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## Featured Business

### Dean Shade Law

By Virginia Bruce

Many people think of Cedar Mill as a small town. And Dean Shade is our community lawyer. He handles primarily Family Law and Estate Planning from his office on Cornell opposite Sunset High, and he and his family have lived in Terra Linda since 1989.

He didn't start out to be a lawyer at all. He grew up in Oxnard, California and helped his dad in the family junkyard, driving tow trucks and using wrenches to take stuff apart. After graduating from UC Berkeley in 1974 with a degree

*Next Meeting*

**Cedar Mill Business Association**  
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Topic: Making It Easy for Prospects to Find Your Business on the Web  
 Speaker: Tim Kober, CFP

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After getting his law degree in 1980, he went back to Alaska for one more summer of fishing, and then returned to Portland, passed the bar exam, and began practicing. From the beginning he has maintained his own practice, at first sharing office space with other lawyers in a couple of east side locations and living on Sauvie Island.



Dean Shade enjoys the view of Terra Linda from his office

in Business Administration, he did a U-turn and went to work on offshore oil rigs, doing "wire line work" that involved putting electrical and perforating tools into the bore holes.

He later worked in the Alaska fishing industry. He fished for halibut and salmon, and captained a tender, the Georgia Straits, collecting salmon from his set-net fishermen and transporting them across Cook inlet to the processing plant at the Kenai River. He became interested in environmental issues, and came to Lewis & Clark in 1977 to study Environmental Law. He wasn't sure he wanted to be a lawyer, but he figured it would be a great education.

He married his wife Sue in 1989. She grew up on Bonny Slope and loved the area, so they bought a house in Terra Linda. All their three children attended local schools. His youngest daughter Emily is now a junior at Sunset. Molly is a freshman at Pacific Lutheran College in Tacoma, and son Billy works for the Beaverton School District, as does Sue, a specialist who works on resource conservation.

In 1999 he moved his office to its present location on the second floor at 31765 NE Cornell Road, which includes a reception area and a conference room. He shares the space with Tom Ormiston, owner of Viking Foils, Inc., who designs blades and other tools for the paper

storming session to share "secret" paths and trails, and to identify routes that people would like to use if connections could be made. The idea really took off, and one CPO member, Erik Mace, set up an interactive Google Map that lets us all collaborate in sharing information ([tinyurl.com/cpo1map](http://tinyurl.com/cpo1map)). (You need to have a free Google Mail account to add comments and trails to the map, but anyone can view it.)

Several CPO members signed up at the December meeting to form a subcommittee that will explore our options to make these connections a reality. At our first meeting on January 28, we chose a leadership team and settled on a few projects

### Tough times hit home

Plans for the West Village shopping center on Barnes Road have fallen victim to the global recession, according to Polygon VP Fred Gast. "We're continuing to work on finding tenants for the project," said Gast. "But retailers are pulling back all over the country and they're just not ready to commit to our center."

Even the assisted living facility that was to have been built by Aegis is on hold for the time being. Gast notes, "We have the land ready for them, but they've decided to hold off on building the facility for the time being. We're not sure when it will resume."

Big Al's, the bowling and entertainment center that was going to be the anchor of the center, decided instead to locate in the south end

of Beaverton at Progress Ridge, joining New Seasons Market and Cinetopia, a luxury theater.

Several of the largest businesses in Cedar Mill are facing losses or declining profits, including ESI which has announced additional layoffs, and Columbia Sportswear which has shelved plans for retail expansions.

Business is slow for local retailers, although most continue to be optimistic in the long run. Most of us still have our jobs, and if we're not as anxious to spend everything we make, maybe that's not such a bad thing. Advisors tell us we should be saving from 10-20% of our income to maintain a healthy economy. And remember, when you do buy, shop locally and keep your dollars in our local economy!

### Connecting our neighborhoods

Cedar Mill neighborhoods were mostly constructed during the sixties, seventies and eighties, when the general philosophy was to prevent circulation from one neighborhood to another to keep traffic volumes low on local streets. Sidewalks and other pedestrian facilities weren't a priority—after all, gas was cheap and everyone had cars.

Now we're facing Peak Oil and global climate change, and we realize that walking is great exercise too. But we're still stuck with poor pedestrian facilities and a lack of connections between neighborhoods and with our commercial areas.

At the September meeting of Citizens' Participation Organization 1 (CPO1) we held a brain-

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# Cedar Mill Business Association Member News

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 [vrb@teamweb.com](mailto:vrb@teamweb.com)

## Village Gallery News

The February juried group show will feature Sunny Allen Smith and her latest series of abstract figurative works in watercolor on YUPO paper. Because YUPO is plastic, using it presents both opportunities (easy to erase or remove pigment) and challenges (difficult to build up strong values and glaze or layer pigments and too easily erasable). Sunny has mastered the technique for painting on YUPO.



*My Turn, by Sunny Allen Smith*

The all media show opens February 3rd through February 28th. The gallery is located next to the library, and is open Tuesday through Saturday – 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday 12-4 pm.

February gallery classes, which are open to the public, include children's Saturday afternoon multicultural art classes, Kids Mask Makers, and a Comics, Cartoons and Zines class. Adult classes range from Basic Drawing to Watercolor and Journal Making.

For more information, stop by

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the gallery or phone them at (503) 644-8001 or visit their website: [www.villagegalleryarts.org](http://www.villagegalleryarts.org)

## Two national surveys find small-business owners optimistic

Tim Kimble, The UPS Store, says the results of two nationwide surveys sponsored by UPS show America's entrepreneurial spirit is alive and well.

