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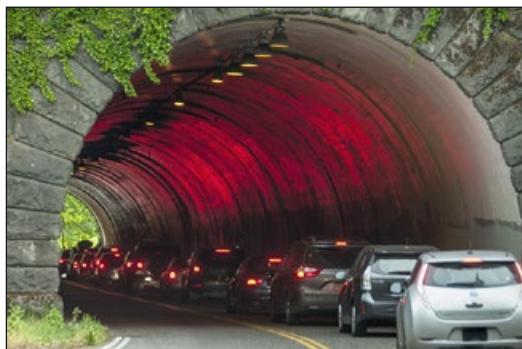
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Cornell Commuters Stymied by Portland Traffic Change

Are you affected by the closure of NW Westover at rush hour? Tired of congestion on roads over the west hills? [Sign a petition](#) ask-



Cars stack up at the tunnel leading to NW Portland. The stacking at times stretches all the way back to the Portland Audubon Society facility.

ing Portland to cancel the closure of NW Westover at rush hour until other changes are made to relieve the resulting congestion on NW Cornell Road.

The petition also asks Portland and Multnomah County to work with neighborhood groups and other agencies to find long term solutions to reduce congestion on all commuter routes north of Burnside, by

providing options such as car or van pool systems, shuttle buses, telecommuting or flexible work hours.

[Note: change.org requires address and email information. You may optionally UNCHECK the box that says "display my name," and it will not be visible to others. Once you get a confirmation email, you may also unsubscribe from any email updates about this petition, or change your email preferences.]

Background

The City of Portland recently closed access from Cornell to NW Westover during peak hours. This substantially increased the daily commute time on Cornell, creating a significant hardship for thousands of people in communities northwest of Portland's core, including Portland residents.

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Rebuilding the Oak Hills Rec Center

By Micki Sparr, Publisher, [Oak Hills Oracle](#)

In 2014 board members of the Oak Hills Homeowners Association (OHHA) decided upgrades were long over-due to the facilities in the association's commonly owned recreation center. Routine maintenance had been performed to the two buildings, swimming pool and

both the gym and the administrative office, which received cosmetic improvements—new tile, paint and lighting fixtures—but due to space issues, it could not be improved to meet ADA requirements.

When the committee next turned their attention to the lower level showers and restrooms that served the swimming pool, work on cosmetic upgrades turned up some

dismaying revelations. Cracks had developed in the ceilings and foundations; water seepage had damaged the concrete walls, and

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wading pool over the years, but the facilities had not been substantially remodeled since they were built by the original developers in the mid-1960's. Work began on the single restroom at grade level, serving

Cedar Hills/US 26 Offramp Improvements Move Forward!

By Virginia Bruce

Cedar Mill area drivers have been waiting a long time for a solution to the mess that is the [intersection of Cedar Hills Boulevard \(CHB\) and US Highway 26](#). The Sunset Highway. Because there is no light at the offramp, cars stack up on the ramp, waiting for a chance to turn left onto CHB. Drivers waiting to turn from CHB southbound onto 26 eastbound are often stacked in the left turn lane, adding to the difficulty of exiting the freeway.

Drivers have learned to avoid the offramp, instead exiting 26 onto Murray, and then using Cornell to reach areas to the north and east.

This is one of the reasons that rush-hour traffic on Cornell is so bad.

One reason for the delay in fixing this mess is the question of who will pay for the work. In Beaverton's Conditions of Approval for the [Peterkort family's Sunset Station & Barnes Road Planned Unit Development \(PUD\)](#), adopted in October, 2013, the following road improvements are called for at that intersection, based on the increased traffic expected from the development:

At the intersection of CHB and eastbound 26

New traffic signal, including interconnection with the traffic signals on CHB from Butner to Barnes

On the northbound approach, widening CHB to provide two through lanes and a northbound right-turn lane that extends from Butner to the intersection including construction of a pedestrian island at the southeast quadrant. Construct a northbound bike lane and a sidewalk on the east side of CHB between Butner and US 26



Looking south at CHB/26, drivers (right) find it difficult to turn left onto northbound CHB. OregonLive writer Joseph Rose included this photo in his [item from June 2015](#). "Beaverton's intersection from hell: Readers offer up fury, detours and possible fixes."

On Highway 26 eastbound off-ramp approach, widening to provide an exclusive left-turn lane with a minimum storage length of 230 feet, a through/right-turn/left-turn lane, and an exclusive right-turn lane with a minimum storage length of 230 feet.

The other parties had been waiting for the Peterkorts to begin development on their properties, which would trigger the construction of [traffic improvements](#). The economy, the sheer size of the development, and other factors have slowed the company's progress.

Finally, we hear that an Inter-governmental Agreement (IGA) among the parties involved—City of Beaverton, Washington County, Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT), and the Peterkort Company—is close to being ready to sign.

Rick Garrison is the Maintenance & Operations Project Manager for ODOT Region 1 (Portland Metro area). He says,

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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

Love Farm Organics CSA in Bonny Slope

Now that Dinihanian Farm Market and CSA are permanently closed, many local folks who love fresh, locally-grown, healthy produce may be looking for an alternative. You're in luck! Linda



Sawaya, a cookbook author, artist, and illustrator who lives on Laidlaw (near Thompson) in Bonny Slope, has offered her location as a pickup spot for a [Love Farm Organics](#).

