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Military helicopters buzz Cedar Mill

By Virginia Bruce

On the evening of January 18, local folks were surprised and disturbed to hear very low-flying military helicopters overhead. NextDoor and Facebook erupted with reports of sightings and “hearings.” One person described what he saw, “The lead Ch-47 Chinook was blacked out, the middle was a Chinook that had a green and red light on, and the trail Blackhawk was lit up like normal.”

for a variety of aircraft. You can set it to show flights on any date, and play it speeded up so you can watch aircraft zipping around the area. Unfortunately, the radar is located on the other side of the west hills, so it didn’t show these helicopters because they would have been in the shadow of the hills. Interesting though, and it gives you the ability to report noise complaints based on flights.

We also learned that Oregon has

a state [Military Office](#). Their Community Relations representative, Major Bonar, was most helpful in suggesting the source of the operation, saying he had heard several reports of this incident.

Joint Base Lewis-McChord has a [web page to report noise complaints](#) as well.

If the January 18 incident caused problems for you or your family members, you might visit their page and file a report. (I had my hearing aids out by the time they flew over our house, but I actually heard something too!)



After following several dead-ends, we finally spoke to Joe Kubistek, in the Public Affairs department at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washington State, who confirmed that it was a “proficiency training” operation by their people. The exercise took place from 7-11 pm that night.

He explained that according to their records, our area was a “Class G” low-density area that was appropriate for training. He speculated that they may not have been conducting their training here but might have been on their way to their target area.

We asked if we could expect to see and hear this again and he couldn’t predict anything. He says they vary the areas they train in so they can be prepared. We hope they’re not preparing for operations in the suburbs!

While trying to track down the source of the flight, we spoke to Nathan, the Operations Supervisor at the Hillsboro Airport. He pointed us to an interesting resource called [Webtrak](#), which is a website that shows the radar tracks

What's Happening at...?

Several projects around the community are in various stages of development. We’ll publish more details as they become available.

Milltown Shopping Center redevelopment

Bales/Findley Property Management and their partners plan to submit their proposal to Washington County this month for the [complete tear-down and redesign of the center](#), that was first opened in 1961. The current tenants anticipate sticking around until mid-to-late summer if county permitting takes its normal course. As soon as the application is submitted to the county, we’ll publish the dates for the comment period and more information on the Cedar Mill News Facebook page.

Peterkort work on Barnes

Many people observed equipment and workers on the [Peterkort](#) property on the north side of Barnes Road, and wondered if the company is finally going forward with a segment of its [Master Plan](#).

The area called Valeria View Centre calls for “mixed high-density office, residential and commercial buildings.” According to company principal Lois Ditmars, the work being done now is “investigational,” and might include geological reports. They are talking to a developer, who will share their plans when they are ready.

The entire complex of properties was annexed into Beaverton in 2011. The city approved the [Planned Unit Development application](#) in 2014,



Portion of the Peterkort Master Plan

and granted a two-year extension in December 2016. We’ll bring you more information as soon as it’s available.

Parks update

We checked in with Bob Wayt,

Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, on several stories we’ve been following. “NE Park” plans

THPRD acquired land in 2001 and 2008 for a [future park at the southeast corner of Saltzman and Laidlaw](#). Ward Creek runs through the property, which is mostly forested.

A house on the first-acquired parcel has since been demolished by the district. There have been a

few restoration projects recently to clear invasive ivy and blackberry,



Steep slopes lead to Ward Creek

but no improvements are planned at this time. The park is to the north and west of currently developing areas of Bonny Slope West (BSW), the area that came into Washington County a few years ago to enable urban

development. A trail is planned to connect the current Arbor development “Thompson Woods” to the park.

Bob Wayt says, “This property is not in the five-year capital improvement plan (CIP) for development. However, we are updating our Park Functional Plan (PFP), in which we will take a closer look at how and when we will develop parks in new urban areas, including North Bethany, South Cooper Mountain and Bonny Slope West. After the completion of the update of the PFP, we will update the 5-year CIP.”

[New developments in BSW](#) are required to annex into the district. Wayt says, “When building permits are pulled, they will be charged district system development charges.”

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Cedar Mill Business Roundup

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

Learn and have fun at New Seasons

Tuesday Tea for seniors
Tues., Feb. 6, 10-11 am, New Seasons Market, 3495 SW Cedar Hills Blvd. Free.

Fill up on Fiber! Explore health topics while sipping warm tea with a New Seasons Market Nutritionist. This month we will discuss the benefits of fiber and tips on how to get enough in your diet. [Registration required.](#)

Celebrate Heart Month
Thurs., Feb. 15, 12-1 pm, New Seasons Market, 3495 SW Cedar Hills Blvd. Free.

Explore the store to celebrate Heart Month! We'll identify nutrient-dense foods and simple habits that support a healthy cardiovascular system. You'll leave with a meal plan making it easy to take these concepts from tour to table. [Registration required.](#)

Pharmaca celebrates "Galentine's Day"

Sat., Feb. 3, 12-4 pm, Beaverton Pharmaca, 240 NW Lost Springs Terrace, Beaverton. Free.

Grab your best friend and come in for a day of pampering and fun including mini-facials, coupons, and kombucha mocktails. Mini-facials require a \$10 service fee, and you receive a \$10 off coupon valid on event day. (Galentine's Day is a "nonofficial holiday, celebrated as a

day for "ladies celebrating ladies." It started out with Leslie Knope (star of the TV show Parks and Recreation) going to brunch with her female friends. It has turned into an optimistic celebration of friendship."

