to around \$238 million. The new middle school in Timberland will cost about \$52 million, but won’t be available to increase capacity until 2020, when it finishes being a temporary location for other school populations while their schools are being rebuilt. The new high school at the southern border of the district will cost around \$109 million. \$3 million was allocated for land acquisition for a new elementary school. \$25 million will be used to build the Kaiser Road K-5. The remaining money is earmarked

for contingencies. In addition, since 2007, schools in Oregon may collect a Construction Excise Tax (CET) on new building in the district. The current state maximum is \$1.20 per square foot on residential structures, and \$0.60 on non-residential uses. Beaverton collects the maximum for both types.

Many people who are concerned about school capacity in the northern part of the district find it troubling that the CET funds that result from new construction are not being used to buy land or build schools, but instead are being used to service *debt incurred for other projects in the district. Although it is apparently a legal use of the funds, they wonder if this is the best use of CET funds. Some would prefer to see some of that money set aside to deal with the school population growth that generates the funds.

Crowded classrooms, playing fields filled with portables, divided neighborhoods, students spending time on long bus rides that clog the roads and contribute to greenhouse gases—we can only hope that BSD is able to catch up to development before these troubles get worse.

*The Full Faith and Credit Obligation (FFCO) issued in 2009 paid for portions of the following: ACMA Auditorium, Health Sciences Option School remodel, Transportation Service Center, and bus particulate filters. The FFCO payments have been funded with a combination of General Fund and CET resources.



Graphic adapted from “New Housing Developments” document, 9/23/2014, produced as part of the packet for the decision process for the Springville K-8 - Stoller Middle School Overcrowding Solutions.

Transportation, wrote to Ron Porterfield, BSD Deputy Superintendent, around the same time, that, “Without better guidance from the District, we believe these land use applications (Bethany Creek Park and Arbor Bonny Slope West) are likely to be appealed. The application could be appealed by residents if we approve in light of the SPLs. The application could be appealed by developers if we deny the applications based on school capacity.”

Singelakis now states, however, that, “BSD’s bond program to build and improve schools is a proactive way to address growth in the County, which will address system-wide capacity issues. Our Community Development Code and state law describes a series of tools that school districts can use to address over-crowding in individual schools, which the district employs.”

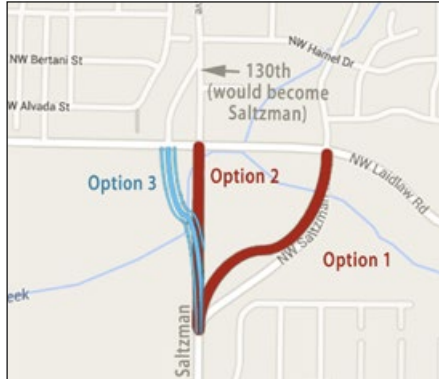
the various service districts that provide urban services to the unincorporated areas. For example, BSD acquired two parcels of land north of Springville, in an area that is filling quickly with houses. Plans to build a K-8 school at the site closer to homes currently under development had to be abandoned because Clean Water Services (CWS) doesn’t have sewer capacity to serve that parcel. A K-5 school will be built at another north Bethany site, currently isolated from new development. That site also poses problems in delivering utilities.

Singelakis says, “We have been meeting with CWS and BSD regularly, primarily about the elementary school in Bethany. However, other issues do come up in these meetings. LUT and the District have been discussing ways to expand upon this coordination.”

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(Laidlaw to Bayonne) is included in the "potential" list with "Full improvement of existing alignment, including wider travel lanes, bike lanes, separated sidewalks." So even if it makes the cut, competing with road projects countywide, nothing significant would be done for

Their proposal would leave the current alignment as a bicycle/pedestrian-only route. It would remain open to vehicles until the new structure is complete. A pre-fabricated, ODOT-compliant bridge would be created to cross Bronson Creek. An innovative bridge construction and soil-treatment method ([Geosynthetic Reinforced Soil-Integrated Bridge System](#)) is proposed to stabilize the swampy ground that portions of the road would need to cross. Once construction begins, it would take months instead of years.