In the first survey, conducted between September and October of last year, 91% of small-business owners or managers said they expect their company to be in the same or better financial shape in a year than it is today. A follow-up survey, conducted in mid-December, after economic conditions worsened, showed only a small decline in the

first survey's optimism, with 86% of small-businesses owners expecting their company to be in the same or better financial shape in one year.

"Small-business owners have an innate optimism and resilience," said The UPS Store owner Tim Kimble. "We witness that spirit and determination in our customers every day. And as small-business owners ourselves, there's a strong sense of identification."

Importantly, this optimism is rooted in realism as small-business owners surveyed do not project a speedy economic recovery. In the first survey, almost half (47%) of small-business owners said they believe that the U.S. economy will begin to improve in 2010 or later. That number climbed to 67% in the December survey.

"Small businesses are a critical component of the economy and often cited as the engine of economic growth," said Tim Kimble. Additional information on the research can be found at [www.ups.com](http://www.ups.com).

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For additional information about our store, please visit [www.theupstore.com/3379.htm](http://www.theupstore.com/3379.htm).

## New preschool at St. Pius X

St. Pius X Parish is proud to announce that we are partnering with Morning Star Child Care Inc to offer a preschool and daycare program opening in the Fall of 2009. The program will serve children ages 2, 3 and 4 or until they begin kindergarten. We offer a Christian based curriculum, year round preschool and childcare and we will be open Monday-Friday from 7am-6pm.

Currently we are accepting applications on a first-come first-served basis. If you would like more information please contact Julie Hicks, by email: [jhicks@stpiusx-pdx.org](mailto:jhicks@stpiusx-pdx.org) or phone: (503) 439-8863.

## DuFresne's collects a ton of food

Nancy Scheewe, owner of DuFresne's Auto Service says, "We did our Oregon Food Bank collection again this year with free brake pads and inspection. We collected over a ton of food this year. We had customers leaving food on our door steps. This was wonderful to see our customers giving so much."

DuFresne's is located at 10690 NW Cornell. Contact them at 503-646-2940 or visit their website, [dufresnesautorepair.com](http://dufresnesautorepair.com).

## Sunset Athletic Club heroes save a life

The Red Cross has nominated three Sunset Athletic Club staff for recognition as "Heroes." Using, quick thinking, CPR and an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) Sunset Athletic Club staff members Sharyl Taylor, Bryan Hall and Paul Makuch successfully resuscitated a member. The member, later diagnosed with an electrical problem in his heart that caused it to stop, was revived and had a complete and full recovery. Sharyl, Bryan and Paul will be honored at a dinner at the Oregon Convention Center March 16, and at The Breakfast of Champi-

ons on March 17.

## Cedar Mill Vet adds staff, hours

Cedar Mill Veterinary Hospital is pleased to welcome Dr. Brenda Brown who will work on the first Saturday of every month. Her specialty is animal acupuncture.

They will also stay open until 5 pm on the first Saturday of every month. Hours are M-W-F 8-6; Tuesday 8-7, Thursday 7:30-7 and Saturday 8:30-2 except first Saturday of month 8:30-5. Cedar Mill Veterinary Hospital is located at 12790 NW Barnes Rd. For more information, call them at 503-644-3101 or visit their website: [cedarmillvet.com](http://cedarmillvet.com)

## Magazine features local dentist

Cedar Mill dentist Dr. Maryam Motlagh of DaVinci Smiles was recently chosen by colleagues to be the subject of a feature article in the January issue of Oregon/NW Washington Doctor of Dentistry Magazine. Her photo is featured



*Dr. Motlagh uses myotronic instrumentation to educate a patient on muscle imbalance*

on the cover, and a five-page article tells the story of her practice, her background and her strong belief in continuing education.

Dr. Motlagh practices general and family dentistry with a focus on changing lives through "smile makeovers." DaVinci Smiles is located at 13765 NW Cornell. Call for more information at 503-643-9855 or visit their website: [davincismiles.us](http://davincismiles.us)

## US Bank offers advertising space

US Bank is partnering with local small businesses by offering free advertising space in their lobby. They have several tables set up where

local merchants may display their marketing materials and get their message out to the community. Please contact Michael McIntyre, Small Business Specialist or Rachell Regottie, Branch Manager at (503)643-8365 to get more information and sign up.

## CMBA meeting notes

The January 2009 Cedar Mill Business Association meeting started off with a call for members to become more involved with the committees established in 2008. The CMBA Board of Directors will continue to encourage general members to participate in planning and organizing committee meetings and projects throughout the year. Standing committees are Downtown Enhancement (landscape, banners, etc); Publicity & Events (member participation in public events, mailings etc); Membership (increasing CMBA membership); Community Outreach (CMBA doing things for the community); and Programs (CMBA meeting topics).

Board Elections will be held at the February meeting and a slate of candidates was presented at the January meeting. The slate consists of: Lauren McCabe, DC, President; Mike Irinaga, VP; Dean Shade, Secretary; Mike McIntyre, Treasurer; Ryan Egge, Past-President; Sandy Sahagian, Becky Jarvis, and Rebecca Guyot, Board Members.

The January program featured Terry Taylor of Dancing with Cows Marketing, who presented information on effective print advertising. He led a workshop in which attendees reviewed ads in the Portland Tribune and commented on positive and negative aspects of the size and text of the ads.

Beth Giles of NW Organizing Solutions used her Ten Minutes of Fame segment to offer some great tips for getting office clutter under control.

February's meeting topic will be "Helping your customers find you on the internet," presented by Tim Kober. Ten Minutes of Fame will feature Rebecca Guyot of The Harmony School.