Fresh Beauty
Sat., Feb. 10, 2-6 pm, Beaverton Pharmaca, 240 NW Lost Springs Terrace, Beaverton. Free.

Get expert skin care advice and a free mini facial. Free Juice Beauty Stem Cellular Cleansing Oil with \$100 purchase (A\$34 value!). Free beauty samples and save up to \$20 on event day. Mini-facials require a \$10 service fee, and you receive a \$10 off coupon valid on event day.

Questions? Contact Patrick Healey at (503) 596-3552.

Edward Jones coffee club

Fri., Feb. 16, 9-10 am, NextHome Realty Connection 12923 NW Cornell Rd, Suite 101

Brian Harvey, a local Edward Jones financial advisor, will host a coffee club. Edward Jones provides financial services in the U.S. and, through its affiliate, in Canada. The firm's 15,000-plus financial advisors serve more than 7 million clients and care for \$1 trillion in assets under management. Member SIPC.

Bethany Massage & Spa events

All events at Massage & Spa at Bethany, 15280 NW Central Dr #102

Mindful Weigh Support Group
Wed., Feb. 7, 21, 28; 6-7:30 pm, \$7 per meetup or \$20 for the month.

Meditation Circle with Jen
Sun., Feb. 11, 25; 3:30-4:30 pm, \$12 per class or \$20 for the month.

Rosemary's Master Class
Mon., Feb. 12, 6:30-7:30 pm, free.

Hypnosis with Judith
Mon., Feb. 19, 6:30-7:30 pm, free.

For more information, [visit their website.](#)

Village Gallery events and classes

12505 NW Cornell Road, next to the Cedar Mill Library, open Mon.-Sat., 10 am-4 pm; Sun. 12-4 pm

Village Gallery is a non-profit educational art gallery in operation since 1963.

February show
Sun., Feb. 11, 2-4 pm, free.

Join us for refreshments and meet our featured artist, Marcia Petty. This show features digital art, "abstract images I create from photos I've taken of my paintings over the years. Acrylic and mixed media paintings can be reborn as exciting new abstracts." The show also includes some photos of her yard in all seasons. "I appreciate the world nearby, having already traveled a fair amount and lived in a wide variety of places."

Classes

Kristi Roberts - Children's art classes
Mondays, 3:45-4:45 pm for ages 7 - 11; Mondays, 5-6 pm for ages 11 - 16

Children have an opportunity to try out different mediums including drawing, watercolor, acrylic, pastels, clay and mixed media. Fine art concepts and techniques are taught with each lesson. Varied subjects include landscapes, people, faces, animals, cartooning and perspective.

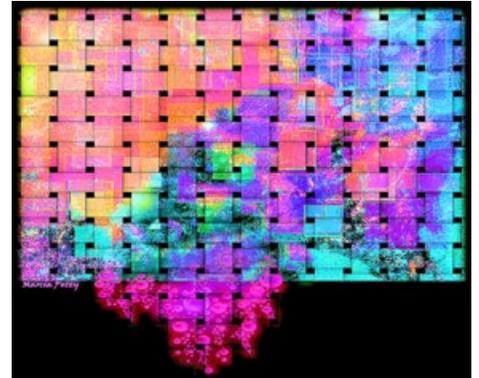
Susan Pfal - Uncial calligraphy
Fridays, Feb. 2, 9, 16; 1-3 pm.

Get ready for St. Patrick's Day! Uncials were used throughout Europe from 300 to 800 AD. In Ireland, they continue to use this script today. This class will cover the uncial letterforms and a variety of Celtic decorations used with this calligraphy including plaitwork and knotwork.

Elizabeth Higgins - gelli-plate printing and collage
Sat. and Sun., Feb. 24 and 25, 9 am-12 pm

On the first day, we will make colorful textured papers using a Gel printing plate, texture tools, and acrylic paints. The second day will be spent composing finished collages with these papers, suitable for greeting cards or framed works of art.

For a complete list of classes, including the new classes for the new year, please visit the village gallery website at villagegalleryarts.org, or call 503-644-8001.



Bubbles, by Marcia Petty

Conquer holiday debt

Did you go a little crazy with holiday shopping last year? You're not alone. Reportedly, retail sales were expected to top \$680 billion dollars during the 2017 holiday season. It's hard to resist the temptation to overspend when buying gifts for your family and friends, especially when so many retailers offer their deepest discounts of the year. So if you find yourself suddenly buried under a mound of credit card debt, here's how to dig yourself out:

1. Add up your seasonal costs: The first step is to simply calculate the exact amount of your holiday debt. This is helpful for a couple reasons. For starters, you need to know your target number so that you can make a plan for repayment. But it also lets you establish a limit for 2018's seasonal spending. Provided that your budget is the same for this year's holidays, you can either make a plan to save more or spend less on gifts than you did in 2017.

2. Tackle higher-interest debt first: Not all debt is created equal. You'll pay more in the long run on credit cards with higher interest than on lower-rate cards. So rather than splitting your repayments evenly across your accounts, make the more expensive cards your priority. Otherwise, your holiday purchases will weigh you down well into the new year.

3. Re-organize your budget: If you're struggling to get ahead of your seasonal debt, you may need to take a long, hard look at your budget (and if you've never made a budget, the beginning of the year is a great time to start!). Can you eat out less? Make coffee at home instead of buying it every day?

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CPO 1 wants input for county Work Plan

Tues, Feb 13, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman

Washington County Land Use and Transportation staff works on a variety of projects and issues beyond routine permitting. The Long Range Planning staff gets direction on how to spend their time from the annual Work Program, that identifies and ranks tasks including ordinances, projects, and other transportation and community planning activities. Comments on the plan are due on Feb. 15, so we're taking a look at the plan so we can put our comments into a letter to the Board of County Commissioners.