The group claims that up to 60% of the needed funding is already available. They call on the County Board of Commissioners (BCC) to ask for an evaluation of the feasibility of the BNC suggested alternative.

another six or seven years, given the time to plan, design, and build a project. And that is talking about Option 1, the less-preferred option.

A better idea

The neighborhood group BNC has hired, at their own expense, two traffic engineers to help them find a better solution to the problem. Asif Rahman, who lives on Saltzman, is the group's president and spokesman. He has prepared a [PowerPoint presentation](#) to explain both the financial and technical aspects of the proposal, which would cost between \$5.9 and \$8.1 million, following the Option 3 alignment but using more modern building techniques.

There is understandable resistance from LUT management, since it is usually their job to propose engineering solutions. However, given the low likelihood of full funding for the county's proposed "ultimate solution," it is probably worth a closer look.

BNC has created a new [Change.org](#) petition asking the BCC to consider their proposal. Sign on if you agree that it's time to take a new look at a solution for Saltzman.

*MSTIP: Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program

Washington County Forum Schedule

Mondays at 11:30 am, September through June, (except holidays), Peppermill Restaurant, 17455 SW Farmington Rd. in Aloha

There is no charge for the meetings! The speakers start at noon and lunch is available to order from the menu. Following the speaker, there will be an opportunity for Forum members to ask questions.

Monday February 8: Joanne Krumberger, Portland Veterans Administration: "A look at the local VA Healthcare system"

- Monday February 15: Mark Katches, Editor, Oregonian/OregonLive, VP of Content, Oregonian Media Group: "What's happened, what's happening with our newspaper?"
- Monday February 22: Anette M. Evans, Washington County,

Department of Housing Services: "Homelessness Programs"

- Monday February 29: Jake Weigher, Oregon Alliance for Gun Safety: "The Gun Issue-What can we do?"
- Monday March 7: Ben Unger, Our Oregon: "Corporate Tax Ballot Measure"

2016 Soil School: Have you got good dirt?

April 16, PCC Rock Creek

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Touchmark in the West Hills

In 2006, Touchmark LLC announced their proposed senior-living development in the Cedar Mill area, northeast of the intersection of Barnes Road and Leahy. The original 53-acre Planned Development was expanded to 76 acres by the addition of 24 acres on the southwest corner. The entire development would provide about 786 dwelling units, including a group-care community, a 75-unit mid-rise building, four-level lodges over garages, seven nine-story condo buildings, garden homes, three-story residential buildings, and resident facilities including a recreation center, dining and shopping facilities, and guest units. Bruce Dalrymple, the Development Manager for the project, died of cancer in 2008. And then the “Great Recession” hit and development in all sectors slowed drastically.

This center will include a pool and spa, clubroom, exercise rooms, trainers, classes, and more.

The Clubhouse will offer restaurant-style dining with terrace seating on the top floor, a bistro, liquor lounge, craft room, home theater/chapel, rooftop terrace with westerly views, library, and other features and services.

Building 2 will also include amenities in close proximity to residents and those will be specific to each licensed-care option.

A majority of the overall site (including the eastern segment)



rethink the projects. We held focus groups with prospective residents, and talked with a wide range of groups. As a result, we decided to first build a retirement community similar to our award-winning community in Bend.”

The second project, on the eastern half of the property, is still in the planning stage. Washington County has approved the Master Plan for the entire buildout, with an extension approved last year that expires in July, 2017.

Touchmark LLC develops, owns, and operates retirement communities in nine states and one Canadian province. Headquartered in Beaverton, it was founded in 1980 by CEO Werner Nistler, and is one of Oregon’s top 150 privately-held companies.

