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Featured Business

Cedar Mill Bible Church

By Virginia Bruce

The non-denominational Cedar Mill Bible Church (CMBC) is one of the largest institutions in our area, and it's been around for quite a long time, in Cedar Mill terms. Shortly after William and Clara Scofield moved into their cabin in Cedar Mill in 1940 they started a Bible study group that met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W.I. Heinrichs. Later, Mr. Scofield and Mrs. R.C. Katterman started a Sunday School class in the old Wesley Chapel. Meanwhile, Forrest Forbes, a missionary who had been working in China, had started the Miracle Book Club, a program for children that met in George and Edwina Cote's home.

In December 1940 these three groups gathered and asked Forrest Forbes to be their teacher. They



The old Wesley Chapel building was located where the Shell station is now

rented the Wesley Chapel from Mr. Reeves for \$2.00 a month, made a number of repairs to the old building that had been vacant for several years, and installed a woodstove. The church's official history records

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Next Meeting

Cedar Mill Business Association

Tuesday, November 13, noon

Place: Cedar Mill Community Library

Topic: Future Plans for Cedar Mill's Roads

Speaker: Blair Crumpacker, Senior Planner

Washington County Land Use/Transportation

Ten Minutes of Fame: Lauren McCabe, Cedar Mill Chiropractic

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

Free pizza! Bring your own beverage.

Powers that be

Urban Needs—Rural Government

Governing the urban unincorporated areas of Washington County

By Virginia Bruce and Bruce Bartlett

Part two: Annexation in Washington County

In the October 2007 issue, we explored the history of growth in the unincorporated areas of Washington County to understand how so much urban/suburban development occurred without incorporation of new cities or annexation into existing cities. This month we look at the history of annexation attempts from both Portland and Beaverton, and review the evolution of Oregon annexation law.

Up until the 1950s, the cities in Washington County were small and isolated. "You took the train to Hillsboro in those days," recalls Dan Cooper, Metro Attorney, who began working for the City of Portland as an attorney in 1974.

Greater Portland?

Cooper explained that prior to the mid-1980s, the City of Portland's Comprehensive Plan called for providing services to the area of Washington County north of Highway 26 all the way to 206th St. The plan was to eventually annex the area into Portland.

There were several consequences of this expectation. The Portland Water Bureau, which owns the Bull Run Watershed, had installed a gravity-fed water line along the Skyline Road ridge beginning in the 1950s, which was finally completed in 1983. The Bureau expected that the downhill areas would be annexed to the city.

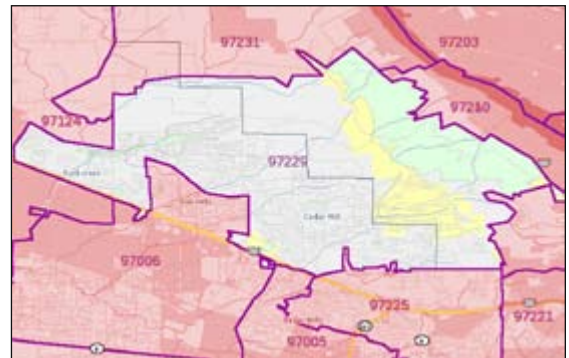
When the use of zip codes was established in 1963, the Postal Service took into account Portland's plan and assigned Portland codes—97229 and 97225—to the northeastern sector of Washington County. However, Washington County residents were very reluctant to be annexed by Portland and a long stand-off ensued.

Who provides services?

From the late 1970s onward, the state required cities and counties to have a Comprehensive Plan in place to determine urban service boundaries based on who were the most logical service providers. This process was good for efficient policy but made for difficult politics. Water districts in particular were sensitive to the annexation of parts of their territory by cities because it reduced their tax base—they often led the fight against annexation.

There was a lot of wrangling over these service district boundary issues throughout the 1980s and '90s.

The Portland Metropolitan Area Local Government Boundary Commission (surely one of the clumsiest acronyms of all time: PMALGBC) was a state agency created in 1969 to review and arbitrate annexations, incorporations, and other changes in local government boundaries. It also began to address the prolifera-



The 97229 zip code boundaries were drawn with the expectation that it would be part of Portland. All Portland zip codes start with 972.

tion of small service districts.