Download and read the full draft Program [here](#). We will provide a "cheat sheet" of issues that affect us in CPO 1, closer to the meeting date. [Sign up for our "non-county" email list here](#) if you'd like to get it.

We'll also hear from Public Affairs Chief Cassandra Ulven of Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue who will join us to speak about Measures 34-280 and 34-281 on the March ballot.

CPO 1 is your non-partisan, volunteer-led organization that gives you a voice in county affairs. Meetings are open to anyone. CPO 1 represents Cedar Mill, Cedar Hills, and Bonny Slope.
Sat., Feb 10, 10-5 pm; Sun. Feb 11,

Second season of treatment for Japanese beetle begins

If you are within the treatment area for the Japanese beetle invasion, you will have received a mailer with information on signing your consent form to allow treatment. NOTE: the original mailing had incorrect or missing PIN numbers, see the postcard for the correct information.

Open houses

Tues., Feb. 6, 5:30-7 pm, Sunset High School

Tues., Feb. 13, 9:30 am-12:30 pm, Leedy Grange Hall

Two informational Open House meetings are scheduled with ODA staff available to answer questions. Drop in anytime during the sessions to see maps, learn more about the treatment, and find out why this effort is critical for protecting both home gardens and Oregon's agricultural industry.



Seed Swap and History at the Museum

Saturday, Feb. 10, 10-5; Sunday, Feb. 11, 1-4 pm, Cedar Mill History Museum, 12505 NW Cornell across from Sunset Bingo

Our temporary History Museum will be open again. New images and exhibits! Bring your family and invite your neighbors to learn more about the history of our community, from the natives to the '60s.

Seed Swap

Sun., Feb. 11, 2-3 pm

Most seed packets have more

seeds than the backyard gardener can use. Also, some people save seeds from heirloom (not hybrid) varieties. Bring in your extra seeds from last year and this year, and go home with new seeds!

We will provide empty packets and labels. You can drop off seeds before the swap, but be sure to come back on Sunday to take home your new seeds. Questions? Email us vrb@teamweb.com

Off leash dog park?

Dog owners have been wishing for an off-leash dog park in our area. A small group met at the Cedar Mill News office in mid-January to begin to create an advocacy group. Keith Watson,

Superintendent of Sports, agreed to attend the meeting to help us understand the district's requirements and listen to our request.

We have created a Facebook group, "[Cedar Mill Dog Park advocates](#)" to continue the discussion and build support.

Watson told us that the minimum considerations and requirements from the district include: an off street parking lot; a water source (may need to purchase and install a meter); an area that is able to be

fenced (preferably a small dog and



large dog section); and a park that is away from neighboring homes. Once a suitable park property is identified, a Neighborhood Meeting would be held.

If you have a dog that would benefit from off-leash exercise and play, and are interested in helping us work on finding a suitable spot and bringing this effort to completion, please join the group!

Beaverton School Futures discussion

Mon., Feb 5, 7 pm, Bethany Elementary, 3305 NW 174th

CPO 7 is hosting BSD board representative for this area, Anne Bryan, and staff to talk about the district's Futures Study: Quality Education in a Changing World, the final report of which was presented to the Board in October 2017.

You can [download the report](#) from the BSD website.

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Roads roundup

We wanted to get updates on a number of pending projects, and Melissa DeLyser, Communications Manager for Washington County Land Use & Transportation Department, answered our questions.

What are the current activities and the timeline for the Cedar Hills Bl. offramp from Highway 26?

If all goes as planned, we will hold an open house sometime in spring/early summer. The design work is expected to be completed in July, with a fall construction start date. All dates are subject to change.

A segment of Thompson road adjacent to the new Bonny Slope West development was proposed to be straightened. Land was going to be purchased from the Biggi family, what is going on with that? Also, are there plans to work on the realignment of Thompson west of the Saltzman intersection?

Both sections of Thompson Road are part of the [MSTIP Bonding Cost-sharing Program](#). Thompson between Kenny and Saltzman will be initiated within four-six years;

Washington County Public Affairs Forum

The forum is held over lunch every Monday, September through June, (except holidays) at Golden Valley Restaurant & Brew Pub in Beaverton, 1520 NW Bethany Blvd. All events are free. Doors open at 11:30 am, and speakers start at noon. Lunch is available to order from the menu.

Feb. 5: Nakisha Nathan, Climate justice organizer, Sierra Club, speaking on Climate Change issues

Feb. 12: Sam Metz, M.D., speaking on "Health Care Reform Without Tears"

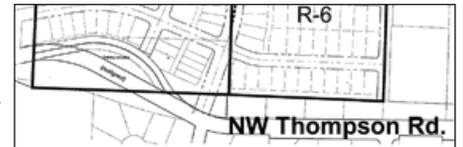
Feb. 19: Jami Arbon, Store Manager at Green Mart, speaking on "A Look at the Retail Cannabis Business in Oregon & Washington County"

Feb. 26: Mark Mitsui, President of Portland Community College, speaking on "Climate Change Initiatives at Home (PCC) and Abroad (Western States Alliance)"

March 5: Cassandra Ulven, Public Affairs Chief for Tualatin Fire & Rescue, speaking on the state of TVF&R and upcoming ballot measure. Also, Lois O'Halloran, Board Chair of Family Promise of

Thompson between Saltzman and Marcotte will be initiated in seven-10 years.

Cornell Rd paving... we heard



Portion of the Bonny Slope West concept plan showing the proposed realignment of Thompson

that segments were supposed to get [resurfaced sometime soon](#)—it's a mess of potholes from US 26 to Murray!