Each week, members will be able to pick their produce from a wide selection of seasonal fruit, veggies and more. A sign board will inform you of the week's produce. You can fill your own bag, box or basket with your choices, and someone will always be available to answer your questions.

Established in 2006, Love Farm is a family-owned and operated organic Community Supported Agriculture farm in the foothills of the Coast Range. Their CSA program allows Portland metro-area residents a connection with their food and farmer. In addition to the CSA, they also offer bulk berry ordering

in the summer. They grow a wide assortment of vegetables, fruits, herbs and some flowers throughout the growing season of June through mid November.

A CSA farm is an alternative food network in which members together purchase the farm's harvest, splitting the cost and the volume of the harvest into "shares." Amy Love says, "In turn for your purchased share with the farm, we commit to growing your food for the shareholder season. Our season runs June 1st through mid November, usually 23 weeks. We provide a "market-style" pick-up for members at eight different locations each week."

For pick-up locations and prices please see the "Join" page on their website. [Sign up now](#), memberships are limited! You can also learn more about the farm by [following them on Facebook](#).

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Comfort Keepers Job Fair

Thursday, May 19, 10 am-3 pm, 1225 NW Murray Rd., Suite 101

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cooking favorite recipes together, reminiscing over old photos, visiting friends or attending community events, continuing favorite hobbies, taking a walk, or many other activities.

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Fair and learn more about caregiving opportunities! Call at (503) 643-2010 if you have any questions!

Adoption Event at Mud Bay

Saturday, May 21, noon-3 pm, Mud Bay, 11830 NW Cedar Falls Drive



Have you been thinking about getting a dog? [Golden Bond Rescue](#) will bring adoptable dogs for you to meet. Adopting a "rescue dog" is a win for everyone! Come and meet you and your family's next best friend!

Skyline Art Hour

Friday, May 13th, 6-8 pm, 4101 NW Skyline Blvd.

Be a part of something new! Come meet local Swedish born artists, participate in rich discussion, while enjoying food and drink. This "preview" art exhibit will be a way to inspire the community and dis-



Watercolor by Maud Durland

cuss how Skyline Memorial could be used as an art gallery, an art studio or a place for learning about art and photography.

This event was inspired by local artist GunMarie Rosqvist, who visited Skyline Memorial and suggested to staff members that they should display works of art in the funeral home. This preview art event will support collaborative discussion with the art community, local businesses and neighbors, with focus in how Skyline Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home could be a partner in the arts.

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Picnic With the Pioneers

Thursday, July 14, 6-8 pm, JQA
Young House, Cornell at 119th

Mark your calendar now so you can join us for a free picnic to celebrate our new, officially non-profit, ready-to-roll-up-our-sleeves organization to celebrate and promote our wonderful history!

We'll have free food, entertainment, historical displays, and maybe a short speech or two, for

this family-friendly event. Hint: the purpose is to sign YOU up to join Friends of Cedar Mill History, which will be the "action arm" of the group.

Visit our [Facebook event page](#) for updates! Tell your friends, especially if you know a few "old-timers" who will be interested. More information next month...

Creative Networking in Cedar Mill

Thursday May 26, 5-7 pm, Java Lounge, 760 NW Dale Ave

Connect with the local creative community and join the Westside Cultural Alliance for a free arts and culture networking event.

Mix with artists, representatives from nonprofit organizations, people working in the creative industries (filmmakers, designers, writers, concert promoters, etc.), business owners, community leaders, elected officials and more. Everyone interested in local arts,

culture, heritage, and humanities is welcome to attend.

Also meet representatives from two featured organizations, Rose City Romance Writers, and Leedy Grange, and enter to win prizes.

This free event features no host food and drink. [RSVP requested](#). We hope to see you!

The Westside Cultural Alliance receives support from the Cultural Coalition of Washington County and the Regional Arts and Culture Council.

Family Promise for Homeless Families

Tuesday, May 10, 7-8:30 pm, Holy Trinity Catholic Church Fireside Room, 13715 SW Walker Rd., Beaverton

The Beaverton School District annually reports more than 1,300 children and youth who are living in poverty with extreme housing instability issues. Beaverton has

The Family Promise organization has developed an interfaith community-based approach to offering caring assistance to homeless families. There are currently more than 160,000 people volunteering in 6,000 interfaith communities throughout the country with Family Promise Affiliates.

The Family Promise program provides shelter, meals and support for homeless families. It is easily developed because it relies on existing community resources: houses of worship for overnight lodging, congregations for volunteers, school districts and social service agencies for screening and referrals, and existing organizations for a family resource center.

Claas Ehlers, President of the National Family Promise, will be in our area for an informational meeting to present FamilyPromise and show us how a FamilyPromise Affiliate would enable us to better support homeless families in our community. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to Lisa_Mentesana@beaverton.k12.or.us

documented the highest number of homeless students in the state for six consecutive years, and yet we do not have a single severe weather shelter for families, or an emergency family shelter in our community.

Beaverton Family Promise and Shelter Us Beaverton is having a meeting to explore our urgent need to build a Family Promise Shelter network in Beaverton. Families now make up 40% of the homeless population. These days, more and more families in Beaverton who never thought they would become homeless are finding themselves without a place to live.



