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Featured Business

Bradshaw Framing and Gallery

By Virginia Bruce

Chip and Amy Bradshaw love art, and that's what guides the way



they work with customers in their framing shop and gallery in the Peterkort Towne Square. "I try to help the customer to not make a mistake," says Amy. "There may be 50 ways to frame a piece, and all of them are good. I work with the customer to find what's right for them, and for the piece that they're working with." Chip adds, "We always try to give them more than they expected."

About two-thirds of the shop's walls are filled with frame moldings in a vast array of colors, sizes and finishes. The remaining walls have pre-framed art, ready to take home. Wire-frame bins hold unframed art for sale. "We don't take consignments," explains Chip. "We have to



like it enough to buy it. Artists do sometimes come by with work for sale, and occasionally we buy that, but most of it comes from artists' representatives." They have built up a network of art suppliers from their many years in the framing business, and from their previous experience as art brokers.

Bradshaw Framing and Gallery was one of the first tenants in the Peterkort Towne Square at Cedar Hills Blvd. and Barnes Rd., opening their doors in 1995. "We actually had the second signed lease in the center," Amy recalls. "The anchor tenant, Albertsons, was the first. Our plan was that all around us were fields that we hoped would fill quickly with new homes with a lot of bare walls. They did,

and all the fields are nearly gone. We were lucky enough to be able to fill a lot of walls!"

The couple met in Cedar Mill in 1985. Chip, who grew up here, was an inventory manager at Leupold & Stevens, a Beaverton company that makes optical equipment such as rifle scopes and binoculars. Amy worked as a paralegal for a prominent criminal defense law firm in Portland. They married in five years later.

About a year after they married, they started their first frame shop, Prestige Framing in Tigard. "We had a partner who had been working in the industry. He wanted to start his own business, but didn't want to do it alone. A year later we decided we loved the business, but didn't want a partner. By this time we had opened a second store in Wilsonville. Chip and I sold our interest in Prestige Framing and incorporated as Bradshaw Frame & Gallery. We kept the Wilsonville location and our former partner kept the Tigard location and the business name."

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Standing Wall Remodel—a loophole big enough to drive a building through!

by Virginia Bruce

In September, we all watched as the east half of the Sunset Mall shopping center (SW corner of Murray-Cornell) was demolished. On the development application, it was called a "Standing Wall Remodel" (SWR).

If the store's application had been evaluated as new development, it would have been subject to the Town Center regulations, like what applied to the Auto Zone store next door—sidewalk improvements, streetside alignment, and several other requirements aimed at making Cedar Mill a more pedestrian-friendly environment.

By using the SWR application type, they were able to avoid all that. The new building will have a

very-slightly smaller footprint than the one that was there, with the same general parking layout. No road or sidewalk improvements are planned, aside from a pedestrian access-way about halfway between Auto Zone and the existing in-only driveway on Cornell. The county accepted Walgreens' traffic analysis, which said that the new store would not generate more traffic than did the previous small businesses and restaurants that occupied the building before it was sold.

Recently-retired Washington County Senior Planner Andy Back wrote this in response to queries from Washington County Commissioner Greg Malinowski: "There is one moderately 'bright

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"As You Like It" at Sunset

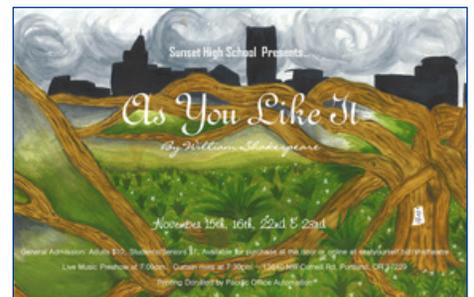
James Farmer, Theatre Director at Sunset High School, is bringing this lesser-known Shakespeare comedy to Sunset's impressive, 850-seat auditorium on Fridays, November 15 and 22, and Saturdays, November 16 and 23. Doors will open at 7 pm and the audience will be treated to music from some of Sunset's great performers. The play will start at 7:30.

Farmer, who joined the Sunset faculty six years ago, has acted in Portland Center Stage productions locally, and previously lived and worked in New York City. He enjoys staging large and ambitious works, and he gets amazing performances from his cast and crew.

He says, "As You Like It features

one of Shakespeare's most famous speeches—"All the world's a stage." Our version incorporates a live band made up of our very own Sunset HS students."

The plot finds Rosalind, disguised as a young man, escaping from the royal court to live in the



The poster for the production was designed and painted by one of the cast members, Zia Clocke.

Forest of Arden. Her lover, Orlando, has also fled from the court to the forest, and through a series of mis

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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

Pet Barn photo contest

The Pet Barn, next to Bales Thriftway, invites you to bring in photos of your pet. Winners will have their pet "immortalized" in an ad in an upcoming issue of the Cedar Mill News. Print a copy and bring it in to the store, but all photos submitted must be available as high-resolution digital files.

Winners will be notified and advised how to submit the photos for inclusion in the Pet Barn ads. All types of pets are eligible. Special consideration may be given to photos that include Pet Barn products, but that's not necessary.

To kick off the contest, this month's ad features my now-departed sweet Vizslas, Odin and Rufus. The contest is ongoing, but to be featured in the December issue, photos should be submitted by November 15.

CM Chiro's New Addition

The Cedar Mill Chiropractic Clinic, located on Cornell Road, has just added Allison Kirley to their team of providers. Allison, a credentialed provider with Regence Blue Cross Blue Shield and other insurance providers, uses deep tissue massage to help with chronic conditions as well as acute injuries.

She is available Monday through Thursday from 2:30-6 pm, so call now to get your appointment! For more information or to make an appointment with Allison, call 503-646-3393.

Sunset Yoga News

Start off the holiday season right with some fun yoga on Thanksgiving morning! The Sunset Yoga

Center is offering a yoga session on November 28 from 9:30-11:30 am. All levels are welcome to attend Amy's vigorous practice, covering asanas from most yoga categories.

Cost is \$20 or \$15 with a food donation for the Oregon Food Bank. There really is no better kick off to the holiday season than an invigorating morning yoga class.

In other Sunset Yoga news, Nuvana Zarthoshtimanesh and Barb Steif have passed their intermediate Junior Iyengar Yoga assessment, after studying vigorously over the months. This gives The Sunset Yoga Center a new depth to their teaching staff that benefits the entire community. Way to go, Nuvana and Barb!

Bible Church Marriage Class

The National Institute of Marriage is bringing their two-day "DNA of Relationships for Couples," Seminar to Cedar Mill! A fresh, fun, and honest conference for couples will be offered on November 8, 6:30 pm- 9:30 pm, and Saturday, November 9, 8:30 am- 12:30 pm, at the Cedar Mill Bible Church, 12208 NW Cornell Road. The conference teaches the truth uncovered in the incredibly successful intensive marriage counseling programs of the National Institute of Marriage.

The class however, is not only open to married couples but couples of any age and stage of relationship. It will be led by Dr. Robert Paul, the co-president and lead intensive marriage counselor at the NIM. The class is \$30 per person or \$59 per couple. You can register online at cmbc.org or purchase tickets at the door Friday evening, November 8. For more information, visit nationalmarriage.com.

NW Organizing Solutions celebrates five years!

NW Organizing Solutions has been organizing homes and business in the local area for five years. Professional Organizer Beth Giles has worked with individuals and businesses to bring order to

their space, time, information, and systems. In homes, she organizes using a systematic approach to help clients pare down their belongings and determine the best use of space. In businesses, she helps clients manage paper & electronic files, improve processes and manage workspaces. She has also been sharing organizing and downsizing tips in newsletters and workshops throughout the community.