A service request for pothole filling was filed on Jan. 16, based on your email. The paving is included in the 2017-18 overlay contract. Typically that work starts in late March, depending on the weather.

What is the schedule for the work on the Walker Rd. / Murray intersection? The signs have been up for at least a year!

According to [our website](#), construction is scheduled to begin in 2019 with an estimated completion of 12/31/2020. I spoke with the project manager, and we don't have anything more specific at this time.

Beaverton, speaking on "The Family Promise Story – A Community Comes Together"

School Board Authorizes Local Option Levy Renewal

On Jan. 22, the Beaverton School Board unanimously adopted a resolution to place a five-year Local Option Levy Renewal on the ballot for the election on May 15. This is a vote-by-mail election.

If approved, the Local Option Levy Renewal would allow Beaverton schools to preserve 300 teaching positions, maintain class sizes, and help ensure students are prepared for post-high school success. The levy renewal costs \$1.25 per \$1,000 assessed property value. Homes with the median assessed value of \$238,000 would continue to pay less than \$25 per month. The levy could raise approximately \$31-\$35 million a year.

In 2013, voters approved a five-year local option levy to restore teaching positions that had been cut due to repeated state funding shortfalls. The levy has raised \$128 million, and 100% has remained in Beaverton schools to fund approximately 300 teaching positions and reduce class sizes.

New BSD middle school opening delayed by another year

Parents of elementary school age children can't anticipate that their children will have a new middle school to go to until 2021 now, as Beaverton School District announced in late January that they will continue to use the new building in the Timberland area as a "swing school" for students whose schools are being rebuilt around the district.

Instead of opening the school in 2020 to relieve overcrowding in its middle schools, district planners decided to spend two years rebuilding the [Arts & Communication Magnet Academy \(ACMA\)](#) because of construction costs.

District spokesperson Maureen Wheeler says, "The District made the difficult decision to extend the time for construction beyond a single school year in consideration of the project's size and complexity. Current market conditions and local labor shortages with the recent passage of neighboring district construction bond measures and continued high demand for commercial construction in the region are challenging the District's ability to attract bidders, maintain subcontractors to provide this pace

of work, and get the best value for bond dollars."

The district also blames the delay on permitting and other local government issues. Wheeler continues, "In addition, time requirements for various jurisdictions to complete design review, permitting and inspections will continue to be significant in this construction market. Preliminary City of Beaverton review indicates more extensive road work will be required at (the ACMA) site introducing a significant time factor." She shared the current schedule for schools that will occupy the new middle school at Timberland while their schools are built or renovated:

- In 2018-2019, Rachel Carson 6-8th graders (Five Oaks Middle School program) and William Walker Elementary students will share the school.
- * In 2019-2020, ACMA students and 6-8th grade students from Raleigh Hills will share the school.
- In 2020-2021, ACMA students will be at the new middle school for a second year.
- In 2021, ACMA students will move back into their new school

- In 2021-2022, the new middle school will open for middle school students.

We asked, "What will be done

capacity at all schools and may, from time to time, take additional actions to manage enrollment and capacity issues."

Wheeler adds, "Sufficient space



Rendering of the 118th St. school, now slated to serve our middle school students in 2021

to accommodate middle-school students in the NE quadrant? You are already putting out [pro-vider letters](#) saying you can't serve middle school students in our new development areas (the large new Bonny Slope West development, for example)."

In response, we were told that a middle school boundary process will take place in the next year to realign attendance boundaries for all BSD middle schools. They added, "The District will continuously monitor enrollment and

currently exists at Stoller Middle School to serve the northern part of the District. A two-classroom portable on-site is currently being used for storage. This summer, the District plans on placing another two classroom portable on-site. The District believes that through our student enrollment projections and the amount of classroom space at Stoller, there will be sufficient capacity to accommodate the modest level of student enrollment projected for Stoller Middle School."

PUBLIC NOTICE



Japanese beetles destroy roses and many other plants. Photo: Melissa Schreiner

Japanese beetle, a destructive and invasive pest of lawns, ornamental plants and food crops, was detected in Washington County in 2016. The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is conducting a multi-year project to eradicate this pest.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture proposes to treat an area of Washington County with an EPA-designated "reduced risk" granular larvicide in April or May of 2018 to prevent Japanese beetle from establishing in Oregon.

The service is provided at no cost. For most residences, the single application will take 5-10 minutes to complete. For information about the larvicide, visit <http://oda.fyi/jbhealth>

Watch the mail for your consent form and return it as soon as possible!

If you live within the treatment area, you will receive notice in January from ODA with details about the project, including a consent form.

Please return your completed consent form as soon as possible!

Please attend our open house events:

February 6: Sunset High School, 5:30p-7p

February 13: Leedy Grange, 9:30a-12:30p

ODA staff will be available to answer questions

For more information, contact us: japanesebeetle@oda.state.or.us or call toll-free 1-800-525-0137 www.JapaneseBeetlePDX.info

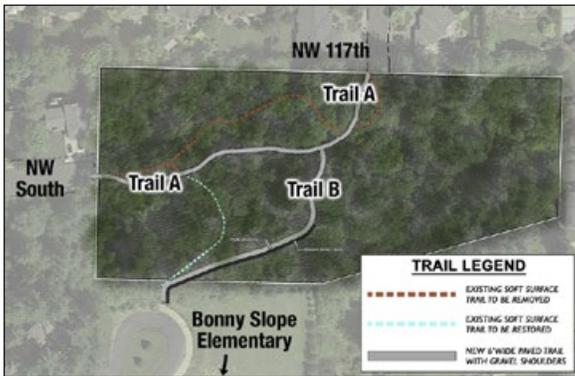


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The Bluffs Park Trail extension

In mid-December ten neighbors attended a meeting with Steve Gulgren, THPRD Planner, and other staff, to hear about proposed improvements to the trail that connects two Bonny Slope streets to Bonny Slope Elementary. The existing trail is a “soft trail” covered in wood chips. It gets muddy and is also very difficult for anything with wheels—bicycles, strollers, etc. It is quite steep in a few areas.



