



# Cedar Mill News

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## Featured Business

### Super Suppers

By Virginia Bruce

If your family is tired of pizza and other fast-food or takeout options, and you'd enjoy sitting down to a good meal without a lot of hassle, Super Suppers has some really good options for you.

Dennis Halseth and his wife Xiaoyin Li opened their local outlet of this national franchise business last August in the Peterkort Towne Square mall, just east of Albertson's.

For as little as \$3.50 per

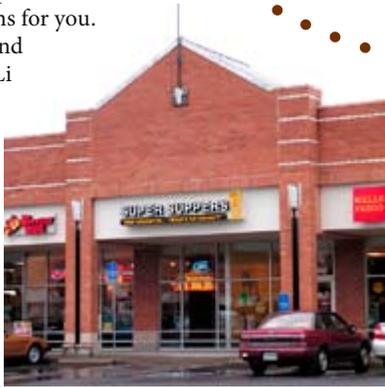
serving, your family can be enjoying home-cooked gourmet-quality dinners, with, as the company slogan goes, "No shoppin' choppin' or moppin'."

You have several options for getting your meals. You can stop by any time and pick up "Grab n'Go" meals, frozen and available in dozens of varieties, from chicken and fish to beef, pork, and vegetarian entrees.

You can call ahead or order online, and pick up exactly what you want pre-made, and even get curbside service. There are small

additional charges for all the pre-made options. Side dishes and desserts are also available. And there's no minimum order.

But probably the most fun option is to attend one of the make-it-yourself sessions. You can schedule a session to make sure the entrée items you want are available, or you can just walk in during their open



hours—Monday-Friday 10 am-7 pm, Saturday 10-5. The only drawback to just dropping in is that they may not have certain ingredients ready for all available menu items. You can also schedule a session with several friends.

During a session, you can prepare any number of dinners. The regular size feeds two or three people, the full entrée feeds up to six. Most people prepare several at each session, so they will have a stock of meals in their freezer for those nights when they just don't

feel like elaborate meal preparations. Complimentary snacks and drinks are provided while you work, adding to the party atmosphere.

When you arrive, the various preparation stations are all set up with recipes and all the ingredients and tools you need to assemble your meals. During a recent session, a popular choice was the Spinach and Feta Braided Bread. Christy Goodell first rolled out the prepared dough with a professional rolling pin and some coaching from Li, who was also preparing a portion of the bread for the freezer. Then she spread the prepared filling, cut part of the

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## Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

NO JANUARY MEETING

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12. noon

Place: Cedar Mill Community Library

Board & Executive Committee Elections

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

## Powers that be

### Washington County's Special Service Districts

By Virginia Bruce and Bruce Bartlett

When Oregon's land use laws were established in the 1980s, legislators assumed that urban/suburban areas would be served by cities since this was established land use planning practice. In 1993, Senate Bill 122 mandated that cities and counties establish urban service agreements to make transitions of new land into Metro's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) "orderly and efficient." When the original concept of UGBs was developed, Metro required that land added to the UGB within its jurisdiction be annexed to a nearby city before urban development occurred. But because some of these areas were relatively distant from city limits, developers argued that annexation would be impractical, and Metro dropped the policy around ten years ago.

For this and other reasons, as we explained in the October and November issues of the News, we now have large areas of the county that have an urban or suburban character where residents are adequately served by the county's special districts and some residents are reluctant to vote to join a city where they would pay higher taxes for additional services.

In this issue, we're taking a look at two of the special service districts that provide urban amenities to un-

incorporated areas, with associated property taxes paid only by residents of the urbanized areas of the county. In a full-service city like Hillsboro residents pay one tax rate to the city's general fund for all their services and it is up to the city to divide the tax revenues between services.

Special service districts have proven relatively easy to fund because the special district offers a fixed service at a fixed cost. In the Cedar Mill area, special service districts provide for fire protection (Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue), parks & recreation (Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District) and schools (Beaverton School District) in addition to the two districts that are the focus of this article: the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD) and the Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD).

#### Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District

The Washington County Sheriff's Office is the primary provider of law enforcement services for residents of the Cedar Mill area. These services are funded by two main sources:

First, a base level of law enforcement service, appropriate for rural areas, is funded by county-wide property taxes. These include taxes paid to the general fund and the public safety local option levy, recently re-approved in 2006.

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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)

## DuFresne's donates a half-ton of food!

DuFresne's Automotive ran a promotional Free Brake Pads event during the month of December and collected over one thousand pounds of food for the Food Bank. Thanks to everyone who participated!

## Charm Somebody cards offered online

Charm Somebody is launching an e-commerce store for retail sales of their line of greeting cards with charms in January.

They are celebrating their first anniversary in business and are currently in 45 stores throughout the country. See the cards and purchase online at [www.charmsomebody.com](http://www.charmsomebody.com)



## Elder Care classes

### Cedar Mill Bible Church offers Practical Steps to Prepare for Care of Aging Parents or Loved Ones

We and our parents are living longer than ever before. With longer lives, however, come many decisions. Questions like: Should parents move to be near their children? Downsizing living accommodations—how much and when? What government benefits are available for me, for my parents?

We have professional people to teach you skills and provide current resource information. We encourage you at whatever your "life stage" to join us and learn practical steps toward making this time produc-

tive, God-honoring, and helpful while caring for loved ones who need our help.

Class will begin Sunday, February 3, and go through March 9, 2008. We will meet in the Chapel from 3:00-5:00 p.m. The cost is \$15 per person, or \$25 per couple. Please contact Cindy at the church office for more information, 503.644.3156 or [cmeyer@cmcb.org](mailto:cmeyer@cmcb.org). This program is open to the public.

## Tilly's celebrates one-year anniversary

Paul and Barbara Ancil welcomed customers, friends and supporters to their celebration on Saturday, January 5. Tilly's Gelato and More, in the Milltowner Shopping Center next to Walgreen's, invites you to stop in and enjoy their tasty gelato, espresso and tea drinks, hot soup, sandwiches and pastries.



## Angelic Healing Hands acquires new downtown location

Rod Dudley, owner of Angelic Healing Hands Massage in Cedar Mill announced that he has acquired the former Portland Center Spa in the Portland Center complex at 2075 SW 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue. He is planning to integrate some of the existing staff with members of his Cedar Mill staff to provide a consistent experience. The Portland Center Spa has facilities for extended services including showers, facials, and foot bath/foot massage. He says, "My goal is to improve on a good idea, using my approach to a healing environment." Angelic Healing Hands' Cedar Mill location is in the Westlawn Professional Building and also at the Sunset Athletic Club.

## Healthy resolution

Achieve your New Year's resolutions to be healthier in 2008 with help from Cedar Mill Chiropractic Clinic. Nutritional evaluations will be \$25 for the month of January.

We have a supervised weight loss and purification program that has helped our patients lower their cholesterol and blood pressure, increase energy, and lose weight in 3 weeks.

We also provide a full range of massage, physical therapy, and chiropractic physical medicine to relieve those aches and pains. Please call 503-646-3393 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

## Walker Garbage payment options

Walker Garbage Company has added an auto-debit feature for their clients that will automatically pay your garbage bill by direct debit from your checking account. To learn more and set up your payments, visit their website at [walker-garbage.com](http://walker-garbage.com) and select "Payments" or call the office as 503-531-6330. They will also soon be adding an option to pay your bill with your credit card through PayPal.

## Practical Bookkeeping

Elliott Bookkeeping School has a new Practical Bookkeeping Classes starting the week of January 14th! One night a week, this class is great for any business owner or bookkeeper. Call 503-644-6451 or check the website at [elliottbookkeepingschool.com](http://elliottbookkeepingschool.com).

## Invisalign® Day

Dr. Maryam Motlagh will be providing free Invisalign treatment consultations in April to answer your questions about Invisalign treatment, the clear way to straighten teeth. If you have wondered if Invisalign is right for you, ask the scheduling coordinator for an appointment for this special one-day event, Thursday, April 10th 9am-5pm by calling (503) 643-9855. Space is limited to the first 25 appointments.

