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Featured Business

Sunset Tire Factory

by Virginia Bruce

There's been a tire store on the lot at the southwest corner of Murray and Highway 26 since 1970. Back then, the business was

approached Bud Jr. to see if he'd like to buy it. Bud says, "I only had a couple of weeks to make my decision. Al was very supportive to



Photo by Neil Hefty

owned by Al Taylor, who went on to become one of the founders of the Tire Factory Group.

Bud Holden, Jr. has been here since 1997. His father had a tire store in NE Portland, where Bud Jr. worked summers, and full time after graduating from University of Oregon with a degree in Business. By that time, Al Taylor was working full-time for the Tire Factory

all of us and I was lucky to have his help in getting started."

In addition to selling, installing and servicing tires and wheels, Sunset Tire Factory technicians work on brakes, alignment, shocks and struts and other wheel and axle work. They also handle oil changes, wipers and batteries for most cars and trucks.

They carry the most common sizes of tires and wheels at the Sunset location. Anything that they don't have in stock can be brought from the Tire Factory warehouse in North Portland. Bud says he has quite a few customers who have very high-end cars and who require special-order tires. "They keep coming back because they know I can get the tires they want," he says.

"At least half of our customers are regulars," he says. And most of the new customers come in from referrals. Bud works hard to give his customers the best prices on the product they want and need. "We can beat the prices of our competitors," he says, "and we also give more personal service and attention."

A reviewer on Yelp.com says, "Bud answered the phone and he was able to give me options on the tires I wanted, not on the tires he

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Bud Holden has owned the Sunset Tire Factory since 1997

Group and had sold the Cedar Mill business to a new owner. The new owner wasn't successful so Taylor

Join the CMBA!
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Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

NO AUGUST MEETING

Join us at the Cedar Mill Park Concert
Thursday, August 6, 6-8 pm, 10385 Cornell Rd.

Next meeting September 8, 11:45 at the Grange Hall

The Cedar Mill Business Association's meetings
are free and open to anyone interested in
business in Cedar Mill

The Nature of Cedar Mill

Crows in Suburbia

by John Ramey

Scientists have noticed that crows are becoming more common in suburban and urban environments. It's thought that the high intelligence and adaptability of this species have allowed them to learn new behaviors to take advantage of human environments.

American crows (*Corvus brachyrhynchos*) are omnivores and they both hunt and scavenge for food. So both human refuse and the smaller scavengers that feed on it are food for crows. Add road-kill and insects, and small birds and rodents that inhabit our parks, fields and gardens and the crows are eating well. Those you see hopping around on your lawn are probably looking for worms, insects or whatever comes along. I know one local homeowner who gets rid of the carcasses that her cat brings as gifts by flinging them on the roof for the crows who happily dispose of them.

Crows are also safer in the environments we've built for ourselves. People are not shooting guns at them, for one thing. Other than humans, their main predators are large hawks and owls, which have a diminished presence near dense human populations. In suburbs

with enough wooded areas to maintain populations of owls (such as Cedar Mill), it is thought that elevated nocturnal light levels help to protect crows from those night hunters.

They've learned to use roofs and eaves in urban areas for roosting, although trees are traditional and preferred. Consequently the more dominant couples mate in the suburbs where there are more trees and a greater variety of food sources. The crows we see in the



heart of Cedar Mill will most likely be nesting in trees nearby (as the crow flies).

Crows can live as long as thirty years in the wild. They are very social and form working relationships that last many years. The young will spend a year or two with their parents before heading out on their own. During that time they will actively help feed,

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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

Is your pet the next star?

Bring a favorite photo of your pet into Sunset Credit Union and it could be featured on a bag of treats at Pet Barn!

So you think your pet is the cutest, funniest, most adorable creature on the planet? Prove it!

Now until September 15th, bring your favorite pet photo into Sunset Science Park Federal Credit Union and if it's chosen as the winner, your pet will be featured on bags of specialty treats sold at Pet Barn.

Owner Larry Weisgerber and the gang at Pet Barn will judge all photos and determine the winners. If you're ready for your pet to be the next star, bring your photo into Sunset Science Park Federal Credit Union at 1100 NW Murray Rd # 200 (across from McDonald's). No photos will be accepted by mail!

Finalists will also be featured in the October issue of the Cedar Mill News. Hurry, you only have until September 15th to get your photo into the credit union! For complete contest rules, visit Sunset Credit Union.

The UPS store helps you take control for a stress-free move

by Tim Kimble

It's moving season and Americans are once again facing the stress of packing their lives into boxes and hoping everything arrives in one piece. It's estimated that 42 million Americans move each year and average 11.7 moves in their lifetime, with more than 20 percent of those

moves ending in a different state.

Once you choose that perfect home, the packing professionals at The UPS Store® want to help ensure that your precious household items arrive in one piece. Despite notable fears about broken items, a majority of Americans still try to get by with packing items in newspaper, clothes, sheets, towels or blankets, or tissue paper, rather than seeking professional recommendations on packing supplies.

Don't dumpster dive. Instead of digging through the dumpster at a local supermarket looking for used boxes, which aren't sturdy enough to withstand a move, come to The UPS Store® and get a great deal on new boxes of all sizes, specially engineered to withstand the stress of a move. Moving boxes are on sale for 50% off until the end of August.