Now, after several plan revisions, work is beginning on Touchmark in the West Hills, a 14-acre development that will be accessed from an entrance on Leahy Road just north of Barnes. The company is currently working on site preparation, and construction will be under way this year with completion expected in 2017.

The community will include single-family cottages, garden homes, and independent apartment homes as well as licensed-care homes. There will be two large buildings on the site. Building 1 will be five stories

with 126 independent apartment homes and four guest homes split into two wings. Building 2 will be six stories and include 138 homes (34 memory care homes, 32 supportive living homes, 69 assisted living homes, and three guest rooms). Licensed care will be provided in all Building 2 homes.

Amenities for residents living independently will be grouped in the 40,000-square-foot Clubhouse and Health & Fitness Center, located close to residents in Building 1 between the two home wings.



This was the conceptual site plan published in 2013. The current development is in the darker-green area.

will remain as open space, and will include a greenhouse, garden plots, sports courts (eg, bocce ball), courtyards, roof terrace, plazas, and water features. It will support dedicated vineyards and a winery producing pinot noir, extensive walking trails, and lakes.

Jan Bellis-Squires, Public Relations Director for Touchmark, says, “There have been a couple of reasons we delayed construction on the site. The primary reason was the economy and the Great Recession. We also took that time, though, to

CPO 1 features Sheriff information

Tuesday, February 22, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman

Sheriff Pat Garrett will join us for a discussion, including a short history of the Washington County Sheriff’s Office, it’s organization, duties and budget. We’ll also hear about how urban policing is being integrated into the Office and how that may evolve in the future.

Sheriff Garrett is up for reelection on the May 2016 ballot and will discuss his campaign. Additionally, we will find out about the 911 levy, also on the May ballot.

CPO meetings are open to everyone. The mission of Citizen Participation Organizations in Washington County is to encourage and empower public involvement. Sign up online to receive the CPO 1 Newsletter and to become a voting member.

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Make your Yard a Haven for Early Nesting Birds

By Gaylen Beatty, Backyard Habitat Program Manager, [Columbia Land Trust](#)

Early nesters, like hawks, owls and hummingbirds, will start selecting their mates and constructing nests in just a few weeks! They will be followed shortly thereafter by songbirds like sparrows and juncos.

Here are a few simple steps to make your yard a safe place for nesting birds:

1. Develop a plan to limit your cat's time outside. This is perhaps the single most important thing you can do for wildlife this nesting season. Try supervised time outside (let kitty out while you garden). At the very least, keep cats inside during morning and evening times when birds are most active.



Photo credit: Jim Cruz

2. Avoid heavy pruning and brush removal during spring nesting. Timing is everything—perhaps that blackberry patch can act as nesting habitat for one more spring before replacing it with a native thicket or hedge next fall.
3. Ease up on clean-up and allow several weeks of warmer temperatures before cutting back last year's growth on your native plants. Hundreds of species of arthropods, like insects and arachnids, are overwintering in last year's dead growth. By postponing clean-up, they can complete crucial parts of their life cycle and, in turn, attract and support baby birds.
4. Stagger clean-up activities to maintain some areas of wilderness at all times.

Sunset High announces new Engineering (CTE) Career Pathway

Aided by a \$325,642 CTE Revitalization Grant and seven industry partners, Sunset will begin work immediately on an exciting new opportunity. Adding to their current CTE Career Pathways in Business and Marketing, and Computer Science, their new Engineering Pathway will expose and prepare students for the varied fields within engineering which are some of the fastest growing, highest paid, and most in-demand jobs in our economy. Colleges and industry alike are starving for more engineering students. Whether it's high school to industry or high school to college, the Engineering Pathway will equip students to be successful in this high-demand field.

Historically, Sunset students from underperforming demographics have a 20% higher graduation rate when they take at least one course in technology. The Engineering Pathway will significantly expand our offerings and move us further toward our school-wide goal of 90% graduation for ALL students.

How can you help?

