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Park News

New section of the Westside Linear Trail completed

by Laretta Young
Grand Opening celebration
Wednesday, August 28, 3 pm

The master plan for the Tualatin Hills Park and Recreation District has included a vision to create more outdoor walking, running, cycling, and nature access for years. This latest completed section of the trail



will be connected to other sections to create miles of outdoor recreation.

This particular trail segment can be accessed from many of the surrounding neighborhoods by foot or bike. If one lives further away there are several places to park your car, such as Hansen Ridge playground and other access points.



As you can see from the accompanying photos, this portion of the trail system is a series of elevated wooden bridges over extensive wetlands. Given the vegetation, the large number of trees, and the expanse of water and plants, it creates a haven in the city. The car noise fades away to be replaced with songs of Red Winged Blackbirds and Common Yellowthroats singing in the cattails. The blooming wildflowers, including the very

fragrant wild rose, are a delight along the path.

There is plenty of room on the wide, paved trail for multiple uses, including dog walking (leashed of course), smaller children on bikes learning to ride safely without fear of cars, bigger “kids” on bikes maneuvering around easily, and walkers and runners of all ages.

This addition will encourage more walking and getting outside to enjoy the plants, the trees, the birds and the peacefulness of these natural areas. So get out and listen, look, and breathe deeply.

From the THPRD website: “The one-mile long, 10-foot wide segment of shared-use trail connects the [Rock Creek Regional Trail](#) at its north end to Kaiser Road at its south end. The trail was constructed almost entirely within the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) power line corridor, and includes a connection to [Hansen Ridge Park](#) as well as

connections to adjacent neighborhoods and improved access to Kaiser Woods Natural Area, a 28-acre site that includes wetland and forested

natural areas ideal for bird and wildlife watching. The [Rock Creek Trail](#) follows Springville Creek, which meanders west before joining the main stem of Rock Creek, just west of Bethany Lake.

Recent trail improvements include over 400 feet of raised wooden boardwalks through Bronson Creek wetlands, and offer trail users unique opportunities for nature and wildlife viewing. Trail

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Development News

High-rise apartments and commercial proposed for Cedar Hills location

A Neighborhood Meeting was held in July to present information and gather comments on a development that proposes to replace the existing shopping center near the intersection of Highway 217 and Highway 26, bounded by Park Way,

apartments. Two of the high-rises will have restaurants, shops, and other businesses on the ground floor. The buildings will surround a series of public plazas with amenities for residents and visitors, including a playground.



Conceptual art of the main plaza. See page 6 for the plan

Marlow, and Wilshire. The property, where the DMV, Harbor Freight and others are now, was annexed to Beaverton earlier this year.

The proposed development would consist of six six-story buildings that will include a variety of

Urban Form Development Company is the developer. Fred Gast, whose company Polygon developed the Timberland site, is the principal. He answered some of our questions about the development.

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We're winning against the Japanese beetle!

Remember to keep yard debris out of the landfill!

by Ashley Toland, ODA

Earlier this summer, the Oregon Department of Agriculture's IPPM program continued its multi-year

Washington County. Treatment primarily consisted of one granular larvicide treatment applied to all grass lawns and/or ornamental



Japanese beetle adult feeding on a rose

effort to eradicate Japanese beetle. From April to June, ODA applied granular larvicide treatment to approximately 8,500 properties in

planting beds in areas where beetles were detected in 2018. Acelepryn G[®] is a targeted larvicide that kills certain pests in their larval state in the soil. This is a “reduced risk” pesticide and is not considered to be a health risk for humans, pets, or wildlife, including pollinators, when applied according to label directions.

For the first time this year, the granular treatment (Acelepryn G[®])

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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

Cedar Mill Home Theater adds staff

Steve Frame, owner of Cedar Mill Home Theater, is pleased to introduce Jon Thomas as the lead installer and programming technician. Jon brings over 20 years of audio/video and programming experience. Jon shares the same passion as Steve, to bring your home up to speed in the 21st century.

Cedar Mill Home Theater looks forward to continue to provide quality customer service with competitive pricing, as they have for the past 15 years.

The shop is located at 13405 Northwest Cornell Road. [Visit their website](#) or call for more information, 503-626-2435

Second Edition Resale Clearance Sale

August 17-24, Second Edition, at the east end of the Cedar Mill Library building, 12505 NW Cornell

Second Edition Resale shop is planning a week-long sale on all items in the store beginning August 17.

For the first five days of the sale, August 17 to August 22, all items in the store will be 50% off. Second Edition showcases a comprehensive array of merchandise, from essentials like clothing, shoes, and houseware, to items such as artwork, toys, and jewelry, meaning the sale will have something for everyone.

Second Edition Resale items are priced to be very affordable, and an additional 50% off of every item guarantees that customers will receive a great deal. Second Edition also holds its merchandise to high



standards in terms of quality.

After the five-day 50% off sale ends, August 23 and 24 are dedicated to a bag sale. On August 23, customers may purchase as many items as they can fit into one tote bag for \$10, excluding jewelry. On August 24, the price per bag decreases to \$5 per bag. Jewelry and individual items will be 75% off both days of the bag sale.

The shop will close for restocking on August 25, and reopens on Monday the 26th with their Western Days theme.

Dog Wash fundraiser

Saturday, August 24, 11 am-3 pm, Holistic Pet, 13657 NW Cornell (Safeway center)

Customer Appreciation Day and Dog Wash Fundraiser at Holistic Pet includes big sales on most pet foods and treats. A pet rescue group will wash and dry your dog for a \$10-15 donation (depending on size) with all proceeds going to fund their rescue efforts. Ten gift baskets of pet items will also be raffled off.