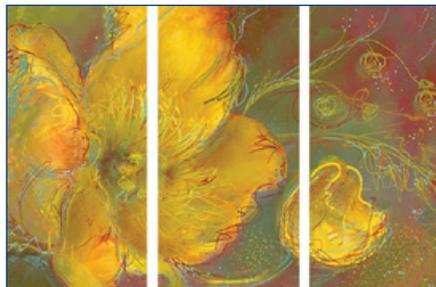
To celebrate NW Organizing Solutions' fifth anniversary, they are offering new clients \$5 off each hour scheduled during the month of November. Celebrate with them and be organized and ready for the holidays.

Village Gallery of Arts

The featured artist of the month, Otto [H.Van](http://www.villagegalleryarts.org) Walstijn (November 5-30) will have a reception on Saturday, November 9 from 2-6 pm. His work includes landscapes, portraits, and abstract paintings in oil on display at the gallery.

Local artist Nancy Klos juried Village Gallery's October awards show and awarded the following ribbons: 1st Place, Kathryn Delaney, "Wind Blown Poppies;" 2nd Place, Liz Walker, "Honor Rose;" 3rd place, Sandy Reeves, "Glow."

Mary Burgess' Ukrainian Egg (Pysanky) Decorating enables artists to learn how to create beauti-



"Windblown Poppies," digital triptych by Kathryn Delaney.

ful intricate patterns on egg shells using a wax resist method in the traditional Ukrainian way. Egg shells are waxed and dyed using a kistka, a special waxing tool used to "write" patterns on the egg. colorfull dyes are applied in succession for a dramatic effect. All tools and materials supplied. Friday, November 15, 10-2, \$50.

Kristi Roberts' Children's Art Classes (www.kristisfineart.com) will take place November 4-25. Fine art concepts and techniques taught

through drawing, watercolor, acrylic, pastels, clay and mixed media. Classes fill quickly so call the gallery for registration.

VGA is a non-profit, cooperative gallery in operation since 1963, located at 12505 NW Cornell Road, next to the Cedar Mill Library. Hours are Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm; Sunday 12-4pm. See village-galleryarts.org for more information and additional classes.

Blue Agave

A new business has moved into the former Katinas (then Sunset Club and Grapevine among others...) at 11525 SW Barnes, just west of Cedar Hills Blvd. They've



been busy remodeling and redecorating inside and out—you may have noticed the big horse statue near Barnes!

Blue Agave is billed as a "Latin Tapas & Tequila" establishment. The menu offers a long list of tapas—small plates that can be ordered as snacks or combined into a full meal. A group can order a number of these to share for a fun way to try several flavors. They also have entrees that include Mexican, Spanish and Cuban dishes. A full bar provides a large selection of tequilas, plus beer, wine and cocktails.

They have moved here from their former location on NE Glisan. At that location, they had dance lessons—we're not sure if they'll be bringing those to Cedar Mill, but it's worth looking into! Find them on Facebook at [facebook.com/blueagavepdx](https://www.facebook.com/blueagavepdx). They're open daily from 3 pm-2 am, children welcome until 9 pm, with Happy Hour 3-6 pm.

Lighten your load by shipping luggage

Not having to carry a suitcase while traveling during the holidays is a great convenience. Shipping ahead offers the added bonus of

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Library News and Events

By Dawn Anderson

International Gaming Day

Games! Games! Games! The entire library will be filled with gaming for all ages on International Gaming Day. Saturday, Nov. 16, 6 pm. Preschoolers to teens to grandparents, there's something for everyone.

The children's area will include puzzles, board games, active play, early literacy fun, and "I Spy." Bring

library to play popular favorites and newer "Euro" games like Ticket to Ride and Alhambra. Have a game you enjoy and would like to share with others? Bring it! Snacks and drinks will be provided. Bring the whole family. Every age will find some type of game that you will enjoy.

Swedish Roots, Oregon Lives

Sunday, Nov. 24, 2-3 pm. Author Lars Nordstrom discusses *Swedish*

Roots, Oregon Lives, the latest release from the nonprofit research group, Swedish Roots in Oregon. This new book is a compilation of oral

histories narrated by Swedes who immigrated to Oregon in the early to mid-Twentieth Century. Some of the stories are told by the children of these immigrants and include their memories of immersion in the Swedish American culture of the greater Portland metro area.



your own DS and participate in a Pokemon tournament upstairs. Or you can bring your cards to play in a Pokemon card game. SSBB will be set up in the teen section and Rock Band and other Wii games will be in another part of the library.

If you like board games, many tables will be set up throughout the

Cacti in November

The Wednesday, November 20 meeting of the Cedar Mill Garden Club will feature Luther Sturtevant, President of the Oregon Cactus and Succulent Society, who will give a presentation on Cacti with an emphasis on creating indoor cactus gardens.

The program will be held at the Beaverton Community Center, Room 100, 12350 S.W. 5th, Beaverton (5th

Leaf Drop-Off and Food Drive

Keep storm drains and streets clear this fall—drop off your leaves, pine needles and grass clippings at our free leaf disposal and food drive. You can also clear your cupboards by donating canned and nonperishable food at the same time!

Clean Water Services' 21st Annual Leaf Drop-off and Food Drive is co-sponsored by the Oregon Food Bank. It helps protect water quality, while supporting families in need. Last year, residents donated an impressive 3,290 pounds of food for needy families and cleared 110 truckloads of leaves from neighborhood streets.

For more information about this program, please call our Leaf Line at (503) 547-8116 or visitcleanwaterservices.org.

Swing by between 8 am and 4 pm, Saturday, November 23 and Saturday, December 7, at the parking lots of Aloha High School, 185th Avenue and SW Madeline and The Home Depot, 13700 NW Science Park Drive. Please: limit bags to less than 50 lbs, bring leaves in large paper bags or loose in a bin or can, and exclude litter, rocks, sticks, etc. Residents only, no businesses, please!



One of the Garden Club members creates a holiday centerpiece during the October meeting.

and Hall Blvd across from the Beaverton City Library) at 11:30 am and is open to all interested gardeners.

For further information about the Cedar Mill Garden Club, contact Barb Cushman, president, 503-649-7741 or check out our web page: thecedarmillgardenclub.org

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For questions, contact Janna Allgood, 503-846-8825 or janna_allgood@co.washington.or.us

Christmas Unplugged

Saturday, November 30, 7 pm, at Christ United Methodist Church, 12755 NW Dogwood.

Reconnect with the joy of the season and come experience "Christmas Unplugged – Reclaiming the Holiday Spirit," as John Doan transforms Christ United Methodist Church into a time machine. The audience will be transported back to a parlor of a century ago, with thoughtful and sometimes zany performances that include audience sing- and whistle-alongs.

This festive program, in its 27th year, is a live version of his Emmy-Nominated special "A Victorian Christmas," (seen nationally on PBS), featuring dozens of authentic instruments—harp guitar, classical banjo, ukelin, an early roller organ, an Edison phonograph—and a multi-media presentation of rare archival photos of people caught in the act of making their own music while spending time together.

Doan is an international tour-

ing and recording artist who has appeared on radio and television across the country. He is an Associate Professor of Music at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon. For more information on his recordings and concert schedule go to: johndoan.com

General admission is a suggested donation of \$15/Adult, \$10/Senior or Students. and \$30/Family. For more information, call 503-646-1598.

Leedy Grange Santa Party

The members of Leedy Grange are hosting a "Santa Party" for the low-income members of our community and the surrounding area.