And don't forget, all CMBA memberships expired on January 1. Check the Member List on page 11 and if your company isn't listed, be sure to join or renew now. You can use the form on that page, or pay with your credit card by using our online payment option at [cedarmill.org/CMBA](http://cedarmill.org/CMBA)

## Library News and Events

### Winter Reading & Arts Festival continues

By Dawn Anderson

The library's second annual Winter Reading & Arts Festival continues with four free events in February.

On Sunday, February 8, 1-3 pm,

Rocio Espinoza will lead an Oregon Historical Society (OHS) Folklife workshop on Mexican Folklorico Dance. Rocio is a member of the library's circulation staff. No reservation required.

Registration is required for the following three Festival Events. Space and materials are limited, please call the reference desk, 503 644-0043 ext 114, to reserve your spot.

Origami Workshop: Sunday, Feb. 1, 2-4 pm. Jen Imai, Yasuko Wilson and members of the Japan American Society of Oregon lead this workshop on the art of paper



folding. Supplies will be provided. Recommended for ages 10 and up.

Hawaiian Holiday: Saturday, Feb. 14, 1-3 pm. Lani Hawkins teaches the art of making leis and dancing the hula. Supplies will be provided

for this Oregon Folklife program that is recommended for ages 10 and up.

Tea and Flowers: Saturday, Feb. 21, 2:30-4 pm. Julie Nakao, a student of Saga Goryu Ikebana, demonstrates the art and beauty of Japanese flower arrangement. Masae Wright and Miyeko Hereford reveal the grace and intricacy of the Japanese Tea Ceremony. Tea will be served during this program recommended for adults, ages 16 and up.

Visit the library's website at [www.cedarmill.org/library](http://www.cedarmill.org/library) for the rest of the scheduled events, or call 503 644-0043 ext 114

### Washington County asks for slice of Economic Stimulus pie

Oregon expects to get about \$2 billion out of the \$875 billion federal stimulus package approved by the US House of Representatives and now being considered by the US Senate. With our unemployment at nine percent and a projected state budget shortfall of \$750 million in the next five months alone, Oregon could really use any influx of money.

Washington County stands to receive about \$100 million of those funds. To be ready to move quickly once the money is available, Washington County has created a list of "shovel-ready" projects on which our portion of the money could be spent in a timely fashion. County administrators have pulled together a list of projects that would create or sustain employment, are already at least partially designed, and which generally don't require land or right-of-way acquisition.

These projects cover transportation needs such as building and repairing highways and bridges, upgrading and installing pedestrian facilities, and modernizing traffic control systems; and Clean

Water Services projects to expand, upgrade and build new water and sewer plants and other water treatment facilities.

Items that could impact our area include an improved asphalt pedestrian path on NW 143rd from the Terra Linda School entrance to West Union, traffic signal retiming (to reflect current traffic patterns—improving traffic flow, and decreasing fuel consumption and pollution), and repairs/overlays to various streets. CWS projects likely to benefit us include upgrades to both sanitary and stormwater sewer systems.

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## Cedar Mill School invites you to Celebrate Pancakes!!!

Saturday February 21, 8-11 am at Cedar Mill Elementary School, at the NW corner of NW Cornell Road & NW 102nd Ave.

Every year Cedar Mill fourth graders host The Annual Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for the Fourth Grade Oregon Pioneers overnight field trip. This year we picked the date of the pancake breakfast to be Saturday, February 21st, a date close to International Pancake Day, and have really ramped it up! We are using high quality ingredients and local Northwest products to really Celebrate Pancakes!!! and to make this fundraiser a much-anticipated annual community event.

Come out of the cold to warm up and join us! We will be featuring Bob's Red Mill Pancakes, Zenner's sausages, and Starbucks' coffee. Participants can win prizes in raffles occurring each 1/2 hour during the event. Prizes include Blockbuster gift cards, Entertainment books and other items.

We really appreciate all the support we have received from local businesses and want to say a big, "THANK YOU!!!" to our donors to date: Bob's Red Mill, Starbucks,

Zenner's, Trader Joe's, McDonald's, Du Fresne's, QFC and New Seasons. Many thanks!

This year the 4th grade students will learn more about the courage the pioneers needed to survive the trip west through hands-on activities at Camp Kiwanis on Mount Hood May 5-6th, supplementing the work they have already done in the classroom. We appreciate your support so that all students can participate in this unique educational experience.

Please join us! We promise a wonderful and tasty breakfast for you and your family and friends served by our motivated 4th grade students. Suggested donations are \$5 per individual and \$20 maximum per family of four or more. 100% of the proceeds benefit this unique educational experience for our fourth graders. Watch for our flyers at local Cedar Mill locations, and look for your own personal invitation from Cedar Mill students near you!

For more information or to make a donation, see the Cedar Mill PTC website [www.cedarmillptc.org](http://www.cedarmillptc.org) or contact Shannon Talbert at [Shannon.talbert@gmail.com](mailto:Shannon.talbert@gmail.com).



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## Still only one Lost Park

In a gratifying response to our concern about another street named Lost Park (see October 2008 Cedar Mill News) Polygon Homes requested that Beaverton approve a name change to Lost Springs Terrace.

Beaverton Community Development Staff reported that, "the street name change is necessary to avoid confusion in the delivery of emergency services as there is an existing developed street located less than one mile away named Lost

Park Drive. Lost Park Drive and Lost Park Lane do not intersect nor are they part of the same or adjacent developments. A street name change from Lost Park Lane to Lost Springs Terrace will avoid confusion of the public and emergency services in responding to a call for service. The potential for confusion will be reduced by having different street names." The Beaverton Planning Commission approved the name change at their January 14 meeting.



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# Time to start saving trees?

Unlike many other jurisdictions in the Portland Metropolitan area, Washington County does not have in place a comprehensive Urban Forest Management Plan or a tree code. As a result, there are few protections in place for Washington County trees and for preserving the urban tree canopy.