Buy enough of the right materials. By using the right packaging materials, including bubble pack and foam packaging peanuts, there is less of a chance that your dishes or family heirlooms will end up in pieces. After you're settled into your new home or apartment, bring your clean foam packaging peanuts to your nearby UPS Store for reuse.

Leave it to professionals to handle large, expensive or irreplaceable items. The UPS Store® offers freight services, which can be an affordable and reliable alternative to standard movers.

For those move-it-yourselfers, The UPS Store® carries all types of moving supplies, such as small, medium and large boxes, dish pack and wardrobe boxes, packag-

ing tape, bubble pack, and foam packaging peanuts. Additionally, many movers take advantage of the mailbox services at The UPS Store®, including mail receiving and mail forwarding, which are especially useful for people moving into temporary housing.

The UPS Store® is located at 10940 SW Barnes Rd. and is open Monday thru Friday 9 am to 7pm and Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. For more information, call 503-646-9999 or visit our website at www.theupsstore.com/3379.htm.

A water challenge

Jim Craig's Westside Martial Arts, 13496 NW Cornell Rd. is in the business of challenging people to push their limits. However, in this summer heat, you have to exercise common sense as well as your body. Pace yourself and relegate your outdoor projects to either the cooler early mornings or early evenings. Drink lots of water! We all know, water is life. So let's not waste it.

Water your garden in the early morning or evening, avoid watering in the heat of the day as you will lose most of the water due to evaporation. Is it really necessary to power wash your driveway? Since the lawn doesn't provide humans with food, hold off on watering the lawn. Grass goes dormant in the summer heat anyway and will green up again in the fall.

Here's a challenge for all you home owners: Start rationing water now, before the County mandates it. Global warming is very real, and water will become a valuable commodity. Please don't waste it! Conservation of our resources will go a long way towards maintaining our quality of life, so be the first one on your block to start.

Teach your children that our bodies

are 70% water, not soda pop, and that water needs to be replenished. Drink lots of water. Try putting a few drops of lemon or lime juice in a glass of water, or a sprig of mint for a refreshing change of pace.

Make healthy choices, for you, your family, and the planet. I look forward to seeing all of you at the Concert in the Park at Cedar Mill Park on August 6th.

Cedar Mill Car Show

The Cedar Mill Bible Church parking lot will be filled with classic, nostalgic and unique cars Saturday, August 8, from 11 am-4 pm. You'll see a great variety of cars from Corvettes to Camaros, from Isettas to Morgans, from Ferraris to Porsches, plus trucks and motorcycles. The entry fee is a canned food item for the CMBC Family Food Pantry.

There will be live music and a barbecue. Plus, everyone who comes gets a ballot and a chance to cast their vote for their favorite ride. If you have an interesting car or know of someone who does, sign up by calling 503-644-3156. If not, invite your friends and neighbors to come along for a ride down memory lane. Cedar Mill Bible Church is located at 12208 NW Cornell Rd.

Bag even bigger savings at Second Edition

Second Edition will be having our annual summer clearance sale beginning August 1, with 25% off EVERYTHING from August 1-3. We will reduce our stock to 50% off from August 4-13. On Friday, August 14, we will offer a never-before sale price of 75% off. Saturday, August 15 is our \$7 Bag Sale. Stuff a bag with bargains and pay only \$7.

We will be closed on Sunday, August 16 for cleaning and restocking of fall merchandise. We will re-open on Monday, August 17, at noon with our annual Back to School theme.

Second Edition is the primary fundraiser for the Cedar Mill Community Library. If you've never been in, we encourage you to support your local library while saving money on great buys of new or gently used household items, clothing, art, jewelry, and collectables.



Market vendor brings France to Cedar Mill
New CMBA member Mireille Nett has been selling fabrics, herbs and other goodies that she imports from her native Provence from a booth at the Cedar Mill Farmers' Market for many years. Her business, *Coleurs de Provence*, has just opened a new website, lescouleursdeprovence.com where visitors can learn about Provence and purchase selected items including children's clothing and table linens.

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Kobudo Workshop

Saturday, August 15 from 1-4 pm at Westside Martial Arts, Jim Craig will conduct a Kobudo (weapons) Workshop. Learn the history, application, and the art (kata) for either Choun no kun (Bo kata), Ushi Komesu no nunchaku sho (nunchaku), or Matayoshi Shinpo no tonfa shodan (tonfa).

This Workshop is for all martial artists who want to either widen their repertoire for tournament kata, are just beginning and want a new way to have fun with the martial arts, or need to learn a new kata for your next belt rank. Call 503-430-7355 to register. Hurry, space is limited! Only \$35.00 for some of the best kobudo training you will find. It is recommended that you bring a water bottle and the tool (weapon) of your choice.

Village Gallery News

Artist of the month features Village Gallery artist Danlar. The paintings of Danlar have been described as "Organic Abstract" in that he captures the minute structures of nature, which gives his artwork a sense of depth. His paintings and photography illustrate his free and unorthodox philosophy of life.

The new show opens on August 4 and runs through September 5, 2009. The theme for the group show is "Recreation". Come in to see what our local artists are showing. Other than wall art, the Village Gallery has a wide selection of original jewelry, pottery, yard art, cards and glass available for purchase.

