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## Featured Business

### Bales Findley LLC.

By Virginia Bruce

When we study how Cedar Mill grew to become the thriving community that it is today, we have to look



at the impact of the Bales-Findley family. Odus Bales was the visionary who saw the potential in the dusty intersection of Cornell and Saltzman (a dirt road until the late '50s). As redevelopment of the original Milltown I center is announced this month, it's a good time to reflect on how his family shaped the community.

"When Beaverton got the railroad, Cedar Mill died," was the phrase that one old resident used to explain the slow growth of our community in the earlier part of the twentieth century. But Cedar Mill didn't die, it just ticked along during the thirties, forties and fifties until Portland outgrew itself and developers began to realize that there was a

1869. A newspaper clipping about the purchase (May 1960, publication unknown) notes, "Rezoning of this acreage for commercial purposes recently was the target of considerable controversy between some adjacent landowners and members of Washington county planning commission." So urbanization was controversial even before our land-use laws were a glimmer in anyone's imagination!

Odus Bales had moved to Oregon from Missouri in 1929. He worked in the grocery business, and built Bales for Food, a grocery store in St. Johns. In 1956 he came to Cedar Mill to purchase strawberries from Lillian Findley, a widow who was running a farm with her

### Redevelopment proposed for Milltown I

At a neighborhood meeting on July 2, Bales Findley LLC unveiled their plans for a total redevelopment-

They are working to attract a mix of retail and restaurants to better serve the community. "The time is



Concept drawing of the public plaza at the Dogwood and Saltzman corner

ment and expansion of their shopping center at the northeast corner of Saltzman and Cornell. The layout will include one large "anchor" store at the corner, and several smaller buildings surrounding the parking area.

right for this," said Ken Findley, one of the property's owners. "We've been talking about it for a while, but the economy is better now and it's time for the community to get the kind of center we deserve."

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## History in the News

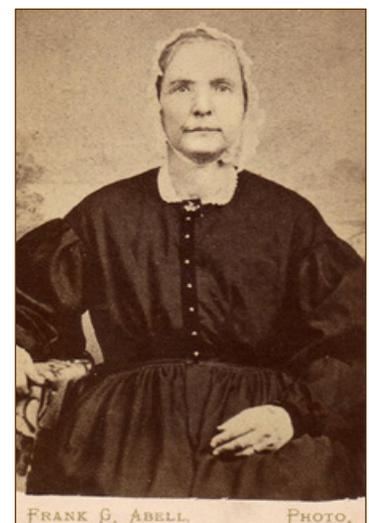
### The Hall Family in Cedar Mill

By Beverly Plack

The second in a series about pioneers buried in our Union Cemetery on 143rd.

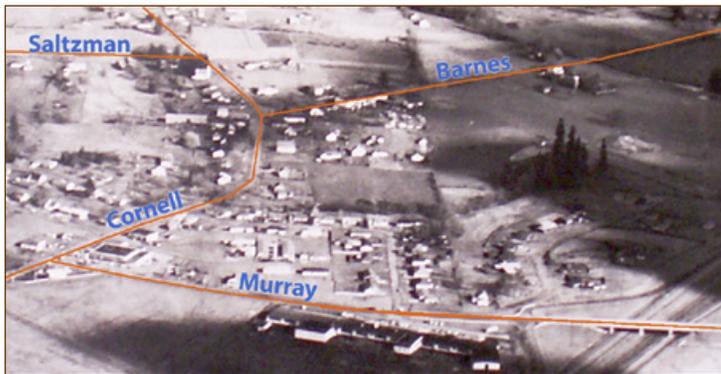
A boulder with the name "Hall" chiseled on it rests under the spreading oak tree in the Union Cemetery. This primitive grave marker is believed to be that of Captain Lawrence Hall, who came to Oregon in 1845. In 1850 he claimed acreage near Walker and Butner Roads through the Donation Land Claim procedure.

Lawrence and his family first came to Oregon, as the story goes, along with over 400,000 other settlers, traveling from Independence, Missouri with oxen along the 2,000-mile Oregon Trail to the Stephen Meek cutoff route. Their group suffered from thirst and scarce provisions and many of the group died of Mountain Fever. They arrived at "John Day's River" and traveled up to The Dalles. There,



Lucy Hall. Photo courtesy of Beaverton Historical Society sighting the Columbia River, they built a raft and traveled down through the upper Cascades with three other families.

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Aerial photo of Cedar Mill c. 1950. Sunset Highway, built in the late '40s, is at lower right. Saltzman was a dirt road and didn't connect to Barnes. Several farms were still operating.

lot of space for homes over the hills.

"The grocery store didn't do very well when it opened in 1961," recalls Ken Findley. "There just weren't enough houses around to support it. The first set of new houses to come along was on Filbert Street."

Odus Bales had purchased the four-and-one-half-acre lot for the store from Hazel Young in 1960. It was the last remaining piece of the 160-acre Donation Land Claim of James McGill which John Quincy Adams Young had purchased in

teenage son, Ken. "What do you do when you're not farming," he asked her, and they married later that year. He continued to run the St. Johns store for several more years, but he and Lillian started to dream of a Cedar Mill store.

Odus Bales was always concerned with competition, trying to offer something a little different to his shoppers. He was also focused on the customer. So he designed the new store to be welcoming and efficient.

"Odus traveled around the

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# Cedar Mill Business News

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

## CMBA Speaker

This month, Mary McCormick with Protocol Consulting & Training is back at the Cedar Mill Business Association meeting to discuss Electronic Etiquette. She will provide useful information for various forms of electronic communication, including how to avoid misunderstandings and faux pas.

Effective immediately: your CMBA Membership pays for one member's lunch. If two employees attend the meeting from one company, the second person pays \$5 for their lunch. Please give to JoAnne (Mountain Man Lady).

The CMBA monthly luncheons are an excellent opportunity to meet other Cedar Mill companies, increase your business, and learn a few things along the way. Anyone doing business in Cedar Mill is welcome to attend. Our program runs from 11:45-1:00. To encourage additional networking, attendees are welcome to stay until 1:30. Meetings are held at the Cedar Mill Bible Church Chapel at 12208 NW Cornell Rd.

## Changing themes at Second Edition

The shop will sport a nautical theme beginning July 1. On July 8, everything will be black and white, and beginning July 15, they will bring out the Vintage Collection and fill the shop with wonderful finds from years past, including clothes, jewelry, toys and household items. Second Edition will open at noon on those Mondays because they will be busy stocking the shop with items for the week's theme.