We're asking our neighbors to bring "gently-used" toys, art supplies (gathered in boxes or bags), coats and other winter wear, and non-perishable food to the hall during the next Flea Market, Saturday, December 7, 10-4.

Santa will give out the toys and art supplies during the party on Sunday, December 15, 1-4 pm. The other items will be donated to Sunshine Pantry for their many needy clients.

In addition to Santa's visit, there will be entertainment, food, and crafts for the kids. Community members are invited to get involved—you don't have to be a Grange member to help others this season. If you're part of a singing group, come and sing carols! If you'd like to bring food to serve, or help with the kids' crafts, let us know!



We'll also be accepting donations any time the hall is open. There will be barrels in the dining area. Feel free to stop by and drop off your donations during your ballroom dance lessons, during one of the martial arts classes, or anytime our doors are open (please don't disturb classes.)

If you know families who would enjoy the party, be sure to tell them—or better yet—bring them to the hall on December 15. Open to all, no proof of income or other requirements!

For more information, contact Rosalea Peters, Leedy Grange Secretary, at 3petersfamily@gmail.com or 503-593-0110.

Holiday Open House at Second Edition

Saturday, November 16, from 1-3:30 pm

Everyone is invited to Second Edition's Annual Holiday Open House. The shop will be magically transformed for the holidays and will feature beautiful holiday décor, household items and dazzling seasonal clothing.

Glamorous holiday fashions and jewelry will be informally modeled by volunteers and available for purchase almost immediately. Guests will find holiday wear for the entire family. Light refreshments will be served.

Second Edition is an upscale resale shop benefitting Cedar Mill and Bethany Libraries. We're located at 12505 NW Cornell Road, on the east end of the Cedar Mill Library.

One Warm Coat Drive

Have any gently-used clean coats you and your family don't need? Come donate them to Dufresne Auto Services' coat drive at 10690

NW Cornell Road! They are partnering with the Washington County Sheriff's office to sponsor a coat drive the entire month of November. Coats must be gently-used and clean, and can be dropped off everyday this month from 8 am to 5 pm.

For every coat donated, Dufresne's will offer a \$10 coupon towards their Auto Services. To get rid of a coat you don't use and gain a service in return seems like a pretty great deal! For more information, visit dufresneautorepair.com or contact Nancy Scheewe at 503-646-2940 or nancy@dufresneauto.com.

Flower Show for Holiday Décor

Friday and Saturday, November 15-16 at the Christ United Methodist Church, 12755 N.W. Dogwood; 1-4 pm Friday, 10 am-3:30 pm on Saturday.

Cedar Mill residents will find inspiration for their décor at the Holiday Standard Flower "Celebrations" on. Sponsored by the Portland Council of Accredited Judges, the show runs. Refreshments, Music, Demonstrations and a Plant Sale are also to be offered.

Floral categories include: Holiday Elegance—a table for two; Swirling Snowflakes—miniature hanging creations; and Under the Kissing Ball—free-hanging holiday

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Educational Demonstrations will offer tips and ideas on floral techniques for effective arrangements, including binding, pruning, tufting and clustering, as well as pave'— a technique for creating an arrangement using a very low container, often rectangular.

There will also be a demonstration on Bromeliads and information on Flower Show School, a three-day course offered twice a year by the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. Both dried and fresh plant material will be offered for sale as well as care instructions for the fresh material. Admission is free.

Tips for the Holidays – Package Delivery

With the holidays just around the corner, online shopping and the associated package deliveries to residences is on the rise. As we approach the busy holiday season there is typically an increase in crimes such as robberies, burglaries, and thefts. These activities can be attributed to many factors including an increase in travel which leaves homes unattended. There is also a huge increase in package delivery to residences at this time of year. With all of the online shopping that people are doing, it is no wonder that this is the case. The United Parcel Service (UPS) expects a peak delivery rate of 300

packages per second!

Sometimes it's a crime of opportunity. Sometimes it's a planned event. There are many cases where people follow a delivery vehicle to target drop-offs. Please remember that you can report a suspicious vehicle or individual following a delivery truck using our non-emergency number: 503-629-0111.

There are many things that you can do to prevent theft of a delivery from your home: · Choose a shipping option that requires you to sign for delivery.

- Track the status of a package online so that you can know approximately when it will arrive.
- Contact the delivery service or leave a note asking that your package be left with a neighbor or have it shipped to another location where someone can receive it. For example, your workplace or home of a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Make arrangements for your package to be held for customer pick up.

Unfortunately, some deliveries will fall into the wrong hands. If you think that a package was stolen from you, file a theft report immediately. Some companies offer a purchase-protection service that might reimburse you for stolen purchases. Check with your chosen delivery provider for a list of options regarding the best types of services for your needs. Putting

into practice these simple tips can help improve the chances that the smiling face looking at the gift you sent or receive will be someone you know and not a stranger.

From the November issue of *Neighborhood Watch News*, a publication of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. To subscribe, visit www.co.washington.or.us/sheriff and click on Sheriff's Office News.

OCAC Holiday Sale

Friday November 29: Pre-event 5-6pm—First 100 guests get an OCAC shopping bag. Raffle Prizes, Live Music and Hors d'oeuvres, \$10 suggested donation. Sale continues 6-9 pm. Saturday November 30, Sale 10 am – 5 pm.



Oregon College of Art and Craft's Annual Student & Alumni Holiday Sale offers over 70 outstanding craft makers and artists

from around the Pacific Northwest to sell their works at this very popular and anticipated event. Proceeds from the Holiday Sale benefit OCAC programs and scholarships.

The sale is held in the Jean Voluum building on the OCAC campus at 8245 SW Barnes Road. Parking on the campus is somewhat limited, so gather up your friends and carpool!

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Like It, continued from page 1 adventures and misunderstandings, the two eventually get together.

Farmer says, "Rosalind has to teach Orlando to be a man. Escaping to the forest, away from the stifling life of the court, allows the characters to be themselves." He says the early work on the play

patiently with each actor so they "get" what they are supposed to be portraying.

Sets and lighting are coordinated by Technical Director Richard Allen, a professional who volunteers his time to work with the student productions. Complex and impressionistic sets with back-



Cast members hold the "rope" for the fight scene

projected images provide the atmosphere. All seats are general admission. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7 for students 18 and under, and are available through www.seatyourself.biz/shstheatre or at the ticket office 1/2 hour before the performance.

involved making sure that all the actors understand the meaning of their lines, behind the sometime-difficult Shakespearian language. "We start working on the play while we are blocking (working out the movements and positions of the actors on stage)."

During a rehearsal, it was obvious that almost all the young actors were taking their parts seriously. They were in character even during pauses while Farmer worked with someone else. He works gently and

KIDz Fun Run for Elliot Muhs

This year, The Kids Fun Run benefits a sweet four-year-old girl in our local community, Elliott Muhs, and her family. She caught a cold while on a family vacation that turned into influenza, causing

a cardiac arrest and Myocarditis, an inflammation of the heart caused by a virus. After a four-month hospital stay, this little girl has a long road to recovery and would benefit greatly from community support.

The run took place on November 3, at Findley Elementary School. KIDz on the Run organizes fun runs, raffles and other events to show support and raise money for kids that need a smile. To donate to Elliott's fundraising campaign, visit youcaring.com/medical-fundraiser/helping-elliott-heal/70231

Low-Cost Internet for Low-Income Families

Comcast, Beaverton Education Foundation (BEF) partner and long-time supporter of BEF after-school programs, is again offering a low cost Internet service for low

income families.

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line' defining what constitutes a remodel as opposed to a demolition. If a building is disconnected from utilities and removed from the site, it is demolished. It is then removed from the tax roles. All other construction is a remodel. Thus, this case is considered a remodel.