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Tis the Season for Honeybee Swarming

By Jeff Garner and Sandra Busch Smith

Beginning in early March and continuing through late May, one of the most amazing sights in nature is the "Apis mellifera," or European Honeybees' natural colony reproduction by a process of colony fission or splitting called "swarming." Swarming is a process by which one colony becomes two. Why a particular colony swarms at a particular time is not clearly understood, but in general, the colony is reacting to factors such as nectar flow, numerical strength of the colony, age of the queen, or perceived congestion in the hive.

When nectar is abundant, and as the population builds, subtle changes begin to occur in the hive, triggering the swarming impulse. The worker bee's response to these signals is to reduce the queen's food supply. She is being put on a diet so she'll be ready for flight.

Meanwhile, the colony begins to construct queen cells (compartments in the honeycomb), encouraging the nurse bees to switch into a queen-feeding regimen. These cells are completely different from others found in the colony. Resembling peanuts in the shell, these are usually found along the bottom edges of the comb. One of the new residents will ultimately be the replacement for the old queen, who will soon leave the colony.

When the hive gets ready to swarm the existing queen lays eggs into the queen cups. New queens are raised and the hive may swarm as soon as the queen cells are capped and before the new virgin queens emerge from their queen cells. A laying queen is too heavy to fly long distances, therefore the workers will stop feeding her before the anticipated swarm date and the queen will stop laying eggs.

During the swarm preparation, scout bees will simply find a nearby location for the swarm to cluster. When a honeybee swarm (about half the colony) departs, usually early on a sunny day, they do not fly far at first. They may gather in a tree or on a branch, in a wall, or on the side of a building within a 50-60 foot distance from the hive. There, they cluster in a temporary bivouac around the queen and send 20-50 scout bees out to find suitable new nest locations.

This is the mass of insects the general public sees; all too often it is a source of alarm. The panic is totally unjustified as swarming bees are not the least bit interested in stinging. They have lost a home to defend and are in search of another and seem to understand this. This intermediate stop is not for permanent habitation and they will normally leave within a few hours to a suitable location. It is from this temporary location that the cluster will determine the final nest site based on the level of excitement of the dances of the scout bees. It is unusual if a swarm clusters for more than three days at an intermediate stop.

Sandra shares her story of a swarm that landed in a tree at her workplace:

"The bees started showing up April 26 at my work. By April 27th, there was a pretty decent sized pile of bees on this poor tree in our courtyard. I am on the Green Team at work and the previous week we had organized an Earth Day Eco Fair for our employees. We had lots of different presenters that attended, including two bee organizations—[Portland Urban Beekeepers](#) and Tualatin Valley Beekeepers Association. I had picked up a business card from one of them with a "swarm hotline" number: 503-444-8446. This number is good for all of Oregon (and maybe SW Washington). When you have a swarm, call the number, and they will alert beekeepers in the area to call you and come out as soon as possible. We called, and within an hour a beekeeper came out to collect them. She happened to be a member of Portland Urban Beekeepers. Bees



are extremely important to us and these bee groups all work together under this hotline to rescue them. It is free-- they will gladly rescue the bees and take them to a new home.

"The beekeeper said the bees were very young. Most likely their hive was too small so they divided and took the queen to find a new home. They were also very hungry. She lured them into her bee box with liquid nectar.

"Once she got the queen in the box, the rest followed. She was there several hours and was very kind to answer the many questions from all the employees that came out to see what was going on. She left the box so the remaining bees would go in, and I believe she picked it up after dark, after they calmed down. She has an apiary at her home and they will stay with her.

"It was a win-win-win situation—bees were safely removed from a place they were not wanted, the beekeeper gained a hive, and the bees got a new home where they will be well taken care of."

So if you encounter a swarm, contact our local beekeepers at Cedar Mill Roots Farm & Apiary, or contact one of the organizations listed below. They will capture swarms alive, ensuring proper relocation of our world's most valuable pollinators (80% of the food we eat) the truly amazing Honey Bee.

Cedar Mill Roots Farm & Apiary: Jeff Garner 503-867-4596, Jennifer Lytle 503-939-9380. They sell local honey and pollen too!

Tualatin Valley Bee Keepers: 503-701-4180
[Portland Urban Beekeepers](#): 503-444-8446



Terra Nova Plant Sale

Saturday, May 7, 10 am-4 pm,
Westview High School, 4200 NW
185th Avenue, Hillsboro

Terra Nova School of Sustainability, an alternative program offered through the Beaverton School District, is having a Plant Sale to raise funds for the program. Fruit and vegetable starts and seeds are also available.



Tomatoes growing in one of the hoop house greenhouses at Terra Nova Farm.

The school offers courses to students at the former Bonny Slope Elementary on Thompson Road. Field Biology/Sustainable Foods, and Applied Chemistry/Sustainable Foods are taught at the facility's farm and kitchen. Interested students and families can contact 503-356-3710 for more information.

Cedar Mill Garden Club Plant Sale

May 7, 9 am-3 pm, Cedar Mill Bible Church

Join the Cedar Mill Garden Club for their 13th Annual Plant Sale and Art Fair! There will be a wide variety of easy-to-grow flowering perennials, indoor plants, and shrubs. Large plants at great prices for both sun and shade lovers!