At the end of the month, on

Monday, July 29, Second Edition will roll out their Back-To-School items. Although the kids still have a month to enjoy their summer vacation, the shop wants to accommodate parents who are anxious to get started on school shopping before end-of-summer vacations.

Traditionally, Second Edition has combined Back-To-School with Fall Changeover which happens in mid-August. Because they want to have the school stock available earlier, Fall Changeover will take place in September. Clearance sales will begin September 13, and the shop will re-open with the new fall fashions on Monday, September 23 at noon.

Second Edition is located next to the Cedar Mill Community Library, at 12505 NW Cornell Rd, Portland, OR 97229.

## Concrete leaf classes

Local artist Roberta Palmer sells her beautiful concrete leaf-cast sculptures at local markets and fairs, and she's willing to share her skills and techniques in a series of two-hour classes this summer. Or



with two or more people, you can schedule your own class. Class fee is \$30 and includes all materials. Classes held locally.

Thursday, July 18; Saturday, July 27; Tuesday, August 13; Saturday, August 24; and Wednesday, September 11 from 10-noon; Saturday, September 21 1-3 pm.

Email Roberta at [genepalm@juno.com](mailto:genepalm@juno.com) to enroll or schedule a class, or call 503-350-2348.

## Packing made easy

You have planned a great vacation, and now it's time to pack those bags. Fortunately, you don't need to stress over it. Here are some great travel tips from Beth Giles of Northwest Organizing Solutions.

- Create a generic Master Checklist before you start packing. This list can be used any time you pack. It will help you pack efficiently and reduce the risk of forgetting something. Separate items into categories such as clothing, accessories, documents, toiletries, electronics, food items, and miscellaneous equipment. You can generate a list by using an interactive packing list ([independenttraveler.com/packing](http://independenttraveler.com/packing)) or you can create one yourself. This list can be designed for the whole family or customized for each individual. Following this list can help you avoid over-packing. If it's not on the list, you probably don't need to pack it.

- Begin a trip file in advance by gathering all your travel related information into a folder. This file should include items like your hotel confirmation numbers, passports, flight information, necessary phone numbers, and literature about your destination. Keep this file in your carry-on case so it is accessible at all times.

- Put the heaviest items towards the bottom when packing your suitcase. This makes the suitcase easier to transport and prevents delicate, lighter items from getting squished. Pack similar items together using zippered plastic bags. Keeping underwear or socks grouped together makes these small items easy to find and access. Take along a few extra baggies to keep items like a wet bathing suit or muddy shoes separate from the rest of your clothing.

- Store items for specific activities together. If your vacation includes a day at the beach, pack the towels, sunscreen, flip flops, and hats in the beach bag before placing it in the suitcase. When beach day comes, you can simply remove the pre-packed bag from the suitcase, and you are ready to go.

- Know your luggage limits. If you are flying, check with your airline about one week before traveling to find out its restrictions. If you are traveling by car, remember you have to fit people comfortably into the car as well as the luggage, so don't bring too large a suitcase.

For more helpful tips on staying organized, follow Beth at [beth@nworkingsolutions.com](http://beth@nworkingsolutions.com). For private consulting, contact NW Organizing Solutions at 503-709-0791.

## Village Gallery News

Cyndie Christiansen is July's featured artist. Her multiple artistic interests and love of color will be reflected in this show, which includes watercolor and acrylic paintings, as well as one-of-a-kind handmade books.

For previous members, the Village Gallery of Arts will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary in September, with a historical exhibit commemorating five decades of local art and artists in the com-



munity. If you or someone you know was a past member of Village Gallery of Arts, please email [publicity@villagegalleryarts.org](mailto:publicity@villagegalleryarts.org) to receive an invitation to our September 21, 2013 reception.

July's featured workshops include the following:

Danny Rodriguez - Turkish Marbling on Paper; Friday, July 26, 10-1, all levels (ages 16 and up). Experience an ancient art form and learn the techniques of marbling on paper. Learn about marbling ingredients, patterns and tools, and create custom marbled papers you can take home at the end of the workshop. View samples of Rodriguez's work and read his blog at [dannyebru.com/art.html](http://dannyebru.com/art.html).

Joann Wellner - Beginning Fused Glass Workshop; Saturday, July 20, 9-5 at JoAnn's Glassworks, Hillsboro, OR. No previous experience necessary. Bring an inspirational photo of fused glass or other artwork and learn to make an 8" plate. Workshop will cover materials, equipment, safety considerations, samples of various techniques, and glass cutting skills.

Children's Art Classes with

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### Bicycle theft

Local business owner Sam Bosch noticed a bicycle shoved under some bushes near his office last month. It was still there later, so he guessed that it was stolen. He took it inside, and called the Sheriff's office. An officer came out and wrote up a "Found Property" report detailing the item.

The next day, there were two more bikes under the bushes! Sam took the bikes inside and put up a note on the wall nearby: "Missing something? Come to Suite 112." He hasn't had anyone claim the bikes,



but if you're missing a dirt bike, it might be yours. His office is near Terra Linda. Email [info@cedarmill-news.com](mailto:info@cedarmill-news.com) to claim your bike.

Lieutenant Jonathan Shaver, Washington County Sheriff's Office, says, "In a nutshell, WCSO does not "impound" bicycles that are simply found property. When a deputy responds to a found bicycle, they will attempt to determine if it is stolen and also document the find. If a query of the serial number/description does not match a reported stolen bicycle, it will be left where found or with the finder. This is in accordance with State Law,

### Burnt Ends pitmaster ill

John Roberts, our favorite bbq purveyor, was stricken with a severe case of pancreatitis late last month and has been hospitalized since then. He is making slow progress now, but will be out of work for an indefinite length of time.

If community members care to make a donation to help keep his health insurance paid



which is also referenced on the back of the Property Report.

"Undoubtedly, some of these bikes end up being stolen and for whatever reason not reported, or are reported on a later date. However, without knowing that it is stolen or otherwise evidence of a crime, we are unable to seize it just because it is "found". On occasion (but very rarely) we are able to match a previously "found" bike to a later stolen report, via the information documented on the Property Evidence report.

"I would always encourage bike owners to document, and keep somewhere safe, a detailed description of their bike. This should include the make, model, size, color and serial number. A digital photo is great as well. If their bike should happen to be stolen, this information would greatly increase the probability of it being located and returned."