For eligible\* Invisalign Day patients: Down payment matching up to \$500. FREE drawing for a portable DVD player with Invisalign treatment. Invisalign Day and

associated promotions are hosted and sponsored by Dr. Maryam Motlagh / daVinci Smiles and not by Align Technology, Inc.

\*Ask the scheduling coordinator about Invisalign Day patient eligibility.

## Free wiper installation at Mike's

Mike's Auto Parts offers free and speedy installation of windshield wipers. If you can't remember when you last changed your wipers, it's probably time to do it now, and it's quick and convenient at Mike's.



*Competitive installation! Cashiers and counter people compete to install wipers before the cashier can complete the transaction at Mike's. Pat Mahoney, owner of Mike's Auto Parts, installs a set of wipers*

## Get the most out of Medicare

Mike Irinaga, Senior Specialist with SecureHorizons, is holding several Neighborhood Community Meetings in Cedar Mill to share information about the 2008 AARP/Medicare Advantage Plans. Sessions will be held at 10:30 AM on January 15 and 29, February 13 and 27 and March 12, at Tilly's Gelato and More, 12515 NW Cornell Rd. (next door to the Walgreens Pharmacy).

Sip on a free cup of fine organic coffee or tea and have a muffin as you and your neighbors learn about: the only Medicare Advantage plans that carry the AARP name; \$0-\$60 /mo premium plans; prescription drug plans; open access, no referrals necessary for network providers with an extensive network of doctors, specialists, and hospitals.

Space is limited, so call or email Mike Irinaga at SecureHorizons today to RSVP your space at 503-223-9797 / [mike@nw-insure.com](mailto:mike@nw-insure.com)

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## CMBA Meeting Notes **The Village Gallery of Arts News**

Our Holiday Luncheon was a great success! Around 35 people enjoyed a delicious spread including Italian Wedding Soup from Safeway, a deli platter of cold cuts, cheese and condiments from Bales Thriftway, cookies from Evelyn's Bakery, and yummy pastries and cookies brought by Tilly's. Local businesses donated items for a raffle, including bottles of wine, certificates for services, pocket calendars, jewelry and more. Everyone who attended got one ticket, and businesses who paid for their 2008 membership at the meeting got ten extra tickets. We had eleven businesses join or renew. Just about everyone attending won something in the raffle and a great time was had by all.

There will not be a meeting of the Cedar Mill Business Association in January. The February meeting, on Tuesday, February 12 at noon in the library, will be an election for the new Board of Directors and for the executive positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The slate of candidates for these positions will be emailed to CMBA members during January.

### Business Association 2008 Membership Drive

Membership in the Cedar Mill Business Association is for one calendar year, expiring in December, so everyone needs to renew now if you haven't already done so.

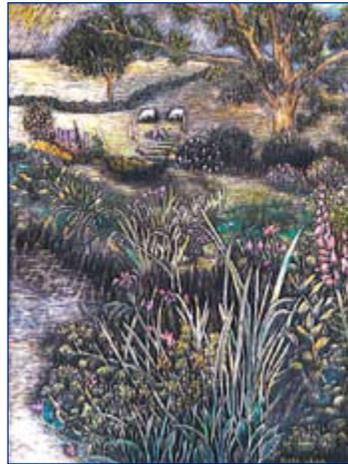
Benefits include having your news published in our Member News section in this paper, getting significant discounts on advertising rates, being eligible for the Featured Business articles each month, being able to present your business information during the "Ten Minutes of Fame" segment of our monthly meetings, as well as supporting your community with our sponsored activities including the News, the Town Center banners, and more.

Use the membership form (right) to join or renew now. If you'd prefer to pay with a credit card, you can use our online payment through PayPal at the website, [cedarmill.org/CMBA](http://cedarmill.org/CMBA).