The sale is known for its large variety of quality perennials from member's yards. We have "pot-



ting parties" at homes in the fall and early spring to insure that the plants are well rooted and will be ready to bloom for our customers.

We offer expert information provided by local gardeners and a good variety of locally grown garden plants!

A perennial is a plant that comes up year after year. Most lose their leaves and go dormant in the winter here in Oregon. They need to be divided to thrive, thus we have extra plants for the sale. We also sell bi-annuals, plants that usually grow

and bloom for a couple of years. Foxglove is an example of a bi-annual, although a perennial foxglove has been developed. We have large number of herbs and succulents, both of which do well with less water.

We always have choice and unusual plants, shrubs and vines. In addition this year we have numerous peonies, roses, ferns and hostas. Most three-gallon plants are \$3 and \$4, however some of the more unusual and choice plants, such as Astilbe, Fern and Hosta are a bit more.

The Cedar Mill Garden Club is a non-profit club in the Portland Metro area for over forty years. This year the sale will benefit local horticultural scholarships! For more information visit thecedarmillgardenclub@org.

Eat Smart! Movie Series

Saturday May 21, 7 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman.

Join Leedy Grange for our monthly Eat Smart! movie series. We will screen short films about young Europeans who are starting sustainable farms to produce good food, protect the environment, ensure animal welfare, and benefit local economies. See an organic vegetable farm in Ireland, a biodynamic farm in The Netherlands, a German Dairy farm, an organic Greek vineyard, a Norwegian goat farm, and several others. It provides much hope for the future of food.

Each of the seven films is about six minutes long. Participants will choose which films to watch. Brief discussions are welcome after the films. Join us for this film series which you are unlikely to experience anywhere else. Seed swap after the films, so bring your garden seed. Films are free. Donations accepted.



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Transportation News

It must be road-building season! There were so many topics related to various transportation issues this month, we decided to round them all up for you.

MSTIP 3e—Weigh In on County's Next Round of Road Projects

Major road construction in Washington County is paid for out of the Major Streets Transportation Improvement Program (MSTIP). MSTIP is funded by local property taxes on a five-year cycle. The MSTIP 3e cycle will run from Fiscal Year 2018-19 through Fiscal Year 2022-23. A total of \$160 million has been earmarked for MSTIP 3e projects.

In the April issue, we announced that the county has put [the upper end of Saltzman Road](#) on this list of potential projects. If you'd like to see that happen, now is the time to comment!

Road projects are proposed by county staff, citizens, and members of the [Washington County Coordinating Committee \(WCCC\)](#), which is made up of elected representatives from the county and the cities in the county. From all the possible projects under consideration, the list has been whittled down to the MSTIP 3e 150% Project List, which includes

proposed projects totaling about \$240 million—or about one-and-a-half times the available \$160 million funding—with each of the four County Commissioner districts receiving approximately equal shares.



From the 150% Project List Map, showing proposed road projects in the Cedar Mill area.

Washington County and its partner cities are asking the public to help trim the 150% Project List by about one-third—or \$80 million—by providing input on individual projects. There are several ways to do this:

[Participate in the MSTIP 3e](#)

[Online Open House](#) at [MSTIP3e.com](#) throughout May. The interactive map function allows users to click on individual projects to get more information and provide comments.

Three in-person open houses will provide an opportunity for the public to drop in to ask questions and provide comments; no formal presentations are planned:

Monday, May 9, 5:30-7:30 pm, at Portland Community College Willow Creek Center, 241 SW Edgewater Dr., Beaverton;

Wednesday, May 11, 5:30-7:30 pm, at the Tigard Library, 13500 SW Hall Blvd., Tigard; and

Thursday, May 19, 5:30-7:30 pm, at the Forest Grove Community Auditorium, 1915 Main St., Forest Grove.

For more information on MSTIP and how MSTIP projects are selected, visit [mstip.org](#). To learn more about transportation funding in Washington County, visit [transportationfunding.org](#).

Two Sidewalk Projects Coming to Cedar Mill: Comment Online Now

An [online open house](#) for both the 90th Avenue and 113th Avenue road improvement projects is available through June 3. Both of these sections of roadway lack consistent pedestrian facilities, forcing pedestrians to walk in the vehicle travel lane.

The projects were identified by residents as candidates for interim small road improvements that had potential to receive funding



through the Minor Betterments Program and Urban Road Maintenance District Safety Improvement Program.

The [open house](#) provides opportunities for the public to learn about the projects and provide comments. The proposed projects, slated for construction this summer, include:

90th Avenue: Addition of two sidewalks, one on the west side between Leahy Road/Taylor Street and Stark Street, and the second on the east side north of Stark to Oak Street. The projects will be funded by the [Urban Road Maintenance District \(URMD\) Safety Improvement Program](#).

113th Avenue: Complete sidewalks on the west side between Rainmont Road and Anderson Street. The project is funded by URMD and the [Minor Betterment Program](#).

Bonamici Portland Town Hall Meeting

Saturday May 7, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, Friendly House Gymnasium, 1737 NW 26th Avenue

Join Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici for a Town Hall meeting in Portland! Town Halls provide an opportunity for the Congresswoman to discuss issues, answer questions, and gather ideas.



cost includes the estimated cost of design, right-of-way and construction and is subject to change.