MOC Music on the Patio

Fridays, August 9 and 23, 6-8 pm, Market of Choice, 250 NW Lost Springs Terrace

Enjoy food, your favorite beverage, and live music on the patio in front of the store. Whiskey Darlings will perform on August 9, with Draper Valley Chicken on the grill, and donations going to the Oregon Food Bank. Elke Robitaille will entertain on August 23, with Painted Hills beef on the grill and donations going to the Bloom Project. Food and beverage tastings throughout the store from 5:30-7 pm on music nights.

Movies at Sunset

Friday, August 16, 7:30-10 pm, Sunset Credit Union, 1100 NW Murray, free

Bring the family and friends and join us at the Credit Union on for 'Movies at Sunset' for a viewing of "Wonder Park." We'll have a taco truck onsite at 7:30 pm so you can purchase food, then we'll serve free popcorn and show a family-friendly movie starting at 8:16 pm.

Bring your friends, family, blanket and/or chair and join the fun! Everyone is invited to [this FREE event!](#)

Village Gallery of Arts

Cedar Mill Farmers Market

Saturdays, now through October 12, 9 am-2 pm, corner of NW Cornell and NW Murray in the parking lot in front of Safeway

The Village Gallery of Arts, as a member of the Cedar Mill Business Association, will have artists demonstrating at a booth between 9 am and 2 pm. There will be art for sale and information about the Gallery, art classes, and community art events.

Reception for Featured Artist and Crafter for August

August 11, 2-4 pm, Village Gallery of Arts, just east of Cedar Mill Library

Meet the Featured Artist and Featured Crafter of the month! Come enjoy refreshments while browsing fine art and craft! The featured artist for August is Amanda James with oils and acrylics and the featured crafter for August is Melinda Small Paterson with encaustic and mixed-media 3D.

Classes and Workshops

For more details on each listing, please see our website, villagegalleryarts.org or call (503) 644-8001

Children's Shodo Classes
Ages 6-14 years old, Mondays, August 5, 12, 19 & 26, 4:30-6 pm or 6:30-8pm

Express kids' creativity and build concentration by writing and drawing using Japanese Calligraphy techniques. Children will learn the basics of how to write Japanese characters or English characters

with the Calligraphy brush in their own style. Kids will be taught the fundamentals of the ancient Zen art of Shodo, which is not just the way of calligraphy, but also teaches concentration, meditative calm and attention, and expression of oneself through the brush.

Children's Art Classes, Ages 7-11 years old
Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19, 26, 3:45 - 4:45pm

Come join an exciting class and learn a variety of art forms. Debbie Teeter will be developing each child's art ability and providing them an opportunity to build their skills and explore different media and approaches, so they can find out what they will enjoy. Each lesson will explore both art concepts and techniques. Activities may include drawing, painting, sculpture, mixed media. Subject matter will include people, faces, landscapes, plants and animals, and exploring subject matter in imaginative ways.

Jo Reimer - Playing with Paper
Saturday, August 3, 10 am-1 pm

Spend the morning learning to use a variety of papers to compose an abstract design or a landscape



Luna, by Amanda James

painting. Jo will demonstrate several processes for adapting magazine paper for collage and using stencils to make complex papers, giving you a way to start. Then she turns you loose to work on your own with all the help you need. Supply list and more information on website, or call (503) 644-8001.

Experimental Watercolor Workshop
Thursday, August 8, 12:30-3:30 pm

Bring more play and imagination into your watercolors!

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CPO News

There will be no CPO 1 meeting in August. Our September 10 meeting will include a presentation on disaster preparedness, information about Ride Connection, and a presentation on Washington County's woodstove replacement program. We already have great programs lined up for October and November too, so be sure to plan to attend on the second Tuesday from 7-9 pm.

Ordinance 852 provides developer contact information

by Virginia Bruce

In late 2015, a development was beginning uphill from my house. During the grading and excavation process, a water line that served my home was disturbed, and air and gunk got into my pipes. It took quite a while to figure out who to contact, even with my knowledge of the development situation.

I realized that many neighbors are affected by active projects near their homes, and that we deserved to know who to call in case of a problem. The other members of the Code and Ordinance subcommittee of the CPO leadership group [Committee for Community Involvement](#), agreed, and we requested that signage be required. Eventually it was added to the Work Plan for this year's Ordinance Season, and it will be heard and hopefully passed by the Washington County Board of Commissioners at their August 6 meeting.

This is the language that will be added to the section of code regard-

ing grading permits:

2. *Project Site Posting. At least 24 hours before site disturbance, the site shall be posted with a freestanding sign that is a minimum of 2' x 3' with minimum 2" lettering, see Figure 15. The sign shall be weather-proof, marked with permanent ink, securely fastened to two sturdy posts, and placed in a position that is legible from the street right-of-way, not more than 15' off the right-of-way. If a parcel does not have frontage on a public or County road, the property shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the point such property obtains access to a County or public road. The sign shall state the project scope and the name and telephone number of the responsible project contact person. The project sign shall be maintained in good condition at all times and shall remain posted until the completion of the project (at final grading approval or final building approval, whichever occurs later). The Department of Land Use & Transportation is not responsible for posting the site. If the site is not properly posted at all times, enforcement action may be initiated; see Section 14.12.240 Grading violations.*

The Code Group works to shape and influence County code by studying issues, gathering input from the community, and requesting action. The group is open to anyone who wants to help. We generally meet one afternoon each month over Happy Hour at Rock Creek Corner. Contact Virginia Bruce at yrb@teamweb.com if you're interested in joining our effort!