When the first Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) was created in 1979, many property owners within the UGB were approached by residential developers wanting to take advantage of their location. Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties all allowed urban development inside the UGB but outside city boundaries as long as necessary services (water, sewer, schools etc.) could be provided. Often, developers created new service districts just for their developments. Some service districts cooperated with each other; fire districts had

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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

CMBA Meeting Notes

"Ten Minutes of Fame," a new feature of the regular monthly meetings, was adopted and implemented at the October meeting. Responding to a suggestion from new member Charlene Fredeen of PrePaid Legal, Virginia Bruce, Administrator for CMBA, asked those attending the meeting for ideas for a fair way to select businesses for this privilege. Everyone agreed that choosing from collected business cards would be easy and fair, and Lauren McCabe of Cedar Mill Chiropractic Clinic was chosen to present at the November 13 meeting. If you'd like the chance to be a presenter, be sure to bring your business card to the next meeting.

Our guest speaker was Rob Charlton, owner of Charlton Engel Marketing. He told us that effective advertising occurs when you talk to the right audience, in the right "vehicle," at the right time, with the right solution and incentive, and in the right language. A full-service agency like Charlton Engel can help you figure these things out, but small business can do a lot of it for themselves, he explained. He suggested starting with a critical examination of your business: what do you sell—drills or holes? What are your strengths and weaknesses? Then clearly define your audience and figure out what they have in common. Understanding this can help you figure out how to reach them. He concluded by saying that, "Advertising is like fishing. Don't keep throwing the same old bait out there then cuss the fish because they aren't biting."

The next meeting will be at noon at the library upstairs meeting room on Tuesday, November 13. In addition to the presentation by Cedar Mill Chiropractic, we will hear about future plans and funding options for transportation improvements in our area from Blair Crumpacker, Senior Planner for Washington County's Department of Land Use and Transportation. Free pizza will be provided, bring your own beverage.

Fend off those colds

On Wednesday, November 7th at 6:30 pm Dr. Sarah Conroy will be giving a talk on "Improving Your Child's (and your) Immune System Function" to help people prepare naturally for the winter cold season. The talk will be at her office, West Hills Chiropractic Clinic, 1070 NW Murray Blvd. Suite A. It's free and open to the public.

Gutierrez joins Tax Examiners Board



Jess Gutierrez, President of Pacific Northwest Tax Service, has been appointed to serve on the Oregon Board of Tax Service Examiners. The Board is responsible for oversight of all Licensed

Tax Preparers and all Licensed Tax Consultants within the state of Oregon. They are responsible for testing, licensing and supervision of the tax preparation industry.

The Tax Board is made up of seven members. All are appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. Six members are active in the tax preparation industry and one is from the general public.

Oregon is unique within the US in that it is the only state with any form of testing requirement. California is the only other state to license preparers, but they do not have a testing requirement. All preparers in Oregon must be licensed unless they are working directly under the supervision of a CPA.

In addition to offering full-service tax preparation and book-keeping services, Pacific Northwest Tax conducts Tax School, where students from all backgrounds can

learn tax preparation, and professionals can get Continuing Education courses needed to keep their license current. More information is available at pnwtax.com or by calling 503-646-5600.

New Starbuck's in Bales Marketplace



Jeremy, Matthew and Eric join manager Cyndee Ross Brockett in the new Starbuck's

The construction is finished, and the new Starbuck's shop inside Bales Marketplace is open for business. Cyndee Ross-Brockett has moved over from her job in the Post Office Contract Station to manage the shop, which is a licensed franchise owned by Bales.

The shop will be open seven days a week from 5:30 am to 8 pm. Pastries, bulk coffee, travel mugs and many more of the familiar Starbuck's offerings are available, in addition to tea, juice drinks and of course the specialty coffees.

Cyndee invites you to come in during the holidays to enjoy those special peppermint mochas, gingerbread and eggnog lattes.

Village Gallery November Show

"Celebration: Holiday Show" features Kat McCullough as artist of the month showing pieces in all of her favorite mediums including mixed media acrylics, oil plus wax, paper collage and fiber arts. The show runs from November 6 through December 2.

A special Christmas Bazaar will be held at the gallery on November 17th & 18th. Please call the Gallery at (503) 644-8001 or visit our website www.villagegalleryarts.org for additional information regarding the gallery, membership, classes, and special events. The Village Gallery of Arts is a non-profit

community gallery located at 12505 NW Cornell, next to Cedar Mill Community Library.