A group of concerned citizens wanted to know what could be done when they responded to a notice in

the clear cutting that happened in several locations in the West Haven neighborhood and along Cornell Road where the land was completely scraped prior to development. They answered the notice as well.

Sixteen people representing all of the major urban CPOs attended the first meeting held in December 2007. At this first meeting, the group shared their alarm at the rapid loss of tree canopy and how it

*Amount trees add to average home sale price: \$7,020*



Clear cut from fall, 2008 in Phase II of the JLS development, on West Haven Street (near Catlin Gabel). Trees left standing on the margins of these areas often topple in high winds from lack of support.

was drastically changing the sense of livability and community in their neighborhoods. They also shared their frustration about their inability to “do anything” when there were trees or groves of trees that the neighbors felt important to be preserved.

the Citizen Participation Organization (CPO) newsletter in the summer of 2007.

Elaine Rank, a member of CPO4K, had approached Patt Opdyke, OSU Extension Service CPO coordinator, earlier that spring to see if a group could be formed to investigate whether tree protections could be put in place at the county level. Ms. Rank was alarmed at how quickly her neighborhood was changing as large developments went in and all the mature, native trees were removed. Ms. Opdyke placed a notice in the CPO newsletter seeing if there was interest.

Ken Cone, co-chair of CPO3, saw the notice in the newsletter. He had tried to protect a large stand of firs next to his property in the Raleigh Hills area, but lost after a hard fight. Developers ignored the community appeals to leave at least some of the trees. Elena Frank, secretary of CPO3, also responded to the notice.

Erik Mace and Elizabeth Bowers, both of CPO1, were horrified at

Now after a year’s work of research into what other communities are doing locally and across the country in protecting trees and rebuilding their tree canopies, the group is optimistic that an effective tree code and urban forest management plan is possible. “We aren’t going to have to reinvent the wheel in getting a tree code in place for our County,” says Ms. Bowers.

*Shade trees can keep summer building temperatures 20° cooler*

“Other communities have done the heavy lifting to determine what works and doesn’t work in tree protections. Some of the tree codes are very creative and nicely balance community interests and developer needs.”

In September 2008 The Joint CPO Tree Code Group presented its draft recommendations for an urban forest management plan and supporting code to Kathy Lehtola, head of the County’s Department of Land Use and Transportation (DLUT), and Nadine Smith, Principal Planner for DLUT. Then during the next three months, the Tree Code Group members

presented the same recommendations at each of the active urban CPOs and requested letters of support to the Board of County Commissioners. You can find the results of their research, recommendations, the economic value of trees, and other interesting links at their website [www.washcotreegroup.org](http://www.washcotreegroup.org).

The Tree Code Group is asking to get on the County’s 2009 Work Program as a Tier 1 item. The next step is to get a decision by the Board of County Commissioners as to whether their request will be part of the County’s Work Program. You can follow the group’s progress at their website.

CPO 1 (Cedar Mill/Cedar Hills) will vote on a letter endorsing the Tree Code Group’s recommendations at the February 3 meeting—see [cpo1friends.org](http://cpo1friends.org).

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## Jackie Husen Park improvements slated for Winter '09

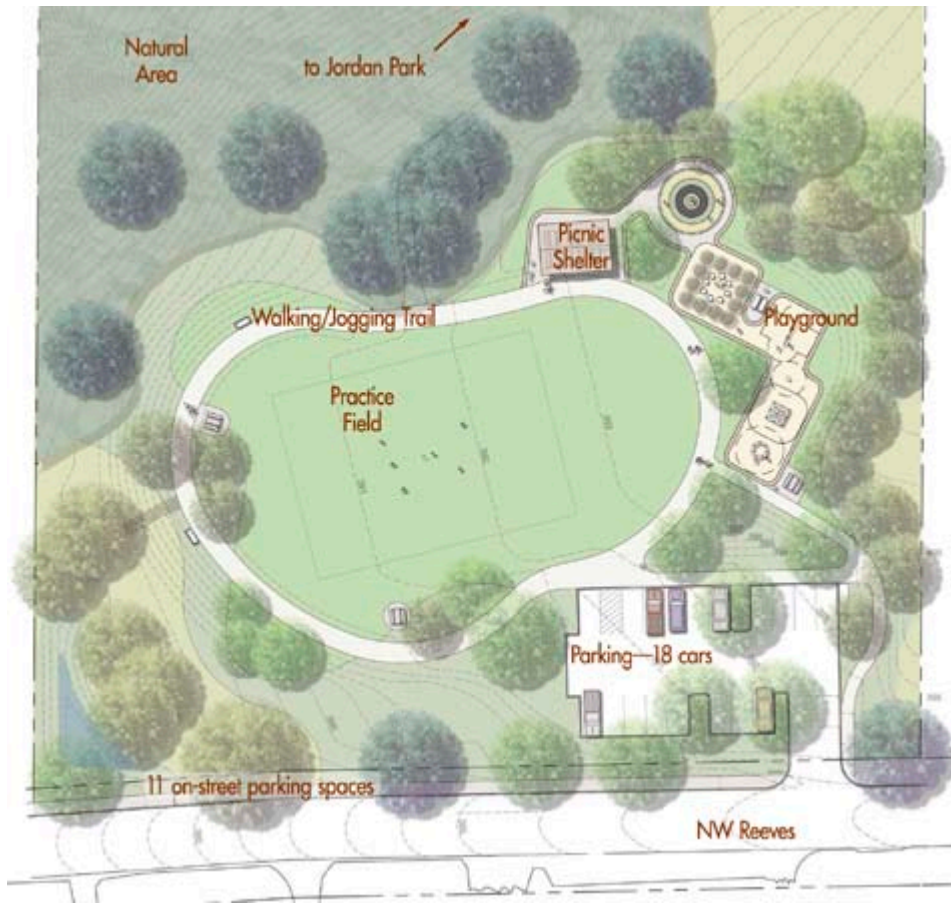
By Virginia Bruce

Plans for the visitor facilities at Jackie Husen Park on NW Reeves were unveiled at a January 7 Open House at the Cedar Mill Library. René Brucker, Planner for Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) told an audience of approximately 20 people that improvements will be funded from the Metro Local Share Project which stems from the passage of the 2006 Natural Areas Bond Measure 26-80. Construction is planned to begin this summer with completion by the end of 2009.