Capturing Oral History at the Cedar Mill Cider Festival, September 22


Our community's biggest celebration of the year will happen on Sunday, September 22, 1-4 pm at the JQA Young House Park. Safeway will provide the apples that our local scouts press to provide free fresh cider. Local food and craft vendors will be on hand with their wares. Lauren Sheehan and her string band will entertain. Retrolicious and maybe another prepared food vendor will offer lunch. The event is sponsored by Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District, which will also provide kids' activities.

New this year, in addition to the Cedar Mill History tent, Cedar Mill Historical Society is setting up a booth to record "oral history" interviews. We'll have video

and audio equipment, and we're encouraging families with older relatives to bring them along and interview them for posterity! Elders with stories to share are welcome to attend alone, also—we'll have an interviewer available.

We'll provide a short script of basic questions to help get the stories flowing. Recordings will be made available on our website. Each recording will be about 15 minutes. If we get a lot of interest, we'll allow people to reserve times before the event. It's all free, but donations are welcome!


Plan now to bring your family to the event. [Like our Facebook page](#), where you can sign up for news and learn about our activities.



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This IS Kalapuyan Land

Opens Thursday August 15: Member Preview 5-6 pm. Remarks from the Guest Curator and introduction to the artists; Public Reception: 6-8 pm. Performance and refreshments. Washington County Museum, 17677 NW Springville Rd., on the PCC Rock Creek Campus, Free Parking on East side of museum, (enter via driveway off of PCC's lot A)

What happens when a museum known for pioneer history turns over curatorial authority to a young Indigenous Guest Curator? For Washington County Museum, the result is a bold self-critical exhibit about the Tualatin Valley's first people.

For the past 60 years, Washington County Museum has—like many museums—acquired, collected, and preserved Native artifacts.

These cultural resources are mostly donated to museums by settler-pioneer descendants who may not know local tribal communities' true wishes for their peoples' artifacts. At Washington County Museum, and all over the world, these Native objects are the basis for exhibits and curriculum that is shared with the public. They are an incredible resource, but too often result in Native culture being discussed mostly in the past-tense.

"The vibrant presence of today's Native people has not been given enough space at this museum. That's unacceptable for a place that teaches others about this area's history and culture," said Co-Directors Molly Alloy and Nathanael Andreini. "Native perspectives are essential, informed, complex, and numerous.

With over 53,000 Native folks living in Oregon today, there's a threat of cultural erasure if museums do not make space for Native people to share their own stories and cultures."

Alloy and Andreini turned to a Guest Curator who could bring a unique Indigenous perspective.

Steph Littlebird Fogel was born and raised in Banks Oregon, is Kalapuyan, two-spirit, and an artist. As an individual she demonstrates how multifaceted contemporary native identities often are. Her new exhibit, This IS Kalapuyan Land, is an exhibition that honors the unique history of the Atfalati-Kalapuya tribes in Washington County, Oregon, and celebrates contemporary Indigenous culture.

The new exhibit re-tools the museum's cornerstone historical display, called This Kalapuya Land, which was created over a decade ago in partnership with the Confederated Tribes of Grand

Ronde. That partnership was a great step for the museum at the time; this new version makes the native perspective even more visible. As viewers move through the space they will encounter hand-written edits and annotations made by Littlebird Fogel to highlight errors, update language, and note important passages in the original content. Each edit points towards larger problems in our collective

About the Washington County Museum

recollection of America's and Oregon's history.

This IS Kalapuyan Land (note how Littlebird Fogel updated the title) allows visitors to think about the differences between Native and non-Native versions of history. The exhibit questions what information is presented as "fact" and how the museum context shapes what the audience learns. "Ultimately, I want to challenge the way we recall our shared histories," states Littlebird Fogel, "and

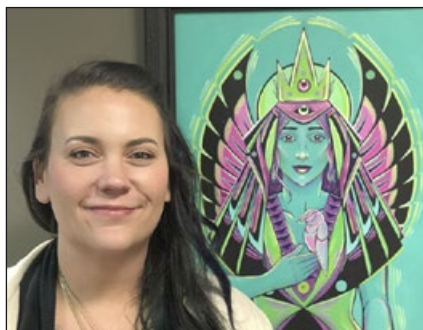
For more than 60 years, the Washington County Museum, a private nonprofit organization, has provided community members and visitors an opportunity to experience and understand the richness of local history, heritage, and culture.

The Washington County Museum's fall 2019 hours begin August 15: Wednesday through Friday, Noon to 4 pm; Saturdays, 10 am to 4 pm.

For admission, memberships, events and more: visit www.washingtoncountymuseum.org; email info@washingtoncountymuseum.org; or call 503-645-5353.