### Community Calendar

see our calendar on the website at [cedarmill.org/calendar.html](http://cedarmill.org/calendar.html)

Please stop in and enjoy our January 2008 group show with featured artist Milt Wear, a poet and writer who also works in several visual mediums. Currently, his major interests have been helping create programs within area churches that are directed to discovering the gifted within their congregations and recognizing the individual and corporate responsibility of all of us



to help in developing these gifts. Walt is co-director of the United Way "Art of Change Gallery" where professional and emerging artists of many cultures are featured monthly. The Village Gallery is open Tuesday-Saturday, 10 am-4 pm, Sunday 12-4 pm. Please call (503) 644-8001 or visit our website [www.villagegalleryarts.org](http://www.villagegalleryarts.org) for additional information regarding the gallery, membership, classes, and special events.

## Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

The library's Winter Reading & Arts Festival continues:

### The Dragon Arts Studio Chinese Puppet Theatre

Yuqin Wang and Zhengli Xu will perform on Saturday, January 12 at 3 pm in the upstairs meeting room at the Cedar Mill Community Library. No registration required. This Oregon Historical



Society Folklife Program is free & open to the public and is sponsored by a grant from the Washington County Arts, Heritage & Humanities Coalition with funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust.

### Fools in Paradise

Music from Africa and beyond on Friday, January 25, 7-8 pm in the upstairs meeting room at the Cedar Mill Community Library. No registration required. This program is free & open to the public and is sponsored by a grant from the Washington County Arts, Heritage & Humanities Coalition with funds from the Oregon Cultural Trust

and co-sponsored by the Music Performance Fund in cooperation with Local 99, American Federation of Musicians.



### Where in the World is Wiser?

Wiser, our library owl, is flying all over the world during the festival. Starting in January pick up clues at the library or on the library website to figure out his destination.

### Guessing Contest for kids and adults

Test your mathematical skill by guessing the number of objects in a jar. At both libraries in January. Prizes will include local international cuisine.

## Correction—Cedar Mill Park Trail

Last month we published information about the planned trail that will connect 97<sup>th</sup> Avenue with Cedar Mill Park and lead to Cedar Mill School. The Beaverton School District was involved in the planning of the trail and fully supports the project. They have submitted a letter of support for the State of Oregon grant proposal that Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District will be submitting for money to help pay for trail construction. We apologize for incorrectly stating that they weren't submitting a letter of support.

## Join or renew now! Cedar Mill Business Association 2008 dues

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- Contact me about creating a web page linked from the Cedar Mill Website Business Directory.

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dough into strips and "braided" it, transferred the finished roll to a foil baking pan, brushed it with olive oil, and sealed it. She placed it in the freezer and then moved to another station where she prepared Pesto Salmon and Vegetables en Papillote.

"I have two kids under five at home," Christy said, "and finding things that they want to eat is sometimes difficult. I know that this is good food because I can see what's going in it, and I know they'll enjoy it."

Friends Liang Chang and Fay Chen were preparing Turkey Burgers with Pepper-Thyme Gravy at another station. Chen has been to Super Suppers several times since it opened. She likes being able to try new foods. "I'm an expert at Asian cooking," she said. "But I'm not that familiar with American food, and it's hard to know what things will taste like when I just use a cookbook. But here, I can see what is going into the food, and I don't have to buy a lot of spices that I don't know that I will use. There are a lot of international recipes, too, so I can try Greek food, Mexican food, and get a lot of variety without having to stock a lot of supplies in my kitchen." She brought along her



friend Liang Chang so that he could prepare some dinners for his family.

Owner Dennis Halseth, who had previous experience in hotel and resort management, had spent the last 15 years working as an accountant for private companies. He and his wife had talked about having their own business off and on for years. "When changes came at my former company we decided that if we were going to open a business, now was the time. We did not want to start from scratch so we looked into several franchise opportunities. We chose Super Suppers because it was geared toward helping busy families get back to the dinner table together by offering professional chef-created entrees that not only taste great but are nutritious and affordable."

His wife works full-time "to pay the bills" and helps out at the store on the weekends, and provides, "a lot of love, support and suggestions." Her enthusiasm for the business and the food is obvious.

Complete nutrition information is available for all the meals, which have no trans-fats. "Grab n'Go" entrees have no salt added, although you're free to add salt to the meals that you prepare. In fact, one of the benefits to assembling your own entrees is that you can customize the dishes to your family's taste and dietary needs.