Our hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday noon until 4 pm. We are located next to the Cedar Mill Library at 12505 NW Cornell Road. You may call with questions or to sign up for one of our many art classes at 503-644-8001. Visit our website at www.villagegalleryarts.org



Steel, by artist Danlar

Walk Now for Autism

Have you heard of Autism? Do you know anyone who is on the Spectrum or who has a child or family member on the Spectrum? Autism Speaks is hosting the first annual Walk Now for Autism on Saturday September 26, 2009 in the South Park Blocks of Downtown Portland. World of Smiles, Pediatric Dentistry is proudly fundraising for this great event with our own team. Integrative Pediatrics is also supporting their patients by fundraising through their own team..

Please help us raise money for Autism by forming a team, joining the World of Smiles or Integrative Pediatrics teams or making a donation. Learn more on our website: www.visitworldofsmiles.com—click on Events and go to September. Local families with Autistic children appreciate your support!

Integrative Pediatrics news

L.E.A.N. Classes at Integrative Pediatrics

L.E.A.N. stands for Lifestyle, Exercise, Attitude, and Nutrition. Nurse Practitioner Wendy Ware and Jillisa Chen, RN, are offering this exciting new 6-session class for parents that will help to build a healthy lifestyle foundation for your children. It teaches the "Traffic Light" system of food choices, along with hands-on exercises for helping your family stay healthy.

The next class will begin on August 19, 2009 from 7-8 pm, and will continue for five consecutive Wednesday evenings. The cost of this class is \$60, which covers all 6 sessions. If you would like to sign up to attend or wish more information, please contact our reception desk at 503-643-2100.

Meet Dr. Thomas!

This class will be held on the first Tuesday of each month from

7-8 pm. It will focus on getting to know Dr. Thomas and the philosophy of Integrative Pediatrics, LLC, including information about vaccines and integrative medicine. This class is free and open to the public. If you would like to attend, please register with our reception desk at 503.643.2100. (Drop-ins are welcome, also!)

Integrative Pediatrics is located in the Barnes Professional Center at 11790 SW Barnes Rd. Ste. 140.

Kay Bridges leads workshop

New CMBA member Kay Bridges, a Nikken representative, delivered a speech and presentation at the Toastmasters Leadership Institute, July 18th at Wilsonville High School on leadership training for new club officers. Newly installed Vice Presidents of Public Relations for the District were in attendance. Ideas for Marketing of their clubs and Public Relations techniques were discussed... including hints for writing Press Releases in a manner acceptable by their local newspapers.

Bridges says, "Toastmasters has been most valuable to me in practicing my listening skills. I thought I was joining to become a better speaker. I really needed to learn to listen and remember what I heard to be a better leader in my business. In Toastmasters we learn to evaluate a speech within minutes of the presentation, and offer constructive suggestions and then sum up with an overview of the best qualities of the speech."

US Bank supports the community

Dog Days & DDA's: The Oregon Humane Society will be at US Bank for a dog adoption event. Come see some great dogs and find out about US Bank's Checking account solutions for you and your business on Friday, August 14 from 1-5 pm.

We are also planning on having several local, pet-oriented businesses on hand for this event.

Then come back on Friday, August 21 between 10 am and 3



American Red Cross

pm for an American Red Cross Blood Drive. To

schedule an appointment to donate blood or for more information

contact Mashell Smith at (503) 643-8365 or visit www.givelife.org and enter sponsor code: usbankcm.

US Bank is located at the southeast corner of Cornell & Saltzman at 12550 NW Cornell Road. For more information about our Business Banking programs, contact Michael McIntyre, Small Business Specialist at 503-469-9457 or michael.mcintyre1@usbank.com

Classic Car Cruise-In

On Saturday, August 15th, Cedar Mill Place (on the SW corner of Murray and Cornell) will be hosting a Classic Car Cruise-in, and an Oregon Food Bank drive. Bring a couple of cans of food to help low-income families and check out the collection of fine classic autos.

Raffles and drawings will be held throughout the day for a variety of prizes. Have lunch at one of the




many great restaurants there, and drop off your business card at Westside Martial Arts for a chance to win a

free-standing punching bag!! WMA's Official Pace Vehicle will be on display as well.

Contact Johanna Gaglio through Tandem Properties at 503-279-9903 for more information.

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Ten years of local goodness!

The Cedar Mill Farmers' Market has been around since 1999 and we're celebrating with a 10th anniversary party on Saturday, August 15. Be sure to come on over, have a piece of anniversary cake, and enter to win one of the fabulous prizes, including a gift certificate for use at the Farmers' Market, a new Cedar Mill Farmers' Market t-shirt, as well as goodies from individual market vendors and other community merchants. The fun starts when the market opens at 8 am and continues until closing at 1 pm. Music from 9:30 - 1 is by one of the market's most-requested performers, guitarist/vocalist Jill Trenholm.

The market started with just a handful of vendors in 1999 in the parking lot of the Cedar Mill Community Library. After a couple of years, when the library was undergoing major construction, the Safeway store at Murray & Cornell welcomed the market to its parking lot along Cornell Road. As the market grew, the Sunset Mall west of Safeway offered a larger venue and the market has been hosted just west of Bandito Taco & Bobalicious

Tea ever since. A few years ago when the Cedar Mill community faced the disappearance of its farmers' market,



Jason of Baird's Orchards has peaches peaches peaches!