Everyone's A Winner, by Don Bailey



Stephanie Littlebird Fogel and one of her paintings



Annotated signage by Fogel

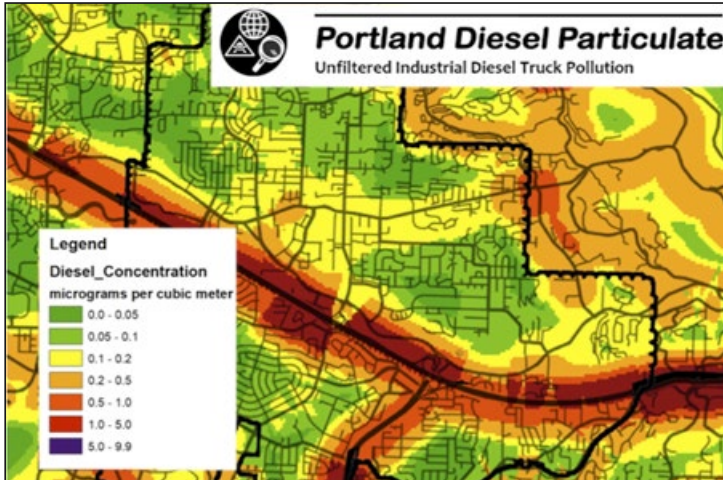
Curbing Toxic Diesel Exhaust

by Susan Mates

Diesel engines are economical, powerful, and durable, so they power most of our equipment and move 80% of all freight. But diesel engines also emit large amounts of toxic air pollutants and ultra-fine particulate matter, about 70% of which is black carbon particulate. That makes diesel exhaust significant as a global warming contributor. Diesel particulate matter also adheres to harmful chemicals in the air and efficiently delivers them into the lungs. Those particles easily enter the bloodstream, damage

regulations are more lax. According to ODOT and DMV records, 75% of the trucks in the Portland area are unfiltered.

With recently-passed House Bill 2007, we are now taking the next steps to remedy that. The new bill requires truck owners to replace older diesel engines with newer models by 2025. Originally, it was intended to apply statewide, but the bill was scaled back in compromises to ensure its passage. The amended version applies the provision only to Multnomah, Washington and



GIS Map by Michael Egge, PhD student, & Andrea Richards, graduate student, both Portland State University. Data compilation by Greg Bourget & Alissa Leavitt. All data online at portlandcleanair.org in Data under Pollution Reports

lungs, worsen asthma, and cause early deaths.

The Environmental Protection Agency's last three-year assessment ranked the Portland Metro area in the worst 1.3% of counties for diesel particulates nationwide. Here in Washington County, residents near the Sunset Highway and Highway 217 experience some of the worst airborne diesel particulate concentrations in Oregon. This is due to 24-hour truck counts as high as 2,200 on Sunset Highway and 1,100 on Highway 217.

The good news is that trucks from model year 2010 or newer remove up to 95% of diesel particulate emissions. Older trucks can either be retrofitted with filters that remove particulate matter, or their engines can be replaced with newer model engines to achieve that standard.

The bad news is that, since both California and Washington State have much stricter regulations than Oregon, those older trucks are now being used in Oregon where the

Clackamas counties, and allows heavy-duty trucks to use engines dating back to 2007. Still, it will address the diesel issue where it is the worst, and provides a framework that we can continue to improve.

"This legislation is an important step forward for our community," said Rep. Rob Nosse, a chief sponsor of the legislation and longtime proponent of clean diesel legislation. "For too many, especially those who are low-income and the most vulnerable, pollution can have detrimental and even deadly consequences. There is still more work to be done for the state of Oregon, but House Bill 2007 will make a difference."

Meanwhile, keep in mind that on a summer day in the Portland area, cars and trucks produce about 198 tons of smog-forming pollutants. The next time you are stuck in traffic, think of some of the many ways you might choose to drive less.

For more information, see the [Diesel Reports on the Portland Clean Air site:](#)

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Development, continued from page 1

What's the target market for the residences?

We see this as a place for families, including single parents, and working people who can utilize the nearby Transit Center.

What kind of parking will you provide?

There will be "structured parking" in the buildings for residents, and surface parking that will serve the public who are visiting the

units will be within reach of the people we're targeting. Eventually some of the units may be for sale as condos, but rental units will be part of the portfolio.

Will there be fitness facilities for the residents?

We're hoping to attract a fitness tenant that will provide facilities to residents and visitors.

Will some of the existing businesses relocate to the new development?

We're working with 808 Grinds and a couple of other tenants to move into the new development during the early phase.

The DMV and several other tenants are looking to relocate in the area,

and we're doing what we can to help them. We're aiming to include a mix of businesses that will serve our residents and the neighbors, and create energy at the ground level.

Urban Form Development is still finalizing the details of the proposal that will be submitted to Beaverton, possibly in the next couple of months. Construction will take place in phases, possibly beginning as soon as next year and continuing for several years after that.



Six high-rise buildings surround parking and public spaces in the proposed design for the new development

businesses. We are getting pretty smart about figuring out the parking needed for these developments, using science and engineering to provide enough parking so that the neighbors won't suffer.

Will any of the units be "affordable housing?"

We're working with the city to make those decisions. People have to be able to afford the units to make the project succeed. We don't anticipate that there will be specifically affordable units but the mix of studio, one- and two-bedroom

Kirkland Place hotel and retail approved

On July 10, the Beaverton Planning Commission approved the Kirkland Place proposed develop-

ment. The developer will preserve three

retail and office buildings will surround 173 shared parking spaces. We'll provide more information about construction timelines as it becomes available.



Office and retail for the new center, looking northwest toward Market of Choice

ment of the remaining commercial property in the Timberland neighborhood after the developer made changes to the design that will lessen the traffic impact to the neighbors.

Home2 Suites by Hilton will build an 89-room hotel at the northeast corner of the lot, across from The Ackerly. Two additional

large trees on the site. Remaining trees are either dead, dying, or damaged. Landscape buffering and screening will be installed to provide privacy for the adjacent residential areas.

Milltown construction finally underway!

Bales Findley Property Management has finally received the most important permits that will allow them to continue the redevelopment of the shopping center at Cornell and Saltzman. Plans for the redevelopment of the old shopping center were first revealed in September 2017.

The grading permit and the road work permit were approved on July 29. They submitted all their permits last December, and originally planned to complete the center this fall, but the delays in permitting mean the center will open in spring 2020.