### Sunset Grad Party Fundraiser

Sunset High School will be running a fundraising for its upcoming 2014 graduation party on Saturday, July 13 from 9-4 pm. Drop off your bottles and cans at Bales Thriftway to be recycled by Sunset fundraisers, then go for a carwash at Mikes Auto parts. If you would like fundraising volunteers to pick up your cans and bottles from home, call Kaye O'Brien at 503-703-5914.

up, a fund has been established at Sunset Science Park Credit Union, 1100 NW Murray.

John and his wife Laura appreciate all the good wishes they've been receiving from friends and family, and they miss participating in their regular activities. We all wish John a steady recovery.

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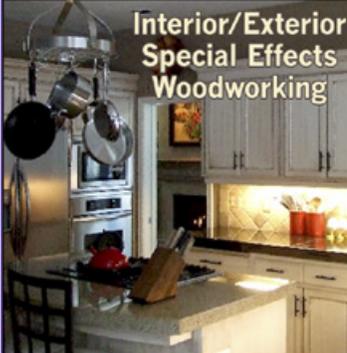
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## "Mossuments" in Jordan Park

**Public meeting: Wednesday, July 31, 6:30-7:30 pm at the Jordan Woods trail entrance at Jackie Husen Park. 10955 NW Reeves St.**

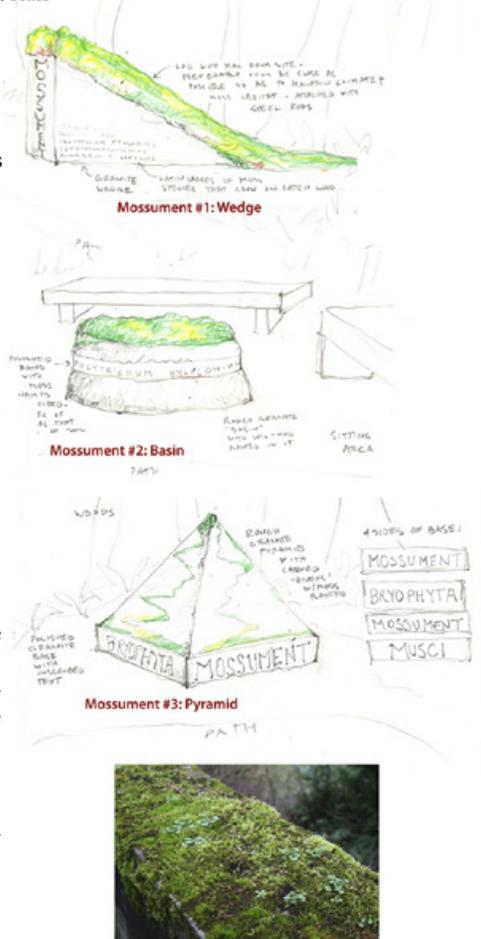
In the fall of 2012, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District staff worked with a citizens' committee and the Regional Arts and Culture Council to select and contract with artists to complete design proposals for the Interpretive Sign Network bond project.

"Nature Revealed: Discovering Nature through Art" will create outdoor, interactive, and educational art installations in specific THPRD natural areas and parks to connect patrons to nature in their neighborhoods.

The project goals are to encourage, and allow for, repeat visitation and engagement in natural processes and our natural areas; to increase patron's observation skills of the natural environment; and to increase patron's knowledge and understanding of ecology and the interconnectedness of people and natural resources.

Jordan Woods Natural Area in Cedar Mill will be the site of one of these projects. The artist, Vaughn Bell, says, "Mossuments references the idea of recognizing something small, unnoticed, and mundane in the manner of a grand moment in history. Three installa-

tions will draw the visitor's attention to the slow and subtle changes that occur in nature and specifically focus on moss. Orange dots on map show installation locations, which will be within six feet of paved trail."



For more information about this project, please visit the THPRD website at [www.thprd.org/art](http://www.thprd.org/art) or contact Kristin Atman at (503) 629-6350 or at [katman@thprd.org](mailto:katman@thprd.org).

## The Season for Asphalt

Washington County's Department of Land Use & Transportation wants to notify Cedar Mill residents that summer is paving season. Crews under contract with DLUT will begin paving work on a number of major county roads.

Much of this work will be done at night to reduce disruption to traffic. The county and its contractor, Baker Rock Resources, are working together to make sure traffic moves as smoothly as possible through this necessary but inconvenient work.

Advisory signs will be posted before the work starts. Roads will remain open, but may be limited

to one-way traffic, controlled by flaggers. Expect up to 15-minute delays. Use alternate routes if possible.

Current roadwork schedules are posted on the Washington County Roads web site at [wc-roads.com](http://wc-roads.com). Schedules may change due to weather, contractors' schedules, or availability of materials.

For more information, please e-mail [wc-roads@co.washington.or.us](mailto:wc-roads@co.washington.or.us) or call 503-846-ROAD (503-846-7623). Washington County and Baker Rock Resources thank you for your patience and careful attention to driving.

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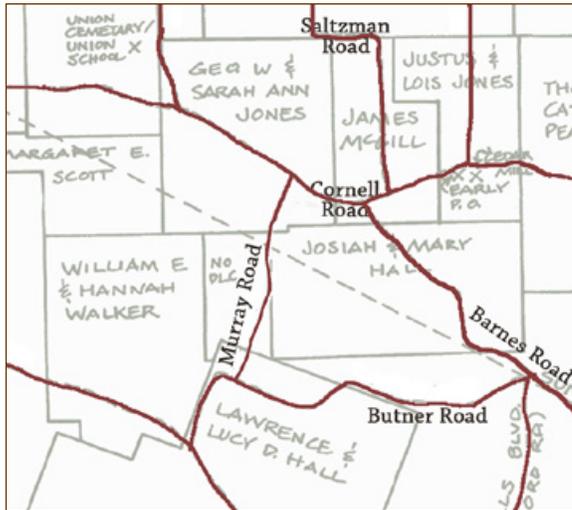
That leg of the trip took them three weeks in the rain, after which they portaged all of their provisions and household goods on their backs to the lower Cascades.

Lucy Hall Bennett, one of Hall's daughters, wrote in the 1895 "Annals of the Oregon Pioneer Association," "My father [Lawrence Hall] gave Dan Clark (who had preceded us down the river by trail on foot to Vancouver, and got a bateau of Dr. McLoughlin's and came to the Cascades to help the immigrants down the river) an ax to bring his family to Linnton, as Portland was a thing in the distant future. We went from Linnton to Hillsboro, Washington county."

Mill, were amongst those taken prisoner by the Cayuse and freed by Captain Hall's Company.