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District stepped in to offer its sponsorship to continue the Cedar Mill Farmers' Market's spring/summer/

fall tradition in Cedar Mill. The market has gotten better every year, this year offering a wonderful variety of new vendors along with our tried-and-true favorites including 10+ traditional farmers/growers (some using organic practices), 3-4 certified organic farmers, a local dairy vendor selling cheese, milk, pudding, and other outstanding fresh dairy products, local fresh cheesecake, local organic beef, local farm-fresh eggs, locally-roasted fair-trade organic coffee, on-site fresh-roasted nuts, on-site fresh-popped kettle corn, locally made pepper jellies & jams, fresh salsa, and so much more. If you haven't been to the market lately, you don't know what you're missing! Hope to see you at the Cedar Mill Farmers' Market's 10th Anniversary on August 15!

Expanded Bethany Branch Library opens



Roxanne Wilcox, Bethany Branch Librarian, and Peter Leonard, Cedar Mill Library Director, welcomed around 150 people who showed up for the ribbon cutting at the new larger Bethany Branch of the Cedar Mill Library on July 18. Over 1000 visited the new branch for the daylong opening celebration. Photo by Neil Hefty

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Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

Listen to these Stories!

The final interviews from the library's 2009 Oral History project have been posted on the web at tinyurl.com/l82xn3. There are 14 very moving personal stories about dislocation, cruelty, hope and perseverance in the face of both enormous trials and individual difficulties. Give them a listen. In the fall the stories will be collected on a disc that you can check out.

The library is now collecting names of immigrants who might like to have their stories recorded for the project next year. Of particular interest are stories from Latinos. Please contact Lynne at 503-644-0043 ext. 132.

Film Club

"The Trap" will be shown on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:30 pm, FREE. Adults aged 18 and over are invited to view this film and enjoy a lively discussion after the showing.

Owl Book Group

The book selection is *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortensen. The next meeting will be on Friday, August 29 at 10:30 am. Newcomers always welcome!

County seeks public input on Urban and Rural Reserve Draft Recommendations

Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and Metro have been leading a regional process to identify land for future urban development and to protect farms, forests and natural areas for the next half-century. Urban reserves will identify areas outside the existing Urban Growth Boundary where future growth could be accommodated over the next 40-50 years. Rural reserves will be areas protected from any urbanization for the same time frame.

Several rounds of refinement of the Washington County map have already taken place, through public workshops and meetings among civic leaders. At the end of 2009, the counties and Metro will enter into agreements that will determine the location and scale of urban development and rural reserves.

A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 4-8 pm, at the Hillsboro Civic Center, 150 East

Hearty breakfast for a good cause

Leedy Grange will be serving up a country-style breakfast on Saturday morning, August 29 from 8 am – 11 am at the Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman, at the Saltzman Road entrance to Bales Thriftway Shopping Center.

On the menu is your choice of biscuits topped with home-made sausage gravy or fresh-grilled French Toast and sausages. And the prices are an incredible bargain at \$5 for a large portion of either choice and \$3 for a small. Bring the whole family and stoke up for your weekend.

At last year's event we heard comments like, "best sausage gravy I ever had," and "can I have thirds," and "Mmmmm." We're planning a repeat performance with the slightly-more-health-conscious addition of fresh peaches to top your French Toast or as a side with your biscuits. Lots of great K&F fresh-roasted coffee and orange juice will round out the breakfast fare.

Funds are being raised for the Washington-Yamhill Pomona, the regional organization that supervises and aids the Granges in those counties. The "WaYa" Pomona is part of District 3, which will be hosting the State Grange convention in 2012. Money raised will

Main Street, Hillsboro. Testimony will begin at 5 pm.

The hearing offers you an opportunity to provide official testimony on proposed urban and rural reserve areas within Washington County. You will also have the opportunity to provide written testimony. All input will be included in the public record for the urban and rural reserves project.

The public hearing also will include an informational open house where you can learn more about the project background and how the current reserves recommendations were identified.

More event and parking information and comment opportunities are available on the website at www.co.washington.or.us/reserves.

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help pay for the convention space and other expenses when we host Grangers from around the state.

School Supply Drive

In addition to the fundraiser, we're collecting school supplies for needy kids at our local schools. Needed items include #2 pencils, colored pencils, 24-pack or 48-pack

boxes of crayons, glue sticks, child-size scissors, wide-rule notebook paper, reams of copy paper, wide-rule compositions books, and rulers with inches and centimeters. Google your local school's website for more detailed info.

We'll be collecting supplies at the Pomona breakfast, and throughout the year during all our events and at our regular community potlucks, every second Saturday at noon at the Grange Hall. Everyone's invited to join us for lunch to find out more about what your Grange is up to. Visit Leedy's website at leedygrange.org for more information.