Funding for this project (Walker/Murray) and other upcoming road improvements around the Nike campus comes from the County's Major Streets

on the buildings approved in Nike's 2014 land use approval, Nike's TDT obligation was \$10.1 million." Per an agreement between Nike and the County, Nike prepaid its TDT assessment for their expansion, and those funds will be applied to the Nike-area road projects.

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Commute, continued from page 1

Members of an affected Neighborhood Association decided to put together the petition and to gather more support from Washington County residents. They believe this change should only have been undertaken as part of a broader program of traffic management in the area. The petition says, "We sympathize with residents of Lovejoy and Westover, who have long experienced increasing daily congestion and cut-through traffic near their homes. We support the creation of breaks in traffic and other safety measures. However, many people who commute on Cornell have suddenly had their commute times nearly doubled, literally overnight."

With the ongoing population growth in the Portland metro area, traffic congestion has become a way of life in most neighborhoods. Cornell is one of the few roads over the west hills into the core of Portland. Options for commuters are limited. There is no bus service on Cornell between Washington County and NW Portland. The park and ride for MAX at Sunset Station is full by 7:30 am. Steep terrain in the hills makes bike commuting impractical for most people.

Cornell is a critical commuter access route. During peak hours, it carries vehicle traffic far beyond its intended capacity. Tunnels and environmental concerns effectively prohibit widening the road. Other roads over the west hills are similarly limited.

While Cornell's road designation is "neighborhood collector," The Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) has [acknowledged since 1992](#) that it "functions more like a Major City Traffic Street by providing access from the surrounding area into the City's downtown commercial areas, or a Regional Trafficway by providing neighboring cities to the west of Portland a commuting route into town."

The petition continues, "We must work together as a community to improve the quality of life in our region, and access to an efficient transportation network is a critical component. There is significant congestion on all through roads in the west hills, and we want to work

with PBOT, Multnomah County and other agencies to find and implement effective solutions."

The petition asks:

Because of the hardship from the unexpectedly large increase in commute times, PBOT should suspend the Westover closure experiment until the implementation of other congestion-relief improvements in



New signs prohibit right turns from Northwest Cornell Road onto Westover Road during rush hours -- except for carpoolers. The signs are intended to keep Washington County commuters from cutting through the neighborhood. [Photo and caption from OregonLive.](#)

the area. Once relief measures are in place, we would support Westover traffic calming measures if still needed.

Portland needs to allocate funds to implement a few effective short-term solutions for Cornell between Skyline and NW 23rd (such as a light at NW 25th & Lovejoy).

We would like to work with Portland, Multnomah County and other agencies to explore potential longer term solutions to the larger problem, including a Transportation Demand Management program (TDM) to provide options for commuters on all routes over the west hills. TDM programs can include subsidized transit, offering new van or car pool systems, shuttle buses, telecommuting or flexible work hours.

An opinion piece in OregonLive from May 3 brought out all the usual reactions: ride bikes, work from home, but we know that's not practical for many of us.

Evergreen Parkway Closure

Two-week closure begins May 16 and goes through May 30

Evergreen Parkway, east of Cornelius Pass Road, will be closed to motorists May 16 -30 as part of the Cornelius Pass Road widening project. Motorists will be detoured around the closure via Cornelius Pass Road, Cornell Road and Aloclek Drive; delays are expected. Bicyclists and pedestrians will have access through the closure via

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"ODOT has completed a review of the initial project scope proposed by Peterkort & Company, and will soon provide a counterproposal to Peterkort, Washington County, and Beaverton. All four parties (including ODOT) will continue to work together to determine if agreement can be reached on a scope and cost of this first phase project, cost sharing responsibilities, and how this first phase project will fit an eventual full buildout of the interchange."

Don Odermott, Transportation Consulting Group, handles traffic issues for the Peterkorts. He comments, "You are correct that an agreement has been drafted and is under review by all parties. We remain hopeful that design will commence this spring to early summer."

He continues, "The project anticipates limited ramp intersection improvements at the offramp, including pedestrian facilities at the offramp extending south to Butner. The new offramp signal would be fully integrated operationally with the existing Butner signal, with both signals slated to operate in coordination with the existing traffic signals at the westbound US26 and Barnes Road intersections."

Washington County controls Barnes Road and Cedar Hills Blvd. while ODOT maintains Highways 217 and 26. The area was annexed into Beaverton in early 2011, prior to the submission of the Peterkort PUD application, which makes them a party to the negotiations.

When could we expect to see the improvements, if the IGA is signed soon? Garrison says, "In early meetings we decided Washington County will take the lead in developing the plans/specifications, and

the sidewalk. TriMet bus stops on Evergreen Parkway at 215th Avenue will be closed; riders should utilize bus stops on Evergreen Parkway at Aloclek Drive for the duration of the closure.

The Cornelius Pass Road project will widen the roadway to three lanes in each direction between Cornell Road and U.S. 26. A center median will be added, along with dedicated turn lanes at several intersections, including U.S. 26. Other

constructing the project. Assuming that we continue in this direction, I do not feel comfortable estimating how long Washington County might need to complete this work or how long construction will take. Three to five years to complete the project is possible, but we need to get closer to completing the agreement and developing a plan for design and construction to be able to give a firm timeline."