"CDC 375-6.B is predicated on 'expansion of a use or building' in which case the requirements of the Transit Oriented District [such as the CM Town Center regs] are applied '...to the extent reasonably practicable.' In this case, the size of the building is slightly reduced as a function of the remodel. However, there is nothing in the CDC that defines 'remodel' or 'demolition,'... those terms are associated with the



In late September, 2013, wrecking crews demolished everything but this last bit of wall on the west end of the building.

Building Code."

We can easily understand why developers like the SWR. We don't blame Walgreens, or Jackson/Shell before them, for taking advantage of it. If it's legal, and the county says it is, they're smart. Who would

want to comply with Town Center regulations if they don't have to?

A person familiar with the use of this "loophole" says, "Standing wall remodels are a fairly common practice for avoiding more stringent reviews of development. Or, in the



By October 16, when this photo was taken, everything except some posts and beams had been removed. No evidence of any remaining utility hookups...



By November 6, an electric outlet box and wire had been nailed to the beam—apparently satisfying the requirement that "a wall with a working utility must remain."

case of the recent Shell remodel, "Standing Roof," as I don't think they preserved any portion of any existing wall."

Andrew Singelakis is the head of the county's Land Use and Transportation Department. In response

to queries about the legality and justifications for this loophole, he says, "LUT staff will propose that the Board of Commissioners consider examining this topic in next year's work program." We look forward to the discussion

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Washington County Transportation System Update—how it will affect Cedar Mill

Saltzman Road realignment options

The northern extent of Cedar Mill is usually considered to be Thompson Road, but what happens north of that concerns most of us who travel to Bethany, PCC, and beyond.

A group of neighbors ([Saltzman Solutions](#)) has been meeting to discuss ways to get the county to deal with the problems of Saltzman Road south of Laidlaw. The steep, curvy and narrow roadway has become ever more problematic as development brings more people to the north. The anticipated urbanization of Area 93 to the east, which will become part of Washington County on January 1, 2014, and the rapidly-developing North Bethany area, will only increase traffic on this sub-standard road.

The group's research turned up some interesting facts. A 2004 Staff Report in conjunction with Ordinance 626 (an ordinance to improve Saltzman) noted: "The existing alignment is sub-standard in terms of both vertical and horizontal geometry. Sight distance at the current Saltzman/

Laidlaw intersection is inadequate and would be very difficult to address. The bridge on Saltzman near Laidlaw is substandard and poses a safety hazard." The Planning Commission subsequently voted to defer identification of a preferred Saltzman alignment south of Laidlaw Road until staff had developed some recommendations for the system north of Laidlaw.

Development is proceeding north of Laidlaw, and yet nothing has been done about the alignment. A development application for a parcel west of Saltzman, just before it starts to plunge into the "thrill-ride," has increased pressure to determine the alignment so that the development won't preclude a desired outcome.

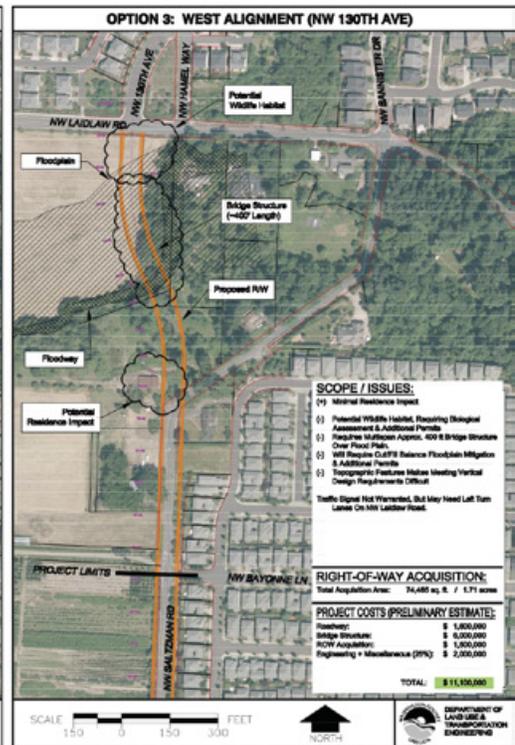
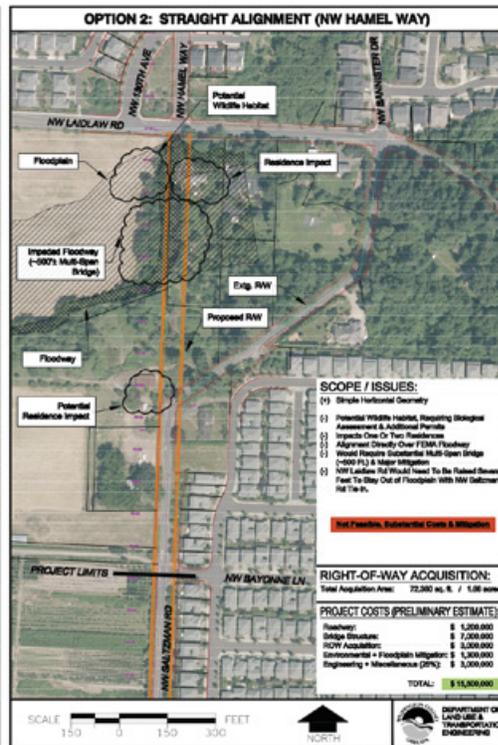
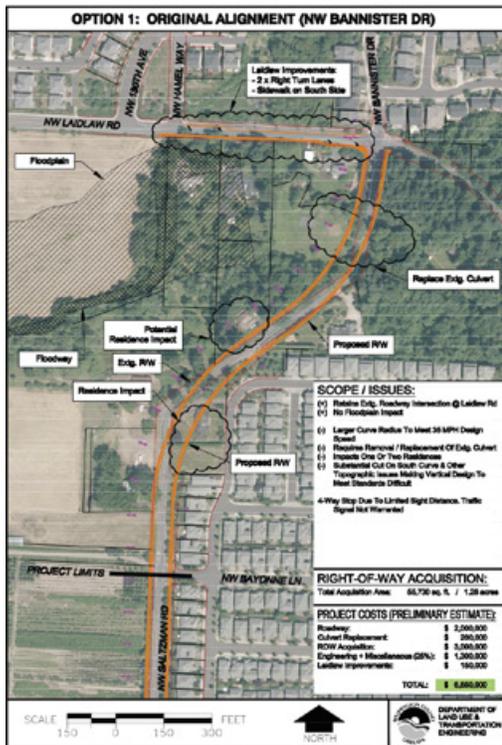
The group showed up in force to the Transportation Plan Open House at the joint meeting of CPO 1 and 7 on November 5. The county prepared maps showing three alternatives, indicating the pros and

cons, and with estimated costs (see map and table below). On the maps at the meeting, Option 3 was labeled as the "Preferred Alternative."

Stephen Roberts says, "We anticipate that one component of the Transportation System Plan (TSP) update will be a staff recommendation on a preferred alignment for Saltzman Road. Ultimately, the Board will pick the final alignment. The outcome of this process is intended to remove this as a Study Area and identify the preferred solution in the TSP."

"Moving forward, the preferred solution can then be partially required as a condition of development approval, and/or compete for public funding for implementation. At this time, there is no identified funding source for improvements to Saltzman."

"We'll be getting the alignment alternatives up on the TSP site (www.tsp2035.com) soon, and there is a tool to submit comments on the website."