The combined Jordan/Husen Master Plan was approved by the THPRD Board of Directors in 2003. Since that time, another parcel has been added to Husen Park prompting revisions to the master plan. In addition, THPRD studies have indicated a shortage of athletic fields in this quadrant of the District, and the updated Trails Master Plan indicates the Cedar Mill Creek trail that will traverse Husen Park.

The Master Plan for Jordan Park called for a community trail stretching from Husen Park up through Jordan Park and into the neighborhood to the northeast. The original plan calls for an ADA-accessible trail that would be very expensive to build and that would disrupt a major portion of the natural area that surrounds Cedar Mill Creek. This aspect of the trail may be revised before development of Jordan Park, slated for sometime later this year or next.

Brucker intro-



*The siteplan for Husen Park improvements will be presented to the THPRD Board of Directors at their February 2nd meeting, along with comments from staff and the community*

duced members of the design team from 2.ink Studio, who are designing the Husen Park improvements. They described how the design team tried to balance the various needs of the district with the natural features of the park. One option focused on providing a regulation soccer field. This option would have

required a great deal of grading and a larger parking lot than was desired. Another option was to design the park for strictly "passive recreation" such as picnics and walking.

A compromise solution became the preferred alternative. The design includes a smaller practice soccer field located in the center of the park with an overall 2% slope. An on-site 18-car parking area will be located at the southeast corner of the park. Scheduling of the practice field will be handled through THPRD's Recreation Department.

Also included in the concept plan is a small picnic shelter and a playground that will serve the neighborhood,

and a one-tenth mile walking/jogging trail surrounding the field.

The central practice field will be irrigated and mowed, as will a grassy area around the playground. Surrounding areas will be a mixture of low-maintenance native grasses, shrubs and trees to complement the existing natural areas. Many of the large old trees, including the largest oak and cedar will be preserved. A few trees will have to be cut to provide access to the parking area.

Attendees at the meeting included several local residents, most of who were concerned that improvements would bring increased traffic, disruption to the narrow street, and increased hazard to pedestrians. Wash-

ington County is requiring a half-street improvement as part of the development which will provide 11 on-street parking spaces along the park frontage.

These and other comments will be included in a memo to be presented to the THPRD Board at their regular meeting on February 2. Interested residents are invited to attend, or to write to the Board with their comments. See the THPRD website for more information at [thprd.org](http://thprd.org)

Meeting attendees made several suggestions including adding an electrical outlet in the picnic shelter, perhaps locked with a key available when a reservation is made. They also asked to have a barbecue grill nearby. A drinking fountain is planned near the picnic shelter that includes a dog drinking bowl and jug-filling spigot.

There were no plans for a restroom facility, although an enclosure for a portable toilet is be-



*This large oak is among the trees that will be preserved*



ing considered. Someone pointed out that it would be important to provide restroom facilities if this is to be a connection in a longer planned Cedar Mill Creek trail that will eventually stretch from Barnes Road, through the JQA Young park property, and then across 113<sup>th</sup> to Husen/Jordan using street connections.

East on Reeves Street from Husen Park is the planned Brady Trail that will lead into Cedar Mill Park and provide access to Cedar Mill School. Once all of these improvements are in place, Cedar Mill will have many more options for people who want to walk and bike through our neighborhoods.

## International School holds open houses

### Open House for Preschool, Pre-kindergarten, and Kindergarten Wednesday, January 28, 8:45-11:30 am.

Our elementary school is a French immersion program that combines the best of the French and American educational systems. The Open House program will include presentations about the school and the French curriculum, and a tour of the school. Come hear about our unique 'open door to the world.'

### Open House for The Gilkey International Middle School Thursday, February 5, 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

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The school is located west of the intersection of NW Cornell and Miller Roads at 8500 NW Johnson Street, Portland, Oregon 97229. For more information please contact the Office of Admissions at 503-292-7776 ext. 310 or email [admissions@faispdx.org](mailto:admissions@faispdx.org). Visit us online at [www.faispdx.org](http://www.faispdx.org).

## Sign-up for Cedar Mill Baseball and Softball

Cedar Mill Little League is accepting registrations for spring baseball and softball programs through February 15 for boys and girls ages 5 - 14.

Tryouts for AAA and Majors teams will be held February 21-22 at Sunset High School. Teams will be formed in late



February with practices to begin in early March. Last year, over 775 children participated in this wonderful youth program.

Join the fun, camaraderie and fitness benefits of being active. For more information and sign-ups, please visit: [www.cmllonline.org](http://www.cmllonline.org).

Connections, continued from page 1 that could be accomplished fairly quickly with the cooperation of local service districts.