Park staff presented their options, and after gathering input from the neighbors and from Beaverton School District and the Trails Advisory Committee, the district has chosen an option that eliminates one segment of the soft trail, retains and improves another segment by adding gravel, and adds six foot wide paved trails connecting NW South Drive and NW 117th to the north end of Bonny Slope Elementary.

The trail winds through some nice native forest, but there is plenty of invasive vegetation that will be removed and replanted with native understory plants. A number of trees will need to be removed, but the forest character will be preserved. Construction is anticipated in summer of 2019.

Lehman Farm park

In 2012, the district purchased the nearly [seven acre farm](#) from the estate of Laurence Lehman. Aside from demolishing the farmhouse, and recently removing the barns, nothing has been done with the property.

Washington County intends to realign Thompson Road through the middle of the property. The work will be paid for by the MSTIP Bonding Cost-sharing program. Most of the surrounding homes were built before the county re-

quired development to annex into THPRD, and that has been stated as the reason that the park hasn't been developed.

Wayt says, “This property is on the 5-CIP but is unfunded. We have not recently had conversations with the county about the road.” We hope some conversations get started soon. The preproperty would be ideal for a multi-use park with playing fields and a dog park.

Winterhawks Ice Rink

Last February we reported that talks were underway to build a professional [ice hockey practice](#) [link](#) on the Terpenning Recreation Complex.

Now we understand that the Winterhawks are requesting support for new Oregon legislation that would change the way the state looks at the compensation received by players. Washington County's lobbyist, Bob McCauley, is working on this.

Wayt says, “We support the legislation, which would create an exemption for Winterhawks players and other Western Hockey League players, classifying them as amateurs rather than employees who would be subject to Oregon employment laws. Similar legislation has already been passed in Washington state and several Canadian provinces. The Winterhawks and Washington County support the bill, which we expect to be introduced in the short session.”

See the February 2017 article for more details of the proposed rink.

Terpenning skate park renovation work

If the ice hockey rink is built, it would displace the existing skate park in the NW corner of the Terpenning complex. However, the district is getting ready to replace much of the existing wooden ramp structure with concrete ramps.

Wayt notes, “Although we have made progress on our partnership with the Winterhawks, much work still needs to be done, and everything takes time. The Winterhawks are now launching a substantial fundraising effort necessary to build the facility. If they are suc-

cessful, and it is determined that one or both of our existing skate parks fall within the building's footprint, the Winterhawks will build new skate facilities for the public in a different location at HMT. That is a key part of our agreement with the team. In the meantime, we are maintaining our current skate parks to ensure their continued usefulness.”

Washington County Museum Program Celebrates Oregon's Birthday

Sat., Feb. 10, 10 am-1 pm, Washington County Museum at PCC Rock Creek Campus, 17677 NW Springville Rd., free.

Celebrate Oregon's Birthday at the Washington County Museum! Bring the entire family to enjoy arts, crafts, and games. Free Family Morning events take place at the museum on the second Saturday of the month, and are suitable for children of all ages, along with their parents and grandparents. Come one, come all!

Sponsored by the Oregon International Air Show and Beaverton Bakery.

Washington County Resistance - Monthly Meeting

Wed., Feb. 21, 7-8:30 pm

Build community with fellow neighbors interested in pursuing local actions to stand up for justice, equality, and environment. Guest speaker: Teresa Raiford, founder of Don't Shoot Portland. Contact [jess. angle@gmail.com](#) for details.

Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

A Special Valentine's Day Performance

Wed., Feb. 14, 6:30-7:30 pm, Cedar Mill Library, free.

John Nilsen, pianist, guitarist, vocalist and songwriter native to the Pacific Northwest, will deliver a baby grand piano to CML and spend an hour in the evening playing love songs for his hometown community.

Writers Mill
Sun., Feb. 18, 1 pm, conference room of

the Cedar Mill Library, free.

Author Zita Podany (Vanport, from the Images of America series) will present a workshop on creating a writer's website at the regular meeting of Writers' Mill. The members of Writers' Mill always welcome newcomers.

Increase Your Knowledge of Animal Law

Wed., Feb. 21, 6:30 pm, Cedar Mill Library, free.

Nicole Schaefer, a local attorney, will talk about Animal Law, which has the potential to affect any pet owner. Topics of possible discussion include veterinary malpractice, custody, animal abuse, and even estate planning.

PCC Rock Creek Music Programs

Music programs are held at the Forum, Building 3, 17705 NW Springville Rd in Portland

Christopher Brown Band

Feb. 13, 7 pm,

Christopher Brown (son of legendary Portland drummer Mel Brown) has played music since the age of five. An accomplished drummer and saxophonist, he has more than two decades of musical experience that includes performances with artists such as Beyoncé, Esperanza Spalding, Roy Hargrove, Wynton Marsalis and many others. The band will perform American pop music through the lens of the African American jazz tradition. For more information, please go to [coutureofmusic.com/](#)

Tim Connell and Eric Skye

Feb. 20, 7 pm, Their latest release, *June Apple*, is a unique and unexpected take on traditional American fiddle tunes arranged for mandolin and guitar. Tim Connell is recognized as “a world-class mandolinist” by Mandolin magazine and is a

graduate of the New England Conservatory of Music. He regularly tours Europe and North America and is also a member of the acclaimed Portland groups Stumptown Swing and Rio Con Brio. Eric Skye occupies a unique niche between Americana, jazz, and blues. For more information, please



visit ericsskye.com/tag/tim-connell/

For more information about the concerts, please contact Jason Palmer at jason.palmer@pcc.edu, 971-722-7869, or view the music program's website pcc.edu/programs/music/rock-creek/ and [Facebook page](#).