	Option 3 West	Option 2 Straight Alignment	Option 1 Existing Alignment
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Least residence impacts May allow for future extension North as a collector (130th) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mostly existing right-of-way Existing creek crossing Least expensive
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Significant bridge structure required Potential wildlife and wetland impacts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most expensive Two potential existing residence impacts May have significant permitting issues / requirements (floodplain, wetland and habitat) Longest bridge structure required Too close to 130th to not be aligned safely Does not line up with 130th 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two potential existing residence impacts Aligns with Bannister Drive

Saltzman Road - South of Bayonne Lane

When the southern end of Saltzman was improved several years ago, we were promised that the improvements would eventually extend at least to Thompson. There is very little land remaining to be developed in that area, so it's unlikely that it could be paid for by development. Here's what the county now proposes:

- Bayonne Lane to Bauer Woods Drive
 - Project would extend the 3-lane improvement from Bauer Woods Drive to Bayonne Lane
 - Improvement is needed in addition to the improvements options north of Bayonne
 - Includes road widening with bike / ped facilities, drainage improvements, and landscaping
 - Cost includes right-of-way and engineering
- Total project length: 1 mile • Cost Estimate: \$8,000,000

TSP Update Background

By Stephen Roberts, Communications Coordinator, Washington County Dept. of Land Use and Transportation

Washington County is large and diverse. We have approximately 540,000 residents living everywhere from dense urban developments in the eastern part of the county to large rural farms in the western part of the county. Regardless of where we live, our countywide transportation system is vital to our economy and our quality of life. The county's Transportation System Plan (TSP) defines the major roadways and other elements of the system. It describes the future transportation system we want and how we can achieve it. It defines the need, mode (such as vehicular, bicycle, pedestrian, transit), function, and general location of transportation facilities. It also outlines goals, objectives, and strategies to meet existing and future travel needs.

Our current plan was adopted

in 2002. Its planning horizon was the year 2020. We are currently in the process of updating the TSP to better reflect current community values and expectations, and to address both developing and long-standing issues and challenges. The updated plan's horizon is 2035-2040. Here are a few of the topics we're looking at in the TSP update process:

- How arterial roadways like Walker, Murray and Cornell will function for all users.
- Estimated future travel needs based on projected growth.
- Transportation improvements needed to accommodate future growth.
- How much traffic congestion we are willing to put up with as well as the trade-offs necessary to address it.

- Specific areas where changes have occurred or are expected to occur.
- Incorporating the results of other recent planning efforts.

In October 2013, the Board of County Commissioners adopted Ordinance 768, which includes the plan's goals, objectives and specific strategies which establish a policy framework for the transportation system (the ordinance can be viewed at www.co.washington.or.us/LUT/Divisions/LongRangePlanning/upload/A-Eng768_for_Web.pdf). The next phase will include map updates as necessary for roads, transit, freight, and bicycle and pedestrian facilities. Based on board direction, staff anticipates filing an ordinance in spring 2014 with public hearings scheduled in the Summer and Fall of 2014.

In recent months, we've been to CPO meetings around the county to help build awareness of the update process and to solicit

feedback from interested citizens. Though the specific dates haven't been finalized yet, county staff will hold three open houses in January/February 2014. One will be held in "north county" (Beaverton/Cedar Mill/Bethany area), one in "south county" (Tigard/Tualatin/Sherwood area) and one in "west county" (Hillsboro/Forest Grove/Cornelius area). We'll be asking for public feedback at those events as well.

Community members are encouraged to attend any of the events held throughout the update process. Please visit the county's TSP Update website at www.tsp2035.com to get more information and to submit a comment. You can also subscribe to the project's e-mail list to keep informed—visit the county's eSubscription page at washtech.co.washington.or.us/subscriptions. Residents can also contact county planning staff at 503-846-3519 for additional information.

Cedar Mill Town Center Plan—time to reconsider?

Cedar Mill was designated as one of Metro's 38 Town Centers in 1995. Unlike most of the others, there's no city to guide its development. The [Town Center ordinance](#) contains guidelines for new development. Until a piece of property is developed, or re-developed, nothing changes. When development is proposed it is supposed to meet these guidelines.

The Cedar Mill Town Center plan was drawn up during the late '90s by a group of stakeholders coordinated by Lennertz Coyle & Associates. The report, published in June 1997, provides a vision of side streets, public spaces, and coordinated development that has not become, and probably never will be, a reality. It was based on a rather "blue-sky" vision that didn't take into account the lack of a city to guide and mandate the changes necessary to achieve the plan, and the lack of urban planning expertise in the county.

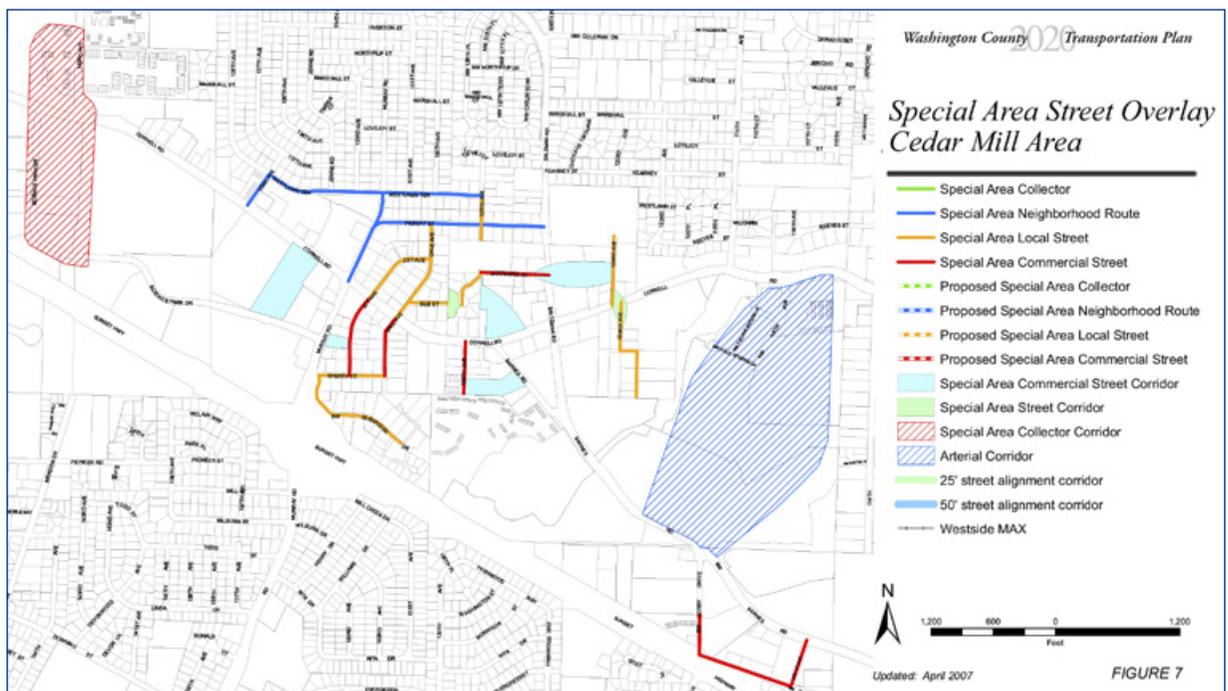
However, the "suggested" road-

ways contained in the plan (see the solid blue areas on the map, above) are part of the Transportation Plan, and continue to haunt development in our community. Cedar Mill Lumber has been unable to lease it's large building for commercial use, because a road corridor is shown on the map, leading from "Old Barnes" to NW Clement, which has now been developed with condominiums. Why should that road to nowhere still be hampering commercial development?