Sunset has begun the search for a new engineering teacher to begin planning this summer and teaching next fall. If you know of any retired engineers, or engineers looking to transition into the field of education, please let them know. Engineering classes in their pathway will be hands-on, problem solving focused, and project based.

Sunset gives a special thanks to Jason Galbraith and Catherine Geer, who spearheaded their grant proposal and made their newest pathway a reality, along with their industry partners: Tosoh Quartz, Sunset Manufacturing, Inc., Vernier Software and Technology, Intel Corporation, Daimler Trucks North America LLC, Portland Community College, and Nike.

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Cornell Road upgrades planned

The busy intersection of Cornell Road and 107th Avenue is currently offset and not signalized. This project will realign the intersection and install a traffic signal, which will include dedicated left turn lanes on Cornell Road for travelers turning north or south onto 107th Avenue.

As part of this project, continuous bicycle and pedestrian facilities will also be extended along Cornell Road from 107th to 102nd. Additional improvements include street lighting, storm drainage upgrades and landscaping. Project limits are subject to change upon further design review.

This \$3.85 million project is funded through a combination of sources including the County's Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP) and state funds. The total project cost includes the estimated cost of design, right-of-way and construction and is subject to change.



This project is currently in the preliminary design phase. Surveyors and other crews will be on site gathering data in order to initiate design. Construction is anticipated to begin spring 2017. Estimated completion date is May 2018.

2016 Soil School: Have you got good dirt?

April 16, PCC Rock Creek

Soil School is a day packed full of information for small farmers, landscapers, gardeners, grounds managers and anyone else who wants to improve the health of their soil! For more information on the event, price and registration process, contact tualatinswcd@gmail.com or [visit the website.](#)

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It might be raining cats and dogs, but water conservation still matters

By Jen Nelson Sneed, Tualatin Soil & Water Conservation District

By now, it's official: the rain is back. Oregon Water Resources Department reports that as of January 4, statewide streams are flowing at 65% of average. We know by observation that here in the Tualatin Valley, some of our streams are flowing above average (indeed, above bankfull) in this consistent rainfall.

But we aren't entirely out of the woods yet. The reservoir at Hagg Lake is about 70% full right now, boding well for summer water supply. That is good because many users rely on this water to irrigate crops and provide for use in cities.

This year's El Nino should be particularly strong though, on par with that of 1982-1983 and 1997-1998, according to the Climate Impact Research Consortium. They indicate there is a lot of uncertainty about how the weather will perform this winter—it is still possible the weather will dry up sooner than usual despite the rainfall now. And the chances for a long dry summer are always a concern.

Here are three tips for indoor water conservation that make good sense in any year, wet or dry:

Fix it. Being lazy about leaks can really cost you. Don't be fooled—you won't hear every leaking toilet, and a dripping sink can soon fade into background noise. Even small leaks add up to big waste. Seek them out on a regular basis and address them quickly.

Shut it off. We all know we can save water by turning off the tap while we brush our teeth (on average, five gallons every day). Save even more by turning the tap off whenever you can. Water misers can scrub dishes with the tap off, turning it on only to rinse. Prep for the dishwasher by dry scraping

dishes before loading and wiping with damp cloth where needed.

Upgrade it. Older appliance and plumbing fixtures just don't measure up to newer, ultra low flow designs. That can be especially true if your older fixtures and appliances are losing efficiency or leaking. Consider obvious water-hogs like toilets, washing machines and dishwashers, as well as more obscure things like garbage disposals (the longer they run, the more water used).



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Here are two great local

resources online for even more tips and tricks:

- [Joint Water Commission](#)
- [Tualatin Valley Water District](#)

Car Seat Clinic

Saturday February 27, 10 am-12:30 pm, St. Vincent Hospital in the east parking structure.