After serving in the Cayuse War, Captain Hall returned to Cedar Mill so that he could provide a life for his wife and nine children. One more child, Joseph, was born, making a total of ten children to their credit. One can only imagine what it was like for that family with ten children—ranging from newborn Joseph to 22 year old John—living together in a one-room cabin with only the basic essentials.

Like many settlers, Lawrence no doubt planted a small orchard, and continued to improve the land for farming, not an easy task



from the Cedar Mill Land Grant Map

Upon arriving in Washington County, Lawrence, his wife Lucy and their nine children set up a primitive log cabin comprised of logs hewn from the abundant trees in the Cedar Mill area. They cleared land for a garden while surviving on the many deer, grouse and pheasants that inhabited the forest.

Shortly after they built their cabin, in December 1847, George Abernathy, then provisional governor of Oregon, called for volunteers to muster into the service of the Territory. Lawrence answered that call and earned the title of "Captain Hall" when he led a troop of Oregon Mounted Volunteers to fight against the Cayuse Indians. His company was formed to chastise the Cayuse Indians for the massacre of Dr. [Marcus Whitman](#) and his wife [Narcissa](#), along with eleven others. The Cayuse blamed Dr. Whitman, a physician, for failing to stop the spread of [measles](#) among the Native Americans. Members of the John Quincy Adams Young family, who also subsequently settled in Cedar

when large old growth trees stood abundantly throughout the area. Timber was so plentiful that it was of no value and acres and acres of trees were burned down to clear the land.

By 1850 Lawrence and his brother Josiah had purchased a total of 640 acres in Beaverdam (now Beaverton) and built a [grist mill](#) near present-day Walker Road. His was the first Donation Land Claim in the area. Their son John B. Hall lived with his parents until he married his wife Mary and established their 327-acre claim along NW 143rd and Thompson Road, beginning just across the road from the Union Cemetery. It is not now known where the other children lived and died. Josiah Hall, Lawrence's brother, established a 319-acre claim within the boundaries of what is now Butner, Murray and Cornell Roads.

Proud pioneers, Lawrence and Lucy Hall cleared the way for generations to live and prosper here in Cedar Mill. Lucy died at the age of 62 in 1865, and Lawrence died at 67 in 1867. They are believed to be buried under that beautiful oak tree in our Union Cemetery.

If you'd like to learn more about the Hall family, some of the sources for this article are listed in the [web-page version](#) of the article.

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Bales Findley, continued from page 1 country looking at grocery stores to get ideas," says Ramona Ruhr, who has been leasing a space in Milltown I, as the first shopping center is now known, for 30 years. "The courtyard was a wonderful nursery in the spring, summer and fall, and they sold Christmas trees during the holidays. There was seating too, and the flowers were laid out like landscaping, but they were all for sale. It was



The courtyard was filled with plants for sale when the grocery was located in Milltown I

a community meeting place." By the late '60s, the area was getting built up and the store was doing well.

Ken Findley worked on his mother's farm as a teenager, helping to grow not just berries, but hay, apples, pears and peaches. He went to work in the St. John's grocery after Odus came on the scene. "We used to drive our truck down to the 'Early Market,' which was the produce center for the area in southeast Portland. But he was still interested in farming, and got a degree in Soil Science from Oregon State.

Odus kept on acquiring property in "downtown" Cedar Mill as it came on the market. He and Ken bought a lot of land from the Reeves family, which had owned a general store on Cornell near (old) Barnes Road. This included the land opposite the lumber yard, with Barnes Road running past it. Ken worked to renovate the old house on Barnes, and then rented it out. "Odus was trying to get me started in real estate," Ken says.

"We were making payments on all these pieces of land, and we never had any money at that time. And then one day Odus comes home from a meeting with Ross VanLoo and other county planners, and announced that he was giving away a piece of that property to the county to extend Saltzman between Cornell and Barnes," Ken recalls. "I was upset at the

time, but he was right. That made a big difference in the business and in the community." They eventually sold the "triangle" center property to raise cash for other needs.

In 1976, Odus offered space to the fledgling Cedar Mill library to open in the location currently occupied by Pacific Agricultural Laboratory. He later helped the library to build in its current location.

By about 1980, business was

booming at the grocery, which by now had joined the Thriftway group, which does the marketing and maintains a warehouse for all the Thriftway-branded independent groceries.

Ken told Odus that they needed a bigger store. "Odus was happy to hear that, and got behind that idea," Ken says. "We bought up the land across Saltzman from several owners, including the Jackson family. When we took it to the county, though, they said it was too close to the apartment buildings on the north. They had bigger setbacks at that time. So we bought the apartment buildings!"

Odus had continued to study retailing trends and was determined that the new store would be something special. "We worked with a Seattle architect for a while, but his design was a little too wild. We spent a lot of creative time on what would be good for the area

and for our customers."

Between working on the design and putting together the financing, it took some time to break ground on the new center. Ken laughs when he remembers, "We paid a farmer to bring his bulldozer down and push dirt around so it looked like we were working on the development."

Ken's sister Elaine Paul was an interior decorator, and she designed the original interiors for Milltown I and II. Ken's father-in-law, Gene Jackson, along with local mechanic George Foege, built the metal work for the store in a vacant hardware store in Aloha that they rented for the purpose.

"We wanted the store to be very welcoming, so we put the floral department right up front," he recalls. "And we put most of the investment and attention in the perimeter of the store—the deli, the bakery, produce, meat, and dairy. At that time, some stores were sort of guiding people past the aisles [like Winco today]. But we wanted people to feel welcome and for the store to be inviting." Their floral department was so nice that a couple of smaller flower shops in the area lost customers and eventually closed.

Odus' philosophy of retailing was simple. Customers are number one. Employees are number two. "We gave the managers of each department a lot of freedom to choose what to carry. They got a percentage of any increase in sales they were able to achieve in their areas," says Ken. Profits were number three, and would follow if they took care of one and two.

The store was well-known for developing their employees. "We had a system. We'd start with high-school kids—they would listen and we could teach them a work ethic. We'd start them off in bottle return and carry-out. Then they could stock bread and milk. If they had the right attitude—friendly, courteous, and reliable—they could move up." Ken explains. Some went off



Descendant of the first store owner in Cedar Mill, Mrs. Hazel P. Young, was the first customer of the new \$400,000 Milltown Shopping center just completed in Cedar Mill. John Quincy Adams Young, the grandfather of Mrs. Young's late husband, settled in the Cedar Mill area in 1862 and began the first store there in 1867. Mrs. Young previously owned the property on which the Milltown Shopping center now stands. [original caption from 1961 newspaper clipping—publication unknown]

to college, eventually to return to the store. The Best brothers, Doug and Dave, followed their father's footsteps to become produce and grocery managers.