The "standing wall remodel" (see pages 1 & 7) for the new Walgreens store was done to avoid Town Center requirements. The Shell station was allowed to redevelop even though it makes the suggested northern extension of Barnes nearly impossible.

The county is not enforcing the Town Center Plan because of a series of court decisions (Dolan, for example) punishing jurisdictions that have attempted to "take" property or affect development based on long-range planning.

We think it's time for the county to create an Urban Services District—one of the best ideas to come out of the [2008 Urbanization Forum](#)—that would provide additional tax revenue for a higher level of planning and community development. Revisit the TC Plan, and enable Cedar Mill to take shape as we all want it to—a walkable, attractive area with the retail and services that we deserve.



The Nature of Cedar Mill

Look up to see the Cranes!

By *Lauretta Young*

In many cultures, cranes are associated with longevity and good fortune. These beliefs have led to a lovely tradition of “1000 cranes”—folding origami papers into crane shapes fastened together as a good luck charm for the newly married, or for any others needing best wishes. We are fortunate in our area to be able to see The Sandhill Crane, one of the world’s crane species, as they migrate from their nesting grounds north of us to their winter resting grounds in California and Mexico. It’s a truly magnificent bird, but you do have to make an effort to see these flocks.

The Sandhill Crane is a very large bird--- larger than our resident Great Blue Herons by a significant margin. In the fall when we are able to see them as they migrate through our area, they often stop at feeding areas for some weeks to restore their fuel stores before heading south again. We might then see them in huge flocks as they fly south or in even larger groups as they group together to feed. They particularly like huge fields of harvested grains, where they feed on the leftovers. They also eat other vegetation such as grasses, and occasionally are omnivorous—eating small rodents and insects.

One of the best places to view

flocks on the ground are our national wildlife refuges. We have several in our area—from Tualatin National Wildlife Refuge in Washington County, to Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge in Washington, and there are several more to our south such as Findley Refuge near Corvallis. All of these areas have either car loops or trails where birders are likely to see flocks of these birds in the hundreds to thousands as they feed and rest.

However it is quite common in Cedar Mill to have groups of hundreds flying overhead. They migrate both in the daytime and at night. If there is moonlight one might be able to see them at night, but of course most commonly one can only hear their distinctive loud rolling call at night. Their call is truly unique and carries up to two miles. Scientists have discovered that, due to the length of their trachea, they produce distinctive sound patterns in their calls, which other birds cannot replicate. In the day time one might see them flying low over our area—they look distinctly different than our other flocking large birds we see in the fall—the geese. Cranes have a much longer neck and are much larger than geese.

If you’re absorbed looking down at an electronic device, it is unlikely that you’ll notice the passage of



Sandhill Cranes against fall leaves, Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge. © 2013 by Jeff Young. See more of his photos at flickr.com/photos/youngbirders

cranes overhead. We can all be distracted, even without any such devices, by our own busy minds. It is helpful to rest those minds just like we rest our bodies. An accessible way to shut off our “tornado” or “monkey” minds is to focus on our direct experiences. What do we smell, hear, feel or see... this is incredibly restful to the brain and allows us to be more creative and find relief from constant worry and distraction. Try it—look up. Listen. Be open to what you experience. Go outside. Give your brain a rest. Experience the good fortune of seeing some cranes.

Lauretta Young MD is a retired psychiatrist who now teaches Integrative Medicine at OHSU and PSU Community health. She also has a private bird tour business where she takes all levels of birders on tours in

Cedar Mill and beyond—her web site is www.portlandbirdwatching.com. Contact her to donate a tour to your charity or school auction.

Here is a link to learn more about cranes and hear their voice. www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/sandhill-crane/id



Levi and Catherine Coffin

Beaverton Historical Society presents The Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad (UGRR) was a secret network organized by people who helped men, women, and children escape from slavery. Join the Beaverton Historical Society to learn how this network helped to free over 100,000 slaves before the civil war, from visiting history enthusiast Keli Meyers.

Meyers is a descendant of Levi and Catherine Coffin, President of the Underground Railroad in Newport Indiana from 1826-1864. Keli and her family have been part of the Northwest Civil War Reenactment Group for the past two years, where she teaches about the UGRR to the public. She is getting her degree in Genealogical Research through National Genealogical Studies, specializing in American Records, and African American Ancestors.

The event will be held at the Beaverton History Center, 12412 SW Broadway St., on Tuesday, November 12, 7-8 pm. Admission is free. Donations are welcome. To learn more, call 503-430-0106 or go to HistoricBeaverton.org

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- Ashes can retain heat and stay hot for up to five days. Dispose of ashes in a metal container with tight-fitting lid—and store that outside, away from any structures. Never use paper, cardboard, or plastic containers/waste baskets for storing ashes.
- Have a safety screen or glass door in place to help prevent embers from starting a fire.
- Never leave a fire unattended.

Signs of changing seasons have crept in, bringing us wind and precipitation that we can expect to continue over the next few months. As we make this seasonal transition, here are a few tips from Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue to keep you warm and safe.

For those with woodstoves and fireplaces, remember:

- Burn only dry, seasoned wood (not garbage, treated lumber, Christmas trees, gift-wrapping, etc.).
- Before lighting a fire, check the flue for obstructions and open the damper wide.
- Keep clothing, newspapers, and furniture away from fireplace or

Before you turn on those baseboard and wall heaters, take some safety precautions including:

- Keep curtains, mattresses, furniture, clothing, toys, and all other combustibles a minimum of three feet from all baseboard, wall, and portable heaters.
- Remember, especially in cold weather – heaters may turn on, even while in the off position!
- Never use kerosene, propane or other outdoor-use heaters indoors – they may start a fire and there is a risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Never use extension cords with portable heaters.

- Turn off, or unplug all portable heaters when leaving the room and never leave them unattended.

Remember that one of the best ways to stay safe is to have working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in your home. TVF&R wishes you a safe winter season. If you would like any additional tips or information about these or other safety tips, please visit us at www.tvfr.com.



This fire was caused by an improperly used baseboard heater.

Don't let grease cost you a wing & a leg

The Holidays are right around the corner. That means extra guests, extra food and extra cleanup. Avoid extra costs by keeping leftover



gravy, pan drippings and grease out of the sink drain. Otherwise, you may end up with an extra guest that charges by the hour. According to Roto-Rooter, incoming calls for service on the day after Thanksgiving will increase almost 50 percent.

To help combat the fat, Clean Water Services is offering a free "Freeze the Grease, Save the Drain Kit" to residents. Call (503) 681-3678 or email to get your kit including a pan scraper, lid and easy-to-follow instructions to: Scrape grease and food scraps into a can. Freeze it. Toss it into the trash.

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New Lead Pastor for Cedar Mill Bible Church

Cedar Mill Bible Church is pleased to welcome Pastor Dave Teixeira as its new Lead Pastor. Dave, his wife Amy, and their three young children come from Ventura, California. Dave brings a passionate, fun-loving and down-to-earth approach to being a pastor, and is eager to get to know the people of Cedar Mill. "Along with the beautiful tree-covered hills, I love the small town feel of this area. There

are great things ahead for CMBC and I'm thrilled to be a part of it."



CMBC's new pastor, Dave Teixeira, visited the Cedar Mill Cider Festival next door to his new church

For 65 years Cedar Mill Bible Church has been a part of the Cedar Mill community. Starting as a home-based church near its present location on Cornell Road, CMBC has grown to about 1100 adults and children attending on Sundays, and

engagement with our neighborhood through programs such as Tuesday evenings' open dinner (Jesus Table), Celebrate Recovery, indoor playground, free health clinics, community gardens, and even an annual car show.