The building at the corner

of Cornell and Saltzman for the center's major anchor tenant (I still can't share that with you!) will be built first. They are phasing the construction to avoid impacting access to the library. The Sunset Athletic building and the remaining retail



Grading is finally underway. This upper section will include parking for the Sunset Athletic expansion and the shops and offices on the second floor of the east building.

shops will be built this winter.

Cornell Road will be widened to provide a long access and right turn lane. The second access to the center will be an extension of Dogwood where the existing driveway is now.

Beaverton denies Life Time Fitness development appeal, project will go forward

The Beaverton City Council heard the appeal of the Life Time Fitness project planned for the southwest corner of Barnes and Cedar Hills Bl. at their July 16 meeting. Attorney Michael Connors, representing the still-unidentified person behind "Beaverton Business Owners LLC", argued for the appellant. The city planning department countered all their claims of error, and the council voted to deny the appeal and

allow the project to proceed.

Several people testified in agreement with the appeal, including Kyler Speich, who argued that the development would have adverse impacts on the environment. Councilor Cate Arnold responded to these concerns when she voted to deny the appeal, saying, "I can't use my hopes and aspirations to make decisions about code."

We don't have information about a timeline for the development, but we'll write about that as soon as we hear.

Free car seat clinic

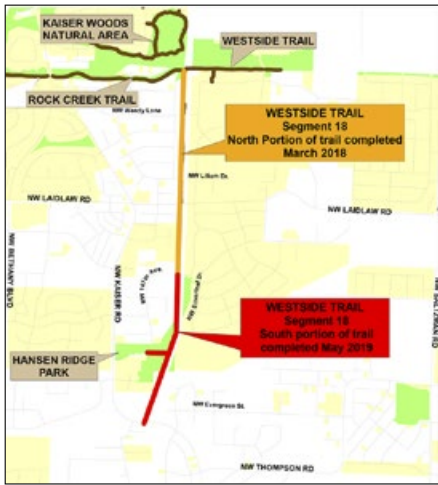
Thursday, August 8, 10 am-1 pm, Tanasbourne Medical & Dental Clinic, NE Cornell Road and 185th Ave

The Washington County Sheriff's Office along with Doernbecher Children's Hospital will teach parents and caregivers how to properly install their child's car seat for FREE at the clinic, part of Neighborhood Health Center's annual Health Fair taking place at the same location.

To ensure proper installation and faster service, please read and bring your car seat instructions and vehicle owner's manual. No appointment necessary. Questions? Contact Community Outreach Specialist Doreen Rivera at do-reen_rivera@co.washington.or.us or 503-846-5578



Park News, continued from page 1 improvements north of 147th Ave to the [Rock Creek Trail](#) were completed and opened in winter 2017-18. Trail improvements south of 147th Ave to Kaiser Road and [Hansen Ridge Park](#) were completed in May 2019. THPRD began constructing Segment 18 of the [Westside Regional Trail](#) in summer 2016, marking the first step to completing the north-south regional trail extension north of US Highway 26.



for Wednesday, August 28. Details will be posted on the trail and on the project web page in the coming weeks. Project updates and background can be viewed on the [project web page](#).

For information on Lauretta Young's bird watching tours: call 503-645-4149.

More information about the vision for an eventual 25-mile long trail extending from The Tualatin

River National Wildlife Refuge all the way to the Willamette River is on the THPRD website.

Everyone is invited to celebrate at a public grand opening planned

Cedar Hills Park reopening soon!

Construction on the park and related public improvements is progressing ahead of schedule. The public street improvements to Cedar Hills Boulevard are complete and the new signal at Huntington Avenue was activated in early Janu-

courts, community garden, and public restrooms have recently been completed. The contractor is currently installing the group picnic shelter, bocce courts, splash pad, and are finalizing site landscaping. When completed, the [park redevelopment](#) will provide better access to recreation opportunities for the community.

The park will remain closed for public safety throughout the construction period and will re-open upon completion anticipated in September 2019. THPRD will host a grand opening for the park—the date is still being finalized. We are working closely with the Cedar Hills Recreation Center staff planning a fun Halloween-inspired event in October. More information will be coming soon as plans are finalized.

Updates on the park can be found on the [project web page](#).



Many of the big trees were saved. This oak shades a picnic table near the playground

ary 2019. Site grading work for the park is complete and site improvements will continue through summer 2019.

The multi-purpose athletic field, multi-use sport court, sand volleyball



Looking across the artificial turf multi-sport field toward the new William Walker Elementary School

Bonny Slope Trail Project

Improvements to the trail in the eastern segment of The Bluffs Park are under construction and the contractor is making good progress. The main emphasis of the project is to construct a six-foot-wide asphalt pathway that will connect NW 117th Dr. to the Bonny Slope Elementary School. When com-

pleted, the pathway will provide a safe, year-round route to the school as well as improved neighborhood connectivity.

The project will also include a secondary gravel trail section, a retaining wall, a bench, and signage. The project is currently scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

First and Last Mile project will get more people to transit

The easier it is to access public transit, the more likely people are to use it. Getting from their front door to the nearest transit stop and/or from transit to their final destination can be challenging, however. The Washington County Department of Land Use & Transportation's First and Last Mile (FLM) project is developing strategies to make transit a safe, accessible, and viable travel option for all who live, work and visit Washington County.

The FLM project will result in recommendations for implementing 1) infrastructure investments to provide safer, faster, and more comfortable access to transit; and 2) opportunities to support and integrate innovative mobility options that are coordinated and flexible.