The new store finally opened in 1988. By that time, they also owned a Bales Thriftway store on Farmington in Aloha. Ken was firmly entrenched in the grocery business by then, and went over to manage the St. John's store. By the early '90s, he was back managing the Cedar Mill store and Odus was semi-retired. Lillian—Mrs. Bales to everyone but family—continued to work as a bookkeeper for several years after Odus died in 1998. She passed away in late 2012 at the age of 96.

In 1995, Ken hired his cousin Ryan Egge to manage the real estate part of the business. Ryan had worked his way through the "system," and then went to Portland State and earned a degree in geography, still working part-time in the store. He also completed the series of courses required for commercial real estate appraisal.

In 2004, the family sold the gro-



Lillian and Odus Bales in front of Bales for Food

cery businesses to Signature Northwest (1204cmnews). Ken feared that the business climate and the grocery industry was changing rapidly, and he was itching to return to his farming roots. The family had some acreage near Hermiston, Oregon, and Ken, “went to work for my son Ian.” They grow alfalfa, corn and grain, and have a specialty bull-feeding operation called Beef City. Ken commutes back to Portland on the weekends.

Ryan continues to manage Bales Findley LLC, the property management arm of the family business. Each property is now a separate LLC. “We had been putting cash into Bales Findley over the years, but our lawyers said we should split it up,” explains Ken. So now Ryan manages all dealings with the county on development issues, along with managing the heavy maintenance and landscaping operations for many of their properties.

They had a landscaping crew for many years, but now most of the work is contracted out. “We had a trailer with all our landscaping equipment inside, and people were always trying to break into it,” Ken laughs. “Finally we put the landscaping name on it and the break-in attempts stopped. I guess they weren’t interested when they figured out it was just a bunch of shovels.”

Egge, who is married with three young boys (including a pair of twins), stays busy with all the day-to-day business of managing the shopping centers and other properties, and a project at the Farmington store, where Mt. Olivet Baptist Church is renovating a huge building for their congregation. But he still manages to get home most days to make the family dinner so his wife, who also works full-time, can get some relief, and so he can spend time with his boys.

He works with architects and planners, and is also spearheading the drive to bring a new set of retailers into the community for the redeveloped Milltownner I center. Ken says that Ryan is maintaining the Bales formula of putting the customer first. “He creates the buildings and structures that take care of our customers—the tenants—to keep them happy. He works hard to get the right mix of tenants so they all benefit.”

So we can look forward to a new shopping center in a few years that will bring some exciting new retail and restaurants to the community, as the Bales/Findley family continues to shape the landscape.

*Milltownner, continued from page 1*

The plans are in the first stage of the county’s development process. Once completed plans are turned in to the planning department, and any needed changes are made, it will likely be one or two years before the work begins.

They have been meeting with county planners to make sure

several public spaces that will create places for people to meet, relax, and enjoy outdoor dining. They are also making a strong connection with the existing library building, and will be improving the library parking lot as well.

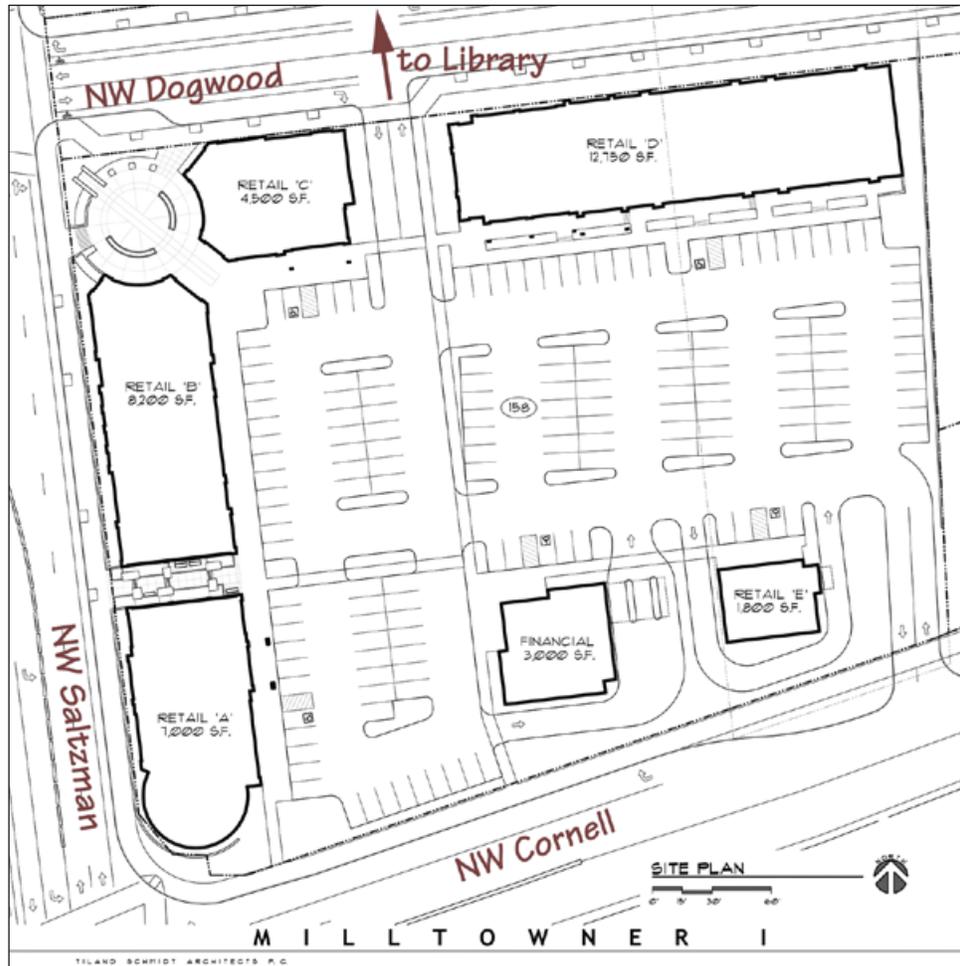
The current center only fills part of the property. The new center will be graded to include the eastern

future commercial property.

“It’s nice to have some certainty,” remarks Ramona Ruhr, who has The Madhatter, a sewing and mending business in the old center. “We’ve been hearing rumors for a long time, and now we can make plans.” She welcomes the improvements but doesn’t plan to move her business into the renovated center.