How well is your child's safety seat installed? Correctly used child safety seats can reduce the risk of death by as much as 71%. To help parents and caregivers make sure their seats are properly installed, your Sheriff's Office will be sponsoring a car seat clinic. Deputies and Sheriff's Office personnel who are certified child passenger safety technicians will help you with your seats, and answer questions about safety in the car. Each seat takes approximately 20 minutes. Please read your car safety seat manual prior to the clinic!

Hoffman Gallery and Shop@OCAC closed for renovation.

We at Oregon College of Art & Craft are grateful to the Ford Family Foundation and Reser Foundation for their generous grants to renovate and improve the Hoffman Gallery. The gallery and the Shop will be closed during the renovation. We hope to be welcoming you back to enjoy the improvements in late February.

Thai Lily

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Awesome Hour

Tuesday, February 16, 7-8 pm,
Market of Choice, 250 NW Lost
Springs Terrace, Cedar Mill

The official "office hour" of the Awesome Beaverton & Beyond Chapter of the Awesome Foundation is moving to a new location. Interested in applying for a grant? Meet the Trustees, network with other "doers of good" in your community, and congratulate the winter \$1000 Awesome Grant winner: Jolene Guptill, founder of the new Beaverton Social Justice League and her Beaverton Sleep Out / Shelter Us Beaverton Project

Learn how YOU can help their project be realized! You can even come early, from 6-7 pm, and attend the free Awesome Proposal Workshop to get help organizing YOUR idea into an Awesome proposal. For more information, [visit our website](#).

Cultural Open House for Creative Minds!

Tuesday February 16, 7 pm,
Museum Archives & Administration
Center, PCC Rock Creek Campus,
free with RSVP

The Washington County Museum and the Westside Cultural Alliance are partnering to expand the cultural activities in the region. They are developing series of exhibitions and programs for the Museum's Rock Creek PCC facility. Artists, musicians, thespians, writers and other creative minds are invited to attend the Open House to learn more about participating in cultural opportunities at the museum: think exhibits, concerts and readings.

Tour the museum's renovated Rock Creek facility. Snacks and beverages provided. To discover more and RSVP, visit [the event page](#).

Flower Show School

March 29-31, Christ United
Methodist Church, 12755 NW
Dogwood Street

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Flower Show School, Course IV will be held in Cedar Mill this year. Register now as the class will fill up quickly. Program highlights include:

March 29: Horticulture Instructor will be David Robson, Illinois. Bulbs, Collections & Displays. Snow Drops (Galanthus) and Heucheras as well.

The Design Instructor will be Charlene Mutschler, Oregon. Functional and Exhibitional Table Designs- Petite, Miniature and Small Designs

Lunch and snacks will be provided each day! There will be a course fee, with testing on March 31 if you wish to become a judge. One day of classes is \$55, two days is \$115. The exam fee for testing is included in the total cost. However, you do not have to test, come to learn! Master Gardeners can earn their credits during this course.

To contact the Registrar, call Phyllis Olson at 541-467-2601 or the Chairwoman, Garnet Ascher at 503-292-4460.

Master Gardener Classes

Free pruning demonstration
February 13, 9 am-12 pm, 3850 S.W.
Minter Bridge Road in Hillsboro

The Oregon State University Extension Washington County Master Gardener Association is hosting this demonstration in collaboration with the Tualatin Valley Garden Club. Rain or shine! Learn to prune cane berries, grapes, ornamental shrubs, fruit trees, ornamental trees, and roses. Demonstrations by experienced volunteers and professional tree pruner Bill Stone. Learn about tool care and bring two tools to be sharpened. There is no sign-up necessary!

Rose Pruning & Care

Wednesday, February 17, 9:30 am,
Demonstration Garden, Washington
County Fair Complex NE 28th Ave,
Hillsboro

You will learn how to prune and care for roses and then demonstrate your knowledge by pruning the 32 roses at the demonstration garden under the tutelage of someone who has been doing this since he was six years old. If years of enthusiastic devotion to roses equates to knowledge gained,

Rich Baer is definitely an expert. He has been President of the Portland Rose Society twice and has been writing the PRS newsletter, the Chatter, for 25 years. He also has degrees in botany, plant physiology and plant pathology and is terrific at answering all types of botanical questions. Attendees are encouraged to bring your own pruners and gloves.