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New bus service for Cedar Mill neighborhoods

by Susan Rosenthal

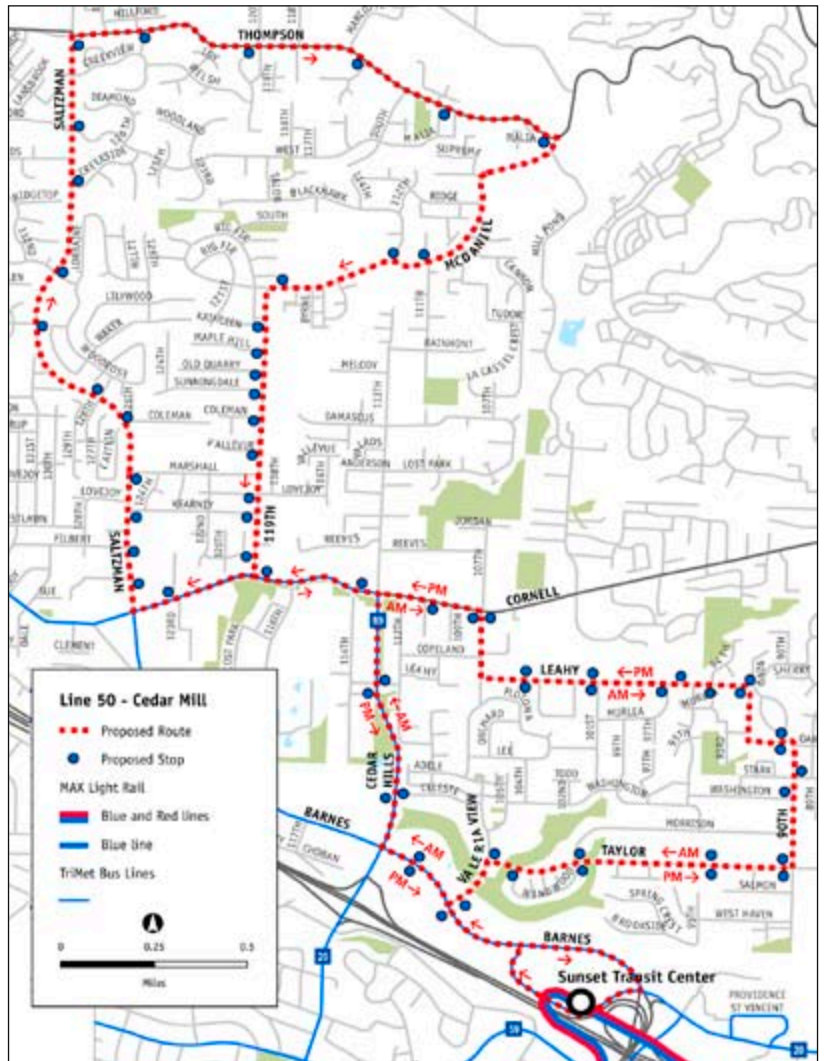
A significant change is coming in the bus service in our area. At present the Leahy Rd neighborhood is served by bus Route 60, and the rest of Cedar Mill is served by the Cedar Mill Shuttle. Trimet is facing a significant deficit because of the poor economy, and these routes were among a number of routes system-wide that were deemed not sustainable due to low ridership and high fixed costs.

In early 2009, Trimet announced plans to discontinue service on both lines. Neighborhood residents worked closely with Trimet to develop an alternative that would assure continued service in our area. Trimet decided to consolidate both routes into Route 50, a fixed route service that will serve the area on weekday mornings and afternoons/evenings.

Service on the new route will begin on Sept 14, 2009. In the morning, the first run will leave Sunset Transit Center (STC) at 5:31 am and the last run will leave at 8:42 am. In the evening the first run will leave STC at 3:06 pm and the last run will leave at 6:50 pm. In the morning the route will head out to Cedar Mill via Barnes - Cedar Hills Blvd - Cornell - Saltzman - Thompson - McDaniel - 119th Ave - Cornell, and then serve the Leahy Rd area on 107th Ave - Leahy - Taylor - Valeria View

- Barnes - STC. In the evening the bus will follow the same route in reverse order, as the Leahy Rd neighborhood will be served first. Each run of the 50 will take approximately 35 minutes.

The new service offers several advantages to local residents. The existence of a visible Trimet bus along a fixed route of service that has marked stops may attract new riders. A set schedule will help people plan their transportation. The new route contains more stops along Leahy Rd than the present Route 60, which alleviates some safety concerns about walking along Leahy Rd. Additionally there are numerous bus stops along most of the route, as safety is a concern in these neighborhoods with few sidewalks. The route will provide new service to SW Taylor St and SW Valeria View Rd. The route will provide a direct connection between Leahy Rd and the Cedar Mill business district, eliminating the need to take two buses.



Line 50 - Cedar Mill Schedule Fall 2009 (effective September 14, 2009)

AM Loop

Sunset TC	Saltzman & Thompson	107th & Cornell	Sunset TC
5:31 a.m.	5:40 a.m.	5:52 a.m.	6:03 a.m.
6:08 a.m.	6:17 a.m.	6:29 a.m.	6:40 a.m.
6:35 a.m.	6:45 a.m.	6:57 a.m.	7:09 a.m.
7:04 a.m.	7:15 a.m.	7:27 a.m.	7:39 a.m.
7:35 a.m.	7:46 a.m.	7:58 a.m.	8:10 a.m.
8:05 a.m.	8:16 a.m.	8:28 a.m.	8:40 a.m.
8:42 a.m.	8:53 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	9:17 a.m.

PM Loop

Sunset TC	107th & Cornell	Saltzman & Thompson	Sunset TC
3:06 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	3:26 p.m.	3:40 p.m.
3:45 p.m.	3:54 p.m.	4:05 p.m.	4:19 p.m.
4:15 p.m.	4:24 p.m.	4:35 p.m.	4:50 p.m.
4:45 p.m.	4:54 p.m.	5:05 p.m.	5:20 p.m.
5:15 p.m.	5:24 p.m.	5:35 p.m.	5:50 p.m.
5:45 p.m.	5:54 p.m.	6:05 p.m.	6:19 p.m.
6:15 p.m.	6:24 p.m.	6:35 p.m.	6:48 p.m.
6:50 p.m.	6:59 p.m.	7:10 p.m.	7:23 p.m.