“I have space at my home to continue my work,” she says.

Walgreens will be moving to their property at the southwest corner of Murray and Cornell, once they complete a “standing wall” renovation on the east section of the building. We haven’t heard from the other tenants about their plans, but they do have a while to figure it out. We



they’ve covered all the bases. Because the property is in the Cedar Mill Town Center, they need to meet standards that include street-facing buildings and two-story structures at one of the corners.

Architect Patrick Tiland has gone beyond the basics to plan for

segment of the land. Buildings on the north side of the center will be stepped to accommodate the grade.

Dogwood Street will be extended along the north side because Town Center plans include an eventual connection with 125<sup>th</sup>. There will be an additional pad on the north for a

hope they all decide to relocate in Cedar Mill!

### Legislative Wrap-up

Rep. Mitch Greenlick will be holding two Town Hall meetings this month. The first, with Rep. Chris Harker on July 11, will be at 6:30 pm at the Cedar Mill Community Library (12505 NW Cornell Rd. at Saltzman Road). The second, with Sen. Elizabeth Steiner Hayward on July 15, will be at 7 pm in the auditorium of Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center (1040 NW 22nd Ave. across the street from the main entrance to the Hospital).

For more information on Mitch’s current work, or to subscribe to his ‘Mitch Message’, go to [leg.state.or.us/greenlick](http://leg.state.or.us/greenlick).



*Neighbors and tenants of the existing center filled Leedy Grange Hall for the meeting on July 2 to find out about the plans.*

## THPRD Summer Concert Series

Quarterflash, Stone in Love and Curtis Salgado are among the musical artists tapped to appear during the Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District's popular eight-event Concert & Theater in the Park series this summer.

This free series—seven concerts and one staged theatrical production—will run July 6 through August 22 at neighborhood parks throughout the Beaverton area. THPRD's third annual "Groovin' on the Grass" date night concert headlines the series on August 10 at the Howard M. Terpenning Recreation Complex. Gates will open at 4 for the 5-8:30 concert. For the full schedule, visit [thprd.org/events/summer-concerts.cfm](http://thprd.org/events/summer-concerts.cfm).

The remainder of the 2013 schedule showcases musical styles ranging from island music to Broadway hits to rock, soul, country and blues. With the exception of "Groovin' on the Grass," all shows will run 6-8.

The **Cedar Mill Park concert** will be held on Thursday, August 22, 6-8 pm in Cedar Mill Park, adjacent to Cedar Mill School on Cornell near 95<sup>th</sup>. The Patrick Lamb Band will perform. Performer/

songwriter Patrick Lamb fuses funk, soul, R&B, and jazz influences to create his own unique sound. The Jackson, Miss., born horn player paid his dues playing roadhouse music in the rural south, where influences included James Brown, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, and Wilton Felder. Upon moving to Portland as a teen, Patrick found a way to infuse his southern roots into his music. Patrick has been honored with numerous awards, performed at the White House,



and released five studio albums. He also produced the award-winning "Let The Good Times Roll, A Tribute To Ray Charles," which opened the 2007-08 Oregon Symphony Pops season. He has performed for

numerous fundraisers to raise consciousness about the loss of funding for the arts in public schools.

Web: [patricklamb.com/](http://patricklamb.com/)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/patricklambmusic>

Bring your family, grab lawn chairs or blankets, and meet your neighbors and friends for a summer evening of fun and music. Seating is on the grass. Beach/sand chairs or blankets for seating are recom-

mended. Regular height lawn chairs will be permitted only at the side and rear of the seating area. Food and beverages will be available for purchase, or you may bring your own picnic. No alcohol is allowed. Leashed dogs are welcome to attend with their owners.

Community partners and sponsors will be on site. Our Rec Mobile and Nature Mobile will also be on hand to engage kids with games, crafts and activities.

This year, THPRD has partnered with the Oregon Food Bank to accept donations of non-perishable food items at all shows. For more information on venues, musicians and other Park District events, visit [www.thprd.org](http://www.thprd.org). Fans are also encouraged to like THPRD on Facebook for information, reminders and Park District news.

## Run for Your Cause

The Cause + Event Foundation is proud to announce its second annual race in our area in November. Cause + Event Portland is a groundbreaking race format for runners who like to run for a cause. At registration, runners can choose from several charities to receive a donation from the Foundation, or they can run for their own cause by providing the necessary information to Cause + Event. The event features a 5K walk, 5K run or 10K run in the Bethany area of Washington County.

Launched in January 2012, the Cause + Event Foundation has created a signature race series. "I am passionate about a few causes that are close to my heart," said Amy Little, Race Director. "As with many runners, I want to have the flexibility to run and raise money for my cause."

Utilizing local resources and being environmentally responsible are two of the many unique aspects of the event. "Our goal is to be a zero-impact environmental event. We'll do everything we can to reach our goal," said Waste Management Coordinator and certified Master Recycler Audrey Schaab. The race will also feature an affordable childcare option so that both parents or significant others can run if they want to.

Cause + Event Portland will be held on November 16, 2013 at Bethany Village. Registration is open and the fees are \$20 for runners and walkers, which include race bib & chip timing and a \$10 donation to the cause of their choice. For more information, go to [www.causeandeventportland.com](http://www.causeandeventportland.com).

## Bark dust can mask a creeping fire

By Lieutenant James Whyte, Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, Beaverton Station 81

The recent heat wave is keeping your Cedar Mill-area firefighters busy and one of the biggest reasons may be sitting in your yard. Bark dust or mulch can add beauty and color to a landscape, keep weeds in check, control dust, and enrich the soil as it decomposes. It is also an organic material that is highly flammable.

Thousands of mulch-related fires are reported across the United States each year, particularly during warm and sunny weather. As the wood in mulch begins to decompose, it produces heat. When mulch is spread in thin layers, this heat can dissipate. In deep mulch, the heat cannot dissipate as easily and the risk of a fire increases, especially when introduced to an open flame such as a cigarette or fireworks.

Since January, our station has already responded to 33 bark dust fires. While most are small and we are able to extinguish them quickly, many bark dust fires in our area have been known to grow out of hand and cause major damage.

With this trend in fires, it is important for community members to recognize how flammable bark dust is. Over several hours, a tiny smoldering fire can slowly creep into plants, trees, homes, and buildings, eventually causing thousands of dollars in damage.

It is especially important that smokers properly discard their smoking materials. As restrictions on smoking in public places have increased, more and more smokers have been forced outdoors. Although TVF&R encourages people to avoid smoking altogether for health and safety reasons, those who do choose to smoke should always extinguish and discard cigarettes in an ashtray or appropriate metal container with a lid.