Specifically this project advances Washington County's [Transportation System Plan \(TSP\)](#) objectives, which seek to improve access to and encourage the enhancement of transit service in Washington County. This will be accomplished by:

- Understanding the implications (costs/risks and benefits/opportunities) of new mobility technology such as shuttle services, micro-transit (like the old Cedar Mill Shuttle), ridesharing, carsharing, bikesharing (including electric bikes and scooters), ridesourcing, and mobility hubs;
- Recommending amendments to the TSP, Road Design Standards and other policy documents for the County to consider (e.g. major transit stops, curb space treatments, parking and loading, etc.);
- Identifying priority locations to implement first and last mile transit access projects, programs and partnerships, including:
 - Bicycle and pedestrian improvements;

Key policy considerations to improve transit access especially in relation to emerging on-demand transportation options, Inter-regional and rural transit connectivity.

Identifying priority projects to position Washington County for future funding opportunities.

Recommendations will open for comment once the draft report is ready for public review. An online open house and two workshops for major employers, transportation providers and the public will be scheduled.

Transit is a critical component of Washington County's transportation system, reducing automobile trips, congestion, emissions and individual transportation costs.



To achieve regional long-term climate and transportation goals, transit utilization will need to triple over the next twenty years.

Addressing barriers

to accessing transit is critical to improving transit ridership. Disconnected sidewalks, long distances between signalized crossings, limited illumination and/or bike facilities that are substandard can create challenges for those navigating to and from transit stops and stations.

The project team is supported by a technical advisory committee (TAC) comprised of representatives from cities, TriMet, South Metro Area Regional Transit, Tualatin Hills Park & Recreation District, Oregon Department of Transportation, Metro, Ride Connection, and Westside Transportation Alliance.

To comment on the project, [visit the website](#). For project updates, subscribe to LUT's First and Last Mile e-newsletter, linked from the web page.

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Grow Organically

Prune roots now before moving plants in fall

by Margie Lachman

Oak leaf hydrangea is a beautiful and easy shrub that gives four seasons of color and interest. It blooms in summer for months with white, lightly fragrant flowers that become pale pink in late summer. In late fall and winter the leaves change from green to a lovely burgundy and the bark peels to give winter interest.

Unfortunately mine has overgrown its place next to a path and needs to be transplanted to a place where it is not crowded. Fall is the ideal time to do this task. I have found most shrubs and trees respond well to this process if root pruned 12 to 16 weeks before being dug. So now is the time to prepare your plants for their fall move.

Root pruning encourages new root growth near the main trunk. This helps to prevent transplant shock. Push a sharp flat head shovel into the soil at the drip line (outermost branches) to trim roots. Dig a trench all around the plant a foot deep then replace the soil loosely.

After 12 to 16 weeks to allow new root growth, the root ball can be dug. First, dig the new hole about a foot deeper and a foot or two wider than the root ball. Fill the



Margie's overgrown hydrangea needs to be moved, and she's preparing now

hole with water—when it has been absorbed you are ready to move the plant to its new home.

Be sure to choose a spot that is wide enough to allow the plant to look comfortable when mature, and

where it will receive adequate sun and water. Oak leaf hydrangeas are tolerant of drier soil than other kinds.

As much soil as possible should be dug under and around the plant; this is the root ball that is moved into the new location. Place the plant on a tarp to move it with root ball intact. Plant it at the same depth that it was growing in the previous location and firm soil all around to eliminate air pockets. Water well right away, and be sure to water it weekly until winter rains arrive. Autumn weather provides warm soil to promote root growth and cool air that reduces dehydration in the foliage.

Don't prune your plant at this time, as that will stimulate growth and stress the reduced root system. You can remove spent flowers, and shape it lightly in the spring when visible growth appears. I have used this method successfully with several shrubs and trees. Next spring the plant will begin new growth.

Questions? Email me at marginerose2@gmail.com or call 503-645-2994.

Beetles, continued from page 1

was supplemented with a foliar spray (Acelepryn®) in areas with higher Japanese beetle populations. The foliar application has the same active ingredient (chlorantraniliprole) as the granular treatment, and therefore the same minimal risks. Properties within 200 meters of a Japanese beetle trap that collected 75+ beetles in 2018 were included in the higher density treatment area. Treatment was sprayed in late June on non-edible ornamental trees, shrubs and plants that are known Japanese beetle hosts.

The spray has no known adverse effects on beneficial and non-target organisms, including earthworms and honeybees. We specifically chose this pesticide because it is not only highly effective but it is also registered as a reduced risk pesticide under the EPA. Here at ODA we also try to promote pollinator preservation, and we are also trying to use products that would allow people who are wary of pesticides to feel at ease.

The 2017 eradication resulted in a 34% decrease in Japanese beetle populations in 2018. ODA will have more information on the impact of

the 2018 treatment when the Japanese beetle trap numbers are totaled in fall of this year. The impact of this year's eradication will not be known until Fall of 2020. This is a multi-year project, and although the area was treated, residents may find adult beetles on their property for the next few years. ODA will know the 2020 treatment area boundary in late Fall/ Early Winter 2019.

Quarantine on yard debris continues

As a reminder, a quarantine is in place to restrict the movement of high-risk yard debris to currently unaffected locations in the state, in order to keep the beetle contained to Washington County and increase the likelihood of eradication. For small loads, use your yard debris curbside cart and Waste Management, Pride, and Walker Garbage will transport directly to the Hillsboro Landfill. For landscapers and other large loads—use the free drop-off site at Northwest Landscape Services in Hillsboro. To see the quarantine boundary or the list of materials that are considered quarantined yard debris visit japanesebeetlepx.info/prevention.

japanesebeetlepx.info/prevention.