New trail connects Cedar Mill Park and School to neighborhoods



Jo Linden (lower left) was the THPRD Project Manager for a group of volunteers who turned out to complete the temporary trail from 107th Street through the former Brady Property into Cedar Mill Park. It will benefit hikers, neighbors and school kids who will now be able to walk to school.

Residents plan effort to create a new city

by Virginia Bruce

A group of citizens from Bethany and Rock Creek are launching a campaign to determine if there is citizen interest in forming a new city comprised of areas north (and possibly west) of Beaverton city limits.

Lori Waldo, of Cedar Creek Community, says, "This effort is planned to bring citizens together to determine their future versus having it determined for them and around them. Once we find out if there is support for our effort, we will find funding for a feasibility study that will include fact gathering, visioning workshops and analysis. Empowered with data, our citizens will then know what it would cost to stand on our own and what we will get for our money. If we don't find a strong business case for going it on our own, we'll have the data to begin negotiating with the surrounding cities."

The city they propose would be able to collect taxes from its residents and would have an elected mayor and council. Residents would continue to receive services from all the current providers (fire, sheriff, water etc.) but the new city would deliver "five-, ten- and 20-year roadmaps that ensure our service levels can be maintained as effectively as possible." Waldo says that many of the details of how the city would operate and what would change will be determined through public discussions and the feasibility study.

Their main contention is that doing nothing is not an option because Beaverton and Hillsboro are the designated providers of governance for all new UGB expansions north of Highway 26, and we will end up surrounded by them with little voice in how they are developed.

Why a new city?

Cedar Mill, Bethany, Cedar Hills and Rock Creek are part of the large contingent of communities in Washington County that are urbanized areas but not part of a city. Approximately 200,000 people county-wide live in Urban Unincorporated Areas (UUAs). This is an unusual situation compared to most areas around the country, where cities have annexed surrounding areas as they urbanize.

We discussed the developments that led to this situation in our "Urban Needs, Rural Government" series (cedarmill.org/news/Urban-Needs) but it boils down to this:

when Washington County began to develop rapidly in the '50s and '60s, developers provided the urban-type services (water, sewers) that cities normally provide because the neighboring cities (Beaverton, Portland) weren't ready to grow into the area. During the '70s and '80s these small districts were combined to eventually become Tualatin Valley Water and Clean Water Services, and were joined by large agencies such as Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, the Beaverton School District, and Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue that provide our needed services. The county cre-

a "monster," an urban population that was quite content with the services it had and wasn't anxious to join a city (and pay higher taxes).

When Beaverton began to annex parts of Cedar Mill in the late '90s and early '00s, (see map) citizens reacted with dismay and the county objected to "cherry stem" annexations of roads with the object of connecting to or encircling target areas. Beaverton suspended the annexation drive and things have stayed the same, with parts of our major roads (Barnes, Cornell, Cedar Hills Blvd) and islands of property (Timberland, Home Depot) in

more weight to the votes of the "to-be-annexed" citizens.

However, various developments over the last ten years seem to indicate that Washington County is getting closer to accepting responsibility for providing urban services, as long as adequate funding and legal authority is in place.

Urbanization Forum

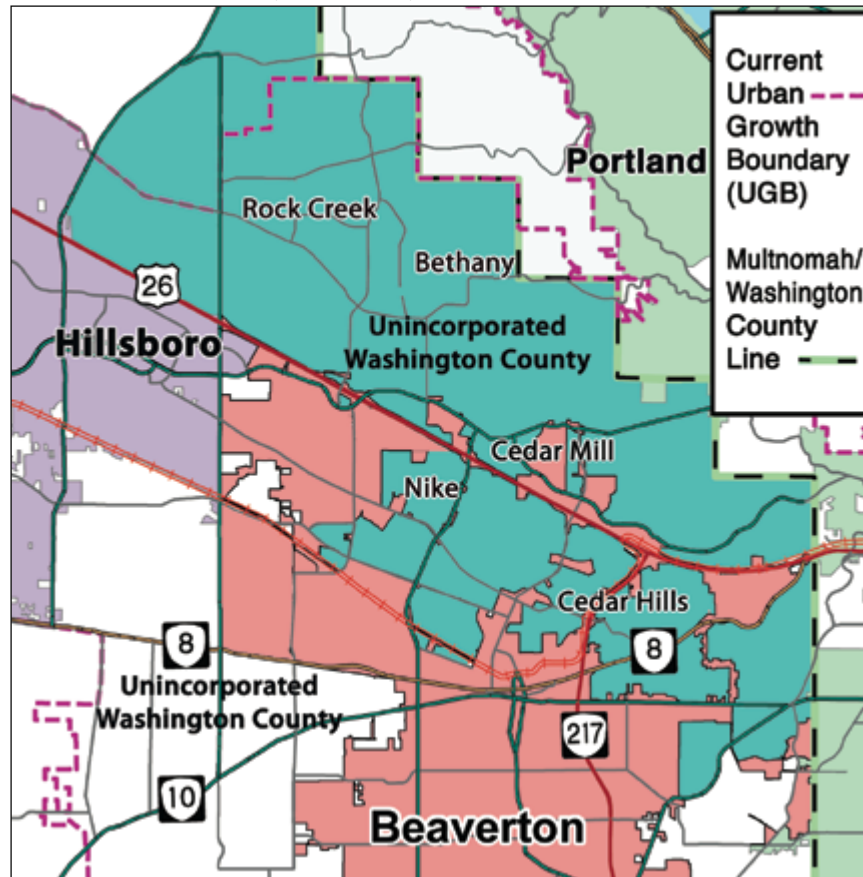
The County Commissioner representing our area, Desari Strader, was instrumental in convening the Urbanization Forum as a way to address the situation. Representatives of 21 jurisdictions, including ten cities, four service districts, and several county agencies along with county elected officials sat around a table for four public sessions between April and December 2008. Mark Cushing, a member of Tonkon Torp's Government Relations & Public Policy Group, was hired by the county to facilitate the Forum.