Use mulch made from wood that is low in volatile oils or resins or use an alternative product, such as cocoa shells, decorative rock, or brick chips. Spread mulch in thin layers so that heat can easily dissipate, and keep it moist.

Avoid placing mulch directly against structures or near potential sources of ignition, such as decorative lights or outdoor appliances.

For tips on other safety issues, visit our website at [www.tvfr.com](http://www.tvfr.com).

### Every race has a cause. No race has EVERY cause...until now.

Cause + Event Portland is a fun community event designed to raise money for the charity of the runners choice.

Join us in Bethany Village on November 16. Our "hillaceous" course winds in and around and up and down through the Bethany neighborhood.

C + E features a 5K walk, and chip timed 5K and 10K run, plus a free kids fun run.

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## July at the Cedar Mill Farmer's Market

July 20 will be the Blueberry Bash with Ima Blueberry, blueberry games, and music with The Lauren Sheehan Band.

In addition to blueberries, cherries, raspberries, and blackberries, peaches will be increasingly available all month long. You can also look forward to sweet corn, tomatoes, melons, and more. And as always, everything at the market is either made or grown locally by the folks selling it.

If you want to sign up for a weekly newsletter on what's coming up at the Cedar Mill Farmer's Market, just send a message to [eatfarmlove@gmail.com](mailto:eatfarmlove@gmail.com) with subscribe in the subject line.

## Heat expands concrete!

A section of sidewalk buckled on Saltzman Road during the recent late-June heat wave. Dave Schamp, Maintenance Division Manager of Washington County Land Use and Transportation, says, "Yes, we



are aware and have had an inspector out there. This is likely caused by the heat. I don't know details of this particular situation, but have seen

it occur in our area before. Sometimes the concrete contractor fails to install enough or proper expansion joints. Typically the expansion joint is made using an asphaltic felt material that allows the expanding concrete to compress it before doing damage. This was most likely caused by too few or improperly installed expansion joints." The county should be sending a crew to repair the sidewalk soon.



Looking southwest across the vacant field surrounded by the new homes and apartments of Timberland

## School District vacant lot

In 2003, the Beaverton School District (BSD) condemned and then purchased an 18-acre parcel in the middle of the former Teufel Nursery property for a future school site. This led to the Teufel family deciding to sell the entire property for development.

By Oregon Law, the District has ten years to use the land for "a public purpose" before the previous owner can buy it back for what they were paid for it plus 7% per year interest. That doesn't look likely now, since land prices have gone down since the purchase.

BSD Public Communication Officer Maureen Wheeler says, "The Beaverton School District has every intention of building a school on the land we own in the Timberland community. We have not decided if it will be a K-8 or a middle school. Planning is underway for a 2014 Capital Bond Measure; a team is putting together the potential elements of the bond. Building a school on this property is contingent on funding (passage of a capital bond)."

So look for a BSD capital improvement bond on your ballot in 2014. This is one of four vacant parcels the district owns north of Highway 26. Given the rapid pace of development applications for new housing in the last few months, our schools will be straining at the seams, particularly when North Bethany begins to fill with young families.



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## Washington County K-9 Trials

Cedar Mill will host this year's annual Police K-9 competition, which features K-9 teams from around Oregon and Washington. This exciting competition is fun for the whole family to watch. The event is free and will take place at Sunset High School, 13840 NW Cornell Road on Saturday July 20, from 11-3.

Teams from many law enforcement agencies will compete in area search, speed trials, agility courses, suspect apprehension, vehicle extraction, and handler protection.

The event will kick off with a "Kids and K-9's Safety Fair" from 11-1. This is great fun for the kids. Have them bring their bikes, scooters or skateboards for a bike safety course. Make sure they wear their helmets.

The K-9 competition starts at noon. Bleachers provide seating but feel free to bring your blanket and picnic lunch, or lawn chairs. Food and beverage will be sold at the event.

Come root for the Washington County Sheriff's Office teams. The event staff requests that you leave your pets at home. For more information, call 503-846-5930.



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 Kristi Roberts ([kristisfineart.com](http://kristisfineart.com)), who will teach fine art concepts and techniques taught through drawing, watercolor, acrylic, pastels, clay and mixed media. Classes fill quickly, so please call the gallery for registration. For schedules, go to [villagegalleryarts.org](http://villagegalleryarts.org):

Village Gallery of Arts is a non-profit, cooperative gallery in operation since 1963. It is located at 12505 NW Cornell Road, Portland, OR, next to the Cedar Mill Library. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10-4 and Sunday noon-4.

### The Greek opens it up

Greek Village owner Irene Pavlatos says, "We've been hiding nine



windows in the walls for more than 25 years. Two have been set free!" The view into the room has led lots of folks to discover this fun place for drinks, food, games and more.

The weekly schedule of events and specials includes:

Sunday: FREE Texas Hold'em games—4, 6, 8 pm

Monday: Shanrock's Trivia—7 pm

Tuesday: Pool Tournament—7:30 pm

Weiner Wednesday: \$1.25 hotdogs w/variety of condiments / Ladies Night \$4 martinis

Taco Thursday with \$1 tacos & \$3.50 margaritas 11 am-7 pm / Pool Tournament 7:30 pm

Fireball Friday: \$3.50 shots / DJ/KJ Suzi-Q 9 pm

Saturday: Pool Tournament 4 pm / DJ/KJ Suzi-Q 9 pm

For last-minute specials and other news, "like" them on Facebook – search for "The Greek."

### Radiator Selection

Mike's Auto Parts is excited to announce they have expanded their selection of radiators. Call the office at 503-646-3064 for more information.

### MIDI Music Mania

Westside Music School is excited to host the 2013 Summer Clavinova Celebration "MIDI Music Mania" for students and musicians of all ages and levels. This event will be held Saturday afternoon, August 3, at the Westside Music Recital Hall ("Le Salon de Musique"). The participants can play any favorite piece (solo, duet, trio, ensemble, etc.), using one or more features of the Clavinova digital piano (for example, voice, style, sequencing, recording, etc.).

Westside Music School teachers will be available for private or group coaching sessions for students who decide to participate during June and July. Contact Westside Music School at 503-533-5100 for further information. This is a great opportunity to have a really fun and creative performance experience, and a goal for that summer practice! These events are highly recommended by musicians and teachers nationwide as a fun and encouraging event for every student participant.