If Japanese beetle establishes in Oregon, it will be more than just a garden pest, but also a huge threat to agriculture. An economic analysis completed by ODA concluded that farmers would spend an estimated \$43 million annually to combat Japanese beetle. Restrictions on farming exports would reduce the marketability of Oregon's specialty crops, hurting Oregon's economy. In addition, homeowners, parks, schools, and golf courses could expect to see severe damage to lawns and landscaping.

Without the cooperation of the residents in the treatment area this project would not be possible. Almost 99% of residents consented to the granular treatment. Thank you to the residents of Cedar Mill for your support in helping eradicate this invasive and destructive pest!

For more information on the Japanese beetle eradication project visit JapaneseBeetlePDX.info. Please do not hesitate to contact ODA with any questions by calling 1-800-525-0137 or emailing: japanesebeetle@oda.state.or.us.

John Leeper, 1925-2019

by Bruce Bartlett

On July 24 our beloved community member, veteran, activist, and leader, John Leeper, passed away peacefully in his sleep.

Leeper chaired our Citizen Participation Organization (CPO1), representing Cedar Mill and Cedar Hills,

from 1998-2000, and went on to serve on the Board of County Commissioners from 2000-2006. When he was appointed to the BCC, I was serving as vice chair of CPO 1 so became Chair.

I attended his memorial service and was privileged to witness the tributes offered by

his family and colleagues. An oft-repeated compliment for John was that he was a "gentleman." Having served in the Army from 1943 until he retired in 1975, participating in three wars, he was capable of meeting the tremendous demands of warfare and life in the Army



ing the impacts of major projects, he accounted for the good of the community over the effect on any one individual or small group, an essential aspect of good leadership. A well run, citizen-oriented county government was extremely important to him.

He was known for his colorful (occasionally salty) bon mots. One that stands out to me is, "I do not have a dog in that fight." This would be an opening proclamation when he was about to make a contentious statement to let the audience know he had

no personal stake in the outcome but had strong opinions on the subject. He was thorough in his preparation to lead discussions on issues. Another of his sayings, "Let's get off the Dilemma Wheel," speaks to his keen desire for constructive action. As for his emphatic "Great Balls of Iron," I will let the reader grapple with its meaning.

He insisted that county communications be provided in layman's language, not jargon, to allow community members to more easily understand the issues at hand. He was willing to listen and let anyone have their say, but was unwilling to suffer fools for long, and was very adept at helping a long-winded speaker conclude their remarks.

Descriptions of his life and many accomplishments can be found in an [article I wrote about him in 2012](#), and in his [online obituary](#).

In one's life, the teachers and mentors who enter it with positive impact are precious. It was my honor to be mentored in "gentlemanly" civic leadership by John Leeper.



Bruce gets a laugh from John and his wife Ada during John's retirement party at the county building

but throughout remained firmly connected to his humanity. As a community leader, he eschewed deference to his military service, declaring himself "plain old John."

During his time as Chair of CPO 1, he focused on three major projects affecting the area: Tri-Met's Westside Light Rail project; the extension of Cedar Hills Blvd from NW Barnes Road to NW Cornell Road; and in the project that shaped the Cedar Mill Town Center as we now know it today. He worked collaboratively on these projects because he recognized that compromise was an essential component of good solutions. When consider-

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Annie Salness—Farmer’s Market-Inspired Painting Class in Oil or Acrylic
 Ages 11 and up. Children must be accompanied by a registered adult
Saturday, August 10, 9:30 am-3:30 pm

The relaxed light-heartedness of the Farmers Market on Saturday morning inspires creativity! We begin at Cedar Mill Farmers Market (cedarmillfarmersmarket.org) at 9:30am. You’ll spend an hour taking in the atmosphere, music, smells, scenes and people, and choose a colorful vegetable, fruit, or flower to paint. We then head back to the Gallery where you’ll set up your individual still life with your chosen item. We’ll go over how to lay out your palette, choose brushes, and use lighting, tone and value in your painting. Then you’ll paint, with hands-on, personal instruction until the end of the session.

Touchmark public events

The following events at Touchmark in the West Hills are open to the public. There is no charge, but seating may be limited. To RSVP, call 503-954-1640. Touchmark is located adjacent to Southwest Barnes and Leahy roads at 840 SW Touchmark Way.

Summer Concert Series
Thursday, August 8, 4 – 6 pm

Make yourself comfortable in the outdoor amphitheater as you listen to the sounds of The Black Swan Classic Jazz Band. Renowned for its Dixieland, old-time gospel, early jazz and ragtime music, this talented group will definitely have you movin’ and groovin’ to their beats!

Lunch & Learn: Summer Fitness

Monday, August 12, 11 am
 GreenField Health and Touchmark are working together to bring wellness to the community. In this presentation, naturopathic healer, massage therapist, author, and speaker Mary Elizabeth Smith will discuss life balance and offer ways

to navigate daily chaos. Julia Strang Dwyer, PT, DPT, will talk about the body’s balance system, how it can change as we age, and the benefits of staying active.

Parkinson’s Support Group

Wednesday, August 14, 5:30 pm

This support group meets the second Wednesday of each month and is open to those living with Parkinson’s as well as family members or friends.

Culinary Passport: South Korea

Friday, August 16, 11:30 am

Have you tried kimchi (fermented vegetables)? This is a staple for South Koreans and typically eaten at every meal. Come sample a delicious array of this country’s cuisine and learn about South Korea’s customs, such as removing shoes before entering a home and the national pastime of hiking.