At home, some entrees require thawing and stovetop cooking in your own pan, like the Braised Pork Chops with Cinnamon Apples. You brown the chops and then top them with the sauce ingredients, which are packaged separately. Other items can be popped into the oven still frozen. Average cooking time is about a half-hour. You can also order some entrees to pick up at the

store unfrozen, ready to bake right away at home.

The founder of the company, Judie Byrd, is a professional chef and has a cooking school in Forth Worth, Texas. The franchise provides all the recipes, but local stores select from the 20+ menu items for each month's offerings. Four "Signature Entrees" represent the most popular items and are always available. Recipes are geared for families, with ingredients that appeal to a broad range of tastes. Gourmet quality, but not "weird."

A lot of the food that goes into the meals is delivered by Sysco, which has a contract with the parent company. This includes packaged and bulk food, meat and fresh produce. Halseth picks up some items locally, particularly smaller quantities of fresh produce because Sysco has minimum order requirements.

This is the first Super Suppers in the Portland area, and as with most new ideas, has been a little slow to catch on. "We'd like to see more people at our scheduled sessions," says Halseth. "Right now, most people come in and pick from our Grab n' Go or place an order by email or phone to pickup. We're sure that once people get an idea of what we're offering, they'll begin to incorporate us into their schedules and our sessions will get more popular." They're also considering adding home delivery and kid-favorite entrees soon.

Along with recipes and business plans, the franchise provides marketing materials and a well-designed website (supersuppers.com) that has general information about the business and location-specific menus and online ordering and scheduling applications.

There are several incentives available to people who recommend their friends, as well as a frequent-buyer program. They can also provide larger quantities of food for church or other group dinners that can be cooked at the groups' kitchen.

For more information, or to schedule a session or a pickup, visit the website at [supersuppers.com](http://supersuppers.com) and browse to the local store, or call 503-641-5700.

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## New Recycling Rules and Rollcarts

Starting in early February, Walker Garbage Service will be delivering new recycling rollcarts to customers in unincorporated Washington County, which includes most of Cedar Mill. Portland and Beaverton residents may be on a different schedule, check your mail for information.

These carts will be collected on an every-other-week schedule that coincides with current yard debris collection schedules. So rather than setting out your recycling in your red bins every week, you will be setting out the new rollcart every other week.

Keep your red bin, however, and use it to recycle glass containers, which still must be kept separate from other recyclables. Motor oil should still be set out in see-through

jugs. Everything else can be combined in the new carts.

In addition to the new carts and the new schedule, we will be able to recycle additional plastic materials in the rollcart, along with all the familiar items we've been recycling. These items are:

- Rigid plastic containers and bottles including bottles, containers, and tubs 6 oz. or larger
- milk containers—do not crush or flatten
- margarine/butter/yogurt/cottage cheese tubs
- rigid buckets 5-gallons or less—with/without a handle
- rigid plastic plant pots 4" or larger

Preparation Instructions: With all items, rinse clean and let air dry. Labels OK. Set recyclables in your roll cart and roll it to the curb on your scheduled recycling collection day.

Information on the new program is available at the Washington County Cooperative Recycling Program website: [recyclewise.org](http://recyclewise.org) where you can print out the new schedule and a poster with details about the new recycling systems.



## Free Master Recycler Plastic Roundup

Saturday, Feb. 9, 9 am-2 pm, Westview High School, 4200 NW 185th

This local roundup makes it easy to recycle your plastics. Master Recyclers will collect it, and Agri-Plas will recycle the plastic into new products.

Please rinse and sort your plastics into the following categories before the event:

- Plastic bags
- Plant containers and trays (please knock dirt out ahead of time)
- Please rinse and separate plastics with numbers by each number separately (no styrofoam food trays even if they have a number).
- Miscellaneous plastics without numbers (Bottle caps, drink lids, DVD's, CD's, CD cases, straws, lawn/patio furniture, kids' toys (think slides!), pet igloos, laundry baskets, kiddie pools, & more. .bring it, we'll try to take it)
- Reusable Plastic Items—We especially love buckets! Be sure

and drop by this section to see if you might find a useful item you would like to bring home.