### Brady Trail

Our first project will be to encourage THPRD to move up improvement to the Brady Trail. When THPRD acquired the Brady property on NW 107<sup>th</sup> in 2007, they had plans to apply for grant funding to improve the trail that neighborhood kids had used for generations to get from the Reeves Street/107<sup>th</sup> neighborhood to nearby Cedar Mill Park and Cedar Mill Elementary School (see September 2007 CM News). As planned, they sold the Brady house and ½ acre of the 1.63 acre property to a family. But trail plans have languished, and now we're told that the trail won't be built until after the entire Husen/Jordan Park trail and improvement Master Plan is completed, sometime in 2011.

We're hoping that we can find support from parents and neighbors for moving plans forward to complete at least a temporary trail similar to the one that was built from the Bluffs neighborhood to the new Bonny Slope School. This lovely trail was built in a couple of weeks by THPRD staff, and utilized an on-site chipper that turned the trees that had to be cut down into the chips that surfaced the trail.

The group is going to write to the THPRD Board of Directors urging them to move the project forward, and we will attend their March meeting to make comments. We would welcome your support—you can send a letter to the Board or attend the meeting on March 2, 7 pm at the Terpenning Complex, 15707 SW Walker Road. Contact

## State Legislators schedule joint Town Hall sessions

State Senator Suzanne Bonamici, and State Representatives Mitch Greenlick and Chris Harker will meet with constituents on February 7, 1:00 pm at Cedar Mill's Leedy Grange, 835 NW Saltzman. Later that afternoon another session will be held at 3 pm at the Multnomah County NW Library Branch at NW 23rd and Thurman with Senator Bonamici and Representative Greenlick.

Bonamici will also be joining Rep. Harker for a Constituent Coffee on February 21, 11:30 am at Coffee Rush, 4655 SW Griffith

subcommittee chair Enid Griffin at [eegriffin40@gmail.com](mailto:eegriffin40@gmail.com) for more information.

### MSTIP funds for sidewalks

Another hopeful development is that Washington County is beginning to compile a list of sidewalk and path improvements that could be funded in the next round of Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP) funding. Pedestrian facilities are usually included when county roads are upgraded, and developers are usually required to build sidewalks adjacent to new development. But providing sidewalks where none exist, when a road improvement is not scheduled, has never been a county priority.

Two prime candidates in our area are 113<sup>th</sup> from Cornell to McDaniel, and 119<sup>th</sup>/McDaniel between Cornell and Thompson. Bonny Slope students who live near the school have to use buses or private transportation to get to school because of the lack of sidewalks, and residents avoid walking on both roads because of the danger.

We have already provided the county with information about our project and will continue to help them identify likely projects in our area.

The Connecting Neighborhoods subcommittee will meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 7:30 pm at the Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman. We will continue to identify projects and make contact with the landowners, businesses and public agencies that can help us connect CPO 1 neighborhoods. Anyone with an interest in this is welcome to join us. Or just sign up for our email list to stay informed about what we're doing: [cedarmill.org/cpol/connections-list.html](http://cedarmill.org/cpol/connections-list.html)

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## The Mitch Message

*Excerpted from the newsletter sent out by our State Representative Mitch Greenlick.*

Oregon's financial situation dominates talk in the halls, in the caucus, and in our committees. The unemployment rate in Oregon is up to 9% moving quickly toward 10%. Tax revenues for the current biennium are running significantly behind prior estimates and we are faced with an \$800 million shortfall in the 2007-2009 budget period. That total budget was about \$16 billion and we have only five months and less than \$3 billion left in the 24-month budget period. The Governor made some adjustments, but he is only authorized to make across-the-board cuts in expenditures and that is not a very exacting tool. We have some year-end money budgeted for emergencies and we also have some rainy-day funds to help out. But frankly, we are waiting to see the scope of the federal stimulus package promised to help us through this crisis.

HB 2009 (which is 260 pages long) provides the first step for improving health care. The Oregon Health Fund Board was created by SB 329 which we passed last session. The Board was charged with creating a plan to move toward

universal access to health care and with providing a blueprint for reducing the cost of health care, improving access to care, and improving the quality of care provided. HB 2009 outlines the structural first steps needed to begin movement in that direction. It proposes creating the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), which would comprise all of the state's health care and public health activities and provides that the OHA Board produce plans for the next legislative session for a variety of significant health care system changes.

Included among these changes is the creation of a health insurance exchange within which the state could combine its health care purchases to make it easier for individuals and small groups to purchase affordable health insurance. The bill would also expand the Oregon Health Plan's covered population by adding 100,000 children and 100,000 adults to the plan. That expansion would be funded by provider taxes that would be used to bring \$1 billion in additional federal funds into our health care system. This would represent the largest economic stimulation package before us. We began hearing the bill in the Health Care Committee and are working

closely with the other key committees in the House and the Senate to craft a bill that will be able to get the required 36 votes in the House, 18 votes in the Senate, and the

Governor's signature.

You can sign up to receive Representative Greenlick's email updates on his website at [www.leg.state.or.us/greenlick/](http://www.leg.state.or.us/greenlick/)

## Highway 217 project begins

**Open House to discuss schedule, impacts**

**When: Wednesday, February 18, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Where: Ridgewood Elementary School Gym, 10100 SW Inglewood (a few blocks from the Cedar Hills Shopping Center)**

If you drive regularly on Highway 217, you should plan to attend this Open House to find out more details about this project and how it might impact your commute.

Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) is hosting this informal session that will allow for direct interaction with ODOT and project contractor Emery & Sons staff. Drop by anytime.

Once complete, motorists will have three northbound through lanes between TV Highway and the Sunset Highway. The additional northbound lane will help eliminate the weaving that occurs between TV Highway and Walker Road as motorists are simultaneously entering and exiting the highway. In

addition, sight distance and safety will be improved when traveling between OR 217 northbound and U.S. 26 eastbound.