Fieldstone sponsors BBQ fundraiser for Alzheimers

Sunday, August 18, 4-6 pm,
 Fieldstone Cornell Landing, 9860 NW Cornell Rd

We will host a Fundraiser BBQ and Silent Auction to benefit the Alzheimer’s Association Walk to End Alzheimer’s. All are welcome to join us for this free community event featuring delicious barbecue and live music with the Accidental Folk Band.

Guests can bid on an array of silent auction items provided by local business partners and purchase unique jewelry from Premier Designs of Portland. Items for the Silent Auction are still being accepted. Contact us at 503-292-9222 for more information.

Parking will be available at the Cedar Mill Bible Church east parking lot at 12208 NW Cornell Road. Complimentary shuttle service provided.

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Help Sunset Credit Union Raise funds for BSD's homeless students and families

Saturday and Sunday, August 24 and 25, Beaverton City Park

Did you know, according to a Department of Education (ODE) report, the Beaverton School District has the highest number of homeless students in the state? The ODE said 1,522 students within the Beaverton School District are homeless. To put that into

perspective, that's the equivalent of nearly the entire student body of Southridge High school.

To help local families who are experiencing difficult times, Sunset Credit Union is teaming up with Family Promise of Beaverton and their Third Annual Drive In-Sleep Out Fundraising event. The goal is to pack 200 parking spots with 'car-camping adventurers' to raise funds and awareness about child and family homelessness in Beaverton.

The staff at Sunset Credit Union is taking donations to help Family Promise of Beaverton. If you'd like to help, send an email to them at cuteam@sspcfuc.com or give them a call at (503) 643-1335 to make your tax-deductible donation today. All funds will go directly to Family Promise of Beaverton to help fami-



lies experiencing homelessness. If you'd like to take part in the event or to learn more about the Drive In-Sleep Out Fundraising event, visit familypromiseofbeaverton.org.

Sunset Credit Union serves anyone who lives, works or attends school in Washington County. It's located at 1100 NW Murray Blvd. #200. To learn more, visit sspcfuc.com or call them at (503) 643-1335

Pharmaca News

Flash Beauty Sale

Saturday, August 10, 1-5 pm

We are having a Flash Beauty Sale! There will be raffle baskets, samples and facials. Come and try our favorite beauty lines! The best vendors in town will be here to make your day

La Strada dei Pastelli Chalk Art Festival

Saturday and Sunday, August 10 and 11, 11 am-6 pm, Cedar Hills Crossing, 3205 SW Cedar Hills Blvd (Corner of SW Walker and SW Cedar Hills Blvd), free

This event is an immersive, large-scale street painting experience



wherein professional chalk artists will be working on larger-than-life, bold images directly on the asphalt. The weekend will also feature live music and local art vendors. Young and old are invited to take part in multiple hands-on activities from chalking their own masterpieces to making take-home gifts.

The Beaverton Community Band

Saturday, August 10, 10 am, Cedar Hills Crossing, 3205 SW Cedar Hills Blvd., free

The Beaverton Community Band will perform a concert to open the Chalk Art Festival! The concert features a variety of music including tunes from movies and Broadway, as well as pieces from American composers and a salute to America's veterans.

Cadettes earn Silver Award for Mason Bee project

Local Girl Scout Cadettes Troop 45061 has worked really hard for nine months to earn their silver award—the second highest award in Girl Scouts—which they have now achieved.

They decided to learn all about Mason bees and their importance as pollinators. After lots of research they created a great brochure with all kinds of information that they put in various Little Free Library boxes throughout the community. [You can download the brochure here.](#)

They also acquired some new skills using power tools and built 20 Mason bee houses that they personally donated and delivered to various farms in Hillsboro and on

with education and samples.

Mocktails and \$5 off Fridays

Friday, August 9 and 23, 4-8 pm

We have two fanciful evenings of mocktails and \$5 off on Fridays. Swing by to take advantage of the coupon and learn about our revitalizing mocktails!

This week we'd like to introduce you to our fabulous esthetician, Christine. Christine specializes in Gua Sha facials and is a wealth of knowledge about skin care. When she's not brightening our day at Pharmaca, you'll find Christine running very long distances. Christine just completed an Ultra Marathon—50 miles! Christine's favorite skin care line is Evan Healy. Come in and ask her why!

You might've noticed the construction happening inside our store. Forgive our disarray as we build our new compounding pharmacy facility. Very exciting times ahead!



Let's go green together! recycling event

Saturday, August 17, 11 am-3 pm, Beaverton Fred Meyer, 11425 Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy

Fred Meyer and the Trail Blazers are teaming up to eliminate waste and we'd like you to join us. Stop by one of our upcoming Green Days events at your local Fred Meyer location to drop off hard to recycle items including Styrofoam, film, cardboard, batteries, and electronics.

The events will feature special appearances by Blaze, Fred Bear, the Blazer Dancers, and other Trail Blazer personalities. Fans can take advantage of the vendor village, enjoy delicious samples and free goodies, snap a photo with Trail Blazer personalities, get an autograph, and support our environment. You could even win tickets and other great Trail Blazers prizes.

Accepted Recycling Items: Styrofoam; plastic film; plastic bags; cardboard; appliances; metal; redeemable bottles and cans; electronics (computers, laptops, monitors, TVs, printers, keyboards, mice, smartphones, tablets, e-readers, video systems, cords, cables, plugs, accessories and more!)

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Sauvie Island. This amazing group of 13-year-old girls is doing their part to raise awareness about a truly important issue that affects us all.

Leedy Grange Senior Dances

All Thursdays in August, 1:15-3:15 pm, Leedy Grange Hall, 835 NW Saltzman Road, \$5 per person.

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