Evenings with the angels

Angelic Healing Hands, Inc., a massage clinic in the Westlawn Professional Building at 1225 NW

Murray Road, Suite 103, is offering a meditation class with Dannielle Yates, MA called "Evenings with the Angels—invoking divine light for healing and transformation." Classes will be held the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month from 7-8 PM at the Murray Location. Cost is \$15.00 per class. Call 503-644-6109 to

ensure your space.

News editor loses data

In mid-October, I had a hard-drive failure that resulted in the loss of all my email records. The terrific support team at my ISP, Spire Technologies, managed to salvage the email addresses from the October News emailing, so I can send out this issue. However, all the names associated with the emails are lost. If you want to re-attach your name to your email, please sign up again at cedarmill.org/news/signup.

Another consequence of this event was that I lost the name of the person who had just volunteered to help with proofreading. I could really use your help, so please contact me again. If there's anyone else out there who'd be interested in helping research or write articles, contact me at vrb@teamweb.com. And yes, I'm backing up rigorously now!

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Cider Festival will continue

The Cedar Mill Cider Festival, held on October 14 on the grounds of the JQA Young House on Cornell, was a great success! Six hundred pounds of apples, donated by Bales Thriftway, were turned into delicious fresh cider by an enthusiastic group of Boy Scouts and their helpers. Everyone seemed



Boy Scouts helped run Ken Findley's old cider press. (Photo by Cindy Hudson)

to get into the act, turning the big handles of the grinders on the three presses, or rotating the screw that pressed out the juice.

Hazel Peterson and Blue Rain performed bluegrass music for the crowd of over 300 people who visited during the afternoon. Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's RecMobile showed up with activities for the many kids who came along.

The main purpose of the event, aside from having a great time, was to let the community know about the plans for the historic property. Conceptual drawings and maps of the Master Plan recently adopted by the THPRD Board were on display in front of the house. Several hundred dollars were raised for the Tualatin Hills Park Foundation special JQA Young Fund. The money will be used to renovate the house, once plans are finalized.

The Cedar Mill Bible Church donated funds to support the event and sent along volunteers to help serve food. Polygon Homes donated the banner in front of the house that advertised the event as well as a display ad in the Oregonian's Washington County Weekly.

Apple presses were loaned to us by Ken Findley and Roger Finger. An additional press was rented from a local business. All three were kept busy turning out cider that was served by the glass. Thanks to Andre Farci and Curtis Lipski for organizing the Boy Scout volunteers.

The lunch of barbecued chicken, coleslaw and apple pie was enjoyed by some patient folks after a few glitches in the process. The grill, loaned

by Bales, blew the single-circuit electrical system a couple of times, and by the time we figured out how to keep it going, we were too late to serve many of the Cedar Mill Bible Church folks who had come over after services. A few people turned in their tickets for refunds. We will probably use a different grill next year.

Lisa Novak and Lynda Myers of THPRD helped plan the event. THPRD grounds staff came in early Sunday morning and set

up canopies, picnic tables and the stage, and even went back to pick up a generator in case we couldn't get the electrical system to work. Their hard work made everything possible—thanks to Sam, Jason, Adrian and Lynda!

Thanks to volunteers John Ramsey and Nancy Wells who helped at the ticket table, and Bruce Bartlett who also helped with cider pressing. Megan Bruce and Cooper helped grill chicken and serve lunch.

THPRD has agreed to co-sponsor the event again next year and will be adding it into their annual budget. The event was organized by the Cedar Mill Historical Society which looks forward to creating more history-related events in the community in coming months.

KEYS FOUND: a set of keys with a leather tag was found near the sidewalk after the event. If you are missing some keys, contact Virginia Bruce, 503-629-5799 or vr@teamweb.com

Cedar Mill Cider Club?

Neglected apples dropping from old trees inspired the original idea for the Cider Festival. Wouldn't it be nice if people could make cider out of them? Unfortunately, the state health department let us know that there is a significant risk of contamination with *E. coli* when apples sit on the ground. Mixing apples brought by people from around the community, even using the same press for different batches, could have had serious health consequences.