Free Cat Spay and Neutering in February

Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon (FCCO), a nonprofit spay/neuter program for stray and pet cats, is offering FREE spay/neuter services for feral and stray cats in February.

In addition, there are specials for pet cat neutering during the last week of February. February is a good time to spay/neuter cats before the spring breeding season. It will improve livability in neighborhoods with fewer kittens born and decrease cat fights and other nuisance behaviors often associated with outdoor cats.

Founded in 1995, FCCO's mission is to reduce the population of feral and stray cats and improve their welfare, helping nearly 90,000 cats throughout the years.

Call 503-797-2606 or visit feral-cats.com to schedule an appointment.

Indivisible Cedar Mill Monthly Meeting

Mon., Feb. 12, 6:30-8:30 pm, [contact for address](#).

Come join Indivisible Cedar Mill for our February meeting. Our meeting will include two guest speakers, Kathryn Harrington who is running for Washington County Commissioner Chair, and Leslie of "Soul Boxes," an artist initiative to protest gun violence in America.

Please email Karyn or John for location: karyn@karynservin.com and theportlandfoxes@gmail.com

Commissioner Malinowski opens campaign office in Cedar Mill

12555 NW Cornell Rd., In the former cafe space across from Mike's Auto Parts. Hours: To be determined.

Washington County Commissioner Greg Malinowski is opening his campaign office right here in Cedar Mill. Together with his team he will organize volunteers to go out and talk to voters about their ideas and concerns for the future of Washington County. For those looking to get involved in a local election that will have a big impact, feel free to stop by our office to hear about how you can help out. Right now, Greg is hoping to get the office

furnished with tables, desks, chairs and lamps and office supplies like paper and pens.

If you have any items you are able to donate, or if you have any other questions about Greg and his campaign, please call our campaign manager, Pablo Nieves-Valenzuela at (503)-601-9730 or email us at info@gregmalinowski.com.

North Bethany Main Street Open House

Mon., Feb. 26, 6-8 pm, Springville K-8, 6655 NW Joss Av.

The first Open House for the North Bethany Main Street plan will be held to give the community a chance to view the preliminary plans and submit comments. The North Bethany Main Street is an approximately 13-acre area near the center of the North Bethany community, bisected by NW Kaiser Road. The purpose of the Main Street is to provide a mixed-use commercial area within easy walking distance from surrounding homes.

An advisory committee has been meeting since October 2017 to review requirements and discuss options. Advisory Committee members include representatives from CPO 7, all the Service Districts, Polygon Northwest, and others. More information, including Advisory Committee agendas and minutes, is available [here](#).

New Bonny Slope Elementary Preschool

We are very excited to announce the opening of Bonny Slope Elementary's very own 4+ Preschool! Beginning Feb. 5, we will have preschool Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Our morning session will go from 8-10:30 am and our afternoon session will go from 12:15-2:45 pm, each taught by a certified teacher and two instructional assistants. Each session includes breakfast or lunch, where students will be eating among their peers and practicing daily skills.

On Wednesdays, the certified teacher and an instructional assistant will do optional home visits for interested families. As a team, they work on developing skills in behavior, academics, and social-emotional skills.

Cost is dependent on income (maximum monthly cost is \$300). Call us at 503-356-2040 for more details. Enrollment is happening now, so stop by Bonny Slope Elementary for a sign up sheet or [print one off online](#) and bring it in!

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TVF&R Annexation Measures on March Ballot

By TVF&R

Cedar Mill voters will be asked in the March 13 election to consider whether to allow annexation of the city of Newberg and Newberg Rural Fire Protection District territories into Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's service area. You might be wondering why you are being asked to vote on measures that affect Newberg and the Newberg Rural area.

Approval of Measures 34-280 and 34-281 will not increase taxes paid by existing TVF&R residents. Because property owners in Newberg and the surrounding rural area would pay the same rate upon annexation as existing TVF&R patrons, the tax rate paid on bonded debt could actually decrease across TVF&R's entire service area.

Since July 1, 2016, TVF&R has provided fire protection, emergency medical, and ambulance transport services to the city of Newberg and surrounding rural area under a two-year contract. Newberg asked TVF&R to serve the city and honor its arrangement with Newberg Rural Fire Protection District due to budget constraints that limited the city's ability to provide adequate staffing, maintain equipment, and

comply with national standards given increased service demands.

During the contract, elected leaders of TVF&R, the city of Newberg, and Newberg Rural evaluated the feasibility and cost-benefit of annexation. All agreed that it was a mutually beneficial decision and offered the most stable solution for long-term service to the city and rural communities.

Newberg and Newberg Rural areas residents voted in favor of annexation to TVF&R in the November 2017 election. The outcome was 69.32 percent voter support in the city and 62.99 percent voter approval in the rural area.

Despite strong approval, Oregon law allows 100 or more existing TVF&R voters to file petitions with Washington County during the annexation process to request that the Board of Commissioners require an in-district election on the proposed annexations. In December, petitions were filed and accepted by the Washington County board.