### Things we cannot accept

No Styrofoam block, Styrofoam peanuts, Styrofoam food trays or Styrofoam egg cartons even if they have a number ; no "biodegradable" plastic or plastic that says PLA 7 on the bottom; no milk jugs; no plastic with metal inside; no VHS or cassette tapes; no PVC pipe; no small



Check out the Re-Use area for items you can use

toys; no food-contaminated or dirty plastic; no plastic that contained motor oil, herbicides or pesticides (a thin layer of dried paint is okay)

For more information on what can be recycled at the roundup and how to prepare it, visit [www.master-recycler.org](http://www.master-recycler.org).

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Second, in the more densely populated unincorporated areas, additional patrol services are funded by the Enhanced Sheriffs Patrol District local option levy.

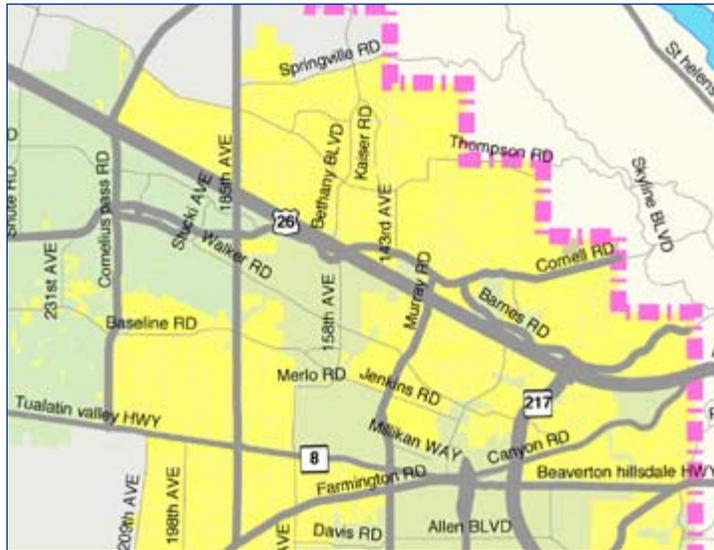
Cedar Mill is in the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District (ESPD), so the police presence in this area is approximately double that of the rural areas of the county.

The most common measure of law enforcement services in a given area is "patrol officers per 1,000 population." The recommended minimum patrol staffing level for municipal level services is 1.0 officer-per-thousand. In the late 1980's, people living in the urbanized unincorporated areas had a service level of only .77 officers per 1,000 because population growth outpaced law enforcement service levels we paid for.

In an effort to improve services, the county offered residents in that area the option to increase law enforcement services through a local option levy. The first ESPD levy was passed in 1987 by a 61% margin and it has been continuously renewed since its inception: in 1994 by a 65% margin (a 4-year levy); in 1998 by a 68% margin (a 5-year levy); in 2004 by a 68% margin (a 5-year levy). The next renewal will likely be presented to voters in the ESPD on the May 2008 ballot.

In the ESPD, additional deputies allow for quicker response times to 9-1-1 calls. Other positions funded by the levies provide support services including criminal records report writers, patrol administrative support, and a crime prevention specialist.

ESPD deputies receive the same excellent training and equipment as other patrol deputies, and they are



In Cedar Mill, ESPD and URMD boundaries are the same, encompassing everything that isn't Beaverton

normally assigned to their patrol districts for at least a year. They focus their time in their districts and respond to life safety calls for service, livability issues such as gang problems, drug houses, nuisance properties, abandoned vehicles, speeding drivers, offensive littering, etc. and calls that are typically coded for lower priority response. An ESPD deputy may respond to an emergency in a neighboring district, such as a life safety issue, but the primary focus is in the ESPD areas.

The ESPD levy currently funds 113 positions, including 98 deputies. The proposed levy renewal in 2008 will fund the same 113 positions plus an additional 19 deputies over the life of the levy. This will ensure consistent policing services in the face of the projected population growth.

For more information about the Enhanced Sheriff's Patrol District, please visit the Sheriff's Office

web site at [www.co.washington.or.us/ESPD](http://www.co.washington.or.us/ESPD).