We felt bad to have to turn away those who brought in their apples. But if people want to form a Cider Club and hold their own private event, state safety rules wouldn't apply. If the juice is turned into hard cider, any germs will be killed by the alcohol. It's the pioneer way! A few people who attended the event expressed interest in this idea. If you'd like to join a cider club, let me know and I'll be happy to put everyone in touch (vr@teamweb.com).

Library News

By Dawn Anderson

Need some excitement to welcome in the holidays? Shop at Second Edition Resale! Stop by on Friday November 9 for the annual holiday rollout of seasonal clothing and jewelry for all ages. Glamorous holiday outfits will be unveiled and for sale from 6-8 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Find a great look for the holidays at an unbeatable price! Second Edition is an ongoing fundraiser for the library located at the east end of the library building.

NEW Library website!

The Cedar Mill Community Library has upgraded its website to better serve library patrons via the web whether at home or from work. The URL is the same: www.cedarmill.org/library/

New features include:

- **Improved WCCLS library catalog search** right from the site's Home page.
- **Interactive Event Calendar** for both CMCL and CMCL @ Bethany events.
- **New tools for finding what to read next**, including book recommendations from library staff, reading lists and reviews from around the country.
- **More dynamic content**, with features such as rotating literary quotes and news feeds with constant updates.
- **RSS feeds for events and programs** make it easy to stay in touch with the library.

As in the past, you'll find copies of [current and past newsletters](#), [Association news and reports](#), information on [Second Edition Resale Shop](#), and more!

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 mutual aid agreements, police departments would respond out of their districts but would often defer action to the official law enforcement agency. (Beaverton Police did not want to arrest someone and have to drive them to the jail in Hillsboro.) But often the proliferation of small districts caused long-term jurisdictional and environmental problems.

Since there was no consistency among jurisdictions as to what services were required for residential developments, it was hard to manage the process across the metropolitan area. For example, Washington and Clackamas counties required sewers for new development, but Portland did not. The Boundary Commission attempted to ensure that boundaries were logical and that property was annexed to all applicable service districts if they wanted to be annexed to one. Actions of the Boundary Commission resulted in the formation of the Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD) and the Unified Sewerage Agency (USA, today Clean Water Services - CWS) from a collection of small districts.

In 1993, the Boundary Commission was eliminated and Senate Bill

122 (ORS 195) was passed directing jurisdictions that provide urban services within an Urban Growth Boundary to create Urban Service Agreements (USAs) with boundary maps. One of the incentives for accomplishing this was that if a USA was in place, when an annexation was proposed that was consistent with the boundary map, it would not be necessary to attain a double majority during the annexation vote. Prior to this, annexation required a double majority vote — a majority of the registered landowners representing over 50% of the land to be annexed. After SB 122, most cities interpreted the law to require only a combined majority of the city residents and the residents in the area proposed to be annexed. The thinking was that if the city residents saw an advantage to the annexation, they would approve it. This was relatively easy when the city residents felt they were subsidizing or providing free services to residents of the unincorporated area to be annexed. The issue of ‘subsidization’ is raised often but has not yet been sufficiently analyzed by the county and cities to give a clear understanding of the flow of tax revenue and services.

Washington County adopted Ordinance No. 444 in 1993 which identified the Washington and Multnomah County border as the urban service boundary between the cities of Beaverton and Portland. Portland appealed the ordinance in 1993. Then in 1996 the Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC) took the case to the Land Use Board of Appeals (LUBA), which said it was Metro’s job to reconcile the differences. Mike Burton was the Metro Executive and it was up to him to create a process to decide the boundaries.

Put the cats together in a room

Burton’s solution was to put all the affected parties together to find a fair and workable solution. Burton recalls, “I asked them to use all the public involvement processes they had to help make these decisions.” Washington County’s Citizen Participation Organizations (CPOs) got to weigh in. In a series of meetings, Portland and Beaverton officials presented the future annexation and service provision options to CPO 1 (Cedar Hills and Cedar Mill) and CPO 3 (West Slope/Raleigh Hills and Garden Home). After prolonged and heated discussion, the CPOs

strongly expressed a desire to be annexed by Beaverton (becoming a “big fish in a small pond”), rather than Portland (“a small fish in a big pond”).