Since then, TVF&R has placed Measures 34-280 (city) and 34-281 (rural) on the March ballot. If voters pass both Measures 34-280 and 34-281, TVF&R will finalize the

annexation process.

If either or both measures do not pass, TVF&R will work with Newberg and/or the rural district to ensure an effective transition, whether TVF&R continues to provide service through a contract extension, or Newberg reverts to its former model.

TVF&R'S history is based on similar voluntary and mutually beneficial annexations. TVF&R took shape as a fire district between 1972 and 2016, as a number of city fire departments and rural districts consolidated to share limited resources and save money. Collectively, communities can leverage their resources to have more sophisticated services at a lower cost than they could have on their own, while reducing administrative overhead, buying trucks and equipment in bulk, garnering better borrowing rates, and leveraging a system of response to locate stations, resources, and personnel strategically.

For more information on these

measures, please contact Public Affairs Chief Cassandra Ulven at 503-649-8577.

Donate new and gently-used children's books

Through Tues., Feb. 20, Beaverton City Hall, 12725 SW Millikan Way

Give your old books new life! Stop by the Beaverton Building now to drop-off new and gently used books for children in grades K-8.

Beaverton City Hall is a collection site for the Assistance League of Greater Portland's Legacy of Literacy project. Donated books benefit children living in area shelters, transitional housing and hospitals.

The Beaverton Building is conveniently situated along the MAX Blue Line at the Beaverton Central station. The Beaverton Building is open Mon.-Thurs. 7 am-9 pm and Fri. 7 am-7 pm.

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Daphne rescue!

by Margie Lachman

Horrors! My beautiful and fragrant Daphne “Carol Mackie,” which perfumes the garden with its blooms for weeks in the spring, looks like an octopus! Last winter’s repeated snowfalls mashed the center of this lovely shrub to smithereens.



Daphne “Carol Mackie” has lovely yellow margins on its leaves.

Pruning is an activity which I enjoy and I usually do this task myself. But Daphne is a fussy shrub when it comes to pruning. So I searched the internet for advice before attacking this job. All of this advice can be used to care for and prune other shrubs.

Despite rumors to the contrary, you can prune Daphne, but it is recommended to do it in spring after bloom is finished. Last fall I tried removing any obviously dead branches, hoping for some new growth this spring. But now I realize that more help must be given to return this shrub to a more attractive shape. Waiting for spring is hard so I am researching the project now in preparation for a successful reshaping.

As with any shrub or tree, no more than one third of the total growth should be removed in a season. Each branch needs to be cut by one third of its length and examined for live green tissue. If it looks dead and brown, keep cutting a few inches at a time until you know that you have found live tissue.

If the whole branch is dead, trim the branch as low in the plant as possible. When all dead branches are removed, live ones can be gently staked to encourage a better shape. Two adjacent branches can be tied together with twine to encourage upright growth to improve shape.

If this sounds tedious, it is, but I love this shrub for its ease of care and fragrance. Mine is more than

a decade old. I will replace it if necessary. If we have snow again that can damage this shrub I will use a broom to remove it to prevent future damage. It is important to sweep upwards in order to not break branches.

The more you practice the skill of pruning the better you will be. There is definitely an art to shaping

shrubs and trees, which I have enjoyed learning. Pruning classes are offered at our local nurseries and at the Portland Japanese Garden in late winter and spring. If you don’t wish to do

this task yourself I recommend hiring a certified arborist, especially for trees. After all—even pros occasionally fall off of ladders!

Questions? Email me at margierose2@gmail.com or call 503-645-2994

Register now for Nature Kids Preschool
THPRD Nature Center, 15655 SW Millikan Way, Beaverton.

Turn your preschooler into a Nature Kid at THPRD’s Nature Kids Preschool. Registration for the 2018-19 preschool year opens on Jan. 30 at 8 am. Priority will be given to walk-ins; no online registration will be available. Please call 503-629-6350 with questions.

The Tualatin Hills Nature Center is the park district’s nature-based preschool program for kids ages 3 to 5. The nine-month program offers half-day morning and afternoon sessions designed to help preschool children develop skills through a balance of tactile activities, play and academic experiences. The curriculum

introduces developmentally appropriate activities with a structure that emphasizes hands-on learning through exposure to nature and the changing seasons.



Art Week! at CMBC Studio

Mon.-Sat., Feb. 5-10, various hours, Cedar Mill Bible Church, 12208 NW Cornell Rd, \$15 per session

[listed on the website](#). The fees for the art week classes cover materials.

Discover your inner artist, or explore new techniques and gain new skills during this extraordinary week of two-hour classes at CMBC’s art studio.

Studio director Michelle Winter has created a small space above the office in the CMBC chapel building. The rooms at the top of a winding staircase hold a wealth of materials and equipment and plenty of opportunity to spread out and create art projects.

During this special week, she is bringing in artists to share techniques, from calligraphy to knitting; Lino cut printing, basic jewelry, photography, and much more. [Classes are](#)

Join THPRD Restoration Projects

Join us at the park improvement projects listed below and help us protect and restore local natural areas. New projects will be listed periodically. For more information, contact Melissa Marcum at mmarcum@thprd.org, 503-619-3941.
Feb. 10: Jackie Husen Park, Cedar Mill area
Feb. 17: Lost Park, Cedar Mill area
Feb. 24: NE Park, near Saltzman & Laidlaw



Some of the studio artists collaborate on work, as they have done on the large painting. Then the canvas is painted over with white, to be used again



The studio also has regular open hours—Mondays 10-2, Thursdays

12-6— for anyone to drop in and work on projects. “All faiths and none; all skill levels and none” is their motto. Winters’ goal is to “offer a safe space for creativity to bud and bloom.” She has an activity or technique ready to go during the

drop-in hours, or people are welcome to work on their own projects or participate in group projects.