And will this be the final solution, once the Peterkort PUD buildout is complete? Not at all. Andrew Singelakis, Director of Land Use & Transportation at Washington County, says, "It would best be characterized as an interim improvement, and would provide a traffic signal for cars coming from the eastbound ramp off of 26. There will also be some sidewalk improvements in the area. The IGA is for the signal, and each of the parties will contribute \$200,000. The County will cover the costs of the sidewalk improvements on Cedar Hills Boulevard."

Some have advocated for some creative financing solution that would allow the ultimate buildout of both the Barnes/CHB intersection and the highway intersection to the final configuration needed to handle the resulting traffic. Beaverton's standards might allow for nearly 8.8 million square feet of non-residential development on approximately 65 acres of the Peterkort lands. The PUD is segmented into seven separate parcels, and it's likely that the traffic improvements required as each segment is developed could keep the intersections torn up and under construction for up to 20 years. None of the parties has expressed interest in such an approach, however.

improvements include sidewalks on both sides of the road, a buffered bike lane on the west side, a separated two-way bike path on the east side and new street lighting.

For more information about the project, visit the project website or contact Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation Capital Project Management section at lutproj@co.washington.or.us or call 503-846-7800.





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Oregon's Ghostly Legends

Tuesday, May 10, 7 pm, Elsie Stuhr Senior Center, 5550 SW Hall Blvd.

Join award-winning storyteller Anne Rutherford for a fun and shivery show of supernatural stories from all across the state and right here in the Historical Society's backyard! Hear some eerie tales and creepy urban legends good for telling around the campfire this summer. Warning: Anne is also an award-winning liar, so don't believe everything she tells you...

There is no charge for admission but donations are always welcomed! Find more information at an-nerutherford.com or call 503-430-0106.

Terra Linda Track Effort Succeeds!

Kelly Olson, a Terra Linda parent who's been spearheading the [effort to get a running track](#) for Terra Linda Elementary, announces, "We held our auction on April 2 and grossed \$42,000 that night!"

She continues, "On April 7, we found out that we received the Nike grant in the amount of \$20,000 for this project. This is the first time Nike has awarded a grant to a BSD project.

"We have raised just over \$200,000 for the project. We have completed our fundraising and have enough of a "cushion" in our budget to add some enhancements, like a water fountain.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and we look forward to watching the completion of this project.

Don't Miss Your Garbage or Recycling Day Ever Again

Washington County residents now have access to the new [Garbage and Recycling Day mobile tool](#) for

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For more information visit WashingtonCountyRecycles.com/GRD or call 503-846-3605.

11th Annual K-9 Trials and Safety Fair

Saturday June 4, 10 am-1:30 pm Safety Fair; 11 am-2 pm K-9 competition, Hillsboro Stadium 4450 NW 229th Ave.

The 11th Annual K-9 Trials is a family-friendly event that brings together the region's tactical canine teams for a fun filled competition to see who will win the "Top Dog" award. The associated safety fair educates the public about emergency preparedness and showcases our county public safety organizations.

This year the event will take place at the Hillsboro Stadium, with an expected attendance of well over 2,000 people (the stadium has a capacity of 7,000 people). The grandstand offers comfortable seating and excellent viewing of the K-9 trials. Food and beverages will be available for sale.

Dogs will compete in the following events: Area Search; Agility Course; Suspect Apprehension; Narcotics Detection Demonstration; Vehicle Extraction; Handler Protection; Fastest Dog.

Gold, Silver and Bronze medals are awarded to the top three dogs of each event based on fastest times. The Top Dog designation will be awarded based upon the overall fastest time in all six events. Pets will not be allowed, so you will need to keep Fido at home.

Become a Master Recycler

Become a Certified Master Recycler volunteer and learn from the experts. You can take an eight-week course on the latest information on

consumption and recycling. Then, promise to volunteer 30 hours to share what you learned with neighbors, coworkers and community.

Washington County's group offers a program of eight consecutive lessons on Wednesdays from 6:30 pm- 9:30 pm starting on September 7, and two Saturdays from 8 am to 2 pm on September 17 and October 15. There is a \$50 fee but there are partial and full scholarships available without extra application requirements.

The deadline for applications is Wednesday, August 3. You can find more details and the application at masterrecycler.org. Lessons will be at the Washington Street Conference Center, 225 S First Avenue, Hillsboro.

Signal to Noise Festival

Thursday, May 26, 5-9 pm, Sunset Presbyterian Church

Signal to Noise is Beaverton School District's annual showcase and celebration of original, student-produced media. The Signal To Noise Festival originated at Beaverton's Arts & Communication Magnet Academy in 2001. In 2005, the festival embarked on a district tour making stops at each of the comprehensive high schools in Beaverton. Since 2010, the creative glow of the Signal To Noise Festival has lit up the screens of Sunset Presbyterian Church each May.

Find out more and like their [Facebook page](#), or visit their [Instagram page](#).

Are You Reachable in an Emergency?

Recently, Tualatin Valley Water District (TVWD) had to contact 118 households in a specific neighborhood about sudden and temporary disruptions to their water supply. Because of incomplete customer information on file, only 78 of the households were able to receive TVWD's emergency automated phone message. Doorhangers were also distributed, but we know that not everyone routinely uses their front door. Make sure you can be reached when an emergency happens! Visit tvwd.org/updatephone or call (503) 848-3000 to provide your current contact information.