Representatives from the cities and county along with the leaders of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVF&R), law enforcement agencies, USA/CWS, Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District (THPRD) and other affected groups met for several days and eventually decided that the county line was the logical boundary between Beaverton and Portland. In 1996 the Metro Council endorsed the decision, pushing Portland’s city limits back to the county line with a couple of small exceptions where they had already annexed Forest Heights and the Metzger area.

In a presentation to the Washington County Board of Commissioners in November 1996, Burton explained that this was a service boundary—not annexation—question and added that annexations would not necessarily occur immediately. He said this whole process represented an effort to try to resolve a long-standing problem and pointed to the provisions of the agreement that call for joint

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planning to resolve further issues. Washington County moved forward in an effort to create Urban Service Agreements with Hillsboro, Tigard and Beaverton. Only the Beaverton USA remains unadopted today (with only an interim agreement in place).

Voter annexations

Oregon Communities for a Voice In Annexations (OCVA—ocva.org) was formed in reaction to the practice of single-majority annexation. They feel that a combined vote means that, “those most impacted by the proposed annexation effectively have little or no voice in the final decision.” They are in favor of “voter annexations” where those affected must be convinced of the benefits of joining a city.

They point out that the “subsidization” argument has resurfaced practically every time an annexation battle erupts in the state. A “Service Incidence Study” was conducted in Washington County in 2004 - 2005 by the county Auditor’s office to examine where county taxes are collected and where they are spent. The study found city residents receive services in proportion to the county taxes they pay. There was no specific evidence that urban unincorporated residents (those inside the UGB but outside city limits) were being subsidized by county taxes paid by those in nearby cities. The study did show that the rural county residents received more in services than they paid in taxes. The entire issue of how much, if any, city taxes paid by city residents subsidize non-city residents is unresolved and will require action on the part of each city to perform a similar analysis.

OCVA began working to modify ORS195 to give greater weight to those being annexed, and in June 2004 HB 2484 was passed to once again require the double majority.

Off the island

Island annexation was another legal way for a city to expand its borders. The logic of the city annexing a piece of land surrounded by a city was clear; services could be provided more efficiently.

However when Beaverton (and Eugene) started annexing streets and creating islands (cherry-stem annexation), it became controversial. A long cherry-stem on 185th was Beaverton’s plan for annexing the recent Bethany UGB expansion. Several patches of Cedar Mill south of Cornell were annexed this way in 2003.

Reaction to these annexations

resulted in some of the recent legislative changes to annexation law, which now prevents an island annexation where more than 25% of the “island” is only bounded by roads.

SB 887, passed in 2005, gave Nike, Columbia Sportswear, ESI and Tektronix long-term immunity from annexation by Beaverton. It also prohibited Beaverton (but no other city) from forcibly annexing territory without approval of those targeted for annexation until January 2008. But that date is almost upon us now, so it will be interesting to see what’s in store in coming months.

“People are concerned about how growth patterns affect their lives and they want control,” says Dan Cooper. In the last decade a number of cities in Oregon (e.g. West Linn), have passed ordinances which modify the city charter to require that city councilors review and approve all annexations proposed by developers, not just the land use department. This gives residents of the city a more powerful voice in controlling growth through controlling annexation.

In the next installment of our series, we’ll survey the current situation. Some Washington County commissioners have been questioning the long-held belief that all urbanized areas must be incorporated or annexed into cities to provide services in the long term. The success of our service providers in meeting urban needs leads many to ask why they should pay generally higher city taxes to receive little perceived benefit. But is it enough just to have reliable water and public safety? Are there more intangible benefits, such as good planning, code enforcement and community identity, that only cities can provide? Should state law be changed to give counties a portion of state revenues currently available only to cities? These are some of the issues we’ll explore in upcoming articles. (Look for a timeline and more links in the [web version of the News.](#))

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Here are a couple items that I thought might be of interest to you this month:

The designated speed on S.W. Butner Road, from S.W. Cedar Hills to S.W. Murray, has been reduced from 35 mph to 30 mph by the



Department of Land Use & Transportation.

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of the people in the photographs.

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Cedar Mill School Pancake Breakfast

On November 17, the fourth graders at Cedar Mill Elementary School will host their annual Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser. The students need to raise \$1500 for the culmination of their Oregon Trail study: an overnight Oregon Trail field trip to Mt. Hood.

This field trip, through the Multnomah Education District Outdoor School, gives the students a hands-on look at what life was like for pioneers. From packing a wagon bed with supplies, to staking out part of a one-acre homestead, the children will be immersed in life on the Oregon Trail.