The project is scheduled to begin construction this month. Due to the complexity of the work, this will be a multi-year project with completion slated for fall 2011. Much of the work that will impact traffic will take place during nighttime hours when traffic volumes are lower. Motorists will experience single and double lane closures on the highway and ramps during the overnight work hours, as early as 7:30 p.m., seven days a week. As much as possible, daytime work will take place outside the travel lanes behind barriers.

A more detailed schedule will be available at the open house and on the project web site at [www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/hwy217/](http://www.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/REGION1/hwy217/). The web site will link to weekly traffic impact information.

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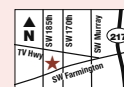
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**History in the News**

# Walters family farms in early Cedar Mill

By Gertrude Walters Pearson Landauer

*Excerpted from memoirs of her family and early days in Cedar Mill. Her grandfather, Samuel Walters, was the first pioneer to settle in the area.*

My father's acreage included a 5 acre piece across Cornell Rd. with 107th as the west boundary and the school property as the east boundary. It continued south across Cornell Rd. to join Uncle Sam's property. On the east it bordered on Aunt Martha's section. Leahy Road, now 107th, was the west boundary.

Sam Walters' property also joined Martha's property on the east and continued south to a property line of the donation land claim. A portion of it joined John's property on the west and Ervin's acreage on the east. John did not reside on his property which was located west of Uncle Sam's, but instead

sold it at a later date. Norman owned 15 acres adjoining John's on the north. Other boundaries were 110th, Cornell Road, and 107th. He also sold his portion rather than to live on it.

Ervin built a home on his part with a barn and garage located on Leahy Road adjoining Uncle Sam's property on the west and continuing east to the west boundary of May's property. Leahy Road was the north boundary and the south was the boundary line of my grandparents' acreage. The family of Ervin Walters, including his wife Olga and their three sons, moved to Portland after living in this home



*Cedar Mill landscape & clouds, with Sam Walters farm in foreground, June 23, 1946. Photo by Al Monner, courtesy of Historic Photo Archive ([historicphotoarchive.com](http://historicphotoarchive.com))*

for four years. He sold his house and property to John Walters who then moved to it with his wife, Pearl and son Elmer.

When I was small, four of these families lived only short distances apart so social life was enjoyed by them. Sunday dinners were often at one of the houses. It was not uncommon for mamma to invite thirty or more for Sunday dinner. Baking on Saturdays for the weekend and well stocked cellars provided food for heavily laden tables.

Summertime picnics were common in a grove of trees on the Churchley property across from Cedar Mill school. Later a grove of

trees formerly on May's property, then owned by the Fairley family, was a favorite picnic spot. Crawfish feeds at Aunt Martha's are to be remembered too. The crustaceans,

caught in Cedar Mill Creek, were cooked in large vats with spices over an open outside fire and enjoyed by large family gatherings.

Families worked together. When it was time for haying, one field at a time would be mowed after which the men worked together to shock it with their pitchforks into mounds. Later it was loaded onto wagons to be hauled by horses to the barns. As children, we were allowed to ride on the wagons loaded with hay. At the barn huge forks were attached to the hay to be elevated to the haymow. This involved large pulleys at the top and one end of the barn and the use of the horses to pull the hay upward then across the haymows to the spot where it was to be dropped. We played in the haymows, too, as a favorite pastime.

Grain was threshed with threshing machines. The men again worked together standing bundles of grain into shocks and later threshing it. Women would gather to prepare harvest meals with each family trying to outdo the previous one. The quantities of foods were great. Children got into the act, too, by helping where they could.

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## Local author's story included in new book

Knowing Pains is a book by and about women in their 40s that was published in October 2008. The publisher says: "Have you ever wondered how other women survived their 40s? You'll get an earful in Knowing Pains, an honest, humorous, thoughtful and diverse collection of essays by real women who aren't afraid to tell their age and tell it like it is."

We interviewed local author Kym Miller, who was asked to contribute an essay.

*Describe the book for us – who is it for, what need is it filling?*

The editor of Knowing Pains, Molly Rosen, was turning 40 and wanted to read a book about what experiences she might be facing in that decade. Surprisingly there was nothing out there. So she issued a request for submissions from women all over the country and then pared them down to 32 essays. These were all written by women in their forties who wanted to share their insights on sex, marriage, divorce, passion, obsession, etc. But the most amazing thing about the project is that 100% of the net proceeds are donated to breast cancer education, research and access to care.

*How did you get involved in writing a chapter for this book?*

My good friend Debbie Bonzell knows the editor, who asked her if she knew a writer who could do a piece on being happily married. It's

funny because the piece turned out to be about a really frustrating time in our marriage, but ultimately it's about how we turned that around. I was so excited when I heard several weeks later that my essay, "My Ambassador of Fun," had been chosen.

*How long have you been a writer? What are some other projects that*

*you have done?*

Truthfully, I have always been a writer. My mother would fish crumpled up papers out of the wastepaper basket in my room and say, "Hey you never showed me this. I like it!" So really she was my first reader.

But it wasn't until after law school and a brief stint practicing law that I realized I wanted to pursue writing as my career. That was about ten years ago and since then I have written a play about local poet Hazel Hall, several manuscripts which are yet to be published (I'm keeping my fingers crossed!), poems, articles and essays. [while raising

three daughters]

*Did you study writing in school, or take it up later?*

During my last year of majoring in Political Science I realized I needed more credits to graduate so I begged a professor to let me into his creative writing class three weeks after the term had already started! He told me if I could write something worth reading he would consider it. I stayed up late that night and wrote a pretty horrible story on pig farming (of which I knew nothing!) but when he read it he found several sentences that for some reason impressed him and I was in. I owe a lot to that teacher because he gave me a break and then his class helped me further develop my skills.