The studio welcomes donations of money and art supplies. Learn more on the website or drop in during Art Week and get creative!

Cedar Mill Creek Flood Remediation Collaborative Meeting

Mon., Feb. 5, 1-5 pm Beaverton City Hall, Council Chambers at 12725 SW Millikan Way.

The agenda includes consideration of the revised Shared Understanding Statement (SUS), a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) orientation to currently planned infrastructure within the watershed, and a special presentation by representatives from the Rain Ready program, a Chicago-based non-profit initiative that assists communities with flood management.

Agenda, previous meeting notes, and more information are on [the website](#), along with opportunities to share your comments:

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What should the transportation system do for greater Portland? Now through Feb. 17, tell leaders what or how you would focus investments in our transportation system.

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The 2018 Regional Transportation Plan will establish priorities for state, federal and regional funding and help set the stage for the new and expanded options for people and products to get where they need to go. Projects are submitted by city, county, regional and state partners and evaluated for what they will do for the people and businesses of

greater Portland.

What projects are most important to you? Take 5-7 minutes to share your thoughts through the online survey. Find out more and explore an interactive map projects at oregonmetro.gov/2018projects. Send comments by email to transportation@oregonmetro.gov or mail to Planning and Development, 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232.

The survey results and feedback we hear at the Community Leaders' Forum and business/community outreach will be synthesized for the Regional Leadership Forum on March 2. Furthermore, your input will be shared with policymakers as they work together to provide direction on finalizing the project priorities to be included in the 2018 Regional Transportation Plan.

Find out more about the RTP at oregonmetro.gov/rtp.

Metro's 2018 Nature in Neighborhoods Nature Education and Outdoor Experiences Grants Available

Deadline: March 6, 2018

Does your organization offer young people of color work training in parks and natural areas? Maybe you have a partnership that introduces refugees and new residents to the outdoors in greater Portland? Or do you teach school kids how nature connects to their STEM classes? Do you hope to create a program that improves water quality, restores fish and wildlife habitat, or connects people to nature?

Metro's Nature in Neighborhood nature education and outdoor experiences grants supports programs like these. With the goal of building cultural, environmental and economic equity, these grants provide communities of color and underserved communities educational opportunities, work training, organizational development and

the chance to get out and spend meaningful time in nature.

This round of grants is possible thanks to support from voters, who in 2016 renewed the Parks and Natural Areas levy, extending funding to 2023. New this round, the nature education and outdoor experiences grants will be offered every two years.

The nature education and outdoor experiences grants program will award \$700,000 this year. Two-year grants are up to \$30,000, while three-year grants can be up to \$100,000. Groups throughout greater Portland are encouraged to apply.

[Click HERE](#) to learn more about Metro nature education and outdoor experiences grants and fill out a simple application by March 6, 2018.

For questions, contact the grants coordinator, Crista Gardner, at Crista.Gardner@oregonmetro.gov.

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Charles Gary Peterson, August 1934 - January 2018

Charles Gary Peterson passed away Jan. 13, 2018, in Portland, surrounded by his family.

Born in 1934 in Portland, he attended Roosevelt High School. He went to Oregon State University and attained a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. After a short time in California he returned home to Oregon where he lived for the rest of his life.

In 1966 Gary opened his own consulting office as a sole proprietor. Over the next 30 years he would achieve a wide reputation as a highly respected, effective and

reliable professional. He also served as President of the Oregon Chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers. In 1996 he and his son Erik joined forces and formed Peterson Structural Engineers. From that point Gary pursued his love of numbers, calculations and engineering and supported the growth of the new firm around him. He retired in 2014 but continued to observe and support the success of the firm he helped to create.

Gary was a jazz pianist and played music all of his life. He was the leader of several jazz bands—in particular Stumptown Jazz, a Dixieland band that was active between 1982 and

2004. He went on to act in amateur theater, especially in The Portland Revels, where he performed and was active on their board.

Gary had a charming, buoyant personality that attracted many friends. He was an utterly unique person with distinct passions and preferences. His great height and dramatic beard made him quite eye-catching, and he was often sighted driving around town in his powder-blue 1960 MGA, sometimes during the dead of winter wearing a rabbit skin hat to keep him warm. He loved travel, music, classic cars and Woody Allen movies. He pursued his passions and followed his dreams.

Gary is survived by his wife, Jane Starbird; his sister, Carol; his three children, Erik, Leslie and Kurt. He has three grandchildren, Maya, Charlie and Olympia. His first wife, Sue Peterson Conger, was well known in Cedar Mill for her support of the library and for preserving the historic JQA Young House. They purchased and renovated the Kieni house, former site of West Hills Dairy.

A Celebration of Life is to be held from 4:30-7:30 p.m., Feb. 11, 2018, at The Lucky Labrador Quimby Beer Hall. Donations may be made in his name to: allclassical.org or portlandrevels.org.

Sunshine Pantry Seeking Volunteers

The Sunshine Pantry is looking for volunteers to help with sorting food and working with clients. Additionally, they are seeking monetary donations and gift cards to grocery stores and gas stations for clients to help with transportation to the Sunshine Pantry.

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Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers

Tues., Feb. 13, 7 pm, Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd, Beaverton.

Beaverton Historical Society brings Chris Meinicke Oregon native and member of Sons & Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. Learn how to be part of this organization and share your story.

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