"Who Needs a Village?"

Many healthy, active seniors assume that Villages are for the ailing or unfortunate, not for people like

them . . . surely not yet. They might volunteer to help those folks, but can't imagine becoming Village members themselves. Those working to make Viva Village a reality do not consider themselves "ailing" or "unfortunate." A lot of them can admit that they're not quite as self-sufficient as they were a few years ago.

The Village Movement began when a dozen, still lively, older persons on Beacon Hill in Boston found a way to get the services they needed so they could stay in their homes. Like 90% of U.S. seniors (according to AARP), they did not want to move to a retirement home of some kind.

Viva Villagers are also still lively, but they've decided, "we need a Village." Though some of their friends are checking out very expensive senior living facilities, they prefer to live in their own homes as long as they are able. They enjoy the mix of ages in their neighborhoods. They like the idea that they can call on the Village for advice and assistance when their skills and physical resources fall short.

They also like the idea of being Viva Village volunteers, providing services to other Villagers so they can remain in their homes. And, knowing that at their age, retired and slowing down a bit, it's easy to get isolated, they relish the sense of community a Village makes possible. In the nearly 200 Villages across the U.S., many find the social connections as valuable as the services received. Finally, they like being part of a movement enriching the lives of so many older adults.

Visit the [Viva Village website](#) to find out about May Events. The public is welcome to participate in any of these events. It's a great way to meet Viva Village volunteers and supporters in an informal setting. Come join!

Washington County Forum Schedule

Mondays at 11:30 am, September through June, (except holidays), Peppermill Restaurant, 17455 SW Farmington Rd. in Aloha

There is no charge for the meetings! The speakers start at noon and lunch is available to order from the menu. Following the speaker, there will be an opportunity for Forum members to ask questions.

May 9: **Primary Election: Legislative District 26**, All candidates have been invited: Washington County Commissioner race, Roy

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May 16: William B. Thomas, Early Learning, Washington County, **"Funding & Programming: What Washington County is Doing to Help Early Childhood Education"**

May 23: Scott Beckstead, "Saving Endangered Animals in Oregon"

May 30: No Forum-Memorial Day Observed

June 6: SPECIAL EVENT, [sign up for emails](#) for details—coming soon!

June 13: Lee Dobrowolski, **"Washington County's Family Justice Center"**

June 20: Dr. James Moore, "A review of the **Primary Election**, and a look at the November Contest"

For more information, visit washingtoncountyforum.org

Greenlick Publishes Book

Book release event: Thursday, May 19, 6 pm, Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave

Our State Representative, Mitch Greenlick, says, "Over the past 14 years, I've been sending periodic MitchMessages to keep you informed on the activities at your Legislature. Now, my new book—an edited collection of the MitchMessage entitled Capitol Letters—is set to be released on May 19th.

Jack Ohman, a 2016 Pulitzer Prize winner and former Oregonian cartoonist, contributed a set of political cartoons for the book. I have assigned all the royalties from the book to the Oregon Historical Society, which is hosting the book release event.

Historical Society director Kerry Tymchuk says, "During his seven terms in the Oregon State Legislature, Greenlick has been at the center of the debates and decisions surrounding the critical issues of our time. His experience as Chair of the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine at Oregon Health & Science University, and as Vice President for Research at the Kaiser Foundation Hospitals has made him a crucial voice on health care issues."

Join Director Kerry Tymchuk and friends for a fascinating conversation with Representative Greenlick at the Oregon Historical Society, 1200 SW Park Ave, on May 19 at 6pm. RSVP: events@ohs.org

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Selected works by local Swedish born artists, GunMarie Rosqvist and Maud Durland, will be exhibited. Rosqvist, who lives near Skyline Memorial Gardens, specializes in oil paintings in the Hindeloopen style of Dutch Folk Art, as well as landscapes and portraiture. Durland, of Lake Oswego, is an award-winning watercolorist who captures her motifs in a figurative and contemporary style. She is known for her calming renderings of landscapes and she also paints a variety of other subjects.

For more information, visit www.skylinememorialgardens.com, stop by 4101 NW Skyline Blvd., Portland, or call 503-292-6611.

Leedy Artisan Market

Saturday, May 7, 9 am-2 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman



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Credit score learning session

Monday, May 16, 6-7 pm, Sunset Credit Union, 1100 NW Murray Bl.

Sunset Credit Union staff member, Jenny Bevard, will show you what affects your credit score and why it should matter to you. She will also show you how to get your free credit report. Food and drinks will be provided. To reserve your spot, send an email to cuteam@sspfcu.com or give them a call at 503-643-1335. Space is limited so reserve your spot today!

Couleurs returns to the Market

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Students Learn About the "Real World"

Even students who graduate with straight As may not be ready for the real world when it comes to living within their financial means. On April 21, Sunset Credit Union volunteers held a "Financial Reality Fair," where they showed 90 students from Sunset High School what it's like to make a household budget and how to make important financial decisions.

During the Fair, students were assigned an entry-level career and salary, and then worked their way through a maze of spending temptations. The students completed a budget sheet requiring them to live within their monthly salary while paying for basics such as housing, utilities, transportation, clothing, and food.