### Christmas in July

HealthSource Chiropractic and Progressive Rehab® will host a special Children's Health Month along with the "Christmas in July" canned-food drive throughout the month of July, to help replenish local food banks and shelters.

HealthSource Doctors are offering a Complimentary Community Service Health Screening (a \$189

value) in exchange for canned or non-perishable food donations or children's book donations.

The 19-point screenings can help track down even the smallest amounts of pain, including a wide range of problems such as low back pain, headaches, neck pain, shoulder or arm pain, bulging or herniated discs, leg pain, numbness and more. Even X-Rays will be included if necessary. (This offer does not apply to federal beneficiaries and ACN participants.)

"Many people don't realize that this can be one of the toughest times of the year for the local food banks, shelters and Salvation Army. We tend to forget about those in need outside of the holiday season. Even though we're still half-a-year away from the holidays, we thought an early celebration could help jump-start the collections for local donations," said HealthSource CEO Dr. Chris Tomshack. "Together, we can all help build a stronger, healthier community."

Food banks across the country are reporting a record number of Americans seeking food this year. The USDA reported in November 2009 that an estimated 49 million people, including 17 million children are at risk of hunger. Children's Books can be circled around to the clubs, Salvation Army and

shelters that will always love and appreciate the donations coming in.

Donations will be collected at HealthSource located at 13305 NW Cornell Rd Suite E, from 9-noon and 2-5 Monday through Thursday, starting July 1 (closed on July 4-5). To find out more about this year's Children's Health Month & "Christmas in July" canned-food drive contact HealthSource at 503-746-5085. For more information on HealthSource go to [HealthSourceChiro.com](http://HealthSourceChiro.com) or [hscedarmill.com](http://hscedarmill.com)

### Safe Summer Driving

The Next AARP Driver Safety Class will be held at the Cedar Mill Library, August 17 and 23 from 9-12. Call (503) 640-4404 to register. This affordable, easy and interesting class can qualify you for a discount on your auto insurance.

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**Weed Watch**

**Yellow Flag Iris is a red flag invasive**

By Jennifer Nelson, Tualatin SWCD

A popular ornamental with a dramatic, bright yellow blossom on a stalk up to 4 feet tall, yellow flag iris is often planted in natural and artificial wetlands and ponds in both urban and rural landscapes. A hearty wetland plant, it has long, flat, sword-like



leaves 1-2 inches across. Patches of yellow flag iris can be noticeable from a distance due to its tendency to grow in large clumps of up to 20 feet in width. The wetter the environment, the quicker the growth—this plant likes standing water.

**Right Plant, Right Place**

Yellow flag iris is an excellent example of a plant that is benign, even beneficial, in its native habitat of Northern Europe, where harsh winters keep it in check, but is a worrisome nuisance when it travels abroad. In the time-honored tradition of sharing successful garden plants with your neighbors, people

are literally giving it away! But when yellow flag iris escapes the confinement of the garden and makes its way into the open waterways of the Western US, trouble is not far behind.

In its native Scotland, yellow flag iris provides an important food source and nesting site for the endangered Corn Crake. However, here in Oregon, it crowds out higher quality native food sources such as sedges and rushes, which are important as forage for our native wildlife. In this way, it reduces the ability of wetlands to support domestic and migratory waterfowl.

As it escapes urban gardens and ponds, yellow flag iris plant has migrated along stream corridors to invade riparian areas, open water features such as lakes and wetlands, and irrigation ditches. It can spread by both seed and rhizome. This can result in severely restricted water flow in narrow channels like irrigation canals, stormwater basins and

flood control ditches due to heavy clumping, negating any potential environmental benefits and thus eliminating it from the roster of restoration plants.

**Threat of Costly Removal Provides Incentive to Early Detection**

Removal of yellow flag iris usually requires large excavation equipment or use of herbicides once the population has taken over. Moreover, removal may have to occur more than once since the plant may easily re-establish by rhizome fragments left over. As with most invasive species, catching yellow flag iris during its establishment before growth explodes is critical.

If you encounter this invader, you can take immediate action as well as report it. To remove the culprit, pull it up before it goes to seed, being sure to remove the entire root. All captured plants should be bagged and thrown into the garbage

rather than composted or mulched in order to prevent re-sprouting.

Remember, you aren't alone in the fight against invasive species. You can report sightings of yellow flag iris to the Oregon Invasive Species hotline at [www.oregon-invasiveshotline.org](http://www.oregon-invasiveshotline.org). Or you can contact the Tualatin Soil and Water Conservation District to make your report by phone at 503-648-3174,



*The seed pod contains disk-like seeds that can often be seen floating long distances in large mats in the fall and winter to new locations, spreading the invasion.*

extension 5. Not sure whether that really is yellow flag iris? Interested in learning more about your options? The Tualatin SWCD is committed to conserving, protecting, and enhancing the natural resources in the Tualatin River Watershed in Washington County. Their staff of resource and education

professionals help landowners to identify local resource concerns and solutions, offering a wide variety of technical assistance and, in some cases, financial assistance as well.

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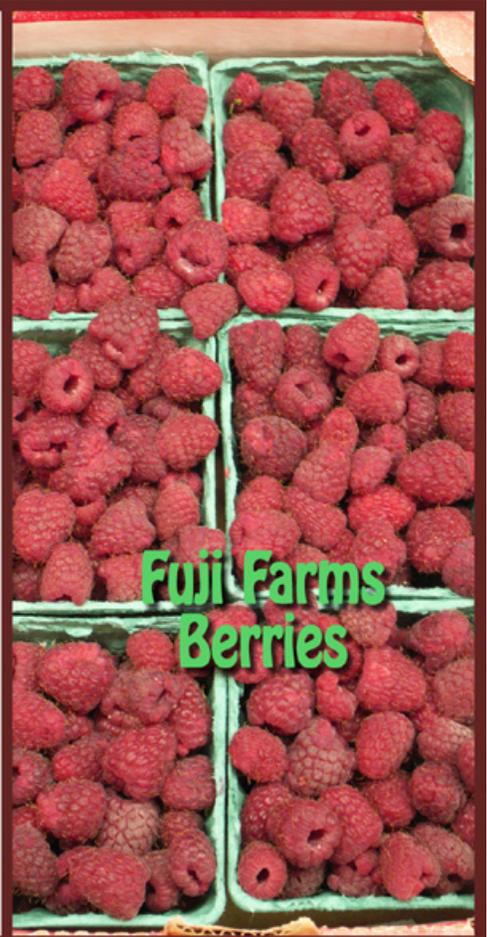
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