Cedar Mill Bible Church has services on Sunday morning at 9 and 11 am., with an additional service in Spanish at 9 am. For other information about the church please visit www.cmbc.org.

Virtue of the month: Purposefulness

Frederick Buechner says, "Our calling is where our deepest gladness and the world's hunger meet." He also adds, "purposefulness is being aware that each of us is here for a reason. We value our lives by discovering the part we are uniquely meant to play."

The Practice of Purposefulness includes: I discern my true calling. I create a clear vision for my life. I



set goals for achieving my purpose. I concentrate fully on what I am doing. I enjoy giving excellence to each task. I find the opportunity in every experience.

Affirmation: I am thankful for the gift of Purposefulness. It gives my life true value.

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Lisa is adding new products all the time, and is happy to fill customer requests. If you have a health problem that you think might benefit from natural products, be sure to find her Tuesday-Saturday in the area north of the Post Office. She's happy to share her extensive knowledge, and also has access to information in books and online to help solve your problems.

Products include skin care items from national companies and also from local providers; vitamins and supplements selected not just for their ingredients but also for their ability to get into your system (bio-availability); baby-care products;



cosmetics; and food items like probiotics and fresh, local bee pollen from The Pollen Man.

Bleacher's November Events

Bleachers Grill Pub, under new ownership since last summer, is making great progress with redecorating, refreshing their menus, and adding some great local brews to their taps, including the increasingly popular Ten Barrel IPA!

Weekly events include:

Monday Night Football including all you can eat Spaghetti for \$7.95 per person.

Taco Tuesday with \$1 tacos as well as Pub Trivia starting at 7:30 pm.

Wednesday Karaoke with KJ Jermaine at 9 pm.

Thursday Night Football

Friday Live Music: November 15—The Kinky Brothers; November 22—Zacharias and the Blue Devils!

Saturday night dance party with the Hit Squad DJs

Special events:

November 16—UFC 167

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Health Source Fights against Hunger

Today, 35 million Americans, including 12 million children are living on the brink of hunger; ¼ million households with children were hungry in 2005; 70% of people seeking emergency food assistance are living below the federal poverty line—40% of which have at least one adult working in their home, according to the USDA. Thinking about these issues is exactly why 400 Health Source Chiropractic and Progressive Rehab and Wellness offices nationwide are now fighting against the hunger in their communities.

The chiropractic franchise has been ranked number one in health services by Entrepreneur Magazine for five years in a row and is the fastest growing franchise on the Inc. 500/500 list for three years. The success Healthsource has developed is now giving them the ability to give back to their communities.

The Healthsource of Cedar Mill office will be an official non-perishable food drop-off for the Portland Rescue Mission for the entire month of November. Located on Cornell Road, the office will be offering the first day of services to all *new patients* for the donation of canned food items.

For people not applying to Medicare and ACN, first day services at Healthsource include an exam, x-rays, and a consultation, regular cost is \$189. For only a donation of canned food items, this is a very rewarding and beneficial deal! To help not only oneself but others that are in need is something the Healthsource hopes its' communities will consider.

For more information, call Dr. Stephen Besser at the local Healthsource of Cedar Mill Office at 503-746-5085 or visit HSCedarMill.com

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Build your soil

By Melissa Bierman

November is a great time of year to amend your soil. The year's harvest is winding down and the cool weather makes gardening enjoyable. Many of the soil amendments you add will do wonders for next spring's bulbs, perennials, and shrubs in your garden. Vegetables, herbs, and fruits all take nutrients from the soil as they grow. Each year you need to replace those nutrients to insure a healthy harvest. It all begins and ends with the soil, so we must feed it! The healthier the soil, the better your garden will grow and the fewer problems you'll have.

There are many ways to improve your soil, including adjusting the pH, adding fertilizer and soil amendments, and planting cover crops. By doing a little work now, you'll save time and energy in spring when you can be enjoying the spring buds and bulbs.

In order to know more about your soil, the first step is to test the soil to see if any nutrients are significantly out of order. You can take a soil sample and send or bring it to the Oregon State Extension Service office for testing. They will give you a complete write-up of the pH level and the levels of soil nutrients. For a simpler evaluation of your soil, try the do-it-yourself soil-testing kits available from a local nursery.

After you complete the soil test, you may need to adjust the soil pH—the measure of the soil's acidity/alkalinity. Most vegetables, azaleas, rhodias, and blueberries, grow best in soils that are slightly

acid, falling between the 6.0 and 7.0 range on the pH scale. Add lime to raise the pH and sulfur to lower it to within these levels.

Lastly, if you only do only one thing this fall to your garden, please add organic matter. Organic matter breaks down in the soil into humus, which is essential for soil health. Add aged manure, soil conditioner, or compost to the garden this fall, working in a 1-2-inch-thick layer. The organic matter will feed the microorganisms in your soil, creating better soil structure, tilth, and water drainage on clay soil; and improving water retention on sandy soils.

Happy Gardening! Melissa Bierman, BS, HTR, LEC, has her own gardening consulting company, Goodness Grows LLC. Send her your gardening questions at goodnessgrows@gmail.com

Free Family Caregiver Conference

While we experience sweeping changes in health care, one thing remains the same. As the American population ages, more adults will serve as caregivers for loved ones who are frail, disabled, or living with a chronic condition than ever before.

To offer thanks and encouragement to local family caregivers, "Share the Care; Help and Hope for the Family Caregiver," a day-long conference for caregivers, is being offered on Friday, November 22, at the Tuality Health Education Center, 334 SE 8th Ave, Hillsboro. It begins at 9 am with refreshments and ends at 2:30 pm. This conference is free to unpaid family caregivers.

Topics will include: providing care while caring for yourself;

legal considerations and financial decisions in caregiving; caring for someone who is losing their ability to communicate; impact of the Affordable Care Act; providing assistance without injury to yourself; coping with the emotions of caregiving.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Vicki Schmall, OSU Extension Gerontology Specialist (retired), was featured at the first Family Caregiver Conference ten years ago. An engaging and encouraging speaker, she returns to share tips for "Packing Your Caregiver Survival Basket."

A free box lunch will be provided for all attendees. A resource fair with representatives of community service agencies and organizations will be held in the lobby throughout the morning.

The event is sponsored by Washington County Disability, Aging and Veteran Service (DAVS), Family Caregiver Support Program, OSU Extension Service and Tuality Healthcare. Reservations are required, spaces are limited. To reserve your space or for more information, please call DAVS at 503-846-3089.

Enroll Now to Become a Master Recycler

Washington County Solid Waste & Recycling Program and the City of Portland Master Recycler Program are offering an eight-week Master Recycling course. Training will take place at the Washington Street Conference Center, 225 S. First in downtown Hillsboro, Wednesdays from January 8 to February 26, 6:30-9:30 pm. Two half-day Saturday field trips will take place on January 11 and February 15, from 8 am-2 pm.

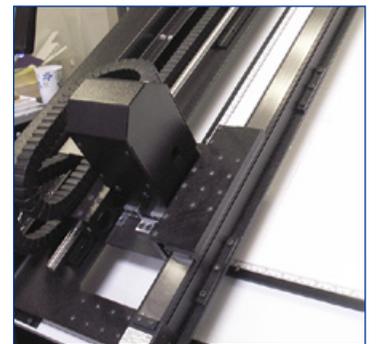
To become a Master Recycler, participants must attend all sessions and then volunteer at least 30 hours, sharing what they learned with neighbors, coworkers and the community. Instruction topics include thoughtful consumption, recycling markets and processes, hazardous household products, composting, green building and deconstruction. The course is a blend of professional presentations, peer group discussion and project development. Tuition is \$50. Apply now through December 15 at masterrecycler.org. For more information, visit the website, call 503-545-8976 or email masterrecycler@portlandoregon.gov

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She continues, "We closed down the Wilsonville store in about 2002. Back in 1998, Chip and I had bought a ten-acre farm out north of North Plains, and the drive was getting a bit much, commuting to Wilsonville. Our lease was up out there, and the Wilsonville Town Center wanted more of a lease than we were prepared to commit to. Also, it was difficult to control the quality of our work with both locations, since we had a number of employees, and we didn't want to lose that great quality of work that we produced."