Sunset Credit Union volunteers served as mock merchants and put the "hard sell" on the students, who needed to balance their budgets by the end of the hour.

"It was an eye-opening and educational experience for the students," said Rhonda Baggarley, President of Sunset Credit Union, who led the event. "From the comments we received from the students, many of them came away with a better understanding of how difficult it can be to juggle all the financial responsibilities they will face once they graduate from high school. We're looking forward to doing this again to help more students learn what the 'real world' will be like for them once they graduate."

Sunset Credit Union serves anyone who lives, works, worships or attends school in Washington County. Visit sspfcu.com or call them at 503-643-1335 to learn more.

Village Gallery

Monday-Saturday 10 am-4 pm;
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The Village Gallery presents

360 pieces of original art by local artisans. Each 6" x 6" canvas is priced between \$20-\$50. This is



our one show each year open to all artists. In addition to work by our members, we welcome over 100 non-members of all ages into our May show. For many this is their first public art show. If you have never been to the gallery, this is a great month to stop in and get to know them! For complete details on all classes please visit villagegaleryarts.org

Basketball Camp

Tuesday, June 21- Friday, June 24, 9 am-3 pm

Local resident and PSU Basketball Coach Tyler Geving runs the PSU basketball camp each summer. It is designed for grade school kids



from second to eighth grade who want to learn individual and team skills of basketball in a positive environment. Campers can sign up at www.gevingbasketball.com.

Optimal Health Program

Thursday, May 26, 6-8 pm,
Providence-St. Vincent Medical Center Southern Auditorium

Dr. Timothy Cleary will be hosting another Community/Patient Education Night! "My Clothes Still Don't Fit." Dr. Cleary and Certified Health and Lifestyle Coach Barbara Cleary will discuss optimal health, what that means, the importance of maintaining a healthy weight, and tips to help us stay fit not only for summer fun, but for life. The free event is open to the community. Interested persons should RSVP to Dr. Cleary's office 503-526-0994.

The Grad Party is a drug-free, alcohol-free, safe, all-night event for Sunset's newest graduates. For information on how you can help, contact Betsy Miller at betsymiller26@comcast.net

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the rebar was rusting. The county required that the tunnel leading to the bathrooms be reinforced with extra beams for safety, which would require annual inspections. Still

the needed repairs to the existing fifty-year-old facilities or undertake a much larger rebuilding project.

A series of meetings were held with homeowners in the spring and summer of 2014 to discuss the



other problems surfaced during this phase. The electrical service, especially in the gym building, was inadequate, and the main electrical panel was obsolete and needed to be replaced. The board was faced with the decision of whether to make

current condition of the facilities and ask the community for their opinions on what should be done. As the result of the initial meetings, a detailed survey was distributed to all homeowners asking them to rate the features they wanted as part

of the community recreation and common facilities, and, perhaps most importantly, what they were willing to spend to get the features and amenities they wanted.

Once the OHHA board had determined there was community support for a major rebuilding and renovation project, they hired an architect to create a plan. A preliminary plan along with a projected price tag was offered to homeowners for a vote in May 2015. 82% of Oak Hills homeowners agreed to finance a \$4.225 million major remodeling

project that would demolish and replace the existing swimming pools, replace the small administrative building with a gym that would include a half court basketball court, add a new pool house with showers, changing areas, and restrooms, and remodel the old gym

building to become a community meeting space with kitchen facilities. Oak Hills homeowners agreed to a special assessment of \$6500 per lot to finance the ambitious project; the special assessment can be paid in a lump sum or monthly for up to fifteen years.

There have been some delays and design changes that have pushed the start date back, but demolition permits are nearly complete and demolition is expected to begin in May. The project is currently expected to be completed and ready to open by early 2017.

Cedar Mill Farmers Market Opens!

8 am-1 pm every Saturday, beginning May 7, NW Cornell Rd and NW Murray Blvd.

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The MAX Project

May 8-21, downtown locations will affect all MAX lines

If you use MAX to commute to other areas of the region, be aware that in May, TriMet will launch the first of a set of track improvement projects at key areas along the oldest section of the MAX system.

From the start of service on May 8 through end of service on May 21, TriMet construction will require closing 1st Avenue and the MAX alignment between SW Morrison and NW Davis. Most cross streets will be open to traffic but NW Couch Street between Naito Parkway and 2nd Avenue will be closed.

On the westside, only Blue Line trains will run between Hillsboro and Library/Galleria MAX stations. All MAX lines will have reduced frequency, which means fewer trains will be running, room on-board will be severely limited, and trains will be very crowded. On the Blue Line, Westside (between Hillsboro and Library/Galleria stations) trains will run about every ten

minutes during commuting hours, with capacity reduced by up to 50%. During other times, the Blue Line in this section will run about every 15 minutes, with about 30% less space on board.

Riders are encouraged to plan extra time, alter their trips if possible, use TriMet's regular bus service or consider other transportation options during the two-week project. For line-by-line trip information, please visit: trimet.org/firstavenue. Sign up for service alerts at here: trimet.org/emailupdates.

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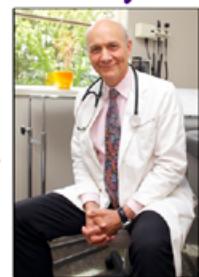
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