*Have you participated in any writing workshops or other supportive programs?*

Oddly enough I find that in the writing workshops I give at local schools or at the Oregon Writing Festival I learn just as much from the kids as they do from me. One fourth grade boy who read us his poem about skateboarding told me that he thinks everyone should write about something they know about. Which, of course, reminded

me not to write anything else on pig farming!

*How long have you lived in the Cedar Mill area? What do you like about it? Where did you live previously?*

Nine years ago we moved from a very cookie-cutter neighborhood into a particularly magical house in Bonny Slope. The local blueberry field, little park, amazing Montessori school, and friendly people are just a few of the reasons we love our neighborhood. As a writer, I am continually using the Cedar Mill Library and find it to be a great place to do research and find wonderful books. I often walk there from our home—which seems like a great idea until I have to tackle the hill on the way back up.

*Do you know other local writers?*

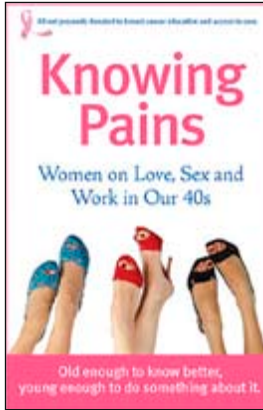
Being involved with Knowing Pains has introduced me to Ana Ammann and Natalie Serber, two Portland writers who also have essays in the book and who are wonderful sources of inspiration and laughs.

*Any projects that you're currently working on that you'd like to tell us about?*

Right now I am working on two projects: a novel based in the Cedar Mill area around the early 1900's, and a book proposal about our family's year without buying.

This fall I will be teaching a writing class through THPRD and would love anyone who has a story in him or her—but doesn't know where to begin—to come check it out.

Knowing Pains is available from the publishers website, [knowing-pains.com](http://knowing-pains.com), and from Amazon and select local bookstores, such as In Other Words.



Dean Shade, continued from page 1 industry and markets them globally. Dean's assistant, Dorie Fimon, has worked with him since he moved his office to Cedar Mill.

Dean's practice is centered on some of the issues that most of us face at one time or another—families changing their form and family members working to provide for their descendants and others. To his clients he is a "user-friendly guide into the legal world," often providing advice as simple as whether a client really has a problem warranting a lawyer's assistance. If the client's needs are in an area outside his expertise, he refers them to a colleague. In many cases he can provide information that can help clients solve their own problems.

He believes in avoiding litigation whenever possible. He has a quote from Abraham Lincoln on his wall—On the Practice of Law—that includes the lines, "Discourage litigation. Persuade your neighbors to compromise whenever you can. Point out to them how the nominal winner is often a real loser—in the fees, expenses and waste of time. As a peacemaker, the lawyer has a superior opportunity of being a good man. There will still be business enough."

This is especially true in the practice of family law. Shade says, "Bringing resolution to a problem, or calm to a chaotic family situation is rewarding. Often I can alleviate fears and stress. My job can also be frustrating, as when a client would rather be the righteous victim, even if that isn't helpful. If my family law client doesn't understand that the kids come first, I'm not the right lawyer for them."

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parenting class and if they can't resolve their parenting issues, they must work with a county mediator. If they still can't come to an agreement, the court may order a family study so that an evaluator can make recommendations.

He notes that about half of all children in the U.S. don't live in what we once thought a "typical" family unit, with both biological parents who are married.

He says that since September all his clients have some kind of



story relating to the bleak economic environment. He has probate estates that can't be settled because houses aren't selling. And when it comes to dividing up the assets in a marriage, in these tough economic times an asset divided can become a liability. He's been working with one couple that own a business together. They have been unable to sell it, and they realize that they will have to find a way to work together despite their divorce, or lose the business—they can't afford to fight.

Shade recommends that anyone with children at least needs a will that addresses guardianship and conservatorship issues and an Advance Directive. He offers a basic package for around \$500 that suffices for most of his clients. This includes an introduction into disability and death issues and drafting appropriate planning documents. When trusts are added to the mix for estates without anticipated estate tax consequences, cost is generally about \$1000. For estates requiring inheritance tax planning or other, more complex issues, the cost will be more.

The threshold for paying federal estate taxes has risen so much that fewer than 1% of the estates for people dying this year will pay, and if not soon amended the law

will (temporarily) eliminate these taxes. Shade says that the future is uncertain and nobody really knows what will happen. More estates still face the prospect of the Oregon inheritance tax.

Shade used to belong to the Cedar Mill Business Association (CMBA) when it was more of a "social club" and he lost interest. He rejoined a few years ago and is glad that the organization is more active. He appreciates the group's activities that show pride in the local com-

munity, such as the landscaping work and the work with the schools. He wants to see it continue to meet both business and community needs.

He has been the Secretary

of the CMBA since 2007 and began his tenure by simplifying and updating the CMBA bylaws. He has written up a new contract for the Administrator position, and is advocating for a more businesslike organization with an annual budget and better reporting.

"I'm not a networking, advertising kind of guy," he says. "But now when I walk into the meeting, it's a room full of friends. I'm not sure if I'm making any extra money from

my CMBA involvement, but there's definitely a personal benefit in getting to know the people involved with other local businesses."

Shade is an outdoorsman whose hobbies include fishing, elk hunting, and camping. He enjoys watching his kids' sports. He reads the news, and rarely misses a crossword

or sudoku puzzle. He is also active at St Andrew Lutheran Church.

Dean invites you to contact him with legal questions by calling his office at 503-644-5539. His office is located at 13765 NW Cornell, and his email address is [dshadelaw@earthlink.net](mailto:dshadelaw@earthlink.net)

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