They still live on the farm near North Plains, and that's where the frames are built. They have one employee, Tim Shroyer. He started working for them as a teenager, doing odd jobs around the property. They have a large pole-building where they keep the molding inventory, and Tim cuts and joins the molding into frames for customer orders. "He also does some delivery work and other tasks as required," Amy notes. "He's been with us for over 12 years now and is the closest thing we have to a son. He was home-schooled and lives out near us. His flexible hours were perfect for us. When he was done with high school, we helped him through more education, and he is now also a great hair stylist and works at a salon in the Pearl. He works for us two days a week and works four days a week as a stylist."

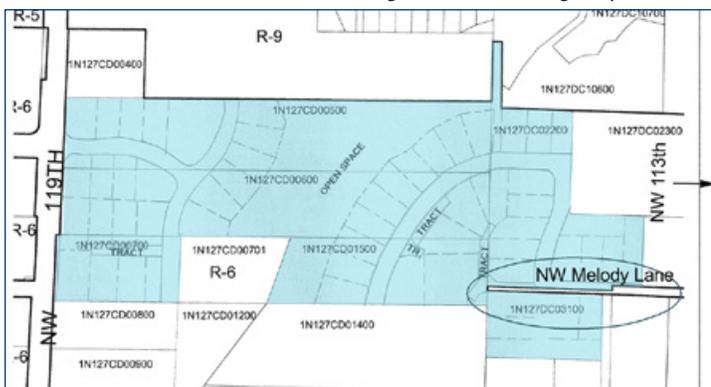
Projects are assembled in the back room of the shop. They use a computer-controlled mat cutting machine that turns out perfectly-



The digital mat-cutter uses computer instructions to cut precise mats

sized and beveled mats every time. It also has the capability of making some fancy corners like the ones in the Blazer jersey, right.

They keep abreast of new products by attending trade shows in Seattle, New York, and Las Vegas. Amy says, "We also have great local



An application for a 56-lot subdivision named Cedar Park is currently pending with Washington County Land Use and Transportation. The proposed subdivision is located between NW 119th Ave and NW 113th Ave, north of Cornell. Neighbors are concerned about a hardship relief variance to reduce the 22-foot-wide paved width requirement for a section of NW Melody lane to 18 feet, requested as part of the application. The Public comment period closed on 10/30, and the county is required to make its decision on the application by 11/23. Come to the December 3 CPO 1 meeting to learn more.

and regional reps that call on us frequently.” Many of the molding products are made in America, others come from Europe, and Italy in particular. The inventory turns over regularly—Amy says the life of molding is about two years.

They have a very diverse group of customers. They do a lot of work for sports companies, from teams like the Blazers, to sports memora-



abilia dealers like Pacific NW Sports in Seattle. They have become experts in “shadowbox framing” items like jerseys, hats, ticket stubs, photos, pins, awards, marathon medals, or other keepsakes. They can turn a pile of “stuff” into an attractive and interesting object that will not only be durable but will enhance a home or office.



Because of their close relationship with the Blazers, they carry signed jerseys and other team memorabilia for sale in the store.

“Clients bring us the darndest things. We like a good challenge.” Amy laughs, “No, it wasn’t our idea to frame the piranha skulls from someone’s honeymoon, or carved whale bones.” They learned by doing, and are now well-known for being able to handle just about anything.

Their website notes, “Mechanical engineering firms have had us frame their inventions— everything from radial arm saws to teeny

tiny pieces of medical equipment. We’ve framed other objects such as firearms, antique tools, baby shoes, seashells, jewelry, watches, record albums, knives, flags, chunks of cement—you name it and we’ve probably framed it. There is always a really good story behind the object being framed and we love hearing your stories. We’ll take the time to figure out the best way to display

your treasures.”

Artists bring their work in for gallery shows and sales. “Generally, they choose more neutral frames,” Amy says, “because they want the framed piece to work in lots of environments and be easier to sell.”

Interior designers make up a sizeable portion of their client list. Amy enjoys working with them, and is a member of several designer groups, both for networking and to keep up on styles and trends. She also belongs to The Portland Executives, a business group that has a weekly luncheon meetings. “It’s a 90+ year-old group with members such as US Bank, Portland Trail Blazers, Parr Lumber, and many others. One of our goals is to support each other and make us better business people,” she explains.

That’s just one of the ways that the Bradshaws market their company. In addition to advertising in the News, they just refurbished their website, bradshawgallery.net, with the help of a team of professionals that includes “an SEO guy (online search specialist), a coder, and a graphics person. I am at the beginning of a social media marketing program, wish me luck!” The site was designed using WordPress, so she’s able to update it. She’s blogging about her experiences and philosophy, and sharing her expertise. You can sign up on the website or “like” her [Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/bradshawgallery).

They also make use of direct marketing through their customer database. But word-of-mouth, and “location-location-location,” are

also very important. As I was interviewing them for this article, a utility repairman came in with a picture he wanted reframed. He had been working in the area, and noticed the store, and came back with his piece. “We’ve been very happy with this location. The Peterkorts have been great landlords,” says Amy, “and they’ve also given us a lot of business through referrals and art for their offices.”

Amy and Chip both credit their success to customer service. Amy says that her previous work in the legal field had, “nothing to do with art or framing, but it did teach me to take my work very seriously and not make mistakes. Nobody is going to go to jail if we don’t get a framing order done on time, but we try to run the place as if it is that critical. We think it results in some really good customer service. In nearly 23 years we’ve learned so much about picture framing and art.”

Although they consider their products to be great gifts—framed artwork, family memorabilia in a shadowbox, or a gift certificate—they say that their busy season is usually after the holidays, when people take down all the decorations, and it’s gray outside for so long. “They’re ready to bring some color into their homes,” says Amy.

If a customer requests it, Amy will visit with them in their home to help choose the right art or framing selections, at no extra cost. “It’s nice to see the space and get a feel for the rest of the home and the people that live there. It’s also really nice to be able to measure things myself.”

They enjoy life on their farm, and have chickens and an extensive vegetable garden. This year they grew 48 tomato plants and a large patch of corn. A few years ago they were given about 300 rose bushes that were otherwise going to be



thrown out. They planted them in formal rose beds and enjoyed them for several years before they got to be too much work. Amy said one day she came home and, “found that Chip had tilled that land up for the vegetable garden! And we’re very glad we did.”

They really like doing business in Cedar Mill. Chip grew up here,



Amy works with a customer to re-frame a favorite print

which is part of why the Peterkort location was a good fit. “The people have strong family values, and many of them have families that go back several generations. The education and income level is good for our business because there are a lot of people who appreciate art and can afford to create a beautiful environment.” But even if you’re not wealthy, they can help you preserve your investment in the art you own or help you find something new to bring some joy into your home.

The shop is located in Peterkort Town Square west of Albertson’s, next to the Hallmark store, at 1120 SW Barnes Rd. They’re open Monday-Friday, 10-6, Saturday 10-5, and Sunday by appointment. Call them at 503-644-5496 or visit the website at bradshawgallery.net.

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