In early 2009, separate discussions were held in seven areas of existing UUAs to ask whether the nearest city had an immediate aspiration to annex; what changes communities wanted in their governance, if any; and whether the county and relevant districts would be able to provide an appropriate level of service in the future.

In the Cedar Mill discussion, we were told that Beaverton

had no short-range plans to annex, and that additional revenue was needed to continue county services in the long term. Citizen representatives expressed an interest in receiving increased services in urban planning and a more local voice in how we grow; and better community amenities, such as bike and pedestrian connections, public spaces and activities.

The Forum produced a draft resolution that has been making the



The blue area is unincorporated Washington County. The Cedar Creek group is inviting residents throughout this area to consider incorporation and to sign their petition demonstrating interest in a new city. Note: boundaries may not be accurate to fine detail. [Click to enlarge](#)

ated special districts including the Urban Road Maintenance District and the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District with additional taxes to support urban-level services.

All along, however, it was expected that cities would eventually annex these areas and take over urban service provision. County governments usually provide services to the rural areas outside cities. But the success of the special districts and service providers had created

Beaverton, but the majority of the area is still UUA.

In the traditional way of thinking, and as called for by state law, cities are the preferred providers of urban services. State tax structure favors cities with revenues unavailable to counties, and gives cities certain powers to annex areas into their jurisdiction, although their power has been limited in recent years by legislation requiring voter approval in more cases and giving

rounds of city councils and other member jurisdictions for adoption. The amended version was just signed by the Washington County Commission at the July 21, 2009 meeting. (The resolution and transmittal letter are available on the County website at co.washington.or.us/BOC/urbanization-forum-resolution.cfm) Most of the resolution expresses policies for areas not yet part of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). The signers are asking Metro to ensure that all new UGB expansions are contiguous to a city so they can easily be annexed at the time of the expansion. Washington County expressed its strong opposition to "cherry stems."

One clause of the resolution, however, addresses the existing UUAs. It states that the Forum participants will assist "in identifying and developing financial tools for Washington County to utilize funds collected from urban unincorporated areas" and help pass any needed legislation to make this possible in areas where cities are not pursuing annexation, "to provide urban services as needed to such areas while they remain outside the governance of Cities without unduly reducing countywide services paid for by all county residents."

Cities receive several "pots" of money that aren't available to counties under current state law, including franchise fees from utilities, portions of gas and other state taxes, federal revenue sharing and other funds. County Administrator Bob Davis says, "This issue has been around for as long as I've worked here. Solving it is a long-term undertaking. If there are areas where we are to be both city and county, we will need these new financial tools, and we'll need support to get legislation that will bring us the needed revenue." He feels that the Forum resolution in part represents cities buying into this process.

Davis says the Forum process is not over. Cushing is still under contract and will continue to coordinate the discussion on how the county will serve the UUAs. The summary issued by Cushing in January included recommendations to continue the group discussions involving communities and Forum members in exploring governance options—"the status quo, incorporation, creation of one or more Service Districts, or annexation terms for the relevant city. This working group should consider the relative merits and issues surrounding area-by-

area service districts for expanded services to unincorporated Washington County or a county-wide service district to do the same."

Cushing says, "The Urbanization Forum will be initiating citizen-government working groups in areas of interest. Issues will be whether citizens want expanded services, financing tools to meet such needs, and the broader question of whether any changes are needed in governance structures."

Former County Commissioner John Leeper strongly supports the idea of special service districts to provide the missing urban services. He proposes holding discussions in four areas—north of Highway 26, Aloha, Metzger, and Bull Mountain—to determine community interest and needs. If an area wants a change from the status quo, a service district proposal would specify what would be provided and what taxes would be needed to pay for the services, and then a vote would be held in that area. He doesn't feel that there is a sufficient tax base to support a new city and doesn't support the Cedar Creek Community effort.

CPO 1 Chair Bruce Bartlett also opposes the effort. He says, "The very existence of the Urbanization Forum

is loud testimony that the county is starting to deal with the UUAs. From a triage perspective, nothing has to be done with the UUAs, they are simply performing as they have—"Good Enough". There are no problems in the UUA that even come close to approaching the serious magnitude of the problems in the Health and Human Service domain, for example." He has long supported annexation to Beaverton as the best long-term solution for Cedar Mill, but is willing to investigate the expanded service district approach.