Washington County Urban Road Maintenance District (URMD)

Washington County's roads are classified by the type of traffic they carry. Local streets primarily provide direct access to adjacent land. Neighborhood Routes are in residential neighborhoods and provide connectivity to the Collector and Arterial system. Collector streets (Saltzman is a good example) provide both access and circulation between residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural community areas and the Arterial system. Arterial streets (Cornell, Murray)

interconnect and support the Principal Arterial highway system.

Road classification sets the funding priority. The major roadway system of Collectors and Arterials is highest priority for maintenance funding. Lowest priority are Local streets and Neighborhood Routes which carry less traffic.

The majority of funding for maintenance of all county roads comes from the county's share of state motor vehicle funds—a combination of fuel taxes and registration fees—plus a (pitiful) one-cent per gallon County fuel tax and other sources.

Voters in the urban unincorporated areas of the county formed the URMD in 1987 and approved a five-year serial levy to pay for it in 1994. Measures 49/50 turned the five-year URMD levy into a permanent tax and locked the rate at its current level. URMD's main purpose is to help pay for road maintenance services on neighborhood streets in urban unincorporated areas. As lowest priority for maintenance funding, these streets received very little maintenance and were in poor condition.

When it was formed, the typical road targeted by the URMD was: in an urban/suburban low-to-medium-density neighborhood; between 20 to 40 years old; approximately 30% uncurbed; had substandard or no drainage; had little or no maintenance for 15 to 25 years; and



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many of these roads were in "poor or very poor" condition. Now after a dozen road maintenance seasons, the average road in the District is in "good or better" condition.

County engineering staff manages the day-to-day work; prepares work programs, administers contracts, and inspects contracted work. Clean Water Services provides drainage work under contract to District. County maintenance staff does vegetation work, small paving and chip seal jobs under contract to the District. Private contractors do most of the major work such as asphalt overlays, slurry seals and crack seals (over 80% of the annual work program).

All Local Roads and Neighborhood Routes within the Urban Growth Boundary outside of cities are eligible for URMD, with the following exception: undeveloped properties inside recent UGB expansion areas such as North Bethany do not pay URMD taxes, but annexation to URMD will be a condition of development.

All money collected under URMD is spent only on URMD-eligible roads for URMD-eligible activities. The annual surface maintenance contracts (overlay paving, pavement repairs, slurry seals, and crack sealing) include only URMD-eligible roads and activities. So far, URMD funds are keeping up with maintenance needs. Some activities on URMD roads are not funded by URMD. Gas tax money is used to repair stop signs (regulatory) and to trim vegetation blocking a traffic control sign (hazard abatement). If URMD didn't exist, the County would be still have to do this work.

**Road Maintenance/Reconstruction Priorities**

The road maintenance portion of the county's transportation plan calls for maintaining roadway pavement condition at certain base-level standards, and establishing priorities for determining how available

resources should be allocated to first achieve, then maintain these condition levels. Adequate roadway maintenance is critical: it is much less expensive in the long run to maintain the surface and integrity of a roadway than to let it go and have to completely replace it prematurely.

County engineers look for certain conditions on the road surface before deciding what to do and when to do it. Loss of aggregate, certain types of cracking and other signs of stress are good indicators of what's going on beneath the pavement, as well as the surface condition. They use sophisticated computer software that considers each road's condition, prior maintenance history, and traffic loads to help evaluate the most cost-effective treatment.

Then they look at available funding and other projects in the area that might impact the road. Since there are always more roads to pave than money to pave them, they wind up with a solid list of worthy candidates every year.

Historically, funding for maintenance of the system has fallen short of the need, although the policy to focus non-local maintenance funds on the major roadway system has kept the Arterial and Collector roadways in good condition.

Based on the county's Transportation Plan, transportation maintenance from now to 2020 will require \$745 million. However, expenditures, based on past trends,

are expected to total only \$541 million, resulting in a shortfall of \$204 million for maintenance. As the county grows, expect to see propos-

als to cover this shortfall.

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