The community is invited to join the Cedar Mill fourth graders for pancakes, sausage,

coffee and juice on Saturday, November 17, from 8:00-11:00am. There is no charge for the breakfast, but donations will be most gratefully accepted!



Maddie Thom and Grace Mettler pan for gold at last year’s Oregon Trail Field Trip

Holiday Market at French American International School

Make plans to stop and smell the croissants (and crêpes!) at the French American International School’s Holiday Market, Saturday, December 8, from 9 am-6 pm. Check off each name on your shopping list while enjoying a festive environment with a distinctly French flair!

Find unique gifts, linens, soaps, jewelry, ceramics and crafts from local vendors. Sit and sip with friends or neighbors in the Parisian café. Taste a selection of wines from Oregon and France that are perfect for



serving and giving this season. Tuck into a luscious pastry or a sublime sandwich on baguette, while enjoying a children’s choral performance, hammered dulcimer solo, dance troupe and more.

The school is located at 8500 NW Johnson, near the corner of Cornell and Miller off 87th by the TVF&R fire station. Admission is free.

Bible Church, continued from page 1 that, "The structure was painted and a bell was installed in the belfry. The sum of one dollar a month was set aside for a young boy to light the stove prior to the weekly services."

The original Wesley Chapel, built by Methodist pioneers in 1867 on Cornell west of Murray Road, was vacated after the Murray family purchased the surrounding land. In 1892 the Methodists built a new chapel at the intersection of Barnes and Cornell, where the Shell station is now. In 1935 the building and land was sold to Burton Reeves, who leased it to community groups, including the group that eventually became Cedar Mill Bible Church.

In 1945 the church was incorporated under the name Cedar Mill Community Church. The congregation was growing, including the addition of the Bonny Slope Sunday School, and it became obvious that a new church building was needed. By 1948, the church had received a donation of a half-acre at its present location, had raised a little over \$8000 and built the new church. Pastor Al and Roberta Wollen were



The first building at the current location as it looked in 1948

called to the church in 1951 and the congregation continued to grow.

Growth through the 50s

By 1955 continued growth of the congregation called for a larger building. A building fund was established, more land was acquired, and by 1960 the new auditorium (now the chapel) was completed in time for Easter services, attended by over 500 people. The rest of the new building was completed by 1961. A large gymnasium was added in 1969. The main Worship Center was opened in August 2001.

Pastor Wollen retired in 1982, and Reverend Roland Niednagel Jr. served as pastor from 1983-86. Carl Palmer became the Pastor-



Pastor-teacher Carl Palmer and the congregation in the Worship Center

Teacher in 1987, and still serves in that capacity. The pastoral staff was reorganized this last August and Kelly Ballard was named Lead Pastor. There are currently ten additional pastors serving groups such as Hispanic, women, seniors and youth. Former newscaster Ron Carlson is the latest addition to the pastoral staff as Pastor to Men.

CMBC today

Current church attendance averages 1000 adults and 400 youth and children each week, with about one-third of this from within four miles. Associate Lead Pastor Dan Larsen notes that, "In the last few years, we have sent out people to start Solid Rock Church in Tigard which now numbers around 1800, and we also assisted in the start of Westport Church in Hillsboro."

Sunday services are held at 9 and 11 am, with additional services in Spanish and Iu-Mienh also held at 11 am. But there's a lot more going on at CMBC. Bible study groups meet during the week both at the church and at members' homes. Counseling and support groups help people during all kinds of life challenges, including marriage, divorce, bereavement, and addiction recovery.

Many programs for children and youth include summer camp, Kid-Fest, Mini-League Basketball for boys and girls in third-sixth grade, and Impact, a high-school ministry. The Royal Family Kids Camp gives foster children a chance to have fun during the summer. Larsen says that the birthday parties held at the camp are sometimes the first ones these neglected kids have ever had. The ratio of one counselor for every two campers ensures that all the kids get a lot of attention.

Missionary work

Cedar Mill Bible Church has been sponsoring missionaries from its earliest days, and in 1961 now-

world-renown evangelist Luis Palau joined the church. He is still a member and serves on the Board of Elders, and he preaches in the church when his busy travel schedule allows. CMBC will again be involved in his annual Portland Festival in August 2008.