Perhaps the biggest challenge that the "Cedar Creek" group faces is the general attitude among area residents that we are doing fine without a city and its taxes and increased "interference" in our lives. It's hard for people to relate their minor complaints—no sidewalks, neighbors with messy yards, incompatibly dense new developments in their neighborhoods—to the lack of a city government. It's also unclear that having one would solve these problems quickly or at all.

The benefits and drawbacks should become more defined as the group unfolds its plans. Visit the website cedarcreekcommunity.org for more information as the campaign unfolds.

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Morning Star Child Care is owned and operated by Rosemary Zoucha, who has been consulting, developing and operating programs in Washington and Multnomah counties for more than 30 years. Rosemary and

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Registration is open to the community, and is now being accepted for the fall AM and PM classes. Please call Morning Star at 503-297-9593 or email morningstar@zoobiz.com for more information and for registration forms.

The community is invited to an Open House on August 23 from 10 am-1 pm. Please call the Parish office at 503-644-5264 or Morning Star for information. The staff looks forward to sharing their vision for excellence in preschool programming with you. St. Pius X Parish is located at 1280 NW Saltzman Road.



Plenty of time on the St. Pius playground will be included in the Morningstar school day

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Kids Chess Camp at Grange Hall August 17-21

Kirk Hedlund announces the second session of Summer Chess Camp for kids age 6-12. Hedlund, who teaches chess at Cedar Mill Elementary during the school year, offered a session earlier this summer that was very popular. There are still openings for the second session, and previous attendance is not required.

The focus of this camp will be on Openings. Hedlund says, "each morning I will introduce the kids to a new Opening, and we will explore the variations and strategy for each. Also we will continue to improve the tactical techniques learned during the school year. A five round tournament is also scheduled. The focus of the camp is fun and friendships. Sportsmanship is always emphasized."

The five-day camp will run from August 17-21 from 9 am to 3 pm, with early drop off at 8:30 am and late pick up at 4 pm if necessary. The tuition for the camp is \$200. Kids should bring a lunch and snacks. Hedlund takes them to a nearby

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 was trying to get rid of. And the pricing was better than what I was expecting."

Bud says it's getting harder to help out his customers who are feeling the effects of the economy because he runs out of used tires more quickly. Tire prices went up with the rise in oil prices but never came down when oil prices dropped.

Bud's mother Carolyn has worked with him in the business since he began. She answers phones, does some of the bookkeeping, provides customer service and even picks up tires from the central warehouse and provides customer shuttle service. There are three full-time and one part-time technician in addition to Bud and Carolyn.

The Tire Factory Group was started in 1987 by a group of independent tire retailers who wanted a way to stay competitive in a changing market. Originally the group provided buying power and distribution. The concept has grown to

warehouse in North Portland, and recently added another warehouse and distribution center in Salt Lake City.

Each business is locally owned and most of the member businesses have been around in their communities for years. Being part of the Tire Factory Group lets members offer lower prices as well as a warranty that is good in any of the locations. "We're



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The office and showroom includes a cozy waiting area with a good stock of magazines, free coffee and a tv.

include advertising and branding, group benefits and business advice. It now includes over 200 dealers in 13 western states. It operates a large

expected to get a portion of our tires through the group," says Bud, "but we can order and sell whatever we want."

The Sunset Tire Factory, along with all the stores in the group, was recently repainted. They're waiting for county approval on a new sign,

and long-term plans include some interior upgrades.

Carolyn says, "The Tire Factory businesses are mostly family businesses. We get together several times a year for picnics and meetings, and our kids have all grown up together."

Bud lives nearby in Rock Creek with his two teenage children. He attended Sunset High and supports local sports teams by advertising in programs and school papers. He has been a member of the Cedar Mill Business Association for many years, although he rarely takes time for lunch to attend meetings.

The Sunset Tire Factory is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 am - 6 pm, and Saturday from 9 am - 3 pm. They're located at 301 NW Murray Road at the southwest corner of Murray and the Sunset Highway, just turn next to the Greek Village on Mill Creek, go past the restaurant and enter the parking area to get to the shop. Call them at 503-643-6767 and visit the Tire Factory website at tirefactory.com

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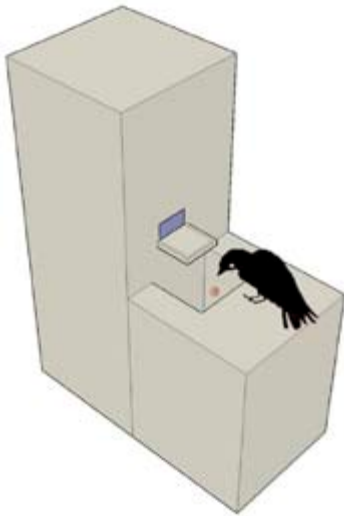
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Cats and dogs are way too large for crows to hunt. However, if they perceive that their fledglings are in danger they may well attack them. If there are a number of crows around, these attacks can be group efforts, called "mobbing." The intent is not to harm but to cause confusion and fear, and so drive the threat away—another good reason to stay away from fledglings.



How clever can crows be? Inventor Josh Klein decided to see if he could teach them to use a crow "vending machine." The device trained them to put metal discs that he had scattered around into a box for a reward of peanuts. When he withheld the discs, the crows flew off and returned with coins found on village streets to exchange for their reward. Klein has been working on a new device that would reward them for depositing trash!

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