Growing Blueberries

Thursday, February 25, 10-11 am,
Learning Garden at Jenkins Estate,
8005 SW Grabhorn, Beaverton

The OSU Extension Washington County Master Gardener Association invites the public to learn about growing blueberries. Who doesn't love blueberries? Join Master Gardener Cindy Muir to learn

about plant selection, soil preparation, pruning timing and techniques, bird protection, and more.

TriMet Fast Pass feedback

TriMet is making updates to their fare policy to pave the way for Hop Fastpass, their upcoming electronic fare system, and they want to make sure the process works for everyone. They held a public hearing about these updates on January 27 and they are accepting feedback online, by phone and by mail until February 16. [Visit the website](#) to learn more, and click the "Share your feedback" link to voice your opinions.

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Business News, continued from page 2 the new larger space. They'll open a full bar in addition to offering



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We have heard that the new tenant of their old building will be Laughing Planet, but we haven't had a confirmation of that.

Why get a Safe Deposit Box?

Safe deposit boxes are a smart way to save your important documents and heirlooms. If you're con-

sidering renting a safe deposit box to keep your valuables or important documents, here are a few things to consider.

It's important to make sure you can access your safe deposit box for things you may need to get before a trip or on a moment's notice. Items that take a longer time to replace such as a birth certificate or family records definitely belong in a safe deposit box.

Make sure you remember to add family members to your safe deposit box access—if you're out of town and someone in your immediate family needs to gain access to a document that is stored in the box, the financial institution needs to know that your significant other or children are allowed to view or remove items.

Here's a short list of things to

keep in your safe deposit box:

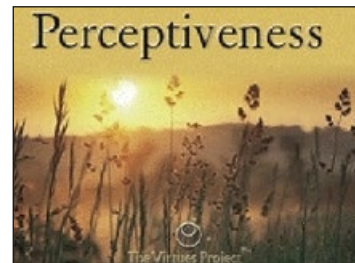
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- A copy of your health information (vaccinations, hospitalization records)
- Any deeds, titles, or title insurance to your home or vacation property, automobile
- A videotape/DVD of all valuables in your home
- A copy of home improvement receipts
- Coins, jewelry or other family heirlooms
- A copy of original stock certificates and U.S. Savings Bonds
- Will/trust and Power of Attorney Documents

*NOTE: Be sure to let a family member or attorney know where these documents are stored in case of emergency!

If you're interested in a safe deposit box, call 503-643-1335, or stop by [Sunset Credit Union](#) at 1100 NW Murray Blvd., #200.

Virtue of the month: Perceptiveness

"Only in quiet waters do things mirror themselves undistorted. Only in a quiet mind is adequate perception of the world." Hans Margolius.



"Perceptiveness is clarity of insight. It is being observant of what is beneath the surface, and looking for deeper meaning. When we are perceptive, our understanding is intuitive and discerning. We slow down into awareness."

The practice of Perceptiveness: I strive to have accurate insights. I observe carefully. I cultivate awareness. I nurture my intuition. I am thoughtful of the need of others. I seek to see others fully and fairly.

Affirmation: I am thankful for the gift of Perceptiveness. It helps me to see what is real.

Virtues Reflection Cards , Linda Kavelin Popov [www.virtuesproject.com](#)

For more information about the Virtues Project, or to sponsor a workshop for your family, school or organization, contact Delaram Adyani at www.virtuesconnection-portland.com 503-267-0202 .

eWIC Makes it Easier for Families to Get Healthful Food

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) programs of Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties are launching a new method for families to get WIC foods. "eWIC" provides families with EBT (electronic benefit transaction) cards, replacing the paper vouchers currently used to get WIC-approved foods such as milk, eggs, produce and baby food.