Current missionary projects focus on Nigeria, Central Asia, India and Europe. Larsen says, "When we send people out, we try to meet the needs of the whole person, including spiritual, physical, emotional and social. We help them get clean water, start businesses, learn better parenting skills, and we work with community leaders to help them find solutions to their problems. It's very effective."

They have also been involved in relief work in hurricane-damaged areas of Louisiana. A group from CMBC set up a weekend camp near Slidell for survivors dealing with the devastation to give them a chance to get away and just have some fun. Another group from the church will be heading down this month to help refurbish damaged homes.

And they don't forget about the needy closer to home. A ministry team works with an organization called Blanket Coverage serving soup and collecting blankets and clothing for area homeless. Other groups mentor high school students, do outreach to the Iu-Mienh community, minister to prisoners, assist people with financial planning, and pursue many other projects.

Community involvement

Cedar Mill Bible Church has been a member of the Cedar Mill Business Association for many years, and Business Administrator Rich Berry serves on the board. Administrative staff and pastoral offices are located in an office complex on Science Park Drive.

Larsen says that the church is hoping to become more involved in activities in the community, such as their recent co-sponsorship of the Cedar Mill Cider Festival. "God put us in the community for a reason," he says. "The church shouldn't be irrelevant to non-members. We want to develop our property to serve the community."

For more information, visit the church website at www.cmbc.org

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An Eagle in Cedar Mill Park

Brian Farci, a freshman at Catlin Gabel School and a boy scout from Troop 208, is working towards his Eagle Project by leading a group of volunteers in removing invasive plants and planting over 100 native trees and shrubs at Cedar Mill Park.

To earn the Eagle Scout rank,

the highest advancement rank in Scouting, a Boy Scout must fulfill requirements in the areas of leadership, service, and outdoor skills. The Eagle Scout Project provides an opportunity for a scout to

demonstrate leadership of others while performing a project for the benefit of his community.

Brian picked this project because it will directly help his local community and provide residents a friendlier outdoor environment for their enjoyment. Brian raised over \$500 in donations through a car wash and in October, he led 25 volunteers in pulling invasive plants such as English Ivy and Hawthorne from the park.



Brian Farci (second from right) shows his team of volunteers which invasive plants to pull out

“It was great to see so many generous people come out of their way to help with my project, both with time and donations!” said Brian.

Brian has also asked local nurseries for donations of shrubs & trees. Brian says, “I was very surprised at how supportive my troop,

friends, and local businesses were when it came to scouts and Eagle Projects! Not only did I have plenty of volunteers, but I also received donations ranging from coffee & food to plants & mulch.”

Brian will complete the final phase of his service project on Sunday, November 11, from 10 am - 1 pm, leading 30 volunteers to dig holes, plant native shrubs and trees, and distribute mulch at Cedar Mill Park, located just west of Cedar Mill Elementary on NW Cornell Road. If you'd like to help, please contact Brian at 503-466-2304 by November 9th.

Brady property added to park

The Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District (THPRD) recently completed purchase of 1.63 acres (plus a house) from the Brady family to enlarge Cedar Mill Park and establish a direct trail connection between the park and Cedar Mill Elementary School.

“We are pleased to have the opportunity to acquire this valuable property,” said Doug Menke, THPRD general manager. “It will enable us to provide an increased level of service to patrons in our growing district.”

Cedar Mill Park at 10385 NW Cornell Road currently spans nearly five acres. It has general open space as well as tennis courts and a picnic area.

The new purchase will add about one acre or more to the existing park, nearly all of it wooded. The other approximately half-acre will remain with the existing residence. Future plans include establish-

ing a trail connection between the park, 107th Avenue and Cedar Mill Elementary School.

“When the trail is completed, the children at the elementary school will have a direct, safe route to the park and school instead of having to use Northwest Cornell Road, which as everyone knows is a very busy street,” said Steve Gulgren, superintendent of Planning and Development for THPRD.

The paved trail will be about 1,000 feet long, but before the trail can be built, funding must be secured. Gulgren said THPRD is considering applying for a grant in January to obtain funds to design and construct the trail. If successful, construction could start in late summer of fall 2008 and public use could begin shortly thereafter.

It is wonderful that this beautiful woods has been saved for the community to enjoy. We will report on park plans when more details become available.

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