"The benefits of eWIC will be significant," says Washington County WIC Supervisor Tiare Sanna. "It will greatly improve WIC participants' shopping experience and their ability to track their monthly food balance. It will be quicker and easier for stores and cashiers, and, finally, it will allow the WIC program as a whole to better track shopping trends and should help increase program efficiency."

Participants can also download a new WICshopper smart phone app that allows them to scan an item's bar code to determine if it is a WIC-allowed food. In 2014, approximately 200 participating grocery stores across the three counties took in more than \$21 million from WIC shoppers.

WIC is one of the most successful, cost-effective and important nutrition intervention programs. In addition to helping families get healthful food, WIC also offers nutrition education classes and breastfeeding support, including peer support groups for moms and their babies. WIC provides services at 14 locations throughout the tri-county area, serving more than 55,000 low-income pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women and their infants and children up to five years old.

Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington County WIC programs all have openings for participants. For eligibility requirements or other information, contact your WIC office directly at 503-846-3555 or wic@co.washington.or.us. Washington County WIC (three locations) starts using eWIC on February 8.

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Listen To Your Heart

February is American Heart Month, a time to learn about your risks for cardiovascular disease, and how to stay “heart healthy” for yourself and your loved ones.

Know the signs

Unlike cardiac arrest that strikes suddenly and includes a loss of consciousness, a heart attack can develop slow enough that you are not aware you are having a medical emergency. Symptoms typically include:

- Chest discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes or goes away and returns. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness, or pain.
- Upper body discomfort, such as pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
- Shortness of breath before, during, or after other discomforts.
- Other signs include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea, or lightheadedness.

Call 911 immediately! Don't delay. The heart is a muscle. It can deteriorate with each passing minute you delay medical treatment. Don't ignore your symptoms, and don't drive yourself to the hospital. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVFR) crews often hear heart attack patients say, “I wasn't sure it was a heart attack,” or “I didn't want to bother anyone.”

Remember, TVFR is here for you. Their highly trained firefighter paramedics can diagnose a heart attack and start treatment right away. Crews can also relay your EKG information to the hospital, enabling its staff to activate special heart teams and prepare for your arrival. Visit www.tvfr.com to learn more.

Viva Village Sponsors Help Session on Emergency Planning for Seniors

February 27, 1:30-3:30 pm, Room A of the Beaverton City Library, 12375 SW 5th St.

Disaster Readiness 101: Emergency Planning for Seniors, led by Claudia Steiner-Fricker, a volunteer outreach team leader for the Beaverton Emergency Management Department, will provide specific information on how older households can best prepare for environmental and other hazards that have the potential to overwhelm 911 services in our area. Attendees will

receive a free emergency blanket and handout materials with comprehensive instructions for developing a readiness plan. There will be ample time for questions. To RSVP, email VivaVillageOR@gmail.com, or call 503-841-2357.

The public is also invited to attend these other Viva Village February events:

Village 101: Introduction to Viva Village and the Village Concept on Saturday, February 13, 10:30 am-12 pm, Beaverton City Library

Learn about this affordable way older adults in the Beaverton area can remain in their own homes as they age, rather than move to senior living facilities. RSVP: VivaVillageOR@gmail.com, or call 503-312-7675.

Viva Village Social Time on Thursday, February 18, 6-8 pm, Giovanni's Restaurant, Corner of Hall and Broadway. RSVP: VivaVillageOR@gmail.com, or call 503-644-7417

Monthly Trail Walk on Saturday, February 20, 1-2 pm, Dawson Creek Lakes, Hillsboro.

Wheelchair and walker accessible. For more information see vivavillage.org/calendar. RSVP at VivaVillageOR@gmail.com, Attn: Bonnie Barksdale.

Beaverton Police Shredding

Saturday, February 27, 10 am-1 pm, Sunset Presbyterian Church, 14986 NW Cornell Rd.

The Beaverton Police Department has a free shredding event! Identity theft and fraud crimes continue to be of great concern for all of us. One of the methods identity thieves use to steal your information is combing through recycling and garbage for sensitive information that has been thrown away.

For this reason, the Beaverton Police Department recommends and encourages citizens to use a shredder (preferably cross-cut) for sensitive documents, such as credit card statements, financial statements, pre-approved credit card offers, old IRS tax forms, bank checks, household bills, and other documents that may contain sensitive information.

Shred-it will be on site with two commercial-sized shredding trucks for this event. Items no larger than staples and paper clips may be attached to the papers. Because of the popularity of this event each vehicle will only be allowed to shred *three banker style boxes* of documents.

This event is not for business documents. It is for personal documents only that contain personal information that if thrown out could lead to identity theft. Participants are encouraged to donate canned food to the Oregon Food Bank at the shredding event. Volunteers will be on site to accept these food donations.

Please do not contact Sunset Presbyterian Church with questions about this shredding event. All information related to this event is posted on the [Beaverton Police Department's web page](#) and Facebook page.

Auditions for “Around the World in 80 Days”

Saturday February 6, 11 am –1 pm and Sunday February 7, 2 pm-4 pm, Beaverton City Library Auditorium 12375 SW 5th Street, Beaverton

The Beaverton Civic Theatre will hold open auditions for the second show of it's 2016 Season, Mark Brown's “Around the World in 80 Days”. They are looking men and women of varied ages who want to exercise their comedic skills and ability to do accents as the theatre travels “around the world”.

A cast of 8 will lead them through multiple roles in a witty, quick-paced and rollicking farce. Come join in the fun!

No appointment is necessary. Plan to arrive at the beginning of auditions and plan to stay the entire time. There will be cold readings. Callbacks are the evening of Tuesday, February 9. Performances are April 29-May 14, 2016, Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 pm and Sundays at 2 pm.

For more questions, contact the Beaverton Civic Theatre at info@beavertoncivictheatre.org or 503-754-9866.

Israeli folk dancing at Leedy Grange!

Monday February 15, 7-9 pm, Leedy Grange, 835 NW Saltzman Rd.

Learn and enjoy beginning and intermediate level dances brought to you by Sue and Friends the third Monday of each month for just \$6 at the door. 7- 8 pm will entail beginner dances and moving into the 8-9 pm hour will be intermediate dances. For details please visit Portland Israeli Folk Dance News at sites.google.com/site/pifdnews, or email Sue at pifdnews@gmail.com.

Abe Lincoln visits Beaverton history group

Tuesday, February 9, 7 pm, Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd.

The Beaverton Historical Society presents Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by Steven Holgate. Steve Holgate has been portraying Abraham Lincoln onstage, in classrooms and in other public venues for sixteen years. He has performed before audiences on the West Coast and Washington, DC, as well as in Mexico, Bahrain and Sri Lanka.

“I think it's important for Americans to have a real understanding of who Lincoln was and what he did,” Holgate says. “He wasn't a statue or a saint, but a man who struggled as any of us does to



find meaning in his life and work. His ability to transcend his limitations, evolve a vision for the country and unite the nation behind that vision is what makes him perhaps our most

inspiring figure.”

Donations are welcome at the event! For more information visit us www.historicbeaverton.org or call 503-430-0106 or email info@historicbeaverton.org.

Keep it clean in 2016

Clean Water Services says, “It's a new year and another opportunity to make some changes at home—inside and out.”

- Put all types of wipes in the trash, not the toilet.
- Find ways to save water.
- Pick up after pets and throw waste in the trash.
- Freeze the grease instead of clogging pipes by dumping it down your drain.
- Safely dispose of expired medications.
- Recycle paint instead of throwing it away.
- Get bills electronically to save paper.
- Put yard debris into your yard waste bin or compost to prevent neighborhood flooding.
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